

ICT University Presidential Voting System Project

1. Introduction

This project aims to design and implement an online presidential voting system for ICT University. The goal is to digitalize the student election process to make it more transparent, secure, and accessible. Through this system, students will be able to vote online using their university credentials, view candidate profiles, watch campaign videos, and see real-time election statistics.

2. Objectives

The main objectives of the system are: - Provide a reliable, transparent, and secure platform for student elections. - Allow each student to vote only once using unique credentials. - Give the administration control over candidate management and election monitoring. - Present results and analytics in real time through visual charts. - Strengthen ICT University's image as a tech-driven institution.

3. System Features

The system will include both user and admin functionalities: 1) Home page: animated ICT University logo and campus images, links to all sections. 2) Candidate section: professional pictures, profile, project description, and a 3-minute video. 3) Voting section: candidate list with "Vote" buttons and real-time statistics (bar and pie charts). 4) User login page: login using matriculation ID, ICT University email, and password (one vote per student). 5) Admin platform: login to add/edit candidates, upload videos, and monitor total votes and registrations. 6) Search bar: to easily find a candidate by name or ID.

4. Technical Design

The system will be built using modern web technologies: - Front-end: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (React.js or Vue.js for interactivity) - Back-end: Python (Django or Flask), or Node.js - Database: MySQL or PostgreSQL - Security: password hashing, HTTPS, session validation, and prevention of double voting. Architecture: Users connect via web browsers to access public sections, while administrators connect through a secure login portal. The database stores users, votes, and statistical data with automatic backups.

5. User Interface and Design

The design will reflect ICT University's branding colors: blue, white, and gold. The interface will be mobile-friendly, modern, and visually dynamic. Candidates' videos can be embedded securely from YouTube or stored locally. All elements will be clear, simple, and professional to ensure usability for all students.

6. Security Measures

Security is central to the project. Key protections include: - One vote per user enforced through authentication and database validation. - Encrypted data transfer via HTTPS. - Admin privileges restricted and password-protected. - Backup and recovery plan for data integrity. - Audit logs for tracking all voting activities.

7. Testing and Validation

Several test phases will ensure reliability: - Unit testing: verify each feature works individually. - Integration testing: confirm modules interact correctly. - Load testing: ensure system stability during heavy traffic. - User acceptance testing: gather feedback from students and administrators before deployment.

8. Implementation Plan

The development will proceed in phases: 1. Requirements gathering and design planning. 2. Interface design and database modeling. 3. Implementation of front-end and back-end components. 4. Integration, testing, and bug fixing. 5. Deployment on ICT University's web server. 6. Maintenance and future updates.

9. Expected Outcomes

Once implemented, ICT University will benefit from: - A fully automated election process. - Real-time access to accurate voting results. - Enhanced student participation and trust. - Reduced administrative workload and costs. - Strengthened reputation as an innovative institution.

10. Conclusion

This project is a step toward digital transformation at ICT University. It promotes transparency, efficiency, and fairness in student elections. The system will not only simplify voting but also enhance student engagement in leadership processes. By leveraging technology, ICT University continues to empower students with practical digital tools and skills.

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