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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ATS	Automated Trading System
AOT	Automated Order Triggering
CDS	Central Depository System
CNC	Cash and Carry
GTT	Good Till Triggered
IPO	Initial Public Offering
TMS	Trading Management System
NEPSE	Nepal Stock Exchange
NOTS	NEPSE Online Trading System

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1. INTRODUCTION

Stock exchange is a marketplace where stocks, bonds and other securities are bought and sold. Popular examples of stock exchange are New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) etc.

Stock exchanges now utilize Automated Trading System (ATS) instead of traditional methods. Nepal Stock Exchange also launched its internet-based fully automated online trading system (NOTS) on November 6, 2018 [1]. When a company issues new securities, it enters the primary market through an IPO. Investors buy these securities, and the company becomes listed on a stock exchange. Subsequently, in the secondary market, investors trade these shares among themselves, facilitated by the stock exchange [2].

Stock exchanges have licensed brokerage firms in which traders must register to participate. The online trading system enables remote stock trading in the secondary market. This project aims to create an automated online trading system with a focus on automated order triggering features.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In Nepal, the existing trading management system, doesn't include any risk management features like target and stoploss triggers. Traders aiming to enter or exit the stock market at a specific price must actively monitor market conditions during trading hours. However, this may not be feasible for all traders. In order to resolve the mentioned issue related to secondary market, this project is primarily going to focus on risk management by implementing Automated Order Triggering (AOT) algorithm.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this project are follows as:

- To develop a system that provide traders to buy and sell the stocks in real time.
- To develop a system that provides feature of stoploss/target triggers and automates the buy/sell order.

4. METHODOLOGY

A. Requirement Identification

I. Study of existing system

Stock trading systems like TMS, Robinhood and Kite were studied for this project to understand how the overall trading system and automated trigger works. Nepal Stock Exchange's TMS only supports Cash and Carry (CNC) limit and market order [3]. In all studied trading systems, broker server gets the trade and stock information from main exchange server. It depends on the brokerage end to provide order trigger features other than market order and limit order. Robinhood and Kite trading systems have features that traders can enter or exit stock holdings until his/her price condition is met. It includes extra trade trigger orders like stop order, stop limit order, trailing order and One Cancel Other (OCO) orders [4] [5].

II. Literature Review

The literatures related to stock trading system and automated order triggers such as conference papers and tons of website articles were reviewed for this project. As reviewed, for stock trading system to function, it requires broker, CDS, banking, clearing & settlement systems. All trade execution is done by exchange server and those trade information are published to all connected brokers in real time. And the traders communicate with their own brokerage for market orders and trade execution status. It depends on the brokerage system to handle all the automated trade triggers [6]. Automated triggers in stock market can eliminate the need for manual monitoring and constant order adjustments. Trade triggers help traders automate their entry and exit strategies. Once set, they may remain active until triggered, saving traders time and effort in managing trades [7] [8].

II. Requirement Analysis

Functional Requirement:

- The application should be able to register and login valid users.
- The application should be able to show balance and holdings information.
- The application should be able to buy and sell stocks.
- The application should be able to set and place stoploss/target triggers.
- The application should be able to place limit and market orders.

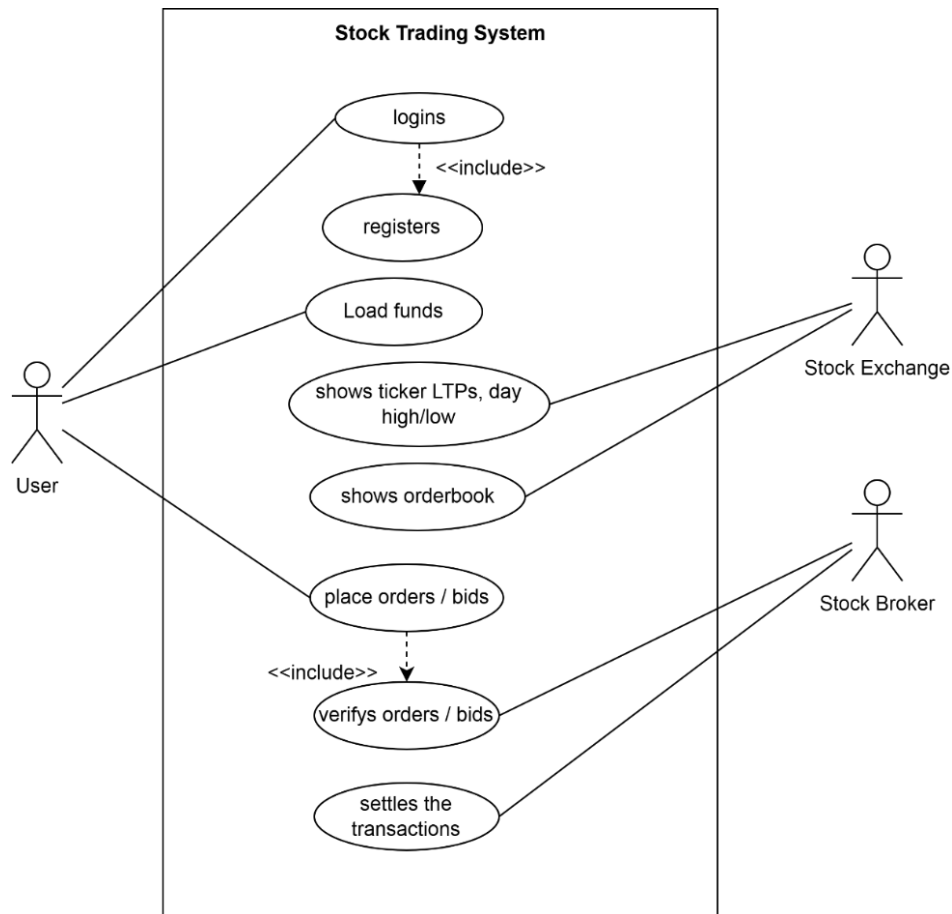


Figure 1. 1 Use-case diagram of stock trading system

Non-Functional Requirement:

- The application should be secured.
- The application should have easy to use and interactive user interface.
- The application should be faster in performance.
- The application should have feature to search for stock information.

B. Feasibility Analysis

I. Technical

This project will only require two different systems for broker and stock exchange. The exchange server requires the message broker to share real-time trade data. The broker server is responsible for verifying the orders before publishing it, placing the automated GTT orders and show the status of placed orders. The stock exchange server is responsible for publishing all valid orders and last transactions of stocks to all subscribers (brokers) as orders are placed by users. All those mentioned functions can be done using existing web technologies and tools so there will be no technical difficulty in developing this project.

II. Operational

This project is simple and intuitive, using this application doesn't require extra knowledge. It is very user-friendly and can be easily adapted by any new user that will use this website. As it uses well-known web technologies, it is easy to maintain.

III. Economic

This project will be very cost-friendly as it uses existing free open-source technologies like RaabitMQ, Spring boot, VS Code and open-source tools. This project won't require money for its development. The only thing is to be done is making an environment for the development with an effective supervision.

C. High Level Design of System

I. Methodology of proposed system

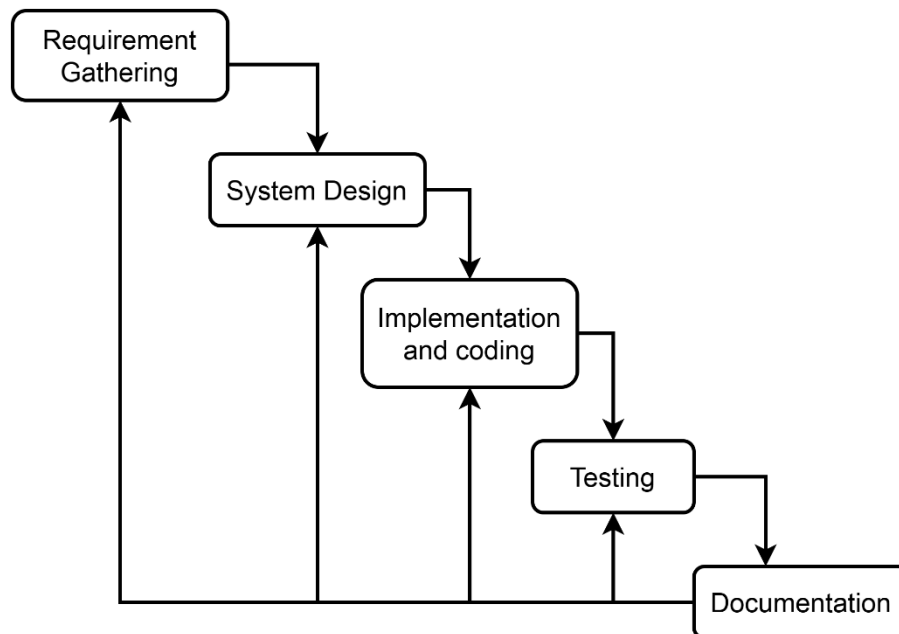


Figure 1. 2 Methodology to build stock trading system

For this project development Waterfall Methodology will be used, the functional requirements will be gathered first. High level and low-level system design such as data flow diagram, system flowchart, working mechanism of system, database schema, interface design, system architecture will be designed based on the requirements. After designing all the system necessary modules and components, the system will be implemented based on those designs. Testing of the each modules and functions will be done, if necessary further new requirements will be gathered for more feature and repeat the cycle.

II. System Flow Chart

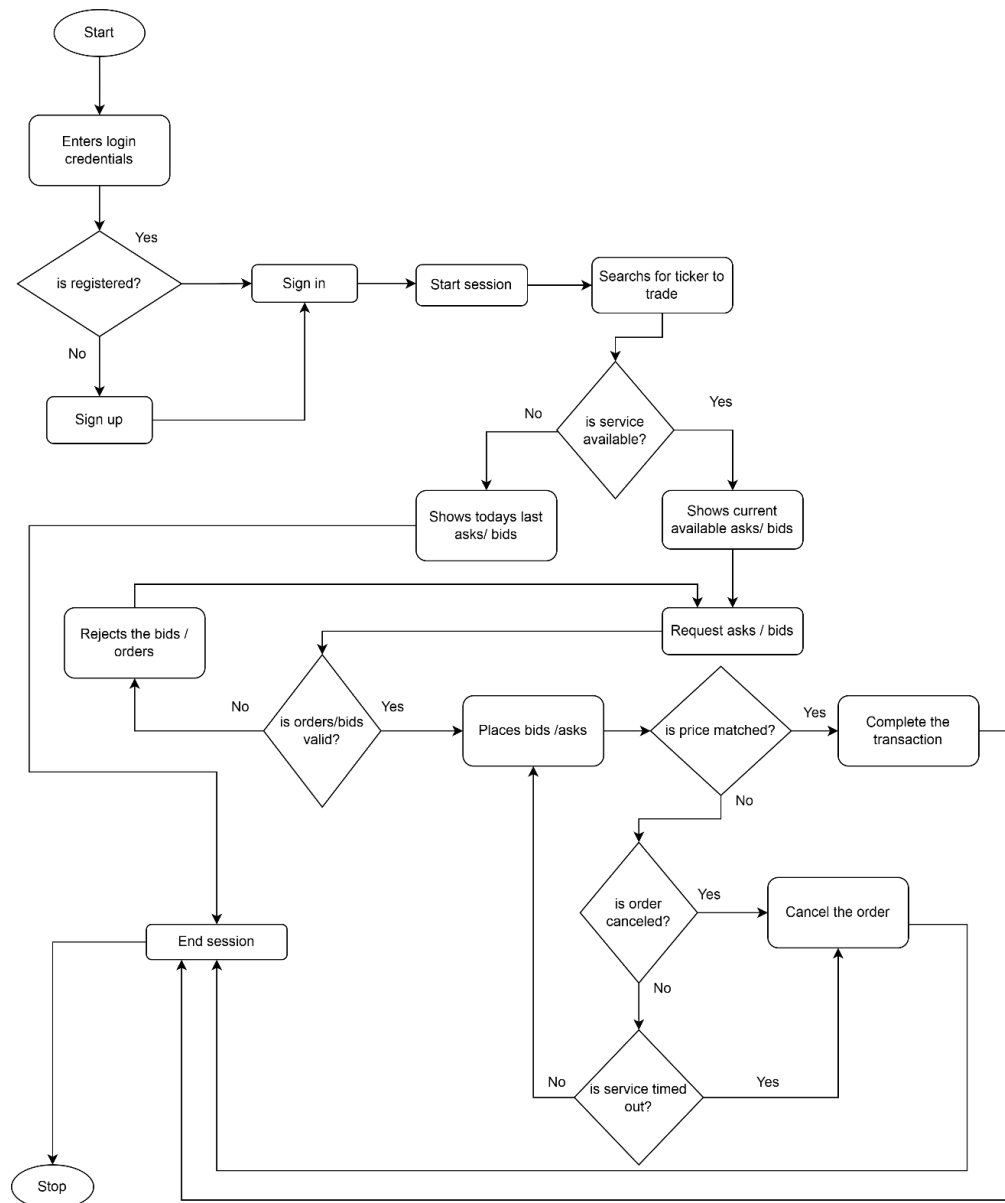


Figure 1. 3 System flowchart of stock trading system

In above flowchart, it shows the user's perspective of interaction with the trading system.

1. User registers and logs in with valid credentials.
2. User searches for stocks to trade, if system trading is available then it shows orderbook which contains all asks and bids of that stock.
3. User requests for placing the order, after verified by system order is placed in on the orderbook.
4. System waits for buy/sell price to matched until trading service available or gets cancelled.
5. User ends the session.

III. Working Mechanism

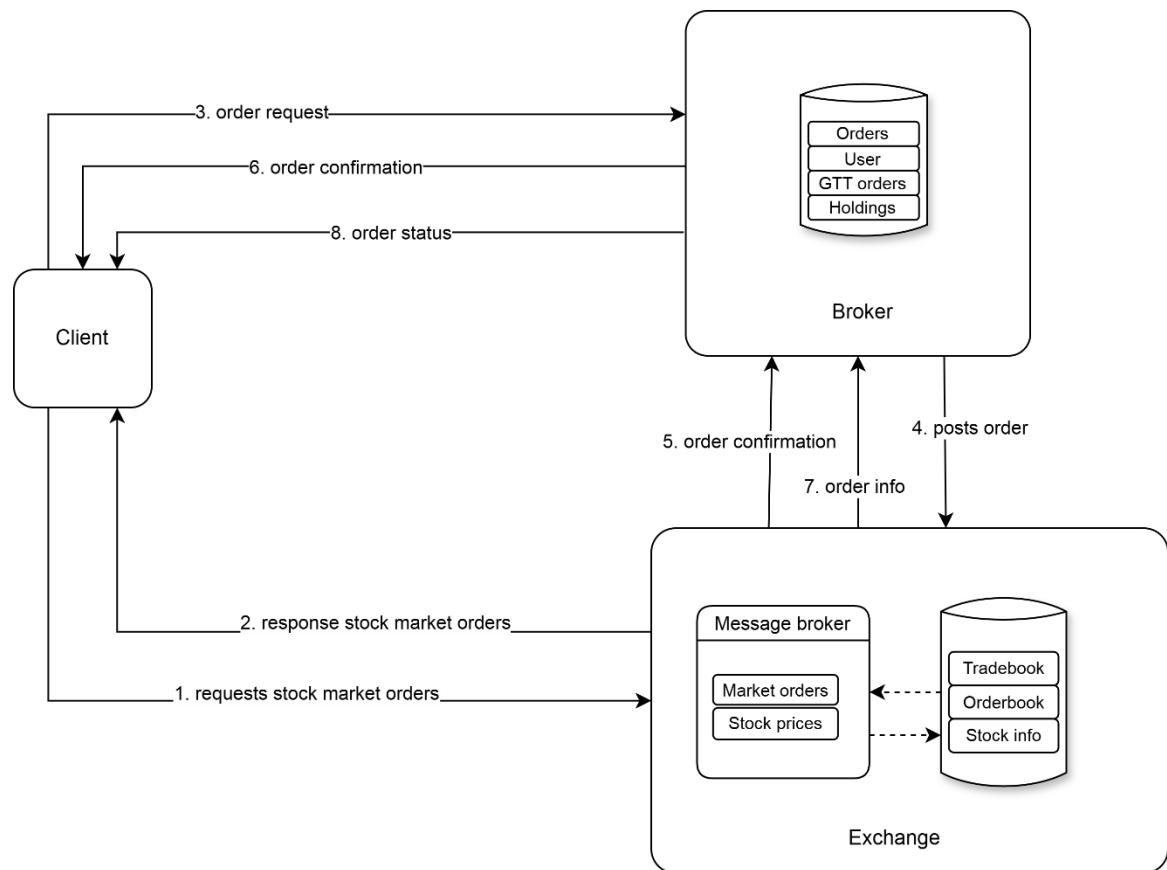


Figure 1. 4 Working mechanism of proposed system

The working mechanism of proposed system are as follows:

1. Client requests for current market bids/asks to exchange server.
2. Exchange responds with current stock market orders.
3. Client requests broker to place order.
4. Broker verifies the order before posting order to exchange.
5. After placing order into orderbook exchange sends confirmation to broker.
6. Broker sends the order confirmation to the client.
7. Exchange provides the update of order status to broker.
8. Broker sends those order status to client.

IV. Description of Algorithm

Automated Order Trigger (AOT) is a feature which allows user to set a trigger price, such that; if user trigger price is hit in a future date, an order will be placed on the exchange as per the price and preset conditions set by user.

Conditions:

1. A user can have only 50 active AOTs.
2. A user can have single leg triggers (stop order, stop limit order) and double leg triggers (OCO orders).
3. All AOTs are cancelled after 365 days from placing such request in case they are not triggered as per the trigger conditions.
4. For stop limit order, once the trigger price is breached and such limit price selected is outside the circuit limits of the particular scrip then it is rejected.

Algorithm to place the AOT order:

1. While stock market is live:
 - 1.1. For each unique stock in gtt order list
 - 1.2. Fetch the last traded price of that stock every 50 ms
 - 1.3. If LTP is updated then:
 - 1.3.1. Fetch all single_leg orders having (trigger_price \leq LTP)
 - 1.3.2. For each order in single orders_list
 - 1.3.2.1. Place buy/sell order
 - 1.3.2.2. Set order status from "active" to "triggered"
 - 1.3.3. End for
 - 1.3.4. Fetch all double_leg orders having (stoploss_trigger \geq LTP or target_trigger \leq LTP)
 - 1.3.5. For each order in double orders_list
 - 1.3.5.1. Place sell order
 - 1.3.5.2. Set order status from "active" to "triggered"
 - 1.3.6. End for
 - 1.4. End If
 - 1.5. End For
2. End While
3. End

5. GANTT CHART

2024	August				September				October		
Requirement Gathering			Aug 8 - Aug 21								
System Design							Aug 22 - Sep 14				
Development Phase								Aug 29 - Sep 21			
Testing									Sep 5 - Sep 28		
Documentation											Aug 22 - Oct 9

Figure 1. 5 Working schedule for stock trading system

The working schedule of the proposed system is divided into 9 weeks starting from August 8, 2024. It includes the first 2 weeks of requirement gathering and 4 weeks of designing the system and 4 weeks of developing and implementing and 4 weeks of testing as well. All system design, development and testing will be done interchangeably for three weeks period. Documentation of the project will be starting from system design until the testing ends and plus extra whole one week.

6. EXPECTED OUTCOME

This project will provide trading platform which works in real-time exchange of stocks with automated order triggering features, reducing risk for traders and investors.

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