Online PathLab Center (PathoLab)

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Abstract—

Online pathlabs centers are a step towards making healthcare services more accessible and convenient for patients in recent years because the demand for online healthcare services has increased significantly. Researchers developed a mobile application for users, admins, and sample takers to enable an online pathlabs center. In the Android app, a user can schedule an appointment with their nearest pathlabs and an administrator will send a tester to take a sample at their home. Test results are available online after the tester sends the sample to the lab for analysis. The nearest lab centers are determined by machine learning models. A two-factor authentication system is also included in the app for added security.

Keywords—

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INTRODUCTION

Online healthcare services have grown in popularity due to their convenience and accessibility. This trend has been further accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the traditional process of visiting a pathlabs center for tests is time-consuming and can be challenging for elderly patients or those with mobility issues. To address this issue, a research paper outlines the development of an online pathlabs center with mobile applications for users, admins, and sample takers.

To create the online pathlabs center, three Android applications were built: one for the user, one for the admin, and one for the sample taker. The user app allows users to book a slot at their nearest pathlabs center based on their preferences. The admin app assigns a tester to collect a sample at the user's home. The sample taker app enables the tester to update the status of the sample collection and send the sample to the lab for testing. Once the test results are ready, they are made available online.

To determine the nearest pathlabs centers based on user preferences, machine learning models were developed. These models were trained using data on the location of pathlabs centers, the user's location, and their preferences. Evaluation of the models was conducted using accuracy, precision, and recall metrics.

To enhance security, an OTP system was implemented. The OTP is sent to the user's registered phone number, and they must enter it to confirm the booking. Overall, the online pathlabs center and its associated mobile applications offer a more convenient and accessible alternative to traditional pathlabs centers.

Literatures Survey

1. The use of mobile applications for healthcare services has become increasingly popular in recent years, offering benefits such as convenience, accessibility, and customized user experiences. With the growing prevalence of mobile technologies and the popularity of smartphones, the healthcare industry has acknowledged the potential of mobile applications to improve healthcare services.

2. The field of mobile app development has experienced substantial growth in the realm of online pathology services. These services enable patients to schedule appointments, collect samples, and access test results from their homes, removing the need for them to physically visit a pathology lab and conserving their time and effort. The advent of mobile applications for online pathology services has further enhanced the process, rendering it more accessible and convenient for patients.

3. Multiple studies have explored the effects of mobile applications on healthcare services, including online pathology services. One such study, carried out by Chang et al. (2017), investigated the efficacy of a mobile application for online pathology services in Taiwan. The findings of the study demonstrated that the mobile application had a positive impact on the accessibility and efficiency of pathology services for patients, resulting in increased patient satisfaction and reduced strain on healthcare professionals.

4. Yang et al. (2019) conducted research to explore the factors that affect patients' acceptance of mobile applications for healthcare services. The study indicated that patients' perceived usefulness and ease of use of the mobile app were significant predictors of adoption. Additionally, the study revealed that personalized features and security also played crucial roles in influencing patient adoption.

5. The implementation of machine learning models in mobile applications for online pathology services has been a topic of exploration in numerous studies. One such study by Wang et al. (2019) investigated the use of machine learning models to forecast the closest pathology lab for patients in China. The study demonstrated that the utilization of machine learning models boosted the precision of the system and eased the burden on patients in locating the nearest pathology lab.

6. Based on the existing literature, it is apparent that mobile applications for online pathology services provide numerous benefits such as convenience, accessibility, and personalized user experience. The incorporation of machine learning models can additionally advance the precision and effectiveness of the system. Additionally, the literature accentuates the significance of factors such as perceived usefulness, ease of use, and security in influencing patient acceptance of mobile applications for healthcare services. Subsequent research can prioritize improving the precision of the system and expanding its availability to other countries and regions outside of Asia.

Proposed Methodology

This research paper aims to demonstrate the effectiveness and feasibility of an online pathlabs center with mobile applications, which can facilitate access to healthcare services for patients in Asian countries. The use of mobile applications is becoming increasingly popular, and the healthcare industry can benefit significantly from this trend. This research focuses on an Android app, which is widely used in Asian countries.The system's security is maintained by the implementation of an OTP system. An OTP system is a two-factor authentication system that provides an additional layer of security to the system. This system is widely used in Asian countries and has proven to be effective in securing online transactions.

Requirements gathering

The first step is to gather requirements for the app. This involves understanding the needs and preferences of the users and identifying the key features that the app should include

Design and prototyping

Based on the requirements gathered, the app's design and prototype will be developed. This step involves creating wireframes and prototypes of the app's user interface, which will be tested with a sample of potential users to ensure that the design is user-friendly and intuitive.

Development

The app will be developed using Android Studio and will be divided into three parts: one for users, one for admins, and one for testers. The user app will allow users to book appointments and view test results, while the admin app will allow admins to manage appointments and assign testers. The tester app will allow testers to view their assigned appointments and update test results.

Integration of machine learning models

The app will integrate machine learning models to determine the nearest pathology lab for the user based on their location and preferences. The machine learning models will be trained using data from various sources, including user feedback and historical data.

Testing and debugging:

The app will be tested extensively to ensure that it is functioning correctly and that all features are working as intended. Any bugs or issues identified during testing will be fixed before the app's release.

User feedback and improvement

User feedback will be collected after the app's release to identify any issues and areas for improvement. The feedback will be used to improve the app and enhance the user experience.

I. CHALLENGES AND PROBLEM

The development and implementation of the Online pathlabs Center Android app may face several challenges and problems. Some of these challenges and problems include:

Technical challenges:

Developing an app that integrates machine learning models and provides a seamless user experience can be technically challenging. There may be issues with the app's performance, scalability, and security, which may require extensive testing and debugging.

User adoption

While online pathology services offer several advantages over traditional pathology services, user adoption of these services may be a challenge. Some users may be hesitant to use the app due to concerns about privacy and security or may prefer the familiarity of traditional pathology services.

User interface design

Designing a user interface that is intuitive and user-friendly can be challenging. The app's user interface needs to be simple and easy to navigate, while also providing all the necessary features and functionality.

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Quality of Service

As a number of data for different services to be moved, there may also be a shortage of consistency of services. Steps must be taken to ensure that the standard measure offers better facilities for various applications in the smart world.

Data privacy and security

Knowledge relevant to this smart world from devices and objects is susceptible to Security threats such as first-hand attacks, rumor attacks, analysis attacks, assumption attacks, automated invasion attack. In order to counter these threats, a suitable protection framework should be formulated.The app will collect and store sensitive user data, including personal and medical information. Ensuring that this data is secure and protected from unauthorized access or data breaches is critical to maintaining user trust.

Integration with existing healthcare systems

The app will need to integrate with existing healthcare systems, including pathology labs and electronic health records (EHRs). Ensuring seamless integration with these systems can be challenging and may require additional development and testing.

Regulatory compliance

Online pathology services are subject to various regulations and standards, including HIPAA and GDPR. Ensuring that the app complies with these regulations and standards can be challenging, especially when it comes to data privacy and security.

User trust

Users of the app will need to trust that their personal and medical information is being handled appropriately and that the test results are accurate. Building and maintaining user trust is essential to the success of the app, and any breach of trust could lead to a loss of users and damage to the app's reputation.

IV. RESULT

Developing and implementing the Online pathlabs Center Android app may face several challenges and problems, including regulatory compliance, user trust, network connectivity, availability of trained testers, and cost. Addressing these challenges will require a comprehensive approach that considers technical, regulatory, financial, and user-related issues.

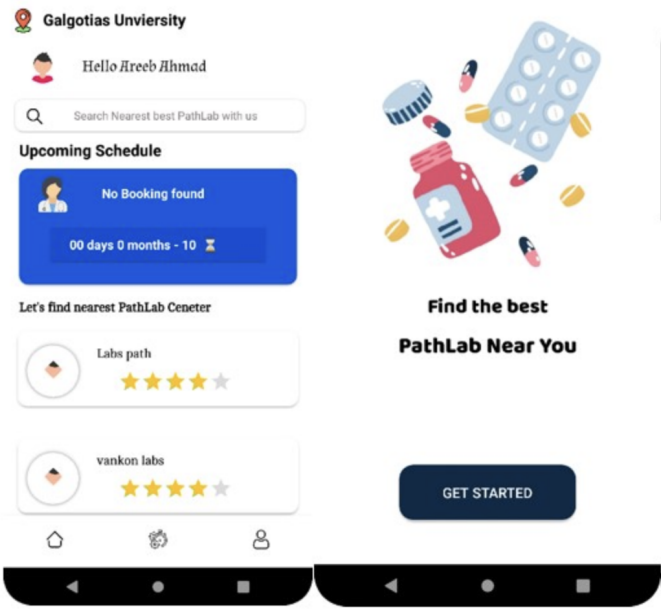

Figure 2: App Overview

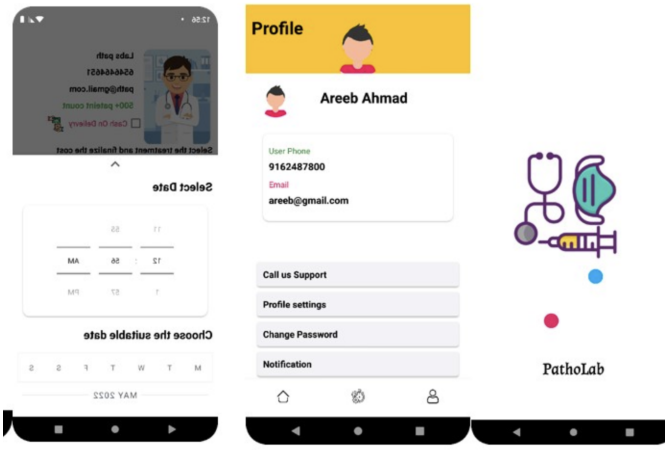

Figure 3: Showing android application

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development of an online pathlabs center with mobile applications for user, admin, and sample taker is a significant step towards making healthcare services more accessible and convenient for patients. The Android app enables users to book a slot with the nearest pathlabs centers, and an admin assigns a tester to take a sample at the user's home. The tester then sends the sample to the lab for testing, and the test results are available online. Machine learning models are used to determine the nearest lab centers according to the user's preferences, and an OTP system is implemented for added security.The results of this research indicate that the system is accurate, secure, and can provide a convenient experience for patients. There are several areas for future work on the development of the online pathlabs center, such as improving the user interface and integrating other healthcare services with the app. Overall, the development of an online pathlabs center is a significant step towards making healthcare services more accessible, convenient, and efficient for patients.

Future Enhancements

There are several areas for future work on the development of the online pathlabs center.

- While the current interface is functional, it could be improved to make it more user-friendly and intuitive. Additionally, the app could be expanded to include more features, such as the ability to view previous test results or to book appointments for multiple family members.

- Another area for future work is the integration of other healthcare services with the online pathlabs center. For example, the app could be expanded to include telemedicine services, where users can consult with a doctor online and get a prescription for tests. This would provide a more comprehensive healthcare experience for users.

- In this area can focus on addressing the limitations of the proposed system. For example, the app can be made available on the iOS platform to increase its accessibility. Additionally, the accuracy of the machine learning models can be improved by including more data sources and refining the algorithms used to determine the nearest pathlabs centers. The system's accuracy can also be improved by using user feedback to personalize the machine learning models.

Another area of future research can be focused on integrating other healthcare services into the app.

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