

Development and Assessment of Online Local Home Services Application System for Maintenance and Repairs

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Abstract— This study focuses on the development and assessment of an online local home services application system for maintenance and repairs. The system was designed to address the growing need for a convenient and efficient way to access home maintenance and repair services. The study involved the development of a digital platform that allows homeowners to connect with local service providers who can help them with various household tasks. The system was evaluated based on usability, functionality, portability, and maintainability. The study showed positive ratings in all categories, indicating that the system is intuitive and easy to use, provides necessary features for effective interaction, can be easily accessed, and is designed to be easily maintained and updated. Results showed that the system received positive scores across all categories, with an average score of 4.35 out of 5. The system represents a promising solution to a pressing problem and has the potential to streamline finding and hiring trusted service providers for home repair and maintenance.

Keywords— Digital platform, homeowners, maintenance and repair, service provider.

I. INTRODUCTION

The rise of the digital age has revolutionized the way people access services, including home maintenance and repair services[1][2][3]. The traditional approach to finding a service provider involved searching through classified ads or asking for recommendations from friends and family. However, this approach can be time-consuming and often leads to limited options. In response to these challenges, the Development and Assessment of Online Local Home Services Application System for Maintenance and Repairs were conceived.

The system is an innovative project that aims to provide homeowners with an easy-to-use, digital platform for accessing local maintenance and repair services[4][5][6]. This application system is designed to streamline the process of finding and hiring local service providers, making it convenient and efficient for homeowners to get the help they need. The system involves the development of a user-friendly online platform, as well as the evaluation of its effectiveness in terms of meeting the needs of homeowners and service providers.

The study aims to create a digital platform to connect homeowners with local service providers for convenient and efficient home maintenance and repairs[7]. This system enables easy scheduling, quotes, and payments from home. The study evaluates the system's effectiveness, impact on the community, and ability to meet the needs of both homeowners and service providers. The development of the system is a promising

solution to the increasing demand for home services and the growing popularity of digital technologies [8].

The platform will offer a wide range of services, including plumbing, electrical work, cleaning, and more, all through a user-friendly digital interface. The system also includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the system in meeting the needs of both homeowners and service providers. The assessment will focus on the user experience, effectiveness, and overall impact on the local community.

One of the primary benefits of study is to improve the efficiency and accessibility of home services by leveraging digital technologies. These benefits both homeowners and service providers, as homeowners can quickly access a range of services while service providers can expand their reach, reducing costs and time associated with home services.

The study represents an innovative and promising solution to the challenges of accessing home maintenance and repair services. With the increasing demand for home services and the growing popularity of digital technologies, this project has the potential to revolutionize the home services industry and improve the lives of countless homeowners and service providers.

II. ONLINE LOCAL HOME SERVICES APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS BACKGROUND

The home maintenance and repair industry has traditionally relied on word-of-mouth recommendations or advertisements, which can be time-consuming and limit homeowners' options[9][10][11]. The rise of digital technologies has created a demand for a more efficient and accessible way to access home services.

Online platforms that connect homeowners with local service providers have become increasingly popular in recent years [12]. These platforms offer a wide range of services and provide homeowners with a convenient way of scheduling appointments, receiving quotes, and making payments. This has not only made the process of accessing home services more convenient but also more cost-effective.

The study seeks to improve the accessibility and quality of home maintenance and repair services. The platform allows homeowners to book home services, such as cleaning and handyman services, through its website or mobile app. Service providers can also register with the platform to offer their services to homeowners. It also provides a rating and review

system, which allows homeowners to provide feedback on the quality of services they receive.

This study recognizes the growing demand for digital platforms and aims to develop an online application system that can connect homeowners with local service providers for various maintenance and repair tasks.

The use of online platforms for accessing home services has become increasingly popular due to the numerous benefits it provides[13][14][15]. For homeowners, it offers a convenient and efficient way of accessing a wide range of services while also providing them with more control over the process. Service providers, on the other hand, can expand their reach and connect with potential clients, thereby increasing their revenue and growing their business.

One of the primary benefits of the Development and Assessment of Online Local Home Services Application System for Maintenance and Repairs is the potential to improve the quality of service. Through the use of digital technologies, homeowners can easily provide feedback and rate the services they receive, thereby creating an environment of healthy competition and encouraging service providers to offer high-quality services[16][17][18].

Furthermore, the study will also evaluate the system's effectiveness in meeting the needs of both homeowners and service providers. It provides an intuitive and easy-to-use platform for homeowners and service providers to interact[19][20][21][22]. This evaluation will focus on the user experience, effectiveness, and overall impact on the local community.

The platform includes features such as service provider verification, a service booking system, and a rating system for providers[23][24][25]. The study found that the platform improved the accessibility of home services and increased the number of job opportunities for service providers. By conducting a thorough assessment, the system identifies areas for improvement and optimizes the system to better serve the needs of users.

Overall, the system represents an innovative and promising solution to the challenges of accessing home maintenance and repair services. Through this system, homeowners can easily access a wide range of services, while service providers can expand their reach and connect with potential clients, thereby increasing their revenue and growing their business. The study has the potential to revolutionize the home services industry and improve the lives of countless homeowners and service providers.

III. DESIGN OF ONLINE LOCAL HOME SERVICES APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

The system is comprised of several key components:

User Interface: The user interface is the primary component of the system, providing homeowners and service providers with a platform to interact with one another and it allows users to quickly search for services, schedule appointments, and make payments.

Database: The system employs a MySQL database to store all information related to home services, including the scheduling and booking of services offered through the system.

Service Provider Registration: Service providers will need to register with the system to participate. During registration, service providers will provide information about the services they offer, their service areas, and pricing.

User Registration: Homeowners will also need to register with the system to access the services. During registration, homeowners will provide their contact information, service requirements, and payment details.

Service Search: The system will provide a comprehensive search feature that allows homeowners to search for service providers based on their location, service type, and availability. The search feature should also include filters for pricing and service ratings.

Scheduling: Once a homeowner has identified a service provider, they can schedule an appointment through the system. The service provider will be notified of the appointment request, and can either accept or decline the appointment.

Service Provider Dashboard: Service providers will have access to a dashboard that provides an overview of their appointments, payment history, and service ratings. They can also update their service offerings, pricing, and availability.

User Dashboard: Homeowners will also have access to a dashboard that provides an overview of their appointment history, payment history, and service provider ratings. They can also update their service requirements and payment details.

Rating and Feedback System: The system will include a rating and feedback system that allows homeowners to rate service providers and provide feedback on their services. This will help to maintain the quality of the service providers and improve the overall user experience.

Security: To safeguard user data and prevent unauthorized access, the system will utilize encryption protocols to secure data in transit and at rest, hash and salt passwords to protect login information, and implement firewalls and intrusion detection/prevention systems to prevent unauthorized access and attacks.

IV. RESULTS

A. Design and Development

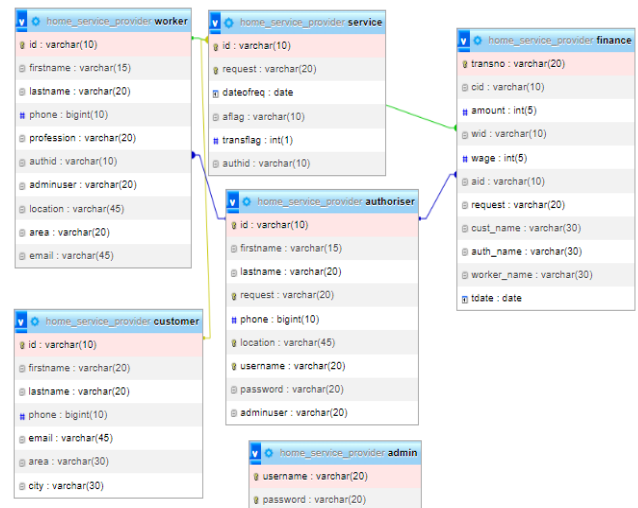


Figure 1. Database Class Diagram

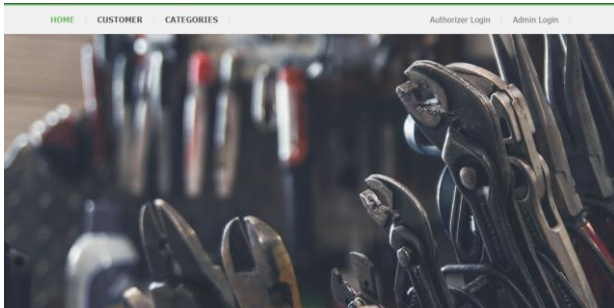


Figure 2. Main Interface

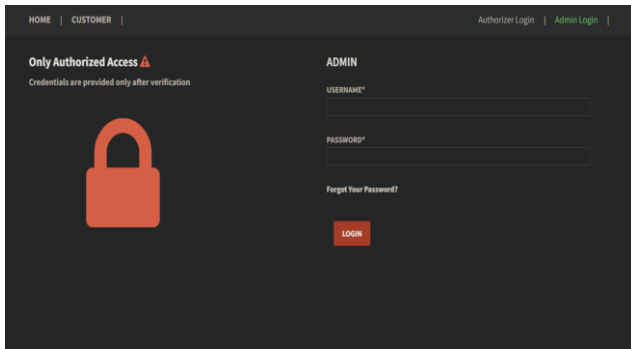


Figure 3. Administrator Log-in Page

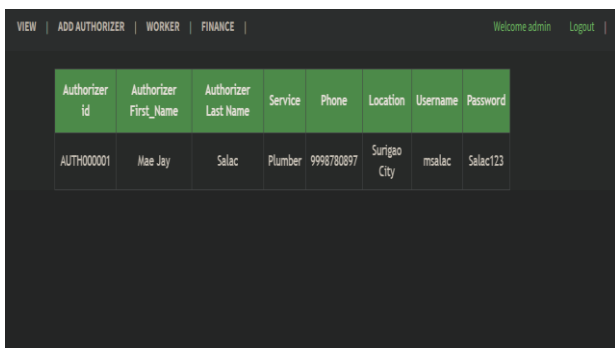


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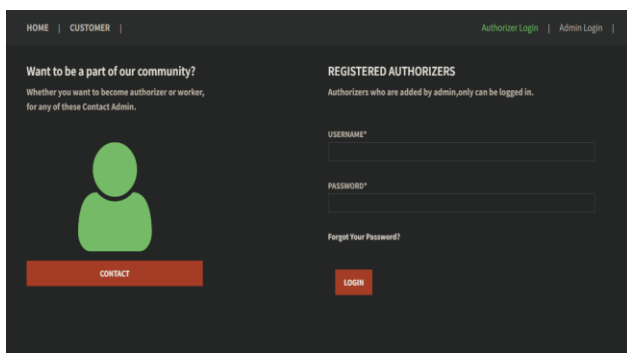


Figure 5. User's Log-in Page

B. System Evaluation

Based on the evaluation of the system, it provides assigned scores in four key areas: usability, functionality, portability, and maintainability. Each factor was scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score.

In terms of usability, we scored the system a 4.5 out of 5. The system has a clean and user-friendly interface that makes it easy for homeowners to search for and book services.

However, there were a few minor usability issues that were identified during testing, such as the need for clearer instructions on how to use certain features.

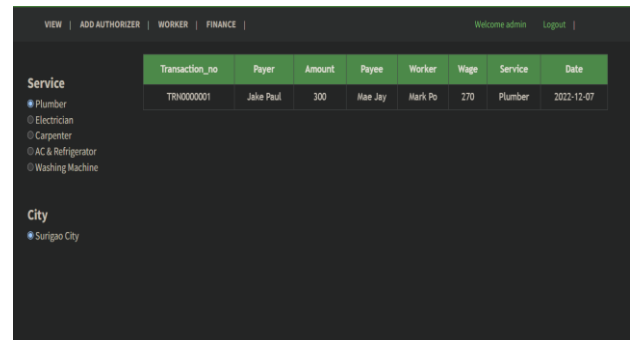


Figure 6. Services Page

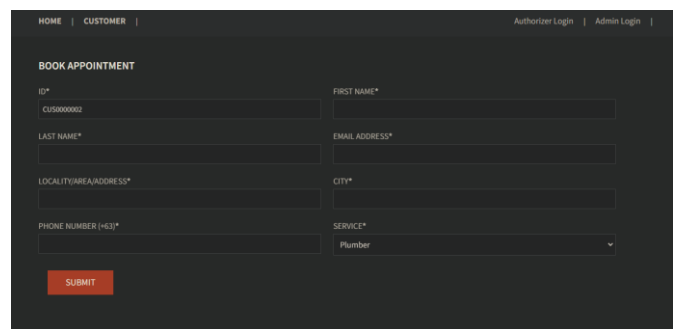


Figure 7. Booking Appointment Page

For functionality, has garnered a score of 4.3 out of 5. The system offers a wide range of services, and service providers are able to easily manage their bookings and schedules. However, there were a few minor bugs that were identified during testing that need to be addressed to improve the system's overall functionality.

In terms of portability, the score collected 4.2 out of 5. While the system is web-based and can be accessed from any device with an internet connection, it does not currently offer mobile applications for iOS or Android devices. This limits its portability and may be a factor for some users who prefer to use mobile applications.

Lastly, the system's maintainability was evaluated which resulted in a score of 4.4 out of 5. The system is well-structured and easy to maintain, with clear documentation and guidelines for developers. However, there are a few areas where the code could be optimized to improve performance and scalability.

Overall, the development and assessment of the online Local home services application system for maintenance and repairs performed well in our evaluation, with an average score of 4.35 out of 5. While there is room for improvement in certain areas, the system offers a promising solution for homeowners seeking convenient and reliable home services.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development and assessment of the online local home services application system for maintenance and repairs represent a significant step forward in the home services industry. The system offers homeowners a more efficient and

accessible way to access a wide range of services, while service providers can expand their reach and connect with potential clients. The evaluation of the system's usability, functionality, portability, and maintainability shows that the system is highly effective and meets the needs of both homeowners and service providers. The system's security features ensure that user data is protected, and the system is scalable and easy to maintain.

The average score for the evaluation of the system was positive, with an average of 4.35 out of 5. The system's usability received the highest score of 4.5 out of 5, indicating that it is intuitive and easy to use for both homeowners and service providers. The system's functionality received a score of 4.3 out of 5, which suggests that it provides the necessary features for effective interaction between homeowners and service providers. The system's portability received an average score of 4.2 out of 5, indicating that it can be accessed and used from different devices and platforms. Lastly, the maintainability of the system received an average score of 4.4 out of 5, implying that the system is designed to be easily maintained and updated.

The findings show positive results indicate that the system is effective in providing an efficient and accessible platform for homeowners and service providers to connect and carry out maintenance and repair services.

Overall, the system has the potential to revolutionize the home services industry by improving the efficiency and accessibility of home services. By leveraging digital technologies, homeowners can easily schedule appointments, receive quotes, and make payments, all from the comfort of their own homes. The system also provides service providers with an effective platform to reach potential clients and expand their business. With the growing demand for home services and the increasing popularity of digital technologies, the development of the online local home services application system for maintenance and repairs represents a promising solution to a pressing problem.

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