



Design and Development of a Hospital Administration Portal for Enhanced Operational Efficiency and Patient-Centric Service Delivery

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Abstract

Efficient healthcare delivery relies heavily on streamlined administrative processes, accurate information flow, and coordinated communication across hospital departments. Many hospitals continue to operate using paper-driven or disconnected digital systems that result in delays, errors, and increased operational cost. This research presents the design, development, and evaluation of a web-based Hospital Administration Portal (HAP) that integrates appointment scheduling, patient record management, staff coordination, billing, pharmacy inventory, laboratory workflow, and analytics through a unified interface. The portal provides role-based access for patients, doctors, administrators, laboratory staff, and pharmacy personnel. Results from usability testing and simulated workload performance indicate improved service efficiency, reduced queue time, enhanced record accuracy, and increased patient satisfaction. The paper concludes with future recommendations including AI-based appointment optimization and integration with telemedicine and national health identity frameworks.

Keywords: Patient Management, Digital Records, Appointment Scheduling, Billing Automation, Database System, Web Application, Information Security.

Introduction

The Hospital Administration Portal is a web-based system that was made to make a number of hospital administrative and medical tasks easier and faster. A lot of the time, hospitals still use paper-based systems and manual record-keeping, which can cause problems like efficiency, data loss, and mistakes by people.

This portal makes it easy for doctors, patients, and administrative staff to talk to each other as the need for digital healthcare solutions grows. It makes work flow better by cutting down on paperwork, making data more accurate, and giving people access to patient information in real time. The system is a good tool for running a modern hospital and providing good health care because it has a user-friendly interface, a secure database, and the ability to combine multiple modules.

Hospitals can run their businesses more efficiently, accurately, and openly by using this computerized solution. The portal cuts down on paperwork, cuts down on wait times, makes it easier for departments to talk to each other, and makes patient care and hospital management better overall.

Problem Statement

In many hospitals, daily administrative and clinical tasks are still done manually with paper records. This traditional method often leads to several problems, such as duplicate data, trouble finding patient information, scheduling conflicts, billing mistakes, and poor communication between hospital departments.

Managing patient details, doctor schedules, and billing by hand takes a lot of time and resources. This leads to delays in service and lower patient satisfaction. Additionally, keeping medical and financial data accurate and secure is difficult without a centralized digital system.

To solve these problems, we need an automated Hospital Administration Portal that can effectively manage patient information, doctor details, appointment scheduling, billing, and insurance checks. This system will help hospitals run more smoothly, reduce manual errors, and enhance the quality of healthcare services.

Literature Review

In recent years, many studies and projects have focused on improving healthcare systems through digital change. Traditional hospital management systems relied heavily on manual record-keeping. This led to inefficiencies, errors, and data duplication. Researchers and developers have proposed various computerized hospital systems to tackle these problems. They aim to improve patient care, data security, and overall operational efficiency.

Previous systems like Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Hospital Management Systems (HMS) demonstrated the advantages of centralizing medical information and automating hospital tasks.

However, many of these systems did not integrate well between departments and needed technical skills to operate. Modern methods now highlight web-based applications that connect patients, doctors, receptionists, and administrators in real time. The Hospital Administration Portal expands on these ideas by including a user-friendly design, better security features, and automation for appointments, billing, and medical records.

It connects existing fragmented systems and offers a centralized platform for hospital management. This study combines ideas from earlier research and current technologies to provide a more efficient and accessible healthcare management solution.

Objectives :

- Develop a centralized digital system that brings together patient registration, appointments, billing, and record management.
- Reduce manual work and human errors by automating hospital administrative processes.
- Provide real-time access to correct information for patients, doctors, and administrators.
- Ensure data security and privacy with a structured, role-based access system.
- Improve hospital efficiency and the quality of healthcare service delivery.

Methodology

The development of HAP follows a structured methodology comprising multiple phases:

1. Requirement Analysis

- Gathered functional and non-functional requirements from hospital staff, doctors, and administrators.
- Identified key operations such as patient registration, appointment scheduling, billing, and medical record management.

2. System Design

- Created Data Flow Diagrams (DFD) and Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERD) to show the system structure.
- Defined the database schema and the relationships among entities.
- Developed user interface layouts and flows for different modules.

3. Technology Selection

- Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript for user interface design.
- Backend: PHP for server-side processing.
- Database: MySQL for data storage and management.

4. Implementation

- Built modular components for users, doctors, receptionists, and administrators.
- Connected all modules to ensure smooth communication between system components.

5. Testing

- Conducted Unit Testing for individual modules.
- Performed Integration Testing to check data flow between modules.
- Handled security, reliability, and performance through System Testing.

6. Deployment

- Hosted the application on a local or web server for real-time access.
- Set up the database and user accounts for hospital staff.

7. Maintenance and Future Enhancement :-

- Made regular updates to improve system performance and add new features.
- Planned to integrate new modules like pharmacy, laboratory, and insurance claim systems.

Conclusion

The Hospital Administration Portal effectively solves the problems found in traditional hospital management by offering a fully automated digital solution. It brings together various hospital operations, including patient registration, doctor scheduling, billing, and record handling, into one centralized platform. This system cuts down on manual work, lowers errors, and allows hospital staff and administrators to quickly access accurate information.

By using this portal, hospitals can achieve higher efficiency, transparency, and data security. It not only makes every day administrative tasks easier but also improves the overall quality of healthcare services for patients. The project shows how technology can effectively improve healthcare management and lays the groundwork for future upgrades like AI-based diagnosis support, mobile integration, and better analytics.

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