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Abstract:

This report focuses on the development of a garbage collection application to optimize waste management operations for BIN IT Services Limited Uganda. The application aims to enhance waste collection efficiency and customer experience by providing a user-friendly platform for customers to schedule and request trash pickup services. The report begins with an introduction to the importance of waste management and the challenges faced in the current system. It then outlines the objectives of the study, which include streamlining communication and scheduling, promoting environmental sustainability, and improving customer satisfaction. The literature review explores existing research and developments in the field of garbage management systems and applications, covering topics such as smart waste management, waste sorting and recycling applications, and citizen engagement through mobile applications. Additionally, the review highlights current trends in smart waste management and the transition to a circular economy. The report concludes with an analysis of Yo-Waste, a waste management company in Uganda that utilizes technology to provide waste collection, disposal, and recycling solutions. Overall, this report provides valuable insights and recommendations for the development of the garbage collection application for BIN IT Services Limited Uganda.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction

In today's modern world, the management and disposal of waste have become pressing concerns due to the growing population and increased urbanization. Garbage collection plays a vital role in maintaining cleanliness, preserving environmental health, and promoting sustainable development. To address these challenges, the implementation of an efficient garbage collection application can revolutionize waste management systems and streamline the entire process.

Garbage management typically includes the following key components:

Waste Segregation: The process of separating different types of waste at the source, such as segregating recyclables (plastic, paper, glass, metal) from non-recyclables (organic waste, hazardous waste, etc.). Proper waste segregation facilitates effective recycling and proper disposal of different waste streams.

Waste Collection: The organized collection of waste from households, commercial establishments, and public areas. Waste collection may involve scheduled pickups, curbside collection, or the use of communal collection points. The collection process ensures that waste is transported from its point of generation to appropriate disposal or recycling facilities.

Waste Transportation: The movement of waste from collection points to treatment or disposal facilities. Transportation methods may include waste collection trucks, specialized vehicles for hazardous waste, or even train and ship transport for large-scale waste management operations.

Waste Treatment and Disposal: The process of treating and disposing of waste in a manner that minimizes environmental impact. Treatment methods include composting of organic waste, recycling of recyclable materials, and the use of waste-to-energy technologies. Disposal methods include landfilling and incineration, which are carefully regulated to minimize pollution and potential health hazards.

Recycling and Resource Recovery: The extraction and reprocessing of materials from waste to produce new products. Recycling aims to conserve resources, reduce energy consumption, and minimize the amount of waste that ends up in landfills or incinerators. Recycling processes involve sorting, cleaning, and transforming waste materials into usable materials for manufacturing.

This report aims to present a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of a garbage collection application that will be designed to optimize waste collection operations. The application will utilize cutting-edge technologies and will leverage the power of digital platforms to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and promote eco-friendly practices.

1.1 Background to the Study

BIN IT Services Limited Uganda is a prominent waste management company operating in Uganda, dedicated to providing comprehensive waste collection and disposal solutions. Since its establishment, the company has been at the forefront of promoting sustainable waste management practices and ensuring a clean and healthy environment for the Ugandan community. Its vision is to provide tailor made solution for a friendly environment.

The current waste management system in Uganda faces several challenges. Traditional waste collection methods are often inefficient and lack proper infrastructure, resulting in inadequate waste disposal practices. These shortcomings contribute to environmental pollution, health hazards, and a strain on resources. To address these issues, BINIT Services Uganda recognizes the need for an innovative waste management solution that leverages technology and efficient practices.

BIN IT Services Limited Uganda offers a wide range of services tailored to meet the diverse waste management needs of residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. The company specializes in efficient waste collection, responsible disposal, and recycling initiatives to minimize environmental impact and promote resource conservation.

Furthermore, BIN IT Services Limited Uganda actively engages with the local community through educational programs and awareness campaigns. They strive to educate individuals and businesses about the importance of waste management practices, including waste reduction, proper segregation, and responsible disposal. By fostering a culture of environmental consciousness, BIN IT Services Limited Uganda aims to create a cleaner and more sustainable future for Uganda.

In summary, BIN IT Services Limited Uganda is a leading waste management company in Uganda, delivering comprehensive waste collection and disposal solutions. Through their commitment to sustainable practices, advanced technology, and community engagement, they are instrumental in promoting environmental stewardship and fostering a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable Uganda.

1.2 Problem statement

The current system is not meeting the needs of the company and is hindering the team's ability to achieve their targets. Currently, the company relies on traditional methods of scheduling waste collection services, which can be time-consuming and inefficient. As a result, customers may experience delays in trash pickup, leading to overflowing bins, unpleasant odors, and potential health hazards.

Moreover, the lack of a user-friendly and accessible platform for customers to request waste collection services poses a significant challenge. Customers often face difficulties in communicating their collection requirements effectively, leading to miscommunication and suboptimal service delivery. This situation not only affects customer satisfaction but also hampers the overall efficiency of waste collection operations.

1.3 Main objective

To enhance waste collection efficiency and customer experience by providing a user-friendly mobile application that allows customers to easily schedule and request trash pickup services.

1.4 Specific objectives

- To streamline Communication and Notifications
- To simplify Waste Collection Scheduling
- To promote Environmental Sustainability

1.5 Scope of the study

This study focuses on the design, development, and implementation of the SmartBin app within the operational context of BIN IT Services Uganda. The study encompasses various aspects of waste management, including user interfaces, smart bin monitoring, data analytics, route optimization, and communication channels.

The application is intended to be used by all local people who need the BIN IT services Limited but more especially in Kampala region plus the staff of the company.

1.6 Significance of the study

To company

The mobile application will streamline the waste collection process, reducing manual paperwork and streamlining scheduling. It will enable efficient resource allocation and route planning, optimizing the company's operations and reducing costs associated with time and fuel consumption.

Increased Customer Reach and Market Penetration: By offering a user-friendly mobile application, BIN IT Services Limited Uganda will attract new customers who prefer the convenience and efficiency of digital platforms. This will enable the company to expand its

customer base and tap into previously untapped markets, increasing its market share and competitiveness.

The Government of Uganda

The implementation of the SmartBin app will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of waste management operations, leading to cost savings, improved resource allocation, and better planning and decision-making.

The government of Uganda will establish the extent to which taxes is collected. This will turn lead to revision in approaches to collect real taxes from the business. Besides, the government of Uganda will be encouraged to measure the appropriateness of paying tax in relation to the performance of the business.

To the Customers

The app empowers communities and individuals to actively participate in waste management efforts, promoting a sense of environmental responsibility and fostering cleaner and more sustainable neighborhoods.

The mobile application will enhance customer experience which will provide a convenient and accessible platform for customers to request waste collection services. It will simplify the scheduling process, offers real-time updates and notifications, and improves communication channels between the company and its customers. This will enhance customer satisfaction and fosters long-term relationships with clients.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

This is a survey of scholarly sources on a specific topic. It provides an overview of current knowledge, allowing us to identify relevant theories, methods, and gaps in the existing research that we can later apply to the paper, thesis, or dissertation topic.

What is Garbage management?

Garbage management, also known as waste management, refers to the systematic handling, collection, transportation, disposal, and recycling of waste materials generated by human activities. It involves various processes and techniques aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of waste, promoting public health and safety, and maximizing the recovery of valuable resources.

Garbage management is a crucial aspect of urban development and sustainability. With the increasing population and urbanization, efficient garbage management systems and applications are essential to ensure proper waste disposal, recycling, and environmental preservation. This literature review aims to explore existing research and developments in the field of garbage management systems and applications.

2.1 Theoretical reviews

The following works were carried out by specific persons in the area of smart waste management:

Adil Bashir, Shoaib Amin Banday, Ab. Rouf Khan, and Mohammad Shafi , in their paper titled "Concept, Design and Implementation of Automatic Waste Management System" (2020) [1], the authors integrated the use of a Smart Trash System. This system incorporates an electronic device known as the Smart Trash Bin, which consists of sensors (load sensor and IR proximity sensor) and a radio frequency (RF) transmitter. The project utilizes an automated GSM module, load sensor, microcontroller, DC motor, LCD, web camera, and power supply for the collection, monitoring, and management of garbage. The implementation of this project helps to prevent garbage overflow from residential area containers, which were previously loaded manually or with the help of loaders in traditional trucks. This approach reduces the productivity of vehicles and deployed manpower, thereby minimizing the threat to the health of sanitation workers due to highly contaminated waste (Shoaib Banday, 2020).

Chowdhury and M. U. Chowdhury , in their paper titled "RFID-based real-time smart waste management system" (2007) [2], the authors discuss the application of "pay as you throw" weight-based billing for residential waste collection, which could motivate residents to reduce their waste. The system utilizes load sensors (.Chowdhury, 2007).

Fachmin Folianto, Yong Sheng Low, and Wai Leong Yeow , in their paper titled "Smartbin: Smart Waste Management System" (2015) [3], the authors present a system designed to collect data using ultrasonic sensors and transmit it through a wireless mesh network. The system also

employs a duty cycle technique to reduce power consumption and maximize operational time. The Smart bin system was tested in an outdoor environment, and data were collected to obtain information on litter bin utilization and daily seasonality. This information can assist litter bin providers and cleaning contractors in making better decisions to increase productivity (Folianto, 2021).

Waste Sorting and Recycling Applications:

Efficient waste sorting and recycling play a vital role in reducing the burden on landfills and promoting a circular economy. Several studies have focused on developing waste sorting and recycling applications that utilize technologies like image recognition, machine learning, and robotics. For instance, Liu et al. (2019) developed an image recognition-based mobile application for waste sorting, while Chen et al. (2021) proposed a robotic system for automated recycling.

Citizen Engagement and Mobile Applications:

Engaging citizens in waste management processes can significantly enhance the effectiveness of garbage management systems. Mobile applications have been developed to facilitate citizen participation, such as reporting garbage-related issues, scheduling pickups, and providing recycling information. Studies by Ma et al. (2018) and Ahsan et al. (2021) have shown the positive impact of citizen engagement through mobile applications on waste management practices and community involvement.

Current trends

Smart Waste Management: The integration of technology, such as IoT sensors, data analytics, and mobile applications, in waste management systems was gaining attention. These smart waste management solutions aimed to improve efficiency, optimize collection routes, reduce costs, and enhance sustainability.

Circular Economy and Waste Valorization: The concept of the circular economy gained traction, focusing on reducing waste generation and promoting recycling and waste valorization. Waste applications were being developed to support the transition to a circular economy by facilitating proper waste sorting, recycling information, and promoting sustainable waste management practices.

2.2 Review of related literature

The following is an analysis of two applications;

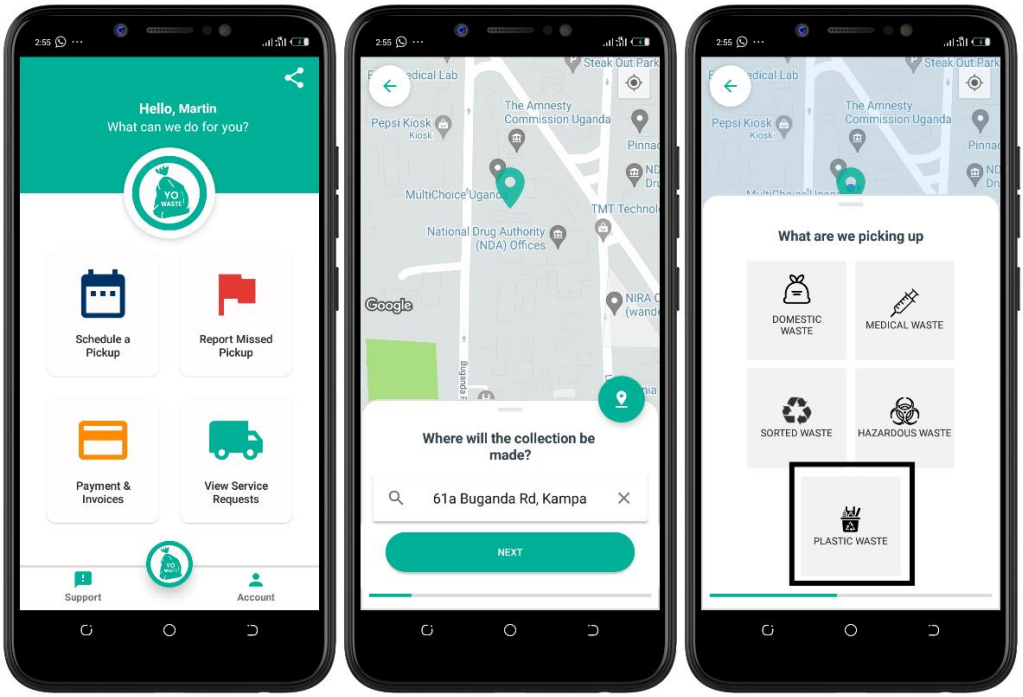
Yo-Waste is a tech enabled waste management company that offers waste collection, disposal and recycling solutions for residential & commercial clients in urban communities of Uganda & East Africa. They partner with governments and municipalities to offer waste collection, disposal

& recycling services to their communities with a mission to eliminate waste and create circular waste management systems.

Their integrated waste management model looks at collecting waste from our clients and have it recycled through our vendor network of recyclers. They work majorly with a network of independent waste collection service providers in Uganda who offer waste management & recycling services on our behalf. It is basically an uber for waste management that connects garbage generators to the nearest local yo-waste collector for garbage collection & recycling services.

The Company is headquartered in Kampala, Uganda and serves over 1,000+ municipal commercial & residential clients through a network of 30+ waste collection companies, 100 vendor network of recyclers and 2 municipalities and still growing.

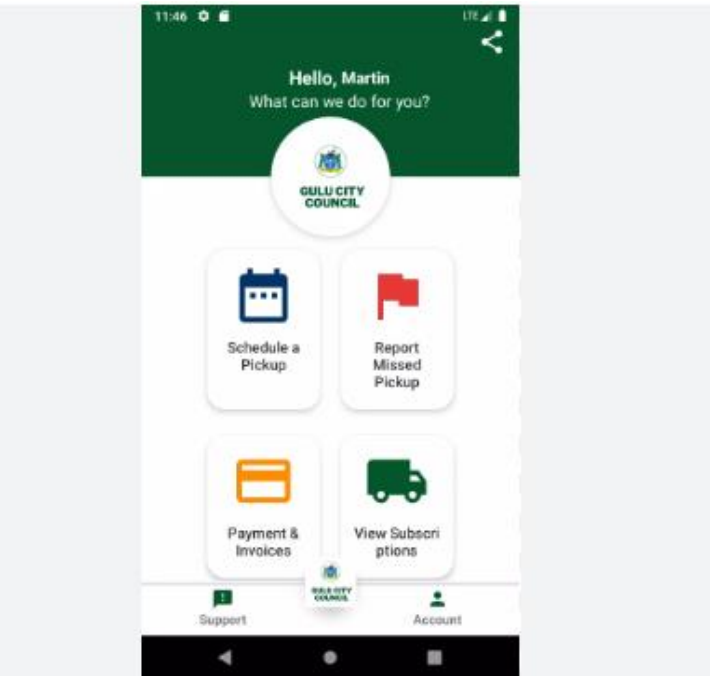
Yo-waste



GCC Waste App

Gulu is a city in the Northern Region of Uganda. It is the commercial and administrative center of Gulu District.
The GCC Waste App is a mobile application designed to improve waste management and refuse collection in Gulu city, located in the Northern Region of Uganda. It aims to connect Gulu citizens with waste management and sanitation services provided by the Gulu City Council and

licensed waste management companies operating in the city. The mobile app is a step forward to building a smart clean and zero-waste community in Gulu city.



Yo-Waste:

Functionality: Yo-Waste is a waste management app that connects households with waste collectors in Uganda. It focuses on improving waste collection and disposal processes. Some key features include waste collection scheduling, real-time tracking, digital payments, and waste collection analytics, the app aims to provide an intuitive and easy-to-navigate interface, enhancing the user experience while GCC Waste App is designed to improve waste management and refuse collection in Gulu city, Uganda. It connects Gulu citizens with waste management and sanitation services provided by the Gulu City Council and licensed waste management companies. Specific features may include waste collection scheduling, communication with waste management providers, and waste disposal guidelines. The app aims to enhance waste collection efficiency and build a smart, clean, and zero-waste community in Gulu city. It focuses on leveraging technology to streamline communication and coordination between citizens, the city council, and waste management companies.

User Interface: Both Yo-Waste and GCC waste app offers a user-friendly interface that simplifies the waste management process for households.

Waste Collection Scheduling: Yo-waste users can schedule waste collection services according to their preferred dates and frequency. This flexibility allows households to manage their waste disposal efficiently and based on their specific needs. GCC's primary focus is on improving refuse collection processes in Gulu. By providing a mobile platform, it aims to address challenges related to scheduling, coordination, and information dissemination, ultimately enhancing waste management practices in the city.

Local Integration: The GCC Waste App specifically targets the waste management needs of Gulu city. It is designed to integrate with the Gulu City Council and licensed waste management companies, ensuring seamless collaboration and access to authorized waste collection services.

Real-time Tracking: Yo-Waste provides real-time tracking of waste collection activities. Users can monitor the progress of their waste collection requests and have visibility into the status and location of the waste collectors.

Digital Payments: Yo-Waste incorporates digital payment options, enabling users to make secure payments for the waste collection services they receive. This feature streamlines the payment process and adds convenience for users.

2.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the reviewed literature demonstrates the diverse range of advancements in garbage management systems and applications. The integration of smart technologies, waste sorting and recycling applications, blockchain technology, citizen engagement, and waste-to-energy systems has shown promising results in improving waste management efficiency, reducing environmental impact, and promoting sustainability. However, further research is needed to address challenges such as scalability, interoperability, and user acceptance to ensure the widespread adoption and effectiveness of these systems in real-world settings.

CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY

3.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the methodology employed for the development and implementation of the waste management application, designed with functionality akin to Uber. The methodology encompasses research design, target group, sample size, data collection tools and methods, data analysis, design tools, implementation, and testing and validation processes.

Methodology

In this project, the Prototype methodology will be employed, departing from the traditional Waterfall approach. The Prototype model emphasizes iterative development and feedback loops, allowing for a more flexible and user-centric development process. The model involves the creation of a working prototype or a simplified version of the application early in the development cycle. This prototype is then refined and enhanced through successive iterations based on user feedback and evolving requirements.

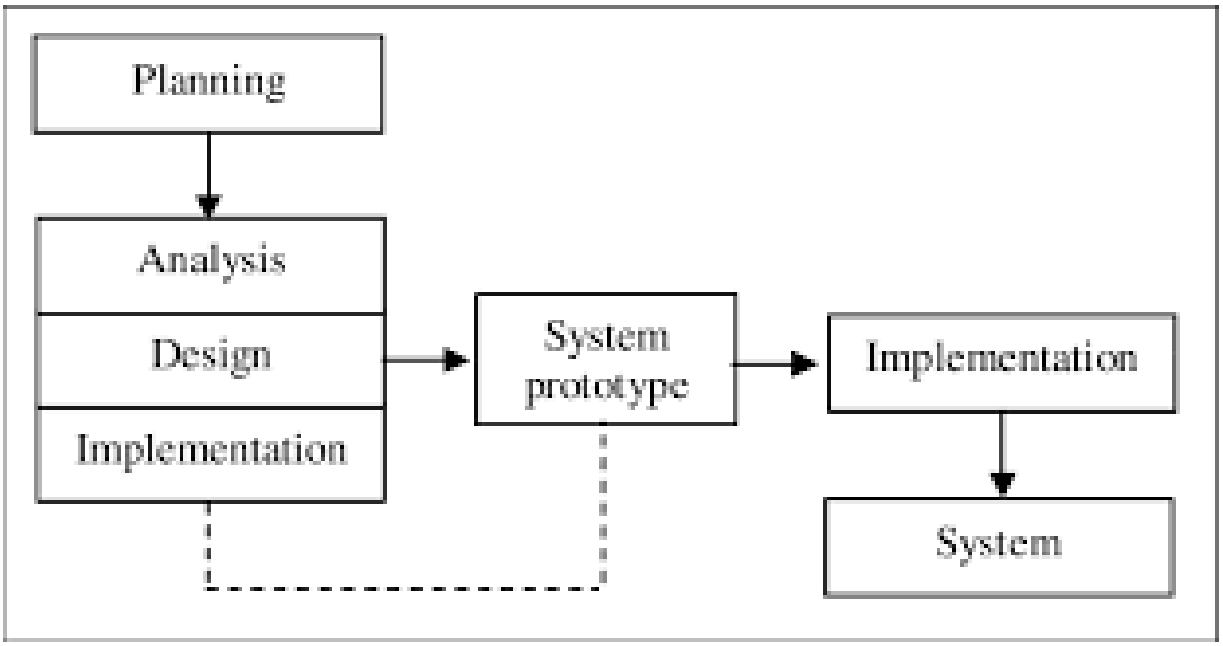


Figure 1 Prototype Methodology

Unlike the Waterfall model, where each phase is completed before moving to the next, the Prototype methodology emphasizes the following phases:

• Requirements Elicitation and Prototyping: In this initial phase, project requirements are gathered through interactions with stakeholders, and an initial prototype is developed to provide a tangible representation of the application's core features and functionalities.

• Prototype Refinement: Once the initial prototype is created, it undergoes refinement based on user feedback and testing. This iterative process involves multiple rounds of development and user testing to enhance the prototype's usability and functionality.

• Final Implementation: After several iterations of prototyping and refinement, the final version of the application is developed. This version incorporates all the enhancements and modifications derived from user feedback and iterative development.

• Testing and Validation: The final prototype undergoes comprehensive testing to ensure its reliability, performance, and alignment with the project's goals and user needs.

• Deployment: Once the prototype is thoroughly tested and validated, it can be deployed to users or clients. Deployment might be gradual, allowing for a controlled release of the application.

• Continuous Improvement: Following deployment, the application continues to evolve based on user usage, feedback, and changing requirements. Regular updates and refinements are made to enhance user experience and address any issues that arise.

3.1 Research Design

The research design for this project integrates exploratory research with iterative development, aligning with the Prototype methodology. The exploratory research phase aims to comprehend current waste management practices, identify challenges, and explore potential solutions. The iterative development approach facilitates ongoing enhancements driven by user feedback and evolving project requirements. This combined approach ensures a dynamic and user-focused development process.

3.2 Study Population / Target Group

The target group for my application will mainly be the residents of Kampala. It will also include waste management authorities in Kampala municipal council

3.3 Sample Size

I will use a sample size of 100 people. This ensures that the collected data provides reliable insights and generalizability. The sample size will be determined through statistical techniques or based on practical considerations and resource constraints.

3.4 Data Collection Tools and Methods

To collect data for the smart bin app, the following tools and methods will be employed:

3.4.1 Surveys and Questionnaires

Surveys and questionnaires will be designed to gather information from relevant stakeholders, such as waste management authorities, municipal corporations, waste collection agencies, and end-users. These tools will help understand their needs, preferences, and challenges related to waste management and the use of an Uber-like app for waste collection. Here is the questionnaire I will use;

Garbage Collection App Questionnaire

1. Demographics:

   - Age: _____

   - Gender: _____

   - Occupation: _____

   - Location: _____

2. Current Waste Management Practices:

   - How do you currently dispose of your household waste?

     _____

   - Are you satisfied with the existing waste collection services in your area?

     [] Yes

     [] No

3. Challenges with Waste Collection:

   - What are the main challenges you face with waste collection in your locality?

     _____

   - Are there specific days or times when waste collection is inconvenient for you?

     [] Yes

     [] No

4. Preferred Collection Schedule:

   - How frequently would you like waste collection to take place in your area?

     [] Weekly

[] Bi-weekly

[] Monthly

5. Types of Waste:

- What types of waste do you typically generate?

[] Recyclables

[] Organic

[] Hazardous

[] Others: _____

- Are there specific waste categories that are not collected in your area currently but should be included?

_____

6. Recycling Awareness:

- How familiar are you with recycling practices and facilities in your locality?

[] Very familiar

[] Somewhat familiar

[] Not familiar at all

7. User Experience:

- What features would you like to see in a garbage collection app to make it more user-friendly and efficient?

_____

8. Notification Preferences:

- How would you prefer to receive notifications about garbage collection schedules and updates?

[] In-app notifications

[] SMS

[] Email

[] Others: _____

9. Feedback on Current Apps (if applicable):

- Have you used any other garbage collection apps before? If yes, what did you like or dislike about them?

_____

10. Additional Suggestions:

- Do you have any other suggestions or ideas that you think would improve waste management and the overall garbage collection process?

_____

Thank You!

Your input is highly valuable in helping us design an effective garbage collection app. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

3.4.2 Literature Review

I conducted a comprehensive review of existing literature on waste management practices, technology-driven solutions, and user experiences with similar waste apps.

3.5 Data Analysis

The collected data will be analyzed using a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods. Qualitative data from interviews and open-ended survey responses will be analyzed using thematic analysis techniques to identify recurring themes and patterns. Quantitative data from surveys and sensor technologies will be analyzed using statistical analysis tools to derive meaningful insights and trends.

3.6 Design Tools

Design tools such as wireframing software, graphic design tools, and prototyping platforms will be utilized to create the user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) design for the waste management app. These tools will enable the visualization and refinement of the app's interface, ensuring a user-friendly and intuitive design. They will include;

- UML (Unified Modeling Language): UML is a graphical language used for visualizing, specifying, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of a software system. It can be used to model the different components and interactions of a sales management system.

- ER (Entity-Relationship) Diagrams: ER diagrams are used to model the data structure of a system. You can use ER diagrams to identify the different entities involved in a sales management system and their relationships.

- Flowcharts: Flowcharts are diagrams that show the flow of a process. You can use flowcharts to model the different steps involved in the sales management process.

- Use Case Diagrams: Use case diagrams are used to model the different ways in which users interact with a system.

- Prototyping Tools: Prototyping tools allow you to quickly create working models of a system. You can use prototyping tools to test and refine the design of a sales management system before building the final product.

3.7 Implementation

The implementation phase will involve the actual development of the smart bin app based on the defined requirements and design specifications. Programming languages, frameworks, and development tools will be utilized to build the frontend and backend components of the app, ensuring its functionality and usability.

3.8 Testing and Validation

The developed waste management app will undergo rigorous testing to identify and fix any bugs or issues. Different testing methods, such as unit testing, integration testing, and user acceptance testing, will be employed to ensure the app's quality, reliability, and performance. Validation will involve verifying the app

CHAPTER FOUR: SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

4.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the system analysis and design phase of the BIN IT Services Limited case study in Kampala, Uganda. It provides an overview of the findings from the research conducted, assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the current system, and proposes a new system to address the identified challenges.

4.1 Presentation of Findings

This section presents the key findings from the research conducted on BIN IT Services Limited in Kampala. It includes a comprehensive analysis of the current waste management practices, the challenges faced, and the requirements and expectations of the stakeholders involved. The findings will serve as the foundation for designing an improved waste management system.

4.2 Strengths and Weaknesses of the Current System

In this section, the strengths and weaknesses of the existing waste management system employed by BIN IT Services Limited in Kampala are discussed.

Strengths of the current system

- ✓ Established Infrastructure: The current system has a well-established infrastructure in place, including hardware, software, and network components, which allow the smooth functioning of day-to-day operations.
- ✓ Familiarity and Experience: The employees and stakeholders are familiar with the current system; it is a strength as it reduces the learning curve and training time when compared to implementing a completely new system.
- ✓ Customization: Over time, the system has been customized to meet specific business needs and processes, providing a tailored solution that aligns with the company's requirements.

Weaknesses of the current system

- ✓ Scalability Issues: The current system faces challenges when it comes to scaling up or accommodating increasing data volumes, user traffic, or business expansion. This hinders the company's ability to grow and adapt to changing needs.
- ✓ Lack of Integration: The system is not well-integrated with other systems and tools, it results in data silos, manual data entry, and limited information flow between different departments or stakeholders.
- ✓ Security Vulnerabilities: It has an outdated and poorly maintained system has security vulnerabilities, potentially exposing sensitive data to unauthorized access or cyber threats. This can pose a significant risk to the organization's operations and reputation.
- ✓ Limited Reporting and Analytics: The current system lacks robust reporting and analytics capabilities, it may hinder the ability to gain insights, make data-driven decisions, and optimize business processes.

4.3 Proposed System

The proposed waste application system for BIN IT Services Limited in Kampala aims to revolutionize their waste management processes. The system will provide an efficient and user-friendly platform for managing waste collection, disposal, and recycling. It will include various user roles such as administrators (waste collectors) and customers.

Customers will have the ability to register and manage their profiles, submit waste collection requests, and track the status of their requests in real-time. The system will optimize waste collection routes based on factors like location, waste volume, and collection schedules, reducing travel time and operational costs. Billing and payment functionalities will be integrated, allowing customers to view and pay invoices conveniently. The system will also generate reports and analytics to provide insights into waste collection volumes, recycling rates, and overall performance metrics.

To ensure security, the system will incorporate robust authentication mechanisms and encryption techniques to protect sensitive data. The proposed technology stack includes ReactJS for the web application frontend, Node.js with Express.js as the backend framework, and MongoDB as the

database. Real-time tracking will be facilitated through GPS or geolocation APIs, and payment integration will be established with popular gateways like PayPal.

4.3.1 Requirements Specification

The requirements specification defines the functional and non-functional requirements of the proposed system. It includes specific features, functionalities, and capabilities necessary to meet the objectives of BIN IT Services Limited.

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- User Registration and Profile Management: Users should be able to create accounts and manage their profiles to access the system's features and personalize their waste management preferences.
- Waste Collection Request: Customers should have the ability to submit requests for waste collection, specifying details such as collection dates, waste types, and quantities.
- Real-time Tracking: Users should be able to track the status of their waste collection requests in real-time, receiving updates on collection progress and estimated arrival times.
- Billing and Payment: The system should generate invoices based on the waste collected, allowing customers to view and make secure online payments for the services rendered.
- Reporting and Analytics: The system should generate reports and analytics on waste collection volumes, recycling rates, and other key metrics, providing insights for better waste management decision-making.

NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Performance: The system should be responsive and provide fast loading times to ensure a seamless user experience, even during peak usage periods.
- Scalability: The system should be designed to handle increasing amounts of data and user traffic as the company grows, without compromising performance or functionality.
- Security: The system should employ robust security measures, including data encryption, secure user authentication, and protection against unauthorized access or data breaches.
- Usability: The system should have an intuitive user interface, with clear navigation and user-friendly features, to ensure ease of use for both customers and internal users.
- Reliability: The system should be highly reliable, with minimal downtime and the ability to recover quickly from failures, ensuring uninterrupted waste management operations.

- Compatibility: The system should be compatible with various devices and browsers to accommodate users accessing the application from different platforms.
- Data Integrity: The system should maintain the accuracy, consistency, and integrity of data throughout the waste management process, preventing data loss or corruption.

4.3.2 System Architecture and Components

This subsection provides an overview of the system architecture and its various components. It outlines the high-level structure of the proposed system, including the backend servers, databases, APIs, mobile or web-based interfaces, and integration with external systems or sensors. The architecture should be scalable, secure, and capable of handling the anticipated load and data volume.

SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS:

Software	Requirements
Operating system for the server	Windows 2010 and above
Web server	Apache web server version 2.0 or 2.0.64
Web browser	MS Internet Explorer 6.0, Mozilla Firefox 3.6 or Google chrome
Database Management System	Mongo db and PHP.

Figure 2 Software requirements

Hardware	Requirements
Processor	Intel Pentium III or above
Hard disk	4GB
RAM	512MB

Figure 3 Hardware requirements

Software Requirements

software	Requirements
Operating System	Windows
Database Management System	MySQL Server & mongo db
Programming Languages	PHP, JavaScript
Frameworks and Libraries	React Native

4.3.3 User Interface Design

The user interface design focuses on creating an intuitive and user-friendly interface for different stakeholders, including waste service providers, customers, and administrators. This subsection describes the design principles, layout, navigation, and visual elements that will enhance usability and accessibility. Mockups or wireframes of the proposed user interfaces can be included to provide a visual representation.

4.3.3.1 User Requirements

- User Registration: Allow users to create accounts and log in to the app to access its features and functionalities.
- Waste Tracking: Enables users to track and manage their waste by providing options to categorize waste types (e.g., recyclables, compostables, hazardous materials) and record the quantity or weight of waste generated.
- Waste Collection Schedule: Provides a feature where users can view waste collection schedules specific to their location, including dates, times, and types of waste collected on each day.

4.3.3.2 Operational Requirements

- Compatibility: The app should be compatible with popular operating systems, such as iOS and Android, and work seamlessly on different devices, including smartphones and tablets.
- Performance: The app should be responsive, with fast loading times and smooth navigation, to ensure a positive user experience.
- Security: Implement robust security measures to protect user data and ensure secure transactions. This may include data encryption, secure user authentication, and adherence to relevant privacy regulations.
- Scalability: Design the app to handle increasing numbers of users and data without compromising performance. This ensures that the app can accommodate growth and user demands over time.

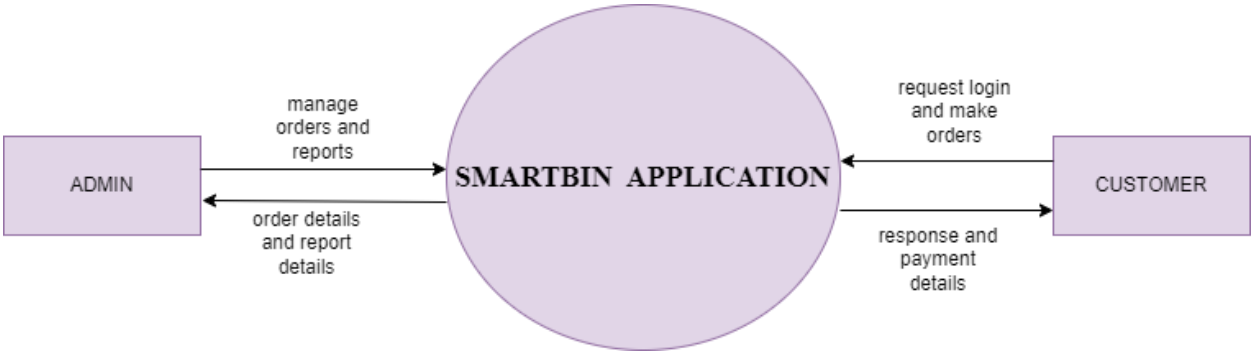
- Reliability: The app should be stable and reliable, with minimal downtime or errors. Regular testing and bug fixes should be conducted to maintain its performance.

- Offline Functionality: Provide offline capabilities that allow users to access certain features or view previously downloaded information when they have limited or no internet connectivity.
- Data Management: Implement a robust data management system to handle user information, waste tracking data, and any other relevant data generated by the app. This includes secure storage, backup, and recovery mechanisms.

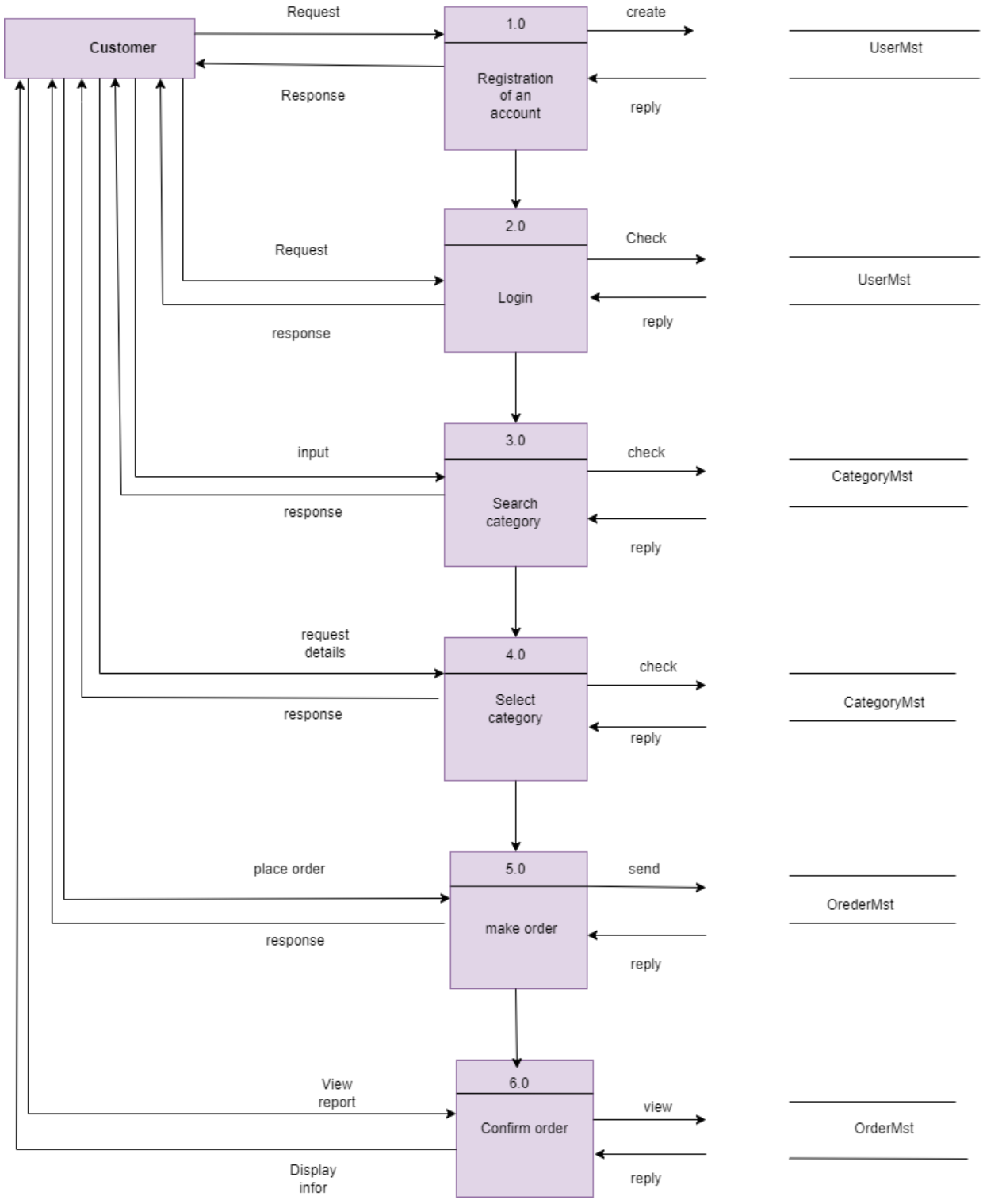
4.4 SYSTEMS DESIGN

4.4.1 Context Diagram (DFD Level 0)

In the logical design activities such as data flow diagrams were used to show the flow of information in the development system. Data flow diagrams involve processes that are used in the application by the users. It also shows how the entities interact with the system.



4.4.2 Data Flow Diagram Level 1 (User side)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Search category
check
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CategoryMst
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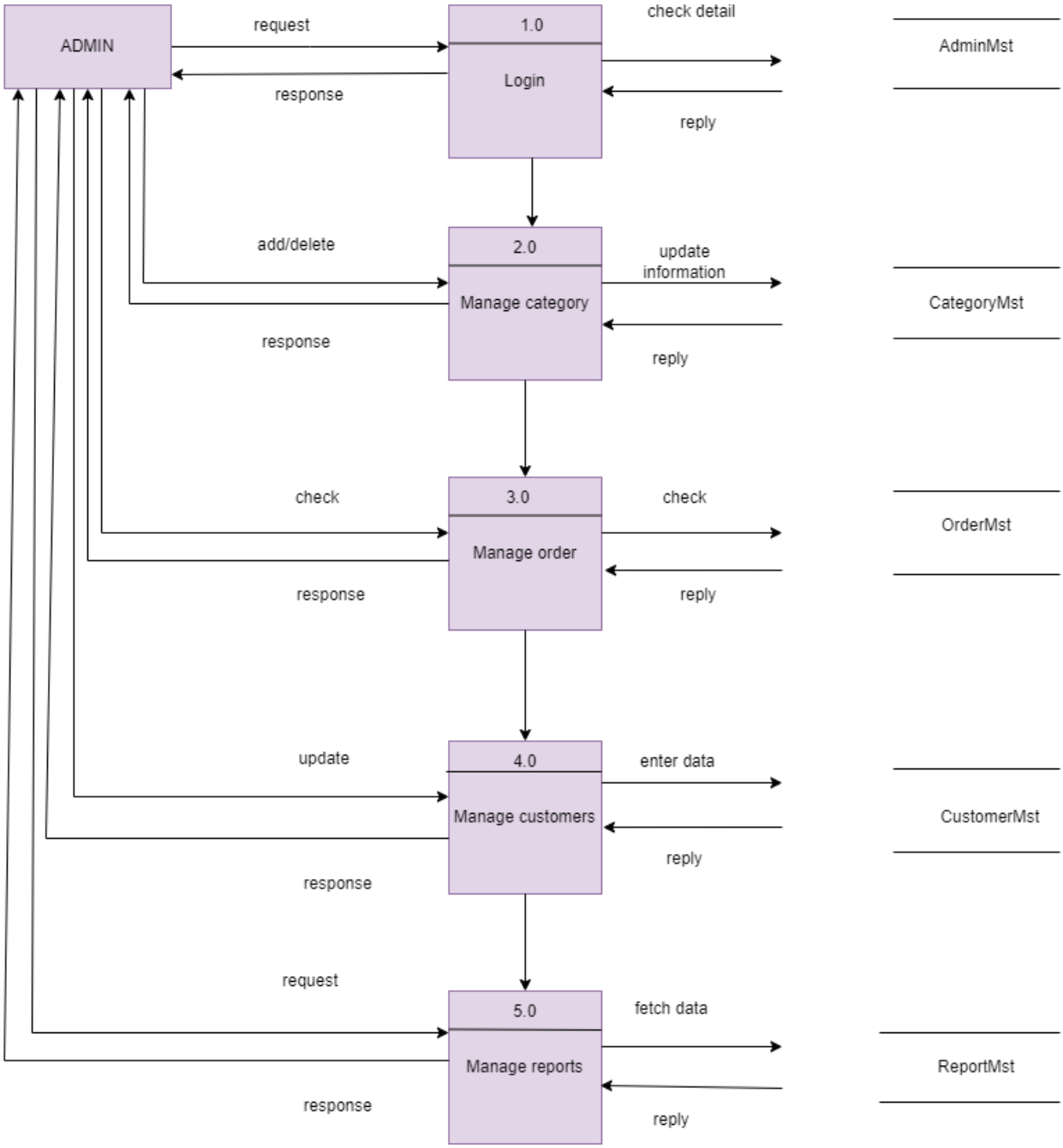
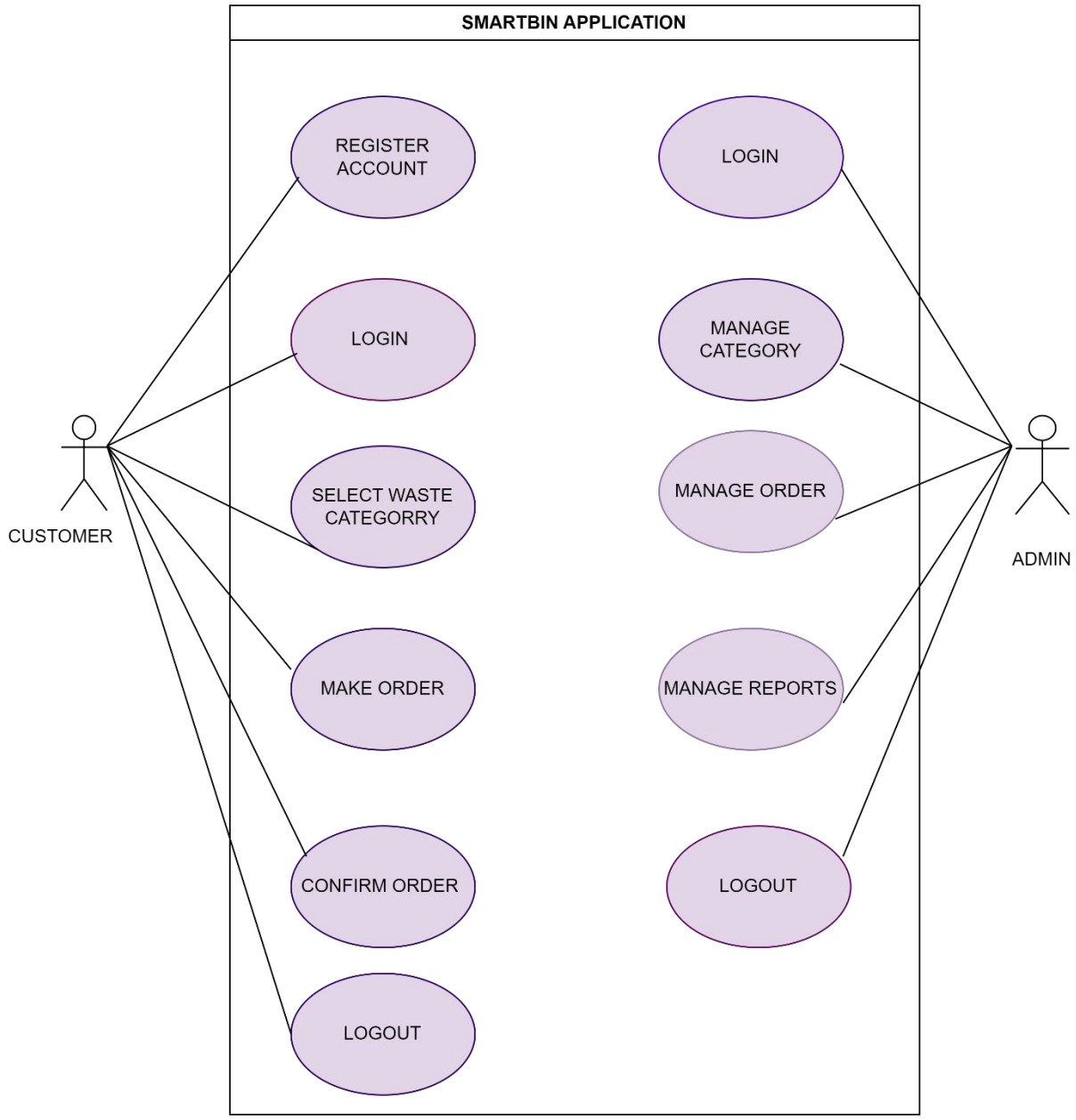
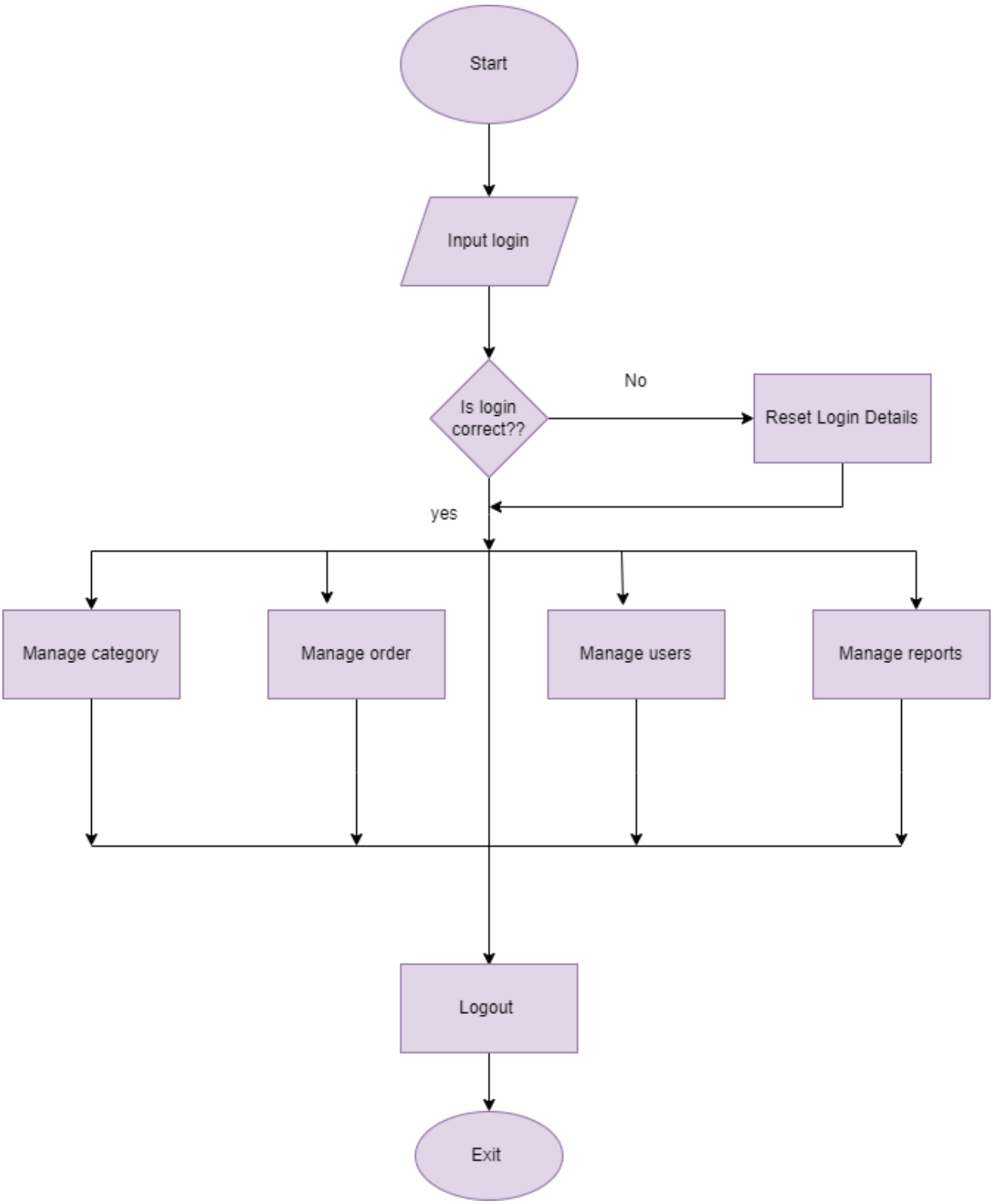
DFD Level 1 (Admin side)



Use case diagram



4.4.3 Flow chat (Admin side)

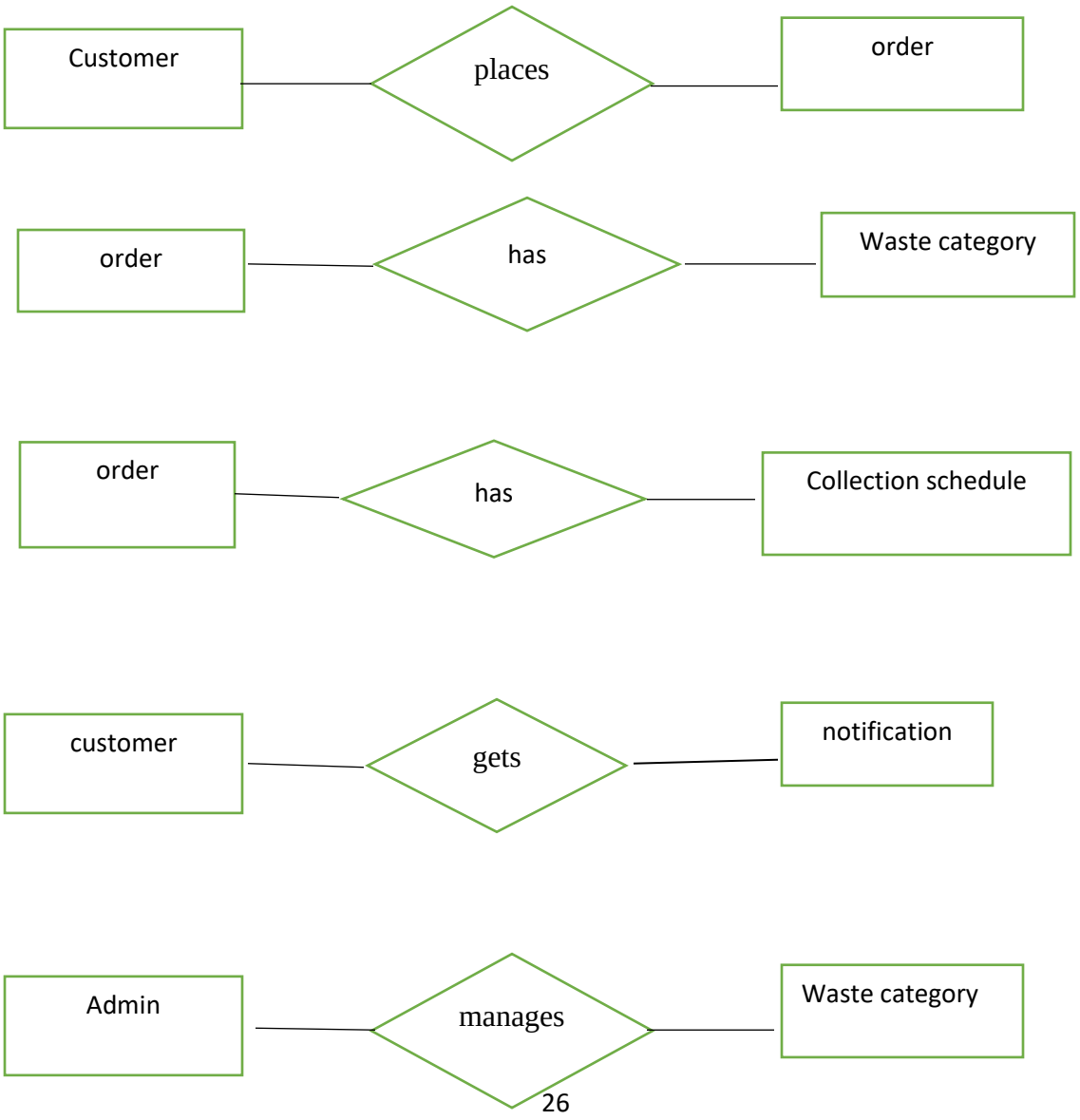

Start
Input login
Is login correct??
No
Reset Login Details
yes
Manage category
Manage order
Manage users
Manage reports
Logout
Exit

ERD (ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM)

ENTITIES;

- Customer
- Administrator
- Waste category
- order
- collection schedule
- notification

RELATIONSHIPS



ATTRIBUTES TO ENTITIES

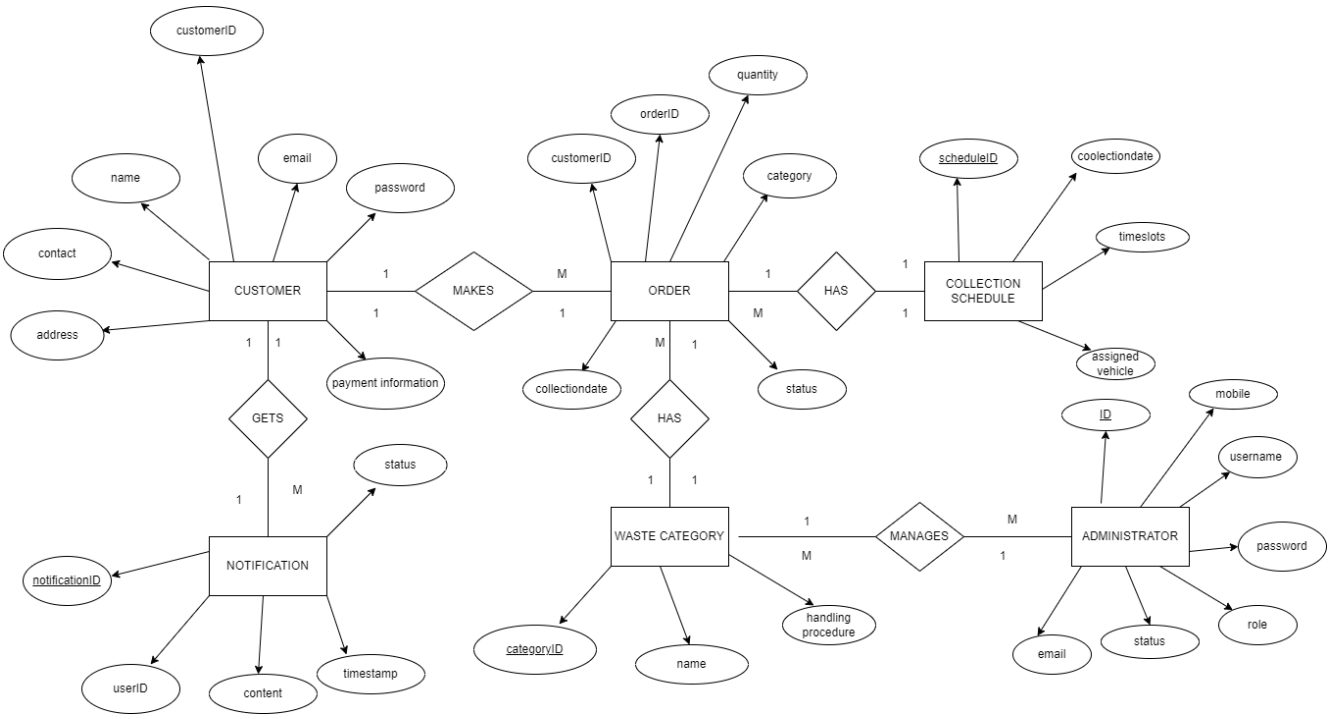
Entity	Attributes
Waste category	Category ID, name, handling procedure
customer	Customer ID, name, contact, email, password, address
order	Order ID, customer ID, category, quantity, collection date, status,
Collection Schedule	Schedule ID, collection date, time slots, assigned vehicle
Notification	Notification ID, customer ID, content, time stamp, status
Administrator	id, username, password, role, email, mobile, status

IDENTIFYING CANDIDAT, PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE KEYS;

ENTITY	PRIMARY KEY
Customer	Customer ID

Waste category	Category ID
Order	Order ID
Collection schedule	Schedule ID
Notification	Notification ID
Admin	ID

LOGICAL DESIGN



4.4.4 Data dictionary

The data dictionary describes all data used in the smartbin. Changes made to a model were applied to the data dictionary to determine if the changes have affected the model's interface to the other systems.

Entity	Attributes	Data type	Constraints
Customer	Customer ID	Int (20)	Not null
	Name	Varchar (50)	Not Null
	Contact	Int (20)	Not null
	Email	Varchar (200)	Not null
	Address	Varchar (220)	Not null
	Payment information	Varchar (220)	Not null
Order	Order ID	Int (20)	Not null
	customer ID	Int (20)	Not null
	collection date	Date (0000-00-00)	Not null
	quantity	Int (20)	Not null
	category	Varchar (200)	Not null
	status	Varchar (200)	Not null
Waste category	Category ID	Int (20)	Not null
	Name	Varchar (50)	Not null
	Handling procedure	Varchar (220)	Not null

Collection schedule	Schedule ID Collection date Time slots assigned vehicle	Int (20) Date (0000-00-00) Time (00-00) Varchar (25)	Not null Not null Not null Not null
Notification	Notification ID Customer ID Content Time stamp status	Int (20) Int (20) Varchar (25) Time (00-00) Varchar (25)	Not null Not null Not null Not null Not null
Admin	Id Username Password Role Email Mobile Status	int (11) varchar (255) varchar (255) int (11) varchar (50) varchar (50) int (11)	NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL NOT NULL

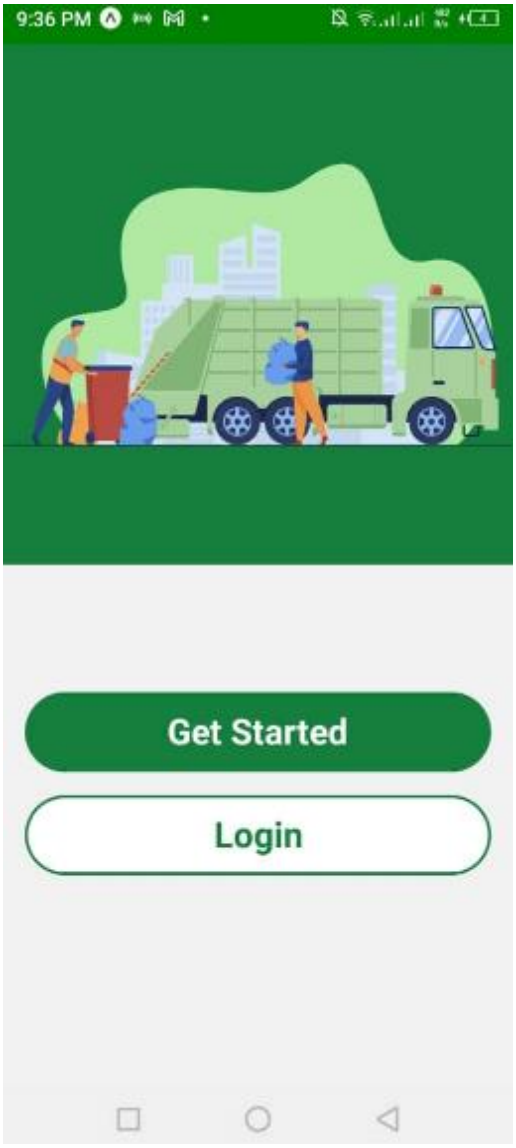
CHAPTER FIVE: IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Introduction

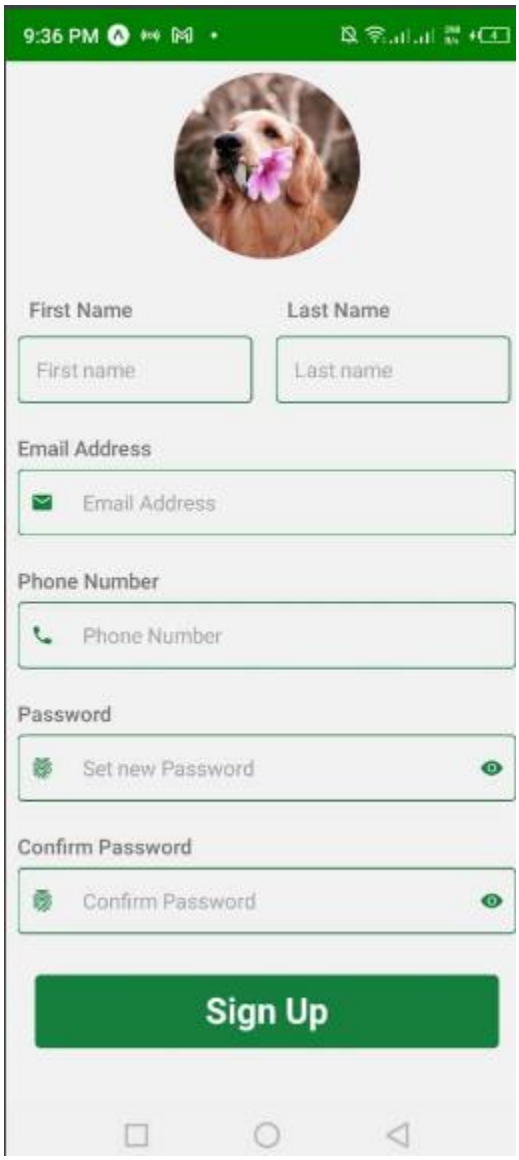
In this chapter, the implementation of the Smart bin application for garbage collection will be discussed. The focus will be on the practical aspects of developing and deploying the application. This chapter outlines the steps taken to bring the smart bin application from the design phase to the operational stage.

5.2 Print Screen

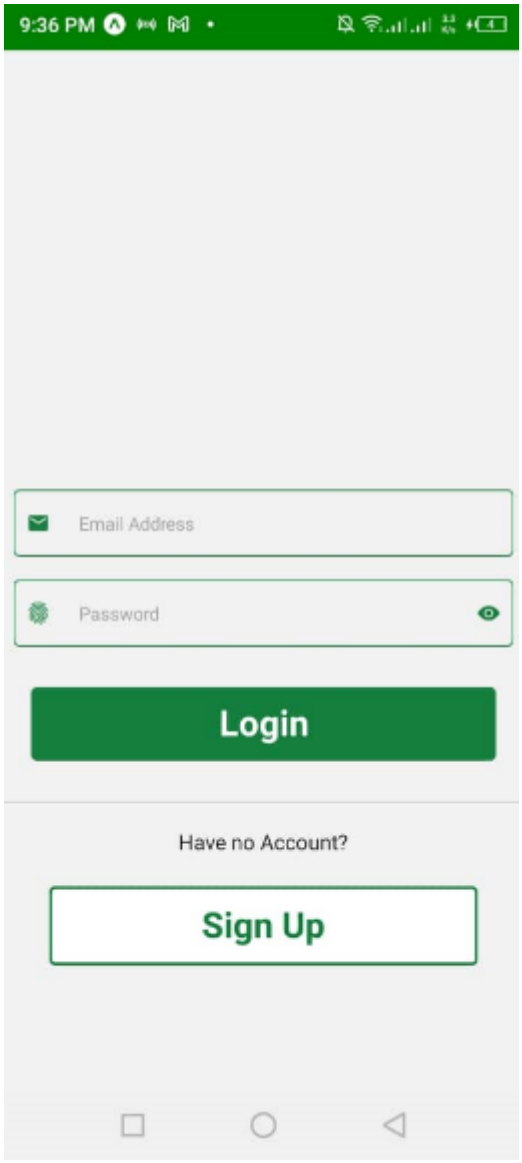
Print screens, also known as screenshots, are an effective way to visually demonstrate the user interface and functionality of the smart bin application. This section presents a series of print screens that showcase key features and interactions within the application. These print screens provide readers with a visual representation of the user experience and the overall design of the application. Below are my screenshots of the application;



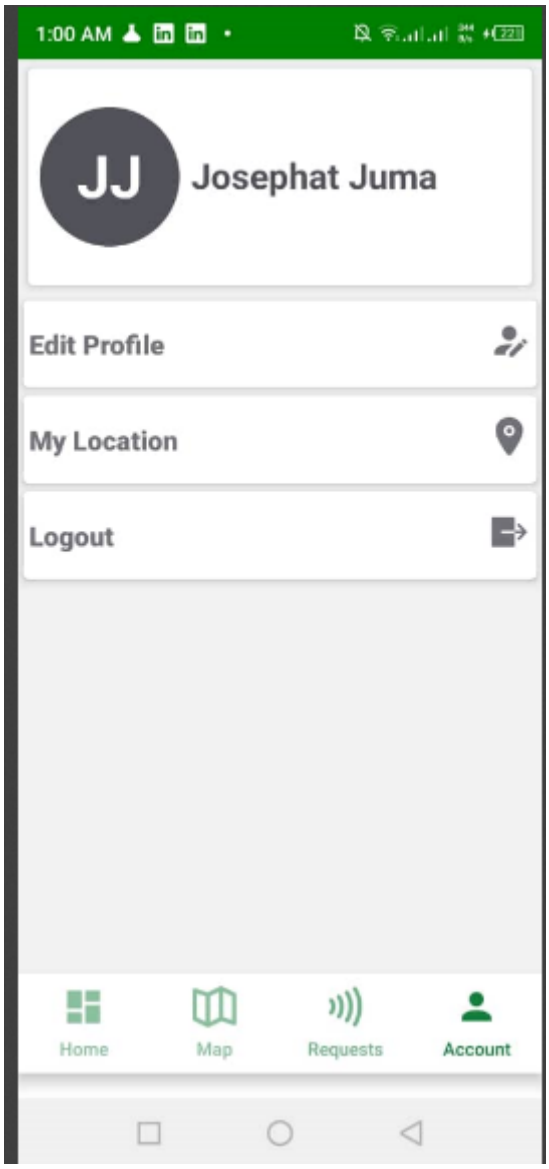
Here, a customer will begin with signing up by pressing the Get Started button, if they have already an account, they can login immediately.



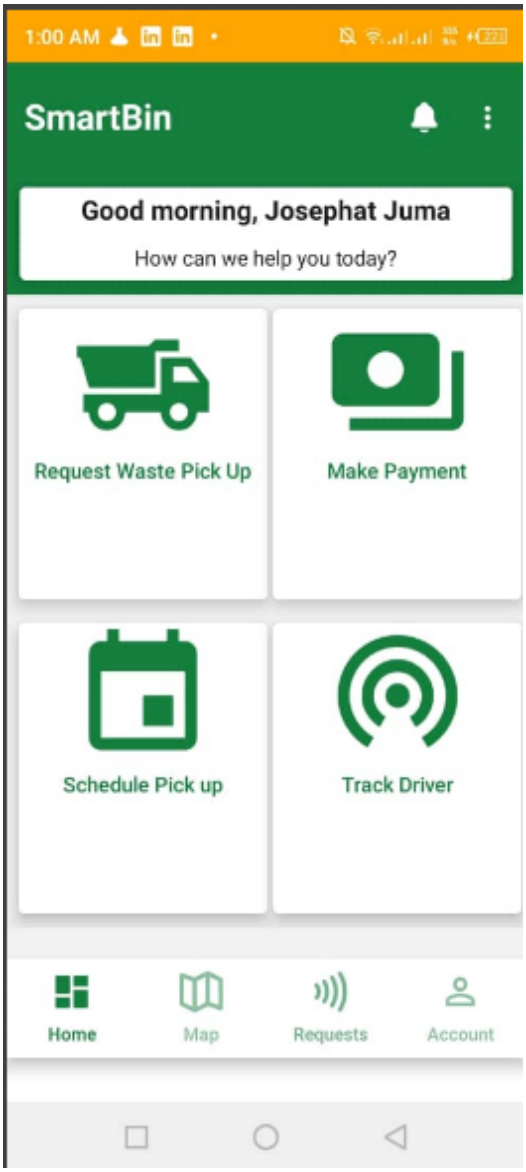
Here the user signs up and creates an account.



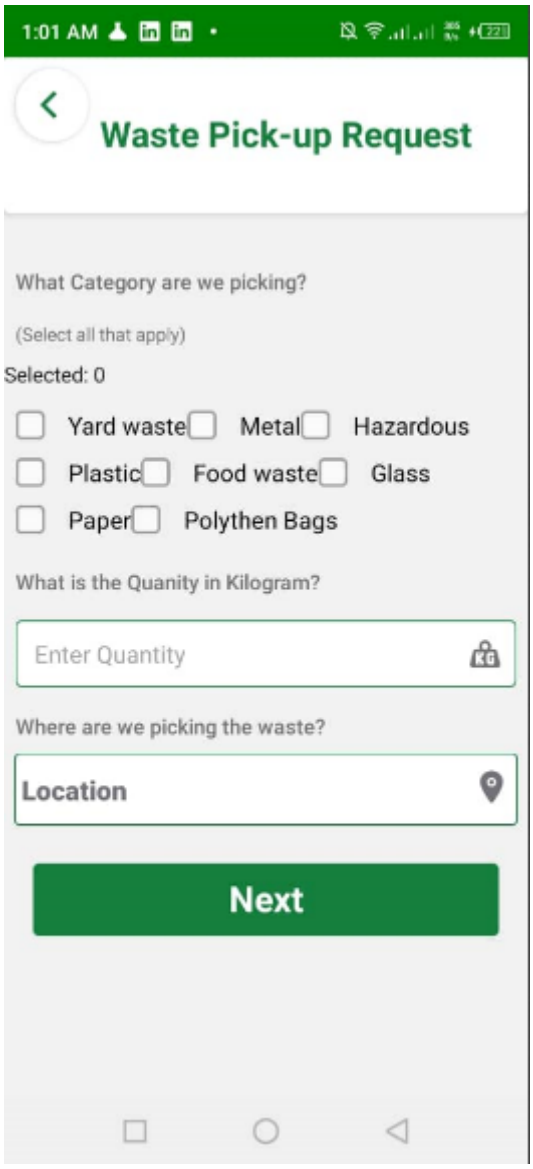
Then the user logs in.

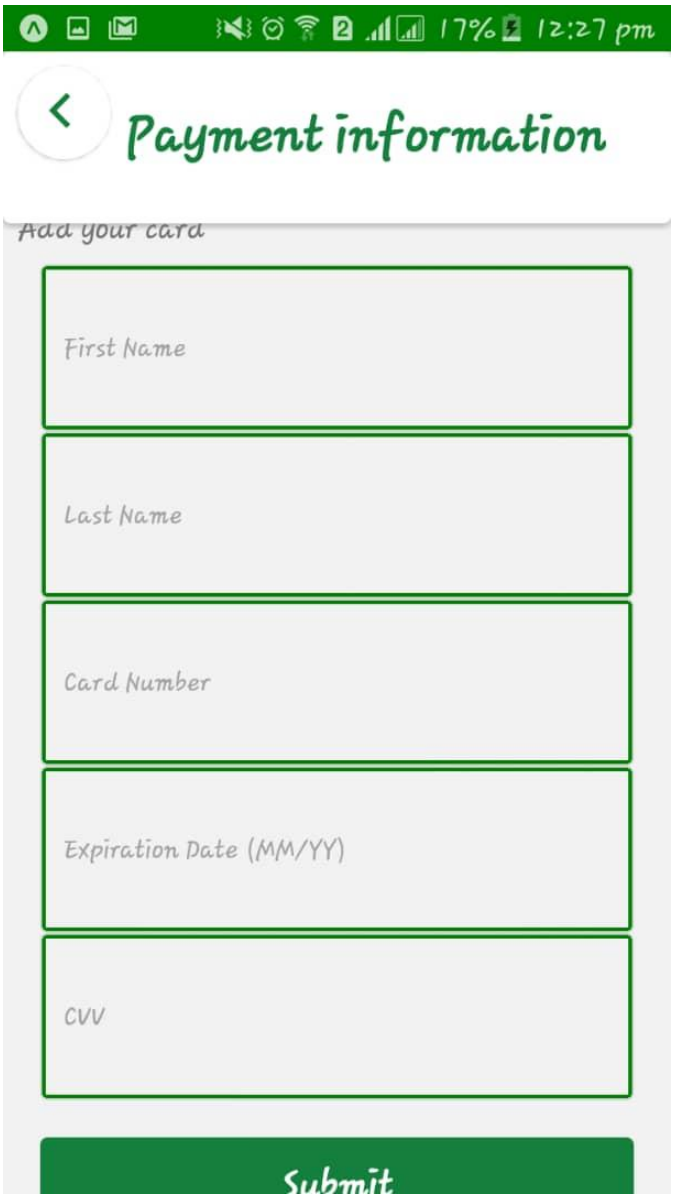


A user here can edit his /her account.



This is a dashboard of the app and here a user can request waste pickup, make payment, schedule pickup and also track the driver


1:01 AM
Waste Pick-up Request
What Category are we picking?
(Select all that apply)
Selected: 0
Yard waste
Metal
Hazardous
Plastic
Food waste
Glass
Paper
Polythen Bags
What is the Quanity in Kilogram?
Enter Quantity
KG
Where are we picking the waste?
Location
Next



Here the user can add their payment information

5.3 System Testing

System testing is crucial to ensuring the functionality, reliability, and performance of the smart bin application. In this section, we outline the testing methodologies employed during the implementation phase. We conducted several types of tests to thoroughly assess the application's capabilities, including:

Unit Testing

Unit testing involved testing individual components and modules of the smart bin application in isolation. It focused on verifying the correctness and functionality of each unit, ensuring that they performed as expected. We used frameworks such as [insert framework name] to automate unit tests and streamline the testing process.

Integration Testing

Integration testing was carried out to evaluate the interaction and compatibility of different modules within the smart bin application. We tested the seamless integration of components, data flow between modules, and the overall system behavior. By conducting integration testing, we aimed to identify and address any issues that may arise due to the interaction of different parts of the application.

User Acceptance Testing

User acceptance testing was performed to assess the smart bin application's usability and user satisfaction. Real users were involved in this testing phase to provide feedback on the application's user interface, features, and overall experience. By incorporating user feedback, we aimed to refine the application and ensure it met user expectations.

Throughout the system testing phase, we encountered several issues and bugs that required attention. These issues were logged, tracked, and addressed by the development team. Through rigorous testing and bug fixing, we were able to enhance the functionality and reliability of the smart bin application.

5.4 Validation

Validation is an essential part of the implementation process, as it verifies that the developed smart bin application meets the intended requirements and objectives. In this section, we explain the validation procedures employed to assess the application's performance, accuracy, and user satisfaction.

Validation Criteria

To validate the smart bin application, we established specific criteria based on the project's objectives and requirements. These criteria served as benchmarks against which the application's performance and effectiveness were evaluated. Key validation criteria included:

Performance: Assessing the speed, responsiveness, and efficiency of the smart bin application under different usage scenarios.

Accuracy: Verifying the precision and correctness of the data collected, processed, and presented by the application.

User Satisfaction: Gathering feedback from users through surveys, interviews, or usability testing to gauge their overall satisfaction with the application's features and usability.

Data Collection and Analysis

To conduct the validation process, we collected relevant data and analyzed it against the established validation criteria. Data collection methods included user feedback, usage statistics, and system logs. We employed both qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques to interpret the collected data and draw meaningful conclusions regarding the application's performance and user satisfaction.

Validation Outcomes

Based on the analysis of the collected data, the smart bin application was found to meet the established validation criteria. The performance tests indicated fast response times and efficient resource utilization. The accuracy of the data collected and processed by the application was consistently high. User feedback and satisfaction surveys revealed positive responses, indicating that the application met user expectations and provided a satisfactory user experience.

By successfully passing the validation process, we have confirmed that the smart bin application has achieved its intended goals and can be considered a reliable and effective solution for waste management.

5.5 Limitations

Every project has its limitations, and the smart bin application for garbage collection is no exception. This section outlines the limitations encountered during the implementation of the application. It discusses technical, resource, or operational constraints that affected the development and deployment process. Additionally, it addresses potential limitations in the functionality or scope of the smart bin application.

Technical Limitations

During the implementation of the smart bin application, we encountered certain technical limitations that influenced the development and deployment process. These limitations included:

- Compatibility: The application's compatibility with different mobile operating systems and device models may be limited, requiring specific system requirements or version dependencies.

- Connectivity: The proper functioning of the smart bin application relies on a stable internet connection for data transmission and real-time updates. Areas with limited connectivity may experience interruptions in data synchronization.

- Sensor Accuracy: The accuracy of sensors embedded in the smart bins, such as load sensors or proximity sensors, may be subject to certain tolerances and limitations. This can impact the precision of waste level measurements or proximity detection.

Resource Limitations

Resource limitations can affect various aspects of the smart bin application's implementation. These limitations include:

- Financial Constraints: The availability of funds or budget allocated for the project may impact the extent of features, scalability, or maintenance efforts.

- Infrastructure: The deployment of the smart bin application may require physical infrastructure such as sensor installations, connectivity infrastructure, or integration with existing waste management systems. Limited resources for infrastructure development can affect the widespread implementation of the application.

Operational Constraints

Operational constraints pertain to limitations in the day-to-day functioning and management of the smart bin application. These constraints may include:

- User Adoption: Encouraging widespread user adoption and engagement with the smart bin application can be challenging, requiring effective marketing and awareness campaigns to drive user participation.

Functional and Scope Limitations

The smart bin application may also have certain functional and scope limitations, which should be taken into account. These limitations may include:

- Geographical Constraints: The implementation of the smart bin application may be limited to specific geographic areas due to logistical or operational considerations.

- Awareness and acknowledgment of these limitations will inform future development plans, scalability considerations, and potential areas for improvement to enhance the smart bin application's effectiveness.

CHAPTER SIX: RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCLUSION, AND SUMMARY

6.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the final section of the report, providing recommendations, a conclusion, and a summary of the key findings and contributions of the smart bin application for garbage collection.

6.1 Recommendations

Based on the insights and observations gathered throughout the research and implementation phases, this section outlines recommendations for further improvement and enhancement of the smart bin application. These recommendations may include:

Based on the insights and observations gathered throughout the research and implementation phases, the following recommendations are proposed for further improvement and enhancement of the smart bin application:

Integration with Smart City Infrastructure

Explore opportunities to integrate the smart bin application with existing smart city initiatives. This integration can include collaboration with intelligent waste management systems or IoT networks. By leveraging additional data sources and infrastructure, the application can enhance its efficiency, scalability, and overall effectiveness in waste management.

User Engagement and Education

Develop strategies to enhance user engagement and education programs within the smart bin application. Implement features that provide real-time feedback to users on their waste disposal habits, organize awareness campaigns to promote responsible waste management behaviors, and consider incentivizing users for proper waste disposal practices. These initiatives can lead to increased user participation, improved waste segregation, and heightened environmental consciousness.

Expansion to Other Waste Types

Consider expanding the scope of the smart bin application to cover different waste types beyond general household waste. Explore the incorporation of functionalities tailored to recycling, hazardous waste, or other specific waste categories. By expanding the application's capabilities, the overall impact on sustainable waste management practices can be broadened

6.2 Conclusion

In conclusion, this project aimed to develop a smart bin application for garbage collection, with the goal of improving waste management practices. Throughout the project, we successfully achieved our objectives by implementing a robust and user-friendly smart bin application that addresses the challenges associated with traditional waste management systems.

The significance of the smart bin application lies in its potential to revolutionize waste management practices. By leveraging technology and data-driven solutions, the application offers a more efficient and sustainable approach to garbage collection. It empowers users to actively participate in waste management by providing real-time information, promoting responsible waste disposal behaviors, and fostering environmental consciousness.

Through the implementation of the smart bin application, we have addressed several key challenges. The integration of sensors, such as load sensors and proximity sensors, enables accurate monitoring of waste levels and facilitates optimized garbage collection routes. The application's user-friendly interface and features enhance user engagement and education, leading to improved waste segregation and increased recycling rates.

Throughout the project, we have learned valuable lessons. We recognized the importance of stakeholder collaboration and engagement to ensure the successful adoption of the smart bin application. User feedback played a crucial role in refining the application's features and usability. We also learned the significance of considering scalability and integration with existing smart city infrastructure to maximize the application's impact.

Overall, this project has made a significant contribution to the field of waste management. By developing and implementing the smart bin application, we have demonstrated the potential of

technology-driven solutions to address the challenges associated with traditional garbage collection methods. The success of this project opens up avenues for further research and development in the field of smart waste management.

In conclusion, the smart bin application showcases a promising future for waste management practices. Its potential impact on optimizing waste collection processes, reducing environmental footprint, and promoting sustainable practices cannot be overlooked. As we move forward, it is essential to continue monitoring and improving the application, engaging stakeholders, and fostering collaborations to create a cleaner and greener environment for future generations.

6.3 Summary

The smart bin application for garbage collection presented in this report represents a significant advancement in waste management practices. By leveraging technology and data-driven solutions, the application offers a more efficient and sustainable approach to garbage collection, aiming to optimize waste management processes and promote environmental consciousness.

Throughout the research project, we addressed the following research questions: How can technology be utilized to improve waste management practices? What are the key features and functionalities required for an effective smart bin application? How does the application contribute to waste reduction and sustainable waste management?

To answer these questions, we employed a comprehensive methodology that included literature review, system design, implementation, testing, and validation. By examining existing literature on waste management and smart city initiatives, we gained insights into the state-of-the-art technologies and best practices. Building upon this knowledge, we developed a user-friendly smart bin application that integrates sensors, data analytics, and user engagement features.

The key findings of this research project are as follows:

The smart bin application successfully addresses the limitations of traditional waste management systems by offering real-time monitoring of waste levels, optimizing garbage collection routes, and promoting responsible waste disposal behaviors.

The implementation of the smart bin application demonstrates its potential to enhance waste management practices, leading to improved waste segregation, increased recycling rates, and reduced environmental impact.

User engagement and education are crucial factors in the success of the smart bin application. By providing real-time feedback, organizing awareness campaigns, and incentivizing proper waste disposal, the application encourages users to actively participate in waste management efforts.

The integration of the smart bin application with existing smart city infrastructure and initiatives can further enhance its efficiency and scalability, contributing to the overall development of smart cities.

The implications of this research project are significant in the broader context of waste management and smart city initiatives. The smart bin application showcases the potential of technology-driven solutions to address the challenges faced by traditional garbage collection methods. It highlights the importance of user engagement, education, and collaboration among stakeholders to achieve sustainable waste management goals.

This summary serves as a concise reference, providing an overview of the research project's key findings, contributions, and implications. It reinforces the value of the smart bin application in improving waste management practices and its potential impact on the broader landscape of smart cities and environmental sustainability.

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