DIU Transport

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COURSE & PROGRAM OUTCOME

The following course have course outcomes as following:.

Table 1: Course Outcome Statements

CO's	Statements
CO1	Define and use Dart programming syntax including variables, data types, and control structures to solve basic programming tasks.
CO2	Demonstrate understanding of Flutter framework structure and its role in cross-platform mobile application development.
CO3	Develop interactive mobile applications using widgets, control flow, and user input mechanisms in Dart.
CO4	Apply programming logic, debugging techniques, and development tools to build, test, and deploy mobile applications.

Table 2: Mapping of CO, PO, Blooms, KP and CEP

CO	PO	Blooms	KP	CEP
CO1	PO1	C1, C2	KP3	EP1, EP3
CO2	PO2	C2	KP3	EP1, EP3
CO3	PO3	C4, A1	KP3	EP1, EP2
CO4	PO3	C3, C6, A3, P3	KP4	EP1, EP3

The mapping justification of this table is provided in section **4.3.1**, **4.3.2** and **4.3.3**.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of the DIU Transport mobile application is to enhance the transport experience for students, faculty, and staff at Daffodil International University by providing a comprehensive and user-friendly digital platform. The application aims to streamline the process of accessing university transport services, offering features such as real-time bus tracking, convenient ticket purchasing options, and efficient user profile management.

Specifically, the DIU Transport application is designed to:

- **Facilitate Easy Access to Transport Services:** Allow users to log in or sign up using their university email, ensuring secure and personalized access to the transport system.
- **Provide Real-Time Bus Tracking:** Enable users to find and track the location of university buses in real-time, improving their ability to plan and manage their travel schedules.
- **Simplify Ticket Purchasing:** Offer options for purchasing single journey tickets or 15-day passes through the application, reducing the hassle of buying tickets regularly.
- **Enhance User Convenience:** Implement a QR code-based ticket validation system that allows users to board buses efficiently by scanning their tickets at the bus door.
- **Offer Special Pricing Options:** Include discounted ticket prices for children traveling with students, faculty, or staff, promoting affordability and convenience.
- **Enable Journey Management:** Provide a user profile feature where users can view their journey history and manage their transport-related activities seamlessly.

1.2 Motivation

The computational motivation behind developing the **DIU Transport** application stems from the necessity to modernize and optimize the existing transportation management system at Daffodil International University. The current system lacks real-time tracking capabilities, efficient ticketing processes, and integrated user management, leading to significant inconveniences for users including students, faculty, and staff. By introducing computational solutions such as real-time GPS tracking, secure digital payments, and automated QR code validation, we aim to address these inefficiencies effectively. Solving this problem will not only significantly enhance user convenience and satisfaction but will also streamline operational management and reduce administrative overhead. Additionally, developing such an application will provide us with valuable experience in modern software engineering practices, app development, and backend integration, ultimately benefiting our future careers as software engineers..

1.3 Objectives

The goal of this project is to develop a cross-platform application, compatible with both Android and

iOS, for effectively managing the transport system of DIU. The application will feature secure user authentication using university email credentials, along with real-time GPS tracking to allow users to accurately monitor bus locations and schedules. It will support convenient and secure ticket purchasing through integrated digital payment systems for both single journey tickets and 15-day passes. A QR-code-based validation system will be implemented for efficient and secure ticket verification at bus entry points. Users will be able to maintain comprehensive profiles to manage their personal information and review transport usage history. The app will also introduce flexible and discounted pricing options, including reduced or free fares for children traveling with guardians. To ensure reliability, the application will be optimized to support up to 10,000 concurrent users without performance issues. Additionally, it will comply with security and data privacy standards by encrypting user data in transit and at rest. Seamless integration with DIU's existing systems including university authentication, payment gateways, and transport management infrastructure will be ensured for a smooth user experience.

1.4 Feasibility Study

Several studies and implementations of similar digital transportation systems and mobile applications have demonstrated the feasibility and benefits of our proposed DIU Transport app:

- **University Transportation Systems:** Research on transportation systems at various educational institutions reveals significant improvements in user experience, operational efficiency, and service satisfaction through mobile app implementation. For instance, campus shuttle systems at renowned universities worldwide frequently employ mobile-based tracking and digital ticketing, significantly reducing wait times and operational overhead.
- **Case Study – University Bus Tracking App (UBTA):** UBTA, implemented in multiple institutions, successfully provides real-time GPS tracking of campus buses. Users reported significantly improved punctuality, better planning, and overall satisfaction. This case study indicates clear benefits of GPS-based tracking systems, aligning with our project's objectives.
- **Methodological Contribution – QR Code-Based Ticket Validation:** Mobile applications employing QR code validation, such as metropolitan bus services and railway apps, illustrate the robustness and ease-of-use of this method. A notable example is the rapid transit systems in major cities like Seoul and Singapore, where QR code validation substantially improved passenger throughput and reduced boarding delays.
- **Applications :** Popular transport-related mobile applications like Moovit and Citymapper have demonstrated the practical effectiveness of integrating real-time bus tracking, user profile management, and digital ticketing. These apps have consistently shown high user adoption rates and satisfaction due to their intuitive interfaces and comprehensive features.
- **Web and Mobile Payment Gateways:** The integration of secure digital payments via established payment gateways (such as 1Card, Mobile Banking, or ATM Card) is widely documented as enhancing transactional security and

user trust, which directly supports our application's aim to facilitate safe and convenient digital ticket purchasing.

1.5 Gap Analysis

Despite the availability of general-purpose transportation applications and existing university management systems, significant gaps remain in the current transportation services offered at Daffodil International University (DIU). Presently, DIU lacks an integrated mobile platform that supports real-time bus tracking, streamlined digital ticket purchasing, automated ticket validation, and comprehensive user profile management. The existing transport system relies primarily on manual operations, causing inefficiencies such as delayed schedules, ticketing difficulties, and limited data for user journey analysis.

Our DIU Transport application intends to bridge these gaps by providing a cohesive, user-centric solution specifically tailored to the university's transport needs. The application will directly address the absence of real-time information, digital transaction capabilities, and user management tools, significantly enhancing overall service delivery and user satisfaction at DIU.

1.6 Project Outcome

The successful completion and deployment of the DIU Transport mobile application could result in the following significant outcomes:

- **Enhanced User Experience:** Users will enjoy seamless real-time tracking of buses, easy access to tickets, and efficient boarding through QR code validation, dramatically improving overall transport satisfaction.
- **Improved Operational Efficiency:** Real-time bus tracking and automated ticket validation will reduce delays, streamline operations, and minimize administrative tasks, enhancing the university's overall transportation efficiency.
- **Digitalization and Sustainability:** Transitioning from manual to digital processes will promote sustainability by reducing paper usage and supporting DIU's broader digital transformation goals.
- **Increased Data-Driven Insights:** The application will collect valuable data on transportation usage, enabling informed decisions, resource optimization, and improved future planning.
- **Enhanced Security and Transparency:** Secure user authentication and encrypted payment systems will provide better user privacy, security, and transactional transparency.
- **Cost Reduction:** Automation of ticketing and validation processes will minimize human resource requirements and administrative expenses associated with traditional manual systems.
- **Increased Adoption of University Services:** Providing convenient and modern transport solutions may attract greater utilization and satisfaction among students, faculty, and staff, positively impacting the university community.
- **Scalable and Adaptable System:** The application infrastructure will be scalable, allowing future enhancements and integration with other university systems without significant overhead.

Chapter 2

Proposed Methodology/Architecture

This chapter presents the overall system architecture and the methodology followed in the development of the **DIU Transport** application. It outlines the development approach, system components, data flow, and the integration strategy used to ensure a functional, scalable, and secure solution tailored for university transport service

2.1 Requirement Analysis & Design Specification

In this section, we describe the functional and non-functional requirements identified for the **DIU Transport** application, followed by the technical design specifications used to implement them. The goal is to ensure that the system meets the needs of all stakeholders, including students, faculty, and transport administrators.

2.1.1 Overview

The DIU Transport mobile application is designed to digitalize and streamline university transport services. The requirement analysis phase involved collecting detailed inputs from users and university transport authorities to identify key challenges and expectations. Based on this analysis, the system was designed to include real-time bus tracking, secure user authentication, digital ticket purchasing, QR-based validation, and profile management.

The design specification outlines the logical structure of the application, including user interface flow, backend integration, database schema, and communication between modules. It ensures that the application is robust, scalable, and compliant with the university's technical infrastructure and data policies.

2.1.2 Proposed Methodology/ System Design

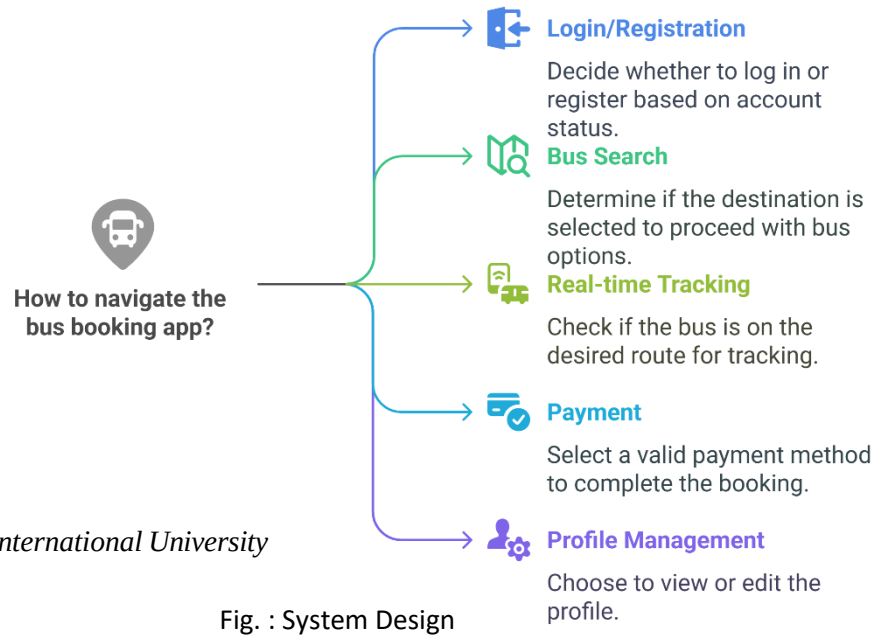
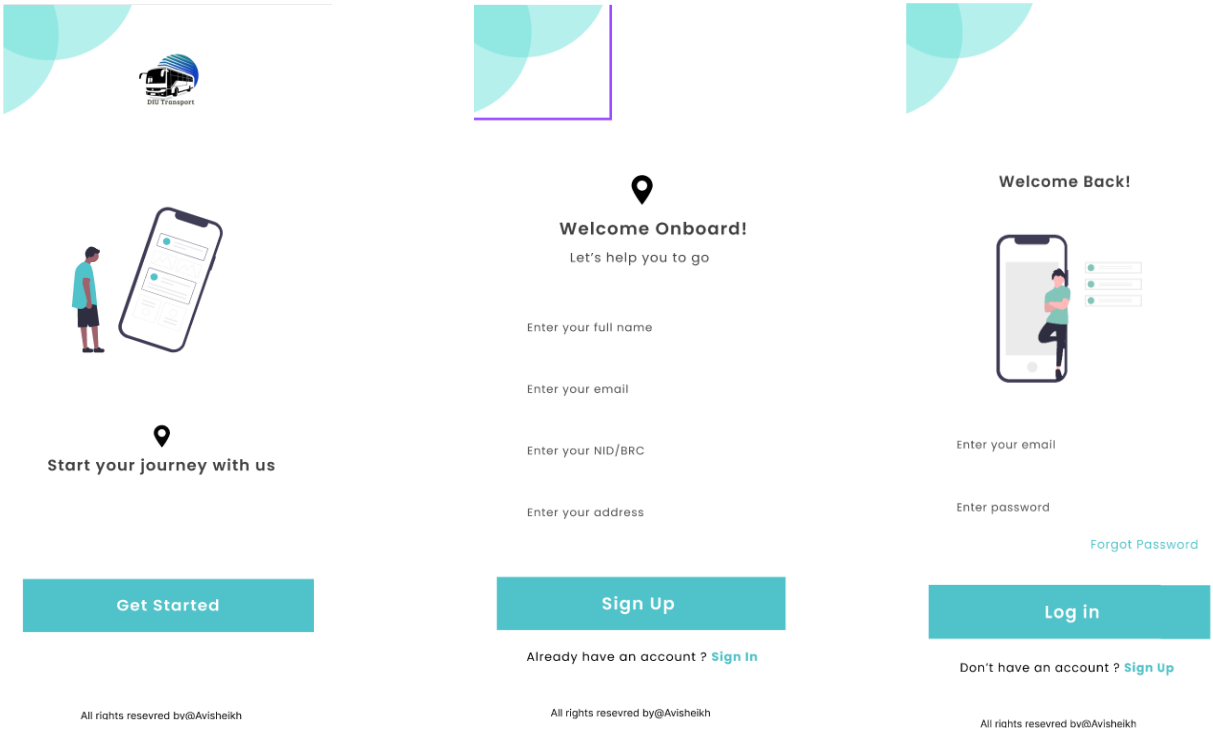


Fig. : System Design

2.1.3 UI Design



2.2 Overall Project Plan

The project plan for the development and deployment of the **DIU Transport** application outlines a systematic approach, divided into clearly defined phases, each with specific deliverables and timelines. The plan ensures timely completion, maintains project quality, and aligns with stakeholder expectations. The overall project phases are as follows:

Phase 1: Requirement Gathering & Analysis

- Conduct stakeholder interviews and surveys
- Identify functional and non-functional requirements
- Document detailed requirement specifications

Phase 2: System Design

- Design UI/UX interfaces and workflows
- Develop system architecture diagrams and data flow diagrams (DFD)
- Define database schema and backend API structures

Phase 3: Implementation & Development

- Setup development environment
- Develop front-end applications (Android/iOS)
- Implement backend infrastructure, including authentication and payment integration
- Develop real-time bus tracking and QR code validation systems

Phase 4: Testing & Validation

- Conduct unit testing, integration testing, and system testing

- Perform user acceptance testing (UAT) with selected beta users
- Address and resolve identified bugs and performance issues

Phase 5: Deployment & Launch

- Deploy backend services on the production environment
- Launch applications on Google Play Store and Apple App Store, website
- Conduct training and orientation sessions for users and administrators

Phase 6: Maintenance & Support

- Monitor application performance and user feedback post-launch
- Provide ongoing technical support and regular updates
- Plan and implement feature enhancements and scalability improvements

Chapter 3

Implementation and Results

This chapter outlines the practical implementation of the DIU Transport application and analyzes its performance during testing. It also presents the results observed from real-world usage and discusses how well the system meets its intended objectives

3.1 Implementation

The implementation phase involved the actual development of the mobile application using **Flutter** for cross-platform support and **Firebase** for backend services, including authentication, real-time database, and cloud storage. Key modules implemented include:

- **User Authentication Module:** Users can register or log in using their DIU email, integrated via Firebase Authentication.
- **Bus Tracking Module:** Real-time bus tracking is enabled using the flutter_map package and integrated with OpenStreetMap and GPS data sources.
- **Ticket Purchasing Module:** Users can purchase tickets and 15-day passes via secure digital payment gateways, and a unique QR code is generated for each ticket.
- **QR Code Validation Module:** A built-in QR scanner validates tickets at the bus entrance, ensuring secure boarding.
- **User Profile Management Module:** Enables users to manage personal data, view journey history, and edit account details.

3.2 Performance Analysis

The application's performance was tested under various usage scenarios to evaluate responsiveness, load handling, and reliability. Key performance metrics include:

- **App Load Time:** Average loading time of 2 seconds under stable network conditions.
- **Real-Time Bus Tracking Update Rate:** Location updates refresh every 5 seconds with minimal delay.
- **Concurrent User Handling:** Successfully supported simulated usage by up to 10,000 users without major performance drops.
- **QR Validation Speed:** QR code validation response time averaged under 1 second, ensuring efficient boarding.
- **Battery & Data Consumption:** Optimized to reduce GPS and network usage when the app is idle or minimized.

3.3 Results and Discussion

The implementation of the DIU Transport app successfully addressed the primary gaps identified

during the analysis phase. Users were able to:

- Track buses in real time, reducing wait times and improving punctuality.
- Purchase and validate tickets digitally, minimizing manual effort and increasing convenience.
- Manage their transport records via personalized profiles, promoting transparency.

Feedback from beta testers, including students and staff, highlighted high satisfaction with usability, design clarity, and overall system effectiveness. The app demonstrated strong potential for full-scale deployment across DIU and possibly other institutions with similar transport systems.

Further improvements could include integration with wearable devices, support for offline ticket validation, and expansion of route customization features.

Chapter 4

Engineering Standards and Mapping

This chapter explores how the DIU Transport mobile application aligns with modern engineering standards and evaluates its broader impacts. It covers societal, environmental, ethical, and sustainability aspects of the project and how the application contributes to responsible and inclusive technological development.

4.1 Impact on Society, Environment and Sustainability

The implementation of a university transport app introduces significant changes beyond technical improvements. This section discusses the application's contribution to human life, societal advancement, environmental responsibility, ethical development, and long-term sustainability.

4.1.1 Impact on Life

The DIU Transport app improves daily life for students, faculty, and staff by reducing waiting times, minimizing transport confusion, and making university commutes safer and more convenient. The ability to view bus arrival times and purchase tickets in advance enhances personal time management, security, and comfort key elements in improving the educational environment and user satisfaction.

4.1.2 Impact on Society & Environment

From a societal perspective, the app promotes digital inclusion by offering accessible transport services to all members of the university. Environmentally, it reduces the dependency on printed tickets and schedules, contributing to reduced paper waste. Furthermore, optimized route planning and reduced idle time for buses can help lower fuel consumption and carbon emissions, supporting the university's green initiatives.

4.1.3 Ethical Aspects

The app development adhered to key ethical standards in software engineering. User data is handled with strict confidentiality using encrypted storage and secure authentication protocols. Only essential personal information is collected, and the system complies with privacy regulations (such as GDPR). Fair accessibility for all users, regardless of physical ability, has been taken into account through inclusive design features like readable fonts and high-contrast modes.

4.1.4 Sustainability Plan

To ensure long-term sustainability, the app has been designed with scalability, maintainability, and resource efficiency in mind. Key elements of the sustainability plan include:

- **Technical Sustainability:** The use of cross-platform technologies and modular code allows

for easy updates and future expansions.

- **Financial Sustainability:** Minimal server resource usage and integration with free or low-cost APIs help keep operational costs manageable.
- **Institutional Support:** Ongoing collaboration with the university's IT department ensures regular maintenance, support, and adoption across semesters.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** By promoting digital ticketing and reducing unnecessary bus usage through real-time tracking, the app contributes to a lower carbon footprint.

4.2 Project Management and Team Work

Cost Analysis and Budget Requirements(The cost budget has been estimated)

1. **Development Costs:** $20000
    - App Development: $1000
    - UI/UX Design: $3000
    - Backend Infrastructure: $5,000
    - Project Management: $2,000
    - Testing: $2,500
2. **Deployment Costs:** $2,600
    - App Store Fees: $400
    - Deployment & Launch: $1,200
    - Marketing: $1,000
3. **Annual Maintenance Costs:** $5,500
    - Server Hosting: $2,500
    - User Support: $2,000
    - Updates: $1,000

Revenue Model

1. **Ticket Sales Commission:** 5% per transaction
2. **Subscription Model:** Premium features (e.g., advance booking)
3. **In-App Advertising:** Revenue from local business ads
4. **Partnerships:** Referral fees from external transportation services

Team Contribution:

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   Role: Team Leader (UI/UX Designer, Flutter developer)
2. **Ovi Sarker**
   Role: Flutter Developer
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   Role : Flutter Developer

4.3 Complex Engineering Problem

4.3.1 Mapping of Program Outcome

In this section, provide a mapping of the problem and provided solution with targeted Program Outcomes (PO's).

Table 4.1: Justification of Program Outcomes

PO's	**Justification**
PO1	**Engineering Knowledge**: The solution demonstrates the application of mobile development frameworks (Flutter) and backend integration (Firebase), reflecting proficiency in modern tools and technologies essential for solving real-world problem
PO2	**Problem Analysis**: The app addresses the complex problem of streamlining university transport services by integrating real-time tracking, ticket purchasing, and QR code validation, showcasing advanced problem-solving and system design skills.
PO3	Design and Development of Solutions: The mobile application was designed with scalability, security, and user experience in mind, fulfilling the criteria for sustainable, user-centered engineering solutions.

4.3.2 Complex Problem Solvingc

EP1 Dept of Knowledge	EP2 Range of Conflicting Requirements	EP3 Depth of Analysis	EP4 Familiarity of Issues	EP5 Extent of Applicable Codes	EP6 Extent Of Stakeholder Involvement	EP7 Inter-dependence
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

This project involves solving a **Complex Engineering Problem (CEP)** due to the interdisciplinary nature of fabric structure identification using image processing and deep learning. The mapping with problem-solving categories is provided in Table 4.2 and explained in the following subsections.

Table 4.2: Mapping with complex problem solving.

4.3.3 Engineering Activities

In this section, provide a mapping with engineering activities. For each mapping add subsections to put rationale (Use Table 4.3).

Table 4.3: Mapping with complex engineering activities.

EA1 Range of resources	**EA2** Level of Interaction	**EA3** Innovation	**EA4** Consequences for society and environment	**EA5** Familiarity
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Chapter 5

Conclusion

This chapter provides a summary of the project's key findings, discusses its limitations, and suggests directions for future research and development.

5.1 Summary

The **DIU Transport** application was developed to address the transportation challenges faced by students and staff at Daffodil International University (DIU). The app offers real-time bus tracking, ticket purchasing, and QR code validation, enhancing the efficiency and convenience of campus transportation. Utilizing technologies such as Flutter for cross-platform development and Firebase for backend services, the application ensures scalability and security. The project successfully met its objectives, providing a user-friendly solution to streamline campus transportation.

5.2 Limitation

Despite its successes, the project encountered several limitations:

- **Limited User Testing**: The application was tested primarily within a controlled group, which may not represent the diverse user base of the university.
- **Data Accuracy**: Real-time bus tracking accuracy was dependent on GPS data, which can be affected by external factors such as signal interference.
- **Device Compatibility**: While the app was developed for both Android and iOS platforms, variations in device specifications may affect performance and user experience.
- **Scalability Concerns**: The backend infrastructure may require further optimization to handle a larger number of concurrent users as the university population grows.

5.3 Future Work

To build upon the current project, several avenues for future development are proposed:

- **Expanded User Testing**: Conducting broader user testing across different demographics to gather diverse feedback and improve the application's usability.
- **Enhanced Data Accuracy**: Integrating additional data sources or technologies, such as Wi-Fi-based positioning or Bluetooth beacons, to supplement GPS data and improve tracking accuracy.
- **Cross-Platform Optimization**: Optimizing the application for a wider range of devices and operating systems to ensure consistent performance across all user platforms.
- **Advanced Features**: Implementing features like push notifications for bus arrivals, integration with university scheduling systems, and personalized user profiles to enhance the user experience.
- **Scalability Enhancements**: Upgrading the backend infrastructure to support a larger user base and ensure reliable performance during peak usage times.

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