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BloodNet: Revolutionizing Blood Donation Management through a Web-Based Matching Platform

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Abstract—

BloodNet is a revolutionary web-based platform designed to bridge the gap between hospitals and blood donors, streamlining the process of blood donation requests and matches. The system aims to enhance the efficiency and reliability of blood donation management by automating donor registration, request posting, and donor-hospital matching based on blood group compatibility and geographical proximity. This paper outlines the design, implementation, and evaluation of the BloodNet prototype, developed using a combination of HTML, CSS, JavaScript for the frontend, and Python Flask for the backend, supported by a MySQL database.

The platform ensures secure registration and authentication for both hospitals and donors, leveraging email verification and document uploads for verification purposes. Hospitals can post blood requests with essential details, while donors can register, update their availability status, and respond to requests. The matching system prioritizes nearby donors for urgent requests, enhancing the likelihood of timely donations. Email notifications keep both parties informed of new requests and responses, ensuring seamless communication.

Initial testing and user feedback indicate significant improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of blood donation management. Future enhancements will focus on integrating real- time geolocation, SMS notifications, and an advanced admin panel to further refine the platform's capabilities. BloodNet promises to be a vital tool in ensuring a more responsive and organized blood donation ecosystem, ultimately saving more lives through timely interventions.

***Index Terms*—BloodNet, web based platform, Blood donation management, Geolocation, Donor-hospital matching**

I. Introduction

Blood donation serves as a crucial medical resource that transfers vital components from healthy donors to patients in medical need. Medical professionals can process a single donation unit within 60 minutes to separate red blood cells for emergency and surgical cases. Patients suffering from coagulation disorders benefit from the liquid blood component known as plasma. The third essential blood element, platelets, which facilitate blood clotting at injury sites, proves especially valuable for individuals undergoing cancer treatment or organ transplantation. According to research funded by the National Blood Foundation that examined over 5,000 blood donors' motivations, approximately three-quarters of participants indicated that their primary reasons for donating were altruistic—helping others while simultaneously experiencing personal fulfillment from their contribution. [1].

The web-based system "BloodNet" represents a cutting- edge solution created to optimize blood donation logistics by effectively linking healthcare facilities with willing blood contributors. This digital platform tackles the urgent requirement for a well-structured and dependable mechanism to coordinate blood donation requests, allowing medical institutions to rapidly identify suitable donors. Through the implementation of contemporary internet technologies, BloodNet strives to improve the operational effectiveness of blood donation ad- ministration, ultimately helping preserve lives through prompt medical assistance.

The platform offers secure registration and authentication processes for both hospitals and donors. Hospitals can post blood requests specifying the required blood group, urgency level, and location, while donors can register, update their availability status, and respond to requests. The system prioritizes matching donors and hospitals based on blood group compatibility and geographical proximity, thereby increasing the likelihood of successful and timely donations.

A key feature of BloodNet is its user-friendly interface, designed to simplify the interaction for both hospitals and donors. Automated email notifications keep users informed of new requests and responses, reducing the need for constant manual checks and ensuring seamless communication. Additionally, the inclusion of basic geolocation features enhances the matching process, making it easier to identify and prioritize nearby donors for urgent requests. Global statistics reveal a persistent gap between blood supply capabilities and medical demands across most nations worldwide. A

significant illustration of this disparity comes from India, where the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare documented 10.9 million units collected in 2016, falling short of the 12 million units required to meet healthcare needs. Addressing these challenges requires comprehensive approaches, as outlined in the World Health Organization's integrated strategy for blood safety and avail- ability. This framework, directed at stakeholders, policymakers, and partners, emphasizes the establishment of robust national blood systems characterized by well-coordinated trans- fusion services operating under evidence-based ethical policies with appropriate legislative and regulatory support. Such systems aim to deliver sufficient quantities of safe blood products in timely fashion to satisfy all patient transfusion requirements. Additionally, the WHO strategy advocates collecting blood, plasma, and associated components exclusively from low-risk regular donors who contribute voluntarily without financial incentives. This necessitates strengthening donation infrastructure and implementing effective donor management protocols that incorporate appropriate counseling and care services. Furthermore, the strategy mandates rigorous quality assurance measures, including comprehensive screening of all donated blood for transmission-risk infections such as HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and syphilis. It also requires confirmatory testing for reactive infection markers, accurate blood grouping, compatibility assessment, and sophisticated processing systems capable of converting whole blood into specialized products tailored to diverse healthcare applications. This paper explores the development and implementation of the BloodNet prototype, detailing its core functionalities, technological framework, and potential impact on the health- care system. The evaluation and user feedback demonstrate significant improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of blood donation management. Future enhancements, including real-time geolocation and advanced notification systems, are anticipated to further refine the platform's capabilities, solidifying its role as a vital tool in the blood donation ecosystem.

II. Literature review

Blood donation is an essential medical service, and blood is an extraordinarily extraordinary and valuable asset because it can only be obtained from donors. Every year, donors help save a lot of people, but some still die or suffer because they can't get a safe blood transfusion (WHO, 2010).
Academic studies examining blood bank administration frameworks consistently highlight computerization as a powerful tool for enhancing operational efficiency, though most fail to address potential challenges stemming from functional limitations or system misuse. Our comprehensive literature examination identified several noteworthy contributions.

Kulshreshtha and Maheshwari's research "Benefits of Management Information System in Blood Bank" thoroughly examines the advantages that information systems bring to blood banking operations. Their investigation concentrates specifically on management information systems within blood banks, carefully analyzing how various stakeholders derive benefits from these technological implementations.

In another significant study titled "The Optimization of Blood Donor Information and Management System by Technopedia," researchers P. Priya and V. Saranya developed

an innovative blood donor platform incorporating GIS coordinates within an Android mobile application. Their system demonstrates substantial reliability and efficiency improvements, providing critical services that benefit populations requiring blood resources.

Further expanding on this topic, Kulshreshtha and Maheshwari's additional work "Blood Bank Management In- formation System in India" presents a thorough evaluation of fundamental features, strengths, and limitations found in existing web-based information frameworks serving Indian blood banks. This assessment offers valuable perspectives on current technological solutions addressing national blood banking requirements.

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Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (IJCRT) www.ijcrt.org d725 and give a few more thought for making strides in the existing framework. Professor Snigdha collaborated with researchers Pratiksha Lokhande, Siddhi Kasar, and Pranita More to create an Android application that streamlines donor information updates, providing administrators with complete access to critical data. Their innovation generates customized blood bank directories based on geographical proximity to users.

Researchers A. Clemen Teena, K. Sankar, and S. Kannan contributed significant work through their "A Study on Blood Bank Management System," which examines sophisticated information management frameworks. Their solution enables authorized personnel to access secure systems through pass- word protection, facilitating efficient oversight of both donor inventories and patient requirements.

Narendra Gupta, Ramakant Gawande, and Nikhil Thengadi introduced "MBB: A Life-Saving Application," establishing an interconnected network of donors. Their comprehensive system supports transfusion services while building extensive databases that monitor blood inventories across geographic regions while maintaining detailed donor registries organized by municipality. This technology enables users to view patients requiring blood donations, register as potential donors, and respond to localized emergency blood requests.

Additional contributions include Pah Essah and Said Ab Rahman's 2011 conceptual framework for a management information system integrating donor, recipient, and blood data elements. Building on this foundation, E.M.S.S. Ekanayaka and C. Wimaladharma developed in 2015 an automated consolidation system for donor information management.

The national infrastructure for blood and plasma collection operates through two distinct systems employing different donor populations and yielding

varied products. Blood col- lection primarily functions as a nonprofit endeavor, while plasma collection incorporates monetary compensation. Fed- eral oversight regulates blood banking activities, ensuring product safety and efficacy while advancing research into hematological conditions. Though both systems operate under FDA regulation, specific requirements differ substantially due to fundamental differences between blood and plasma products.

To standardize blood storage and transfusion protocols, the Joint Professional Advisory Committee has established numerous guidelines, including uniform labeling specifications for blood and human tissue products, alongside standardized electronic data interchange protocols within UK transfusion services.

III. RELATED WORK

This section provides a comprehensive overview of the current landscape, identifying gaps and limitations in existing solutions, and justifying the need for the BloodNet platform. Here are key points to include:

A. Overview of Existing Blood Donation Platforms:

Digital Platforms: Discuss notable web-based platforms and mobile applications that facilitate blood donation, such as BloodDonors.org, Red Cross Blood Donor App, and Blood Donation Management System by WHO.

Functionalities: Highlight the key features of these platforms, including donor registration, request posting, matching algorithms, and notification systems.

Technological Frameworks: Mention the technologies and frameworks commonly used in existing platforms.

B. Gaps and Limitations:

Scalability Issues: Address the challenges faced by existing platforms in handling large volumes of data and users.

User Experience: Discuss limitations in user interface design and ease of use for both donors and hospitals.

Security Concerns: Highlight potential security vulnerabilities in current systems, such as data breaches and inadequate encryption methods.

Geographical Constraints: Mention the limitations related to geolocation and the ability to effectively match donors with hospitals based on proximity.

C. Innovations and Contributions:

Advanced Matching Algorithms: Explore research on innovative matching algorithms that enhance the accuracy and efficiency of donor-hospital pairing.

Real-time Features: Discuss advancements in real-time geolocation and notification systems that improve response times and communication.

Integrations with Health Information Systems: Highlight studies and platforms that integrate with broader health in- formation systems for comprehensive donor eligibility checks and medical record integration.

D. Case Studies and Evaluations:

Successful Implementations Research: The literature presents numerous case studies documenting the successful deployment of blood donation management systems and their significant healthcare impact.

Adoption Metrices Analysis : Statistical evidence regarding user satisfaction, technology adoption rates, and operational improvements in blood donation processes provides quantitative validation of these systems' effectiveness.

Technopedia's Donar Management Innovation : Priya and colleagues developed a sophisticated mobile application incorporating geographic information systems to create an efficient, structured, and protected Information Management System. Their solution incorporates mechanisms to identify fraudulent donor activity and prevent information misuse. Additionally, they implemented multi-tiered blood quality verification protocols essential for ensuring patient safety.

Information Management System Development : Teena and research partners designed a comprehensive information architecture that efficiently maintains comprehensive donor and patient records. Their system incorporates enhanced security features restricting database access exclusively to authenticated blood bank personnel through password-protected login protocols.

RFID - Enhanced blood bank Operations: Pramodini's re- search team created an advanced database solution specifically engineered to minimize human error frequencies, particularly during critical transfusion procedures. Their innovation implements Radio-Frequency Identification technology within blood bank database management systems to substantially reduce procedural errors.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for developing the BloodNet platform encompasses several phases, each addressing distinct aspects of the project from initial requirements gathering to prototype evaluation.

1. **Requirements Analysis:** The first phase involves iden- tifying and documenting the functional and non-functional requirements for the

BloodNet platform. This is achieved by conducting stakeholder interviews with hospital administra- tors, potential donors, and medical professionals to gather insights. Additionally, existing literature and similar platforms are reviewed to understand best practices and common pitfalls. The outcome of this phase is a detailed Software Requirements Specification (SRS) document that outlines the core function- alities, user roles, and system constraints.

2. System Design and Architecture: The system is de- signed to ensure scalability, efficiency, and reliability. It fol- lows a modular approach where each layer handles specific tasks:

2.1 Presentation Layer: This layer provides interfaces for users, including donors, hospitals, and administrators. It is built to ensure a seamless user experience with clear navigation and responsive design.

2.2 Business Logic Layer: This core layer manages all computations and processes, including donor matching, ge- olocation, and real-time notifications. It integrates APIs and executes workflows efficiently.

2.3 Data Layer: This layer is responsible for securely storing and retrieving data, including user profiles, requests, and logs. Emphasis is placed on data integrity and quick retrieval.

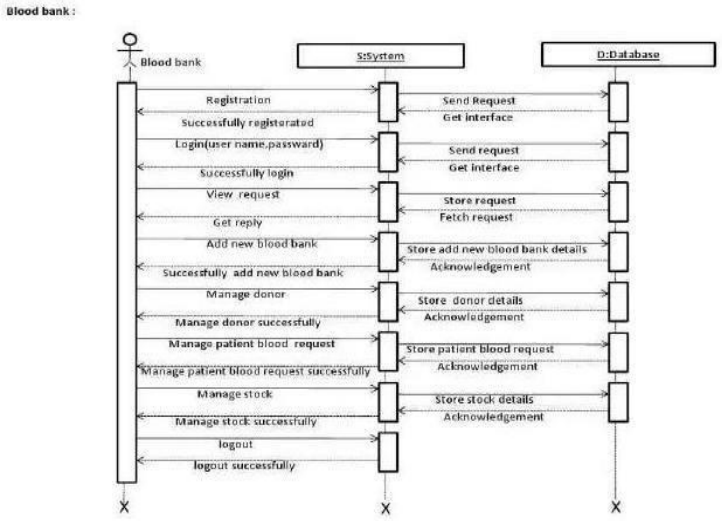

Fig. 1. Sequence System Design of the BloodNet

3. Workflow Process: The workflow of BloodNet ensures a streamlined user journey:

Step 1: User Registration: Donors and hospitals register with mandatory details, verified through a secure authentica- tion system.

Step 2: Request Submission: Hospitals submit detailed requests, including blood type, urgency, and required quantity. **Step 3:** Donor Matching: The system identifies and priori- tizes suitable donors based on geolocation, blood compatibil-
ity, and availability.

Step 4: Notifications and Scheduling: Matched donors receive notifications, and schedules are coordinated between donors and hospitals.

Step 5: Feedback Mechanism: Post-donation, users are prompted to provide feedback to improve the system.

4. Development Tools and Frameworks: The project was mainly built with Web technologies. Bootstrap controls the framework for making dynamic and intelligent Pages and the capabilities that do framework undertakings.The web application was styled with JQuery, CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), and HTML (Hypertext Markup Language). The web- site's responsive layout was created using Bootstrap.Relevant data has been stored in an M.Y.S.Q.L. database. This is a concentrated data set. The development tools are described in detail below. The choice of tools and frameworks is critical for ensuring a robust and scalable platform:

4.1 Frontend Development: Html5, CSS3 and Bootstrap were used for its component-based architecture, enabling reusable code and a dynamic user interface.

4.2 Backend Development: Flask was chosen for its robust framework, which supports rapid development and ensures code readability.

4.3 Database Management: PostgreSQL was selected for its ability to handle complex queries and ensure data security.

4.4 APIs: Geolocation APIs enable precise tracking, while notification APIs ensure timely communication with users.

4.5 Basic Framework : The system manages blood collec- tion, inventory management, distribution, donor management along with a prior analysis report about the success proba- bility and feasibility of any proposed blood donation camp. The whole system is an integration of some webbased user interfaces, and underlying databases.Different components are briefly discussed next.

4.5.1 Django Framework Apps: Models.py: Defines user, app, and website data fields.

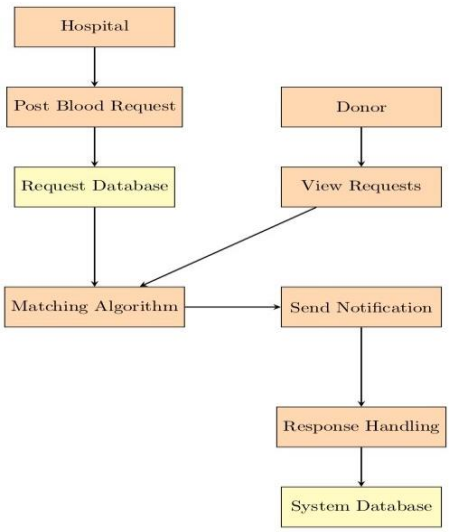

Fig. 2. Flowchart of the BloodNet

Views.py: Used to analyze, wrangle, modify, and validate the data as per user need.
URLs.py: Used to store all the URL of apps used. Tests.py: Used to test the apps.
Apps.py: Used to declare apps.
Admin.py: Used to register apps. It has access over all data.
Settings.py: Store all defined configuration and directory. It links all the files.
Manage.py: It is the root of the application used to launch apps.

5. Algorithm Design: The donor matching algorithm is central to the platform's functionality. It operates based on the following criteria:
Proximity: Ensures donors near the requesting hospital are prioritized to reduce transportation delays.
Blood Type Compatibility: Adheres to transfusion compat- ibility rules, ensuring safe matches.
Availability: Considers the donor's availability to ensure quick response times.
Urgency: Prioritizes requests marked as critical, ensuring lifesaving interventions.

6. Testing and Quality Assurance: Once the system is developed, it is tested to ensure that it meets the requirements and is free of bugs and errors. The testing process includes unit testing, integration testing, and system testing. The system is also tested for performance, scalability, and security Testing is conducted at every stage of development to ensure reliability and performance:
Unit Testing: Individual modules, such as registration and matching, are tested in isolation to ensure accuracy.
Integration Testing: Ensures seamless interaction between modules, such as donor matching and geolocation.
System Testing: Validates the end-to-end workflow, ensuring all components function as intended.
User Acceptance Testing: Real users test the platform, providing feedback on usability and functionality.

7. Evaluation and Feedback: In this phase, the effective- ness and usability of the BloodNet platform are assessed, and areas for improvement are identified. Qualitative and quantitative feedback is collected from users through surveys, interviews, and usage analytics. This data is analyzed to evaluate user satisfaction, identify pain points, and measure the platform's impact on the blood donation process. The outcome is an evaluation report summarizing key findings, user feedback, and recommendations for future enhancements.

8. Deployment and Maintenance : The final phase involves deploying the BloodNet platform for wider use and ensuring its ongoing reliability and scalability. Deployment documen- tation is prepared, and a maintenance plan is established to handle updates, bug fixes, and user support. The platform's performance is monitored, and additional features are incor- porated based on user needs and technological advancements. The outcome of this phase is a robust and scalable blood donation management system that continuously evolves to meet the demands of the healthcare sector.

9. Ethical Considerations: Ethics play a vital role in the development and operation of BloodNet:
Privacy and Security: All user data is encrypted and stored securely, accessible only to authorized personnel.
Informed Consent: Donors consent to their data being used for matching and notifications, ensuring transparency.
Fair Access: The platform ensures that all users, regardless of background, have equal access to its services.
By following this structured methodology, the development of BloodNet is thorough, user-focused, and adaptable to future enhancements, ultimately leading to a more efficient and effective blood donation process.

10. Challenges/Issues faced in System: To ensure the integrity of the blood donation system, several challenges are addressed: 10.1 Verification of Donor Authenticity: To prevent the registration of non-genuine donors, a mandatory process requires individuals to submit all necessary

health and iden- tification documents. Prospective donors are only permitted to complete the registration if they meet the predetermined eligibility criteria for blood donation.

10.2 Prevention of Fraudulent Requests: To counter the problem of illegitimate blood requests, the system incorporates a password verification feature. Additionally, donors are em- powered to review te profile of individuals requesting blood, adding a layer of scrutiny.

10.3 Maintaining an Up-to-Date Donor Database: Reg- istered donors are obligated to refresh their personal and health information every 35 days. This regular update serves as a confirmation of their continued disease-free status and eligibility to donate blood, ensuring the reliability of the donor pool.

V. CONCLUSION

The development of the BloodNet platform represents a significant advancement in the management of blood do- nation processes. By leveraging modern web technologies, secure data handling, and user-friendly interfaces, BloodNet effectively connects hospitals with potential blood donors, ensuring a more organized and efficient system for fulfilling blood donation requests. The implementation of features such as automated notifications, donor-hospital matching based on blood group and location, and robust registration processes for both hospitals and donors, highlights the platform's potential to enhance the responsiveness and reliability of blood donation activities.

Initial testing and user feedback have demonstrated the platform's capability to improve the coordination between hospitals and donors, facilitating timely and successful do- nations. While the prototype phase has laid a strong foun- dation, future enhancements—such as real-time geolocation, SMS notifications, and an advanced admin panel—promise to further refine the platform's functionality and scalability. BloodNet's continuous evolution and adaptability are essen- tial in meeting the dynamic needs of the healthcare sector, ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes and saving lives. This project underscores the importance of innovative solutions in healthcare and sets the stage for further research and development in blood donation management systems.

VI. FUTURE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT

1. **Integration with National Healthcare Systems:** Collab- orate with government health departments and private health- care organizations to create a centralized and unified database of donors, hospitals, and patients. This will allow for seamless information sharing and better coordination in managing blood and organ donations and establish partnerships with national blood banks and health registries to enhance the scope and reach of the platform, ensuring availability during emergencies and disasters.
2. **Integration with IoT Devices:**Leverage wearable IoT devices, such as fitness trackers, to monitor donor health metrics like hemoglobin levels, blood pressure, and heart rate and send automated reminders to eligible donors when they are fit to donate based on their health data.
3. **Multi-Language Support:**Expand accessibility by in- corporating multi-language support, catering to diverse user groups in different regions and countries and implement AI- based translation tools for real-time communication between donors, hospitals, and recipients who speak different lan- guages.
4. **Blockchain for Data Security:** Implement blockchain technology to ensure the security and integrity of sensi- tive donor and patient information, minimizing risks of data breaches or unauthorized access and use smart contracts to automate donor-recipient agreements, ensuring transparency and trust in the donation process.
5. **Mobile Application Development:**Develop user-friendly mobile applications compatible with both Android and iOS to streamline the donor registration process, notifications, and communication and add push notifications to remind users about upcoming donation drives, eligibility windows, and critical needs in their locality.
6. **Global Expansion:**Collaborate with global healthcare organizations, such as the WHO, to address global shortages and crises and develop a scalable architecture to support international operations, including currency conversion for funding and multilingual support.
7. **Real-Time Tracking:**Develop a logistic management module integrated with GPS to provide live updates to stake- holders, including donors, hospitals, and patients and use IoT- enabled devices to monitor the condition of transported blood or organs, such as temperature and storage conditions.
8. **Partnership with NGOs and Corporates:**Collaborate with non-governmental organizations and corporates to fund awareness campaigns and promote the importance of blood and organ donations and organize corporate social responsi- bility (CSR) initiatives to encourage employee participation in donation drives.

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