Payroll Management System

1. Project Overview

The Payroll Management System is a **web-based application** designed to automate and streamline employee management, payroll processing, and leave management for an organization.

It provides functionalities based on user roles: **Admin** and **Employee**.

Backend: Spring Boot, Spring Security, MySQL

Frontend: React with Bootstrap

• **Testing Tools**: Postman, Swagger

2. Features

2.1 Admin Role

- Employee Management: Add, update, delete, and view employee details.
- Payroll Processing: Generate monthly salary based on employee and job details.
- Leave Management: Approve or reject employee leave requests.
- Reports: Generate month-wise and department-wise salary reports.
- **Departments & Jobs**: Define departments and job roles with base salaries.

2.2 Employee Role

- Profile Management: View personal details.
- Leave Requests: Apply for leave and track status.
- Salary Slip: View monthly salary slips.

3. Technology Stack

3.1 Backend

• Framework: Spring Boot 3.5.5

• Security: Spring Security with JWT authentication

Database: MySQL

• Build Tool: Maven

• Testing: Postman, Swagger UI

Dependencies:

Spring Boot Starter Web

- Spring Boot Starter Data JPA
- Spring Boot Starter Security
- Springdoc OpenAPI
- JJWT (JWT implementation)
- Jakarta Validation API

3.2 Frontend

• Framework: React 19.1.1

• **UI Library**: Bootstrap 5.3.8, React Bootstrap 2.10.10

Form Handling & Validation: Formik & Yup

• Charts & Reports: Recharts

PDF Generation: jsPDF

• HTTP Requests: Axios

• **JWT Handling**: jwt-decode

Routing: react-router-dom 7.8.2

• **Icons**: react-icons 5.5.0

4. System Architecture

- Authentication: JWT-based token authentication
- Role-Based Access Control: Separate routes and features for Admin and Employee
- Data Persistence: Hibernate JPA manages ORM between backend entities and MySQL
- Reporting & Analytics: Backend generates payroll and department cost reports, visualized in frontend using Recharts

5. Database Design

Database Name: payroll_db

5.1 Tables

- **users** Stores login credentials and roles
- employees Stores employee details, job, and department info
- **departments** Stores department names and descriptions
- **jobs** Stores job roles and base salaries
- leaves Stores leave requests and status

- payroll_runs Stores monthly payroll run details
- payroll_items Stores payroll details for individuals and departments

5.2 Relationships

- One-to-one: user ↔ employee
- One-to-many: department ↔ employees
- One-to-many: job ↔ employees
- One-to-many: employee ↔ leaves
- One-to-many: employee ↔ payroll_runs and payroll_items

6. API Documentation

The backend exposes **RESTful APIs**, secured with **JWT authentication**, with access controlled by role.

6.1 Leave Controller

- PUT /api/v1/leaves/{leaveld}/status Update leave status
- GET /api/v1/leaves Retrieve all leave requests
- POST /api/v1/leaves Submit a new leave request
- GET /api/v1/leaves/employee/{employeeId} Get leave requests for a specific employee

6.2 Job Controller

- PUT /api/v1/jobs/{id} Update a job role
- DELETE /api/v1/jobs/{id} Delete a job role
- GET /api/v1/jobs List all job roles
- POST /api/v1/jobs Create a new job role

6.3 Employee Controller

- GET /api/v1/employees/{id} Get details of a specific employee
- PUT /api/v1/employees/{id} Update employee info
- DELETE /api/v1/employees/{id} Remove employee record
- GET /api/v1/employees List all employees
- POST /api/v1/employees Add a new employee

6.4 Department Controller

- PUT /api/v1/departments/{id} Update department
- DELETE /api/v1/departments/{id} Delete department

- GET /api/v1/departments Retrieve all departments
- POST /api/v1/departments Create a new department

6.5 User Controller

- POST /api/v1/users Register a new user
- GET /api/v1/users/me Retrieve logged-in user details

6.6 Payroll Controller

- GET /api/v1/payroll/runs Retrieve payroll runs
- POST /api/v1/payroll/runs Create a new payroll run
- POST /api/v1/payroll/runs/{id}/process Process payroll run
- POST /api/v1/payroll/runs/{id}/lock Lock payroll run
- GET /api/v1/payroll/runs/{id}/items Get payroll items of a run
- GET /api/v1/payroll/runs/my/{year}/{month} Get payroll for employee

6.7 Auth Controller

POST /api/v1/auth/login – Authenticate and obtain JWT

6.8 Reports Controller

- GET /api/v1/reports/payroll/summary Payroll summary reports
- GET /api/v1/reports/department-cost Department cost reports

7. Application Configuration

The **application.properties** file was used to configure:

- Database connection (URL, username, password, dialect)
- JPA behavior (schema update, SQL logging)
- Swagger/OpenAPI settings (API docs enabled, Swagger UI enabled)
- **JWT settings** (secret key and token expiration time)

8. Project Setup

8.1 Backend

- 1. Clone repository
- 2. Open in Eclipse (or any Spring Boot IDE)
- 3. Configure MySQL credentials in application.properties
- 4. Run mvn clean install to build

5. Start the Spring Boot application

8.2 Frontend

- 1. Navigate to frontend directory
- 2. Run npm install to install dependencies
- 3. Run npm start to launch React development server

9. Day-wise Progress (with Problems & Solutions)

Day 1 - Friday, 29th August 2025

Work Done:

- Understood problem statement & listed features
- Planned modules for Admin & Employee
- Set up backend project with MySQL + Spring Boot
- Created UserController & EmployeeController
- Designed entities (Jobs, Departments, Leaves, PayrollRuns, PayrollItems)

Problems & Solutions:

- Entity Mapping Issues → Infinite recursion during JSON serialization
 Fixed using @JsonBackReference, @JsonManagedReference, @JsonIgnore.
- Employee Basic Pay not updating → Fixed in EmployeeService.java by setting job basic pay explicitly.
- 403 Errors in Swagger → Solved by adding JWT Bearer token support in Swagger config.
- Swagger UI dependency issues → Fixed Maven dependency with springdoc-openapi.

Day 2 - Saturday, 30th August 2025

Work Done:

- Defined entity relationships (One-to-One, One-to-Many, Many-to-One)
- Built repositories, services, and controllers for Jobs, Departments, Leaves
- Used **DTOs** for clean data transfer
- Implemented JWT authentication with role-based access
- Made app stateless by disabling default sessions

Problems & Solutions:

- Confusion between @RequestParam & @RequestBody → Learned correct usage, fixed Leave module API & frontend calls.
- **JWT not validating** → Fixed filter chain execution order.
- **Mismatch between backend & frontend API calls** → Adjusted controller signatures and Axios requests.
- Role access issues → Restricted employee from accessing admin APIs with proper security config.

Day 3 - Sunday, 31st August 2025

Work Done:

- Developed Payroll Module (Payroll Run + Payroll Items)
- Created payroll processing & salary slip APIs
- Populated database with admin/employee users
- Set up frontend with React + Axios + JWT
- Built pages for Admin & Employee
- Integrated API calls, aligned frontend-backend communication

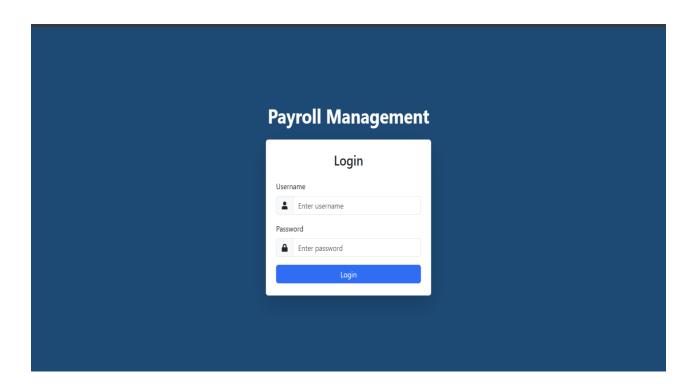
Problems & Solutions:

- Infinite recursion in Payroll entities → Solved with JSON annotations.
- Cascade delete not working → Used cascade + orphan removal + FK constraints.
- **CORS errors** → Enabled allowed origins in Spring config.
- **Axios not sending token** → Implemented Axios interceptors with localStorage.
- **Token expiration handling** → Added auto-logout & redirect to login.

User Interface

1. Login Page

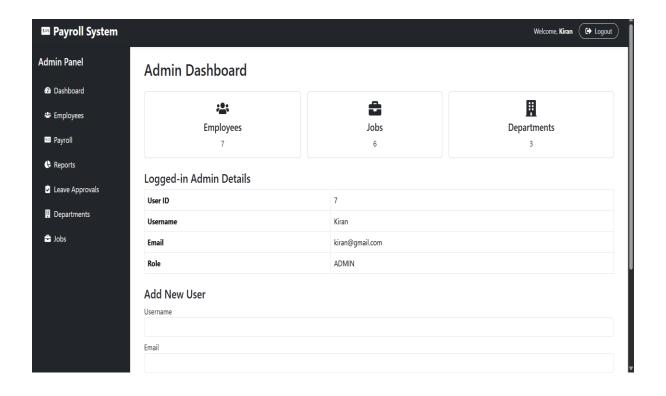
This is the initial login interface where both Admin and Employee users enter their credentials. Based on the role, the system redirects them to their respective dashboards after successful authentication.



2. Admin Module

Admin Dashboard

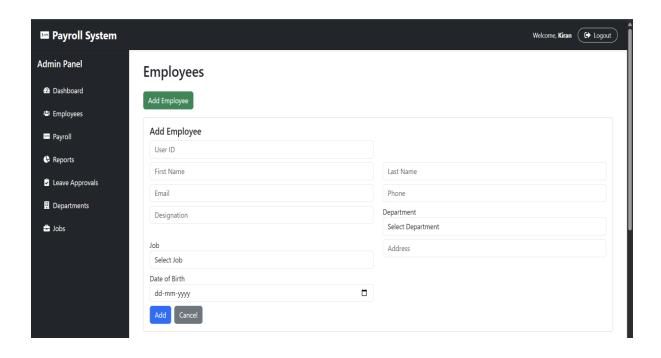
The central hub for the Admin, showing quick access to employee management, payroll processing, leave requests, reports, departments, and jobs.





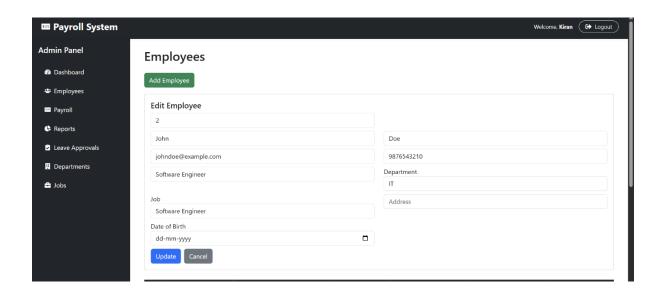
Employee Creation

Admin can add a new employee by filling in personal details, job, and department information.



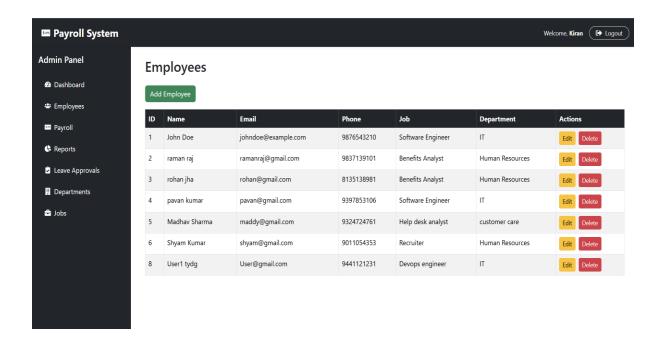
Employee Edit

Admin can update existing employee information such as department, job role, or personal details.



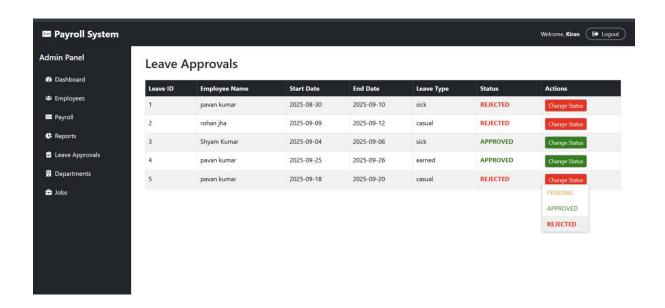
Employee Deletion

Admin can remove an employee record from the system.



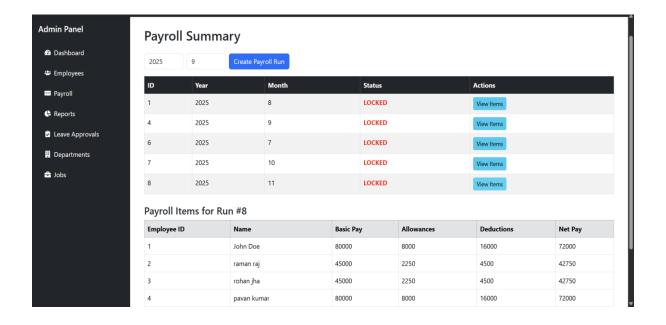
Leave Approvals

Admin reviews pending leave requests and can approve or reject them directly.



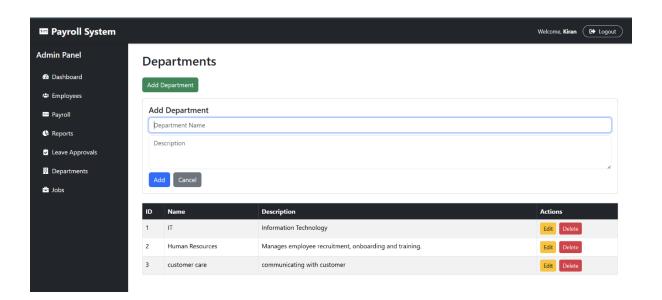
Creating Payroll

The Admin can initiate a new payroll run for a selected month and year. Once created, the payroll processing generates salary details for all employees based on their job roles, department, and leave records. The Admin can then review, lock, or download the payroll run for reporting purposes.



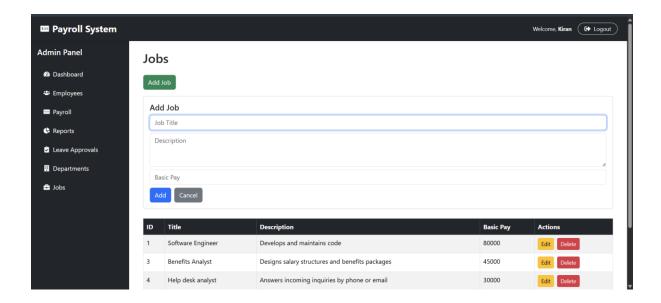
Department Management (Add, Update, Delete)

Admin can define and manage departments within the organization. This includes creating new departments, updating existing ones, or deleting unused departments.



Job Management (Add, Update, Delete)

Admin can create and manage job roles along with their base salaries. Updates or deletions of existing job roles can also be done here.



Payroll Reports

The **Payroll Management System** provides comprehensive payroll reports to help the organization analyze salary expenditures and maintain transparency. These reports are autogenerated based on payroll runs and displayed in both tabular and graphical formats.

Visual payroll reports transform raw payroll data into charts and graphs, making it easier for management and employees to understand salary distributions and organizational costs.

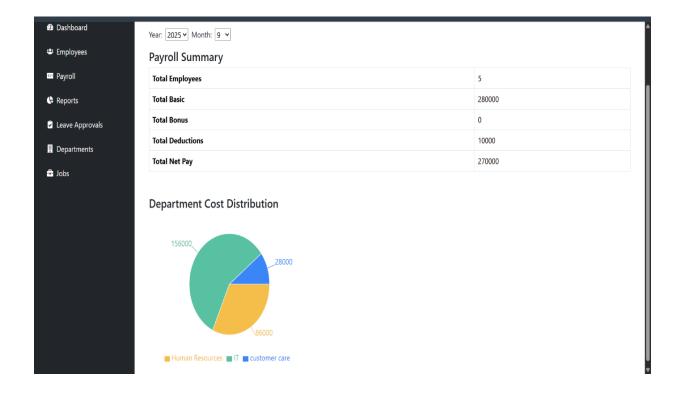
The system calculates salaries for all employees based on job role, department, attendance, and approved leaves.

Monthly Payroll Reports

The Admin can generate month-wise payroll reports that show employee salaries for a particular payroll run. These reports provide a detailed breakdown of gross pay, deductions, and net salary for each employee in that month.

Department-Wise Reports

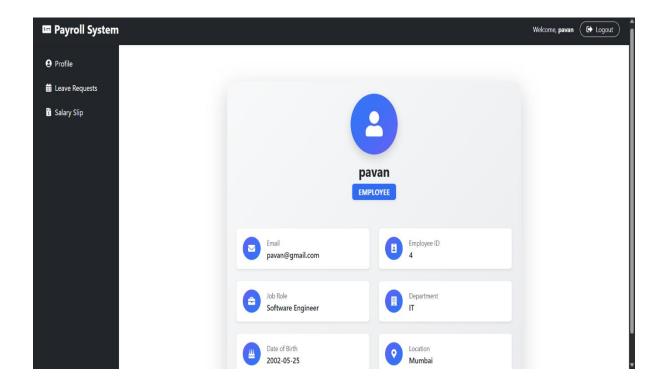
The Admin can view department-level payroll expenditure reports. These reports summarize total salary costs across different departments, helping management analyze budget distribution and cost centers.



4. Employee Module

Profile Page

Employees can view their personal information, including department and job details, in a read-only format.



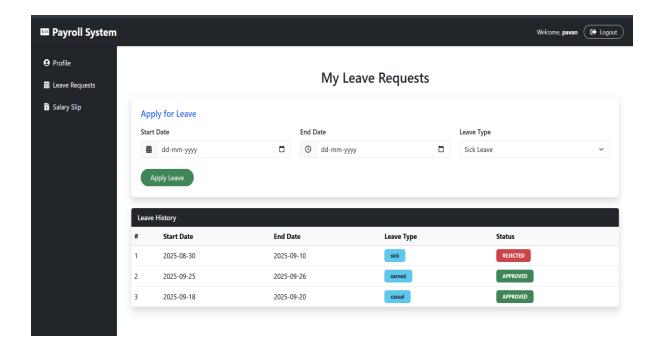
Leave Application

Employees can submit leave requests by specifying the type and duration of leave. They can also track the approval status.

Employees can apply for leave by selecting the **start date** and **end date**, entering the **reason for leave**, and submitting the request.

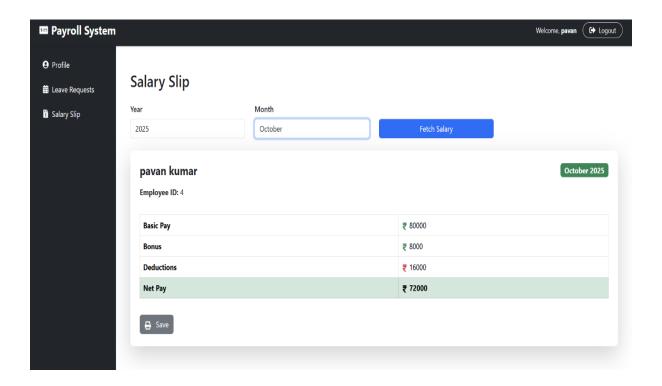
Each leave request is tracked with a **status** (Pending, Approved, or Rejected).

Employees can view the history of their leave applications and check the decision made by the Admin.



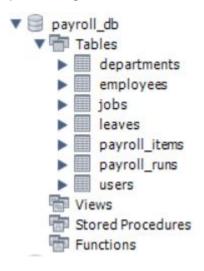
Salary Slips

Employees can view their salary slips for a specific month, which include details such as basic pay, deductions, and net salary.



Data Base

The **Payroll Management System** uses a relational database (**MySQL**) named payroll_db to store and manage all employee, payroll, and organizational data. The schema is designed with proper relationships to ensure data integrity, efficient querying, and support for payroll processing.



Swagger API Documentation

The **Payroll Management System backend** is fully documented using **Swagger / OpenAPI**. This interactive documentation allows developers and testers to explore and test all REST APIs directly from the browser.

Authentication Support

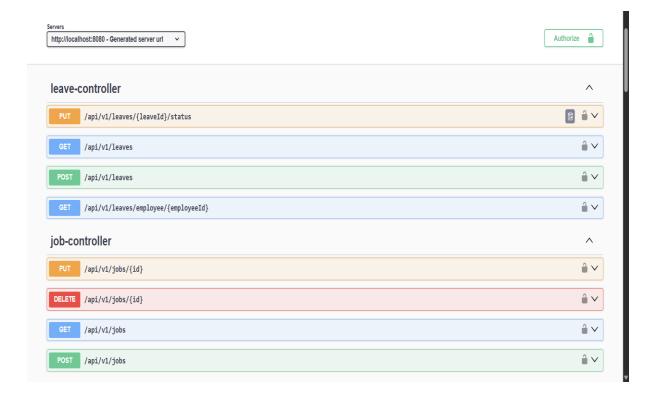
Swagger UI is configured to accept **JWT Bearer Tokens**, enabling secure testing of Admin and Employee APIs after login.

Role-Based Access

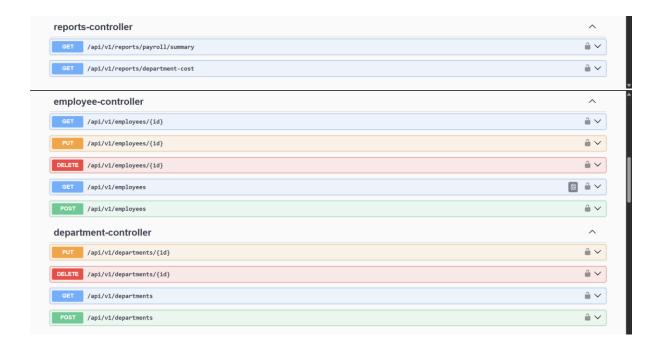
Endpoints are grouped based on functionality (Users, Employees, Jobs, Departments, Leaves, Payroll, Reports). Admin and Employee roles have access restrictions clearly visible in Swagger.

Interactive Testing

Developers can send API requests (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE) directly from Swagger UI and view real-time responses from the backend.







API Groups

- Auth APIs → Login and JWT generation
- User APIs → Manage user registration and retrieve logged-in user details
- o **Employee APIs** → CRUD operations for employee data
- o **Department & Job APIs** → Manage departments and job roles
- Leave APIs → Submit and approve leave requests
- Payroll APIs → Payroll runs, processing, and salary slips
- o **Reports APIs** → Payroll summary and department cost analysis