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REBOOK – MARKETPLACE FOR USED BOOKS

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ABSTRACT

The rapid growth of digital platforms has transformed how goods and services are exchanged, yet the reuse of academic and personal books remains inefficient due to the lack of structured systems. This project presents "ReBook – Marketplace for Used Books," a web-based application designed to facilitate the donation and lending of used books through a centralized, secure, and user-friendly platform. The system addresses challenges faced by students and readers who struggle to resell or donate books after use, while others face difficulty accessing affordable learning resources. The proposed solution integrates modern web technologies including React for dynamic user interfaces, Spring Boot for backend processing, and MySQL for reliable data storage. The platform enables users to register, upload books, search using advanced filters, and send requests for donation or lending. A structured workflow ensures transparency through request approval, rejection, and return tracking mechanisms. Additionally, an integrated messaging system enhances communication between users. The system promotes sustainability by encouraging book reuse, reducing paper waste, and minimizing environmental impact. Security features such as authentication and role-based access control ensure data integrity and user trust. The application demonstrates scalability, efficiency, and real-world applicability in educational environments. Overall, the ReBook system provides a cost-effective, eco-friendly, and collaborative solution that bridges the gap between unused resources and user demand while leveraging full-stack development technologies.

Keywords: Used books marketplace, Web application, React, Spring Boot, Book donation, Lending system, Sustainability, MySQL

I. INTRODUCTION

In the modern digital era, online marketplaces have revolutionized the exchange of goods and services by providing accessibility, convenience, and scalability [1]. However, despite advancements in e-commerce systems, the reuse of books remains inefficient due to the absence of structured platforms dedicated to donation and lending [2]. Students and readers frequently purchase books for short-term use and later face difficulties in reselling or donating them effectively [3]. Traditional methods such as local resale markets and campus exchanges are limited by geographical constraints and time restrictions [4]. Similarly, social media platforms, although widely used, lack structured workflows, secure verification, and tracking mechanisms for book exchange [5]. These limitations highlight the need for a dedicated digital system that supports efficient book reuse [6]. The ReBook platform is designed to address these

issues by providing a centralized web-based solution [7]. It enables users to register, upload books, search for required materials, and send requests for donation or lending [8]. Advanced search capabilities using ISBN, author, and keywords improve accessibility [9]. The system also incorporates request management features that allow owners to approve or reject requests [10]. Furthermore, integrated communication tools enhance interaction between users [11]. The platform ensures transparency by maintaining clear status updates for all transactions [12].

The backend of the system is developed using Spring Boot, which simplifies API development and enhances scalability [13]. React is used for the frontend to create a responsive and dynamic user interface [14]. MySQL serves as the database for secure and structured data storage [15]. The system also includes authentication mechanisms to ensure secure user access [16]. Role-based access control enhances privacy and data protection [17]. A key feature of the platform is the lending management system, which tracks borrowing duration and return status [18]. This reduces disputes and ensures accountability among users [19]. Notifications are implemented to keep users informed about request updates [20]. The system also includes dashboards for managing books and tracking activities [21]. Environmental sustainability is a major motivation behind this project, as book reuse reduces paper consumption and waste [22]. The platform promotes a sharing economy that benefits students financially [23]. It also encourages collaboration and knowledge sharing among users [24]. The integration of modern technologies ensures high performance and scalability [25]. Future enhancements may include mobile applications and AI-based recommendations [26]. Overall, the ReBook system provides an efficient and structured approach to book exchange [27]. It addresses existing challenges while leveraging modern web technologies [28]. The system improves accessibility, affordability, and sustainability [29]. Thus, it represents a practical and impactful solution for digital book sharing ecosystems [30].

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The evolution of online marketplaces has significantly influenced how resources are exchanged, particularly in e-commerce environments [1]. Traditional book exchange systems relied heavily on offline mechanisms such as book fairs and local markets [2]. These methods required physical presence and lacked scalability [3]. With the advancement of digital platforms, online marketplaces emerged, enabling users to buy and sell books conveniently [4]. However, most existing platforms focus on commercial transactions rather than donation or lending models [5]. Studies indicate that user engagement improves significantly when platforms provide intuitive interfaces and efficient workflows [6]. Research on React-based applications highlights the advantages of component-based architecture and faster rendering [7]. This enhances user experience and reduces system latency [8]. Backend technologies such as Spring Boot have gained popularity due to their ability to simplify REST API development [9]. They reduce configuration complexity and improve scalability [10]. Integration with Spring JPA enables efficient database management through object-relational mapping [11]. This reduces the need for manual SQL queries [12]. MySQL is widely used in such systems due to its reliability and structured data handling capabilities [13]. Proper database design ensures consistency and integrity in transactions [14].

Despite these advancements, existing systems lack structured mechanisms for donation and lending workflows [15]. Most platforms do not provide features for request approval and tracking [16]. This leads to inefficiencies and lack of transparency [17]. Research highlights the importance of workflow management in improving system usability [18]. Systems with clear request tracking mechanisms demonstrate higher user satisfaction [19]. Communication features also play a critical role in enhancing user interaction [20]. However, many platforms rely on external communication tools, leading to fragmented experiences [21]. Studies emphasize the need for integrated messaging systems within applications [22]. Security is another major concern in online platforms [23]. Authentication and authorization mechanisms are essential for protecting user data [24]. Role-based access control enhances system security [25]. Environmental sustainability has also become a key focus in recent research [26]. Reusing books reduces paper consumption and promotes eco-friendly practices [27]. The concept of a sharing economy supports resource optimization [28]. The ReBook system integrates these concepts into a unified platform [29]. It addresses the limitations of existing systems by combining donation and lending features [30].

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed ReBook system introduces a structured web-based platform that integrates book donation and lending functionalities within a single application. Unlike traditional systems, it provides secure user authentication and role-based access control to ensure safe interactions. Users can register, log in, and manage their profiles efficiently. The system allows users to upload books with detailed information such as title, author, ISBN, and availability type. Advanced search features enable users to find books using keywords, authors, or publishers. A key feature of the system is its request management workflow, where users can send requests for donation or lending, and book owners can approve or reject them. This structured approach improves transparency and reduces confusion in transactions.

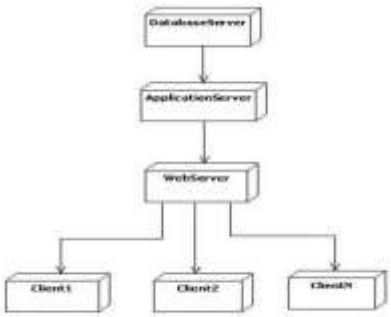

Fig 9.2: Deployment Diagram

Additionally, the system includes a lending management feature that tracks borrowing duration and return status. This ensures accountability and minimizes disputes between users. The integrated messaging system allows direct communication within the platform, eliminating the need for external tools. Notifications keep users informed about request updates and deadlines. The use of React ensures a responsive user interface, while Spring Boot manages backend operations efficiently. MySQL provides reliable data storage and management. The system promotes sustainability by encouraging book reuse and reducing waste. Overall, the proposed system offers a cost-effective, scalable, and user-friendly solution for book exchange.

IV. SYSTEM DESIGN

The system design of the ReBook platform follows a layered architecture consisting of frontend, backend, and database components. The frontend is developed using React, which provides a dynamic and responsive user interface. It enables seamless

navigation and real-time updates without page reloads. The backend is built using Spring Boot, which handles business logic, API communication, and authentication processes. RESTful APIs facilitate communication between the frontend and backend. The database layer uses MySQL to store user data, book details, and transaction records securely. The system follows a modular design approach, including user management, book management, search, request handling, and messaging modules. Each module operates independently while maintaining integration with the overall system.

The system also includes UML diagrams such as use case diagrams, sequence diagrams, and class diagrams to represent interactions and workflows. The deployment architecture ensures scalability and reliability. Security measures such as authentication and authorization are implemented to protect user data. The system supports CRUD operations for book management and ensures data consistency through relational database design. The workflow includes user registration, book listing, searching, requesting, approval, and return tracking. The design ensures high performance, scalability, and maintainability. Overall, the system architecture provides a robust foundation for efficient book exchange operations.

V. RESULTS

Fig 11.5: Donation Search page

Fig 11.6: Lending Search page

VI. CONCLUSION

The ReBook – Marketplace for Used Books system provides a comprehensive solution to the challenges associated with book reuse and accessibility. By integrating donation and lending functionalities into a single platform, the system addresses the limitations of traditional and existing

digital methods. The use of modern technologies such as React, Spring Boot, and MySQL ensures scalability, efficiency, and a user-friendly experience. The structured request management workflow enhances transparency, while features such as return tracking and messaging improve accountability and communication among users. The system not only benefits students by providing affordable access to books but also contributes to environmental sustainability by promoting reuse and reducing waste. Security mechanisms such as authentication and role-based access control ensure safe interactions and data protection. The platform demonstrates the practical application of full-stack development in solving real-world problems. Future enhancements may include mobile applications, AI-based recommendations, and integration with payment systems. Overall, the ReBook system represents an innovative, efficient, and sustainable approach to book exchange, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among users while leveraging modern web technologies.

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