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Abstract

Blood bank is a place where a blood bag that is collected from blood donation events is stored in one place. The term "blood bank" refers to a division of a hospital laboratory where the storage of blood products occurs and where proper testing is performed to reduce the risk of transfusion related events. The process of managing the blood bag that is received from the blood donation events needs proper and systematic management (7). The blood bag must be handled with care and treated thoroughly as it is related to someone's life. The development of Web-based Blood Bank And Donation Management System (BBDMS) is proposed to provide a management functional to the blood bank in order to handle the blood bag and to make entries of the individuals who want to donate blood and who are in need.

There is no storage of blood so no complications in the database. The software is fully integrated with customer relationship management as well as content management system solutions. It is developed in a manner that is easily manageable, time saving and relieving one from manual work.

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1. Introduction

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma — which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions. Safe blood saves lives and improves health.

Blood is also needed for regular transfusions for people with conditions such as thalassaemia and sickle cell disease and is used to make products such as clotting factors for people with hemophilia. There is a constant need for regular blood supply because blood can be stored for only a limited time before use. Regular blood donations by a sufficient number of healthy people are needed to ensure that safe blood will be available whenever and wherever it is needed (5). Therefore it is a necessity to develop a system that can manage all the things like patient requirements, donors information, types of blood available.

2. Objectives

- Successfully manage the donor information and data about blood.
- Campaigns and notices should be prominently displayed.
- Should be working 24x7.
- the admin should be able to change the data for their websites according to their company's services and needs.
- At home facility of blood donation.

3. Motivation for the work

India is a very diverse nation with many metropolitan areas and rural areas as well. There are many big blood bank systems in the big cities which don't need any management systems as they are directly connected with the government and they have their own systems. Our motivation comes from the fact that there are many small villages who have their blood banks but don't have a proper system to manage their blood details and often they rely on big city blood banks to supply them blood which in needy conditions, can have horrible outcomes. We wanted to develop a user-friendly solution to these blood banks of the rural areas so that people from the villages can help each other and become donors themselves and they become self-sufficient so that no person in the world should suffer for the reason that proper blood supply was not available at the appropriate time.

4. Existing Solutions

The Indian Blood Bank Website(e-RaktKosh)-e-Rakt Kosh enforces Drug & Cosmetic Act, National blood policy standards and guidelines ensuring proper collection & donation, effective management and monitoring the quality and quantity of the donated blood. Considering the national roll out, e-Rakt Kosh has been developed with a modular and scalable approach with configurable rule based architecture allowing customization to easily incorporate specific requirements from nationwide stakeholders.

Limitation:

- **1.** Since this is a nationally hosted website by the central government and in certain states the same party doesn't hold power so there is discrepancy in supplying the facilities provided through this domain.
- **2.** People don't come easily as (2) as that is the governing body in India.

National blood transfusion council-The National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) is a society registered under the societies registration act. It is a representative body having representation from the Directorate General of Health Services, Drug Controller General of India Govt. of India, representatives from Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

Limitation:

This works on only blood banks that come under the government and so the reach is less compared to (1) and there is no facility for someone who is scared to donate blood and wants a home facility.

5. Proposed Solution with Novelty

In Zion, we are aiming to have a system that can be used by small blood banks in the rural areas so that they are not dependent on the city blood banks and whenever there is an urgent need for blood, the delay and risks are minimal. We are aiming to add functionality that will help the organization using our facility to edit the pages from their admin end without even getting into the code (6).

We also aim to provide a unique service through which one can attain blood donation facility at the place as per their convenience by accessing the campaign section which will inform them about where we'll be carrying out campaigns and when. This empowers us and the users to overcome any stereotypes or fears they have about blood donation and it'll be an overall positive addition to society's welfare.

6. Project Procedure

The list below is the blood bank management system project modules (8):

Manage Recipients – The admin has access to the donor management. He can update the blood, can update camp details users, and can view the details of the customer who requested blood.

Manage Donator – The admin has access to the donator of the blood. He can update the details of the donor.

Login and Logout – By default one of the security features of this system is the secure login and logout system. The login and logout system of this **Blood Bank Management System** uses a session. It means that the user can only log in at once on the same browser.

Donor Registration – For the donor registration, you will fill the forms. Such as your complete name, gender, date of birth, blood type, phone number, email address, home address, etc.

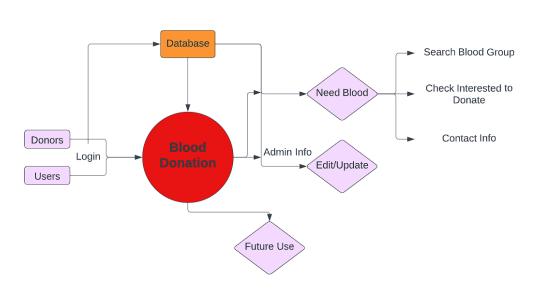
Contact Information – For the contact us, you will be able to see their address, phone number and email address.

Blood Letting Information – For the about us, you will be able see the goals and objectives of the blood bank management system.

Place of Requirement of Service - On our website we will also have a ticker (Moving Notice Bar), that will display all the upcoming events and drives. Users will

be able to access a google form in which they can choose the place of service requirement at the Centre/Mobile Units/Home. We will extract this information as a csv file and provide it to our database which will then send out mails regarding the donation service according to the choices made by the user.

UML



The purpose of this UML diagram is to visually represent the system along with its main actors, roles, actions, artifacts or classes, in order to better understand, alter, maintain, or document information about the system.

Tech - Stack Used



Base Server



XAMPP (9) is a free and open-source cross-platform web server solution stack package developed by Apache Friends, consisting mainly of the **Apache HTTP** Server, **MariaDB** database, and interpreters for scripts written in the PHP and Perl programming languages.

Security

PHP has many pre-defined functions for data encryption. Users can also use third-party applications for security. Security and flexibility are often contrasting features, but PHP somehow manages to offer them both, and that's great. PHP is designed specifically to be a more secure language for writing CGI (Computer-generated Imagery) programs. Security algorithms such as Sha1 (secure Hash algorithm 1) and MD5(Message digest 5) are used to encrypt the strings in PHP. Filter_var and strip_tags functions help to keep the environment more secure and safe for users.

6.1. Why do we use PHP?

PHP (8) can actually do anything related to server-side scripting or more popularly known as the backend of a website. PHP can receive data from forms, generate dynamic page content, can work with databases, create sessions, send and receive cookies, send emails etc. There are also many hash functions available in PHP to encrypt user's data that makes PHP secure and reliable to be used as a server-side scripting language. So these are some of the abilities of PHP that makes it suitable to be used as a server-side scripting language.

Reasons for using PHP (3):

- A large base of reference and educational materials
- Better loading speed of websites
- More options for database connectivity
- A large collection of open-source addons
- Inexpensive website hosting
- Great synergy with html
- Excellent flexibility and combinability
- Various benefits provided by cloud solutions

6.2. Real-time access monitoring

PHP provides real-time information about users' access. It provides a summary of recent accesses of the user. PHP offers a secure user management system and prevents unrestricted access.

6.3. Platform Independent

We can run PHP on any device and operating system (Microsoft Windows, macOS, Linux, RISC OS, or Unix). We can easily connect it with various databases and are also compatible with almost all web servers used today (Apache, IIS, and others). It supports a wide range of databases as well. Its cross-platform compatibility makes really popular among its users as it saves a lot of time and energy

7. System requirements

As we are using XAMPP for the local hosting, the hardware requirements of XAMPP are as follow (4):

7.1. Windows

- Free Space on Hard disk- 1 GB to 2 GB (according to the version)
- RAM- 512 MB (minimum)
- Platform- Windows 2008, 2012, Vista, 7, 8, 10 (above XAMPP versions are not supported in windows XP and 2003)
- System Type- 32-bit operating system

7.2. Linux

- Free Space on Hard disk- 2 GB to 10 GB (according to the version)
- RAM-1 GB (recommended)
- Platform- Debian, CentOS, RedHat, Fedora, Ubuntu, Gentoo, Arch, SUSE
- System Type- 64-Bit operating system

7.3. macOS

- Free Space on Hard disk- 2 GB to 5 GB
- RAM- 1 GB (recommended)
- Platform- macOS 10.6 Snow Leopard, 10.7 Lion, 10.8 Mountain Lion, 10.9
 Mavericks, 10.10 Yosemite, 10.11 El Capitan, 10.12 Sierra
- System Type- 64-bit operating system

8. Work Done

8.1. User - End

1	Home Page
2	About Us
3	Why to Donate Blood
4	Donor Initiation
5	Blood Requirement
6	Contact Us
7	Campaign

These are the context pages that the users will be able to see on their end and interact with. Moreover, all these pages will be changeable from the admin end for those users who have limited technical knowledge and of course from the back end for those with experience in handling databases.

8.1.1. Screenshots





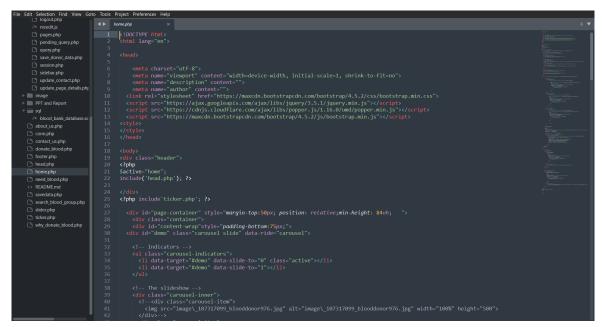
Welcome to Zion Blood Bank Manager

Blood Donor Names









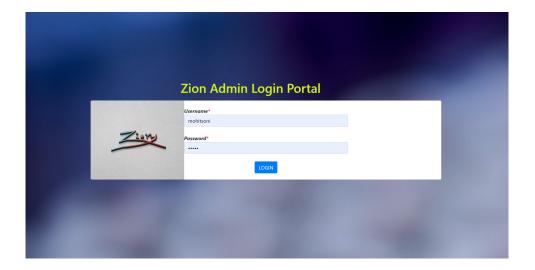
8.2. Admin - End

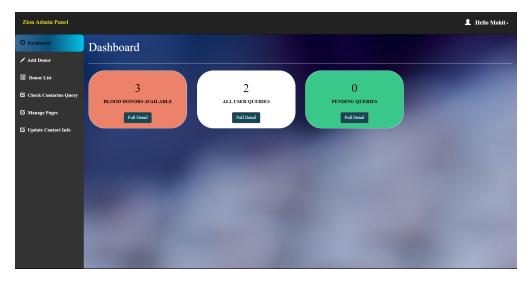
1	Dashboard
2	Login Portal
3	Adding Donor

4	Donor List
5	Password Reset
6	Contact Us Queries List
7	Manage Pages
8	Update Contacts

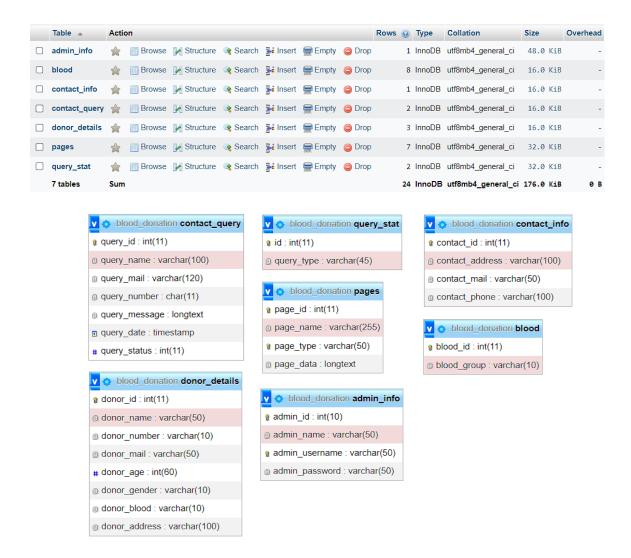
These context pages could be accessed only by the admin who is hosting the website or whomsoever they authorize with admin powers to access the data. In case of discrepancy in security even if an unauthorized person gains access to the admin info, they can be locked out manually from the back-end or if that's not possible, they will only be able to access the generic data provided by the php HTTP server since all the stored data is encrypted thanks to the facilities of utilizing php.

8.2.1. Screenshots





8.3. Database

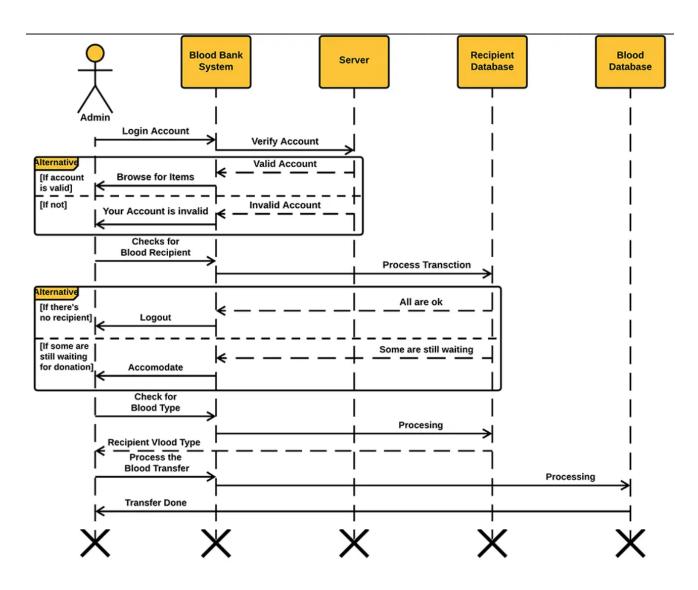


The database that we have utilized is a MySQL database which can only be accessed by the host of the website and the data remains secured since it obscures the container in which the data is held. In addition it retains durability by maintaining logs of previous database states during a transaction. In the event of a system failure, we can recover the database at the most recent state ensuring durability.

9. Testing

We gave our service to our family members and friends only to find out how easy our website is to use and what difficulties they come across. The approximate count of people that tested our service is 30. We found in our testing that our service is reliable and user friendly and people liked the facility for its simplicity and ease of usage, especially the facility that we added which helped the people to edit information in the pages according to their needs. We found out that it was more eye-catching if we added the campaigns section on the top, so the people are more careful on what all campaigns are going on in the nearby areas. There were only limited cases when the site went down but it was only due to the MySQL server being down for maintenance, otherwise, overall the website was benchmarked successfully.

10. Observation



The design is a detailed illustration of the sequence of events that happens in the Blood Bank Management System. This is able to show programmers and users the sequence of messages between the actor and the objects.

The key observations we found are:

- 1. Our website is able to work 24x7.
- 2. Our website is able to handle different bloods, donor information and queries.
- 3. the campaigns and notices are prominently displayed.
- 4. the admin can easily change the information displayed on different pages.

Thus, this represents all the possibilities that we had gone through while testing the different cases on the basis of inputs we provide, be it donor, requirement, queries details, the response and performance of the website (HTTP server) and also stress testing the MySQL database.

Since our website is currently locally hosted, we are limited by the constraints of minimum storage provided by the phpMyAdmin server, but there are almost no instances of the site or the DB server going down.

11. Result and Conclusion

The development of this web-based system is proposed to provide a management

function to the blood bank in order to handle the blood bags and to make & manage

entries of the individuals who want to donate blood to those in need. We were able to

provide a suitable functionality to change the information displayed on every page.

We accomplished the website to work 24x7 even if locally hosted. Our website's

user-friendly interface helped people to easily find their needed information and the

campaign's ticker seemed to have been a useful addition to the users who tested our

website.

Hence, we accomplished all our objectives which we stated above and we further aim

to add more functionality in our website which can help users as well as admins to

handle the security of the data more efficiently.

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12. Limitations

- **1.** Since Zion is a web based application so a constant internet connection is required when the website will be hosted online.
- **2.** We had hosted our website on Heroku (a cloud application platform) on a free to host basis, but since then the hosting facilities are being charged so for now it's locally hosted and we aim to host it on a cloud based service soon which will enhance security further.
- **3.** Continuing from the last point, currently we have limited storage since we have a local DB, but on cloud storage we will overcome this limitation quite easily.

13. Management After

13.1. Server Security

In future, we aim to host out database on a cloud, such that the users of the website can locally host admin and user interface on their end, but the database for all of the iterations will be centralized and maintained by Zion, such that there will not be any data loss or data theft and provision of efficient data backup.

13.2. Promotion

When it comes to promoting any website there are some limited platforms like Google Ads or social media browsers like telegram, whatsapp, etc. We can Promote our website across Google and these social media apps to make people get to know of the services being provided by our website.

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