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Abstract

The rapid growth of technology has led to an increase in electronic waste (e-waste), which poses significant environmental and health challenges. The e-Waste Management System is designed to provide a comprehensive and efficient solution for managing the lifecycle of e-waste, from the initial request for waste collection to the final disposal. The system facilitates the seamless interaction between users, administrators, and waste management processes, ensuring that electronic waste is handled responsibly and sustainably.

The system allows users to submit requests for e-waste collection, track the status of their waste through various stages, including transportation, recycling, and disposal, and communicate with system administrators. Administrators have the ability to oversee the entire process, manage user accounts, and ensure that waste is processed according to environmental standards.

By streamlining the e-waste management process, this system not only improves operational efficiency but also contributes to the reduction of environmental impact. It provides a user-friendly interface for both users and administrators, ensuring that e-waste is handled in an organized, traceable, and environmentally responsible manner.

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TOPIC: SOROTI CITY E-WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

CHAPTER ONE

The background of an Electronic-waste management system for Soroti City using a case study:

Background of the Study:

The project is located in Soroti city, the project will help minimize wastes and maximize resource utilization through reusing, recycling and repurposing materials thus encourages a circular economy. The rapid urbanization and technological advancements have led to a surge in electronic consumption in Soroti City. As a result, the generation of electronic waste (e-waste) and its poor handling by the masses has become a significant environmental and public health concern in the area. The current disposal methods, including landfilling and informal recycling, are inadequate and contribute to pollution and resource wastage. Therefore, there's need to come up with an electronic waste management system in the area. The project is a web-based technology which manages electronic waste. This web application provides interface between organization (who recycled the waste products) and User (Who have electronic waste). In this application user list the details of products and pickup addresses. The user can create the account and whenever they are having electronic waste, they can login and list the details of product and admin see that product and sent their employee to investigate details of products then employee decide to reject product or collect that product to send for recycle. In this project we use PHP and MySQL database. Therefore, the efforts to address these challenges are crucial for sustainable e-waste management and safe guarding both the environment and human health.

1.2 Problem Statement:

There's poor management of electronic waste in Soroti city and fast-growing solid waste in the area. This has posed significant environmental and health challenges in the area. In addition to this is the also lack of awareness about e-waste management. Therefore, there's need to come up with an electronic waste management system.

1.3 Main Objective:

The main objective is to build an electronic waste management system in Soroti City that will safely and responsibly handle discarded electronic wastes.

1.3.1 Specific objectives

To study the current system used to manage the electronic waste in Soroti city in order to identify System requirements.

To design an electronic waste Management System for Soroti city using the identified requirements.

To implement the designed electronic waste Management System using various programming languages like PHP, MySQL, and html among others.

To test and validate the Electronic Waste Management System so as to check for any errors and to see whether it meets the user requirements.

1.4 Scope:

The program aims to create effective awareness in various levels (of society) to reduce the adverse impact on environment and health arising out of the polluting technologies used in recycling e-waste in the unorganized sector

We aim to educate and raise awareness about the importance of responsible e-waste management.

Our recycling process for e-waste is designed to ensure the responsible and efficient handling of electronic devices. In this project we use PHP and my HTML.

The e-waste management system will encompass:

Collection: Setting up collection mechanisms and logistics for gathering e-waste from households, businesses, and electronic retailers (clients).

Recycling: Establishing facilities for the dismantling, sorting, and processing of e-waste to recover valuable materials and minimize environmental impact.

Regulation: Enacting and enforcing laws and regulations to govern e-waste management practices and ensure compliance.

Education and awareness: Conducting outreach activities to educate the public about the importance of responsible e-waste disposal and recycling.

1.5 Significance:

Environmental protection: Proper e-waste management reduces pollution and conserves natural resources, contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment.

Public health: Minimizing exposure to hazardous substances in e-waste safeguards the health and well-being of workers and communities.

Resource conservation: Recycling e-waste enables the recovery of valuable materials, reducing the need for virgin resources and promoting sustainable resource management.

Economic opportunities: Developing a robust e-waste recycling industry creates jobs and stimulates economic growth while reducing dependency on raw material imports.

By addressing the challenges associated with e-waste management through a comprehensive system, Soroti city aims to build a sustainable future for its citizens and the environment.

Chapter Two:

Literature Review

2.0 Introduction

Chapter One presented the background information to the study, highlighting the objectives, scope, and significance of the study. This chapter reviews the literature on electronic waste (e-waste) management systems. It specifies what an e-waste management system is, what it needs, and how it works for its enhancement.

2.1 Electronic Waste Management System

According to Widmer et al. (2005), an electronic waste management system is an integrated framework that aims to reduce, manage, and properly dispose of e-waste. E-waste includes discarded electronic appliances such as mobile phones, computers, and televisions, which contain hazardous materials that can harm the environment and human health. Effective management systems track the life cycle of electronics from production to disposal, ensuring safe recycling and disposal methods.

2.2 Types of Waste Management System

2.2.1 E-Waste Recycling Systems

According to Ongondo et al. (2011), e-waste recycling systems involve processes where obsolete electronics are collected, dismantled, and processed to recover valuable materials such as metals, plastics, and glass. These systems reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills and recover raw materials for manufacturing new products. Effective e-waste recycling requires advanced technologies to handle toxic components safely and efficiently.

2.2.2 Collection and Disposal Systems

As per Sthiannopkao and Wong (2013), collection and disposal systems are crucial for managing e-waste. These systems include designated drop-off points, scheduled collection services, and proper disposal facilities that comply with environmental regulations. The goal is to prevent hazardous materials from ending up in the environment by ensuring they are disposed of in controlled and safe manners.

2.2.3 Collection and Transportation Systems

According to Wheeler and Knight (2010), these systems focus on the efficient collection and transportation of e-waste from households and businesses to recycling centers. They often involve designated collection points, scheduled pick-ups, and specialized vehicles equipped to handle hazardous materials safely

2.2.4 Disposal and Landfill Management Systems

According to Li et al. (2015), these systems manage the final disposal of non-recyclable e-waste in an environmentally safe manner. They include engineered landfills designed to contain toxic substances and prevent soil and water contamination.

2.2.5 Public-private partnerships (PPP),

according to Kahhat and Williams (2009), involve collaboration between government entities and private companies to manage e-waste. These partnerships leverage the resources and expertise of both sectors to develop efficient and effective e-waste management solutions.

2.2.6 Smart Waste Management Systems

according to Kassim and Ali (2006), leverage Internet of Things (IoT) technology to monitor and manage e-waste. Sensors and data analytics are used to optimize collection routes, track recycling rates, and improve overall efficiency in e-waste handling.

2.2.7 Zero-Waste Systems,

aim to eliminate waste entirely through comprehensive recycling, reuse, and sustainable design practices. According to Zaman and Lehmann (2011), these systems strive to ensure that all e-waste is either recycled or repurposed, achieving a closed-loop system with minimal environmental impact

2.3 Components of E-Waste Management Systems

2.3.1 Tracking and Inventory Systems

According to Kang and Schoenung (2005), tracking and inventory systems are essential for managing the flow of e-waste. These systems use barcodes, RFID tags, and database management to track the origin, composition, and destination of electronic products. This

information is crucial for optimizing recycling processes, ensuring compliance with regulations, and improving resource recovery rates.

2.3.2 Hazardous Waste Handling Systems

Li et al. (2015) emphasizes the importance of hazardous waste handling systems in e-waste management. These systems are designed to safely handle and neutralize toxic substances found in electronics, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. Specialized facilities and procedures are necessary to prevent these materials from contaminating the environment.

2.4 Related Systems

2.4.1 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Systems

According to Khetriwal et al. (2007), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems place the responsibility of e-waste disposal on the producers. Manufacturers are required to take back their products at the end of their lifecycle for proper disposal and recycling. This system encourages producers to design more sustainable and easily recyclable products.

The overall process can be grouped into the following:

Product Design

Collection and Take-Back

Recycling and Disposal

Consumer Awareness

Regulatory Compliance

This sub-module supports and manages the following functions:

Product Design: Encourages manufacturers to design products that are easier to recycle and have a longer lifespan. This involves selecting materials that are less hazardous and more recyclable, and designing products that are easier to disassemble.

Collection and Take-Back: Manufacturers are required to set up systems for the collection and take-back of end-of-life products. This includes establishing collection points, reverse logistics, and take-back schemes where consumers can return used products for recycling.

Recycling and Disposal: Ensures that collected e-waste is properly recycled and disposed of. This involves the sorting and processing of e-waste to recover valuable materials and ensure safe disposal of hazardous substances.

Consumer Awareness: Promotes awareness among consumers about the importance of recycling e-waste and how they can participate in take-back programs. This includes educational campaigns and providing information on collection points.

Regulatory Compliance: Ensures that manufacturers comply with EPR regulations. This involves monitoring and reporting on the collection, recycling, and disposal of e-waste, and ensuring adherence to legal requirements.

2.4.1.1 How Extended Producer Responsibility Systems Work

EPR systems work by establishing a legal framework that mandates manufacturers to manage the lifecycle of their products. This includes creating take-back programs, setting up recycling facilities, and ensuring proper disposal methods. Manufacturers often collaborate with specialized recycling companies to handle the logistical aspects of e-waste management.

A comprehensive, well-integrated EPR system will:

Encourage sustainable product design to facilitate easier recycling.

Ensure producers take responsibility for the entire lifecycle of their products, from manufacturing to disposal.

Mandate the establishment of collection and recycling infrastructure.

Support regulatory compliance and provide incentives for adherence to EPR regulations.

Promote consumer awareness and participation in e-waste recycling programs.

2.4.1.2 Benefits/Strengths of Extended Producer Responsibility Systems

Promotes Sustainable Design: Encourages manufacturers to design products that are easier to recycle and have longer lifespans.

Reduces Environmental Impact: Ensures that e-waste is handled and disposed of properly, reducing pollution and conserving resources.

Cost Distribution: Shares the cost of e-waste management between producers and consumers, alleviating the financial burden on governments and municipalities.

2.4.1.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Extended Producer Responsibility Systems

Implementation Challenges: Requires extensive coordination between manufacturers, government bodies, and recycling companies.

Enforcement Issues: Ensuring compliance can be difficult, especially in regions with weak regulatory frameworks.

High Initial Costs: Setting up take-back programs and recycling facilities can be expensive for manufacturers.

2.4.2 Urban Mining Systems

According to Williams (2016), Urban Mining Systems (UMS) are designed to recover valuable materials from urban waste streams, particularly electronic waste (e-waste). The system enables cities and municipalities to manage the extraction of precious metals and other recyclable components from discarded electronics. UMS provides a comprehensive overview of resource recovery processes to ensure efficient utilization of urban waste materials. The system facilitates the recovery and recycling of e-waste, reducing the environmental impact and contributing to sustainable urban development.

UMS ensures that urban mining operations can efficiently manage the extraction, processing, and recycling of e-waste, supporting collection, sorting, material recovery, distribution, and compliance with environmental regulations.

This system has the following capabilities:

Collection and Transportation: Efficient collection and transportation of e-waste from households, businesses, and collection centers to recycling facilities.

Sorting and Separation: Automated and manual sorting processes to separate e-waste into different categories based on material type and component.

Processing and Material Recovery: Advanced mechanical, chemical, and thermal processes to extract valuable metals and materials from e-waste.

Distribution of Recovered Materials: Distribution of recovered materials to relevant industries for reuse and manufacturing.

-Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and standards for e-waste management.

This sub-module supports and manages the following functions:

Collection and Transportation: Ensures systematic and efficient collection of e-waste from various sources. Establishes collection points and implements reverse logistics to transport e-waste to recycling facilities.

Sorting and Separation: Facilitates the sorting and separation of collected e-waste using automated and manual techniques. Categorizes e-waste into metals, plastics, and hazardous materials for further processing.

Processing and Material Recovery: Manages the processing of sorted e-waste to recover valuable materials. Utilizes mechanical, chemical, and thermal processes to extract metals such as gold, silver, copper, and rare earth elements.

Distribution of Recovered Materials: Coordinates the distribution of recovered materials to industries for reuse. Ensures that recovered metals and materials are supplied to manufacturers for the production of new electronics.

Regulatory Compliance: Monitors and ensures compliance with environmental regulations governing e-waste management. Maintains proper documentation and reporting to meet legal requirements.

2.4.2.1 How Urban Mining Systems Work

Urban mining systems employ advanced technologies to dismantle electronic devices and recover precious metals and other valuable materials. These processes often involve mechanical separation, chemical treatments, and smelting techniques.

UMS capabilities include:

Efficient e-waste collection and transportation

Automated and manual sorting and separation

Advanced processing for material recovery

Distribution of recovered materials

Environmental regulatory compliance

2.4.2.2 Benefits/Strengths of Urban Mining Systems

Resource Conservation: Reduces the need for traditional mining, conserving natural resources.

Economic Benefits: Generates revenue from recovered materials, which can offset the costs of e-waste management.

Environmental Protection: Minimizes the environmental impact of both e-waste disposal and traditional mining activities.

2.4.2.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Urban Mining Systems

Technological Complexity: Requires advanced technology and expertise, which can be costly to implement.

Health and Safety Risks: Handling and processing e-waste can pose health risks if not managed properly.

Regulatory Challenges: Ensuring compliance with environmental regulations can be complex and resource-intensive.

2.4.3 Donation and Reuse Programs

Donation and reuse programs, as explained by Williams (2005), involve collecting used electronics and refurbishing them for donation to schools, non-profits, and low-income families. These programs extend the lifespan of electronic products and reduce the volume of e-waste generated.

2.4.3.1 How Donation and Reuse Programs Work

These programs collect used electronics through designated drop-off points or collection events. The devices are then tested, repaired, and refurbished before being distributed to recipients in need.

Donation and reuse programs for electronics typically involve these steps:

1. **Collection:** Programs establish drop-off points or organize collection events where people can donate used electronics like computers, phones, and tablets.

2. Testing and Repair: Collected devices are inspected, tested, and repaired to ensure they are in working condition or can be refurbished.

3. Refurbishment: Electronics that require repairs undergo refurbishment processes to restore functionality and sometimes upgrade performance.

4. Distribution: Once refurbished, these electronics are distributed to recipients in need, such as schools, nonprofits, or individuals who cannot afford new devices.

These programs help extend the life of electronics, reduce electronic waste, and provide access to technology for those who might not otherwise afford it.

2.4.3.2 Benefits/Strengths of Donation and Reuse Programs

Extends Product Lifespan: Reduces e-waste by keeping electronic devices in use for longer periods.

Supports Communities: Provides affordable technology to underserved communities, helping to bridge the digital divide.

Cost-Effective: Typically less expensive than recycling or disposal, as it involves refurbishing rather than dismantling devices.

2.4.3.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Donation and Reuse Programs

Quality Control Issues: Ensuring that refurbished devices meet quality and safety standards can be challenging.

Limited Capacity: May not be able to handle large volumes of e-waste, particularly if devices are too damaged to refurbish.

Regulatory Compliance: Must adhere to data protection regulations and ensure that personal data is securely erased from donated devices.

2.4.4 Advanced Recycling Programs

Advanced recycling programs utilize cutting-edge technologies to efficiently recycle e-waste. According to Hall and Williams (2009), these programs often employ automated sorting systems, robotics, and artificial intelligence to enhance the recovery of valuable materials from e-waste.

2.4.4.1 How Advanced Recycling Programs Work

These programs start with the collection of e-waste, followed by the sorting and dismantling of electronic devices using automated systems. Advanced techniques such as pyrolysis, hydrometallurgy, and electrochemical processes are used to extract precious metals and other valuable materials.

Advanced recycling programs for electronic waste typically follow these steps:

1. **Collection:** Programs gather electronic waste (e-waste) from various sources, such as collection centers or designated drop-off points.
2. **Sorting and Dismantling:** Automated systems sort the e-waste and dismantle electronic devices into their constituent parts, such as circuit boards, plastics, metals, and glass.
3. **Advanced Techniques:** Techniques like pyrolysis (thermal decomposition), hydrometallurgy (using aqueous solutions), and electrochemical processes are employed to extract valuable materials such as precious metals (gold, silver), copper, and rare earth elements from the components.
4. **Material Recovery:** Extracted materials undergo further processing and refining to purify them for reuse in manufacturing new electronics or other industries.
5. **Environmental and Safety Measures:** Throughout the recycling process, strict environmental standards are adhered to in order to minimize environmental impact and ensure the safe handling of hazardous substances.

Advanced recycling programs play a crucial role in recovering valuable resources from e-waste, reducing the need for raw materials, and promoting sustainability in the electronics industry.

2.4.4.2 Benefits/Strengths of Advanced Recycling Programs

High Recovery Rates: Advanced technologies ensure maximum recovery of valuable materials.

Efficiency: Automation and AI enhance the speed and efficiency of recycling processes.

Environmental Benefits^{**}: Reduces the environmental impact of e-waste by minimizing the need for landfill disposal.

2.6.4.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Advanced Recycling Programs

High Costs: Implementing advanced technologies can be expensive.

Technical Challenges: Requires skilled personnel to operate and maintain complex systems.

Regulatory Barriers: Compliance with environmental and safety regulations can be challenging.

2.4.5 Collection and Drop-Off Programs

Collection and drop-off programs are designed to make e-waste disposal convenient for consumers. According to Kang and Schoenung (2005), these programs establish designated drop-off points where consumers can dispose of their e-waste responsibly.

2.4.5.1 How Collection and Drop-Off Programs Work

Programs set up collection points in accessible locations such as retail stores, community centers, and municipal facilities. Consumers bring their e-waste to these points, where it is collected, sorted, and sent to recycling facilities.

Collection and drop-off programs for electronic waste (e-waste) operate as follows:

1. Establishment of Collection Points: Programs establish collection points in convenient and accessible locations such as retail stores, community centers, and municipal facilities.
2. Consumer Participation: Consumers bring their old or unwanted electronic devices to these designated collection points.
3. Collection and Sorting: At the collection points, e-waste is gathered and sorted based on type and condition. This may involve separating items like computers, TVs, phones, and peripherals.
4. Transportation to Recycling Facilities: Once sorted, the e-waste is transported to specialized recycling facilities equipped to handle the dismantling, sorting, and processing of electronic components.

5. Environmental Considerations: Throughout the process, environmental guidelines are followed to ensure safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials, and to maximize the recovery of valuable resources from the e-waste.

Conclusion

These programs aim to encourage proper disposal of e-waste, reduce landfill waste, and promote the recycling of valuable materials found in electronics.

2.4.5.2 Benefits/Strengths of Collection and Drop-Off Programs

Convenience: Makes it easy for consumers to dispose of e-waste responsibly.

Community Engagement: Encourages community participation in e-waste recycling efforts.

Reduced Illegal Dumping: Provides a legal and safe disposal option, reducing illegal dumping of e-waste.

2.4.5.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Collection and Drop-Off Programs

Limited Reach^{**}: May not be accessible to all consumers, particularly in rural areas.

Operational Costs^{**}: Requires funding to maintain collection points and transport e-waste to recycling facilities.

Awareness and Participation^{**}: Success depends on consumer awareness and willingness to participate.

2.4.6 Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs)

Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) are collective entities formed by manufacturers to manage e-waste. According to Van Rossem et al. (2006), PROs handle the logistics, recycling, and disposal of e-waste on behalf of their member companies.

2.4.6.1 How Producer Responsibility Organizations Work

Manufacturers join PROs and contribute financially to the organization. The PROs then manage the collection, transportation, and recycling of e-waste, ensuring compliance with regulations and optimizing recycling processes.

Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) operate through these key steps:

1. **Manufacturer Participation:** Manufacturers join Producer Responsibility Organizations and financially contribute to the organization based on their production volume or market share.

2. **Collection and Transportation:** PROs organize the collection of electronic waste (e-waste) from designated drop-off points or through collection events. They arrange for the transportation of collected e-waste to recycling facilities.

3. **Recycling Management:** PROs oversee the recycling process, which includes sorting, dismantling, and extracting valuable materials from e-waste using efficient and environmentally responsible methods.

4. **Compliance and Regulations:** PROs ensure that all activities comply with local and international regulations regarding e-waste management and recycling practices.

5. **Optimization of Processes:** They continuously work to optimize recycling processes to maximize resource recovery and minimize environmental impact.

Conclusion

Producer Responsibility Organizations play a critical role in managing e-waste throughout its lifecycle, from collection to recycling, thereby promoting sustainable practices and reducing the environmental footprint of electronics manufacturing and disposal.

2.4.6.2 Benefits/Strengths of Producer Responsibility Organizations

Shared Responsibility: Distributes the cost and responsibility of e-waste management among multiple manufacturers.

Efficiency: Centralized management can lead to more efficient recycling and disposal processes.

Regulatory Compliance: Helps manufacturers comply with e-waste regulations.

2.4.6.3 Weaknesses/Problems of Producer Responsibility Organizations

Coordination Challenges: Requires effective coordination among member companies.

Financial Sustainability: Depends on adequate funding from manufacturers.

Varied Commitment Level: Success depends on the commitment of all member companies to the organization's goals.

2.7 Comparison of Related Systems

SYSTEM	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS	TECHNOLOGY
EPR System Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Systems	Promotes sustainable design, reduces environmental impact, cost distribution	Implementation challenges, enforcement issues, high initial costs	Intermediate to Advanced
Urban Mining Systems	Resource conservation, economic benefits, environmental protection	Technological complexity, health and safety risks, regulatory challenges	Advanced
Donation and Reuse Programs	Extends product lifespan, supports communities, cost-effective	Quality control issues, limited capacity, regulatory compliance	Basic to Intermediate
PROs Producer Responsibility Organizations	Shared responsibility, efficiency, regulatory compliance	Coordination challenges, financial sustainability, varied commitment levels	Intermediate
Collection and Drop-Off Programs	Convenience, community engagement, reduced illegal dumping	Limited reach, operational costs, awareness and participation	Basic
Advanced Recycling Programs	High recovery rates,	High costs, technical	Advanced

	efficiency, environmental benefits	challenges, regulatory barriers	
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2.5 Conclusion

This chapter reviewed various electronic waste management systems, highlighting their types, impacts, challenges, and case studies. The information gathered provides insights into the functioning and enhancement of e-waste management systems, underscoring the need for effective policies, technological advancements, and public awareness to mitigate the adverse effects of electronic waste.

Chapter Three:

Research Methodology

2.0 Introduction

The methodology outlined in this chapter is dedicated to exploring various research patterns, data collection approaches, analysis techniques, and tools employed in the design and implementation of the Electronic Waste Management System (EWMS). This methodology is aligned with the specific objectives of developing an efficient and sustainable system for managing electronic waste.

3.1 System Study and Analysis

In this phase, comprehensive fact-finding techniques were utilized to ascertain the requirements of the EWMS, including system inputs, outputs, and user needs. These techniques were crucial in defining the scope and functionalities expected from the system.

3.2 Data Collection Techniques

3.2.1 Interview

Structured and semi-structured interviews were conducted with stakeholders such as environmental experts, recycling industry professionals, and regulatory bodies. These interviews focused on identifying both functional and non-functional requirements necessary for effective electronic waste management. Open-ended questions were utilized to gather insights into existing challenges, operational strengths, and information flow within current waste management practices.

3.2.2 Observation

Direct observations were made to understand current practices in handling electronic waste. This included observing recycling processes, waste disposal methods, and the overall

operational flow within recycling facilities. Detailed notes were taken to capture critical aspects of physical operations and environmental conditions.

3.2.3 Reviewing Existing Documents

Extensive research was conducted through literature reviews and analysis of existing documents from environmental agencies, recycling guidelines, and academic studies. This provided foundational knowledge and data essential for understanding global and local trends in electronic waste management practices.

3.2.4 Questionnaires

Questionnaires were distributed among key stakeholders, including electronics manufacturers, consumers, and recycling facility managers. The questionnaires aimed to gather statistical data on current disposal practices, awareness levels about electronic waste hazards, and preferences for future recycling initiatives.

3.3 Data Analysis Methods

Data collected from interviews, observations, and questionnaires were analyzed using statistical tools and software such as Microsoft Excel. This analysis focused on identifying trends in electronic waste generation, evaluating current disposal inefficiencies, and understanding stakeholder expectations for the EWMS.

3.4 System Analysis and Design

3.4.1 System Analysis

System analysis involved synthesizing collected data to define the functional and non-functional requirements of the EWMS. Functional requirements specified the operations and features the system must perform, while non-functional requirements addressed factors like system scalability, security, and regulatory compliance.

Functional Attributes

Waste Collection Management:

Description: Facilitates the scheduling, tracking, and management of electronic waste collection from various sources.

Functions: Includes functionalities for scheduling collection pickups, optimizing collection routes, managing collection logistics, and tracking waste from pickup to processing facilities.

Inventory and Asset Tracking:

Description: Tracks and manages electronic waste inventory throughout its lifecycle.

Functions: Includes tagging items, recording details (type, condition, origin), updating statuses, and managing stock levels. Provides visibility into inventory for efficient management and accountability.

Recycling and Processing Management:

Description: Manages the recycling and processing workflows of electronic waste.

Functions: Facilitates sorting, dismantling, refurbishing, recycling, and disposal processes. Tracks materials recovered, waste treatment methods, and compliance with environmental standards.

Compliance and Regulatory Management:

Description: Ensures adherence to legal and environmental regulations related to electronic waste management.

Functions: Monitors regulatory requirements, manages permits and certifications, generates compliance reports, and facilitates audits. Ensures operations comply with local, national, and international regulations.

Customer and Stakeholder Management:

Description: Manages interactions and relationships with customers, stakeholders, and regulatory bodies.

Functions: Includes CRM functionalities for managing customer inquiries, feedback, service requests, and stakeholder engagements. Enhances transparency and accountability in communications and interactions.

Data Management and Reporting:

Description: Manages electronic waste data and provides insights through reporting and analytics.

Functions: Stores data related to waste volumes, recycling rates, processing efficiencies, and environmental impact metrics. Provides reporting tools for generating customizable reports, dashboards, and analytics to support decision-making and compliance.

Security and Access Control:

Description: Ensures data security and controls access to sensitive information within the EWMS.

Functions: Implements security measures such as authentication, authorization, encryption, and audit trails. Protects against unauthorized access, data breaches, and ensures data integrity and confidentiality.

Non-Functional Attributes

Performance:

Description: Specifies how efficiently the EWMS operates under various conditions, including workload and data volume.

Criteria: Includes metrics such as response time, throughput, processing speed, and system availability. Ensures the system performs reliably and meets performance expectations.

Reliability:

Description: Defines the system's ability to operate consistently and predictably over time.

Criteria: Measures include mean time between failures (MTBF), fault tolerance, error handling capabilities, and system recovery procedures. Ensures minimal downtime and disruption to operations.

Scalability:

Description: Determines the system's capability to handle increased workload and data growth.

Criteria: Scalability metrics include horizontal scaling (adding more servers) and vertical scaling (increasing resources on existing servers). Ensures the system can accommodate future expansion and user demands.

Usability:

Description: Evaluates how user-friendly and intuitive the EWMS interface and functionalities are.

Criteria: Includes ease of navigation, clarity of information presentation, efficiency in performing tasks, and user satisfaction. Enhances user adoption and productivity.

Maintainability:

Description: Refers to the ease with which the EWMS can be maintained, updated, and enhanced.

Criteria: Includes modularity of code, documentation quality, code readability, and ease of troubleshooting and debugging. Facilitates ongoing system improvements and adaptations.

Security:

Description: Ensures the system's ability to protect data and prevent unauthorized access and breaches.

Criteria: Includes compliance with data protection regulations, encryption of sensitive data, access control mechanisms, and regular security audits. Maintains confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic waste management data.

Interoperability:

Description: Defines the ability of the EWMS to integrate and operate with other systems and platforms.

Criteria: Includes support for standard protocols, APIs (Application Programming Interfaces), data exchange formats, and compatibility with external databases and services. Facilitates seamless data sharing and interoperability with third-party systems.

These functional and non-functional attributes collectively define the operational capabilities, performance benchmarks, and user experience standards of an Electronic Waste Management System. By addressing both categories comprehensively, organizations can ensure that their EWMS not only meets regulatory requirements but also enhances efficiency, sustainability, and stakeholder satisfaction in managing electronic waste responsibly.

3.4.2 System Design

i. **Process Modeling:** Utilizing tools such as Data Flow Diagrams (DFD), the processes involved in electronic waste collection, recycling, and disposal were mapped out. This provided a clear visualization of data flow and system interactions.

ii. **Data Modeling:** Entity-Relationship Diagrams (ERD) were employed to outline the relationships between different data entities within the EWMS. This facilitated the design of a relational database schema for efficient data management.

iii. **User Interface Design:** The user interface (UI) of the EWMS was designed to ensure ease of use and accessibility for all stakeholders, including recycling facility operators, consumers, and regulatory authorities. Human-computer interaction principles were applied to create intuitive interfaces that facilitate efficient navigation and task completion.

iv. **Database Design:** Building on the data modeling phase, the database design involved defining the structure of the relational database using MySQL. Tables, indexes, and relationships identified in the ERD were implemented to efficiently store and retrieve data related to electronic waste inventory, recycling processes, compliance records, and user information.

v. **System Architecture:** The overall system architecture was planned to ensure scalability, reliability, and performance. Components such as web servers (Apache), database servers (MySQL), and application servers (PHP) were integrated to support concurrent user access and data processing capabilities. Considerations for system deployment and maintenance were also addressed during this phase.

vi. **Security Design:** Security measures were incorporated into the system design to protect sensitive data and ensure compliance with data protection regulations. Techniques such as

encryption of data transmissions, role-based access control (RBAC), and regular security audits were implemented to mitigate risks associated with unauthorized access and data breaches.

These design aspects collectively ensured that the Electronic Waste Management System (EWMS) not only met current operational needs but also provided a robust foundation for future enhancements and adaptations in electronic waste management practices.

3.5 System Implementation tools

The physical realization of the EWMS was accomplished through the implementation of database structures and application programs. Tools such as WAMP/Apache server, MySQL, PHP, and JavaScript were utilized in the development environment to build and deploy the system.

3.5.1 Implementation Tools

3.5.1.1 WampServer

WampServer is a bundled software stack that integrates Apache server, MySQL database, and PHP scripting language. It provides a convenient environment for developing and testing web applications on a local Windows system.

Installed as the web server component, Apache within WampServer hosts the EWMS application locally. This setup allows developers to create and test functionalities such as electronic waste data management and user interfaces. Pages and scripts developed using PHP and HTML are stored in the system's www directory, accessible via the machine's IP address, mimicking how the system would function in a production environment.

3.5.1.2 PHP

PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) is a server-side scripting language designed for web development.

PHP is integral in the EWMS for processing user requests, interacting with the MySQL database, and dynamically generating web pages. In the context of electronic waste management, PHP scripts handle tasks such as displaying real-time data on recycling statistics, managing user accounts, and processing forms for waste disposal requests. Its seamless integration with MySQL ensures efficient data retrieval and manipulation, supporting functionalities critical to the EWMS operations.

3.5.1.3 MySQL

MySQL is an open-source Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) that uses SQL (Structured Query Language) for managing and querying databases.

MySQL serves as the backend database management system for storing structured data related to electronic waste management. It stores information such as waste disposal records, recycling

facility details, compliance data, and user profiles securely. MySQL's reliability, speed, and ability to handle concurrent transactions make it ideal for supporting the robust data storage and retrieval requirements of the EWMS. Its scalability supports future expansion of the system as electronic waste volumes and management complexities grow.

3.5.1.4 HTML

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is the standard markup language used for creating web pages and web applications.

HTML is utilized within the EWMS to structure and present information on web pages accessed by users and administrators. It defines the layout, content structure, and interactive elements such as forms and links essential for navigating the EWMS interface. HTML tags specify headings, paragraphs, lists, and forms, enhancing usability and accessibility across different devices and browsers. Notepad++ is employed as the development environment for crafting HTML and PHP pages, ensuring code readability and facilitating seamless integration of dynamic content and user interface elements within the EWMS.

Integration and Development Environment

The combination of WampServer, PHP, MySQL, HTML, and Notepad++ provides a cohesive development environment for building the EWMS. This setup supports the creation of a user-friendly interface for stakeholders involved in electronic waste management, integrates robust database functionalities for data storage and retrieval, and ensures compatibility across various platforms and web browsers.

3.6 System Testing and Validation

3.6.1 Testing

Thorough testing procedures were conducted to validate the functionality, performance, and security of the EWMS. Testing encompassed system performance under varying loads, compatibility with different operating systems, and resilience against security threats and remote attacks.

3.6.2 Validation

Validation involved assessing whether the EWMS met the identified user, functional, and non-functional requirements. End-user representatives were involved in user acceptance testing to ensure that the system effectively supported electronic waste management practices.

3.6.3 Conclusion

This chapter has detailed the methodologies applied in researching, collecting data, analyzing findings, designing, implementing, testing, and validating the Electronic Waste Management

System. These processes were essential in developing a robust and effective system for managing electronic waste, addressing both environmental concerns and regulatory requirements.

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CHAPTER FOUR

Chapter Four: System Study, Analysis, and Design

This chapter focuses on the study of the existing electronic waste management practices, the analysis of requirements for the system, and the modeling of processes and data.

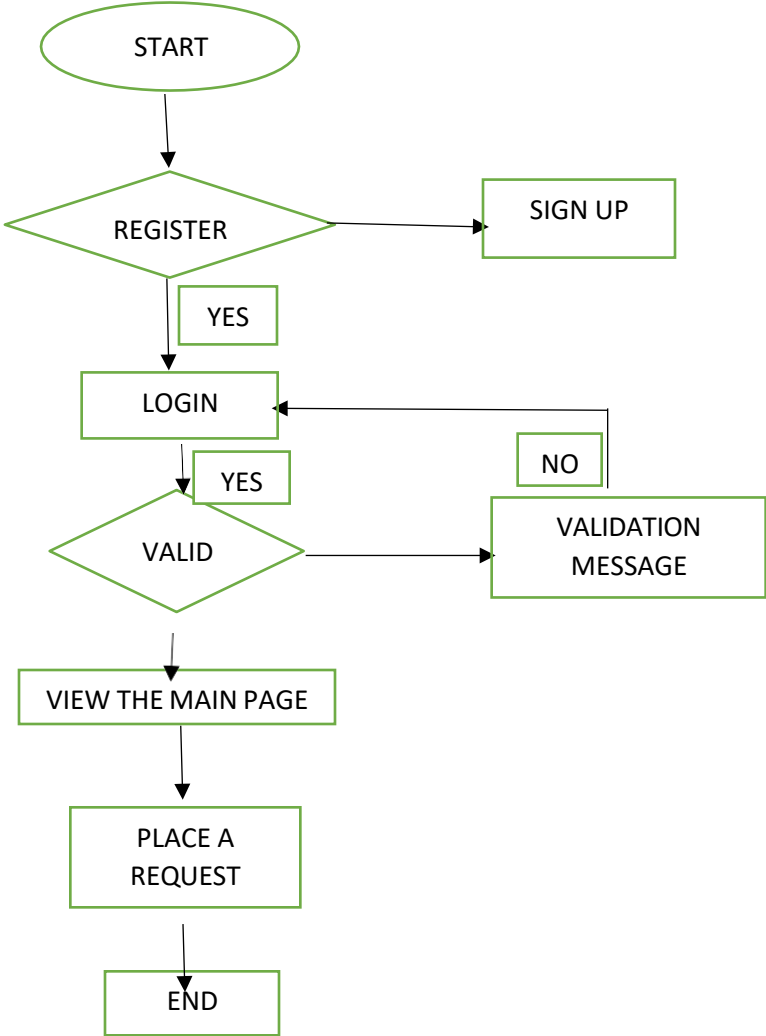
4.1 Study of the Existing System

From the data gathered about the current electronic waste management practices through interviews, observation, and documentation review, researchers found that the existing processes for handling e-waste are inefficient and cumbersome. Citizens must physically deliver

their e-waste to designated centers, leading to low participation, improper disposal, and increased environmental hazards. There is a need for a more organized and efficient Electronic Waste Management System (EWMS) to streamline these processes.

Further analysis of the existing e-waste management practices yielded a flow chart that illustrates the process from the collection of e-waste to its final disposal (See Figure 4.1)

4.1.1 Workflow for the Electronic Waste Management Processes



(Figure 4.1: Flowchart for the electronic waste management processes)

4.1.2 Strength of the Existing System

- i. Some designated collection centers are available for e-waste disposal.
- ii. The existing system has basic record-keeping mechanisms for e-waste collected.
- iii. There is awareness of e-waste management in certain communities.

4.1.3 Weakness of the Existing System

- i. The existing system lacks an organized and systematic approach to collecting and processing e-waste.
- ii. There are delays in the transportation and processing of collected e-waste.
- iii. Low participation due to inconvenient disposal methods.
- iv. Lack of real-time tracking and reporting on e-waste collection and processing activities.

4.2 Data Analysis Results

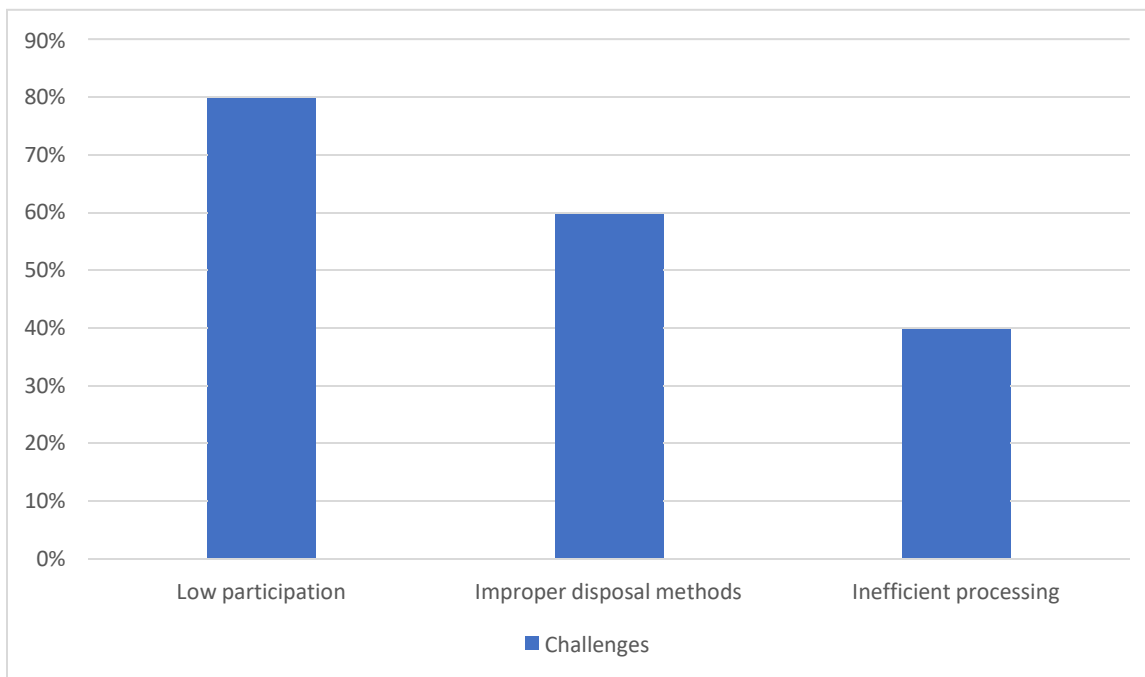
Researchers used various data collection techniques, including surveys, interviews, and observation, to collect data that was analyzed to identify challenges associated with the current e-waste management practices. The major challenges included low participation rates, improper disposal practices, and inefficiencies in the collection and processing of e-waste. The analyzed data is represented in tables and graphs for easy interpretation. An example of the analysis on the challenges is shown in Table 1.

4.2.1 Tabular Representation of the Challenges Associated with the Current E-Waste Management System

Challenges	Number of respondents out of 5	Percentage of respondents
Low participation	4	80%
Improper disposal methods	3	60%

Challenges	Number of respondents out of 5	Percentage of respondents
Inefficient processing	2	40%

4.2.2 Graphical Representation of the Challenges Faced by the Current E-Waste Management System



(Figure 4.2: Graphical presentation of the challenges faced by the current e-waste management system)

4.2.3 User Requirements

User requirements are statements, in natural language, of what services the system is expected to provide and the constraints under which it must operate. Below are the user requirements for the Electronic Waste Management System:

The system should facilitate easy reporting and scheduling of e-waste pickups.

The system should provide real-time tracking of e-waste collection and processing.

The system should generate reports on e-waste management activities.

The system should authenticate users.

The system should be accessible to the general public.

4.2.4 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements describe the activities and services that the EWMS provides in terms of data handling and processing. Based on the tools used to collect data, the following functional requirements were identified:

The system should enable users to schedule pickups for their e-waste.

The system should store and retrieve information on e-waste collected, processed, and disposed of.

The system should enable administrators to monitor the status of e-waste management activities.

The system should generate weekly reports on e-waste collection and processing.

The system should allow citizens to report e-waste for collection.

The system should update the status of e-waste from collection to disposal

4.2.5 Non-Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements describe other features, characteristics, and constraints that define the satisfactory operation of the system. The following non-functional requirements were considered during the design of the EWMS:

The system should be accessible at any time of the day.

The system should authenticate users through a username and password.

The system should process user requests as quickly as possible.

The system should be flexible and easy to update

The system should be reliable and secure.

4.2.6 System Requirements

The system requirements describe the hardware and software necessary for the implementation of the EWMS. These include:

4.2.6.1 Hardware Requirements

Hardware Component	System Requirement	Justification
Processor	Intel Pentium IV or above	Pentium IV has new technology and sufficient speed to run the EWMS.
Processor Speed	800MHz or above	This speed is sufficient to handle the processing demands of the EWMS.
Disk Space	100 GB or above	Adequate storage space for data related to e-waste management.

4.2.6.2 Software Requirements

Software Component	System Requirement	Justification
Operating System	Windows Server 2016 or above	Supports robust server operations and security.
Web Server	Apache Web Server Version 2.4	Reliable and efficient for hosting web applications.
Database Management	MySQL Server Version 5.7 or above	Open-source RDBMS that supports multi-user access to databases.
Web Browser	Google Chrome	Widely used and supports modern web technologies.

4.3 System Design

In the system design phase, process modeling involved the use of Data Flow Diagrams (DFD), and data modeling involved the use of Entity-Relationship Diagrams (ERD).

4.3.1 Architectural Design for the System

The architectural design shows how the EWMS is comprised of the different subsystems, namely data collection, data processing, data storage, and data display. The figure below shows an architectural diagram of the Electronic Waste Management System.

(Figure 4.3: Architectural Design for the Electronic Waste Management System)



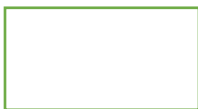
4.3.2 Process Modeling

These diagrams illustrate how information or data flows within the EWMS, from collection to processing and final disposal.

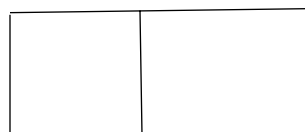
4.3.2.1 Key Symbols

Symbol

Name



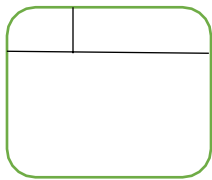
External entity



Data store



Data flow



Process

Description of the above key symbols:

An **Entity** represents an independent object that interacts with the system.

Data Store represents where data is stored after processing (e.g., a database).

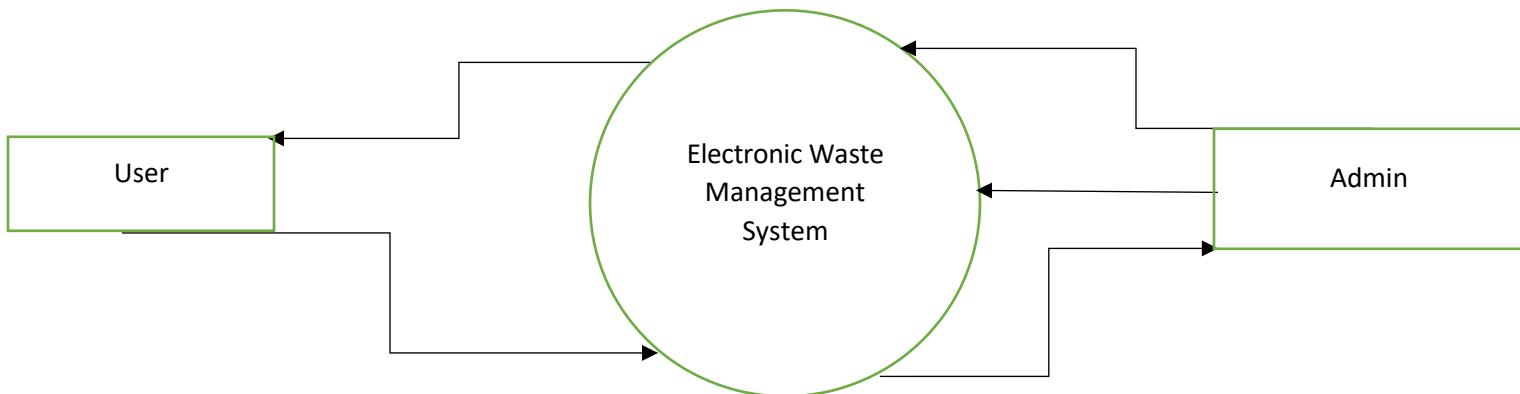
Data Flow indicates the movement of data within the system, connecting processes, data stores, and external entities

A **Process** represents a series of activities to accomplish a task.

4.3.3 Data Flow Diagrams (DFD)

Data Flow Diagrams are used to illustrate how data flows in a system, representing processes, data stores, data flows, and external entities.

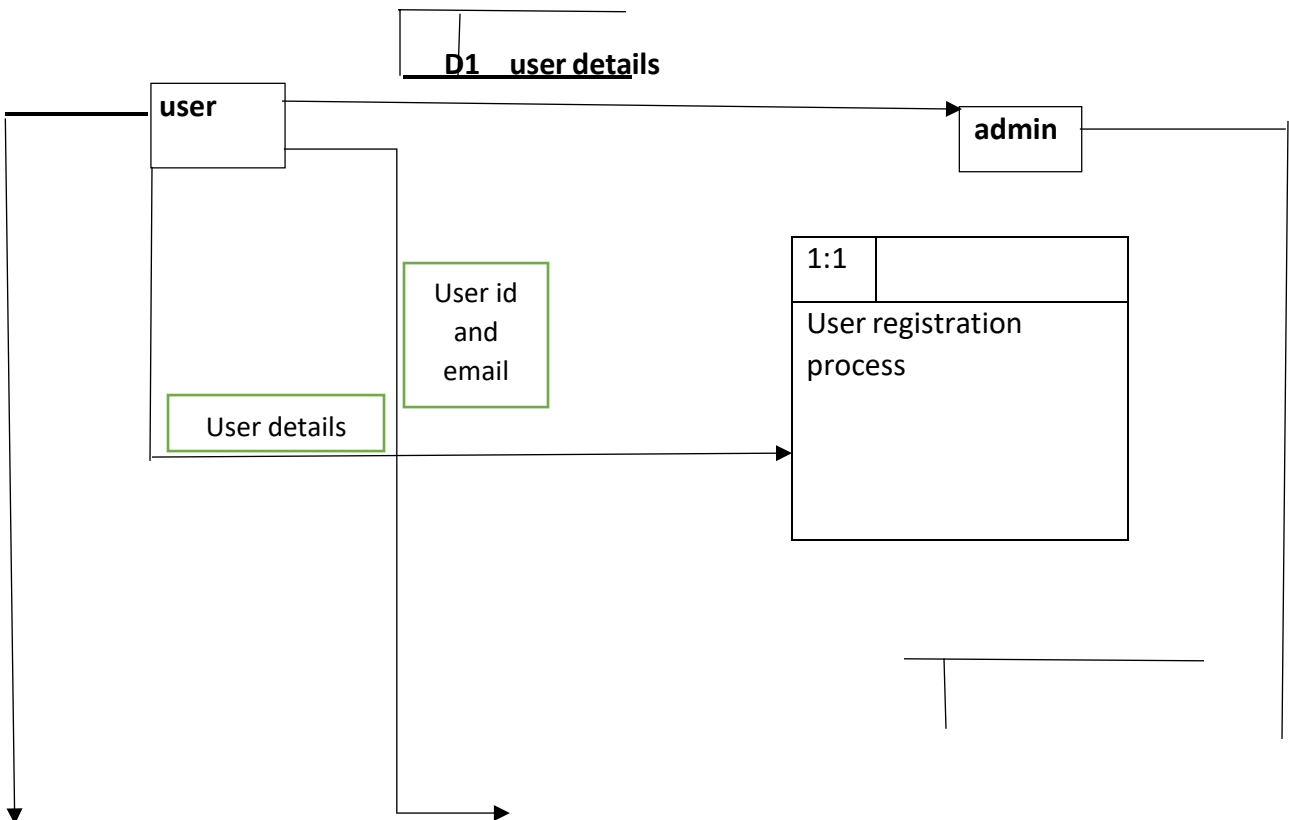
4.3.3.1 The Context Level DFD

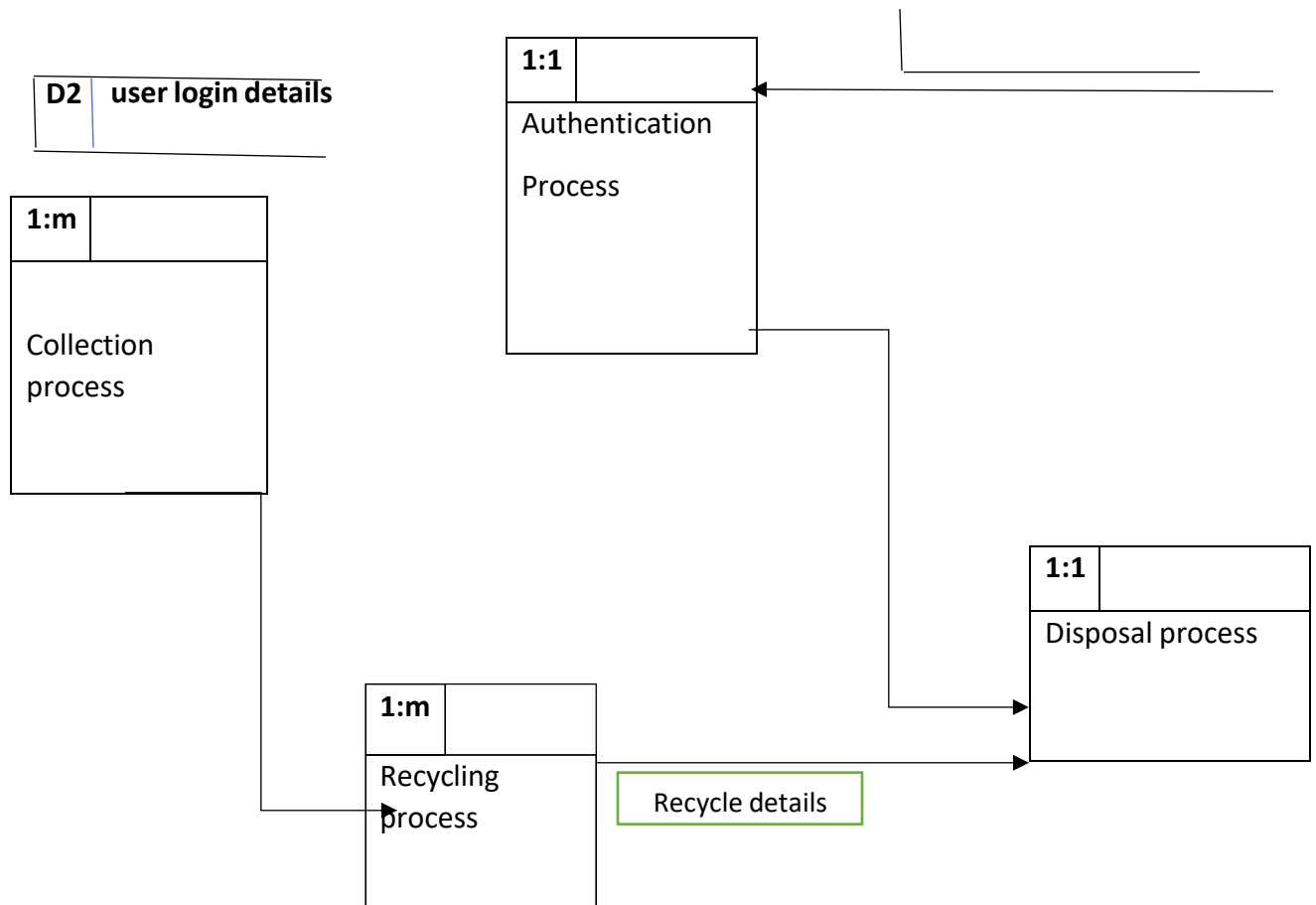


(Figure 4.4: Context Diagram for the Electronic Waste Management System)

In this diagram, users log into the system, report e-waste for collection, and receive feedback on their requests. Administrators can monitor system activities and respond to report

4.3.3.2 The Level 1 DFD for the Electronic Waste Management System





(Figure 4.5: Level 1 DFD for the Electronic Waste Management System)

Description of Level 1 DFD:

This subsection includes tables describing all the design objects used in developing the system.

Processes:

Description for Processes

Table 1: Description of Processes

Process	Description
User Registration/Login	Users and Admins can register and log in to the system.

Request Submission	Users submit e-waste collection requests, which are recorded in the system.
Admin Management	Admins manage requests, assign tasks, and monitor the overall process.
Transportation Assignment	Admin assigns the transport team for collection of e-waste
Recycling/Disposal Process	E-waste is processed for recycling or disposal based on its condition.
Report Generation	Admin generates reports on collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal.

Description of Data Stores

Table 2: Description for Data stores

Data Store	Description
Users	Stores user and admin information including credentials and roles.
Collection Requests	Stores data about e-waste collection requests from users.
Transportation Records	Stores information related to the transportation of collected e-waste
Recycling Records	Stores data on the recycling and refurbishment of e-waste
Disposal Records	Stores information about the disposal of non-recyclable e-waste.

Description for External Entities

Table 3: Description of External Entities

Entity	Description
User	Reports e-waste and schedules pickups
Collector	Collects e-waste from users

Administrator	Monitors and manages the system
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4.3.4 Identification of Entities and their Attributes

Table 4: Identification for Entities and their Attributes

Entity	Description	Attributes
User	Represents a user or admin in the system	User id Email Name role
Collection	Represents an e-waste collection request	Collection id Collector name Collection date address items
Transportation	Represents the transportation of e-waste	Transportation id Vehicle number Driver name Transport date Pickup location Delivery location Items
Recycling	Represents the recycling or refurbishment of e-waste.	Recycling id Item id Recycling date Facility name Status
Disposal	Represents the disposal of non-recyclable e-waste.	Disposal id item id disposal date

		disposal method status
Admin	Monitors the users and the other entities	Admin id name email Role

4.3.5 Modeling Relationships between Entities

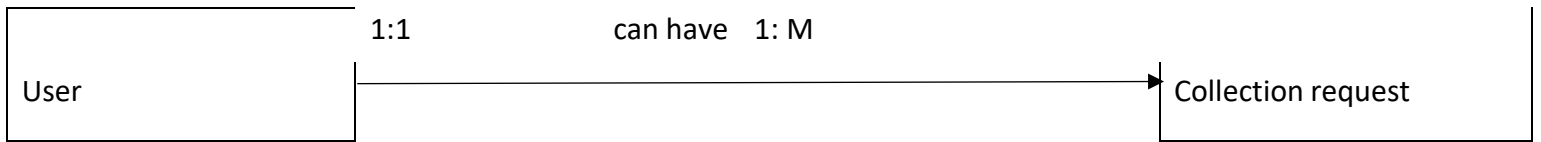


Figure 4. 1: Relationship between user and request

One user can have many collection requests

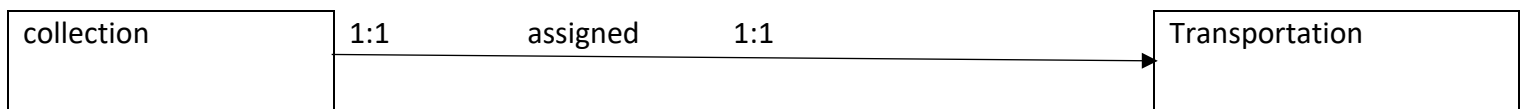


Figure 4. 2: Relationship between collection and transportation

Each collection is assigned one transportation

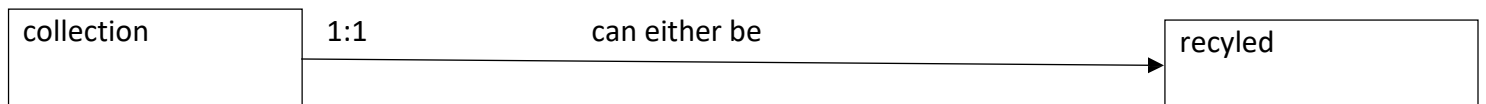


Figure 4. 3: Relationship between collection and disposal

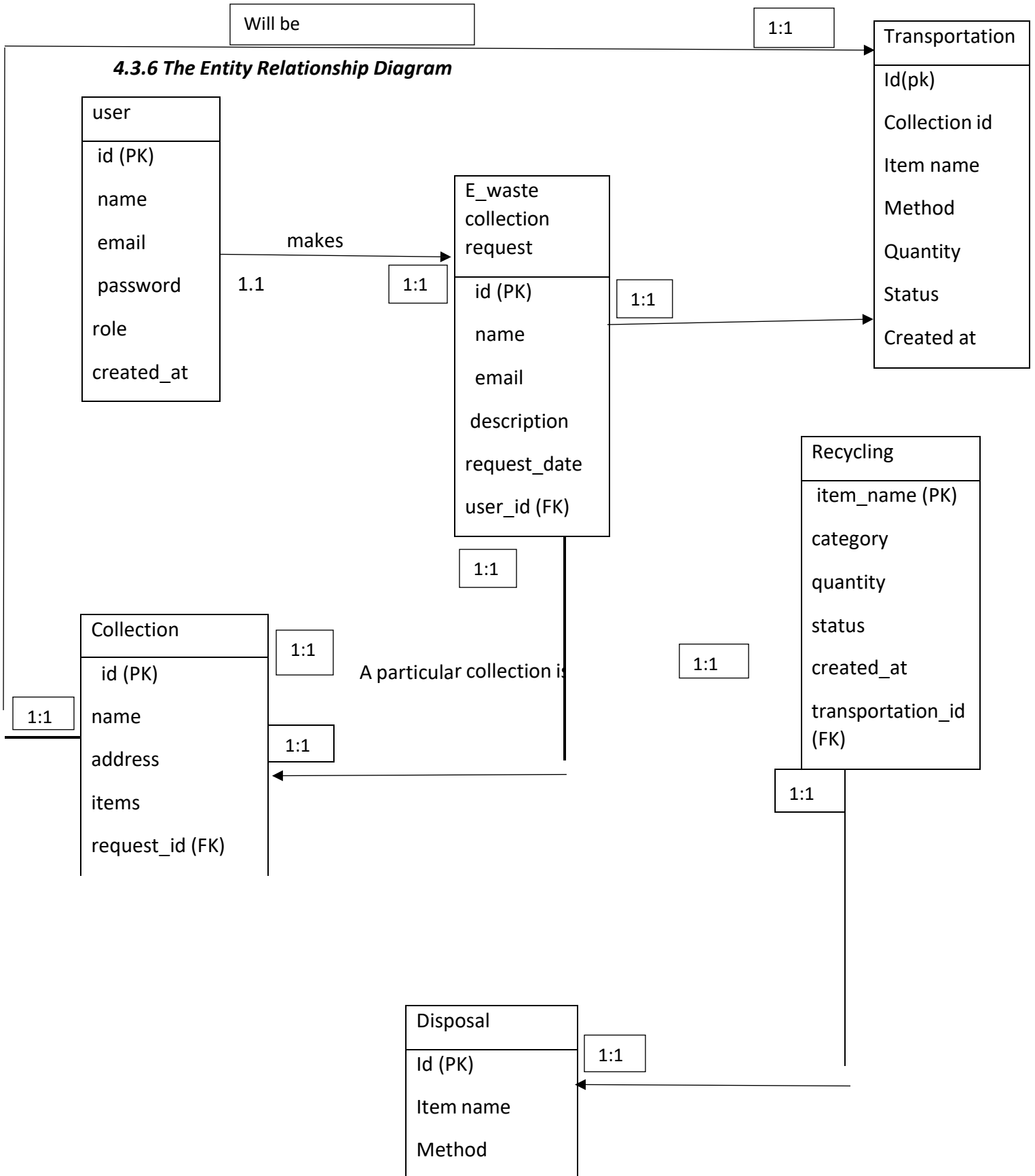
Each collection is either recycled or disposed



Figure 4. 4: Relationship between collection and disposal

Non-recyclable waste is disposed off

4.3.6 The Entity Relationship Diagram



Quantity
Status
Created at

4.3.7 Mapping of ERD to Relational Schema

4.3.7.1 Admin

Table 5: The admin table

Table Name	Attribute	Constraint
Admin	Admin id	Primary Key, Auto Increment
	Name	Not Null, Unique, VARCHAR (50)
	Email	Not Null, Unique, VARCHAR (100)
	Role	Not Null

4.3.7.2 User

Table 6: The user table

Attribute	Constraint
User id	Primary Key, Auto Increment
Name	Not Null, Unique, VARCHAR(50)
Email	Not Null, Unique, VARCHAR(100)

4.3.7.3 collection

Table 7: The collection table

Attribute	Constraint
Collection id	Primary Key, Auto Increment
request id	Foreign Key , Not Null

<i>Collection date</i>	<i>Not Null</i>
<i>location</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR(100)</i>

4.3.7.4 Transportation

Table 8: The transportation table

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Constraint</i>
<i>Transport id</i>	<i>Primary Key, Auto Increment</i>
<i>Vehicle number</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR (20)</i>
<i>Driver name</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR (100)</i>
<i>Transport date</i>	<i>Not Null</i>
<i>Pickup location</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR (100)</i>
<i>Delivery location</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR (100)</i>
<i>Collection id</i>	<i>Foreign Key ,Not Null</i>

4.3.7.5 Recycling

Table 9: The recycling table

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Constraint</i>
<i>Recycling id</i>	<i>Primary Key, Auto Increment</i>
<i>Transportation id</i>	<i>Foreign Key, Not Null</i>
<i>Recycling date</i>	<i>Not Null</i>
<i>facility name</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR(100)</i>

4.3.7.6 Disposal

Table 10: The disposal table

<i>Disposal id</i>	<i>Primary Key, Auto Increment</i>
<i>Recycling id</i>	<i>Foreign Key, Not Null</i>
<i>Disposal date</i>	<i>Not Null</i>
<i>Disposal method</i>	<i>Not Null, VARCHAR(50)</i>

Chapter Five

System Implementation, Testing and Validation

This chapter details the implementation of the design models within the Electronic Waste Management System (EWMS) and showcases the different results generated by the system. The chapter includes screenshots that demonstrate how the system operates in response to various commands.

5.1 System Functions

The Electronic Waste Management System provides various functions for administrators, users, and other stakeholders involved in the e-waste management process.

5.1.1 Functions provided to all users

The EWMS allows for user authentication and security by requiring a username and password for access to the system's services.

5.1.2 Functions provided to users

Authenticated users can access the system to:

Submit e-waste collection requests.

Track the status of their e-waste from collection through transportation, recycling, and disposal.

Communicate with the administrator for support or inquiries.

View a history of their e-waste submissions.

5.1.3 Functions provided to the administrator

The administrator has a broad range of responsibilities, including:

Managing user accounts.

Overseeing the entire e-waste management process, including collections, transportation, recycling, and disposal.

Validating and verifying the status of e-waste at different stages.

Generating reports and analyzing system performance.

Adding, updating, and removing records related to e-waste management activities.

5.1.4 Functions provided to collection and transportation staff

Collection and transportation staff can:

Log in to the system to view and update the status of e-waste assigned to them for collection and transportation.

Record the details of each collection and transportation event, including the time, location, and condition of the e-waste.

5.2 System Map

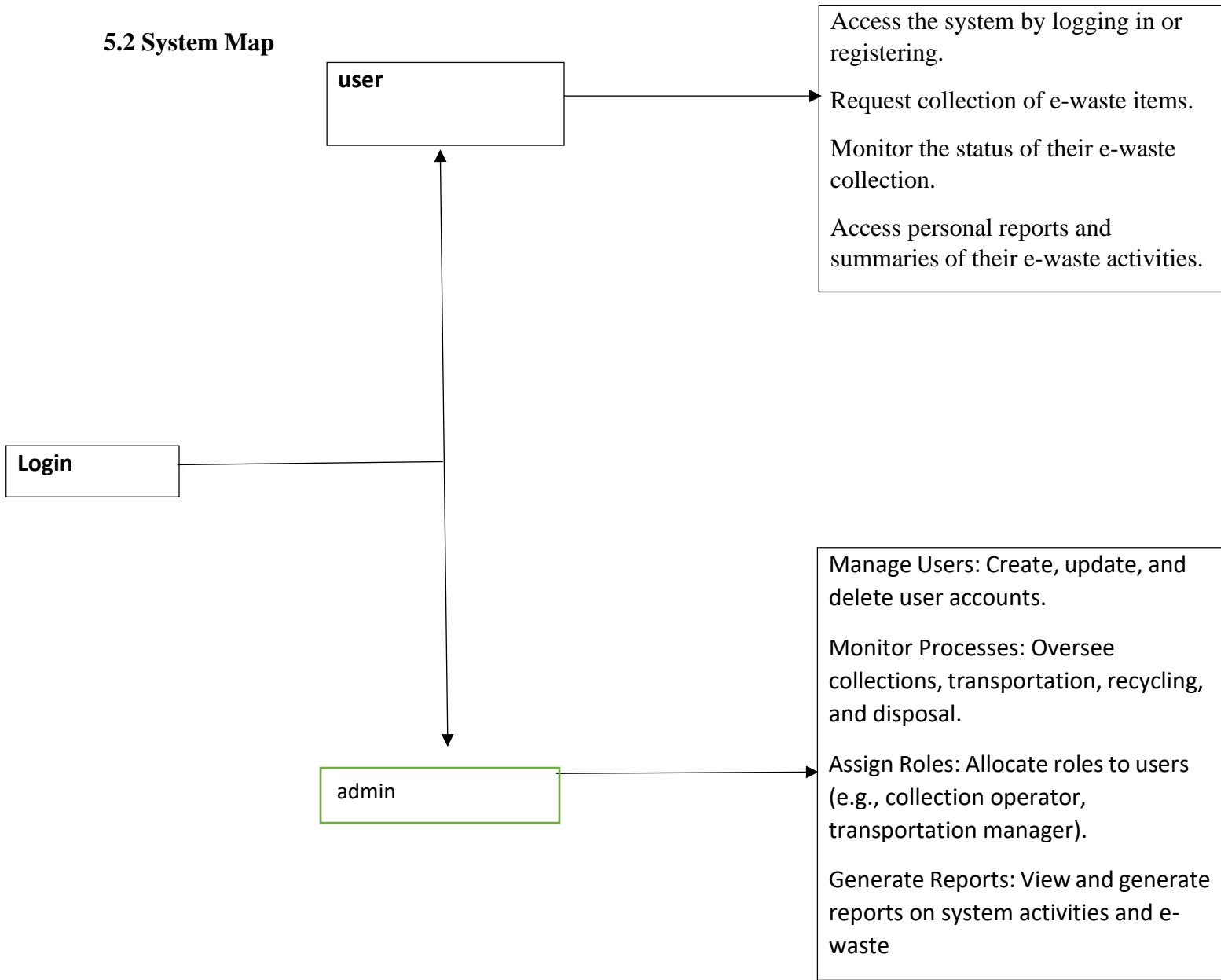


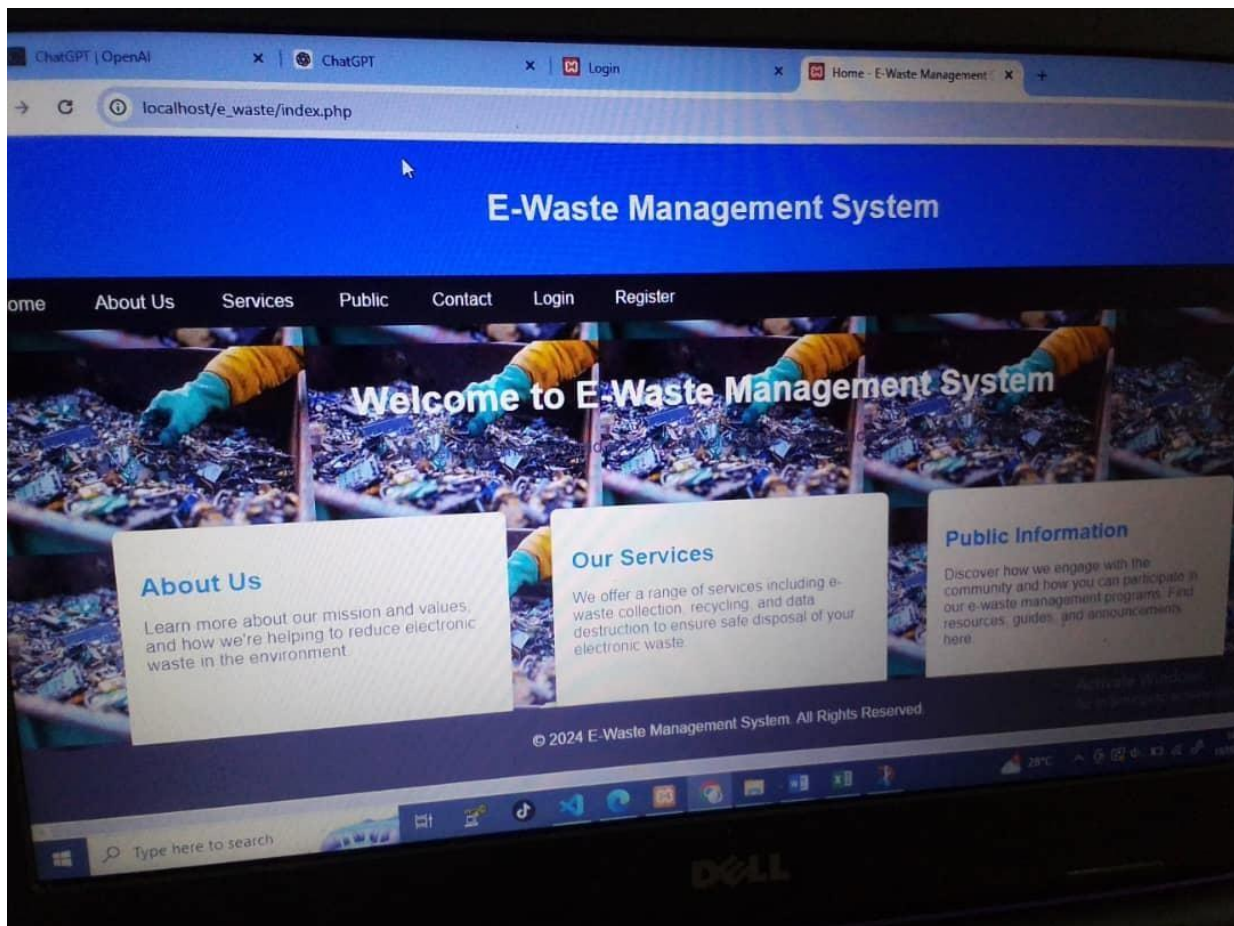
Figure 5.1: System Map showing functions provided by the system to each user.

This is where a diagram would be included showing the system map, illustrating how different users (administrator, users, collection , transportation) interact with the system.

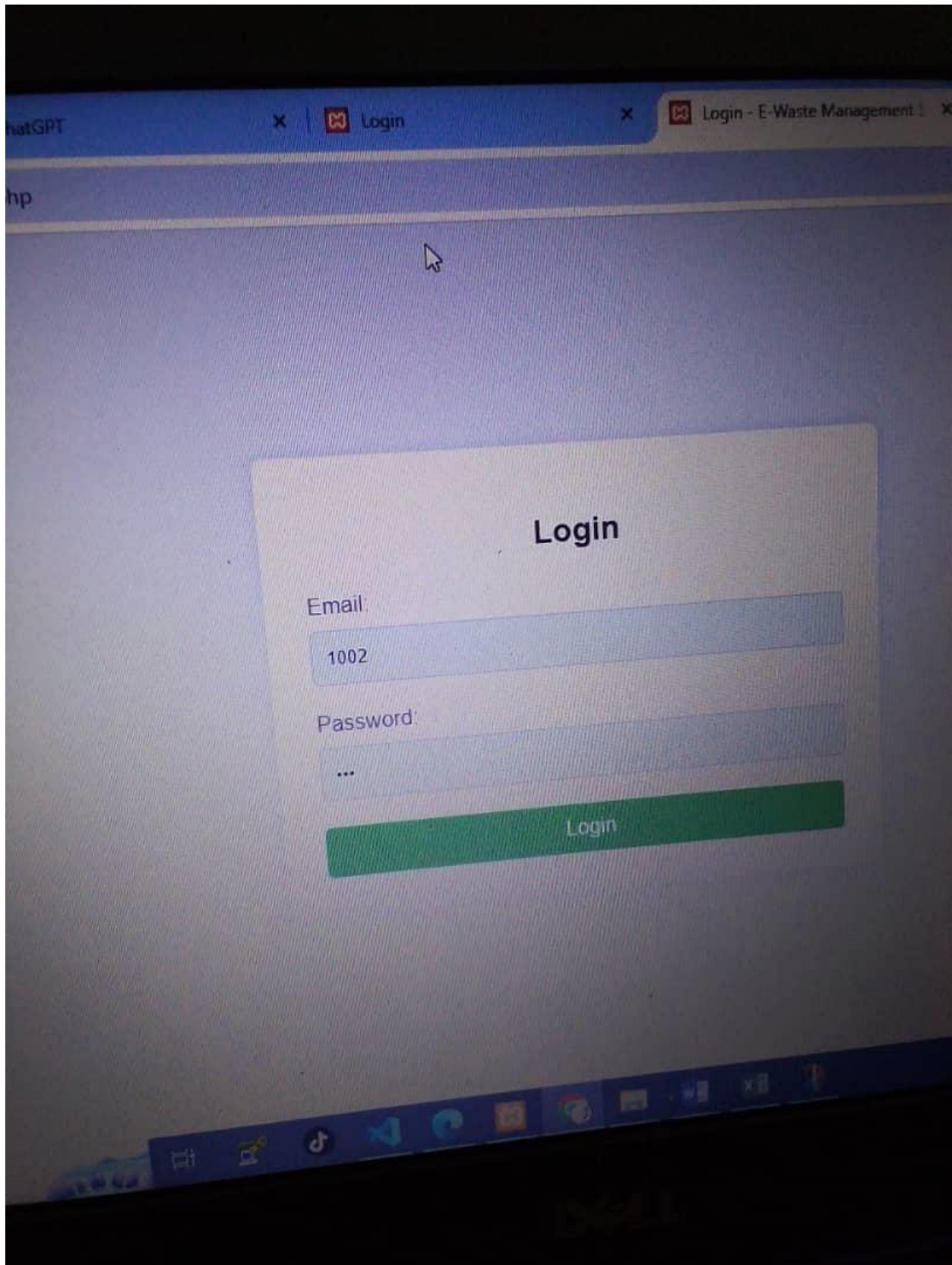
5.3 Sample Screenshots

5.3.1 System Home Page

Figure 5.2 shows the homepage of the e-waste management system, which allows all users, including administrators, to log in to access their respective dashboards and perform their tasks. Upon selecting the login option, the system will display the appropriate login page based on the user's role. For instance, when the administrator selects the login option, the login page specifically for the administrator will be displayed, as shown in the screenshot below.



5.3.2 User Login Page



5.3.1 User Logout Page

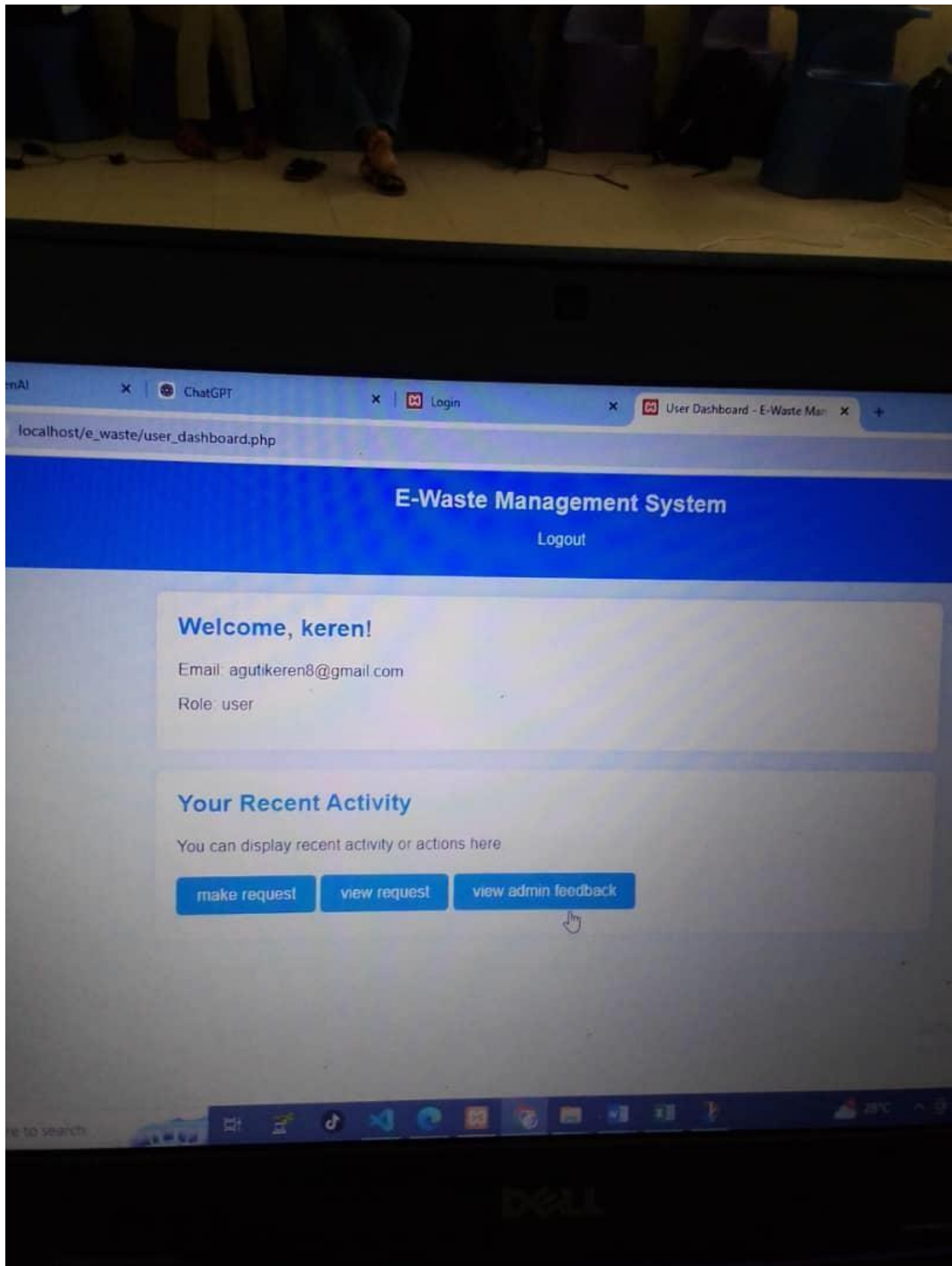


Figure 5.3: Shows the administrator's login page where the administrator can log in to manage the system, view all e-waste management activities, and perform administrative duties.

5.3.2 Administrative Dashboard

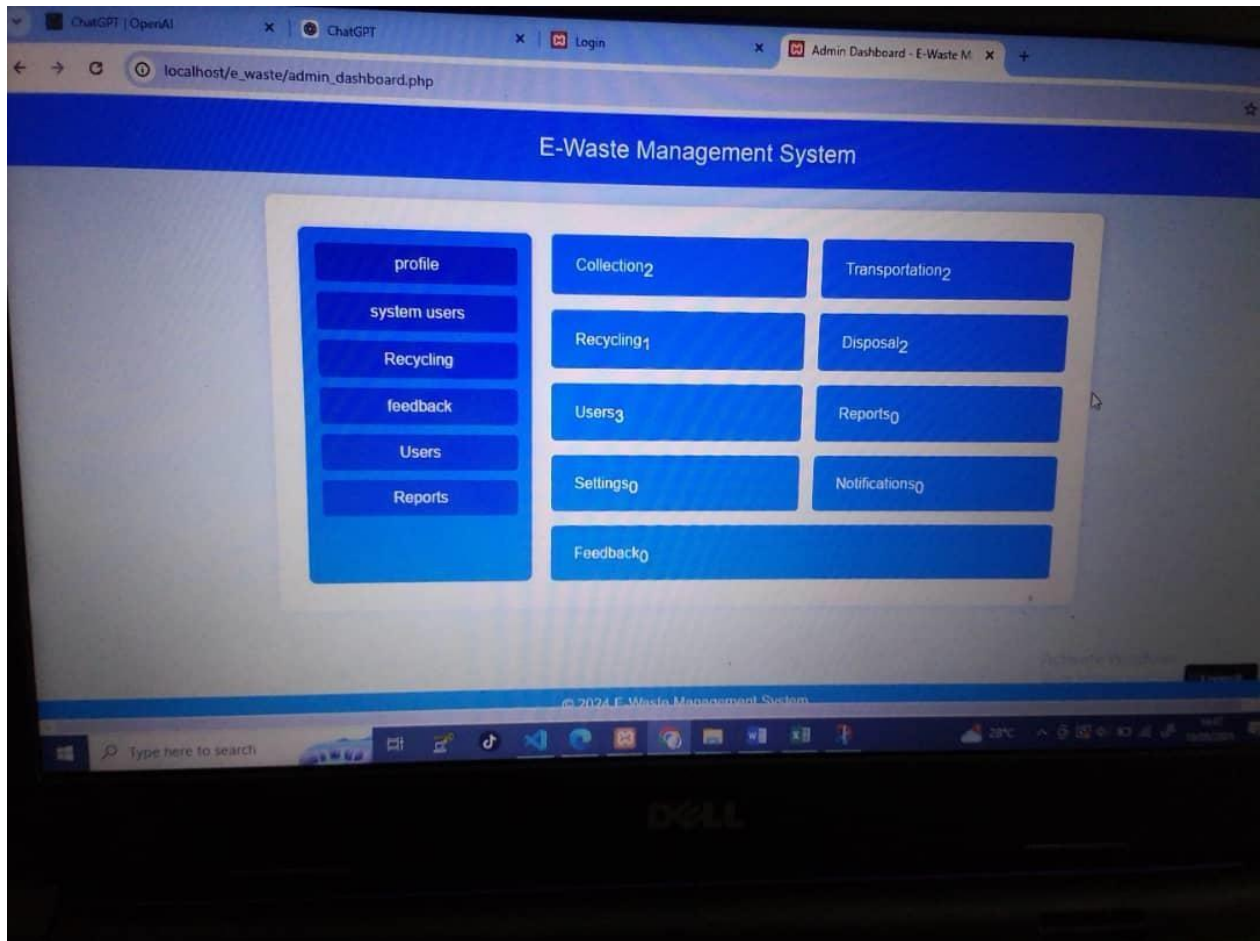


Figure 5.4: Shows the administrator's dashboard, from where they can navigate the system, manage users, monitor e-waste processes, and generate reports

5.3.4 User Register page

Register

Username

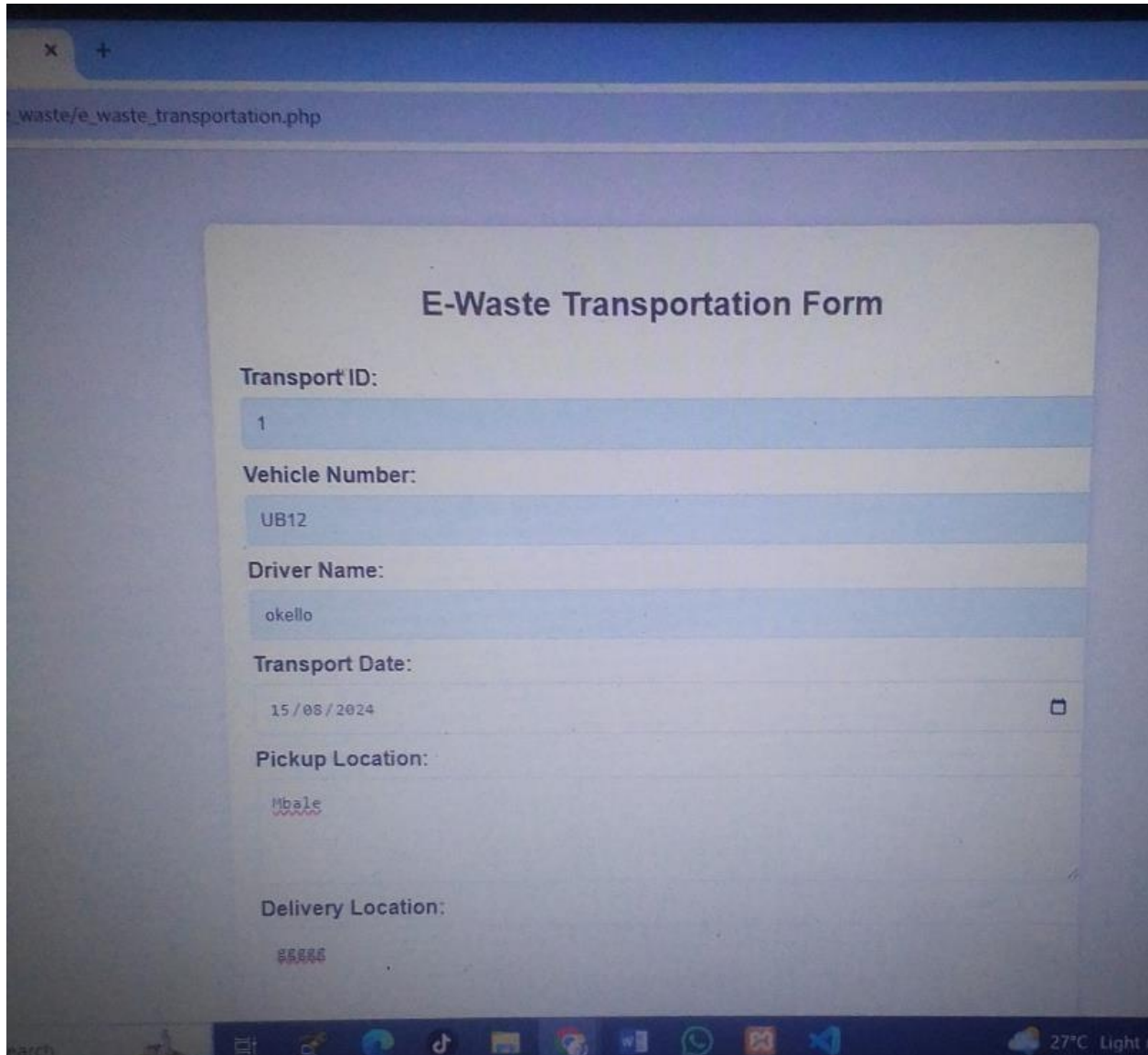
Email

Password

Role

Already have an account? [Login here](#)

5.3.4 Transportation form Page



The image shows a web browser window displaying the 'E-Waste Transportation Form' page. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'waste/e_waste_transportation.php'. The form itself is centered on the page and contains the following fields:

- Transport ID:** A text input field containing the value '1'.
- Vehicle Number:** A text input field containing the value 'UB12'.
- Driver Name:** A text input field containing the value 'okello'.
- Transport Date:** A date picker field showing '15/08/2024' with a calendar icon to its right.
- Pickup Location:** A text input field containing the value 'Mbale'.
- Delivery Location:** A text input field containing the value 'BEEBE'.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and a system tray with a weather widget displaying '27°C Light'.

Figure 5.7: Shows the transportation staff's login page, enabling them to log in and update the transportation status of e-waste.

5.4 System Testing and Validation Results

System testing and validation were conducted to ensure the EWMS met user requirements and functioned as expected. Users provided feedback during this process, which was used to refine the system.

5.4.1 System Testing Results

The EWMS was tested with users to identify errors and ensure it met performance expectations. Errors were corrected, and the process was repeated until the system was stable. Testing included entering incorrect data to verify the system's error-handling capabilities, such as alerting users to invalid input.

5.4.2 Validation Results

The system was presented to different users to validate whether it met their needs and requirements. The validation process involved ensuring data accuracy and completeness, particularly within the database. Users provided positive feedback, noting that the system was user-friendly, responsive, and effective in managing e-waste processes.

Table 15: System Validation.

Feature	Number of users out of 5	Percentage of users
Learnability	4	80.0%
User-friendliness	3	60.0%
Improvement of the waste management process	4	80.0%
Effectiveness in reducing delays in waste management	4	80.0%

5.5 Conclusion

This chapter has described the system functions provided to various users, including administrators, collection staff, transportation staff, and the general public. Sample screenshots illustrated the system's user interface, while testing and validation confirmed that the EWMS met user requirements and was free from critical errors. The feedback from users confirmed that the system was simple to navigate, fast, and effective in fulfilling its intended purpose.

CHAPTER SIX

Chapter Six: Summary, Recommendations, and Conclusion

6.1 Summary

The objectives of the Electronic Waste Management System (EWMS) have been successfully achieved. The system was designed to automate the management of electronic waste from collection to destruction, addressing the need for a structured and efficient process. The system allows users to log in and manage various stages of electronic waste, including collections, transportations, recycling and disposal. Public users can also interact with the system for educational purposes and to report e-waste.

The system ensures that each user, whether an administrator, operator, or public user, has access to the appropriate modules based on their role, enhancing security and data integrity. The use of a user name and password for login ensures that only authorized personnel can access sensitive parts of the system. The administrator has the highest level of access, overseeing all operations.

6.2 Recommendations

Future research should focus on addressing the potential limitations of the EWMS, particularly as new technologies and methods for e-waste management emerge. As electronic waste continues to grow due to technological advancement, it's essential to continuously update the system to handle new categories of waste and incorporate more advanced methods of recycling and disposal.

Similar systems could be developed for other waste management sectors in Uganda that still rely on manual processes. For example, an online system for managing hazardous waste could improve both efficiency and safety.

6.3 Future Work

The system could be extended in the following ways:

Interactive Forums: Introduce a feature where users can interact with each other or with experts in the field to discuss e-waste management best practices and share experiences.

Environmental Impact Calculations: Implement modules to calculate the environmental impact of collected and processed e-waste, giving insights into the reduction of harmful materials in the environment.

Incentive Programs: Include a feature that tracks and rewards users or organizations based on the amount of e-waste they contribute to the system, encouraging more participation in proper e-waste disposal.

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The Electronic Waste Management System successfully meets its objectives, providing an efficient and automated way to manage the lifecycle of electronic waste from collection to final disposal. The system not only supports environmental sustainability but also streamlines the operations of waste management organizations. With the ability to manage various stages of e-waste processing and provide public education, the EWMS is a valuable tool for improving electronic waste management practices.

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Appendices

Appendix I: Interview Schedule Sample Questions

What is your opinion of the organization's electronic waste management system?

What is your highest academic qualification attained?

Does your organization have an efficient electronic waste management system?

What are the expected roles of an electronic waste management system in your organization?

Does your organization set goals for waste management?

What difficulties are you facing with your current system?

Is your system user-friendly?

What solutions could enhance your current system?

Does your system support data and information backups?

What are your expectations from the new system?

How do you rate the system's performance?

How do you rate the system's reliability?

How do you rate the system's simplicity?

How do you rate the system's security?

Appendix II: Questionnaires

Position in the organization:

Top Management

Middle Management

Operational Management

Number of years worked:

10 years and above

5-10 years

3-5 years

0-3 years

Highest education qualification:

Certificate

Diploma

Degree

Masters

PhD

Does your organization have a Waste Management System?

Yes

No

Does your system calculate environmental impact?

Yes

No

What should the new system provide?

[Open response]

How do you rate the system costs?

Very expensive

Expensive

Cheap

Very cheap

How user-friendly is your system?

Good

Very good

Fair

Poor

Appendix III: System Validation Questionnaire

Is the new system easy to learn?

Yes

No

Does the new system improve waste management processes?

Agree

Disagree

Not sure

How would you rate the user-friendliness of the new EWMS?

Below 40%

50%

60%

Above 80%

Does the new system capture all required information?

Yes

No

Does the new system reduce waste processing delays?

Yes

No

Other comments:

[Open response]

Appendix IV: Pseudocode Examples

Pseudocode for E-Waste Collection:

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Start;

User enters username and password;

If username or password is invalid, return an error message;

Else, return user dashboard;

User selects 'Start New Collection';

User enters collection details;

If details are invalid, return error message;

Else, save collection and generate tracking ID;

Pseudocode for Waste Dismantling:

pseudo

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Start;

Operator logs in with username and password;

If login is unsuccessful, return error message;

Else, return dismantling module;

Operator selects waste item and enters dismantling details;

If details are invalid, return error message;

Else, save dismantling record and update status;

Start;

User/Admin selects 'Start New Collection';
User/Admin enters collection details (e.g., item type, quantity);
If details are invalid, return error message;
Else, save collection and generate tracking ID;
Update collection status to 'Collected';
End;

Start;
Admin logs in with username and password;
If login is unsuccessful, return error message;
Else, return Admin Dashboard;
Admin selects operation (e.g., manage users, manage processes);
If operation is invalid, return error message;
Else, perform operation (e.g., add/edit user, monitor processes);
End;

Start;
Admin assigns transportation to a collection;
Driver enters transportation details (e.g., vehicle number, driver name, pickup location, delivery location);
If details are invalid, return error message;
Else, save transportation details and update collection status to 'In Transit';
End;