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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Abstract

The Maids On Call System is an innovative online maid management platform designed to streamline the processes of service booking, maid allocation, and client preference handling. The primary objective of the system is to enhance efficiency in managing client requests and service delivery within the domestic services sector. By automating these processes, the system reduces administrative workload, minimizes human error, and improves the overall customer experience. Furthermore, the platform provides a user-friendly interface for clients to schedule and manage services in real time, thereby ensuring accuracy, timeliness, and flexibility in service provision.

1.1 Background of the Problem

Preliminary investigations, including user interviews, revealed that the existing manual approach to managing maid services presents several operational inefficiencies. These include the reliance on paper-based records and spreadsheets to track maid availability, service schedules, and client preferences. Such practices are prone to human error, including double-bookings, missed appointments, and incorrect data entry, which frequently result in customer dissatisfaction.

The lack of real-time updates further complicates service provision, as administrators are unable to make immediate adjustments in response to last-minute client requests.

Consequently, clients experience delays and inconsistencies in service delivery. In addition, the manual allocation of maids leads to scheduling imbalances, where some staff are overburdened while others remain underutilized. The absence of an integrated client-facing platform also forces

customers to rely on intermediaries, thereby increasing miscommunication and reducing transparency. In summary, the manual system creates a significant bottleneck in service delivery. An automated system such as Maids On Call has the potential to eliminate these inefficiencies by offering a seamless, reliable, and transparent mechanism for both administrative staff and clients.

1.2 Problem Statement

The existing manual booking system is inefficient, prone to errors, and unable to meet the dynamic needs of clients. Clients are currently required to make appointments either by phone or in person, leading to delays and frequent scheduling conflicts. Furthermore, administrators lack access to real-time availability updates, resulting in overbookings and poor service allocation. Additionally, client-specific preferences are not consistently tracked, often resulting in dissatisfaction when services fail to meet individual expectations.

The manual process also imposes a significant administrative burden, as staff must manage maid assignments without automated support. Ineffective communication channels exacerbate the problem, leading to missed appointments and operational confusion. The Maids On Call System seeks to address these challenges by automating booking, allocation, and communication processes. This will ensure that services are delivered more efficiently and reliably, while simultaneously reducing administrative workload.

1.3 Project Objectives

1.3.1 General Objective

To develop an automated, cloud-based maid management system that leverages artificial intelligence (AI), and cloud computing technologies to improve efficiency, accuracy, and client satisfaction in service delivery.

1.3.2 Specific Objectives

- To investigate existing maid management systems in order to identify gaps and areas for improvement.
- II. To analyze the potential of AI, and cloud computing in enhancing booking, scheduling, and personalized client services.
- III. To develop an automated booking system that enables real-time service reservations while minimizing errors.
- IV. To design and implement a real-time scheduling and tracking module to optimize maid allocation and reduce conflicts.
- V. To conduct testing and validation of the system to ensure functionality, usability, and alignment with project requirements.

1.4 Project Scope

1.4.1 Scope

The system is designed to automate the entire maid service management process for both residential and commercial clients. It encompasses service booking, maid allocation, scheduling, service tracking, client preference management, and communication. Clients will have the ability to make online bookings with real-time updates, while administrators will be able to allocate maids efficiently, monitor performance, and communicate updates instantly. The cloud-based design

ensures scalability and reliability, enabling the platform to serve individual households as well as larger organizations. Additionally, the system supports integration with communication and notification services, further improving operational transparency.

1.4.2 Target Users

The system will serve three main categories of users:

- I. Administrators: Includes system administrators, booking coordinators, and client relationship managers. Their responsibilities include managing bookings, updating databases, troubleshooting, and maintaining service quality.
- II. Maids/Workers: They will have restricted access to view assigned schedules and client details and mark completed tasks.
- III. Clients: Will interact with the system to book services, select preferences, view schedules, receive notifications, and provide service feedback.

1.4.3 Platform Specification

The Maids On Call system is designed as a cloud-based application, ensuring accessibility across desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones. It leverages cloud infrastructure such as Google Cloud Platform or Microsoft Azure for scalability. The front-end is developed using JavaScript, React.js, and jQuery, while the back-end incorporates PHP and Node.js with Express.js for asynchronous operations. Data is managed through MySQL or PostgreSQL, with scalable alternatives such as Firebase or Azure SQL. Security measures include SSL/TLS encryption, OAuth 2.0, and JWT for authentication.

1.5 constraints

The "Maids On Call" system faces several constraints, including budget limitations, user cooperation, and hardware requirements. Limited funding may restrict the Scope of the project, potentially excluding advanced features like AI-driven client preference management or extensive real-time tracking. Cloud hosting and modern technologies come with operational costs, and a basic version of the system may be required if the budget is constrained.

User cooperation is also crucial, as resistance to adopting the new system could delay implementation, particularly if administrative staff or clients prefer traditional methods.

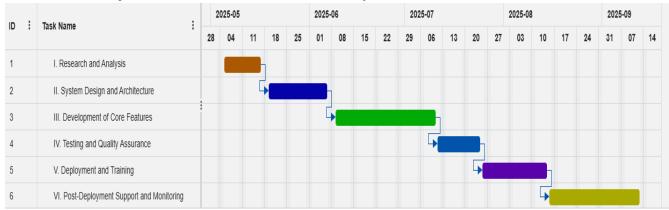
Additionally, hardware limitations, such as outdated devices or unreliable internet access, may hinder full system utilization. Careful financial planning and user engagement strategies will be necessary to manage these constraints and ensure successful implementation.

1.6 Project Milestones

- I. Research and Analysis: Involves the investigation of existing maid management systems and researching relevant technologies (AI, ML, cloud computing).
- II. System Design and Architecture: Focuses on defining the technical structure, choosing platforms (e.g., Google Cloud, Azure), and designing the system architecture.
- III. Development of Core Features: Involves the development of core features such as automated booking, scheduling, and client preference management.
- IV. Testing and Quality Assurance: Involves testing the system for bugs and errors, and ensuring all functionalities are working correctly.
- V. Deployment and Training: Includes system deployment and training of administrative staff and clients.

VI. Post-Deployment Support and Monitoring: Focuses on troubleshooting, monitoring system performance, and addressing user feedback.

Gantt Chart Project Milestones for Maids On Call System



1.6 Significance of the Project

- Streamlined Booking Process: Clients can easily book services online, reducing the need for phone calls or in-person visits.
- II. Real-Time Scheduling and Tracking: Administrators can track maid availability and manage schedules instantly, minimizing conflicts.
- III. Personalized Service Management, the system tracks client preferences, ensuring maid assignments are tailored to specific needs.
- IV. Reduced Administrative Workload: Automation of booking, scheduling, and allocation tasks reduces staff's manual workload.
- V. Improved Communication: The integrated platform ensures seamless communication between clients, maids, and administrators, improving service organization

1.7 Summary

The "Maids On Call" system is a cloud-based solution designed to automate the booking, scheduling, and allocation processes for maid service providers. By leveraging technologies like AI, ML, and cloud computing, the system aims to address inefficiencies in the current manual processes, such as scheduling conflicts, administrative workload, and poor communication. It will streamline client bookings, offer personalized services based on client preferences, and provide real-time scheduling and tracking for better maid management. This project's benefits include improved operational efficiency, enhanced customer satisfaction, and scalability, making it a crucial tool for both administrative staff and clients in the maid service industry.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

A comprehensive review of existing knowledge, systems, and technologies related to the project under study is very important in better understanding and implementation of the proposed system. This review is critical in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of current maid management platforms, as well as highlighting gaps that the proposed system seeks to address. In addition, the review explores technological advancements such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and cloud computing, which can be leveraged to improve the functionality, scalability, and efficiency of maid management systems.

2.1 Existing System Review

Several maid service platforms currently operate in the Kenyan market. Each platform provides varying features related to booking, service management, and client support. A comparative analysis of these platforms is presented below.

2.1.1 Balozy Mama Fua

Balozy Mama Fua operates nationwide across all 47 counties in Kenya. It offers a wide range of household services, including cleaning, plumbing, electrical work, and beauty services. Clients can book services through its website or mobile application, with the option for same-day bookings. Payments are processed securely via M-Pesa and credit/debit cards.

One of its notable strengths is the verification of service providers, ensuring professionalism, safety, and trust. Additionally, the platform includes a rating and review system to maintain service quality. However, Balozy is limited in versatility as it focuses predominantly on

cleaning services. Furthermore, clients without access to smartphones or internet services may experience difficulties using the platform.

2.1.2 Kalinoi

Kalinoi provides diverse services, including cleaning, caregiving, gardening, event planning, and technical support. It operates across multiple regions in Kenya, including Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, and Eldoret. Its mobile application offers instant booking capabilities, allowing users to request services on demand. Payments are made securely through M-Pesa or bank cards.

The platform's intuitive and user-friendly interface provides a positive user experience. However, Kalinoi faces challenges associated with being a relatively new market entrant, including limited funding, scalability concerns, and the need to build trust among users.

2.1.3 MamaFua App

MamaFua primarily operates in Nairobi, with plans to expand into other regions. It specializes in cleaning services, with additional offerings such as laundry, plumbing, and handyman services. Payments can be made via M-Pesa or bank cards, with cash-on-delivery options available for first-time users.

Comparative Analysis of Maid Service Platforms in Kenya

Feature	Balozy Mama Fua	Kalinoi	MamaFua App
Service	Nationwide, covering all	Operates in multiple	Primarily focused on
Coverage	47 counties in Kenya.	regions across Kenya,	Nairobi, with plans to
		including Nairobi,	expand to other regions.
		including Nairobi,	expand to other reg

		Mombasa, Kisumu,	
		Eldoret, and more.	
Service	Offers a wide range of	Provides diverse	Specializes in cleaning
Categories	services beyond cleaning,	services such as	services, with additional
	including plumbing,	cleaning, caregiving,	offerings like laundry,
	electrical repairs, beauty	gardening, event	handyman, and plumbing
	services, and more.	planning, tech repairs,	services.
		and more.	
Booking	Users can book services	Offers instant booking	Provides online booking
Process	via the Balozy app or	capabilities through its	through its app and
	website, with options for	app and website,	website, with options for
	same-day bookings.	allowing users to book	cash on delivery for first-
		services on demand.	time users.
Payment	Supports secure payments	Accepts secure	Offers cash on delivery
Methods	through the app, with	payments via the app,	for first-time users;
	options like M-Pesa and	including M-Pesa and	subsequent payments can
	credit/debit cards. card paymo		be made through the app
			using M-Pesa or cards.
User Ratings	Features a rating and	Includes a review	Allows users to rate and
& Reviews	review system where	system where clients	review service providers,
	users can rate service	can provide feedback	promoting accountability
	providers, helping	on services received,	and quality assurance.

	maintain quality	aiding in quality	
	standards.	control.	
Verification	Ensures that all service	Connects clients with	Vets and trains cleaning
of Service	providers, including	self-employed service	professionals before
Providers	"Mama Fua" (cleaning	providers, with	listing them on the
	professionals), are	varying levels of	platform, ensuring
	verified, enhancing trust	verification.	quality service delivery.
	and safety for clients.		
Mobile	Offers a user-friendly	Provides a mobile app	Has a mobile app
Application	mobile app available on	for both Android and	compatible with Android
	both Android and iOS	iOS users, enabling	and iOS devices,
	platforms, facilitating	seamless service	allowing users to book
	easy access to services.	booking and	services and manage
		management.	appointments
			conveniently.
Customer	Provides customer	Offers customer	Provides customer
Support	support through the app,	support via the app,	support through the app,
	email, and phone,	email, and phone,	email, and phone, with
	ensuring assistance is	aiming to resolve	dedicated assistance for
	available when needed.	issues promptly.	users and service
			providers.

Unique	Empowers domestic	Offers a wide range of	Focuses on providing
Selling	workers by providing	services beyond	professional cleaning
Proposition	them with digital	cleaning, catering to	services with transparent
	visibility and fair	diverse household	pricing and a user-
	compensation, promoting	needs.	friendly booking process.
	dignity and safety.		

2.1.4 Advantages and Disadvantages of Existing Maid Service Platforms in Kenya

Here's a table comparing the advantages and disadvantages of the existing maid service platforms in Kenya:

Platform	Advantages	Disadvantages		
Balozy Mama Fua App	- Verified Professionals: Ensures	- Limited Service		
https://www.balozy.com/	that all service providers,	Categories: Focuses mainly		
	including "Mama Fua," are	on cleaning services,		
	verified, enhancing trust and	limiting versatility for		
	safety.	clients.		
	- Wide Coverage: Operates	- Platform Accessibility:		
	across multiple counties,	Users without smartphones		
	connecting clients with service	or internet access may find it		
	providers in various regions.	challenging to use.		
	- Empowerment of Workers:			
	Provides digital visibility and fair			
	compensation for domestic			
	workers.			
Kalinoi	- Diverse Service Offerings:	- New Entrant: As a newer		
https://www.kalinoi.com/	Offers cleaning, caregiving,	platform, it may still be		

	gardening, and more, providing	building trust and a user
	comprehensive solutions.	base.
	- User-Friendly Interface:	- Resource Constraints:
	Designed to be intuitive, making	May face challenges in
	it easy for clients to browse	scaling due to limited
	services and book appointments.	funding and marketing
		efforts.
	- Wide Geographic Reach:	
	Operates across various cities and	
	towns, increasing accessibility for	
	users in different regions.	
MamaFua App	- Comprehensive Service	- Service Quality
https://www.mamafua.co.ke/	Range: Offers a variety of	Variability: The quality of
	services, including cleaning,	service can vary based on
	plumbing, electrical repairs, and	the individual provider.
	handyman services.	
	- Transparent Pricing: Provides	- Platform Navigation:
	clear pricing, helping clients	Some users have found the
	make informed decisions without	interface not to be user-
	hidden costs.	friendly and need
		improvements.
	- Established Network: Has a	
	large network of verified	
	professionals, offering a diverse	
	pool of service providers.	

Each platform has its own set of advantages and limitations. Balozy Mama Fua focuses on verified professionals and wide coverage, but lacks diverse service offerings and accessibility. Kalinoi provides a broad range of services and an intuitive interface, but faces challenges with scalability and building trust. MamaFua App offers a variety of services and transparency but

struggles with inconsistency in service quality and platform navigation. In developing a new system, it's essential to integrate the strengths of these platforms while addressing their weaknesses to create a more efficient and user-friendly service.

2.2 System Adaptation for Maids On Call

The proposed Maids On Call System seeks to integrate the strengths of the reviewed platforms while mitigating their weaknesses. Specifically, the system is designed to incorporate:

- Real-Time Availability and Flexible Scheduling: Unlike some platforms that lack dynamic scheduling, the system enables real-time modifications to bookings and maid assignments.
- Transparent and Affordable Pricing: Clear and consistent pricing eliminates uncertainty for clients, making the service accessible to a wider demographic.
- Quality Control and Service Consistency: A feedback-driven rating system ensures accountability, enabling the platform to monitor and improve service delivery continuously.
- Expanded Geographic Reach: Unlike MamaFua, which is geographically limited, the
 system is designed with scalability in mind, ensuring expansion both locally and regionally.
- Instant Customer Support: Integrated live chat and communication tools enhance customer support and responsiveness.

2.3 Technological Opportunities

Beyond existing platforms, emerging technologies provide significant opportunities to enhance maid management systems.

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be applied to predict client preferences and recommend suitable maids based on booking history and feedback.

- Machine Learning (ML) can enhance allocation algorithms, improving efficiency in scheduling and reducing conflicts.
- Cloud Computing ensures scalability, reliability, and accessibility, supporting both mobile and desktop platforms while reducing infrastructure costs.

By leveraging these technologies, Maids On Call will surpass existing market offerings, providing a comprehensive, user-centered solution.

2.4 Summary

While several maid service platforms exist in Kenya, none offer a complete solution that combines transparency, real-time flexibility, scalability, and technological integration. The Maids On Call System addresses these shortcomings by incorporating the best practices of current platforms, while adopting advanced technologies such as AI, and cloud computing to enhance personalization, efficiency, and service quality.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

3.0 Introduction

System analysis and design constitute critical stages in the development of the Maids On Call System. These phases ensure that the system is structured to meet both user requirements and organizational objectives. Analysis involves examining functional and non-functional requirements, while design translates these requirements into system architecture, workflows, and database structures. This chapter discusses the development methodology, requirement specifications, system modeling, and database design applied in the project.

3.1 Development Approach

The project employed the Agile Software Development Methodology. Agile was selected because of its iterative, flexible, and user-centered approach, which aligns with the dynamic requirements of the system.

3.1.1 Rationale for Agile Selection

- I. Flexibility in Change Management: Agile supports continuous modification of features based on user feedback. For example, if clients request additional booking filters, these can be implemented within subsequent sprints without major disruption.
- II. User Engagement: The methodology emphasizes collaboration between developers, administrators, and clients, ensuring that the evolving system reflects actual user needs.
- III. Incremental Delivery: Features are developed in small, manageable iterations, allowing functional modules such as booking or scheduling to be deployed early for testing.
- IV. Risk Management: Agile identifies challenges early in the development process, enabling prompt corrective action.

3.1.2 Agile Implementation Examples on "Maids On Call" Systems

- Sprint 1: Development of a basic booking interface for clients to select services and make reservations.
- Sprint 2: Integration of maid allocation and real-time scheduling features.
- Sprint 3: Development of client preference management, enabling customers to select service preferences such as timing or specific personnel.
- Sprint 4: Incorporation of AI-based personalization features, such as maid recommendations based on prior bookings.

The use of Agile ensures rapid prototyping, early feedback, and continuous system improvement, ultimately resulting in a more responsive and reliable platform.

3.2 Requirement Specification

The system requirements were categorized into functional and non-functional specifications.

3.2.1 Functional Requirements

- I. User Management: Authentication and authorization for administrators, maids, and clients.
- II. Booking Management: Ability for clients to make, modify, and cancel bookings.
- III. Scheduling: Real-time allocation of maids based on availability and workload.
- IV. Preference Tracking: Storage and retrieval of client-specific service preferences.
- V. Communication Module: Notifications and updates delivered to clients and maids.
- VI. Feedback System: Clients can rate services and provide feedback to enhance quality control.

3.2.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- I. Performance: The system should support concurrent bookings without delays.
- II. Scalability: Capable of expanding to serve regional and national markets.
- III. Security: Use of SSL/TLS encryption and secure authentication protocols (OAuth 2.0, JWT).
- IV. Usability: Intuitive, responsive interface accessible across multiple devices.
- V. Reliability: High system uptime and fault tolerance through cloud infrastructure.

3.3 Logical Design

The Logical Design phase focuses on detailing the structure and flow of the "Maids On Call" system through various diagrams. These diagrams help illustrate the system's functionality, user interactions, and the relationships between components. Below are the diagrams required for this phase, along with an explanation of each.

UML Diagrams:

Actor:

A coherent set of roles that users of use cases play when interacting with the use cases.



Use case: A description of a sequence of actions, including variants, that a system performs that yields an observable result of value to an actor.



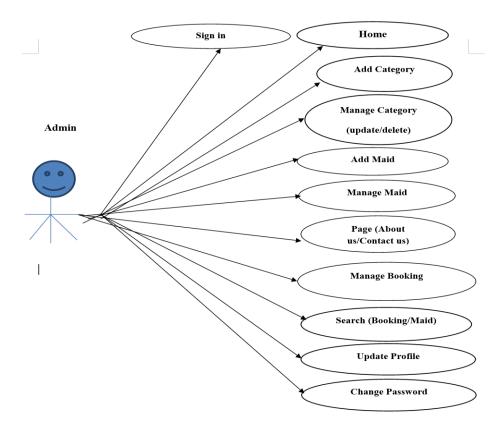
UML stands for Unified Modeling Language. UML is a language for specifying, visualizing, and documenting the system. This is the step that is taken while developing any product after analysis. The goal of this is to produce a model of the entities involved in the project, which later need to be built. The representation of the entities that are to be used in the product being developed needs to be designed.

3.3.1 Use Case Diagram - (Interaction Between System and User / Capture Business Scenario)

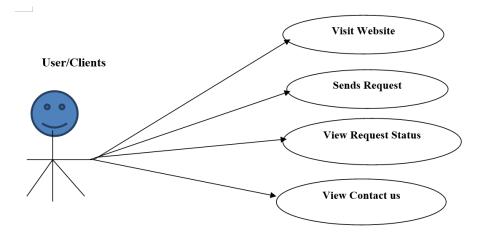
A Use Case Diagram illustrates the interactions between users (clients, administrators, maids) and the system. It defines the system's functionalities based on user roles and how they interact with the system. A Use case is a description of a set of actions.

Graphically, it is rendered as an ellipse with a solid line including only its name. A use case diagram is a behavioral diagram that shows a set of use cases and actors and their relationships. It is an association between the use cases and actors. An actor represents a real-world object—primary Actor – Sender, Secondary Actor Receiver.

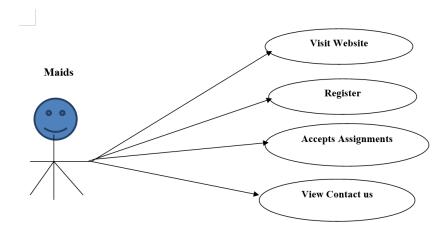
Use Case Diagram



Users Case Diagram

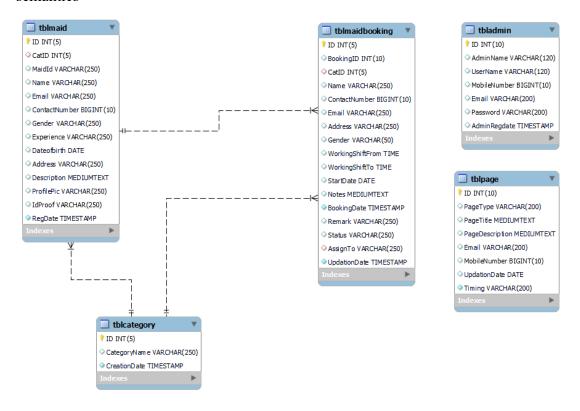


Maids Case Diagram



3.3.2 Class Diagram:

A description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics



3.3.3 Activity Diagram

The activity diagram for the "Maids On Call" system outlines the process flow between the Customer and the Admin. It visually illustrates the steps involved in searching for maids, making a booking, admin approval, and final actions like payment processing and service confirmation. The diagram is divided into two swimlanes: one for the Customer and another for the Admin, highlighting their respective actions and decision points. Key decisions include checking maid availability, processing the booking, and finalizing the service based on admin approval.

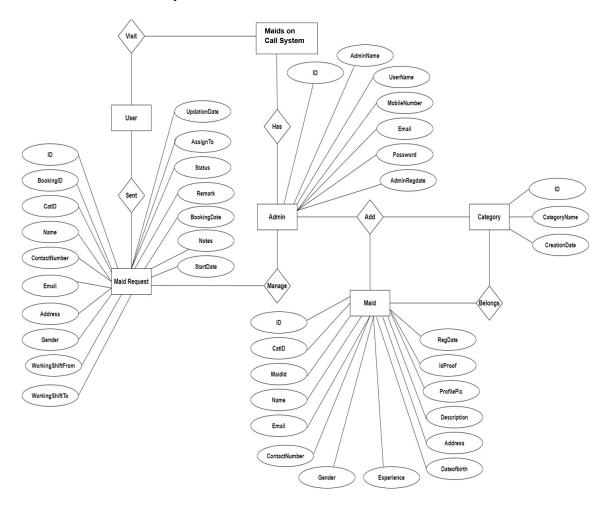
3.3.4 The ER (Entity-Relationship) Diagram

The ER diagram for the "Maids On Call" system represents the various entities involved in the system and their relationships. It includes the following main entities:

- tblmaid: Contains information about the maids, including their ID, name, contact details, experience, gender, and proof of identity. It also has a relationship with tblcategory to categorize maids based on their skills or specialties.
- tblcategory: Represents the different categories of maids (such as cleaners, specialists, etc.), with a relationship to the tblmaid entity to assign maids to specific categories.
- tblmaidbooking: Tracks the booking details, such as the booking ID, the maid being booked, contact information, working shift, and service start and end times.
- tbladmin: Stores administrator information, including the Admin's credentials and the date of registration, managing bookings and approvals.
- tblpage: Contains details about the system's pages, such as the page type, description, and related contact information for administrative purposes.

These entities are interconnected, where a maid can belong to one or more categories, bookings link maids to customers, and the Admin manages and approves these bookings. The ER diagram

efficiently shows how each entity is related through primary and foreign keys, ensuring a wellstructured database for the system.



3.3.5 Data Flow Diagram

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) for the "Maids On Call" system outlines how data moves within the system, illustrating the processes, data stores, data inputs, and outputs. Here's an overview of the DFD for the system, divided into different levels:

Level 0 DFD

Outlines the key components interacting with the central system, with each process representing a different functional area of the system. The **Maids On Call System** receives input from all these processes and external entities, performing necessary actions, and sending output to each of these

systems based on their roles in managing maid services. This diagram serves as an overview of how the system interacts with different components for efficient functioning.

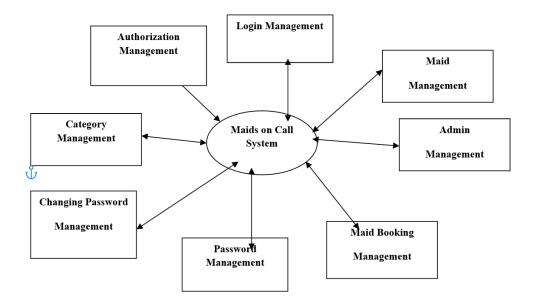
Key Components:

Maids on Call System: The central process that interacts with various management functions.

External Entities and Processes:

- Authorization Management: Handles user authentication and authorization for accessing the system.
- Login Management: Manages user login functionality.
- Maid Management: Handles the details and management of maids within the system.
- Admin Management: Manages administrative functions such as approving bookings,
 updating system settings, etc.
- Category Management: Manages the categorization of maids based on their skills or services.
- Changing Password Management: Facilitates users in changing their passwords securely.
- Password Management: Deals with storing and managing user passwords securely.
- Maid Booking Management: Manages the booking process for maid services.

Zero Level DFD



Level 1 DFD

The First Level DFD (Data Flow Diagram) for the "Maids On Call" system provides a more detailed view of the system's processes and the flow of data between them. It illustrates how the core system interacts with various management modules, which are each responsible for a specific function within the system. Here is a breakdown of the components.

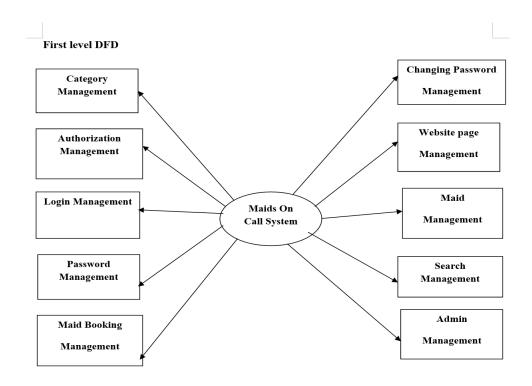
Key Components:

- Maids On Call System: This is the central process that coordinates interactions with all the management modules.

External Entities and Processes:

- Category Management: Handles the categorization of maids into different service types or categories.
- Authorization Management: Manages user permissions, ensuring users have the correct access levels for various system functions.

- Login Management: Manages user logins, including authentication and session management.
- Password Management: Ensures secure storage and retrieval of user passwords.
- Maid Management: Manages all the details of the maids, including their profiles, assignments, and availability.
- Maid Booking Management: Manages the entire booking process for customers, including selecting maids, setting schedules, and confirming bookings.
- Search Management: Facilitates search functionalities for customers looking for maids based on specific criteria (e.g., location, skills).
- Admin Management: Allows administrators to manage the system, including approval of bookings, managing maids, and monitoring system performance.
- Website Page Management: Manages the content and updates related to the system's website, including user interface elements.



Level 2 DFD

The Second Level DFD for the "Maids On Call" system provides a deeper look into the interaction between the Admin and the system, detailing the processes and data flows involved in managing the system's modules.

Key Components:

- Admin: The central external entity interacting with the system, managing and overseeing various functions within the system.

Login Process:

- Login to System: Admin logs into the system using credentials.
- Check Credentials: The system verifies whether the Admin's login credentials are valid.
- Forgot Password: If credentials are forgotten, the Admin can reset the password through the system.

Role-Based Access Control:

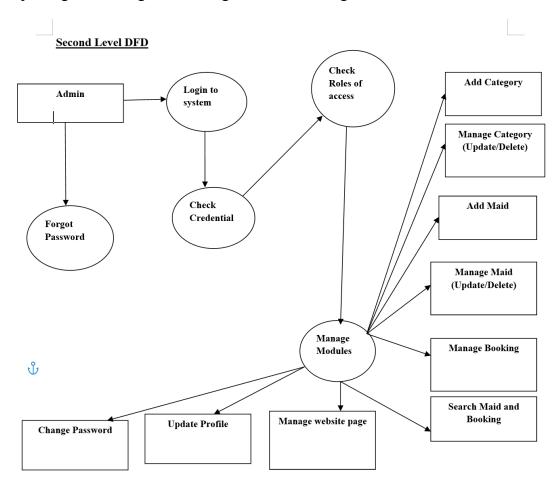
- Check Roles of Access: The system checks the Admin's role to determine which modules and functionalities the Admin is authorized to access.
- Manage Modules: The core management processes that the Admin can interact with, including:
- Add Category: The Admin can add new maid categories.
- Manage Category (Update/Delete): The Admin can update or delete existing categories.
- Add Maid: The Admin can add new maids to the system.
- Manage Maid (Update/Delete): The Admin can update or delete maid details.
- Manage Booking: Admin manages booking information, including approval or modification of bookings.

- Search Maid and Booking: The Admin can search for specific maids and review related bookings.
- Manage Website Page: The Admin can update and manage the website's pages, such as content updates or changes.

Flow of Data:

Admin interacts with the system by logging in, checking credentials, and managing various system modules based on their role.

The Manage Modules process interacts with multiple management functions such as adding, updating, or deleting maids, categories, and bookings.



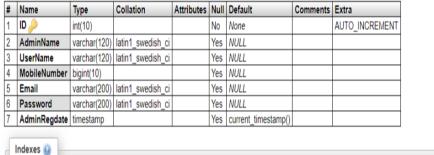
3.4 Database Design

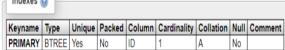
The Database Design for the "Maids On Call" system leverages MySQL to structure and manage the data efficiently using tables, relationships, and keys. The database design aims to capture and store all the necessary information related to maids, categories, bookings, user roles, and system interactions. Here's a description of how the system's database design is structured using MySQL data tables:

Key Tables in the Database Design:

Admin Table: (Table name is tbladmin)

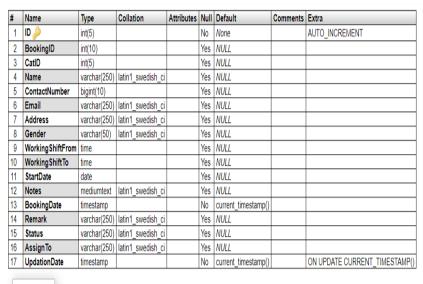
This store admin's personal and login details.

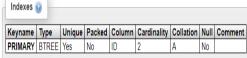




Booking Table (Table name is tblmaidbooking)

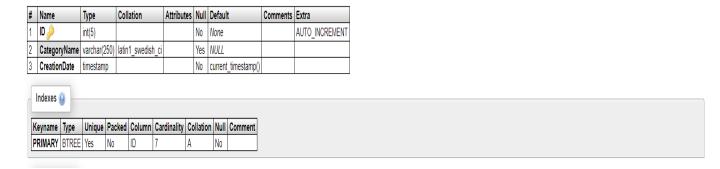
This stores the details of making a maid request





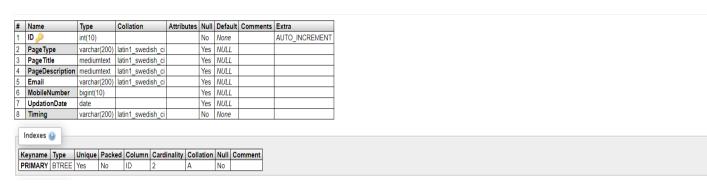
Maid Category Table: (Table name is tblcategory)

This stores the maid category detail



Page Table: (Table name is tblpage)

This table stores the about us and contact us.



Maid Table: (Table name is tblmaid)

This table stores the details of maids available.

#	Name	Туре	Collation	Attributes	Null	Default	Comments	Extra
1	ID 🔑	int(5)			No	None		AUTO_INCREMENT
2	CatID	int(5)			Yes	NULL		
3	Maidld	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
4	Name	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
5	Email	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
6	ContactNumber	bigint(10)			Yes	NULL		
7	Gender	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
8	Experience	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
9	Dateofbirth	date			Yes	NULL		
10	Address	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
11	Description	mediumtext	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
12	ProfilePic	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
13	IdProof	varchar(250)	latin1_swedish_ci		Yes	NULL		
14	RegDate	timestamp			No	current_timestamp()		

Indexes										
	Keyname	Туре	Unique	Packed	Column	Cardinality	Collation	Null	Comment	
	PRIMARY	BTREE	Yes	No	ID	4	Α	No		

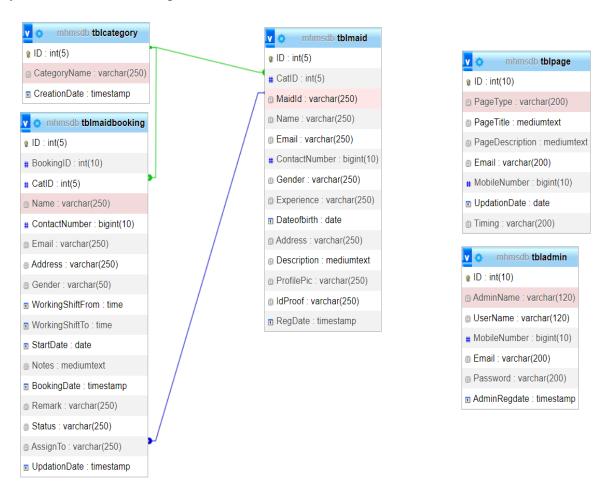
3.5 Database Schema

The Database Schema for the "Maids On Call" system is structured with several key tables that handle different aspects of the system's operations. The schema captures essential relationships between entities such as maids, bookings, categories, admins, and website pages, as detailed below.

Using a MySQL Database, the DB Schema is well-structured for the "Maids On Call" system, covering the management of maids, categories, bookings, admins, and website content.

The use of foreign keys ensures the integrity of relationships, while each table serves a distinct role in managing the data associated with the maids, bookings, and system administration. This database design ensures efficient data management and smooth system operation.

Key Tables and Relationships:



CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

4.0 Introduction

The "Maids On Call" system is implemented as a web-based platform, designed to be accessible across various devices, ensuring convenience for both customers and administrators. The web platform is optimized for standard web browsers, including Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Safari, making it compatible with the majority of user devices, whether desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones.

4.1 Front-End Implementation:

The front-end interface is designed with a user-centric approach, ensuring ease of use and a smooth user experience. The front end is built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, along with React.js (or a similar front-end framework) to provide a dynamic and interactive experience. The design is responsive, meaning the layout and content automatically adjust to fit the screen size of different devices, offering a seamless experience for customers booking services from smartphones or computers. Key features of the front-end include:

- Search functionality: Customers can easily search for maids by service category, availability, and location.
- Booking interface: The booking process is streamlined, allowing customers to input their details and preferences, select maid services, and make payments smoothly.
- Admin Dashboard: A clean and intuitive dashboard for admins to manage bookings, maids, categories, and view reports.

4.2 Back-End Implementation:

The back-end is responsible for handling data management, processing, and communication between the front-end interface and the database. It is built using the PHP Laravel Framework with an Express.js server to handle HTTP requests and API routes. The back-end logic includes:

- Database Connectivity: The system uses MySQL to manage the relational database, where tables for maids, customers, bookings, categories, and admin roles are stored. SQL queries are optimized for quick retrieval and storage of data.
- Authentication and Authorization: Multi-user roles (Admin and Customer) are managed through an authentication system with JWT (JSON Web Tokens) for secure login and session management. Admins have extended privileges to manage and update maids, bookings, and website content.
- Payment Integration (To be done later): The back-end will be integrated with payment gateways such as Stripe or PayPal to handle secure financial transactions, ensuring safe and efficient payments for bookings.
- Data Validation and Processing: All customer inputs, bookings, and admin changes are
 validated to ensure correctness before being stored in the database, minimizing errors and
 ensuring data integrity.
- The back-end is optimized for performance, ensuring that queries to the database are efficient, even as the number of users or data grows. It uses techniques like caching for frequently accessed data, load balancing for scalability, and database indexing to speed up search operations.

4.3 Testing:

Unit Testing:

Unit testing involves testing each module in isolation to ensure that every component works as intended. This includes testing core features such as:

Maid Search: Ensuring that search results are accurate and returned based on the criteria set by the user.

Booking Functionality: Verifying that customers can book services, input personal details, and receive confirmation.

Integration Testing:

Once individual modules are tested, integration testing ensures that they work together seamlessly. This phase verifies that the various system components, such as the front-end interface, back-end server, and database, interact correctly. Key integrations tested include:

Booking to ensure that a booking is successfully created

Admin and Customer Interaction: Testing the flow of data between the Admin's dashboard and customer bookings, including the ability for admins to view and manage bookings.

System Testing:

System testing verifies the overall performance, stability, and functionality of the complete system. It involves checking the system's response under various conditions:

Load Testing: Ensuring the system can handle multiple users and bookings simultaneously without crashing.

Security Testing: Verifying that user data, including passwords and payment details, is stored securely using encryption and hashing techniques.

UI/UX Testing: Ensuring the user interface works as expected and that users can interact with the system without difficulty.

<u>User Acceptance Testing (UAT):</u>

UAT is the final stage of testing, where real users test the system to confirm it meets their needs and expectations. During UAT, a group of representative users (both customers and admins) interact with the system to validate the following:

Customer Experience: Whether customers can easily search for and book maids, complete payments, and manage their bookings.

Admin Experience: Whether admins can efficiently manage maids, bookings, categories, and system content.

Functionality Validation: To ensure that all system features work correctly in real-world scenarios, including the ease of navigation and clarity of instructions, functionality validation was conducted.

The implementation and testing phases of the "Maids On Call" system ensured that the platform is functional, secure, and user-friendly. The system has been tested at each stage to identify and fix issues before deployment, ensuring that users have a seamless experience, whether they are customers booking services or admins managing the system.

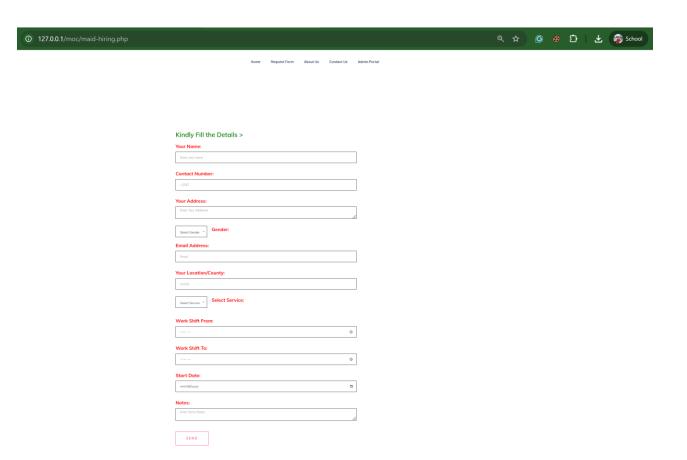
4.4 Evaluation

Project is locally hosted on URL: http://127.0.0.1/moc/index.php Xampp Server, Below are key web pages of the "Maids On Call" system user interfaces Home Page

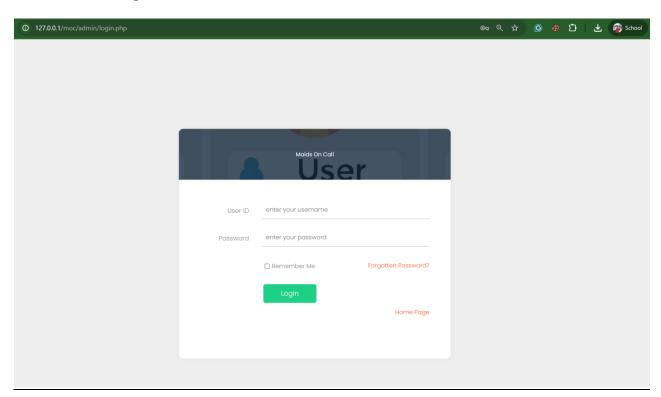




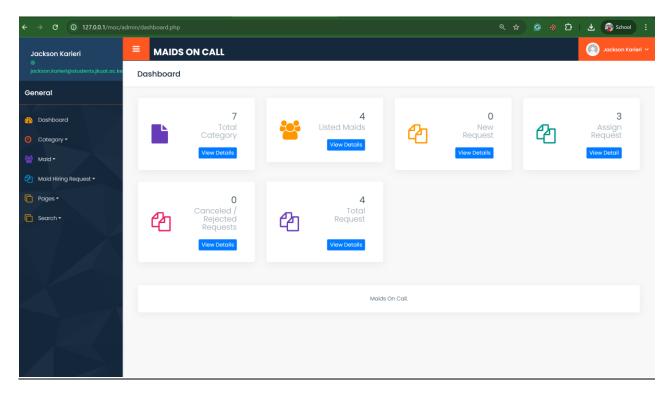
Request Form Page

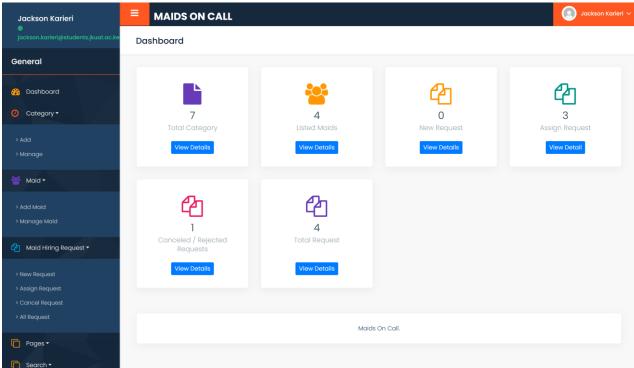


Admin Page

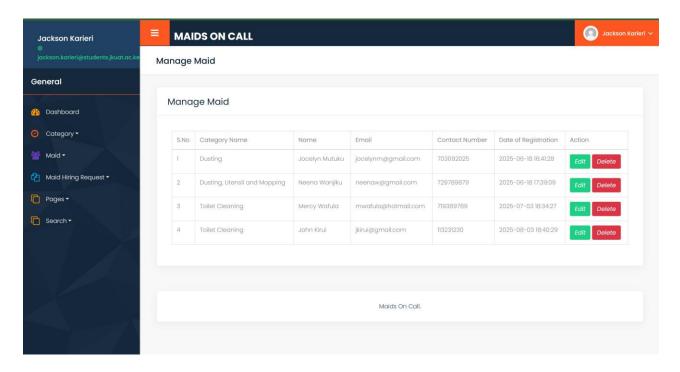


Admin Dashboard Page

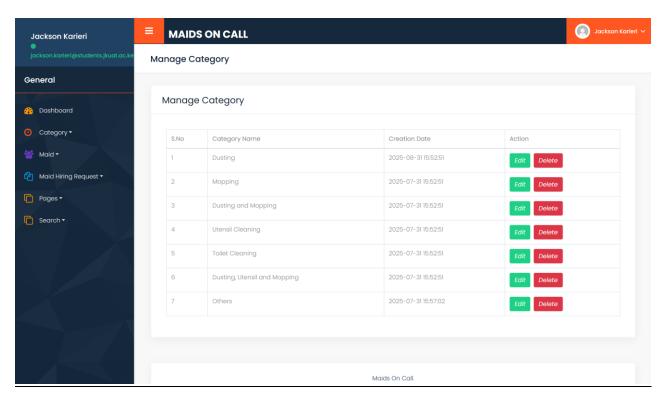




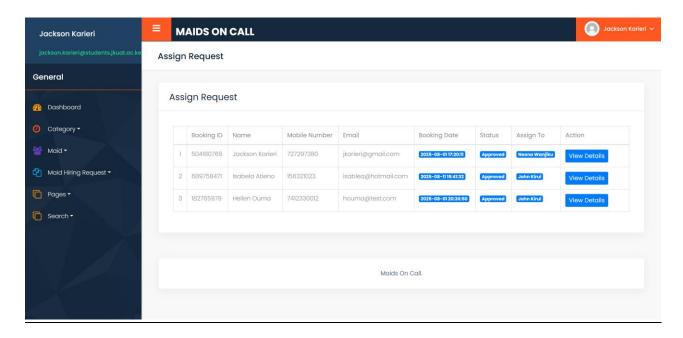
Maids Page



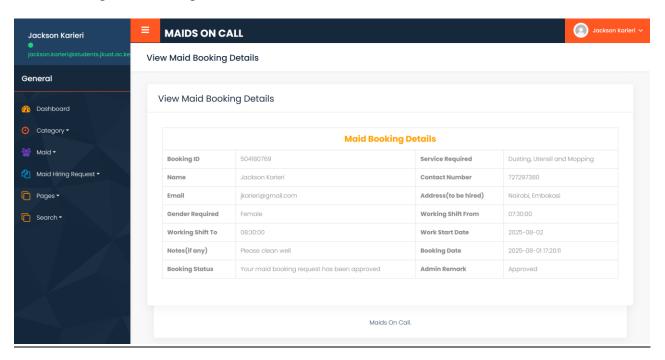
Category Page



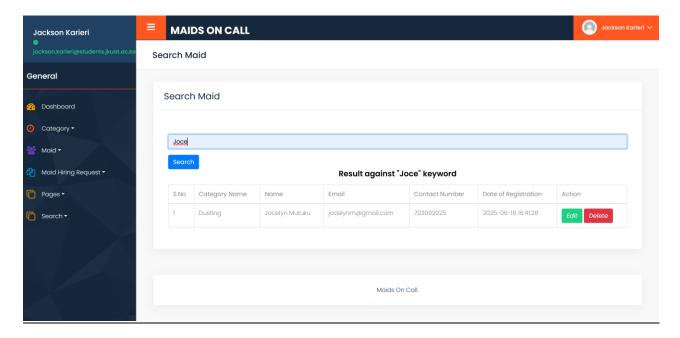
Assigned Request Page



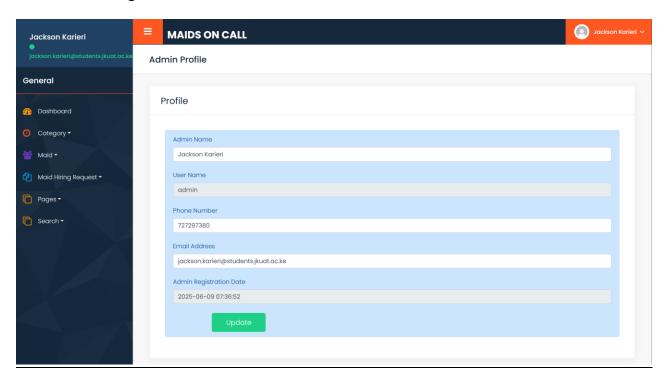
Maid Booking Details/Assigned



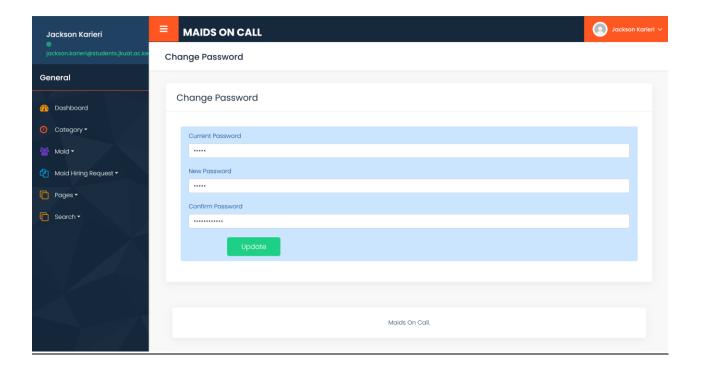
Search Functionality



Admin Profile Page



Change Password Page



4.5 Summary

The implementation and testing of the Maids On Call System confirmed that the platform is functional, secure, and user-friendly. Unit, integration, and system testing validated the accuracy of modules and data flow. User Acceptance Testing demonstrated that the system met stakeholder needs, thereby ensuring its readiness for deployment. Although certain features, such as online payment integration, remain future enhancements, the current version delivers reliable maid booking, allocation, and communication functionalities.

CHAPTER 5

6.1 LIMITATIONS

The development and evaluation of the Maids On Call System encountered several challenges that influenced the Scope and outcomes of the project. A primary limitation was the time factor, as the project had to be completed within strict academic deadlines. This constraint restricted opportunities for extensive testing, user trials, and refinement of advanced features.

Another significant challenge was financial limitations. Limited resources affected the ability to fully integrate advanced modules such as artificial intelligence-driven personalization and large-scale real-time tracking. Additionally, the costs associated with cloud hosting and system deployment necessitated the adoption of a more basic system configuration during the initial stages.

6.2 CONCLUSION

The Maids On Call System successfully addresses the inefficiencies associated with the traditional manual management of maid bookings, allocations, and scheduling. By leveraging automation, cloud computing, and user-centered design, the system enhances efficiency, reduces administrative workload, and improves customer satisfaction.

From a theoretical perspective, the project contributes to the body of knowledge on business systems automation, demonstrating the value of integrating cloud-based and AI-supported solutions in service-oriented industries. From a practical perspective, it provides a working model that eliminates scheduling conflicts, improves communication, and ensures transparency in service delivery. Finally, at a policy level, the system offers insights that can guide organizations and policymakers toward formalizing and digitizing domestic service operations, ensuring greater accountability, efficiency, and client satisfaction.

In summary, the system bridges research, theory, and practice, offering a scalable and adaptable solution with the potential to transform maid service management in both residential and commercial contexts.

6.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

To strengthen the Maids On Call System and ensure its sustainability and scalability, several recommendations are proposed:

- I. Extended Testing and Piloting Future work should involve broader user trials across different environments and demographic groups to refine system usability, performance, and scalability.
- II. Integration of Payment Gateways Secure digital payment options such as M-Pesa, PayPal, or Stripe should be incorporated to simplify transactions and enhance user convenience.
- III. Development of Mobile Applications Dedicated Android and iOS applications should be created to increase accessibility, particularly for clients who primarily rely on mobile devices.
- IV. Artificial Intelligence Enhancement AI-powered features, such as intelligent maid recommendations based on booking history, feedback, and client preferences, should be implemented to increase personalization.
- V. Strengthened Customer Support The inclusion of live chat systems or AI-driven chatbots would provide real-time responses to client queries and improve overall customer experience.

- VI. Data Security Improvements As the system handles sensitive client information, enhanced security protocols such as advanced encryption and compliance with data protection policies should be adopted.
- VII. Scalability and Market Expansion The system should be designed for expansion beyond local use, with the ability to handle national or even international markets while maintaining reliability during peak demand.

6.4 APPENDICES

Source Code on GitHub

Plain PHP (PDO) + MySQL — Round-robin auto-assignment for maid allocation to clients' requests

Minimal tables

```
-- maids
CREATE TABLE maids (
  id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  active TINYINT(1) NOT NULL DEFAULT 1,
  rr order INT NOT NULL,
  last assigned at DATETIME NULL,
  created at DATETIME NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT TIMESTAMP
);
-- bookings
CREATE TABLE bookings (
  id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
  service id INT NULL,
  timeslot start DATETIME NOT NULL,
  timeslot end DATETIME NOT NULL,
  status ENUM('pending',' confirmed','canceled') NOT NULL DEFAULT 'pending',
  maid id INT NULL
);
-- pointer (one row per pool; NULL = global p<u>o</u>ol)
CREATE TABLE assignment states (
```

```
id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO INCREMENT,
  service id INT NULL UNIQUE,
 pointer INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0
);
One-time init (order + pointer)
-- Give each maid a stable order
SET @rn := 0;
UPDATE maids SET rr order = (@rn := @rn + 1) ORDER BY created at, id;
-- Global pool pointer row
INSERT INTO assignment_states (service_id, pointer) VALUES (NULL, 0)
 ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE pointer = pointer;
PHP function
<?php
function assignRoundRobin(PDO $pdo, int $bookingId): array {
    $pdo->beginTransaction();
    try {
        // 1) Load & lock booking
        $stmt = $pdo->prepare("SELECT * FROM bookings WHERE id = ? FOR UPDATE");
        $stmt->execute([$bookingId]);
        $booking = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
        if (!$booking) throw new RuntimeException("Booking not found.");
        // 2) Lock the pointer row (global pool here; use service id if you want
per-service pools)
        $stateStmt = $pdo->query("SELECT * FROM assignment states WHERE service id
IS NULL FOR UPDATE");
        $state = $stateStmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH ASSOC);
        if (!$state) throw new RuntimeException("Pointer state missing.");
        $pointer = (int)$state['pointer'];
        // 3) Build candidates: active + available in timeslot; ordered by
rr order
        $candidatesStmt = $pdo->prepare("
            SELECT m.id
            FROM maids m
            WHERE m.active = 1
              AND NOT EXISTS (
                SELECT 1 FROM bookings b
                WHERE b.maid id = m.id
                  AND b.status IN ('pending','confirmed')
                  AND b.timeslot_start < :end</pre>
                  AND b.timeslot end > :start
            ORDER BY m.rr order ASC
```

```
FOR UPDATE
        ");
        $candidatesStmt->execute([
            ':start' => $booking['timeslot_start'],
            ':end' => $booking['timeslot_end'],
        ]);
        $candidates = $candidatesStmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH COLUMN);
        if (!$candidates) throw new RuntimeException("No available maid for this
timeslot.");
       // 4) Rotate by pointer
        $count = count($candidates);
        $index = $pointer % $count;
        $maidId = (int)$candidates[$index];
        // 5) Advance pointer
       $updPtr = $pdo->prepare("UPDATE assignment states SET pointer = pointer +
1 WHERE id = ?");
       $updPtr->execute([$state['id']]);
        // 6) Double-check availability (race-safety) and lock maid row
       $chkStmt = $pdo->prepare("
            SELECT m.id
            FROM maids m
           WHERE m.id = :mid AND m.active = 1
             AND NOT EXISTS (
                SELECT 1 FROM bookings b
                WHERE b.maid id = m.id
                  AND b.status IN ('pending','confirmed')
                  AND b.timeslot start < :end
                  AND b.timeslot end > :start
            FOR UPDATE
        ");
        $chkStmt->execute([
            ':mid' => $maidId,
            ':start' => $booking['timeslot_start'],
            ':end' => $booking['timeslot_end'],
        1);
        $ok = $chkStmt->fetchColumn();
        if (!$ok) {
           // Rare race: scan next
            $maidId = null;
            for ($step = 1; $step < $count; $step++) {</pre>
```

```
$tryId = (int)$candidates[($index + $step) % $count];
                $chkStmt->execute([
                    ':mid' => $tryId,
                    ':start' => $booking['timeslot_start'],
                    ':end' => $booking['timeslot_end'],
                ]);
                if ($chkStmt->fetchColumn()) { $maidId = $tryId; break; }
           if (!$maidId) throw new RuntimeException("No maid available after re-
check.");
       // 7) Persist assignment
       $updBook = $pdo->prepare("UPDATE bookings SET maid id = ?, status =
pending' WHERE id = ?");
       $updBook->execute([$maidId, $bookingId]);
       $updMaid = $pdo->prepare("UPDATE maids SET last_assigned_at = NOW() WHERE
id = ?");
       $updMaid->execute([$maidId]);
       $pdo->commit();
       return ['booking_id' => $bookingId, 'maid_id' => $maidId];
    } catch (Throwable $e) {
       $pdo->rollBack();
       throw $e;
```

Database Connections Codes

```
<?php
// DB credentials.
define('DB_HOST','localhost');
define('DB_USER','root');
define('DB_PASS','');
define('DB_NAME','mhmsdb');
// Establish database connection.
try
{
    $dbh = new PDO("mysql:host=".DB_HOST.";dbname=".DB_NAME,DB_USER,
    DB_PASS,array(PDO::MYSQL_ATTR_INIT_COMMAND => "SET NAMES 'utf8'"));
} catch (PDOException $e)
```

```
{
exit("Error: " . $e->getMessage());
}
?>
```

Admin Login Codes

```
<?php
session_start();
error_reporting(0);
include('includes/dbconnection.php');
if(isset($_POST['login']))
    $username=$_POST['username'];
    $password=md5($ POST['password']);
    $sql ="SELECT ID FROM tbladmin WHERE UserName=:username and
Password=:password";
    $query=$dbh->prepare($sql);
    $query-> bindParam(':username', $username, PDO::PARAM_STR);
$query-> bindParam(':password', $password, PDO::PARAM STR);
    $query-> execute();
    $results=$query->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH OBJ);
    if($query->rowCount() > 0)
foreach ($results as $result) {
$_SESSION['mhmsaid']=$result->ID;
 if(!empty($_POST["remember"])) {
//COOKIES for username
setcookie ("user_login",$_POST["username"],time()+ (10 * 365 * 24 * 60 * 60));
//COOKIES for password
setcookie ("userpassword",$_POST["password"],time()+ (10 * 365 * 24 * 60 * 60));
} else {
if(isset($_COOKIE["user_login"])) {
setcookie ("user_login","");
if(isset($ COOKIE["userpassword"])) {
setcookie ("userpassword","");
$ SESSION['login']=$ POST['username'];
echo "<script type='text/javascript'> document.location ='dashboard.php';
</script>";
```

```
} else{
echo "<script>alert('Invalid Details');</script>";
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
      <title>Maids On Call | Admin Portal </title>
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/bootstrap.min.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/responsive.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/colors.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/bootstrap-select.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/perfect-scrollbar.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/custom.css" />
      <link rel="stylesheet" href="js/semantic.min.css" />
   </head>
   <body class="inner page login">
      <div class="full container">
         <div class="container">
            <div class="center verticle_center full_height">
               <div class="login section">
                  <div class="logo login">
                     <div class="center">
                        <h6 style="color: white;">Maids On Call</h3>
                     </div>
                  </div>
                  <div class="login form">
                     <form method="post" name="login">
                        <fieldset>
                           <div class="field">
                              <label class="label field">User ID</label>
```

```
<input type="text" class="form-control"</pre>
placeholder="enter your username" required="true" name="username" value="<?php</pre>
if(isset($_COOKIE["user_login"])) { echo $_COOKIE["user_login"]; } ?>" >
                            </div>
                            <div class="field">
                               <label class="label field">Password</label>
                               <input type="password" class="form-control"</pre>
placeholder="enter your password" name="password" required="true" value="<?php</pre>
if(isset($ COOKIE["userpassword"])) {    echo $ COOKIE["userpassword"];    } ?>">
                            </div>
                            <div class="field">
                               <label class="label field hidden">hidden
label</label>
                               <label class="form-check-label"><input class="form-</pre>
check-input" id="remember" name="remember" <?php if(isset($_COOKIE["user_login"]))</pre>
{ ?> checked <?php } ?> type="checkbox"/> Remember Me</label>
                               <a class="forgot" href="forgot-</pre>
password.php">Forgotten Password?</a>
                            </div>
                            <div class="field margin 0">
                               <label class="label_field hidden">hidden
label</label>
                               <button class="main_bt" name="login"</pre>
type="submit">Login</button>
                            </div>
                         </fieldset>
                         <a class="forgot" href="../index.php">Home Page</a>
                      </form>
                   </div>
               </div>
            </div>
         </div>
      </div>
      <script src="js/jquery.min.js"></script>
      <script src="js/popper.min.js"></script>
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      <script src="js/animate.js"></script>
      <script src="js/bootstrap-select.js"></script>
      <script src="js/perfect-scrollbar.min.js"></script>
      <script>
         var ps = new PerfectScrollbar('#sidebar');
```

```
</script>
     <script src="js/custom.js"></script>
     </body>
</html>
```

Logout Session Codes

```
<?php
session_start();
session_unset();
session_destroy();
header('location:login.php');
?>
```

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