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# ABSTRACT

In many regions, including developing nations, homelessness and social exclusion remain pressing societal challenges. Vulnerable populations such as the homeless, elderly, disabled, and financially unstable individuals often lack access to essential goods such as food, clothing, and medical supplies. Meanwhile, businesses—including restaurants, clothing brands, and pharmacies—frequently have surplus resources that could be redirected to those in need. However, the absence of a structured platform to facilitate these donations limits their potential impact.

Our project, "Annapurna: A Donation and Assistance Platform for the Excluded", proposes an integrated digital solution to bridge this gap. Annapurna is a mobile and web-based application that connects businesses willing to donate surplus food, clothing, and essentials with individuals who need them. Utilizing a location-based system, the platform allows recipients to find nearby available donations while providing businesses with exposure and goodwill.

To ensure sustainability, Annapurna will generate revenue through optional delivery services, advertisements, and a subscription model for premium features. The platform will also integrate role-based access control (RBAC) to differentiate between donors and recipients to predict high-demand periods, and optimize resource allocation.

By offering a structured, technology-driven approach to charitable giving, Annapurna aims to create a community of sharing, reduce waste, and provide a lifeline to those in need. The platform aligns with the principles of corporate social responsibility, benefiting both businesses and excluded populations, while also contributing to broader social welfare and inclusion initiatives.

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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

Nepal, a country rich in culture and community values, faces a persistent challenge when it comes to food security and distribution. While urban areas and institutions such as colleges, hostels, and restaurants often generate surplus food daily, a significant portion of the population—especially in rural regions and underprivileged communities struggles to meet basic nutritional needs. According to various local studies and observations, large amounts of cooked food are discarded due to the lack of a structured and safe redistribution system. Food wastage is not just an economic issue; it is a moral one especially in a country like Nepal where the spirit of sharing and compassion has always been deeply rooted in tradition. Yet, due to logistical challenges, lack of awareness, and absence of proper coordination platforms, much of the excess food goes to waste rather than reaching those in need. The **“Annapurna Food Management System”** aims to address this problem by providing a **digital bridge between food donors and receivers**. Named after Annapurna, the Hindu goddess of food and nourishment, the system reflects the values of care, respect, and service to humanity. The platform enables individuals, college hostels, canteens, restaurants, and event organizers (donors) to easily share information about excess food. Registered NGOs, volunteers, or needy individuals (receivers) can then view these posts and request the food for redistribution.

The **motivation** for developing this system stems from both a social and technological perspective. As IT students in Nepal, we recognize our role in using technology to solve real-world problems within our own communities. The Annapurna Food Management System is our attempt to **minimize food wastage**, **promote responsible sharing**, and **ensure that no edible food goes unused when people are going hungry**. By creating this system, we hope to encourage collective participation and raise awareness among youth and institutions about the importance of food redistribution in Nepal.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

In Nepal, the improper management of surplus food has become an overlooked yet significant issue. Institutions such as colleges, hostels, restaurants, and event organizers often produce large quantities of excess food that end up being discarded—despite being hygienic and consumable. This not only contributes to environmental waste but also highlights a disturbing contrast, as many people across the country continue to suffer from hunger and malnutrition. One of the major challenges lies in the **lack of a centralized, reliable platform** that connects food donors with individuals or organizations that can redistribute the food to those in need. Currently, donations—when they occur—are mostly informal and unorganized, relying on personal contacts or social media. This unstructured approach leads to inefficiencies, missed opportunities, and, in many cases, complete food wastage.

Another key issue is the **inability to track donations in real time**. Donors are often unaware of whether their food has reached the right people, and receivers have no streamlined way to view available donations, request food, or provide feedback. This gap in coordination and transparency significantly reduces the impact of charitable efforts and discourages consistent participation. Therefore, there is a strong need for a digital solution that enables efficient, timely, and transparent food redistribution. The **Annapurna Food Management System** aims to fill this gap by acting as a centralized platform where donors and receivers can seamlessly interact, manage food donations, and ensure that excess food is directed to those who need it most.

## 1.3 Project Objectives

The primary goal of the **Annapurna Food Management System** is to reduce food wastage and help address hunger by redistributing excess food to those in need through a structured digital platform. The key objectives of this project are:

* **To develop a centralized platform** that effectively connects food donors—such as college canteens, restaurants, hostels, and event organizers—with receivers, including NGOs, volunteers, and needy individuals.
* **To improve transparency and traceability** in the donation process by maintaining records of food availability, request history, delivery status, and user feedback.
* **To minimize food wastage** in institutional and public settings by offering an easy-to-use solution that promotes a culture of responsible sharing and community service.
* **To support social welfare efforts in Nepal** by using technology to create a bridge between abundance and need, starting within the local community and potentially scaling to larger regions.

## 1.4 Scope and Limitation

The Annapurna Food Management System is designed as a practical, web-based platform that simplifies the donation and redistribution of surplus food. The system focuses on connecting donors and recipients in a meaningful and efficient way, while promoting transparency, responsibility, and social welfare.

The various scopes of the project include:

**1. User Management Scope**

* Allows registration and login for **donors**, **recipients**, **NGOs**, and other stakeholders.
* Implements **user authentication** to ensure data integrity and reduce chances of fraud.
* Supports **role-based access control**, assigning different permissions to users based on their role (e.g., admin, donor, receiver, volunteer, organization).

**2. Geolocation & Matching Scope**

* Provides **location-based filtering and matching** of nearby donors and recipients.
* Enables users to sort or filter available donations based on **urgency**, **type of food**, and **location**.
* (For future versions) Includes basic support for **automated or manual matching** through pre-set rules.

**3. Donation & Tracking Scope**

* Enables donors to **list, classify, and describe** available food donations.
* Tracks donation status through basic stages: **Pending**, **In Transit**, and **Delivered/Received**.
* Generates basic **receipts or confirmations** for transparency and acknowledgment purposes.

**4. Authentication & Verification Scope**

* Includes optional identity verification mechanisms for NGOs and corporate users.
* Allows secure document upload (e.g., organization registration papers, ID verification).
* Offers admin control to **approve or flag** suspicious users.

**5. Delivery & Logistics Scope**

* (Optional module) Includes support for **third-party delivery collaboration** or local volunteer-based pickup.
* Basic tracking of estimated delivery time or manual update by volunteers/donors.
* Suitable for short-distance, same-day deliveries in local/regional areas.

**6. Rewards & Engagement Scope**

* Introduces a simple **points or badges system** to encourage regular donations.
* Donors receive recognition via **leaderboards**, boosting community participation.
* Includes basic **impact reporting** to show donors how many people they’ve helped.

The various limitations of our project are as follows:

**1. External Dependence**

* The platform relies heavily on **active participation from donors** and may not perform well without regular contributions.
* **Volunteer availability** is not guaranteed, which may delay or prevent deliveries.
* Businesses or organizations may hesitate to participate due to the **lack of tangible incentives or tax benefits**.

**2. Logistics and Accessibility Issues**

* In **remote or rural areas**, delivery may be difficult due to poor infrastructure.
* **Matching may not always be instant**, especially during off-hours or in low-activity areas.
* The system **does not include storage or inventory management** for food items, which must be handled by donors or NGOs directly.

**3. Trust & Adoption Barriers**

* Some users may need training or guidance on how to use the system effectively.
* **Data privacy concerns** may cause hesitation among recipients when submitting personal details.
* There is a risk of **abuse**, such as fake registrations or dishonest actors posing as recipients.

**4. Regulatory & Compliance Issues**

* Different regions may have **varied laws** regarding food donations and safety, which the platform does not currently enforce.
* The system collects limited user data, but **data protection practices must be considered**.
* **Taxation and financial benefits** for donations are not integrated and must be managed externally by the donor.

## 1.5 Development Methodology

**Overview of the Iterative Model**

The Iterative Model is a software development approach in which the system is built incrementally through repeated cycles (iterations). Each iteration includes stages such as planning, analysis, design, coding, and testing. After each cycle, feedback is collected and used to refine and improve the next version of the system.

**Justification for Choosing the Iterative Model**

* **Adaptable to Changes**: As the project progressed, requirements and feature ideas evolved. The Iterative Model allowed us to improve the system continuously by implementing feedback from our supervisors, peers, and potential users.
* **Manageable in Phases**: Since student projects are often developed in phases due to academic schedules and limited resources, this model allowed us to focus on building and testing each module separately (e.g., login system, donation listing, user matching).
* **Better Risk Handling**: By developing the system in small, manageable iterations, we were able to identify problems early and correct them without affecting the entire system.
* **Encourages Continuous Testing**: Each iteration included testing, which helped in identifying and fixing bugs at every stage, leading to a more stable final product.
* **Suits Team-Based Academic Projects**: As a college-level group project, it allowed task distribution among team members where each member could work on different modules in each cycle.

**Development Flow**

1. **Requirement Gathering**: Collected initial requirements and ideas through discussion and supervisor feedback.
2. **First Iteration**: Built the basic system with login, registration, and food donation listing features.
3. **Second Iteration**: Implemented role-based access and request handling.
4. **Third Iteration**: Added feedback system, status tracking, and interface refinements.
5. **Final Iteration**: Performed system testing, bug fixing, and deployment on a test server.

In conclusion, the **Iterative Model** offered a balance between structure and flexibility, making it a practical choice for building a socially impactful and technically feasible system like the **Annapurna Food Management System** within a student project environment.

# CHAPTER 2: BACKGROUND STUDY & LITERATURE REVIEW

## 2.1 Background

The **Annapurna Food Management System** aims to address the widespread issue of food wastage and hunger in Nepal through a centralized, digital platform. To understand how this system can provide a sustainable solution, it's important to explore the fundamental theories, concepts, and terminologies related to food distribution, donation platforms, and the technology used in this domain.

### ****2.1.1 Fundamental Theories and Concepts****

1. **Food Supply Chain and Wastage**

The food supply chain refers to the entire process through which food is produced, processed, transported, and consumed. At every stage of the chain, food can be lost or wasted due to factors like spoilage, excess production, or poor distribution systems. According to the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**, nearly one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted annually. In Nepal, a significant portion of edible food is discarded by households, restaurants, hotels, and even large events. This waste represents a lost opportunity to feed the hungry, especially in urban areas where food scarcity coexists with abundance.

**Key concepts related to food wastage:**

* + **Food Loss**: Refers to food that is discarded during production, processing, or distribution (before reaching the consumer).
  + **Food Waste**: Refers to food discarded by consumers or retailers after it has reached the final stage of the food supply chain.
  + **Food Recovery**: The process of salvaging surplus or excess food for redistribution to people in need.

1. **NGO based food recovery**

Many **NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations)** and **charitable organizations** around the world focus on collecting surplus food from donors (restaurants, businesses, households) and distributing it to vulnerable groups. In Nepal, organizations like **The Nepal Food Bank** work to address food insecurity by recovering food and providing it to marginalized communities. These organizations often face challenges like poor coordination, limited reach, and inefficiency due to the manual nature of operations.

**Food Recovery Hierarchy**: A model that ranks the most effective ways to address food waste:

* + **Source Reduction**: Preventing food waste at the production stage.
  + **Feed Hungry People**: Donating excess food to those in need.
  + **Feed Animals**: Giving unused food to animals when not suitable for human consumption.
  + **Industrial Uses**: Converting food waste into energy or compost.

1. **Online Donation Platforms**

Online platforms have revolutionized the way donations are made, providing donors and recipients a digital space for interaction. These platforms can be tailored for various donation types, including food, money, or goods. For the Annapurna Food Management System, we draw inspiration from successful donation platforms such as **Food Rescue US**, **Meal Connect**, and **OLIO**, which focus on reducing food waste by connecting donors with individuals or organizations in need.

**Key concepts in online donation platforms:**

* + **Crowdsourcing**: A method of gathering donations or resources from a large group of people via online platforms.
  + **Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Giving**: Direct donations made from one individual to another, facilitated by an online platform.
  + **Matching Algorithm**: A mechanism to match available food donations with receivers based on proximity, food type, and urgency.

### ****2.1.2 Key Terminologies****

* **Food Donation**: The act of giving surplus or unused food to those in need, typically facilitated by individuals, businesses, or organizations.
* **Donation Matching**: The process of pairing donors with recipients based on certain criteria such as location, urgency, and food type.
* **Logistics and Delivery**: The system that handles the physical transportation of donated food from the donor to the recipient.
* **Role-based Access Control (RBAC)**: A system used to assign specific roles (e.g., donor, recipient, admin) to users, controlling their access to different features and data.
* **User Authentication**: The process of verifying the identity of users (donors and recipients) to ensure data integrity and prevent fraud.

## 2.2 Literature Review

**Existing Systems**: Several organizations and platforms are actively working to address food waste and hunger, both globally and within Nepal. These systems provide a useful reference point for the **Annapurna Food Management System** and highlight the challenges and opportunities in the field.

1. **Feeding India (India)**

**Feeding India** is an Indian-based platform that connects donors with individuals or communities in need of food. It utilizes both technology and on-the-ground volunteers to collect and distribute surplus food. The system has expanded rapidly across major Indian cities, working with restaurants, schools, and event organizers.  
Key features of **Feeding India** include:

* + **Real-time food requests** from individuals or NGOs.
  + **Volunteer network** for food delivery.
  + **Technology-driven matching** between donors and recipients.

While the platform has been successful, the main challenge it faces is the **manual tracking of donations** and limited real-time monitoring of food delivery. Although it connects donors with recipients, the system lacks advanced **feedback mechanisms** for users and real-time data analytics, making it hard to measure the impact and efficiency of donations.

1. **Food Rescue US (USA)**

**Food Rescue US** is a non-profit that uses a mobile app to connect food donors, including grocery stores, restaurants, and food banks, with volunteers who transport the food to non-profits in need.

Key features of **Food Rescue US** include:

* + **Real-time matching** of food donations to the nearest non-profit.
  + **Tracking system** for volunteers and donations.
  + **Automated notifications** to donors, volunteers, and recipients.

Despite its effectiveness, **Food Rescue US** has limitations such as **limited geographic reach** and dependency on a large volunteer base. It also faces **challenges in engaging donors consistently**—a problem that can hinder the sustainability of the donation flow.

1. **OLIO (Global)**

**OLIO** is a food-sharing app that connects neighbours and local businesses to share surplus food. It aims to reduce food waste by offering users a platform to share food they won’t consume with others who need it.  
Features of **OLIO** include:

* + **Peer-to-peer food sharing** based on proximity.
  + **Listing and sharing of food items** with other community members.
  + **Rating and feedback systems** to encourage trust and transparency.

Although the app is widely used in urban settings, it faces difficulties in **rural or less connected areas**, which is particularly relevant to the Nepali context, where rural populations may not have access to smartphones or reliable internet connections.

**Gaps in Current Solutions**

While systems like **Feeding India**, **Food Rescue US**, and **OLIO** are making strides in addressing food waste, several gaps still exist in their models, especially when applying them to the Nepali context:

1. **Lack of Real-Time Donation Tracking**

Real-time tracking is another major shortcoming in many food redistribution systems. While some platforms have implemented basic notifications or tracking mechanisms, **live updates on donation status**, delivery progress, and recipient feedback are often absent. This lack of real-time monitoring can decrease transparency and accountability in the donation process.

1. **Limited User Interface (UI)**

A **clunky or non-intuitive UI** can discourage users from fully engaging with donation platforms. Many existing solutions still face challenges related to **complex interfaces**, limited mobile responsiveness, or lack of **user-friendly features** (e.g., easy navigation, search filters, and personalized notifications). These limitations can create a barrier to user adoption, especially among communities with limited digital literacy or those unfamiliar with technology.

1. **Feedback Mechanisms**

Most platforms lack a **robust feedback system** for both donors and recipients. Without proper feedback loops, users are unable to evaluate the effectiveness of their donations or the quality of the food received. This lack of transparency can undermine trust in the system, particularly among donors.

1. **Limited Regional Reach in Nepal**

Nepal faces unique geographical and logistical challenges that limit the scalability of food donation systems. The **remote and rural areas** are often not connected to urban donation platforms, making it difficult for NGOs to receive regular food donations.

**Relevant Research Papers and Studies on Food Redistribution**

Several studies have explored the effectiveness of food redistribution programs, particularly focusing on technology-enabled solutions:

1. **A Study on the Effectiveness of Food Redistribution Programs in Developing Countries (FAO, 2019)**

This study examined the challenges and successes of food donation platforms across different developing countries. It highlighted the importance of **digital solutions** in streamlining the food recovery process, particularly in regions with large underserved populations. The study concluded that while mobile apps and digital platforms have the potential to improve food redistribution, they must be adapted to local needs, such as **network limitations** and **internet accessibility** in rural areas.

1. **Food Waste and Food Insecurity in Nepal: A Study of Urban and Rural Patterns (Nepal Food Bank, 2020)**

This research explored the problem of food insecurity in Nepal, particularly in urban areas where food is wasted at large scales. The study indicated that **food recovery initiatives** are often hindered by logistical challenges, such as limited cold chain storage, poor road infrastructure, and the difficulty in engaging volunteers in rural areas. The study recommends **local, small-scale solutions** combined with **digital platforms** to effectively connect food donors and recipients.

# CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM ANALYSIS

## 3.1 System Analysis

### 3.1.1 Requirement Analysis

The success of our Anna-purna is thorough understanding of the requirements of both donors and recipients who will utilize the platform. To achieve this, we propose a multifaceted approach:

#### **a. Functional Requirements:**

The **Annapurna Food Management System** is designed to provide a digital platform where donors, recipients, and administrators can manage food donations efficiently. Below are the functional requirements of the system:

**1. User Registration/Login/Logout**

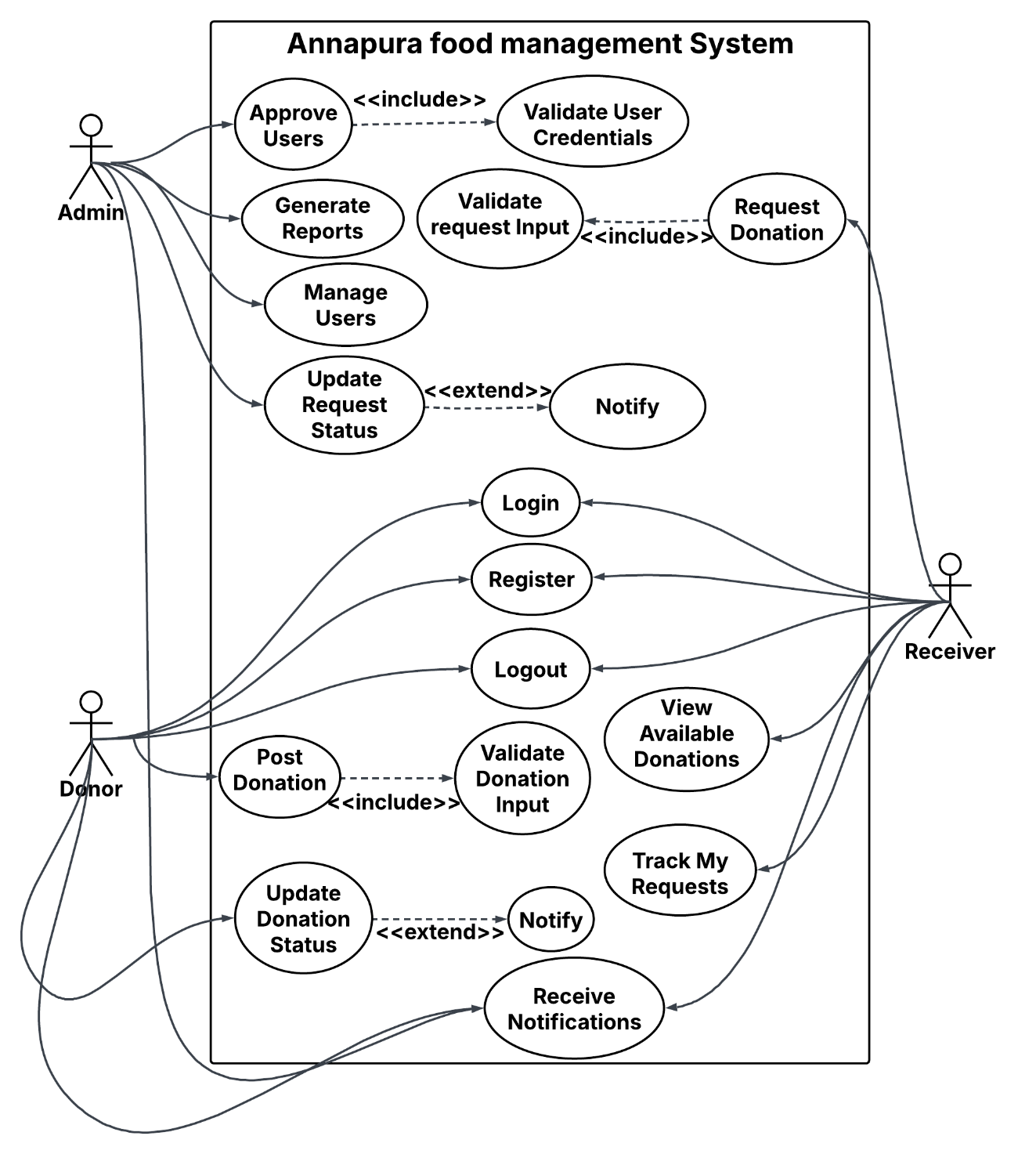
* **Registration**: Users must be able to register on the platform with basic details such as name, email, phone number, and location. Depending on their role, they will be asked to provide additional information (e.g., NGOs may need to submit organization verification documents).
* **Login**: Registered users will log into the system using their email/username and password. The system will authenticate users and redirect them to their respective dashboards (donor, recipient, or admin).
* **Logout**: Users can log out securely from the system, which will end their session and return them to the homepage. A session timeout feature will ensure that inactive users are logged out automatically after a predefined period.

**2. Donation Post Creation and Request Handling**

* **Donation Post Creation**: Donors can create donation posts specifying food details such as:
  + Type (e.g., cooked meals, fresh produce, packaged items).
  + Quantity.
  + Expiry/consumption deadline.
  + Location for donation pickup or delivery.
* **Request Handling**: Recipients can place requests for donations by specifying:
  + Type of food needed.
  + Urgency of request (e.g., immediate, within 24 hours).
  + Location for receiving the food.
* **Notification System**: The system will send notifications to both donors and recipients when a donation post is created, when a request is placed, or when there is a status change (e.g., donation accepted, delivery in progress).

1. **Admin Approvals and Report Generation**

* **Admin Approvals**: Administrators have the authority to approve or reject donation posts based on predefined rules, ensuring food safety and quality. They can also verify recipient identities if necessary.
* **Report Generation**: Admins can generate reports on system activities, including:
  + Total donations processed.
  + Number of active users (donors and recipients).
  + Geographical distribution of donations.
  + System performance and user engagement statistics.
* **Audit and Transparency**: The system will maintain logs of all donation activities, including post approvals, requests, and completed donations, for transparency and accountability.

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**Figure 1 Use Case Diagram**

#### **b. Non-Functional Requirements**

**1. Usability**

* **Intuitive UI**: Simple, user-friendly design with clear navigation for all user types (donors, recipients, admins).
* **Responsive Design**: Works seamlessly across desktops, tablets, and mobiles.
* **Help and Feedback**: Clear error messages, easy-to-access tutorials, and feedback on actions (e.g., successful donation).

**2. Security**

* **Access Control**: Role-based access to ensure that only authorized users can access specific data and features.
* **Authentication**: Strong login credentials with optional multi-factor authentication for admins.
* **Data Encryption**: Sensitive data is encrypted both in transit and at rest.
* **Input Validation**: All user inputs are validated to prevent security vulnerabilities.
* **Session Management**: Auto-logout after inactivity and secure session handling.

**3. Performance**

* **Fast Response Time**: System should respond to user actions (e.g., posting donations, placing requests) within 2-3 seconds.
* **Concurrency Handling**: Support multiple simultaneous users without degradation in performance.
* **Fault Tolerance**: System recovers gracefully from errors, and backups are regularly made for data safety.

**4. Scalability**

* **Horizontal Scalability**: Ability to add more servers to handle increased load.
* **Vertical Scalability**: Ability to upgrade existing server resources (CPU, RAM) for handling more users/data.
* **Database Scalability**: Efficient database performance with techniques like partitioning and indexing.
* **Elasticity**: Automatically scale resources (compute, storage) in cloud environments based on demand.
* **Load Balancing**: Distribute traffic evenly across servers to avoid overload.

### 3.1.2 Feasibility Study:

**a. Technical Feasibility**

The **Annapurna Food Management System** will be built using modern web technologies to ensure scalability and performance. **Next.js** will be used for creating the server-rendered web application with built-in routing and API support. The backend will be powered by **Node.js**, providing fast and efficient handling of server-side operations. For the frontend, **React.js** will be used to build dynamic and responsive user interfaces. To ensure better code maintainability, **TypeScript** will be employed for type safety across both the frontend and backend. **MongoDB** will serve as the database, offering a flexible, scalable NoSQL solution to handle donation and user data. The user interface will be developed using **Tailwind CSS**, allowing for quick, customizable, and responsive design across devices.

**b. Operational Feasibility**

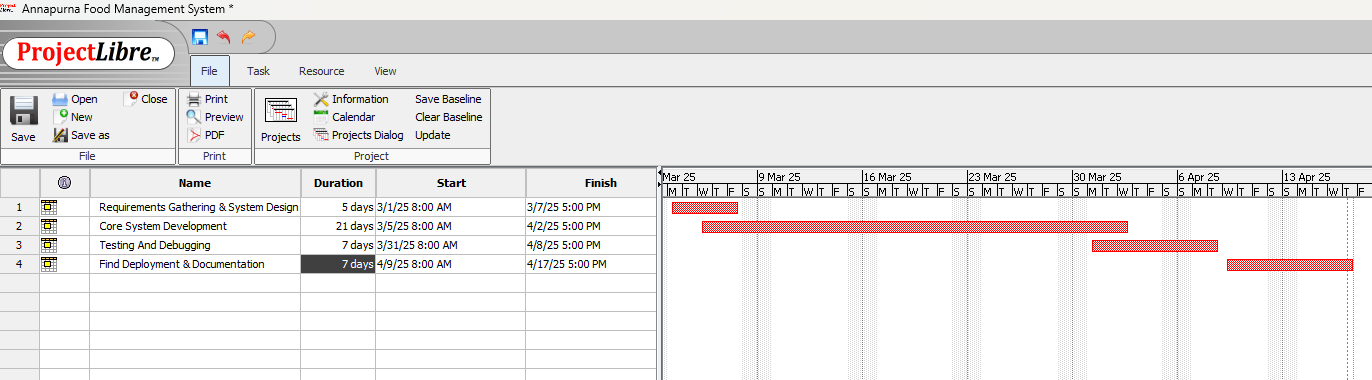
The **Annapurna Food Management System** is easy to operate and navigate, which makes it feasible to develop and use with minimal training. The platform will have an intuitive interface that both donors and recipients can use without difficulty. Since it is a web-based application, users can access it from any device with an internet connection. Basic in-app support and instructions will ensure that users are able to understand and utilize the platform effectively.

**c. Economic Feasibility**

The system is economically feasible to develop as it will utilize cost-effective resources. We will use free-tier or low-cost hosting services like **Heroku** or **AWS** during development. **MongoDB**, which offers a scalable and flexible NoSQL database, will also be utilized with an affordable cloud-hosting option. Since the project is being developed by students, there will be minimal costs associated with hosting, domain registration, and maintenance. Therefore, the project can be developed without requiring a large financial investment.

**d. Schedule Feasibility**

The development timeline for the **Annapurna Food Management System** is feasible within a shorter timeframe. The project can be divided into the following phases:

* **Phase 1**: Requirements gathering and system design (1 week)
* **Phase 2**: Core system development (3 weeks)
* **Phase 3**: Testing and debugging (1 week)
* **Phase 4**: Final deployment and documentation (1 week)

**Figure 2 Gantt Chart**

### 3.1.3 Analysis of Structured Approach:

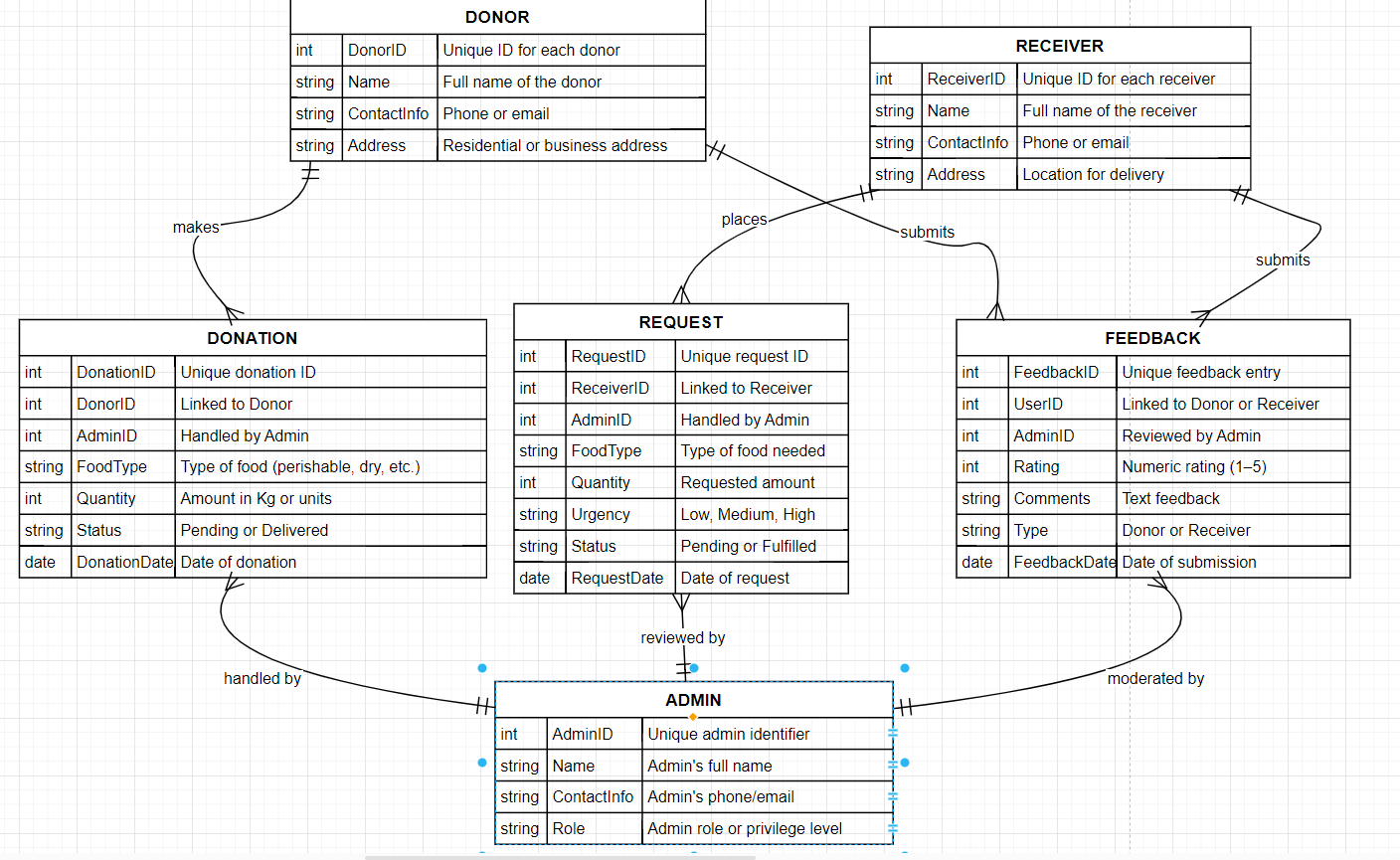
The Annapurna Food Management System embraces a structured programming paradigm optimized for food donation and management, rather than a rigid object-oriented design. Key aspects of this approach include:

Modular Components: The system's user interfaces and functional modules are decomposed into cohesive units that handle specific tasks, integrated through well-defined interfaces and clear control flows.

**ER Diagram**

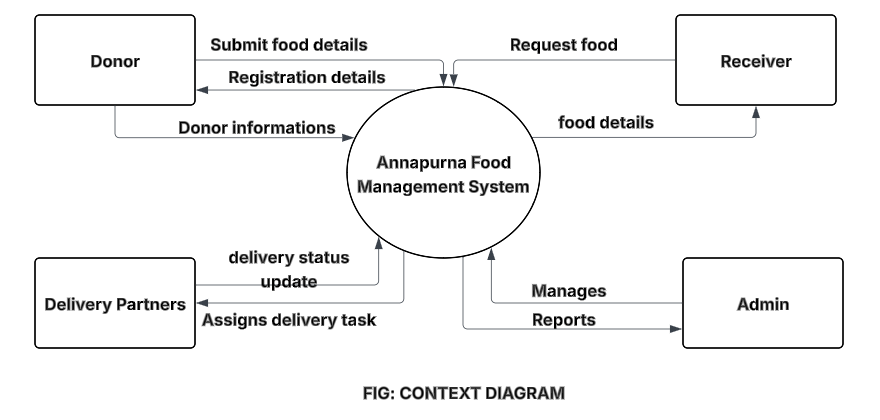
The **Entity-Relationship (ER) Diagram** will illustrate the key entities and their relationships within the **Annapurna Food Management System**. Here are the main entities:

1. **Donor**
   * Attributes: DonorID, Name, ContactInfo, Address, DonationHistory
   * Relationships: Donors can post **Donations** and provide **Feedback**.
2. **Receiver**
   * Attributes: ReceiverID, Name, ContactInfo, Address, RequestHistory
   * Relationships: Receivers can place **Requests** and provide **Feedback**.
3. **Admin**
   * Attributes: AdminID, Name, ContactInfo, Role
   * Relationships: Admins manage **Donations**, **Requests**, and **User Feedback**.
4. **Donation**
   * Attributes: DonationID, DonorID, FoodType, Quantity, Status (Pending, Delivered)
   * Relationships: A **Donation** is associated with a **Donor** and may be matched with a **Receiver**.
5. **Feedback**
   * Attributes: FeedbackID, UserID (Donor/Receiver), Rating, Comments
   * Relationships: Feedback is provided by Donors and Receivers for the system or each other

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**Figure 3 ER - Diagram**

**Data Flow Diagram (DFD)**

**Level 0: Context Diagram**

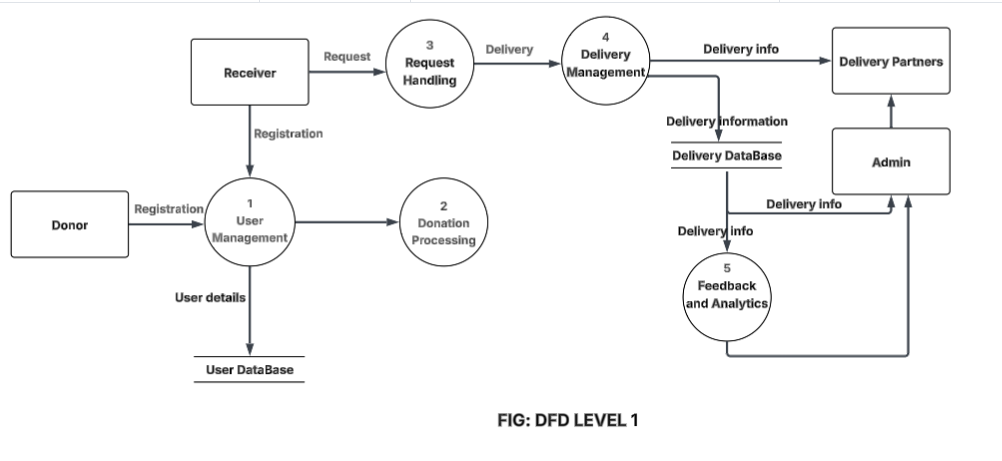
**Figure 4 Context diagram**

This is the high-level view of the system, showing its interaction with external entities:

* **Donor**: Submits donations.
* **Receiver**: Places food requests.
* **Admin**: Manages donations, requests, and user feedback.

The system processes:

* Donations from donors.
* Requests from receivers.
* Feedback from both users (donors and receivers).

**Level 1: Detailed Data Processes**

**Figure 5 DFD level 1 Diagram**

Here we break down the major data processes of the system:

1. **Donation Process**
   * **Input**: Donation details from **Donor** (FoodType, Quantity, etc.).
   * **Process**: The system validates donation details, associates it with the donor, and matches it with nearby receivers.
   * **Output**: Donor receives confirmation, and the system creates a **Donation record**.
2. **Request Process**
   * **Input**: Request details from **Receiver** (FoodType, Quantity, urgency).
   * **Process**: The system evaluates the request, filters it based on location and urgency, and matches it with available donations.
   * **Output**: **Receiver** receives available donation options.
3. **Feedback Process**
   * **Input**: Feedback from **Donor** or **Receiver** (Rating, Comments).
   * **Process**: The system stores feedback and displays it to relevant parties.
   * **Output**: Admin can view feedback for performance tracking.

# CHAPTER 4: SYSTEM DESIGN

## 4.1 Design

This section outlines the design aspects of the Annapurna Food Management System, covering database design, forms and reports, interface and dialogues, and algorithm implementations.

**Database Design: ER to Relational Schema and Normalization Steps**

**1. ER Diagram to Relational Schema:**

**Normalization Steps:**

1. **First Normal Form (1NF)**:

All tables have atomic values with no repeating groups of data. For example, each **Donor** and **Receiver** has a unique identifier, and their attributes are atomic (single values).

1. **Second Normal Form (2NF)**:

All non-key attributes are fully functionally dependent on the primary key. For instance, the **Donation** table stores all relevant attributes like **FoodType** and **Quantity**, which depend entirely on the **DonationID**.

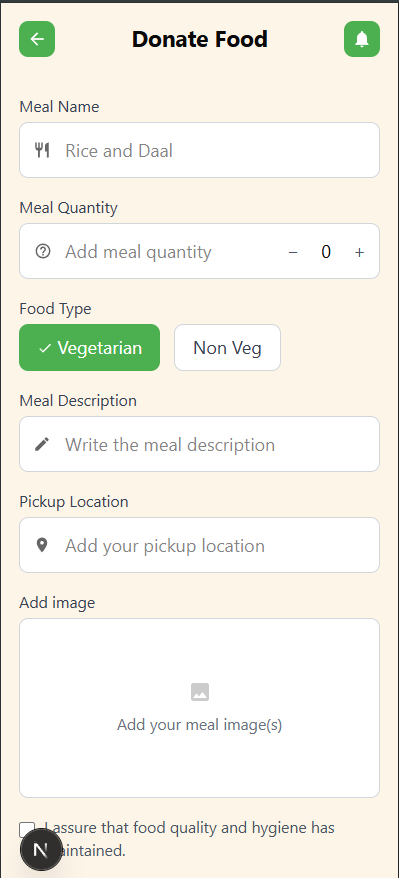
1. **Third Normal Form (3NF)**:

There are no transitive dependencies. For example, the **Receiver** table only contains information directly related to the receiver and does not store redundant information such as the admin handling the donation.

**2. Forms and Reports**

**Forms:**

* **Donor Form**:  
  This form will allow the donor to input their personal details (Name, ContactInfo, Address) and donation information (FoodType, Quantity). It will also have an option to view past donations and track the status.



**Figure 6 Donate Food**

* **Request Form**:  
  Receivers will fill out their information (Name, ContactInfo, Address) and specify their food needs (FoodType, Quantity, Urgency). The form will also allow them to view available donations in their vicinity.
* **Admin Report Screen**:  
  Admins will have access to a dashboard displaying all active donations and requests, including the status of each. They will be able to view user feedback, approve donations, and generate reports on donation statistics (e.g., total donations, food types donated, etc.).

**3. Interface & Dialogue Design**

**Navigation Flow:**

* The main dashboard will display a menu with options to:
  + View donations (for donors).
  + Place a request (for receivers).
  + Access user account settings.
  + Admins will have additional options for managing donations and users.

**Feedback Forms:**

* After each donation or request transaction, both donors and receivers will be prompted to provide feedback on their experience.
* The form will include fields for a rating (1-5 stars) and an optional comments section.

**Alerts:**

* **Donation Confirmation Alert**: After a donor submits a donation, an alert will confirm that the donation has been posted successfully.
* **Request Match Alert**: When a donation matches a receiver’s request, they will be notified through an alert.
* **Admin Approval Alert**: Admins will receive an alert when a new donation or request is pending approval.

### 4.1.1 Database Design

The Extra Food Management System's database design is focused on securely storing and retrieving data related to food donations, donors, recipients, and donation centers. The key tables include:

1. **Users:** Stores user information such as name, contact details, role (e.g., donor, recipient, donation center), and identification (e.g., ID).
2. **Food Donations:** Records details about the donated food, including food type, quantity, donation date, and donor information.
3. **Roles**: Defines different roles with access privileges (e.g., donor, recipient, food distribution center).
4. **Audit\_Log**: Tracks access and modifications to ensure data integrity and security.
5. **Recipient\_Eligibility**: Stores information about recipients' eligibility to receive donations based on predefined criteria (e.g., income level, family size).
6. **Food\_Distribution:** Keeps track of food allocation to recipients, including recipient details, donation amounts, and distribution dates.

Relational constraints are implemented to enforce foreign key relationships and data integrity. Indexing is applied to columns frequently used for searches, such as food type and donation date, to enhance query performance.

### 4.1.2 Forms and Report Design

Forms and reports in the Extra Food Management System aim to provide food donors, donation centers, and recipients with easy-to-use, efficient means to interact with the system.

**Forms:**

1. Login Form: Allows users to authenticate using their ID and password.
2. Food Donation Form: Used by donors or donation centers to enter details of food donations (food type, quantity, donation date).
3. Recipient Registration Form: Allows recipients to register their information and eligibility criteria for receiving food donations.
4. Profile Management Form: Allows users to view and manage their personal details.

**Reports:**

1. Donation History Report: Displays a report of all donations made by a particular donor or donation center, accessible by authorized users.
2. Food Distribution Report: Provides a list of food allocations to recipients, including quantities and dates.
3. Recipient Eligibility Report: Helps donation centers and food banks track eligible recipients for donations.

### 4.1.3 Interface and Dialogue Design

The interface design emphasizes simplicity, clarity, and ease of navigation, with user-friendly elements to make the platform accessible to everyone. Key design elements include:

1. **Dashboard:** Each user role (donor, recipient, donation center) has a role-specific dashboard that displays relevant information such as donation history for donors and available food for recipients.
2. **Role-Based Access Dialogues:** The system dynamically adjusts the available options based on the user’s role. For example, donors can view their donation history, while recipients can view available food items for distribution.
3. **Alerts and Notifications**: Users receive notifications for important updates, such as successful donations or food availability for recipients.

## 4.2 Algorithm Details

**1. Login Algorithm**

**Step 1**: User enters ID and password on the login page.  
**Step 2**: System checks if the ID and password match the records in the database.  
**Step 3**: If the credentials are correct, system identifies the user's role (e.g., Donor, Receiver, Admin).  
**Step 4**: User is redirected to their respective dashboard based on role.  
**Step 5**: If the credentials are incorrect, system shows a login error message.

**2. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Algorithm**

**Step 1**: After login, system detects the user’s assigned role.  
**Step 2**: Based on the role, system shows specific options (e.g., Donor can post food, Receiver can request food, Admin can view reports).  
**Step 3**: Restrict access to unauthorized pages or data.  
**Step 4**: Show only the features that the current role is allowed to use.  
**Step 5**: Keep user data secure and hidden from other roles.

**3. Algorithm for Matching Donation with Receiver**

**Step 1**: Get the location of the donor and receiver.  
**Step 2**: Check if both are nearby.  
**Step 3**: Compare donation food type with the receiver's request.  
**Step 4**: If both matches, assign the donation to the receiver.  
**Step 5**: Update donation status to "Matched".

**4. Algorithm for Sending Notifications**

**Step 1**: Detect event (e.g., new donation, matched request, delivery).  
**Step 2**: Choose which user(s) to notify (donor, receiver, admin).  
**Step 3**: Prepare a short message based on the event.  
**Step 4**: Send message through email or in-app alert.  
**Step 5**: Save the message in notification history.

**5. Algorithm for Updating Donation Status**

**Step 1**: Set status to “Pending” when donation is added.  
**Step 2**: When matched with a receiver, update to “In Transit”.  
**Step 3**: After delivery is confirmed, update to “Delivered”.  
**Step 4**: Show updated status on user dashboards.

# CHAPTER 5: SYSTEM DESIGN

## 5.1 Implementation

The implementation phase focuses on assembling all components of the Extra Food Donation System, including the user interface, backend logic, data storage, and security measures. The development environment and programming languages were carefully chosen to ensure seamless integration between the frontend and backend, while maintaining a secure and efficient platform for managing and processing sensitive donation and beneficiary data.

### 5.1.1 Project code Explanation

**Food Management System – Full Project Explanation**

**Overview**

This project is a full-stack food donation and management platform. It allows users to donate food, find hunger spots, reserve meals, and manage their profiles. The stack includes:

* **Frontend:** Next.js (React), Tailwind CSS, Material UI, Google Maps API
* **Backend:** Node.js (the backend is currently a placeholder and not implemented)

**Frontend Logic**

**1. App Layout and Structure**

The main layout is defined in src/app/layout.tsx:

export default function RootLayout({ children }) {

return (

<html lang="en">

<body className={`${geistSans.variable} ${geistMono.variable} antialiased`}>

{children}

</body>

</html>

);

}

* **Purpose:** Sets up global fonts and wraps all pages with a consistent layout.

**2. Home Page (src/app/home/page.tsx)**

* **Displays:** Welcome message, top donators, nearby donations, and a footer navigation.
* **Logic:** Uses static arrays for donator info and top donators, and renders them with reusable components.

**Key Snippet:**

const DonaterInfo = [ ... ];

const topDonaters = [ ... ];

return (

<div className='main-container'>

{/\* ...header, top donators, nearby donations... \*/}

<div className='donater-container'>

{DonaterInfo.map((donater) => <Donater key={uuid()} {...donater} />)}

</div>

<Footer />

</div>

)

**3. Donating Food (src/app/donate-food/page.tsx)**

* **Form:** Users can enter meal details, upload an image, and confirm donation.
* **State Management:** Uses React useState for form fields and image preview.
* **Navigation:** Uses Next.js router to navigate after submission.

**Key Snippet:**

const [mealName, setMealName] = useState('');

const [mealQuantity, setMealQuantity] = useState(0);

*// ...other states...*

const handleConfirmDonation = () => {

*// Here you would send data to the backend*

router.push('/donation-confirmation');

};

**4. Hunger Spot Map (src/app/hungerspot/MapView.tsx)**

* **Google Maps Integration:** Uses @react-google-maps/api to display restaurants as markers.
* **Search:** Users can search for restaurants using Google Places API.
* **Reservation:** Clicking a marker opens a modal to reserve a meal.

**Key Snippet:**

<GoogleMap ...>

{defaultMarkers.map((marker) => (

<Marker position={{ lat: marker.lat, lng: marker.lng }} onClick={() => handleMarkerClick(marker)} />

))}

</GoogleMap>

{showModal && activeMarker && (

<div>

{/\* Modal with reservation button \*/}

<button onClick={handleReservation}>Reserve your meal</button>

</div>

)}

**5. Components**

* **Header/Footer:** Consistent navigation and branding.
* **Donater:** Displays info about a donator and their meals.
* **Dock:** Custom bottom navigation bar.
* **SearchBar:** Integrated with Google Places for restaurant search.

**Example: Donater Component**

const Donater: React.FC<DonaterProps> = ({ name, date, location, noofmeal, images }) => (

<div>

<h3>{name}</h3>

<div>{date} - {location}</div>

<div>{noofmeal} meal donated</div>

{/\* Images and action buttons \*/}

</div>

)

**6. UI Utilities**

* **Button/Input:** Custom styled components using Tailwind and utility functions.
* **Utils:** cn function for merging class names.

**Backend Logic**

**Note:** The backend (server/index.js) is currently empty. The project is set up for a Node.js backend, but all business logic and API endpoints are yet to be implemented.

**Planned Structure:**

* index.js: Will initialize the server, set up middleware (body parsing, CORS), and define API routes.
* routes/: (To be created) Will contain route handlers for food donations, reservations, user management, etc.

**Data Flow**

1. **User Interaction:** Users interact with forms and maps on the frontend.
2. **API Calls:** (Planned) Data from forms (e.g., food donation) will be sent to backend endpoints.
3. **State Management:** React state is used for UI interactivity; Next.js router handles navigation.
4. **Google Maps/Places:** Used for searching and displaying restaurant locations.

**Example: Restaurant Search Flow**

1. User types a restaurant name in the search bar.
2. searchBar.tsx uses Google Places API to fetch matching restaurants.
3. Results are displayed; user selects one.
4. Map centers on the selected restaurant and opens a modal for reservation.

**How to Run**

1. **Install dependencies:**

cd .\Hackathon\_code\client\hackproject

npm install

1. **Start the frontend:**

npm run dev

1. **(Planned) Start the backend:**

cd ..\..\server

npm install

node index.js

**Conclusion**

* **Frontend:** Fully functional with modern UI, Google Maps integration, and interactive forms.
* **Backend:** Placeholder, ready for API and database logic.
* **Extensible:** Easy to add backend endpoints and connect to a database for full-stack functionality.

### 5.1.2 Tools Used

**Development Environment:**

* **Visual Studio Code** – Chosen for its ease of use, intelligent code completion, built-in terminal, and excellent support for JavaScript/TypeScript development, making it ideal for full-stack web projects.

**Frontend:**

* **React.js** – Enables building dynamic, responsive, and reusable UI components, helping improve user experience.
* **Next.js** – Used for its built-in routing, server-side rendering, and API support, making the application scalable and SEO-friendly.
* **Tailwind CSS** – A utility-first CSS framework that speeds up UI design and ensures consistency across pages.
* **TypeScript** – Enhances code reliability and reduces runtime bugs through static typing, especially helpful in larger projects.

**Backend:**

* **Node.js** – Handles server-side logic efficiently, ideal for real-time processing like donation submissions and updates.
* **Python (optional, via PythonAnywhere)** – Allows future integration of machine learning algorithms for smarter donation-recipient matching.

**Database:**

* **MongoDB** – Chosen for its flexible, schema-less structure that fits dynamic data like food donation details and user roles.

**Hosting and Deployment:**

* **Vercel** – Provides simple, fast, and scalable deployment for the Next.js app, including backend API routes.
* **PythonAnywhere** – Enables easy hosting of Python scripts, ideal for running background tasks or analytics.

This system is built using a modular and function-based approach to keep the design simple and manageable. Each function handles a specific task related to the core features of the platform. Below are the major modules and their corresponding functional descriptions:

**1. Authentication Module**

Handles user registration, login, and logout to ensure secure access to the platform.

* **register\_user (username, email, password, role)**  
  Stores new user information in the database after validating inputs and hashing the password.
* **login\_user (email, password)**  
  Verifies user credentials and starts a session if valid.
* **logout\_user()**  
  Destroys the user session and logs the user out of the system.

**2. Donation Posting Module**

Allows donors to post extra food items and manage their donation details.

* **create\_donation(donor\_id, food\_item, quantity, expiry\_date, location)**  
  Collects details of the food being donated and inserts them into the donation table.
* **get\_active\_donations()**  
  Retrieves all available donations for receivers to view.
* **update\_donation\_status(donation\_id, new\_status)**  
  Updates the donation status to reflect progress (e.g., available, accepted, in transit, completed).

**3. Request Management Module**

Manages requests made by receivers for donated food items.

* **send\_request(receiver\_id, donation\_id)**  
  Allows receivers to request a donation by referencing the donation ID.
* **get\_requests\_by\_user(user\_id)**  
  Returns all requests made by a specific receiver.
* **update\_request\_status(request\_id, status)**  
  Updates the request status (e.g., pending, approved, declined, delivered) based on admin or donor actions.

**4. Admin Panel Module**

Grants admin users control over users, reports, and content.

* **approve\_user (user\_id)**  
  Admin verifies and activates new users after checking their credentials.
* **generate\_report()**  
  Collects system data such as total donations, fulfilled requests, and user statistics for reporting.
* **manage\_users (action, user\_id)**  
  Lets the admin perform actions like deleting, blocking, or updating user roles.

**5. Notification System**

Provides users with updates and alerts.

* **send\_notification(user\_id, message)**  
  Sends a notification to the user (email or in-app) regarding actions like approval or status changes.
* **trigger\_notification\_on\_status\_change(donation\_id)**  
  Automatically sends a notification to involved parties whenever a donation’s status is updated.

These functional modules are implemented using technologies like **Node.js**, **React**, **MongoDB**, and optionally **PythonAnywhere** for analytics. The structure ensures that the system remains modular, easy to debug, and scalable for future features like live tracking or donation suggestions.

## 5.2 Testing

Testing was conducted at multiple stages to validate the MedGov system’s reliability, accuracy, and performance. The primary testing methods included unit testing and system testing.

### 5.2.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing focused on individual components of the system to ensure each function, method, and module performed as expected.

**Table 1 User Authentication and authorization test module**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1. User Authentication & Authorization** | | | | |
| **Test ID** | **Test Name** | **Testing Steps** | **Expected Result** | **Actual Result** |
| TC\_AUTH\_001 | Login with valid donor credentials | Login with valid donor email and password | Redirect to donor dashboard | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_AUTH\_002 | Login with invalid credentials | Try logging in with incorrect password | Error: "Invalid credentials" | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_AUTH\_003 | Register new user | Fill registration form with valid info and submit | User account created | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_AUTH\_004 | Access donor dashboard without login | Open donor dashboard URL without login | Redirect to login | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_AUTH\_005 | Reset password via email | Enter registered email to request reset | Email with reset link sent | ❌ Fail - Email not received |

**Table 2 Donor Dashboard and Donation Management**

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| **2. Donor Dashboard & Donation Management** | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Test ID** | **Test Name** | **Testing Steps** | **Expected Result** | **Actual Result** |
| TC\_DONOR\_001 | Create new food donation | Fill all donation fields and submit | Donation saved with pending status | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_DONOR\_002 | Upload image while creating donation | Upload food image in donation form | Image preview appears | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_DONOR\_003 | Submit form with empty fields | Submit donation form without filling required fields | Validation errors shown | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_DONOR\_004 | Edit donation before approval | Edit pending donation and save | Changes saved | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_DONOR\_005 | View donation history | Navigate to "My Donations" page | Past donations listed | ❌ Fail - List not loading |

**Table 3 Receiver Dashboard & Food Requesting**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **3. Receiver Dashboard & Food Requesting** | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Test ID** | **Test Name** | **Testing Steps** | **Expected Result** | **Actual Result** |
| TC\_RECV\_001 | View available donations | Log in and go to available donations | Donations listed | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_RECV\_002 | Request a donation | Request an available item | Status set to "Requested" | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_RECV\_003 | Attempt to request unavailable item | Try requesting already requested item | Error: "Already requested" | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_RECV\_004 | Provide feedback after receiving | Submit feedback on received donation | Feedback saved | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_RECV\_005 | Search donations by location | Use city filter and click search | Filtered results displayed | ❌ Fail - Filter not applied |

**Table 4 Admin Module Testing**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **4. Admin Module** | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Test ID** | **Test Name** | **Testing Steps** | **Expected Result** | **Actual Result** |
| TC\_ADMIN\_001 | Admin login | Log in using admin credentials | Redirect to admin dashboard | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_ADMIN\_002 | Approve pending donation | Click "Approve" on a pending donation | Status updated to "Approved" | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_ADMIN\_003 | Remove fraudulent user | Delete suspicious user from dashboard | User removed | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_ADMIN\_004 | Generate donation report | Select date range and generate report | Report downloaded | ❌ Fail - Report format broken |
| TC\_ADMIN\_005 | View activity logs | Go to logs page | Action logs shown | ✅ Pass |

**Table 5 Notifications and Email Alerts Unit Test**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **5. Notifications & Email Alerts** | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Test ID** | **Test Name** | **Testing Steps** | **Expected Result** | **Actual Result** |
| TC\_NOTIF\_001 | Donor gets email on request | Receiver requests donation | Donor receives email | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_NOTIF\_002 | Receiver gets approval notification | Admin approves donation | Receiver notified | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_NOTIF\_003 | No notification if disabled | Disable notifications and make request | No notification sent | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_NOTIF\_004 | In-app bell icon shows count | Open dashboard with pending notifications | Bell icon shows correct count | ✅ Pass |
| TC\_NOTIF\_005 | Clear notification after reading | Open and read notification | Marked as read and removed from bell | ✅ Pass |

## 5.3 Result Analysis

The Annapurna Food Management System was developed and tested successfully within the available time and resources as part of our student project. The basic features were implemented and tested to ensure they work as intended.

**Summary of Test Results**

* **Login and Registration**: Worked properly for different roles (donor, receiver, admin). Users were able to register and access their respective dashboards.
* **Donation Posting**: Donors could post food items with relevant details, and the posts were visible to receivers.
* **Request Management**: Receivers could view donations and send requests. Request status updates also worked.

**System Performance**

* The system worked smoothly with 4–5 users testing it at the same time.
* Pages loaded fairly quickly during testing on local machines.
* UI was clean and responsive using Tailwind CSS, suitable for desktops and mobiles.

**Limitations Found During Testing**

* No live delivery tracking or real-time maps (due to time and skill constraints).
* Error messages for some invalid inputs were not very detailed.
* Admin reports were limited to tables without advanced filtering or graphs.

**Overall Observation**

The system meets the basic goals of connecting food donors and receivers, and it is functional for small-scale use. With more time and resources, features like real-time tracking, better notifications, and advanced reporting could be added in the future.

# CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION & FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

## 6.1 Conclusion

The Annapurna Food Management System was developed with the goal of minimizing food waste by connecting donors with individuals or organizations in need. Throughout this project, we successfully created a functional web-based platform where users can register as donors or receivers, post and request food donations, and manage those transactions through a simple and role-based dashboard system.

This project allowed us to apply web development skills using modern tools like React.js, Node.js, and MongoDB, while also learning how to manage data flow, user access control, and real-world testing. The system proved to be user-friendly, responsive, and met the basic needs of food redistribution in a community-focused environment.

**Benefits achieved:**

* Reduced food wastage through timely donation sharing.
* Streamlined the food donation process.
* Enabled better coordination between donors and receivers.
* Provided a simple and intuitive user interface.

## 6.2 Future Recommendations

While the project fulfills its core purpose, there are many areas that can be enhanced in future versions:

AI-Based Matching: Using AI/ML algorithms to automatically match donations with the most suitable receivers based on urgency, location, and availability.

Multilingual Support: Adding support for Nepali and other local languages to make the platform more inclusive for users in different regions.

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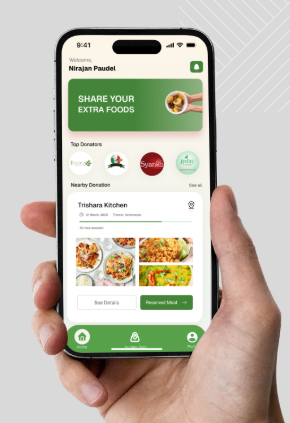
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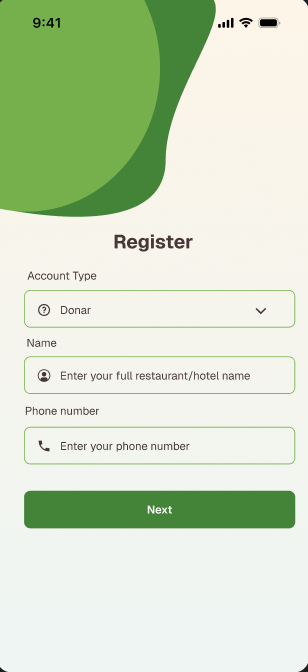
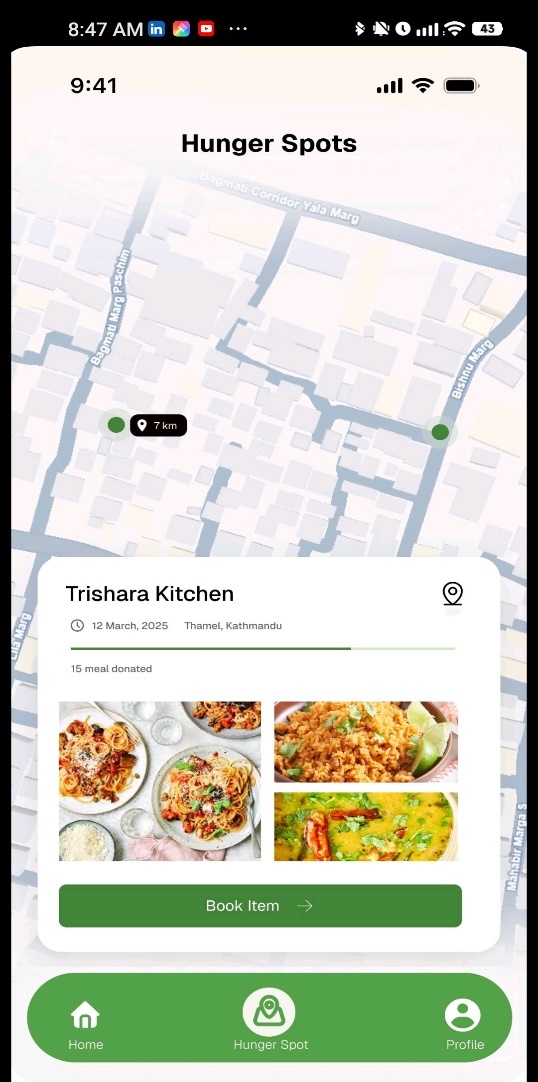
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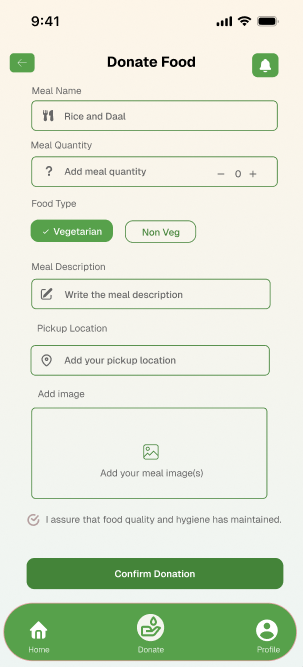
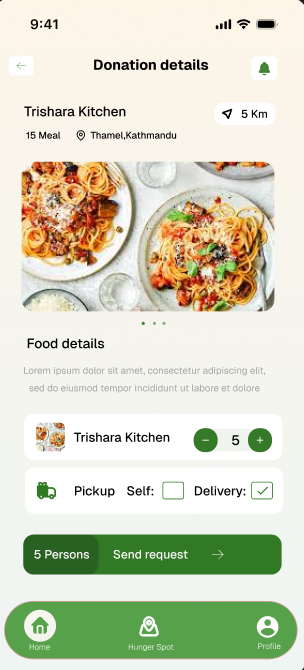
**Figure 7 UI Demo**

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**Figure 8 Home Page**

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**Figure 9 Registration & Booking Page**

**Figure 10 Donate Food Page**