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SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure-Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.

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ABSTRACT

EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System is a comprehensive and intelligent web-based solution designed to modernize and optimize urban waste management. By seamlessly integrating citizens, waste collectors, and administrators into a unified platform, the system enhances operational efficiency, ensures accountability, and promotes sustainable environmental practices.

Citizens can conveniently request waste pickups by specifying the type of waste and preferred date and time, reducing delays and manual intervention. Administrators have full control over the waste management workflow, enabling them to assign collectors to requests, monitor task completion in real time, manage citizen complaints, and generate detailed performance and analytical reports. Collectors can efficiently manage daily assignments, update task statuses, track their work history, and evaluate their performance, thereby improving productivity and service quality.

The system is built using **Python Django** for a robust backend, **MySQL** for secure and scalable data storage, and **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript** for an interactive and responsive frontend. EcoTrack also incorporates **Leaflet.js for interactive mapping**, allowing precise geolocation of pickup points and improving logistical planning. Its **role-based access control, intuitive dashboards, and automated notifications** ensure seamless communication and coordination among all stakeholders.

By automating manual processes, providing real-time insights, and enabling data-driven decision-making, EcoTrack significantly reduces operational inefficiencies, enhances transparency, and fosters civic engagement in waste management. This system serves as a critical tool for smart city initiatives, facilitating environmentally responsible practices, sustainable urban living, and improved quality of life for residents.

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ABBREVIATIONS		FULL FORM
API	-	Application Programming Interface
IoT	-	Internet of Things
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
MySQL	-	My Structured Query Language
JS	-	JavaScript
OSM	-	Open Street Map
SDLC	-	Software Development Life Cycle
HTML	-	Hyper Text Markup Language
CSS	-	Cascading Style Sheet
HTTP	-	Hyper Text Transfer Protocol
RDBMS	-	Relational DataBase Management System
CRUD	-	Create Read Update Delete
ORM	-	Object Relational Mapper
DFD	-	Data Flow Diagram
ER	-	Entity Relationship
UAT	-	User Acceptance Testing
CSRF	-	Cross-Site Request Forgery

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Rapid urbanization and population growth have significantly increased the volume of solid waste generated in cities worldwide. Efficient waste management has become a critical challenge for municipal authorities, not only due to the rising quantity of waste but also because of its environmental and public health implications. Traditional waste collection systems, often manual and schedule-based, are prone to inefficiencies such as delayed pickups, missed collections, and uneven allocation of resources. These inefficiencies can lead to environmental pollution, health hazards, and increased operational costs for local governments. Moreover, lack of transparency and communication between citizens and waste management authorities often results in dissatisfaction and a reduced sense of accountability.

In recent years, the integration of information technology into municipal services has opened avenues for smart waste management solutions. Leveraging digital platforms to streamline waste collection, track pickups, and engage citizens can significantly enhance operational efficiency and sustainability. "**EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System**" is conceived to address these challenges by providing a web-based solution that allows citizens to schedule waste pickups, while administrators can efficiently assign collectors and monitor operations. The system incorporates features such as pickup scheduling, real-time mapping of collection points, role-based dashboards for citizens, collectors, and administrators, and comprehensive management of pickup requests.

EcoTrack also aims to optimize resource allocation by helping administrators assign collectors effectively and track pending or completed tasks, thereby reducing operational delays. By bridging the gap between citizens and municipal waste collection authorities, EcoTrack facilitates timely pickups, improves communication, and ensures accountability. Ultimately, the system promotes sustainable practices, environmental awareness, and a more responsive urban waste management infrastructure, contributing to cleaner and healthier communities.

1.2 Introduction

Urban societies continue to struggle with the crucial issue of waste management, directly impacting public health, environmental sustainability, and the general standard of living. Conventional waste collection systems, which often follow fixed schedules without considering real-time demand or citizen input, are frequently inefficient, leading to delayed pickups, missed collections, and the unnecessary expenditure of resources. Moreover, the absence of a structured communication mechanism between citizens and municipal authorities often results in unreported complaints, underutilization of resources, and a lack of accountability in waste management process.

The advancement of digital technologies has enabled the development of smart solutions that can transform traditional waste management practices. EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System – is designed to modernize the waste collection process by integrating automation, scheduling, and monitoring capabilities into a single web-based platform. The system allows citizens to book waste pickups according to their convenience, while administrators can assign collectors efficiently, manage pickup requests, and monitor operations through a centralized dashboard. Collectors are provided with clear task assignments, ensuring timely and organized waste collection, while administrators can track pending and completed tasks in real time.

In addition to operational efficiency, EcoTrack emphasizes environmental sustainability. By optimizing collection routes, reducing unnecessary trips, and promoting timely disposal, the system minimizes carbon footprint and contributes to cleaner urban spaces. The platform also fosters citizen engagement by providing transparency in the waste collection process, allowing users to track the status of their requests and offer feedback. These features collectively ensure a more accountable, responsive, and eco-conscious waste management system.

Ultimately, EcoTrack is not merely a technological solution but a step towards sustainable urban living. By bridging the gap between citizens and municipal authorities, it facilitates seamless coordination, reduces manual workload, and promotes environmentally responsible practices. Through its innovative approach, EcoTrack contributes to building smarter, healthier, and more livable cities.

1.3 Problem Statement

Despite the essential nature of waste collection in urban environments, many cities continue to rely on outdated, manual systems that are unable to cope with growing demands. The lack of real-time coordination and scheduling mechanisms often results in inconsistent waste collection, leading to overflowing bins, unhygienic surroundings, and community dissatisfaction. Municipal authorities face challenges in efficiently allocating collectors, tracking collection status, and managing multiple pickup requests simultaneously, which can cause delays, redundancy in routes, and increased operational costs.

On the citizens' side, the absence of a convenient platform to request waste collection or monitor the progress of their requests reduces participation and accountability. In many cases, complaints or special pickup requests go unrecorded, further complicating waste management operations. Additionally, manual monitoring makes it difficult to evaluate collector performance, optimize routes, or generate actionable insights for improving service efficiency.

This situation highlights the urgent need for a systematic, technology-driven solution that can streamline urban waste collection. A smart waste management system should allow citizens to schedule pickups easily, enable administrators to assign and track tasks efficiently, and provide collectors with clear, organized assignments. Addressing this problem would not only improve operational efficiency but also enhance environmental hygiene, citizen satisfaction, and sustainable urban living.

1.4 Motivation

Effective waste management is a cornerstone of sustainable urban development, yet it remains a persistent challenge in many cities. Observing the growing inefficiencies in traditional collection methods, it becomes evident that reliance on manual processes cannot adequately meet the demands of modern urban life. The motivation behind the development of EcoTrack stems from the need to leverage technology to make waste management more responsive, transparent, and citizen-centric.

A key driving factor is the increasing public awareness of environmental issues and the demand for cleaner, healthier living spaces. Citizens expect timely services, accountability, and the ability to actively participate in maintaining urban hygiene.

Simultaneously, municipal authorities require solutions that reduce human error, streamline operations, and enable data-driven decision-making. Current methods often lack these capabilities, which can result in resource wastage, operational delays, and public dissatisfaction.

EcoTrack is motivated by the vision of bridging this gap between citizen expectations and administrative capabilities. By providing a platform that facilitates scheduled pickups, real-time monitoring, and optimized task allocation, the system aims to enhance efficiency while fostering environmentally responsible behaviour. Furthermore, the project draws inspiration from the goal of fostering sustainable urban development and improving everyday life quality and create replicable frameworks for smart municipal services that can adapt to growing populations and dynamic city environments.

1.5 Scope

The EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System is developed to modernize urban waste collection by providing an organized, technology-driven platform for citizens, collectors, and municipal administrators. Citizens can schedule waste pickups, track the status of their requests, and provide feedback, promoting convenience and accountability. Collectors receive task assignments in a structured manner, ensuring timely and systematic collection.

For administrators, the system enables efficient task allocation, real-time monitoring of pickups, and generation of reports to support operational decision-making. The inclusion of mapping features and automated notifications enhances coordination among stakeholders and reduces delays in waste collection. The platform emphasizes improving service efficiency and citizen engagement without requiring extensive manual supervision.

The scope of EcoTrack is focused on waste collection management and does not extend to waste processing, disposal, or advanced predictive analytics. While the current implementation manages request scheduling and monitoring, future enhancements could integrate IoT devices, AI-based route optimization, or environmental impact tracking. Overall, the system aims to contribute to cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable urban environments.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 A Novel Web-Based Waste Control and Management Platform[1]

Authors: Anazia Eluemunor Kizito, Adigwe Wilfred, and Justin Ifeose
Published in: International Journal of Advances in Engineering and Management (IJAEM), Volume 6, Issue 3, March 2024, pp. 170–179

This study addresses the escalating challenges of waste management in urban areas, particularly in developing nations. The authors propose a web-based platform developed using the Visual Studio Framework and Object-Oriented Methodology. The system aims to bridge communication gaps between citizens and waste management authorities, reduce street littering, enhance auditing processes, and minimize operational costs. Key features include waste collection scheduling, monitoring, and reporting, all accessible via web and mobile interfaces.

Key Aspects:

- **Technological Framework**: The platform is developed using the Visual Studio Framework, employing Object-Oriented Methodology for modular and efficient system design.
- **User-Centric Design**: The system offers a user-friendly interface, allowing residents to request waste collection services, track schedules, and receive timely notifications.
- **Administrative Tools**: Administrators can manage user accounts, monitor waste collection activities, and generate reports to ensure efficient service delivery.
- **Cost Efficiency**: By digitizing waste management processes, the platform reduces the need for paper-based records, leading to cost savings and improved data accuracy.
- **Environmental Impact**: The system promotes timely waste collection, reducing street littering and contributing to cleaner urban environments.

This research highlights the potential of web-based platforms in transforming traditional waste management practices, offering scalable and sustainable solutions for urban areas.

2.2 CLEANSE: A Web-Based Waste Management with a Rewards System[2]

Authors: Rey, W. P., Fernandez, M. J. G., Salem, F. E. S., & Santos, C. E. A.
Published in: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2024

This paper introduces CLEANSE, an innovative web-based platform which is designed to enhance the waste management practices through a rewards-based system. The platform aims to incentivize individuals and communities to engage in proper waste disposal and recycling behaviors, thereby promoting for the environmental sustainability.

Key Aspects:

- **Rewards System**: CLEANSE integrates a rewards mechanism that motivates users to participate actively in waste management activities. Users earn points or incentives for actions such as segregating waste, recycling materials, or participating in community clean-up events.
- **User Engagement**: The platform employs gamification techniques to increase user engagement. Features like leaderboards, badges, and challenges encourage friendly competition and sustained participation among users.
- **Data Tracking and Analytics**: CLEANSE provides tools for tracking individual and community waste management activities. Analytics dashboards allow users and administrators to monitor progress, identify trends, and make informed decisions to improve waste management strategies.
- **Community Collaboration**: The platform fosters a sense of community by enabling users to collaborate on waste management initiatives. Community features such as forums, event calendars, and group challenges facilitate collective action towards cleaner environments.
- **Environmental Impact**: By promoting responsible waste disposal and recycling behaviors, CLEANSE contributes to reducing landfill waste, conserving resources, and minimizing environmental pollution.

This study demonstrates the effectiveness of incorporating behavioral incentives into waste management systems, demonstrating that active community engagement is key to sustainable solutions.

2.3 Smart Waste Management System[3]

Authors: Lohitha, N. S., Devi, B. L., & Bai, V. S.

Published in: Hybrid Intelligent Systems, Springer, 2025

This chapter presents an IoT-based smart waste management system which is designed to optimize urban waste collection processes. Here system utilizes sensors to check the filling levels of garbage bins, providing real-time data to waste collection authorities. By integrating GPS technology, the system enables efficient route planning for garbage trucks, reducing fuel consumption and operational costs. The use of an ATmega 328P microcontroller Enables smooth data exchange between sensors and the central system, ensuring timely waste collection and promoting a cleaner urban environment.

Key Aspects:

- **IoT Integration**: The system employs Internet of Things (IoT) technology to connect sensors which are embedded in garbage bins to a central monitoring system, that may allow for real- time tracking of waste levels.
- **Sensor Technology**: Ultrasonic sensors are used to measure the filling levels of waste bins, providing accurate data that informs waste collection schedules and routes.
- **GPS-Based Routing**: The integration of GPS technology enables garbage trucks to follow optimized routes, that reduces travel time and fuel consumption level.
- **Microcontroller Utilization**: The ATmega 328P microcontroller serves as the central processing unit, coordinating data from sensors and controlling the operation of the waste management system.
- **Environmental Impact**: By streamlining waste collection processes, the system contributes to a reduction in street littering and promotes a cleaner and healthier urban environment.

This work underscores the potential of IoT and sensor technologies in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of waste management systems in urban settings. **By enabling real-time monitoring, automated task allocation, and data-driven decision-making, the system ensures timely waste collection and optimized resource utilization. It also promotes transparency, accountability, and citizen participation, contributing to cleaner, smarter cities.**

2.4 Online Waste Management System[4]

Authors: Kishore Babu, Suraj, Maskinder Singh, & Prof. Sreedevi
Published in: International Journal for Research in Applied Science & Engineering Technology (IJRASET), Volume 11, Issue VI, June 2023, pp. 998–1005

This paper presents the development of an online waste management system aimed at promoting sustainable waste practices through community engagement and education. The system offers a user-friendly platform that facilitates waste classification, scheduling of waste pickups, and provides educational resources to encourage proper waste disposal methods.

Key Aspects:

- **Waste Classification**: The system includes a comprehensive waste classification feature, enabling users to categorize waste into various types such as hazardous, electronic, organic, and recyclable. This classification aids in proper disposal and recycling efforts.
- **Scheduling and Notifications**: Users can schedule waste pickups and receive timely notifications, ensuring that waste is collected efficiently and on time.
- **Educational Resources**: The platform provides access to educational materials that inform users about the importance of waste segregation and the environmental impact of improper waste disposal.
- **Community Engagement**: By involving users in waste management activities, the system nurtures civic responsibility and drives collective action towards a cleaner environment.
- **Accessibility**: Designed to be accessible and user-friendly, the system caters to a wide range of users, promoting widespread adoption of sustainable waste management practices.

This study highlights the role of education and community involvement in achieving effective waste management solutions. The research also suggests that integrating technology with community engagement can lead to more sustainable and environmentally responsible urban waste practices.

2.5 Web Technology-Based Waste Management System: A Real-Time On-Demand Collection of Waste[5]

Authors: Anurag Srivastav, Gaurav Gupta Inderjeet Tyagi, Kunal Soni & Bhawna Rani *Published in*: International Journal of Advanced Engineering and Management (IJAEM), Volume 3, Issue 7, July 2021, pp. 1–6

This paper presents a web-based waste management system designed to facilitate real-time, on-demand waste collection. The system aims to address the inefficiencies in traditional waste collection methods by providing a platform where users can request waste pickup services as needed.

Key Aspects:

- **User Interface**: The system features an intuitive web interface that allows users to easily request waste collection services.
- **Real-Time Tracking**: Users can track the status of their waste collection requests in real-time, enhancing transparency and user satisfaction.
- **Admin Dashboard**: An administrative dashboard enables waste management authorities to monitor and manage collection requests efficiently.
- **Notifications**: The system sends notifications to users regarding the status of their requests, ensuring timely communication.
- **Data Analytics**: The platform collects data on waste collection patterns, which can be analysed to optimize future collection routes and schedules.

This system exemplifies the potential of web technologies in modernizing waste management practices, making them more responsive to the needs of urban populations. Furthermore, it demonstrates how integrating IoT and real-time data analytics can optimize operational efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance environmental sustainability. By enabling proactive monitoring and timely interventions, such systems contribute to cleaner urban environments and improved public health outcomes.

2.6 An IoT and Web-Based System for Efficient Waste Collection and Monitoring[6]

Authors: Ellison Lim Jian Hung, Nayef Abdulwahab Mohammed Alduais

Published in: Applied Information Technology and Computer Science (AITCS), Volume 5, Issue 2, December 2024

This study presents an IoT and web-based system designed to enhance the efficiency of waste collection and monitoring processes. The system integrates IoT sensors into waste bins to provide real-time data on fill levels, enabling optimized collection schedules and routes. Developed using Arduino IDE, C++, Python, Android Studio, PHP, and MySQL, the platform offers modules for monitoring, reporting, visualization, notifications, user registration, and staff management. The system aims to reduce operational costs, minimize environmental impact, and improve overall waste management efficiency.

Key Aspects:

- **IoT Integration:** Utilizes IoT sensors embedded in waste bins to monitor fill levels in real-time.
- **Data Analytics:** Employs cloud-based analytics to optimize collection schedules and routes.
- **User Engagement:** Provides a web interface for users to request pickups and track waste collection status.
- **Administrative Tools:** Offers features for staff management, including notifications and reporting capabilities.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Aims to reduce operational costs by optimizing waste collection processes.
- **Environmental Impact:** Seeks to minimize the environmental footprint through efficient waste management practices.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Tracks collector performance and system efficiency through dashboard analytics.
- **Sustainability Goal:** Promotes eco-friendly urban living and supports smart city initiatives.

2.7 Smart Waste Management Using IoT and Citizen Engagement[7]

Authors: Al-Salem, S. M., Lettieri, P., and Baeyens, J.

Published in: Waste Management, Volume 105, 2020, pp. 34–45

This study explores the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies with citizen- centric digital platforms to enhance urban waste management systems. The authors propose a smart system that continuously monitors bin fill levels, optimizes collection routes, and actively involves citizens in reporting and scheduling waste pickups. The system aims to improve operational efficiency, reduce unnecessary collection trips, and promote environmental sustainability.

Key Aspects:

- **Technological Framework:** The system employs IoT sensors for real-time monitoring of bin status, coupled with a web and mobile application for citizen interaction. This dual approach ensures continuous data collection and user engagement.

- **Optimized Collection:** Data from sensors is used to dynamically plan waste collection routes, minimizing fuel consumption and collection time. The system adapts to real-time conditions, enhancing responsiveness.

- **Citizen Engagement:** Residents can request pickups, report overflowing bins, and track collection status, improving responsiveness and satisfaction. This participatory model fosters a sense of community responsibility.

- **Administrative Oversight:** Waste management authorities can monitor operations, generate reports, and analyze patterns to improve service delivery. The system provides actionable insights for better decision-making.

- **Environmental and Cost Benefits:** The system reduces street littering, lowers operational costs by minimizing redundant trips, and contributes to a cleaner, more sustainable urban environment. This holistic approach addresses both operational and environmental challenges.

2.8 Smart Waste Management Using Internet-of-Things (IoT)[8]

Authors: G. K. Shyam, S. S. Manvi, P. Bharti

Published in: Proceedings of the 2017 2nd International Conference on Computing and Communications Technologies (ICCCT), Chennai, India, 23–24 February 2017

This paper discusses the design and implementation of a smart waste management system leveraging IoT technologies to automate and optimize the waste collection process. The system focuses on reducing operational inefficiencies, lowering costs, and improving environmental sustainability in urban areas.

Key Aspects:

- **IoT-Enabled Bins:** Each waste bin is embedded with ultrasonic sensors to continuously monitor the fill level. Data from these sensors are transmitted in real-time to a centralized monitoring system, allowing authorities to identify which bins require immediate attention.
- **Automated Collection Scheduling:** Based on real-time data, the system dynamically generates collection schedules. This reduces unnecessary trips, ensures timely collection, and improves responsiveness to peak waste generation periods.
- **Resource Optimization:** By analyzing sensor data, the system optimizes the allocation of collection vehicles and manpower. This not only saves operational costs but also reduces fuel consumption and minimizes carbon emissions, contributing to environmental sustainability.
- **Data Analytics:** The platform incorporates predictive analytics to understand waste generation patterns. Historical data is used to forecast high-waste zones and times, enabling proactive planning of collection routes and resource deployment.
- **Web and Mobile Integration:** The system provides an interactive web-based interface and mobile application for administrators, enabling remote monitoring of bin status, real-time alerts, and performance dashboards. This improves decision-making efficiency and accountability.
- **Environmental and Social Impact:** By automating waste collection, the system minimizes the risk of overflowing bins, reduces litter in urban areas, and promotes

public health. Citizens also benefit from timely waste removal, enhancing overall community satisfaction.

- **Scalability and Flexibility:** The IoT-based framework is modular, allowing additional bins or new urban areas to be integrated seamlessly. It supports expansion without significant infrastructural changes, making it suitable for both small municipalities and large smart cities.

2.9IoT-Based Smart Waste Bin Monitoring and Municipal Solid Waste Management System for Smart Cities[9]

Authors: Norfadzlia Mohd Yusof, Mohd Faizal Zulkifli, Nur Yusma Amira Mohd Yusof, Nur Azziana Afifie Binti Azman

Published in: Arabian Journal for Science and Engineering, 2020

This paper presents an IoT-based framework designed to improve municipal solid waste management in smart cities. The system aims to enhance operational efficiency, reduce collection costs, and promote environmentally sustainable waste management practices by leveraging real-time monitoring and data-driven decision-making.

Key Aspects:

- **Real-Time Monitoring:** IoT-enabled smart bins are equipped with sensors that measure fill levels and environmental parameters such as humidity and temperature. This real-time data allows authorities to detect overflowing bins and plan timely collection, preventing unsanitary conditions.

- **Data Analytics and Predictive Modeling:** Historical and real-time data are analyzed to identify patterns in waste generation across different urban zones. Predictive models are used to forecast high-waste areas and peak collection times, enabling proactive resource allocation.

- **Web-Based and Mobile Interface:** The system provides an interactive web dashboard and mobile access for municipal authorities. Administrators can track bin status, generate reports, and receive automated alerts, thereby facilitating prompt response to collection needs.

- **Smart City Integration:** The system can be integrated with existing smart city platforms, connecting with traffic management systems and GPS-enabled collection vehicles. This integration allows for optimized routing of collection trucks, reducing fuel consumption, vehicle wear, and traffic congestion.

- **Environmental and Social Benefits:** By ensuring timely waste collection and reducing instances of overflowing bins, the system improves urban cleanliness, public health, and citizen satisfaction. It also encourages the adoption of eco-friendly practices by providing insights into waste generation trends.

- **Scalability and Flexibility:** The framework supports easy addition of new bins and expansion to new urban areas without major infrastructural changes. Its modular design allows municipalities of varying sizes to implement the system effectively.

- **Resource Efficiency:** Optimized routing and scheduling reduce operational costs, manpower requirements, and carbon emissions, demonstrating how technology can create both economic and environmental benefits.

2.10 Web-Based Waste Management System: A Novel Approach[10]

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This paper presents a comprehensive web-based waste management system that integrates Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to enhance the efficiency of urban waste collection and disposal processes. The system aims to address the challenges associated with traditional waste management methods by providing real-time monitoring, automated scheduling, and data analytics.

Key Features:

- **GIS Integration:** The system employs GIS to map the locations of waste bins and optimize collection routes. This spatial analysis enables waste management authorities to plan efficient collection schedules and reduce operational costs.

- **Real-Time Monitoring:** IoT-enabled sensors installed in waste bins monitor fill levels and environmental conditions. This real-time data is transmitted to the central system, allowing for timely interventions and preventing overflow situations.

- **Automated Scheduling:** Based on the real-time data, the system automatically schedules waste collection, ensuring that bins are emptied before reaching capacity. This automation reduces human intervention and minimizes the risk of missed collections.

- **Data Analytics:** The system collects and analyzes data on waste generation patterns, enabling authorities to predict future waste volumes and adjust collection schedules accordingly. This predictive capability supports proactive planning and resource allocation.

- **User Interface:** A user-friendly web interface allows waste management personnel to monitor the status of waste bins, view collection schedules, and generate reports. This interface enhances decision-making and improves operational transparency.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 Users

EcoTrack is designed around three primary user roles: **Citizens, Collectors, and Administrators**. Citizens interact with the system by submitting waste collection requests, tracking their status, and providing feedback. Collectors are responsible for completing assigned tasks and updating their status in real-time. Unlike citizens, collectors cannot self-register; they are registered by administrators, who provide them with system credentials. Login credentials for collectors are sent securely via email, ensuring controlled access. Administrators have overarching control, including managing user accounts, assigning tasks, monitoring operations, and generating reports. This role-based structure ensures accountability, smooth coordination, and efficient service delivery across the system.

3.2 Registration and Profile Management

Citizens can self-register on the EcoTrack platform by providing necessary details, including name, email, phone number, password, and profile image. This allows them to submit pickup requests and access personalized dashboards. Collectors, on the other hand, do not self- register; administrators create their accounts and assign login credentials, which are communicated securely via email. Profile management allows all users to update personal information when necessary, ensuring accurate records and effective communication within the system. This setup maintains security, simplifies onboarding, and ensures proper access control for all user roles.

3.3 Authentication and Role-Based Access

EcoTrack implements secure authentication for all users. Citizens log in using the credentials created during self-registration, while collectors use credentials provided by administrators via email. Upon successful login, users are directed to dashboards specific to their role: citizens to service dashboards, collectors to task panels, and administrators to management interfaces. Role-based access ensures that users see only the functionalities relevant to their responsibilities, maintaining data security, privacy, and operational efficiency.

3.4 Pickup Request Management (Citizen Interaction)

Citizens can schedule waste collection requests through a simple and intuitive interface, specifying preferred date, time, and exact location. The system allows categorization of waste types (e.g., biodegradable, recyclable, hazardous) to ensure proper handling. Each request is automatically logged with a unique tracking ID and queued for administrative review. Users can access a history of all past requests, view upcoming pickups on a calendar interface, and receive real-time status updates via notifications or email. The system also supports editing or cancelling requests within allowed timeframes, providing flexibility to citizens. Automated reminders before scheduled pickups reduce missed collections and ensure timely waste disposal. This structured workflow ensures accurate record-keeping, reduces miscommunication between citizens and administrators, and contributes to efficient and environmentally responsible waste management.

3.5 Task Assignment and Administrative Management

Administrators can view all incoming pickup requests in a centralized dashboard with filters for date, zone, waste type, and urgency. Using this information, tasks are assigned to collectors based on predefined criteria, including zone coverage, current workload, and collector availability. The system supports automatic or manual assignment, with options to reassign tasks in case of delays or emergencies. Notifications are sent instantly to assigned collectors via the dashboard or mobile alerts. Administrators can monitor the real-time progress of each task, track the performance of individual collectors, and generate reports on operational efficiency, peak request times, and service quality. Advanced features may include predictive scheduling, workload balancing, and historical analytics to optimize resource allocation and ensure timely waste collection.

3.6 Collector Task Management

Collectors access a dedicated dashboard displaying all assigned tasks for the day, with detailed information including pickup locations, scheduled time slots, waste type, and any special instructions. Collectors can update task status as completed, pending, or problematic, with optional comments for issues like inaccessible locations or incorrect request details. The dashboard provides task prioritization and sorting based on urgency or route optimization. Real-time status updates allow administrators to monitor progress, detect delays, and intervene if necessary. Collectors also receive alerts for newly assigned tasks, changes in

schedules, or urgent pickups, improving responsiveness and accountability. Historical performance metrics are also accessible, helping collectors track their efficiency over time.

3.7 Complaint and Feedback Handling

The complaint and feedback module empowers citizens to report service gaps such as missed pickups, delayed collections, or improper handling of waste. Citizens can submit complaints through multiple channels including the web portal, mobile notifications, or email. Administrators receive these complaints in a prioritized queue, assign them to responsible collectors or zones, and track resolution progress. Detailed logs of each complaint—including timestamps, resolution actions, and citizen communication—ensure transparency and accountability. Periodic analysis of complaints helps identify recurring issues, inefficiencies, or training needs, thereby enhancing overall service quality. Additionally, positive feedback from citizens can be logged to recognize high-performing collectors, boosting morale and motivation.

3.8 Notifications

EcoTrack implements a comprehensive notification system to keep all stakeholders informed. Citizens receive alerts for request confirmation, scheduled pickups, collector assignment, delays, or successful task completion. Collectors are notified of new tasks, rescheduled assignments, urgent requests, or complaints related to their tasks. Administrators can broadcast critical announcements, maintenance schedules, or emergency alerts to all users. Notifications can be delivered via multiple channels, including the web dashboard, mobile app notifications, and email. Timely alerts improve communication, reduce response times, and ensure a transparent workflow across all user roles.

3.9 Dashboards and Analytics

Each user role is equipped with a personalized dashboard. Citizens can view their request history, pending pickups, and notifications. Collectors can track task completion, view performance metrics, and monitor pending assignments. Administrators have access to advanced analytics, including request patterns, collector efficiency, zone-wise workload distribution, and overall system performance. These dashboards support data-driven decision-making and help optimize operational workflows.

3.10 Map-Based Visualization

EcoTrack integrates interactive, geospatial visualizations using Leaflet.js and OpenStreetMap. Administrators can view all pending and completed pickups on a dynamic map, segmented by zones for easier management. Collectors can visualize their daily routes and optimize travel paths to reduce fuel consumption and time. Citizens can check the status and location of their scheduled pickups, improving service transparency and trust. Map filters allow viewing by waste type, urgency, or collector assignment. Historical mapping of collection trends supports strategic planning and identification of high-demand areas.

3.11 Performance Tracking

The system continuously monitors collector performance through metrics such as task completion rate, punctuality, response time to complaints, and adherence to schedules. Administrators can generate detailed reports highlighting high-performing collectors and identifying operational bottlenecks or recurrent service issues. Performance tracking supports reward programs, training initiatives, and improved accountability. Additionally, the system can detect inefficiencies in task assignment or route planning, enabling continuous improvement of overall waste management operations.

CHAPTER 4
METHODOLOGY

The methodology for developing the **EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System** is designed to systematically address the challenges of urban waste management through a digital, user-centric, and data-driven approach. The system aims to enhance coordination between citizens, collectors, and administrators while promoting transparency, accountability, and environmental sustainability. By combining modern web technologies with geospatial mapping and role-based workflows, EcoTrack ensures that waste collection processes are streamlined, efficient, and responsive to real-world needs.

The development of EcoTrack follows a **structured Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)**, incorporating stages that emphasize both technical rigor and user experience:

4.1 Requirement Analysis

The initial phase focused on understanding the practical challenges faced by urban waste management systems, including delays in pickups, poor communication, and lack of operational oversight. Detailed requirements were gathered through stakeholder analysis, identifying the distinct needs of citizens, collectors, and administrators. Functional requirements were established to include features such as pickup scheduling, role-based dashboards, real-time notifications, complaint handling, performance tracking, and map-based visualization. Non-functional requirements, such as scalability, security, and system reliability, were also clearly defined to ensure the platform could operate effectively under varying loads and maintain user trust.

4.2 System Design

The system was architected with a modular, role-based structure to allow seamless interactions between users and administrators. Key design elements included:

- **Database Design:** Structured using **MySQL**, ensuring secure storage of user profiles, pickup requests, collector assignments, complaints, and operational analytics.
- **User Interface Design:** Intuitive web interfaces were developed to allow citizens to submit requests easily, collectors to manage their tasks effectively, and administrators to monitor operations efficiently. The interface design emphasizes clarity, and simplicity

- **Geospatial Integration:** The system incorporates **Leaflet.js** and **OpenStreetMap** to provide real-time visualization of pickup requests, zones, and collector routes, enabling optimal planning and transparent tracking.

4.3 Development and Implementation

The development phase focused on integrating backend and frontend technologies to build a secure, efficient, and user-friendly platform that addresses the needs of citizens, collectors, and administrators.

- **Backend Development:** The backend was developed using **Django (Python)**, providing a robust framework for managing secure user authentication, role-based access control, task assignment, and system notifications. The backend also manages database operations, handles request processing, and ensures data consistency across all modules. APIs were implemented to enable smooth communication between the frontend and backend components.
- **Frontend Development:** The frontend was implemented using **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**, delivering dynamic and interactive dashboards, forms, and mapping features. Emphasis was placed on responsive design, ensuring that users can access the system seamlessly across desktops, tablets, and mobile devices. The interface was designed for clarity and ease of use, reducing the learning curve for first-time users.
- **Collector Onboarding:** Collectors are registered exclusively by administrators, and secure login credentials are sent via email. This controlled registration process maintains system security, ensures accountability, and enables administrators to assign tasks effectively while monitoring collector activity.
- **Notification System:** A real-time notification module keeps all users informed about task assignments, pickup request confirmations, schedule updates, and system announcements. Notifications are delivered through both in-app alerts and emails, enhancing communication efficiency and ensuring timely execution of tasks.
- **Integration of Geospatial Tools:** The system integrates **Leaflet.js** and **OpenStreetMap** for map-based visualization of pickup requests and collector routes, enabling route optimization, zone monitoring, and operational transparency.
- **Data Management and Reporting:** The platform includes modules for collecting and analysing data from all activities. Administrators can generate reports on request patterns,

collector performance, and zone efficiency, supporting data-driven decision-making and continuous improvement.

4.4 Testing and Validation

Rigorous testing was conducted to ensure that the EcoTrack system operates reliably, efficiently, and meets user expectations under various conditions:

- **Functional Testing:** Verified that all modules—including user registration, login, pickup request submission, task assignments, notifications, complaint handling, and dashboards—function as intended. Each feature was tested for correct data processing, accurate updates, and seamless role-based access.
- **Performance Testing:** Assessed system responsiveness and stability under multiple concurrent users. Load testing ensured that high volumes of requests and data interactions do not compromise speed or reliability.
- **Usability Testing:** Conducted with sample users from all roles to evaluate ease of navigation, clarity of interface elements, and accessibility across devices. Feedback helped identify minor usability improvements and guided interface refinements for better user experience.
- **Security Testing:** Basic security checks were performed to validate secure login, role-based access, and data protection against unauthorized access.

4.5 Deployment and Maintenance

The final system was deployed on a secure web server, providing continuous accessibility for all users. Maintenance protocols were established for regular updates, bug fixes, and system optimizations. Ongoing user feedback is integrated to refine features and enhance operational efficiency. Routine monitoring ensures the system remains stable, responsive, and secure, while periodic performance evaluations help identify areas for improvement. This iterative approach ensures that EcoTrack continues to meet the evolving needs of urban waste management, adapts to technological advancements, and maintains high user satisfaction.

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

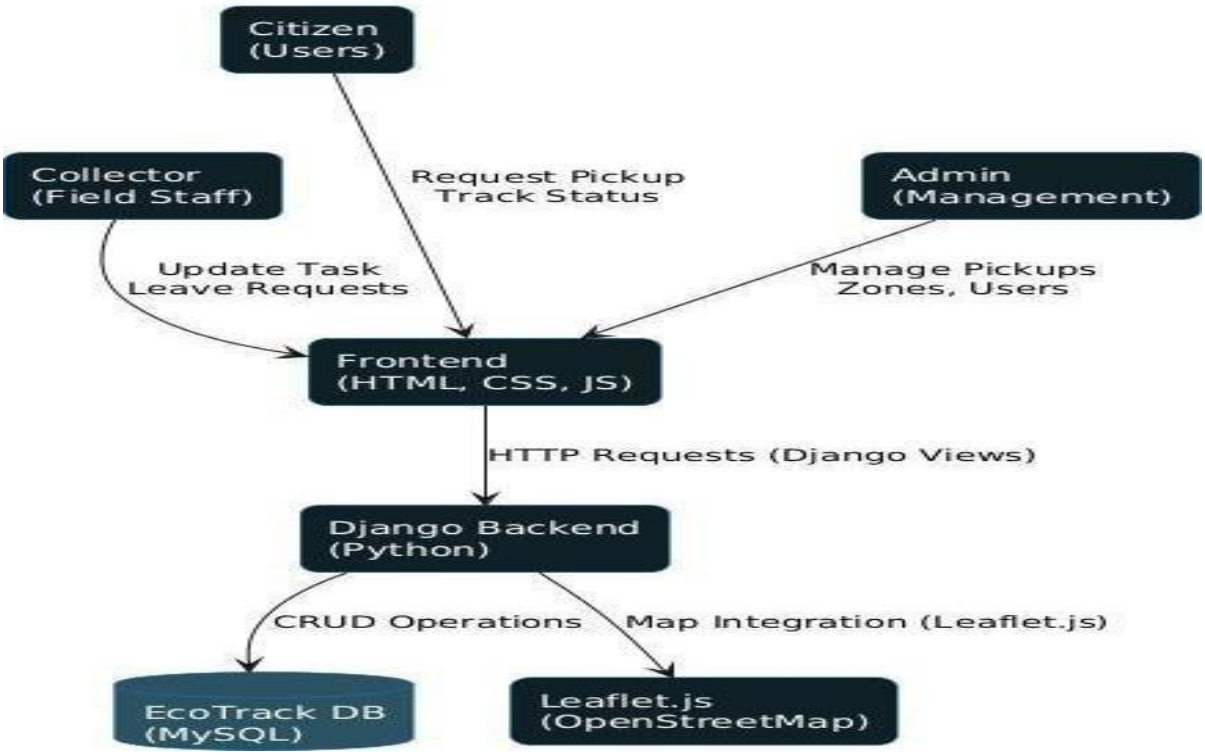

Figure: 5.1 System Architecture

5.1 Overview of System Architecture

The architecture of *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* is meticulously designed to balance usability, scalability, and reliability, facilitating seamless interaction among citizens, collectors, and administrators. The system adopts a multi-tier architectural model, comprising three primary layers — Presentation Layer (Frontend), Application Layer (Backend), and Database Layer — each serving distinct but interdependent functions. This layered approach promotes maintainability, modularity, and secure data management.

The architecture ensures efficient communication among all user roles through a centralized web interface, while the Django-based backend handles business logic and data processing. Together, these layers enable real-time synchronization, reliable performance, and consistent data handling across the platform, ensuring a cohesive and user-centric operational flow.

5.1.1 Presentation Layer (Frontend)

The Presentation Layer serves as the user interaction interface, focusing on visualization, responsiveness, and accessibility. Developed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, it provides an intuitive and device-independent experience for all user categories. This layer implements a dark glowing blue theme across all dashboards to maintain visual consistency and enhance usability.

Key Features of the Presentation Layer:

- **Citizen Interface:** Allows citizens to register, log in, and request waste pickups by specifying preferred dates, times, and locations. Citizens can track pickup status, view assigned collectors, and submit complaints or feedback.
- **Collector Interface:** Enables collectors to receive daily assignments, view optimized routes via Leaflet.js (OpenStreetMap), mark pickups as completed, manage leave requests, and monitor performance.
- **Administrator Interface:** Provides administrators with advanced dashboards for assigning collectors, managing users and zones, monitoring collection progress, addressing citizen complaints, and analysing system-wide metrics.

The frontend communicates securely with the backend via HTTP requests (AJAX), ensuring smooth data synchronization and real-time updates. This design guarantees a unified and consistent experience across all user roles while maintaining operational transparency.

5.1.2 Application Layer (Backend)

The Application Layer forms the logical and functional core of the EcoTrack system. Built using the Django framework (Python), it manages all business logic, authentication, and workflow coordination between the frontend and the database. Django was chosen for its modular design, scalability, and robust security features.

Core Functionalities of the Application Layer:

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC): Ensures that user privileges are defined by role—Citizen, Collector, or Administrator—maintaining confidentiality and operational integrity. Collectors are registered exclusively by administrators, and credentials are securely shared via email.

Workflow and Task Management: Handles the entire lifecycle of waste pickup requests, from submission by citizens to collector assignment and completion confirmation.

Notification and Messaging Services: Uses Django's messaging framework to send real-time alerts about task assignments, approvals, updates, and complaint resolutions.

Security and Data Integrity: Employs Django's built-in mechanisms for CSRF protection, session management, password encryption, and form validation, safeguarding against unauthorized access and data breaches.

Performance Optimization: Implements query optimization, caching, and load balancing to ensure responsiveness during concurrent user operations.

This layer acts as the bridge between user interactions and database operations, ensuring that all requests are authenticated, validated, and executed according to the defined business rules.

5.1.3 Database Layer

The Database Layer provides persistent storage and data management for all system operations. MySQL serves as the Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) due to its robustness, high performance, and reliable relational handling. This layer ensures secure, structured, and efficient data operations, supporting the backend logic and enabling real-time updates.

Key Characteristics of the Database Layer:

Data Normalization: Follows standardized database design principles to eliminate redundancy and ensure consistency.

Efficient Query Execution: Employs indexing and query optimization to support fast retrieval and scalability.

Referential Integrity: Maintains strong entity relationships—linking users, collectors, zones, and pickup requests—through foreign key constraints.

Backup and Recovery: Scheduled automatic backups and restoration protocols safeguard against potential data loss.

Django ORM Integration: Leverages Django's Object Relational Mapper (ORM) to perform CRUD operations efficiently, minimizing direct SQL interaction and simplifying maintenance.

5.2 System Architecture Diagram

Figure 5.1 illustrates the overall architecture of the EcoTrack system, highlighting the interaction between users, the frontend interface, the Django backend, and supporting components such as the database and mapping APIs.

At the top layer, Citizens, Collectors, and Administrators act as the primary user entities:

- Citizens submit pickup requests, track their progress, and provide feedback.
- Collectors receive and update their assigned tasks while managing their work schedules.
- Administrators oversee all activities, including task assignments, user and zone management, and system performance monitoring.

The frontend (HTML, CSS, JS) communicates with the backend (Django/Python) via HTTP requests. The backend, in turn, interacts with the MySQL database for CRUD operations and integrates with Leaflet.js for geospatial visualization of routes and pickup zones.

This two-way communication ensures that every system update—such as a pickup request submission or status change—is reflected in real time across all dashboards, promoting transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency.

5.3 System Workflow

The EcoTrack workflow is designed to coordinate the activities of all three user roles efficiently.

Citizen Registration: Citizens create accounts and log in to the system.

Pickup Request Creation: Users submit requests specifying the date, time, and pickup location.

Data Validation and Storage: The backend verifies the inputs and stores them securely in the database.

Collector Assignment: The administrator assigns collectors based on zone coverage and workload.

Collector Notification: The assigned collector receives details of the pickup request and proceeds accordingly.

Status Update: Upon completion, the collector marks the task as “Completed.”

Feedback and Monitoring: Citizens can review the service, and administrators can monitor performance and generate analytical reports.

This structured workflow ensures effective communication, transparency, and accountability throughout the waste collection process.

5.4 System Design Principles

The EcoTrack architecture follows established software engineering and design principles to ensure sustainability, performance, and scalability:

Modularity: Independent functional modules simplify maintenance and upgrades.

Scalability: System can accommodate growing users and data volume seamlessly.

Security: Implements encrypted transactions and access control to protect user data.

Maintainability: Layered architecture facilitates easier debugging and enhancements.

Usability: Provides an intuitive, responsive, and consistent user interface.

Interoperability: Can be extended or integrated with external municipal or government systems.

Performance: Optimized design ensures fast response times and efficient resource utilization.

CHAPTER 6
MODULES

EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System is designed with multiple functional modules to facilitate seamless interaction among administrators, collectors, and citizens. Each module serves a distinct purpose, ensuring operational efficiency, accountability, and enhanced user experience. The system is structured around role-based dashboards, where modules are tailored to the specific needs of each user type. The following sections provide a detailed description of all major modules implemented in EcoTrack.

6.1 Admin Modules

6.1.1 Home Dashboard

The Admin Home Dashboard serves as the central control interface for the system, providing administrators with a comprehensive overview of all operational activities. This module presents real-time information on pending pickup requests, collector assignments, notifications, and system statistics. By displaying visual summaries in the form of cards and tables, the dashboard enables administrators to monitor ongoing operations efficiently and make timely decisions. This module forms the foundation for informed management and ensures a streamlined workflow across the system.

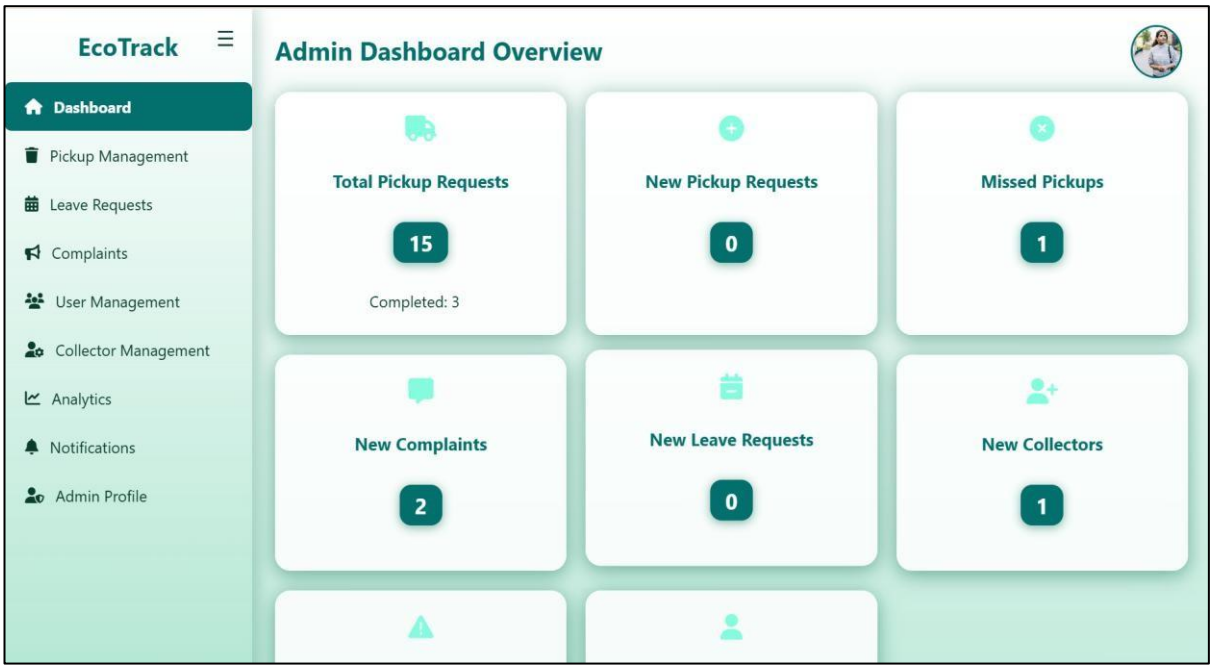

Figure 6.1: Admin Home Dashboard

6.1.2 Pickup Management

The Pickup Management module allows administrators to manage all waste collection requests submitted by citizens. Administrators can view, filter, and update the status of requests, assign collectors to specific pickups, and ensure that collections are completed on time. This module provides actionable controls and clear indicators, helping to minimize errors and delays in the collection process. By centralizing all pickup-related operations, the module enhances administrative efficiency and accountability. Additionally, it enables administrators to generate reports on collection trends and monitor collector performance, supporting data-driven decision-making. The module also improves communication between citizens, collectors, and the administration by providing real-time updates on request statuses.

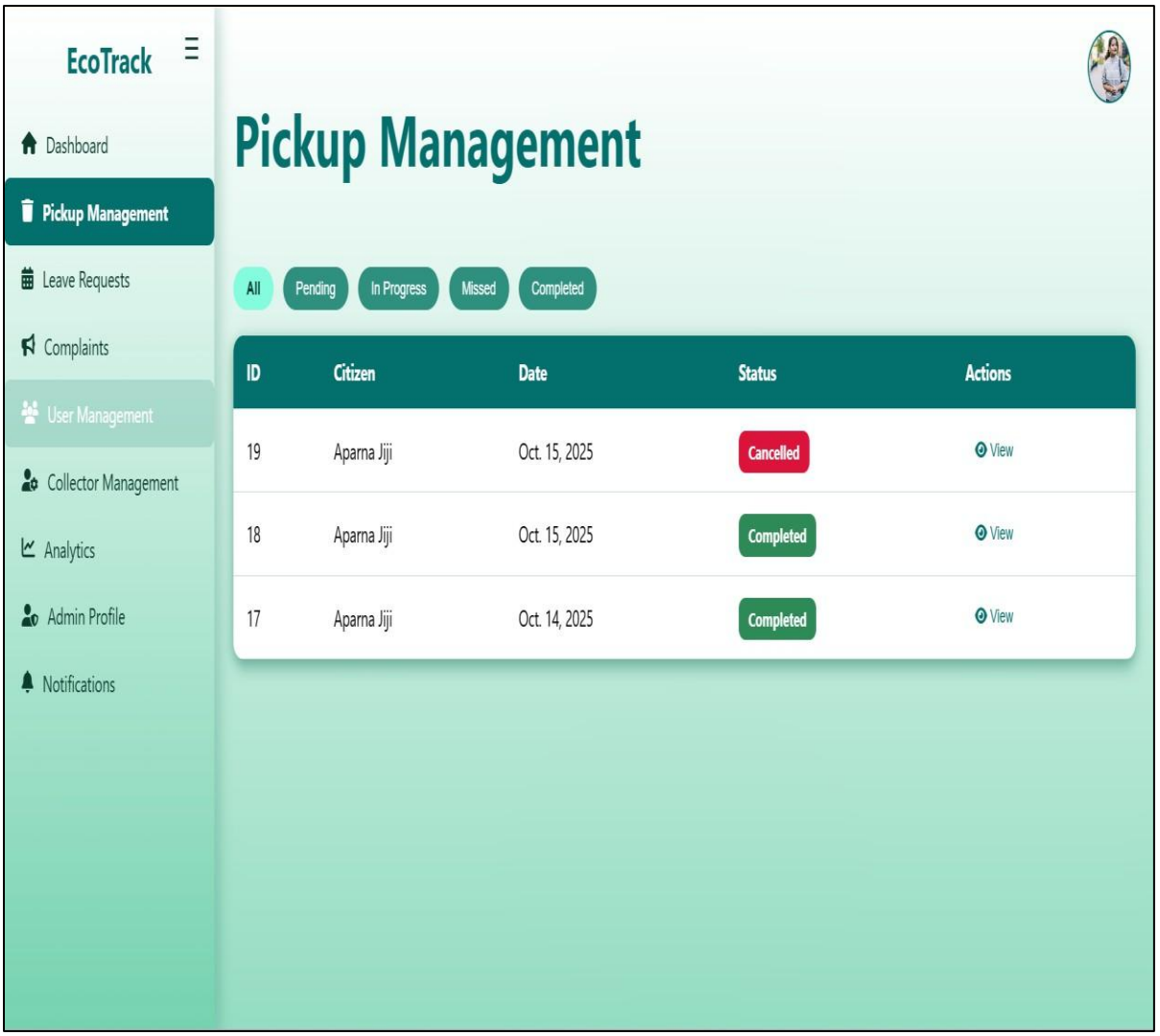

Figure 6.2: Pickup Management

6.1.3 Collector Management

The Collector Management module provides administrators with full control over collector profiles. Administrators can add new collectors, update existing profiles, review leave requests, and monitor performance metrics such as completed pickups and task adherence. This module ensures that only authorized personnel perform collections and supports operational accountability by tracking individual collector performance. A key feature of this module is the ability to monitor collector performance in real time. Administrators can track metrics such as the number of pickups completed, timeliness of task execution, and adherence to assigned routes. By providing detailed insights into individual collector activities, the system promotes accountability and helps identify areas for training or improvement.

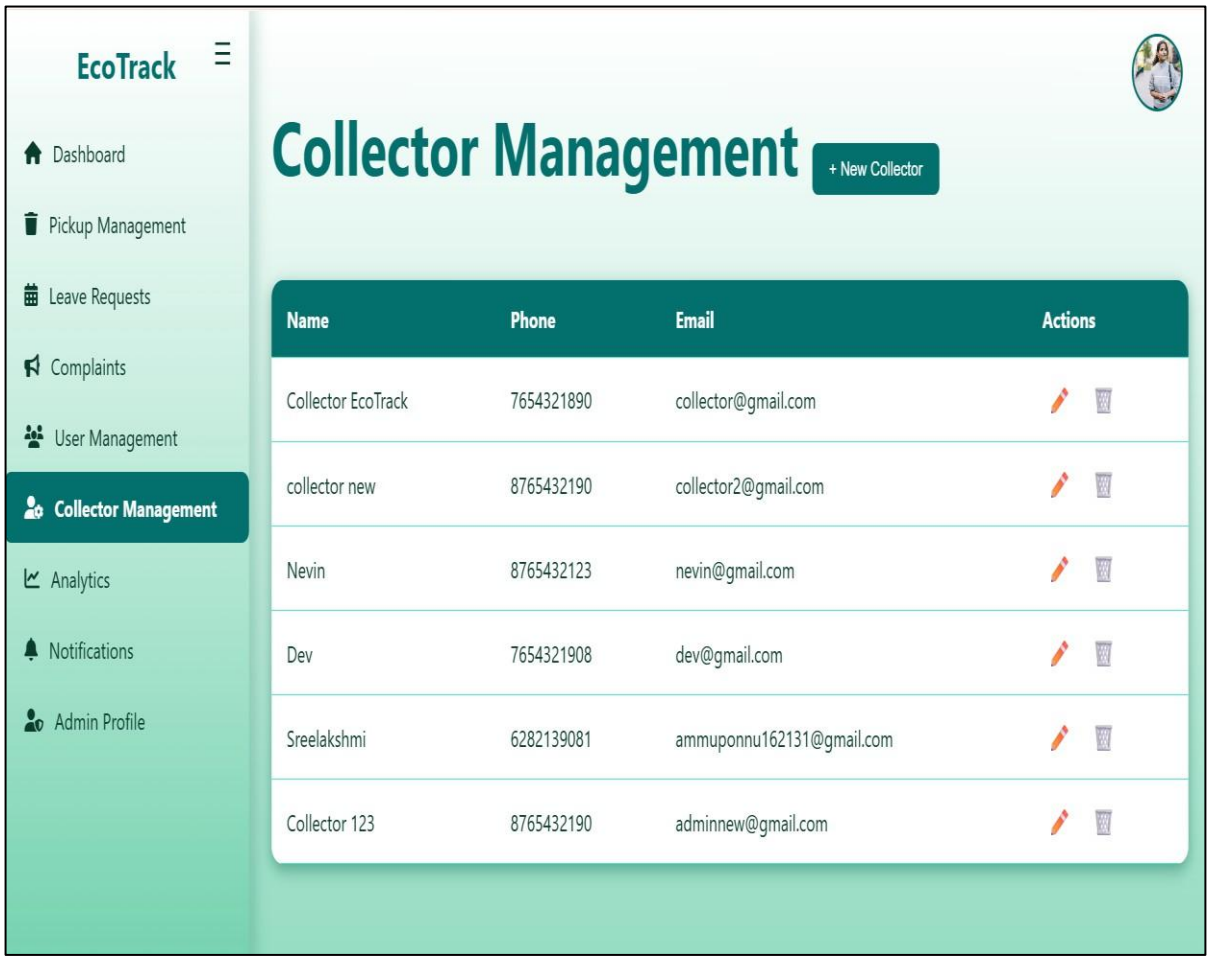

Figure 6.3: Collector Management

6.1.4 User Management

The User Management module allows administrators to maintain control over all system users, including citizens and collectors. Administrators can view detailed user profiles, update personal information, deactivate accounts, or remove users when necessary. The module ensures data integrity, facilitates smooth communication, and supports the secure management of system participants. Additionally, it allows administrators to assign roles and permissions, ensuring that users have appropriate access levels within the system. The module also provides an audit trail of user activities, helping monitor usage patterns and maintain accountability. By offering comprehensive insights into user interactions, the module helps administrators identify unusual activity or potential misuse of the system.

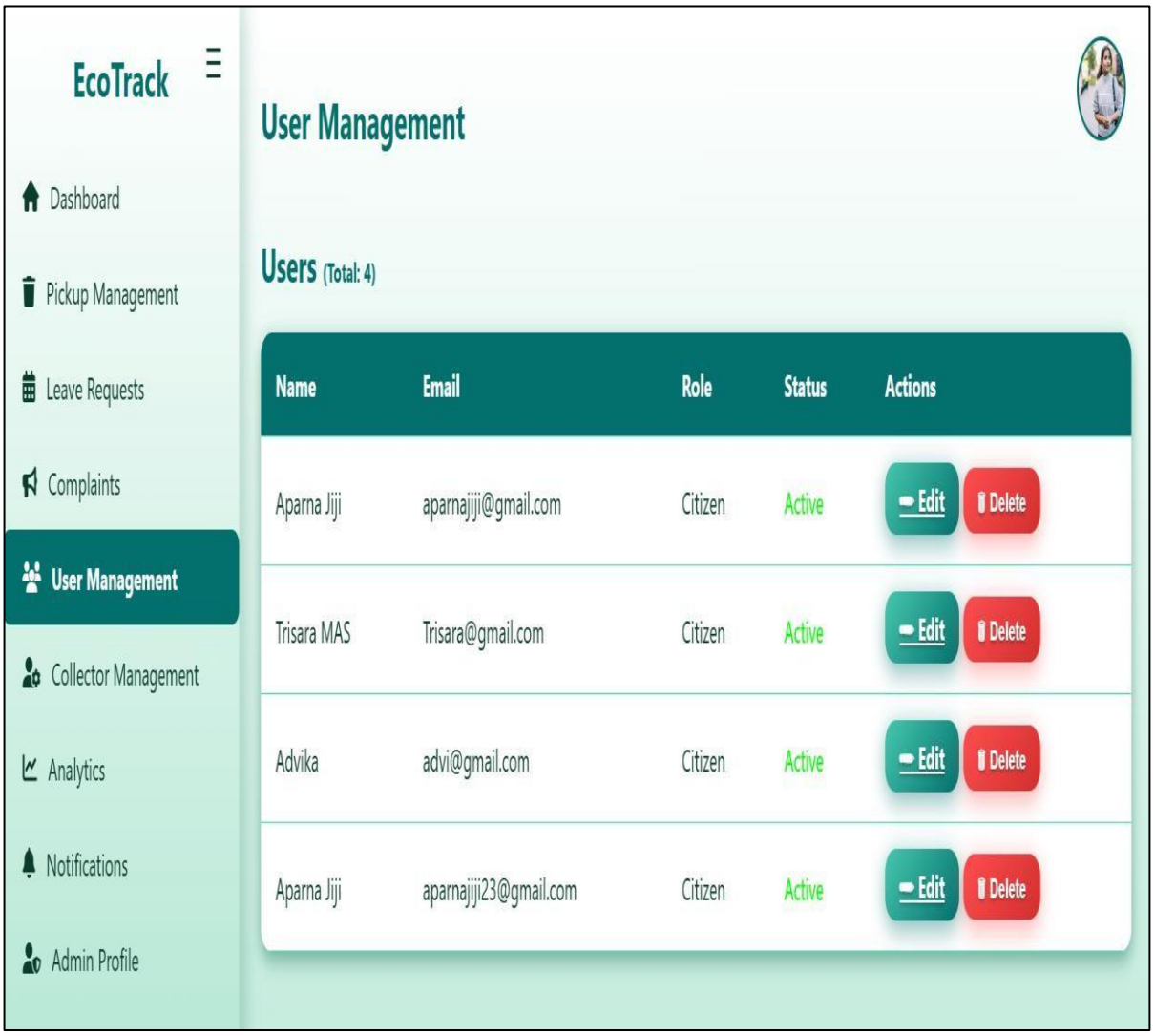

Figure 6.4: User Management

6.2 Collector Modules

6.2.1 Daily Assignments

The Daily Assignments module displays all collection tasks allocated to a specific collector for the current day. Each task includes essential information such as pickup location, citizen name, address, and preferred time slot. Collectors can mark tasks as completed after collection, enabling real-time status updates for the administrative team. This module ensures accuracy in daily operations, helps maintain accountability, and minimizes communication delays between collectors and administrators. Additionally, it allows collectors to prioritize tasks based on location or urgency, improving route efficiency. The module also provides a quick reference for tracking missed or rescheduled pickups, supporting better service management.

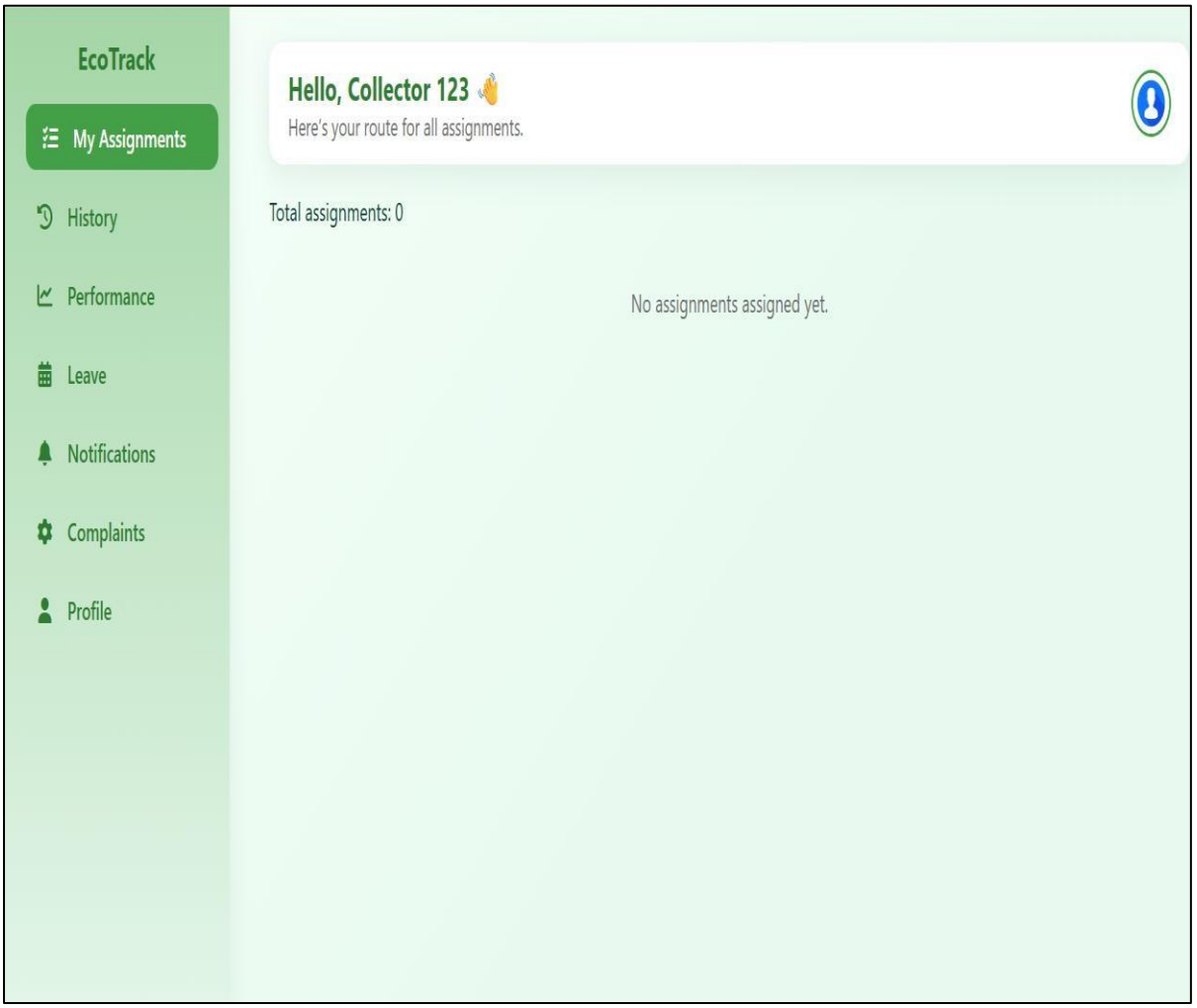

Figure 6.5 Daily Assignments

6.2.2 Pickup Request History

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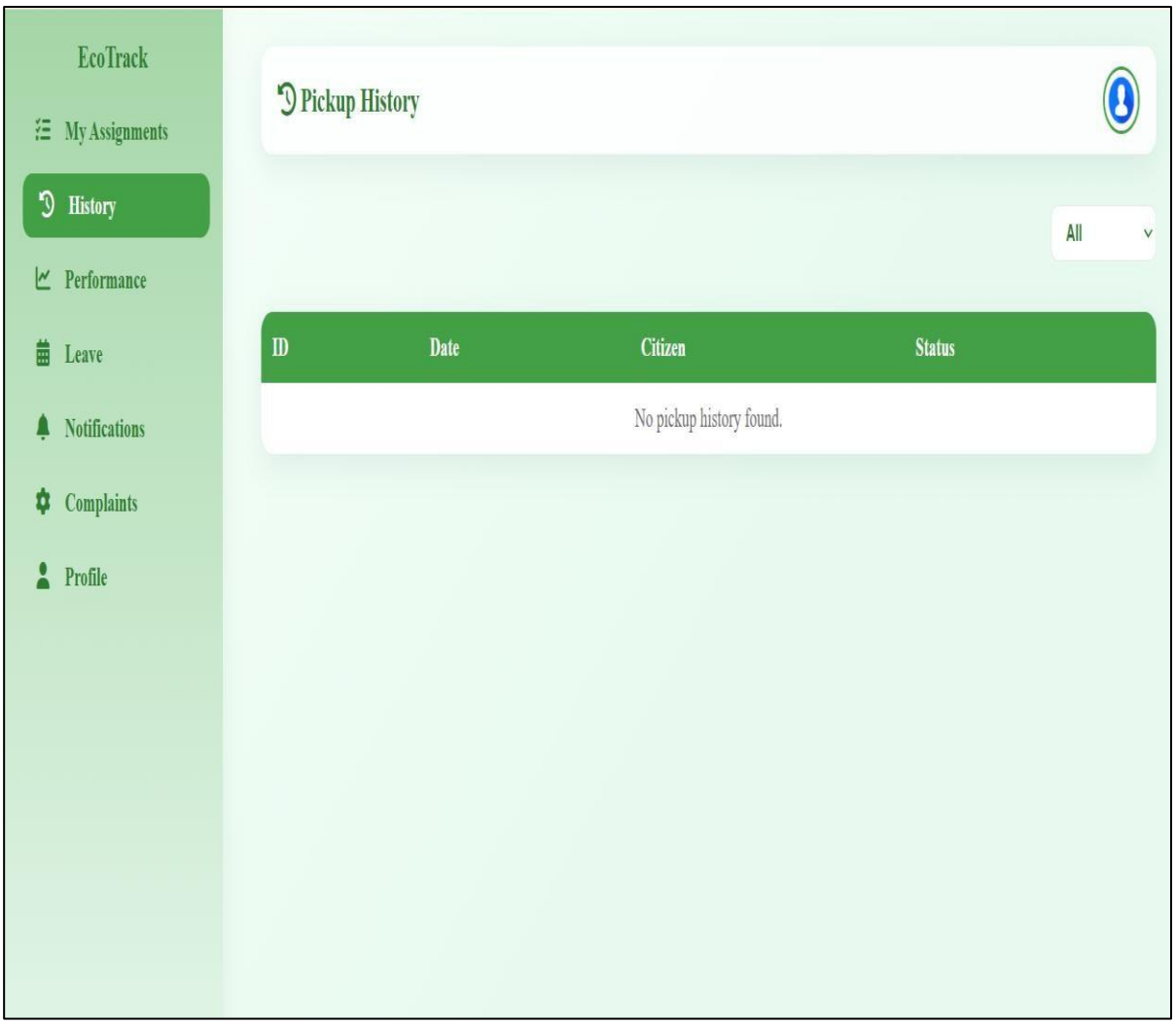

Figure 6.6: Pickup Request History

6.2.3 Leave Request

The Leave Requests module provides collectors with a digital platform to apply for leave within the system. Collectors can specify the duration and reason for their leave, after which the administrator reviews and approves or declines the request. This feature simplifies workforce management by reducing paperwork and improving communication efficiency. The digitized leave workflow ensures fair and transparent handling of leave applications while maintaining consistent field coverage. Additionally, it allows administrators to track leave history and plan schedules more effectively, preventing understaffing. The module also notifies collectors of the status of their requests, keeping them informed in real time and also their previous leave request history.

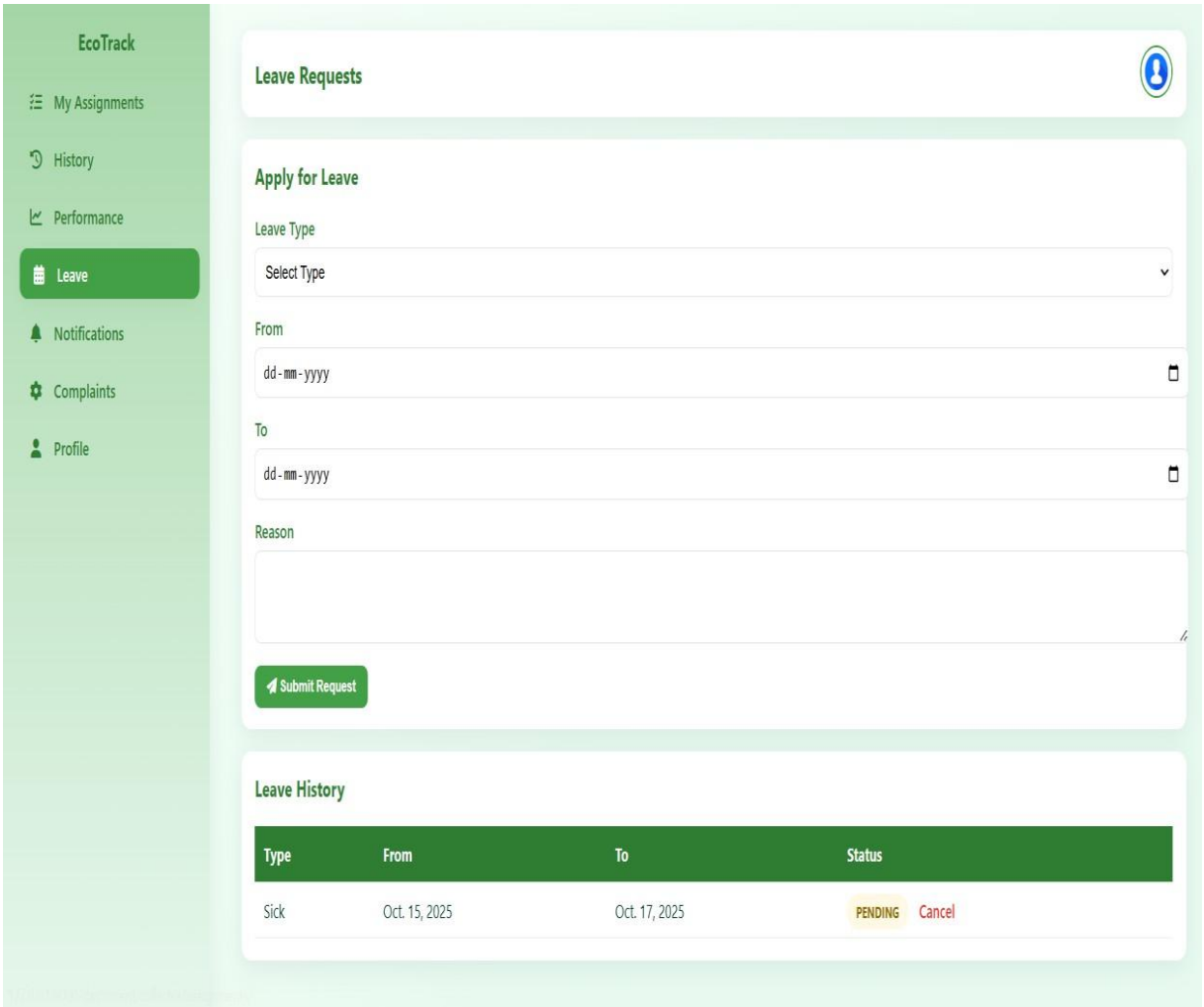

Figure 6.7: Leave Requests

6.3 Citizen Modules

6.3.1 Dashboard

The Citizen Dashboard serves as the central interface for residents using EcoTrack, providing a comprehensive overview of all waste collection activities. It displays scheduled pickups with details such as dates, times, waste types, and assigned collectors, while clearly indicating completed, pending, or cancelled requests. Real-time notifications keep citizens informed about confirmations, rescheduled pickups, delays, or completed tasks, ensuring transparency and timely communication. The dashboard also offers access to past request history, an integrated calendar for upcoming pickups, quick actions to schedule or modify requests, and easy submission and tracking of feedback or complaints. Visual summaries highlight trends in pickup schedules, waste types, and zone-specific activities, while profile management features allow users to update contact information and notification preferences. By consolidating all essential information and actions in one interface, the dashboard enhances usability, fosters engagement, and ensures efficient monitoring and management of waste collection services.

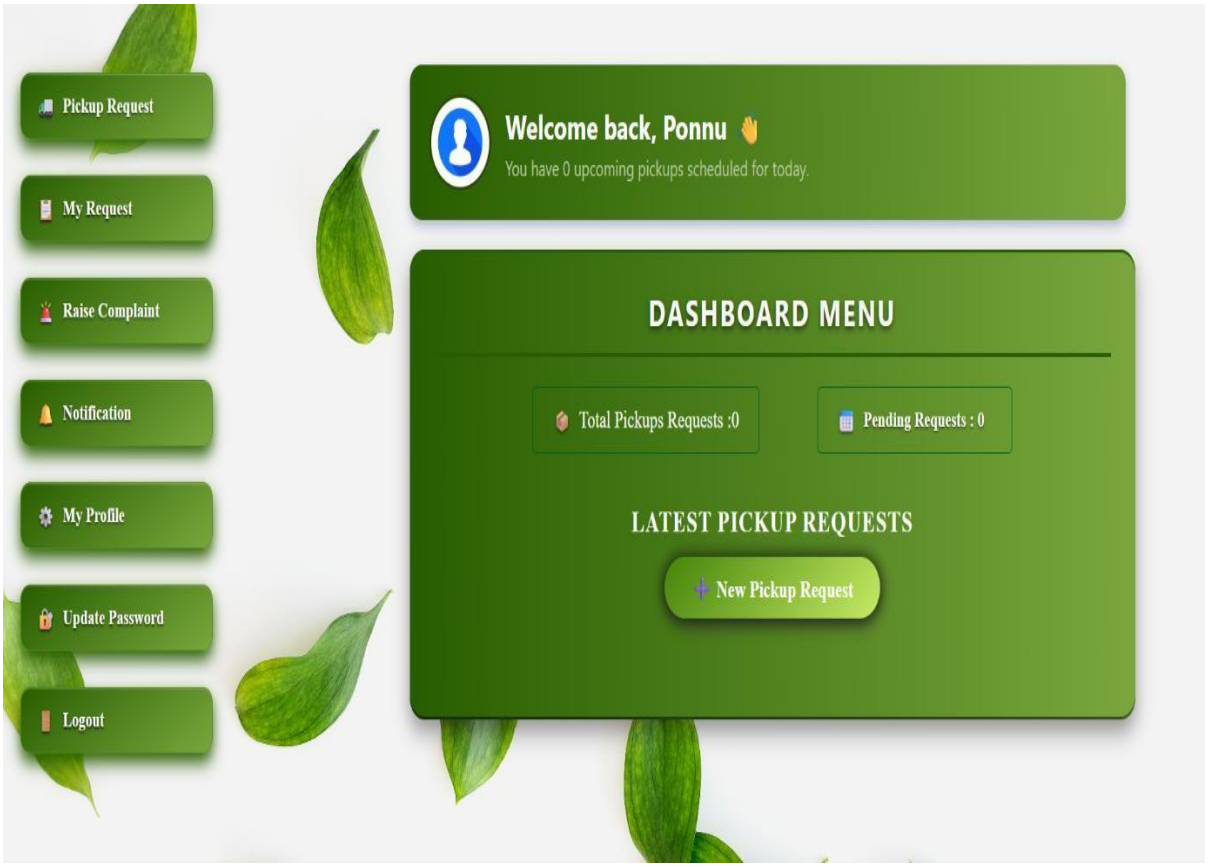

Figure 6.8: Citizen Dashboard

6.3.2 Request Pickup

The Request Pickup module enables citizens to conveniently schedule waste collection according to their needs, allowing them to select the type of waste, specify the preferred date and time, and submit their request for administrative assignment. The system automatically logs each request and generates a unique tracking ID, ensuring accurate record-keeping and easy monitoring. By providing structured information about the location, waste type, and schedule, this module helps administrators efficiently plan and allocate collectors while reducing the risk of missed or delayed pickups. It empowers residents to actively participate in maintaining community cleanliness, encourages timely waste disposal, and fosters transparency by allowing citizens to track the status of their requests and receive notifications regarding confirmation, assignment, or completion.

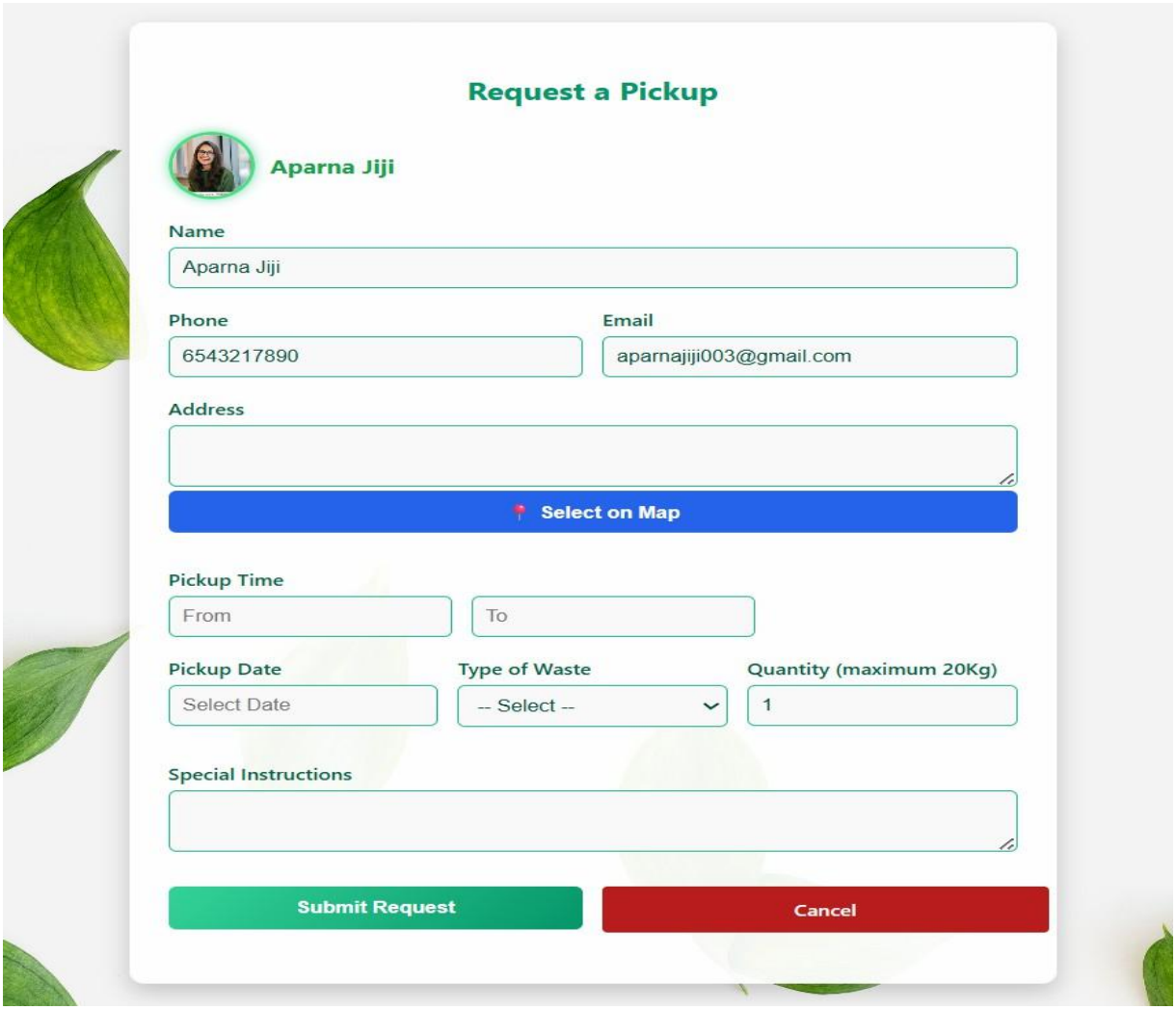

Figure 6.9 Request Pickup

6.3.3 Pickup History

The Pickup History module enables citizens to view the status of previous waste collection requests. Users can track completed, pending, or cancelled pickups and maintain records for personal reference. This module ensures transparency in service delivery and allows citizens to monitor their interaction history with the system. It also helps users identify patterns in their waste generation and plan future requests more efficiently. Additionally, the module provides a reliable reference in case of disputes or queries regarding past pickups.

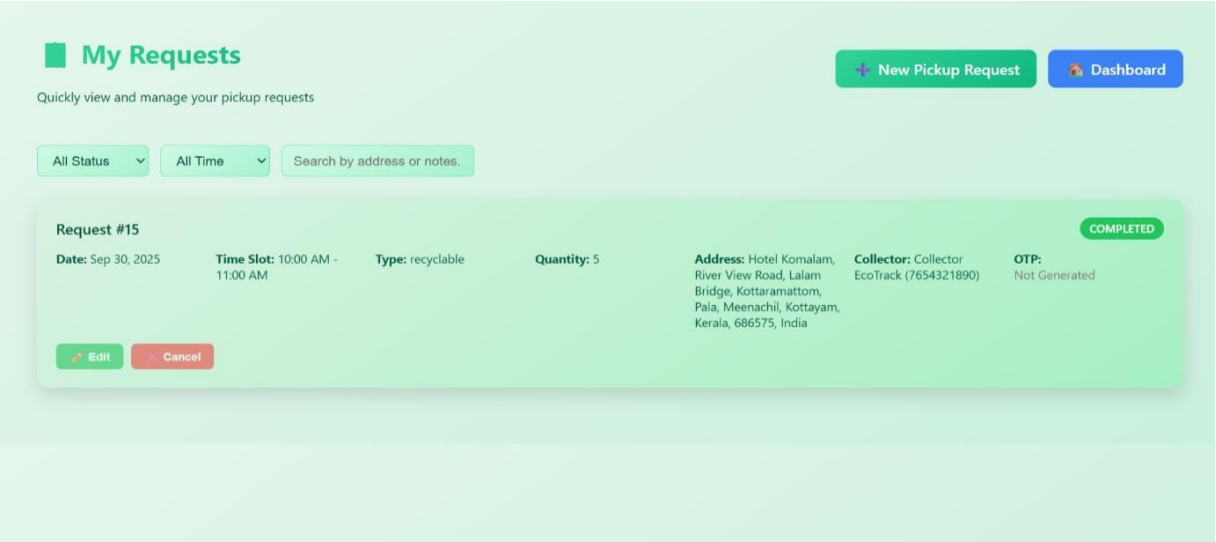

Figure 6.10: User Pickup Request History

CHAPTER 7
DIAGRAMS

7.1 Data Flow Diagrams

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a visual representation that shows how information moves through a system. It demonstrates how data is received from external sources, processed within the system, stored, and then delivered as output. DFDs help in understanding the system's operations in a clear and organized manner without focusing on coding or technical details. They are commonly used in system analysis and design to uncover inefficiencies, data redundancies, or potential bottlenecks. By presenting information flows in a simple, graphical way, DFDs make it easier for both technical teams and non-technical stakeholders to understand and discuss the system's processes, supporting effective planning and documentation.

Key Components of a DFD:

Process: Performs specific operations or transformations, converting input data into output.
Data Flow: Represents the movement of data between processes, data stores, and external entities.
Data Store: A repository that holds data either temporarily or permanently for later use.
External Entity: Represents outside sources or destinations that provide or receive data from the system.

7.1.1 Context Level or Level 0 DFD

The Level 0 DFD offers a simplified representation of the entire system, focusing on how information moves between external entities and the main system process. It clearly outlines the system's overall purpose and scope, making it easier for stakeholders to grasp its functionality at a glance. This level of DFD is particularly helpful for identifying the key inputs and outputs of the system and serves as a guide for breaking down processes into more detailed levels in later stages of design. Additionally, it helps in spotting major data sources and destinations early on and ensures that all stakeholders have a common understanding of the system boundaries.

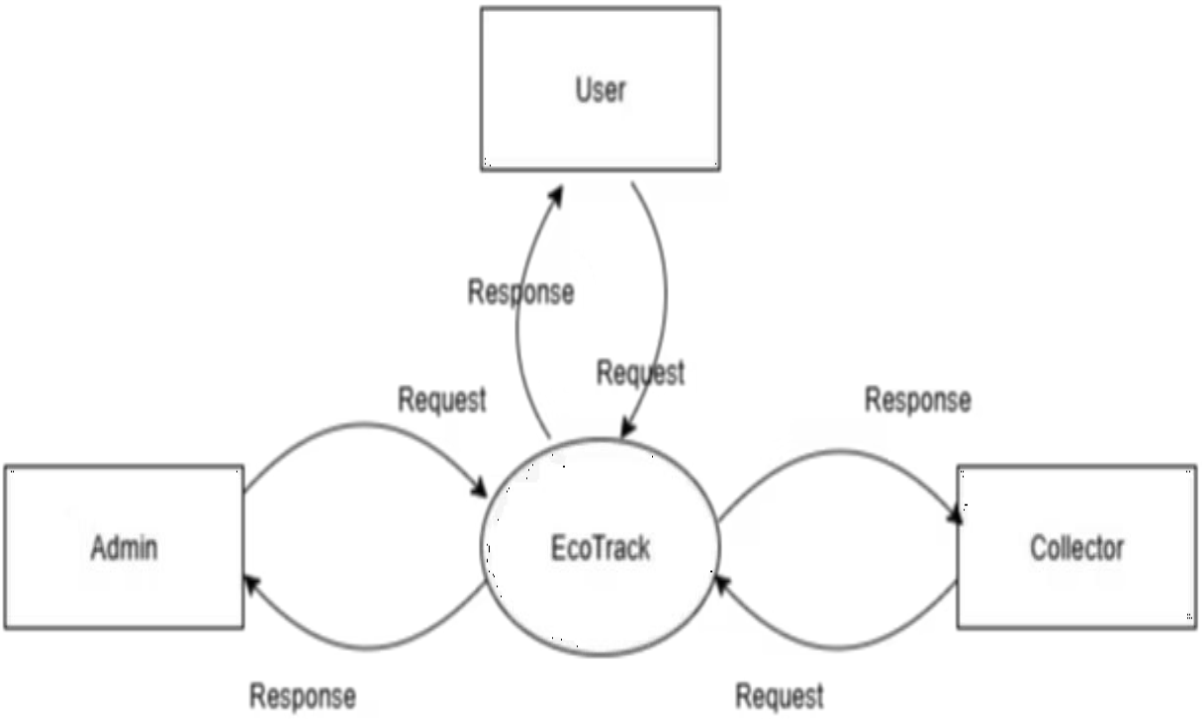

Figure: 7.1 Level 0

7.1.2 Level 1 DFD

The Level 1 DFD provides a more detailed view of the system by breaking down the main process from the Level 0 DFD into major sub-processes. It shows how data flows between these sub-processes, associated data stores, and external entities, giving a clearer understanding of how the system operates internally. Level 1 DFDs help identify the key functional components of the system and the interactions between them.

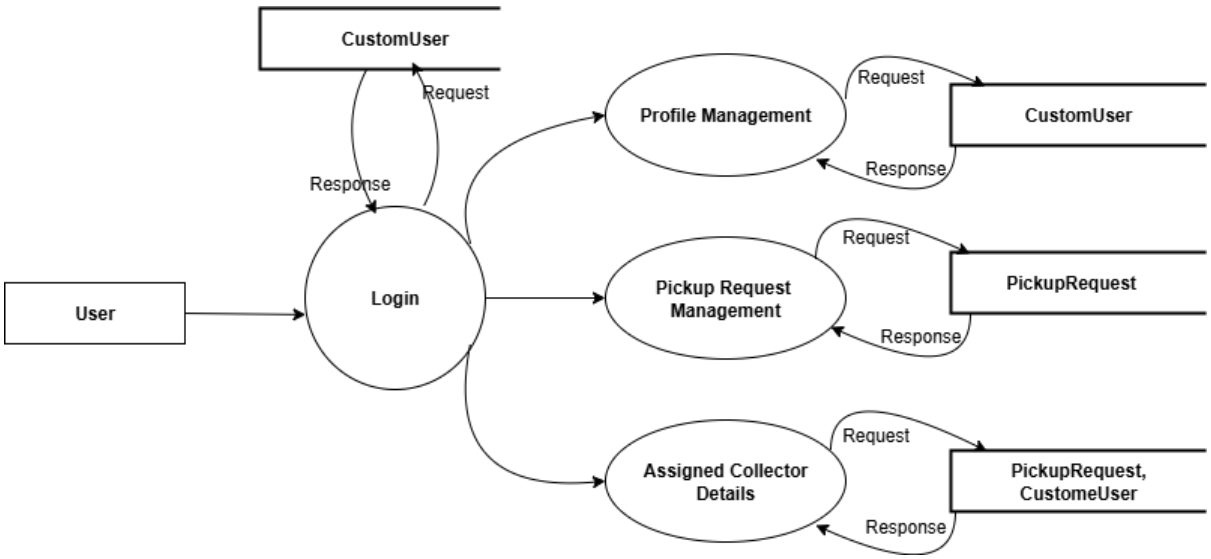

Figure 7.2: Level 1 – User

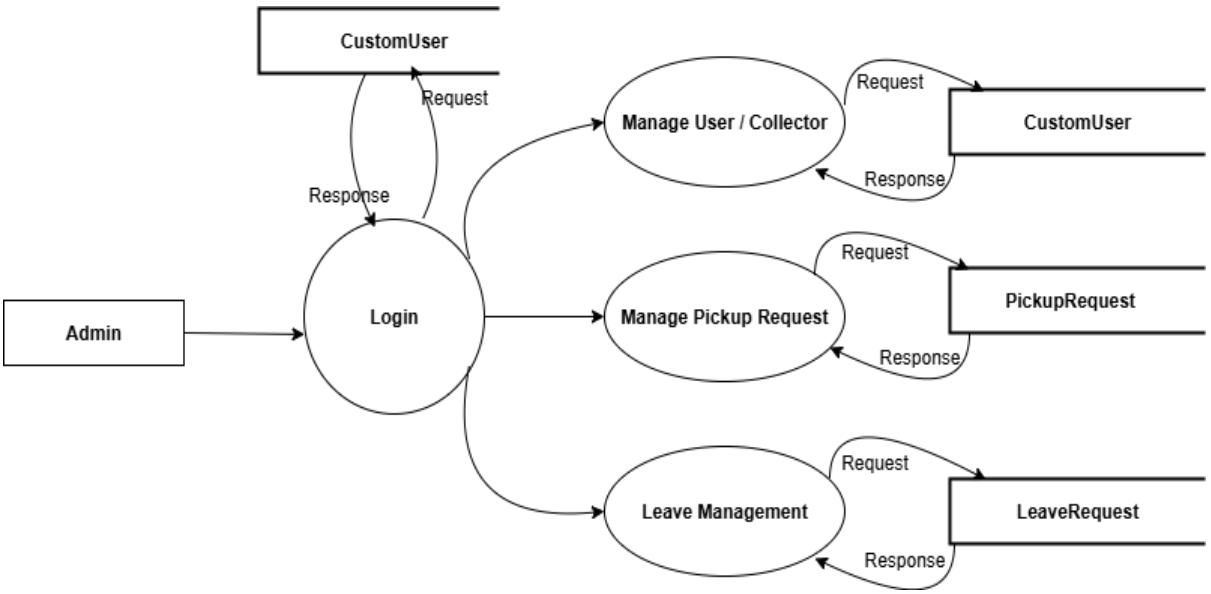

Figure 7.3: Level 1 - Admin

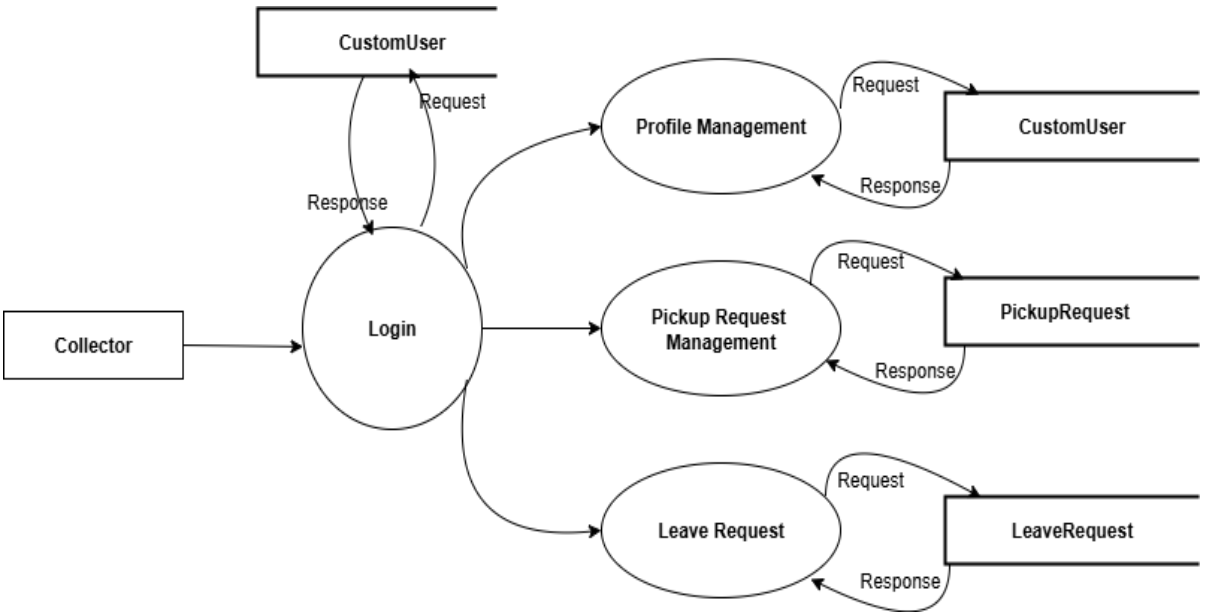

Figure 7.4: Level 1 – Collector

7.1.3 Level 2 DFD

The Level 2 DFD provides a detailed and granular view of the system by further decomposing the sub-processes from Level 1 into smaller functional tasks. It shows precise data flows, interactions with data stores, and how information is processed step by step, making it useful for developers and system designers during implementation. This level of detail helps in **identifying the exact flow of data between internal components**, ensuring that every process, data input, and output is clearly defined. It also assists in **detecting redundancies, inefficiencies, or potential bottlenecks** in data movement.

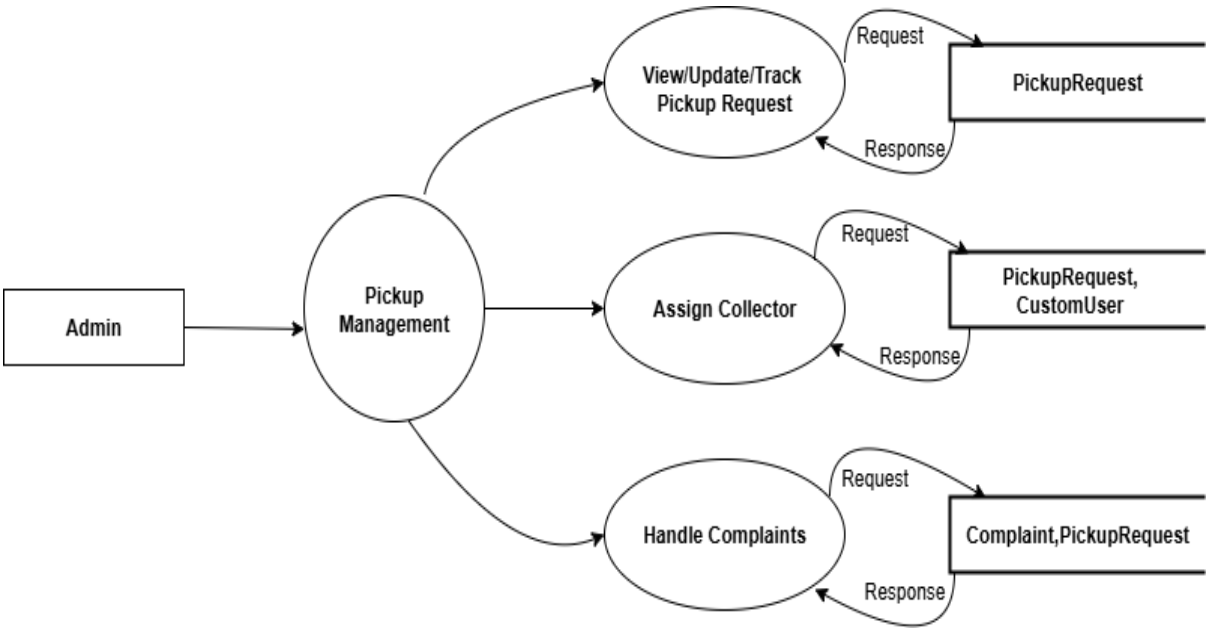

Figure 7.5: Level 2 – Pickup Management

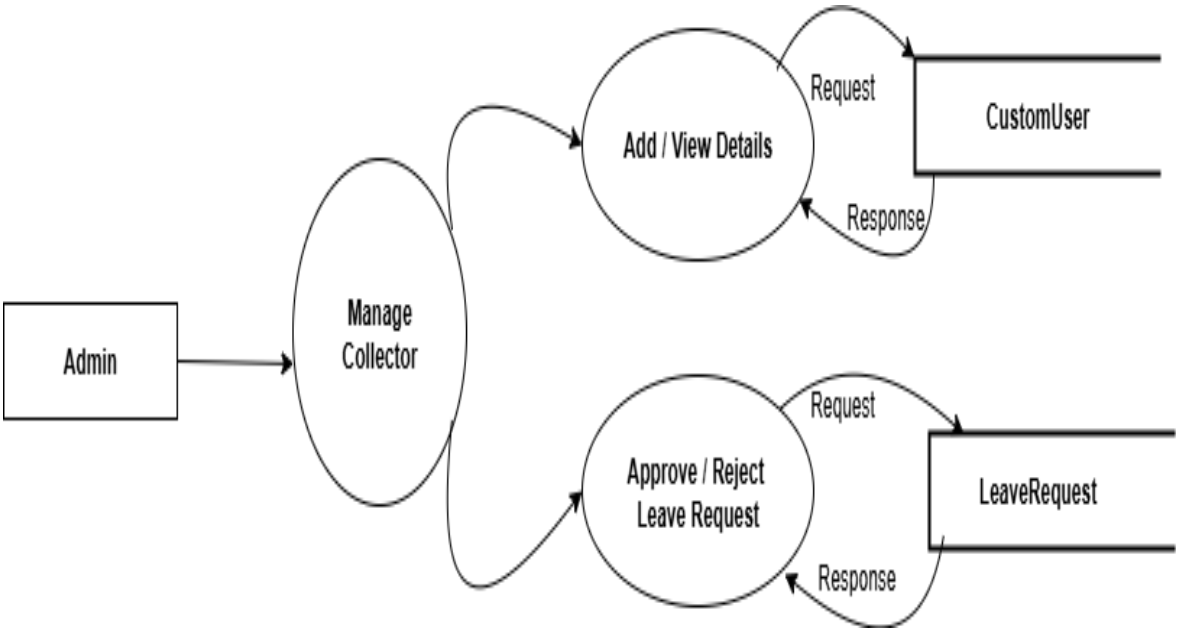

Figure 7.6: Level 2 – Collector Management

7.2 Class Diagram

A Class Diagram is a static structure diagram that represents the classes, attributes, methods, and relationships within a system. It shows how different classes interact and how data and behavior are organized, providing a blueprint for the system's object-oriented design. Class Diagrams are essential for visualizing system structure, understanding object relationships, and guiding implementation.

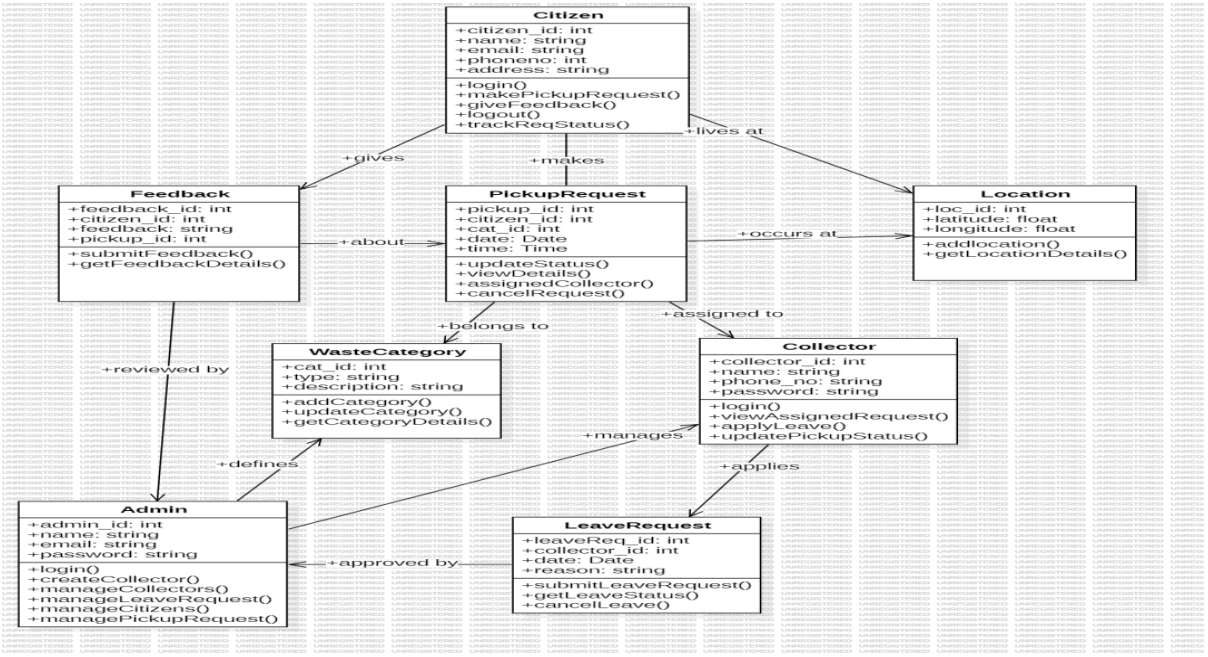

Figure 7.7: Class Diagram

7.3 Entity Relationship Diagram (ER Diagram)

An Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram graphically represents a system's data structure, showing entities, their attributes, and relationships. It helps design and organize databases, ensuring data consistency, integrity, and efficiency. It also illustrates how entities interact, providing a clear blueprint for database implementation.

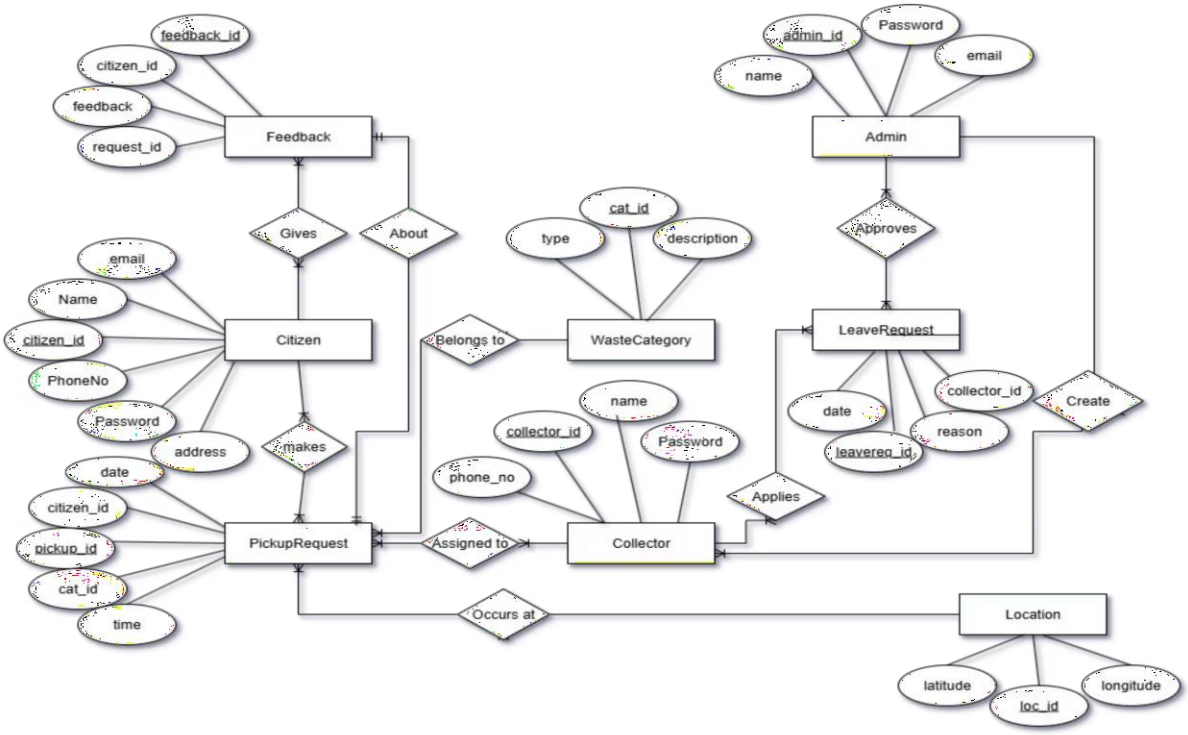

Figure 7.8: ER Diagram

7.4 Use Case Diagram

A Use Case Diagram visually represents a system's functional requirements, showing how actors interact with system functions. It helps stakeholders understand system roles, responsibilities, and user interactions without detailing internal processes. This diagram provides a **clear and intuitive overview of what the system is expected to do**, focusing on the **goals of users** and the **services provided by the system**. It is particularly useful during the **requirement-gathering and analysis phase**, as it bridges the communication gap between technical and non-technical stakeholders. By illustrating relationships between actors and use cases, it ensures that all user needs are identified and addressed

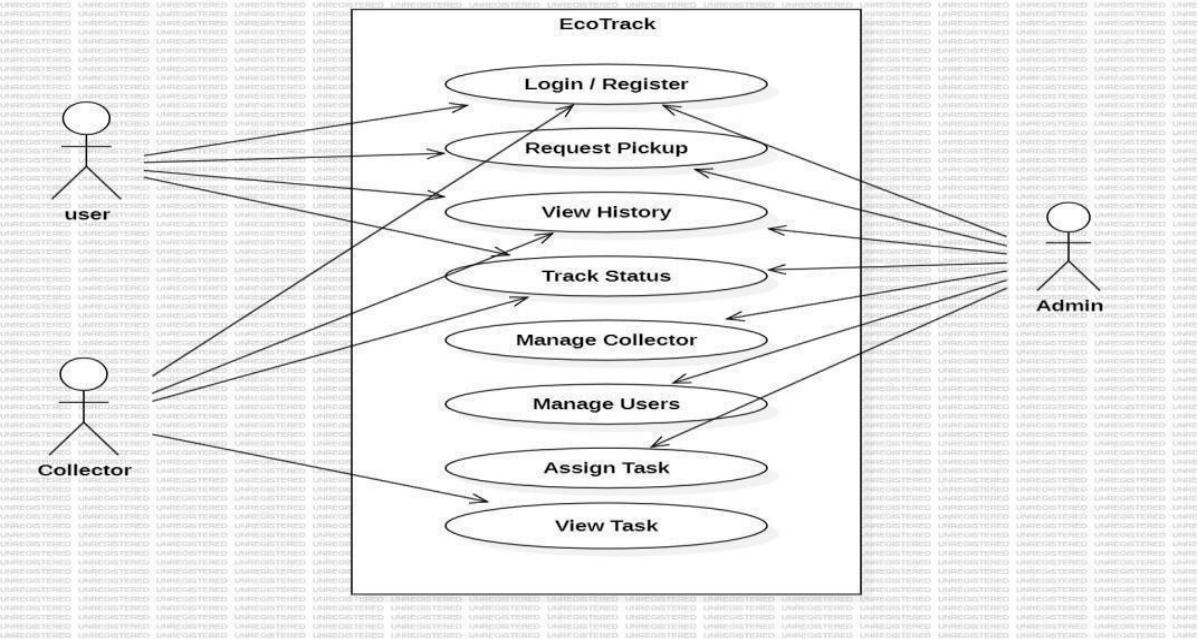

Figure 7.9: Use Case Diagram

7.5 Sequence Diagram

A Sequence Diagram shows how objects or actors interact over time to complete a process, highlighting the sequence of messages exchanged. It helps visualize system behavior and logic, making it easier to understand the **flow of control** and **communication between different components**. This diagram emphasizes the **chronological order of events**, showing how processes start, interact, and end within a specific scenario. It is especially useful in identifying dependencies, designing interactions for use cases, and ensuring that all required operations occur in the correct order. It also assists developers in **validating system logic**, detecting potential issues and serve as a blueprint for **implementing dynamic functionalities** within the system.

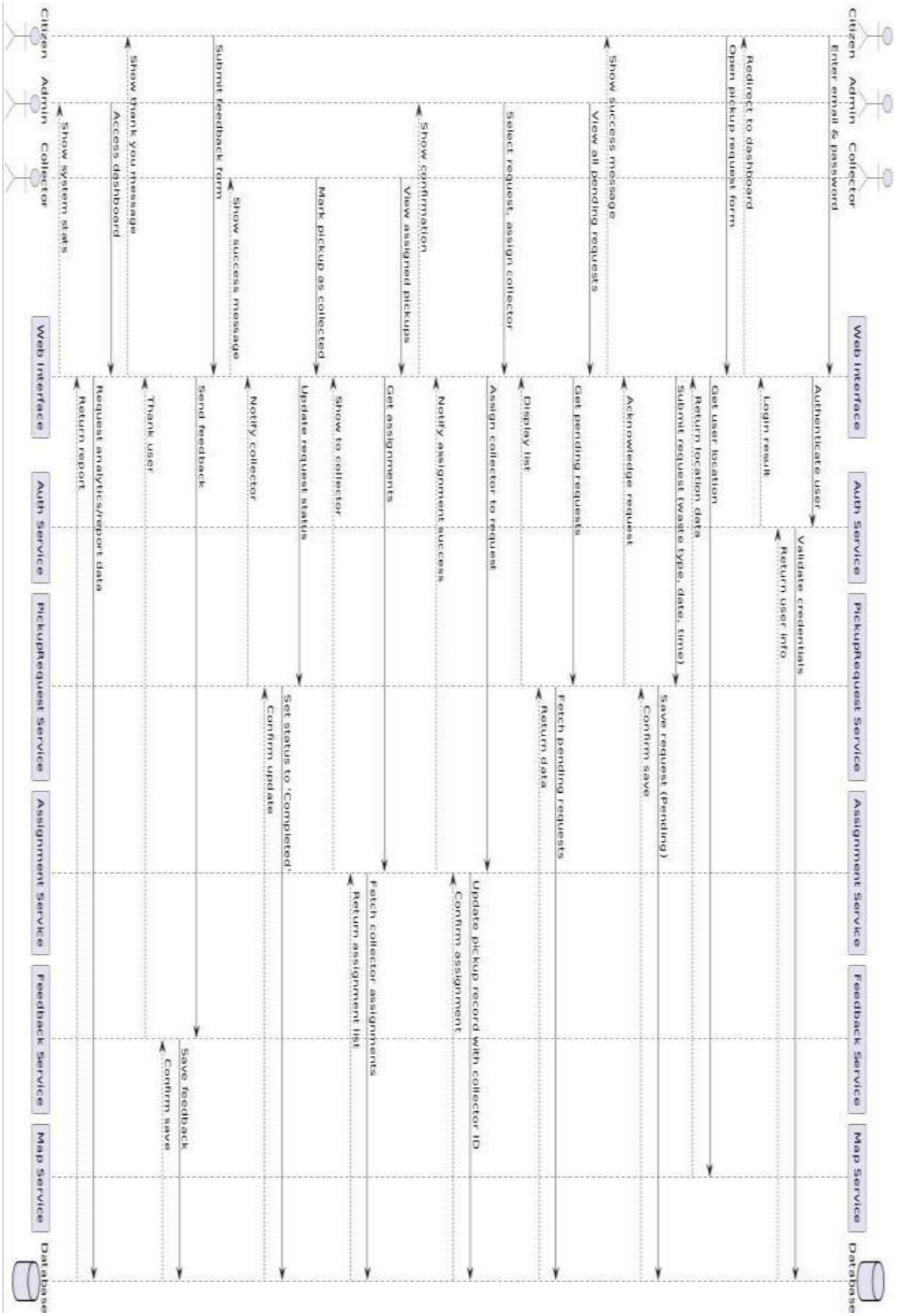

Figure 7.10: Sequence Diagram

CHAPTER 8

TESTING

8.1 Overview of Testing

Testing is an essential phase of the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) that ensures the accuracy, reliability, and overall quality of the developed system. For the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System*, a systematic and well-organized testing process was carried out to verify that all components functioned according to the specified requirements. The main objective of this phase was to identify and fix any defects, validate the logical flow of data between modules, and confirm that the system performed efficiently under various operating conditions. Through this process, the team aimed to ensure that EcoTrack delivered a stable, secure, and error-free experience for all its users.

Since EcoTrack integrates multiple user roles — Administrator, Collector, and Citizen — extensive testing was performed to confirm smooth interaction and data consistency among them. Functional and integration testing ensured that core modules such as task assignment, pickup management, and user authentication worked seamlessly. Usability testing focused on the intuitiveness of the interface, while performance and security testing verified that the application could handle concurrent users safely and efficiently. Overall, the testing process validated that EcoTrack meets its design goals and provides a dependable, user-friendly platform for managing waste collection operations.

8.2 Objectives of Testing

The primary objective of testing the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* was to ensure that the developed application met all functional and non-functional requirements defined during the design phase. The testing process aimed to validate the accuracy of data handling, verify the responsiveness and usability of the user interface, and assess the overall reliability and stability of the system under different operating conditions. It was essential to confirm that each feature operated as intended, delivering a seamless experience to all users, including administrators, collectors, and citizens.

Another major goal was to verify that integration among various modules worked correctly, ensuring smooth communication between the Citizen's pickup request interface, the

Administrator's management dashboard, and the Collector's task assignment panel. Testing also focused on evaluating the implementation of critical security measures such as role-based access control, authentication, and input validation to protect user data and maintain system integrity. By achieving these objectives, the testing phase helped guarantee that EcoTrack functions accurately, securely, and efficiently in real-world scenarios.

8.3 Types of Testing Conducted

The testing of the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* involved multiple testing methodologies, each designed to evaluate different aspects of the system's functionality, performance, and reliability. A combination of these testing approaches ensured that the application met all user and system requirements effectively. **Unit testing** was first conducted to verify that individual components, such as data models, forms, and views, functioned correctly in isolation. **Integration testing** followed to ensure that data communication between interconnected modules—such as the interaction between the citizen's request form, the admin dashboard, and the collector's assignment interface—worked seamlessly.

In addition, **system testing** was performed to validate the complete workflow of the application and confirm that all modules operated harmoniously as a unified system. **Usability testing** assessed how easily users could navigate the interface and complete their tasks without confusion, ensuring a positive user experience. **Performance and load testing** evaluated how well EcoTrack handled multiple concurrent users and large data volumes, confirming its scalability and responsiveness. Finally, **security testing** verified that sensitive information remained protected and that proper authentication and role-based access control were enforced. Collectively, these testing methods ensured that EcoTrack was not only functional but also secure, efficient, and ready for real-world deployment.

8.3.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing focused on verifying the functionality of individual components of the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* in isolation. Each function, model, and view developed within the Django framework was rigorously tested to ensure that it performed its intended operation accurately. Particular attention was given to the CustomUser model, where tests confirmed the correct creation of user accounts with designated roles such as Administrator, Collector, and Citizen. This ensured that role-based functionalities and

permissions were properly defined and executed. Similarly, core utility functions and backend logic were tested independently to confirm their reliability and to identify potential logic or data validation errors early in the development cycle.

Form validation processes for login, registration, and pickup request modules were also thoroughly tested to ensure proper input handling, meaningful error messages, and successful data submission to the database. These tests verified that only valid and complete data were accepted, preventing inconsistencies or security vulnerabilities. Conducting unit testing at this stage helped in detecting defects early, reducing debugging time during later integration phases, and ensuring that each module served as a reliable building block for the overall system. By validating components individually, the development team established a strong foundation for the smooth integration and stable performance of the entire EcoTrack application.

8.3.2 Integration Testing

Following unit testing, integration testing was performed to verify the interaction and data flow between interconnected modules within the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System*. This stage aimed to ensure that the individual components, which had already passed unit testing, worked together seamlessly as part of the complete system. It focused on validating that data transferred correctly between modules without loss, duplication, or corruption. For instance, when a citizen submitted a pickup request, the information was tested to ensure it appeared accurately in the administrator's pickup management dashboard. This step was crucial in confirming that communication between different user roles and their respective interfaces remained consistent and error-free.

Further testing was conducted on the assignment and task update processes. When administrators assigned collectors to specific pickup requests, integration testing verified that the updates were immediately and accurately reflected on the collector's dashboard. This validated both the backend logic and the synchronization of real-time data across modules. Overall, integration testing confirmed that all subsystems—citizen, collector, and administrator—functioned cohesively within the system's architecture, ensuring that EcoTrack delivered smooth, coordinated operations across all roles and functionalities. The successful results highlight the system's reliability and readiness for real-world deployment.

8.3.3 System Testing

System testing was carried out to evaluate the fully integrated *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* against its defined functional and non-functional requirements. This phase focused on validating the system as a complete product rather than as a collection of individual modules. End-to-end testing was conducted to ensure that all interconnected components worked together seamlessly and delivered the expected outcomes under real-world conditions. The process involved verifying the entire workflow — from a citizen submitting a pickup request, to the administrator assigning a collector, and finally to the collector viewing and completing the assigned task. This holistic approach ensured that all features operated cohesively and that data transitions between roles were accurate and consistent.

In addition to workflow validation, system testing examined critical functions such as authentication mechanisms, database operations, and navigation across user interfaces. It ensured that users could log in securely, that information was stored and retrieved correctly, and that transitions between pages were smooth and intuitive. The results confirmed that the EcoTrack application met its intended objectives, functioning efficiently across all user roles and maintaining reliability throughout its operations. Overall, system testing provided strong assurance that the platform was ready for deployment, offering a stable and efficient solution for smart waste collection management.

8.3.4 User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) was conducted to evaluate the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* from the perspective of its actual end-users. This phase focused on validating the system's usability, functionality, and overall user experience in real-world scenarios. Representative participants from each user group — Administrators, Collectors, and Citizens — interacted with the application to ensure that it met their practical needs and expectations. The goal was to verify that the system's design aligned with user workflows and that all features were easy to understand, navigate, and operate. Feedback gathered during this process played a key role in making final refinements to both functionality and interface layout.

Administrators confirmed that the management dashboard allowed them to efficiently assign and monitor collection tasks, with clear visibility into ongoing operations. Collectors found

their task lists intuitive and well-organized, making it easy to track daily assignments and report completion. Citizens reported that the pickup request process was simple, responsive, and reliable, ensuring a smooth experience from submission to confirmation. The successful completion of UAT demonstrated that EcoTrack not only fulfilled its technical objectives but also delivered a user-friendly and efficient platform that met the expectations of all stakeholders involved in the waste management process.

8.3.5 Performance Testing

Performance testing was carried out to assess the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* in terms of responsiveness, scalability, and overall stability under varying load conditions. The main objective of this phase was to ensure that the application could efficiently handle multiple users performing concurrent operations without any noticeable decline in speed or functionality. Various parameters such as page response time, server processing efficiency, and database query execution were carefully monitored to evaluate how well the system performed under simulated real-world usage.

Special attention was given to the performance of the Leaflet map integration, which visually displays pickup locations and routes for administrators and collectors. Tests confirmed that the map rendered smoothly and maintained accuracy even during heavy data loads. The system consistently delivered stable performance and fast response times throughout all evaluations, demonstrating its reliability and readiness for deployment. Overall, the results of performance testing confirmed that EcoTrack is well-optimized to operate effectively in a moderately scaled urban environment, providing users with a seamless and efficient experience.

8.3.6 Security Testing

Given the sensitivity of user data and the presence of role-based access controls, security testing was a critical component of the verification process for the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System*. This phase focused on ensuring that only authorized users could access restricted areas, such as the Administrator and Collector dashboards. Core security features, including password encryption, secure login mechanisms, and Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) protection provided by Django, were thoroughly tested to confirm proper implementation and functionality. In addition, the system was evaluated against common vulnerabilities, including SQL injection and cross-site scripting (XSS), to ensure

robust protection of data integrity and application stability. Tests also verified that sensitive user information, such as personal details and role assignments, remained confidential and secure throughout all operations. The results demonstrated that EcoTrack incorporated effective security measures, safeguarding both user data and system functionality, and providing administrators and users with confidence in the platform's reliability and trustworthiness.

8.4 Results and Analysis

The testing phase of the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* was successfully completed, confirming that the application is stable, reliable, and ready for real-world deployment. All critical modules, including user management, pickup request processing, and task assignment, passed their respective tests, and no major functional defects were detected. Minor adjustments were made to the user interface based on feedback from the User Acceptance Testing phase, enhancing visual consistency, navigation clarity, and overall user experience.

Integration and system testing validated that all modules communicated accurately, ensuring smooth data flow among citizens, administrators, and collectors. Performance evaluations demonstrated that the system-maintained efficiency and responsiveness even under concurrent user activity, while security testing confirmed that sensitive data and role-based access controls were effectively protected. Overall, the testing results confirmed that EcoTrack successfully met its design specifications, delivering a well-balanced solution in terms of functionality, performance, usability, and security, and establishing confidence in its readiness for operational deployment.

8.5Conclusion

In conclusion, the testing process provided a thorough and systematic validation of the *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System*, confirming its overall functionality, reliability, and stability. By applying multiple levels of testing—including unit testing, integration testing, system testing, performance testing, security testing, and user acceptance testing—the system was rigorously evaluated to ensure that each component worked as intended, both individually and in combination with other modules. This comprehensive approach helped identify and address minor issues, ensuring that all critical

features performed accurately and efficiently.

The results of the testing phase demonstrated that EcoTrack successfully achieves its primary goal of enabling smart waste collection management through effective coordination between citizens, collectors, and administrators. The system's usability, responsiveness, and security were all verified, providing a seamless and trustworthy experience for all users. Overall, the testing confirmed that EcoTrack is operationally sound, user-friendly, and secure, making it well-prepared for deployment and capable of supporting sustainable, technology-driven urban waste management in real-world scenarios.

CHAPTER 9

ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

9.1 Overview

Every software system comprises inherent strengths and limitations that influence its overall performance, usability, and scalability. The *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* was designed to streamline waste management operations through digital coordination between citizens, collectors, and administrators. This chapter highlights the major advantages and disadvantages of the developed system, derived from observation during its design, implementation, and testing stages.

9.2 Advantages

The EcoTrack system provides several benefits that enhance the efficiency, usability, and sustainability of waste management operations. The key advantages are outlined below:

- **Automation and Efficiency:** The system automates the waste collection process by allowing citizens to submit pickup requests online and enabling administrators to assign collectors digitally. This reduces manual paperwork, minimizes human errors, and improves operational speed.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Every pickup request and assignment is recorded in the system, ensuring that tasks are traceable and verifiable. This fosters transparency and prevents mismanagement or duplication of work.
- **Role-Based Access Control:** The system provides separate interfaces for Admin, Collector, and Citizen users, each with restricted access to relevant functionalities. This enhances data privacy, ensures proper access control, and maintains overall system integrity.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** The platform offers an intuitive and responsive design, allowing even non-technical users to navigate easily, submit requests, and track status updates.
- **Map Integration:** Integration with Leaflet.js enables visual representation of pickup locations, helping administrators identify high-demand areas and improving coordination and route planning.

- **Enhanced Communication:** By establishing a centralized communication flow between citizens, collectors, and administrators, EcoTrack reduces delays and ensures timely response to waste collection requests.
- **Environmentally Sustainable Impact:** The system promotes environmental awareness by encouraging responsible waste disposal practices among citizens and facilitating systematic waste collection operations.
- **Scalability and Modularity:** The application's architecture allows for easy expansion. Future features, such as analytics dashboards, IoT integration, or automated scheduling, can be incorporated with minimal redesign.
- **Security and Data Protection:** Built using Django, the system benefits from strong built-in security mechanisms such as CSRF protection, password hashing, and session management to ensure data confidentiality and secure access.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Administrators can manage all major activities—from assigning collectors to tracking pickup requests—through a single dashboard, improving decision-making and administrative productivity.

9.3 Disadvantages

Although the EcoTrack system offers significant improvements over manual waste collection methods, it also exhibits certain limitations that should be addressed in future development cycles. The major disadvantages include:

- **Dependence on Internet Connectivity:** As the system is web-based, users require stable internet access. Areas with weak connectivity may face difficulties in accessing or using the platform effectively.
- **Manual Collector Assignment:** The process of assigning collectors to pick up requests currently relies on manual intervention by administrators, which can become time-consuming during large-scale operations.
- **Absence of Real-Time Tracking:** The system displays pickup locations on a map but does not track collectors live locations. Implementing GPS-based tracking could improve monitoring and operational transparency.
- **Limited Analytical Features:** The current version lacks advanced analytics or reporting tools that could provide insights into waste trends, collection efficiency, or resource optimization.

- **No Photo or Proof Upload Feature:** Collectors do not have the option to upload proof of completed pickups, which limits verification and performance tracking capabilities.
- **Restricted Automation:** The system does not include automated scheduling or dynamic route optimization, which could further streamline the assignment process and reduce travel time.
- **Dependence on User Participation:** The system's success largely depends on active participation by citizens and timely updates from collectors. Low engagement could impact overall efficiency and data accuracy.
- **Lack of Mobile Application:** As of the current version, EcoTrack is web-based only. A dedicated mobile application could significantly enhance accessibility for both citizens and collectors.

In conclusion, the EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System effectively addresses key challenges in urban waste management through digital automation, structured role-based operations, and data-driven coordination. Its numerous advantages, including improved efficiency, transparency, and scalability, make it a valuable contribution to sustainable city management. However, like any developing system, it has certain limitations, such as dependence on internet connectivity and absence of real-time tracking, which present opportunities for future enhancement. With further refinement and technological integration, EcoTrack has the potential to evolve into a fully intelligent and autonomous waste management platform.

CHAPTER 10

RESULTS

The EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System was successfully developed to provide an efficient, user-friendly platform for managing waste collection operations. The system integrates citizens, collectors, and administrators within a unified digital environment, enabling seamless communication and coordination. Following development and testing, the system demonstrated its ability to streamline operations, improve transparency, and enhance accountability in waste management processes.

The system effectively achieved its objectives. Citizens were able to register, submit pickup requests, and track their status, while administrators could manage requests, assign collectors, and monitor operations through a centralized dashboard. Collectors could view their daily tasks in an organized interface, facilitating timely completion and better route planning. The integration of Leaflet.js maps allowed administrators to visualize pickup locations and optimize assignments, while role-based authentication ensured secure access and data integrity.

Performance evaluation confirmed that the system is stable, responsive, and reliable. Multiple users could operate simultaneously without errors or delays, and database operations were executed efficiently. Security measures, including password encryption and CSRF protection, functioned effectively, ensuring safe and accurate data management. User feedback indicated high satisfaction, with citizens appreciating the simplicity of the interface and administrators noting improved operational efficiency.

Overall, EcoTrack successfully demonstrated a significant improvement over traditional waste management method. It automated request handling, reduced administrative workload, improved task monitoring, and promoted citizen participation. The consistent, professional design of the dashboards enhanced usability, while the system's scalability and modularity provide scope for future enhancements. The project validates that digital technology can effectively improve waste collection efficiency, transparency, and environmental sustainability in urban management

CHAPTER 11

CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

The *EcoTrack – Smart Waste Collection Management System* successfully demonstrates how technology can be leveraged to enhance urban waste management by integrating citizens, collectors, and administrators into a single cohesive platform. The system streamlines the reporting, assignment, and monitoring of waste collection tasks, improving operational efficiency, transparency, and coordination among all stakeholders. Citizens can easily request and track waste pickups, administrators can manage and assign tasks efficiently, and collectors can plan their daily routes systematically, ensuring timely service delivery. Rigorous development and testing confirmed the system's reliability, stability, and user-friendliness, while well-designed dashboards and intuitive interfaces contributed to high user satisfaction. By automating traditionally manual processes, EcoTrack reduces administrative workload, minimizes errors, and promotes active citizen engagement in maintaining a cleaner urban environment.

Looking ahead, the system offers multiple opportunities for enhancement and expansion. Integrating real-time collector tracking through GPS would improve transparency and allow both administrators and citizens to monitor ongoing pickups. Automated task assignment algorithms could optimize routes and workloads, reduce administrative effort while ensure timely service. Developing mobile applications for citizens and collectors would increase accessibility and engagement, allowing users to request pickups, receive notifications, and track tasks on the go. Advanced analytics and reporting could provide predictive insights, identify high-demand areas, and inform better decision-making, while integration with IoT-enabled smart bins could further streamline operations by triggering pickups only when necessary. Additionally, features aimed at community engagement, such as gamified recycling challenges or environmental awareness initiatives, and modules to measure the system's environmental impact, would strengthen sustainability efforts. Overall, EcoTrack not only addresses current waste management challenges but also lays a solid foundation for future innovation, creating a practical, scalable, and socially beneficial solution that can contribute to cleaner, healthier, and smarter cities.

APPENDICES

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _
from .models import CustomUser
@admin.register(CustomUser)
class CustomUserAdmin(UserAdmin):
    model = CustomUser
    # Columns displayed in the admin user list view
    list_display = ("email", "full_name", "role","phone", "is_active", "is_staff", "date_joined")
    list_filter = ("role", "is_active", "is_staff")
    search_fields = ("email", "phone", "full_name")
    ordering = ("-date_joined",)
    # Layout of fields when editing an existing user in the admin
    fieldsets = (
        (_("Account Info"), {"fields": ("email", "full_name", "profile_image", "phone", "role")}),
        (_("Permissions"), {"fields": ("is_active", "is_staff", "is_superuser", "groups", "user_permissions")}),
        (_("Important Dates"), {"fields": ("last_login", "date_joined")}),
    )
    readonly_fields = ("email", "password")
    # Layout of fields when creating a new user in the admin
    add_fieldsets = (
        (None, {
            "classes": ("wide",),
            "fields": ("email","full_name","password1","password2","profile_image","phone","role",
                "is_active",
                "is_staff",
            ),
        }),
    )
```

```python
# ecotracksys/admin.py
from time import timezone
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import PickupRequest, Complaint, Notification, LeaveRequest, Collector
from .models import LeaveRequest
@admin.register(PickupRequest) # PickupRequest Admin
class PickupRequestAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('customer_name', 'pickup_date', 'pickup_time', 'waste_type', 'status', 'collector')
    list_filter = ('status', 'waste_type', 'pickup_date')
    search_fields = ('customer_name', 'email', 'phone', 'address')
    ordering = ('-pickup_date',)
@admin.register(Complaint) # Complaint Admin
class ComplaintAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('subject', 'user', 'complaint_type', 'status', 'date_submitted')
    list_filter = ('complaint_type', 'status', 'date_submitted')
    search_fields = ('subject', 'description', 'user__email')
    ordering = ('-date_submitted',)
@admin.register(Notification) # Notification Admin
class NotificationAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('title', 'user', 'type', 'status', 'is_important', 'created_at')
    list_filter = ('type', 'status', 'is_important', 'created_at')
    search_fields = ('title', 'message', 'user__email')
    ordering = ('-created_at',)
```

```
from django.utils import timezone
@admin.register(LeaveRequest)
class LeaveRequestAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):# LeaveRequest Admin
    list_display = ('collector', 'leave_type', 'start_date', 'end_date', 'status', 'applied_at')
    list_filter = ('status', 'leave_type', 'applied_at')
    search_fields = ('collector__email', 'collector__first_name', 'collector__last_name')
    readonly_fields = ('applied_at', 'reviewed_at')
    actions = ['mark_approved', 'mark_rejected']
    def mark_approved(self, request, queryset):
        queryset.update(status='Approved', reviewed_at=timezone.now())
    mark_approved.short_description = "Mark selected as approved"
    def mark_rejected(self, request, queryset):
        queryset.update(status='Rejected', reviewed_at=timezone.now())
    mark_rejected.short_description = "Mark selected as rejected"
@admin.register(Collector)
class CollectorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('name', 'phone', 'zone', 'status', 'created_at')
    list_filter = ('status', 'zone')
    search_fields = ('name', 'phone', 'zone')
    ordering = ('name',)
```

```
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from django.conf import settings
from accounts.models import CustomUser
from .models import PickupRequest
from .models import Notification   # adjust import if your Notification model is in a different app


@receiver(post_save, sender=PickupRequest)
def notify_admins_on_pickup_request(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if created:  # only when a new pickup request is created
        # get all admin users
        admins = CustomUser.objects.filter(role="admin")

        for admin in admins:
            Notification.objects.create(
                user=admin,
                title="New Pickup Request",
                message=f"Pickup requested by {instance.customer_name} on {instance.pickup_date} at {instance.pickup_time}.",
                type="info",
                status="unread",
                is_important=True,
            )
```

```python
@receiver(post_save, sender=CustomUser)
def notify_admins_on_new_user(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if created and instance.role == "citizen":  # or include collector if you want
        admins = CustomUser.objects.filter(role="admin")
        for admin in admins:
            Notification.objects.create(
                user=admin,
                title="New User Registered",
                message=f"New {instance.role} registered: {instance.email}",
                type="success",
                status="unread",
                is_important=False,
            )
```

```python
# ========================
# Notification Model
# ========================
class Notification(models.Model):
    """
    Stores notifications for users.
    """

    STATUS_CHOICES = [('unread', 'Unread'), ('read', 'Read')]
    TYPE_CHOICES = [('info', 'Info'), ('success', 'Success'), ('warning', 'Warning'), ('error', 'Error')]

    user = models.ForeignKey(settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name='notifications')
    title = models.CharField(max_length=255)
    message = models.TextField()
    type = models.CharField(max_length=10, choices=TYPE_CHOICES, default='info')
    status = models.CharField(max_length=10, choices=STATUS_CHOICES, default='unread')
    is_important = models.BooleanField(default=False)
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)

    class Meta:
        ordering = ['-created_at']

    def __str__(self):
        return f"Notification({self.title}) for {self.user.email}"
```

```python
@receiver(post_save, sender=Complaint)
def notify_admins_on_complaint(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if created:
        admins = CustomUser.objects.filter(role="admin")
        for admin in admins:
            Notification.objects.create(
                user=admin,
                title="New Complaint",
                message=f"Complaint raised by {instance.user} - {instance.issue[:50]}...",
                type="warning",
                status="unread",
                is_important=True,
            )

from .models import LeaveRequest

@receiver(post_save, sender=LeaveRequest)
def notify_admins_on_leave_request(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if created:
        admins = CustomUser.objects.filter(role="admin")
        for admin in admins:
            Notification.objects.create(
                user=admin,
                title="New Leave Request",
                message=f"{instance.collector} requested leave from {instance.start_date} to {instance.end_date}.",
                type="info",
                status="unread",
                is_important=False,
            )
```

```python
from django.contrib.auth.backends import ModelBackend
from .models import CustomUser

class EmailBackend(ModelBackend):
    """
    Authenticate using email instead of username.
    """
    def authenticate(self, request, email=None, password=None, **kwargs):
        try:
            user = CustomUser.objects.get(email=email)
        except CustomUser.DoesNotExist:
            return None

        if user.check_password(password):
            return user
        return None
```

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