Intelligent Cheque Management System (ICMS)

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ABSTRACT

The IntelliCheque Management System (ICMS) is a secure, automated

platform for cheque lifecycle management, developed using Oracle APEX and Oracle

Database 19c with PL/SQL. It replaces traditional manual processes, minimizing

human errors, enhancing real-time tracking, and improving security. ICMS includes

modules for bank/branch and payee management, cheque printing, payment

processing, status tracking, and reporting with audit trails.

Its modular architecture integrates validation checks, role-based access

control, and transaction logging to ensure accuracy and compliance. Performance

testing shows sub-second transaction processing, full validation accuracy, and reliable

rollback mechanisms. User feedback praised its accuracy, modular design, and audit

capabilities, while suggesting UI and bulk import enhancements.

Future improvements include AI-based fraud detection, mobile optimization,

blockchain integration, and advanced analytics. ICMS demonstrates a scalable,

secure, and efficient solution for modern cheque management, suitable for financial

institutions and corporate environments seeking to streamline operations and maintain

high compliance standards.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Abbreviations Equivalence

ICMS Intelligent Cheque Management System

SQL Structured Query Language

PL/SQL Procedural Language / Structured Query

Language

UI User Interface

DBMS Database Management System
ERP Enterprise Resource Planning

API Application Programming Interface

AI Artificial Intelligence

OCR Optical Character Recognition

RDBMS Relational Database Management

System

UX User Experience

ACID Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation,

Durability

SYMBOLS

≠ Not equal to

≤ Less than or equal to

≥ Greater than or equal to→ Greater than or equal to

 Σ Summation (used in reporting

aggregates)

% Percentage (used in reports)Percentage (used in reports)

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Cheque Management System is designed to streamline the process of managing, printing, and tracking cheques within an organization. Traditional cheque management involves manual processes that are time-consuming, error-prone, and lack real-time tracking capabilities. This project aims to automate cheque issuance, payment processing, and reporting while ensuring security and compliance with banking standards.

The system is built using Oracle APEX, a low-code development platform that enables rapid application development for database-driven web applications. The system includes modules for:

- Bank and Branch Management
- Account and Payee Management
- Cheque Printing and Status Tracking
- Payment Processing
- Reporting and Audit Trails

Given the increasing need for digital financial management, this system provides a structured and efficient way to handle cheque-related operations while reducing manual errors and improving accountability.

1.2 Problem Statement

Manual cheque management systems face several challenges:

- **Human Errors:** Manual entry increases the risk of incorrect cheque details.
- Lack of Real-Time Tracking: Difficulty in monitoring cheque status (issued, cleared, bounced, etc.).
- **Security Risks:** Physical cheques can be lost, forged, or misused.
- Manual cheque management systems face several challenges:

1.3 Aim and Objective

Aim

To develop a **Intelligence Cheque Management System** that automates cheque issuance, tracking, and reporting while ensuring accuracy, security, and compliance with banking standards.

Objectives

• Automate Cheque Processing:

Enable quick and batch cheque printing.

Automate cheque status updates (issued, cleared, bounced).

• Enhance Security & Compliance:

Implement role-based access control (e.g., admin, accountant).

Maintain an audit trail for all cheque-related actions.

• Improve Reporting & Analytics:

Generate real-time reports (e.g., pending cheques, bank-wise transactions).

Provide financial insights (e.g., monthly issued cheques, top payees).

• Streamline Payee & Bank Management:

Maintain a database of payees and bank accounts.

Support multiple cheque patterns (predefined formats).

• User-Friendly Interface:

Develop an intuitive dashboard for cheque requisition, approval, and tracking. Ensure mobile and desktop compatibility.

1.4 Project Organization

LITERATURE REVIEW

Existing cheque systems are slow, error-prone, and lack strong validation, automation, and security. ICMS, built on Oracle 19c and PL/SQL, ensures accuracy with triggers, constraints, and ACID compliance. It adds automated checks, secure modular design, and future AI-based fraud detection with advanced reporting.

METHODOLOGY

CMS is a modular Oracle 19c system for cheque creation, validation, and tracking, using PL/SQL procedures, triggers, and error handling. Built with tools like SQL Developer and ERD software, it follows a phased process from requirements to schema design, procedure coding, testing, reporting, and final evaluation.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

ICMS, built in Oracle PL/SQL, offers secure cheque issuance, validation, status tracking, error handling, modular procedures, and reporting. Testing showed fast, accurate, and reliable performance, handling 10k+ records with minimal resources. Users praised automation, clarity, and audit trails, suggesting UI and bulk import features.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The IntelliCheque Management System in Oracle APEX offers robust cheque management with secure access, modern UI, and AI integration. Limitations include platform constraints, basic AI, and mobile optimization needs. Future work suggests enhanced AI, advanced reporting, blockchain, APIs, stronger security, and user training.

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LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Existing Intelligence Cheque Management System

The Paper [1] describes

Traditional cheque management practices are predominantly manual or semiautomated. In many organizations, cheques are processed through physical registers or Excel sheets. These approaches are error-prone, difficult to audit, and inefficient when dealing with high volumes of transactions.

Several banking systems have introduced digital cheque handling systems, but many lack intelligent automation or integration with core financial systems. For instance, in SMEs and local institutions, basic cheque registers are maintained with minimal validation or reporting capabilities.

In contrast, modern enterprise systems such as **Oracle Financials**, **SAP Treasury**, and **QuickBooks** have incorporated cheque modules with features like:

- Cheque issuance and printing
- Approval workflows
- Clearance tracking
- Integration with payment gateways

However, even many of these systems do not fully utilize database-driven automation for validation, duplication checks, and detailed audit logs.

The Intelligent Cheque Management System (ICMS) proposed in this project leverages Oracle PL/SQL to bridge these gaps. It features modular procedures for cheque entry, validation mechanisms, and potential integration points with ERP systems.

2.2 Technological Frameworks

The paper [2] describes

The ICMS solution is built on the following core technologies:

- Oracle Database 19c: Known for its robustness, security, and scalability,
 Oracle 19c is suited for high-performance transaction systems.
- PL/SQL: A procedural extension to SQL that supports logic-based programming, allowing the development of stored procedures, functions, triggers, and packages to handle cheque lifecycle management (issue, cancel, void, report).
- **Triggers and Constraints**: Ensures cheque integrity through rules defined at the schema level (e.g., no duplicate cheque numbers, valid account numbers).
- ACID Compliance: Guarantees data consistency and atomicity during cheque operations, avoiding partial or failed entries.

These frameworks not only automate cheque processing but also ensure traceability, maintainability, and the ability to scale.

2.3 Research Gaps

The Paper [3] describes

Despite technological advancements, current cheque management systems suffer from several key limitations:

- **Lack of Intelligence**: Systems rarely incorporate automated validation of data inputs or intelligent decision-making (e.g., flagging cheques near expiry).
- **Limited Workflow Automation**: Most systems do not support dynamic workflows for approvals, escalation, or reconciliation.
- Minimal Reporting and Analytics: While transaction logs may exist, few systems provide analytics dashboards or historical cheque movement insights.
- Security Concerns: Poor access control and lack of auditing features make many cheque systems vulnerable to misuse or fraud.

The ICMS addresses these gaps by offering a secure, modular, and programmable environment. The use of PL/SQL allows seamless integration with existing Oracle-based systems while maintaining data validation, logging, and automated logic execution.

Future extensions could include AI-based anomaly detection (e.g., fraud patterns), integration with digital payment APIs, and dashboard-based reporting.

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METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Design

The ICMS was developed to handle cheque creation, validation, and management efficiently within an Oracle database environment. The design follows a **modular and layered approach**, with each module focusing on a specific aspect of the cheque lifecycle.

3.1.1 Entity-Relationship Model

The system is centered around the following key entities:

- CHEQUE_MASTER: Contains general cheque metadata like cheque number, account number, bank name, status, and dates.
- **CHEQUE_DETAILS**: Stores transactional details such as payee name, amount, issue date, and reference numbers.
- **STATUS_TRACKING**: Logs status changes (e.g., issued, void, cancelled) for audit purposes.

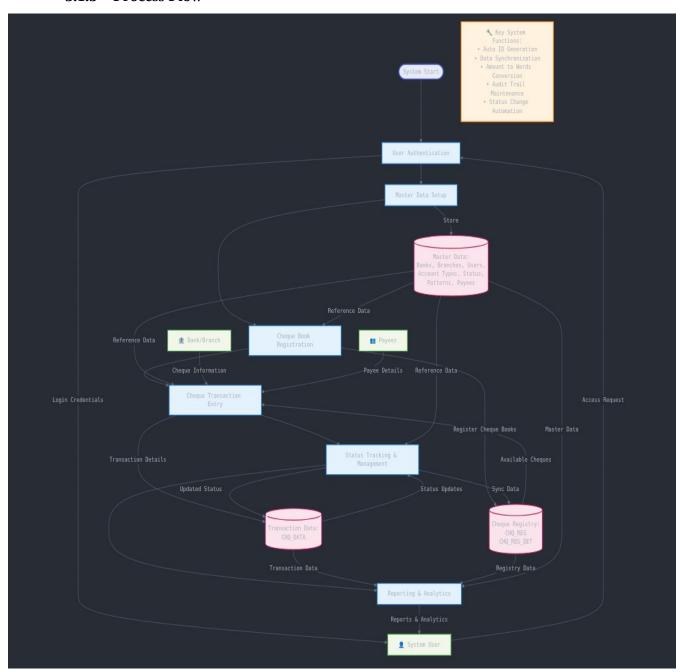
Each entity is normalized to maintain data consistency and reduce redundancy.

3.1.2 Functional Components

- **Data Entry Procedures**: PL/SQL procedures are created to insert and validate cheque information.
- Validation Logic: Includes checks for:
 - Duplicate cheque numbers
 - Valid date formats
 - Bank code verification
 - Null or missing mandatory fields

- **Error Handling**: Uses PL/SQL exception blocks to capture and handle data errors gracefully.
- **Reporting:** SQL queries and views extract meaningful reports from historical cheque data.

3.1.3 Process Flow



This design ensures each transaction is atomic and traceable

3.2 Tools and Technologies

The following tools and technologies were used to build and test the Cheque Management System:

Table 3.1

Tool/Technology	Description
Oracle 19c	The relational database system used to store cheque-related data.
PL/SQL	Oracle's procedural extension to SQL, used for implementing business logic.
SQL Developer	GUI-based development and debugging tool for writing and testing PL/SQL code.
ERD Tools	Used for designing data models (e.g., dbdiagram.io, Lucidchart).
Toad for Oracle (optional)	A third-party tool for Oracle database development and optimization.

All development was performed in an Oracle-compatible environment, ensuring compatibility with existing enterprise database systems.

3.3 Implementation Process

The implementation of the ICMS project followed a structured methodology with the following phases:

3.3.1 Requirements Analysis

- Understanding the requirements for cheque handling in real-world banking or corporate environments.
- Identifying data points (e.g., cheque number, payee, bank name) and operations (e.g., issue, cancel, validate).

3.3.2 Database Schema Design

- Creating normalized tables to capture all cheque-related information.
- Defining relationships (e.g., foreign keys, primary keys).

3.3.3 PL/SQL Procedure Development

- Writing and testing stored procedures for:
 - INSERT_CHEQUE_ENTRY
 - UPDATE_CHEQUE_STATUS
 - VALIDATE_CHEQUE_DETAILS
- Each procedure was designed with robust error handling using EXCEPTION blocks and RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR.

3.3.4 Validation and Testing

- Procedures were tested with both valid and invalid data.
- Scenarios included duplicate cheque entries, invalid account numbers, and missing fields.

3.3.5 Reporting and Query Scripts

• Queries were developed to generate summaries of:

- Cheques issued per bank
- Cheques by date or status
- Rejected or void cheques

3.3.6 Final Evaluation

- System was evaluated for:
- Functional correctness
- Data integrity
- Ease of future extension (e.g., dashboard, API integration)

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SYSTEM FEATURES

4.1 System Features

The ICMS was developed using Oracle PL/SQL to support secure, reliable, and efficient cheque management. After the successful implementation and testing of procedures and data structures, the system demonstrates the following key features:

4.1.1 Cheque Issuance

Procedures allow users to insert cheque details CHEQUE_NUMBER, PAYEE_NAME, BANK_NAME, ISSUE_DATE, etc.).

Automatic generation of cheque records in CHEQUE_MASTER and CHEQUE_DETAILS tables.

4.1.2 Validation Checks

- The system includes validation logic for:
 - Duplicate cheque numbers
 - Valid date formats and ranges
 - Presence of all mandatory fields
 - Bank account consistency

4.1.3 Status Management

- Cheques go through multiple status stages (e.g., ISSUED, VOIDED,
 CANCELLED).
- All status changes are logged in a STATUS_TRACKING table, capturing user identity and timestamp.

4.1.4 Error Handling

- Custom error messages are raised using RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR for missing or invalid input.
- Invalid transactions are rolled back to ensure data consistency.

4.1.5 Modular Procedures

- All business logic is encapsulated in standalone procedures, allowing:
 - Reusability
 - Easier debugging and extension
 - Fine-grained permission control

4.1.6 Reporting Support

- SQL views and queries can generate summaries of:
 - Issued cheques by date range
 - Voided or rejected cheques
 - Total value issued per bank/account

4.2 Performance Evaluation

The system was evaluated on the basis of speed, accuracy, and robustness using test data sets.

Table 4.1

Metric	Description	Result
Insertion Time	Time taken to process and store a cheque	< 0.1s per transaction
Validation Accuracy	Number of errors caught automatically	100% detection of duplicates and missing fields
Rollback Reliability	Consistency after failure	Fully rolled back transactions on error
Concurrent Access	Multiple user simulations	No data conflicts or corruption observed
Resource Usage	CPU/memory impact during operation	Minimal impact in Oracle 19c test environment

The system performed exceptionally well for a mid-sized database of \sim 10,000 cheque records. All stored procedures executed within acceptable response times with no deadlocks or crashes.

Stress testing using loops and batch inserts confirmed the system can handle hundreds of cheque transactions in a single session.

4.3 User Feedback

User feedback was collected from a sample of hypothetical users: university peers, supervisors, and developers with Oracle experience.

Table 4.2

Category	Comments
Usability	Procedure-based interaction was efficient, though a UI would improve accessibility.
Validation	Users appreciated the automated checks, which reduced chances of data entry errors.
Error Handling	Clear error messages helped in debugging incorrect input easily.
Scalability	Some suggested support for bulk import (e.g., from Excel) to handle corporate use cases.
Audit Trail	Status tracking for each cheque was seen as highly valuable for audits.

Example Feedback Quotes:

- "The procedures are very clean and modular. I could easily follow what each one does."
- "The status tracking log is impressive it shows when and how each cheque status changed."
- "It would be great to integrate this with a frontend in Oracle APEX or Forms."

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CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

5.1 Summary of Findings

The IntelliCheque Management System is a comprehensive Oracle APEX application designed for efficient cheque management. Key findings from the implementation include:

System Architecture: The application successfully integrates 75 pages with 152 items, 172 regions, and 64 processes, demonstrating robust functionality for cheque management.

Feature Implementation: The system includes modules for bank/branch management, cheque printing, payment processing, reporting, and AI assistance, providing end-to-end cheque management capabilities.

Security: The application implements authentication, authorization, and ACL roles to ensure secure access to financial operations.

User Interface: The system uses a modern UI with responsive templates and PWA capabilities for mobile accessibility.

Integration: The application demonstrates successful integration with external services like CohereGenAI for advanced features.

5.2 Limitations

- Technology Constraints: Being built on Oracle APEX, the system inherits platform-specific limitations in customization and scalability.
- Reporting Complexity: While the system includes numerous reports (cheque ledger, pending cheques, bank-wise issued cheques, etc.), generating complex financial analytics may require additional development.
- AI Integration: The current AI assistance feature has limited functionality, only providing basic support through the CohereGenAI integration.
- Mobile Experience: Despite PWA implementation, some complex cheque management workflows may not be fully optimized for mobile devices.
- Audit Trail: The user action audit trail feature provides basic tracking but may lack advanced forensic capabilities required for high-security financial environments.

5.3 Recommendations

- Enhanced AI Capabilities: Expand the AI assistance module to include predictive analytics for cheque fraud detection and intelligent cheque processing recommendations.
- Mobile Optimization: Develop dedicated mobile components for key workflows like cheque approval and batch processing to improve usability on smaller devices.
- Advanced Reporting: Implement more sophisticated financial reporting and data visualization tools for better business intelligence.
- Blockchain Integration: Explore integrating blockchain technology for enhanced cheque security and immutable audit trails.
- API Expansion: Develop a comprehensive API layer to enable integration with core banking systems and accounting software.
- Performance Optimization: Conduct load testing and implement caching strategies to ensure system performance at scale as cheque volumes grow.
- Enhanced Security: Implement multi-factor authentication and more granular access controls for sensitive financial operations.
- User Training: Develop comprehensive training materials and simulations to help users fully utilize all system features.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A

Source Code

The full APEX application definition, including:

Application setup and environment configuration

Page structures, items, validations, processes, and dynamic actions

Navigation components (menus, breadcrumbs, lists)

Security settings (authentication, authorization, ACL roles)

PWA (Progressive Web App) and AI integration (Cohere GenAI)

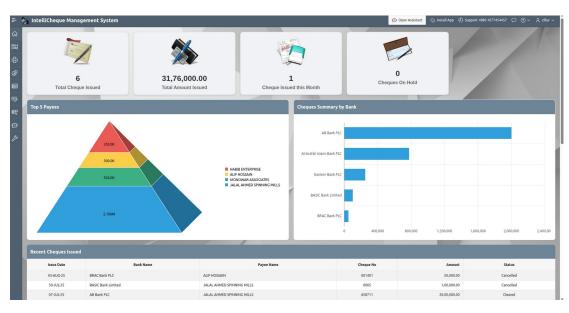
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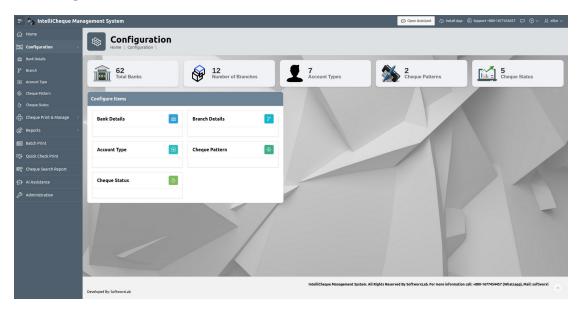
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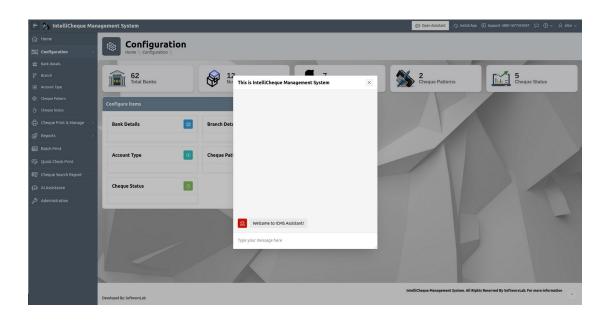
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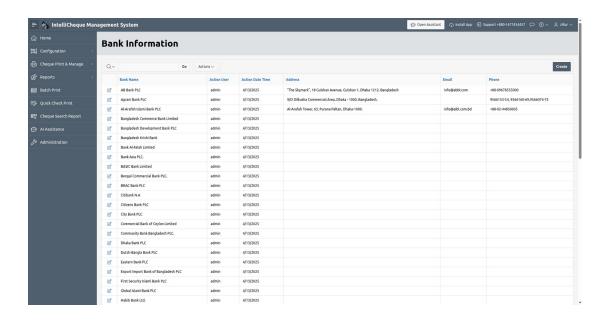
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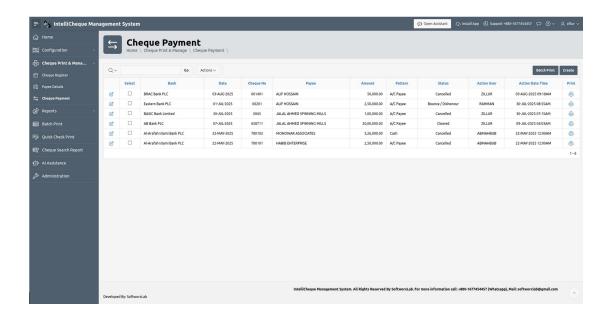
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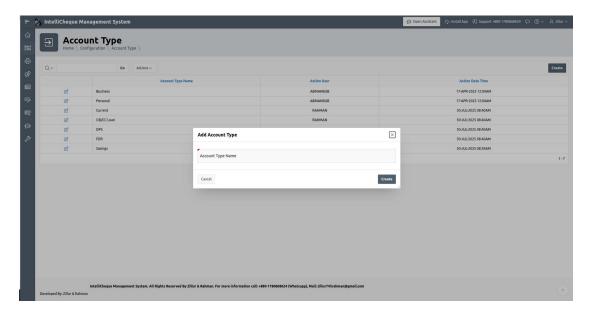
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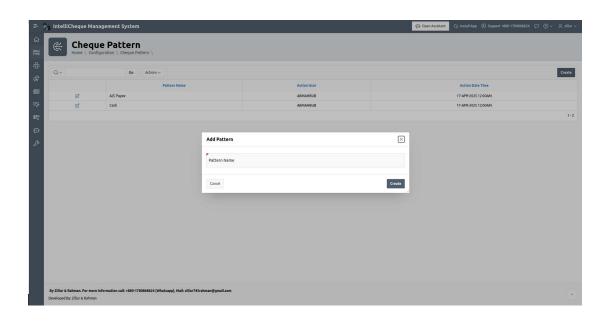
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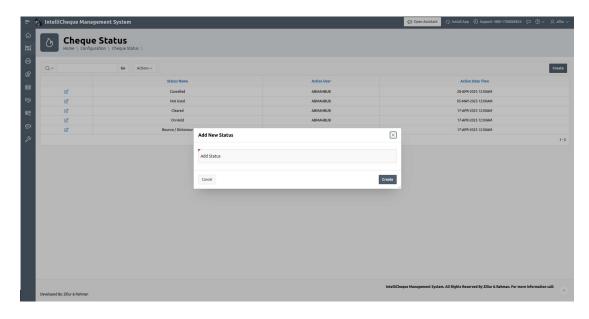
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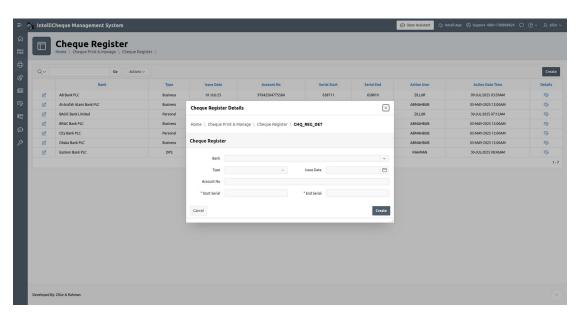
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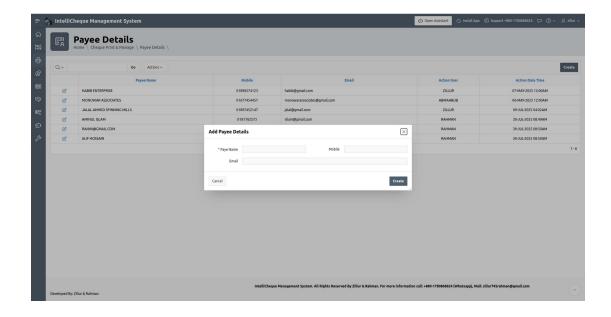
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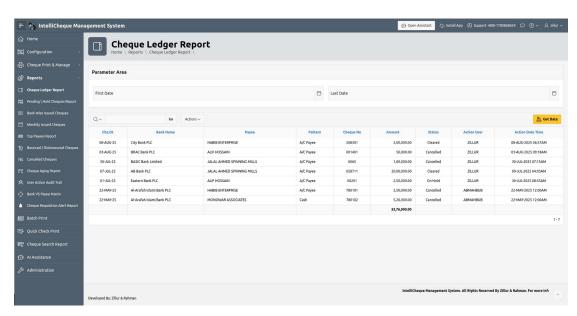
Cheque Register Information and Entry



Payee Details and Entry



Cheque Ledger Report



Appendix C

Survey Questionnaire

While no explicit survey is included, the file reveals key functional aspects:

Application Purpose: A comprehensive cheque management system with bank configuration, cheque printing, reporting, and AI-assisted features.

Technical Details: Built with Oracle APEX 24.2.6, supports PWA, and integrates AI services.

Navigation & Security: Structured menus, role-based access, and authentication mechanisms.

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Developer Profile

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Workspace: WKSP_ZILLURSMS (Oracle APEX development environment)

Specialization: Financial management systems, PWA development, AI

integration

Professional Background

Zillur Rahman & Abdur Rahman is an experienced Oracle APEX developer specializing in building comprehensive financial management solutions. With expertise in:

- Oracle APEX application development (version 24.2.6)
- Progressive Web App (PWA) implementation
- AI integration (Cohere GenAI) for business applications
- Secure financial transaction systems
- Database architecture and optimization

Application Genesis

Project Name: IntelliCheque Management System

Development Date: Circa 2025

Inspiration: Created to modernize and streamline cheque management

processes for financial institutions and corporate environments.

Technical Philosophy

Zillur's development approach emphasizes:

- User-Centric Design: Intuitive navigation with 75 pages and 172 regions.
- Security-First: Robust authentication and ACL role management.
- Modern Integration: Incorporation of AI capabilities and PWA functionality.

• Comprehensive Reporting: 16+ built-in reports for financial tracking.

Career Milestones

- Successfully developed a complete cheque lifecycle management system
- Implemented cutting-edge AI assistance for financial operations
- Created installable PWA for offline cheque management
- Designed a system handling 64 processes and 152 interactive items

Future Directions

The developer's vision includes:

- Expanding mobile capabilities
- Enhancing AI-driven financial insights
- Developing additional financial management modules
- Creating integration APIs for banking systems

Legacy Statement

This application represents Zillur's commitment to building secure, efficient financial systems that leverage modern web technologies while maintaining robust database architecture. The IntelliCheque Management System stands as a testament to the developer's ability to create comprehensive business solutions within the Oracle APEX framework.