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ABSTRACT

Code Connect is a revolutionary social media platform made specifically to the needs

of creative it professionals and developers. With a focus on collaboration, knowl-

edge sharing, and networking, Code Connect serves as an interactive space where

creative it professionals can connect with like-minded individuals, exchange ideas,

and explore new opportunities within the coding community. The platform offers a

user-friendly interface and a range of features designed to enhance the programmer's

experience. Users can create personalized profiles to showcase their skills, experi-

ences, and projects, attracting potential collaborators or employers. A comprehensive

search and recommendation system allows users to discover discussions tailored to

their interests and preferences. One of Code Connect's unique strengths is Messaging

system. Real-time messaging facilitates productive discussions and timely feedback

among peers. Furthermore, Code Connect encourages the sharing of code snippets,

problems, and open-source projects. Users can publish their code, receive feedback,

and collaborate on improvements, building a valuable repository of shared resources

accessible to the entire coding community. In conclusion, Code Connect is a vital

platform that connects creative it professionals, fosters collaboration, and facilitates

growth within the coding community. By empowering creative it professionals to

share knowledge, explore opportunities, and connect with peers, Code Connect aims

to advance the programming industry as a whole both for newcomers and advanced

ones.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACID Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability

BSD Berkeley Software Distribution

CMS Content Management System

CV Curriculum Vitae

CSS Cascading Style Sheets

DFD Data Flow Diagram

DOM Document Object Model

ER Entity-Relationship

HTML Hypertext Markup Language

IT Information Technology

JS JavaScript

MySQL My Structured Query Language

OS Operating System

PHP Hypertext Preprocessor

SQL Structured Query Language

UI User Interface

UML Unified Modeling Language

URL Uniform Resource Locator

UX User Experience

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Code Connect serves as a social media hub tailored to the needs of IT enthusiast, aiming to fill the void of specialized functionalities on current social platforms. This unique platform provides a designated arena where IT professionals can unite, cooperate, and gain access to their own soical network.

1.2 Problem Statement

There are many general social media platforms available, but none of them are specifically designed for IT professionals. This means that IT professionals often have to use general platforms, which can be less effective for networking and collaboration. Most general social media platforms do not have dedicated spaces for IT professionals to share their resumes. This can make it difficult for IT professionals to get their resumes seen by potential employers. There are no specific resume management tools available for IT professionals. This means that IT professionals often have to use general resume management tools, which can be less effective for managing IT-related resumes.

There is no specific portfolio management tool available for IT professionals. This means that IT professionals often have to use general portfolio management tools, which can be less effective for managing IT-related portfolios. IT professionals are often underrepresented in other social media platforms. This can make it difficult for IT professionals to reach a wider audience and connect with other IT professionals. The challenges listed above can be even more difficult for new aspiring IT professionals. This is because new IT professionals may not have the same level of experience or connections as more experienced IT professionals.

1.3 Objectives

 Create a social media having normal functionalities and extra specifically for creative it professionals.

1.4 Scope and Limitations

The app should provide a space for IT professionals to network with each other. This could be done through discussions or Messaging. Networking can help IT professionals to discover jobs, learn new skills, and stay up-to-date on the latest trends. The app should make it easy for new comers in field of IT. The app should offer a nice way to showcase their skill and projects. The app should have code snippets sharing and discussion. The app should have connection functions for connecting between peers, friends and seniors.

The concept of Code Connect holds promise in addressing a specific IT niche, but it must confront challenges. The competitive landscape might involve existing platforms with strong user bases, while persuading IT professionals to transition from established networks demands a compelling value proposition. The task of maintaining content quality and thwarting spam becomes intricate as the platform scales. Sustainable operation hinges on continuous resource allocation for development, maintenance, and support, requiring careful revenue generation that doesn't compromise user experience. Additionally, prioritizing robust privacy and security measures is crucial to alleviate IT professionals' concerns. Overcoming these obstacles necessitates strategic planning, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to catering to the IT community's distinctive needs.

1.5 Potential applications

- Networking and Collaboration: IT professionals can connect with peers, mentors, and industry experts, fostering collaborations on projects, sharing insights, and expanding their professional network.
- Skill Development: Code Connect can share codes regarding to their problems and projects.
- Knowledge Sharing: Members can share code and resources related to programming languages, frameworks, tools, and best practices.
- Problem Solving: People can comment on problems stating solutions. 5. Mes-

saging: They can use code connect messenger to have private conversations.

1.6 Originality of Project

- Specialized Platform: Code Connect stands out by being a social media platform specifically designed for IT professionals, acknowledging their distinct requirements and expertise.
- Focused Niche: Unlike generic platforms, Code Connect targets the IT community exclusively, demonstrating a focused approach that caters directly to the needs of this specific audience.
- Unique Needs: The project pioneers by recognizing and addressing the unique challenges and aspirations that IT professionals encounter in their career paths, setting it apart from more generalized social networks.
- Tailored Experience: By tailoring features and content to the IT sector, Code
 Connect offers an environment that resonates with professionals in this field,
 enhancing engagement and relevance.
- Career Enhancement: Code Connect provides tools like specialized resume and portfolio management, facilitating the effective representation of IT professionals' skills and experiences to potential employers and collaborators.
- Empowerment and Growth: Through Code Connect, IT professionals are empowered to connect, learn, collaborate, and grow within a digital sphere that aligns with their expertise, fostering a sense of belonging and advancement.

1.7 Report Organisation

The material in this project report is organised into Four chapters. After this introductory chapter introduces the problem topic this research tries to address, chapter 2 contains the literature review of vital and relevant publications, pointing toward a notable research gap. Chapter 3 describes the methodology for the implementation of this project and models and methods. Chapter 4 provides an overview of

Implementation tools used. Chapter 5 contains conclusion of our study and expected outcome, Wheras APPENDIX A contains Gantt Chart and last one is references

2 BACKGROUND AND LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Background Study

We are looking for designs that make out system visually appealing and at the same time have better performance. As this system is mainly for creatives who can share their journey, we need to implement a profile system that shows off their portfolio and resume. Showcasing their skills should be easy so this system mainly focuses on functionalities implementations. We are looking for different tools and techniques for achieving those goals. We are also studying papers, articles, and related books for our project. We are also learning about implementation about messaging system. The proposed project is to create an app for creative it professionals where they can share their discussions, projects, skills, and perform messaging functions. To develop this app, it is important to understand code collaboration, tools for code sharing, and messaging functions.

2.2 Literature Review

2.2.1 Existing System

Social networks are like groups of people who know each other and interact with each other. The technology helps us study how people are connected to each other and how they talk to each other online. It also helps us understand the things they say and the information they share.[1]

LinkedIn

In today's competitive job market, organizations strive to identify and attract top talent, and this research investigates the influence of social media on the recruitment process. With the rapid growth of social media usage, it is crucial for organizations to understand effective strategies for attracting the best candidates. The study involved 12 recruiters from various industries, and the findings reveal heavy reliance on platforms like LinkedIn for recruitment purposes. However, the use of Twitter and Facebook for recruitment is comparatively lower. Recruiters need a focused approach when utilizing social media to manage the potential overwhelming volume of work. It is evident that recruiters cannot effectively conduct recruitment activities

without leveraging social media tools, but proper training in optimizing social media usage is essential. This study contributes to highlighting the significant impact of LinkedIn on recruitment processes, while also emphasizing that social media is not a one-size-fits-all solution for recruitment challenges.[2]

Stack Overflow

In Stack Overflow, A complete profile includes details such as a website URL, location, about me section, profile image, and age. Our analysis revealed that most users do not have a complete profile. However, users with complete profiles tend to have higher reputation scores and provide better quality question and answer posts compared to users with incomplete profiles. This suggests that having a complete profile is beneficial for contributing effectively to the network. Among the profile elements we examined, location and about me have a stronger relationship with user activity and contribution. This research helps us understand which profile elements are important in a Q and A social network and which ones should be prioritized for users to fill out regularly.[3]

GitHub

We examine the characteristics of developers involved in Open Source software creation to understand what factors contribute to innovation within the Open Source community. The analysis reveals that having a higher reputation within the community increases the likelihood of attracting collaborators, although developers are also motivated by reciprocity, aligning with the principles of a gift economy. Additionally, we find a significant network effect resulting from standardization, indicating that developers who use popular programming languages in their projects are more likely to collaborate with others. Furthermore, providing additional information, such as a valid URL to the developer's homepage, increases the chances of finding coworkers. These findings can be applied to the broader population of experienced users on platforms like GitHub.[4]

GitHub Discussions

GitHub has recently introduced a new feature called Discussions, which serves as a platform for developers to ask questions and engage in broader discussions that go beyond specific Issues. Before its widespread availability in December 2020, Discussions underwent testing on selected open source software projects. In order to gain insights into developers' utilization of this innovative feature, their perceptions of it, and its impact on the software development process, we conducted a comprehensive mixed-methods study involving early adopters of GitHub discussions between January and July 2020. Developers perceive GitHub Discussions as a valuable tool; however, they encounter challenges related to topic duplication between Discussions and Issues. This issue poses a concern, as it leads to confusion and redundancy in communication.[5]

2.2.2 Proposed System

The proposed system aims to address the drawbacks faced by existing systems by providing innovative solutions through CodeConnect. It seeks to give more exposure to new systems in the field, regardless of reputation, fostering a diverse and inclusive technology ecosystem. CodeConnect serves as a platform that connects developers and users, facilitating the showcase and collaboration of projects. By eliminating discrimination based on reputation, the system ensures equal opportunities for all developers. Additionally, it aims to reduce redundancy by encouraging collaboration, knowledge sharing, and reusability of code and ideas. This approach promotes efficiency and avoids duplication of effort. Overall, the system aims to overcome limitations, promote new systems, encourage fairness, and enhance productivity in the technology industry through CodeConnect's inclusive and collaborative environment.

3 SYSTEM DESIGN AND ANALYSIS

3.1 System Development Approach

An incremental approach, also known as an iterative or step-by-step approach, is a development or problem-solving method that breaks down a larger task or project into smaller, manageable increments or steps. Rather than attempting to tackle the entire task at once, an incremental approach focuses on making incremental progress by completing and delivering smaller portions of work in a series of iterations.

- Initial Planning and Requirements Gathering
- Increment Planning and Design
- Development and Implementation
- Testing and Quality Assurance
- Evaluation and Feedback
- Iterative Development and Refinement
- Deployment and Release
- Repeat the Process for Subsequent Increments

3.2 Requirement Analysis

3.2.1 Functional Requirements

The functional Requirements of our project code connect is mentioned below:

- User Registration/Login: Users will have the option to create an account or log in using their email addresses or phone numbers. This streamlined process ensures that IT professionals can easily access the platform and connect with their peers.
- User Profile Management: Within the profile management section, users will
 have the ability to showcase their expertise. Portfolio management enables
 users to upload and highlight their project details hosted on platforms like

GitHub, giving others insight into their skills and contributions. Additionally, the resume management feature allows users to present their skills, experience, and achievements in a structured manner.

- Connection Management: The platform fosters networking by allowing users to send and receive connection requests. This feature encourages the growth of professional relationships and collaboration within the IT community.
- Discussion/News Feed: The discussion and news feed serve as a dynamic space for users to share knowledge, insights, and code snippets. Users can post discussions and engage with others by 'Geeking' (similar to liking on Facebook) posts, as well as commenting to facilitate meaningful conversations.
- Messaging (Code Connect Messenger): The private messaging functionality, known as "Code Connect Messenger," enriches communication. Users can exchange private messages, fostering collaboration, mentorship, and confidential discussions within a secure environment.
- Notifications: The notifications feature keeps users engaged and informed about interactions on the platform. Users will receive notifications for activities such as receiving 'Geeks' on their posts, receiving comments, and receiving private messages. This ensures that users stay updated on relevant interactions and stay engaged with the platform's activities.

3.2.2 Nonfunctional Requirements

The non functional Requirements of our project code connect is mentioned below:

- Performance Enhancement: Our focus on performance involves minimizing
 reliance on external frameworks and modules. By reducing the use of these
 components, we aim to streamline the software's execution, resulting in better
 overall performance and responsiveness.
- Authentication Security: Security is a paramount concern. To enhance the platform's security, we will implement advanced authentication algorithms,

particularly focusing on hashing techniques within the PHP programming environment. This ensures that user authentication data is stored and managed in a highly secure manner.

- Better UX Design: User experience is central to our project's success. Our
 emphasis on better UX design means that every aspect of the platform's
 interface, from navigation to interaction, will be meticulously crafted to ensure
 a seamless and intuitive experience. This design approach caters not only to
 experienced users but also to newcomers, ensuring that all users can effortlessly
 navigate and engage with the platform.
- Responsive Site: Recognizing the diverse range of devices and browsers that users utilize, we are committed to creating a responsive website. This means that the platform's design and functionality will adapt flawlessly to various screen sizes, ensuring that users can access and interact with the platform effectively, whether they are using a desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone. This responsiveness guarantees a consistent and satisfying experience across different devices and platforms, promoting accessibility and usability.

3.3 Feasibility Analysis

A feasibility study is a systematic and structured analysis conducted to determine the viability and practicality of a proposed project plan. It serves as an evaluation tool to assess whether the project can be successfully implemented and if it aligns with the project's goals and objectives. It involves gathering and analyzing relevant information to determine if the project is technically feasible, operationally feasible, economically feasible, and scheduling feasible.

3.3.1 Economical Feasibility

Since the system we are developing is a web application, we will be using free and open-source software development tools such as HTML,CSS,JS, PHP, MySQL, VS Code and Figma. We will only need some economy for server for hosting if we want to host it live.

3.3.2 Operational Feasibility

Operational feasibility for the proposed system focuses ease of use. As the system is designed to be interactive, users do not require in-depth knowledge of the web app to navigate and utilize its features. The user interface (UI) is specifically designed to be user-friendly, ensuring a smooth and intuitive experience. This approach minimizes the need for extensive training and reduces potential resistance from users. Even new commers cna use it without any problem or difficulties.

3.3.3 Technical Feasibility

There are several development technologies available. For frontend development, we have HTML,CSS,JS and React JS. For backend development, we have PHP along with the MySQL database. In our application, we have utilized HTML,CSS,JS, for the frontend and PHP with MySQL for the backend. Both HTML,CSS,JS, and PHP are open-source technologies and are supported by large companies with vibrant communities. This ensures that technical support and resources are readily available. Considering the chosen technologies and their strong community backing, the project is technically feasible.

3.4 System Design

3.4.1 Architecture Design

The following diagram shows diagram of our Architecture. Mainly shows what are the functions can be accessed after starting our application.

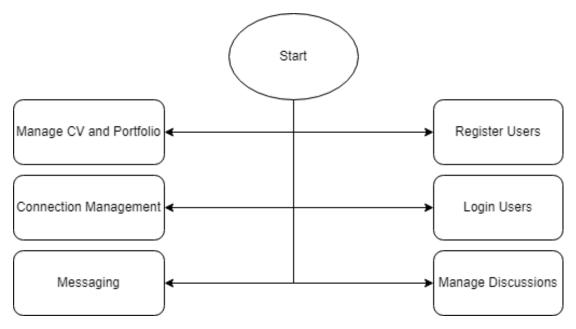


Figure 3.1: Main Architecture of System

3.4.2 Data Modelling(ER-Diagram)

ER Diagram is mainly used to design database schema. With the help of below er diagram we can easily design database in SQL.

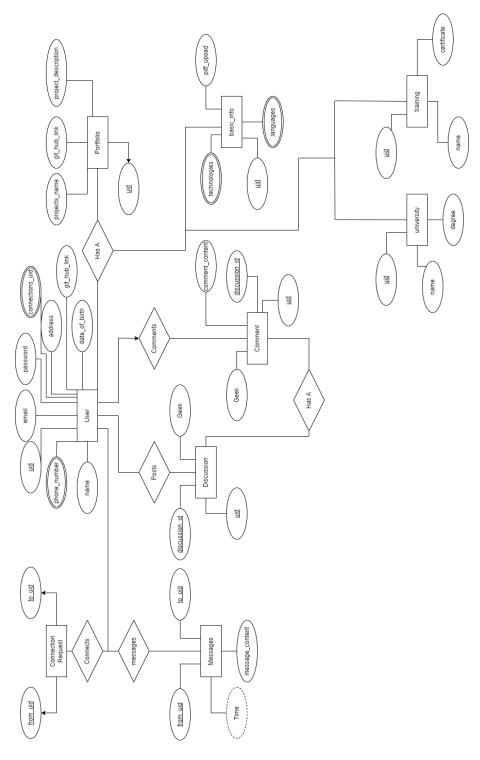


Figure 3.2: ER Diagram of System Data

3.4.3 Activity Diagram

An activity diagram visually presents a series of actions or flow of control in a system similar to a flowchart or a data flow diagram. This diagram showed how our program flow goes on.

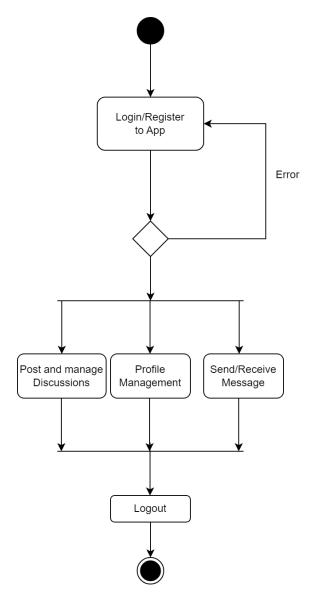


Figure 3.3: Activity Diagram

3.4.4 DFD

DFD or Data Flow Diagram is mainly used to show how data are being flowed in and out of our system. There are 3 levels of DFD i.e Context Level(Level 0),Level 1 and Level 2

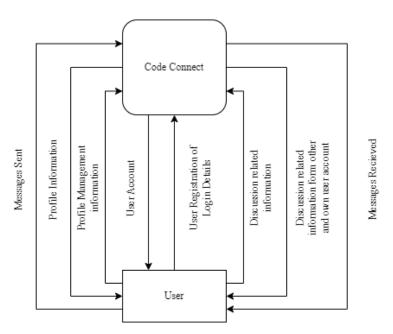


Figure 3.4: Data Flow Diagram (Context Level)

3.4.5 Use Case Diagram

A use case diagram, part of UML, visually represents interactions between actors and a system. Actors are external entities, while use cases depict specific functionalities. Relationships, such as association, generalization, include, and extend, illustrate connections between actors and use cases. The diagram helps in understanding system behavior, requirements, and scope.

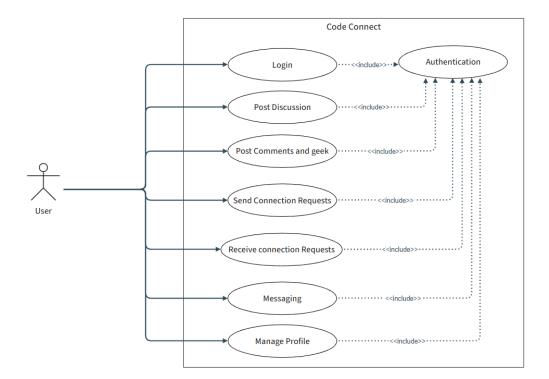


Figure 3.5: Use Case Diagram

4 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Tools Used

Figma

Figma is a cloud-based design and prototyping tool that empowers teams to collaborate on UI/UX design projects in real-time. It offers a user-friendly interface and powerful features that make it a popular choice among designers. With Figma, designers can create and share interactive prototypes, design components, and design systems. Its cloud-based nature allows for seamless collaboration, enabling multiple team members to work on the same design simultaneously. Figma supports version control, ensuring that design iterations can be easily tracked and managed.

HTML/CSS

HTML and CSS are two of the most important languages for creating web pages. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language, and it is used to structure the content of a web page. CSS stands for Cascading Style Sheets, and it is used to control the appearance of a web page. HTML is a markup language, which means that it is used to mark up text with tags. These tags tell the web browser how to display the text. For example, the h1 tag tells the web browser to display the text as a heading, while the p tag tells the web browser to display the text as a paragraph. CSS is a style sheet language, which means that it is used to define styles for HTML elements. These styles can control the font, size, color, and other properties of HTML elements.

MySQL

MySQL is a robust relational database management system that offers a range of features for efficient data storage and retrieval. It supports transactions with ACID properties, ensuring Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, and Durability. MySQL provides essential capabilities such as automatically updatable views, triggers, foreign keys, and stored procedures, allowing for complex data manipulation and logic implementation. It is compatible with various operating systems, including Windows, Linux, macOS, FreeBSD, and OpenBSD.

Git/Github

Git is a distributed version control system that is both free and open-source, designed

to handle projects of all sizes efficiently and swiftly. It simplifies collaboration by enabling multiple individuals to contribute changes that can be seamlessly merged into a single source. When using Git, the software runs locally on your computer, storing your files and their complete history. Alternatively, you can utilize online hosts like GitHub to store a copy of your files and their revision history.

PHP

PHP is a server-side scripting language that is used to create dynamic and interactive web pages. It is a free and open-source language that is widely used by web developers. PHP can be used to process form data, generate dynamic content, and connect to databases. It is also used to create content management systems (CMS) and e-commerce platforms. PHP is a powerful and flexible language that is easy to learn and use. It is a great choice for web developers who want to create dynamic and interactive web pages.

JavaScript

JavaScript is a client-side scripting language that is used to create interactive web pages. It is a powerful and versatile language that can be used to do a wide variety of things, including adding animation and interactivity to web pages, validating form data, processing user input, making Ajax requests to the server, and creating games and other interactive applications.

React.js

React.js is a widely-used JavaScript library for creating efficient and reusable user interfaces. It offers a component-based architecture, virtual DOM for improved performance, and supports declarative programming. With a rich ecosystem of libraries and tools, React.js enables developers to build dynamic and responsive applications for both single-page and server-side rendering.

5 CONCLUSION AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

5.1 Limitation

- Our system doesnt have more interactive message system.
- We cannot upload videos in our system.
- Our system does not have a robust notification system. Users are only notified
 when they receive a new message or when someone geeks or comments on
 their post.

5.2 Conclusion

Code Connect is a social networking web application designed specifically for creative it professionals. It should transform the way developers connect, collaborate, and learn from each other. The platform provides a range of features that allow creative it professionals to network, share knowledge, and enhance their skills. Code Connect also fosters a vibrant and inclusive resume and portfolio management system.

5.3 Expected Outcome

Code Connect is a platform that aims to create a thriving community of creative it professionals who can connect, collaborate, and learn from each other. The platform provides tailored features that facilitate meaningful interactions and knowledge exchange among its users. Through Code Connect, creative it professionals can expect to expand their professional network, gain insights from experienced peers, and receive support from the community. They can engage in discussions, seek advice, and offer assistance. Code Connect also aims to accelerate the professional growth of its users by providing access to valuable resources, tutorials, and learning opportunities. By connecting with like-minded individuals and staying up-to-date with the latest trends and technologies, creative it professionals can enhance their skills and advance their careers. The platform's expected outcome is to create a vibrant and supportive ecosystem that empowers creative it professionals and enriches their professional lives. In this complex world of technologies new peoples

who are intrested in the field of technology face alot of difficulties. So they will also have exposure with the help of out technology.

APPENDIX A

A.1 Project Schedule

Below is the Gantt chart of our project Schedule. We have planned to perfrom these specific tasks between these time frames.

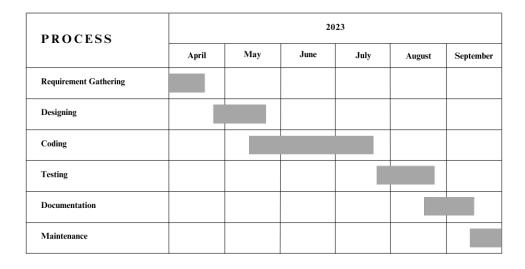


Figure A.1: Gantt Chart of Schedule

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