

CSE 314: Software Engineering Lab

Project Proposal

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Project 1:

Rare Tree Locator: A mobile application

Problem Statement:

In urban areas like Dhaka, rapid urbanization has led to a significant decline in biodiversity awareness. People often encounter unfamiliar or rare trees but have no reliable way to identify them or learn more. The core issues include:

- Lack of identification tools specific to Dhaka's local or rare tree species.
- Existing apps are too generic, providing global data but missing localized insight.
- No easy access to tree information, such as name, origin, ecological value, or owner.
- Difficulty in distinguishing rare or non-native trees in a city filled with common urban plants.
- No collaborative or crowdsourced system to log or share unique tree discoveries.
- Limited public engagement in urban ecological tracking or education about native and rare biodiversity.

As a result, valuable opportunities to raise awareness, preserve local biodiversity, and promote citizen science are being lost.

Proposed Solution:

To address this gap, we propose building a web or mobile application that enables users to identify and track rare or unique trees in Dhaka. The system will have three types of users:

- 1. **Normal Viewers** Can browse a map or list of rare trees, view detailed information (species, origin, uniqueness, owner if public, and location).
- 2. **Contributors (Verified Users)** Can submit new tree sightings with photo, description, and geolocation.
- 3. **Admin** Can approve or reject submissions, verify information, and manage users and content.

Existing Similar System:

- **PlantNet** A global plant identification app that uses photo recognition to suggest plant names. However, it lacks localized context or rarity filters for specific cities like Dhaka. (https://plantnet.org/en/)
- iNaturalist A citizen science platform where users can upload flora/fauna observations. It provides a broad global community and database but lacks specific functionality for discovering rare trees in a local area. (https://www.inaturalist.org/)
- **Flora of Bangladesh** A static, text-based botanical resource maintained by institutions, not designed for field discovery or interactive use. (https://www.floraofbangladesh.com/)

Project 2:

Emergency Resource Allocation System: A web application

Problem Statement:

During floods, cyclones, and other disasters, relief supplies are often mismanaged due to a lack of coordination. Officers cannot request or track supply movement in real time, causing delays and wastage.

- 1. No centralized system for tracking emergency supplies.
- 2. Feel teams cannot equally request or monitor supply delivery.
- 3. Supplies run out or are overstocked without timely alerts.

Proposed Solution:

- 1. Prioritized supply dispatch based on region and urgency.
- 2. Alert system for lowest stock or expired item
- 3. Dashboard for analytics and demand forecasting.
- 4. User access control to prevent data manipulation.

User Type:

- 1. Admin: Manages users, monitors performances.
- 2. **Field officer:** Request or log distributed supplies, track status submit reports.
- 3. Warehouse step or NGOs: Update inventory, dispatch supplies

Existing Similar System:

1. LogIE(UNHCR): Advanced but requires large infrastructure; not usable by local NGOs. (https://logcluster.org/en)

- 2. ReliefWeb/HDX: Provides data but not real-time coordination or supply tracking. (https://reliefweb.int/)
- 3. Sahana Disaster Management System: Powerful but complex; not localized for small teams. (https://sahanafoundation.org/)

Project 3:

PoribeshPalki: Waste Management & Recycling Tracker: A web application

Problem Statement:

- Irregular and delayed waste collection in urban areas.
- Low public awareness and practice of recycling.
- No proper channel for citizens to report waste issues.
- Inefficient planning due to absence of real-time waste data.
- Environmental pollution and health risks from unmanaged waste.
- Absence of a Digital Tracking System.
- City authorities face problems managing and monitoring waste collection properly.

Proposed Solution:

- App for waste reporting with photo and location.
- Pickup alerts sent to citizens.
- Recycling guide to help sort waste.
- Eco points system to reward recycling.
- Task dashboard for waste collectors.
- Data analytics for better planning.
- Real-time monitoring by city officials.

User Type:

- Citizen: Report waste, get pickup alerts, sort recyclables, earn eco points.
- Waste Collector: View tasks, update pickup status, handle large waste, track recyclables.
- City Admin: Monitor reports, manage staff, issue fines, analyze data for planning.

Existing Similar System:

- Recyclebank (USA) (https://recyclebank.com/)
- WasteConcern (Bangladesh) (https://wasteconcern.org/)
- Swachhata App (India) (<u>https://sbmurban.org/</u>)

Project 4:

ManageHoise?: An event management website

Problem Statement:

Event planning in regions like Bangladesh often relies on manual methods, making the process time-consuming, inefficient, and stressful for both organizers and service providers. There is a lack of centralized digital platforms that can simplify and manage the entire event lifecycle, from booking vendors to organizing tasks like scheduling, budgeting, and checklists.

Proposed Solution:

The proposed solution is "ManageHoise?", a Django-based web application designed to serve as an event planning and management platform. It simplifies the event organization process by offering a two-user system:

User Types:

1. Customer (Event Organizer):

- Can register and create a profile.
- Browse products/services.
- Add items to cart and place orders.
- Plan events using future features like checklist, budget tracker, and scheduler.

2. Vendor (Service/Product Provider):

- Can register and list products/services.
- Edit or delete their listings.
- View customer interactions with their offerings.

3. Admin (System Manager):

- Manages both vendors and customers via Django's admin panel.
- Handles backend data and user control.

Existing Similar System:

- 1. Eventexpert (https://eventmanagementexpert.com.bd/)
- 2. Weddingbazaar (https://www.weddingbazaar.com/)
- 3. Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/)