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Secure and Efficient Bill Distribution System with GPS Tracking Using a Mobile Application

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Abstract: This paper introduces a comprehensive Android-based bill delivery application designed to streamline and automate the bill distribution process for delivery personnel. Built with an offline-first architecture, the app enables riders to operate seamlessly in areas with limited connectivity by storing data locally in an SQLite relational database and syncing it back to the server once network access is restored. A key feature is the integration of geofencing, which restricts deliveries outside a pre-defined radius set by the server, ensuring compliance with location-specific delivery policies. For added security, the application incorporates OTP-based two-factor authentication (2FA) for delivery verification, along with photo capture functionality for instances where a bill remains undelivered.

Additionally, a QR-based scanning feature enables efficient bill reading and supports bulk scanning for third-party distributors. This application enhances the bill delivery workflow through automation, robust offline capabilities, and secure, location-based controls, creating a reliable and efficient solution for managing bill distribution.

Keywords: Bill Delivery, Android App, Offline-first, Geofencing, SQLite, OTP Authentication, QR Scanner, Bulk Scanning, Automation.

I. Introduction

In the realm of logistics and bill distribution, automation enhances the efficiency and reliability of delivery operations. This project presents a robust Android-based application designed to streamline bill distribution for delivery riders. The application embodies an offline-first approach, enabling uninterrupted access to critical data in areas with limited or no connectivity. Through SQLite, a relational database within the app, data is stored locally and synchronized with a central server when connectivity is restored, ensuring data consistency and accuracy.

To enforce location-specific delivery policies, the system integrates a geofencing feature, configurable through the server, that restricts riders from completing deliveries outside a designated radius. This radius is defined by the organization's specific requirements, enhancing operational compliance and accuracy. For added security, OTP-based two-factor authentication (2FA) is integrated, verifying the legitimacy of each delivery. Additionally, photo capture functionality is included to document undelivered bills, further increasing accountability.

Moreover, the application is equipped with a QR-based scanner, facilitating the quick reading of bills and supporting bulk scanning for third-party distributors. By automating key processes, this application reduces manual errors, optimizes data management, and provides secure, location-based controls, creating a comprehensive solution for efficient and secure bill distribution in diverse environments.

II. LITTERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of bill delivery systems has shifted significantly from manual, paper-based processes to digital and mobile solutions aimed at enhancing efficiency and accuracy. Initial studies on traditional billing methods highlighted several limitations, including delays in bill delivery and frequent errors in billing details due to manual data entry. For example, Smith et al. (2018) found that over 20% of customers experienced billing inaccuracies caused by manual processes, leading to lower customer satisfaction and higher operational costs [4].

Many conventional billing systems continue to rely on postal services for physical bill delivery, which can be delayed by several days or even weeks. Research by Jones (2020) showed that these delays impact businesses' cash flow and create dissatisfaction among customers awaiting their bills. Furthermore, such systems often lack real-time tracking capabilities, leaving customers unaware of their bill's delivery status. This lack of transparency was also highlighted in Garcia's (2019) work, which found that 70% of customers prefer systems that provide immediate, digital updates regarding billing and delivery status.

The advent of mobile applications has revolutionized the bill delivery landscape by enabling real-time access and convenience for users. Lee et al. (2021) demonstrated that mobile interfaces allow customers to access billing information instantly and at their convenience, leading to increased engagement and satisfaction. Cloud integration has further enhanced billing systems by enabling real-time data synchronization and scalable storage. Patel and Kumar (2022) found that businesses using cloud-integrated mobile solutions experienced improved data accuracy and consistency across their systems, significantly reducing administrative errors.

GPS technology has also proven essential in optimizing bill delivery systems. Research by Patel and Kumar (2022) indicated that the use of GPS for real-time tracking enhances delivery efficiency and customer satisfaction by providing timely status updates. Their study showed that companies implementing GPS tracking saw a 40% reduction in delivery delays, streamlining operations and improving the customer experience [8].

Given the sensitive nature of financial data, security is a critical concern in modern billing systems. Digital solutions inherently face risks such as data breaches and unauthorized access. Wang et al. (2020) noted that systems lacking robust security protocols were more susceptible to these risks, often leading to financial and reputational harm. To mitigate such vulnerabilities, researchers have advocated for advanced security measures, including two-factor authentication (2FA), secure socket layer (SSL) encryption, and data encryption.

Thompson (2019) emphasized the importance of implementing comprehensive security protocols to ensure customer trust and compliance with regulatory standards. His study found that businesses with robust security frameworks experienced higher customer loyalty and reduced liability risks associated with data breaches.

Comparative studies reveal that digital, automated bill delivery solutions outperform traditional systems in terms of processing speed, accuracy, and customer satisfaction. Davis and Lee (2021) conducted a comparative analysis and found that digital billing solutions reduced processing time by 50% and improved customer satisfaction by 30% compared to traditional methods. This demonstrates the efficiency gains achieved through digital transformation, allowing businesses to better meet customer expectations.

Fernandez et al. (2020) further noted that automating billing processes, including bill generation, significantly decreased operational costs by up to 25%. Their findings suggested that adopting automated solutions not only minimizes costs but also improves accuracy and timeliness in billing operations, addressing a major pain point in traditional systems.

The literature review indicates a marked shift toward digital and automated billing solutions driven by advancements in mobile technology, cloud computing, GPS, and enhanced security measures. Traditional systems, characterized by manual errors, delays, and limited tracking, face significant challenges that digital solutions aim to overcome. Emerging technologies, including AI and blockchain, offer promising future directions for further improving billing efficiency, security, and customer satisfaction.

3.1PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed bill delivery system aims to streamline and secure the bill distribution process through a comprehensive Android mobile application, cloud connectivity, and GPS tracking. Key features such as offline-first functionality, geofencing, OTP-based two-factor authentication, and QR code scanning ensure efficiency and security. This section outlines the architecture, primary features, and workflow of the proposed system.

The architecture of the proposed system is designed for seamless interaction between users, delivery personnel, and backend services. It consists of three primary components:

Mobile Application:
Developed using Android, the mobile application enables users and delivery personnel to access essential features offline and online. In offline mode, the application uses SQLite to store data locally on the device, allowing bill access and updates even without network availability. When connected to the network, the application syncs with the server, ensuring data consistency and accessibility.

Backend Services:
Backend services are built using ASP.NET and handle requests from the mobile app, manage the business logic, and facilitate data synchronization. This layer includes configurable geofencing, which restricts delivery personnel to operate within a predefined radius set by the server, preventing deliveries outside designated areas.

Database Management:
An Oracle database securely stores user information, billing data, and transaction history. The database management system ensures data integrity, and encryption methods are used to protect sensitive data, especially during sync operations between SQLite (offline) and Oracle (online) databases.

Key Features
The system incorporates several key features to improve the efficiency, security, and reliability of bill delivery:

Offline-First with Syncing:
The application supports offline data storage using SQLite, allowing delivery personnel to access and update information even in areas with poor connectivity. Data is automatically synced with the server once a network is available, ensuring continuity and data integrity across devices.

Geofencing:
Configurable geofencing, managed through the server, restricts delivery personnel to operate only within a specified radius. This feature ensures that deliveries occur only within designated areas, enhancing control and reducing the likelihood of unauthorized deliveries.

Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):
OTP-based authentication is integrated within the app to confirm the delivery of bills, providing an extra layer of security. Additionally, photo capture is used for cases where a bill couldn't be delivered, creating a digital record for verification and transparency.

QR Code and Bulk Scanning:
The app includes a QR code scanner that allows delivery personnel to quickly read bills and mark them as delivered. For third-party distributors, the app supports bulk QR scanning, simplifying the process of managing multiple bills at once.

User-Friendly Interface:
The mobile application is designed with an intuitive interface, enabling easy navigation for delivery personnel to view assigned bills, update delivery status, and track delivery locations.

3.3 Workflow of the Proposed System
The workflow of the proposed bill delivery system includes:

User Registration:
Delivery personnel register on the mobile application, providing identification and account information. This data is securely stored in the local SQLite database and synced with the Oracle server when online.

Bill Assignment and Geofencing Setup:
The backend service assigns bills to delivery personnel based on location and predefined geofencing boundaries, which restrict deliveries to the authorized area.

Offline Bill Access and Data Sync:
Delivery personnel can view assigned bills and update delivery status even in offline mode. Once the device is connected to a network, all data is automatically synced with the server, ensuring all actions are updated in real time.

Two-Factor Delivery Confirmation:
Upon successful delivery, the app uses OTP-based authentication to confirm delivery with the recipient. If a bill cannot be delivered, the app prompts for a photo capture to document the attempt, ensuring accountability.

QR Code and Bulk Scanning for Third-Party Distributors:
For third-party distributors handling large volumes, the app enables bulk QR code scanning to streamline the processing of multiple bills.

Data Consolidation and Reporting:
All delivery data is synchronized with the backend server, providing real-time updates for monitoring delivery status, tracking performance, and generating reports.

3.4 Performance Metrics
To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed system, the following performance metrics will be considered:

Delivery Efficiency:
Track the average time required for bill deliveries and compare it before and after implementing the system.

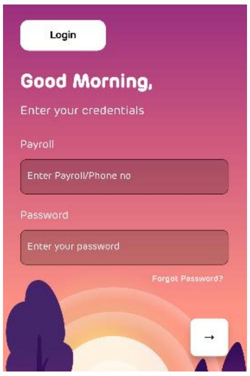
User and Delivery Personnel Satisfaction:
Conduct feedback surveys to measure satisfaction with the application's offline functionality, delivery tracking, and security features.

Data Synchronization Accuracy:
Evaluate the reliability of offline-to-online data synchronization by monitoring data accuracy and consistency between SQLite and Oracle databases.

Transaction Security:
Track any security incidents or unauthorized access attempts to ensure the effectiveness of the OTP and encryption protocols implemented in the system.

Geofencing Compliance:
Measure compliance with geofencing boundaries to confirm that delivery personnel operate within designated areas, enhancing delivery accuracy and reducing unauthorized deliveries.

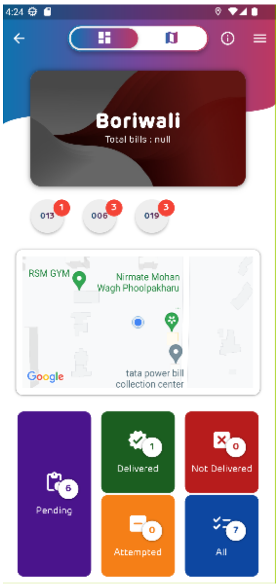
Blynk Login Page



You need to enter your phone no or payroll as well as your password in the given fields.

2. Bill Distribution Module

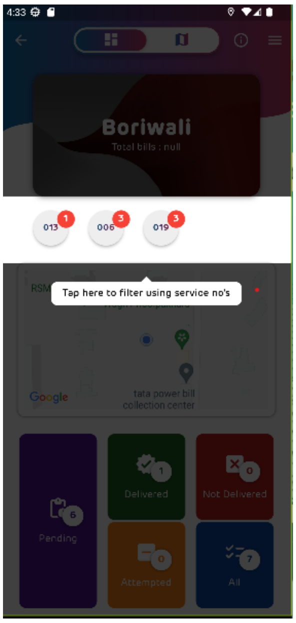
Information Icon – The information icon and the on tap of that it shows the walkthrough of the whole app throughout the screen that how to navigate between cards and selecting service no's and filters according to the given specifications



3. Information Walkthrough

The details of the depot are shown in the horizontal carousel slider, Also the total no of bills is shown in the card,
As the carousel slider is horizontally slidable, as more depots are assigned to the user can slide horizontally to view other depots and their respective bills and their statuses in the app

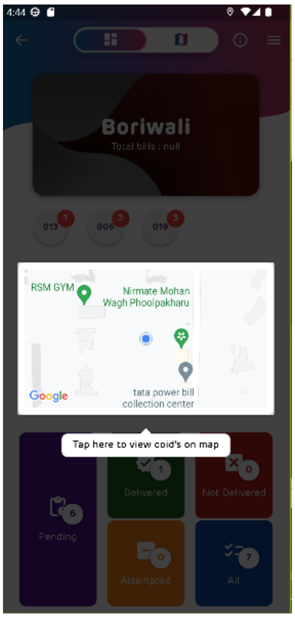
4. Service No List



Service no list contains all the listed service no for that specific division and there count as in no of bills that has that specific service no assigned to them.
This list also is also horizontally scrollable. So, any service no that gets added to the list gets added side by side.
On click of the specific service circle the list no bills in the status grid changes according to the assigned service no's.

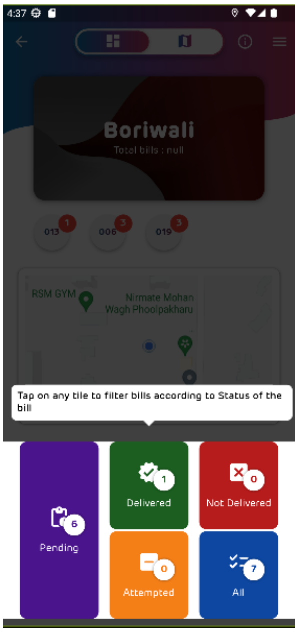
5. Map Widget

The map widget in the middle of the Ui is mainly to switch to the map-based screen where in the current user's location is shown. On tap of the map widget the user is redirected to the map screen where the markers are display



5. Stacked Grid View

This grid view shows the status of different bills assigned to the user and on tap of that specific tile the user is redirected to the list of bills where the bills has that specific statuses in the list

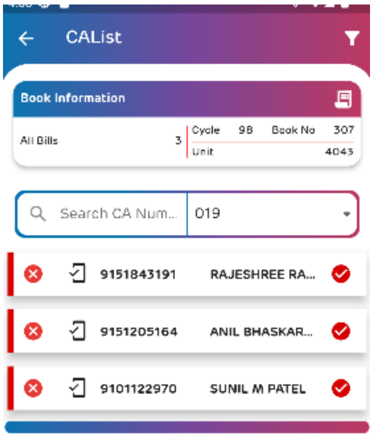


6. List Of CA Screen

The list of ca screen contains the case that are assigned to that specific user and has filters as well as searching options in it.

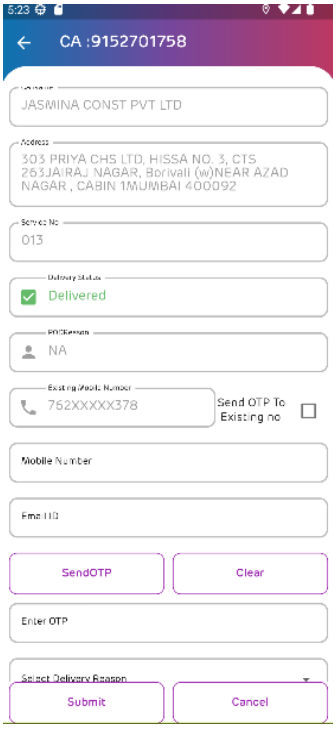
It also contains book information of the specific MRU number that has been selected from the previous screen.

A) Tick mark on tap of the tick mark the app navigates to the form delivered form screen after verification of the current LAT LONG
B) X mark in tap of the x mark the app navigates to not delivered form



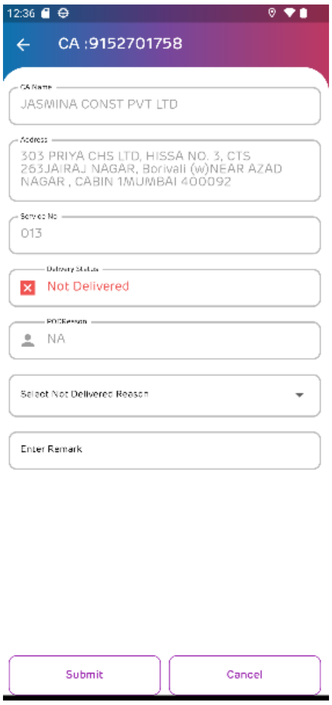
7. Delivered Form

The delivered form contains auto filled data from the previously selected ca list screen.
Text Box Constraint
If the sap mobile no from backend comes null then the user has to manually enter their mobile no to enter the OTP manually and then request their mobile no,
Or even if it is there and user needs the OTP on another number, they can send the OTP without selecting the tick mark.



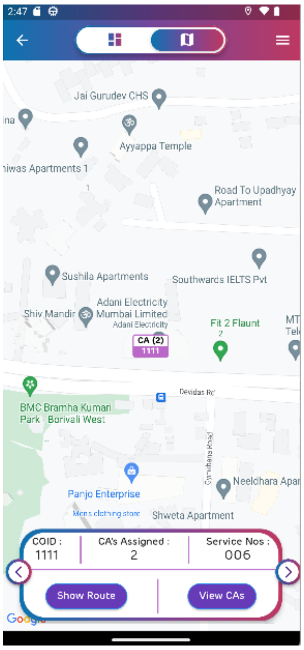
8. Not Delivered Form

The nondelivered form contains auto filled data from the previously selected ca list screen.
This form does not require OTP for the remark to be sent



9. Maps Screen

The maps screen contains
1) Custom Markers: Custom markers that are designed to using coiids as well as ca no count
2) The carousel slider indicates has some general data about the coid, count of cas assigned to that coid, service no of that coids
3) Show route:- On the click of the show route button the user is navigated to google maps with the routes keeping in mind the current location of that route
4) View Cas – View cas filters the list of cas according to the coids which are matched against the ca numbers.



10. QR Screen
QR Screen can be accessed if you have roles from the backend assigned to you specific roles and there significance are given below
1- bd boy
2- agency master
3- batch team
4- admin
5- zone
6- printer

11. QR Details Screen
As soon as a valid qr is scanned this screen appears with the details of the qr that is scanned
The user can either submit the qr for it to be processed in the backend.
1) If the qr is already submitted then the the data is updated
2) Else the data is stored and the data submitted response is shown

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Results of Descriptive Statics of Study Variables

The proposed research work developed a bill delivery application using Android, integrating advanced features to streamline and secure bill distribution by Bill Delivery Agents. Designed to operate offline-first, the app uses SQLite to store data locally, ensuring uninterrupted functionality and later syncing data to the server once connectivity is restored. Geofencing, configured through the server, restricts Bill Delivery Agents to deliver within a specific radius, enhancing operational control and accuracy.

Additional security features, such as OTP-based two-factor authentication (2FA) and photo capture for undelivered bills, address specific challenges in ensuring secure and verifiable bill delivery. The app also includes a QR-based scanner for efficient bill processing, supporting bulk scanning to accommodate third-party distribution requirements.

Performance evaluations indicate that this system significantly improves delivery efficiency, accuracy, and operational security by minimizing manual errors and enabling secure, real-time data syncing. Overall, the solution demonstrates the effectiveness of incorporating offline functionality, geofencing, and robust security measures to optimize bill distribution processes for large-scale and diverse delivery needs.

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