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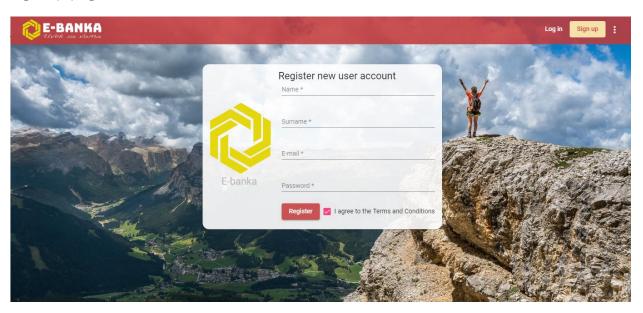
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Ebank-Web-App

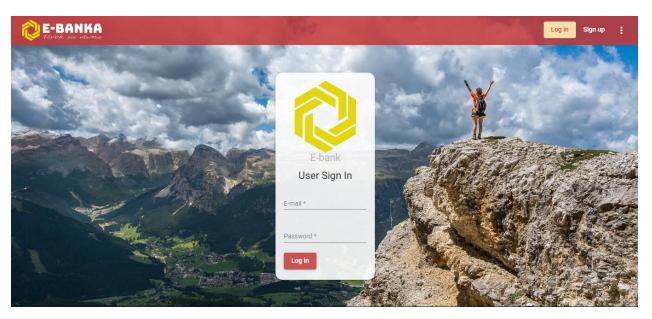
This is a web application for online banking with all essential features. It allows registered users to manage their bank accounts, transfer funds, get a list of all past transactions, as well as to pay their utility bills.

User interface pictures

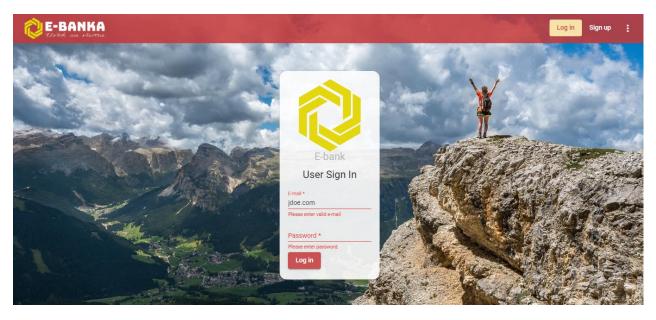
Sign Up page



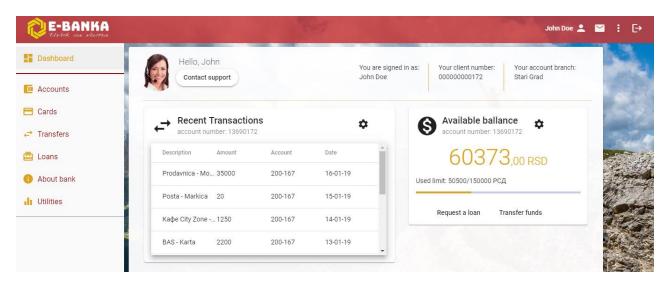
• Log in page



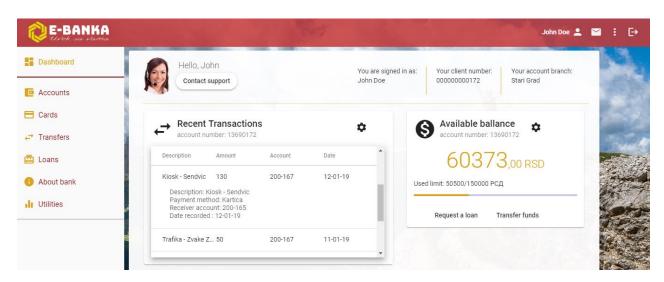
• Log in page invalid email/no password



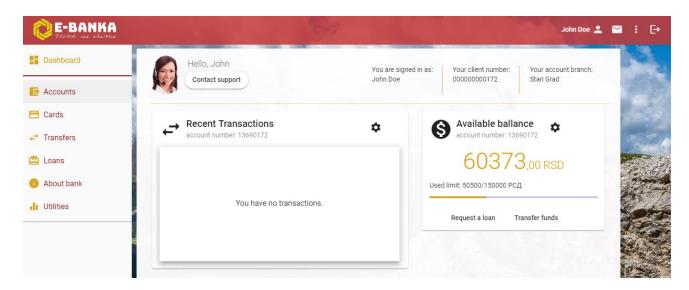
Dashboard page



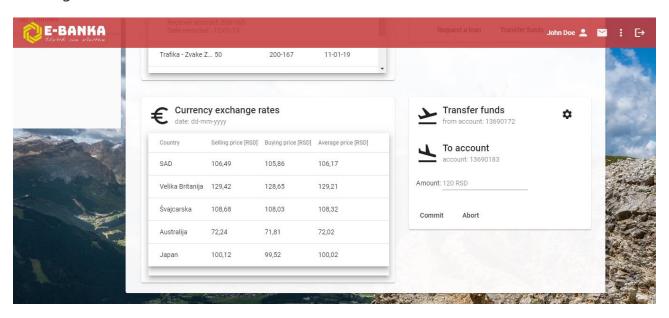
Transaction details



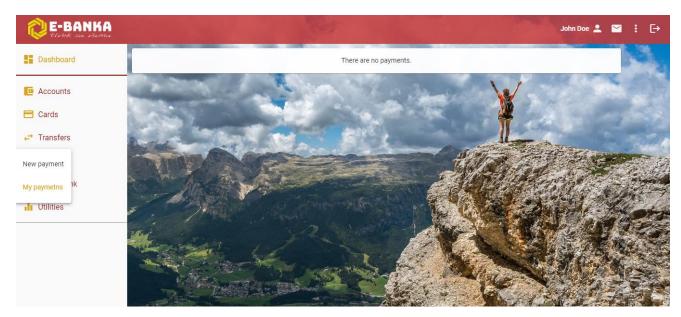
No transactions



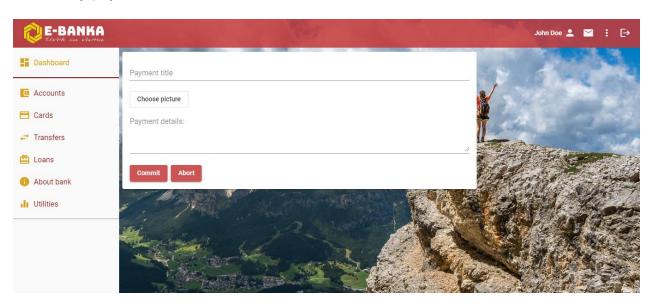
• Exchange Rates list (dashboard scrolled down)



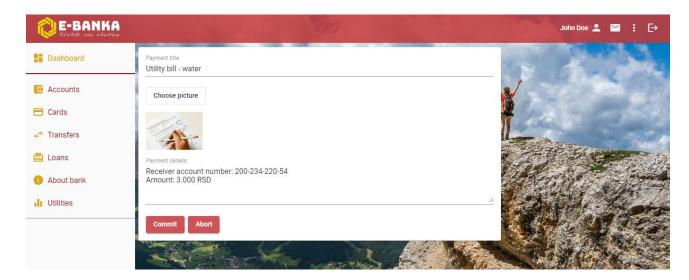
• List of all utility payments



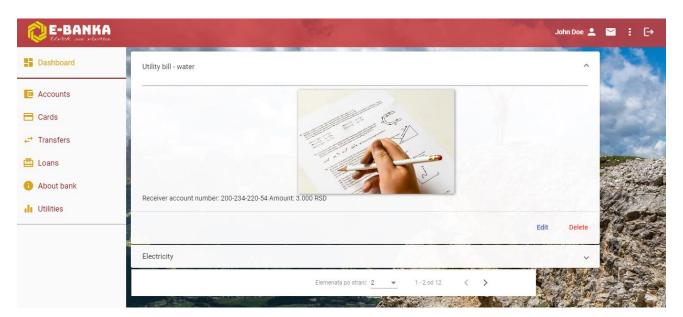
o New utility payment



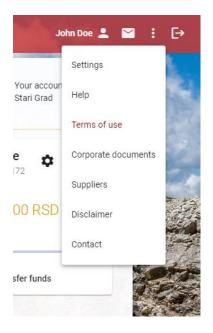
Utility payment checkout



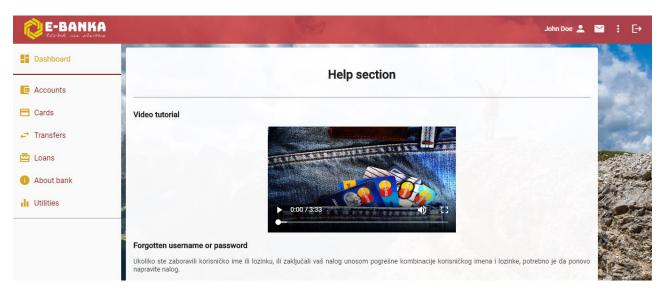
Utility payments list and details



Drop-down menu



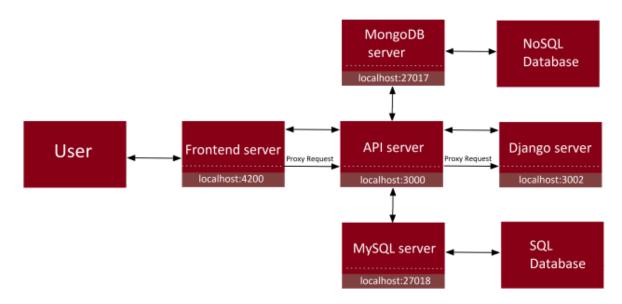
• Help section



Project details

Logical structure

From a logical point of view, the system has a 3-tiered REST application architecture. It is a modular client-server architecture that consists of a presentation tier, an application tier and a data tier.



Presentation tier

Communicates with other two tiers and holds GUI. It is built with Angular, HTML, CSS, and a TypeScript as a front-end logic. Communication with the other tiers is established through API calls.

Application tier

Handles application logic. It consists of two separate servers, Node.js server (written in JavaScript) and a Django server (written in Python). Their primary purpose is to support the application's core functions and fetch/post user data from databases throughout database server calls.

Data tier

Stores user related information. The data tier consists of a two database servers:

- MongoDB server and its database, as far as Robo 3T DBMS
- MySQL server and corresponding database, as far as MySQL DBMS

MongoDB database is, due to its non-relational nature, used for storing user access credentials, reference to a user bank account number and other user-centered information.

MySQL database is used to store users bank account details and all related transaction details.

Presentation tier

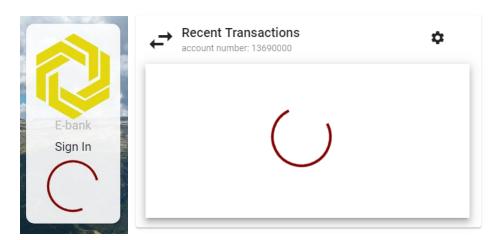
Front-end

Design principles

User interface design was conducted according to the usability guidelines given in <u>10 Usability Heuristics for User Interface Design</u> by Jacob Nielsen. It recommends following heuristics for UI design:

1: Visibility of system status
 The system should always keep users informed about what is going on,
 through appropriate feedback within reasonable time.

Examples (left picture - Sign In visibility status, right picture - Recent Transactions visibility status):



2: Match between system and the real world
 The system should speak the users' language, with words, phrases and concepts familiar to the user.

One way to accomplish this requirement is to use metaphor to symbolically represent abstract idea of a real world experience. For example, opposite arrows icon can be a good real life metaphor for banking transactions:



- 3: User control and freedom
- 4: Consistency and standards
 Users should not have to wonder whether different words, situations, or actions mean the same thing.

During front-end development, <u>Google Material Design</u> principles were followed.

- 5: Error prevention
- 6: Recognition rather than recall
 Minimize the user's memory load by making objects, actions, and options
 visible.

Stylized door icon can be a good replacement for *Sign out* label:



- 7: Flexibility and efficiency of use
 Accelerators unseen by the novice user may often speed up the interaction for the expert user.
 Three out of six Gestalt grouping principles of visual perception were used during development:
- Similarity
- Symmetry

Closure

Example of the closure and similarity principles:



Example of the symmetry principle:



- 8: Aesthetic and minimalist design Dialogues should not contain information which is irrelevant or rarely needed. Every extra unit of information in a dialogue competes with the relevant units of information and diminishes their relative visibility.
- 9: Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors
 Error messages should be expressed in plain language (no codes), precisely indicate the problem, and constructively suggest a solution.
- 10: Help and documentation Even though it is better if the system can be used without documentation, it may be necessary to provide help and documentation. Any such information should be easy to search and focused on the user's task. Help section is mainly focused on a video help instructions, because they are:
 - Easy to understand
 - Short
 - Easily seen
 - Contain minimum amount of task specific information

• Component organisation and architecture

Each Angular front-end component consists of three files:

- HTML template
- CSS template
- TypeScript controller

TypeScript controller's task is to store all variables relevant for component HTML part as far as functions to make calls for service controllers (service controllers are TypeScript modules which initiate API server calls).

Services

- Authentication service
- Dashboard service
- Posts service
- Auth guard
- Auth interceptor

Application tier

Node.js server

This is the main application server. It communicates with database and Django servers through API server calls.

Server is capable of executing following tasks:

- User Sign Up/Sign In
- Tokenization service (auto authentication if user authenticated user close or reloads web page, auto user sign out after token expiration)
- Handling HTTP PUT, POST and GET requests
- Getting all user information from databases (make database queries)
- MIME type validation and image upload handling
- Formatting and preparing data in convenient format to be shown on front end
- Creating, editing and deleting of user transactions

Django server

This server has two implemented API services:

Dummy data service

When a new user signs up, this service sends random JSON object to Node.js sever upon request. JSON object contains random data (mobile phone number, branch name, and home address) pulled out of .csv file (or as a random number

in case of phone number) on Django server. After data receiving, Node.js server updates corresponding user data in MongoDB with the data provided.

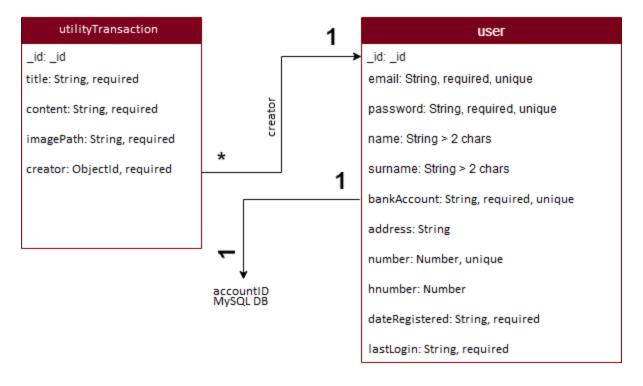
Exchange rates service

This service sends API calls to the free <u>Exchange rates API</u>, formats retrieved data and sends it back to the Node.js server.

Data tier

MongoDB database

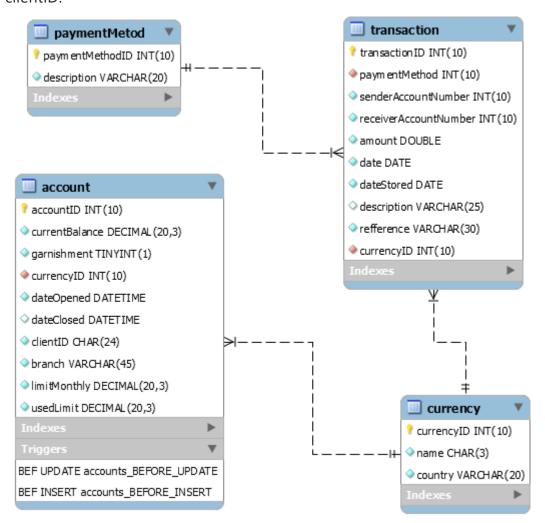
Database holds data related to a user account and user transactions. User transactions are stored only temporarily in this database (such data should be held in relational database). Also, it is connected with 1-1 relation through foreign key (bankAccount filed) with MySQL table account (private key accountID). In the further development it will be shifted to a MySQL Database, and will be connected through _ id field with customerID table in MySQL. Here is the model of database:



MySQL database

Testing database

At the moment, this database is used only for testing purposes. It has 4 tables and it is also connected with MongoDB through foreign key field clientID.

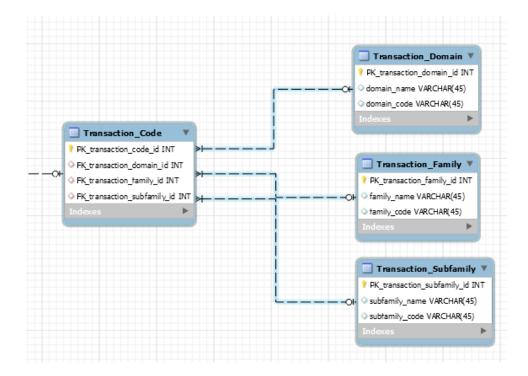


Real-world database (work in progress)

This database has been developed according to the several international standards used in an IT banking systems:

ISO 20022 Financial Services - Universal financial industry message scheme

As a result of guidelines and schemes presented in this standard, following tables were modeled:



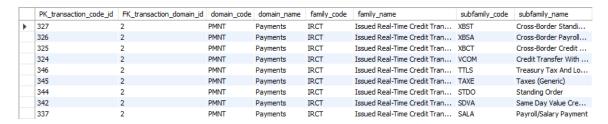
Example:

Suppose we want to list last nine possible transaction codes and its corresponding names related to Issued Real-Time Credit Transfer payments (as defined in ISO 20022).

Then, we would form the following SQL query:

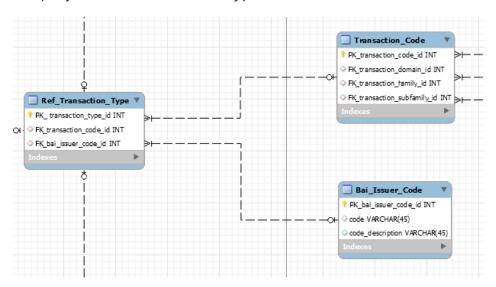
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`SELECT
   PK_transaction_code_id,
   FK_transaction_domain_id,
   domain_code, domain_name,
   family_code, family_name,
   subfamily_code,
   subfamily_name
FROM
   ref_transaction_code,
   ref_transaction_domain,
   ref_transaction_family,
   ref_transaction_subfamily
WHERE
   domain code = "PMNT" &&
   family_code = "IRCT" &&
   FK_transaction_domain_id = PK_transaction_domain_id &&
   FK_transaction_family_id = PK_transaction_family_id &&
   FK_transaction_subfamily_id = PK_transaction_subfamily_id
ORDER BY subfamily_code DESC
LIMIT 9`
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and would get the next query result:



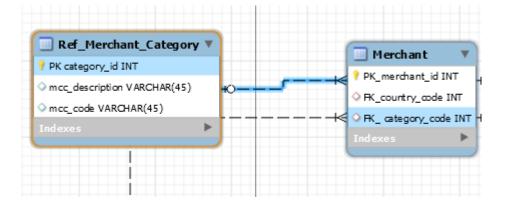
BAI2 codes

ISO 20022 suggests using the BAI code appended to the transaction code. So, the following table is created, and together with transaction code table uniquely identifies transaction type:

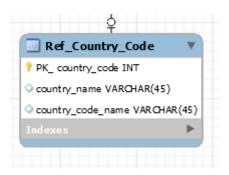


 ISO 18245:2003 Retail financial services - Merchant category codes (MCC)

This standard was used for the merchant category table modeling. This table stores MCC codes upon which all electronic payments (card payments) are standardized and categorized.



o ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 - Three-letter country codes



o **ISO 4217** - Currency designators

This standard delineates currency designators, country codes (alpha and numeric), and references to minor units. It was used for the creation of currency codes table.



Complete EER diagram of the database can be seen here.

Build

Run ng build to build the project. The build artifacts will be stored in the dist/directory. Use the --prod flag for a production build.

To get more help on the Angular CLI use ng help or go check out the <u>Angular CLI</u> README.

Servers

Front-end development server setup

Run ng serve to start a development server. Navigate to http://localhost:4200/. The app will automatically reload if you change any of the source files.

Back-end servers setup

Node server

Run npm run start:server to start a Node.js server.

MongoDB server

Download and install:

- MongoDB Community Server 4.2.0 from its official website
- Robo 3T DBMS software from its official website

Run mongod to start a MongoDB database server. Make sure you have added **mongod** daemon to the \$PATH variable.

If everything goes well you should see following message in CLI: I NETWORK [initandlisten] waiting for connections on port 27017

MySQL server

Download MySQL Installer from its official website and install:

- MySQL Community Server 8.0.17
- MySQL Workbench 8.0.17.
 If everything goes without errors, MySQL server daemon should be automatically started.

Django server

Download and install:

- Python 3.7.4 from its official website
- Django framework with pip install Django==2.2.4
- Install virtual environment with pip install virtualenv
 - Launch virtualenv env in cmd
 - Start new environment cd your_project virtualenv env
 - Activate virtualenv (on Windows) cd \env\Scripts\activate.bat
 - Now install following Python libraries: pip install numpy pandas request

In order to run a Django server, do the following:

- Change working directory to cd \server-python\env\pythonserver
- Start a server with python manage.py runserver 3002
- To check if server works, head to http://127.0.0.1:3002/randomUserData/.

Further development

Front-end

- Adding user ability to get an graphical report on statistics of its bank account with <u>plotly</u>
- If you have any questions, feel free to write me at matejavulic@gmail.com

Back-end

- Adding two new types if web app authentication:
 - o Mobile device token
 - o Fingerprint biometric authentication
 - o QR code payments

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