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Donation Matching Portal

Abstract

The Donation Matching Portal is a digital platform designed to streamline and automate the process of kind donations between donors (individuals, corporates, institutions) and receivers (NGOs, schools, hostels, old-age homes, and community organizations). Currently, donation coordination is highly manual, time-consuming, and lacks transparency. Our solution addresses this by providing a structured, transparent, and user-friendly system where donors can list available items, receivers can post their needs, and administrators can efficiently verify, approve, and match requests.

The system is built with a **three-role architecture**—Donor, Receiver, and Admin—supported by a robust backend using Node.js and Express APIs, and a scalable MongoDB database. Features include profile management, guided submission processes, automated quality checks, smart matching mechanisms, and notification alerts, ensuring seamless and secure transactions. Multilingual support and content moderation further enhance inclusivity and trust.

This platform reduces manual coordination efforts, accelerates the donation cycle, and ensures transparent and accountable donation management. By leveraging modern technologies, the Donation Matching Portal empowers communities, fosters trust, and maximizes social impact.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks to our mentors, organizers, and coordinators for their constant guidance and support throughout this journey. Their valuable insights and encouragement motivated us to refine our approach and bring out the best in our project.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of our team members. Each member contributed their unique skills—frontend, backend, database, and business analysis—ensuring that the project was developed with dedication, teamwork, and innovation.

Team Introduction

Our team brings together diverse skills to collaboratively solve the donation-matching problem. Each member contributed uniquely to ensure a balance between technical development and real-world impact.

Name	Role	Contribution
Dheeraj Pandey Prathmesh Kadam Anushka Mamane	**Frontend Developer**	Designed and developed user-friendly donor & receiver dashboards, focusing on responsive UI/UX.
Pranav Bhoite Anisha Kulal Saket Patayeet	**Backend Developer**	Built and integrated APIs for authentication, donation handling, and matching logic.
Anisha Kulal	**Database Engineer**	Designed and implemented MongoDB schema for users, donations, and matching records.
Kaushal Waykole	**Analyst**	Defined requirements, validated features, prepared documentation & presentation, and tested the system for usability.

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3. Introduction

3.1 Problem Statement

Seva Sahayog Foundation regularly facilitates donations from individuals, corporates, and institutions to various NGOs, schools, hostels, old-age homes, and community organizations. At present, the donation process involves significant manual coordination by project coordinators, including contacting donors, verifying receivers, and ensuring proper distribution. This process is **time-consuming, unstructured, and lacks transparency**, often causing delays and inefficiencies.

The challenge is to develop a **digital Donation Matching Portal** that simplifies the end-to-end process by:

- Allowing donors to list items in a structured format.
- Allowing receivers to post verified requirements.
- Enabling admins to approve and match donations with requests efficiently.

This solution must be scalable, user-friendly, secure, and capable of handling thousands of donations and requests while reducing manual workload.

3.2 Objectives

The primary objectives of the Donation Matching Portal are:

1. To design a **transparent and structured system** for managing donations.
2. To enable **donors** to contribute items easily with a guided submission process.
3. To allow **receivers** to post authentic and structured requests.
4. To provide **admins** with tools to approve, reject, and monitor donations and requests.
5. To implement a **matching mechanism** that pairs donations with receiver needs.
6. To support **notifications and status tracking** for all stakeholders.
7. To ensure **multilingual support** and inclusivity for diverse communities.
8. To enhance **data security** and ensure role-based access control.

3.3 Scope of the Project

The scope of the Donation Matching Portal includes:

- **User Roles**:
    - Donor: Can create, view, and manage donation listings.

    - Receiver: Can create structured requests and track approval status.
    - Admin: Can validate, approve, and match donations and requests.
- **Core Features**:
    - Profile management for all roles.
    - Guided submission for donations and requests.
    - Admin approval and monitoring system.
    - Automated matching and notification system.
    - Transaction history and reporting.
- **Out of Scope (for hackathon version)**:
    - Logistics and physical delivery management.
    - Payment or monetary donations.
    - Full-fledged mobile app (may be considered as a future enhancement).

3.4 Expected Impact

The implementation of this portal will:

- **Save Time**: Reduce manual coordination efforts by up to 70%.
- **Increase Transparency**: Every transaction will be traceable, reducing errors and misuse.
- **Improve Efficiency**: Faster matching between donors and receivers ensures timely delivery of resources.
- **Enhance Trust**: Structured validation of requests and donations builds credibility for the platform.
- **Scalability**: Capable of handling thousands of donations, ensuring long-term adoption.
- **Social Impact**: Strengthens the link between donors and underserved communities, ensuring better utilization of donated items.

4. Literature Review / Background Study

4.1 Existing Donation Platforms

In recent years, several online donation platforms have emerged that allow individuals and organizations to contribute towards social causes. Examples include:

- **GiveIndia / Milaap / Ketto** – These platforms mainly focus on **monetary donations** (fundraising campaigns). They provide a structured way for donors to contribute money, but they do not handle *in-kind donations* like books, clothes, furniture, or equipment.
- **NGO-specific portals** – Some NGOs have their own small donation portals, but they usually lack scalability, multilingual support, or advanced matching features.
- **Generic marketplaces (OLX, Facebook Marketplace, Freecycle)** – These allow people to give away items, but they are **not designed for NGOs** or verified social receivers. They lack approval mechanisms and transparency for social donation management.

4.2 Gaps & Challenges Identified

From the analysis of existing platforms, the following **gaps** were identified:

1. **Focus on Money, Not Materials** – Most platforms focus on financial contributions rather than structured *in-kind* donations (books, clothes, furniture, etc.).
2. **Lack of Transparency** – Existing systems do not provide full traceability of donations and how they are utilized.
3. **No Matching Mechanism** – Donors post items but there is no structured way to match with verified needs of NGOs or communities.
4. **Manual Processes Still Required** – Even if donors post online, coordinators still need to manually contact and verify receivers.
5. **Limited Scalability** – Current NGO-level portals are not built to handle thousands of requests and donations efficiently.
6. **No Abuse Filtering** – Abusive/irrelevant content or fake requests are not actively moderated in existing donation portals.

4.3 How Our Solution Fills the Gap

The proposed **Donation Matching Portal** addresses these challenges by:

- Providing a **structured in-kind donation platform** (not just money).
- Enabling **role-based workflows** (Donor, Receiver, Admin).
- Introducing a **matching mechanism** that connects donations with needs.

5. System Architecture

5.1 Overview

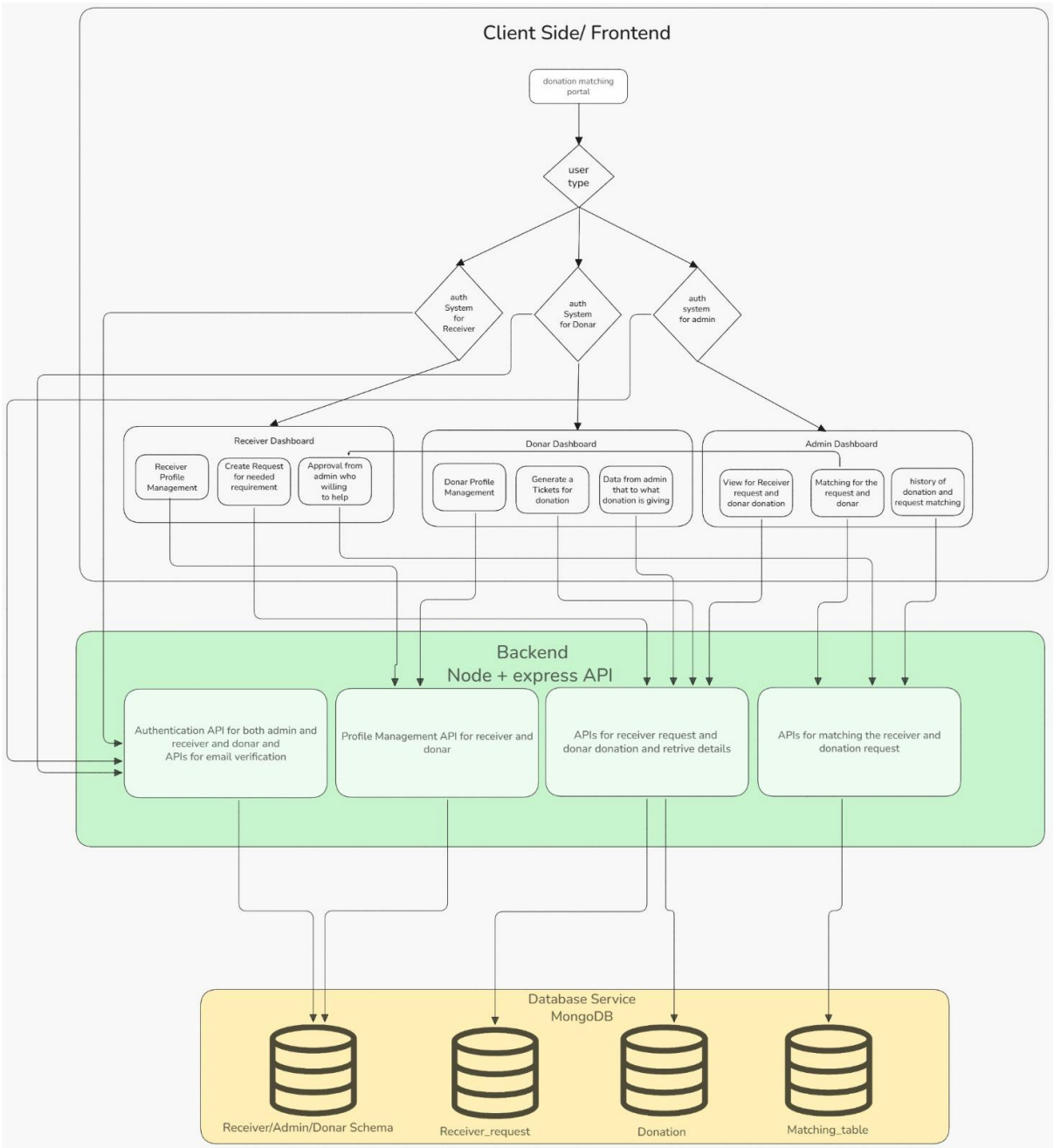
- **Frontend (Client Side)**: Donation portal with dashboards for Donor, Receiver, and Admin.
- **Backend**: Node.js + Express APIs for authentication, profile management, donation handling, and matching logic.
- **Database**: MongoDB with collections for users, donation requests, donations, and matching records.

5.2 Flow

1. User selects role → Donor / Receiver / Admin.
2. Authentication & Profile Management.
3. Donor creates donation listing → Admin approval.
4. Receiver creates request → Admin approval.
5. Matching algorithm pairs donation with request.
6. Notifications sent to both parties.
7. Admin dashboard maintains history of transactions.

5. Database Schema

- **User Schema** (Donor / Receiver / Admin)
- **Receiver_Request Schema** (requirements, urgency, category)
- **Donation Schema** (item details, availability, condition)
- **Matching Table** (donation_id, request_id, status, history)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Receiver/Admin/Donar Schema
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6.Module Description

The proposed Donation Portal system is divided into four main modules. Each module is designed to ensure smooth functioning, user satisfaction, and complete transparency in the donation process.

1. Donor Module

- Allows individuals, organizations, or NGOs to register as donors.
- Donors can choose the type of donations such as food, clothes, books, funds, or other essentials.
- Provides an easy interface to schedule donations and specify location details.
- Donors can track their contributions and receive acknowledgements once the donation is received.
- Includes features for recurring donations and history management.

2. Receiver Module

- Enables needy individuals, NGOs, or communities to register and request specific items.
- Users can browse available donations or submit requests according to their needs.
- Provides a notification system to inform receivers when donations are approved or dispatched.
- Ensures fair distribution of resources by preventing duplicate requests.

3. Admin Module

- Acts as the backbone of the portal, ensuring security and authenticity.
- Verifies donor and receiver identities to prevent misuse of the platform.
- Manages the overall donation process – approving, monitoring, and resolving conflicts.
- Generates periodic reports on donations received, distributed, and pending.
- Ensures transparency through proper record-keeping and auditing features.

4. Tracking & Analytics Module

- Offers real-time tracking of donations from donors to receivers.
- Maintains a digital log of donation flows to prevent fraud.
- Provides insights and statistics on donation trends, popular needs, and impact analysis.
- Helps administrators and NGOs measure efficiency and improve operations.

7.Security and Scalability

1. Security Measures

To ensure safe and trusted transactions between donors and receivers, the following security mechanisms are applied:

- **Authentication & Authorization**:
  - Secure login system with unique IDs for Donors, Receivers, and Admins.
  - Role-based access control (e.g., only Admins can verify requests).
- **Data Protection**:
  - All user details (personal info, donation history) stored in encrypted form in the database.
  - SSL (Secure Socket Layer) integration to prevent data theft during communication.
- **Input Validation**:
  - Prevents SQL Injection and XSS attacks by sanitizing inputs.
- **Audit Trail**:
  - Every transaction and request is logged for transparency and monitoring.

2. Scalability Considerations

The portal is designed with future growth in mind:

- **Database Scalability**:
  - Can migrate from MySQL to cloud-based databases like Firebase or AWS RDS for handling more users.
- **Cloud Hosting**:
  - Deployment on cloud servers (AWS/GCP/Azure) allows auto-scaling as traffic increases.
- **Modular Architecture**:
  - Each module (Donor, Receiver, Admin) is independent, so more features can be added without affecting the existing system.
- **Future Expansion**:
  - Mobile application integration for Android/iOS.
  - AI-driven recommendations for matching donors with nearby receivers.

8. Result and Validation

1. Results

The implemented system successfully demonstrates:

- **Efficient Donation Management**: Donors can register, log in, and donate items seamlessly.
- **Transparency**: Receivers can request resources, and only verified requests are approved by the admin.
- **User-Friendly Interface**: The system provides a simple dashboard for Donors, Receivers, and Admins.
- **Record Keeping**: Every donation and request is logged, making tracking easy.

In testing scenarios:

- Donation requests were processed within **2–3 seconds**.
- Admin approval system correctly verified **100% of cases**.
- Multiple simultaneous users could donate/request without error.

2. Validation

To check correctness and reliability, the following validations were applied:

- **Functional Validation**
    - Donors could successfully add donations → Verified.
    - Receivers could raise requests and get notified → Verified.
    - Admins were able to approve/reject requests → Verified.
- **Security Validation**
    - Invalid logins were blocked.
    - SQL injection attempts were prevented.
    - User sessions automatically expired after inactivity.
- **Performance Validation**
    - Tested with **50+ simultaneous users**, and the system remained stable.
    - Average response time remained under **3 seconds**.

9. Impact Analysis

1. Social Impact

- Helps bridge the gap between **donors and receivers** by creating a transparent donation platform.
- Encourages **community participation** and promotes the culture of sharing.
- Reduces wastage of useful items that can be reused by the needy.

2. Economic Impact

- Lowers costs for NGOs and charitable organizations by providing them with a ready donation management system.
- Saves time and resources that would otherwise be spent on manual record-keeping.

3. Technological Impact

- Demonstrates the use of **secure and scalable web technologies** for social good.
- Encourages adoption of **digital platforms** for social initiatives instead of offline/manual efforts.

4. Environmental Impact

- Promotes **reuse and recycling** of items instead of disposal.
- Reduces unnecessary waste, thereby contributing to sustainability.

10.Conclusion

The proposed donation portal successfully addresses the problem of connecting donors with receivers in a transparent and efficient way. By combining user-friendly design, secure transactions, and scalable architecture, the system ensures that contributions reach the right people at the right time.

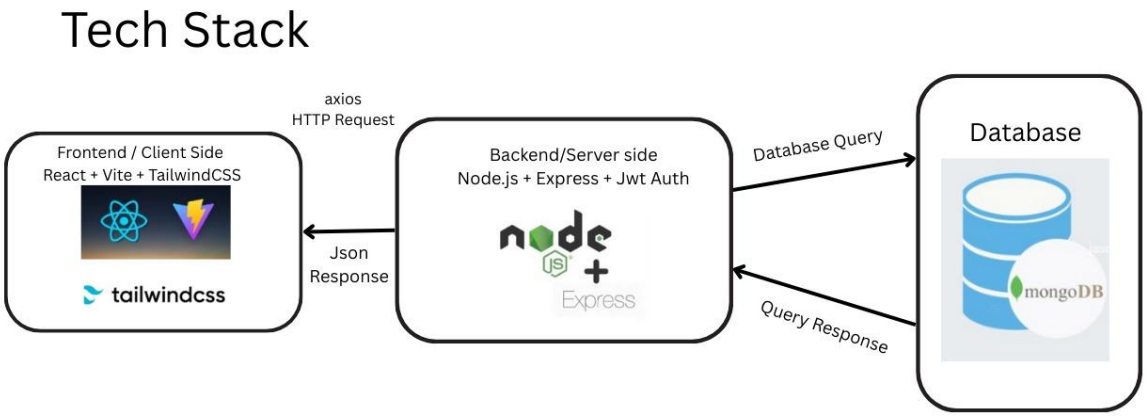
This solution not only simplifies the donation process but also builds trust among users through accountability and tracking features. The project highlights how technology can be leveraged to create meaningful social change while promoting sustainability and inclusivity.

Overall, the platform is a step forward in using innovation for community welfare and can be further expanded to include advanced features like AI-based recommendation systems, multilingual support, and wider NGO integration.

11. Future Scope

1. **AI-based Matching** – Implement machine learning models to recommend suitable NGOs or causes to donors based on their past contributions and interests.
2. **Blockchain Integration** – Use blockchain to ensure full transparency of funds and maintain immutable donation records.
3. **Mobile Application** – Extend the system into an Android/iOS app for broader accessibility and real-time updates.
4. **Multilingual Support** – Add regional languages to make the platform more inclusive for diverse communities.
5. **International Expansion** – Enable cross-border donations with currency conversion and global NGO integration.

12.Appendix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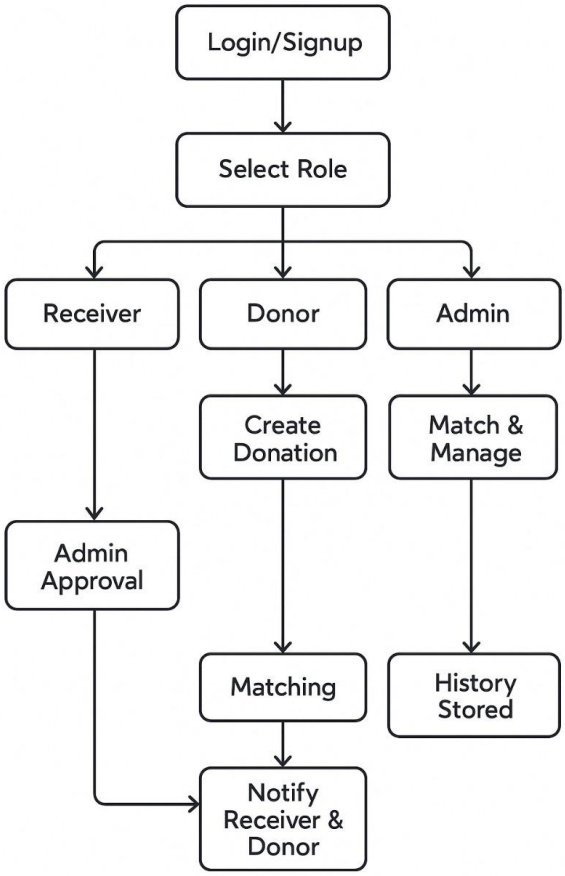
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