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Student Portal

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Motivation

Students often struggle with fragmented educational platforms, making it difficult to access resources, find mentorship, plan events, and build a collaborative academic community. A unified system that integrates all these functionalities can significantly enhance the student experience by streamlining academic collaboration, improving communication, and fostering knowledge sharing.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite the growing integration of technology in education, existing platforms lack efficiency in academic collaboration, resource sharing, and mentorship opportunities.

Key challenges include:

- Inefficient event organization and communication.
- Lack of tools for student collaboration.
- Slow access to college and student affairs announcements.
- No personalized learning experiences.

1.3 Goals of the Project

- **AI-Powered Chatbot:** Provide instant responses to student queries.
- **Event Planner:** Track and recommend academic events.
- **Knowledge-Sharing Ecosystem:** Upload, discover, and share study materials.
- **Mentorship & Collaboration:** Facilitate student-peer, faculty, and alumni interactions.
- **Personalized Learning Recommendations:** Enhance guidance and support.
- **Real-Time Notifications:** Ensure faster and easier access to announcements.

1.4 Software Development Methodology

Agile Software Development was chosen due to its flexibility, iterative approach, and ability to adapt to changing requirements.

Advantages of Agile:

- Continuous feedback loops for better user experience.
- Frequent testing and debugging to ensure system reliability.
- Seamless collaboration between developers, designers, and stakeholders.
- Risk management by identifying technical and performance bottlenecks early.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

2.1 Feature Matrix

Feature Module	Importance	Effort	Impact	Stakeholders
User Authentication	High	Medium	Enables secure access and personalized usage	Students, Faculty, Admins
Profile Management	High	Medium	Personalizes user experience and information	Students, Faculty
View Events	High	Low	Helps students stay updated on academic events	Students
RSVP for Events	Medium	Low	Encourages participation in academic activities	Students, Admins
Sync with Personal Calendars	Medium	Medium	Enhances user experience through integration	Students, Faculty
AI-Suggested Events	Medium (Future Plan)	High	Personalizes event recommendations	Students
Resource Sharing	High	Medium	Facilitates collaboration and knowledge sharing	Students, Faculty
Categorized Content Upload	Medium	Medium	Streamlines content organization and discovery	Students
Participate in Discussions	High	High	Encourages collaboration and community building	Students
AI-Powered Chatbot (FAQ)	High	Medium	Responds to common institutional queries	Students, Admins
NLP-Based Suggestions	Medium	High	Personalizes responses to complex queries	Students, Admins

Recommendation Engine	Medium (Future Plan)	High	Provides personalized content recommendations	Students
Post Suggestions	Medium (Future Plan)	High	Improves engagement with academic content	Students
Mentorship Matching	High	Medium	Connects students with mentors for guidance	Students, Faculty
Direct Messaging	Medium	Medium	Enables communication between mentors/mentees	Students, Faculty
Announcements Dashboard	High	Medium	Centralizes important updates and notifications	Students, Faculty
Real-Time Notifications	High	Medium	Keeps users informed about updates/events	Students

2.2 Comparison of Existing Solutions with the Proposed Solution

Most existing platforms like Microsoft Teams, Moodle, and Blackboard Learn offer basic collaboration tools, but they lack personalized AI recommendations, effective mentorship systems, and a centralized student affairs integration.

Key Advantages of the Proposed Student Portal

1. **AI-Powered Chatbot:** Unlike existing solutions, our system provides real-time responses to student queries.
2. **Comprehensive Event Management:** Full-featured event planner with RSVP tracking and AI-powered recommendations.
3. **Personalized Learning Experience:** AI-driven content recommendations tailored to student needs.
4. **Enhanced Mentorship System:** Built-in mentorship matching and direct communication tools.
5. **Centralized Notifications & Dashboard:** A single hub for announcements, reducing communication delays.
6. **Seamless Community Collaboration:** Interactive discussion forums and categorized knowledge-sharing spaces.
7. **Student Affairs Integration:** Direct integration with academic administration for instant updates.

Chapter 3

Requirement Engineering

3.1 Surveys, Questionnaires, and Interviews

To ensure the Student Portal effectively meets students' needs, surveys and interviews were conducted to gather insights. The key findings include:

Survey Findings

- 44.8% of students face challenges in finding relevant learning materials.
- 48.0% struggle with collaborative tools for projects and discussions.
- 36.0% report difficulty in accessing mentorship opportunities.
- 31.2% find delayed announcements and event notifications problematic.

Key Questions in Surveys and Interviews

1. What are the biggest challenges in using current academic platforms?
2. Would you benefit from an AI chatbot for quick university-related queries?
3. How do you currently find and attend academic events?
4. Do you feel mentorship opportunities are easily accessible?
5. What additional features would improve your academic experience?

3.2 Functional Requirements

These are the core features the Student Portal must support:

1. **User Authentication & Profile Management**
    - Secure login with JWT authentication.
    - Role-based access (Students, Faculty, Admins).
2. **AI-Powered Chatbot**

- Answer FAQs related to courses, deadlines, and campus facilities.
- Provide academic and administrative guidance.

3. **Event Management System**
   - Event creation, RSVPs, and calendar synchronization.
   - AI recommendations for relevant academic events.
4. **Resource Sharing & Knowledge Base**
   - Upload/download study materials and academic articles.
   - AI-driven recommendations based on user activity.
5. **Mentorship Matching & Direct Messaging**
   - Match students with faculty or peer mentors.
   - Real-time messaging and discussion groups.
6. **Real-Time Notifications & Dashboard**
   - Instant alerts for announcements, deadlines, and events.
   - Customizable notifications based on user preferences.
7. **Collaboration Tools & Community Forum**
   - Discussion boards for academic topics and group projects.
   - Categorized Q&A forums for better engagement.

3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

These define the quality attributes of the system:

1. **Performance**
   - The system should handle 1,000+ concurrent users without lag.
   - AI chatbot responses must be under 2 seconds.
2. **Scalability**
   - Cloud-based infrastructure to support increasing student enrollment.
   - Modular architecture for adding future features.
3. **Security**
   - Data encryption using AES-256 and TLS 1.3.
   - Secure API gateway with rate limiting and JWT validation.
4. **Usability**
   - Intuitive UI/UX design for seamless experience on web and mobile.

- Minimal onboarding time with self-explanatory navigation.

5. **Reliability & Availability**
   - 99.9% uptime with automatic failover mechanisms.
   - Regular backups to prevent data loss.
6. **Maintainability**
   - Codebase follows modular and well-documented practices.
   - Version control with GitHub for continuous integration & deployment.

3.4 Use Case Diagram

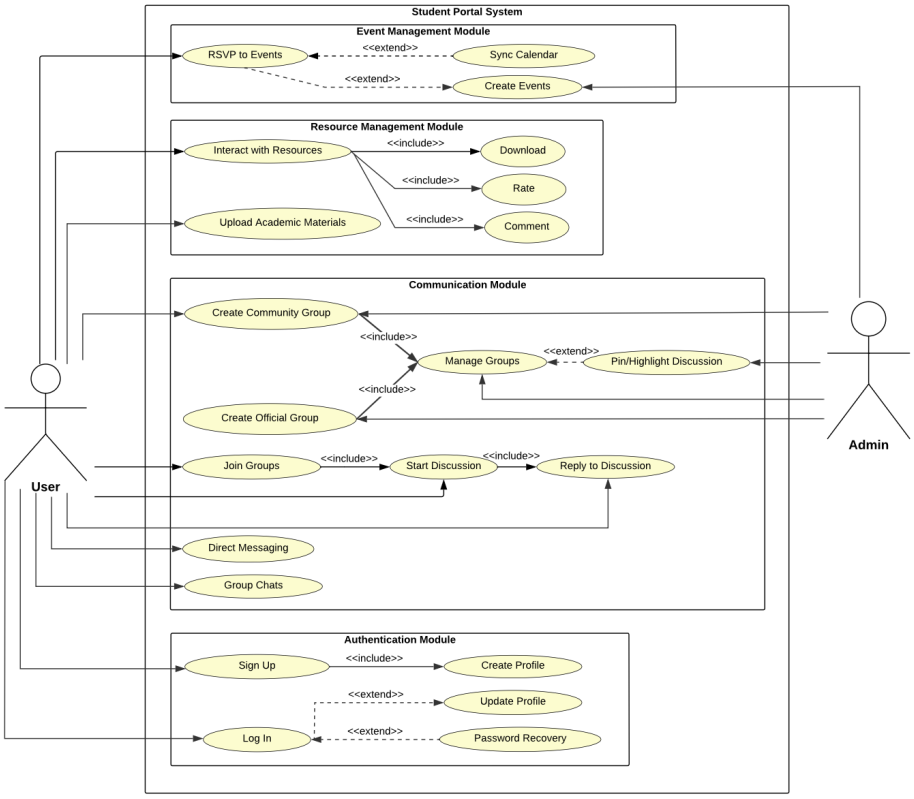


Figure 3.1: Student Portal Use Case Diagram

3.5 Use Case Tables

User Management

Table 3.1: UC-101: Sign Up

Field	**Details**
Actor	New User
Trigger	User clicks on the "Sign Up" button
Input	Institutional email, password, optional profile details
Validation Steps	1. Verify email domain matches institutional pattern 2. Ensure password meets security criteria
Error Handling	1. Display error if email is invalid 2. Show password validation errors 3. Alert if email is already registered
Output	User receives a confirmation email
Post-condition	Account is created and active
Priority	High

Table 3.2: UC-102: Log In

Field	**Details**
Actor	Registered User
Trigger	User clicks "Log In" and enters credentials
Input	Email, password
Validation Steps	Match email and password to stored credentials
Error Handling	1. Show "Invalid credentials" 2. Account lock after multiple failed attempts
Output	User gains access to the dashboard
Post-condition	User is logged into their profile
Priority	High

Table 3.3: UC-103: Password Recovery

Field	**Details**
Actor	User who forgot their password
Trigger	User clicks "Forgot Password" link
Input	Registered email address
Validation Steps	1. Verify email exists in the database 2. Ensure reset link is unique and time-limited
Error Handling	1. Display "Email not found" 2. Expire old reset links
Output	User receives email with reset link
Post-condition	Password is updated successfully
Priority	Medium

Table 3.4: UC-111: Create Profile

Field	**Details**
Actor	New User
Trigger	User logs in for first time and navigates to Profile
Input	Profile picture, bio, academic interests, optional details
Validation Steps	1. Ensure required fields are filled 2. Validate file type for profile picture
Error Handling	1. Display error for invalid file types 2. Allow retry with correct inputs
Output	Profile is saved and viewable
Post-condition	Profile setup is complete
Priority	Medium

Table 3.5: UC-112: Update Profile

Field	**Details**
Actor	Registered User
Trigger	User clicks "Edit Profile"
Input	Updated profile details
Validation Steps	1. Check file size/format 2. Validate mandatory fields
Error Handling	1. Show real-time validation errors 2. Allow cancel/retry
Output	Updates saved and reflected
Post-condition	Profile shows latest changes
Priority	Medium

Communication

Table 3.6: UC-201: Direct Messaging

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	User searches for a peer and opens a chat window
Input	Text message or attachment
Validation Steps	1. Ensure recipient exists 2. Validate message length and attachment size
Error Handling	1. Show error if recipient not found 2. Notify if attachment size exceeds limits
Output	Message is sent and visible to recipient
Post-condition	Communication thread is updated
Priority	High

Table 3.7: UC-202: Group Chats

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	User selects/creates group chat
Input	Group name, description, messages
Validation Steps	1. Validate group name uniqueness 2. Ensure members exist
Error Handling	1. Notify name conflicts 2. Alert message delivery fails
Output	Messages visible to group members
Post-condition	Group chat is active
Priority	Medium

Table 3.8: UC-211: Create Groups

Field	**Details**
Actor	User, Faculty, or Admin
Trigger	Click "Create Group"
Input	Group name, description, type, optional image
Validation Steps	1. Ensure name unique 2. Validate description length 3. For Official Groups: - Verify creator permissions - Validate academic purpose
Error Handling	1. Show name exists error 2. Notify upload failures 3. Display permission errors
Output	Group created in appropriate directory
Post-condition	Official: Faculty/admin modifiable Community: Creator modifiable
Priority	High

Table 3.9: UC-212: Join Groups

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	User clicks "Join" on group
Input	Selected group
Validation Steps	Verify group access settings: - Official: Open/Invite-only - Community: Public/private
Error Handling	1. Display "Access Denied" 2. Notify if at capacity
Output	User added as member
Post-condition	User receives group updates
Priority	Medium

Table 3.10: UC-213: Manage Groups

Field	**Details**
Actor	Group Owner
Trigger	Select "Manage Group"
Input	Updated details, member actions, settings
Validation Steps	1. Validate permissions: - Official: Faculty/Admin - Community: Creator 2. Verify member operations 3. Check platform guidelines
Error Handling	1. Show permission errors 2. Display invalid operation errors 3. Notify save failures 4. Alert rule violations
Output	Group details updated
Post-condition	Changes reflected per guidelines
Priority	High

Table 3.11: UC-214: Start Discussion

Field	**Details**
Actor	Group Member
Trigger	Click "Start Discussion"
Input	Title, content, optional attachments
Validation Steps	1. Ensure title not empty 2. Validate content length 3. Check file type/size
Error Handling	1. Show invalid input errors 2. Notify upload failures
Output	Discussion visible to members
Post-condition	Members can interact
Priority	High

Table 3.12: UC-215: Reply to Discussion

Field	**Details**
Actor	Group Member
Trigger	Click "Reply" on discussion
Input	Reply content, optional attachments
Validation Steps	1. Ensure reply not empty 2. Validate attachments
Error Handling	1. Show input errors 2. Notify upload failures
Output	Reply added to thread
Post-condition	Members see reply
Priority	Medium

Table 3.13: UC-216: Pin/Highlight Discussion

Field	**Details**
Actor	Admin/Faculty/Moderator
Trigger	Select "Pin" or "Highlight"
Input	Selected discussion
Validation Steps	Ensure actor has permissions
Error Handling	Display permission errors
Output	Discussion pinned/highlighted
Post-condition	Discussion appears at top
Priority	Medium

Resource Management

Table 3.14: UC-301: Upload Academic Materials

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	User clicks "Upload Resource"
Input	File, title, description, tags
Validation Steps	1. Check file type and size 2. Ensure title and description are not empty
Error Handling	1. Show error for unsupported file types 2. Notify if upload fails
Output	Resource is uploaded and visible
Post-condition	Others can view/download the resource
Priority	High

Table 3.15: UC-302: Interact with Resources

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	Select resource to interact
Input	Comment, rating, or download
Validation Steps	1. Validate rating scale 2. Ensure comments not empty
Error Handling	Notify if save fails
Output	Interaction recorded
Post-condition	Enhances engagement
Priority	Medium

Event Management

Table 3.16: UC-401: Create Events

Field	**Details**
Actor	Faculty, Admin
Trigger	Faculty/Admin clicks "Create Event"
Input	Event name, date, time, location, description
Validation Steps	1. Check date and time validity 2. Ensure required fields are filled
Error Handling	1. Show error if date/time is invalid 2. Notify if image upload fails
Output	Event is created and visible
Post-condition	Users can view and RSVP
Priority	High

Table 3.17: UC-402: RSVP to Events

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	Click "RSVP" on event
Input	Event selection
Validation Steps	Ensure event not full
Error Handling	Notify if full or fails
Output	RSVP recorded
Post-condition	User receives updates
Priority	Medium

Table 3.18: UC-403: Sync Events to Calendar

Field	**Details**
Actor	User
Trigger	Click "Sync to Calendar"
Input	Calendar integration
Validation Steps	Ensure permissions granted
Error Handling	Notify sync failures
Output	Event added to calendar
Post-condition	Event in personal calendar
Priority	Low

Chapter 4

System Design

4.1 Introduction

The Student Portal system is designed to provide a unified platform for academic collaboration, resource sharing, and event management. This chapter details the architectural decisions, data models, and system workflows that form the foundation of the application.

Key design principles include:

- Modular architecture for scalability
- Role-based access control for security
- Real-time communication capabilities
- AI-powered recommendation systems
- Cross-platform compatibility (web and mobile)

4.2 Sequence Diagrams

The following sequence diagrams illustrate key workflows in the Student Portal system:

4.2.1 User Registration Process

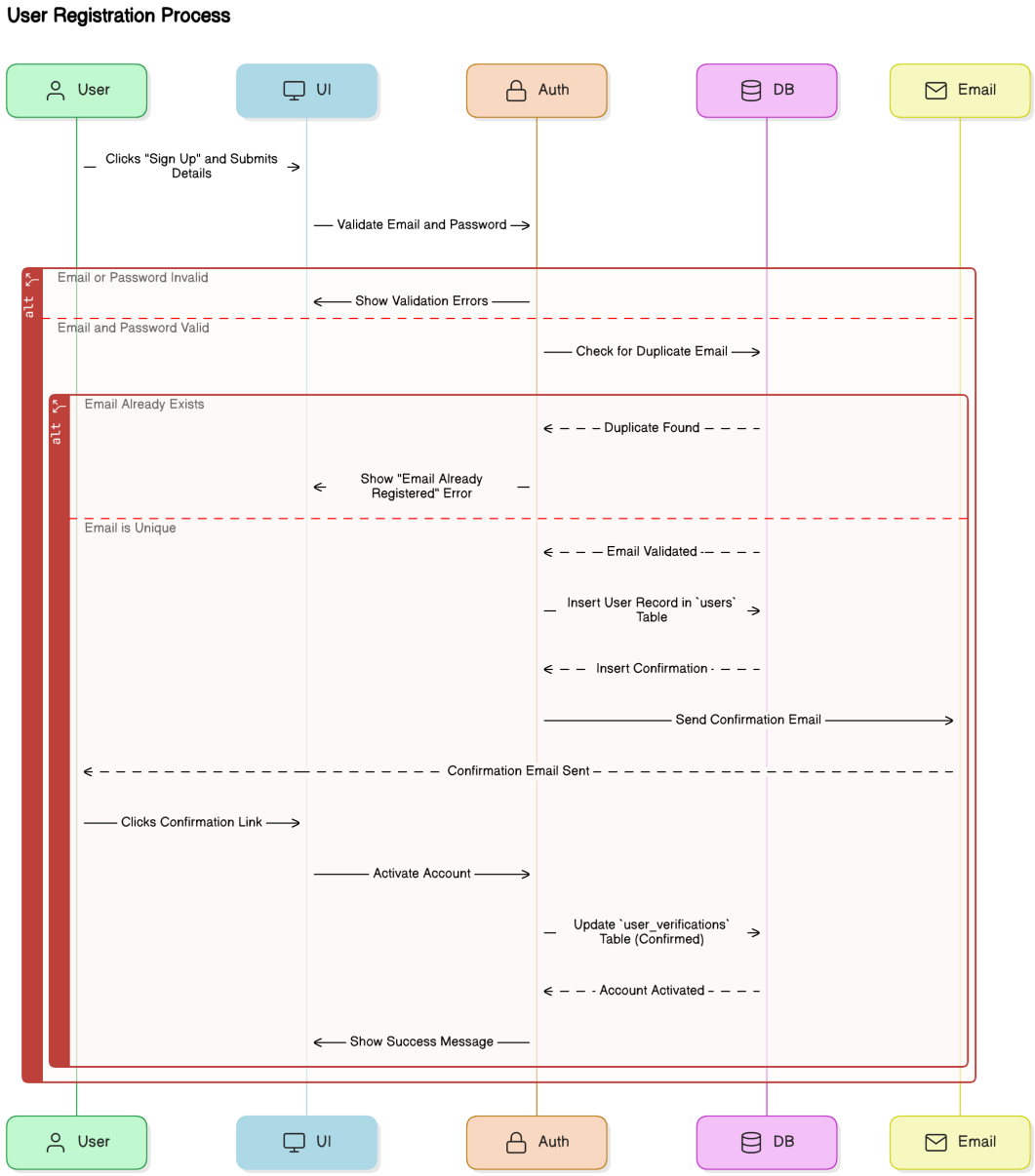


Figure 4.1: User registration sequence diagram

4.2.2 User Login Process

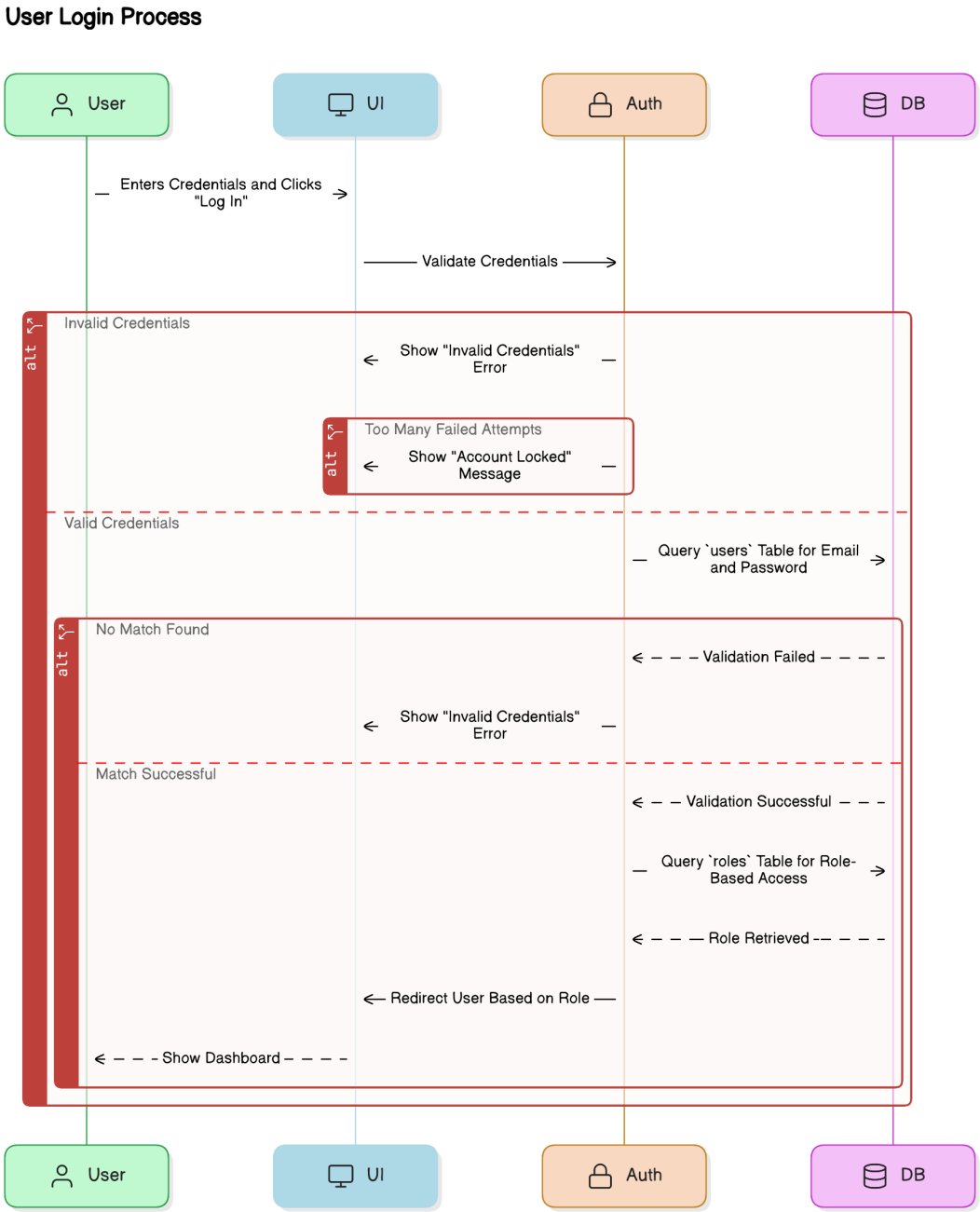


Figure 4.2: Authentication sequence with security measures

4.2.3 Password Recovery Process

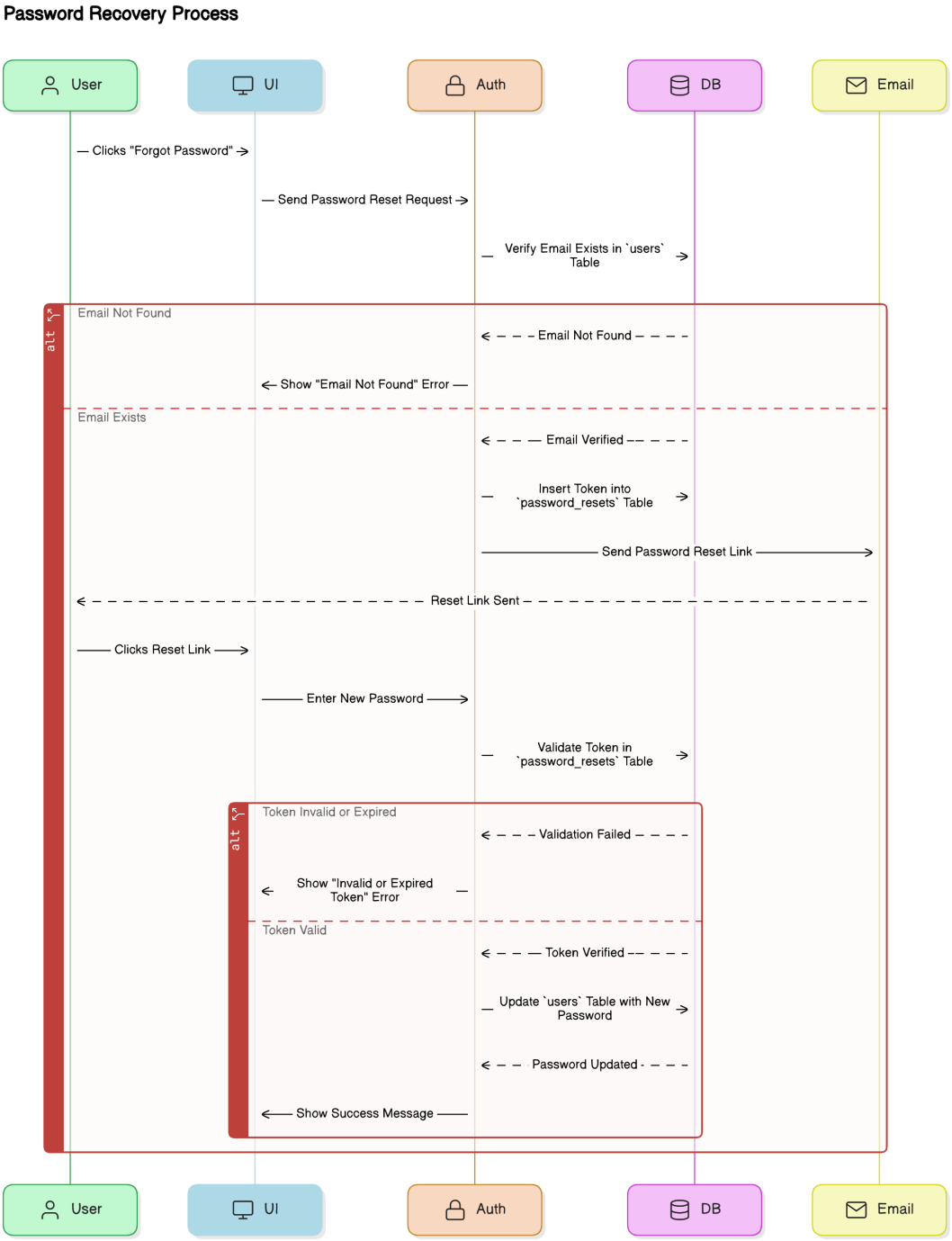


Figure 4.3: Password reset sequence diagram with email verification

4.2.4 Create Profile Process

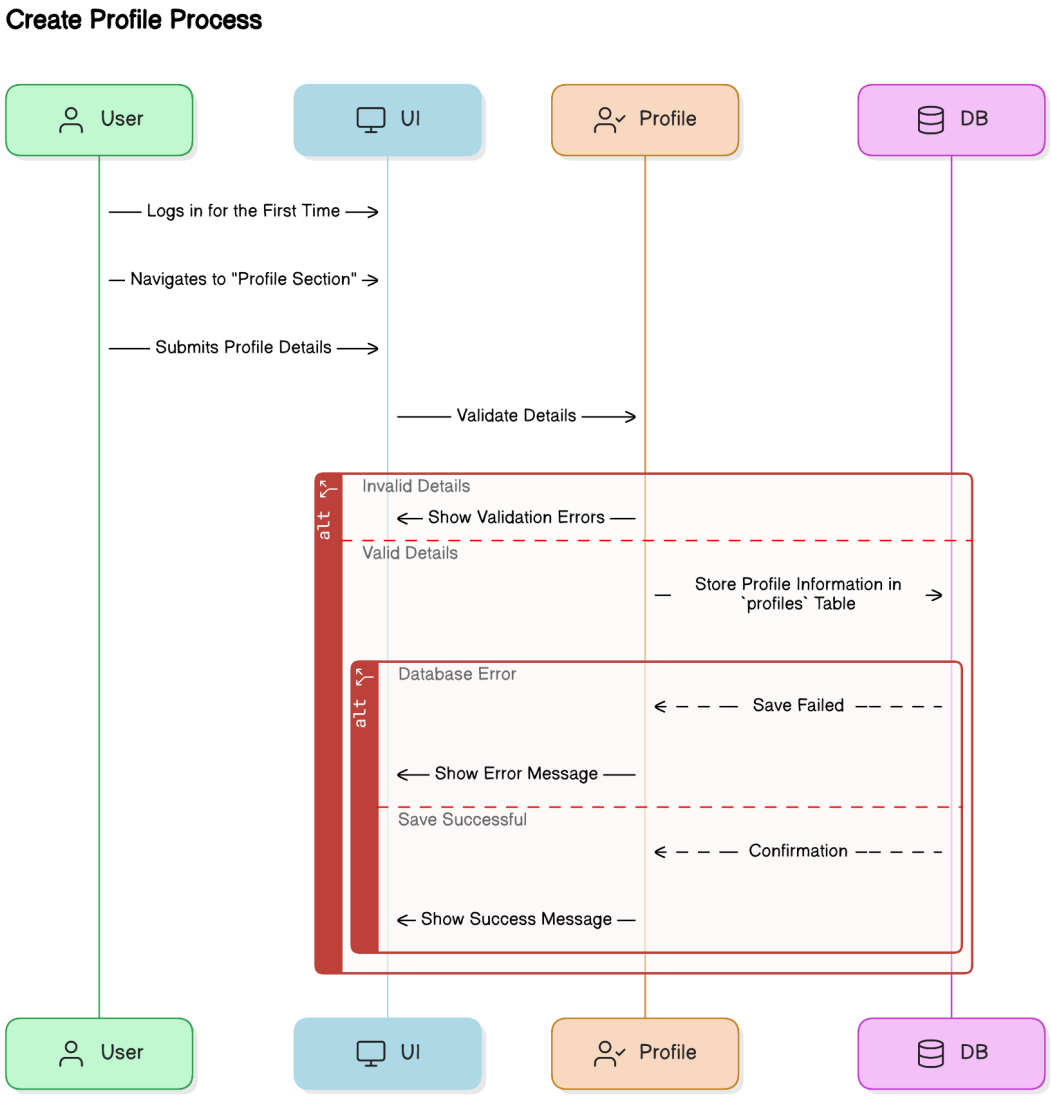


Figure 4.4: Profile creation sequence diagram showing validation and database storage

4.2.5 Create Group Process

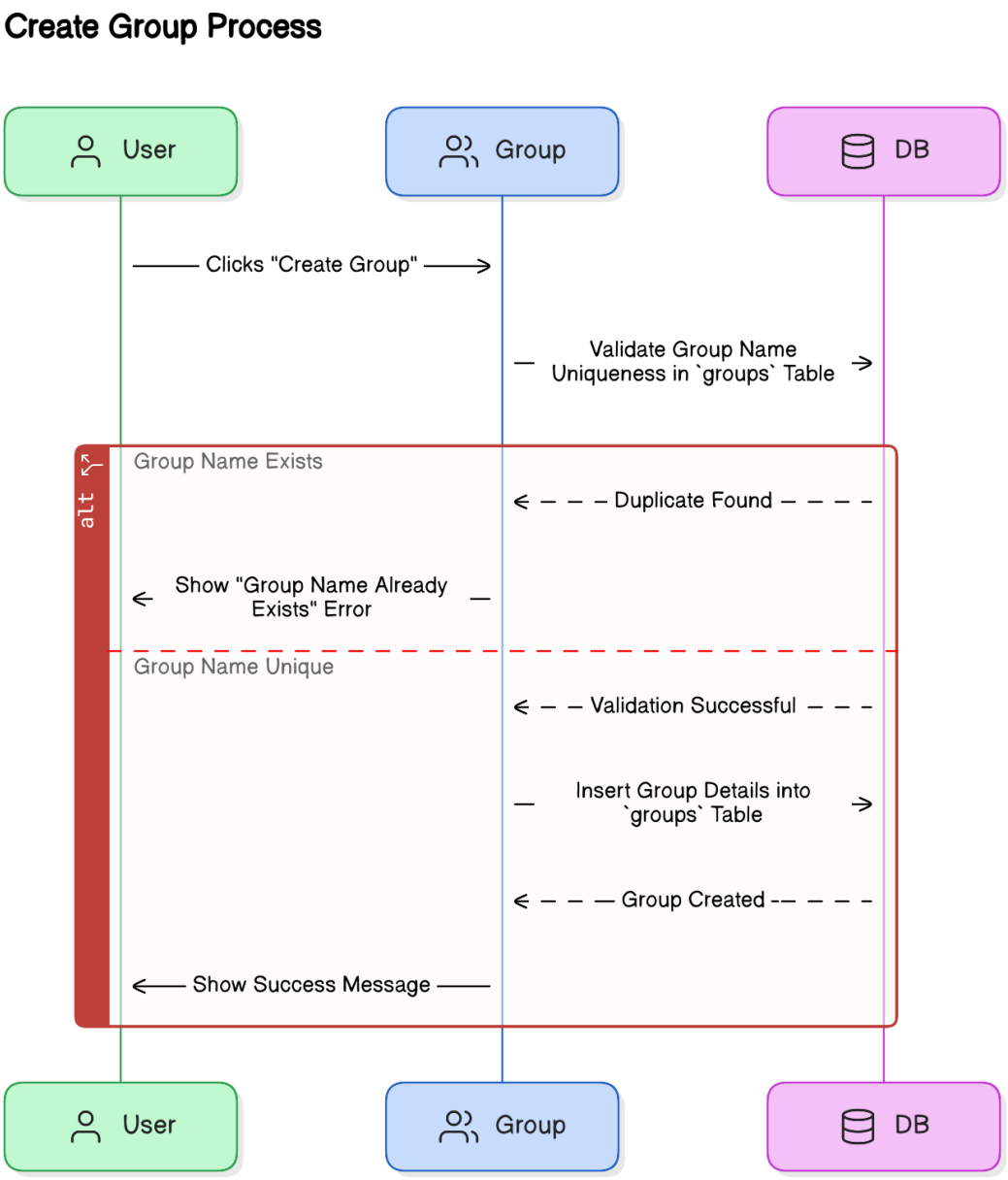


Figure 4.5: Group creation sequence diagram

4.2.6 Direct Messaging Process

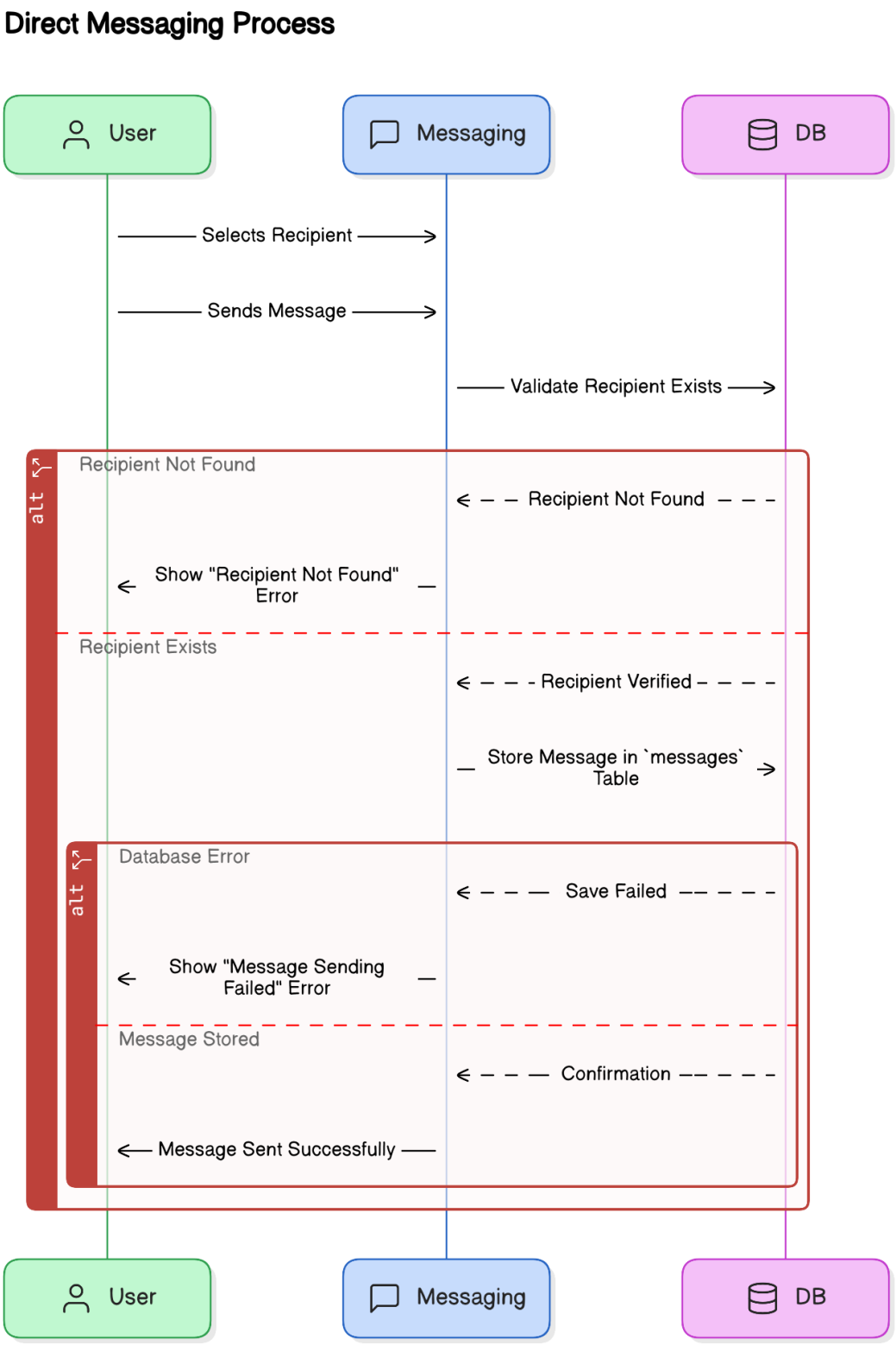


Figure 4.6: Messaging sequence diagram

4.2.7 Start a Discussion Process

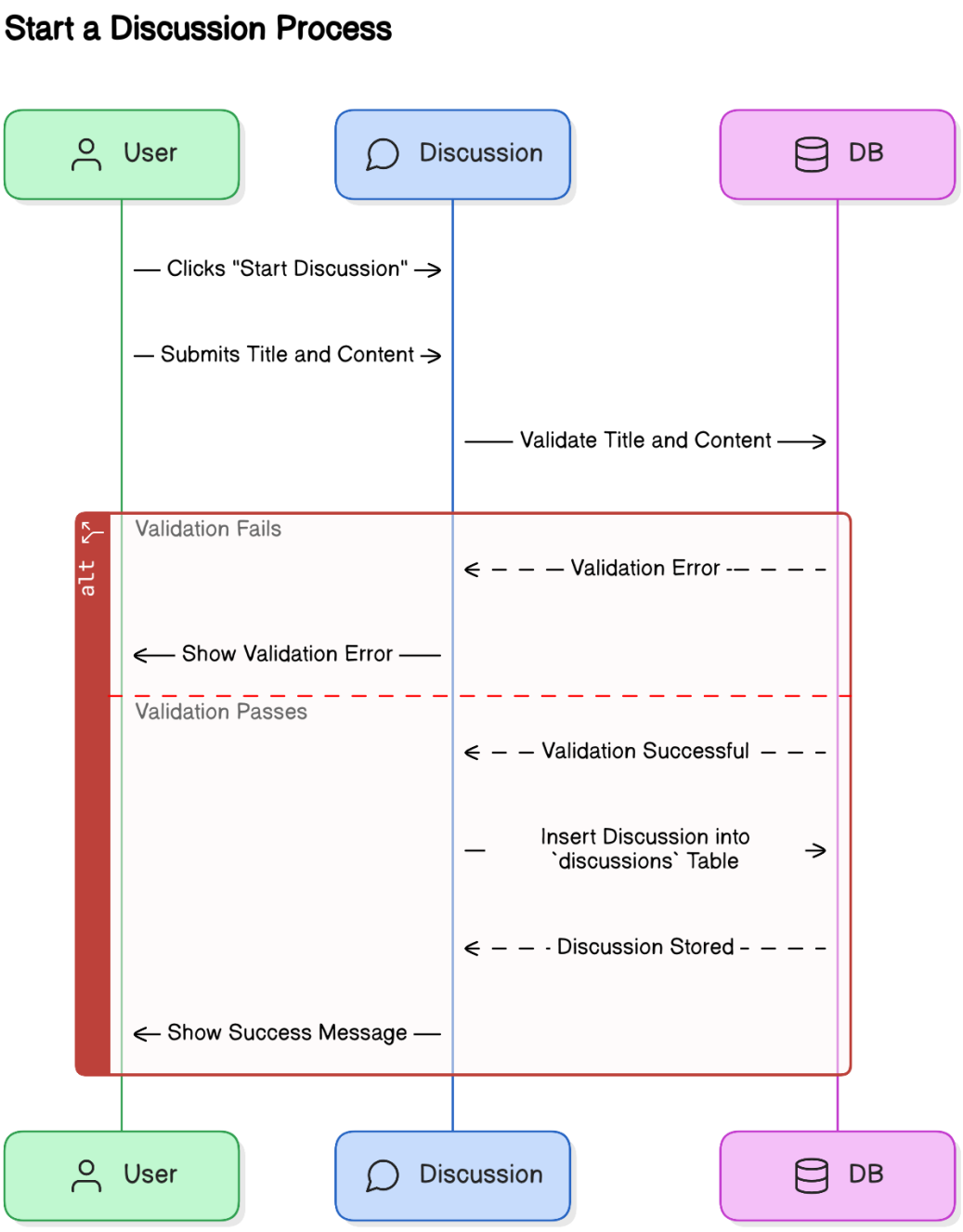


Figure 4.7: Group discussion initiation sequence

4.2.8 Upload Academic Material Process

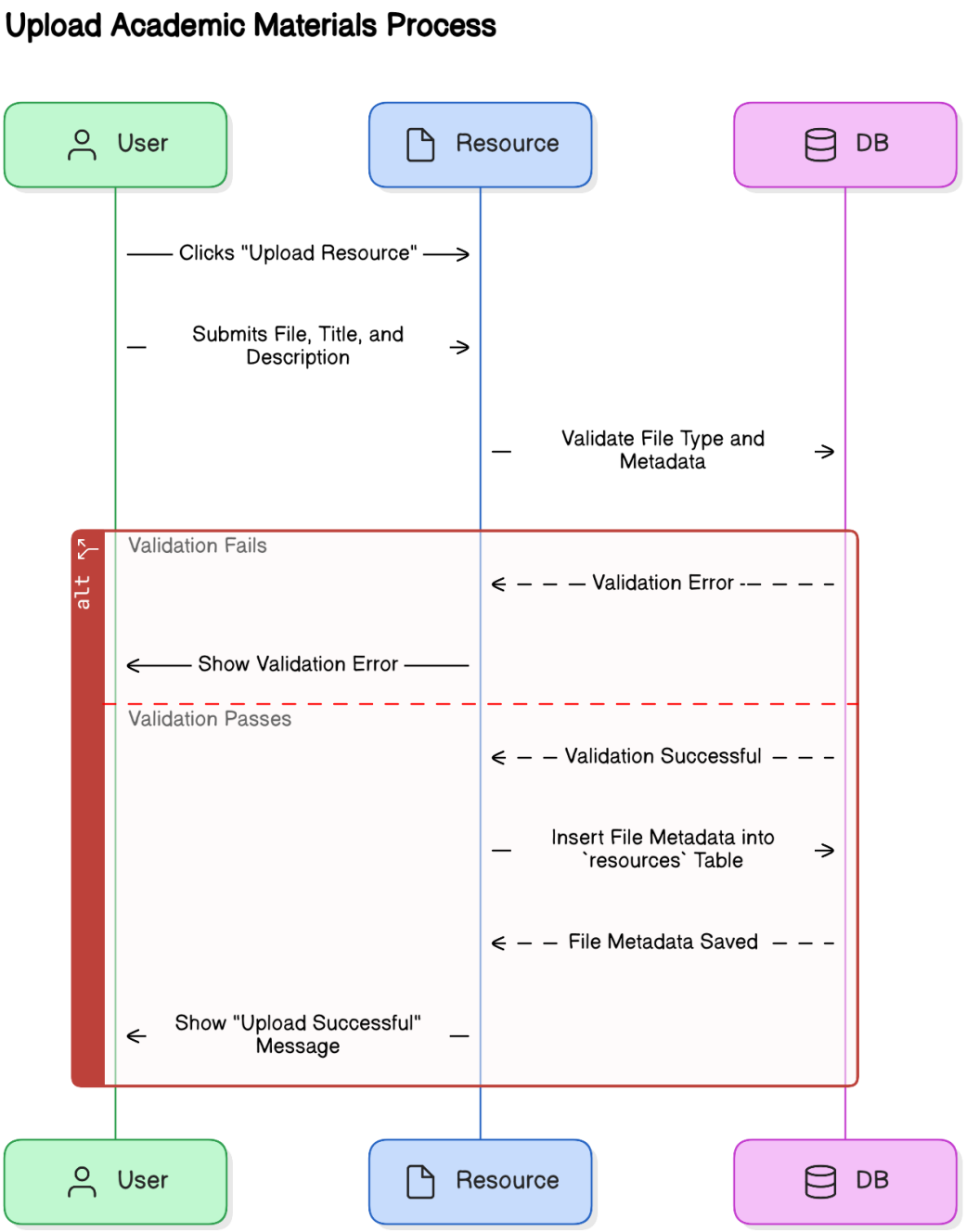


Figure 4.8: Resource upload sequence with file validation

4.2.9 Create Event Process

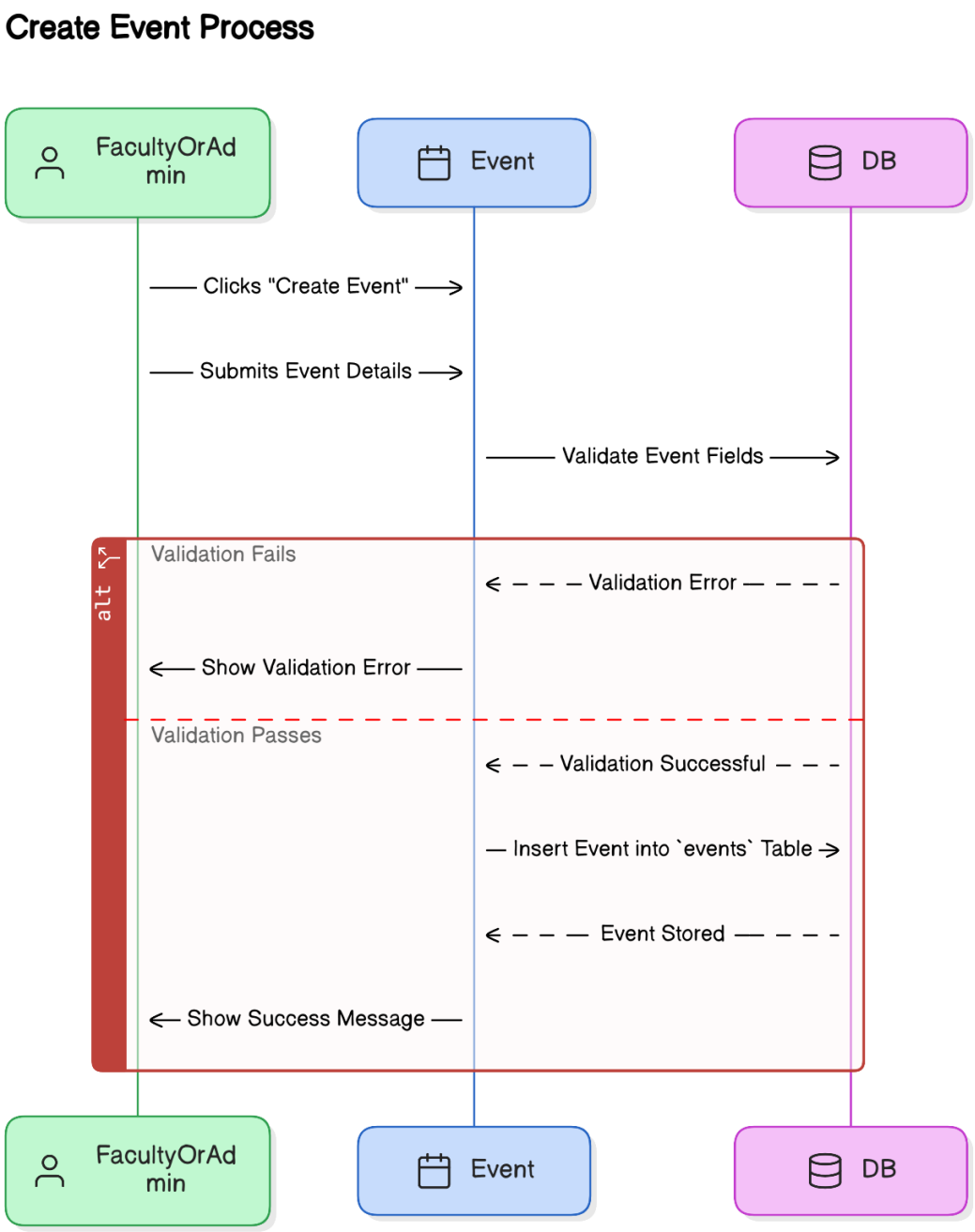


Figure 4.9: Event creation workflow for faculty/admins

4.3 Class Diagram

The class diagram represents the core domain model of the Student Portal system:

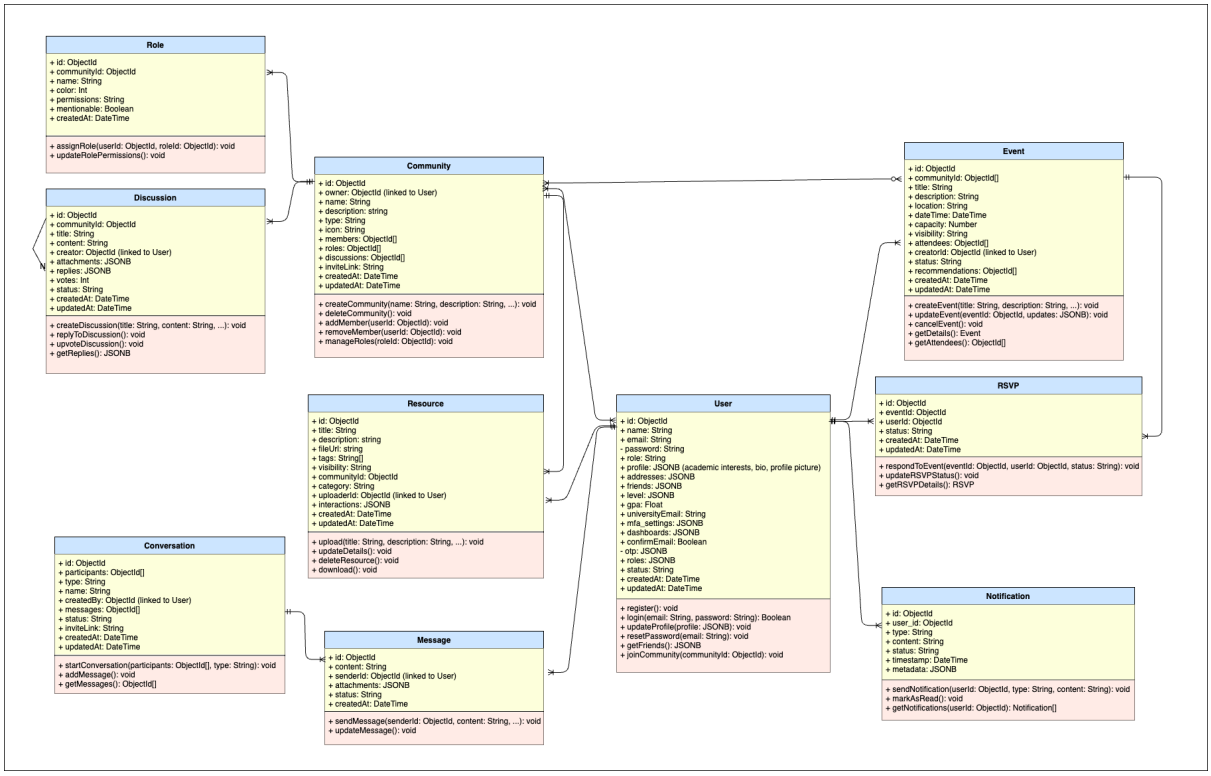
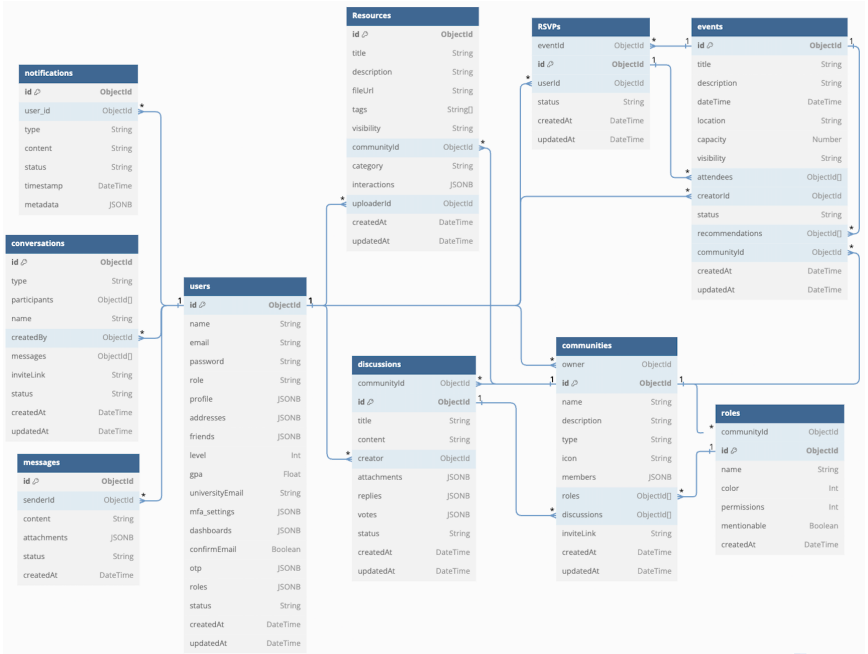


Figure 4.10: Class diagram of the Student Portal system

4.4 Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)



4.5 Data Dictionary

4.5.1 Users Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Unique user identifier	Primary key, auto-generated	507f1f77bc-f86cd799439011
name	String	Full name of the user	Required, max 255 chars	John Doe
email	String	Login credential	Unique, required	john.doe@example.com
password	String	Encrypted password	Bcrypt hashed	hashed_password
role	String	Access level	Enum: Student/Faculty/Admin	Student
profile	JSONB	User profile data	Optional	{bio:CS Student}
status	String	Online status	Enum: online/offline/idle/dnd	online
createdAt	DateTime	Account creation time	Auto-generated	2023-07-01T12:00:00Z

Table 4.1: Users table data dictionary

4.5.2 Communities Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Group identifier	Primary key, auto-generated	507f1f77bc-f86cd799439200
name	String	Community name	Unique, required	AI Enthusiasts
type	String	Group classification	Enum: official/-community	official
owner	ObjectId	Creator reference	Foreign key to users	507f1f77bc-f86cd799439100
members	JSONB	Member list	Array of user objects	{userId:507...}
createdAt	DateTime	Creation timestamp	Auto-generated	2024-01-10T08:45:00Z

Table 4.2: Communities table data dictionary

4.5.3 Embedded Structures

Field	Type	Description	Example
members.userId	ObjectId	Member reference	507f1f77bcf 86cd799439101
members.roleIds	ObjectId[]	Assigned roles	[”507f1f77bcf8 6cd799439300”]
members.joinedAt	DateTime	Join timestamp	2024-01-10T09:30:00Z

Table 4.3: Embedded members structure

4.5.4 Discussions Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Discussion identifier	Primary key	507f1f77bcf8 6cd799439200
communityId	ObjectId	Parent community	Foreign key	507f1f77b cf86cd799439100
title	String	Discussion title	Required, max 255 chars	”Best Practices for Web Dev”
content	String	Main content	Required	”What are the best practices?”
creator	ObjectId	Author reference	Foreign key to users	507f1f77bcf 86cd799439101
status	String	Discussion state	Enum: open/-closed/archived	”open”
createdAt	DateTime	Creation time	Auto-generated	2024-01-10T08: 45:00Z

Table 4.4: Discussions table data dictionary

4.5.5 Conversations Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Conversation ID	Primary key	507f1f77bcf 86cd799439100
type	String	Conversation type	Enum: DM/GroupDM	”GroupDM”
participants	ObjectId[]	Participant list	Min 2 for GroupDM	[”507...101”, ”507...102”]
createdBy	ObjectId	Creator reference	Foreign key to users	507f1f77bc f86cd799439103
status	String	Conversation state	Enum: active/archived	”active”

Table 4.5: Conversations table data dictionary

4.5.6 Messages Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Message identifier	Primary key	60d21b4667d 0d8992e610c85
senderId	ObjectId	Sender reference	Foreign key to users	60d21b4667d 0d8992e610c90
content	String	Message text	Optional	"Hello, how are you?"
status	String	Delivery status	Enum: sent/ delivered/read	"delivered"
createdAt	DateTime	Send timestamp	Auto-generated	2024-01-28T12:00:00Z

Table 4.6: Messages table data dictionary

4.5.7 Embedded Structures

Discussion Attachments

Field	Type	Description	Example
type	String	Attachment type	"file"
resource	String	Resource URL	"https://files.com/ doc.pdf"

Table 4.7: Discussion attachments structure

Discussion Replies

Field	Type	Description	Example
id	ObjectId	Reply identifier	507f1f77bc f86cd799439300
content	String	Reply content	"I agree!"
creator	ObjectId	Author reference	507f1f77bc f86cd799439102
createdAt	DateTime	Creation time	2024-01-11T09:00:00Z

Table 4.8: Discussion replies structure

Message Attachments

Field	Type	Description	Example
type	String	Attachment type	"document"
resource	String	Resource URL	"https://example.com/ doc.pdf"

Field	Type	Description	Example
thread	ObjectId	Thread reference	60d21b4667d0d 8992e610c95

Table 4.9: Message attachments structure

4.5.8 Roles Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Role identifier	Primary key	507f1f77bcf86 cd799439500
communityId	ObjectId	Parent community	Foreign key	507f1f77bcf 86cd799439100
name	String	Role name	Unique per community	”Moderator”
permissions	Int	Bitwise permissions	Required	7
color	Int	RGB color value	Valid RGB integer	16711680
mentionable	Boolean	Can be @mentioned	Default false	true
createdAt	DateTime	Creation time	Auto-generated	2024-01-10T08:45:00Z

Table 4.10: Roles table data dictionary

4.5.9 Permission Bitmask Values

Permission	Bit Position	Decimal Value
READ	0	1
WRITE	1	2
DELETE	2	4

4.5.10 Resources Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Resource identifier	Primary key	507f1f77bcf8 6cd799439100
title	String	Resource title	Required	”Intro to React”
fileUrl	String	File location	Required	”https://cdn.example .com/files/ react-guide.pdf”
visibility	String	Access level	Enum: public/private/- community	”community”
communityId	ObjectId	Owning community	Conditional	507f1f77bcf8 6cd799439105

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
uploaderId	ObjectId	Uploader reference	Foreign key	507f1f77bcf8 6cd799439102
createdAt	DateTime	Upload time	Auto-generated	2024-01-10T08:45:00Z

Table 4.11: Resources table data dictionary

4.5.11 Embedded Structures

Resource Interactions

Field	Type	Description	Example
downloads	Number	Download count	25
ratings	JSON[]	User ratings	{{"userId":"507...", "rating":4}}
comments	JSON[]	User comments	{{"userId":"507...", "content":"Great!"}}

Table 4.12: Resource interactions structure

Rating Structure

Field	Type	Example
userId	ObjectId	507f1f77bcf86cd799439200
rating	Number	4
createdAt	DateTime	2024-01-12T10:15:00Z

Table 4.13: Rating structure details

Comment Structure

Field	Type	Example
id	ObjectId	507f1f77bcf86cd799439300
userId	ObjectId	507f1f77bcf86cd799439201
content	String	"Great resource!"
createdAt	DateTime	2024-01-12T11:00:00Z

Table 4.14: Comment structure details

4.5.12 Events Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Event identifier	Primary key	656a3f1e8bfa 9c001f3b2d6c
title	String	Event name	Required, max 255 chars	"AI Workshop"

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
dateTime	DateTime	When event occurs	Required, future date	2025-03-15T10:00:00Z
location	String	Event location	Optional	"Conference Hall A"
capacity	Number	Max attendees	Positive integer	100
visibility	String	Access level	Enum: public/private/-community	"public"
creatorId	ObjectId	Creator reference	Foreign key to users	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6f
status	String	Event state	Enum: upcoming/ongoing/completed/-cancelled	"upcoming"
createdAt	DateTime	Creation time	Auto-generated	2025-01-20T12:00:00Z

Table 4.15: Events table data dictionary

4.5.13 RSVPs Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	RSVP identifier	Primary key	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6c
eventId	ObjectId	Event reference	Foreign key to events	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6d
userId	ObjectId	User reference	Foreign key to users	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6e
status	String	RSVP status	Enum: attending/not_attending/interested	"attending"
createdAt	DateTime	Creation time	Auto-generated	2025-01-20T12:00:00Z

Table 4.16: RSVPs table data dictionary

4.5.14 Notifications Table

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
id	ObjectId	Notification ID	Primary key	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6c
user_id	ObjectId	Recipient reference	Foreign key to users	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6e

Field	Type	Description	Constraints	Example
type	String	Notification type	Required	"event_update"
content	String	Message content	Required, max 500 chars	"Your event starts soon"
status	String	Read status	Enum: read/unread	"unread"
timestamp	DateTime	Creation time	Auto-generated	2025-01-20T12:00:00Z

Table 4.17: Notifications table data dictionary

4.5.15 Embedded Structures

Event Metadata

Field	Type	Example
attendees	ObjectId[]	["656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6d"]
recommendations	ObjectId[]	["656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d70"]
communityId	ObjectId	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d71

Table 4.18: Event metadata structure

Notification Metadata

Field	Type	Example
event_id	ObjectId	656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6d
priority	String	"high"
action_url	String	"/events/656a3f1e8bfa9c001f3b2d6d"

Table 4.19: Notification metadata structure

4.6 Data Flow Diagrams (DFD)

4.6.1 Level 0 DFD (Context Diagram)

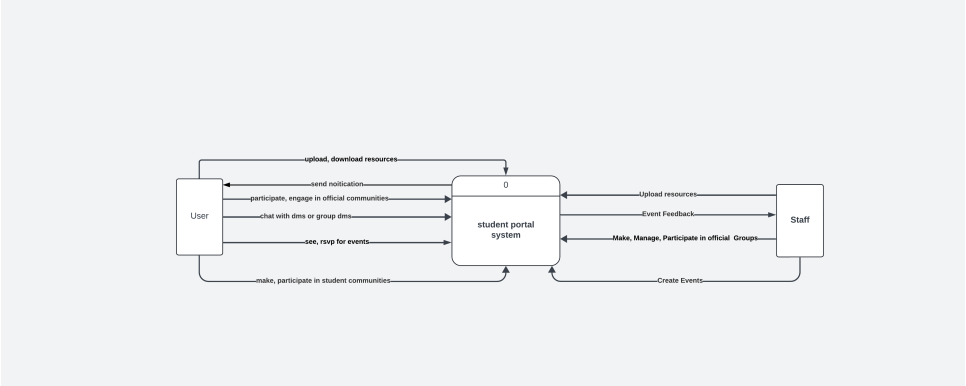


Figure 4.11: Context diagram showing system boundaries

4.6.2 Level 1 DFD

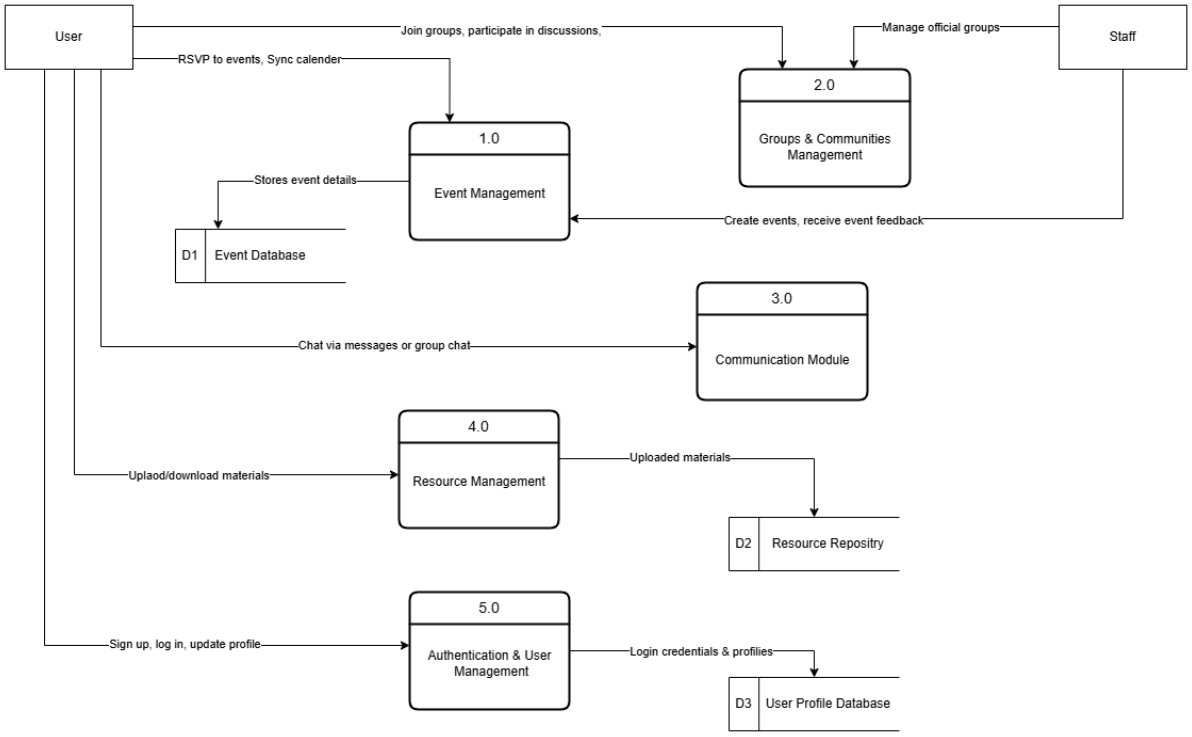


Figure 4.12: Level 1 DFD showing major subsystems

4.7 Algorithms and Pseudocode

4.7.1 User Authentication

Algorithm 1 User Authentication Process

Input: email, password
Output: Authentication status (success/failure)

```
Validate email and password format
Check if user exists in database
if user exists then
    Verify password hash
    if password matches then
        Generate JWT token
        Store session information
        return {token, userData}
    else
        return "Authentication failed: Invalid credentials"
    end if
else
    return "Authentication failed: User not found"
end if
```

4.7.2 User Registration

Algorithm 2 User Registration Process

Input: email, password, userData
Output: Registration status

```
Validate email format and password strength
Check if email already exists
if email is unique then
    Generate verification OTP
    Send verification email
    Store user data with pending status
    return "Registration initiated"
else
    return "Registration failed: Email already exists"
end if
```

4.7.3 Email Verification

Algorithm 3 Email Verification Process

Input: email, verificationOTP
Output: Verification status

```
Validate OTP format
Check OTP expiration
if OTP is valid then
    Update user email status
    Clear verification OTP
    return "Email verified successfully"
else
    return "Verification failed: Invalid OTP"
end if
```

4.7.4 Password Management

Algorithm 4 Password Management Process

Input: userId, currentPassword, newPassword
Output: Password update status

```
Verify current password
if current password is correct then
    Validate new password strength
    Hash new password
    Update password in database
    Invalidate existing sessions
    return "Password updated successfully"
else
    return "Password update failed: Current password incorrect"
end if
```

4.7.5 User Profile Management

Algorithm 5 Profile Management Process

Input: userId, profileData
Output: Profile update status

```
Validate profile data
if profile picture provided then
    Upload and process profile picture
end if
Update user profile in database
Update related user metrics
return "Profile updated successfully"
```

4.7.6 Event Management

Algorithm 6 Event Management Process

Input: eventData, userRole
Output: Event creation/update status

```
Validate event data
if userRole is authorized then
    Upload event image if provided
    Create/update event in database
    Generate calendar integration URLs
    return {eventId, calendarUrls}
else
    return "Unauthorized: Insufficient permissions"
end if
```

4.7.7 View Events

Algorithm 7 Event Viewing Process

Input: userID
Output: List of events

```
Retrieve events from the database
Filter events based on user preferences (if any)
Display events to the user
```

4.7.8 RSVP Management

Algorithm 8 RSVP Process

Input: userId, eventId, rsvpStatus
Output: RSVP status

```
Validate event exists
if event exists then
    Check if user already has RSVP
    if existing RSVP then
        Update RSVP status
    else
        Create new RSVP
    end if
    Update event attendee count
    return "RSVP updated successfully"
else
    return "RSVP failed: Event not found"
end if
```

4.7.9 Calendar Integration

Algorithm 9 Calendar Integration Process

Input: eventId, calendarType
Output: Calendar integration URLs
1: Generate event details in iCal format
2: Create calendar-specific URLs
3: **if** calendarType is Google **then**
4: Generate Google Calendar URL
5: **else if** calendarType is Outlook **then**
6: Generate Outlook Calendar URL
7: **end if**
8: **return** calendar integration URLs

4.7.10 Sync with Personal Calendars

Algorithm 10 Calendar Sync Process

Input: userID, eventID
Output: Sync status
1: Retrieve event details using eventID
2: **if** event exists **then**
3: Add event to user's personal calendar (Google Calendar, Outlook)
4: **return** "Sync successful"
5: **else**
6: **return** "Sync failed: Event not found"
7: **end if**

4.7.11 Resource Management

Algorithm 11 Resource Management Process

Input: resourceData, file, userId
Output: Resource creation status
1: Validate resource data and file
2: Upload file to storage service
3: Create resource entry in database
4: Initialize metrics (views, downloads, votes)
5: **return** {resourceId, fileUrl}

4.7.12 Resource Interaction

Algorithm 12 Resource Interaction Process

Input: resourceId, userId, interactionType
Output: Interaction status

```
Validate resource exists
if interactionType is vote then
    Update resource vote count
else if interactionType is comment then
    Add comment to resource
else if interactionType is report then
    Create resource report
end if
Update resource metrics
return "Interaction recorded successfully"
```

4.7.13 Categorized Content Upload

Algorithm 13 Content Upload Process

Input: userID, contentFile, category
Output: Content upload status

```
Upload contentFile to the server
Store content metadata (userID, category, timestamp) in the database
return "Content uploaded successfully"
```

4.7.14 Discussion Participation

Algorithm 14 Discussion Participation Process

Input: userID, discussionID, message
Output: Participation status

```
Retrieve discussion using discussionID
if discussion exists then
    Add message to the discussion
    Update discussion in the database
    return "Message posted successfully"
else
    return "Discussion not found"
end if
```

4.7.15 Direct Messaging

Algorithm 15 Direct Messaging Process

Input: senderID, receiverID, message
Output: Message send status
1: Store message in the database with senderID, receiverID, and timestamp
2: Notify receiver of the new message
3: **return** "Message sent successfully"

4.7.16 AI-Powered Chatbot

Algorithm 16 AI Chatbot Response Process

Input: userQuery
Output: Chatbot response
1: Analyze userQuery using NLP
2: Retrieve most relevant response from FAQ database
3: **return** response to the user

4.7.17 Event Recommendations

Algorithm 17 Event Recommendation Process

Input: userId
Output: List of recommended events
1: Retrieve user's past event attendance
2: Get user's interests and preferences
3: Calculate event relevance scores
4: Filter events based on user's schedule
5: Sort events by relevance score
6: **return** top N recommended events

4.7.18 Resource Recommendations

Algorithm 18 Resource Recommendation Process

Input: userId
Output: List of recommended resources
1: Get user's download history
2: Analyze user's resource interactions
3: Calculate resource relevance scores
4: Consider resource ratings and popularity
5: **return** top N recommended resources

4.7.19 Recommendation Engine

Algorithm 19 Content Recommendation Process

Input: userID
Output: List of recommended content
1: Retrieve user preferences and past interactions
2: Use collaborative filtering algorithm
3: **return** list of recommended content

4.7.20 Announcements Dashboard

Algorithm 20 Announcements Display Process

Input: userID
Output: List of announcements
1: Retrieve announcements from the database
2: Filter announcements based on user preferences (if any)
3: Display announcements to the user

4.7.21 Mentorship Matching

Algorithm 21 Mentorship Matching Process

Input: userID
Output: Matched mentor
1: Retrieve user profile and preferences
2: Calculate compatibility scores with potential mentors
3: **return** best matching mentor

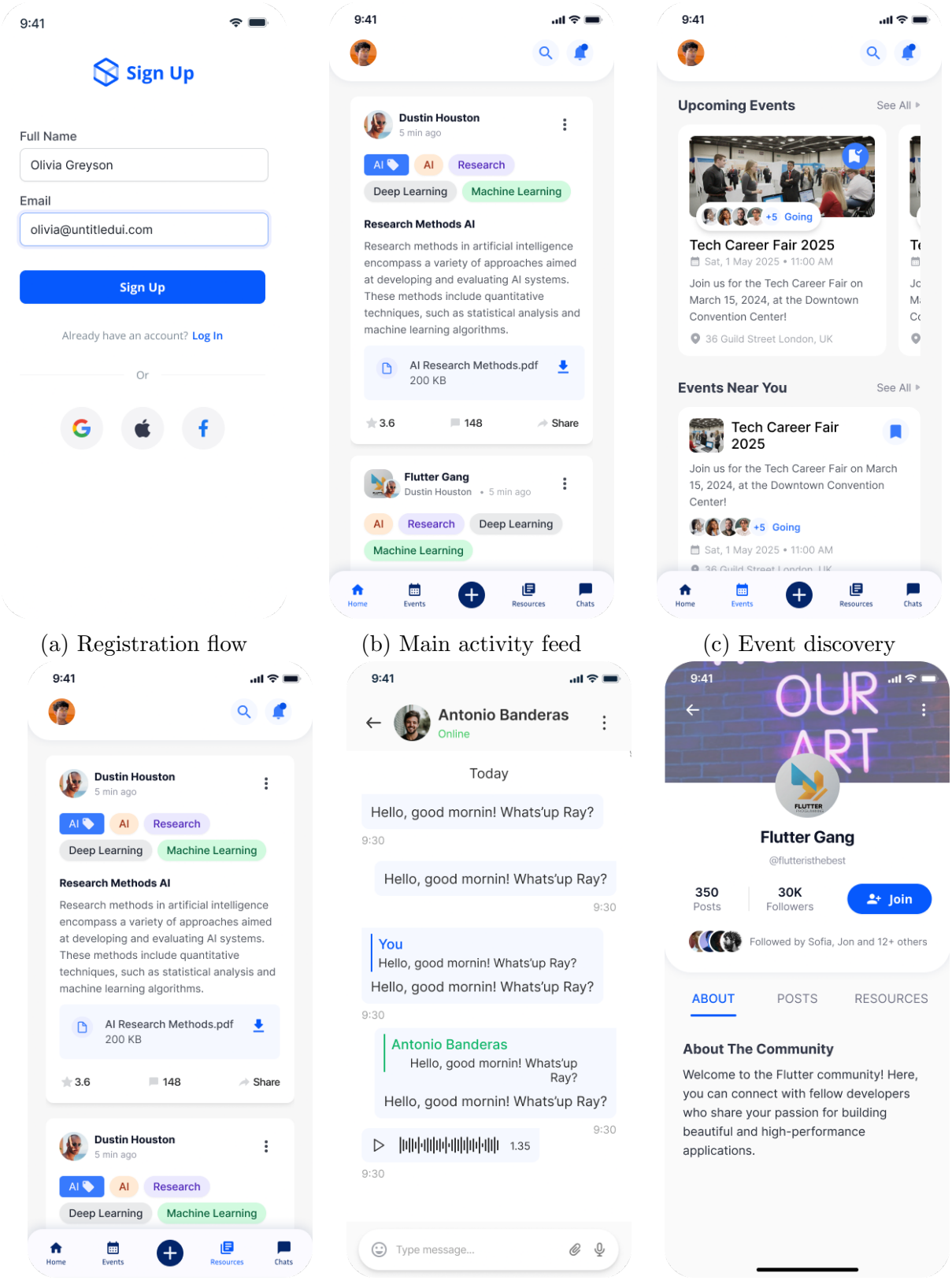
4.7.22 Real-Time Notifications

Algorithm 22 Notification Process

Input: userID, notificationMessage
Output: Notification status
1: Send notificationMessage to user's device
2: Store notification in the database
3: **return** "Notification sent successfully"

4.8 Interface Design

4.8.1 Mobile Application Interfaces

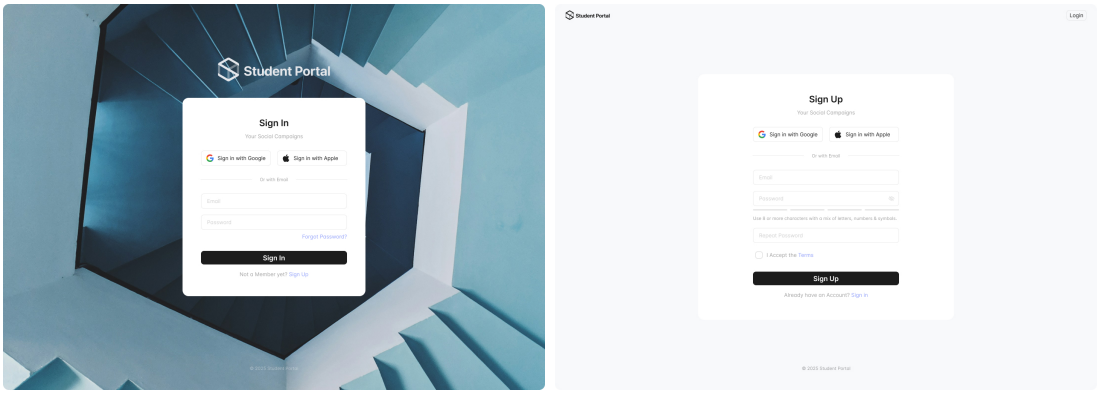


(a) Registration flow (b) Main activity feed (c) Event discovery

(d) Academic resources (e) Messaging interface (f) User profile

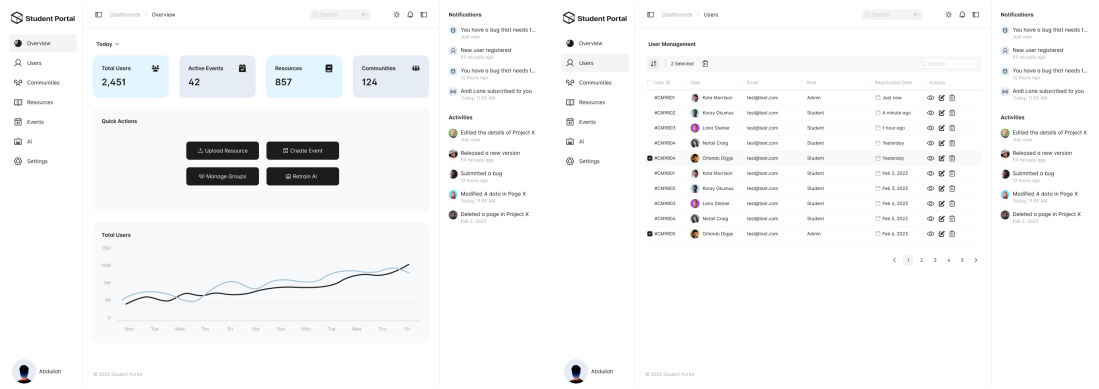
Figure 4.13: Mobile Application Interfaces Overview

4.8.2 Admin Dashboard Interfaces



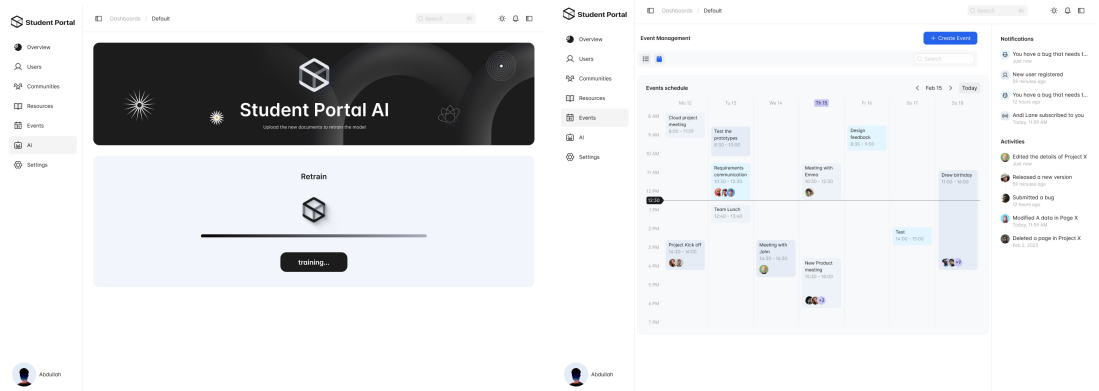
(a) Admin login screen (b) Admin account creation

Figure 4.14: Admin portal authentication flows



(a) Dashboard overview (b) User management console

Figure 4.15: Admin dashboard main views



(a) AI model training interface (b) Event moderation panel

Figure 4.16: Specialized admin tools

Chapter 5

Implementation Aspects

5.1 Overall System Architecture

5.1.1 Layered Architecture

Client Layer

- **Web App (React)**: Dashboard, resource upload, mentorship matching
- **Mobile App (Flutter)**: Notifications, calendar sync, community discussions

Backend Layer

- **Auth Service**: JWT token generation, MFA
- **Event Service**: Manages event creation, RSVPs, and Google Calendar sync
- **Community Service**: Handles group creation, discussions, and mentorship tools

AI Layer

- **Chatbot Service**: Flask API + Dialogflow (answers university queries)
- **Recommendation Service**: TensorFlow model for personalized suggestions

Storage Layer

- **MongoDB Atlas**: User profiles, events, and community data
- **Elasticsearch**: Resource search and discovery

Security Layer

- **API Gateway**: Kong/Express Gateway (rate limiting, JWT validation)
- **Encryption**: AES-256 (data at rest), TLS 1.3 (data in transit)

Integration Layer

- **Third-Party APIs**: Google Calendar, Firebase, Twilio

5.1.2 Data Flow

1. Users interact via React/Flutter clients
2. Requests pass through API Gateway for security checks
3. Node.js backend processes CRUD operations
4. AI services provide real-time responses and recommendations
5. Real-time notifications (Socket.io/FCM) and calendar sync

5.1.3 Architecture Justification

- **Modularity**: Separates concerns for scalability
- **Agile Alignment**: Supports iterative development sprints
- **Compliance**: Meets security NFRs (encryption, audits) and usability goals

5.2 Tools and Technologies

Backend

- Framework: Express.js
- Database: MongoDB
- Real-Time: Socket.io
- Authentication: JWT
- Testing: Postman
- CI/CD: GitHub Actions

Frontend

- State Management: Redux Toolkit
- UI Libraries: Material-UI, styled-components
- Routing: React Router
- Design Tools: Figma, Storybook

Mobile

- Framework: Flutter
- State Management: Provider
- Notifications: Firebase Cloud Messaging
- Local Storage: Hive

AI Components

- Chatbot: Python with TensorFlow NLP
- Recommendation System: scikit-learn with Flask API

Security

- Encryption: TLS/SSL, bcrypt
- Access Control: Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
- Vulnerability Scanning: OWASP ZAP

Infrastructure

- Hosting: AWS EC2, Vercel
- Containerization: Docker
- Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana

5.2.1 Integration Highlights

- **Calendar Sync**: Google Calendar API integration
- **File Storage**: Firebase Storage/Amazon S3 for academic resources
- **Search**: Elasticsearch implementation
- **Project Management**: Trello for sprint planning
- **Collaboration**: Slack/Discord for team coordination

Chapter 6

Future Work and Conclusion

6.1 Introduction

This chapter summarizes the outcomes and achievements of the Student Portal project, reflects on its significance in improving the educational experience, and outlines directions for future enhancements. It emphasizes the project's success in integrating intelligent systems and fostering academic collaboration while acknowledging potential areas for further development.

6.2 Future Work

While the current implementation of the Student Portal provides a strong foundation, there are several promising areas for future work and expansion:

- **AI Tutor Integration**: Incorporate an advanced AI tutor capable of conducting dynamic conversations, solving academic problems, and recommending learning paths based on user behavior and performance.
- **Gamification System**: Enhance student engagement through a reward-based gamification layer including points, badges, and leaderboards based on task completion and academic achievements.
- **Advanced Analytics and Reports**: Develop a module for visualizing user activity and learning trends through dashboards that can assist instructors and administrators in academic planning.
- **Virtual Classrooms**: Expand the real-time communication features into fully integrated virtual classrooms, supporting video, whiteboard tools, and group sessions.
- **Mentorship Tools**: Facilitates connections between students, faculty, and alumni, enabling guidance, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.
- **Mobile App Development**: Create cross-platform mobile applications to increase accessibility and provide push notifications, offline resources, and quick interactions.
- **Third-Party Integration**: Enable seamless integration with learning management systems (LMS), academic databases, and university services to ensure data interoperability.

- **Security and Privacy Enhancements**: Apply advanced security protocols including role-based access control, data encryption, and compliance with data protection regulations such as GDPR.

These enhancements aim to further improve the student learning experience, streamline academic management, and ensure long-term scalability.

6.3 Conclusion

The Student Portal project is a comprehensive solution designed to address the challenges students face in accessing resources, mentorship, and collaboration opportunities in a fragmented educational technology landscape. By integrating AI-powered tools, real-time communication, and a centralized platform, the project enhances the academic experience for students, faculty, and administrators.

Key Features and Achievements:

1. **AI-Powered Chatbot**: Provides instant responses to university-related queries, reducing the time students spend searching for information.
2. **Personalized Recommendations**: Leverages AI to offer tailored suggestions for resources, events, and mentorship opportunities, enhancing the learning experience.
3. **Event Management**: Streamlines event planning, RSVPs, and calendar synchronization, helping students stay organized and informed about academic and extracurricular activities.
4. **Real-Time Notifications**: Ensures timely updates on announcements, deadlines, and events, improving communication between students and the university.
5. **Community Collaboration**: Provides a platform for students to share resources, engage in discussions, and collaborate on projects, fostering a sense of community.

Overall, the Student Portal offers a modern, AI-driven, and student-centric approach to digital education, laying the groundwork for a more connected, efficient, and collaborative academic ecosystem.

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