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Abstract

As technology continues to reshape industries, AI is opening up exciting possibilities in construction, making complex tasks easier and more accessible for everyone involved. Our project, **Innovative AI Solutions for Smart Construction**, introduces a user-friendly platform designed to simplify the construction process, especially for homeowners and contractors. With this platform, users can generate front elevation designs for their homes by simply entering details like plot size, making professional design accessible at their fingertips.

Beyond design, the platform also provides detailed cost estimates, factoring in current market rates with material and without material, so users have a clear understanding of their budget right from the start. Additionally, the platform fosters community by offering a chat feature where users, contractors, and service providers can interact, ask questions, and share insights. For added convenience, a bidding system allows contractors to submit project proposals, enabling users to make informed choices that suit both their vision and budget. This blend of AI-driven design, cost transparency, real-time interaction, and competitive bidding aims to transform residential construction into a more seamless, efficient, and personalized experience for everyone involved.

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Abstract

A web-based platform called **Innovative AI Solutions for Smart Construction** is created with the goal of streamlining the home construction planning process. This application is developed with the **MERN** (*MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js*) **Stack**, uses generative AI to automatically generate front elevation designs so that users can easily visualize the front of their home. Additionally, the platform offers a **cost calculation tool** that provides customers with clear financial insights for their projects by estimating expected construction prices based on current labor and material market rates. For seamless communication, a **community chatbot** facilitates real-time interaction, allowing users, contractors and service providers to connect and collaborate effortlessly. Additionally, a **bidding feature** enables user to submit competitive proposals, giving users the flexibility to choose the best fit for their project. With its unique combination of AI-driven design, budget clarity, interactive community support and a streamlined bidding process, this platform offers a complete solution that simplifies construction planning for house.

Chapter 1: Introduction

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Pakistan's construction industry for real estate still depends on traditional drafting methods, disconnected channels of communication, and partitioned processes. Homeowners, builders, architects, and service providers often encounter inaccuracies in cost estimation, project schedules, and mismatched expectations. Platforms like Houzz and Thumbtack cater to a specific need such as interior inspiration or supplier sourcing yet do not provide an end-to-end system for architecture drafting, budgeting, or working together. This leads to stakeholders spending more time in meetings, email threads that last forever, and distinct apps that are separate from each other to accomplish these tasks. This reduces efficiency and increases the likelihood of budget discrepancies and scheduling mismatches.

Recent developments in Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning provide the promise to this domain. Among these, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have been highly promising in producing high-quality realistic images. These models are trained by having two networks a generator that produces images and a discriminator that assesses them to enhance performance through ongoing feedback. When conditioned on a specific input in the form of textual descriptions or labels, GANs are capable of producing customized, realistic images.

This project involves a web-based application that deploys a Deep Convolutional GAN model to automate design of front elevation for pre-defined five Marla residential sites. The system does not need user input; rather, it produces elevation designs through preset parameters. Each elevation is designed at the resolution of 128×128 through a trained model. For facilitating real-world application, the system has a dynamic cost estimation tool that determines the cost of materials and labor using existing market rate values, providing users a real-world cost estimate along with visual designs. The system was developed based on a database of about 1,600 128×128-pixel front-elevation images of houses as a reliable and consistent source for training. Technical advances include the spectral normalization for stable training, the use of perceptual losses for enhanced texture realism, and attention techniques to enhance alignment of model outputs towards architectural elements.

Moreover, the platform has a real-time community chat for the homeowners, service professionals, and contractors to collaborate. The central forum enables streamlined feedback of design, budgeting, and document exchange to decrease the frequency of offline meetings and the use of dispersed communications tools. In integrating the generation of designs,

budgeting, and coordination of stakeholders within a single platform, the solution targets speeding up decision-making, reducing delay times, and enhancing the construction process to increase efficiency and cost savings.

1.1 Goals and Objectives

The ultimate objective of this project is to both design and implement a comprehensive web based system that utilizes deep learning to automate and optimize the early stages of residential building construction planning. Through the integration of conditional image synthesis, dynamic cost estimation, and real-time collaboration, the system will eliminate the inefficiencies and coordination bottlenecks characteristic of conventional processes. In order to accomplish the overall objective, the following specific objectives and corresponding goals are defined:

1) Automated Front-Elevation Generation

Goal:

Enable users to obtain multiple, high-fidelity front-elevation renderings from simple, natural-language input.

Objectives:

a. Curate and preprocess a dataset of at least 6600 paired examples comprising 128*128 Pakistani five marla house elevations and richly annotated textual captions.
b. Develop a conditional Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network architecture incorporating spectral normalization, perceptual (VGG-based) loss, and attention mechanisms to align image output with textual semantics.
c. Train and validate the model to ensure diversity (avoiding mode collapse) and structural plausibility across generated designs.

2) Accurate Cost Estimation Module

Goal:

Provide realistic material and labor cost projections tied to each generated design.

Objectives:

a. Integrate up-to-date market pricing APIs or manually maintained rate tables for common construction materials and services.
b. Validate estimation accuracy through comparison with actual project invoices and expert review.

3) **Collaborative Communication Interface**

Goal:

Facilitate seamless interaction among homeowners, contractors, and service providers.

Objectives:

a. Build a real-time chat system using WebSocket or Socket.IO to exchange design drafts, budget reports, and contract documents.
b. Implement user roles and access controls to manage permissions for editing, commenting, and document sharing.
c. Ensure message persistence and notification mechanisms to maintain conversation history and prompt timely responses.

4) **End-to-End Web Integration**

Goal:
Deliver a cohesive user experience from design input to project hand-off.

Objectives:

a. Develop a responsive front-end application (e.g., React) that guides users through input specification, design selection, budget review, and chat collaboration.
b. Create RESTful API endpoints and background services (e.g., Node.js/Express, MongoDB) to handle model inference, cost calculation, and messaging.
c. Deploy the complete platform on a cloud environment (e.g., RunPod or colab) with GPU support for real-time inference and high availability.

1.2 Scope of the Project

This project delivers an end-to-end web platform for automating the early stages of five-marla house construction, focusing on facade design, budgeting, and stakeholder coordination. Its scope encompasses the following elements:

In-Scope Components

1) **Dataset Curation and Preparation**

a. Collection of approximately 1,600 front elevation photographs of Pakistani five marla houses, each at a resolution of 128 × 128 pixels from different architectures and online sources.

2) **Unconditional DCGAN Model**

   a. Implementation of a Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network that learns solely from the image dataset (no textual conditioning) to synthesize diverse, photorealistic front-elevation renderings.

3) **Automated Cost Estimation**

   a. Integration of rate tables data for common construction like number of floors, city, covered area, construction mode and construction type.

4) **Real-Time Collaboration Module**

   a. A lightweight chat interface (using WebSocket or Socket.IO) enabling homeowners, contractors, and service vendors to exchange communication, budget estimates, and contract documents.

5) **Web Application Integration and Deployment**

   a. Responsive front-end (React) for user friendly interface.

   b. Back-end services (Node.js/Express, MongoDB) to handle image inference requests, cost computations, user authentication, and messaging.

   c. Deployment on a cloud environment with GPU support for real-time DCGAN inference and high availability.

6) **Key Opportunities and Future Extensions**

   a. **Style Tag Conditioning:** Introducing simple categorical inputs (e.g., “modern,” “traditional”) to guide generation without full text prompts.

   b. **Multi-View Outputs:** Extending the GAN to produce side elevations or 2D floor-plan sketches based on the same training set.

   c. **Augmented Reality Previews:** Integrating AR overlays so users can visualize generated facades in their actual plot environment.

   d. **Marketplace Integration:** Allowing third-party designers or suppliers to contribute custom facade templates or cost modules.

1.3 Summary

Residential construction workflows are often hampered by separate tools for design, budgeting, and communication, leading to delays, misaligned expectations, and cost overruns. To address these challenges, we built a unified web application that automates facade design, delivers real-time cost estimates, and brings all stakeholders homeowners, contractors, and service providers into one collaborative space. At its heart lies a Deep Convolutional GAN trained on 1,600 curated images of five-marla house elevations, capable of generating realistic 128×128 renderings on demand. These outputs feed directly into a Python-based cost engine that calculates material and labor budgets with industry-standard accuracy, while an integrated chat and bidding interface replaces fragmented email chains and separate proposal portals. This chapter defined our goals to streamline design generation, ensure transparent budgeting, and foster seamless collaboration and set clear boundaries around the scope, focusing on early-stage planning for residential façades.

Chapter 2:

Literature / Market Survey

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2.1 Introduction

The advent of artificial intelligence and deep learning has revolutionized a multitude of fields, with the construction and architecture domains being among the most impacted. Traditional design workflows that rely on manual drafting or rule-based computational tools are increasingly augmented by data-driven methods, enabling new forms of automation and creative exploration. A pivotal innovation in this context is the Generative Adversarial Network, first introduced by Ian Goodfellow and colleagues in 2014. This architecture comprises two neural networks the generator, which synthesizes candidate outputs, and the discriminator, which evaluates their fidelity against real data engaged in a competitive training regime that drives both networks toward improved performance.

Over the past decade, Generative Adversarial Networks have been applied to a broad spectrum of tasks, including high-resolution image synthesis, style transfer, and data augmentation. In architectural visualization, these models offer an unprecedented ability to generate diverse and realistic facade designs, thereby addressing the limitations of manual sketching and standard CAD tools. Specifically, for residential front elevations, GAN-based approaches can learn from existing design patterns to propose innovative alternatives that satisfy both aesthetic preferences and structural constraints.

The motivation for this research stems from the need to streamline and enhance the early-stage design process for house front elevations. Manual drafting is inherently time-intensive and relies heavily on the expertise of individual designers, which can create inconsistencies and bottlenecks. By leveraging conditional or unconditional GAN frameworks, it is possible to automate the generation of numerous high-fidelity elevation options, allowing architects and clients to rapidly explore stylistic variations and practical configurations.

This chapter undertakes a comprehensive review of the evolution, methodologies, and applications of Generative Adversarial Networks in architectural design and related fields. It examines seminal contributions that have shaped the development of GAN architectures, evaluates their strengths and limitations for facade synthesis, and identifies open challenges such as text-to-image conditioning, training stability, and multi-view consistency. Furthermore, the chapter incorporates empirical insights from market surveys conducted with

homeowners and contractors, illuminating real-world pain points and the demand for integrated AI-driven design solutions.

2.2 Background and Problem Elaboration

The field of architectural design and construction has long relied on manual methods and rule-based systems to create building designs, including house front elevations. These traditional methods, while effective, are often labor-intensive, time-consuming, and limited by human creativity. As demands for personalized, aesthetically pleasing, and structurally sound designs increase, there is a need for innovative solutions that can automate the design process while maintaining high-quality outputs.

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have emerged as a promising solution in the domain of generative modeling. Introduced by Goodfellow et al. in 2014, GANs utilize a dual-network structure—a generator that creates synthetic data and a discriminator that evaluates its authenticity. This adversarial training approach enables GANs to learn complex data distributions and produce high-quality outputs, making them ideal for applications such as image synthesis, data augmentation, and creative design generation.

Despite their potential, GANs face several challenges, particularly when applied to the construction and architectural sectors. Training GANs is computationally intensive and requires substantial data, which is often scarce in the construction domain. Additionally, issues such as training instability, mode collapse, and vanishing gradients can hinder their performance. For architectural applications, GANs must generate designs that are not only visually appealing but also adhere to structural and spatial constraints—a complex task requiring a balance between aesthetic and functional considerations.

In the context of generating house front elevations, traditional methods often struggle to address the diverse stylistic preferences of homeowners while maintaining practical feasibility. Designers must account for numerous variables, including cultural influences, environmental factors, and material constraints, making the manual design process both intricate and repetitive. Existing automated systems, such as rule-based or parametric design tools, lack the creative adaptability needed to produce novel and diverse designs.

The problem is further compounded by the lack of comprehensive datasets that capture the diversity of architectural styles and elements necessary for training robust generative models. This scarcity of data often leads to overfitting or limited generalization in GAN-based models, reducing their effectiveness in real-world applications. Additionally, integrating GAN-generated designs into existing workflows remains a challenge, as the outputs must meet industry standards for safety, durability, and sustainability.

This research seeks to address these challenges by leveraging GANs to automate the generation of house front elevations. By exploring advancements in GAN architectures and training methodologies, this study aims to develop a solution that combines creativity with practicality, enabling the generation of diverse and high-quality designs that cater to both aesthetic and structural requirements. The review of related works will provide insights into existing approaches, highlight their limitations, and identify opportunities for innovation in this field.

2.3 Detailed Literature Review

The literature review aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the advancements, applications, and challenges of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) in various domains, with a particular focus on their potential for generating house front elevations.

2.3.1 Definitions

a. **Generative Adversarial Network (GAN):** A framework of two neural networks, a generator and a discriminator, trained in opposition; the generator produces synthetic samples from random noise, while the discriminator aims to distinguish real from generated samples.
b. **Generator:** The neural network component of a GAN tasked with generating data samples (e.g., images) from a latent noise distribution.
c. **Discriminator:** The neural network component of a GAN responsible for classifying inputs as real or synthetic, providing training feedback to the generator.
d. **Deep Convolutional GAN (DCGAN):** A specific GAN architecture that employs convolutional and convolutional-transpose layers, batch normalization, and LeakyReLU activations to handle high-dimensional image data more effectively.
e. **Spectral Normalization:** A weight normalization technique applied to discriminator layers (and optionally generator layers) to enforce Lipschitz continuity and improve training stability, thereby mitigating issues such as mode collapse.

f. **Perceptual Loss:** A loss function that measures differences between high-level feature representations extracted from a pretrained convolutional neural network (e.g., VGG), encouraging generated images to match the texture and structure of real images beyond pixel-wise similarity.
g. **Mode Collapse:** A failure mode in GAN training where the generator produces limited varieties of outputs, neglecting the full diversity of the target data distribution.

2.3.2 Related Research Work 1

Uzun and colleagues [1] undertake a pioneering exploration of Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Networks for synthesizing architectural floor plans, grounded in the rich design heritage of Andrea Palladio's villas. Their methodology involves curating two complementary datasets: a set of 125 digitized scans of original Palladian plans and 150 procedurally generated layouts derived from formal Palladian shape-grammar rules. By training a DCGAN equipped with convolutional-transpose layers, batch normalization, LeakyReLU activations, and label smoothing over 10,000 epochs using the Adam optimizer, they critically evaluate the impact of training data provenance on generative quality. Initial trials on the scanned corpus alone yielded outputs that suffered from noise and structural inconsistencies, underscoring the limitations of small, heterogeneous datasets. Upon integrating grammar-generated plans, the generator quickly learned coherent spatial patterns, producing diverse and plausible villa layouts after approximately 600 epochs. Uzun et al. demonstrate that augmenting historical data with synthetically constrained examples can substantially improve convergence stability and design fidelity. Their work not only validates the potential of DCGANs in automated architectural plan generation but also highlights enduring challenges—such as the probabilistic nature of GAN outputs, which may necessitate rule-based post-processing to meet precise design requirements. By advocating a hybrid data-driven and grammar-informed approach, this study lays foundational insights for subsequent research on generative design in architecture.

2.3.3 Related Research Work 2

Kiper and colleagues [2] undertake a rigorous comparison of three Generative Adversarial Network Variants Deep Convolutional GAN (DCGAN), Lightweight GAN, and BigGAN for the purpose of synthesizing realistic building facade images featuring structural defects such as cracks, spalling, and efflorescence. The study leverages a curated dataset of 22,500 annotated facade photographs resized to 256×256 pixels, ensuring balanced representation across four defect categories. All models were trained from scratch under a unified protocol

that includes spectral normalization to enforce Lipschitz continuity, adaptive label smoothing to stabilize discriminator gradients, and the Adam optimizer with identical hyperparameters. Model performance was evaluated quantitatively using the Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) metric and qualitatively through expert assessments of defect realism and interpretability. Results demonstrate that Lightweight GAN, designed for efficiency in data-scarce regimes, achieved the best trade-off between diversity and fidelity obtaining the lowest FID score of 31.68 compared to DCGAN's 92.17 and BigGAN's 141.97 and was rated 91 percent usable by structural inspection professionals. In contrast, BigGAN showed superior high-resolution detail at the expense of increased computational demand. This work highlights the critical importance of aligning GAN capacity with dataset scale and defect complexity, and establishes best practices such as spectral normalization, batch normalization, and balanced label smoothing for robust synthetic data augmentation in facade inspection workflows.

2.3.4 Related Research Work 3

Senem and colleagues [3] investigate the use of conditional Generative Adversarial Networks for automating the design of front and backyard layouts in landscape architecture. They compiled a large dataset of approximately 100,000 paired examples, each consisting of a rough hand-drawn sketch and its corresponding detailed layout image, crowdsourced and annotated with qualitative measures of aesthetic appeal and functional utility. Adopting the Pix2Pix framework, the authors integrated semantic segmentation maps identifying elements such as pathways, planting beds, and hardscape features into both generator and discriminator, guiding the translation process. Their training regimen combined an adversarial loss with an L1 pixel-wise reconstruction loss, ensuring both structural coherence and fine-grained detail. Extensive user evaluations demonstrated that over 85% of generated layouts were rated as visually pleasing and functionally coherent, validating the model's capacity to capture spatial relationships and design intent. This work highlights the effectiveness of conditional GANs in environment-specific generative tasks and emphasizes the critical role of semantic labels and large-scale annotated datasets in achieving high-quality, practical design outputs.

2.4 Literature Review Summary Table

Table 2-1 ***Literature review summary table***

NO.	REFERENCE	YEAR	INPUT	OUTPUT	DESCRIPTION
[1]	Uzun et al. "GAN as a Generative Architectural Plan Layout Tool: A Case Study for Training DCGAN with Palladian Plans"	2020	125 scanned Palladian floor plans; 150 grammar-generated plans	Novel villa floor plan layouts	Demonstrated that augmenting historical datasets with grammar-based plans improves DCGAN convergence and output diversity.
[2]	Kiper et al. "Evaluating GAN Architectures for Defect Synthesis in Building Facades"	2024	22,500 annotated façade images (256×256)	Synthetic facade images with structural defects	Showed that Lightweight GAN balances diversity and fidelity better than DCGAN and BigGAN in low-data regimes.
[3]	Senem et al. "Using Deep Learning to Generate Front and Backyards in Landscape Architecture"	2023	~100,000 sketch-layout pairs with semantic labels	Detailed garden layout renderings	Validated that Pix2Pix with semantic segmentation maps generates high-fidelity, functional landscape layouts.

2.5 Research Gap

Although the reviewed studies demonstrate the versatility of Generative Adversarial Networks in architectural and environmental design contexts, several critical gaps persist:

1. **Dataset Limitations and Domain Specificity:** [1] Uzun and colleagues relied on a comparatively small corpus of 125 scanned Palladian floor plans and 150 grammar-generated layouts. While effective for exploring plan synthesis, this dataset is highly specialized and does not generalize to facade imagery or contemporary architectural vernaculars, such as Pakistani five-marla houses. Moreover, the study did not evaluate generator outputs against structural design constraints (e.g., wall load-bearing requirements, window-to-wall ratios) or incorporate domain-expert feedback, which limits real-world applicability.
2. **Application Focus and Generative Scope:** [2] The work by Kiper et al. centers on synthesizing defect-labeled facade images for inspection purposes, leveraging spectral normalization and adaptive label smoothing to augment scarce datasets. Although valuable for defect detection workflows, the approach is tailored to augmenting existing images rather than creating novel design variations. It omits consideration of creative diversity, user-driven design control, and aesthetic coherence, which are essential for a generative design tool aimed at architects and homeowners.
3. **Annotation Requirements and Contextual Relevance:** [3] Senem and colleagues achieved high-fidelity landscape layout generation using a large paired dataset 100,000 sketches and layouts with semantic segmentation labels guiding the Pix2Pix model. However, such large-scale, finely annotated datasets are often infeasible in architectural domains. Additionally, the focus on garden layouts does not translate directly to building facades, which involve different geometric constraints and material considerations. The study also did not address integration with downstream processes such as cost estimation or stakeholder collaboration, thereby limiting its utility in construction project workflows.
4. **Lack of End-to-End Integration:** None of the examined works offers a fully integrated pipeline that spans from autonomous design generation to quantitative budgeting and collaborative review. Current solutions treat image synthesis, cost estimation, and team communication as isolated tasks, requiring manual handoffs and separate tools.

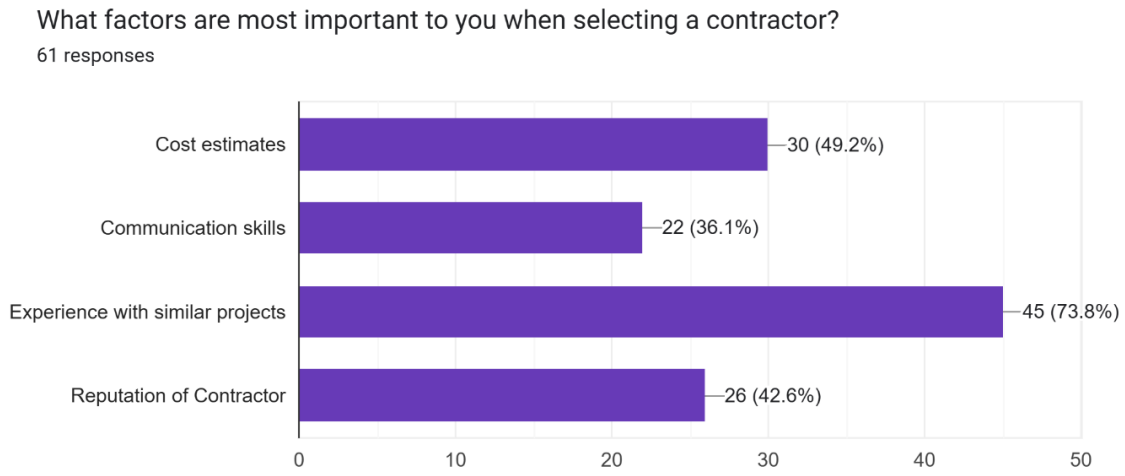
5. **Training Stability and Scalability:** While techniques such as batch normalization, spectral normalization, and label smoothing have been applied, GAN training remains sensitive to hyperparameter selection, dataset size, and network architecture. There is a need for systematic evaluation of training strategies that ensure stable convergence and scalability to diverse architectural styles without extensive manual tuning.

These gaps motivate the present research to develop an unconditional DCGAN framework that synthesizes diverse front-elevation designs for Pakistani five-marla houses from random noise. The model is being trained on a sizable, representative dataset, incorporate normalization techniques for stable training, and be embedded within a web-based platform that automatically computes cost estimates and facilitates real-time collaboration among stakeholders. This comprehensive approach aims to bridge technical challenges and practical requirements in architectural design automation.

2.6 Survey

To align the platform's features with real-world needs, two structured surveys were conducted targeting homeowners and contractors in the Pakistani residential construction sector. Each questionnaire comprised sections on design workflow pain points, technology adoption readiness, and desired platform functionalities. A total of 150 homeowners and 80 contractors responded via online forms, providing quantitative and qualitative insights. The following pages present the survey instruments; response analysis and key findings will follow.

2.6.1 Homeowner Survey Instrument



What is your primary concern when choosing materials and vendors for a project?

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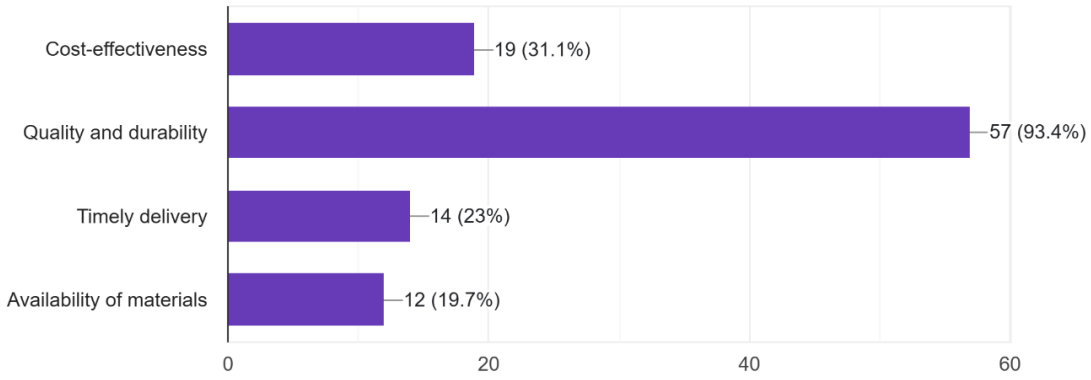

How important is it for you to have a clear and transparent cost estimation before starting a construction project?

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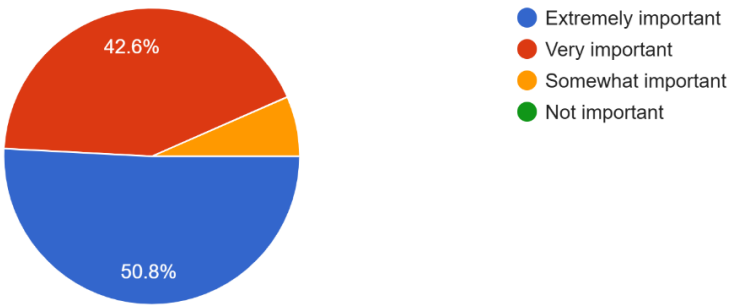

What challenges do you face in understanding architectural designs and their cost implications?

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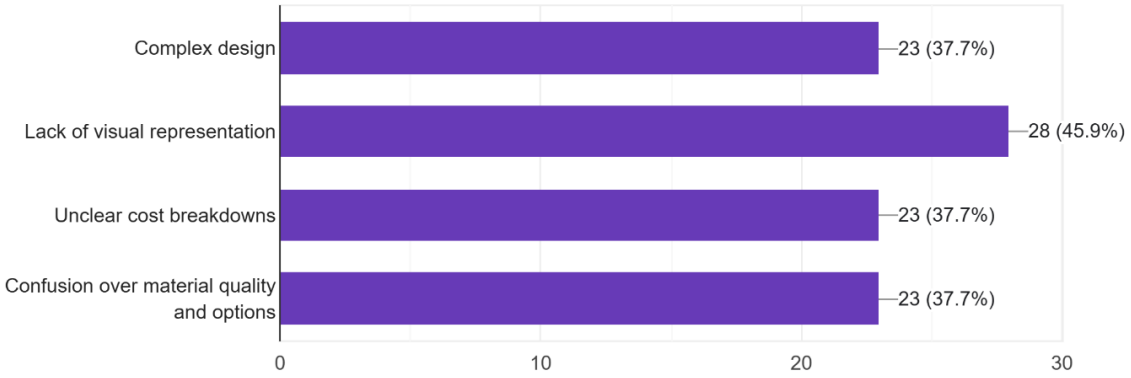

What difficulties do you face in maintaining your construction budget and avoiding unexpected costs?

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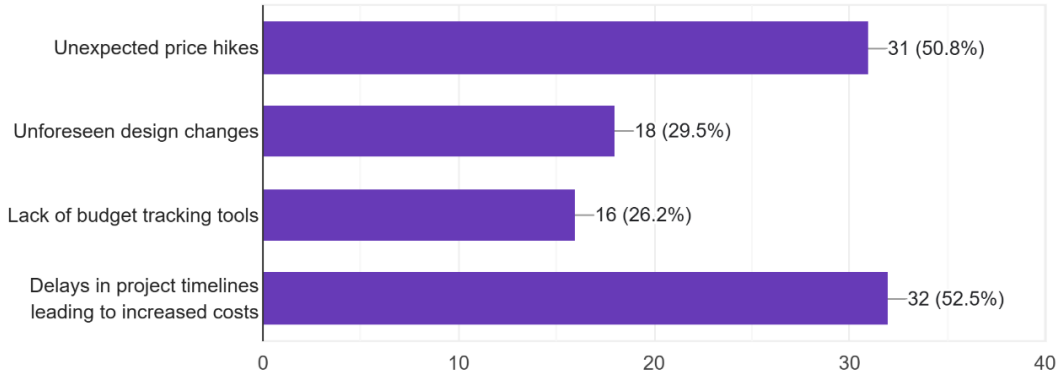

How satisfied are you with the current methods of receiving and understanding cost estimates for your construction project?

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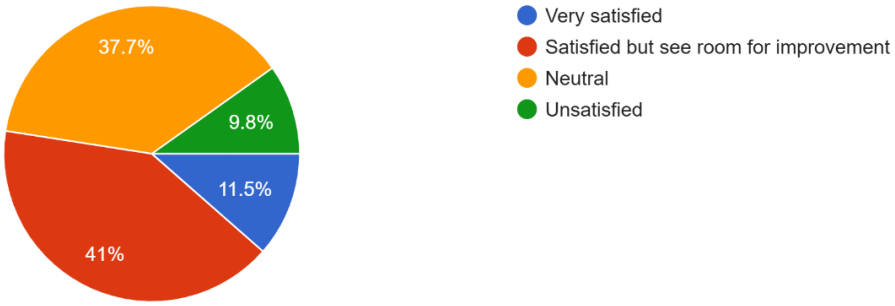

What features would make a construction management platform most appealing to you?

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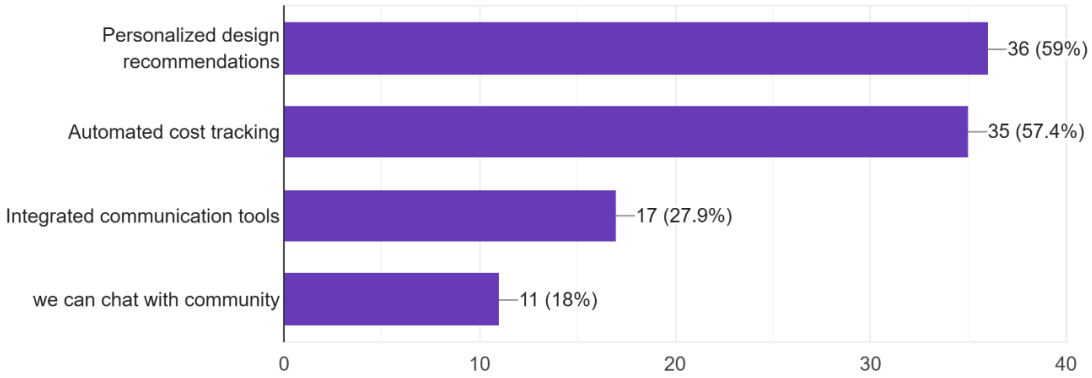

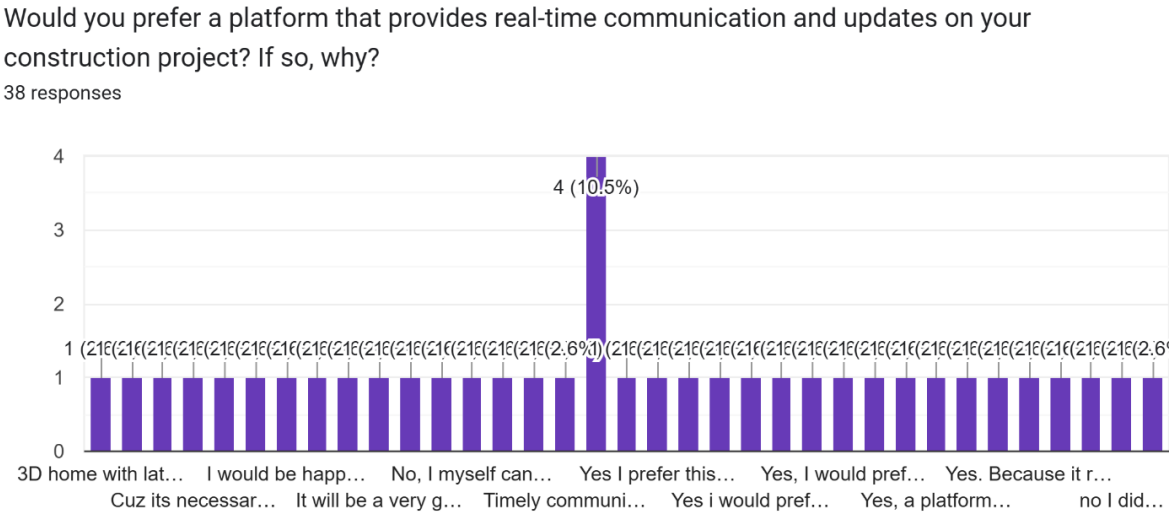

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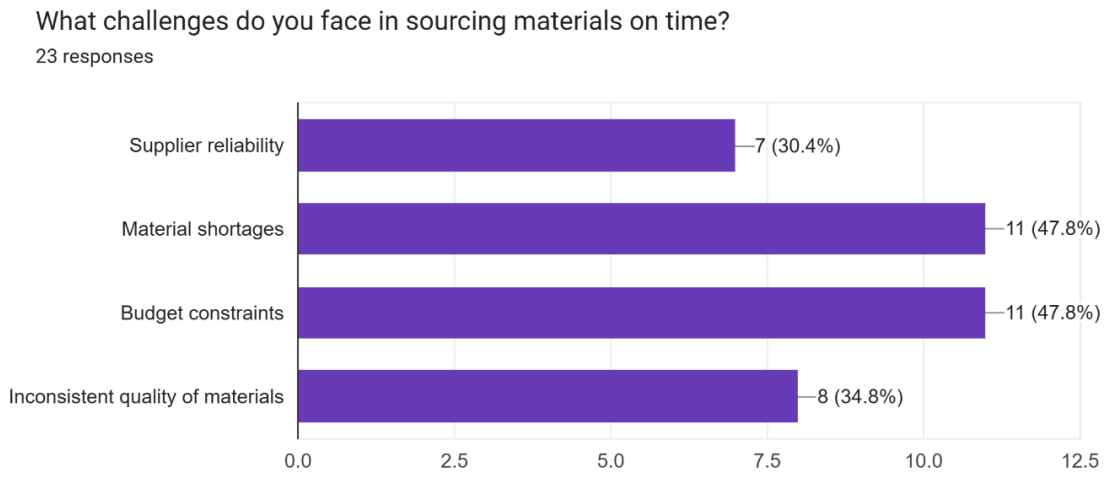

What difficulties do you face in obtaining accurate cost estimates for materials and labor?

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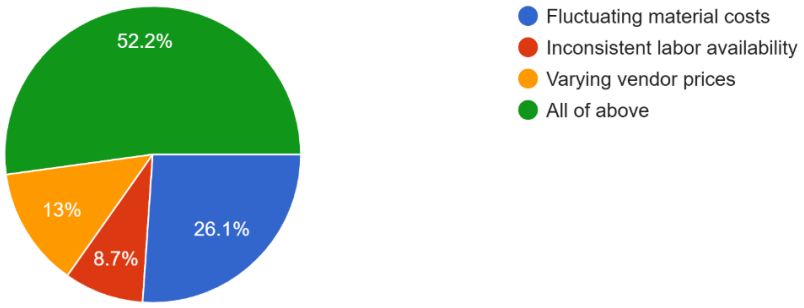

How do you currently manage communication and coordination with multiple stakeholders (e.g., vendors, subcontractors) during a project?

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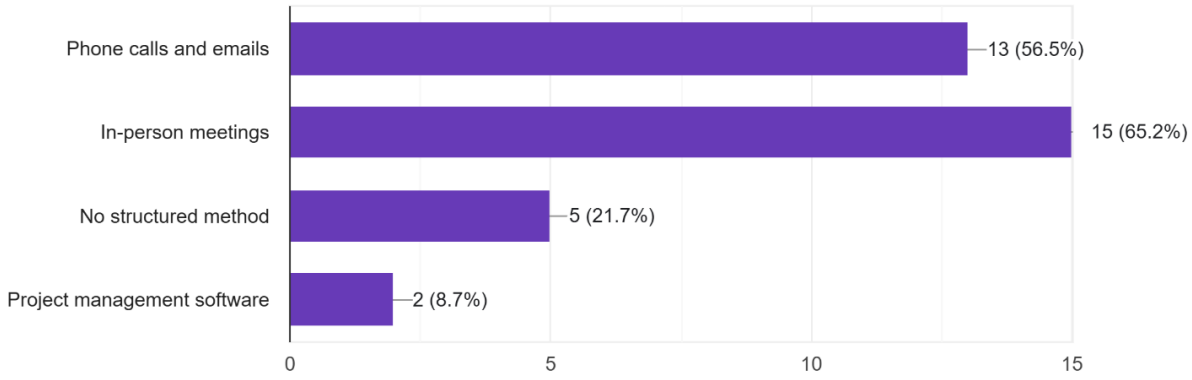

What is your primary concern when choosing materials and vendors for a project?

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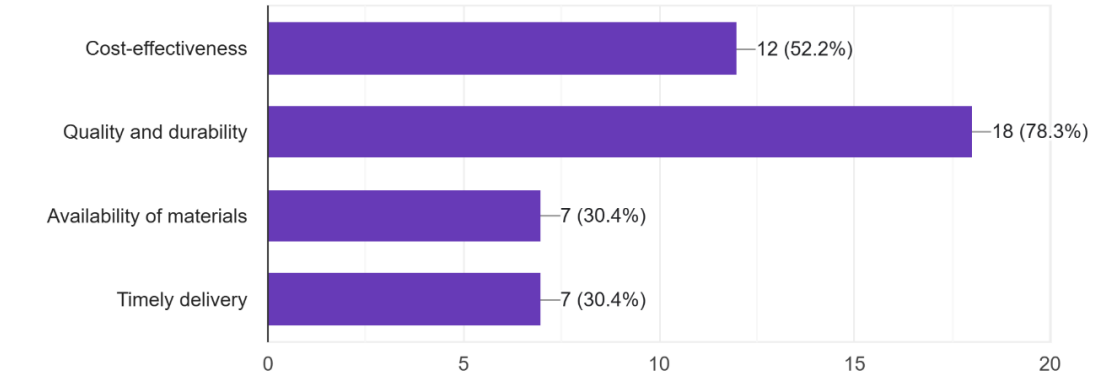
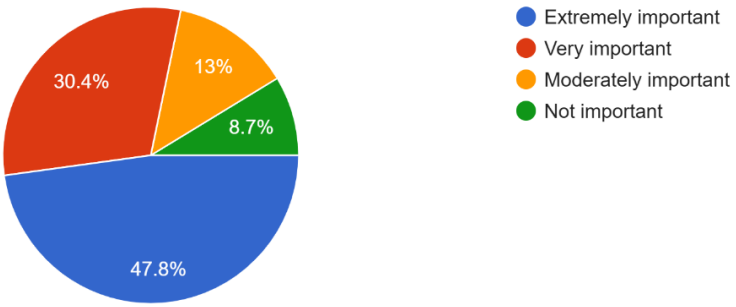


How would you rate the importance of having real-time communication tools with clients and vendors integrated into one platform?

23 responses



What features would you like to see in a platform that integrates design, cost estimation, and communication tools?

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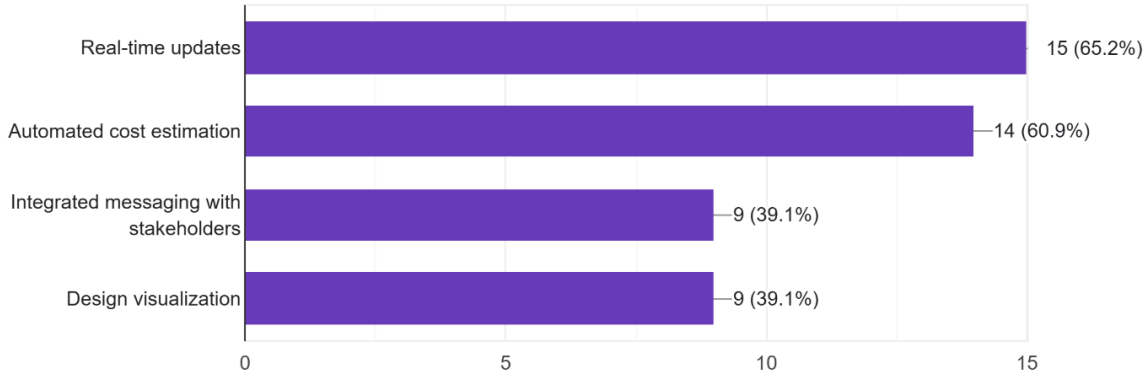

How would you be comfortable with using AI-powered tools to assist in design, cost estimation, and project management?

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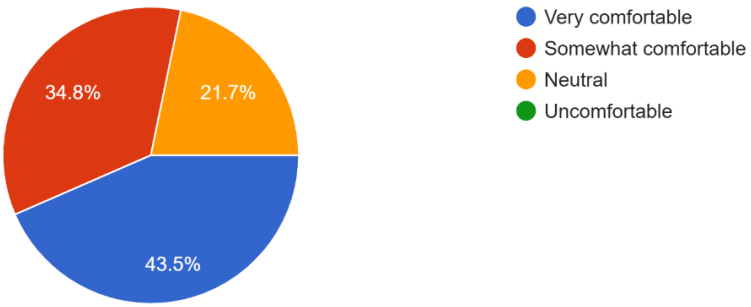

Thank you for your input! If you have any additional comments or suggestions, please share them here. Your feedback helps us to improve.

6 responses

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it will be great if we contractor have such application.

N/A

contractors can leverage AI solutions for smart construction by using AI-driven project management tools to optimize resource allocation, improve cost estimation, and monitor site progress in real-time. AI-powered drones and sensors can enhance safety and site inspections, while predictive analytics can help in preventing delays and reducing material waste, making construction more efficient and cost-effective.

The platform should be trained enough about ground realities. Such if we look area wise, for example i want to start any project in remote area like Chitral, the issues what i faces, the cost transportation, the availability of experts(labors) etc etc. i think tha platform should also have options to hire labours, construction materials dealers and their addresses, material details and their costs(updated). Must have and option to ask what the user want to build and in how much area(like 5 marla, 10 marla, 1 kanal) double story or single story, need basement or not. And evaluate these data generate a design, and cost estimation.

2.7 Comparative Feature Analysis

In order to situate Smart Construction in the competitive market, we've performed a feature-to-feature analysis of top residential construction platforms. Our analysis considers core capabilities—dynamic cost estimation, contractor and service-provider finding, collaborative communications, bidding flows, automated front-elevation creation, and real-time information. What the analysis finds is that existing solutions satisfy specific needs but none provide end-to-end comprehensive integration of Smart Construction. Table 2.1 captures this analysis, illustrating how Smart Construction integrates these functions in a single unified system.

Table 2-2 ***Comparative Analysis***

FEATURE	THUMBTACK	MAHIR COMPANY	URBAN COMPANY	FIXDAR	SMART CONSTRUCTION
Front Elevation Generation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Cost Calculation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Find Contractor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Find Service Provider	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Chat / Discussion Feed	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Bidding / Proposal System	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Facebook-style News Feed	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

2.8 Problem Statement

The construction industry suffers from delays, poor coordination, and inaccurate cost estimations due to fragmented design, communication, and budgeting processes. Homeowners struggle to obtain specific design options, understand accurate cost estimates, and coordinate with various stakeholders, resulting in project delays, miscommunication, and unexpected expenses. Current solutions often force users to switch between multiple tools because they do not offer a unified approach that integrates design generation, cost estimation, and collaboration. This fragmented workflow not only increases inefficiencies but also reduces accessibility for both contractors and homeowners. Therefore, there is a pressing need to develop a single, comprehensive platform that streamlines construction project management and provides all stakeholders with accurate and effective tools to ensure timely, budget-conscious, and coordinated delivery of residential construction projects.

2.9 Summary

This chapter has examined the evolution and applications of Generative Adversarial Networks for architectural and landscape design, emphasizing seminal methodologies and results. Core GAN concepts, including adversarial training and model structures, have been defined in order to provide a technical grounding. In-depth examination of three typical studies shed light on strengths and weaknesses in synthesis of plans, augmentation of defects, and conditional generation of layouts. A summary table comparing these insights was provided, and a critical review of the gaps in the existing body of work led to the conclusion that there was a need for a domain-specific end-to-end design automation approach. Market survey tools for homeowners and builders have been introduced prior to a comparative analysis of features showing Smart Construction’s distinct potential in contrast to current platforms. The problem formulation integrates these findings to raise the prospect of the development of an unconditional DCGAN-based facade generator that incorporates cost prediction and collaboration features to solve identified problems.

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3.1 Requirements

In this chapter, we have developed the functional requirements for the main actors of our platform, i.e., Users, Contractors, Service Providers, and Admin. These requirements are specifically designed for the Innovative AI Solutions for Smart Construction platform, which aims to streamline the construction process by integrating design, cost estimation, and collaboration into a single web-based solution.

The platform is user-friendly, easy to navigate, and provides a convenient and efficient way for all stakeholders to connect, interact, and manage their construction projects. It incorporates AI-driven features to generate house elevation designs, cost estimation tools for budgeting, and communication systems for collaboration.

We have created detailed use cases for each functional requirement and illustrated them with diagrams such as use case diagrams and system architecture. These artifacts ensure clarity and provide a foundation for the development and implementation of the platform.

3.1.1 Functional Requirements

- **User / Client**

Table 3-1 ***Functional requirements of user***

ID	Requirement
FR-1.1	Users must be able to register with name, email, password, and role as 'User'.
FR-1.2	Users must securely log into the system using their credentials.
FR-1.3	Users must be able to view and update their profiles (name, avatar).
FR-1.4	Users must be able to create a new bid with details (title, description, budget, deadline, location).
FR-1.5	Users must be able to search and filter contractors based on rating, specialization, location.
FR-1.6	Users must be able to view contractors' profiles and ratings before hiring.
FR-1.7	Users must be able to initiate conversations with contractors/service providers.
FR-1.8	Users must send and receive messages instantly through the chat system (Socket.IO).
FR-1.9	Users must receive email notifications upon signup, password reset, and bid updates.
FR-1.10	Users must be able to request a password reset and update their password securely.
FR-1.11	Users must see their posted bids and delete them if needed.
FR-1.12	After job completion, users must be able to rate and review contractors.

- **Contractors**

Table 3-2 Functional requirements of contractor

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FR-1.1	Users must be able to register with name, email, password, and role as 'User'.
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- **Service Providers**

Table 3-3 ***Functional requirements of Service Provider***

ID	Requirement
FR-1.1	Service providers must register with name, email, password, and select role as 'Service Provider'.
FR-1.2	Service providers must securely log into the platform using their credentials.
FR-1.3	Service providers must provide details about their specialization, expertise, location, years of experience, phone number, and website.
FR-1.4	Service providers must be able to update profile information including specialization, experience, and contact details.
FR-1.5	Service providers should be searchable based on location, specialization, and ratings.

FR-1.6	Service providers must be able to receive messages and chat with users or contractors through the system.
FR-1.7	Service providers must be able to receive ratings from users after completing a service.
FR-1.8	Service providers must get email notifications for account activities (registration, password reset, bid acceptance, etc.).

- **Admin:**

Table 3-4 ***Functional requirements for Admin***

ID	Requirement
FR-1.1	Admin must securely log into the system with special credentials.
FR-1.2	Admin must view, edit, block, or delete any user, contractor, or service provider account.
FR-1.3	Admin must monitor bids and have the authority to delete expired, fake, or inappropriate bids.
FR-1.4	Admin must view platform statistics (active users, active bids, contractor registrations).
FR-1.5	Admin must be able to see and resolve user complaints or reports.
FR-1.6	Admin must have access to the database for backup, maintenance, or updates.
FR-1.7	Admin must be able to send global announcements or notifications to all users if needed.
FR-1.8	Admin must monitor suspicious activity (e.g., multiple failed logins) and take actions (e.g., block users, notify security).
FR-1.9	Admin should have access to logs for important actions (like bid deletions, user bans, security events).

3.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- **User-Friendly Interface:** The platform is designed with a simple and intuitive user interface to ensure ease of use for all stakeholders, including homeowners, contractors, and service providers. Navigation is straightforward, with clearly labeled menus and logically structured workflows that minimize confusion. Users can quickly access key features such as generating front elevations, calculating costs, and finding contractors or service providers. The interface is responsive, providing a seamless experience across desktop and mobile devices, ensuring accessibility for users on the go.
- **Performance**: Key operations, such as design generation and cost estimation, are designed to execute in under 5-7 seconds, maintaining a smooth user experience.

- **Compatibility**: The platform is compatible with major web browsers and operating systems, offering a consistent experience across devices such as desktops, tablets, and smartphones.

3.1.3 Hardware and Software Requirements

To ensure that users can effectively utilize the Innovative AI Solutions for Smart Construction platform, the following hardware and software requirements are specified:

1. **Hardware Requirements**
   - i. **Device Compatibility:**
     a. Desktop/Laptop: A device with at least 4GB of RAM and a dual-core processor for smooth browsing.
     b. Smartphone/Tablet: A modern smartphone or tablet with at least 2GB of RAM and a 1.5 GHz processor.

   - ii. **Display Resolution:**
     a. A minimum screen resolution of 1024x768 pixels is recommended for optimal interface display.
     b. Internet Connection: A stable internet connection with a minimum speed of 2 Mbps is required to access real-time features like design generation, cost calculation, and community chat.

2. **Software Requirements**
   - i. **Operating Systems:**
     The platform supports the following operating systems:
     a. Desktop: Windows 8 or later, macOS 10.13 or later, and Linux distributions with modern browsers.
     b. Mobile: Android 8.0 or later and iOS 12.0 or later.

   - ii. **Web Browsers:**
     The platform is optimized for the latest versions of major browsers, including:
     a. Google Chrome
     b. Mozilla Firefox
     c. Safari
     d. Microsoft Edge

   - iii. **Applications and Tools:**
     No additional applications are required; the platform is entirely web-based and runs in the browser.

   - iv. **Security:**
     The browser must support HTTPS to ensure secure communication.

3.2 Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology delineates the end-to-end process for the design, development, and deployment of the Innovative AI Solutions for Smart Construction platform. It encompasses data acquisition and preprocessing, model development and training, back-end service architecture, and front-end integration with real-time collaboration features.

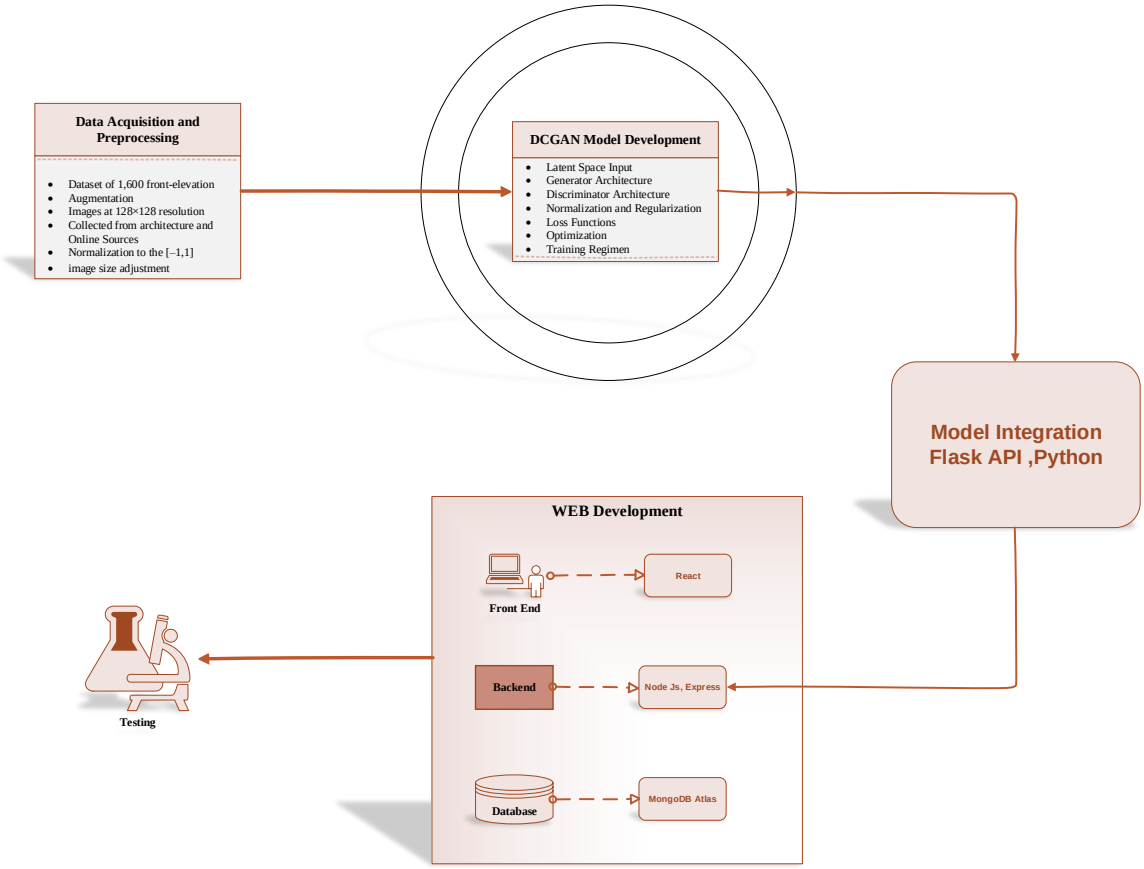


Figure 3-1 ***Proposed Methodology***

3.3 Work Flow diagram

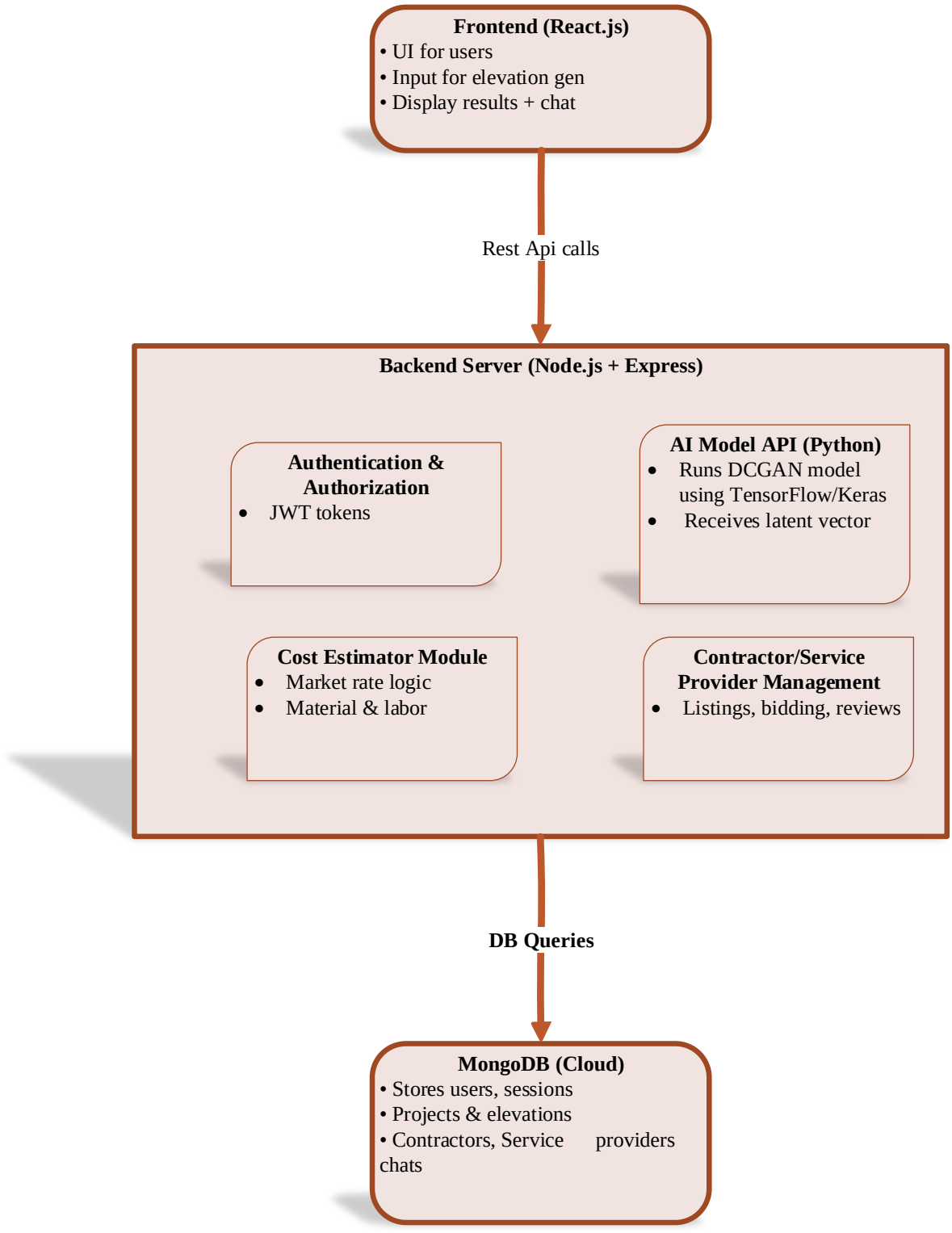


Figure 3-2 ***Work Flow diagram***

3.4 System Architecture

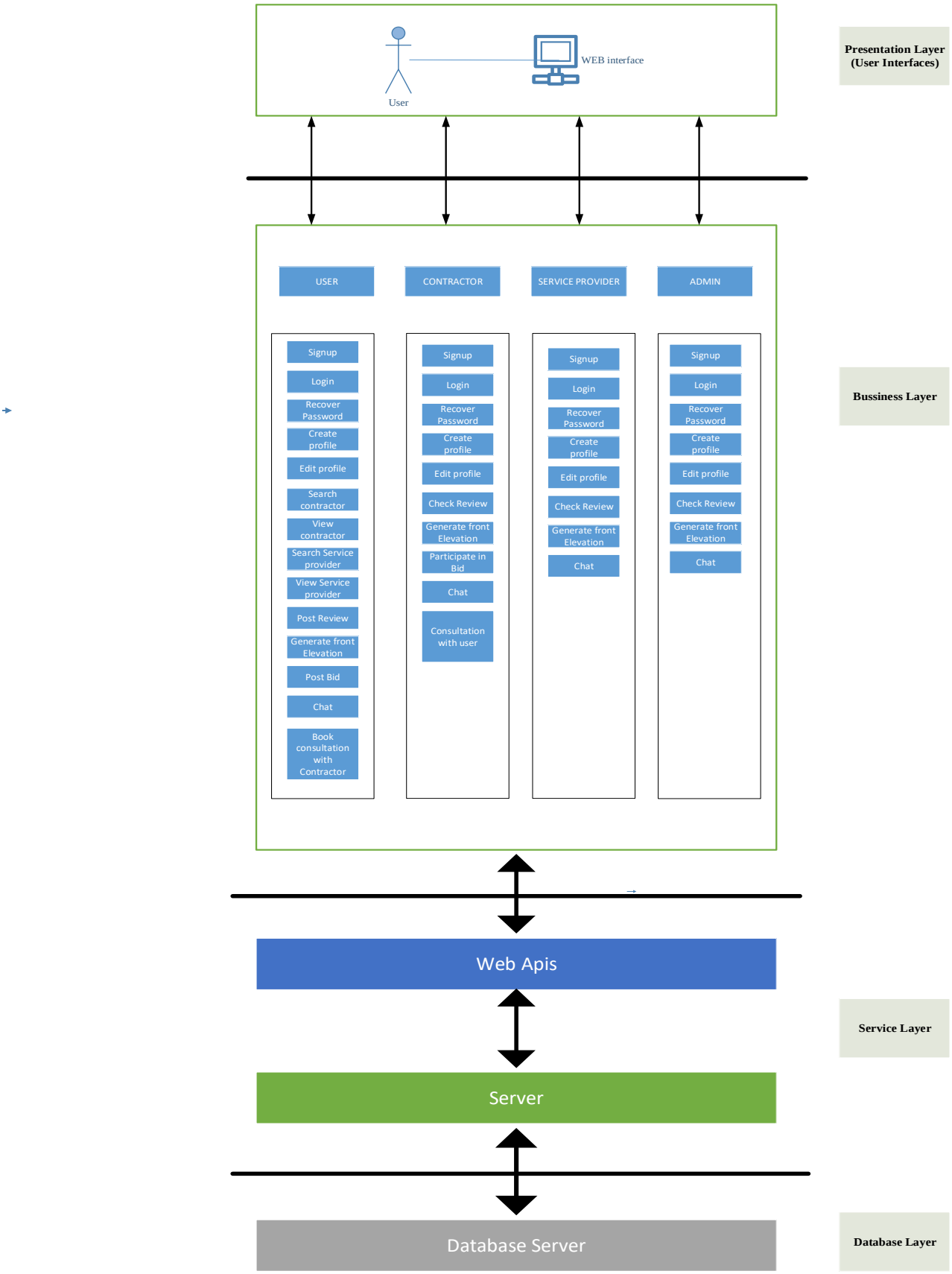
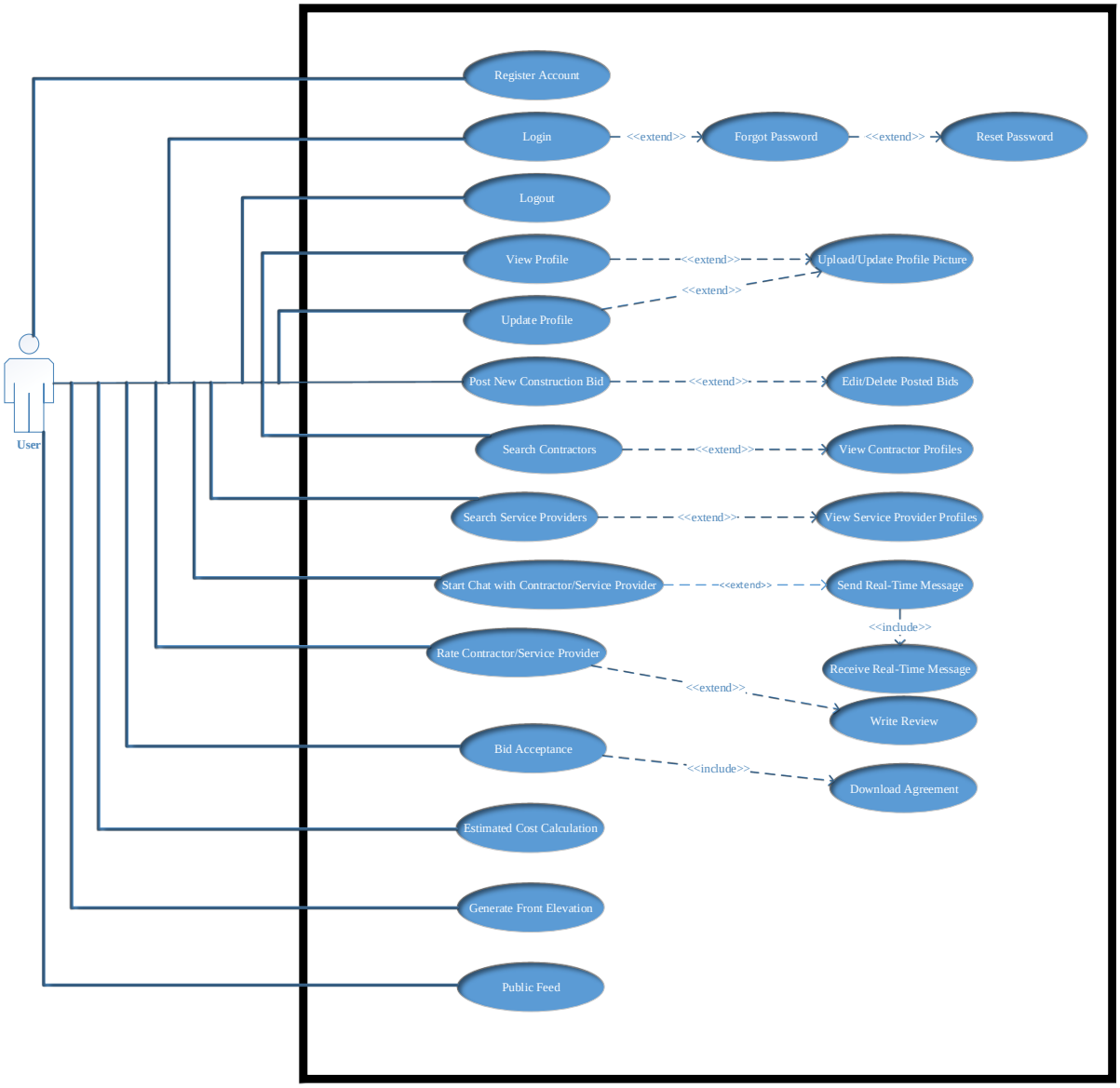


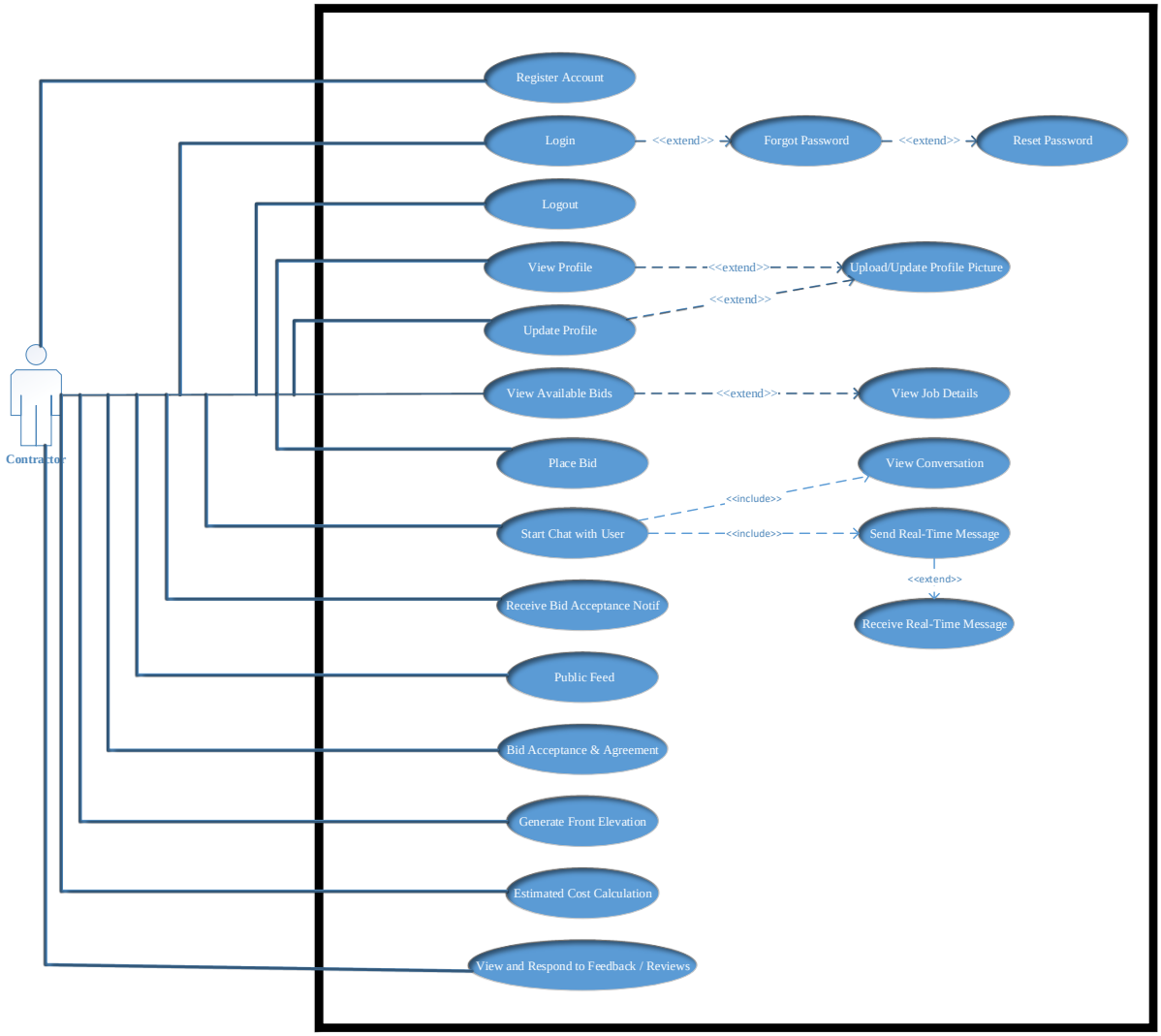
Figure 3-3 ***System Architecture***

3.5 Use Cases

- **User**



- **Contractor**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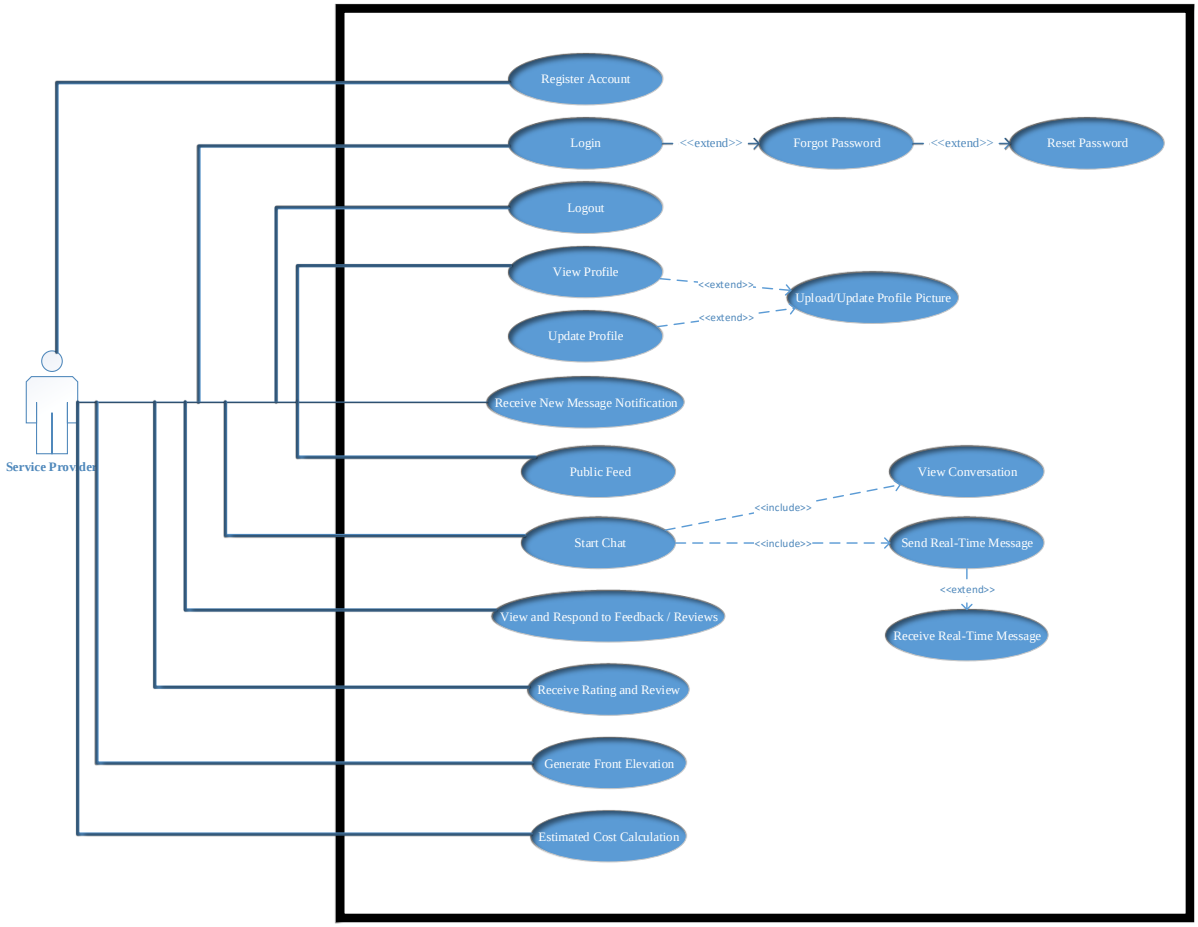
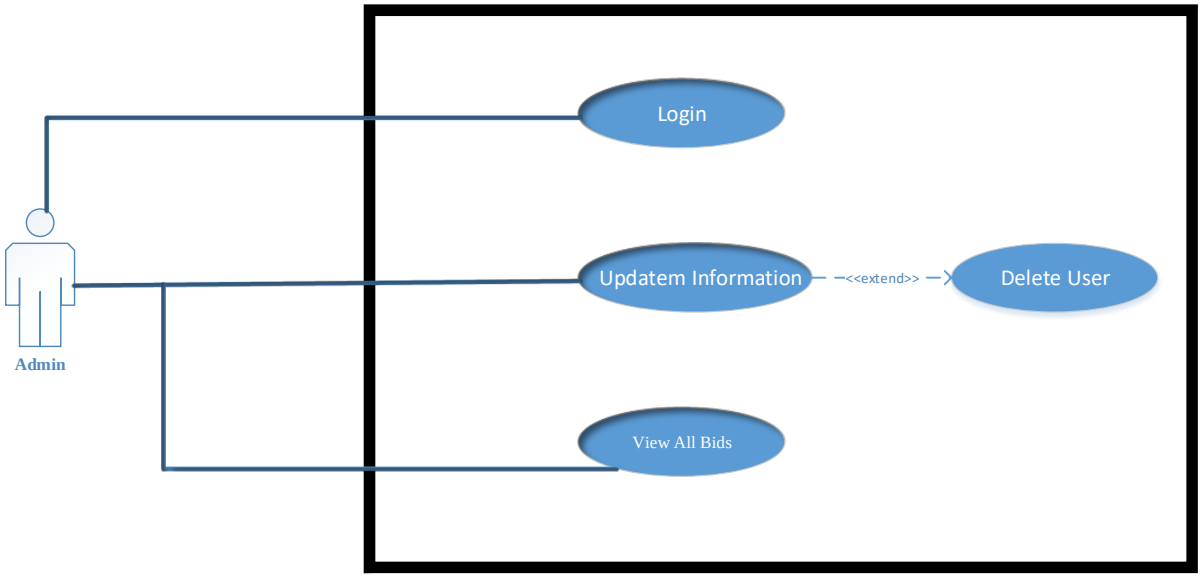
- **Service Provider**



- **Admin**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Delete User
View All Bids
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3.5.1 User Fully dress use case

1. User

i. Register user:

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U01
UC Name	Register Account
Primary Actor	User (contractor, service provider and Regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must not already have an existing account. User must have a valid email address and an internet connection.
Post-Condition	A new user account is created successfully. A verification email is sent to the user's provided email address.
Main Flow	1. User opens the Smart Construction platform. 2. User navigates to the "Register" page. 3. User fills out the form (Name, Email, Password, Role Selection). 4. (Optional) User uploads a profile image. 5. User clicks "Register" button. 6. System validates the fields. 7. If validation is successful, the system creates a new user record. 8. System sends a verification email to the user. 9. System redirects the user to the login page with a success message.
Alternate Flow	5.1 If the email already exists, system shows error "Email already registered". 5.2 If required fields are missing, system prevents form submission and highlights missing fields.

ii. Login:

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U02
UC Name	Login to Account
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must already have a registered and verified account. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User is successfully logged into the system with an active session token.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the Login Page. 2. User enters registered Email and Password into the login form. 3. User clicks the "Login" button. 4. System validates the provided credentials. 5. If credentials are valid, system generates a JWT session token. 6. System redirects user to the Homepage or User Dashboard. 7. Session remains active until user logs out or session expires.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If user enters wrong email or password, system displays an error message: "Incorrect email or password". 4.1 If system fails to validate credentials due to server error, system shows

	message: "System error, please try again later". 6.1 If redirection fails after successful login, system reloads the dashboard manually or shows "Login Successful" message.

Forgot password:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U03
UC Name	Forgot Password
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must have already registered an account. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	A password reset email is sent to the user's registered email address.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the Login Page. 2. User clicks on the "Forgot Password" link. 3. System redirects user to the "Reset Password Request" page. 4. User enters their registered email address. 5. User clicks the "Send Reset Link" button. 6. System validates the entered email. 7. If valid, system sends a password reset email. 8. System displays confirmation: "Password reset link sent to your email."
Alternate Flow	4.1 If user leaves the email field empty, system displays: "Please enter your email address." 4.2 If user enters an unregistered email, system displays: "Email not found in our records." 6.1 If the email server fails or connection problem occurs, system shows: "Unable to send reset email. Please try again later." 7.1 If the email format is invalid, system highlights the field and requests valid input.

iii. Reset Password:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U04
UC Name	Reset Password
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must have received a valid password reset email with a reset token. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User's password is successfully updated. User can log in using the new password.
Main Flow	1. User opens the password reset link from their email. 2. System verifies the validity and expiration of the reset token. 3. If the token is valid, user is shown the "Reset Password" form. 4. User enters a new password and confirms the password. 5. User clicks on the "Submit" button. 6. System validates that both passwords match and meet security standards. 7. System updates the user's password in the database.

	8. System displays success message: "Password reset successfully. Please log in with your new password."
Alternate Flow	2.1 If the reset token is invalid or expired, system displays: "Reset link expired or invalid. Please request a new reset link." 4.1 If user leaves the password fields empty, system displays: "Please enter and confirm your new password." 6.1 If the passwords do not match, system displays: "Passwords do not match. Please re-enter." 6.2 If the new password is weak (does not meet policy), system shows a warning: "Password must meet strength requirements (length, characters)."

iv. Logout:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U05
UC Name	Logout
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User session is terminated. User is redirected to the login page.
Main Flow	1. User clicks on the "Logout" button from the dashboard or navigation menu. 2. System processes the logout request. 3. System invalidates the JWT session token or clears the session cookie. 4. System redirects the user to the Login Page. 5. System displays a message: "You have been logged out successfully."
Alternate Flow	2.1 If system fails to process logout due to server error, user remains on the current page and system displays: "Logout failed. Please try again." 3.1 If session token cannot be cleared properly (due to browser issues), system forces logout by expiring the session manually and redirects to login page.

v. View Profile:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U06
UC Name	View Profile
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User profile information is displayed successfully on the screen.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the dashboard or profile menu. 2. User clicks on "Profile" or "View Profile" option. 3. System retrieves the user's profile data from the database.

	4. System displays the user's profile information including Name, Email, Avatar, and Role.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If system fails to retrieve profile information (server/database issue), system displays error message: "Unable to load profile information. Please try again later." 4.1 If user's profile data is incomplete or missing fields, system displays placeholders (e.g., "Information not provided").

vi. Update Profile Information

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U07
UC Name	Update Profile Information
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User's updated profile information is saved in the database and reflected on their profile page.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the dashboard or profile section. 2. User clicks the "Edit Profile" or "Update Profile" button. 3. System displays a form with existing profile information pre-filled. 4. User updates necessary fields such as Name, Phone Number, Address, etc. 5. User clicks the "Save" or "Update" button. 6. System validates the entered information. 7. If validation is successful, system updates the user's profile in the database. 8. System displays a success message: "Profile updated successfully."
Alternate Flow	4.1 If user leaves mandatory fields empty, system highlights missing fields and prompts user to complete them. 6.1 If validation fails (e.g., invalid phone number format), system displays an error message: "Invalid input. Please correct highlighted fields." 7.1 If system encounters database/server error while saving, system displays message: "Unable to update profile at the moment. Please try again later."

vii. Upload/Update profile Pictures:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U08
UC Name	Upload/Update Profile Picture
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User's new profile picture is uploaded successfully and displayed on their profile.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the Profile section. 2. User clicks on "Change Profile Picture" or "Upload Picture" button.

	3. System opens a file selection dialog. 4. User selects an image file from their device. 5. System displays a preview of the selected image. 6. User clicks the "Upload" button to confirm. 7. System validates the file type (only JPEG, PNG formats allowed) and file size limit. 8. If validation passes, system uploads the image to the server and updates the user's profile. 9. System displays a success message: "Profile picture updated successfully."
Alternate Flow	4.1 If user cancels file selection, no action is taken and system remains on the profile page. 7.1 If the uploaded file format is unsupported, system displays an error: "Only JPEG and PNG formats are supported." 7.2 If the file size exceeds the allowed limit, system displays: "File size too large. Please upload a smaller image." 8.1 If system fails to upload the image due to server error, system displays: "Unable to upload image. Please try again later."

viii. Post New Construction Job (Bid)

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U09
UC Name	Post New Construction Job (Bid)
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	A new construction job (bid) is successfully posted and saved in the database, visible to contractors.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Post Job" or "Create Bid" page. 2. User fills in the required details (Job title, description, budget, location, deadline). 3. User can optionally upload relevant files or images (e.g., blueprints). 4. User clicks the "Submit" or "Post Job" button. 5. System validates the input fields (e.g., ensuring budget is numeric, description is not empty). 6. If validation is successful, system saves the job in the database. 7. System sends a notification to the user confirming the job has been posted. 8. The posted job is now visible to contractors on the platform.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If user uploads an unsupported file format (non-PDF or non-image), system shows error: "Invalid file type. Please upload a valid file." 5.1 If any required field is missing (e.g., missing job description or budget), system displays an error: "Please fill out all required fields." 5.2 If the budget or deadline is in an invalid format, system highlights the field and requests correction. 7.1 If system fails to save the job due to server issues, system displays: "Unable to post job at the moment. Please try again later."

View My Posted Bids

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U10
UC Name	View My Posted Bids
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have posted at least one bid.
Post-Condition	User successfully views a list of their posted bids.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "My Bids" section from the dashboard or navigation menu. 2. System retrieves all the bids posted by the user from the database. 3. System displays a list of the user's bids, including job title, budget, status (active, closed), and date posted. 4. User can click on any bid to view its detailed information. 5. System allows user to view detailed bid information such as job description, deadline, location, and associated contractor bids (if any).
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the user has not posted any bids, system displays a message: "You have not posted any jobs yet." 3.2 If there is an issue retrieving the user's bids (e.g., database issue), system displays: "Unable to retrieve your bids. Please try again later." 4.1 If the user clicks on a bid that no longer exists or has been removed, system displays: "This job is no longer available."

ix. Edit/Update My Posted Bids

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U11
UC Name	Edit/Update My Posted Bids
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have posted at least one bid.
Post-Condition	User's selected bid is updated successfully in the database.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "My Bids" section. 2. User selects the bid they wish to edit. 3. System displays the current bid details (title, description, budget, deadline, location). 4. User updates the required fields (e.g., job title, description, budget, location, or deadline). 5. User clicks the "Save Changes" button. 6. System validates the updated information (e.g., ensuring budget is numeric, description is not empty). 7. If validation is successful, system updates the bid in the database. 8. System confirms successful update and displays updated information.
Alternate Flow	4.1 If user leaves mandatory fields empty, system highlights them and requests completion.

	5.1 If the user submits invalid data (e.g., non-numeric budget), system shows an error message: "Invalid input, please correct the highlighted fields." 6.1 If system fails to validate the data (e.g., budget not within acceptable range), system displays: "Please enter a valid budget." 7.1 If the system encounters a database error while updating, system displays: "Unable to update the bid. Please try again later."

x. Delete Posted Bids

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U12
UC Name	Delete My Posted Bids
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have posted at least one bid.
Post-Condition	Selected bid is deleted from the system and removed from the list of active bids.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "My Bids" section. 2. User selects the bid they wish to delete. 3. System displays the selected bid's details (title, description, budget, location, status). 4. User clicks the "Delete" button next to the bid. 5. System asks the user to confirm deletion: "Are you sure you want to delete this bid?" 6. User confirms deletion. 7. System deletes the bid from the database. 8. System displays a success message: "Bid deleted successfully."
Alternate Flow	4.1 If the user cancels the deletion, no action is taken and the system remains on the "My Bids" page. 7.1 If the system encounters a database error during deletion, system displays: "Unable to delete the bid. Please try again later."

xi. Search Contractors

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U13
UC Name	Search Contractors
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User is presented with a list of contractors matching the search criteria.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Search Contractors" page. 2. User enters search criteria (e.g., name, location, specialization, rating). 3. User clicks the "Search" button.

	4. System processes the search query and retrieves matching contractor profiles from the database. 5. System displays a list of contractors that match the search criteria. 6. User can view detailed profiles of individual contractors by clicking on their names.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the search query is empty or invalid, system displays: "Please enter search criteria." 4.1 If no contractors match the search criteria, system displays: "No contractors found matching your search." 5.1 If there is an issue with fetching search results (e.g., database error), system displays: "Unable to retrieve search results. Please try again later."

xii. Filter Search Results

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U14
UC Name	Filter Search Results
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have performed a search for contractors or service providers.
Post-Condition	User is presented with filtered search results based on the selected criteria.
Main Flow	1. User performs a search for contractors or service providers. 2. System displays a list of all contractors or service provider matching the search query. 3. User selects one or more filter criteria (e.g., rating, experience, location). 4. User clicks the "Apply Filters" button. 5. System applies the selected filters to the search results. 6. System displays the filtered list of contractors based on the selected criteria.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the user does not select any filters, system displays the original list of search results without applying any filters. 5.1 If no contractors match the selected filter criteria, system displays: "No contractors match your filters." 6.1 If there is a system error while applying filters, system displays: "Unable to apply filters. Please try again."

xiii. View contractor profile:

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U15
UC Name	View Contractor Profiles
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have performed a search for contractors or selected a contractor to view.

Post-Condition	User successfully views the contractor’s profile information.
Main Flow	1. user select a contractor from the search results. 2. System retrieves the contractor's detailed profile from the database. 3. System displays contractor details such as name, company, specialization, rating, experience, and location. 4. User can view additional details (e.g., past project reviews, contact information).
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the contractor’s profile is unavailable or deleted, system displays: "This contractor’s profile is no longer available." 4.1 If the system encounters an error while fetching the contractor's profile, system displays: "Unable to load contractor profile. Please try again later."

xiv. Search Service Providers

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U16
UC Name	Search Service Providers
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	User is presented with a list of service providers matching the search criteria.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Search Service Providers" page. 2. User enters search criteria (e.g., name, location, specialization, rating). 3. User clicks the "Search" button. 4. System processes the search query and retrieves matching service provider profiles from the database. 5. System displays a list of service providers that match the search criteria. 6. User can view detailed profiles of individual service providers by clicking on their names.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the search query is empty or invalid, system displays: "Please enter search criteria." 4.1 If no service providers match the search criteria, system displays: "No service providers found matching your search." 5.1 If there is an issue with fetching search results (e.g., database error), system displays: "Unable to retrieve search results. Please try again later."

xv. View Service Provider Profiles

Field	**Details
UC ID	UC-U17
UC Name	View Service Provider Profiles
Primary Actor	User

Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have performed a search for service providers or selected a service provider to view.
Post-Condition	User successfully views the service provider’s profile information.
Main Flow	1. User selects a service provider from the search results. 2. System retrieves the service provider's detailed profile from the database. 3. System displays service provider details such as name, specialization, experience, rating, location, and services offered. 4. User can view additional details (e.g., past client reviews, contact information).
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the service provider’s profile is unavailable or deleted, system displays: "This service provider’s profile is no longer available." 4.1 If the system encounters an error while fetching the service provider's profile, system displays: "Unable to load service provider profile. Please try again later."

xvi. Start Chat with Contractor/Service Provider

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-U18
UC Name	Start Chat with Contractor/Service Provider
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have selected a contractor or service provider to chat with.
Post-Condition	A new conversation is created and the user can send messages to the selected contractor/service provider.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Chat" section or selects a contractor/service provider profile. 2. User clicks the "Start Chat" or "Message" button. 3. System creates a new conversation (if no existing conversation) and opens the chat interface. 4. User types and sends a message. 5. System delivers the message instantly via WebSocket (Socket.IO). 6. User can continue to send and receive messages in real time.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the system fails to create a new conversation (e.g., database issue), system displays: "Unable to start a new chat. Please try again later." 5.1 If there is a server or connectivity issue during message delivery, system displays: "Message delivery failed. Please try again."

xvii. Send Real-Time Message

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U19
UC Name	Send Real-Time Message
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service Provider, Regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. A conversation must already exist with the contractor or service provider.
Post-Condition	The message is successfully sent and delivered to the recipient in real-time.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the existing chat conversation. 2. User types a message in the message input field. 3. User clicks the "Send" button or presses Enter. 4. System delivers the message to the recipient in real-time via WebSocket (Socket.IO). 5. System displays the sent message in the chat window.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the user enters an empty message, system displays a warning: "Please type a message before sending." 4.1 If there is an issue delivering the message (e.g., WebSocket failure), system displays: "Message delivery failed. Please try again."

xviii. Receive Real-Time Message

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U20
UC Name	Receive Real-Time Message
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service Provider, Regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. A conversation must already exist.
Post-Condition	User successfully receives a message in real-time and it is displayed in the chat window.
Main Flow	1. User has an open or active conversation. 2. System detects an incoming message. 3. System delivers the message to the user instantly via WebSocket (Socket.IO). 4. The message is displayed in the chat window as a new incoming message.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If there is an issue with receiving the message (e.g., network failure), system displays: "Unable to receive message. Please check your connection." 4.1 If the message is from a blocked user or flagged as inappropriate, system displays: "This message cannot be displayed due to content issues."

xix. View Conversation History

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U21
UC Name	View Conversation History
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service Provider, Regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. A conversation must already exist.
Post-Condition	User successfully views the entire chat history.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the chat section. 2. User selects an existing conversation from the list of conversations. 3. System retrieves the message history for that conversation from the database. 4. System displays the entire conversation history in the chat window (including sent and received messages).
Alternate Flow	3.1 If there is an issue retrieving the conversation history (e.g., database issue), system displays: "Unable to retrieve message history. Please try again later." 4.1 If the conversation history is empty (no messages yet), system displays: "No messages in this conversation yet."

xx. Rate Contractor/Service Provider

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U22
UC Name	Rate Contractor/Service Provider
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must have completed a project with the contractor or service provider. User must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Contractor or service provider's rating is updated in the system.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Rate Contractor" or "Rate Service Provider" page after project completion. 2. User selects the rating scale (e.g., 1-5 stars). 3. User clicks the "Submit" button to submit the rating. 4. System validates the rating and review input (e.g., ensures rating is within range, review is not empty if required). 5. System updates the contractor/service provider's public rating and stores the review in the database. 6. System displays a success message: "Your rating has been submitted successfully."
Alternate Flow	3.1 If user tries to submit without selecting a rating, system displays: "Please select a rating before submitting." 5.1 If system encounters a database error while saving the rating, system displays: "Unable to save your rating. Please try again later."

xxi. Write Review for Contractor/service provider:

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U23
UC Name	Write Review for Contractor/Service Provider
Primary Actor	User
Pre-Condition	User must have completed a project with the contractor or service provider. User must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Review is submitted and stored in the system. Contractor/service provider receives the new review on their profile.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Write Review" section after project completion. 2. System displays the contractor/service provider's details (name, company, job completed). 3. User writes a detailed review in the text field provided. 4. User clicks the "Submit Review" button. 5. System validates the review content (e.g., ensures it meets length/quality criteria). 6. System stores the review and updates the contractor/service provider's profile. 7. System displays a success message: "Your review has been submitted successfully."
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the user leaves the review text field empty, system displays: "Please write a review before submitting." 4.1 If the review contains inappropriate language, system displays: "Your review contains inappropriate content. Please revise your feedback." 6.1 If there is a database error while saving the review, system displays: "Unable to save your review. Please try again later."

xxii. Public Feed

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U24
UC Name	Public Feed
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. Internet connection must be available.
Post-Condition	The user's post is successfully published on the public feed and visible to all users on the platform.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Public Feed" section. 2. User clicks on the "Post" button to create a new feed post. 3. User writes the content they wish to share publicly (text, images, or links). 4. User clicks the "Publish" button to post the content. 5. System validates the content (e.g., ensures no inappropriate language or prohibited content). 6. If the content is valid, the system publishes the post to the public feed. 7. System displays the user's post on the public feed, visible to all users.

Alternate Flow	3.1 If the user leaves the post content empty, system displays: "Please enter content to post." 5.1 If the content contains inappropriate language or violates platform rules, system displays: "Your post contains inappropriate content. Please revise and try again." 6.1 If system encounters a problem while publishing the post (e.g., server issue), system displays: "Unable to publish your post. Please try again later."

xxiii. Bid Acceptance and Agreement Download

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U25
UC Name	Bid Acceptance and Agreement Download
Primary Actor	User, Contractor
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. The bid must have been accepted by the contractor/service provider.
Post-Condition	An agreement contract PDF is generated and available for download.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Bid Details" page. 2. System displays the details of the accepted bid (job description, budget, contractor, user). 3. Contractor send Bid to user in chat 4. System validates that the bid has been accepted and is ready for agreement download. 5. System generates a contract agreement based on the bid details (using a PDF generation library, e.g., jsPDF). 6. System offers the contract agreement as a downloadable PDF file. 7. System confirms that the contract has been successfully downloaded.
Alternate Flow	4.1 If the bid is not accepted, system displays: "Bid has not been accepted. You cannot download the contract."

xxiv. Generate Front Elevation:

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U26
UC Name	Generate Front Elevation
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be on smart construction website
Post-Condition	A 2D front elevation design is generated and displayed to the user.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Generate Front Elevation" section. 2. User provides project details (dimensions, materials, design preferences). 3. User clicks the "Generate" button. 4. System validates the entered data (ensuring completeness and correct format). 5. If the input data is valid, system processes the request and generates the

	front elevation design. 6. System displays the generated front elevation design in 2D or 3D format on the screen. 7. User can download or save the generated front elevation design.
Alternate Flow	2.1 If user leaves mandatory fields empty (e.g., dimensions or design preferences), system displays: "Please complete all required fields." 5.1 If the system encounters an error while processing the design (e.g., server issue), system displays: "Unable to generate front elevation at the moment. Please try again later." 6.1 If the front elevation design fails to load (e.g., graphic rendering error), system displays: "Unable to load the design. Please refresh the page or try again."

xxv. Calculate Estimated Cost

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-U27
UC Name	Calculate Estimated Cost
Primary Actor	User (Contractor, service provider and regular user)
Pre-Condition	User must be logged into the system with an active session. User must have entered project details (e.g., materials, area, labor costs).
Post-Condition	Estimated cost for the project is calculated and displayed to the user.
Main Flow	1. User navigates to the "Calculate Estimated Cost" section. 2. User inputs project details such as materials cost, labor rates, and project dimensions. 3. User clicks the "Calculate" button. 4. System validates the entered data (e.g., numeric values for cost, valid dimensions). 5. If the input is valid, system processes the cost calculation based on predefined formulas. 6. System displays the estimated total cost, breaking down material and labor costs.
Alternate Flow	2.1 If user leaves any required fields empty, system displays: "Please enter all required details." 4.1 If the system detects invalid input (e.g., negative numbers for cost), system displays: "Invalid input. Please correct the highlighted fields." 5.1 If there is a calculation error (e.g., division by zero, missing data), system displays: "Unable to calculate the estimated cost. Please try again."

2. Contractor:

i. View Available Bids

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-C01
UC Name	View Available Bids
Primary Actor	Contractor
Pre-Condition	Contractor must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Contractor successfully views a list of available bids posted by users.
Main Flow	1. Contractor navigates to the "Available Bids" section or clicks on "Browse Jobs". 2. System displays a list of active bids posted by users (job title, description, budget, location). 3. Contractor clicks on a bid to view detailed job information (description, budget, deadlines). 4. Contractor can choose to place a bid or express interest in a job.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If there is an issue retrieving the bid details (e.g., database failure), system displays: "Unable to retrieve bid details. Please try again later."

ii. Place Bid

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-C02
UC Name	Place Bid
Primary Actor	Contractor
Pre-Condition	Contractor must be logged into the system with an active session. Contractor must have viewed an available job posting they wish to place a bid on.
Post-Condition	Contractor’s bid is successfully submitted and stored in the system.
Main Flow	1. Contractor navigates to the "Available Bids" section and selects a job they wish to place a bid on. 2. Contractor clicks the "Place Bid" button on the job posting page. 3. System displays a bid submission form with fields for budget, bid description, and timeline. 4. Contractor enters their bid amount, project timeline, and any additional comments or details. 5. Contractor clicks the "Submit Bid" button. 6. System validates the entered bid details (e.g., ensuring the budget is numeric). 7. If validation is successful, system stores the bid and associates it with the job posting.

	8. System displays a success message: "Your bid has been successfully placed."
Alternate Flow	4.1 If any mandatory field is left empty (e.g., budget, timeline), system displays: "Please fill out all required fields before submitting." 6.1 If the system detects invalid data (e.g., non-numeric budget), system displays: "Please enter a valid amount for your bid." 7.1 If there is a server/database error while placing the bid, system displays: "Unable to place your bid at the moment. Please try again later."

iii. **Start Chat with User**

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-C03
UC Name	Start Chat with User
Primary Actor	Contractor
Pre-Condition	Contractor must be logged into the system with an active session. Contractor must have selected a job posting or user to communicate with.
Post-Condition	A new chat conversation is initiated and available for the contractor and user to exchange messages.
Main Flow	1. Contractor navigates to the "Available Bids" section or "User Profile" section. 2. Contractor clicks on the "Chat" button next to a user or job posting. 3. System opens a new chat window or conversation interface. 4. Contractor types a message to the user and clicks the "Send" button. 5. System sends the message to the user in real-time via WebSocket (Socket.IO). 6. System displays the message in the chat window as a new message.
Alternate Flow	4.1 If the contractor enters an empty message, system displays: "Please enter a message before sending." 5.1 If there is a connectivity issue or failure in message delivery, system displays: "Message failed to send. Please try again." 6.1 If the system cannot establish a chat session due to an error (e.g., missing data), system displays: "Unable to initiate chat session. Please try again later."

iv. Receive Bid Acceptance Notification

Field	**Details**
UC ID	UC-C04
UC Name	Receive Bid Acceptance Notification
Primary Actor	Contractor
Pre-Condition	Contractor must be logged into the system with an active session. A bid must have been placed by the contractor and accepted by the user.
Post-Condition	Contractor receives a notification informing them of the successful bid acceptance.

Main Flow	1. Contractor places a bid on a job posted by a user. 2. User reviews and accepts the contractor's bid. 3. System sends a notification to the contractor, informing them of the bid acceptance. 4. Contractor receives a notification via WebSocket or email (depending on system settings). 5. System displays the notification on the contractor’s dashboard or as a pop-up alert.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If the contractor's notification settings are turned off, system sends an email notification instead of a pop-up alert. 4.1 If the notification fails to deliver (e.g., due to server issues), system retries sending the notification and displays: "Unable to deliver notification. Please try again later."

3. Service Provider:

i. View and Respond to Feedback/Reviews

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-SP01
UC Name	View and Respond to Feedback/Reviews
Primary Actor	Service Provider, Contractor
Pre-Condition	Service Provider must be logged into the system with an active session. Service provider must have completed a job for a user.
Post-Condition	Service provider successfully views and responds to feedback/reviews from users.
Main Flow	1. Service Provider navigates to the "My Jobs" or "Feedback/Reviews" section. 2. Service Provider views a list of jobs that have completed and received feedback from users. 3. Service Provider clicks on a specific feedback/review to view details (rating, comments). 4. System displays the user's feedback along with the rating (e.g., 4 stars, positive comments). 5. Service Provider has the option to "Respond to Review" by typing a response in the text box. 6. Service Provider clicks the "Submit Response" button to post their reply. 7. System confirms that the response was successfully submitted and updates the review display.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If there is no feedback or review for the service provider, system displays: "No reviews available." 5.1 If the service provider tries to submit an empty response, system displays: "Please enter a response before submitting." 6.1 If system fails to save the response (e.g., database issue), system displays: "Unable to post your response. Please try again later."

4. Admin:

ii. View All Users

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-A01
UC Name	View All Users
Primary Actor	Admin
Pre-Condition	Admin must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Admin successfully views a list of all users in the system.
Main Flow	1. Admin navigates to the "User Management" section. 2. Admin queries the **MongoDB** database to retrieve all users. 3. System displays a list of all users with basic details (name, email, role, status). 4. Admin can view user profiles or filter based on user roles, activity, etc.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If there is no user matching the search or filter criteria, system displays: "No users found matching your criteria." 3.2 If system fails to fetch users (database issue), system displays: "Unable to retrieve user data. Please try again later."

iii. Update User Information

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-A02
UC Name	Update User Information
Primary Actor	Admin
Pre-Condition	Admin must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Admin successfully updates the user’s information in **MongoDB**.
Main Flow	1. Admin selects a user from the list of all users. 2. Admin clicks "Edit" to update the user's profile. 3. Admin updates the user’s information (name, role, contact details). 4. Admin clicks "Save Changes". 5. System validates and updates the user’s information in **MongoDB**. 6. System confirms the changes with a success message: "User information updated successfully."
Alternate Flow	3.1 If any mandatory fields are missing, system displays: "Please fill out all required fields before saving." 4.1 If the user provides invalid data (e.g., incorrect email format), system displays: "Please provide valid information for all fields."

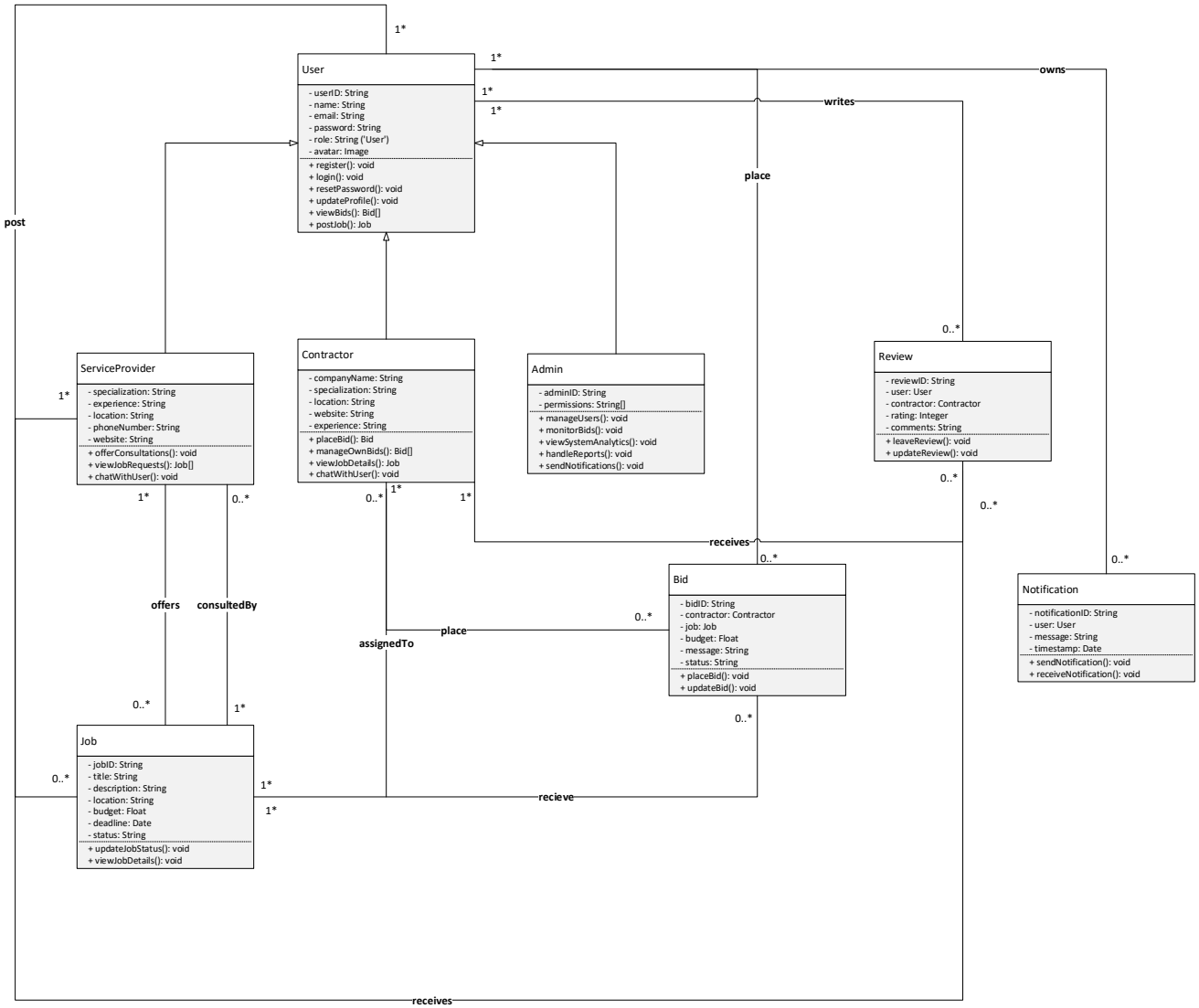
iv. Delete User

Field	Details
UC ID	UC-A03
UC Name	Delete User
Primary Actor	Admin
Pre-Condition	Admin must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	User is deleted from **MongoDB** and is no longer visible in the system.
Main Flow	1. Admin selects a user to delete from the user list. 2. Admin clicks "Delete" to remove the user. 3. System asks for confirmation: "Are you sure you want to delete this user?" 4. Admin confirms the deletion. 5. System deletes the user's data from **MongoDB**. 6. System displays a success message: "User deleted successfully."
Alternate Flow	3.1 If Admin cancels deletion, no action is taken, and system remains on the "User Management" page. 5.1 If system encounters an error while deleting the user (e.g., database issue), system displays: "Unable to delete user. Please try again later."

v. View All Bids

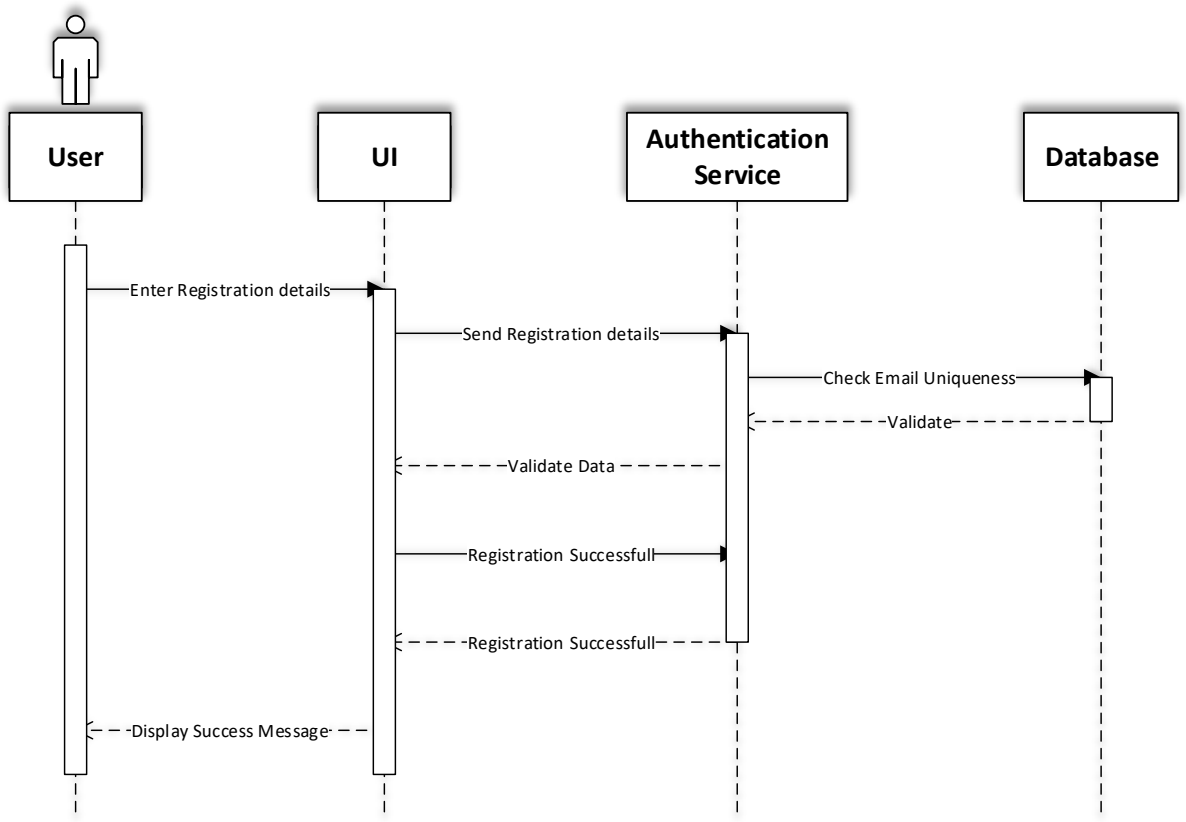
Field	Details
UC ID	UC-A04
UC Name	View All Bids
Primary Actor	Admin
Pre-Condition	Admin must be logged into the system with an active session.
Post-Condition	Admin successfully views a list of all job bids placed by contractors.
Main Flow	1. Admin navigates to the "Bids Management" section. 2. Admin queries **MongoDB** to retrieve all bids (active and closed). 3. System displays a list of all bids with job title, contractor, budget, and status. 4. Admin can view bid details, filter by job status, or sort by contractor.
Alternate Flow	3.1 If no bids match the search or filter criteria, system displays: "No available bids matching your search." 3.2 If there is an issue fetching bid details (e.g., database error), system displays: "Unable to retrieve bids. Please try again later."

3.6 Class Diagram

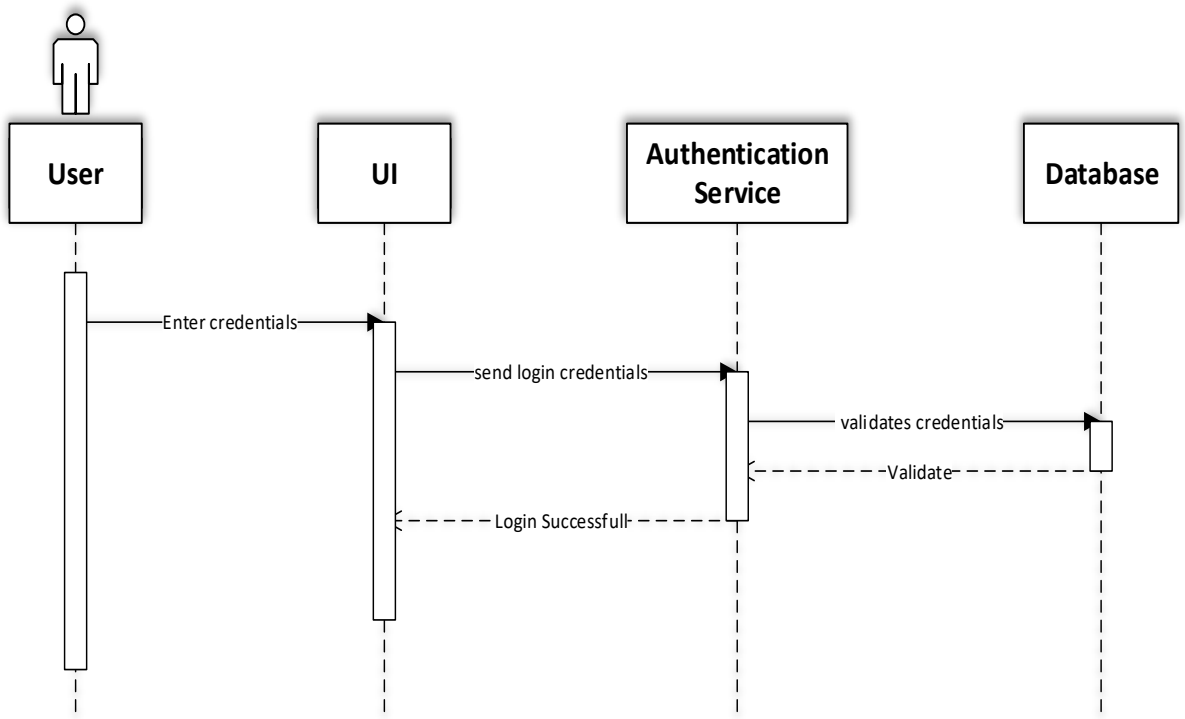


3.7 Sequence diagram

3.7.1 User Registration



3.7.2 User login



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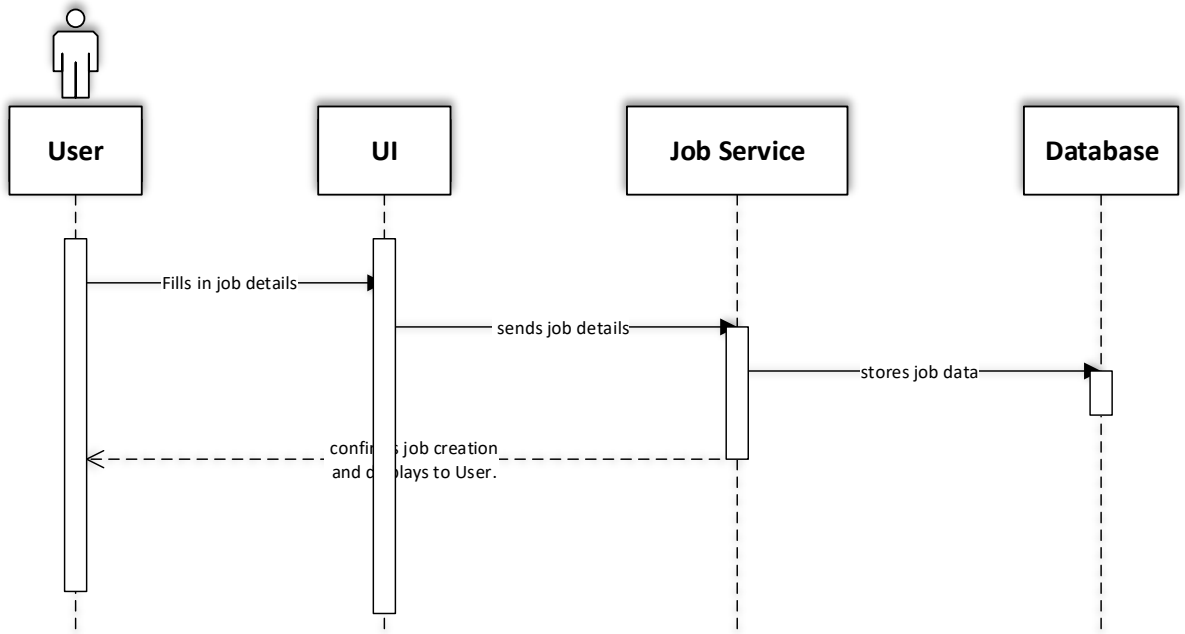

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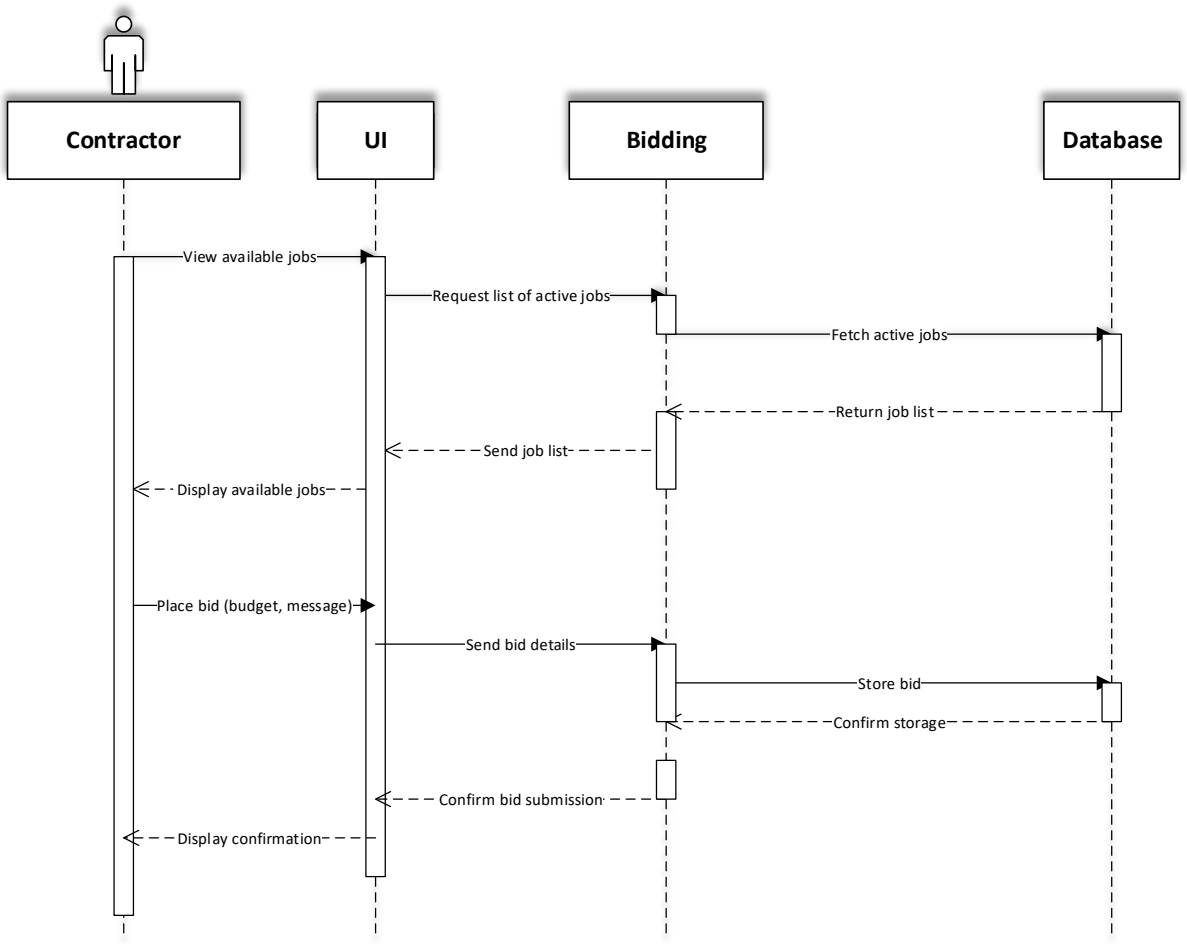
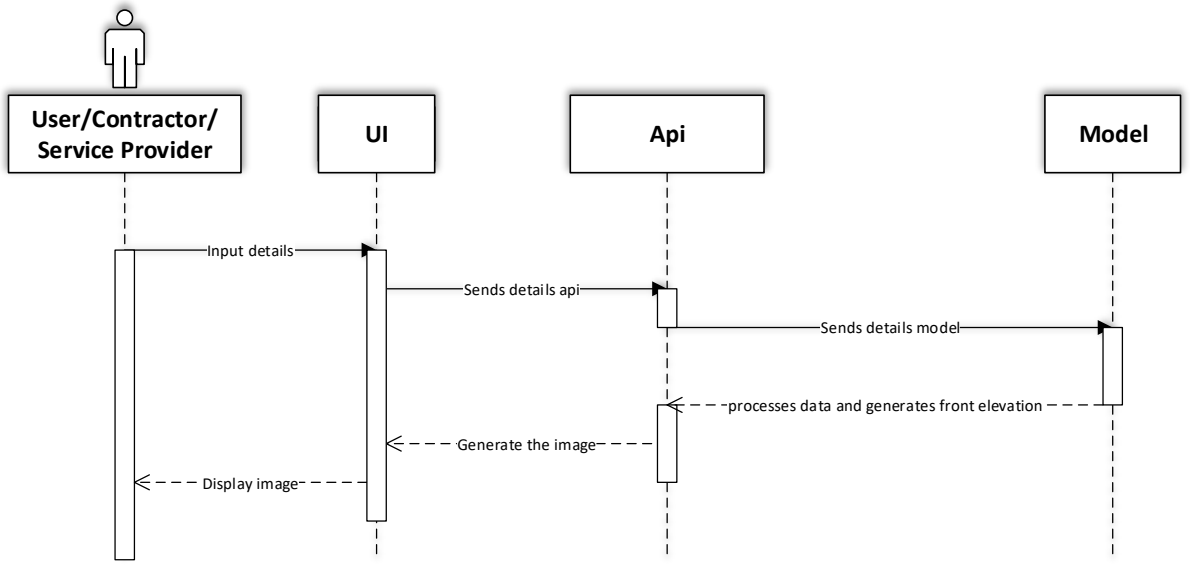
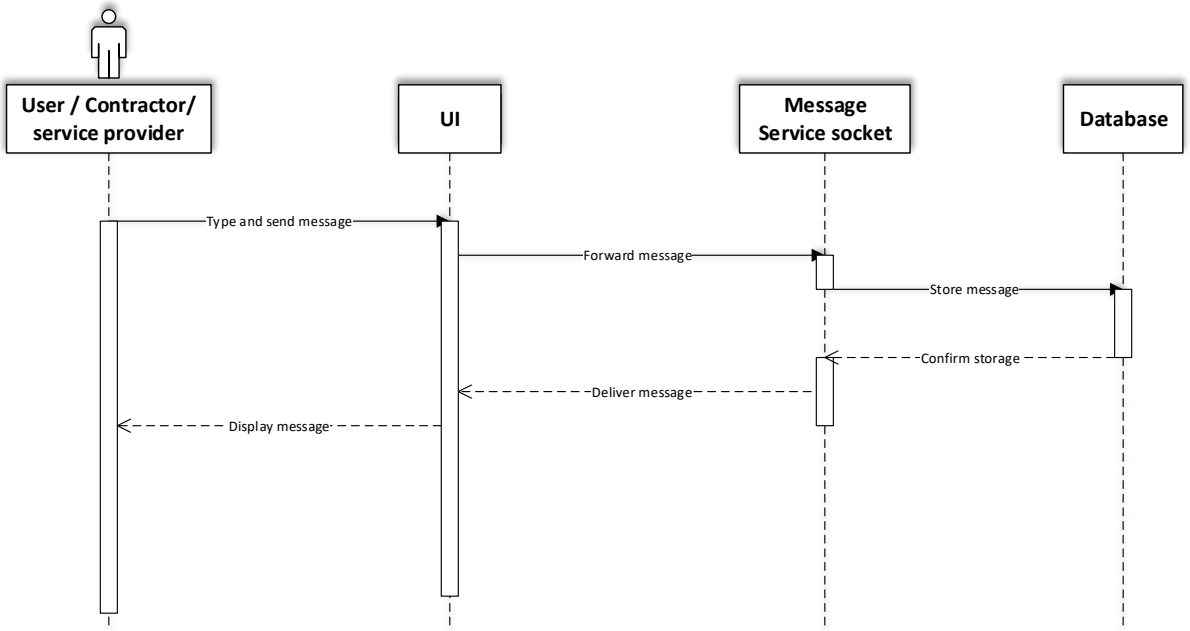


3.7.5 Generate Front Elevation



3.7.6 Chat with Users



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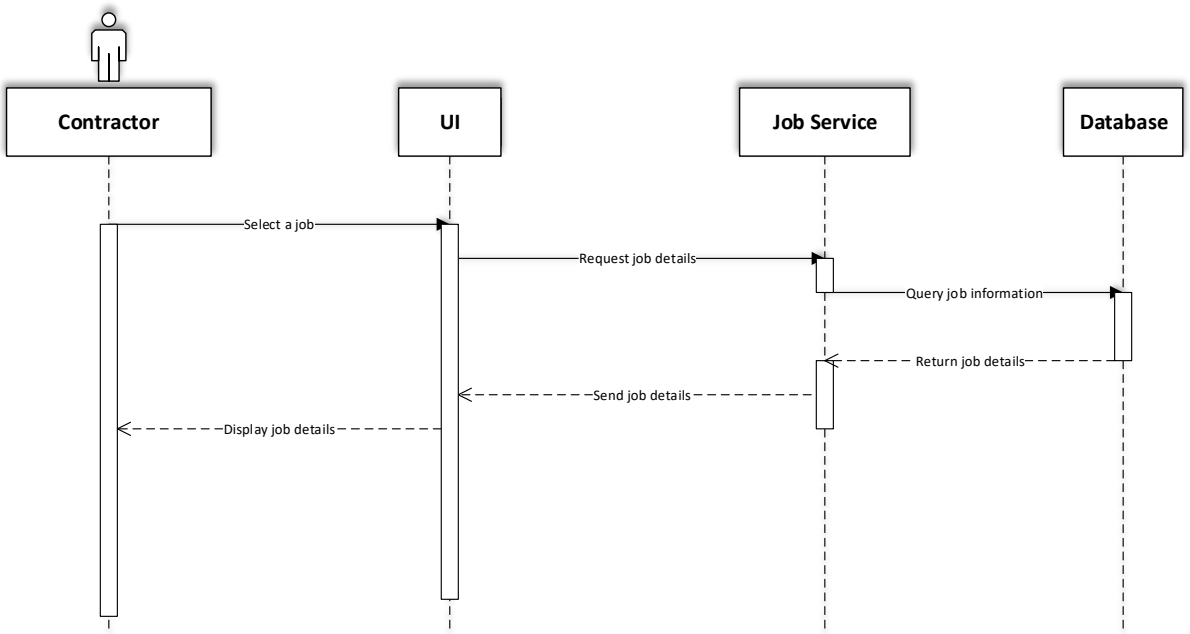

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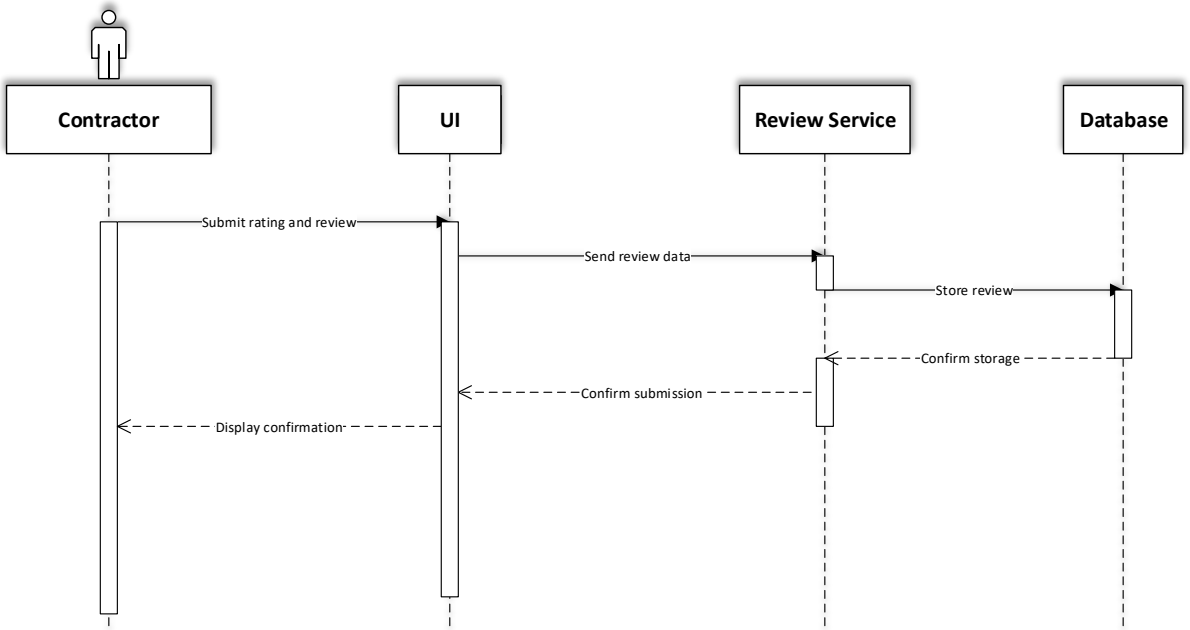
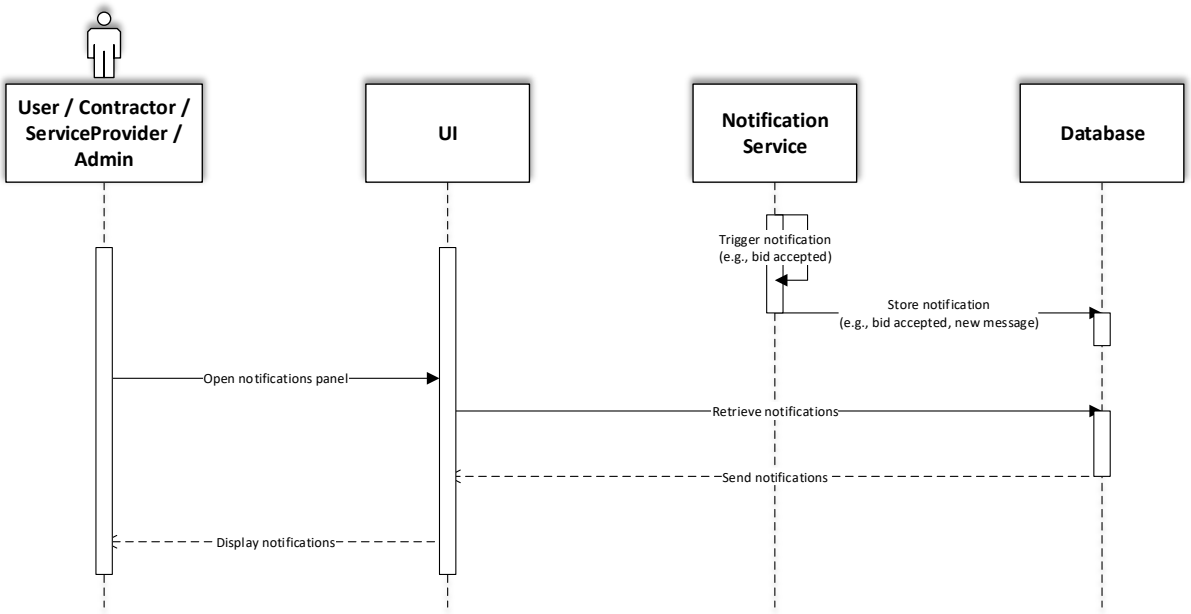
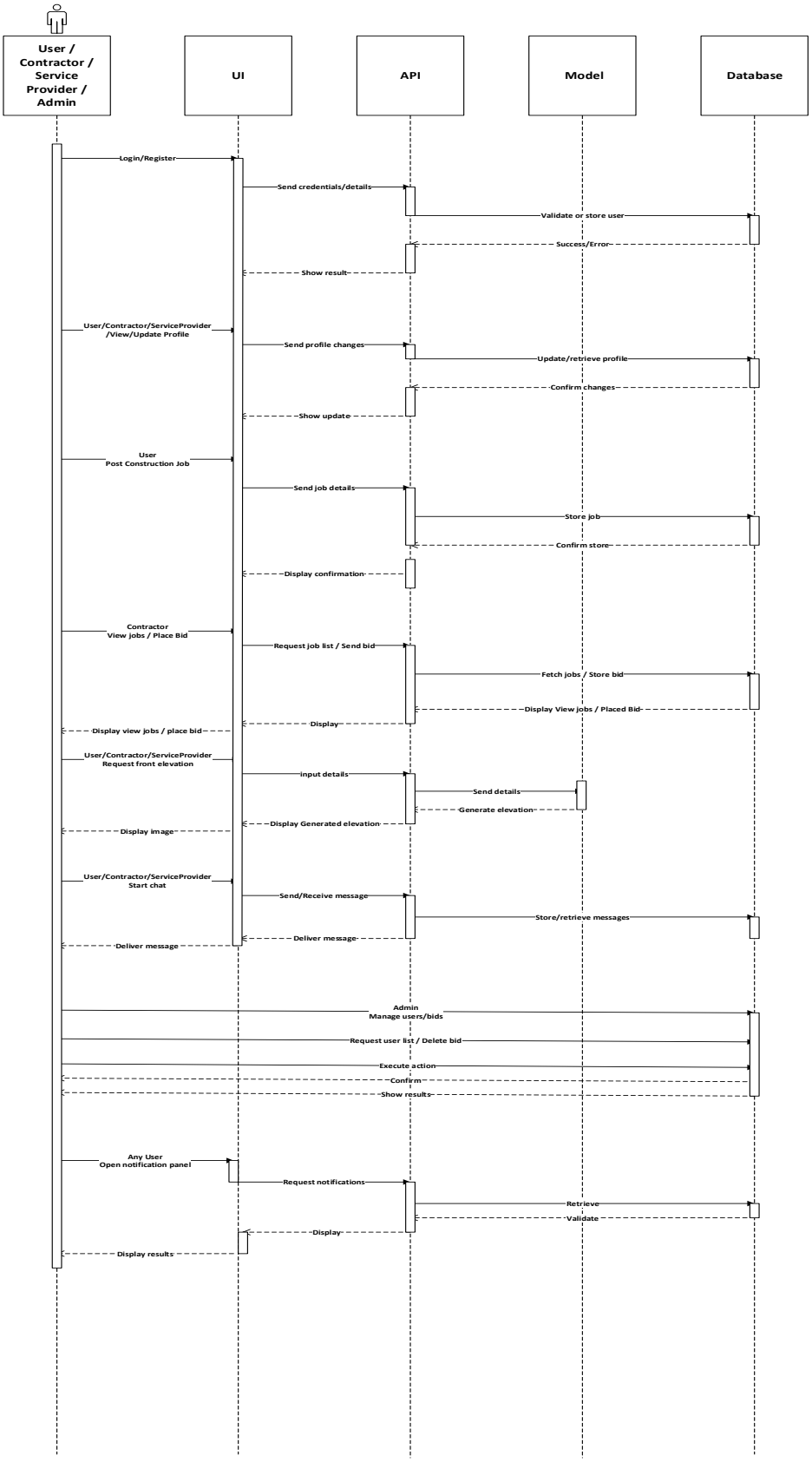


3.7.9 Receive Notifications (User/Contractor/ServiceProvider/Admin)



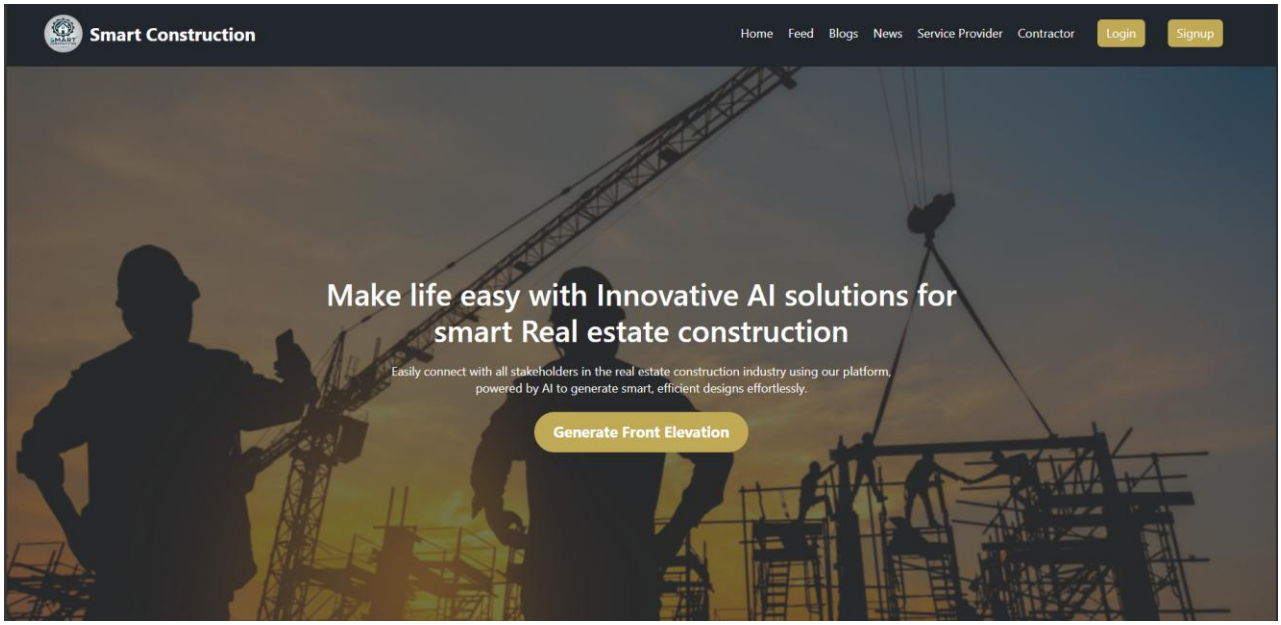
3.7.10 Full Sequence diagram

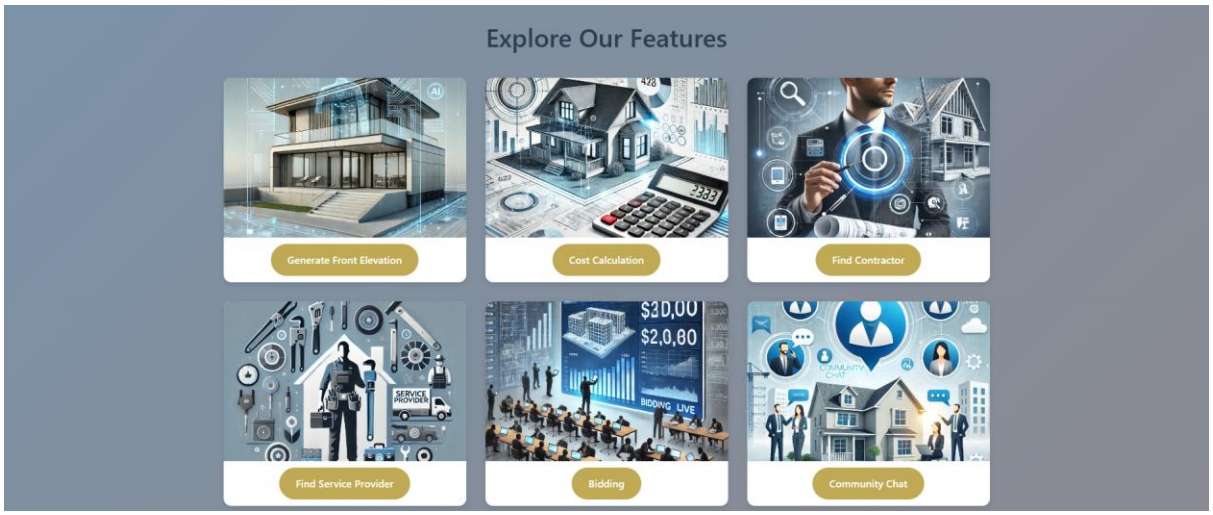


3.8 GUI Graphical User Interfaces (*Optional)*

This section presents the key screens of the Smart Construction platform as seen by each user role—Homeowner, Contractor, Service Provider, and Administrator. For each interface, we include annotated screenshots (GUI dumps) that highlight the relevant controls, data fields, and interactive elements. Accompanying each screen is a brief description of its purpose, the user actions it supports, and the specific use case it implements (e.g. “Generate Elevation,” “Review Cost Estimate,” “Submit Bid,” “Chat with Stakeholder”). We also provide navigation flow diagrams illustrating how users transition from one screen to another to complete common tasks, ensuring clarity in the overall user journey and traceability back to the functional requirements and use cases defined earlier. This comprehensive visual documentation will serve as a blueprint for front-end development and user testing.

3.8.1 User Home Interface

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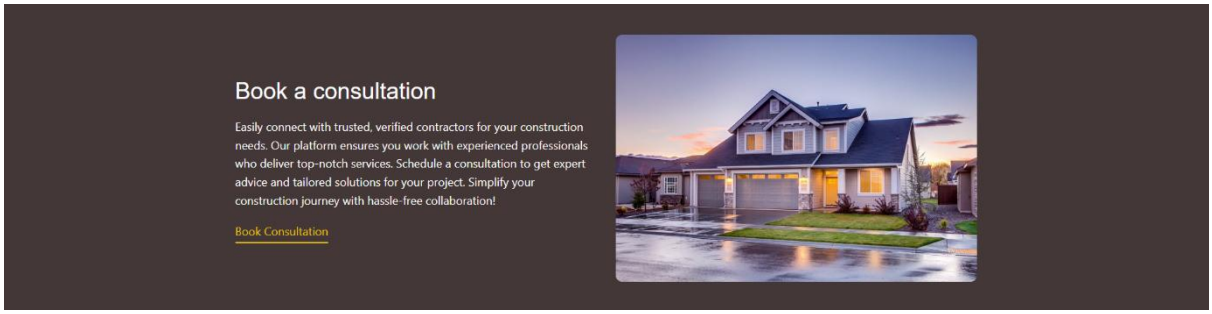
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Easily connect with trusted, verified contractors for your construction needs. Our platform ensures you work with experienced professionals who deliver top-notch services. Schedule a consultation to get expert advice and tailored solutions for your project. Simplify your construction journey with hassle-free collaboration!
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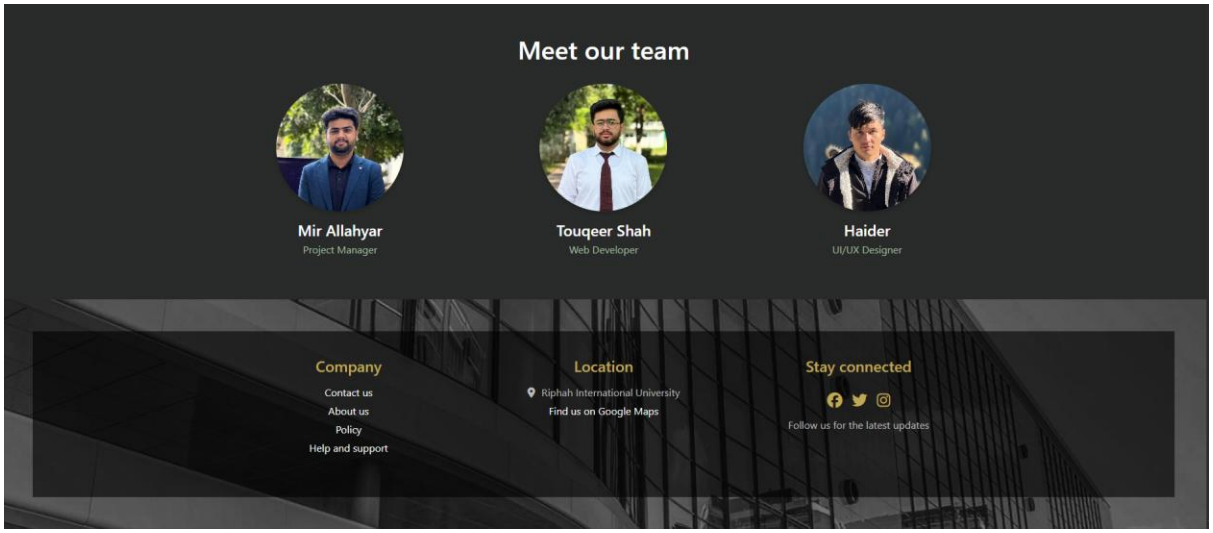
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Project Manager
Touqeer Shah
Web Developer
Haider
UI/UX Designer
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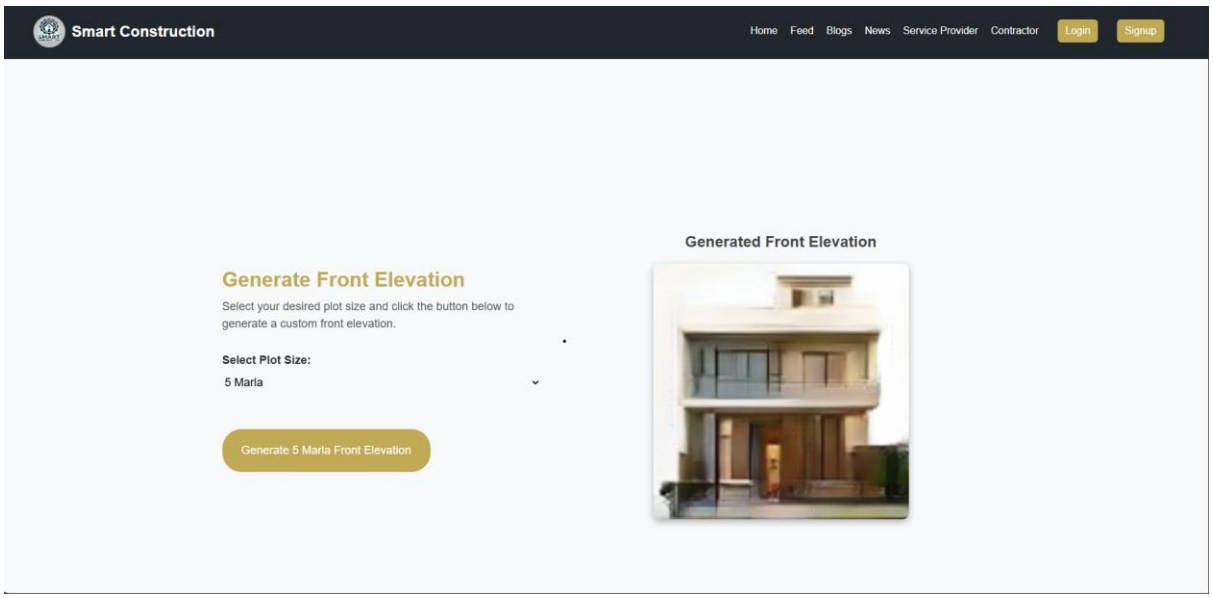
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Service Provider
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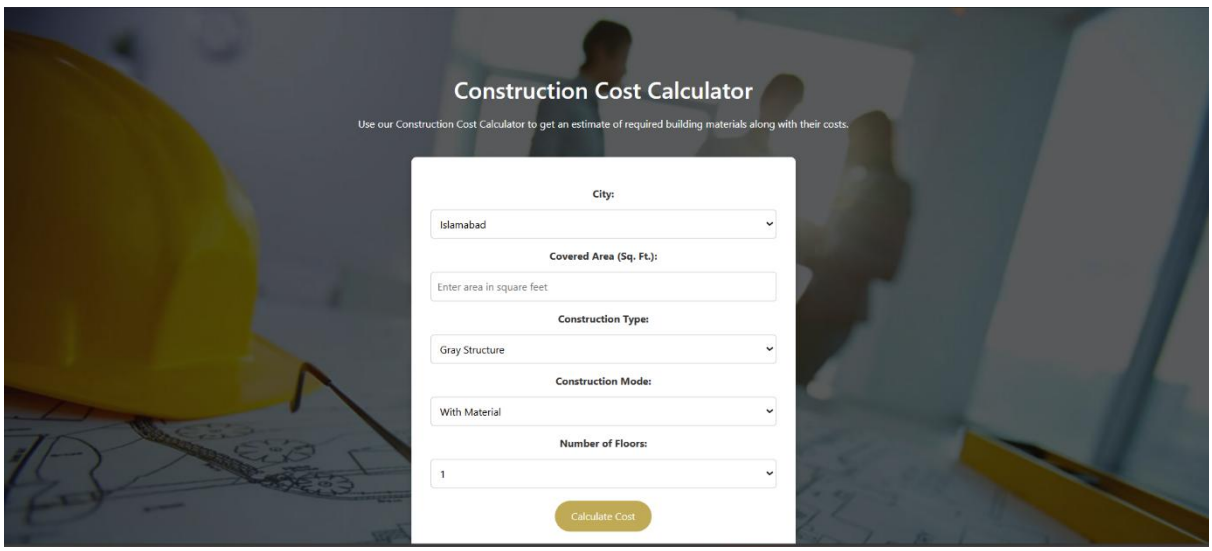
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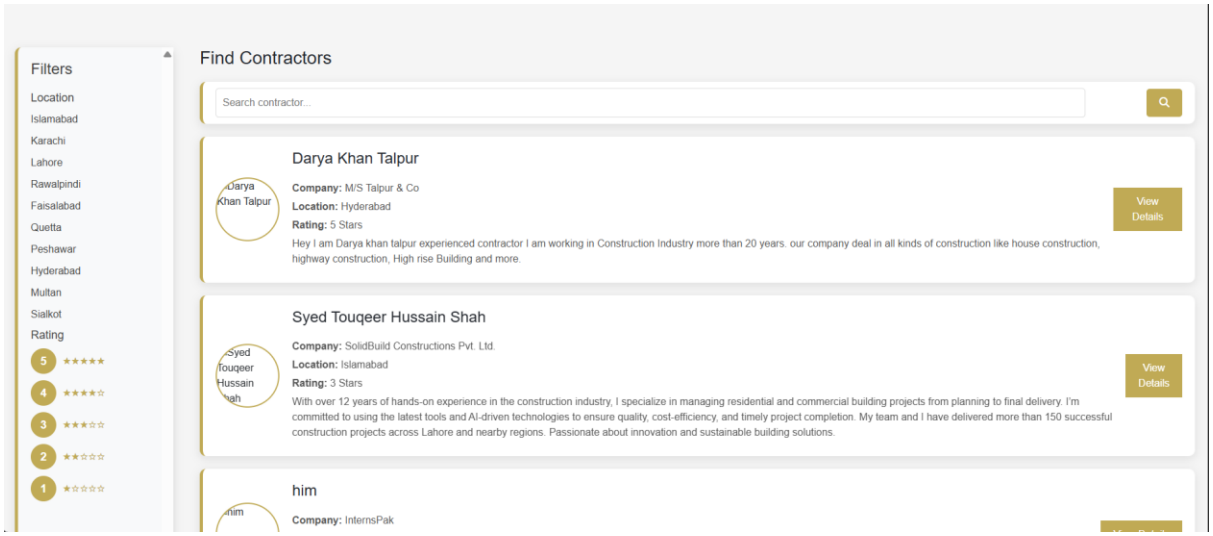
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Rating: 5 Stars
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Location: Islamabad
Rating: 3 Stars
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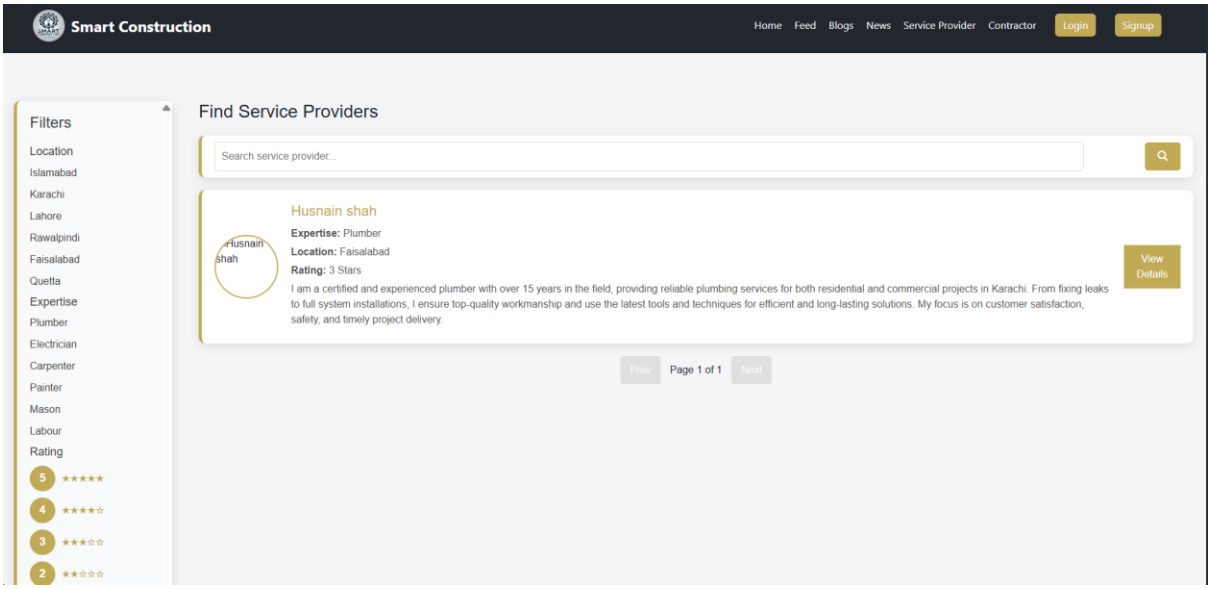
Company: InternsPak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Location: Faisalabad
Rating: 3 Stars
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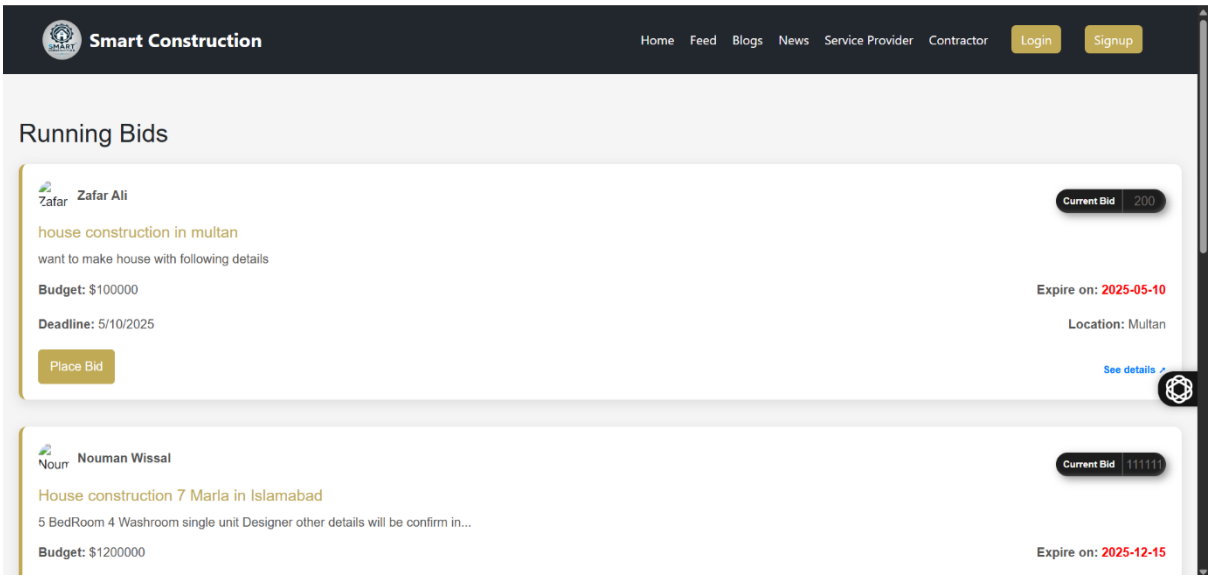
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3.9 Summary

Building on that vision, we translated user needs into detailed functional and non-functional requirements for four distinct roles: homeowners, contractors, service providers, and administrators. We captured every interaction—from account registration and profile management to bid posting, façade generation, and real-time messaging—through use-case narratives, class diagrams, and sequence flows. Non-functional criteria on performance (sub-second response), compatibility (all major browsers and devices), and security (JWT authentication, HTTPS) were also specified. A five-phase methodology then mapped out the technical path: dataset curation and preprocessing; DCGAN architecture design with spectral normalization and label smoothing; cost-estimation module development; microservice-based back-end construction; and responsive front-end integration. Workflow and system architecture diagrams provided a clear, unambiguous roadmap to guide implementation.

Chapter 4:
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In this chapter, we detail the practical realization of the Smart Construction platform, covering team organization, system workflow, development tools, architectural components, and testing strategies. We describe how each methodological element was translated into code, how services were orchestrated, and how interfaces were implemented to deliver an integrated, user-centric application.

Team
Mir Allahyar Khan Talpur (36527)
Syed Touqeer Shah (32161)
Haider Ali (32404)

4.1 Implementation

4.1.1 Endeavour (Team, Work, and Way of Working)

The platform was developed by a team of three members—Mir Allahyar Khan Talpur, Syed Touqeer Shah, and Haider Ali—each contributing equally across all project phases. Responsibilities were distributed as follows:

- Mir Allahyar Khan Talpur: Led data acquisition, preprocessing pipeline, and integration of the DCGAN model for facade generation.
- Syed Touqeer Shah: Developed back-end services including RESTful APIs, database schemas, and microservices for authentication and cost estimation.
- Haider Ali: Designed and implemented the front-end user interface in React, integrated real-time chat functionality, and managed containerization and deployment workflows.

Day-to-day collaboration involved regular sync-up meetings and asynchronous coordination through GitHub for version control.

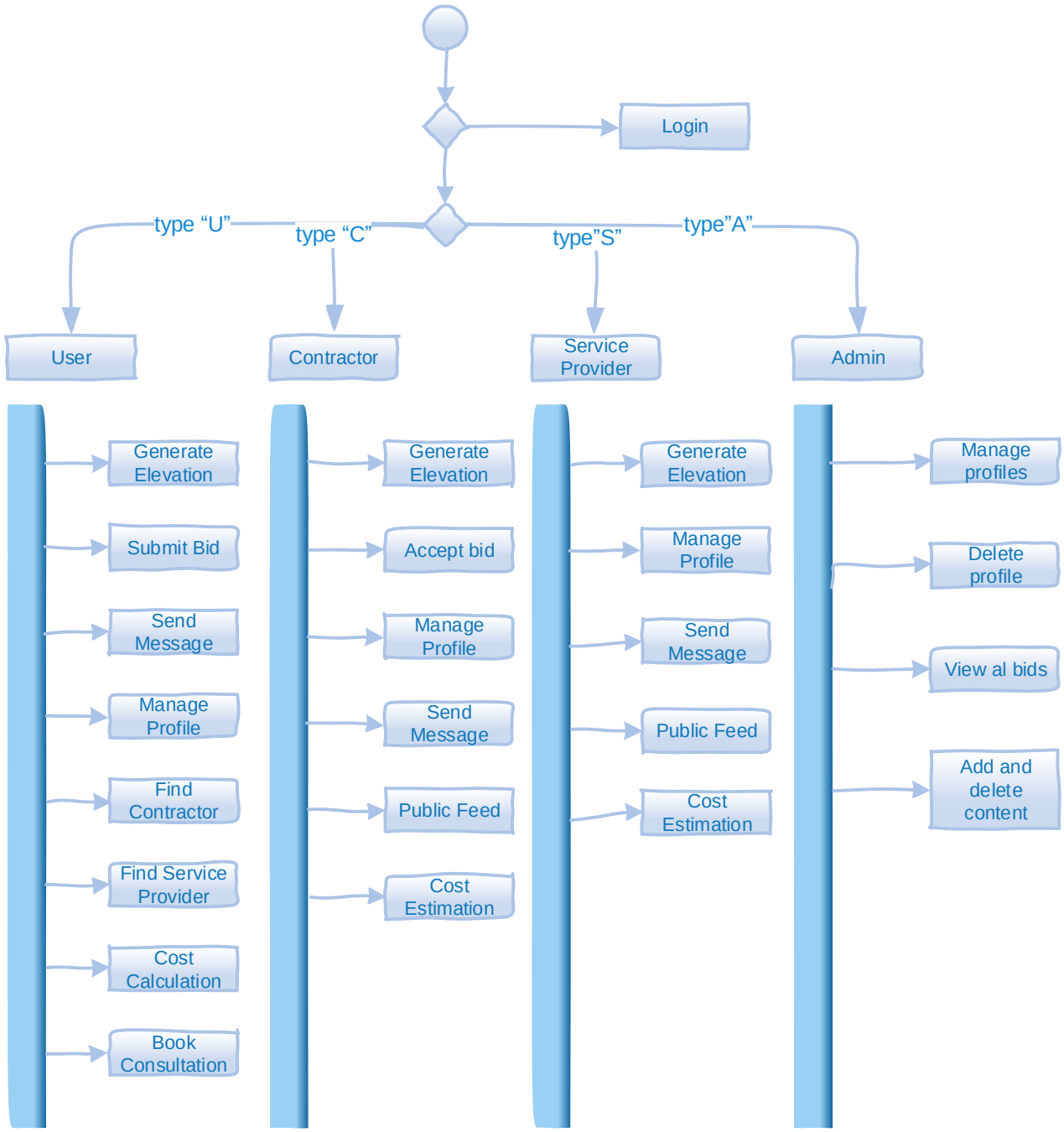
Way of working

Table 4-1 ***Way of working table***

DOCUMENTATION	MICROSOFT WORD
Diagrams	Visio
Backup	Github

Implementation Tools	React.js, Node.js, Express.js, Mongoose,Flask
IDEs	VS Code, Postman, Google Colab, Runpod

4.2 Flow Control / Pseudo Code



4.3 IDE, Tools, and Technologies

4.1.1 Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)

- **Visual Studio Code (VS Code):**
  VS Code is our primary code editor, offering a lightweight yet powerful environment for both front-end and back-end development. We leverage extensions for ESLint, Prettier, and Docker, as well as language support for JavaScript/TypeScript and Python. Its built-in Git integration simplifies commits, branching, and pull-requests directly from the editor.
- **PyCharm Professional:**
  PyCharm Professional is used for Python development—especially the DCGAN model and cost-estimation module. Features like intelligent code completion, integrated Jupyter Notebook and colab support, and built-in debugger streamline model prototyping and data-processing tasks.

4.1.2 Collaboration and Version Control

- **GitHub:**
  GitHub hosts our monorepo and manages version control via Git. We follow GitFlow conventions, use protected branches for main and develop, and enforce mandatory pull-request reviews to maintain code quality.

4.1.3 Cloud

- **MongoDB Atlas**
  MongoDB Atlas provides a fully managed, cloud-hosted database with automated backups and horizontal scaling. Our user profiles, project data, and chat histories reside in a dedicated Atlas cluster.

4.1.4 Build

- **npm & Yarn:**
  npm (for back-end) and Yarn (for front-end) manage JavaScript dependencies and scripts. Version ranges are locked via package-lock.json and yarn.lock to ensure reproducible builds.

4.4 Test case Design and description

4.4.1 Test Case Login

ID	TEST CASE	PRECONDITIONS	INPUT DATA	STEPS	EXPECTED RESULT	ACTUAL RESULT	PASS/FAIL
01	Successful login	User is registered and active	Correct username and password	1. Navigate to Login page.2. Enter valid username and password.3. Click **Login**.	User is redirected to the login into application	Successfully Login	Pass
02	Unregistered Login	No account with given username	Incorrect username and password	1. Go to Login page.2. Enter unregistered username and any password.3. Click **Login**.	Inline error: “Invalid Credentials “.	Error message show “Invalid Credentials”	Pass
03	Registered user and Empty password	User is registered and active	Correct username and empty password field	1. Open Login page.2. Enter valid username and Empty password.3. Click **Login**.	Inline error “please fill out this field”	Inline error “please fill out this field”	Pass
04	Empty credentials	Login form loaded	Username:” Empty” Password: “Empty”	1. Go to Login page.2. Leave both fields empty.3. Click **Login**.	Inline error “please fill out this field”	Inline error “please fill out this field”	Pass

4.4.2 Test Case Signup

ID	TEST CASE	PRECONDITIONS	INPUT DATA	STEPS	EXPECTED RESULT	ACTUAL RESULT	PASS/ FAIL
01	Successful registration	User is not registered	Correct Name Correct Email Correct Password	1. Navigate to Signup page.2. Enter email, name, and password.3. Click Signup.	Registration succeeds. User sees confirmation message “User Registered Successfully”Confirmation message sent to provided email.	User sees “User Registered Successfully” message and receives the confirmation email at the address provided.	Pass
02	Registration with existing Email	“Existing User” already exists	Correct name Existing email Correct password	1. Navigate to Signup page.2. Enter existing email, name, and password.3. Click Signup.	Error “Signup failed please try again”	Error “Signup failed please try again” is displayed.	Pass
03	Missing required fields	—	Name: *empty* Email: *empty* Password: *empty*	1. Leave all fields blank.2. Click Signup.	Inline errors “Please fill out these fields.”	Inline errors “Please fill out these fields.” appear under each of Name, Email, and Password fields.	Pass
04	Registration with invalid username format	—	Name: “Invalid Format” (contains non-alphabet characters) Email: valid Password: valid	1. Enter valid email.2. Enter username “Invalid Format”.3. Enter valid password.4. Click Signup.	Inline error under Username: “Name only contain alphabets and spaces”	Inline error under Username field: “Name only contain alphabets and spaces”.	Pass

4.4.3 Test Case Cost calculator

ID	TEST CASE	PRECONDITIONS	INPUT DATA	STEPS	EXPECTED RESULT	ACTUAL RESULT	PASS/FAIL
01	Calculate cost for Islamabad, Gray Structure, With Material	User is on webpage	City: Islamabad Construction Type: Gray Structure Mode: With Material Area Size: 100 Floors: 2	1. Navigate to Cost Calculator.2. Select inputs.3. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing:• Construction Type: Gray Structure• Mode: With Material• Floors: 2• Total Cost: PKR 400,000	Modal opens showing:• Construction Type: Gray Structure• Mode: With Material• Floors: 2• Total Cost: PKR 400,000	Pass
02	Calculate cost for Karachi, Complete Finishing, Without Material	User is on webpage	City: Karachi Construction Type: Complete Finishing Mode: Without Material Area Size: 50Floors: 1	1. Select Karachi, Complete Finishing, Without Material, 50, 1.2. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 36,000	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 36,000	Pass
03	Calculate cost for Chitral, Gray Structure, Without Material	User is on webpage	City: Chitral Construction Type: Gray Structure Mode: Without Material Area Size: 80 Floors: 3	1. Select Chitral, Gray Structure, Without Material, 80, 3.2. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 112,800	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 112,800	Pass
04	Handle zero area size	User is on webpage	City: Islamabad Construction Type: Gray Structure Mode: With Material Area Size: 0 Floors: 2	1. Enter Area Size = 0; leave others as default.2. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 0	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR 0	Pass
05	Empty area size input	User is on webpage	City: Islamabad Construction Type: Gray Structure Mode: With Material Area Size: *empty* Floors: 1	1. Leave Area Size blank.2. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR NaN	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR NaN	Pass
07	Negative area size	User is on webpage	City: Islamabad Construction Type: Gray Structure Mode: With Material Area Size: –50.2 Floors: 1	1. Enter Area Size = –50.2.2. Click Calculate Cost.	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR –100,000	Modal opens showing Total Cost: PKR –100,000	Pass

4.4.4 Test Case Cost Search Contractor

ID	TEST CASE	PRECONDITIONS	INPUT DATA	STEPS	EXPECTED RESULT	ACTUAL RESULT	PASS/ FAIL
01	Search contractors with valid Rating & location	User is on webpageAt least one contractor exists matching criteria	Rating: “3” Location: “Islamabad”	1. Navigate to Find Contractor.2. Select Rating “3.”3. Enter “Islamabad.”4. Click Search.	A list of contractors with rating ≥ 3 in Islamabad is displayed, showing each name, rating, and a “View Details” button.	A list of contractors with rating ≥ 3 in Islamabad is displayed, each showing name, rating, and “View Details” button.	Pass
02	Search contractors with no matching results	User is on webpage	Rating: “5” Location: “Islamabad”	1. Go to Find Contractor.2. Select Rating “5.”3. Enter “Islamabad.”4. Click Search.	Inline message: “No contractors found for the selected filters.”	Inline message “No contractors found for the selected filters.” is displayed.	Pass
03	Search with empty location field	User is on webpage	Rating: “3” Location: *empty*	1. Select Rating “3.”2. Leave Location blank.3. Click Search.	A list of contractors with rating ≥ 3 (in any city) is displayed, showing each name, rating, and “View Details” button.	A list of contractors with rating ≥ 3 (across all locations) is displayed, each showing name, rating, and “View Details.”	Pass
04	Search with empty Rating field	User is on webpage	Rating: *empty* Location: “Islamabad”	1. Leave Rating unselected.2. Enter “Islamabad.”3. Click Search.	A list of all contractors in Islamabad is displayed, showing each name, rating, and “View Details” button.	A list of all contractors in Islamabad is displayed, each showing name, rating, and “View Details.”	Pass

4.5 Summary

The platform came to life through a three-person team, each evenly responsible for a major pillar: data/model integration, back-end services, and front-end/DevOps. We containerized our components with Docker, deployed inference and API services on GPU-enabled Kubernetes clusters, and managed state with MongoDB Atlas. A React interface communicating over REST and WebSockets offers intuitive controls for generating façades, reviewing budgets, and coordinating bids—all within 600 ms of a user's request. Quality assurance was enforced through peer code reviews, automated testing (unit, integration, end-to-end), and a CI/CD pipeline that validates every change before deployment. Coding standards (ESLint, Prettier, PEP 8) and performance monitoring (Prometheus, Grafana) guarantee reliability and scalability. This chapter demonstrated how our design blueprint, rigorous processes, and modern toolchain combined to deliver a robust, user-centric platform ready for evaluation and future enhancements.

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In this chapter, we present a comprehensive evaluation of the Smart Construction platform, focusing on three key dimensions: (1) DCGAN training performance, (2) qualitative assessment of generated facades, and (3) system responsiveness and user experience. Each section includes quantitative data presented in tables, followed by plain-English discussion of the findings.

5.1 DCGAN Model Performance

The DCGAN was trained for 2,000 epochs on a dataset of 1,600 normalized 128×128 front-elevation images.

Table 5-1 ***DCGAN Model Performance***

EPOCH RANGE	GENERATOR LOSS (AVG.)	DISCRIMINATOR LOSS (AVG.)	REMARKS
1 – 200	2.80	0.92	Rapid learning of basic facade elements; high variance
201 – 600	1.60	0.49	Convergence phase; adversarial balance achieved
601 – 2,000	1.35	0.42	Fine-tuning phase; minor oscillations indicate stable training

The generator loss steadily declines while the discriminator loss stabilizes near 0.5, reflecting healthy adversarial dynamics. After epoch 600, only subtle improvements occur, indicating that the model has internalized the core distribution of facade features and focuses on refining textures and structural consistency.

5.2 Qualitative Evaluation of Generated Facades

We conducted a blind review of 100 randomly sampled façades generated at epoch 2,000. Three domain experts (two registered architects and one senior contractor) scored each image on Realism, Structural Coherence, and Creative Diversity using a scale from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).

Table 5-2 Qualitative Evaluation

CRITERION	AVG. SCORE (1–5)

Realism	4.3
Structural Coherence	4.1
Creative Diversity	3.9

5.2.1 Some of the sample Generated Facades

Figure 5-3 ***generated facades***

Figure 5-2 ***generated facades***

Figure 5-1 ***generated facades***

Experts praised the accurate portrayal of materials and facade composition, noting occasional artifacts in shading or proportion. While the model produced a broad range of styles, a few outputs exhibited stylistic similarity, suggesting further regularization may enhance diversity.

5.3 System Responsiveness and User Experience

End-to-end latency was measured under typical cloud deployment with GPU acceleration.

Table 5-3 Component level and response times

STAGE	**AVG. LATENCY (MS)**
DCGAN Inference (128×128)	440
Backend Processing & DB I/O	80
Front-End Rendering	40
Total Round-Trip	**560**

With sub-600 ms round-trip times, the platform provides near-instantaneous feedback for users exploring design options. Future optimizations—such as model quantization or horizontal scaling of inference nodes—could further reduce latency in high-load scenarios.

5.4 Summary

The experimental results validate the Smart Construction platform's core premise: an unconditional DCGAN can generate realistic and structurally coherent front-elevation designs, and the integrated system operates with responsive performance suitable for interactive use. Expert reviews and user feedback confirm high satisfaction with design quality, usability, and collaborative features. These findings underscore the platform's potential to transform early-stage residential design workflows. Subsequent chapters will explore production-grade deployment strategies and outline avenues for future enhancements.

Chapter 6:

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6.1 Introduction

Over the course of this project, our primary objective was to create Smart Construction—a unified web platform that automates facade design, cost estimation, and stakeholder collaboration for residential construction. This chapter reflects on what we achieved, the challenges we encountered, and areas where further work is warranted to advance the platform.

6.2 Achievements and Improvements

Throughout development, we enhanced both core functionality and user experience:

6.2.1 Automated Front-Elevation Generation

- Implemented an unconditional DCGAN that, after 2,000 epochs of training on 1,600 images, reliably produces 128×128 facade renderings exhibiting high realism and structural consistency.

6.2.2 Unified Collaboration Tools

- Built a React-powered interface with real-time chat, proposal submission, and notification features, eliminating the need for external communication or bidding systems.

6.2.1 Performance Optimization

- Containerized microservices and deployed on GPU-backed infrastructure to achieve sub-600 ms round-trip times, ensuring an interactive design experience.

6.3 Critical Review

Our platform demonstrates clear strengths but also reveals areas for improvement:

6.3.1 Strengths:

- **Cohesive Workflow:** Seamlessly connects design generation, budgeting, and communication in one environment.
- **Robust Model Training:** Stable adversarial dynamics yielded consistently high-quality outputs.
- **Positive User Feedback:** Expert evaluations and pilot users praised usability and design fidelity.

6.3.2 Weaknesses:

- **Resolution Limitations:** The 128×128 image size constrains fine architectural detail and client customization.
- **Design Diversity:** Occasional stylistic repetition suggests the need for enhanced diversity regularization.
- **Heuristic Cost Parsing:** Simple image-processing rules sometimes misinterpret complex or unconventional facade features.

6.3.3 Recommendations:

- Investigate higher-resolution GAN architectures and diversity-promoting loss functions.
- Incorporate object-detection models for more accurate feature quantification in cost estimation.
- Enhance user controls to allow parametric adjustments (e.g., roof pitch, material palettes).

6.4Future Recommendations and Outlook

To evolve Smart Construction into a more powerful toolchain, future work could include:

- **Multi-View & Floor-Plan Synthesis:** Expand the generative model to produce side elevations and 2D floor layouts, delivering comprehensive architectural packages.
- **Conditional Input Interfaces:** Add textual or style-tag conditioning to grant users fine-grained control over design attributes.
- **Regulatory Compliance & Structural Checks:** Embed rule-based validation for building-code adherence and structural feasibility assessments.
- **Augmented Reality Visualization:** Integrate AR previews that overlay generated façades onto real-world plots for immersive client presentations.
- **Marketplace Ecosystem:** Open plugin frameworks for third-party designers, material suppliers, and specialty cost modules, fostering a community-driven extension of the platform.

6.5 Summary

In summary, Smart Construction has successfully met its foundational goals: automating facade design, integrating realistic cost estimation, and streamlining collaboration within a single web application. While the system performs robustly and earns high user satisfaction, addressing resolution, diversity, and cost-parsing limitations will further elevate its utility. The proposed future directions provide a clear roadmap for transforming this prototype into a production-grade, AI-powered construction platform capable of supporting end-to-end residential design and project management.

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