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Abstract

EchoPay is a web-based platform developed to visualize UPI transaction data through a clean, interactive, and user-friendly dashboard. With the growing adoption of digital payment systems, users often face difficulty in tracking and analyzing their monthly expenses due to scattered and text-heavy transaction histories. EchoPay addresses this issue by converting raw transaction data into meaningful visual analytics.

The platform presents monthly transaction summaries using bar charts for effective time-wise analysis and purpose-wise expense distribution using pie charts to help users easily identify spending patterns such as food, bills, shopping, and travel. By categorizing transactions and displaying them visually, EchoPay enables users to gain better control and awareness of their financial behavior.

The application is built using modern web technologies including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Chart.js for frontend visualization, Node.js and Express.js for backend processing, and MySQL for structured data storage. AI-assisted development tools such as ChatGPT and Grok were utilized during the development process to optimize code quality, improve debugging efficiency, and streamline documentation.

EchoPay is designed for everyday UPI users, including students and working professionals, who seek clarity in managing their personal finances. The project demonstrates how visual analytics can enhance financial awareness, improve user engagement, and simplify expense tracking, making it a valuable foundation for future integration into real-world UPI applications.

Introduction

The rapid growth of digital payment systems has significantly transformed the way individuals conduct financial transactions. In India, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has become one of the most widely used digital payment methods due to its simplicity, speed, and widespread adoption. However, while UPI applications provide transaction histories, they often present data in a raw, text-based format that makes it difficult for users to analyze their spending behavior effectively.

EchoPay is developed to address this gap by offering a visual analytics platform that transforms UPI transaction data into meaningful insights. By using charts and categorized views, the system enables users to better understand their financial activities, track expenses over time, and identify spending patterns. The project focuses on clarity, usability, and efficient data representation, making financial analysis accessible even to non-technical users.

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3.1 Overview of UPI Transactions

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that facilitates instant fund transfers between bank accounts through mobile devices. UPI enables users to perform transactions such as peer-to-peer transfers, bill payments, and online purchases seamlessly.

With the increasing frequency of UPI usage, users generate a large volume of transaction data every month. Although this data is valuable, most UPI applications display it as a simple chronological list, which limits the user's ability to analyze trends, compare monthly expenses, or categorize spending. This creates a need for systems that can convert transaction data into visual formats that are easier to interpret and analyse.

3.2 Problem Statement

Despite the widespread adoption of UPI, users face challenges in understanding and managing their financial data effectively. Transaction histories are typically displayed as raw lists without analytical summaries or visual insights. This makes it difficult for users to answer questions such as how much they spend monthly, which categories consume most of their income, or how their spending changes over time.

The absence of built-in visual analytics tools results in reduced financial awareness and inefficient expense tracking. There is a clear need for a system that can organize, categorize, and visually represent UPI transaction data in a way that enhances understanding and decision-making

3.3 Motivation

The motivation behind developing EchoPay stems from the need to simplify personal financial analysis for everyday UPI users. Many individuals, including students and working professionals, rely heavily on digital payments but lack effective tools to monitor and evaluate their spending habits.

By presenting financial data through charts and categorized summaries, EchoPay aims to improve financial awareness and promote responsible spending. The project is also motivated by the opportunity to apply web development, database design, and data visualization techniques to solve a real-world problem in the financial technology domain.

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Objectives of the Project

The primary objectives of the EchoPay project are:

- To visualize UPI transaction data using interactive charts.
- To provide monthly transaction summaries for effective time-wise analysis.
- To categorize expenses based on transaction purpose.
- To store and manage transaction data using a structured database.
- To design a user-friendly dashboard for easy financial tracking.
- To improve user understanding of spending patterns through visual analytics.

Scope of the Project

The scope of EchoPay includes the design and development of a web-based platform that analyzes UPI transaction data stored in a database. The system focuses on visualizing historical transaction data rather than processing real-time payments.

The project does not include integration with live banking or UPI APIs and does not execute actual financial transactions. EchoPay is intended as an analytical and visualization tool that can serve as a foundation for future enhancements and real-world integrations.

Technologies Used

The project utilizes the following technologies:

- **Frontend:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap
- **Visualization:** Chart.js for bar and pie charts
- **Backend:** Node.js with Express.js
- **Database:** MySQL for structured data storage

Database Design

The database is designed to store user and transaction-related data efficiently. Proper normalization is followed to reduce redundancy and maintain data integrity.

Entity Relationship Diagram

The Entity Relationship (ER) diagram represents the logical structure of the database, showing entities such as users and transactions along with their relationships.

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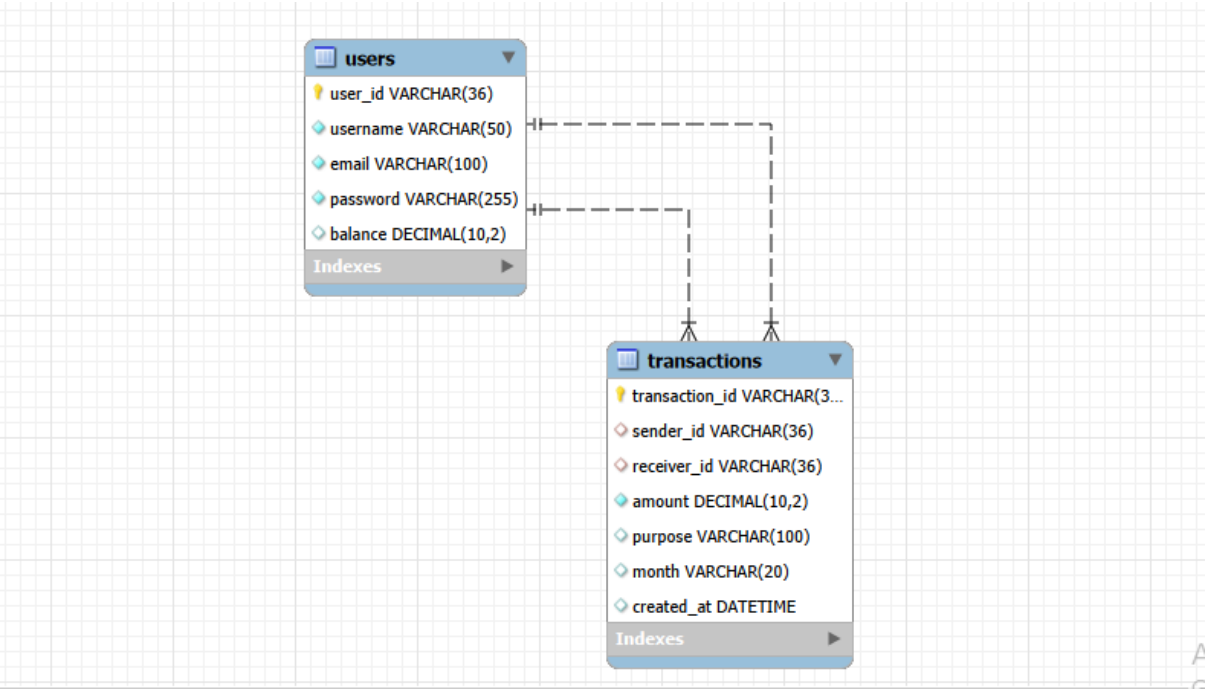


Database Schema Description

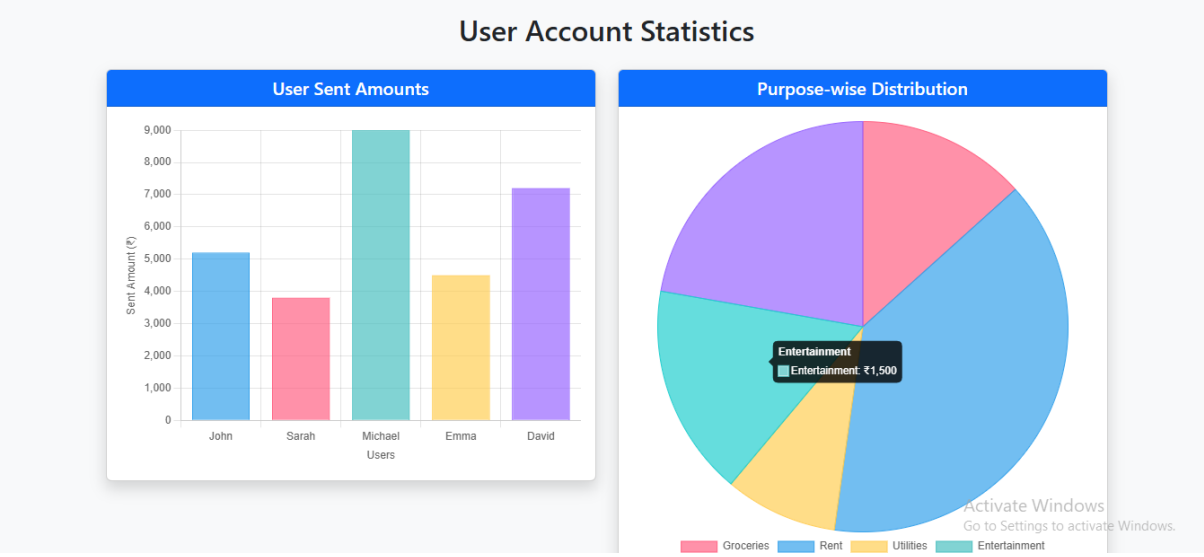
The database consists of tables that store user details and transaction records. Each transaction is associated with a user and contains attributes such as transaction amount, date, purpose, and transaction type. This structure enables efficient querying and aggregation of data for analytics and visualization.

Functional Modules

EchoPay is divided into several functional modules to ensure clarity and modularity.

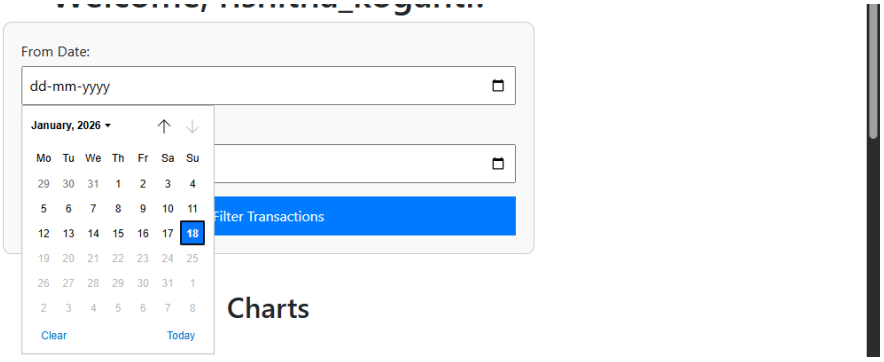
9.1 Dashboard

The dashboard serves as the central interface of the application. It provides a summary of transaction data and displays key analytics in a visually appealing format.



9.2 Monthly Transaction Analysis

This module presents monthly transaction data using bar charts. It allows users to compare spending across different months and observe trends over time.



9.3 Purpose-wise Expense Analysis

The purpose-wise analysis module uses pie charts to display the distribution of expenses across categories such as food, bills, shopping, and travel. This helps users identify major spending areas.

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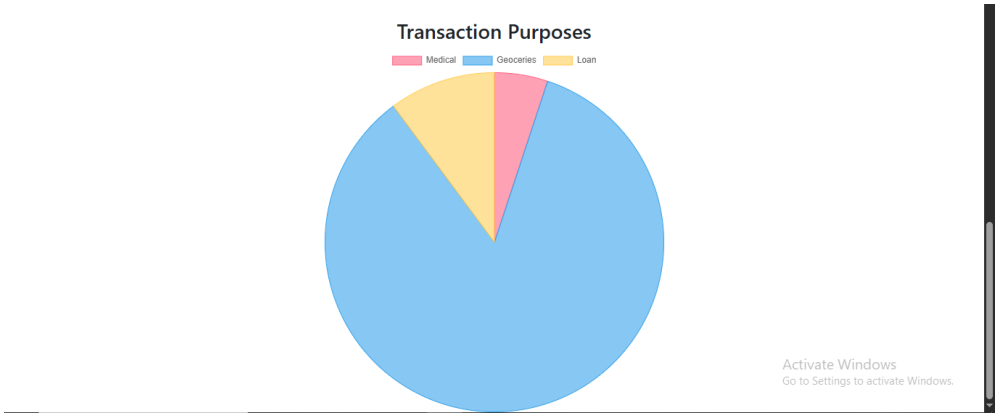
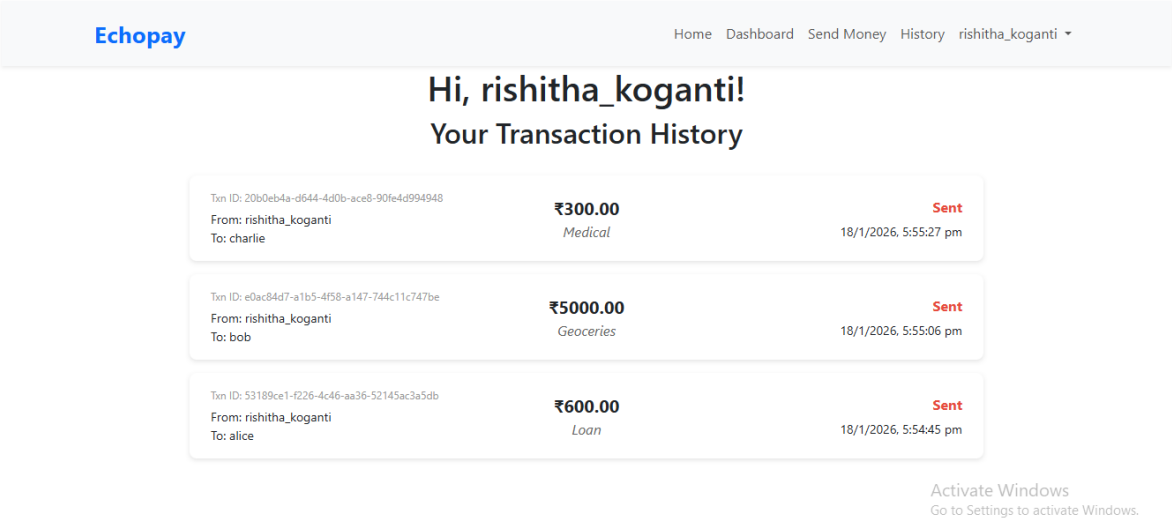


9.4 Transaction History

The transaction history module displays all recorded transactions in a tabular format, allowing users to review individual transaction details.



Implementation Details

The frontend is implemented using HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap to ensure responsiveness and usability. JavaScript is used for handling user interactions and integrating Chart.js for dynamic data visualization. The backend processes requests, retrieves data from the MySQL database, and sends structured responses to the frontend for rendering charts and tables.

Results and Output

The system successfully displays transaction data in the form of interactive bar and pie charts. Users can visually analyze monthly expenses and identify spending patterns. The dashboard provides a clear and organized view of financial activity.

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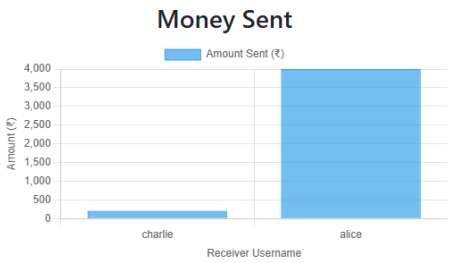

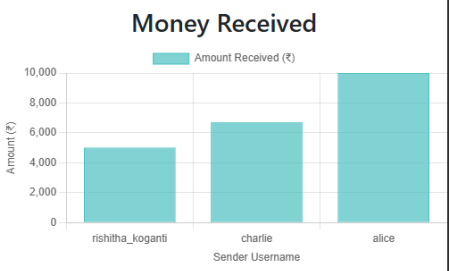

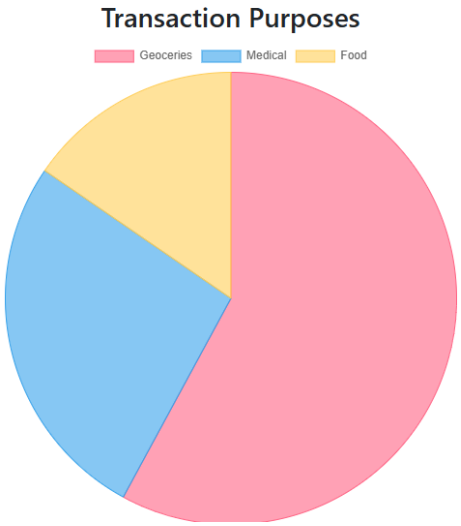

Working Functionality Demonstration

Due to deployment limitations, the project functionality is demonstrated through a recorded video.

Demo Video Link:
Video link

The video showcases:

- Dashboard loading
- Monthly bar chart visualization
- Purpose-wise pie chart analysis
- Transaction history display

Limitations

- The application requires a local or supported server environment.
- No real-time UPI or bank API integration is implemented.
- Transaction data used is for demonstration and testing purposes only.

Future Enhancements

- Integration with real-time UPI APIs.
- Cloud-based deployment.
- User authentication and profile management.
- AI-based spending predictions and insights.
- Mobile application support.

Conclusion

EchoPay successfully demonstrates how financial transaction data can be transformed into meaningful insights through visualization. The project highlights the importance of visual analytics in improving financial awareness and expense management. By combining modern web technologies with effective data representation techniques, EchoPay provides a strong foundation for future financial analytics applications.