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SOFTWARE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROJECT TASK #2

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INSTRUCTION:

Read, analyze and synthesize the project case study below. All following tasks are based on this project case study. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

1. **Before starting this project task, you are highly advised to watch these videos for you to have high level understanding on Project Cost Estimation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhPIPVOiZRY (in minute 14:33)**

2. **Using smartsheet.com, DISCUSS IN GROUP, estimate your project costing based on your WBS in Project Task #1. You may refer to the given template in KALAM.**

3. **Save your file in .pdf with the format:**
   <Section_Name>-<Group_Name>-Project_Task#2 e.g: 1A-1A1-Project_Task#2.pdf

4. **Upload your pdf file to KALAM (Just one member of group need to submit)**

PROJECT TITLE:

Internship Application System (Internseek)

Internships play a vital role in preparing university students for real-world challenges by providing them with opportunities to apply their theoretical knowledge to practical situations. Despite their importance, the process of securing internships can be fraught with challenges for students, particularly those in computer science programs. To address these challenges, this case study examines the development and implementation of the Internship Application System (Internseek), a centralized web-based platform aimed at streamlining the internship application process for students, employers, and administrators. This system was designed to address inefficiencies in the current application process, enhance user experience, and simplify internship management.

Introduction

Industrial training, commonly referred to as internships, is an integral part of many university curricula, particularly in Malaysia, where it is mandated for certain programs by the Ministry of Higher Education. This training is a bridge between academic learning and professional experience, enabling students to refine their technical and soft skills in a real-world working environment. However, the existing processes for securing internships are often inefficient and fragmented. Students typically rely on disparate methods such as email, company websites, and job application portals to find opportunities. This decentralized approach not only consumes time but also

complicates the management of multiple applications. Internseek was conceptualized as a solution to these challenges, offering a unified platform to streamline the internship application process.

Problem Statement

The current internship application process in Malaysia poses several challenges. First, the lack of a centralized system forces students to navigate multiple platforms, making it difficult to manage and track applications. This fragmented approach often results in missed opportunities and delays in communication with potential employers. Second, students frequently receive multiple internship offers, necessitating a cumbersome process of individually rejecting unwanted offers via email. This manual approach increases the risk of errors and inconsistencies, leading to potential miscommunication with employers. Lastly, employers and administrators also face challenges in verifying student credentials and managing internship postings due to the absence of a standardized platform.

Recognizing these issues, Internseek was developed to address the inefficiencies in the internship application process. The system aims to centralize internship listings, enable efficient management of applications, and facilitate seamless communication between students, employers, and administrators. By automating repetitive tasks and providing real-time updates, Internseek seeks to enhance the overall experience for all stakeholders.

Objectives

The development of Internseek is guided by three primary objectives. Firstly, the project aims to study the existing internship application process to identify challenges faced by students and employers. Secon, it seeks to develop a web-based platform that allows computer science students to find and apply for internships efficiently. Finally, the project includes testing and evaluating the system's functionality using methods such as functionality testing and User Acceptance Testing (UAT) to ensure a robust and user-friendly experience.

System Overview

Internseek is a web-based application developed using modern technologies to meet the needs of its users. The system is built on Laravel for backend development, with React handling the frontend, and MySQL serving as the database. Inertia.js acts as the link between Laravel and React, enabling the creation of a single-page application (SPA) that delivers seamless transitions and responsive UI updates. The platform supports essential functionalities such as internship search, application management, and employer verification.

The primary users of Internseek are categorized into three groups: students, employers, and administrators. Students can search for internships, submit applications, and track their application status through a centralized dashboard. Employers can post internship opportunities, review applications, and communicate with potential candidates. Administrators are responsible for verifying employer accounts and ensuring the quality of internship listings.

Features and Functionality

Internseek offers several features designed to streamline the internship application process. For students, the platform provides a searchable database of verified internship opportunities, categorized by industry and location. Students can create profiles, upload resumes, and submit applications directly through the platform. The system also allows students to reject multiple internship offers simultaneously, saving time and reducing the risk of errors.

Employers benefit from tools to manage internship postings, review applications, and communicate with candidates. The platform includes a verification process to ensure the legitimacy of employers, enhancing trust among users. Administrators have access to an intuitive interface for monitoring system activity, managing user accounts, and resolving issues.

To ensure a seamless user experience, Internseek incorporates automated notifications and real-time updates. Students receive alerts about the status of their applications, while employers are notified of new submissions. The platform also includes analytics tools to help administrators track system performance and user engagement.

Development Process

The development of Internseek followed a structured approach, beginning with an in-depth analysis of the existing internship application process. Interviews and surveys were conducted with students, employers, and university administrators to identify pain points and gather requirements. Based on this research, a detailed system design was created, outlining the platform's architecture and functionalities.

The development phase involved the use of modern tools and technologies. The backend was implemented using Laravel, a PHP framework known for its scalability and robustness. The frontend was developed with React, ensuring a responsive and user-friendly interface. Inertia.js was utilized to create an SPA environment, facilitating smooth navigation and data sharing between the backend and front-end. Testing was conducted iteratively, with functionality testing and UAT ensuring that the system met user expectations.

Challenges and Solutions

Several challenges arose during the development of Internseek. One major challenge was ensuring data security and privacy, particularly given the sensitive nature of student information. This was addressed through the implementation of robust authentication and encryption protocols. Another challenge was optimizing the system for scalability to accommodate a growing user base. This was achieved by employing efficient database management techniques and scalable cloud infrastructure.

The integration of multiple user roles—students, employers, and administrators—required careful consideration to ensure a seamless experience for all users. Role-based access controls were implemented to restrict access to sensitive functionalities and data, enhancing security and usability.

Evaluation and Impact

The effectiveness of Internseek was evaluated through comprehensive testing and feedback from users. Functionality testing ensured that all features performed as intended, while UAT provided insights into the user experience. Feedback from students and employers highlighted the platform's ease of use and efficiency in managing internship applications. Internseek has the potential to transform the internship application process by addressing the inefficiencies of the current system. By centralizing internship listings and automating repetitive tasks, the platform saves time for

students and employers while reducing the risk of errors. The system also promotes transparency and trust by verifying employer accounts and providing real-time updates on application status.

Future Enhancements

While Internseek addresses many of the challenges associated with internship applications, there is room for improvement. Future enhancements could include the integration of AI-powered recommendation systems to suggest internships based on student profiles and preferences. The platform could also be expanded to include internship opportunities from international employers, providing students with a wider range of options. Additionally, features such as video interview scheduling and portfolio sharing could further enhance the user experience.

Conclusion

Internseek represents a significant step forward in streamlining the internship application process for university students. By centralizing internship listings, automating repetitive tasks, and facilitating seamless communication, the platform addresses the inefficiencies of the current system. The successful development and implementation of Internseek demonstrate the potential of technology to enhance the educational experience and prepare students for their future careers. As the platform continues to evolve, it has the potential to become an indispensable tool for students, employers, and administrators alike.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COMPANY

Name: Techvision B4 Sdn Bhd

Background: Techvision B4 Sdn Bhd is a dynamic software development and consulting company specializing in innovative technology solutions across web, mobile, desktop, and embedded platforms. Since its establishment in 2000, Techvision B4 has empowered businesses by delivering tailored digital transformation strategies to clients in industries such as Education, Healthcare, Retail, Manufacturing, and Logistics. The company's expertise spans enterprise resource planning (ERP) software, custom e-commerce solutions, cloud-based applications, AI-powered analytics, and IoT systems, ensuring comprehensive solutions to meet modern business challenges.

Region: Malaysia

Industry: Software Development

Type: Sdn Bhd

Engagement model: Fixed cost contracts, Time and material agreements

Staff: 100 persons

Platforms: Android, iOS, and web-based applications

The total cost allocation for the project is RM1 million. The project must be completed within 12 months.