

MINI PROJECT PROPOSAL (UMP Parcel Management System (UMP-Parcel))

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CHAPTER 1: IDEA

1.1. Problem Statement

Being a student or lecturer in a university is not an easy feat, it requires wise time management and hardwork. Most of the students' time is filled with assignments while the lecturer is busy providing teaching materials and evaluating their students' works. With this in mind, other tasks such as keeping track with incoming or outgoing parcels should not disrupt the schedule of the students and lecturers. Moreover, queuing at the post office counter sometimes takes hours just to fetch a parcel. One of the possible causes is unmanageable parcels when it arrives in a massive number in a single day. Last but not least, if the parcels are not strictly managed, there is a slight possibility of parcel theft where someone anonymously requests the parcel at the counter, faking his name or Id.

1.2. Concept of Solution

Developing a system with a core functionality of managing parcels for retrieving and distributing may solve the stated problems. First, each and every student and lecturer will be provided an account that will bound to all of their parcels discreetly. These accounts can be used to access the parcel information from the UMP-Parcel website. The parcel's information will not be shown to anyone other than the post office officer and its receiver. This is to avoid anyone from recognizing any parcel information that can lead to parcel theft.

Next, to avoid the unrelenting wait to pick up the parcel from the post office, the UMP-Parcel system will provide a parcel tracking feature. The recipient may either pick up their parcel directly from the office or wait for a runner to deliver it to the

provided address. To fetch the parcel, the recipient will refer to the parcel status from the tracking feature rather than other outside sources such as Tracking.my. This is to ensure that the parcel is ready and sorted out in the UMP post office before being picked up.

1.3. Review of Existing Systems

1.3.1. Pos Laju - https://www.pos.com.my/

The Pos Malaysia Group is a dynamic postal (mail, retail, courier, and international), logistics, aviation, financial and supply chain solutions provider with the largest delivery and touchpoint network in Malaysia, offering an extensive retail network experience through its core business segments. The Pos laju website is used to track your parcel status. Not only that, there is also an outlet finder selection icon to find the nearest outlet to you. Moreover, there is a postage calculator to evaluate the total shipment fee by estimating your parcel weight and the distance of the delivery address.

1.3.2. J&T - https://www.itexpress.mv/

J&T Express Malaysia is a courier express company that proudly diversifies its businesses from express deliveries, collection points, warehousing to supply chains; covering the same city, inter-islands and international zone. J&T Express is a reliable integrated logistics provider. When surfing through the website, you might see the promotion that is going on. Next, you are able to see the shipping rates to other countries or states in Malaysia. There is also a track and trace selection box to check what is your current status of your parcel, same as POS laju.

To view the major differences between these two existing systems, a set of criteria are chosen for comparison as shown in **Table 1.3 Existings System Comparison.**

Table 1.3 Existings System Comparison

	POS MALAYSIA	J&T EXPRESS
TRACK & TRACE	YES	YES
POSTAGE CALCULATOR	YES	NO
NEWS	YES	NO
SHIPPING RATES	YES	NO
SEARCH ENGINE	YES	NO
MULTI LANGUAGE	NO	YES

3.3.2. ERD

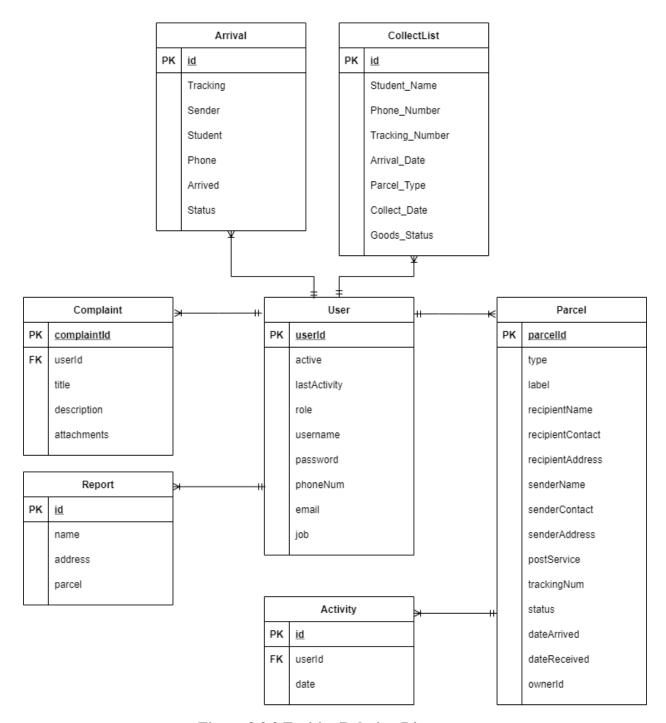
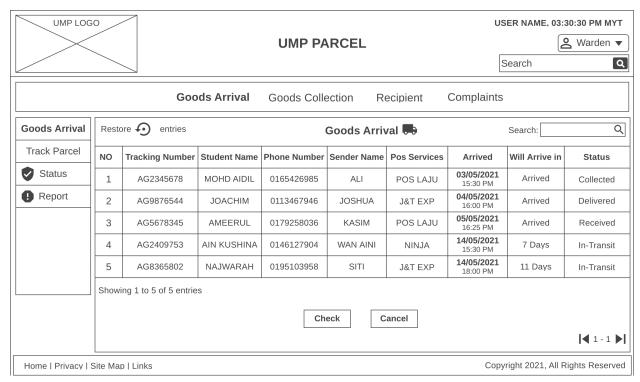
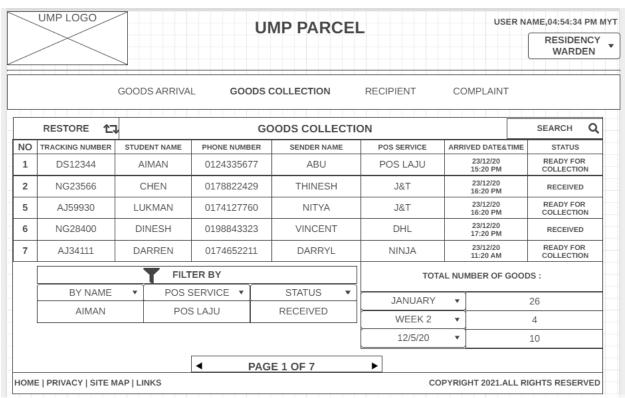


Figure 3.3.2 Entities Relation Diagram

3.4.2 Module 2: Module for UMP Mail Center (Goods Arrival)



3.4.3 Module 3: Module for Residency Warden (Goods Collection)



3.4.4 Module 4: Module for College Resident (Recipient)

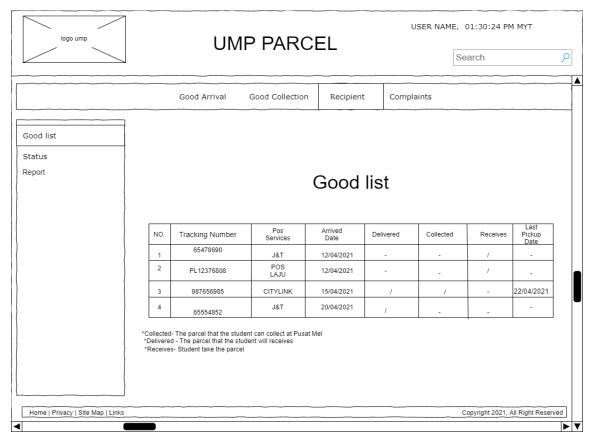


Figure 3.1.7a Good list

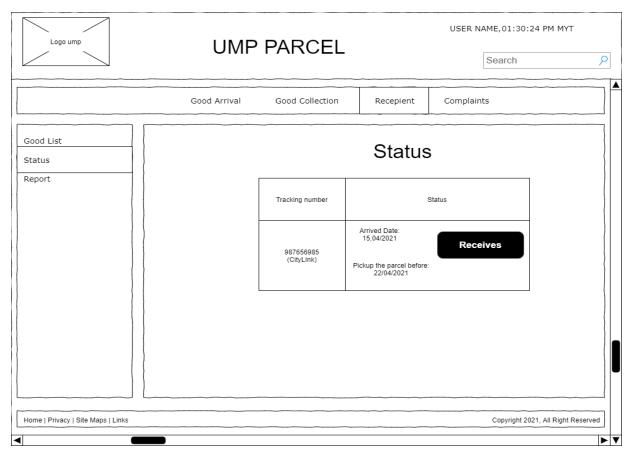


Figure 3.1.7b Good

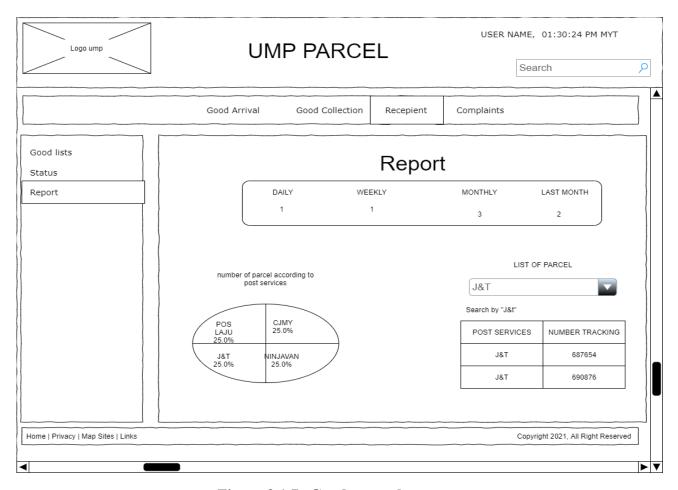


Figure 3.1.7c Goods records

3.4.5 Module 5: Complaint Module

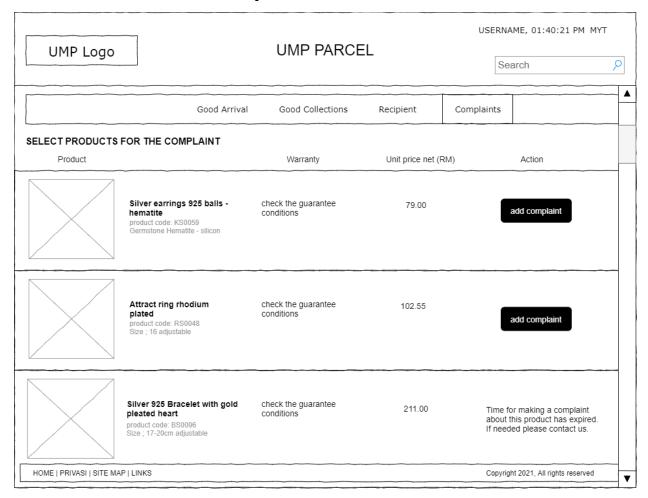


Figure 3.1.7 Complaint list

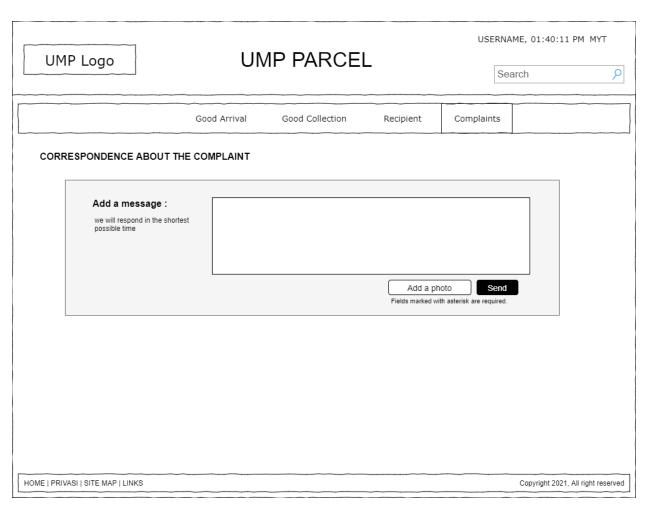


Figure 3.1.7 Add complaint

CHAPTER 4: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1. Development Plan

The development of the project is planned to follow the below gantt chart:

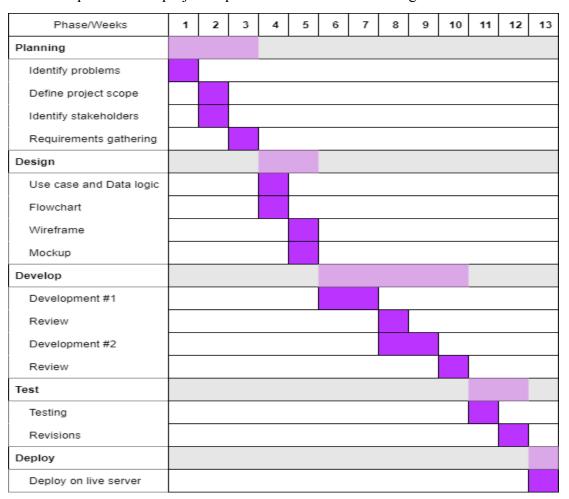


Figure 4.1 Gantt chart

As shown in **Figure 4.1**, we planned to adopt the Waterfall model as the main guideline for the project development. With the current situation where time is the essence, Waterfall might be the best choice out of many others. All of the Waterfall phases are properly laid out in the chart, excluding the Maintenance as it is a long term phase.

4.2. Testing and Deployment Plan

4.2.1. Testing

Once the development phase passes, the system will be evaluated based on the predefined expectations. Each of the expectations are identified based on the requirements of UMP-Parcel. The expectations are as follows:

- a. The system should be able to provide parcel information to the receiver account.
- b. Inputs of the system should be carried out with proper validations.
- c. Any type of user should be able to log in and out.
- d. Logged in recipients should be able to review their parcel status.
- e. System administrators should have the access in managing the users.
- f. The systems ran without errors during any processes.

The testing will be done manually, we won't use fancy testing automation. First, each of the modules will be carefully tested from every aspect such as listed above. If any failure or defects are found, a brief review regarding the defect will be conducted amongst the developers to determine the next action. Once it is resolved and all of the modules are proven to be working, the testing phase will end.

4.2.2. Deployment

To deploy UMP-Parcel live to the Internet, a cloud server is selected as the host with specifications as shown below:

Table 4.2.2 Cloud server specifications

Provider	Digital Ocean
os	Ubuntu
RAM	8GB
CPU	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6140 CPU @ 2.30GHz
Storage	160 GB SSD
Web server	Apache
Domain name	sollab.dev
SSL	Yes

The system will be hosted on Apache web server and assigned to a subdomain of "umpparcel.sollab.dev", secured with an SSL encryption. The operating system (OS) will be Ubuntu which is an open-source Linux distribution based on Debian. The cloud server is equipped with 8GB of RAM and a CPU of 2.30GHz clocking speed to ensure the server memory is sufficient to handle multiple tasks such as querying. SSD is chosen rather than HDD to provide the best reading and writing speed for the system. Lastly, the top-level of the domain chosen is ".dev", it mandatorily requires SSL certification to be included.

CHAPTER 5: TEAM MANAGEMENT

5.1. Task distribution

In developing the system with best time efficiency, the system is branched out into 5 different modules. Each of the team members will be given the responsibility of developing one of the modules. The modules and its assignee are listed as below:

I. UMP-Parcel Administration (Manage user)

by Muhammad Aidil Syazwan bin Hamdan

II. UMP Mail Center (Goods arrival)

by Joachim A/L Agostain

III. Residency Warden (Goods collection)

by Muhammad Ameerul bin Jabarullah

IV. College Resident (Recipient)

by Nur Najwa binti Ab. Rahman

V. Complaint

by Nurain Fitri binti Madzlan

5.2. Meeting Report

Throughout the current process of the system development, we managed to progress as we expected. The overview of our progress can be seen in the below table:

Date	Duration	Progress	Attendees
28/4/2021	10 minutes	- Extracted the requirements for the system	Everyone
30/4/2021	30 minutes	 Designed a gantt chart for development planning Designed the data dictionary 	Everyone
2/5/2021	1 hours	- Finished a discussion for the	Everyone

		wireframes	
3/5/2021	30 minutes	- Decided the expectation of the system for testing	Everyone
5/5/2021	1 hour	Improvised data dictionaryDiscussed the matter of deployment planning	Everyone