

EcolithSwap - Complete Platform



EcolithSwap is a comprehensive African-first electric battery swapping and recycling platform designed for urban and rural users in Kenya. The platform enables battery swaps, charging, plastic waste redemption for credit, and environmental impact tracking.

Architecture Overview

The EcolithSwap platform consists of three main components:

1. Mobile App (React Native)

- **Location:** `/EcolithSwap/`
- **Platform:** Cross-platform (iOS & Android)
- **Features:** Battery swapping, station finder, plastic waste submission, user dashboard
- **Technology:** React Native, Expo

2. Admin Dashboard (React Web App)

- **Location:** `/ecolithswap-admin/`
- **Platform:** Web-based admin panel
- **Features:** User management, station management, battery tracking, analytics
- **Technology:** React, TypeScript, Vite, Tailwind CSS

3. Backend API (Node.js + MySQL)

- **Location:** `/EcolithSwap-Backend/`
- **Platform:** RESTful API server
- **Features:** Authentication, data management, real-time updates, payment processing
- **Technology:** Node.js, Express, MySQL, JWT, Socket.IO

Quick Start

Prerequisites

- **Node.js** (v16 or higher)

- **MySQL** (v8.0 or higher)
- **npm** or **yarn**
- **Expo CLI** (for mobile development)
- **Git**

1. Clone the Repository

```
git clone <repository-url>
cd ecolithswap-platform
```

2. Backend Setup

```
# Navigate to backend directory
cd EcolithSwap-Backend

# Install dependencies
npm install

# Set up environment variables
cp .env.example .env
# Edit .env with your MySQL credentials

# Set up database
npm run setup-db

# Seed with sample data (optional)
npm run seed-db

# Start the server
npm start
```

The backend will be running on `http://localhost:3000`

3. Admin Dashboard Setup

```
# Navigate to admin directory
cd ecolithswap-admin

# Install dependencies
npm install

# Set up environment variables
cp .env.example .env
# Edit .env if needed

# Start development server
npm run dev
```

The admin dashboard will be running on `http://localhost:5173`

4. Mobile App Setup

```
# Navigate to mobile app directory
cd EcolithSwap

# Install dependencies
npm install

# Start Expo development server
npx expo start
```

Use the Expo Go app on your phone or an emulator to run the mobile app.

Default Login Credentials

After running the database seeding script, you can use these test accounts:

Admin Dashboard

- **Admin:** `admin@ecolithswap.com` / `password123`
- **Station Manager:** `manager@ecolithswap.com` / `password123`

Mobile App

- **Customer 1:** `john.doe@email.com` / `password123`
- **Customer 2:** `jane.smith@email.com` / `password123`



Mobile App Features

Core Features

- **Battery Swapping:** Rent and return batteries at charging stations
- **Station Finder:** Locate nearby charging stations with map/list view
- **Plastic Waste Recycling:** Submit plastic waste and earn EcoCredits
- **Payment Integration:** M-Pesa and credit-based payments
- **Impact Tracking:** Monitor environmental impact and savings
- **Offline Support:** Basic functionality works without internet

User Interface

- Clean, intuitive design optimized for low-end Android devices
- Support for multiple languages (English, Swahili)
- Low-bandwidth optimized for intermittent connectivity
- Accessibility features for diverse user base



Admin Dashboard Features

Management Capabilities

- **User Management:** View, edit, activate/deactivate user accounts
- **Station Management:** Add, edit, monitor charging stations
- **Battery Management:** Track battery inventory, health, and usage
- **Waste Management:** Verify plastic waste submissions
- **Payment Management:** Monitor transactions and process refunds

Analytics & Reporting

- **Revenue Analytics:** Track income from rentals and services
- **Usage Analytics:** Monitor station utilization and battery performance
- **Environmental Impact:** Track plastic waste processed and CO2 savings
- **User Analytics:** Understand user behavior and engagement

Real-time Features

- Live dashboard updates via WebSockets
- Real-time station status monitoring
- Instant notifications for critical events



Backend API Features

Core Services

- **Authentication:** JWT-based auth with refresh tokens
- **User Management:** Registration, profile management, role-based access
- **Station Management:** CRUD operations with location-based queries

- **Battery Management:** Inventory tracking with real-time status updates
- **Rental Management:** Complete rental lifecycle management
- **Waste Management:** Plastic waste submission and verification
- **Payment Processing:** M-Pesa integration and credit system
- **Analytics:** Comprehensive reporting and insights

Technical Features

- RESTful API design with consistent error handling
- Database migrations and seeding
- Rate limiting and security middleware
- Real-time updates via Socket.IO
- Comprehensive logging and monitoring
- API documentation and health checks



Database Schema

The MySQL database includes the following main tables:

- **users:** User account information
- **user_profiles:** Extended user profile data and credits
- **stations:** Charging station information and locations
- **batteries:** Battery inventory and status tracking
- **battery_rentals:** Rental transactions and history
- **plastic_waste_logs:** Waste submission records
- **payments:** Payment transactions and history

Environment Configuration

Backend Environment Variables

Key configuration options in `/EcolithSwap-Backend/.env`:

```
# Database
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_PORT=3306
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=your_password
DB_NAME=ecolithswap

# JWT Authentication
JWT_SECRET=your_secret_key
JWT_EXPIRES_IN=24h

# M-Pesa Integration
MPESA_ENVIRONMENT=sandbox
MPESA_CONSUMER_KEY=your_key
MPESA_CONSUMER_SECRET=your_secret
```

Frontend Environment Variables

Admin dashboard configuration in `/ecolithswap-admin/.env`:

```
VITE_API_BASE_URL=http://localhost:3000/api
VITE_APP_TITLE=EcolithSwap Admin
```


API Documentation

Authentication Endpoints

- `POST /api/auth/register` - User registration
- `POST /api/auth/login` - User login
- `POST /api/auth/logout` - User logout
- `GET /api/auth/profile` - Get user profile
- `PUT /api/auth/profile` - Update user profile

Station Endpoints

- `GET /api/stations` - List all stations
- `GET /api/stations/:id` - Get station details
- `POST /api/stations` - Create new station (admin)
- `PUT /api/stations/:id` - Update station (admin)

Battery & Rental Endpoints

- `GET /api/batteries` - List batteries
- `POST /api/rentals` - Rent a battery
- `PATCH /api/rentals/:id/return` - Return a battery
- `GET /api/rentals` - Get rental history

Waste Management Endpoints

- `POST /api/waste` - Submit plastic waste
- `GET /api/waste` - Get waste submission history
- `PATCH /api/waste/:id/verify` - Verify waste (admin)

Payment Endpoints

- `POST /api/payments/mpesa` - Process M-Pesa payment
- `POST /api/payments/credits` - Process credit payment
- `GET /api/payments` - Get payment history



Security Features

- **JWT Authentication:** Secure token-based authentication
- **Role-based Access Control:** Admin, Station Manager, Customer roles
- **Rate Limiting:** Prevent API abuse
- **Input Validation:** Comprehensive data validation
- **SQL Injection Protection:** Parameterized queries
- **CORS Configuration:** Controlled cross-origin requests
- **Security Headers:** Helmet.js for security headers



Monitoring & Analytics

Application Monitoring

- Health check endpoints for system status
- Comprehensive error logging and tracking
- Performance monitoring and optimization
- Database query optimization

Business Analytics

- User engagement and retention metrics
- Revenue tracking and financial reporting
- Environmental impact measurement

- Station utilization and efficiency metrics

Deployment

Production Deployment Steps

1. Database Setup

- Set up MySQL server
- Run migrations: `npm run migrate`
- Configure backup strategy

2. Backend Deployment

- Deploy to cloud provider (AWS, Digital Ocean, etc.)
- Set production environment variables
- Configure SSL certificates
- Set up process manager (PM2)

3. Admin Dashboard Deployment

- Build for production: `npm run build`
- Deploy to static hosting (Netlify, Vercel, etc.)
- Configure environment variables

4. Mobile App Deployment

- Build for iOS: `expo build:ios`
- Build for Android: `expo build:android`
- Deploy to App Store and Google Play

Docker Deployment (Optional)

Docker configurations are available for containerized deployment.

Testing

Backend Testing

```
cd EcolithSwap-Backend  
npm test
```

Frontend Testing

```
cd ecolithswap-admin  
npm test
```

Mobile App Testing

```
cd EcolithSwap  
npm test
```

Contributing

1. Fork the repository
2. Create a feature branch
3. Commit your changes
4. Push to the branch
5. Create a Pull Request

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Support

For support, please contact:

- **Email:** support@ecolithswap.com
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