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PROJECT REPORT ON "MIT YRC CONNECT"

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Google Drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_xYTTjCthYBrqwu8mALOJBDkmYPuRNee?usp=drive_link

Github repository link:

https://github.com/Alamelu515/MIT-YRC-Connect.git

PROBLEM STATEMENT AND INSPIRATION

- In today's world, organizations like the Youth Red Cross (YRC) play a pivotal role in fostering humanitarian service and promoting social welfare.
- The YRC at the Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) has been actively involved in various community service initiatives, such as organizing blood donation camps, assisting visually impaired individuals through scribe services, and hosting awareness sessions on social issues.
- Though there is a website that has been hosted for the club at the URL http://yrc.mitindia.edu/, the current management system for YRC at MIT relies heavily on manual processes and communication platforms like WhatsApp and Excel spreadsheets.
- ➤ In the existing system of managing YRC activities, especially the blood donation requests, scribe requests for visually impaired individuals, and sessions management, remain mostly manual. The process involves:
 - Blood requests: Public, students, staff, or others make blood requests via WhatsApp, and the admin manually manages these requests through the social media handles of MIT YRC.
 - Scribe requests: Similar to blood requests, visually challenged individuals request scribe services, and these requests are handled manually.
 - Session Information: Weekly session details, motivational speeches, and other activities are communicated and managed through WhatsApp groups and manual reports.
- The existing system, while functional, does not provide an automated platform for managing these processes effectively, leading to:
 - Missed opportunities for improvement.
 - Time-consuming and inefficient administrative tasks of manual tracking, reporting, and ensuring timely responses for requests.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- ➤ To address the challenges faced by the MIT YRC Club, we have developed MIT YRC Connect, a web application using Java.
- We have identified two primary groups of users, each with specific roles and functionalities:
 - o **General Users**: Club members or visitors who interact with the platform.
 - Admins (Office Bearers): Responsible for managing the club's operations and content.

➤ The platform will provide distinct features for each group, depending on their requirements. The scope, features and deliverables of this project are discussed in brief in the following section and are evident in the screenshots and demo video attached herewith.

PROJECT FEATURES

> Users can:

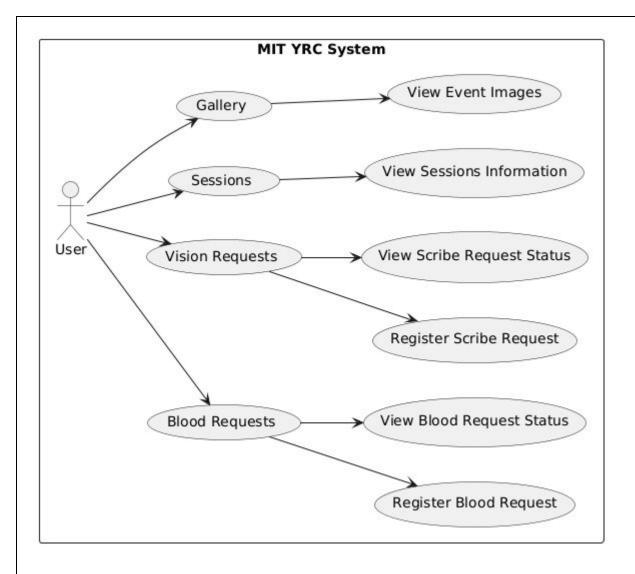
- View upcoming and past sessions details.
- View history of blood requests with their current status, and submit new blood requests.
- o View history of scribe requests with their current status, and submit new scribe requests.
- View a gallery of photos from YRC activities.

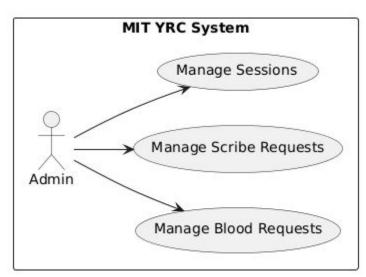
> Admins can:

- View, and manage blood requests.
- View, and manage scribe-related requests.
- View, and create session details.

PLANNING PHASE ASPECTS

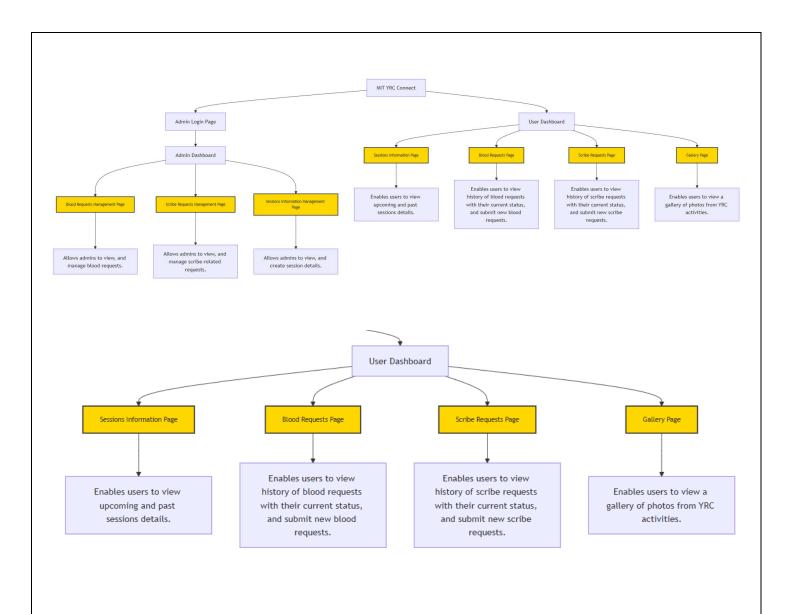
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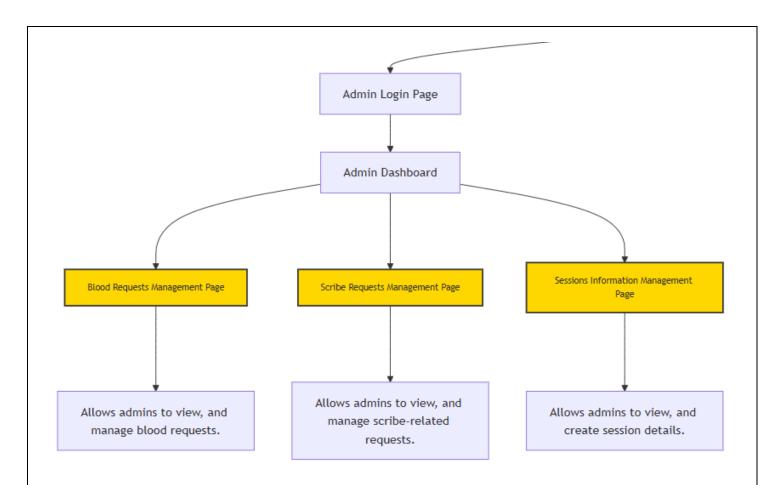




SYSTEM DESIGN ASPECTS

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN





DATABASE DESIGN

TECH STACK USED

> Front End:

- o **HTML**: For structuring the content and layout of the website.
- CSS: For styling and enhancing the visual presentation of the site.
- o CSS Frameworks:
 - Bootstrap: A CSS framework, for creating a responsive and modern design.
- JavaScript: For adding interactivity and dynamic features.
- JavaScript Frameworks and Libraries:
 - Vanilla JavaScript
 - jQuery: A JavaScript library, for simplifying JavaScript tasks, such as DOM manipulation, event handling, and AJAX requests.

> Back End:

- Java: The primary programming language for implementing the business logic.
- Java Development Libraries:
 - Java Servlet API:
 - Purpose: This library has been used to handle HTTP requests and responses, forming the backend logic to process client requests and manage interactions between the client-side interface and the backend.
 - Libraries/Jar Files, and Package: servlet-api.jar, javax.servlet.*
- O Web Development Libraries:
 - JSTL (JavaServer Pages Standard Tag Library):
 - Purpose: This library has been used to simplify the integration of Java code into HTML, reducing the need for complex Java code in JSP pages.
 - Libraries/Jar Files: jstl.jar, standard.jar
- Database Connectivity Libraries:
 - MySQL Connector/J:
 - **Purpose**: This library has been used to establish a connection between the Java application and the MySQL database.
 - Jar File: mysql-connector-java.jar
 - JDBC (Java Database Connectivity):
 - Purpose: This library has been used to interact with the MySQL database, executing SQL queries, and performing various database operations.
 - Package: java.sql.*

> Database:

 MySQL Database (MariaDB 10.4.28): Used for structured data storage and management.

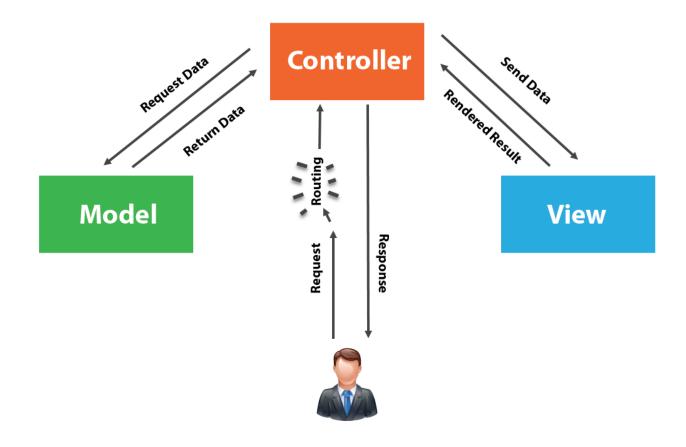
Web Server:

Apache Tomcat Web Server (Version 9.0): Used to host the website on our local machine for testing and deployment at the first level, facilitating the interaction between the front end and back end. Download link: https://dlcdn.apache.org/tomcat/tomcat-9/v9.0.97/bin/apache-tomcat-9.0.97.exe

> IDE:

 Eclipse IDE (Version: 2023-03): Used for writing, debugging, and managing the end-toend development including integration with Servlets, JSP, and database connectivity.

MVC ARCHITECTURE



- Presentation Layer (View): Front-end
- Business Logic Layer (Controller): Java
- Data Layer (Model): MySQL

IMPLEMENTATION ASPECTS

STRUCTURE OF THE PROJECT DIRECTORY

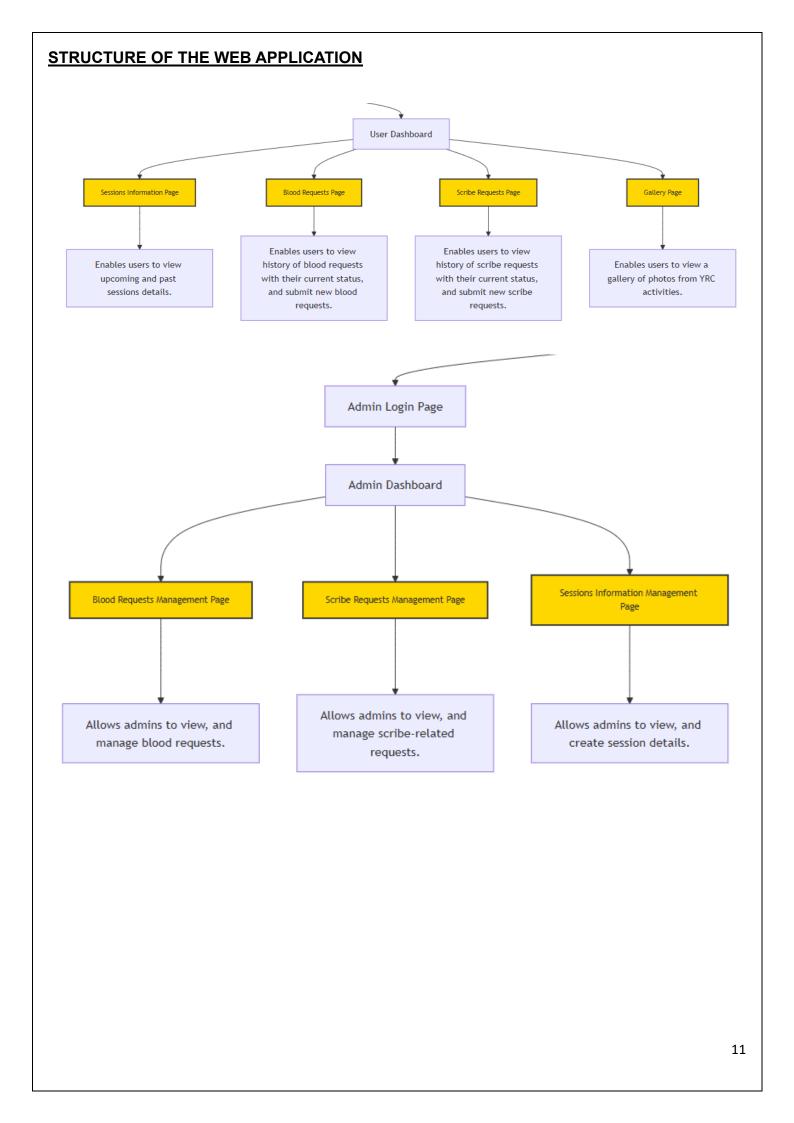
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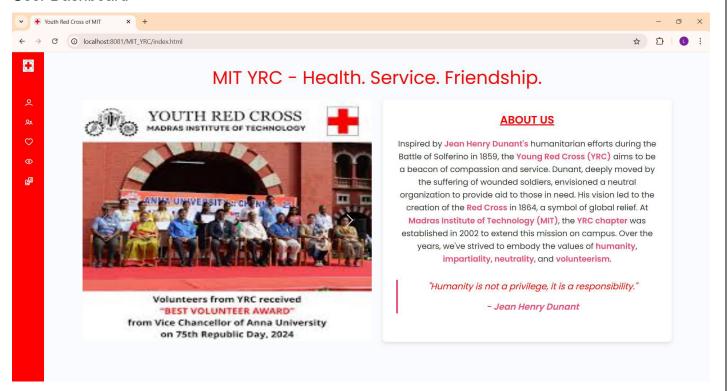
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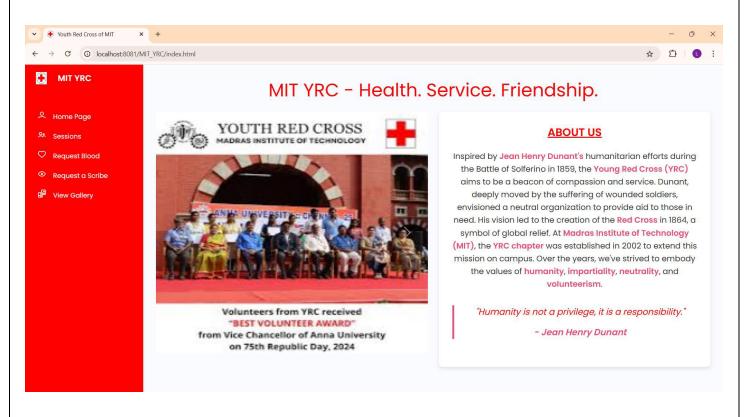
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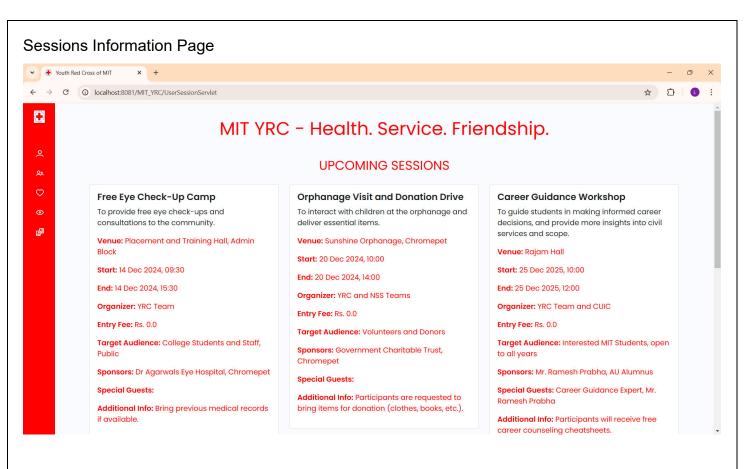


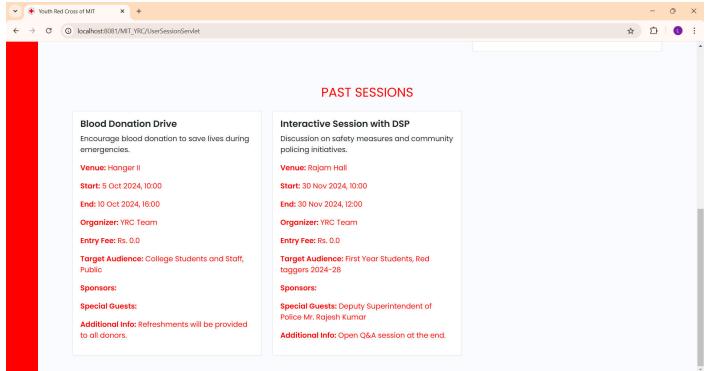
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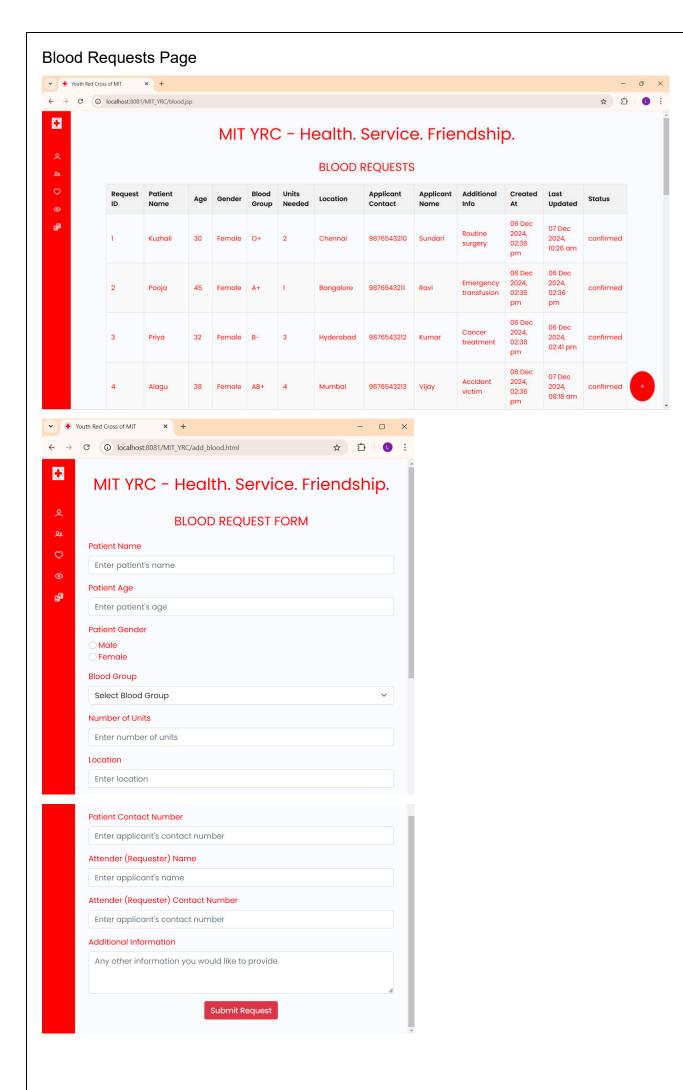
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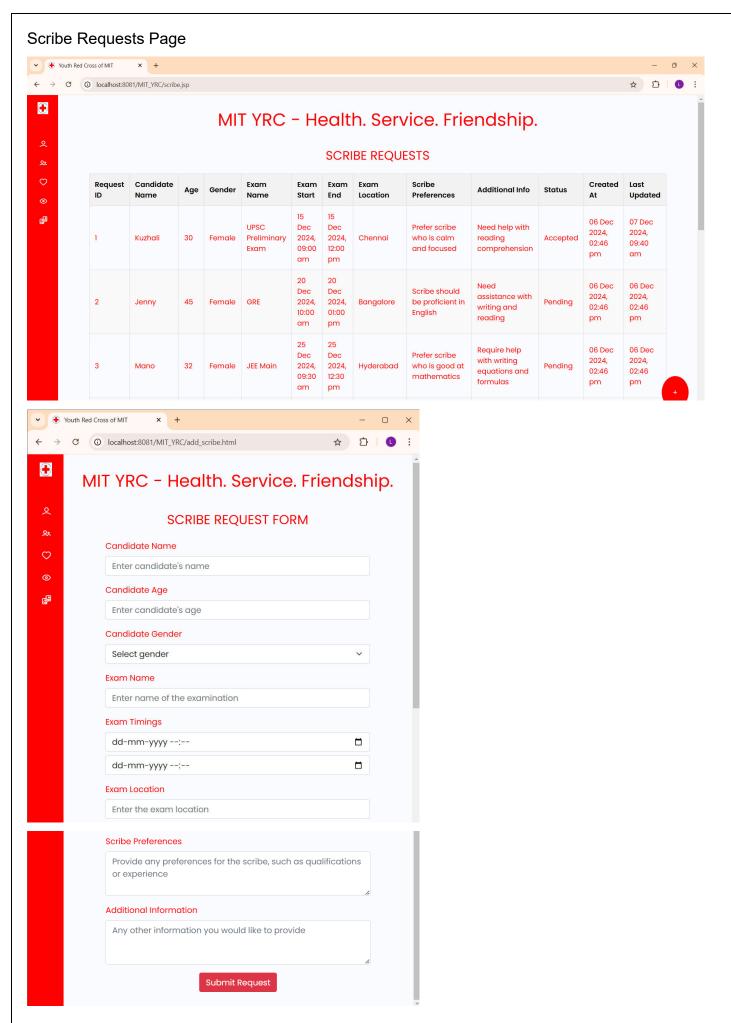




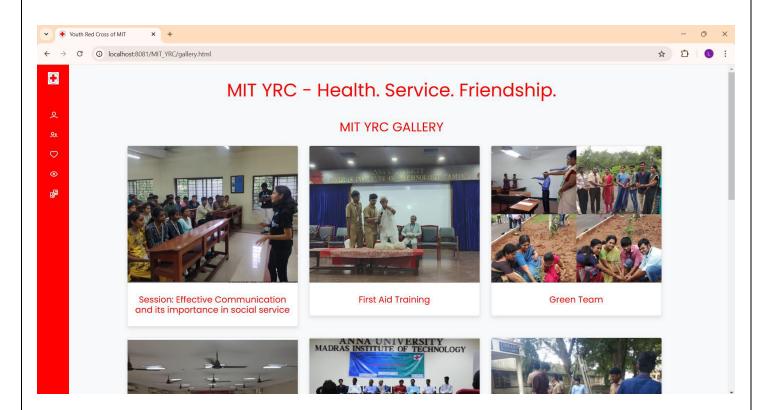






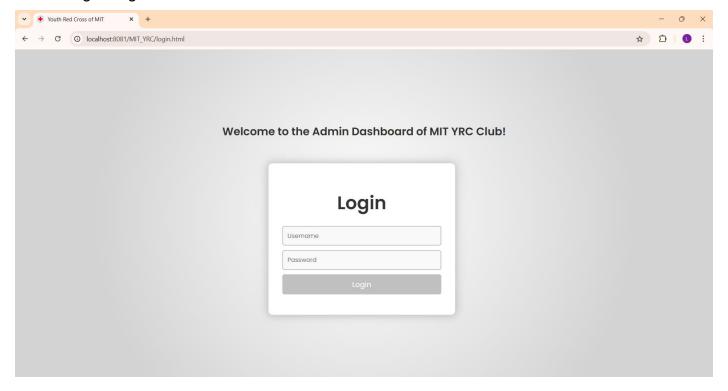


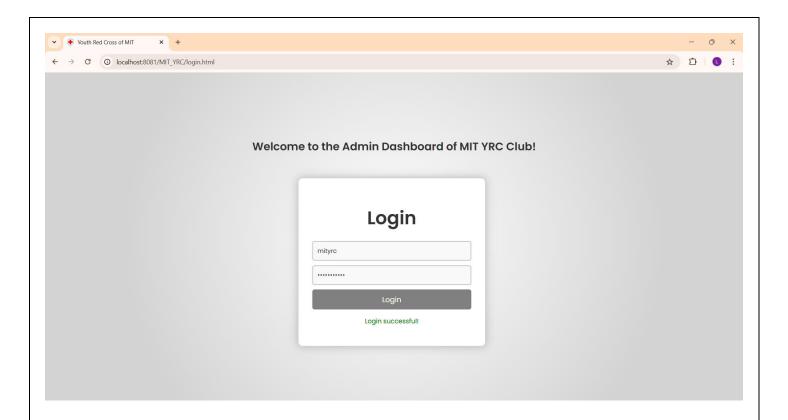
Gallery Page



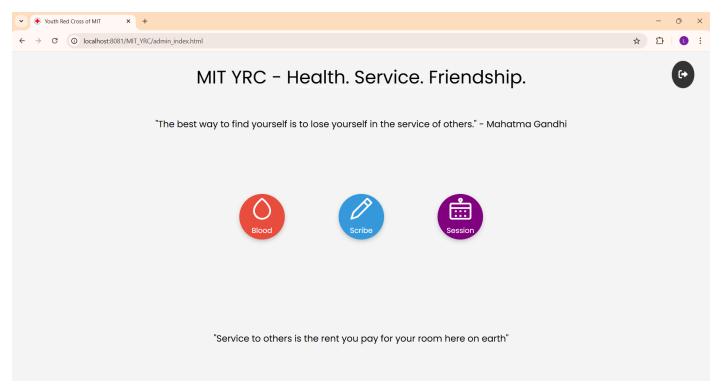
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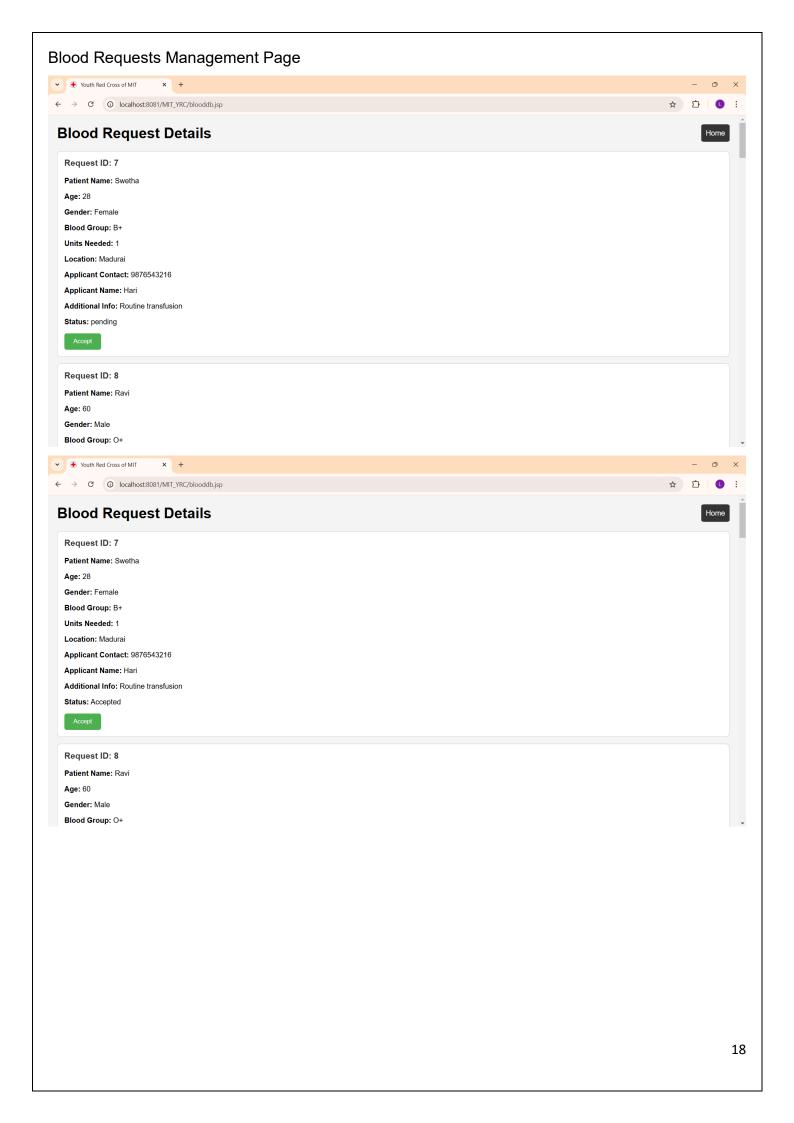
Admin Login Page

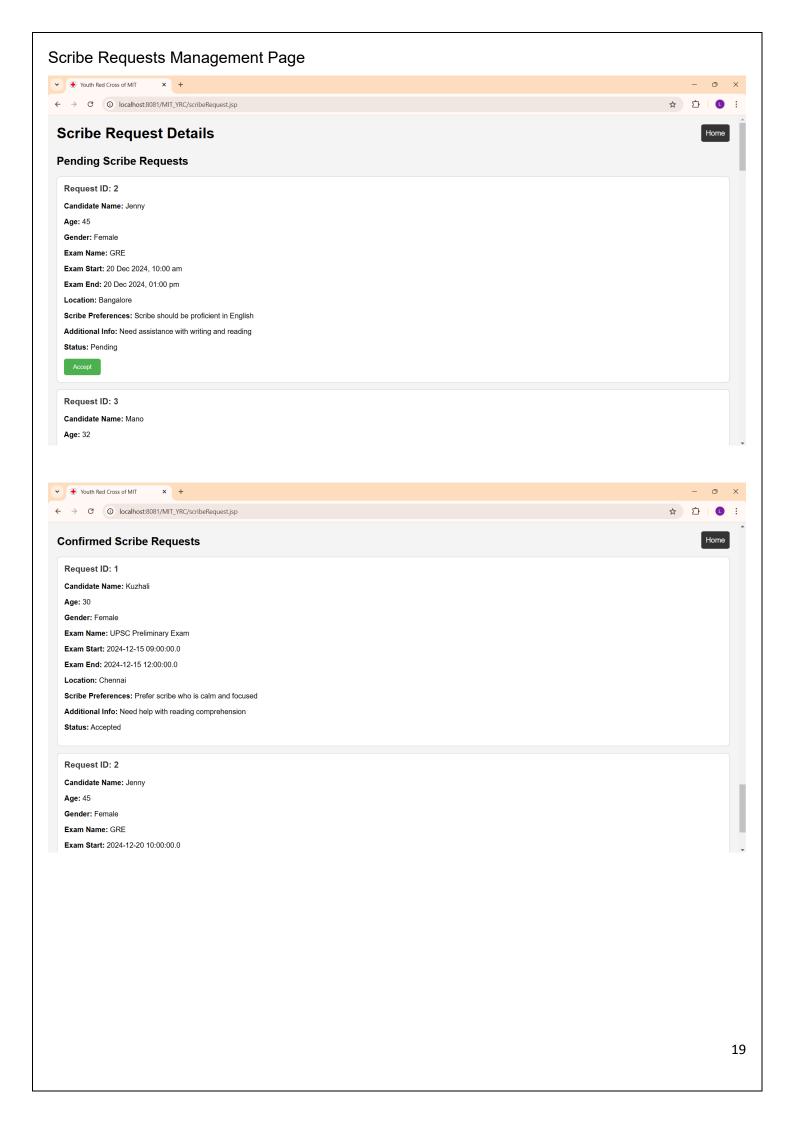


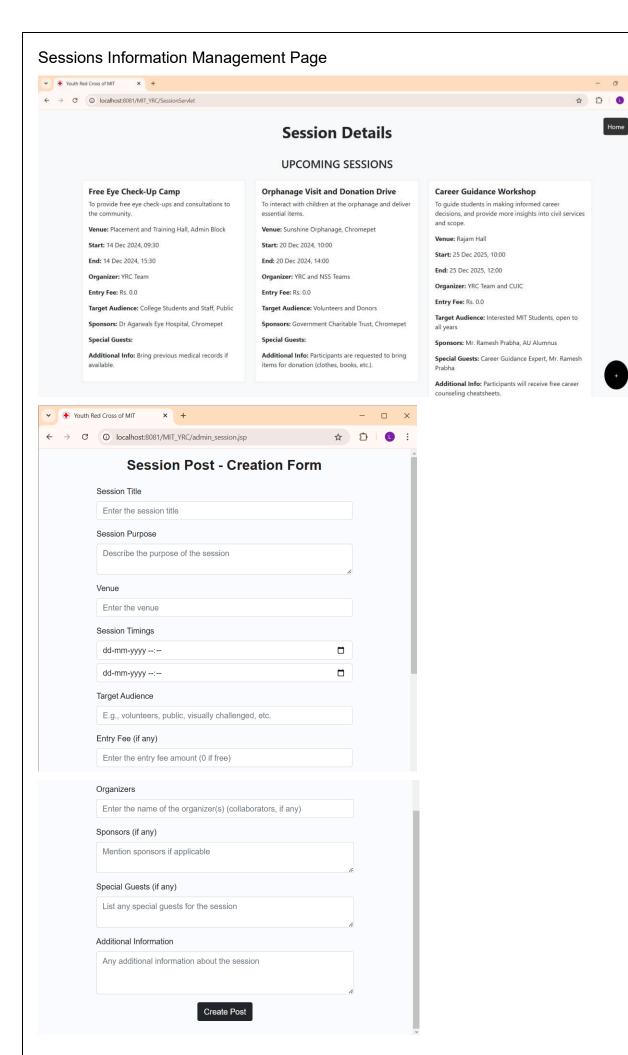


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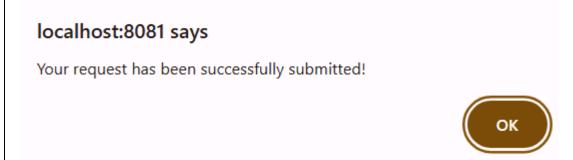






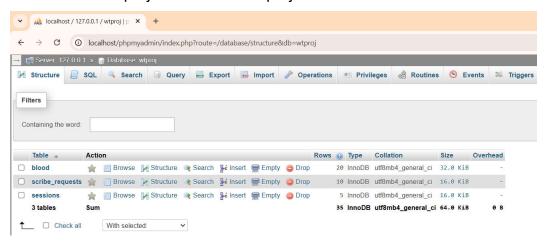
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All the forms will alert a successful message as shown below, in case their request is accepted and stored in the database, and then redirect to the previous page they were in.

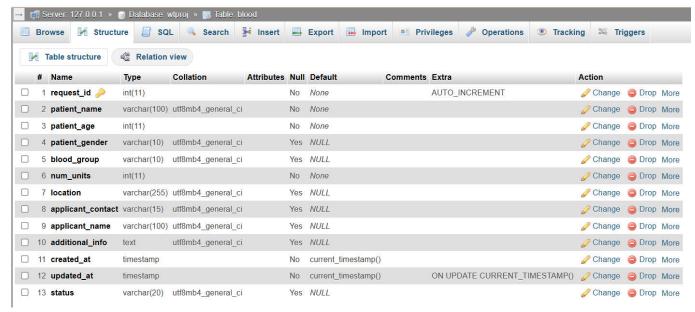


SCREENSHOTS OF THE DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION

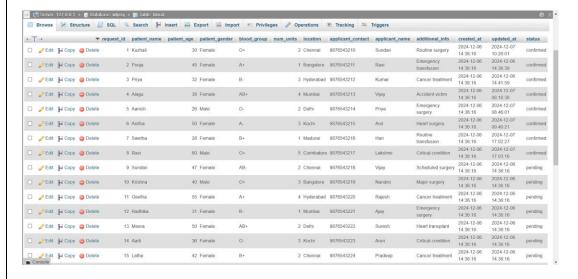
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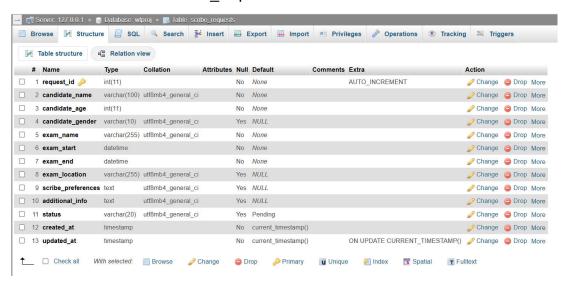
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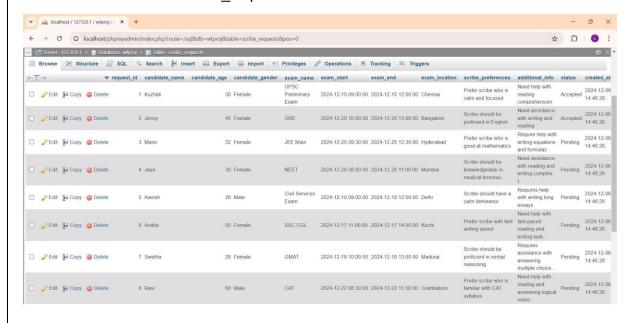
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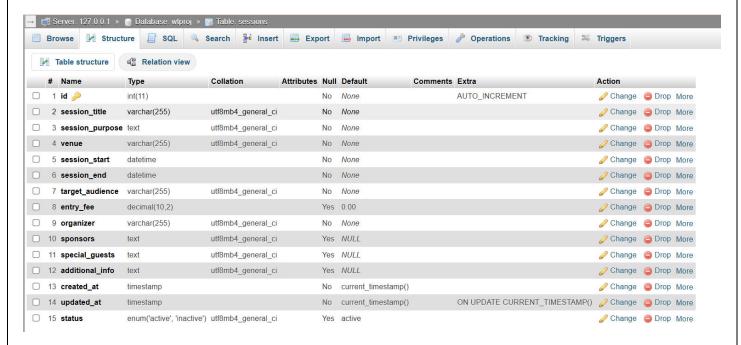
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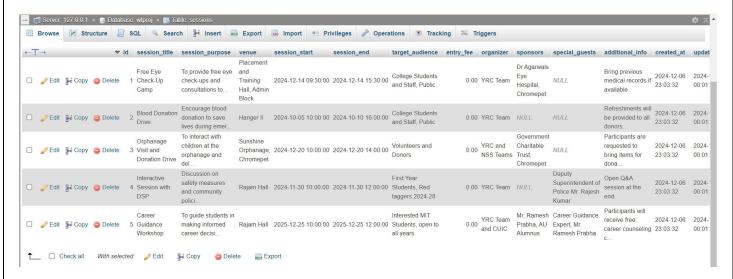
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PROJECT SETUP INSTRUCTIONS - FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT

- 1. Clone the repository:
 - git clone https://github.com/Alamelu515/MIT-YRC-Connect.git
- 2. Install Prerequisites:
 - Install Eclipse IDE 2023-03.
 - Install Apache Tomcat 9.0 and integrate it with Eclipse.
 - Install MySQL MariaDB 10.4.28.

3. Set up the Database:

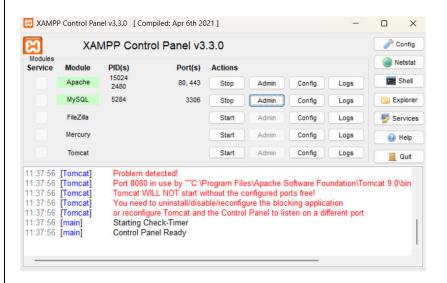
- In MySQL, create the database and tables.
- Insert sample records into the tables.
- The above two steps can be achieved by running the setup.sql file in the GitHub repository.

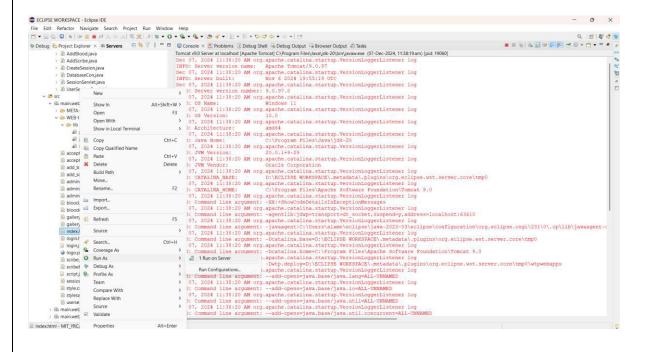
4. Configure the Project:

- Open the project in Eclipse IDE.
- o Add the necessary **JAR files** (for SQL, JSTL, etc.) to the project build path.

5. Run the Project:

- Right-click the project in Eclipse and select Run on Server.
- Ensure Apache Tomcat is selected as the server.
- The web application should now be accessible at http://localhost:<port-numberconfigured>.





PROJECT USAGE

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TEAM WORK - CONTRIBUTIONS

> Alamelu KR:

- User Dashboard
- Blood Requests Page (user-side)
- Scribe Requests Page (user-side)
- Integration of the entire project

> Janitha S:

- Admin Login Page
- Admin Dashboard
- Blood Requests Management Page (admin-side)
- Scribe Requests Management Page (admin-side)

Meenakshi C:

- Sessions Information Page (user-side)
- Sessions Information Management Page (admin-side)
- Gallery Page (user-side)
- ➤ The work was split and implemented in terms of user-side and admin-side functionalities, with each individual having to implement both the front-end and the back-end (business logic) code for the corresponding functionality, with the creation of stubs and replicas of the common DB design as needed.

NOVELTY OF THE PROJECT

- ➤ The MIT YRC Connect web application developed by our team has the following novel features:
- AJAX Requests for Asynchronous Data Loading: Provides faster, page-refresh-free interactions.
- Upcoming and Past Sessions Segregation: Differentiates upcoming and past sessions for better organization.
- Form Validation: Ensures data accuracy and completeness before submission.
- ➤ Sidebar and Buttons for Navigation: Sidebar whose visibility can be toggled and intuitive buttons for quick navigation between key sections.
- Responsive Design: Ensures the website works seamlessly across all device sizes.

POTENTIAL FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- Transition to a Single-Page Web Application (SPA): Shift to React or Angular for a more seamless user experience.
- ➤ User Authentication and Personalization: Add user login, personalized accounts, and rolebased access.
- Real-Time Data Implementation: Transition to real-time data management for dynamic updates.
- Integration of Real-Time Notifications: Implement real-time notifications for users and admins.
- Integration with social media: Allowing users to share their donation experiences and request notifications through social media platforms to raise awareness and encourage participation.
- Data Analytics Dashboard: Introducing an analytics dashboard for administrators to monitor trends in blood requests and donations, enabling informed decision-making.
- ➤ Feedback Mechanism: Implementing a feedback system for users and administrators to provide suggestions and report issues, fostering continuous improvement.
- Testing and Quality Assurance: Conduct intensive testing for reliability and performance improvements.
- Deployment to a Live Server: Deploy the system to a domain for global access.
- Mobile App Development: Develop a mobile app for easier, on-the-go access.

CHALLENGES AND LEARNINGS

- ➤ Integrating Front-End and Back-End: Faced difficulties in ensuring seamless data transfer between JSP pages and Java Servlets, resolved using AJAX and proper mapping.
- Version Compatibility Issues: Encountered compatibility challenges between Apache Tomcat, Java JDK, and Eclipse IDE versions, resolved by updating configurations and dependencies.
- Configuring Build Path in Eclipse: Struggled with adding required JAR files (JSTL, MySQL Connector) to the build path, resolved through manual configuration and troubleshooting.
- > Database Design and Queries: Encountered inefficiencies in SQL queries and normalized table structures to improve data integrity and performance.
- > Session Management: Faced difficulties in implementing secure session handling for rolebased access, resolved using Java Servlet session attributes.
- Asynchronous Data Loading: Faced initial challenges in implementing AJAX for dynamic content updates without page reloads, overcome by refining the frontend-backend interaction logic.
- > Time Management and Coordination: Learned to plan, document, and execute projects efficiently as part of a team.
- Full-Stack Development: Gained hands-on experience in building dynamic user interfaces with data integration and managing server-side logic.

CONCLUSION

- ➤ The project successfully automated YRC activities, such as blood requests, scribe services, and session management, improving operational efficiency and reducing manual processes.
- ➤ It utilized Java Servlets, JSP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for seamless integration between backend and frontend systems.
- ➤ Key challenges included version compatibility issues between Tomcat and Eclipse, configuring build paths, integrating MySQL with Java, and ensuring smooth session handling.
- > The user interface was designed to be intuitive, allowing admins and users to efficiently manage and track requests, events, and activities.
- The project offered valuable learning experiences in full-stack web development, database management, and problem-solving.
- ➤ The work lays a strong foundation for future enhancements, including scaling the system and adding new features for YRC.