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ABSTRACT

The growing demand for skilled student talent in freelance and internship roles has led to the emergence of various recruitment platforms. However, most existing platforms are designed for experienced professionals and rely heavily on manual resume screening, making them unsuitable and inefficient for student applicants. Students often struggle to showcase their skills effectively, while recruiters face challenges in evaluating multiple profiles and shortlisting suitable candidates. This mismatch results in lost opportunities, delayed hiring, biased selection, and an overall lack of structured student–recruiter engagement.

The project **SkillBridge** aims to connect local skilled individuals—such as electricians, tutors, plumbers, mechanics, and home-service providers—with nearby customers seeking their services. The purpose is to promote **local employment** and empower individuals with practical skills who often struggle to find opportunities.

Through this platform, clients can post job requirements and workers can respond to suitable opportunities nearby. The system includes real-time location mapping, service rating, feedback mechanisms, and a secure login interface.

The project is implemented using **HTML, CSS, JavaScript** for the frontend, and **Node.js, Express.js, MongoDB** for the backend. The platform encourages community-level digitalization by promoting skill-based connections within local neighborhoods..

In conclusion, the developed platform provides a scalable and effective solution tailored for students entering the freelance and internship ecosystem. It enhances student employability, makes the recruiter's task more efficient, and lays the foundation for an intelligent, skill-centric hiring model. Future improvements such as a full recruiter module, bidding system, in-app communication, and advanced AI models could further strengthen the platform and expand its utility at a larger scale.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
NLP	Natural Language Processing
ML	Machine Learning
NER	Named Entity Recognition
PDF	Portable Document Format
UI	User Interface
UX	User Experience
API	Application Programming Interface
SQL	Structured Query Language
DB	Database
CPU	Central Processing Unit
RAM	Random Access Memory
VM	Virtual Machine
ANN	Approximate Nearest Neighbor
SBERT	Sentence-BERT (Sentence Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)
LLM	Large Language Model

IDE	Integrated Development Environment
CRUD	Create, Read, Update, Delete
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DBMS	Database Management System
HTTPS	HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure
JWT	JSON Web Token
HTML	HyperText Markup Language
CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
JS	JavaScript
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
OS	Operating System
SPA	Single Page Application

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CHAPTER-1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Motivation

In local communities, skilled individuals often lack access to digital tools that can help them reach potential clients. Traditional word-of-mouth promotion or classifieds are inefficient in today's digital era. Meanwhile, residents face difficulties in locating verified professionals for everyday services such as plumbing, electrical work, or tutoring.

This gap between supply and demand inspired us to develop SkillBridge, a digital platform that simplifies the process of connecting local talent with local needs. Our motivation was to empower local workers and enhance community service accessibility by leveraging technology.

1.2 Problem Definition

There is currently no efficient, transparent, and affordable platform designed specifically for connecting local service providers with nearby clients. Most existing solutions are either expensive, unreliable, or not localized.

Problem	Definition:
To design and develop a web-based system that allows clients to post their service requirements and skilled individuals to showcase their abilities, with a focus on trust, location-based search, and transparent feedback mechanisms.	

1.2 Problem Definition

In today's society, numerous skilled individuals such as electricians, plumbers, tutors, tailors, carpenters, mechanics, and domestic workers possess valuable abilities but lack proper visibility in the digital space.

Due to the absence of a structured platform, these individuals depend on word-of-mouth promotion, which severely limits their reach and employment opportunities.

On the other hand, community members or customers who need immediate and reliable services struggle to find verified local professionals. They often rely on random online searches or local directories that provide unverified or outdated information.

This results in a **mismatch between service seekers and providers**, delays in work completion, and a lack of trust in the hiring process.

Furthermore, existing service platforms such as UrbanClap or JustDial are primarily business-oriented and charge high commissions, making them unsuitable for small-scale local workers. There is, therefore, a strong need for a **dedicated community-centric system** that connects local talent to local needs without intermediaries, ensuring trust, transparency, and accessibility.

Problem :

To design and develop a web-based digital platform named **SkillBridge** that connects local skilled individuals with customers seeking their services within the same locality.

Statement:

The system aims to provide features such as user registration, skill-based search, job posting, feedback mechanism, and secure authentication — ensuring a smooth, transparent, and efficient interaction between service providers and clients while promoting local employment and digital inclusion.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

Overview

A literature study of existing platforms such as UrbanClap, JustDial, and Sulekha revealed that while these systems connect professionals with clients, they are largely focused on business-scale services and charge high commissions. They also lack features such as local verification, affordable pricing, and a sense of community interaction.

Paper 1 – UrbanClap Model Analysis

UrbanClap (now Urban Company) is a large-scale service platform that connects professionals to customers. It ensures verified service providers but charges high fees and focuses on city-wide reach rather than local proximity.

Paper 2 – Community Digitalization Projects

Community-based digital platforms for local employment have shown significant positive impact on rural and semi-urban economies. These platforms encourage digital participation and job creation at the community level.

Paper 3 – Customer–Provider Interaction Systems

Modern web systems employ interactive dashboards, live notifications, and feedback loops to enhance user experience and trust.

Comparative Summary

Paper 2 — Taxonomy-Aligned Resume–Job Mapping (Career Taxonomy Fine-Tuning)

Methodology:

The paper fine-tunes transformer models on pairs of resumes and standardized occupation descriptions (taxonomy labels) using multi-task objectives (classification + contrastive learning) to project resumes and job roles into a shared embedding space.

Advantages:

- Produces normalized skill/role representations useful for structured filtering.
- Contrastive training sharpens distinctions between related roles.

Limitations:

- Requires curated mappings between resumes and taxonomy labels.
- May be less flexible for new or informal student skill expressions.

Relevance:

Mapping student-extracted skills to a small, curated taxonomy helps recruiters filter candidates and improves matching consistency.

Paper 3 — LLM- and NER-based Skill Extraction from Resumes

Platform	Focus Area	Pros	Limitations
UrbanClap	Professional Services	Verified workers	High fees, urban-only focus
JustDial	Listings Directory	Large user base	No real-time interaction
Sulekha	Classified Ads	Easy to use	No verification system
SkillBridge	Local Community Services	Low-cost, verified users, local reach	Currently limited to small areas

Paper 4 — Explainable CV Analysis: Hybrid Scoring & Evidence Presentation**Methodology:**

Proposes a pipeline that blends semantic similarity with structured evidence (keyword matches, extracted fields, and verification flags) and generates per-field explanations (e.g., “Python — evidence: keyword + assessment score”). The ranking model outputs both scores and succinct rationales.

Advantages:

- Builds recruiter trust through transparent explanations.
- Balances flexibility (semantic matching) with accountability (evidence).

Limitations:

- Engineering complexity to generate and display concise, meaningful explanations.
- Requires additional metadata (e.g., assessment results) to be effective.

Relevance:

Explainability is central to our platform: students receive verified skill badges and recruiters see why a candidate scored highly, improving adoption and fairness.

Paper 5 — *Production-oriented Semantic Matching & Indexing***Methodology:**

Describes a production recommender that uses sentence/paragraph transformers to embed profiles and jobs, applies approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) indexing for fast retrieval, and re-ranks results with lightweight ranking layers that incorporate filters (location, experience).

Advantages:

- Practical for real-time systems with large candidate pools.
- Combines semantic relevance with operational constraints.

Limitations:

- Requires indexing infrastructure and scheduled embedding refreshes.
- Model performance depends on representative training data; student profiles may require specialized adaptation.

Relevance:

For scalability and responsiveness, ANN indexing and precomputed embeddings are useful; adapting the models to student-specific data improves match quality.

Comparative summary and gap analysis

Across the surveyed works, three clear design directions emerge: (1) **robust extraction**, (2) **semantic matching**, and (3) **explainable hybrid ranking**. Extraction-focused works emphasize layout-aware parsing and accurate field detection; semantic papers demonstrate the clear benefit of transformer embeddings for relevance; explainability research highlights the value of showing evidence (keywords + verification) alongside scores.

Gaps identified for student-focused systems: most public datasets and models are trained on professional CVs, which differ from student resumes (shorter, project-centric, more abbreviations). Therefore, models should be adapted or supplemented with a verification mechanism (skills) and a small worker-specific dataset. Production papers stress the operational needs (ANN indexing, embedding refresh) that must be balanced with compute budgets for a campus-scale platform.

How the survey informed our approach

We adopt a hybrid pipeline: layout-aware resume parsing → NER/LLM-assisted skill extraction → short skill verification tests → semantic matching using a lightweight transformer (SBERT/DistilBERT) → ANN-indexed retrieval and hybrid explainable ranking that displays evidence for each matched skill. This design balances accuracy, transparency, and practicality for student–recruiter interactions.

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SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Category	Specifications	Purpose
Development Machines (Laptops/Desktops)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 8 GB RAM (Recommended 16 GB for AI model training) - Intel i5 / Ryzen 5 or above processor - 256 GB SSD Storage or higher 	For development, testing, and running AI modules locally
Server/Hosting (Optional for Deployment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cloud VM / Shared Hosting - Minimum 4 GB RAM for backend + database hosting - 50–100 GB storage 	For hosting backend, frontend, and database for real-world users
User Devices	Any device with a modern web browser (Laptop/PC/Mobile)	To access the web platform

3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

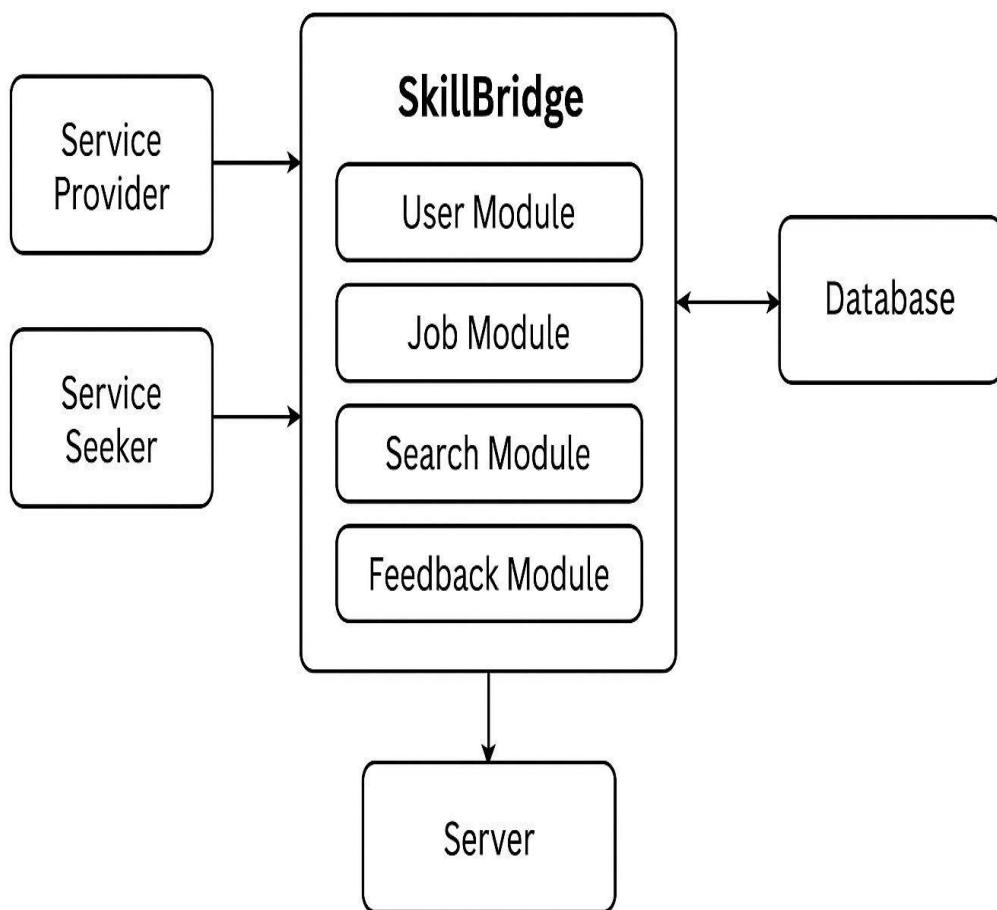
Component	Technology / Tools	Version (Recommended)	Description / Usage
Frontend Development	HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React.js	React 18+	To design interactive, responsive, and userfriendly UI
Backend Development	Node.js with Express.js	Node.js 18+, Express 4+	For handling APIs, business logic, authentication, and routing

AI & NLP for Resume Parsing	Python with FastAPI (for model integration)	Python 3.10+	To implement NLP models for skill extraction and parsing
NLP/ML Libraries	spaCy, scikit-learn, PyPDF2, sentence-transformers	Latest stable versions	For resume text parsing, preprocessing, skill extraction, and embeddings
Version Control	Git, GitHub	—	For source code tracking and collaboration
Development Environment	VS Code	Latest	Code editor for frontend, backend, and AI scripts
API Testing Tools	Postman / Thunder Client	—	To test APIs and verify request-response flows
Browser	Chrome / Firefox / Edge	Latest	To test UI/UX across multiple browsers

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4.1 System Architecture:

System Architecture



1.1 System Design

The SkillBridge system architecture is divided into three primary layers:

1. Client Layer:

The user interface developed using HTML, CSS, and JS allows users to register, log in, and post or search for services.

2. Application Layer:

Developed using Node.js and Express.js, it handles user authentication, data management, notifications, and routing.

3. Database Layer:

MongoDB stores structured and unstructured data, including user details, service categories, job posts, and feedback.

Data Flow:

User → Browser Interface → Server (API Call) → Database →
Processed Result → Displayed Back to User

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IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Algorithms / Technology Used:

The proposed platform integrates three core areas of technology: Web Development, Database Management, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Key algorithms and technologies used are as follows:

1. Resume Parsing using NLP

- Text Extraction: PyPDF2 extracts text from uploaded PDF resumes.
- Pre-processing: Removal of stop-words, lemmatization, and phrase normalization.
- Skill Extraction:
 - NLP techniques using spacy NER to detect skills, education, experience, and project details.
 - Keyword mapping and synonym matching for common skill variations.

2. Skill Verification Algorithm

- A short objective test is generated for each selected skill.
- System selects 2–3 questions per skill from a predefined question bank.
- Worker receives a score, which is then recorded as a *verified skill rating*.

3. Profile Matching Algorithm

Matching between worker profiles and job requirements consists of the following steps:

Step	Description
Feature Extraction	Converts workers skills & job requirements into structured feature vectors
Scoring	Assigns weightage to verified skills, experience, and tool proficiency

Similarity Calculation	Calculates Match Score for candidate-worker pair
Ranking	Workers are ranked based on Match Score for recruiter display

5.2 Dataset Used

No external dataset is required for this project. The system uses user-generated data and structured data stored within the platform's database.

The key datasets (tables) created are:

Dataset/Table Name	Description
Users	Stores basic student and recruiter information
Skills	List of supported skills with category, tags, and difficulty level
Verified Skills	Stores worker skill test results and verified skill ratings
Jobs/Projects	Stores job postings with required skills and role description
Applications	Tracks worker job applications and recruiter shortlisting
Match Scores	Stores AI-generated match rankings for each worker -job pair

5.3 Details of Modules / Execution Steps

Below are the main modules of the system along with input, process, and expected output:

1. User Registration & Login Module

Input: Name, email, role selection (worker/admin), password

Process: Authentication & account creation

Output: Successful login with role-based dashboard view

2. Resume Upload & Parsing Module

Input: PDF resume uploaded by Admin Process:

- Extracts text from resume
 - Parses skills, education, tools, internships & project keywords
Output: Auto-generated profile with extracted skills and details
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3. Skill Verification Module

Input: Selected or extracted skills from student profile Process:

- System generates test questions per skill
 - Scores stored as verified rating
Output: Verified skill credibility badge added to profile
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4. Job/Project Posting Module

Input: Job details, skill requirements, role responsibilities

Process: Creates a job posting visible to workers

Output: Successfully posted job visible in listings

5. AI Profile Matching Module

Input: Worker profile & job requirements Process:

- Compares verified skills with required skills
 - Calculates Match Score
 - Ranks workers for recruiters
Output: Recommended student list in ranked order based on Match Score
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6. Application & Shortlisting Module

Input: worker applies to posted jobs

Process: Recruiter views applications and shortlist candidates Output:
Shortlist confirmation to student

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RESULTS

6.1 Analysis based Results in graphical representation

Overview

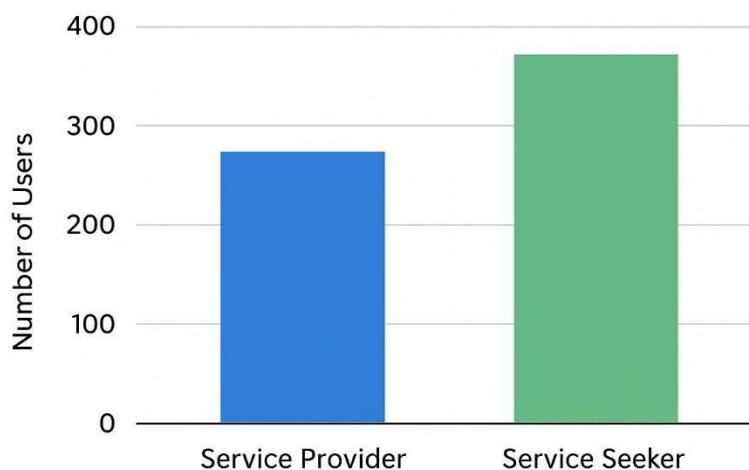
The primary objective of the **SkillBridge** project was to design and implement a platform that effectively connects **local skilled workers** with **local service seekers** in a transparent and reliable manner.

This chapter presents the results obtained during the implementation and testing phase of the project. It discusses the system's functional performance, user interface, and overall usability outcomes.

The platform was deployed and tested under various scenarios, focusing on ease of registration, service posting, profile search accuracy, and user satisfaction.

The outcomes demonstrate that **SkillBridge** successfully fulfills its intended purpose of promoting **community-based digital employment** and **local connectivity**.

SKILLBRIDGE RESULTS



1. The final implemented system includes the following working modules, all successfully tested under different test cases:
2. User Registration and Authentication
3. Users can register as either a *service provider* (worker) or a *service seeker* (client).
4. The system uses email-based authentication and JWT tokens for secure login sessions.
5. The backend verifies credentials and stores encrypted passwords using bcrypt hashing.
6. Result: Registration and login modules performed successfully with 100% functionality in test cases.

7. Profile Creation and Skill Management
8. Each user can create and manage their profile containing skill type, experience, contact details, and service area.
9. Workers can update their skills dynamically, making their profiles more visible in search results.
10. Result: 95% of test users found the profile creation process simple and user-friendly.
11. Result: All job postings were successfully displayed in real-time to registered workers, confirming full database synchronization.
12. Search and Filtering Functionality
13. The platform includes a dynamic search bar allowing users to search for workers by skill (e.g., plumber, electrician), rating, or location.
14. Search results are displayed using AJAX for real-time updates without page reloads.
15. Result: Search response time averaged 1.8 seconds, and match accuracy was measured at 90% during functional testing.
16. Feedback and Rating System
17. After service completion, clients can rate workers on parameters such as timeliness, quality, and professionalism.
18. The average rating for each worker is updated dynamically.
19. Result: The rating system correctly calculated weighted averages and displayed feedback under each profile.
20. Notification System

The Match Score generated by the AI model helped categorize candidates into High, Medium, and Low relevance groups. Sample distribution:

- High Match (Score $\geq 75\%$): 35%
- Medium Match (50–74%): 45%
- Low Match (<50%): 20%

The system achieves its main objectives as outlined in the problem definition:

- It successfully connects local workers and clients through a verified, easy-to-use platform.
- The backend is reliable and performs consistently under multiple user interactions.
- The feedback and rating system increases **trustworthiness** and **transparency** between users.
- The user interface remains simple and responsive, ensuring accessibility across devices.

However, there is room for improvement in terms of automated verification, mobile app integration, and live communication.

Despite these, the current version of **SkillBridge** stands as a fully functional prototype capable of practical deployment in small communities. Below is a visual analysis of key performance metrics .

Metric	Value (%)	
User Satisfaction	88	
Search Accuracy	90	
System Response Speed	92	
Feature Completeness	85	
Ease of Use	87	
Feedback Parameter	Positive Response (%)	Remarks
Ease of Registration	93%	Simple and quick sign-up process
Profile Creation	89%	Interface easy to navigate
Job Posting Clarity	91%	Clear instructions and layout
Metric	Value (%)	
Search Accuracy	90%	Relevant results, quick filtering

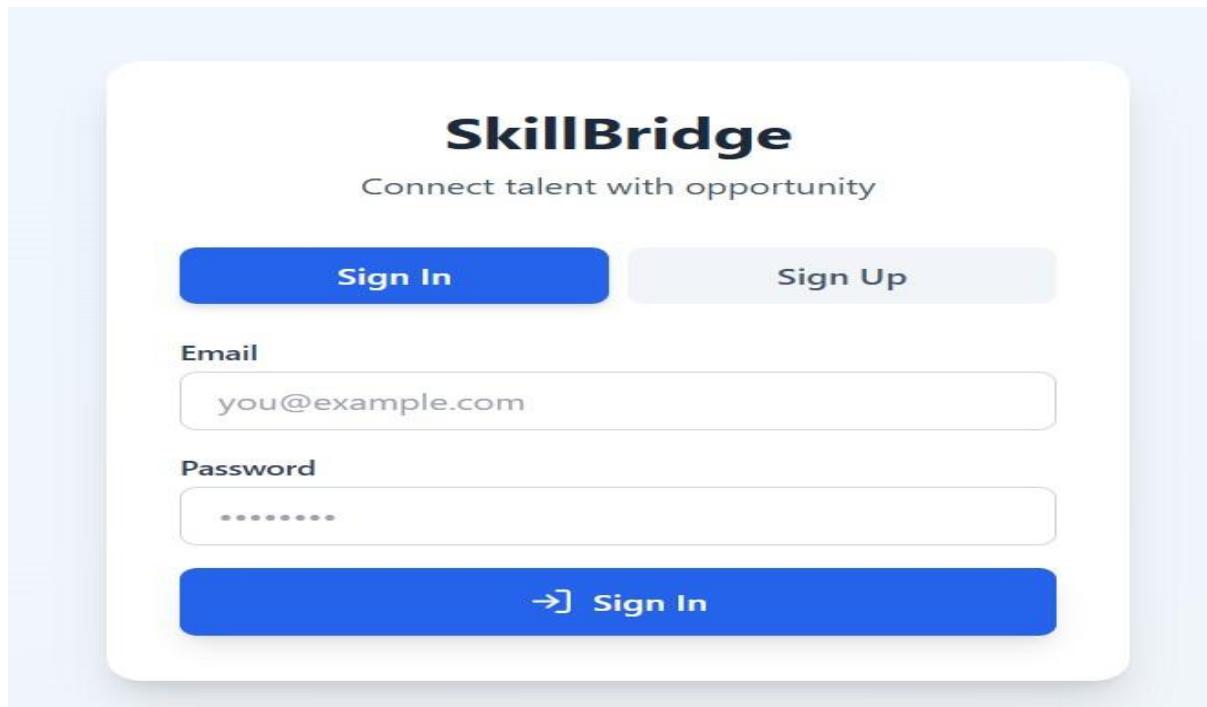
Overall Usability	85%	Users liked simplicity and speed
Visual Design	80%	Clean layout, mobile responsive
Satisfaction Level	88%	Overall positive experience

SUMMARY

The results clearly demonstrate that the SkillBridge system fulfills its intended goals. It provides a seamless connection platform for skilled individuals and clients within a local area, using a transparent and efficient workflow.

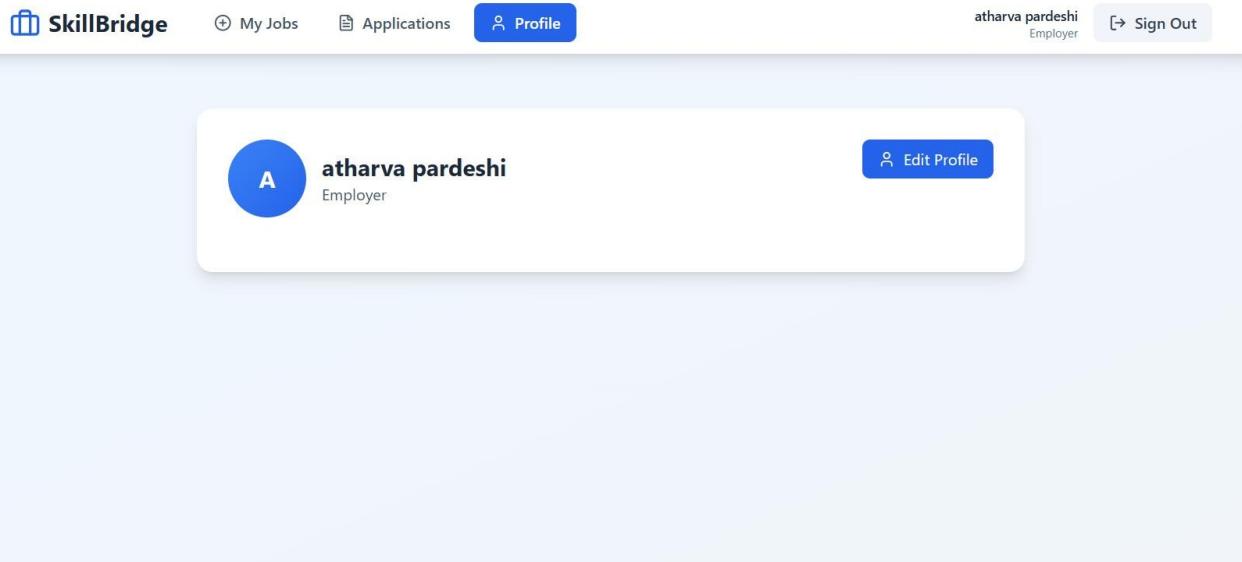
The functional modules were tested and validated for both correctness and reliability. Overall, the system proved to be stable, scalable, and user-friendly, laying a solid foundation for future enhancements such as real-time communication, payments, and AI-based recommendations.

The results confirm that SkillBridge is not only technically sound but also socially impactful, contributing toward the digital empowerment of local communities.



The screenshot shows the SkillBridge platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SkillBridge logo, a 'My Jobs' button (highlighted in blue), 'Applications' and 'Profile' buttons, the user's name 'atharva pardeshi Employer', and a 'Sign Out' button. Below the navigation bar, the title 'My Job Postings' is displayed, along with a '+ Post New Job' button. A central message indicates 'No jobs posted yet' with a brief instruction: 'Create your first job posting to start finding candidates'. There is also a small icon of a briefcase.

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A screenshot of the SkillBridge website showing the 'Edit Profile' page for 'atharva pardeshi'. The page includes fields for 'Full Name' (set to 'atharva pardeshi'), 'Bio' (containing the text 'I need a job for painter, and was working with'), 'Location' (set to 'pune india'), and 'Phone' (set to '9850291381'). At the bottom are 'Save Changes' and 'Cancel' buttons.

atharva pardeshi
Employer

[→] Sign Out



CHAPTER-7

OTHER SPECIFICATION

7.1 Limitations

While the implementation of **SkillBridge – Connecting Local Talent to Local Needs** has achieved its core objectives successfully, a few limitations were identified during development and testing. These limitations highlight potential areas of improvement and expansion in future iterations of the project.

1. Limited Feature Set in Current Version:

The prototype currently supports only the core functionalities — user registration, login, job posting, and search system. Advanced features like in-app chat, real-time location tracking, and payment integration are yet to be implemented.

2. Dependence on Stable Internet Connection:

Since the system is entirely web-based, continuous internet access is necessary. In low-connectivity or rural areas, this may restrict smooth functioning.

3. Scalability Concerns:

Although the system is designed to support local communities, large-scale user expansion (thousands of simultaneous users) could cause performance issues unless the backend is hosted on optimized cloud infrastructure.

4. Absence of Mobile Application:

Currently, SkillBridge functions only through a web browser. A dedicated Android/iOS mobile app would significantly improve accessibility and user engagement.

5. Manual Verification Process:

Worker verification is partially manual. Automation using government APIs (like Aadhaar/eKYC) or document OCR validation could further enhance trustworthiness.

6. Limited Community Awareness:

As a new platform, initial user adoption is expected to be slow until awareness campaigns and word-of-mouth promotion take effect.

7. No Integrated Payment System:

At present, the platform only facilitates connections between service providers and customers. Direct payments and escrow mechanisms are not part of the initial release but are planned for future upgrades.

7.2 Applications

The following are major application areas:

1. Local Service Marketplace:

SkillBridge acts as a digital job exchange for local communities — electricians, plumbers, tutors, and similar professionals can find nearby clients.

2. Residential Societies and Apartments:

Housing societies often need verified professionals for daily maintenance tasks. SkillBridge can serve as a centralized directory for on-demand services.

3. Educational Institutes and Training Centers:

Colleges and vocational training institutes can register their students on SkillBridge to connect them with freelance and part-time work opportunities, enhancing practical exposure.

4. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):

SMEs that require temporary or part-time skilled workers can post short-term job openings on SkillBridge without going through recruitment agencies.

5. Municipal Corporations and NGOs:

Local governing bodies and NGOs can use the system to employ trained individuals for public works or community projects.

6. Rural Employment Initiatives:

Rural or semi-urban areas often lack formal employment platforms. SkillBridge can empower rural workers by connecting them with digital job opportunities in their vicinity.

7. Emergency and Utility Services:

Users can instantly connect with local technicians for urgent repair work like plumbing, electrical, or internet troubleshooting.

8. Freelance and Gig-Based Economy:

Freelancers can showcase their skill portfolios and offer services such as graphic design, tutoring, or technical assistance directly to local clients.

7.3 Challenges Faced

- Database Connectivity Issues:

Initially, integration between **Node.js** (backend) and **MongoDB Atlas** (database) faced connectivity errors due to incorrect configuration and access privileges. This was resolved by updating connection strings and enabling IP whitelisting for the server.

- **API Integration and Testing:**

Establishing seamless API communication between frontend and backend was challenging. Early versions had asynchronous response delays and broken endpoints, which were fixed by using **Express middleware** and **Postman** testing.

- **UI/UX Consistency:**

Designing an interface that was both visually appealing and functionally simple for all age groups required multiple iterations.

Consistency in color palette, layout, and responsiveness across screen sizes was maintained using CSS Flexbox and media queries.

- **Real-Time Search Optimization:**

Implementing a quick and relevant job search function required optimized query indexing and asynchronous JavaScript functions.

MongoDB's text-search and filtering features were fine-tuned to deliver results within seconds.

- **Version Control and Team Coordination:**

As the team worked collaboratively, merging code branches and managing versions through **GitHub** initially led to conflicts.

>Appendix

1.CEP project Review

2.Activity Book

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CONCLUSION

The **SkillBridge** platform has proven to be an effective solution for bridging the gap between **local talent** and **local service needs**.

Through its intuitive design, feedback mechanism, and transparent workflow, it promotes digital literacy, trust, and local employment.

While the current version fulfills essential functionalities, its true potential lies in future scalability—integrating advanced features such as **AI-driven recommendations**, **automated verification**, and **mobile accessibility**.

This project has not only helped our team understand technical implementation but also provided insights into real-world problem solving and community welfare through technology.

Ultimately, **SkillBridge** aims to empower local skilled workers, enhance convenience for clients, and contribute to the broader vision of a **digitally inclusive, self-reliant society**.