**ABSTRACT**

In modern academic institutions, managing student complaints efficiently and transparently is essential to maintaining a healthy academic environment. Traditional complaint systems often involve paper-based processes, which are time-consuming, prone to loss of records, and lack real-time tracking mechanisms. To address these limitations, this project presents a Paperless Student Complaint System, a web-based platform developed using Flask and MySQL, aimed at streamlining the entire complaint handling process. The system enables students to securely sign up and log in, submit complaints with verified academic credentials, and track the real-time status of their submissions. Verification is performed using student-specific details such as register number, department, and year, ensuring only authentic students can access the system. Each complaint is categorized and stored in a structured database, and students receive updates as the status changes (e.g., Pending, In Progress, Resolved). On the administrative side, authorized staff can log in to view all complaints, update statuses, and manage submissions efficiently through a centralized dashboard. This project integrates secure authentication, form validation, and structured data handling, significantly reducing paperwork and administrative workload while increasing transparency and responsiveness. By implementing digital record-keeping and real-time status tracking, the system empowers students with visibility over their concerns and enhances accountability among administrators. The outcome is a robust, scalable solution that can be extended across educational institutions to support digital transformation and improve student satisfaction.

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# **CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

# **1.1 Company Profile**

Digidara Technologies Pvt. Ltd., based in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, is a growing technology company focused on delivering efficient, modern, and customized digital solutions to meet the needs of educational institutions, small and medium enterprises, and government organizations. The company is committed to digital transformation by providing software development, web application design, mobile app solutions, and IT consultancy services.

## **Mission**

Digidara Technologies aims to empower organizations through innovative technology by delivering scalable, secure, and user-friendly IT solutions.  
- To provide cost-effective digital platforms tailored to institutional and business needs  
-To promote transparency and efficiency in digital operations  
- To deliver high-quality service and foster long-term client relationships

## **Vision**

Digidara Technologies envisions becoming a reliable technology partner for institutions and businesses across India by providing smart, paperless, and automation-driven software systems. The company strives to innovate in the field of digital services with a focus on education, administration, and communication.

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Digidara Technologies operates with a goal to simplify processes using well-designed digital tools and web platforms. The company is actively engaged in building customized software solutions, including ERP systems, academic portals, student complaint systems, and workflow automation applications.

As a dynamic team of developers and IT consultants, Digidara blends innovation and functionality. It places strong emphasis on user experience, data security, and scalable deployment. The company supports clients through every phase of the software lifecycle — from requirement gathering and system design to deployment, training, and support.

Over the years, Digidara Technologies has completed several successful projects for educational institutions, training centers, and service providers across Tamil Nadu. It continues to expand its portfolio with services in mobile application development, cloud integration, and digital document management.

The organization has positioned itself as a responsible IT partner for educational and administrative domains, emphasizing paperless solutions and system optimization. The company’s approach includes:  
- Understanding client needs and goals in-depth  
- Offering customizable and modular software architecture  
- Prioritizing security, usability, and maintainability  
- Providing technical support, maintenance, and upgrades

**1.1.1 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

**Digidara Technologies Services**

At Digidara Technologies Pvt. Ltd., we focus on delivering innovative, efficient, and user-centric digital solutions. Our mission is to provide top-notch IT services and transform the way businesses operate using cutting-edge technologies. We strive to make each interaction valuable and memorable for our clients by maintaining the highest quality standards and customer support. Some of our key services include:

* Web Application Development
* Mobile App Development
* AI and Machine Learning Solutions
* Cloud Services and Hosting
* Custom Software Development
* UI/UX Design
* Cybersecurity Services
* Digital Marketing and SEO
* Database Management Systems
* Technical Consulting
* IT Infrastructure Setup
* Automation Solutions

Digidara Technologies employs experienced professionals who are passionate about technology and committed to delivering results. Our project managers and technical staff use agile methodologies to ensure timely and successful project delivery. With strong infrastructure and a collaborative environment, our team offers efficient solutions tailored to client needs. We have delivered projects for clients in both public and private sectors across various industries, showcasing our versatility and dedication to excellence.

At Digidara, our employees are treated with respect and are supported through continuous learning and a positive work-life balance. We recognize the efforts of our high performers through quarterly evaluations and reward programs. Our family-first culture ensures that staff feel valued and are motivated to contribute to the success of the organization.

**Partnership with the Government and Clients**

Digidara Technologies collaborates with government agencies and private firms to deliver impactful and accessible IT solutions. We believe that technology should be inclusive and cost-effective, reaching even the most underserved populations.

We offer a variety of services and benefits to our clients and partners to promote mutual growth and innovation, including:

* Business networking through tech meetups and webinars
* Participation in industry conferences and digital expos

Access to market trends, analytics, and strategy consultation by industry ex

**1.2. INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS**

During my internship at DigiDara Technologies Private Limited in Tiruchirappalli, my learning journey was structured into three progressive phases: foundational training, practical implementation, and project development. In the first five days, I focused on learning the fundamentals of web development and database management, including an overview of full-stack development, front-end technologies (HTML, CSS), backend frameworks (Python Flask), and relational databases (MySQL). I explored the applications of web-based systems in educational institutions, particularly for complaint management, which provided a strong theoretical base. In the next ten days, I transitioned to hands-on development, where I honed my programming skills using Python, HTML, CSS, and MySQL. I practiced designing responsive user interfaces with interactive animations (e.g., slide-in forms, hover effects), building RESTful APIs with Flask, and managing database operations such as creating tables, writing queries, and ensuring data integrity. In the final fifteen days, I applied all the knowledge and skills gained to develop a real-time project titled "Paperless Student Complaint System." This phase involved designing a responsive front-end interface using HTML and CSS with a light blue and green colour scheme, developing a Flask-based backend for handling complaint submissions, integrating a MySQL database for storing and retrieving complaints, and implementing features like student verification (using Registration Number, Department, and Year) and predefined complaint categories (STAFF, SPORTS, CANTEEN, EXAM, WATER FACILITY, OTHER). The system was tested under real-world challenges such as handling concurrent users, ensuring data security, and maintaining cross-browser compatibility. The project achieved a user-friendly interface with seamless functionality, enabling efficient complaint submission and tracking for students and administrators. This structured schedule enabled a smooth progression from theoretical learning to practical expertise and full-scale web application development.

**1.2.1. INTERN SCHEDULE**

The internship was conducted at DigiDara Technologies Private Limited, Tiruchirappalli, from May 16, 2025, to June 14, 2025, spanning 30 continuous days, including Sundays and without exclusions for holidays. The working hours were from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily. The intern worked under the expert guidance and supervision of Senthil Rajamarthandan, Founder & Managing Director,, throughout the internship period.

**Phase 1: Web Development and Database Fundamentals (First 5 Days)**

**Focus**: Core concepts in web development, backend frameworks, and database management

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| **S.No** | **Date** | **Topics Covered** |
| 1 | May 16, 2025 | Introduction to Full-Stack Web Development and Applications in Education |
| 2 | May 17, 2025 | Front-End Basics – HTML, CSS, and Responsive Design |
| 3 | May 18, 2025 | Backend Basics – Introduction to Python Flask and RESTful APIs |
| 4 | May 19, 2025 | Database Fundamentals – MySQL, Tables, and Queries |
| 5 | May 20, 2025 | Web Application Architecture and Data Flow |

**Phase 2: Hands-On Web and Database Development (Next 10 Days)**

**Focus**: Implementation of web development and database concepts using Python, HTML, CSS, and MySQL

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| **S.No** | **Date** | **Topics Covered** |
| 6 | May 21, 2025 | Python Refresher – Syntax, Functions, and Flask Setup |
| 7 | May 22, 2025 | HTML and CSS – Building Static Web Pages with Light Blue/Green Styling |
| 8 | May 23, 2025 | Responsive Design with CSS – Media Queries, Bootstrap, and Animations |
| 9 | May 24, 2025 | Flask Basics – Routing, Templates, and Form Handling |
| 10 | May 25, 2025 | MySQL Setup – Database Creation, Tables, and Relationships |
| 11 | May 26, 2025 | CRUD Operations with MySQL – Create, Read, Update,  Delete. |
| 12 | May 27, 2025 | Connecting Flask with MySQL using SQL Alchemy |
| 13 | May 28, 2025 | Handling User Inputs – Forms, Validation, and Interactive Animations |
| 14 | May 29, 2025 | Debugging Web Applications and Error Handling |
| 15 | May 30, 2025 | Introduction to RESTful APIs and Testing with Postman |

**Phase 3: Project Work – Paperless Student Complaint System (Last 15 Days)**

**Focus:** Development, integration, testing, and evaluation of the Paperless Student Complaint System

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| **S.No** | **Date** | **Project Activities** | |
| 16 | May 31, 2025 | Problem Definition and Requirement Analysis for Complaint System | |
| 17 | June 01, 2025 | Designing Database Schema for Complaints and Student Verification in MySQL | |
| 18 | June 02, 2025 | Creating Front-End Mockups using HTML and CSS with Light Blue/Green Theme | |
| 19 | June 03, 2025 | Implementing responsive design with slide-in and hover animations | |
| 20 | June 04, 2025 | Setting Up Flask Backend – Routes for Complaint Submission and Retrieval | |
| 21 | June 05, 2025 | Integrating MySQL Database with Flask using SQL Alchemy | |
| 22 | June 06, 2025 | Developing Complaint Submission Form with Verification (Reg. No., Dept., Year) | |
| 23 | June 07, 2025 | Implementing Complaint Retrieval and Display with Category Selection | |
| 24 | June 08, 2025 | Adding User Authentication for Students and Admins | |
| 25 | June 09, 2025 | Enhancing Front-End with Interactive Animations (e.g., Button Ripple Effects) | |
| 26 | June 10, 2025 | Testing Backend APIs for Complaint Handling with Postman | |
| 27 | June 11, 2025 | System Integration – Connecting Front-End, Backend, and Database | |
| 28 | June 12, 2025 | Testing and Debugging – Handling Concurrent Users and Security Issues | |
| 29 | June 13, 2025 | Documentation – Project Report and User Manual |
| 30 | June 14, 2025 | Final Review, Instructor Feedback & Completion |

**1.2.1 OVERVIEW**

Student complaint systems are designed to provide an accessible, transparent, and efficient platform for addressing student grievances. As educational institutions become increasingly digitized, a paperless student complaint system ensures that concerns are handled in a timely and structured manner, eliminating delays caused by manual processing.

The rise in student population, diverse academic departments, and multiple non-academic services has led to a growing demand for organized grievance redressal mechanisms. A digital complaint system allows students to submit issues related to academic, administrative, hostel, canteen, staff behavior, and more from anywhere, anytime.

**Categories of Student Complaints**

• Academic Issues (e.g., exam schedule errors, evaluation concerns)  
• Hostel and Facility Problems (e.g., water, electricity, hygiene)  
• Infrastructure Complaints (e.g., labs, classrooms, seating)  
• Staff-related Issues (e.g., harassment, miscommunication)  
• Canteen and Food Quality  
• Sports or Extracurricular Requests  
• Technical Support (e.g., online portals, ID cards)

Educating students about their right to raise concerns plays a vital role in developing a positive campus environment. When students feel heard, they are more likely to engage productively and contribute positively to institutional growth. Just like road signs help drivers navigate traffic safely, a complaint system guides students in resolving issues without conflicts.

**1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

In traditional college environments, managing student complaints manually through registers, paper forms, or in-person submissions is not only time-consuming but also inefficient and prone to mismanagement. Students often face challenges in getting their concerns addressed due to lack of transparency, delayed responses, or even the loss of submitted complaints. Additionally, the absence of a tracking mechanism creates uncertainty about the resolution status and discourages students from voicing genuine issues.  
  
With the growing number of students and departments in educational institutions, handling complaints effectively and ensuring timely redressal becomes increasingly difficult. Moreover, due to the decentralized and paper-based approach, authorities struggle to monitor recurring issues and make data-driven decisions to improve campus services.  
  
The primary challenge lies in creating a unified, paperless, and user-friendly system that not only verifies students' identities but also streamlines complaint submission, status tracking, and resolution updates in a secure and organized manner. There is also a need for administrators to manage complaints based on priority, category, and urgency, while maintaining confidentiality and accountability.  
  
This project addresses the lack of a centralized digital platform by designing a Paperless Student Complaint System that automates complaint submission, enables real-time tracking, and improves transparency between students and administration. It ensures that all records are securely maintained, accessible, and can be analyzed for future improvements, thereby enhancing the overall experience for students and staff alike.

**1.3.1 DEEP LEARNING**

Machine Learning is a branch of Artificial Intelligence that focuses on developing models and algorithms that allow computers to learn from data without being explicitly programmed for every task.In simple terms, Machine Learning helps systems think and make decisions like humans by learning from patterns in data.

**- Supervised Learning:** Trains models on labeled data to predict or classify new, unseen inputs.  
**- Unsupervised Learning:** Finds patterns or groups in unlabeled data, such as clustering student complaints.  
- **Reinforcement Learning**: Learns through trial and error by maximizing rewards, useful in optimizing complaint resolution decisions.

**Machine Learning Pipeline**

In order to make useful predictions and automate processes in systems like complaint management, data passes through several steps to build a working ML model:

1. ML Workflow – Designing the learning structure.  
   2. Data Cleaning – Removing incomplete or irrelevant data entries.  
   3. Feature Scaling – Normalizing inputs to improve learning.  
   4. Data Preprocessing in Python – Using libraries like Pandas and Scikit-learn.
2. **Supervised Learning**

Supervised learning is typically divided into:  
**- Classification** – Predicts categories (e.g., whether a complaint is about staff, canteen, or hostel)

**.-Regression** – Predicts continuous values (e.g., expected complaint resolution time).

**Deep Learning vs Machine Learning**

While Machine Learning uses simpler models like decision trees or support vector machines, Deep Learning builds on complex multi-layer artificial neural networks that automatically extract features from data.Traditional ML models require human intervention to select features and tune parameters, whereas Deep Learning models learn features on their own. However, Deep Learning needs a much larger dataset—often in the millions—while ML can perform well on smaller datasets.

In the Paperless Student Complaint System, basic machine learning can be used for categorization and priority detection, while deep learning has future potential for text analysis, sentiment detection, and automated response systems.

**1.4TECHNICAL DETAILS**

## **1.4.1 Tools and Technologies Used**

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| Component | Technology/Tool |
| Frontend | HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript |
| Backend | Python with Flask Framework |
| Database | MySQL (flask\_mysqldb extension) |
| Web Server | Flask development server |
| Editor | Visual Studio Code |
| Libraries | Flask, werkzeug, MySQLdb, datetime |
| Deployment | Localhost (optional: Render for deployment) |

## **1.4.2 Code Snippets**

* ✅ Student Signup – Password Hashing

from werkzeug.security import generate\_password\_hash  
  
hashed\_password = generate\_password\_hash(password)

* ✅ Complaint Submission – Flask Route

@app.route('/submit\_complaint', methods=['POST'])  
def submit\_complaint():  
 if request.method == 'POST':  
 name = request.form['name']  
 email = request.form['email']  
 register\_number = request.form['register\_number']  
 department = request.form['department']  
 year = request.form['year']  
 category = request.form['category']  
 description = request.form['description']  
 cur = mysql.connection.cursor()  
 cur.execute("INSERT INTO complaints (name, email, register\_number, department, year, category, description) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)",   
 (name, email, register\_number, department, year, category, description))  
 mysql.connection.commit()  
 cur.close()  
 flash("Complaint submitted successfully", "success")  
 return redirect(url\_for('home'))

**1.5 OBJECTIVES**

• To create a secure user authentication system with student and admin login modules.

• To design a complaint submission form that captures essential student and complaint details.

• To verify student identity using registration number, department, and year before accepting complaints.

• To implement a 'My Complaints' page for students to track submitted complaints using email.

• To provide an admin dashboard where complaints can be reviewed and status updated (e.g., pending, resolved).

• To ensure complaints and status updates are stored and retrieved from a MySQL database.

• To build an intuitive and mobile-friendly user interface using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

• To maintain records of all submitted complaints with timestamps for accountability and review.

• To potentially integrate analytics for identifying frequently reported issues.

**1.6 SCOPE**

The Paperless Student Complaint Management System is designed to revolutionize the way student complaints are handled in educational institutions by providing a secure, digital platform for submission, tracking, and resolution. This system eliminates the need for physical paperwork, ensuring faster communication between students and administrators.

The system enables students to register complaints through an online portal by logging in with secure credentials. Each complaint is linked to the student's verified information, ensuring authenticity and traceability. Complaints are categorized (e.g., canteen, hostel, exam, staff) and stored in a centralized database for administrative access. Administrators can review complaints and update their status as pending, resolved, or in progress, which can be viewed by students in real-time. This creates a transparent feedback loop.

**The scope of the project includes:**

Secure student and admin login modules.

Online complaint submission with structured student verification.

A tracking system via email to view complaint history and statuses.

An admin dashboard for efficient complaint resolution and updates.

A MySQL backend for storing complaints and user data securely.

User-friendly front-end using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

**This system can be further expanded to include features such as:**

Push notifications for complaint updates.

Analytics for identifying recurring issues.

Feedback/rating system for complaint resolution.

Overall, the Paperless Student Complaint Management System ensures transparency, efficiency, and accountability while improving student satisfaction and institutional responsiveness.

**CHAPTER 2**

**SYSTEM ANALYSIS**

**2.1. EXISTING SYSTEM**

In many educational institutions, the student complaint handling process is still carried out using traditional, paper-based methods or basic email systems. These systems often lack transparency, are time-consuming, and prone to miscommunication or data loss. The absence of a centralized digital platform leads to inefficiencies in managing and resolving student grievances.

Traditional digital systems, if any, rely heavily on manual data entry and lack intelligent features for tracking and automation. The major limitations of the existing systems are:

**Manual Handling:** Complaints are submitted physically, requiring manual logging and follow-up.

**Lack of Tracking:** Students often have no means to track the status of their complaints.

No Real-Time Updates: There is no immediate notification or update mechanism for students once a complaint is processed.

**Data Loss and Mismanagement:** Paper-based systems are more prone to data misplacement, delay, or even negligence.

**No Analytics:** Existing systems do not provide data insights or trends about recurring complaints or departments with the most issues.

Some existing computerized complaint portals rely only on basic CRUD operations and do not validate whether the complaint is genuinely submitted by a student. These systems lack verification, which can lead to spam or invalid complaints. They also fail to include admin-side tools for categorization, status tracking, or communication.

In summary, the current complaint systems in colleges do not offer a fully digital, secure, and user-friendly solution that ensures end-to-end handling--from complaint submission to resolution--with transparency and efficiency

**2.1.1. DRAWBACKS OF EXISTING SYSTEM**

Complaints are submitted manually, resulting in delayed processing and follow-up.

There is no automated student verification, which may lead to fake or irrelevant complaint submissions.

Students cannot track the real-time status of their complaints.

Lack of centralized data storage makes it difficult to retrieve and analyze complaints.

Admin workload increases as there is no system to categorize or sort complaints efficiently.

No login system for students and administrators causes confusion in access and authority.

Communication between students and administrators is non-transparent and time-consuming.

No facility to update status (Pending, In Progress, Resolved) leads to uncertainty and frustration among students.

Paper-based systems are prone to data loss, duplication, or damage.

There is no feedback mechanism for students after the complaint is resolved.

Existing digital tools are often not mobile-friendly or user-interactive, making them difficult for students to access easily.

No analytics or reporting features to help management identify recurring issues or improve processes.

System does not support multi-user roles, limiting its scalability across departments or institutions.

**2.2. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

The proposed system is a Paperless Student Complaint Management System developed using Flask as the web framework and MySQL for the backend database. The system offers a user-friendly, secure, and fully automated way for students to submit complaints, track their status, and for administrators to manage and resolve them efficiently. This system addresses the major drawbacks of the manual complaint process by introducing authentication, student verification, status tracking, and admin dashboard functionalities, ensuring transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness.

**✅ Key Features of the Proposed System:**

**Student Signup and Login:** Students can securely sign up using a username and password. Login is mandatory for accessing complaint features.

**Complaint Submission Form:** After logging in, students can submit complaints by entering their name, register number, department, year, email, category, and a detailed description. The system validates entries against the student database for authenticity.

**Student Verification:** The register number, department, and year are matched with stored records to ensure that only genuine students can lodge complaints.

**My Complaints Page:** Students can track the status of all their complaints in real time using their registered email ID. Complaints are shown along with their current status (Pending / In Progress / Resolved).

**Admin Login and Dashboard:** The admin logs in using their own secure credentials. They can view all submitted complaints, update statuses, and categorize issues for easier handling.

**Complaint Status Update:** Admins can mark complaints as Pending, In Progress, or Resolved, enabling real-time tracking and faster resolution.

**Database Integration (MySQL):** All complaint and user data is stored securely using MySQL. The backend ensures data consistency, fast retrieval, and structured complaint management.

**Responsive Interface with External CSS:** The user interface is styled using external CSS, ensuring clarity.Only registered students can submit complaints. Admin functionalities are restricted to authorized personnel, improving accountability.

**2.2.1. ADVANTAGES**

✅ Provides a fully digital platform for students to submit complaints without the need for paper-based forms.

✅ Enables secure student authentication using username and password before submitting complaints.

✅ Validates student identity using register number, department, and year, preventing fake or unauthorized submissions.

✅ Allows students to track complaint status in real-time, improving transparency and communication.

✅ Empowers admin to categorize and manage complaints efficiently using a centralized dashboard.

✅ Improves complaint response time with clearly defined status updates (Pending, In Progress, Resolved).

✅ Integrates MySQL database for structured data storage, ensuring reliability and fast data access.

✅ Ensures role-based access control, separating student and admin functionalities to maintain data security.

✅ Uses a modern, responsive interface built with Flask and external CSS for better user experience.

✅ Enhances accountability by recording complaint timestamps, user emails, and status history.

**2.3. FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**2.3.1. Economic Feasibility**

The proposed system is economically feasible as it utilizes open-source technologies like Flask, MySQL, HTML/CSS, and JavaScript, which eliminates the cost of proprietary software. The project can be developed and deployed using existing computer lab infrastructure or affordable cloud services like Render, PythonAnywhere, or Railway, further reducing financial overhead. It minimizes paper and printing costs associated with traditional complaint handling systems, resulting in long-term savings for the institution.

**2.3.2. Technical Feasibility**

The technical implementation is highly feasible using widely supported technologies such as Flask for the backend, MySQL for database management, and HTML/CSS/JS for the frontend. These tools are well-documented and supported by large developer communities. The system's architecture supports scalability and reliability, with secure login mechanisms for students and admins, structured data flow, and status tracking. The required skillset is readily available within computer science departments, making development and maintenance technically achievable.

**2.3.3. Social Feasibility**

Socially, this system offers a modern solution to traditional grievance redressal methods, making it more convenient, transparent, and inclusive. It empowers students by providing a secure, anonymous, and accessible platform for submitting and tracking complaints. This improves trust in institutional processes and enhances student satisfaction. The platform aligns with digital India initiatives and promotes eco-friendly practices by reducing paper use, making it a socially responsible and acceptable solution.

**CHAPTER 3**

**SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS**

**3.1. HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS**

**Processor:** Intel Core i5 or higher (or AMD equivalent)

**RAM:** 8 GB (minimum), 16 GB (recommended for smoother multitasking)

**Hard Disk:** 256 GB SSD (minimum), 512 GB SSD (recommended)

**Display:** 1080p Full HD Monitor (recommended)

**Internet Connection:** Required for deployment, testing, and database access

**Input Devices:** Standard keyboard and mouse

**Server Requirements (for deployment):**

Minimum 2 GB RAM

10 GB storage

Linux/Windows-based VPS or shared hosting

**3.2. SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS**

**Operating System:** Windows 10/11 or Linux (Ubuntu preferred for server hosting)

**Programming Language:** Python 3.x

**Backend Framework:** Flask (Python Micro Web Framework)

**Frontend Technologies:**

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript

Bootstrap (for responsive UI design)

**Database:** MySQL (via flask\_mysqldb)

**Server Environment:** WampServer / XAMPP (for local testing)

**Text Editor / IDE:** Visual Studio Code / PyCharm

**Libraries Used:**

flask, flask\_mysqldb

werkzeug.security for password hashing

email-validator, wtforms (optional for form handling)

**Browser:** Google Chrome / Firefox (for UI testing)

**CHAPTER 4**

**SYSTEM DESIGN**

**4.1 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**

The architecture of the Paperless Student Complaint System is designed to streamline the process of complaint registration, tracking, and resolution in a fully digital environment. The system follows a structured pipeline that ensures data validation, secure submission, and efficient complaint management by students and administrators.

**1. User Interface (Frontend)**

- Students and Admins access the web portal through an intuitive user interface built with HTML, CSS, and Flask templates.

- The interface allows login, complaint submission, viewing complaint status, and admin response.

**2. Authentication & Authorization**

- Student Login: Verified via registration number, department, year, username, and password.

- Admin Login: Admins authenticate with a secure ID and password.

- Role-based access controls prevent unauthorized actions (e.g., only admins can update status).

**3. Complaint Submission Module**

- After successful login, students can fill out a complaint form with fields like:

- Complaint Title

- Description

- Category (e.g., hostel, staff, exam, canteen)

- Date of Submission

- Data is validated client-side and server-side before processing.

**4. Complaint Processing & Storage**

- On submission, complaints are stored in a MySQL database using flask\_mysqldb.

- Each complaint is tagged with a unique ID and linked to the student's account via their email

**5. Admin Dashboard Module**

- Admins can view all submitted complaints categorized by status: In Progress - Resolved

- Admins can update the status and provide feedback, which is instantly reflected in the student's dashboard.

**6. Complaint Status Tracker**

- Students can track their complaint status in the "My Complaints" page.

- They receive real-time updates and response history related to each complaint.

**7. Notifications & Feedback**

- Flash messages notify users of successful logins, submission, or updates.

- Optional: Email alerts or SMS can be added in future enhancements.

**8. Database Design**

- users: Stores student login credentials and verification info.

- complaints: Contains all complaint records, including timestamps, status, and admin

- admins: Stores admin credentials.

**9. Security Measures**

- Passwords are hashed using werkzeug.security.

- Sessions are managed securely using Flask session cookies and secret keys.

- Inputs are sanitized to prevent SQL injection or XSS attacks.

**10. Deployment Environment**

- The application is hosted on a local server using WAMP or Flask's development server.

- It can be deployed online using platforms like Render, Heroku, or PythonAnywhere for wider access.

**CHAPTER 5**

**SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION**

**5.1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project presents a secure and efficient Paperless Student Complaint System, developed to streamline the grievance submission and resolution process within academic institutions. The system aims to eliminate the need for manual paperwork by allowing students to submit complaints digitally using a verified login portal. Once authenticated through their registration number, department, and year, students can access the platform to register complaints under predefined categories such as Hostel, Staff, Exam, Sports, and Others.

The project utilizes the Flask web framework and integrates MySQL for backend data management, ensuring smooth storage and retrieval of complaint records. The front-end interface is designed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, offering a user-friendly and responsive experience. Each complaint is stored with a timestamp and is made viewable to both students and the admin.

Admins can log in through a secured dashboard to view, filter, and respond to complaints, including updating complaint statuses in real time. Email notifications and in-dashboard alerts can be integrated to keep students informed about the progress of their complaints.

The system also includes modules for complaint tracking, categorization, and history viewing, enabling complete transparency and accountability. By leveraging digital infrastructure, the Paperless Student Complaint System not only saves time and resources but also ensures a faster, traceable, and more organized approach to grievance redressal in academic environments.

With a scalable architecture and optional features like voice-based input, attachment support, and analytics, the system is poised to bring transformative improvements to student service management in colleges and universities.

**5.2. MODULES DESCRIPTION**

**1. Student Complaint Submission UI**

The user interface is developed using Flask and integrated with MySQL for data management. The web interface allows students to log in with verified credentials sername and password) and then access the complaint form. The form includes fields such as name, registration number, department, year, email, category selection, and complaint description. This UI provides a clean, interactive, and responsive design to simplify the complaint submission process.

**2. Student Authentication Module**

This module verifies student credentials before allowing access to complaint-related pages. The authentication is performed using MySQL queries with Flask sessions to maintain user login state. Only valid, registered users are allowed to submit complaints or view their submitted issues.

**3. Complaint Processing Module**

Once a complaint is submitted, this module captures the data and stores it in a structured format in the database. Each complaint is timestamped and associated with the student's profile. The backend ensures data validation and sanitization to maintain integrity and security.

**4. Admin Login and Dashboard**

The admin interface includes a secure login system. Once authenticated, the admin can:

View all complaints in a table format

Filter complaints based on category, date, or status

Update complaint status (Pending, In Progress, Resolved)

Provide remarks and feedback

The dashboard is dynamic and updates in real-time using AJAX or JavaScript integration.

**5. Complaint Categorization**

Complaints are categorized into predefined categories like:

Staff Issues

Hostel Facilities

Exam Concerns

Canteen/Sports Problems

Water Supply/Infrastructure

Other

This structured categorization helps in quick filtering, analysis, and routing to relevant authorities.

**6. Complaint Tracking and Status Update**

Students can view the status of their submitted complaints through the My Complaints page. Admins update the status through their dashboard. Notifications and messages are displayed for each status change, ensuring transparency.

**7. Notification and Email Alerts**

Email notifications (optional feature) can be triggered upon:

Successful complaint submission

Status update by admin

Resolution/closure of a complaint

This module can use Flask-Mail or integration with SMTP services for delivery

**8. Database Management**

The MySQL database stores all:

Student login details

Complaint data .Admin remarks and updates. The database schema is normalized and indexed to ensure fast access and scalability.

**9. Data Security and Validation**

Security measures include:

Password hashing using werkzeug.security

SQL injection prevention via parameterized queries

Session-based login system

Input validation on both client and server side

**10. Optional Features for Enhancement**

**Attachment Upload**: Students can upload a photo or PDF as supporting evidence.

**Search and Filter**: Admins and students can search using keywords or filter based on status/category.

**Analytics Dashboard:** Display pie charts or graphs showing complaint distribution and resolution rate using Matplotlib or Chart.js.

**CHAPTER 6**

**BOTTOMLINE**

**6.1. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Paperless Student Complaint System has been designed and implemented to streamline and modernize the grievance redressal process within educational institutions. By moving away from traditional, manual complaint-handling methods, this system introduces a secure, efficient, and transparent digital platform where students can submit and track complaints seamlessly.

The system successfully addresses key issues such as delayed complaint processing, lack of transparency, and inefficient communication between students and administrative authorities. By incorporating student authentication, real-time complaint tracking, and admin dashboards, the platform ensures that grievances are handled with accountability and proper documentation.

Additionally, with the integration of MySQL and Flask, the backend is reliable and scalable for institutional use. The user-friendly interface enhances accessibility, allowing students from all departments and years to raise their concerns effectively. Admins, on the other hand, can easily categorize, filter, and resolve complaints while keeping students informed of the status updates.

This project lays the foundation for building smart campus solutions, promoting student empowerment, and ensuring a more responsive and fair administrative process. In future, features like email alerts, AI-based complaint categorization, and feedback analytics can further enhance the system's capabilities and impact.

**6.2. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT**

**1. Integration with Student Portals and Mobile Applications**

The system can be extended to integrate directly with college student portals and mobile apps, allowing students to submit and track complaints conveniently from their smartphones. This will increase accessibility and user engagement, ensuring students stay informed about their grievance status.

**2. Real-time Notifications and Email Alerts**

Adding automated SMS or email notifications will help notify students about complaint status updates, admin responses, or resolution confirmations in real time, enhancing communication

**3. AI-Based Complaint Categorization and Priority Tagging**

Implementing AI or machine learning algorithms can help automatically classify complaints based on keywords, urgency, and department, allowing admins to prioritize and address critical issues faster.

**4. Admin Performance Dashboard and Analytics**

Introducing an analytics dashboard for administrators can provide insights into complaint trends, resolution times, department-wise performance, and student satisfaction levels. This data can support institutional improvements and resource allocation.

**5. Feedback and Rating System**

After a complaint is resolved, students can provide feedback and rate the handling process. This helps in monitoring the quality of service and ensuring accountability in grievance redressal.

**6. Multilingual Interface Support**

Supporting multiple regional languages will make the system more inclusive, allowing students from diverse backgrounds to comfortably navigate and interact with the platform.

**7.** **Blockchain for Complaint**

Record Security Future enhancements can include the use of blockchain technology to maintain immutable and tamper-proof records of all complaints and resolutions, ensuring transparency and building trust among users.