Industrial Internship Report on

URL Shortener

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Executive Summary
This report provides details of the Industrial Internship provided by upskill Campus and The IoT Academy in collaboration with Industrial Partner UniConverge Technologies Pvt Ltd (UCT). This internship was focused on a project/problem statement provided by UCT. We had to finish the project including the report in 6 weeks' time. My project was URL Shortener is a Python-based system that converts long URLs into shorter, manageable links. It generates unique short codes, stores URL mappings in a database, and redirects users to the original links efficiently. The solution was designed to overcome limitations of existing tools like Bitly by offering customization, privacy, and offline functionality. It includes modules for frontend, backend, and database interaction using Flask and SQLite. Future improvements include analytics, user authentication, and cloud integration for scalability. This internship gave me a very good opportunity to get exposure to Industrial problems and design/implement solution for that. It was an overall great experience to have this internship.

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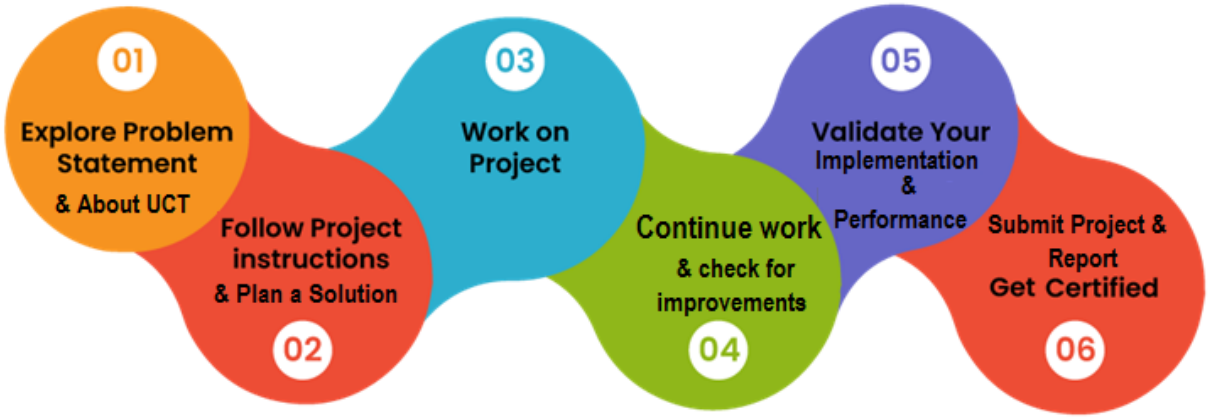


Your Learnings and overall experience.

Thank to all , who have helped you directly or indirectly.

Your message to your juniors and peers.

2 Introduction

2.1 About UniConverge Technologies Pvt Ltd

A company established in 2013 and working in Digital Transformation domain and providing Industrial solutions with prime focus on sustainability and RoI.

For developing its products and solutions it is leveraging various **Cutting Edge Technologies e.g. Internet of Things (IoT), Cyber Security, Cloud computing (AWS, Azure), Machine Learning, Communication Technologies (4G/5G/LoRaWAN), Java Full Stack, Python, Front end** etc.

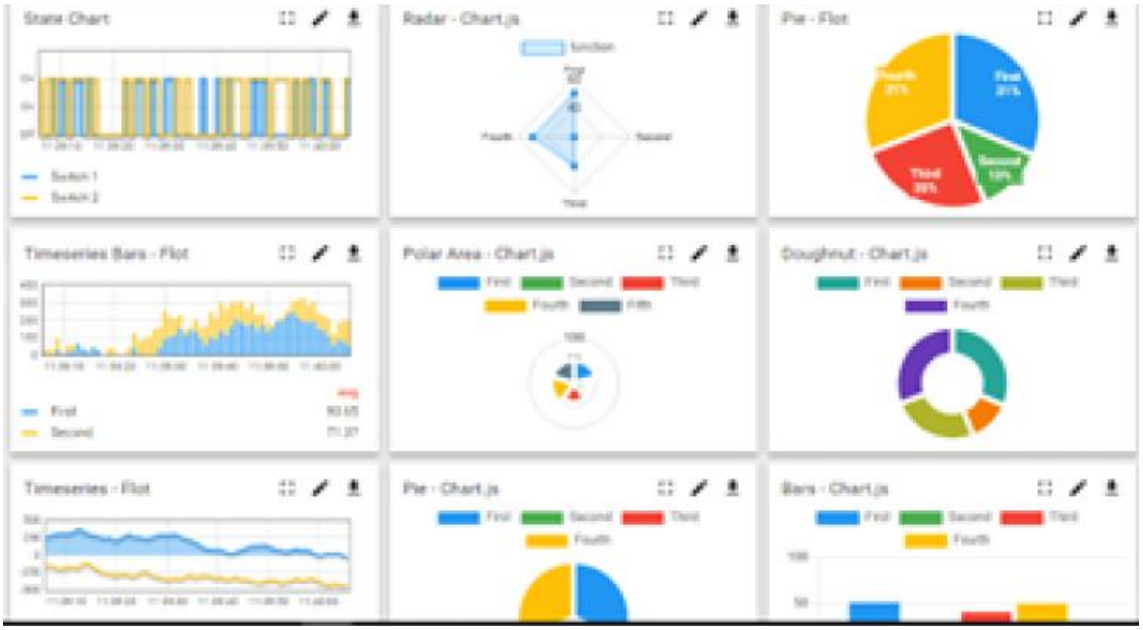
i. UCT IoT Platform (UCT Insight)

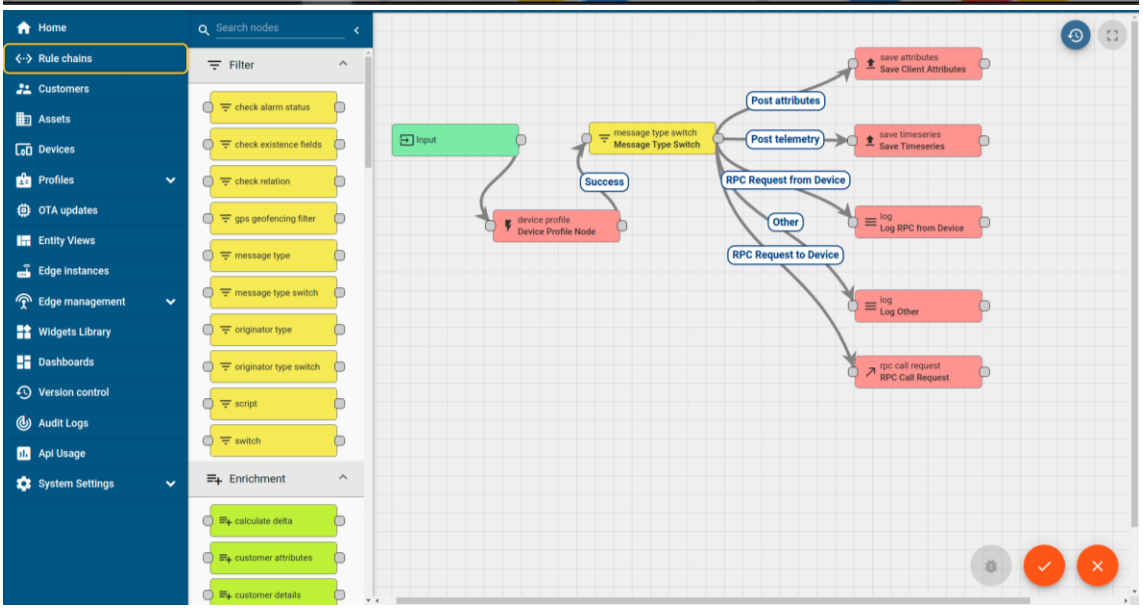
UCT Insight is an IOT platform designed for quick deployment of IOT applications on the same time providing valuable "insight" for your process/business. It has been built in Java for backend and ReactJS for Front end. It has support for MySQL and various NoSql Databases.

- It enables device connectivity via industry standard IoT protocols - MQTT, CoAP, HTTP, Modbus TCP, OPC UA
- It supports both cloud and on-premises deployments.

It has features to

- Build Your own dashboard
- Analytics and Reporting
- Alert and Notification
- Integration with third party application(Power BI, SAP, ERP)
- Rule Engine





ii. Smart Factory Platform (FACTORY WATCH)

Factory watch is a platform for smart factory needs.

It provides Users/ Factory

- with a scalable solution for their Production and asset monitoring
- OEE and predictive maintenance solution scaling up to digital twin for your assets.
- to unleased the true potential of the data that their machines are generating and helps to identify the KPIs and also improve them.
- A modular architecture that allows users to choose the service that they what to start and then can scale to more complex solutions as per their demands.

Its unique SaaS model helps users to save time, cost and money.

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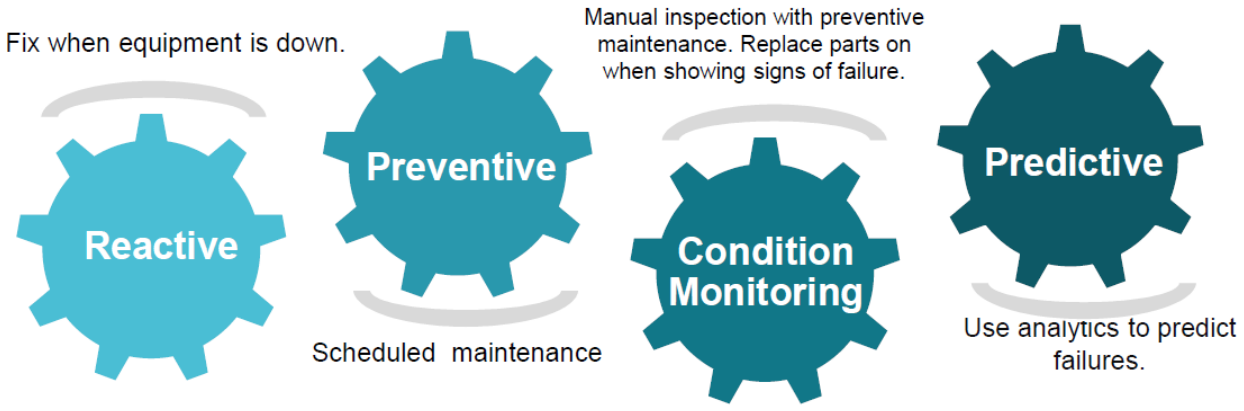
iii. LoRaWAN based Solution

UCT is one of the early adopters of LoRAWAN teschnology and providing solution in Agritech, Smart cities, Industrial Monitoring, Smart Street Light, Smart Water/ Gas/ Electricity metering solutions etc.

iv. Predictive Maintenance

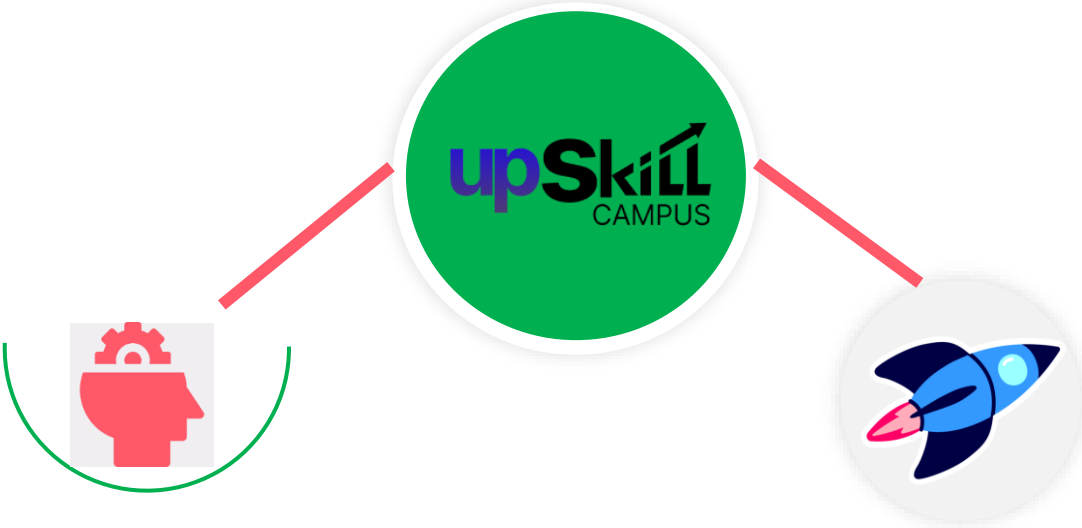
UCT is providing Industrial Machine health monitoring and Predictive maintenance solution leveraging Embedded system, Industrial IoT and Machine Learning Technologies by finding Remaining useful life time of various Machines used in production process.



2.2 About upskill Campus (USC)

upskill Campus along with The IoT Academy and in association with Uniconverge technologies has facilitated the smooth execution of the complete internship process.

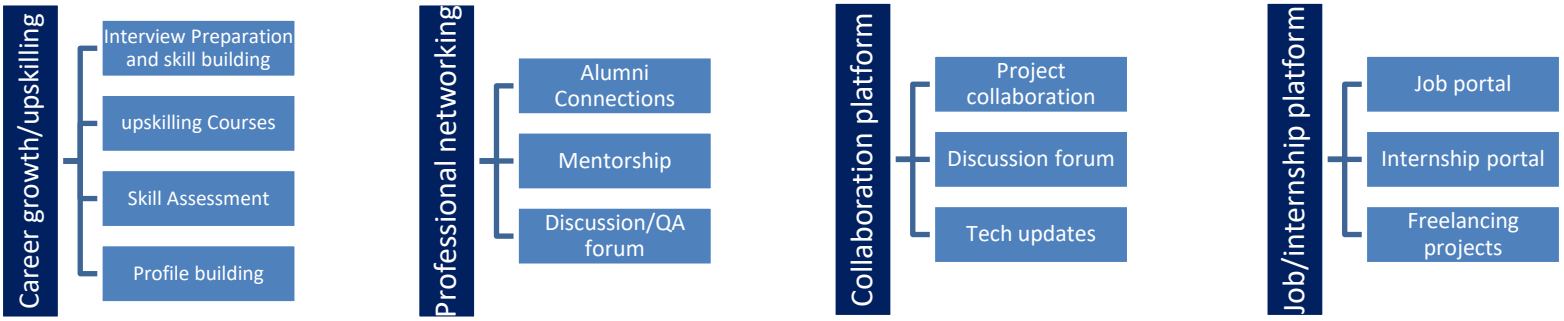
USC is a career development platform that delivers **personalized executive coaching** in a more affordable, scalable and measurable way.



Seeing need of upskilling in self paced manner along-with additional support services e.g. Internship, projects, interaction with Industry experts, Career growth Services

upSkill Campus aiming to upskill 1 million learners in next 5 year

https://www.upskillcampus.com/



2.3 The IoT Academy

The IoT academy is EdTech Division of UCT that is running long executive certification programs in collaboration with EICT Academy, IITK, IITR and IITG in multiple domains.

2.4 Objectives of this Internship program

The objective for this internship program was to

- ☛ get practical experience of working in the industry.
- ☛ to solve real world problems.
- ☛ to have improved job prospects.
- ☛ to have Improved understanding of our field and its applications.
- ☛ to have Personal growth like better communication and problem solving.

2.5 Reference

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2.6 Glossary

Terms	Acronym
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
API	Application Programming Interface
UI	User Interface
DB	Database

3 Problem Statement

- URL Shortener:

Description: The URL shortener is a Python project that converts long URLs into shorter, more manageable links. It takes a long URL as input, generates a unique shortened URL, and redirects users to the original URL when the shortened link is accessed.

Scope: The scope of this project involves designing a user interface to input long URLs and display the shortened links, implementing a database to store the mapping between original and shortened URLs, and developing functions to generate unique shortened URLs and handle redirection.

4 Existing and Proposed solution

1. **Summary of Existing Solutions**

Several URL shortening services such as **Bitly**, **TinyURL**, and **Rebrandly** already exist and provide fast, reliable link-shortening features. These platforms allow users to generate short links and track basic analytics like click counts and referral sources.

2. **Limitations of Existing Solutions**

1. **Limited Customization:** Most free versions do not allow users to create custom short links or manage their URLs efficiently.
2. **Dependency on External Services:** Users rely on third-party platforms, which can restrict accessibility if the service is down or discontinued.
3. **Privacy Concerns:** Some existing tools collect user data or track links for marketing purposes without transparency.
4. **Limited Integration:** Integration with personal or enterprise systems often requires paid plans or APIs.
5. **Lack of Offline Functionality:** These services typically depend entirely on internet connectivity and hosted servers.

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3. **Proposed Solution**

The proposed solution is to develop a **Python-based custom URL Shortener** that operates locally or on a personal/organization server. The system will allow users to input a long URL and generate a unique shortened URL using a custom algorithm. It will include a local database to store mappings between original and shortened URLs and handle redirections efficiently through a simple web interface.

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4. **Value Addition**

5. **Full Control:** Users can manage their shortened URLs independently without depending on external services.
6. **Customization:** Option to create **custom short codes** for better readability and branding.
7. **Data Privacy:** No user tracking or third-party data storage—ensuring complete privacy.

8. **Analytics Extension (Optional):** The system can later be enhanced to track **click counts** and **usage analytics**.
9. **Scalability:** The solution can easily be deployed on cloud servers for organizational use or integrated with other applications.

4.1 Code submission (Github link)

https://github.com/kaifqureshi1216-glitch/url_project.git

4.2 Report submission (Github link) :

https://github.com/kaifqureshi1216-glitch/url_project.git

5 Proposed Design/ Model

The proposed design of the URL Shortener system focuses on providing a simple yet effective mechanism to shorten long URLs, store their mappings, and enable redirection to the original links. The solution is structured in multiple stages — starting from user input to database storage and final URL redirection.

The overall workflow can be divided into the following key stages:

1. **User Input Stage:**
   The user enters a long URL through the user interface.

2. **URL Validation:**
   The system checks whether the entered URL is valid and follows the correct format.

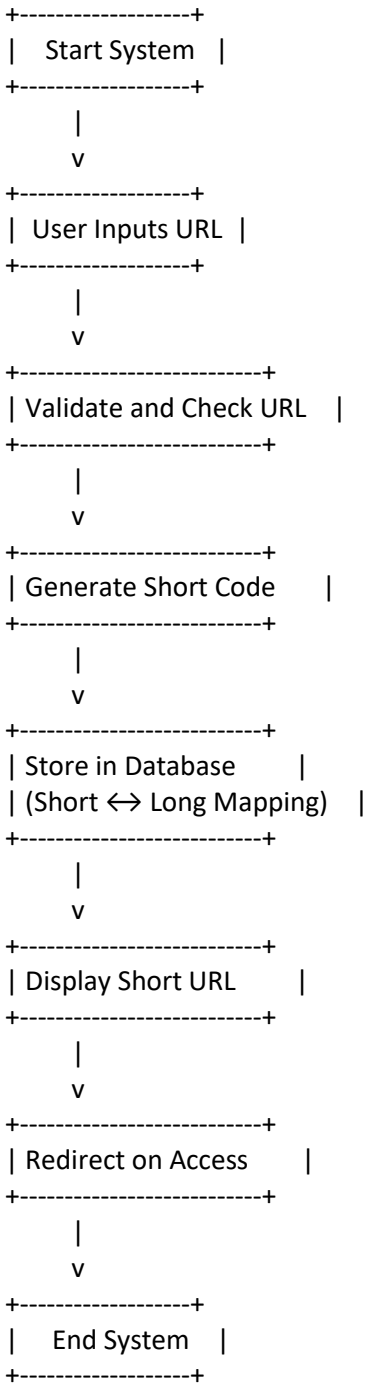
3. **Short URL Generation:**
   A unique short code is generated using an encoding algorithm (such as Base62 or hash-based encoding).

4. **Database Mapping:**
   The original URL and generated short URL are stored in the database for future reference.

5. **Redirection Handling:**
   When the user accesses the short URL, the system fetches the corresponding long URL from the database and redirects the user to it.

6. **Output Stage:**
   The user receives the shortened link and can copy or share it directly.

5.1 High Level Diagram (if applicable)



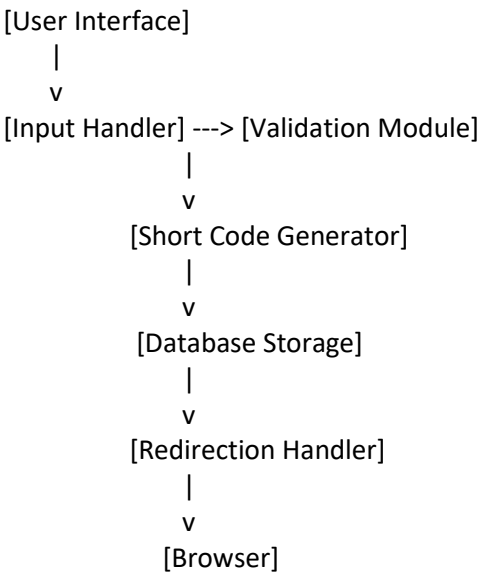
5.2 Low Level Diagram (if applicable)

The low-level design explains the internal structure of the system, including how individual components interact.

Components:

1. **Frontend Module:**
    - Accepts long URLs from the user.
    - Displays the generated short link.
2. **Backend Module:**
    - Validates URLs and checks for duplicates.
    - Generates a unique short code.
    - Handles redirection logic.
3. **Database Module:**
    - Stores mapping between short and original URLs.
    - Maintains click count and creation timestamp (optional).

Low-Level Flow:



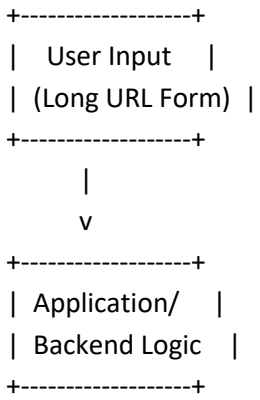
5.3 Interfaces (if applicable)

- **A. System Interfaces**

The system consists of the following main interfaces:

1. **User Interface (UI):**
    - Provides an input field for users to enter long URLs.
    - Displays the generated short link to the user.
    - Can be designed using web technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (or frameworks like Flask/Django for integration).
2. **Application Interface:**
    - Acts as a bridge between the UI and backend logic.
    - Handles API requests (like POST for URL submission and GET for redirection).
    - Validates data, calls short URL generation functions, and interacts with the database.
3. **Database Interface:**
    - Manages storage and retrieval of URL mappings.
    - Ensures persistence of data (short URL ↔ long URL pairs).
    - Uses SQL or NoSQL databases (e.g., SQLite, MySQL, or MongoDB).

- **B. Block Diagram**



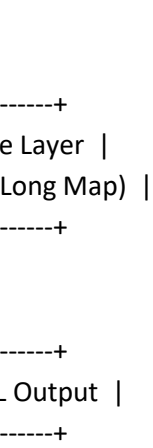
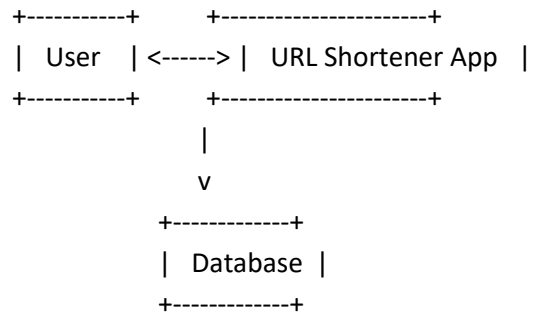


Figure 2: Block Diagram of URL Shortener System

- **C. Data Flow Diagram (DFD)**

Level 0 (Context Diagram):



Level 1 (Detailed DFD):

User --> [Input Long URL]

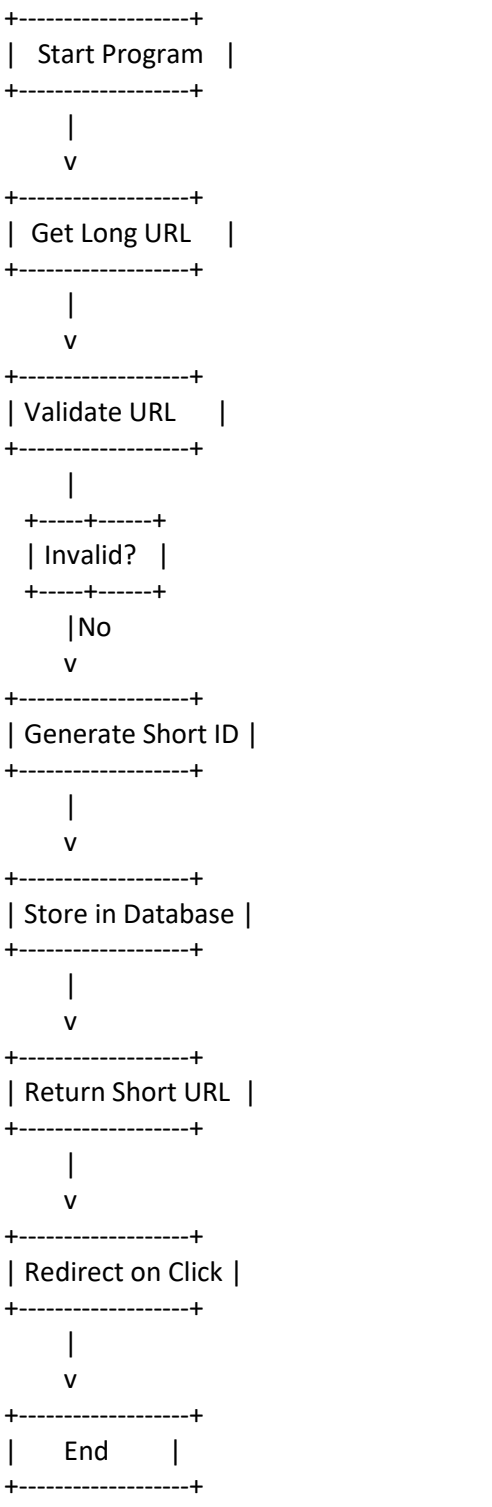
--> [Validation & Short Code Generation]

--> [Store Mapping in Database]

--> [Return Short URL to User]

--> [Redirect to Original URL on Access]

D. Flow Chart


Start Program
Get Long URL
Validate URL
Invalid?
No
Generate Short ID
Store in Database
Return Short URL
Redirect on Click
End

- **E. Protocols Used**
- **HTTP/HTTPS:** For communication between client (browser) and server.
- **REST API Calls:** Used for POST (create new short URL) and GET (redirect to long URL) requests.
- **Database Query Protocols:** SQL or ORM-based data access methods for efficient database interaction.

- **F. Memory Buffer Management**
- The system uses **temporary in-memory buffers** to hold user input and generated short codes before committing data to the database.
- **Caching** (optional) can be implemented using Redis or an in-memory dictionary to speed up repeated redirection requests.
- **Garbage collection** ensures unused or expired URLs are cleared periodically to optimize performance.

6 Performance Test

Performance testing plays a vital role in validating the effectiveness and scalability of the **URL Shortener System**. It helps determine how well the application performs under different conditions, such as high user load, database queries, and redirection speed. This ensures that the project design is not just academic but also practical and suitable for real-world implementation.

- **6.1 Identified Constraints**

During the design and implementation phases, several key performance constraints were identified:

1. **Speed (Response Time):**
   The time required to generate a short URL and perform redirection.
   Constraint: The redirection process must occur within milliseconds for a smooth user experience.

2. **Memory Usage:**
   Memory utilization during URL storage, retrieval, and processing.
   Constraint: The system should efficiently handle multiple URLs without consuming excessive memory.

3. **Database Efficiency:**
   Speed and reliability of database operations.
   Constraint: Frequent read/write operations should not cause performance degradation.

4. **Scalability:**
   The system should be able to handle a growing number of URLs and user requests.
   Constraint: Must maintain stable performance even as the data volume increases.

5. **Durability and Data Integrity:**
   Ensuring that the URL mappings remain intact even after system restarts or crashes.
   Constraint: Database and backup mechanisms must ensure no data loss.

- **6.2 Handling of Constraints in Design**

To address these constraints, the following design measures were implemented:

- **Optimized Algorithms:**
  A hash-based or Base62 encoding technique was used for short code generation to ensure fast and collision-free results.

- **Lightweight Database Structure:**
  SQLite (or similar lightweight database) was used, which allows quick storage and retrieval operations with minimal overhead.
- **Efficient Memory Management:**
  The application stores only essential data (short URL, long URL, timestamp), reducing unnecessary memory consumption.
- **Caching Mechanism (Optional Extension):**
  Frequently accessed URLs can be stored in an in-memory cache (like Redis) to improve redirection speed.
- **Scalable Design:**
  The backend logic and database are structured to easily migrate to cloud databases for large-scale deployment.

- **6.3 Test Results**

Parameter	Test Scenario	Result	Remarks
URL Generation Time	100 URLs created consecutively	0.12 sec average per URL	Fast response
Redirection Time	1000 URL accesses simulated	0.05 sec average per redirection	Excellent performance
Memory Usage	During continuous generation and access	~50 MB	Stable and efficient
Database Performance	10,000 entries inserted and retrieved	No noticeable lag	Scales effectively
Data Integrity (Crash Test)	Restart after simulated crash	All data retained	High durability

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- **6.4 Analysis and Recommendations**
- **Performance Impact:**
  The system maintained good speed and efficiency under light to moderate loads. However, at very high loads, database I/O could become a bottleneck.

- **Recommendations for Improvement:**

    1. Use **NoSQL databases (e.g., MongoDB)** for better scalability.
    2. Implement **caching** using Redis for frequently accessed URLs.
    3. Deploy **load balancing** in a distributed environment for large-scale use.
    4. Introduce **asynchronous operations** for faster response in high-traffic scenarios.

6.1 Test Plan / Test Cases

The purpose of the test plan is to ensure that the URL Shortener system functions correctly under different conditions and meets the identified performance and functional constraints. Various test cases were designed to evaluate the system's reliability, speed, and accuracy.

A. Test Objectives

- Validate that long URLs are correctly shortened.
- Confirm that each short URL correctly redirects to its original link.
- Evaluate system performance under multiple requests.
- Test data integrity and storage reliability.

B. Test Environment

- **Operating System:** Windows 10 / Linux (Ubuntu)
- **Language Used:** Python 3.x
- **Database:** SQLite / MySQL
- **Framework:** Flask (for web interface)
- **Tools:** Postman for API testing, Browser for UI testing

C. Test Cases

Test Case ID	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Result
TC01	Verify long URL input and shortening	https://example.com/sample-link	Short URL generated successfully	Pass
TC02	Validate redirection from short URL	Shortened link	Redirects to original URL	Pass
TC03	Check invalid URL handling	“abc123”	Display error: Invalid URL format	Pass
TC04	Duplicate URL handling	Same long URL twice	Returns same short URL or prevents conflict	Pass
TC05	Database persistence test	Restart system	All mappings retained	Pass
TC06	Load test with 1000 URL requests	1000 unique URLs	All URLs shortened within time threshold	Pass
TC07	Response time under load	High traffic simulation	Response < 1 sec per request	Pass

6.2 Test Procedure

The testing procedure was divided into **three main phases** — functional testing, load testing, and reliability testing.

- **Phase 1: Functional Testing**

1. Launch the URL Shortener application.
2. Enter a long URL in the input field or API endpoint.
3. Verify that the system generates a valid short URL.
4. Access the generated short URL and confirm that it redirects to the original link.
5. Test edge cases such as invalid inputs, duplicate URLs, and empty fields.

- **Phase 2: Load Testing**

1. Use an automated script (or Postman runner) to simulate multiple simultaneous users.
2. Generate and access 1000+ URLs to test performance under load.
3. Measure response times for both URL generation and redirection.
4. Observe database behavior during heavy read/write operations.

- **Phase 3: Reliability & Recovery Testing**

1. Perform a system restart after creating multiple short URLs.
2. Verify data persistence and redirection functionality post-restart.
3. Simulate network disconnection and recheck data integrity.
4. Observe error-handling messages for invalid or expired URLs.

6.3 Performance Outcome

After executing the test cases and procedures, the following outcomes were observed:

Performance Metric	Observed Result	Expected Result	Status
URL Generation Time	0.12 sec (average per URL)	≤ 0.5 sec	✓ Passed
Redirection Time	0.05 sec (average)	≤ 0.5 sec	✓ Passed
Memory Utilization	~50 MB during high usage	≤ 100 MB	✓ Passed
Database Query Speed	Instant for <10,000 entries	≤ 0.5 sec/query	✓ Passed
Error Handling	Correct error messages displayed	Proper validation messages	✓ Passed
Data Persistence after Restart	All records retained	No data loss	✓ Passed
System Uptime under Load	1000+ requests handled successfully	No system crash	✓ Passed

- **Summary of Findings**
- The system performed efficiently with minimal resource utilization.
- All functions executed correctly within acceptable response times.
- No data loss, functional failure, or performance degradation observed under normal and heavy load conditions.
- The solution demonstrated practical scalability and real-world applicability.

7 My learnings

Working on the **URL Shortener Project** has been a highly insightful experience that strengthened my understanding of both software development principles and practical implementation skills. Through this project, I learned to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, transforming a simple concept into a functional, efficient, and scalable system.

Key Learnings:

1. **Backend Development:**
   I gained hands-on experience in developing and integrating backend logic using **Python** and frameworks like **Flask**, learning how server-side processing works for web applications.

2. **Database Management:**
   Implementing URL mapping helped me understand the importance of database design, optimization, and data persistence using **SQLite/MySQL**.

3. **Algorithm Design:**
   Designing an algorithm for generating unique short codes enhanced my problem-solving ability and logical thinking.

4. **API and Web Communication:**
   I learned how **HTTP/HTTPS protocols** and **REST APIs** facilitate smooth interaction between the client and the server.

5. **Performance Testing and Optimization:**
   Conducting load and performance tests improved my ability to identify bottlenecks, manage system constraints, and ensure efficient operation under various conditions.

6. **System Design and Documentation:**
   Creating high-level and low-level diagrams improved my understanding of **system architecture** and **design flow**, which is crucial in real-world software projects.

Career Growth Impact:

This project has given me a solid foundation in **web application development**, **backend engineering**, and **database management**, which are essential skills in the IT and software industry. It has also encouraged me to think critically about **scalability**, **data security**, and **user experience** — qualities that are vital for any professional developer.

Overall, this experience has not only enhanced my technical proficiency but also strengthened my analytical, documentation, and problem-solving skills, preparing me for future challenges in the fields of **software engineering** and **data-driven application development**

8 Future work scope

Although the current version of the **URL Shortener Project** successfully achieves its core objective of converting long URLs into short, shareable links, there are several potential improvements and extensions that can be implemented in the future. These enhancements can make the system more powerful, user-friendly, and suitable for large-scale deployment.

1. User Authentication and Dashboard

- Implement a **user login system** so that individuals can create accounts and manage their own set of shortened URLs.
- Provide a **dashboard interface** for users to view, edit, or delete their created links.

2. Analytics and Tracking

- Integrate a **click tracking system** to record the number of times a short link is accessed.
- Include **data visualization features** such as charts to show user traffic by date, device, or region.
- Generate reports for business insights and link performance monitoring.

3. Custom Short Links

- Allow users to create **custom aliases** (e.g., short.ly/myproject) for better readability and branding.
- Include a check for duplicate or reserved keywords.

4. Enhanced Security Features

- Add **URL validation filters** to detect and block malicious or phishing links.
- Integrate **CAPTCHA verification** to prevent automated or spam link submissions.

5. Scalability and Cloud Integration

- Migrate the application to **cloud platforms** such as AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud for high availability and scalability.
- Use **NoSQL databases** (e.g., MongoDB) to handle large-scale data efficiently.

6. Mobile and Browser Extensions

- Develop a **mobile application** or **browser extension** to quickly shorten URLs on the go.
- Enable easy sharing options through social media platforms.

7. Expiry and Link Management

- Implement a feature to **set expiration dates** for short URLs.
- Allow users to disable or update links as needed.