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ABSTRACT

The Agriculture Management System is a robust and innovative platform designed to empower farmers by providing them with essential tools and information for effective crop management. This system is tailored to address the specific needs of farmers by enabling them to input and track critical post-harvest data, manage and monitor their farming expenses, and gain access to detailed and localized information about stores offering seeds, fertilizers, and other necessary agricultural tools and supplies.

In addition to serving as a comprehensive resource for farmers, the system also facilitates the involvement of registered contributors who are experts in the field of agriculture. These contributors provide valuable insights and guidelines on optimal farming practices, offering advice on the best times to plant and harvest crops to ensure maximum yield and profit. By integrating expert knowledge with real-time data, the system supports farmers in making informed decisions, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of their farming operations.

The Agriculture Management System is designed not only to streamline farming processes but also to contribute significantly to improving overall agricultural productivity. By bridging gaps in information, providing crucial resources, and fostering collaboration between farmers and agricultural experts, this system represents a significant step forward in the modernization and sustainability of farming practices. Ultimately, it aims to empower farmers, boost agricultural output, and contribute to food security and economic development in farming communities.

Dedications

This project is dedicated to all the hardworking farmers who strive daily to cultivate the land and feed our communities. Your relentless efforts inspire innovation and progress in agricultural technology.

I also dedicate this work to my beloved family, whose unwavering support, belief in my abilities, and constant encouragement have been the bedrock of my academic journey. Your faith in me has been my guiding light, providing the strength I needed to overcome obstacles and persevere.

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* 1. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture management system aims to provide farmers with valuable data and analysis to enhance decision-making in crop management.

The system helps optimize resource allocation, improve yield predictions, and implement precision farming techniques, ultimately promoting more efficient and sustainable agricultural practice

* 1. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

Currently, the farmers observe their fellow farmers in their community and imitate their techniques without having the knowledge about that certain crop, also the farmers don’t know how much they exactly used when they finish farming the thing which lead the farmers to get the loss instead of profit.

So the system will include information on crop cultivation, and will provide budget template for crop cultivation to assist farmers in managing their expenses effectively.

* 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The existing agriculture management system primarily focuses on the needs of mainland Tanzania, leaving significant gaps in its applicability to Zanzibar. This lack of localized information limits Zanzibar farmers' ability to optimize their crop yields and make informed decisions. Additionally, the system fails to offer a comprehensive budgeting tool, making it difficult for farmers to manage their expenses effectively, which could lead to financial mismanagement.

Finally, the system lacks a feature for post-harvest data input, preventing farmers from tracking critical metrics like yields and profits. This omission hinders farmers from assessing their performance and making data-driven decisions for future farming activities. If these issues are not addressed, the system will continue to fall short in supporting the agricultural needs of Zanzibar, potentially leading to reduced productivity and financial losses for farmers.

* 1. PROBLEMS SOLUTION AND SCOPE

**Problem solution**

* To include information on crop cultivation in Zanzibar like the location of shop for farming resources.
* Development of a detailed budget template for crop cultivation to assist farmers in managing their expenses effectively.
* Inclusion of crop-specific information and resources.
* Integration of a feature for farmers to input post-harvest data, such as yields and profits.

**SCOPE**

1. **Geographical Scope:**
   * The system will cover Zanzibar, providing information and support tailored to the specific agricultural practices and needs of farmers in the regions.
2. **Crop Cultivation:**
   * The system will extensively focus on crop cultivation, offering guidance on various crops, cultivation techniques, and best practices.
3. **Budgeting and Financial Management:**
   * A comprehensive budgeting tool will be included to assist farmers in planning, tracking, and managing their expenses related to crop cultivation.
4. **Post-Harvest Data Input:**
   * A feature will be integrated to allow farmers to input information post-harvest, such as yields and profits, enabling them to analyze the success of their cultivation efforts and make informed decisions for future seasons.
5. **User-Friendly Interface:**
   * The system will have an intuitive and user-friendly interface, making it accessible to farmers with varying levels of technological expertise.
6. **Education and Resources:**
   * In addition to cultivation and budgeting tools, the system will provide educational resources, and guidelines to empower farmers with knowledge and skills for sustainable and successful crop cultivation.
7. **Collaboration with Local Stores:**
   * Information on reputable local stores for obtaining fertilizers and pesticides will be included.
   1. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is to develop and enhance an agriculture management system that provides comprehensive, and accessible support for farmers, enabling them to effectively manage crop cultivation, expenses, and post-harvest data.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

* To develop a feature that allows farmers to input and track post-harvest data, including yields and profits, to facilitate better decision-making and performance evaluation.
* To predict and optimize crop yield by analyzing historical data, to identify the best practices for maximizing productivity.
* Provide educational resources and within the system to help farmers improve their knowledge of modern agricultural techniques and sustainable farming practices.
* Develop a feedback mechanism that allows farmers to report issues, suggest improvements, and provide insights on the system’s usability, ensuring continuous improvement based on user input.
  1. FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT
* Technically, the project can be performed as there is availability of hardware and software needed, and the one to implement the system is also available with required skills.
* Economically, the system doesn’t need huge amount of money, and it will help to reduce the loss which most of the farmers face due to lack of tracking expenses tools and due to farming in wrong seasons because of lack of information.
* Legally, the system doesn’t have any conflict with legal issues and it is legally acceptable by laws.
  1. ORGANIZATION OF THE PROJECT
* Chapter One is the introductory part of the project showing why the project is undertaken. It also presents the problems, the purpose of the study, the scope and limitations.
* Chapter Two is the review of literature.
* Chapter three is Research Methodology. This chapter discusses the methodology of the research the source of data and the procedure for collecting the data, analysis of the data and the system and fixing the requirements specification.
* Chapter Four is System design and so on.

CHAPTER 2: Literature review

2.1) INTRODUCTION

Agricultural management systems play a pivotal role in enhancing the productivity and sustainability of farming practices. These systems are designed to assist farmers in various aspects of crop management, resource allocation, and decision-making processes. However, existing systems often fall. This chapter provides a review of the existing agricultural management systems, identifies gaps in their functionality, and outlines the necessary enhancements to meet the specific needs of farming community.

2.2) RELATED WORK

BareFoot International Limited is an agribusiness company registered in Tanzania for the purpose of importation and supply of quality agricultural inputs including fertilizers, seeds, agrochemicals, farm equipment, farm structure materials, greenhouse supplies and installation, and accessories for irrigation (Registration 128811, 2016).

<https://bfi.co.tz/>

2.3) PREVIOUS SYSTEMS (OR SIMILAR APPLICATIONS)

* <http://www.mkulima.sua.ac.tz/handle/123/753>



Figure :screen shot of existing system from sua

* The system runs on any platform that supports a web browser like desktop, mobile devices, tablets.

2.4) lessons learnt from the review

The review of existing agricultural management systems highlights several critical lessons. Firstly, there is a clear need for systems that provide education on how to farm certain crops not just see the importance of the crops.

Secondly, the lack of a detailed budgeting tool in the existing systems underscores the need for more robust financial management features that can help farmers track their expenses

2.5) a critique of the review

While the existing literature and systems provide a solid foundation for agricultural management, they are not without their shortcomings.

One of the most significant gap is the absence of a comprehensive budgeting tool limits farmers' ability to manage their finances effectively and the lack of post-harvest management features is a significant oversight, as this is a crucial aspect of farming that directly impacts profitability and sustainability.

2.6) conclusion of the chapter

This chapter has provided a comprehensive review of existing agricultural management systems, identifying both their strengths and limitations. The analysis has revealed several critical gaps. These gaps include the inadequate financial management tools, location of local stores and products provided. The review underscores the need for an enhanced agricultural management system that provide detailed budgeting tools, and features for managing post-harvest data. By addressing these gaps, the new system can significantly improve the productivity and sustainability of farming practices.

CHAPTER 3: Project Methodology

3.1. Introduction

The methodology chapter outlines the processes and approaches utilized to develop the Agriculture Management System. This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the software development approach, the chosen Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) model, and the tools and techniques employed throughout the project. The selected methodologies are aligned with the project’s objectives, ensuring that the system is robust, flexible, and user-centric. This chapter will also explain the rationale behind choosing an Object-Oriented Approach and the Agile methodology, highlighting their benefits in addressing the complexities and dynamic nature of agricultural management.

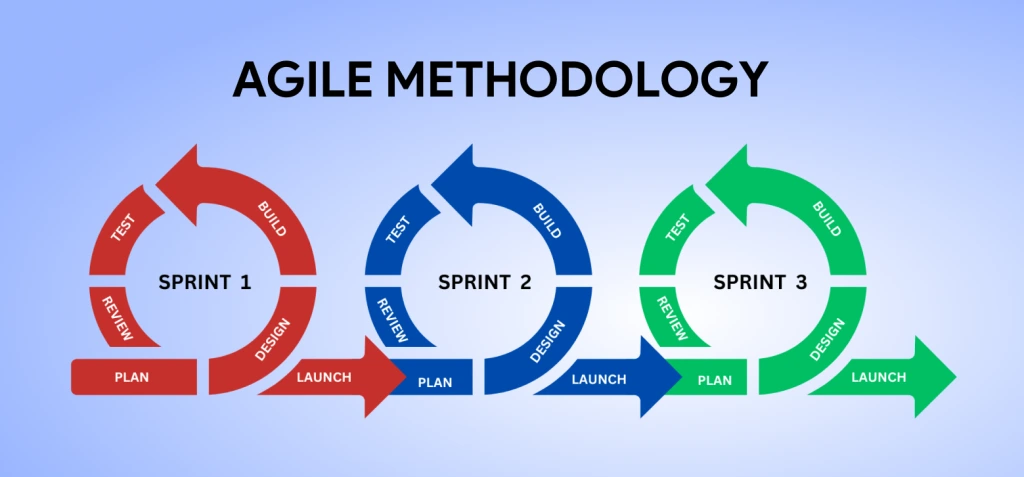
3.2. Software development approach (object oriented or structured)

In developing the Agriculture Management System, an Object-Oriented Approach was adopted. This approach is well-suited as it emphasizes modularity, reusability, and scalability.

The Object-Oriented Approach organizes software design around data, or objects, rather than functions and logic. Each object represents a real-world entity, such as a farmer, crop, or store, encapsulating data and behavior that are relevant to that entity.

3.3. Software development life cycle model (SDLC)

I used Agile, because agile breaks down larger projects into small, manageable chunks called iterations, also changes can take place at any phase and the highest priority is to satisfy customer.



3.4. Software development tools

1. For designing: draw.io, ER-Plus
2. System development platform:
3. DBMS: PostgreSQL
4. Front-end tools: react
5. Back-end tools: spring boot
6. Testing tool: Swagger.

3.5. Information Gathering and Analysis

* Interview: Conducted oral interviews with farmers and agricultural educators to gain firsthand insights into the farming process. These interviews provided valuable information on the day-to-day challenges farmers face, including resource acquisition, crop management, and the impact of environmental factors on farming practices.
* Literature Review: Carried out extensive research on existing agricultural management systems to identify their strengths and weaknesses. This analysis highlighted critical gaps in current systems, particularly in areas such as expenses tools.

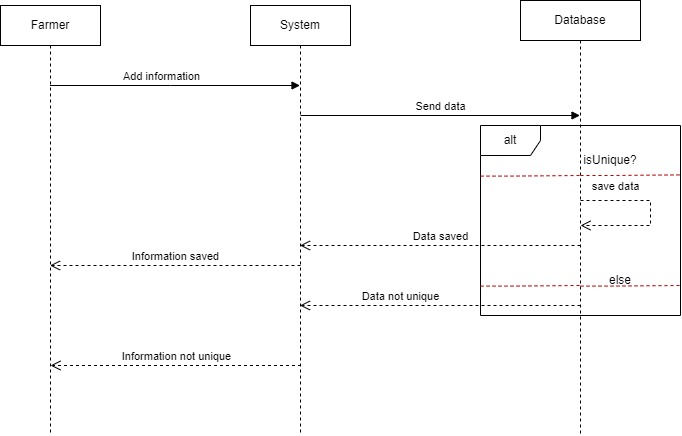
3.6. System Analysis

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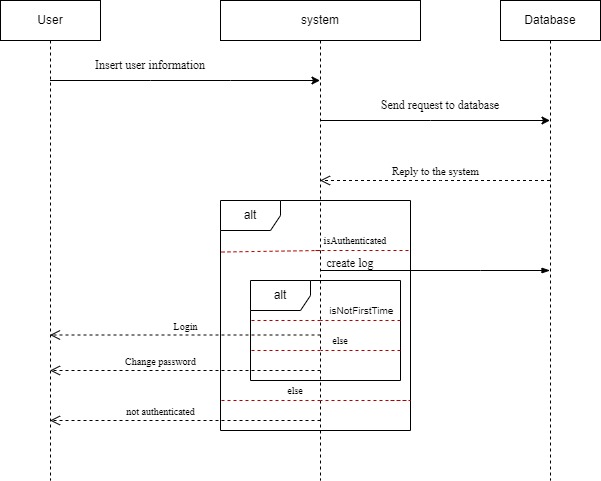
**SEQUENCE DIAGRAM**

Farmer self registration UML Sequence diagram



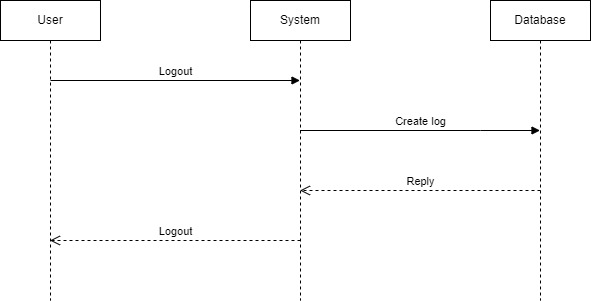
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Login UML Sequence diagram



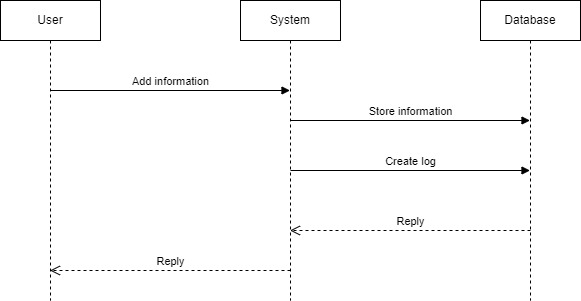
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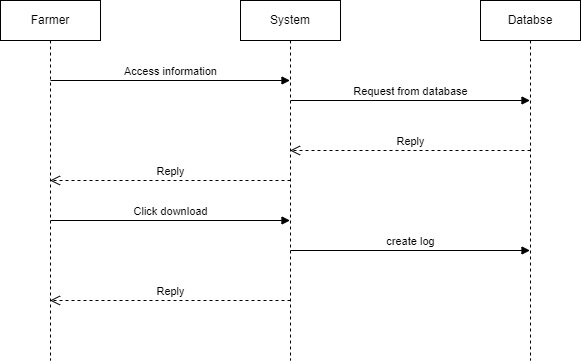
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Manage Data UML Sequence diagram



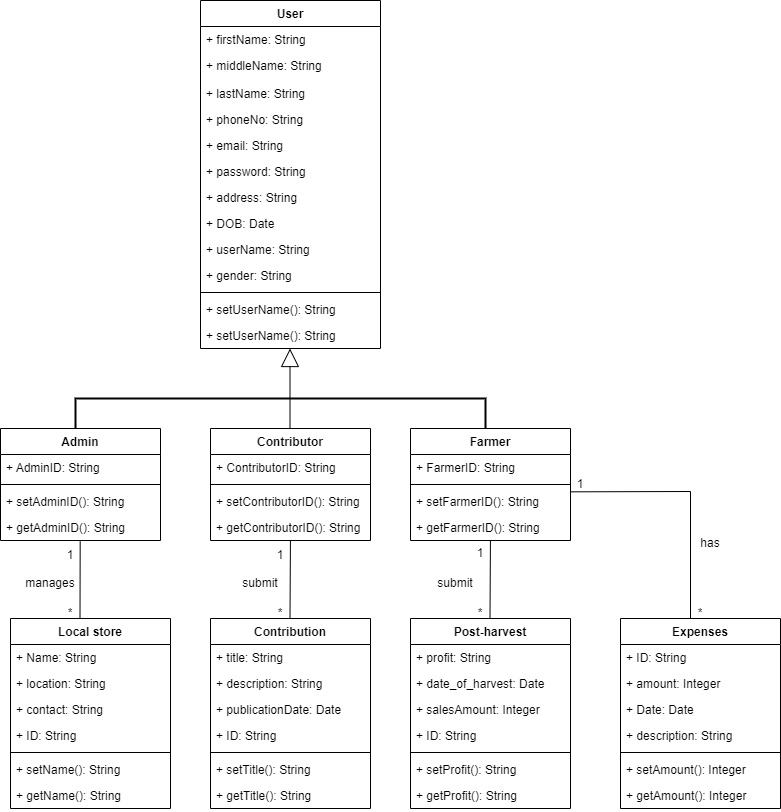
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**CLASS DIAGRAM**



CHAPTER 4: System Analysis

4.1. Existing System

4.1.1. Existing System Description

The current system utilized by the organization involves deploying agricultural experts to rural villages, where they conduct in-person training sessions for farmers. These sessions are designed to educate farmers on best practices in crop cultivation, pest management, and other essential farming techniques. While this approach allows for direct interaction and tailored guidance, it has significant drawbacks.

First, the time and resources required to coordinate and carry out these visits are substantial. Experts must travel to remote areas, which can be logistically challenging and expensive, especially in regions with limited infrastructure. Additionally, the effectiveness of this method is limited by the availability of the experts, meaning that farmers may only receive sporadic support.

Second, this system is not scalable. As the demand for expert knowledge grows, the organization's ability to meet the needs of all farmers diminishes, leading to gaps in education and support. The reliance on periodic visits also means that farmers may not receive timely advice during critical phases of the farming cycle.

Overall, while the existing system provides valuable knowledge to farmers, its inefficiency in terms of time, cost, and scalability presents significant challenges that hinder its effectiveness in the long term.

4.1.2. Business Rules

4.2. Requirements Specification

4.2.1. Functional Requirements

* Farmers should be able to create accounts, log in securely, and manage their profiles.
* User roles should be defined, such as regular farmers, administrators, and contributors.
* farmers should be able to input expenses related to crop cultivation.
* Farmers should be able to input data post-harvest such as sales and profits.
* It should include directory of local stores.
* Farmers should be able to give comment related to local store.
* It should include information on crop varieties, cultivation techniques, pest management, and safety measures.

4.2.2. Non-functional requirements

* **Fault Tolerance:** Implement mechanisms to handle system failures gracefully, ensuring minimal disruption to users.
* **Response Time:** The system should provide quick responses to user interactions, with minimal latency.
* **Scalability:** The system should be scalable to handle an increasing number of users and data over time.
* **Throughput:** Ensure that the system can efficiently process a large number of simultaneous transactions.
* **Access Controls:** Define and enforce access controls to ensure that users can only access data and functionalities relevant to their roles.

4.2.3. Performance Requirements

* System Response Time: Page loading times should not exceed 5 seconds for any module or page within the application.
* Security: The system must protect sensitive user data by employing encryption protocols
* The system must ensure that all data entered by users is accurately stored and maintained, with no loss of information during processing or retrieval.

4.2.4. Software and Hardware Requirements

**HARDWARE:**

* A personal computer, which has 4-8 RAM, corei5.

**SOFTWARE:**

* **FRONT END TOOLS:**

HTML, CSS, BOOTSRAP, REACT.

* **BACKEND TOOLS:**

Java, spring boot.

**DATABASE:** PostgreSQL

**IDE:** Visual Studio Code.

**OPERATING SYSTEM:** Windows11.

**BROWSER:** Chrome.

4.2.5. Preliminary Product Description

4.2.5.1. System Functions and Operations

* **User Roles:**
  + **Farmers:** Input and manage their farming data, track expenses, and access local store information.
  + **Contributors:** Contribute knowledge and guidelines on best farming practices, including articles and guidance.
  + **Administrators:** Oversee the system's operation, manage user accounts, and ensure data integrity.
* **Core Functions:**
  + **Data Management:** Collection, storage, and retrieval of agricultural data, including post-harvest yields and expenses.
  + **Budgeting:** Tools for creating, managing, and tracking budgets, helping farmers allocate resources effectively.
  + **Resource Access:** Information on local stores, including the availability of seeds, fertilizers, and tools.
  + **Expert Contributions:** A platform for agricultural experts to share insights and best practices with the farming community.

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