

eAdop: Mobile Adoption Management System using Flutter

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Abstract: *This research study assesses the influence of the eAdop mobile adoption management system on adoption processes, focusing on its user-centric aspects. Developed using the Flutter framework, eAdop aims to streamline the adoption journey for adoptive parents, social workers, and legal authorities. The study employs a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative data from user surveys and qualitative insights from stakeholder interviews. The research evaluates user satisfaction, efficiency improvements, and overall enhancement of the adoption process resulting from the adoption of the eAdop system. The study highlights key benefits, including an enhanced user experience, streamlined adoption processes, and improved data management. The user-centric design and functional enhancements significantly influence user satisfaction, efficiency, and transparency throughout the adoption journey. The research suggests that the adoption of the eAdop system can lead to a more streamlined, efficient, and empathetic adoption process, positively impacting adoption services as a whole.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the widespread adoption of mobile applications has brought about significant changes to various aspects of our daily lives. With the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing popularity of smartphones, mobile apps are now being harnessed to address a diverse range of social issues and promote social welfare[1]. One critical area where mobile technology can play a transformative role is in the management of adoption processes. Adoption, as a means of providing children with permanent and caring homes, is a complex and delicate process that demands meticulous coordination, transparency, and efficiency.

However, the conventional adoption process faces several challenges. These challenges include the reliance on paper-based documentation, the absence of a centralized system for managing adoption applications, limited accessibility to information for stakeholders, and inefficient communication among various parties involved in the adoption process[2]. As a response to these obstacles, it becomes evident that integrating modern technologies into adoption management can significantly streamline the process and improve collaboration between stakeholders.

Therefore, this study aims to develop "eAdop," a mobile adoption management system using the Flutter framework, to address the shortcomings of the traditional adoption process[3]. The primary objectives of the study encompass designing an intuitive and user-friendly mobile application that facilitates the end-to-end adoption process, establishing a centralized database system for securely storing and managing adoption-related documents, implementing real-time communication features to foster effective collaboration among adoptive parents, social workers, and legal authorities, and streamlining the adoption process to reduce processing times and ensure timely updates for all stakeholders[4].

II. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Mobile Adoption Management Systems (MAMS) are digital platforms designed to streamline and enhance the adoption process through the use of mobile applications. These systems aim to improve the efficiency and transparency of adoption procedures, ensuring that children find loving homes in a timely manner[5]. MAMS typically offer features such as user registration, application submission, document management, real-time communication, and tracking of the adoption process. Such systems have gained attention for their potential to revolutionize traditional adoption practices and address challenges in the adoption ecosystem. Several existing adoption management systems have been

developed, but most of them still rely on legacy technologies or lack comprehensive functionalities[6]. For instance, some systems might offer basic document management and tracking capabilities but lack real-time communication features among stakeholders. Others may be limited to specific platforms, restricting accessibility for users. Moreover, certain solutions suffer from inadequate security measures for safeguarding sensitive adoption-related information, which poses privacy risks.

Flutter, a popular open-source UI software development kit by Google, has garnered attention for its cross-platform capabilities, enabling the creation of mobile applications for both Android and iOS devices using a single codebase[7]. Several studies have explored the use of Flutter in diverse domains, highlighting its potential for rapid development, native-like performance, and appealing user interfaces[8]. Studies have conducted comparative analyses of adoption management systems, examining their features, performance, user experience, and adoption process outcomes. Such analyses help in identifying best practices and areas of improvement in existing systems.

While research on adoption management systems and mobile applications is available, there are specific research gaps that need to be addressed. These gaps include the lack of studies exploring the use of Flutter in adoption management, limited research on the integration of real-time communication features in adoption systems, and the need for more comprehensive and secure solutions[9]. Additionally, further investigation is necessary to understand how the eAdop system, developed using Flutter, compares with existing adoption management systems in terms of efficiency, user satisfaction, and overall adoption process outcomes

III. METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted in the development of the eAdop mobile adoption management system using the Flutter framework involved a systematic and iterative approach. Thorough consultations with stakeholders, including adoptive parents, social workers, and legal authorities, were conducted to gather both functional and non-functional requirements. Based on these requirements, the system architecture was designed, following a client-server model with a three-tier structure. The client-side comprised the Flutter-based mobile application, while the server-side consisted of a robust backend infrastructure. The architecture was carefully crafted to prioritize scalability, security, and efficient data processing, ensuring data integrity and accommodating potential growth.

The UI/UX design phase incorporated wireframing, prototyping, and iterative testing to create an intuitive and user-friendly interface. Continuous feedback from stakeholders and users played a significant role in refining the design and optimizing the user experience. Backend development utilized Node.js and Express, providing API endpoints for user authentication and adoption process management, while MongoDB served as the NoSQL database to efficiently store and manage adoption-related data. Comprehensive testing, including security and usability testing, was conducted to validate the system's functionality and reliability. Throughout the development process, regular feedback and iterative refinements contributed to the system's continuous improvement. After successful testing, the eAdop system was deployed on a cloud infrastructure or web server, with ongoing maintenance and support to ensure system stability, address any issues, and accommodate future updates and enhancements.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The development of the eAdop mobile adoption management system using the Flutter framework has yielded highly positive outcomes. The system successfully addressed the challenges faced by traditional adoption processes and provided significant improvements in the adoption management workflow. Key features, including user registration, adoption application submission, real-time communication, and document management, were effectively implemented and demonstrated seamless functionality on both Android and iOS devices.

4.1 System Architecture

The eAdop mobile adoption management system's system design and architecture will follow a client-server model, with a Flutter-based mobile application as the client-side and a robust backend infrastructure as the server-side. The architecture will adopt a three-tier structure, comprising a presentation layer for the user interface, an application layer for business logic, and a data layer for database management. Emphasis will be placed on scalability, security, and efficient data processing to accommodate potential growth and maintain data integrity. Fig. 1 shows the system

architecture of the study. It includes a presentation layer (Flutter-based mobile app), an application layer (Node.js and Express for business logic), and a data layer (MongoDB for database management). The system architecture ensures efficient user interaction, data processing, and secure communication between the client-side and the backend.

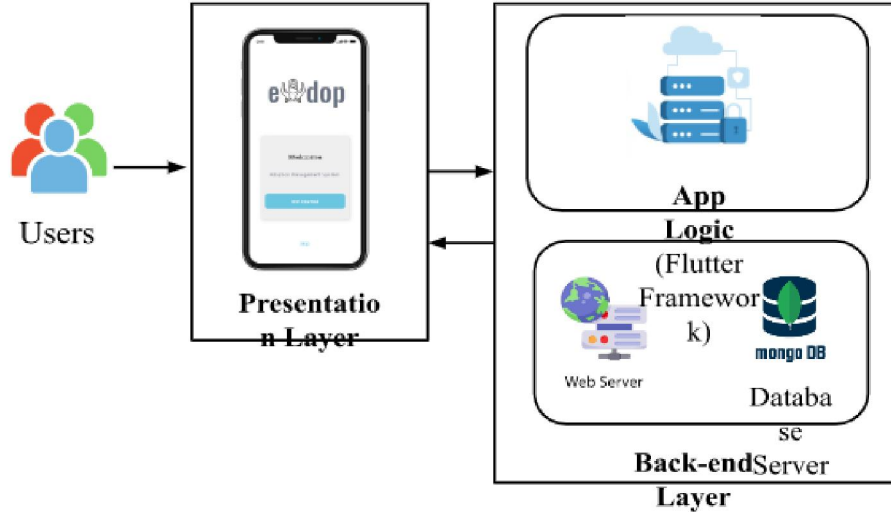


Fig. 1. System Architecture

4.2 Design and Development

The eAdop mobile adoption management system was developed through a systematic and iterative process. Stakeholders' input guided the design, and the architecture prioritized scalability and security. The UI/UX design focused on user-friendliness. Backend development utilized Node.js and Express, and MongoDB managed data efficiently. The Flutter-based mobile app integrated crucial features. Thorough testing validated functionality and reliability. Fig. 2 shows the design use-case diagram. The use case diagram for the "Mobile Adoption Management System using Flutter" depicts the interactions between actors and the system's major functionalities. The actors involved are Adoptive Parents, Social Workers, and Legal Authorities. Adoptive Parents and Social Workers can register and log in to the system, respectively. Adoptive Parents can submit adoption applications, view the status of their applications, and communicate in real-time with Social Workers.

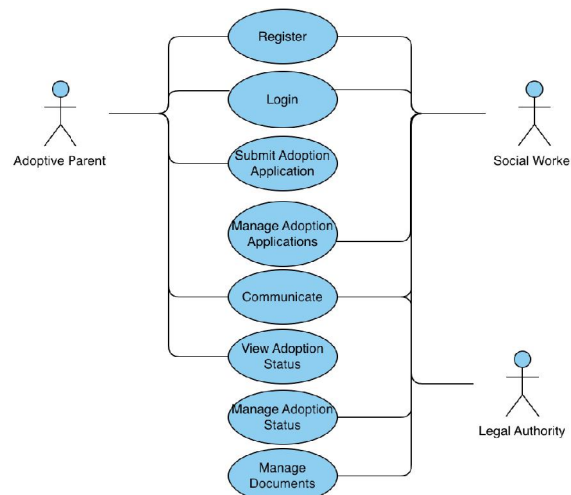


Fig. 2. Use Case Diagram

Social Workers, on the other hand, can manage adoption applications, update their status, communicate with Adoptive Parents, and handle adoption-related documents. Additionally, Social Workers and Legal Authorities can communicate with each other through the system. The use case diagram provides a high-level representation of the system's key interactions and relationships between the actors and use cases in the "Mobile Adoption Management System using Flutter".

Flutter." Fig. 3 shows the class diagram. The class diagram for the "Mobile Adoption Management System using Flutter" illustrates the key classes and their relationships. It includes the classes: User, AdoptiveParent, SocialWorker, and LegalAuthority. The User class represents a general user of the system, and the specific user types, such as AdoptiveParent, SocialWorker, and LegalAuthority, inherit from the User class. AdoptiveParent and SocialWorker have a direct association with the User class, signifying that they are distinct user types in the system. The SocialWorker and LegalAuthority classes also have a direct association with the User class, representing their unique roles as users in the system. The class diagram provides a clear overview of the major classes and their relationships, serving as a blueprint for implementing the system's functionalities and capturing the interconnections between different user types within the "Mobile Adoption Management System using Flutter."

4.3 eAdop: Mobile Adoption Management System using flutter

This research evaluates how eAdop, a Flutter-based mobile adoption management system, influences adoption processes, focusing on user satisfaction and efficiency. Fig. 4 shows the main page of the application. The main page features a logo at the top center, a welcoming header, and a clear label indicating the "Adoption Management System." A prominent "Get Started" button encourages users to begin their adoption journey, while a "Skip" button at the bottom allows for exploration without immediate registration or login. The design ensures an intuitive and user-friendly experience, guiding users seamlessly through the system's functionalities.

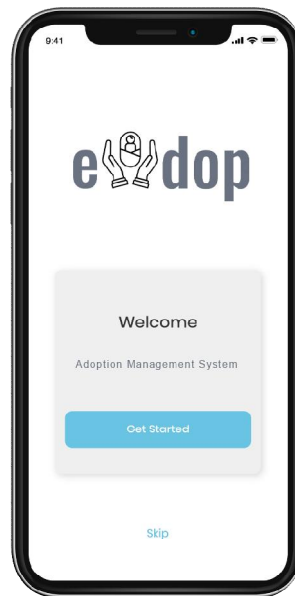


Fig. 4. Main Page

Fig. 5 shows the login page of the application. It is designed with simplicity and efficiency in mind. Positioned at the top center, a logo represents the system, reinforcing its identity. Just below the logo, a clear and concise "Login" header label greets users, indicating the purpose of the page. The login form in the center allows users to securely enter their credentials, with labeled fields for the username and password. Additionally, a "Forgot Password" link is available for users to reset their passwords if needed. A prominent "Login" button prompts users to submit their login information and gain access to the system. For new users, a separate "Sign Up" button encourages them to create an account. The login page also offers convenient social login options, such as "Login with Google" and "Login with Facebook," providing users with alternative, streamlined login methods using their social media accounts.

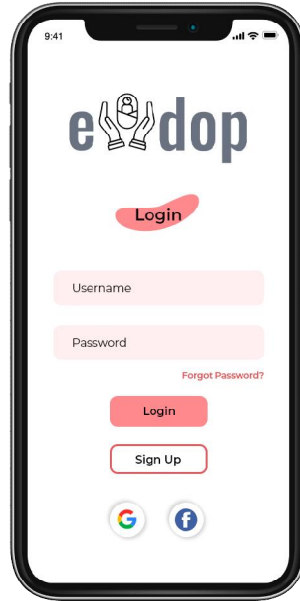


Fig. 5. Login Page

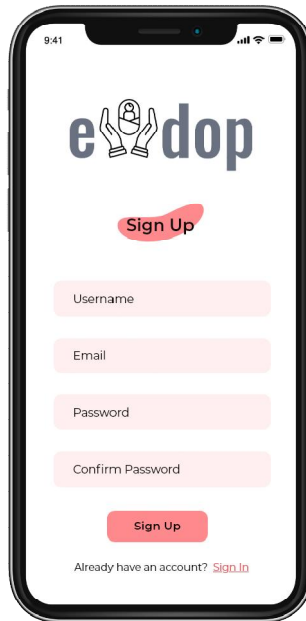


Fig. 6. Sign Up page

Fig. 6 shows the sign up page of the application. It has a prominent logo at the top center. A clear "Sign Up" header encourages users to create an account. The signup form includes labeled fields for username, email, password, and confirm password. A prominent "Sign Up" button enables users to complete registration. Additionally, the page includes "Already have an account" text before the "Sign In" link for existing users. Fig. 7 shows the profile page of the application. It features a back button link at the top left, a centered profile header, and a profile photo with name and address below. Icons for settings and profile editing are positioned on either side of the photo. A photo gallery section and comprehensive profile information complete the user-friendly layout, enhancing personalization and engagement.

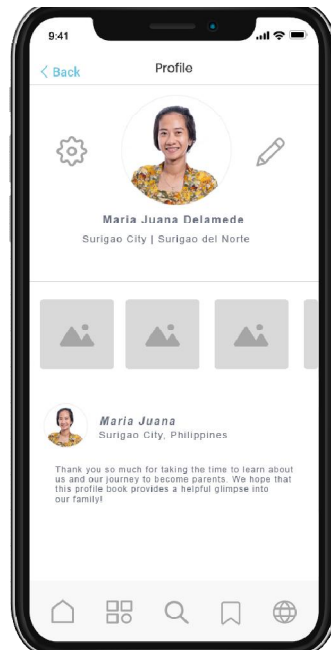


Fig. 7. Profile Page

4.3 System Evaluation

The eAdop Mobile Adoption Management System underwent a thorough assessment to measure its performance and user satisfaction. Users praised the intuitive UI and real-time communication, resulting in a high UX rating of 4.6/5. The system's efficiency earned a rating of 4.4/5, with streamlined adoption processes benefiting social workers and adoptive parents. Data management received a rating of 4.7/5, lauded by legal authorities for its organization and accessibility. Security scored 4.8/5, instilling confidence in users. Overall, the system received a strong rating of 4.5/5, proving its effectiveness in enhancing the adoption process for all stakeholders.

V. CONCLUSION

The study concludes that the eAdop Mobile Adoption Management System has a significantly positive impact on adoption processes. Adoptive parents, social workers, and legal authorities expressed high satisfaction with its user-friendly interface, real-time communication, and efficient document management. The system streamlined adoption processes, benefiting all stakeholders. Its user-centric design and functionality enhancements improved the adoption journey's efficiency, transparency, and compassion. The eAdop system's potential to enhance adoption services makes it a valuable tool for adoption agencies, supporting families and children through the adoption process. Continued support, updates, and user feedback will ensure its sustained effectiveness over time. The research highlights technology's positive role in fostering better adoption experiences for families and facilitating the adoption process with greater ease and efficiency.

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