PLATFORM TO CONNECT INNOVATORS WITH INVESTORS

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ABSTRACT

In today's fast-paced and constantly evolving business landscape, innovators must have access to the resources and support they need to bring their ideas to fruition. However, finding the right investors to fund their projects can be challenging, especially for those just starting. To address this issue, we have developed a platform that connects innovators with investors looking to support new and exciting ideas. This platform provides a space for innovators to pitch their projects to a diverse group of investors, ranging from venture capitalists to angel investors to corporate sponsors. One of the key features of our platform is the ability for innovators to create detailed profiles that showcase their ideas, team, and business plan. This enables investors to quickly and easily assess the potential of a project and helps them to decide whether or not it is a good fit for their investment portfolio.

In addition to providing a space for innovators to pitch their ideas, the platform also offers a range of resources and tools to help them prepare for their presentations. These include tips on how to craft a compelling pitch, sample pitch decks, and access to a network of experienced mentors and advisors. The platform is designed to be user-friendly and accessible, with a simple and intuitive interface that allows innovators and investors to easily find and connect. This will help foster a sense of community and collaboration among our users, and encourage the exchange of ideas and knowledge. This platform aims to be a one-stop shop for innovators and investors looking to connect and collaborate on new and exciting projects. By providing a space for innovators to pitch their ideas, access resources, and support, and connect with a diverse group of investors, we hope to help bring more innovative ideas to fruition and drive economic growth and development.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Our project aims to build an innovative platform that acts as an interface to connect investors and innovators and to quicken the process of collaboration, funding, and connecting. In today's rapidly changing business environment, the introduction of new concepts and businesses is essential for promoting economic growth and advancement in society. But many business owners struggle to find the appropriate investors who can provide them with the capital and support they need to develop their ideas into successful enterprises.

Our platform responds directly to this immediate need by giving innovators a single point of contact in which they can present their concepts, initiatives, and enterprises to a large network of possible investors. Investors have access to a wide variety of innovative options, enabling them to find and fund initiatives that are in line with their goals and interests. The development of an open and diverse ecosystem that accepts innovators and investors from all walks of life is an essential aspect of our platform. We genuinely think that variety and inclusion encourage an active environment that generates imagination, offers new perspectives, and propels innovative ideas.

The platform we provide allows collaboration, feedback, and mentoring by employing cutting-edge technology and seamless communication. To effectively convey their vision to investors, innovators are prepared with thorough profiles that display their ideas through pitch decks, prototypes, and business plans. Investors, on the other hand, get the chance to filter through a wide variety of innovative concepts, assess their feasibility, and have direct conversations with inventors.

On our platform, security and transparency are of the utmost importance. We have put in place strong safeguards to make sure that all interactions, collaboration, and communications between investors and innovators take place in a

safe and reliable setting. This builds a foundation of trust and dependability and encourages confidence in the two parties. Our platform's ultimate goals are to empower innovators, funding access, and hasten the conversion of creative ideas into real-world applications. By bringing together investors and innovators, we hope to create a world in which ground-breaking initiatives succeed and have a positive impact on society, the economy, and employment. Through our initiative, we are committed to establishing an enabling environment where creativity has no limitations, investors find amazing opportunities, and game-changing concepts influence how we live.

1.1 Objectives

The objectives of our project for paper publication are as follows:

- To develop a comprehensive platform that makes it simple for investors and innovators to communicate and work together on new business projects and ideas.
- To protect the security of innovators' ideas and investor input, assess the security measures put in place on the platform.
- By bringing innovators in connection with investors who might invest, to make the process of raising funding for creative projects and businesses easier.
- To offer a platform that enables innovators to find and contact potential investors according to their interests, areas of competence, and investment preferences. To provide innovators and investors with information and tools that help in their understanding of and navigation through the process of creating and investing in creative businesses.
- To create a network of investors and innovators more quickly, one that can benefit from the knowledge, understanding, and insights of the other for mutual growth and success.
- To encourage the creation and expansion of innovative enterprises by providing entrepreneurs with the resources and support they need to succeed.

1.2 Scope and Applicability

The goal of our project is to provide a platform that connects entrepreneurs and investors and facilitates communication, collaboration, and funding. The platform seeks to support a broad range of innovators from different industries and areas, including individuals, startups, and small to medium-sized organizations (SMEs). Similarly, it accepts investors with various backgrounds and investing preferences, including businesses, venture capitalists, and angel investors. The application of the platform covers a wide range of circumstances. To help innovators access to finance, mentorship, and networking possibilities, it gives them an environment to present their concepts, ventures, and organizations to potential investors. This is especially advantageous for people looking for funding to implement their creative ideas and grow their company. Innovative people can use the platform to interact with like-minded people and subject-matter experts, earn exposure, and get feedback and support. The platform provides a wide range of innovative projects and businesses for investors to research and invest in. It enables investors to vary their investments and find possibilities that fit their investment needs and passions. Investors may offer their knowledge, resources, and networks to promising initiatives thanks to the platform's streamlined approach for assessing, choosing, and interacting with innovators. The platform's functionality includes elements including in-depth innovator profiles, project showcases, messaging and collaboration tools, secure transaction capabilities, and a powerful search and matching system. These features improve the interaction and collaboration between innovators and investors and increase their efficiency and effectiveness. The platform can be used in any industry or location, regardless of geography. It can be used internationally, allowing investors and inventors from different nations and industries to participate. Because of its adaptability, the platform can support a variety of innovative fields, including technology, healthcare, education, sustainability, and more.
In conclusion, our project's scope involves creating a platform that connects investors and innovators, while its applicability includes both groups, with investors looking for new prospects and innovators looking for finance and support. The platform's goal is to enable effective and beneficial partnerships by offering a wide range of features and functionalities. This will ultimately promote innovation, economic growth, and societal influence.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Satish Nambisan and his team [1] explore the intersection of open innovation, platforms, and entrepreneurship. Published on July 4, 2018, this study holds considerable significance in understanding the transformative dynamics of entrepreneurship in the contemporary business landscape. The authors emphasize the crucial role played by

digital platforms and open innovation in reshaping the practice of entrepreneurship, highlighting the remarkable outpouring of innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities across diverse industries. This literature survey highlights the seminal work of Satish Nambisan and his team, providing valuable insights into the transformative impact of platforms and open innovation on entrepreneurship. Their research serves as a foundation for further exploration and offers promising directions for future studies in this dynamic field.

Joseph Lee [2] on his paper focuses on the protection of investors under the Crowdfunding Regulation, specifically regarding the disclosure of information. The paper highlights the importance of market transparency and how it enables investors to make rational decisions based on available information. Given the diverse profiles of crowdfunding investors and the objective of increasing participation by non-sophisticated investors, further research is necessary to enhance access to a shared economy. While technology already facilitates connections between investors and project owners, there is room for technological advancements to aid investors in making informed choices. The survey emphasizes that providing more information alone does not necessarily lead to more informed judgments by investors. Alongside the information gatekeeping role, Crowdfunding Service Providers (CSPs) should leverage technology to assist investors in processing information and making well-informed decisions.

"Invention, Innovation, and Innovative Practice" by Manoj Joshi [3] offers insightful information on the ideas of invention, innovation, and creative practices. Joshi examines the difference between invention and innovation, emphasizing the importance of turning inventions into useful applications through inventive practices. This review of the literature recognizes Joshi's work for its contribution to advancing our knowledge of the procedures involved in turning ideas into ground-breaking remedies. The study provides a framework for investigating how innovation influences societal impact and advancement. Joshi's research offers important insights into the dynamic world of invention and innovation, providing a foundation for more research in this area.

2.1 Drawbacks of the existing system

    i. Limited Accessibility and Reach: The existing system may have certain accessibility and reach restrictions. It might exclusively target a particular group or network, which would limit the chances for investors and innovators outside of that group.

    ii. Ineffective Communication Channels: The current system can depend on time-consuming and slow traditional communication methods, such as email or in-person meetings. This may make it more difficult for investors and inventors to collaborate and exchange information on time.

    iii. Limited Support and Resources: The current system might not provide innovators and investors with enough support and resources, such as mentorship programs, educational resources, or tools to help creative businesses develop and grow.

    iv. Incomplete Information: Due to space limitations or formatting restrictions in the current system, innovators may find it difficult to communicate their ideas thoroughly. This makes it more difficult for investors to appropriately assess a project's or idea's viability.

    v. Ineffective Matchmaking: The current system may lack effective algorithms or methods for pairing innovators with investors based on their unique interests, areas of competence, and investment requirements. Missed opportunities and unproductive connections may arise from this.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

    i. Set up the development environment by installing and configuring Visual Studio Code. This powerful code editor provides features for code editing, debugging, and creating a web development environment.

    ii. Install Node.js, which is a JavaScript runtime, along with the required dependencies. This can be done by running the command "npm install" from the Visual Studio Code terminal. This will download and install all the necessary packages and libraries for the project.

    iii. Set up MongoDB Atlas, a cloud-based database service, and generate the connection link that will allow the application to communicate with the MongoDB database. This step ensures that data is securely stored and accessible from anywhere.

   iv.   Create a ". env" file, which stands for environment file, to store sensitive information or links that don't want to expose publicly. This file will contain the MongoDB connection link and any other confidential data required for the project.

   v.   Register an account with Cloudinary, a cloud-based image and video management platform. Generate the link necessary for uploading images from a remote website. Cloudinary will host the images on the cloud, making them accessible from any system.

   vi.   Open the Visual Studio Code terminal and navigate to the frontend and backend paths in separate terminals. This allows work on the frontend and backend simultaneously.

   vii.   To run the frontend, use the command "yarn run dev" or "npm run dev" in the frontend terminal. This will start the development server and will receive a localhost link. Visit that link in the web browser, and the frontend of the website will appear.

   viii.   To run the backend, use the command "yarn start" or "npm start" in the backend terminal. This will connect the backend of the website with the frontend, allowing them to communicate and exchange data.

   ix.   Test the website through unit testing, integration testing, user acceptance testing, performance testing, and security testing. These tests will help identify and fix any issues or bugs, ensuring the reliability and functionality of the website.
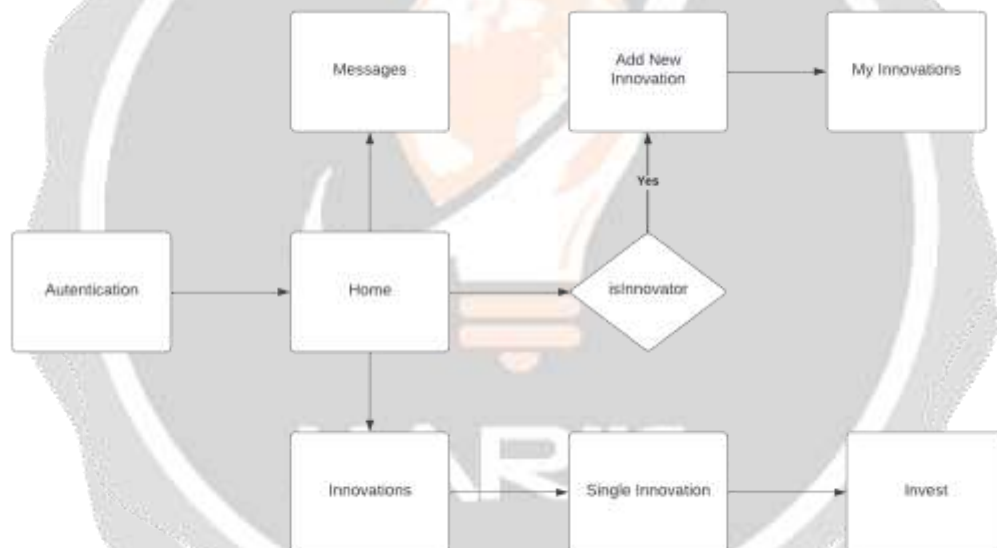
4. INTERFACE DESIGN

Fig 4.1 Interface Design

Fig 4.1 represents the interface design of the platform to connect innovators with investors. Interface design, also known as user interface (UI) design, focuses on designing the visual and interactive elements of a software system that users interact with. It involves creating intuitive and user-friendly interfaces that enable users to accomplish their tasks efficiently and effectively. Interface design encompasses both the visual appearance and the functional aspects of the user interface
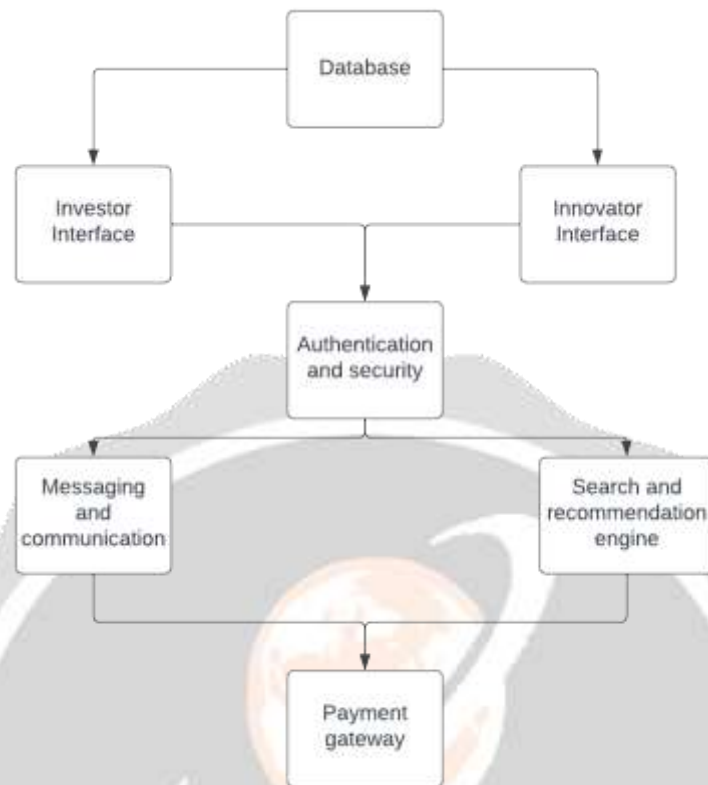
Fig 4.2 System Architecture

Figure 4.2 showcases the system architecture of the platform to connect innovators with investors. System architecture refers to the high-level design and organization of a software system's components, modules, and interactions. It defines how the different parts of the system work together to achieve the desired functionality, performance, scalability, and maintainability. In the context of this platform, the system architecture is responsible for handling data integration, reporting, and user interaction.
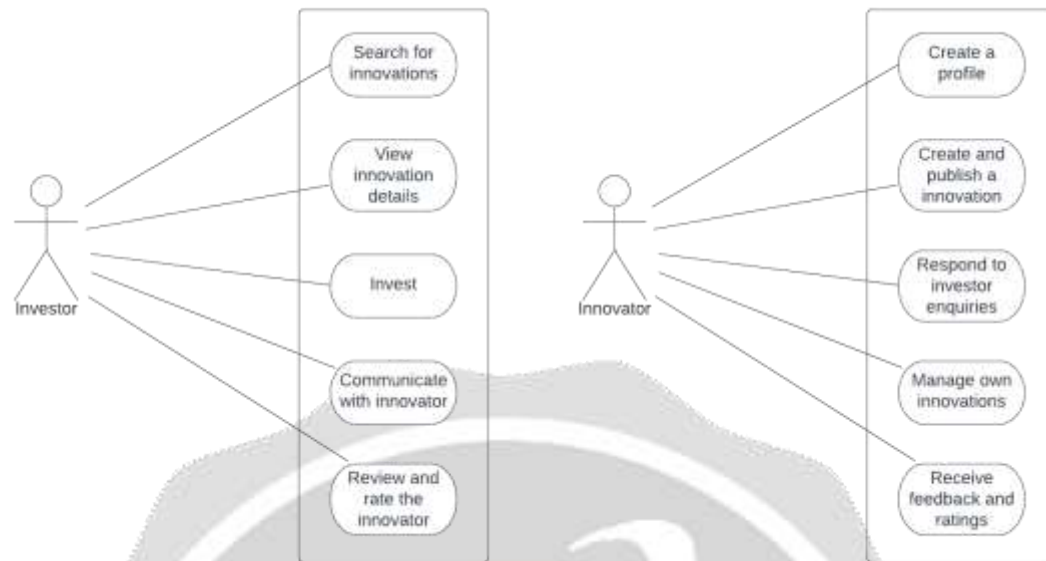
Fig 4.3 Use Case Diagram

Figure 4.3 showcase relationships between those involved and use cases show how the system's interactions and actions flow together. The use-case diagram offers an overview of the platform's functionality and the people involved, making it easier to understand the key elements and how they interact together.

5. RESULT

The result of this project will be a robust and intuitive website that serves as a dynamic platform connecting innovators and investors. Investors will be able to quickly search and find possibilities that fit with their interests, while innovators may display their ideas, projects, and businesses on the website, which will offer a smooth user experience. The website will make it easier for investors and innovators to collaborate effectively and transact safely. The website will ultimately enable inventors, democratize access to funding, and quicken the conversion of inventive concepts into real-world applications, thereby promoting economic growth and societal impact.

6. CONCLUSION

Finally, the purpose of our project is to provide a platform that connects investors and innovators, thereby addressing the drawbacks of the current system. We aim to improve accessibility, expedite communication, and expand prospects for both innovators and investors by offering a centralized, user-friendly interface. The extensive features of the platform, such as safe transactions, verified profiles, and effective matchmaking, will promote confidence, ease collaboration, and increase the likelihood of successful collaborations. We hope to promote innovation through our project, empower innovators, and democratize access to capital, ultimately promoting economic growth, job creation, and beneficial societal effects.

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