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## **ABSTRACT**

Traffic congestion in urban areas has become a persistent and complex problem due to the rapid growth of vehicle usage, population density, and outdated infrastructure. Traditional traffic light control systems, which rely on isolated preset timing schedules, are often inadequate in managing fluctuating traffic volumes across junctions, across different times of the day. These rigid systems lead to increased waiting times, fuel wastage, and elevated emissions, ultimately affecting both the economy and the environment. This report proposes a Smart Traffic Timing Optimization System that uses real-time traffic data collected from surveillance cameras devices using computer vision and leverages a machine learning model to dynamically adjust traffic signal timings. The system uses intelligent algorithms, such as reinforcement learning, to analyze vehicle density, queue length, and traffic flow patterns at intersections. By implementing adaptive signal control strategies, the system ensures optimal green light distribution, minimizes idle time, and enhances the overall efficiency of the road network. The proposed solution is evaluated through simulation tools, which demonstrate its effectiveness in reducing congestion, improving travel time, and lowering carbon emissions. This intelligent approach paves the way for smart city development by integrating automation, data driven decision making, and environmental sustainability into modern traffic management.

**Keywords:** *Adaptive Traffic Light, Time management, Adaptive Control, Reinforcement Learning, Traffic Congestion*

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

API	Application Programming Interface
CRUD	Create, Read, Update, Delete
CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
DBMS	Database Management System
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GPS	Global Positioning System
HTML	Hyper-Text Markup Language
HTTP	Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
iOS	iPhone Operating System
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
LaTeX	Lamport TeX
MVC	Model View Controller
MVP	Minimal Viable Product
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NHS	National Health Service
NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
QR	Quick Response
RDBMS	Relational Database Management System
REST	Representational State Transfer
SDK	Software Development Kit
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRS	System Requirements Specification
SSD	System Sequence Diagram
UI	User Interface
UML	Unified Modeling Language
URL	Universal Resource Locator
VNY	Visit Nepal Year
XML	Extensible Markup Language

# 1. Introduction

Treasure Nepal is an Android / iOS application for a treasure hunt game targeted to internal as well as external tourists visiting several destinations within Nepal. With the view of encouraging tourists to visit remote and unexplored part of the country, the application aims to increase the traffic of tourist in such remote and unnoticed locations as well as promote their tourism.

According to Nepal Rastra Bank, the total contribution of the foreign exchange from tourism to the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Nepal was only 2.2% in the year 2017/18. [1]. Observing at the statistics, the ratio of contribution of tourism to GDP is not satisfactory in Nepal. Looking at the Federal Budget of Nepal of fiscal year 2019/20, only Rs. 2.68 billion out of total Rs. 1.53 trillion budget (0.17%) has been allocated for the development of tourism infrastructures [2]. This also shows that tourism sector is not getting quite satisfactory budget for its development. For a geographically challenged landlocked country like Nepal, tourism can in fact become one of the major backbones of economy of the nation. For developing the tourism sector in future days, collaboration from all parties – from government to the common people — has become absolutely necessary.

The Government of Nepal has taken efforts to celebrate the year 2020 officially as the Visit Nepal Year 2020. The Government aims to bring two million tourists in Nepal during the year 2020 [3]. At the brim of year 2020, tourism in Nepal is largely centralized to a few popular destinations. The places like Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan, Annapurna area and Everest area are largely flocked by tourists while destinations like Rara Lake, Shey Phoksundo National Park or Khaptad National park struggle to get satisfactory inflow of traffic. This project is an endeavor taken to contribute as much as we collective can to uniformly distribute the traffic of tourists in different places, to the success of upcoming Visit Nepal 2020 project and tourism development in Nepal as a whole.

## 1.1 Project Overview

Treasure Nepal is an installable mobile application available in both Android and iOS platforms. Once the user installs app and registers her account, she can view various local as well as distant treasures in a map within the application. Each of the treasures have some specified number of points associated with them. When the user decides to collect a treasure, she should physically go to the location where the treasure is installed, and then scan QR code installed at that location. Once the user scans the

QR at the treasure location, those points will be awarded to the user's account. The user cannot collect the same treasure again and again. When user's point crosses a certain level, she is provided with several offers, rewards and discounts at various hospitality service providers, preferably the ones that are the nearest.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

The centralization of traffic of tourists visiting Nepal has largely underestimated the potential and beauty of many travel destinations, specially in remote areas. As a result, these places have very low traffic of tourists. In addition, as majority of people in such places rely solely on tourism industry for their livelihood, this problem has pushed those communities even further down below the poverty line. Furthermore, the tourists visiting different places in Nepal may not get sufficient information about the local attractions that are not briefed to them by their guides/agencies. An approach to reliably provide them information about the unnoticed and unvisited places in Nepal, and to encourage them going to that place has been absolutely necessary.

## **1.3 Objectives**

The project has put forward the following objectives:

- To provide as the deliverables an Android as well as iOS app freely to the users as a means of information about places as well as a method of entertainment.
- To decentralize the tourism traffic and encourage uniform flow of tourists at various destinations across Nepal.
- To promote and encourage the tourism in remote, unnoticed and novel destinations which otherwise are not popular or have low inflow of tourists.
- To promote local businesses and people's life standard in remote places by encouraging the tourists to visit those places.

## **1.4 Significance of the Study**

The study of this project is significant owing to the fact that the solution to the problem we are trying to solve has rarely been ever created, and our idea is one of the first of its kind. Our approach of trying to solve the problem while providing entertainment

to the users will certainly be a reason why people won't hesitate to install and use our application. Also, we are very near to the Visit Nepal Year 2020, and this study will certainly be helpful in some ways in contributing to achieving the objectives set by the Government of Nepal in the year 2020. It is expected that the project will reach to a significant majority of tourists that visit Nepal in 2020, because the inflow traffic of tourists in that year is expected to be higher than usual..

## **1.5 Scope and Limitations**

In the current scope, the treasure hunt and reward collection concept of the app are implemented and other features are proposed to be added later in future recommendations. Such possible extensions could be addition of forex plugins, itinerary maps, guides, etc. The users will be able to collect coins from collecting the treasures, and their collection will be put in the leaderboards based on the user's local location as well as country-wise and globally. The application has an integrated map, which enlists the tourist destinations in the locality of tourist's current location. The application is also be connected to third party social networking platforms like Facebook, Twitter, etc. so that the users can login via them.

The scores of the treasures is be calculated based on the factors like the difficulty to reach the destination, its novelty, potentiality to attract new tourists and other similar criteria. The users will receive more amount of score when visiting rural and novel places than visiting urban and frequently visited places.

The following are the limitations of the project that are realized:

- The application will be built on Android and iOS platform, but not for other mobile operating systems like Blackberry and Windows.
- QR code scanning will be the method of collection of treasures and no other validation architecture will be used except for the check of location when the user scans the QR.

## **2. Literature Review**

This section consists description of the literature study performed during the development of this project.

### **2.1 Visit Nepal 2020**

The Visit Nepal Year (VNY) 2020 project was officially introduced by Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) in 2015 and aims to bring two million tourists in Nepal during the year 2020 [3]. The year 2020 has been chosen as the national tourism year after the last similar tourism year in 2011. Its slogan – 'Lifetime Experiences' – has been translated to more than ten different languages. The tourism board also had developed a plan to train ten thousand people to provide quality service to the tourists. The three major commitments made by the VNY2020 for sustainability are 'Climate Change', 'Community Based Tourism' and 'Going Green' respectively [4].

Community based tourism has been very popular in recent years in Nepal, especially in the Himalayan region and along the trekking routes. For instance, the numbers of registered home-stays in Nepal increased from 283 in 2017 to 324 in 2018 [1]. This number was just 217 in 2015. This increasing interest in the community based tourism is in fact due to the tourist's wish to see the actual lifestyle and living standard of the people living in various communities in Nepal. These forms of tourism not only provide unforgettable experiences to the visiting tourists, but are also a means of income and living for people in such areas. This project has also taken steps to actually promote such local and community based tourism in various places in Nepal.

### **2.2 Tourism in Nepal**

Tourism is one of the most important service industry contributing to the economy of Nepal. Being rich in natural, cultural and bio-diversity, Nepal comes within the short list of the budget-friendly choices of tourism destinations all around the world. As the country has finally gained stability after a decade long armed-chaos, political instability and the devastating earthquake, the number of tourists interested to visit Nepal is increasing day by day. As of 2019, the average cost per day of traveling to Nepal is only \$25, which is the reason Nepal has been seen as budget-friendly tourist destination [5].

The major itineraries of the tourists visiting Nepal include mountaineering, trekking,

religious pilgrimages and holiday spending. The northern part of Nepal has the mountain range with highest elevation in the world, called as the Himalayas [6]. These mountains serve as a destination for the tourists seeking mountaineering as well as trekking. The famous trekking destinations in Nepal are Everest Base Camp, Annapurna Circuit and Langtang Trekking Route [7]. Other attractions include various lakes, the famous of which are Tilicho Lake, Rara Lake, Phewa Lake and Gosaikunda.

Nepal is also rich in biodiversity. Currently there are 12 national parks, 1 wildlife reserve, 6 conservation areas, 1 hunting reserve and 10 Ramsar sites as the protected areas of Nepal [8]. Among them, Chitawan National Park is the most popular one. A lot of tourists visit these areas for the purpose of jungle safari and animal sports.

Nepal is quite rich in cultural diversity too. Some of the major ethnic groups in Nepal are Kshetri, Brahmins, Magar, Tharu, Tamang, Newar, Kami, Musalman, Yadav, Rai, Gurung, Thakuri, Limbu, etc. A large portion of the tourist inflow in Nepal, especially from south -east Asian countries like India, Bhutan, Thailand, Myanmar, etc. occurs for religious and pilgrimage purposes. In recent years, the various communities have incorporated home stay programme to host tourists in their home and offer their cultural courtesy, which has sent setup good environment for the cultural tourism in Nepal. The festivals like Dashain, Lhosar, Chhath, Gai Jatra, Buddha Jayanti, etc. are some of the most popular festivals of Nepal.

## **2.3 Hospitality Industry in Nepal**

Hospitality industry is a collection of service based industries that are focused on providing hospitality services to the consumers. The industries like hotels, lodges, restaurants, food and drink services, event planning services, amusements, adventures, travel and transportation services etc. all come under the common umbrella of hospitality industry. The industry of hospitality is specially important to be studied for this project, because it is those service providers that will provide offers and discounts to the tourists who use the application.

The hospitality industry is largely operated by private and Non Governmental Organization (NGO) sectors in Nepal. Some of the major businesses in the field of tourism in Nepal are hotels, restaurants, lodges, travel agencies, ticket providers, tour guides, rafting agencies, mountaineering agencies, trekking agencies, recreational aviation, etc. Some statistics on number of different businesses providing hospitality services are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Tourism Industry Statistics in Nepal in Year 2075 BS

S.N.	Description	Number
1.	Star Hotels	129
2.	Tourist Standard Hotels	1125
3.	Total Hotels	1254
4.	Travel Agencies	3508
5.	Trekking Agencies	2649
6.	Rafting Agencies	73
7.	Tourist Transportation Services	77

Source: Tourism Statistics, 2018. Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation. [1]

## 2.4 Cross Platform App Development

Any application that is developed targeting both of these platforms is known as a cross platform application. Android and iOS are two major mobile development platforms in the market today. In today's market, the businesses have opted to allow all of their users use their services through all of the technological platforms available to the client. For example, the same services of a company can be used by a web based portal, an Android mobile phone, an iPhone, iPad, or even a desktop computer software.

When the matter comes to cross-platform mobile application development, the most popular frameworks available today are Flutter, Ionic and React Native [9]. The two frameworks are compared in Table 2. React Native is relatively older technology first released in 2013 and currently managed by Facebook Inc. Flutter, a new technology, is the similar framework from Google. React Native uses JavaScript as its language while Flutter uses Dart. So, to use Flutter, one has to learn Dart first, which itself is not a primary language many developers learn in early stages of their programming career. React Native being older has relatively wider support and user base than flutter. Flutter is rapidly increasing its user base too. The choice between one of them depends upon the programmer's preferences and choices. We opted to use React Native in stead of Flutter in this project because of the team member's pre-familiarity with Javascript language and better community support.

Table 2: Comparison between React Native, Ionic and Flutter

S.N.	Category	React Native	Ionic	Flutter
1.	Developed By	Facebook and Community	Drifty Co.	Google and Community
2.	Released	2013 (Open Sourced in 2015)	2013	2017
3.	Language	JavaScript	HTML, CSS, JavaScript	Dart
4.	Community Support	Old and Strong	Old and Strong	Relatively new
5.	Used By	Facebook, Instagram, Tesla, Uber, Walmart, Airbnb	Marketwatch, NHS, SWorkit, Untapped	Alibaba, Google Ads, Tencent

Source: CodeBurst.io [9]

## 2.5 Client Server Architecture

Client-Server architecture is a model of computing where the services and resources to be provided are managed by a computer called a server and the provided services are utilized and used in the computer called a client, as shown in Figure ???. The clients use the services hosted by the server with the use of a network or internet connection. There are several noticeable advantages of using a client server architecture in stead of a single tier architecture. The most important of them is the separation of workloads between the two computers. The maintenance also becomes easy as all the services and resources are hosted by a single computer. The separation of the client and server enables the developers to employ security strategies in both client and server layer and thus makes it more secure. Data and resource sharing is also improved by the use of a central server where all the clients can have access to.

In our project, the server tier is the API server that will handle all the data requests received from mobile device and the client will be the application running in Android phone or iPhone.

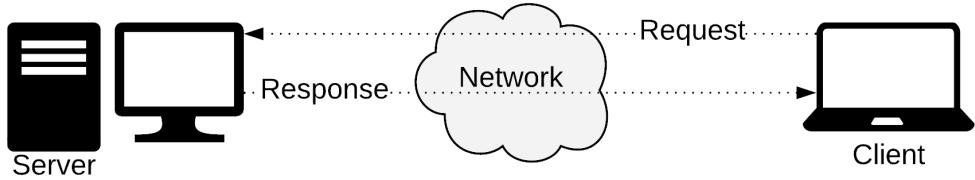


Figure 1: Client Server Architecture

## 2.6 REST API

API stands for Application Programming Interface. It is a set of functions, procedures and protocols between a client and a server so that the client can use the application and services of a server. An API can be Web Service based, Operating System based or Database Management System (DBMS) based. Web based APIs are those which provide the interface between the client (Presentation logic) and the database (data and business logic). A client can initiate either a read or a write operation request the API server on some data. Each time a client sends a request to the API server, it breaks it down to different database operations and then read/write data to the database. The API server also sends back the data it receives from the database in formats like XML(Extensive Markup Language) or JSON(JavaScript Object Notation).

REST stands for Representational State Transfer. It is a software architecture that defines a set of constraints for creation of web services and APIs. The web services that abide by these constraints are commonly called RESTful. The web services are the programs that are run in the server that respond to various HTTP requests like GET, PUT, POST, DELETE, etc. and send response to the client of those services.

Hence, a RESTful API is defined as a software architecture where an API server provides its clients with various endpoints through which the client can read and write data from/to the database. The API server is programmed in such a way that it returns a specific set of dynamic data when one of its endpoint is hit with correct method, authentication header, body and parameters. Table ?? shows commonly used convention in request-response model of a RESTful API.

Table 3: Commonly used convention in API Programming

URL	Method	Parameters	Body	Commonly Used For
/endpoint/	GET			Get all entries from the database
/endpoint/{id}	GET			Get the entry corresponding to the provided id
/endpoint/	GET	params		Get a list of entries that are filtered by provided parameters
/endpoint/	POST		entry	Add the new entry into the database
/endpoint/{id}	DELETE			Delete the entry corresponding to the provided id
/endpoint/{id}	PUT		new_entry	Update the entry corresponding to the given id with new entry
/endpoint/{id}	PATCH		{attr: value}	Update only the specified attributes of the entry corresponding to provided id with new values

## 2.7 JavaScript Object Notation

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is an open-standard lightweight method of data interchange. It is one of the widely used method of exchange of data between client and server in RESTful API architecture. JSON makes use of key-value pairs of strings to represent data. The collection of unique keys and corresponding values is known as JSON object. A collection of JSON objects is known as a JSON array. A JSON object is enclosed in curly braces '{ }' whereas the JSON array is enclosed inside square brackets '[ ]'. In Figure 2, an example of JSON array consisting of two JSON objects is shown.

```
[  
  {  
    "id" : "1",  
    "name" : "Bikalpa",  
    "roll" : "15395"  
  },  
  {  
    "id" : "2",  
    "name" : "Avinash",  
    "roll" : "15306"  
  }  
]
```

Figure 2: The format of JSON object and array

It is quite important to note the difference between an actual JavaScript Object and a JSON formatted object. The first and foremost difference is that JSON is just a format of transferring text, that just happens to be formatted in a way JavaScript objects are written. The JSON object doesn't directly correspond to a JavaScript object. In fact, JSON only supports strings as its key and value, whereas the values in JavaScript object can be any data type. A parser is needed to first convert a JSON string to actual JavaScript object if it is to be used inside JavaScript code.

## 2.8 Global Positioning System

Global Positioning System, also abbreviated as GPS is a global system of satellite based navigation where about a total of 33 satellites orbit the earth to provide geolocation and time information to the receiver anywhere in the earth. As of 2019, the GPS is owned by the United States Government and operated by United States Air Force [10]. It is freely available for use to everyone with the use of a GPS receiver. Today, almost all of the smartphones have a built-in GPS sensor which they use as the method of navigation.

The GPS satellites any particular time, a GPS receiver is directly in line-of-sight with at least four satellites. All of the 33 GPS satellites regularly emit radio waves carrying information about their current position and time. When a GPS receiver receives those radio waves, it can figure out how far away from those satellites it currently is. Based on the distance of the GPS receiver from at least three satellites in its line of sight, the receiver can deduce its location by the method called as trilateration [10].

Let us consider a GPS receiver that is in line of sight to three GPS satellites at some place in the world. When the receiver figures out its distance from one of the satellites, its actual position is somewhere in the surface of the sphere centered at the position of satellite, with radius equal to the distance from the satellite. If the receiver knows its

distance from all of three satellites, its position is exactly at the intersection of three spheres centered at each of the satellites with radius equal to the distance between them and the receiver, as shown in Figure 3. In this way, the accuracy of the position of receiver can be pin-pointed to the accuracy of about 30 centimeters [10].

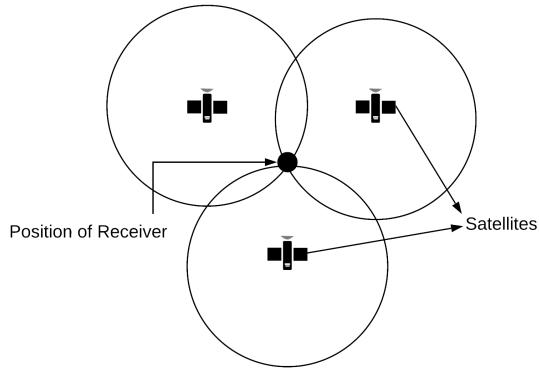


Figure 3: Identification of geolocation by trilateration

## 2.9 Longitude and Latitude

The position of any point in the world can be precisely described by two real numbers called longitude and latitude. To make this possible, 180 equidistant and parallel horizontal imaginary lines are drawn over the surface of the earth, which are called latitudes. The longitudes, also called as meridians are the 360 vertical lines that have their ends at the two poles of the earth and span through the surface of the earth. As a reference, the longitude that passes through the center of the earth , also called the equator, is considered as 0 degrees latitude. In the similar way, the longitude line that passes through the British Royal Observatory in Greenwich England is considered as 0 degrees longitude. The distance between two consecutive latitude or longitude is considered as one degree. As a convention, the northern hemisphere is counted as positive latitude and the southern hemisphere as negative latitude. Similarly, the the hemisphere to the east of 0 degree is considered positive and the western hemisphere is considered to have negative longitude. To precisely locate a point in the earth, we provide a coordinates of two real numbers, which describe the distance of the point in degrees from the 0 degree latitude and 0 degree longitude lines respectively.

Given the coordinates of two points, we need to find the distance between those two points on the surface of the earth when we have to verify whether the tourist collected the treasure from within a permitted area around the actual treasure location or not. This distance between the two points on the surface of earth, also called as the great-circle distance can be calculated by using Haversine Formula [11].

Let us consider two points  $A$  and  $B$  on the surface of the earth with co-ordinates  $(\psi_1, \phi_1)$  and  $(\psi_2, \phi_2)$ . Let  $R$  be the radius of the earth. Then according to the Haversine Formula, the great-circle distance  $d$  between the points  $A$  and  $B$  can be calculated as:

$$d = 2R \sin^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2} \right) + \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\psi_2 - \psi_1}{2} \right)} \right) \quad (1)$$

## 2.10 Similar Applications

There are several treasure hunt applications available in the application stores developed for entertainment purposes. Some of them are GooseChase, Locandy, Huntzz, Scavify and Geocaching [12]. This application distinguishes itself from these applications due to its focus on the tourism industry. The available applications are developed only for entertainment purposes. The existing applications are actually used for challenging friend / family to solve some puzzle and collect treasures within a small amount of area. In contrast, our application covers the whole country. Also, the users themselves have to set treasures and spots and enter them into the application to create a challenge and then challenge someone else to find and collect them. In contrast, the users of the proposed application are already provided with the treasures and they don't actively take participation in creating one.

## 2.11 Challenges

One of the major challenges realized is the validation of the collection of treasures by the users. If only QR code is used for validating that a tourist has in fact reached a destination, there is a high chance that the QR codes get shared among people and people will remotely validate themselves having gone to a place and collected a treasure just by scanning the photo of the QR from a remote location. A countermeasure that can be used is to add actual location data from the user's phone's GPS sensor as an additional parameter for validation. A treasure is only considered to be collected if a user scans the QR from within a specific distance from the actual treasure location. That distance can be calculated using the Haversine formula discussed in section 2.9.

GPS spoofing is one of the major challenges for any system that has used GPS for the validation. GPS spoofing is the process of modifying a GPS receiver unit so that it broadcasts incorrect GPS signal. The solution to GPS spoofing problem is quite complex and out of scope right now. However, some countermeasures to tackle GPS spoofing are monitoring absolute as well as relative GPS signal strength; checking time intervals and performing comparison; and performing sanity checks [13].

### 3. Methodology

This section describes the methodology that have been followed during the development of the project.

#### 3.1 Software Development Life Cycle

The project has been developed as per the waterfall model of software development life cycle as depicted in Figure 4. The reason for choosing this model is the lack of sufficient time duration for agile and iterative methods, as well as very low chances of the changes of requirements in the process of development.

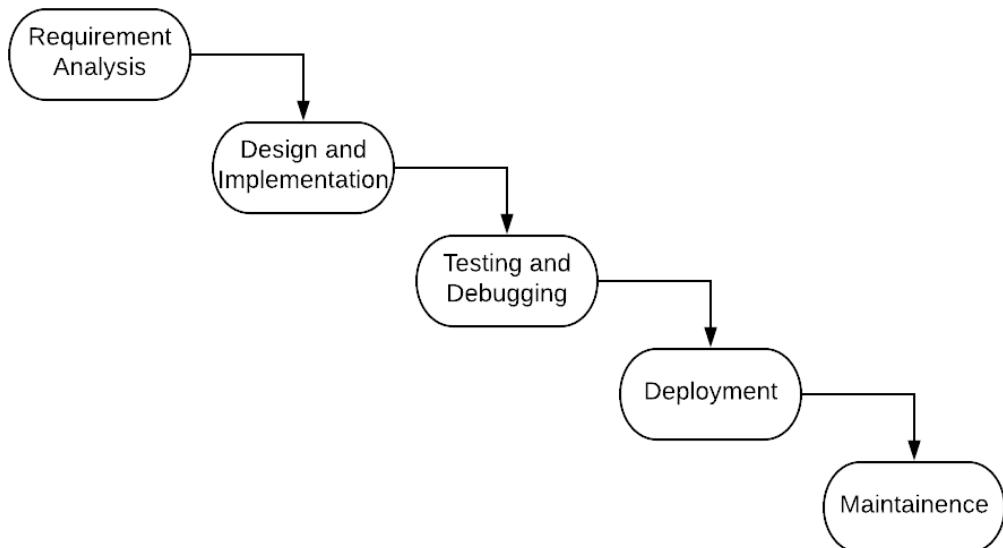


Figure 4: Waterfall model of software development life cycle

The life cycle began when the team collected and evaluated the requirements expected from the application. The design and implementation phase was to design and build both API services and client applications. By the end of this phase, a minimal viable product (MVP) was already constructed. In the testing and debugging phases, the quality control methods were be applied to both API and application. Finally, the application was deployed to the local server at the end of the deployment phase.

## 3.2 Technologies Used

Table 4 consists of the major technologies that are proposed to be used during development and deployment of the application. They are briefly described in the subsections that follow.

Table 4: Technologies proposed to be used

Subject	Tools and Technologies Used
Backend Database	MySQL
REST API Service	Django REST Framework; Postman
Android Application	React Native; Android SDK
Android / iOS application	React Native; iOS SDK; XCode
IDE / Code Editor	Sublime Text; JetBrains WebStorm
Version Control System	GitHub
Documentation	LaTeX

### 3.2.1 MySQL

MySQL is one of the most widely used relational database management system (RDBMS). The major reason for us to choose this database is our previous familiarity with the database and it being completely open source. Some of the established tech corporates like Facebook, Twitter, Youtube etc. use MySQL. It also has very good user base and the usage is easier thanks to comprehensive documentation and support.

### 3.2.2 Django REST Framework

Django REST framework is an open source framework for building Web APIs. The framework provides features like authentication, tokenization, session handling, serialization, etc. for users to build API in short amount of time. The programming language used is Python. The reason for choosing this framework is the team members previous familiarity and experience in working with Python programming language.

### **3.2.3 Postman**

Postman is an application software that is used for testing API web services. It lets users provide URL, parameters, body and headers to send the request and also shows the response in raw as well as pretty form.

### **3.2.4 React Native**

React Native is an open source framework for building mobile applications using Javascript language. In addition to the usage of widely used language like Javascript, it also has cross platform support so that both Android and iOS applications can be built using same code base. Compared to its immediate rival – Flutter – it uses relatively easy and familiar language as compared to Dart used by Flutter. We chose this framework due to lack of time to learn Dart language and our familiarity with JavaScript language.

### **3.2.5 Android SDK**

Android Software Development Kit is a set of build tools and libraries developed by Google Inc. to let developers develop applications in the Android platform. React Native also uses the Android build tools to eventually compile the application code and install it on the android device.

### **3.2.6 iOS SDK**

iOS Software development Kit is a set of libraries and build and debugging tools developed by Apple Inc. to allow developers to develop applications and software in the iOS platform. React Native requires iOS SDK in order to build the compiled iOS application that could run on an iOS device.

### **3.2.7 XCode**

XCode is a proprietary Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for macOS, primarily used for developing applications for the iOS and Mac platforms. XCode is frequently required to change native code for asking permissions, interacting with device sensors, installing third party APIs with keys, etc.

### **3.2.8 Sublime Text**

Sublime Text is a light-weight cross-platform code editor written in C++ and Python. It is very popular among the developers due to ability of customization and plugins. This editor was chosen for development of backend due to our early experience working on it.

### **3.2.9 JetBrains WebStorm**

JetBrains WebStorm is a commercial and proprietary IDE developed by JetBrains for JavaScript development. This IDE was chosen because of it's amazing code completion feature and easier debugging.

### **3.2.10 GitHub**

GitHub is a platform for hosting and sharing software development version control by using Git. Github was acquired by American company Microsoft Corporation in 2018. The reason for using this platform was our early experience with it.

### **3.2.11 LaTeX**

LaTeX is widely used documentation preparation system for preparation of scientific documents, books and technical papers. It uses plain text for formatting unlike other document creation systems. The source code is compiled by a compeller to generate the printable/viewable document. The reason for using LaTeX for documentation was to learn this new form of documentation.

## **3.3 APIs and Libraries Used**

In course of developing this project, we have integrated several open source as well as proprietary APIs and libraries into our application. Some of the major APIs and libraries used in this project are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: List of APIs and libraries used in the project

S.N.	Name	Author / Developer	Used For
1.	Google Maps SDK (Android / iOS)	Google Inc.	Showing Google maps inside our application for users to view treasures.
2.	React Native Paper	Callstack	Material Design UI library for developing Android and iOS application
3.	react-native-maps	React Native Community	Integration of Google Maps / Apple maps inside of mobile application
4.	react-navigation	React Navigation	Navigating users from one screen to another inside mobile application
5.	redux	Dan Abramov and Andrew Clark	State management in mobile application
6.	react-native-camera	React Native Community	Access mobile device's camera and scan QR codes
7.	react-native-vector-icons	Joel Arvidsson	Showing vector icons at various places in mobile application
8.	react-redux	Redux	Using redux library inside of a React Native application
9.	django-rest-auth	Tivix	Authentication inside Django Rest Framework

### 3.4 Method of Data Collection

Our team has collected data about the various tourist destinations and places (the data include the location, the photos, latitude, longitude, how to get to that place, entry fee, etc.) so that we can add treasures to those places and add them to our database.

In this project, we have used secondary source of data collection. We did not go to those tourist attractions by ourselves but collected the information about them through the use of Internet. The latitude and longitude information were collected by the help of Google Maps, while the address, description, etc were collected from various tourist blogs and websites. As a result, the collected data are not quite reliable and are used only for demo purpose. For more reliability, we can use primary source of information by directly going to those places and collecting data.

Figure 5 shows a sample of data collected by our team.

S.N	Destination Name	Category	Latitude	Longitude	Description	District	Points
1	Patan Durbar Square	Durbar Square	27.6727352	85.3231056	Patan Durbar	Lalitpur	3
2	Krishna Mandir	Temple	27.673603	85.3227425	The Krishna t	Lalitpur	2
3	Mahaboudha	Temple	27.6685903	85.3250747	Mahabuddha	Lalitpur	5
4	Hirenya Verna Mahavihar	Temple	27.6752289	85.3223596	Hiranyavarna	Lalitpur	5
5	Kumbheshwor Jagatnarayan Temple	Temple	27.6788188	85.3285167	On the bank o	Lalitpur	3
6	Rudra Varna Mahavihar	Temple	27.6788423	85.3219506	This is one of	Lalitpur	3
7	Ashok Stupa	Temple				Lalitpur	5
9	Machhendranath and Minnath Temples	Temple	27.669063	85.3246662	Just 200m sout	Lalitpur	10
10	Centra Zoo		27.6727087	85.3096407		Lalitpur	6
11	Patan Industrial Estate		27.6615469	85.3233106		Lalitpur	2
12	Bajra Barahi	Temple	27.6060558	85.3271305		Lalitpur	4
13	Godawari Botanical Garden		27.5969371	85.3779545		Lalitpur	15
14	Phulchoki		27.6354045	85.3779545		Lalitpur	30
16	UN Park	Park	27.6855826	85.3240775		Lalitpur	2
17	Sundari Chowk		27.6727215	85.3229108		Lalitpur	3

Figure 5: Model of data collection

### 3.5 Team Members and Role Division

Table 6 shows the various roles and responsibilities divided among the team members during the development of this project.

Table 6: Division of roles and responsibilities of team members

S.N.	Team Member	Role	Responsibilities
1.	Avinash Shreshta	Requirement Engineer	Collect and analyze various functional and non functional requirements of the project. Prepare System Requirements Specification (SRS) document
		Systems Designer	Design high level abstract architecture of the overall project
		Data Collection	Collect data about treasures and rewards to show them in the application
		Backend Developer	Develop API endpoints to get request from and send response to the mobile application
2.	Bikalpa Dhakal	Project Manager	Manage the project team and guide the team along various phases of project development.
		Frontend Developer	Prepare User Interface of the mobile application. Implement efficient algorithms to cache the data received from API to the local storage
		Backend Developer	Develop authentication module for a client to authenticate itself to the API server. Design the format of data model exchanged between front end and backend
		Document expert	Prepare final document for submission to the project office.
		System Tester	Design different test cases for testing the application. Run various tests to ensure that the final project developed meets the original requirements specified in SRS document.

## 4. Requirement Analysis

The requirement analysis of the product to be developed was done before everything else during the project. During this phase, our team worked together to find out what features were expected of the product to be developed. It was also helpful to filter what is important and what is not important features to be added in the application. The requirements were widely categorized into functional and non functional requirements. The process we used during this phase are described in the sections that follow.

### 4.1 Requirements Elicitation

Requirement elicitation is the process of collecting and noting down several types of requirements that are expected of the product from various sources like development team, the consumer, users, experts, etc. Prioritizing the collected requirements is also an important task done in this phase. Elicitation is the first step in developing the requirements documentation in any software project. In this project, the major sources for eliciting the requirements were the team members and the supervisor assigned to the project team.

During requirement elicitation, the team members conducted elicitation meetings with the supervisor to find out and note out requirements from 'absolutely necessary' to 'desirable'. During the process, each of us acted as an end user and described what an end user would expect the product to do. We would then discuss about whether the requirement is necessary or not, whether it is feasible to implement in our project and then note them in neat and tidy way. The team members then categorized the requirement into several categories that are described in the subsections that follow.

#### 4.1.1 Functional Requirements

Functional requirements are those requirements which define a system or a component by the functions it should perform. These are the requirements that are absolutely necessary to be in the product. The functional requirements of our project are listed in Table 7.

Table 7: List of functional requirements of the project

S.N.	Functional Requirements	Priority
1.	The user should be able to download and install the application in a Android Phone or iPhone	Very High
2.	The user should be able to register his/her account in the application and login at any time with valid credentials	Very High
3.	The user should be able to view treasures in a map and get information about the treasures.	High
4.	The user should be able to view rewards that he/she is eligible to collect and read their details.	High
5.	The user should be able to scan a treasure and have the points collected in his/her account.	High
6.	It will be possible to scan a treasure once and only once and only when the user is in vicinity of the treasure's location	Very High
7.	The points provided to a particular treasure should be practical and dependent on factors like reachability, cost, etc.	High

#### 4.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Non functional requirements are those which describe quality attributes in a system. These are the requirements that are not absolutely necessary, but are desirable for good quality of the proposed product. The non-functional requirements of our project are listed in Table 8.

Table 8: List of non functional requirements of the project

S.N.	Non Functional Requirements	Desirability
1.	The permitted distance from the location of the treasure up-to which the collection of treasure is allowed could be specified and entered into database	High
2.	The users should be able to login via email as well as Google and Facebook	Medium
3.	The user will be able to share the application via email or social media to invite other people to play	High
4.	The rewards offered to the users could be provided on the basis of user's personal preference.	Medium
5.	The application should be user-friendly	High

## 4.2 Requirements Specification

A Software Requirement Specification (SRS) is a detailed description of both functional and non functional requirements of a software project that are formatted and documented for later reference. The most widely used tools for requirement specification are the use case stories, UML use case diagrams, use case descriptions and UML activity diagrams. During requirement specification, the requirements elicited in earlier phases were further dug into detail and then it was converted to diagrammatic form.

### 4.2.1 User Stories

In the initial phase of requirement specification, a particular scenario is imagined and then a descriptive story of what the user would experience and expect are prepared from the point of view of the users themselves. These descriptive stories are called user stories.

On the highest level of abstraction, the team members created a scenario where a user has first interacted with the application and how he would use it. The user story in that story is depicted in Table 9.

Table 9: User story for overall application usage

User Story: Use Application
When the user first installs the app, she should be able to sign up for a new account. For so, the user can either use email address or use Facebook and Google for authentication. Once the user registers her account, she will enter her credentials and login to the application. The user now can see her points (which will be 0 at the start), and all the treasures around her location. She will also be able to get the information about the particular treasure. To collect the treasure, the user will physically have to reach the location where the treasure is installed. When the user checks in at the treasure location, she will be awarded with the points associated with that treasure. The user will be able to see different rewards and offers that she is eligible to collect. She will be able to collect any of the permitted rewards by scanning the QR provided by the offerer. The user can challenge other friends as well as share the app in the social media.

Once the user story for the overall application is ready, the team members further divided the scenarios into three two categories: treasure collection and reward collection. In the next phase, the user stories for both of these scenarios were developed in turns. Table 10 shows the user story for the scenario of collecting treasures.

Table 10: User story for treasure collection

User Story: Treasure Collection
After being logged in, the user can view all nearby treasure locations in a map. The user can also search treasures using name and location. The user can also view information about the place she will be visiting in advance, and about the treasure available at that location. All the data related to the treasure are added and updated by an admin who has access to the database. When the user physically reaches the location where the treasure is installed, she uses the application to check in at that place. Based on the location of the place, the validity of collection is determined and the scores are attributed to the user. The user can write reviews about a particular treasure location and share it. She can also recommend to add some new places to the treasure database, which will be reviewed by the admin team.

Now once the user story for treasure collection was ready, we proceeded to create user story for the reward collection. Table 11 shows the user story for the scenario of

reward collection.

Table 11: User story for reward collection

User Story: Reward Collection
The application will have a number of rewards and offers from different business partners like hotels, resorts, restaurants, etc. The eligibility of a user to claim these rewards will be based on their points. After the points cross a certain level, several of the rewards will be unlocked. To redeem those awards, the user have to visit the reward location, and scan QR code at that location. An admin will be responsible for adding and updating the rewards and offers in the central database. She will also be able to provide reviews and ratings to the rewards she collects.

#### 4.2.2 UML Use Case Diagrams

A use case diagram is a behavioral diagram in Unified Modeling Language (UML). This diagram is used to show the interactions between the system and different actors that act upon the system. In simple words, it shows how the actor will interact with the system.

The use cases are represented by oval shapes, and they are connected to respective actors with the help of a line. The use case can have two types of relationship: 'include' and 'extend'. The 'include' relationship implies that the use case is absolutely necessary for another use case. The 'extend' relationship implies that a particular use case adds a value or functionality to an existing use case.

In the beginning phase, we proceeded to create the use case diagram with the highest level of abstraction. Figure 6 diagrammatically shows how a new user will interact with the system as a whole.

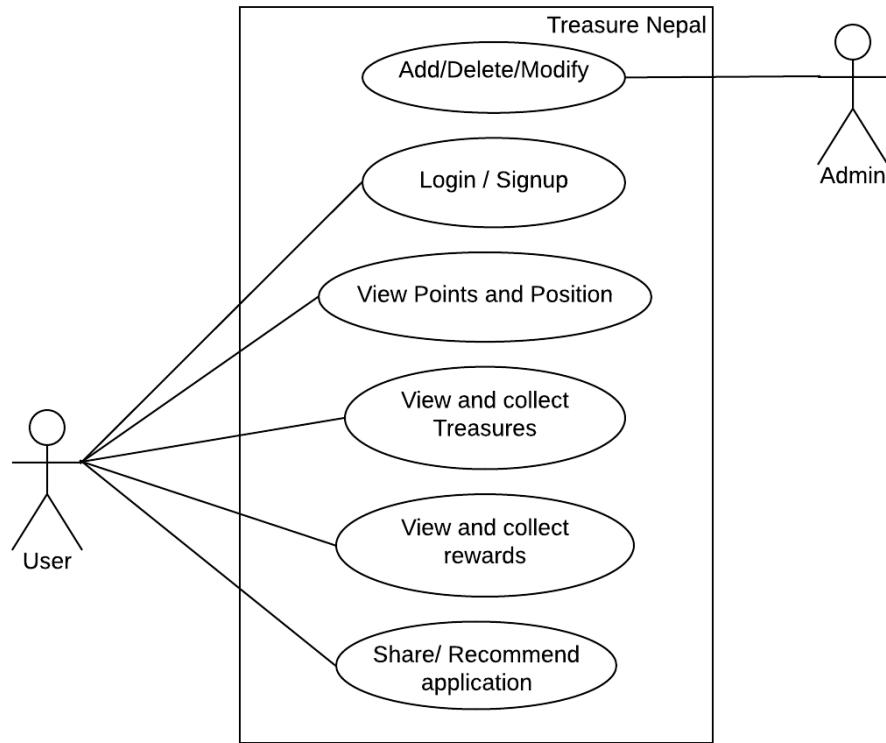


Figure 6: Use case diagram for overall application

After a series of in depth analysis, we figured out that the two major parts in our application are the collection of treasures and rewards. Hence, we prepared the use case diagram for the scenario of treasure collection as shown in the Figure 7.

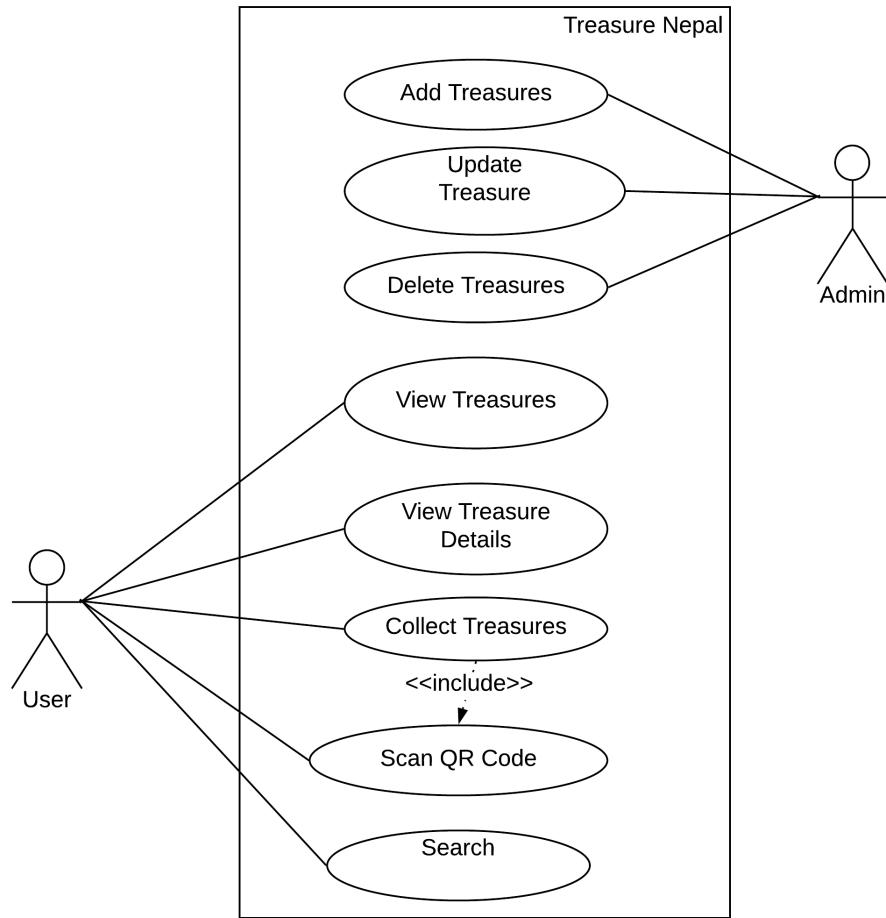


Figure 7: Use case diagram for treasure collection

Next, we proceeded to draw use case diagram for the scenario of reward collection as shown in Figure 8.

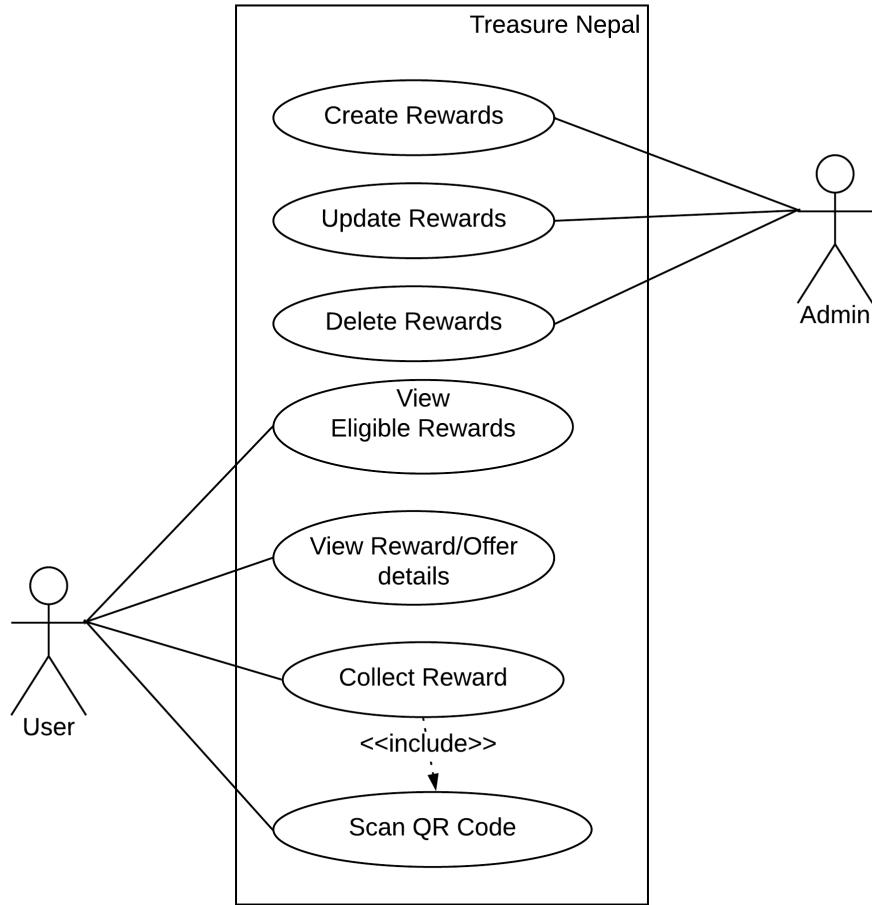


Figure 8: Use case diagram for reward collection

#### 4.2.3 Use Case Descriptions

A use case description is the written description of how the users will interact with the system, what will the preconditions and postconditions be, what are the flow of actions needed to be performed along the main course of action, what are the alternative courses of flow of actions, and many more. It is generally prepared after the preparation of UML use case diagram. Each of the use case in the UML use case diagram needs a detailed description during this phase.

The tables that follow are the use case descriptions of various use cases shown earlier in subsection 4.2.2 in diagrammatic form.

Table 12: Use Case: Login

Name	Login
ID	UC001
Description	The user wants to login to the application using his/her account credentials
Actors	A: Application User (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User presses one of the Login buttons.
Preconditions	-
Postconditions	The user is successfully logged in to the application. He/she is navigated to the Dashboard page.
Main Course	1. User inputs his/her email and password in the login form. 2. User presses the 'Login' button 3. User is navigated to the Dashboard page
Alternative Courses	AC1: User presses 'Login via Google' button AC2: User presses 'Login via Facebook' button
Exceptions	EX1: Username/Password doesn't match 1. User sees 'Invalid Credentials' message.  EX2: Username/Password fields are blank 1. User sees 'Fields cannot be blank' message  EX3: The account doesn't exist. 1. User sees 'Account doesn't exist' message

Table 13: Use Case: Signup

Name	Signup
ID	UC002
Description	The user wants to register a new account in the application
Actors	A: Application User (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	Moderate
Trigger	User presses one of the Register.
Preconditions	-
Postconditions	The user account is successfully created. He/she is navigated to the Dashboard page.
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. User inputs his/her email, username and password in the register form.</li> <li>2. User taps the 'Register' button</li> <li>3. User completes the profile by providing name, address and nationality.</li> <li>4. User is navigated to Dashboard page.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	<p>AC1: User presses 'Login via Google' button Same as AC1 of UC001</p> <p>AC2: User presses 'Login via Facebook' button Same as AC2 of UC002</p>
Exceptions	<p>EX1: Email isn't valid 1. User sees 'Invalid Email' message.</p> <p>EX2: Email or username is already used 1. User sees 'Account already exists' message</p> <p>EX3: The input fields are blank. 1. User sees 'Fields cannot be blank' message</p>

Table 14: Use Case: View Points and Position

Name	View Points and Position
ID	UC003
Description	The user wants to view the points he has scored and his position in global leaderboard.
Actors	A: Application User (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User navigates to the Dashboard screen
Preconditions	The user (A) is logged in with valid credentials
Postconditions	The user views his/her points and position
Main Course	1. User navigates to the Dashboard screen. 2. User sees his/her points and position.
Alternative Courses	AC1: User refreshes the Dashboard screen Same as main course
Exceptions	EX1: Network error User sees 'No internet connection' message, and cached points and position.

Table 15: Use Case: Share Application

Name	Share Application
ID	UC004
Description	The user wants to share the application via email or other applications.
Actors	A: Application User (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	Low
Trigger	User taps 'Share' button
Preconditions	-
Postconditions	The user is prompted with a list of application to share with.

Table 16: Use Case: Add Treasure

Name	Add Treasures
ID	UC005
Description	The actor wants to add a new treasure to database
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User fills the form and presses 'Add' button in admin panel
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	A new treasure is added to the database
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She fills up the form.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Add Treasure' button</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: Admin cancels the addition of new treasure Treasure is not added to database
Exceptions	EX1: Duplicate Entry Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message

Table 17: Use Case: Update Treasure

Name	Update Treasure
ID	UC006
Description	The actor wants to update information of existing treasure
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	Moderate
Trigger	Admin clicks 'edit' icon to edit a treasure
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	A treasure is updated in the database with new information
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She views the treasure to update.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Edit Button' button</li> <li>4. He/She fills the edit form</li> <li>5. He/She submits by clicking 'Update' button.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: Admin cancels the modification of treasure Treasure is not modified in the database
Exceptions	EX1: Duplicate Entry Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message

Table 18: Use Case: Delete Treasure

Name	Delete Treasure
ID	UC007
Description	The actor wants to delete an existing treasure
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	Low
Trigger	Admin clicks 'delete' icon to delete a treasure
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	The treasure is deleted from the database
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She views the treasure to delete.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Delete' button</li> <li>4. He/She will click 'Yes' to the confirmation prompt</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: Admin presses 'No' during the confirmation Treasure is not deleted from the database
Exceptions	EX1: Duplicate Entry Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message

Table 19: Use Case: View Treasures

Name	View Treasures
ID	UC008
Description	The actor wants to view available treasures in a map
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User navigates to 'Treasure' screen
Preconditions	The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees several treasure pins in the interactive map in the user's current location
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user navigates to 'Treasure' screen.</li> <li>2. He/She gives permission for location access.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: The user denies the location access The map is centered on the default location but the treasures are still visible

Table 20: Use Case: View Treasure Details

Name	View Treasure Details
ID	UC009
Description	The actor wants to view the detailed information about a treasure
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User presses 'View details' button on the card displaying the treasure.
Preconditions	The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees location, points, distance to, images and other treasure details
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user navigates to 'Treasure' screen.</li> <li>2. He/She gives permission for location access.</li> <li>3. He/She sees a number of treasures on location map.</li> <li>4. He/She taps on a pin in the map.</li> <li>5. The card showing the brief info about the treasure pops up.</li> <li>6. The user taps 'View Details' button.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: The user denies the location access Similar to AC1 of UC008

Table 21: Use Case: View Treasure Details

Name	Scan QR Code
ID	UC010
Description	The actor scans the QR code corresponding to a treasure or a reward.
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User navigates to the Scan screen.
Preconditions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user is logged in</li> <li>2. The current location of the user is accessible</li> </ol>
Postconditions	UC011 is triggered if the QR corresponds to a treasure. UC020 is called if QR corresponds to a reward.
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user navigates to 'Scan' screen.</li> <li>2. He/She gives permission for camera access.</li> <li>3. He/She scans the QR code.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: The user denies the camera access User sees 'Camera access denied' screen.

Table 22: Use Case: Collect Treasure

Name	Collect Treasure
ID	UC011
Description	The actor collects a treasure to his/her account
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	UC010 (The QR code corresponds to a Treasure)
Preconditions	1. UC010 2. The user's location is within the permitted distance from the location of treasure
Postconditions	The user sees that the treasure is collected and the point increases.
Main Course	1. The user scans the QR code. 2. He/She views the 'Validating, please wait' message. 3. He/She sees that the treasure is successfully collected. 4. He/She is navigated to the Dashboard. UC003 is triggered.
Alternative Courses	AC1: QR code is invalid User will continue to see the Scan screen, nothing happens.

Table 23: Use Case: Search Treasure

Name	Search Treasure
ID	UC012
Description	The actor wants to search a treasure by a search query
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	The user types something in the search bar and presses search icon
Preconditions	1. The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees the treasures that match his/her search query
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user types in a search query.</li> <li>2. He/She taps the search icon.</li> <li>3. He/She sees that the treasures that match the query.</li> </ol>

Table 24: Use Case: Add Reward

Name	Add Reward
ID	UC013
Description	The actor wants to add a new reward to database
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User fills the form and presses 'Add' button in admin panel
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	A new reward is added to the database
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She fills up the form.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Add Reward' button</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: Admin cancels the addition of new reward Reward is not added to database
Exceptions	EX1: Duplicate Entry Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message

Table 25: Use Case: Update Reward

Name	Update Reward
ID	UC014
Description	The actor wants to update information of existing reward
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	Moderate
Trigger	Admin clicks 'edit' icon to edit a reward
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	The reward is updated in the database with new information
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She views the reward to update.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Edit Button' button</li> <li>4. He/She fills the edit form</li> <li>5. He/She submits by clicking 'Update Reward' button.</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	<p>AC1: Admin cancels the modification of reward      Reward is not modified in the database</p>
Exceptions	<p>EX1: Duplicate Entry      Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message</p>

Table 26: Use Case: Delete Reward

Name	Delete Reward
ID	UC015
Description	The actor wants to delete an existing reward
Actors	A: Database Administrator
Frequency of Use	Low
Trigger	Admin clicks 'delete' icon to delete a reward
Preconditions	The administrator is authorized to make changes.
Postconditions	The reward is deleted from the database
Main Course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The admin goes to the admin panel.</li> <li>2. He/She views the reward to delete.</li> <li>3. He/She clicks the 'Delete' button</li> <li>4. He/She will click 'Yes' to the confirmation prompt</li> </ol>
Alternative Courses	AC1: Admin presses 'No' during the confirmation Reward is not deleted from the database
Exceptions	EX1: Duplicate Entry Admin is prompted with 'Duplicate Entry' message

Table 27: Use Case: View Eligible Rewards

Name	View Eligible Rewards
ID	UC016
Description	The actor wants to view the list rewards he/she has earned
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User navigates to 'Rewards' screen
Preconditions	The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees a list of the rewards that are available to him/her
Alternative Courses	AC1: There are no rewards that the user has collected The user sees 'You have no rewards' message

Table 28: Use Case: View Reward Details

Name	View Reward Details
ID	UC017
Description	The actor wants to view the detailed information about a reward
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	User presses the card displaying the reward.
Preconditions	The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees location, offers, distance to, images and other reward details

Table 29: Use Case: Collect Reward

Name	Collect Reward
ID	UC018
Description	The actor redeems the reward offered to him/her
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	UC010 (The QR code corresponds to a Reward)
Preconditions	1. UC010
Postconditions	The user gets the voucher code by which he/she can get the promised offer.
Alternative Courses	AC1: QR code is invalid User will continue to see the Scan screen, nothing happens.

Table 30: Use Case: Search Rewards

Name	Search Rewards
ID	UC019
Description	The actor wants to search a reward by a search query
Actors	A: Application user (Tourist)
Frequency of Use	High
Trigger	The user types something in the search bar and presses search icon
Preconditions	1. The user is logged in
Postconditions	The user sees the rewards he/she is eligible to, and that match his/her search query
Main Course	1. The user types in a search query. 2. He/She taps the search icon. 3. He/She sees that the rewards that match the query.

## 5. Design

The design phase in software development life cycle follows after the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) documentation is ready. In this phase, the SRS document is used as an input and a detailed software architecture that will implement the requirements in SRS document is designed. Moreover, the design of the classes, interfaces, databases, etc. are also performed in this phase. The subsections that follow describe the various process followed during the design phase of our project.

### 5.1 Architectural Design

The application has been built upon the client-server web architecture, as illustrated in Figure 9.

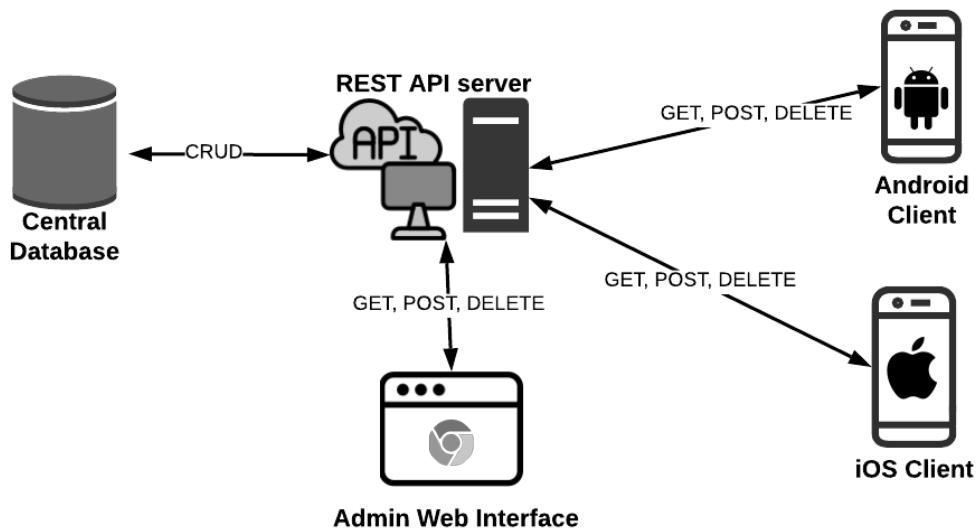


Figure 9: Technical architecture of the application

#### 5.1.1 API server

At the heart of the architecture lies the RESTful API server which communicates directly with the central database where all the data is stored. The mobile applications do not access the database directly, but via the API service. The clients send HTTP requests like GET, POST, PUT, PATCH and DELETE, while the API server processes those requests and return the data in JSON format.

### 5.1.2 Database Tier

The central database holds all the data related to our project. The Create, Read, Update and Delete (CRUD) operations on the database are performed through the RESTful API service. Hence, the database logic is implemented in this tier. Also, the relationship between various relations are implemented by use of foreign keys in the database. The database system used in this tier was Relational Database Management System (RDBMS), and the language used was Structured Query Language(SQL).

### 5.1.3 Android/iOS Applications

The users who have a mobile phone or tablet running Android or iOS will install the android application developed as part of our project in order to use the services provided by the API server. The client sends HTTP requests over the internet to access various endpoints in the API server and then display the results obtained in a way that is intuitive to the user. Hence, all the presentation logic are implemented in this tier.

### 5.1.4 Admin Interface

This module is the interface through which the treasures and rewards are added, updated and deleted. This module is only used by the administrators or data entry clerks in order to add new data or update the existing ones. In the present scope, we have used Django's in-built admin interface for all the data entry purposes.

## 5.2 Database Design

Database design is the process of designing the schema and architecture of the database to be used in the software project. It generally follows after a foundation of technical architecture is laid out with the help of the SRS document.

Figure 10 illustrates the database schema used for the application.

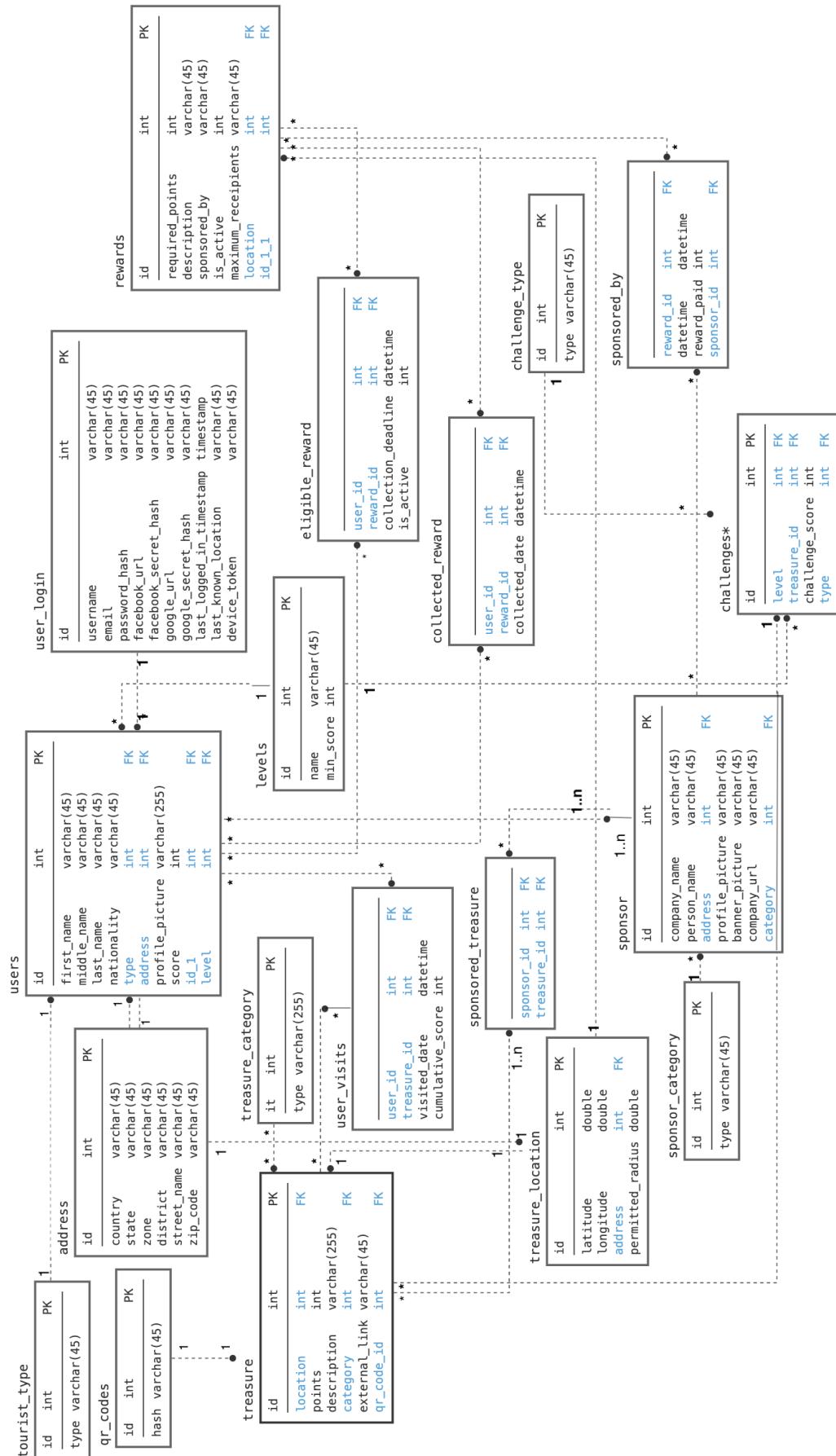


Figure 10: Schema used in backend database

## 5.3 System Design

After the design of the database, we divided the overall project into different modules. The next task performed was to design how these different modules would be implemented in our project, what will be the flow of control and data, and so on. For designing a system, we made use of various tools such as UML System Sequence Diagrams (SSD).

### 5.3.1 UML Sequence Diagrams

Sequence diagrams are a category of UML diagrams that show the interaction between objects or modules of a software in time sequence. The interactions occur in a series of method calls (also called as messages) and responses. Diagrammatically, the messages are represented by a solid line while the responses are represented by a dashed line. The figures that follow show how the interaction between different object happen during different usage scenarios.

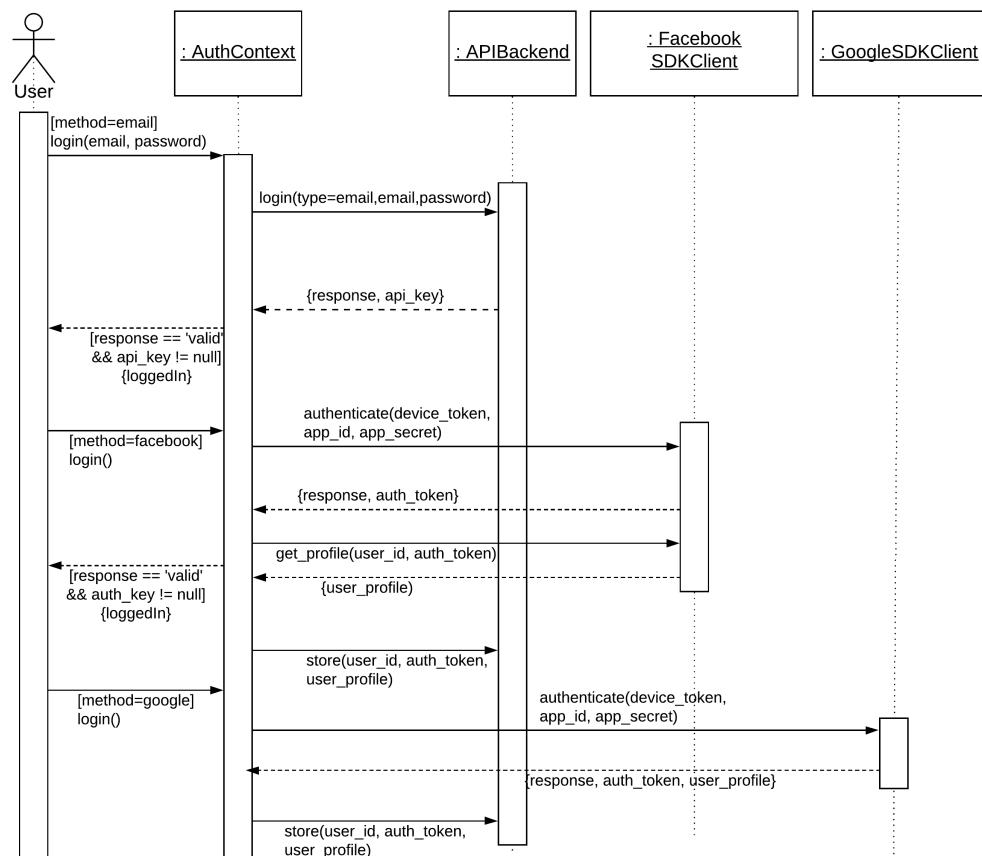


Figure 11: Sequence diagram for user authentication

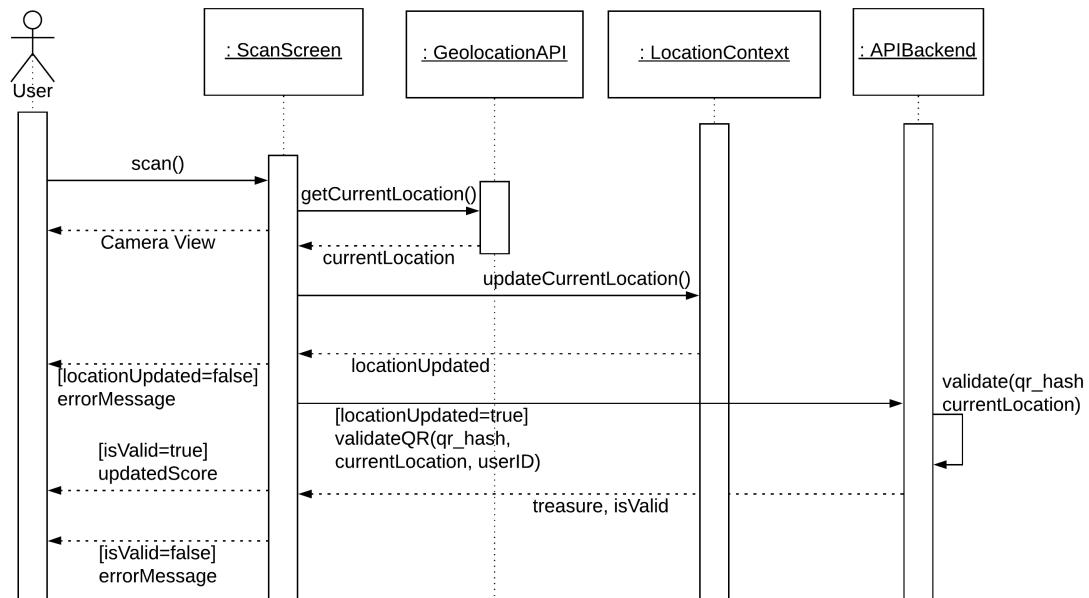


Figure 12: Sequence diagram for treasure scanning

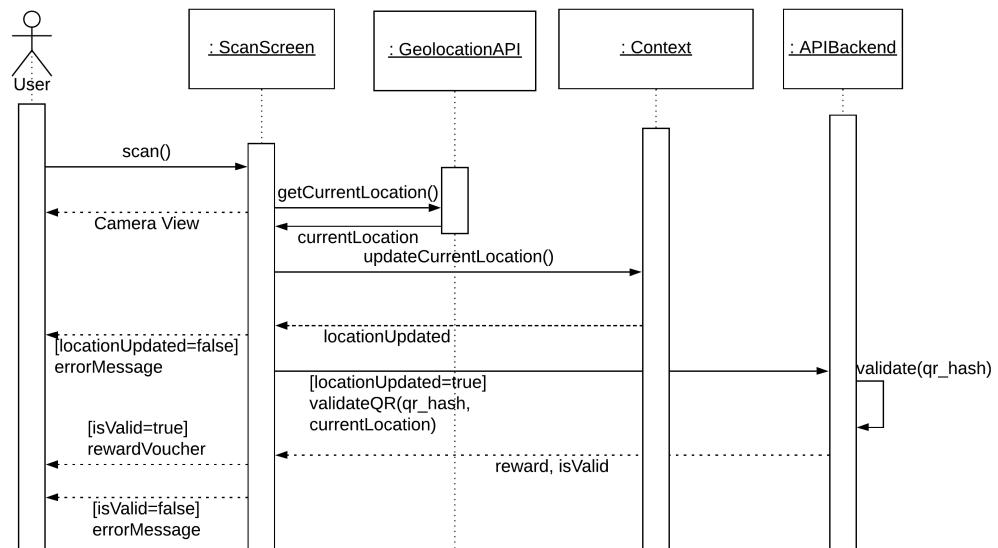


Figure 13: Sequence diagram for reward scanning

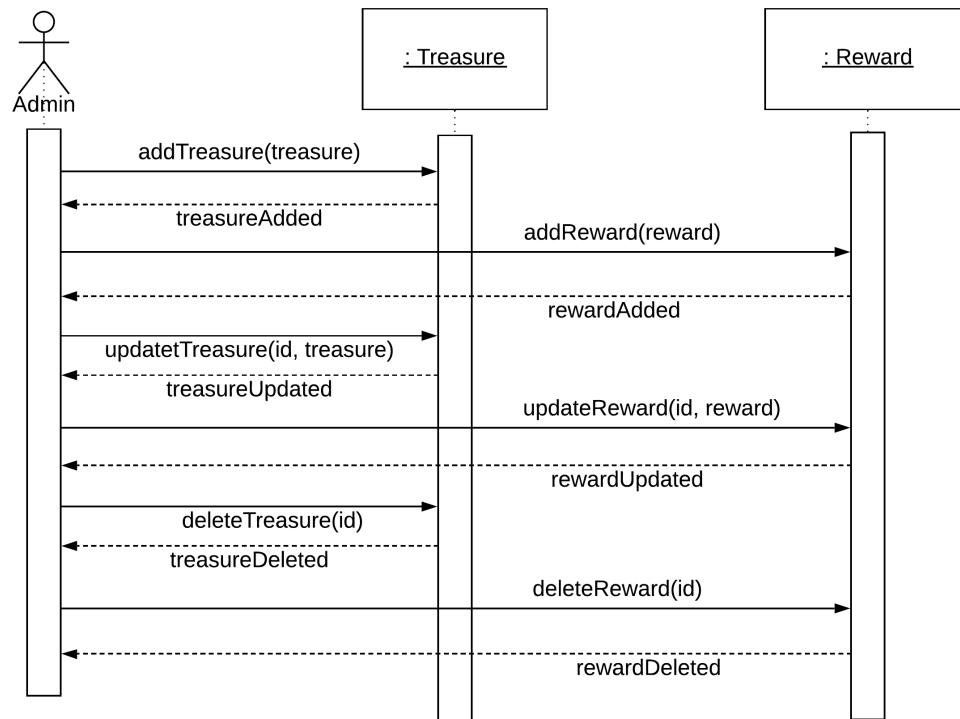


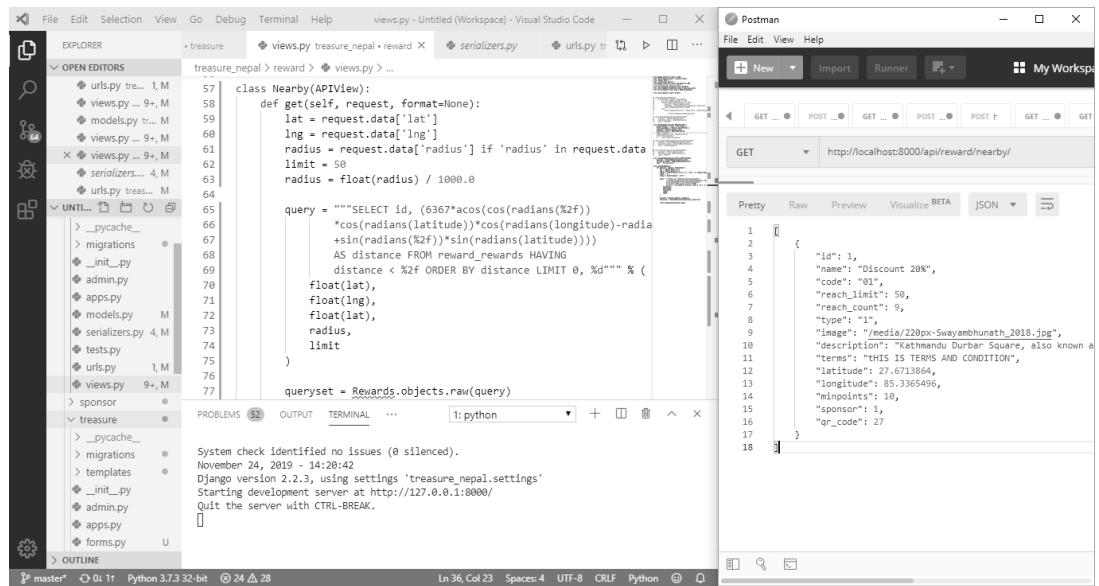
Figure 14: Sequence diagram for admin operations

## 6. Coding and Implementation

The coding and implementation phase starts after the complete high-level design of the system as per the SRS document. In this phase, the abstract designs developed during the design phase are actually implemented by the use of algorithms and then those algorithms are implemented in code using some programming language and frameworks. This section describes how we coded and implemented the various modules discussed in earlier sections of the document.

### 6.1 API Development

The backend API was developed using Python language in Django REST Framework. Django uses the famous Model View Controller (MVC) architecture. MVC architecture allows programmers to separate the data components and structures from the user interface. The models are the classes responsible for holding the data. The views are the classes responsible for rendering interface to the users. The controllers are the classes that act as a messenger between the models and views. For authentication, django-rest-auth library was used. Figure 15 shows the screenshot of development environment used for backend development.



The screenshot displays the development environment for backend development. On the left, the Visual Studio Code interface is shown with multiple files open in the Explorer sidebar, including `urls.py`, `views.py`, `migrations.py`, `models.py`, `serializers.py`, and `admin.py`. The main editor window contains Python code for a Django view named `NearbyAPIView`. On the right, the Postman application is open, showing a GET request to the URL `http://localhost:8000/api/reward/nearby/`. The response is displayed in JSON format, showing a single reward entry:

```

1 {
2   "id": 1,
3   "name": "Discount 20%",
4   "code": "01",
5   "reach_limit": 50,
6   "reach_count": 9,
7   "type": "1",
8   "image": "/media/220px-Swayambhunath_2018.jpg",
9   "description": "Kathmandu Durbar Square, also known as",
10  "terms": "THIS IS TERMS AND CONDITION",
11  "latitude": 27.6713864,
12  "longitude": 85.3365496,
13  "minpoints": 10,
14  "sponsor": 1,
15  "qr_code": 27
16 }
17
18

```

Figure 15: Development environment of backend development

## 6.2 Mobile Application Development

The frontend part of the project was done in React Native framework. Using react native framework enabled us to develop both android and iOS application with the same code base. For the state management in the front end application, we used the Redux library. The version of redux we used was called Redux Persistent, because it was modified in such a way that the data stored in state were persisted across multiple sessions of the application by writing them to the local storage. Figure 16 shows the screenshot of development environment used for frontend development.

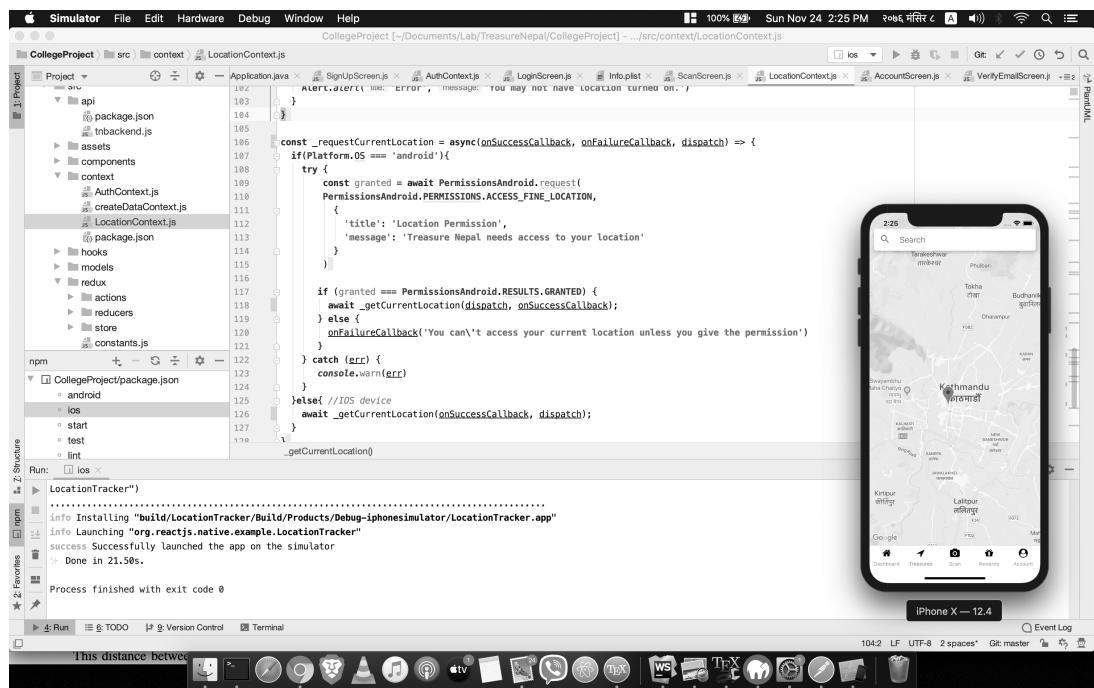


Figure 16: Development environment of Frontend development

## 6.3 Algorithms

We used a few popular algorithms in our project, some of which are described in the subsections that follow.

### 6.3.1 Haversine Distance Calculation Algorithm

Haversine formula, mentioned in equation 1 in subsection 2.9 is a popular formula for calculating the great-circle distance between two points in the surface of a sphere. If the earth is considered as a sphere, the great-circle distance between the two points is the actual shortest distance from one place to another along the surface of the earth.

This distance between the two points can be used to test whether the user is in the vicinity of the treasure location when he/she scans the QR code. Figure 17 shows how this algorithm can be implemented in python to validate whether a treasure scan is valid or not.

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```
import math

#Radius of the earth (approx) in meters
RADIUS = 6371000

def hav(a):
    return math.sin(a/2) ** 2

#returns distance between two points in meters
def distance(lat1, long1, lat2, long2):
    lat1_rad = lat1 * math.pi/180
    lat2_rad = lat2 * math.pi/180
    long1_rad = long1 * math.pi/180
    long2_rad = long2 * math.pi/180
    h = hav(lat2_rad - lat1_rad) + math.cos(lat2_rad)*math
        .cos(lat1_rad)*hav(long2_rad-long1_rad)
    return 2*RADIUS*math.asin(math.sqrt(h))

def validate(treasure, current_location):
    d = distance(treasure.latitude, treasure.longitude,
                 current_location.latitude, current_location.
                 longitude)
    return True if d <= treasure.permitted_distance else
        False
```

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Figure 17: Python implementation of haversine formula

As an example let us consider that there is a treasure installed at Balkumari Temple, Lalitpur. The coordinates of Balkumari Temple are  $(A_1, B_1) = (27.671971, 85.335900)$ . Now let that a tourist scans the QR code of the treasure at Balkumari temple sitting at the Nepal College of Information Technology. The coordinates of NCIT are  $(A_2, B_2) = (27.671359, 85.338801)$ . Now, by equation 1, the distance between Balkumari Temple and NCIT is given by:

$$A_1 = 27.671971^0 = 0.482967 \text{ rad}$$

$$A_2 = 27.671359^0 = 0.482956 \text{ rad}$$

$$B_1 = 85.335900^0 = 1.489392 \text{ rad}$$

$$B_2 = 85.338801^0 = 1.489443 \text{ rad}$$

$$H_A = \sin^2\left(\frac{0.482956 - 0.482967}{2}\right) = 3.025 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$H_B = \sin^2\left(\frac{1.489443 - 1.489392}{2}\right) = 6.5025 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$d = 2 \times 6371000 \times \sin^{-1} \left( \sqrt{H_A + \cos 0.482967 \cos 0.482956 H_B} \right) = 293.67m$$

This means that, if the treasure installed at Balkumari Temple has permitted distance of scan more than 293.67 meters, the tourist will be able to collect that treasure from Nepal College of IT, whereas if it is less than 293.67 meters, the tourist will not be able to collect that treasure from NCIT. He/She should move closer to the treasure in order to collect it.

## 7. Testing and Debugging

After the coding and implementation phase is complete, it is customary that the features implemented be tested so that they fulfill exact requirements documented in SRS document. Our team conducted the unit testing of the different features of our application by preparing a set of unit test cases and compared the expected output with the actual output. Whenever the actual output came deviated from the expected output, we debugged the application to find the issue and correct it.

### 7.1 Tools Used in Testing

Due to the cost and resource limitation, the number of devices and tools used for testing the product is quite small. The devices and tools used for unit testing are listed in Table ??

Table 31: Tools and devices used in testing phase

S.N.	Tool	Specifications
1.	Android Smartphone	Manufacturer: Oneplus Model: Oneplus2 Android version: 9
2.	iOS Simulator	Model: iPhone X iOS version: 12.4
3.	Postman	Version 7.12.0

### 7.2 Unit Test Cases

This section consists of various test cases, expected outcomes and actual outcomes during unit testing of the project.

Table 32: Unit test cases for authentication unit.

<b>Unit : Authentication</b>					
<b>ID</b>	<b>Test Case Description</b>	<b>Test Case Data</b>	<b>Expected Result</b>	<b>Actual Re-sult</b>	<b>Status</b>
TL01	Login with valid user-name and password	username: valid password: valid	User is logged in Successfully	User is logged in Successfully	Success (Fig: 18 (a), (b))
TL02	Press login with empty user-name and password	username: empty password: empty	User sees 'Fields cannot be empty' message	User sees 'Fields cannot be empty' message	Success (Fig: 18 (a), (f))
TL03	Enter valid login credentials, turn off network connection and then log in	username: valid password: valid	User gets 'Network Connection Error'	Progress spinner spins infinitely	Failure (Debug DL01 and run TL03 again)
TL03	Enter valid login credentials, turn off network connection and then log in	username: valid password: valid	User gets 'Network Connection Error'	User gets 'Network Connection Error'	Success (Fig: 18 (c))

ID	Test Case Description	Test Case Data	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TL04	User logs in with Facebook	-	User is logged in Successfully, details from Facebook are fetched	User is logged in Successfully, details from Facebook are fetched	Success (Fig: 18 (d))
TL05	User logs in with Google	-	User is logged in Successfully, details from Google are fetched	User is logged in Successfully, details from Facebook are fetched	Success (Fig: 18 (e))
TL06	After being logged in, user closes the app, clears all running apps and opens app again	-	User should directly see the Dashboard page	User is navigated back to Login Page	Failure (Debug DL02 and run TL06 again)
TL06	After being logged in, user closes the app, clears all running apps and opens app again	-	User should directly see the Dashboard page	User sees Dashboard page	Success (Fig: 18 (b))

ID	Test Case Description	Test Case Data	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TR01	Register with valid email and username	email: valid username: valid password: valid	User account should be created and navigated to Dashboard	User account should be created and navigated to Dashboard	Success (Fig: 18 (b))
TR02	Submit one of the password field blank	email: valid username: valid password: blank	User should get 'Fields cannot be blank message'	App crashes	Failure (Debug case DR03 and run TR02 again)
TR02	Submit one of the password field blank	email: valid username: valid password: blank	User should get 'Fields cannot be blank message'	User should get 'Fields cannot be blank message'	Success (Fig: 18 (f) )

Table 33: Unit test cases for treasure collection unit.

<b>Unit : Treasure Collection</b>					
<b>ID</b>	<b>Test Case Description</b>	<b>Test Case Data</b>	<b>Expected Result</b>	<b>Actual Re-sult</b>	<b>Status</b>
TT01	Enter a search query in the search bar and tap search icon	query: some valid string	The treasures matching the typed query are displayed on map	The treasures matching the typed query are displayed on map	Success (Figure 19 (a))
TT02	Enter nothing (blank) in search query and hit search bar	query: blank.	Nothing happens.	App Crashes.	Failure (Debug DT01 and repeat again)
TT02	Enter nothing (blank) in search query and hit search bar	query: blank.	Nothing happens.	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 19 (b))
TT03	Scan a QR code corresponding to a treasure	qr: a valid treasure	The treasure corresponding to QR is collected to user's account	The treasure corresponding to QR is collected to user's account.	Success (Figure 19 (c))
TT04	Scan the same QR again	qr: the QR that was already scanned	Nothing happens	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 19 (d))

ID	Test Case Description	Test Case Data	Expected Result	Actual Re-sult	Status
TT05	Scan an invalid (a random string QR)	qr : a random QR code	Nothing happens	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 19 (e) )
TT06	User closes app, cleans all running app, and then opens the app again	-	The collected score should persist	The score persists	Success (Figure 19 (f) )

Table 34: Unit test cases for reward collection unit.

<b>Unit : Reward Collection</b>					
ID	Test Case Description	Test Case Data	Expected Result	Actual Re-sult	Status
TW01	Enter a search query in the search bar and tap search icon	query: some valid string	The rewards matching the typed query are displayed on map	The rewards matching the typed query are displayed on map	Success (Figure 20 (a) )
TW02	Enter nothing (blank) in search query and hit search bar	query: blank.	Nothing happens.	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 20 (b) )

ID	Test Case Description	Test Case Data	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TW03	Scan a QR code corresponding to a reward	qr: a valid treasure	The reward corresponding is shown and user can view the voucher code	The reward corresponding is shown and user can view the voucher code	Success (Figure 20 (c) )
TW04	Scan the same Reward again	qr: the QR that was already scanned	Nothing happens	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 20 (d) )
TW05	Scan an invalid (a random string QR)	qr :a random QR code	Nothing happens	Nothing happens	Success (Figure 20 (e) )
TW06	User closes app, cleans all running app, and then opens the app again	-	The collected reward should not appear again in list of rewards	The collected reward appears again in list of rewards	Failure (Debug DW01 and repeat again)
TW06	User closes app, cleans all running app, and then opens the app again	-	The collected reward should not appear again in list of rewards	The collected reward does not appear again in list of rewards	Success (Figure 20 (f) )

### 7.3 Test Evidences

This section consists of screenshots of various instances of the application as an evidence that the test cases mentioned in section 7.2 were in fact passed successfully.

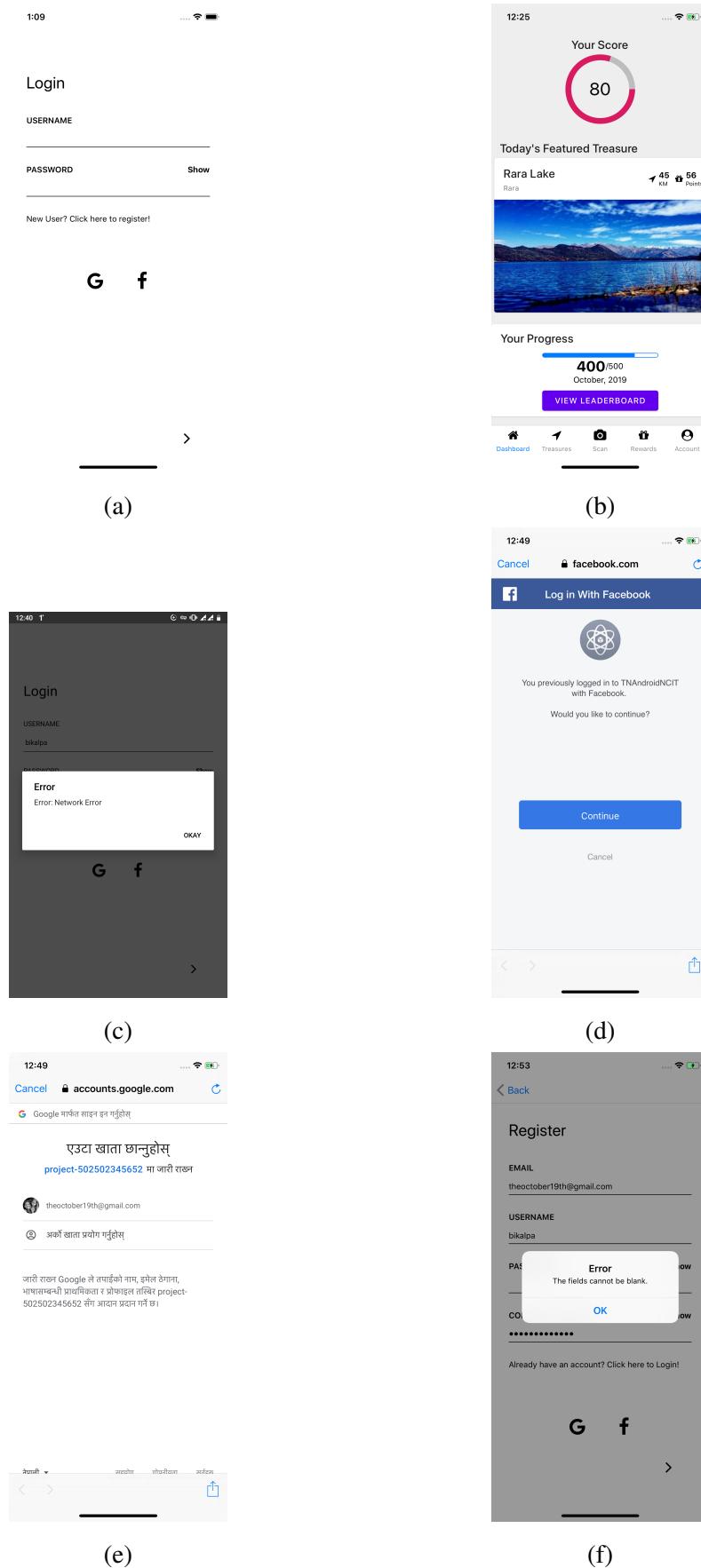


Figure 18: Test success evidences for unit authentication

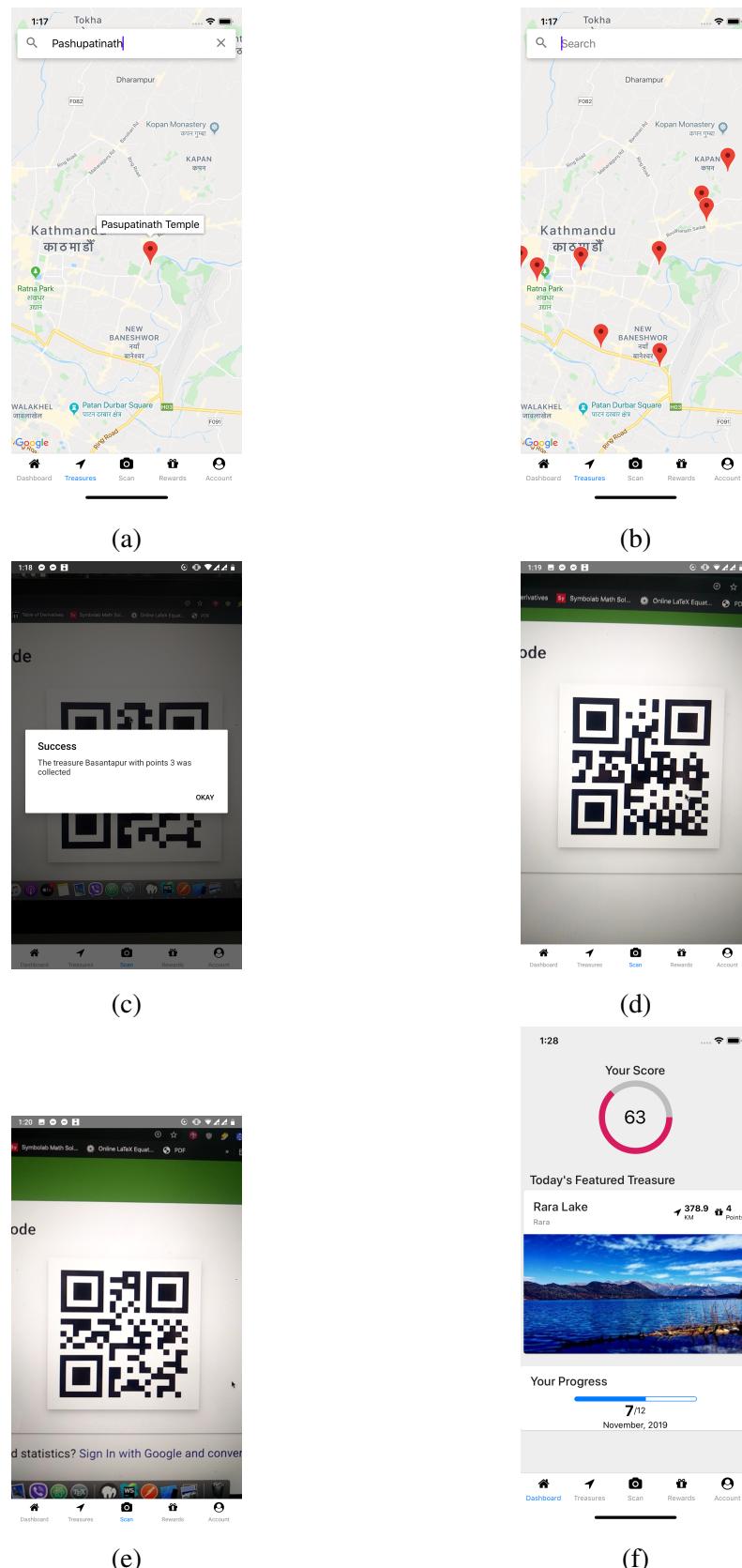


Figure 19: Test success evidences for treasure unit test

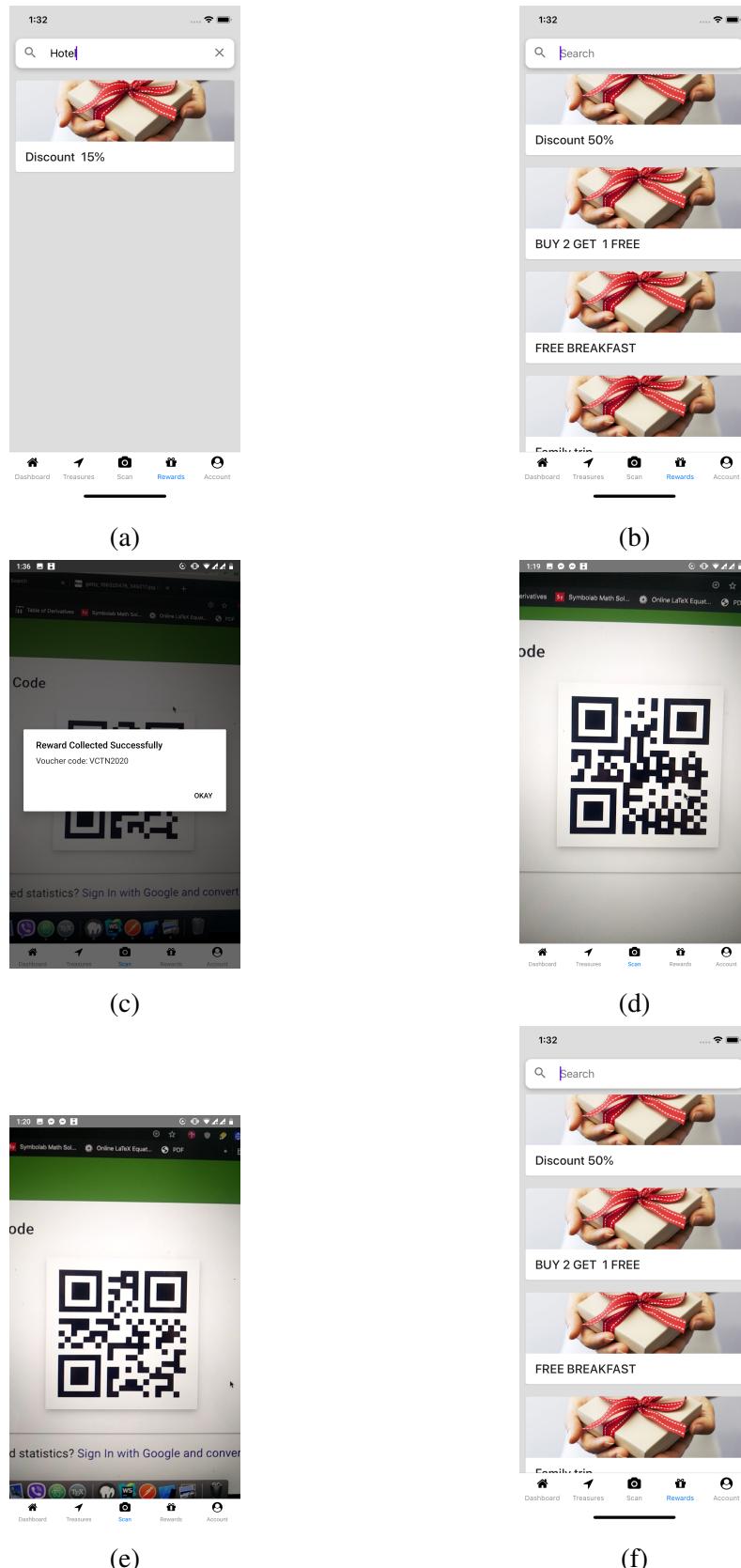


Figure 20: Test success evidences for reward unit test

## 7.4 Debugging

This section consists of various changes applied during debugging process to those test cases that didn't pass in the section 7.2. The test cases that didn't pass were inspected for the root cause of the problem, the problems were identified, resolved and the test case was applied again to see if it succeeds.

Table 35: Debugging error of test case TL03

ID	DL01
Test Case	TL03
Scenario	Enter valid login credentials, turn off network connection and then log in
Data	username: valid password: valid
Expected Outcome	User gets 'Network Connection Error'
Actual Outcome	Progress spinner spins infinitely
Reason for Failure	Exception for network error was missing
Changes made	Exception clause for the NetworkException was added

Table 36: Debugging error of test case TL06

ID	DL02
Test Case	TL06
Scenario	After being logged in, user closes the app, clears all running apps and opens app again
Expected Outcome	User should directly see the Dashboard page
Actual Outcome	User is navigated back to Login Page
Reason for Failure	Authentication status of user was written in memory, but not in persistent storage of device. As a result, the value got destroyed when the app was cleared from memory.
Changes made	The flag storing the authentication status was stored in persistent storage of the mobile device

Table 37: Debugging error of test case TR02

ID	DL03
Test Case	TR02
Scenario	Submit one of the password field blank
Data	email: valid username: valid password: blank
Expected Outcome	User should get 'Fields cannot be blank message'
Actual Outcome	App crashes
Reason for Failure	Check for empty fields was not implemented before making the POST request
Changes made	Added an IF ELSE condition block to check if the submitted fields are blank before making the request.

Table 38: Debugging error of test case TT02

ID	DT01
Test Case	TT02
Scenario	Enter nothing (blank) in search query and hit search bar
Data	query: blank
Expected Outcome	Nothing happens.
Actual Outcome	App crashes
Reason for Failure	Check for blank search query was not implemented before making the search request
Changes made	Added an IF ELSE condition block to check if the search query is blank.

Table 39: Debugging error of test case TW06

ID	DW01
Test Case	TW06
Scenario	User closes app, cleans all running app, and then opens the app again
Expected Outcome	The collected reward should not appear again in list of rewards
Actual Outcome	The collected reward appears again in list of rewards
Reason for Failure	The second time the user navigated to the page displaying a list of rewards, the rewards that were stored in the cache were shown. In fact, no request to refresh the list of rewards was made to the server.
Changes made	Changed the code such that the rewards list gets refreshed with data from API server whenever the user navigates to 'Rewards' screen

## **8. Deployment**

Deployment is generally the final step in the software development life cycle. In this phase, a working product is deployed to the target audience for them to use.

In this project, we have deployed the API server in the localhost server of the development computer itself. Similarly, the iOS application was built and installed in the iOS simulator program inside the development computer, whereas the android application was built and installed in an actual android phone. The reason of not deploying the deliverables to the cloud services like Amazon Web Services and stores like Google Play Store and App Store is due to the constraints of cost required. However, the project can be fully deployed in the near future, and we have proposed it in the recommendation section.

## 9. Project Task and Time Schedule

The time schedule followed during the development of the project is illustrated in Figure 21.

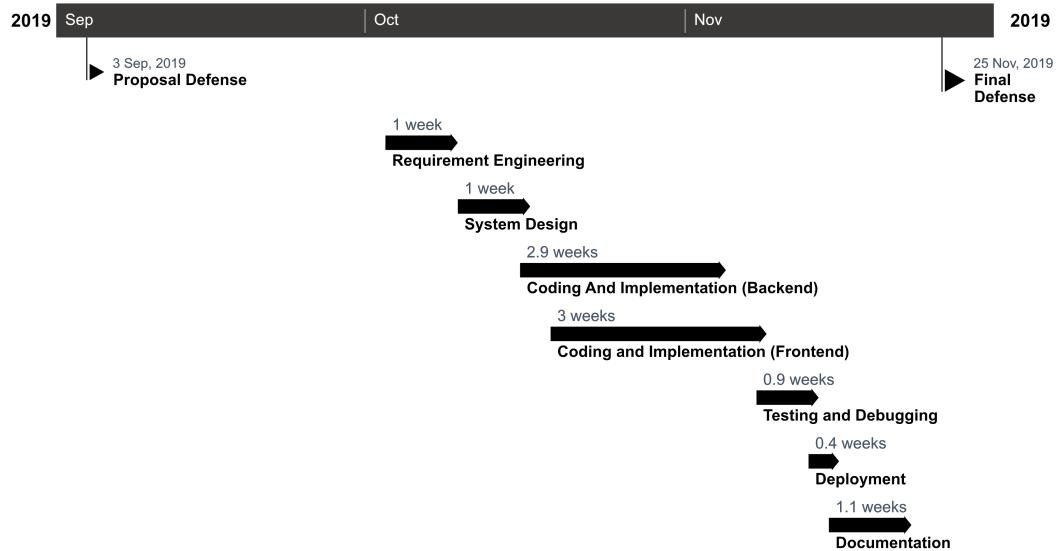


Figure 21: Project schedule

The Proposal Defense of the project was given in 3rd September 2019. The team members worked for a total of around two and a half month on the project. The coding and implementation phase for the backend and front end part were conducted in parallel, which shortened the time taken to complete our project.

## **10. Conclusion**

At the end of the project, a working version of the application Treasure Nepal has been created. The application is in beta phase now, and will soon be released in its stable version.

This project was an endeavor taken by the project team members to contribute in some way to development of tourism in Nepal, and the attraction of tourists to new and unnoticed places in Nepal. The team members firmly believe that the work they have done will certainly be helpful for the Government of Nepal to evenly distribute the tourists in different places in the upcoming Visit Nepal Year 2020. Right now, we are in the phase where the minimal viable product for expanding the scope and commercially developing the project has been created. This MVP could be used to pitch this project idea to investors, policy-makers and the governmental agencies so that this could be further developed and released to the public.

The team members also learnt a lot about the technical framework they used. React Native was a framework unknown to both of the team members but eventually the team members learnt the principles of it and were able to implement it in the project. On overall, it is our conclusion that the project undertaken was completed successfully.

## 11. Further works and Recommendations

The deliverable provided at the present scope is a minimal viable product that was developed with limited time, resources and cost structure. In the future, this work can certainly be pushed further by adding new features and ideas. Some of the further works recommended by the team members are:

- The plugins like forex, hotel reservation, ticket reservation, etc could be added to the application so that the application will not only be a method of entertainment to the users, but also a source of information and a tool handy for every tourists visiting Nepal.
- The fully fledged application could be released to the Google Play Store and App Store so that the users could freely download and use them.
- The project has a very feasible business model where the hotels, restaurants, etc. that provide the offer could be charged with a subscription fee for having their businesses appear in the application. Moreover, the local advertisements can be shown in the app, which will also generate monetary value. Installing treasures at the hotels and restaurants themselves will even be a better idea. The points division could be designed in such a way that the business paying more fee will get higher point value to the treasure they host.
- Once enough data is collected from the application users, the data can be processed to find interesting patterns in the data and can be used for the further modification of the business plan. The data can also be used to develop a recommendation engine that recommends places and treasures to the users based on their preferences

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