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ABSTRACT

In this era of highly advanced technology, one can observe a lot of progress in the zone of architectural designs and its principles. There are various innovative and efficient software emerging out in the market which have made it very simple and easy. Bridging Dreams is a platform designed to bring entrepreneurs and investors together in one place, making it easier for innovative ideas to find the support they need to grow. The objective is to streamline the process of sharing ideas and thought process of new individuals.

Entrepreneurs with creative business ideas can register on the platform and showcase their concepts by providing detailed information about their plans, goals, and market potential. This gives them a chance to present their vision to investors who are actively looking for promising opportunities to invest in. For investors, the platform offers a wide range of ideas and startups to explore. They can browse through projects, learn more about the people behind them, and choose the ones that align with their investment goals. The platform ensures a smooth and secure way for entrepreneurs and investors to communicate and collaborate. In addition to connecting people, Bridging Dreams also provides useful features like mentorship programs for entrepreneurs, expert advice, and tools to improve business plans. It also helps investors stay updated on new market trends and opportunities. Bridging Dreams goes beyond being just a matching platform. It fosters collaboration and trust through secure communication channels, robust vetting processes, and transparent workflows. It encourages networking and knowledge-sharing, creating a vibrant ecosystem where entrepreneurs and investors can learn from each other and work together to achieve mutual success.

 By bridging the gap between ideas and funding, Bridging Dreams aims to create a supportive environment where entrepreneurs can turn their dreams into reality, and investors can play a key role in fostering innovation and success.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced, ever-evolving world, innovation is the cornerstone of progress. It serves as the driving force behind transformative changes in industries ranging from healthcare and technology to energy and sustainability. Every breakthrough we experience—be it a life-saving drug, a revolutionary app, or a cutting-edge green energy solution—begins with a single idea. However, while the spark of creativity and vision ignites these breakthroughs, the path to turning ideas into tangible, successful products or services is anything but straightforward. Innovators, driven by passion and imagination, often find themselves facing a major obstacle: a lack of financial resources, industry expertise, and strategic connections necessary to bring their visions to life. Despite their boundless potential, these innovators may struggle to secure the capital and mentorship needed to turn their concepts into viable businesses.

On the other hand, investors—whether they are angel investors, venture capitalists, or corporate backers—are often on the lookout for the next big opportunity. They possess the capital to fund ventures but often struggle to find projects that align with their goals, values, and risk appetite. Investors seek high-potential startups and promising ideas, but the challenge lies in identifying and connecting with the right innovators and startups that fit their specific needs. The result is a disconnect between two critical players in the innovation ecosystem: the innovators with visionary ideas and the investors with the financial resources to make those ideas a reality. This gap prevents many ground breaking ideas from reaching their full potential, leaving both sides at a disadvantage.

To address this issue, there is a growing need for a platform that can connect these two groups—innovators and investors—in an effective and efficient way. A website that provides a space for innovators to showcase their ideas and for investors to find promising ventures has the potential to bridge this gap, helping both parties reach their goals more easily. By providing a space for these groups to meet, interact, and collaborate, the platform can enable innovation to thrive, while also giving investors access to a broad range of exciting new opportunities.

This report introduces a new online platform specifically designed to connect innovators with investors, creating a vibrant and dynamic space where ideas can be presented, evaluated, and funded. The platform seeks to address the challenge of matching entrepreneurs with investors by offering a centralized, user-friendly interface that promotes collaboration, communication, and long-term partnerships. For innovators, the platform offers a unique opportunity to showcase their ideas to a global audience of investors, presenting their projects in a professional and engaging way. Whether an entrepreneur is launching a tech startup, a sustainable energy solution, or a breakthrough in healthcare, they can use the platform to reach a diverse pool of investors actively looking for new opportunities.

For investors, the platform presents a wealth of investment opportunities, enabling them to discover projects that match their strategic goals and risk tolerance. With a diverse array of startups and innovators to choose from, investors can explore new ventures in a variety of sectors, including technology, biotechnology, clean energy, and beyond. The platform streamlines the process of finding promising opportunities by providing investors with detailed profiles, pitch decks, of each project. With access to a wide range of information and data, investors can make informed decisions and identify ventures that align with their objectives, all within a secure and transparent environment.

Innovators on the platform have the opportunity to present their projects in a compelling way, highlighting the unique aspects of their ideas, the market demand, and the potential for success. Entrepreneurs can create detailed project pages. This enables them to communicate their vision more effectively and engage with investors. Furthermore, innovators can provide financial data, growth projections, and milestones that help investors understand the scalability and profitability of their projects.

The platform aims to simplify the process of finding the right match for both innovators and investors. Innovators are provided with tools to showcase their ideas in a way that highlights their potential for success, while investors gain access to detailed information and insights that help them make informed decisions. The platform also includes features that support ongoing communication and collaboration, helping both parties stay connected throughout the process.

Ultimately, the goal of the website is to foster a more collaborative and interconnected environment where innovation can flourish.

Whether you are an entrepreneur seeking the right investor to fuel the next phase of your startup's growth, or an investor searching for exciting new opportunities to diversify your portfolio, this platform offers a seamless connection between creativity and capital. It is a place where innovation can flourish, and where both innovators and investors are empowered to achieve their goals, create lasting change, and shape the future of business and technology. By facilitating easier access to funding and resources, the platform aims to ensure that the most promising ideas have the opportunity to become reality.

Fig 1.1 Website Introduction

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

The digital age has transformed numerous industries, and the way innovation is funded and developed is no exception. Traditionally, investors and entrepreneurs relied on physical meetings, networking events, and established relationships to connect and collaborate. However, with the rise of online platforms, the process of connecting investors with entrepreneurs has become more streamlined, efficient, and accessible. This literature survey reviews key studies, reports, and frameworks related to online platforms that connect investors and entrepreneurs, focusing on their evolution, effectiveness, and the role they play in the global innovation ecosystem.

SeedInvest [1] SeedInvest is a leading equity crowdfunding platform founded in 2012, aimed at connecting startups with investors and democratizing access to early-stage funding. It addresses the challenges faced by startups in securing traditional funding by providing an online platform where businesses can showcase their ideas and raise capital from accredited and non-accredited investors. Known for its rigorous vetting process, SeedInvest approves only about 2% of startup applications, ensuring that investors gain access to high-quality, vetted opportunities. Startups on the platform can choose from various funding mechanisms, such as equity financing or convertible notes, while benefiting from tools to enhance their fundraising campaigns and access to a vast network of over 600,000 investors. While SeedInvest offers significant advantages, such as investor protection and transparency, it is not without challenges. These include the inherent risks of investing in startups, limited liquidity for investors, and the complexity of regulatory compliance. Despite these challenges, SeedInvest's focus on quality over quantity and its commitment to fostering innovation make it a standout platform in the competitive crowdfunding space.

Gust [2] Gust is a global platform that connects startups with investors, offering tools and resources to facilitate fundraising and streamline the investment process. Established in 2004, Gust serves as a comprehensive ecosystem for entrepreneurs to create professional profiles, share business plans, and pitch their ideas to a wide network of angel investors, venture capitalists, and accelerators. The platform provides startups with tools to manage their funding rounds, track investor engagement, and access educational resources to refine their strategies. For investors, Gust offers a centralized solution to discover, evaluate, and manage potential investments, supported by features like due diligence workflows and portfolio tracking.

OurCrowd [3] OurCrowd is a leading equity crowdfunding platform based in Israel, established in 2013, that connects accredited investors with vetted startup opportunities across diverse sectors, including technology, healthcare, and renewable energy. The platform operates with a unique hybrid model, combining elements of traditional venture capital with crowdfunding by allowing investors to co-invest alongside OurCrowd's professional team. Known for its stringent selection process, OurCrowd accepts only a small percentage of startups after thorough due diligence, ensuring high-quality investment opportunities for its members. Once accepted, startups receive not just funding but also mentorship, strategic guidance, and access to an extensive global network.

For investors, OurCrowd provides a streamlined platform to discover innovative startups, invest with minimum thresholds, and manage portfolios. The platform emphasizes transparency, offering detailed analyses of startups, regular updates, and opportunities for direct involvement in portfolio companies. By focusing on later-stage startups and companies with scalable potential, OurCrowd mitigates some risks commonly associated with early-stage investments.

2.1 Problem Identification

One of the key challenges in the entrepreneurial ecosystem is the lack of a streamlined, accessible platform that effectively connects entrepreneurs with investors. Entrepreneurs often struggle to secure funding due to limited networks, lack of visibility, and difficulty in presenting their ideas to potential investors. On the other hand, investors face challenges in discovering quality startups, assessing their potential, and managing their portfolios efficiently. Existing platforms like SeedInvest, Gust, and OurCrowd address these issues to varying degrees but still have limitations, such as high barriers to entry for non-accredited investors, limited liquidity for investments, and a focus on specific industries or regions. A new platform that addresses these pain points comprehensively by providing accessible, transparent, and user-friendly solutions—can significantly enhance the connection between entrepreneurs and investors while fostering a thriving innovation ecosystem.

CHAPTER 3
OBJECTIVES & MOTIVATION

3.1 Problem Statement

Entrepreneurs and investors are essential drivers of innovation and economic growth. However, the current ecosystem lacks an efficient and inclusive platform that seamlessly bridges the gap between these two groups. Entrepreneurs often face challenges in presenting their ideas to relevant investors, gaining visibility in competitive markets, and accessing mentorship or funding opportunities. Similarly, investors encounter difficulties in discovering promising startups that align with their interests, expertise, or values. Existing platforms are hindered by limitations such as poor matchmaking algorithms, lack of personalization, high entry costs, and limited accessibility for underrepresented regions or industries. Furthermore, these platforms often fail to facilitate meaningful, trust-based relationships and provide tools for ongoing collaboration post-investment.

There is a pressing need for an inclusive, user-friendly platform that bridges this gap. Such a platform should empower entrepreneurs to share their ideas confidently while providing investors with tools to discover, evaluate, and engage with ventures that resonate with their interests. This will create a collaborative and vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem where innovation can thrive.

3.2 Objectives

The objective of Bridging Dreams platform is,

1. To educate entrepreneurs on how to present their business ideas effectively and investors on evaluating the potential of early-stage startups.
2. To provide interactive tools for entrepreneurs to create and refine their pitch decks and for investors to analyse business models through a structured evaluation framework."
3. To allow investors to analyze startups based on metrics such as scalability, financial viability, and market potential while enabling entrepreneurs to evaluate investor profiles for alignment."
4. To support entrepreneurs and investors in co-creating business growth strategies and fostering long-term partnerships that drive mutual success."
5. To empower users to build personalized strategies for pitching, investing, and collaboration.

3.3 Scope

The scope of a website connecting investors with entrepreneurs encompasses fostering a seamless, inclusive, and dynamic platform that bridges the gap between these two essential groups. At its core, the platform aims to facilitate networking and matchmaking, allowing entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas and business plans while enabling investors to discover ventures that align with their goals. With advanced features like AI-powered recommendation engines and personalized filters, the platform can ensure that connections are both meaningful and mutually beneficial. To support decision-making, the platform incorporates advanced analytics, offering insights into market trends, investor preferences, and startup performance. It emphasizes inclusivity by welcoming small-scale entrepreneurs, non-accredited investors, and underrepresented groups, thus promoting diversity and innovation. Trust and security are central to the platform, with robust vetting processes, verified profiles, and transparent mechanisms to ensure credibility.

Motivation

The development of the connection between **INVESTOR & ENTREPRENEUR** platform is driven by the pressing need to overcome barriers to Investment & Funding access and improve outcomes globally. Here's what motivates us to undertake this project:

1. Empower Innovation: Provide entrepreneurs with a platform to showcase groundbreaking ideas and turn them into viable ventures.

2. Facilitate Partnerships: Build meaningful connections between entrepreneurs and investors, fostering mutual growth and success.

3. Access to Resources: Offer entrepreneurs not just funding but also mentorship, expertise, and strategic guidance from seasoned investors.

4. Discover Opportunities: Enable investors to identify high-potential startups and diversify their portfolios with innovative projects.

5. Boost Economic Growth: Support the growth of startups that contribute to job creation, technological advancements, and local economies.

6. Streamlined Process: Simplify the matchmaking process between ideas and capital through an intuitive, user-friendly interface.

CHAPTER 4
PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

4.1 System Architectural Diagram

The diagram illustrates a system architecture for a platform that connects entrepreneurs and investors through a centralized database. Entrepreneurs register their data, such as business ideas and personal profiles, which is stored in the database. Similarly, investors register their details, including investment preferences and profiles, which are also saved in the same database. The system ensures that the registered entrepreneur data is displayed on the **Investor Site**, allowing investors to browse through innovative ideas and startups. On the other hand, investor data is shown on the **Entrepreneur Site**, enabling entrepreneurs to identify potential investors and funding opportunities. The centralized database serves as the core of the system, facilitating smooth data exchange and interaction between the two user groups.
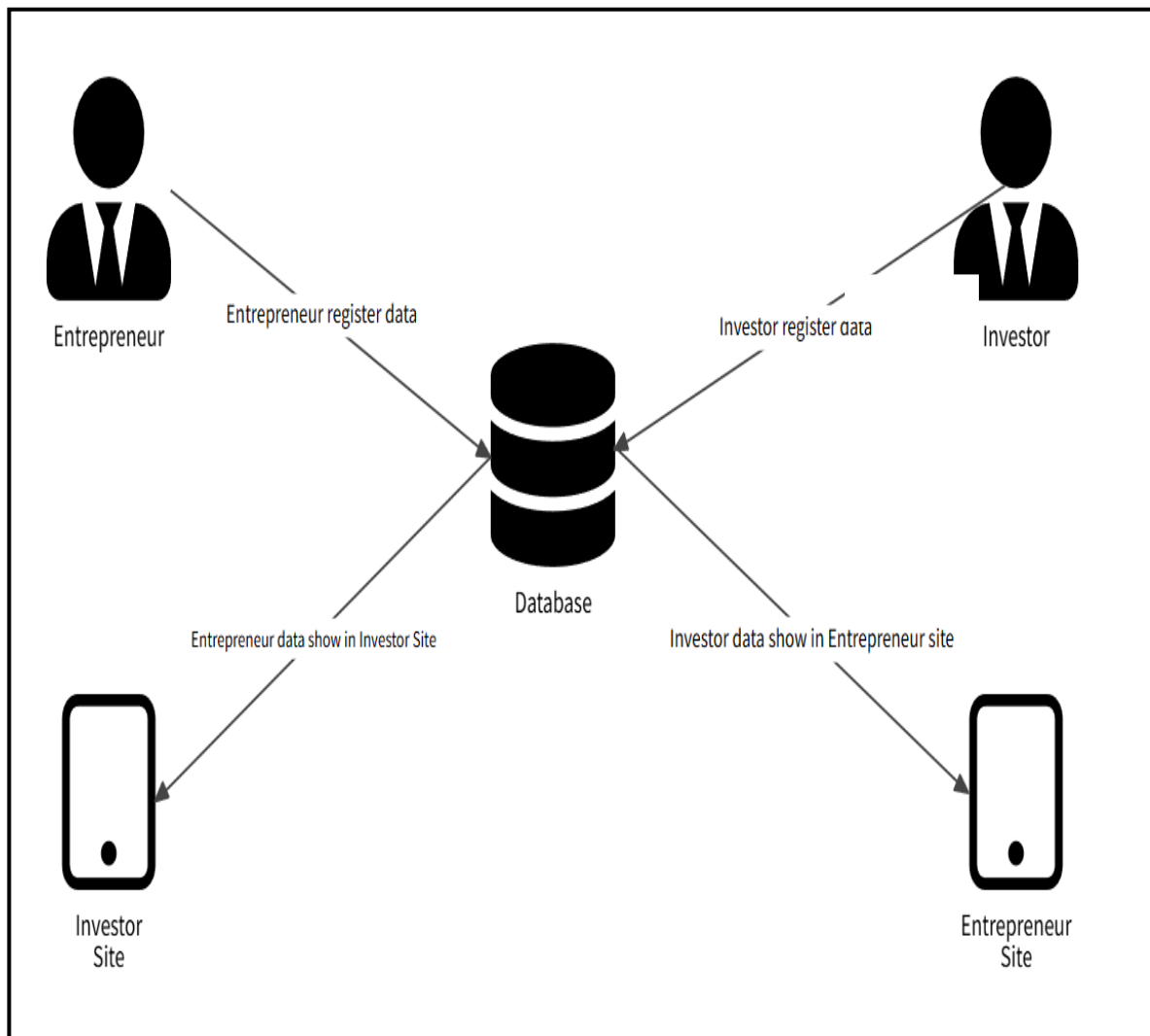
Fig 4.1 System Architectural Diagram

4.2 Functional Requirements

User Registration and Login:

- Allow users to sign up and log in using email, password, or third-party authentication (e.g., Google).
- User should be able to manage their account settings, including updating personal information and changing passwords

General features of UI:

- Reminders

- Display

- Service selection

- Support

Feedback and Reviews:

- Allow users to rate their experiences with others, Collect platform improvement suggestions.

Non-Functional Requirements

Usability:

- Creating a personal profile for the user (INVESTOR & ENTREPRENEUR)

- Camera

Security:

- Login method: text password, email, activation code, and anonymously

- Verify the user's identity by sending a verification code to the email

- Possibility of deleting records, documents.

Performance:

- The website should have a response time of less than 2 seconds for most interactions to ensure a seamless user experience.
- The user interface should be intuitive and user-friendly, catering to a diverse audience. Accessibility features should be implemented to ensure inclusivity.

4.3 Flow Chart

The flowchart outlines a website's login process for investors and entrepreneurs. Users select their role, enter login details, and upon verification, access relevant services and contact options.

Step-by-Step Process:

1. Website Access: The process begins with the user opening the website.
2. Login Selection: The user is then presented with two distinct login options:
   - Investor Login: For users who identify as investors.
   - Entrepreneur Login: For users who identify as entrepreneurs.
3. Login Verification: Regardless of the chosen login option, the system proceeds to verify the entered login details. This likely involves checking for the validity of the credentials provided (username/password).
4. Access Control: Based on the verification outcome:
   - Successful Verification (Yes): The user is granted access to the corresponding services. Investors gain access to "Investor" services, while entrepreneurs gain access to "Entrepreneur" services.
   - Failed Verification (No): The user is denied access and likely redirected to the login page to re-enter their credentials.
5. Service Access:
   - Investors: Upon successful verification, investors are directed to the "Investor" services section of the website. They also have the option to choose and update their contact details within this section.

- Entrepreneurs: Similarly, successful verification grants entrepreneur access to the "Entrepreneur" services section. They too have the option to choose and update their contact details.
6. Logout: Both investor and entrepreneur users have the option to log out of the website at any point.
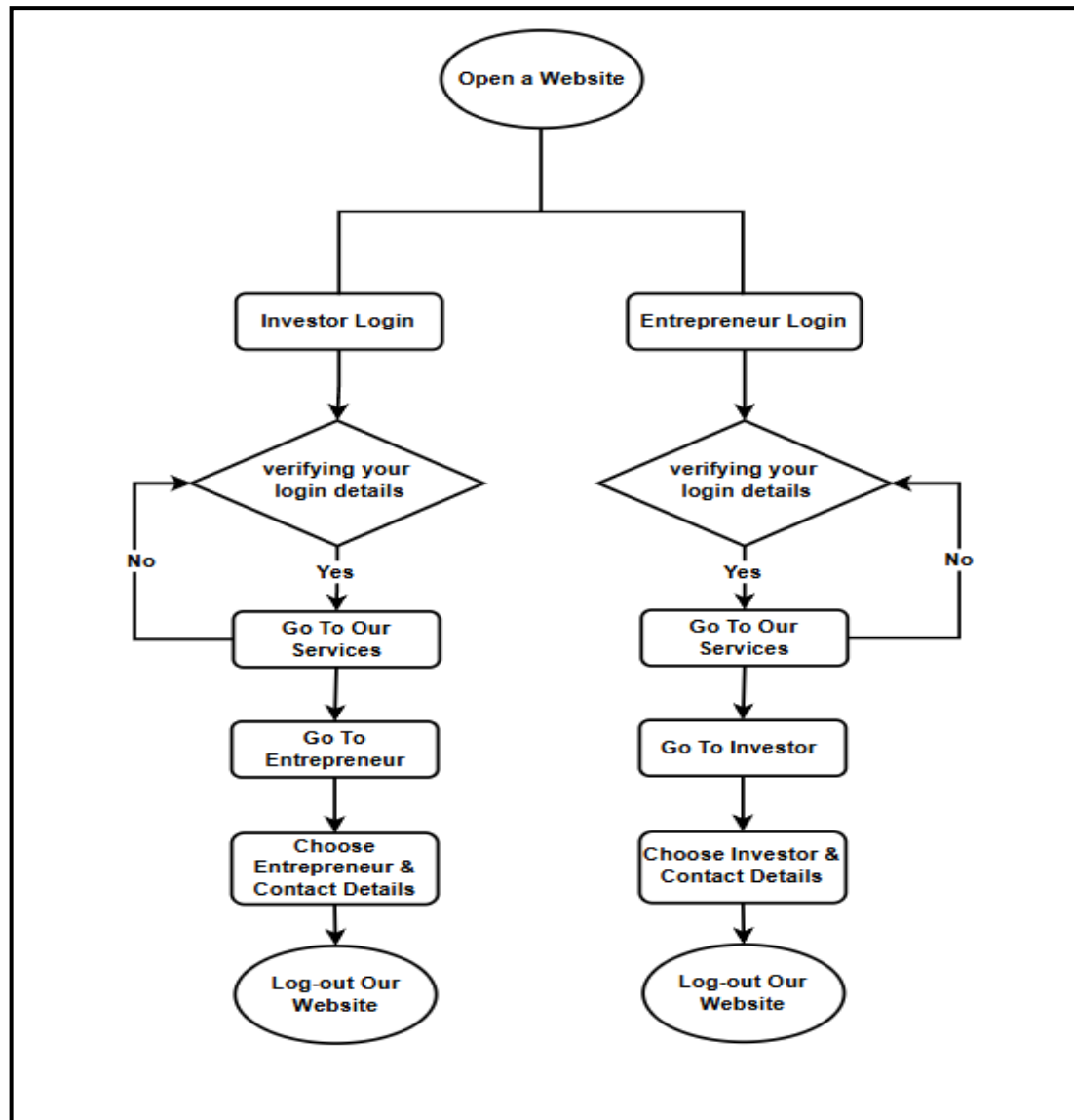
Fig 4.2 Flow Chart

4.4 E-R Diagram

Below or beside the ER diagram, provide a detailed explanation of each entity, its attributes, and the relationships. Explain the meaning of the cardinality and participation constraints.
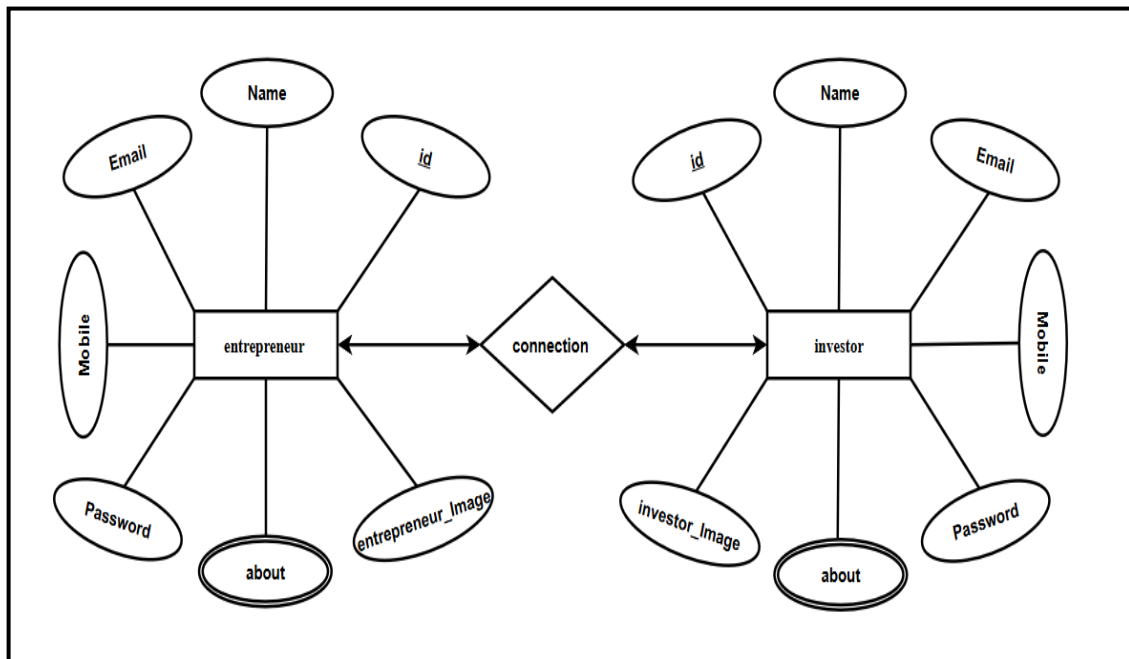
Fig 4.3 ER diagram

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION & RESULT ANALYSIS

5.1 Requirements

Development Requirements:

Software Requirements:

- ✓ Code Editor: VS code
- ✓ Minimum OS: Window 7 and above
- ✓ Front-End Technology: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- ✓ Back-End Technology: PHP
- ✓ Database Management System (DBMS): My SQL
- ✓ Server: Apache

Hardware Requirements:

- ✓ Minimum RAM: 16 GB
- ✓ Storage: 512 GB
- ✓ Processor: AMD RYZEN 7
- ✓ Network Connectivity: Ensure a stable and high-speed internet connection for accessing remote repositories and collaboration.

Deployment Requirements On AWS:

Software Requirements:

- ✓ Minimum OS: Ubuntu Server 22.04 LTS.
- ✓ Server: Apache2
- ✓ Modules: php, php-gd, php-MySQL
- ✓ Database Management System (DBMS): My SQL on RDS

Hardware Requirements:

- ✓ Minimum RAM: 4GB
- ✓ Storage: 8 GB
- ✓ Network Connectivity: Ensure a stable and high-speed internet connection for accessing remote repositories and collaboration.

5.2 Implementation Details

a. Database/ Schema details

A database schema for a website connecting entrepreneurs and investors is the structured blueprint that organizes and defines the relationships between various data entities, ensuring efficient data storage and retrieval. It includes tables for users, profiles, business opportunities, investments, and administrative actions, with clearly defined attributes and relationships. The schema enforces data integrity through constraints, normalization, and proper indexing, enabling seamless functionality such as user registration, opportunity posting, investor matching, and communication. This structured design is essential for maintaining scalability, reliability, and security in the platform, facilitating smooth interactions between entrepreneurs and investors.

Entrepreneur Sign-up Table

Attribute	Data Type	Constraint
id (PK)	int(11)	Not Null
Name	varchar(35)	Not Null
Email	varchar(40)	Not Null
Mobile	varchar(10)	Not Null
Password	varchar(10)	Not Null
about	varchar(1000)	Not Null
entrepreneur_Image	varchar(1000)	Not Null

Table 5.1 Entrepreneur Sign-up Table

Investor Sign-up Table

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Password	varchar(10)	Not Null
about	varchar(1000)	Not Null
Investor_Image	varchar(1000)	Not Null

Table 5.2 Investor Sign-up Table

b. Screen Shot of Project

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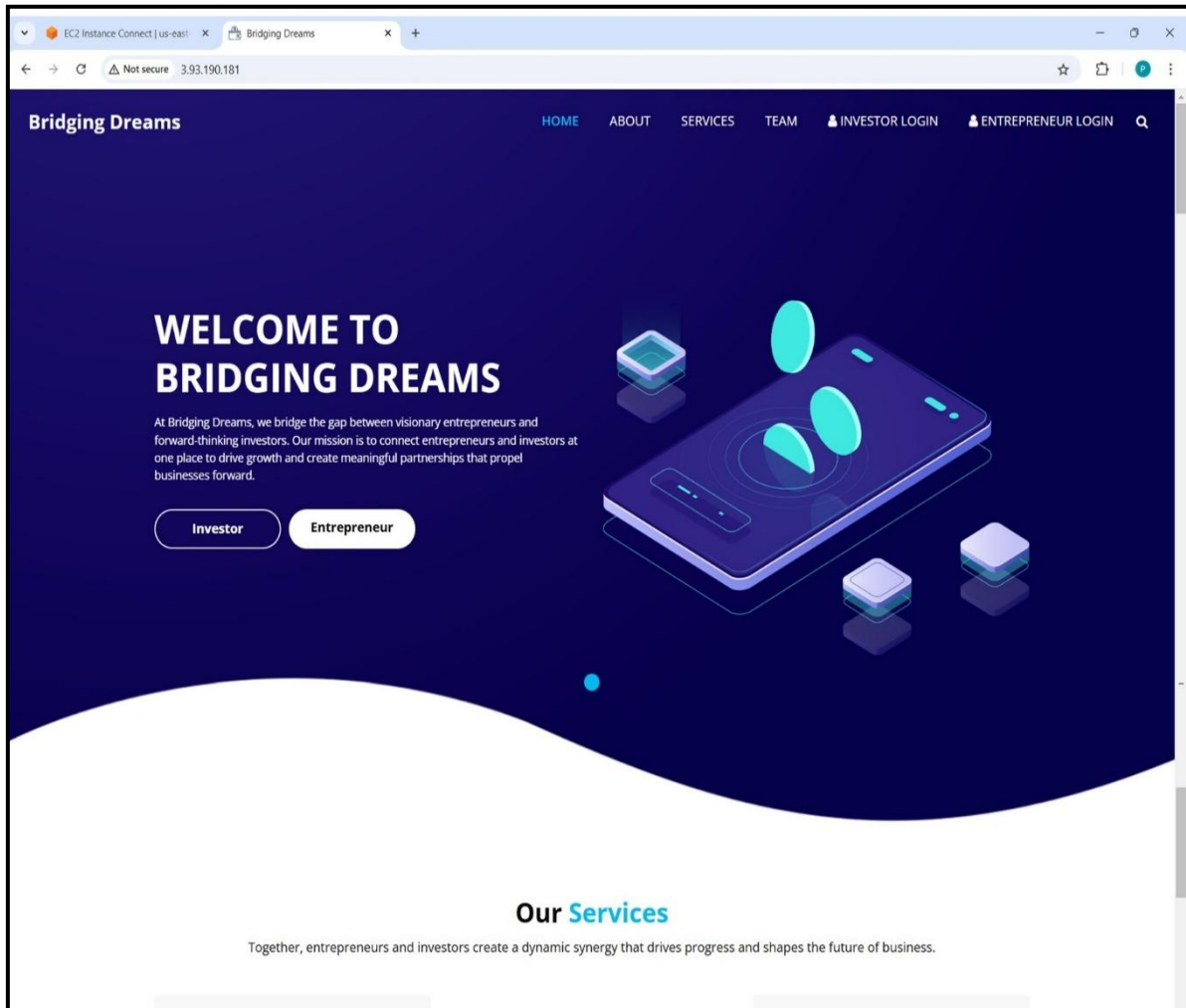
Fig 5.1 Home Page

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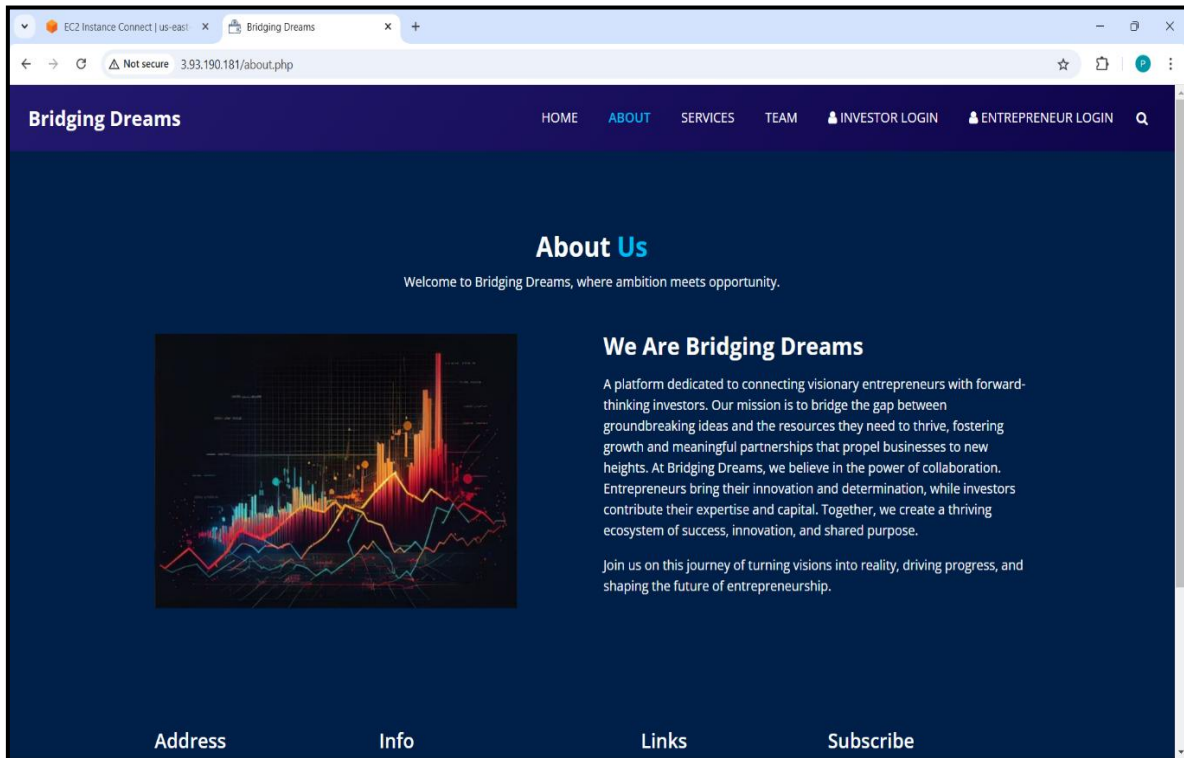
Fig 5.2 About Us

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Fig 5.3 Services

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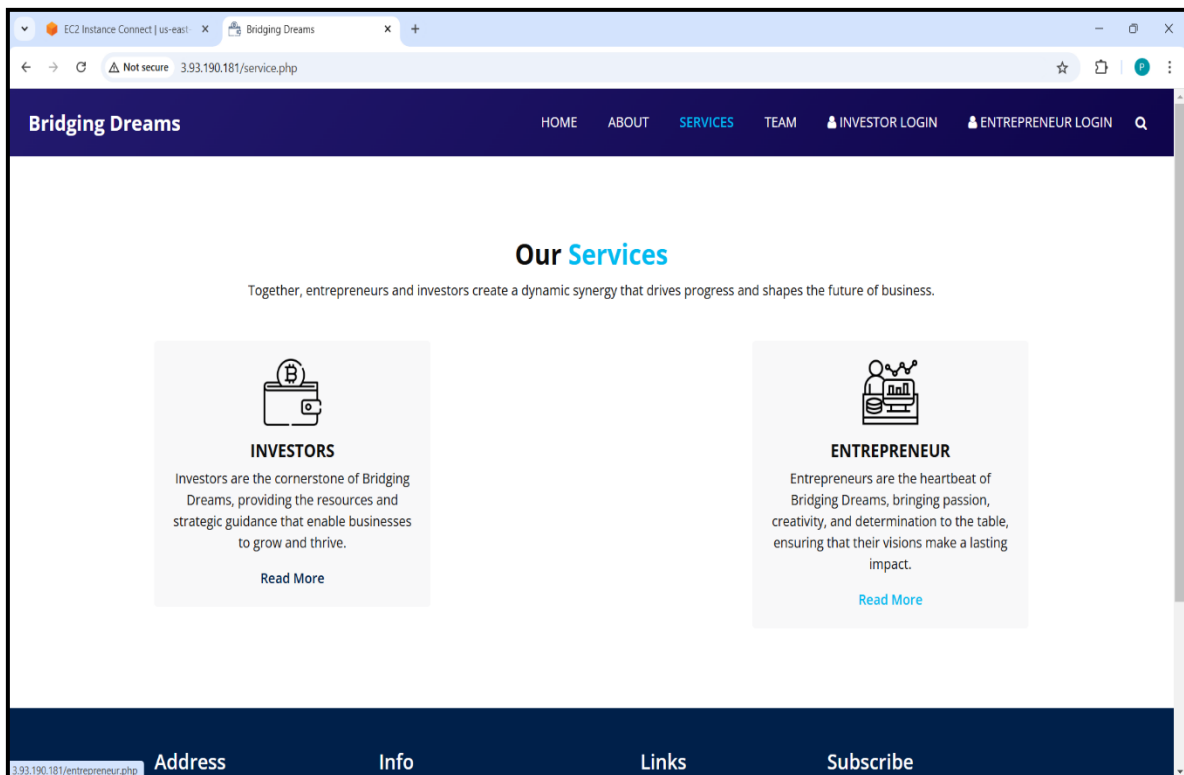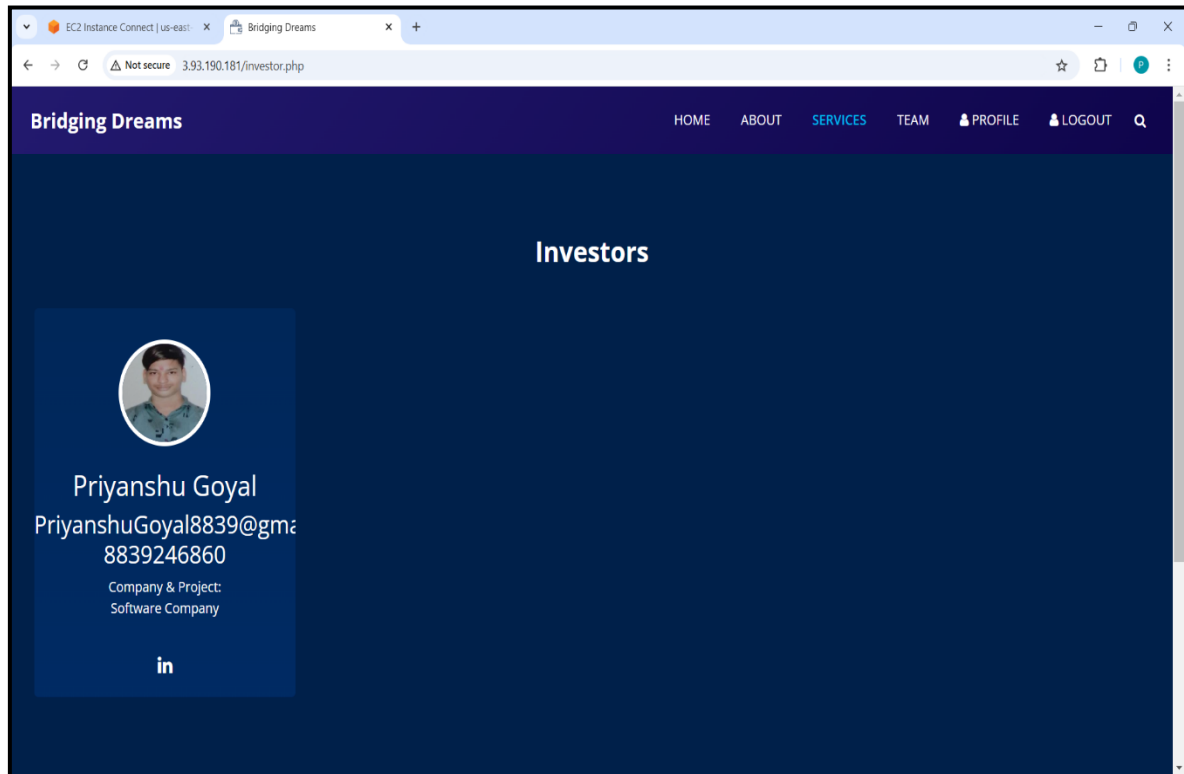
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Fig 5.4 Investors List

Entrepreneurs List:
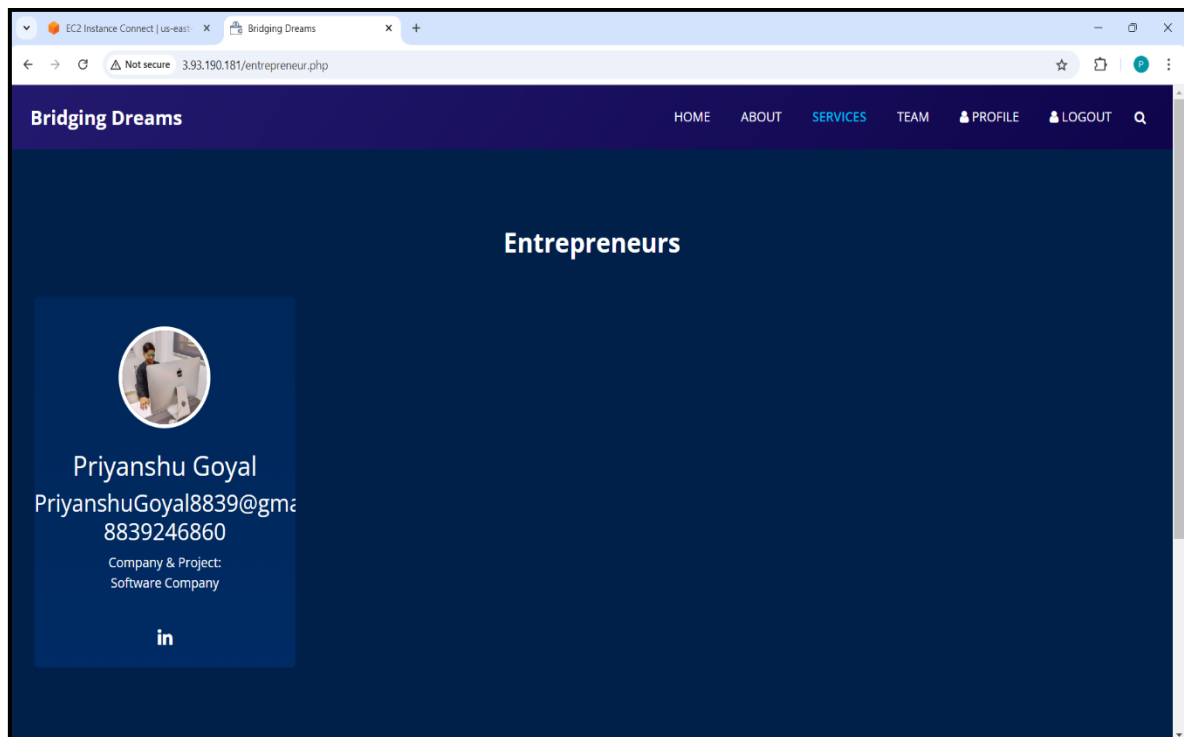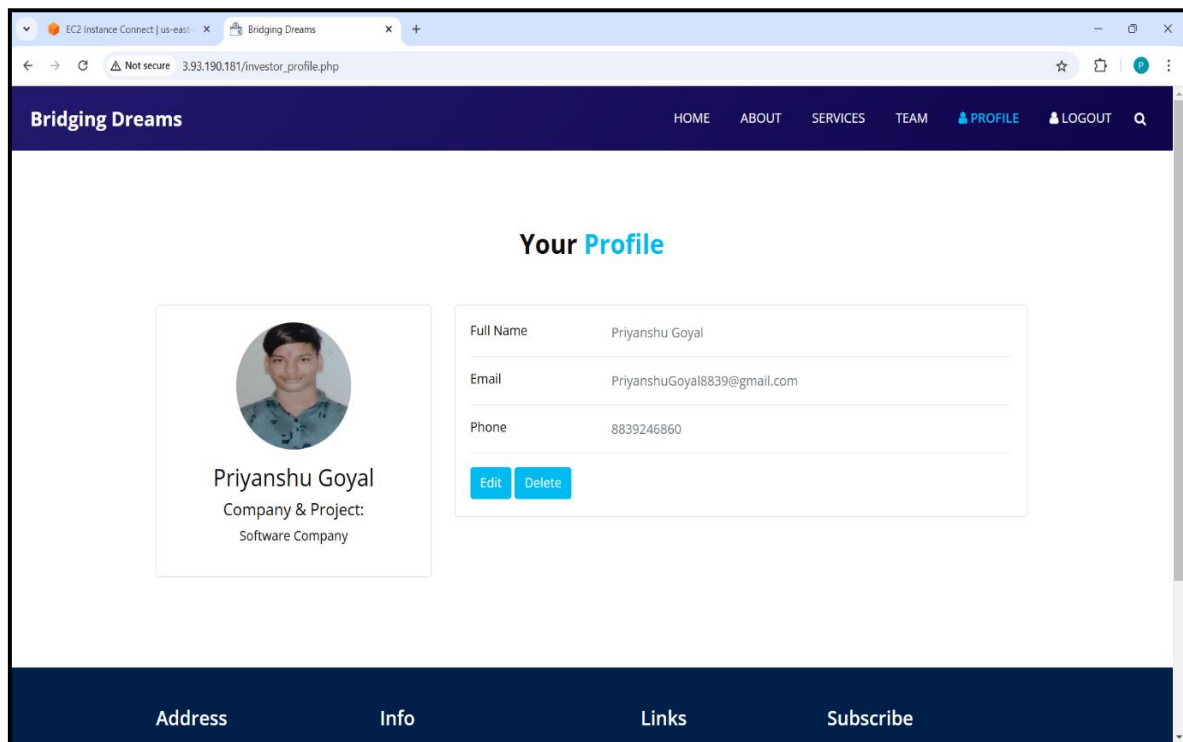
Fig 5.5 Entrepreneurs List

Profile Page:

Fig 5.6 Profile Page

Profile Edit Page:

Fig 5.7 Profile Edit Page

Investor Sign-Up:

Fig 5.8 Investor Sign-Up

Investor Log-ln:

Fig 5.9 Investor Log-ln

Entrepreneur Sign-Up

Fig 5.10 Entrepreneur Sign-Up

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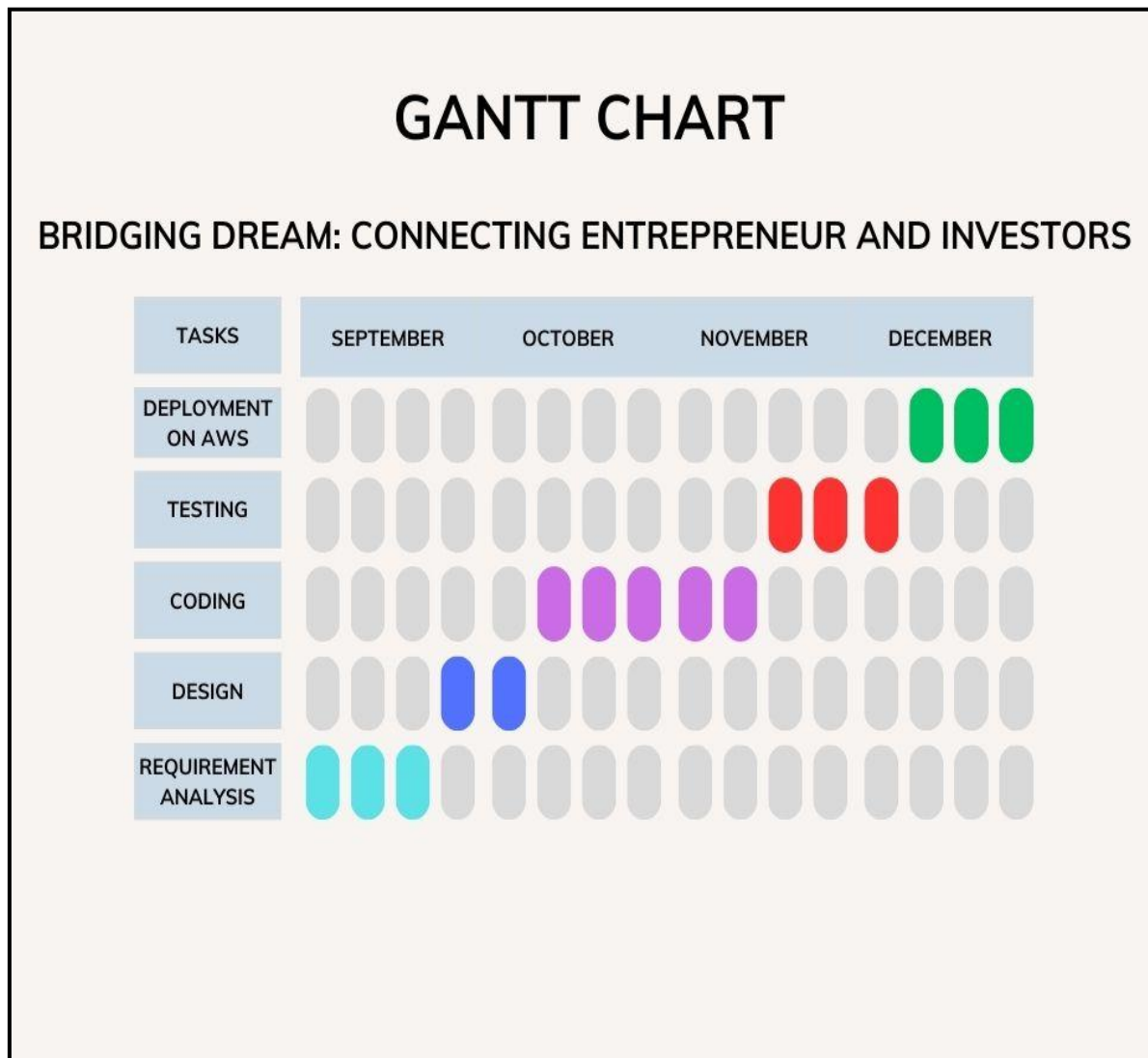

Fig 5.11 Our Team

5.3 Gantt Charts

Fig 5.12 Gantt Chart

5.4 Software Testing

Software testing for a website connecting entrepreneurs and investors ensures that the platform functions correctly. Software Testing by a **Selenium IDE**
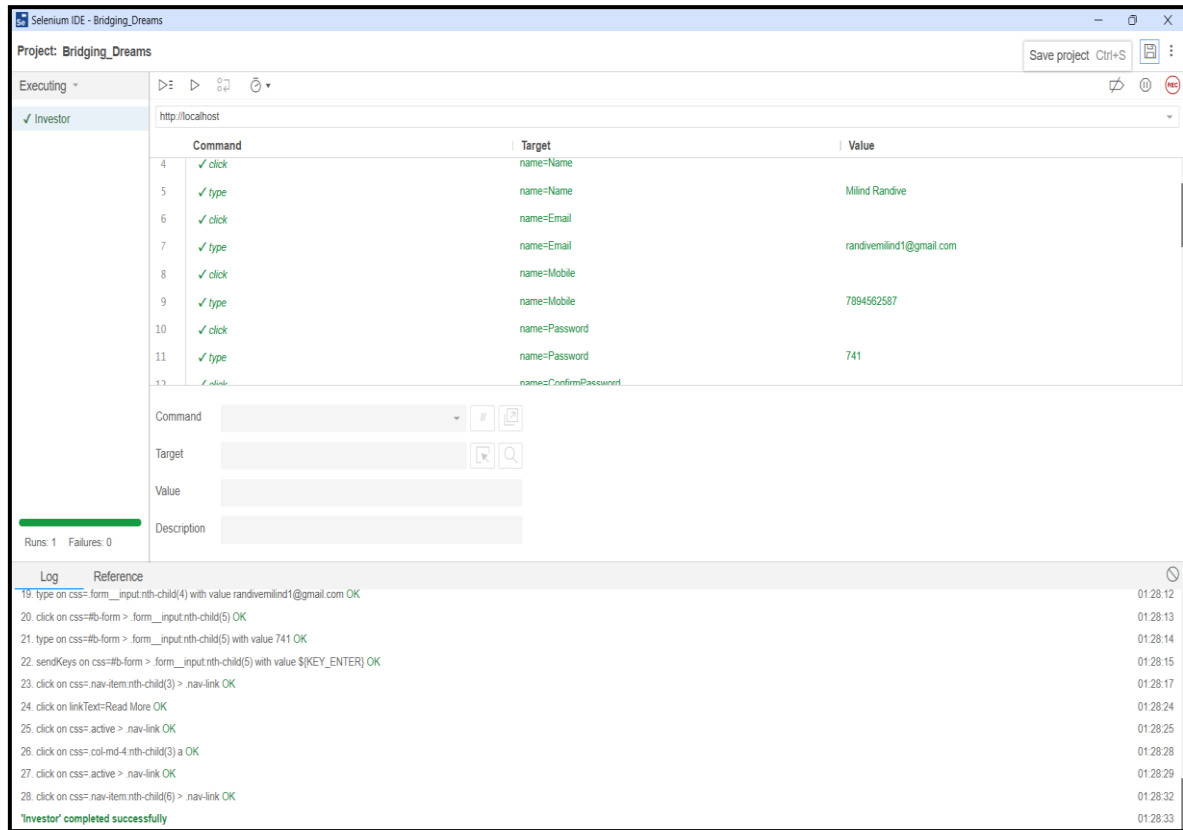

Fig 5.13 Software Testing using Selenium IDE

CHAPTER 6
CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

6.1 Conclusion

In conclusion, the undertaken project has successfully bridged the gap between innovative ideas and the capital needed to bring them to life. By connecting aspiring entrepreneurs with experienced investors, we've fostered a dynamic ecosystem that encourages growth and development. The idea behind the project is simple yet powerful: to provide a space where aspiring entrepreneurs can showcase their business ideas, and investors can find new opportunities to support the next big thing. By connecting these two groups, the platform helps entrepreneurs turn their dreams into reality and gives investors access to fresh, promising ventures.

Throughout the development of "Bridging Dreams," the goal has always been to make the process of finding funding more accessible, transparent, and efficient. Entrepreneurs now have a direct line to potential investors, with the ability to present their ideas in detail and engage with interested parties. On the other hand, investors can browse various startup ideas, track their progress, and invest in businesses that align with their interests and goals.

The project scheduling, employing tools such as PERT, GANTT charts, and Open PROJ facilitated a well-organized and systematic development process. Software testing, documented with precision in test cases and corresponding results, assures the reliability and functionality of the platform connecting entrepreneurs and investors. As the project moves forward, "Bridging Dreams" aims to evolve into a global network, breaking down barriers and offering entrepreneurs from all walks of life the opportunity to showcase their ideas to a diverse range of investors. By facilitating these relationships, the platform contributes to economic growth and the development of new, innovative solutions to challenges across various industries.

Ultimately, "Bridging Dreams" is more than just a website; it's a catalyst for growth, change, and collaboration. It provides the foundation for entrepreneurs to turn their visions into thriving businesses, while offering investors the chance to make a positive impact through smart, meaningful investments. With this project, dreams are no longer just ideas — they are the beginning of something real. The Project concludes with a summary of achievements, addressing the identified challenges and presenting solutions that contribute to the enhancements of the platform.

6.2 Future Scope

The future scope of the platform connecting entrepreneurs and investors in vast and promising, with several potential areas of growth and enhancement:

- ✓ Global Expansion: Extend the platform's reach to entrepreneurs and investors worldwide, facilitating cross-border investments and global networking. Provide multi-language support to cater to diverse geographical regions and markets.

- ✓ AI-Driven Matching Algorithms: Implement artificial intelligence (AI) to match entrepreneurs with investors based on interests, past investments, business stage, and other personalized preferences. AI can also help recommend suitable funding options and business development resources to entrepreneurs.

- ✓ Mentorship Programs: Create a mentorship platform where experienced investors or industry professionals can offer guidance to entrepreneurs beyond just funding. Develop a system for structured mentorship, with communication tools for sharing advice, resources, and best practices.

- ✓ Detailed Analytics & Reporting Tools: Provide both entrepreneurs and investors with in-depth analytics on startup performance, funding trends, investor returns, and market insights. Offer data-driven reports to help investors make informed decisions and enable entrepreneurs to track the success of their initiatives

- ✓ Partnerships with Accelerators & Incubators: Collaborate with startup accelerators, incubators, and venture studios to provide additional resources, mentorship, and support to entrepreneurs. Facilitate easier entry for entrepreneurs into programs that help grow their businesses and provide more access to investors.

- ✓ Online Investor Communities and Forums: Develop community-driven spaces where investors can share experiences, discuss market trends, and collaborate on investments. Entrepreneurs can access these communities to get insights into what investors look for, improving their pitches and investment chances.

✓ Mobile App Development: Launch a mobile version of the platform for both entrepreneurs and investors, providing a more accessible and convenient way to manage their profiles, investments, and interactions on the go.

✓ Sustainability and Impact Investment Focus: Introduce a category specifically for sustainable and socially responsible investments (impact investing), where investors can choose startups based on their environmental or social impact. Support entrepreneurs with ideas aimed at solving critical global challenges, like climate change, healthcare, and education.

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In today's fast-paced, ever-evolving world, innovation is the cornerstone of progress. It serves as the driving force behind transformative changes in industries ranging from healthcare and technology to energy and sustainability. Every breakthrough we experience—be it a life-saving drug, a revolutionary app, or a cutting-edge green energy solution—begins with a single idea. However, while the spark of creativity and vision ignites these breakthroughs, the path to turning ideas into tangible, successful products or services is anything but straightforward. Innovators, driven by passion and imagination, often find themselves facing a major obstacle: a lack of financial resources, industry expertise, and strategic connections necessary to bring their visions to life. Despite their boundless potential, these innovators may struggle to secure the capital and mentorship needed to turn their concepts into viable businesses.

On the other hand, investors—whether they are angel investors, venture capitalists, or corporate backers—are often on the lookout for the next big opportunity. They possess the capital to fund ventures but often struggle to find projects that align with their goals, values, and risk appetite. Investors seek high-potential startups and promising ideas, but the challenge lies in identifying and connecting with the right innovators and startups that fit their specific needs. The result is a disconnect between two critical players in the innovation ecosystem: the innovators with visionary ideas and the investors with the financial resources to make those ideas a reality. This gap prevents many ground breaking ideas from reaching their full potential, leaving both sides at a disadvantage.

To address this issue, there is a growing need for a platform that can connect these two groups—innovators and investors—in an effective and efficient way. A website that provides a space for innovators to showcase their ideas and for investors to find promising ventures has the potential to bridge this gap, helping both parties reach their goals more easily. By providing a space for these groups to meet, interact, and collaborate, the platform can enable innovation to thrive, while also giving investors access to a broad range of exciting new opportunities.

This report introduces a new online platform specifically designed to connect innovators with investors, creating a vibrant and dynamic space where ideas can be presented, evaluated, and funded. The platform seeks to address the challenge of matching entrepreneurs with investors by offering a centralized, user-friendly interface that promotes collaboration, communication, and long-term partnerships. For innovators, the platform offers a unique opportunity to showcase their ideas to a global audience of investors, presenting their projects in a professional and engaging way. Whether an entrepreneur is launching a tech startup, a sustainable energy solution, or a breakthrough in healthcare, they can use the platform to reach a diverse pool of investors actively looking for new opportunities.

For investors, the platform presents a wealth of investment opportunities, enabling them to discover projects that match their strategic goals and risk tolerance. With a diverse array of startups and innovators to choose from, investors can explore new ventures in a variety of sectors, including technology, biotechnology, clean energy, and beyond. The platform streamlines the process of finding promising opportunities by providing investors with detailed profiles, pitch decks, of each project. With access to a wide range of information and data, investors can make informed decisions and identify ventures that align with their objectives, all within a

secure and transparent environment.

Innovators on the platform have the opportunity to present their projects in a compelling way, highlighting the unique aspects of their ideas, the market demand, and the potential for success. Entrepreneurs can create detailed project pages. This enables them to communicate their vision more effectively and engage with investors. Furthermore, innovators can provide financial data, growth projections, and milestones that help investors understand the scalability and profitability of their projects.

The platform aims to simplify the process of finding the right match for both innovators and investors. Innovators are provided with tools to showcase their ideas in a way that highlights their potential for success, while investors gain access to detailed information and insights that help them make informed decisions. The platform also includes features that support ongoing communication and collaboration, helping both parties stay connected throughout the process.

Ultimately, the goal of the website is to foster a more collaborative and interconnected environment where innovation can flourish.

Whether you are an entrepreneur seeking the right investor to fuel the next phase of your startup's growth, or an investor searching for exciting new opportunities to diversify your portfolio, this platform offers a seamless connection between creativity and capital. It is a place where innovation can flourish, and where both innovators and investors are empowered to achieve their goals, create lasting change, and shape the future of business and technology. By facilitating easier access to funding and resources, the platform aims to ensure that the most promising ideas have the opportunity to become reality.

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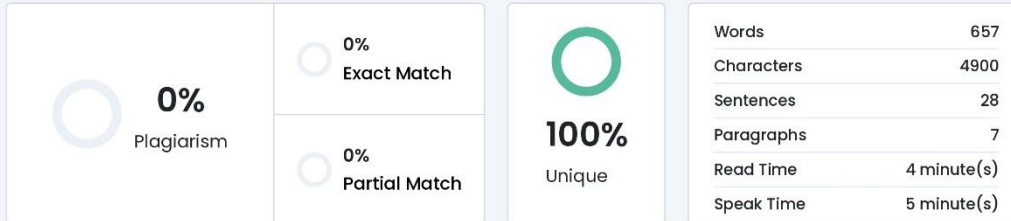
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The digital age has transformed numerous industries, and the way innovation is funded and developed is no exception. Traditionally, investors and entrepreneurs relied on physical meetings, networking events, and established relationships to connect and collaborate. However, with the rise of online platforms, the process of connecting investors with entrepreneurs has become more streamlined, efficient, and accessible. This literature survey reviews key studies, reports, and frameworks related to online platforms that connect investors and entrepreneurs, focusing on their evolution, effectiveness, and the role they play in the global innovation ecosystem.

SeedInvest [1] SeedInvest is a leading equity crowdfunding platform founded in 2012, aimed at connecting startups with investors and democratizing access to early-stage funding. It addresses the challenges faced by startups in securing traditional funding by providing an online platform where businesses can showcase their ideas and raise capital from accredited and non-accredited investors. Known for its rigorous vetting process, SeedInvest approves only about 2% of startup applications, ensuring that investors gain access to high-quality, vetted opportunities. Startups on the platform can choose from various funding mechanisms, such as equity financing or convertible notes, while benefiting from tools to enhance their fundraising campaigns and access to a vast network of over 600,000 investors. While SeedInvest offers significant advantages, such as investor protection and transparency, it is not without challenges. These include the inherent risks of investing in startups, limited liquidity for investors, and the complexity of regulatory compliance. Despite these challenges, SeedInvest's focus on quality over quantity and its commitment to fostering innovation make it a standout platform in the competitive crowdfunding space.

Gust [2] Gust is a global platform that connects startups with investors, offering tools and resources to facilitate fundraising and streamline the investment process. Established in 2004, Gust serves as a comprehensive ecosystem for entrepreneurs to create professional profiles, share business plans, and pitch their ideas to a wide network of angel investors, venture capitalists, and accelerators. The platform provides startups with tools to manage their funding rounds, track investor engagement, and access educational resources to refine their strategies. For investors, Gust offers a centralized solution to discover, evaluate, and manage potential investments, supported by features like due diligence workflows and portfolio tracking. OurCrowd [3] OurCrowd is a leading equity crowdfunding platform based in Israel, established in 2013, that connects accredited investors with vetted startup opportunities across diverse sectors, including technology, healthcare, and renewable energy. The platform operates with a unique hybrid model, combining elements of traditional venture capital with crowdfunding by allowing investors to co-invest alongside OurCrowd's professional team. Known for its stringent selection process, OurCrowd accepts only a small percentage of startups after thorough due diligence, ensuring high-quality investment opportunities for its members. Once accepted, startups receive not just funding but also mentorship, strategic guidance, and access to an extensive global network.

For investors, OurCrowd provides a streamlined platform to discover innovative startups, invest with

minimum thresholds, and manage portfolios. The platform emphasizes transparency, offering detailed analyses of startups, regular updates, and opportunities for direct involvement in portfolio companies. By focusing on later-stage startups and companies with scalable potential, OurCrowd mitigates some risks commonly associated with early-stage investments.

2.1 Problem Identification

One of the key challenges in the entrepreneurial ecosystem is the lack of a streamlined, accessible platform that effectively connects entrepreneurs with investors. Entrepreneurs often struggle to secure funding due to limited networks, lack of visibility, and difficulty in presenting their ideas to potential investors. On the other hand, investors face challenges in discovering quality startups, assessing their potential, and managing their portfolios efficiently. Existing platforms like SeedInvest, Gust, and OurCrowd address these issues to varying degrees but still have limitations, such as high barriers to entry for non-accredited investors, limited liquidity for investments, and a focus on specific industries or regions. A new platform that addresses these pain points comprehensively by providing accessible, transparent, and user-friendly solutions—can significantly enhance the connection between entrepreneurs and investors while fostering a thriving innovation ecosystem.

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