# The development and implementation of an android-based saving and loan cooperative application

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### **ABSTRACT**

The savings and loans cooperative are a cooperative that has an important purpose in its reach and services, such as the Permata Ngijo Savings and Loans Cooperative. Activities within the cooperative itself include managing member data as well as savings and loan transactions. In systems that are still manual, such as Microsoft Excel, there is a risk of inaccurate data and takes a long time. This manual system is still less effective because the number of members and transactions continues to grow. Therefore, an application is needed as a more effective data processing and information system for members that is easier to access. This study aims to build an android-based savings and loan application using the hypertext preprocessor (PHP) programming language and my structured query language (MySQL) as data storage. Based on the android application that has been made, it shows that the black box functionality of the application runs as planned, the success rate for users reaches 90%.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A cooperative is a financial institution whose members are cooperative people or legal entities. The history of savings and loan cooperatives is inseparable from the development of cooperatives in the country. The basis of its activities is to provide community services that help increase working capital and invest money for the community. Savings and loan cooperatives are cooperatives with savings and loan services for their members. So that members can save and raise their capital and can lend funds to cooperatives for business capital. Savings and loan cooperatives are the goal of micro-entrepreneurs as a source of financing with a fast process and low-interest rates. The savings and loan business that is the foundation of the cooperative will survive and continue to grow [1]-[3]. Currently, information technology has a rapid development in various fields of life [4]. This encourages an organization or company to use information technology according to the level of needs and objectives. The development of information technology in Indonesia in the field of savings and loans such as cooperatives can be seen from the data management process and savings and loan transactions from members [5]. Information technology plays a role in recording, storing, and processing data [6]. But not all cooperatives in Indonesia utilize information technology [5], one of which is the Permata Ngijo Savings and Loans Cooperative.

The Permata Ngijo Savings and Loans Cooperative is a savings and loan cooperative pioneered by family welfare empowerment women (PKK) which has 30 active members. The purpose of the savings and loan cooperative operated by the cooperative is to help residents, especially the local RW, easily borrow money without collateral, fight the loan shark system, avoid usury, improve contracts, and avoid consumptive borrowing behavior. The cooperative system is expected to be more transparent by increasing a sense of trust, mutual harmony, and friendship. The data processing system that is currently being run by several cooperatives still uses conventional systems that still use bookkeeping media or use Microsoft Excel. The impact is frequent errors in recording member data, savings data, loan data, and payment data to reporting. The utilization and application of information technology that is integrated with information sources and user activities involved can produce information systems for users in the business world. With the development of information systems, many companies and organizations have changed a simple recording system into a recording system using an application. So that information system support is needed to facilitate accurate data processing, time efficiency, and more optimal resources [7].

Research on information systems and cooperative information technology has been raised as a research topic by several previous researchers. The literature review presents previous studies related to cooperative information systems that can be used as references. The first research was conducted by Caroline (2018) who created a web-based savings and loan cooperative information system that was implemented in the Cempaka cooperative. The purpose of this research is to build an information system using a prototype system developer method. The system design used is unified modeling language (UML) and/the hypertext preprocessor (PHP) encoding. The programming language and data storage used is MySQL with black-box testing as a system test. This research produces a system consisting of several member data management processes, savings and loan transactions, cash withdrawal transactions, and loan installment transactions [1]. Research conducted by Pane [5] is to create an information system for a savings and loan cooperative system that is also web-based which is implemented at the Pancuran Hidup Credit Union. The purpose of this research is to create a savings and loan information system to facilitate employees in managing data and savings and loan transactions. The method used is the waterfall system development life cycle (SDLC) analysis. SDLC model or the so-called linear sequential model. The web-based savings and loan information system at the Union of Living Credit Pekanbaru which can make it easier to make reports and produce more accurate data [5]. The next research by Andreansyah [8] discusses the development of web-based savings and loan applications. The method implemented is the incremental model. The test was conducted based on the usability factor of ISO 9126-3 by 31 respondents. This application is very useful in helping to calculate employee salaries [8].

In this study, an android application was developed that was applied to the Permata Ngijo Loan and Savings Cooperative for officers and members of the cooperative. The goal is to create a system that can provide convenience for cooperative officers in recording data, processing data, and making reports that are integrated between data so that the information produced is transparent and can be used as support in the decision-making process. Given the android application is a mobile technology that has developed rapidly and has become an important part of people's daily lives [9]-[14] and has an important role in enhancing strategic innovations [15]. Mobile-based application development can be accessed easily and can display information as needed in a user-friendly display [16]. This application has featured in the form of savings records, loan data, installment history, and notifications with an additional group chat feature as a transparent communication medium to make it easier for members to monitor and obtain information. Application testing includes black box testing and application usability testing which refers to ISO 9241:11 (1998). ISO 9241:11 (1998) describes the level of usability of a product to achieve goals that are effective, efficient, and satisfying product users [17]-[20].

# 2. RESEARCH METHOD

The research method section discusses the stages of research. This section also discusses system block diagrams, data flow diagrams (DFD), and flowchart systems of savings and loan cooperative application. The steps taken in this study are shown in Figure 1. The application stage begins by visiting the target cooperative whose system is still using the conventional system. Interviews with cooperative managers to find out the needs of cooperative managers and their members in the cooperative operational service process. Based on the interview, the application can be built with the stages of preparing the requirements, application design, coding, testing, and implementation with build coding to proceed to application testing. Tests include black-box testing and usability testing which refers to ISO 9241:11 (1998).

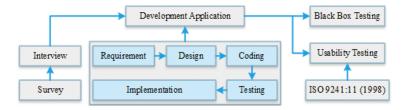


Figure 1. Application research stages

## 2.1. System block diagram

The system that was built provides mobility access in conducting transactions by members and administrators who are implemented in the android application. The concept of the savings and loan cooperative application that was built is described in the system block diagram shown in Figure 2. Based on the system block diagram in Figure 2, the function of each component of the first diagram is a database that contains a collection of member data and savings and loan transactions that are stored systematically and processed using an application. The database stores data and the application displays member data, savings data, loan data, installment data, and savings data. The database used is MySQL with the hypertext preprocessor (PHP) programming language to read and process the data in the database. Administrators act as controllers by accessing administrator-specific applications. In the application there is a process of receiving member requests, accepting loan applications, accepting savings applications, adding, and accumulating borrower payments which can then be viewed on the member-only application. Cooperative members are registered members and already have an account on the application. Each member can apply for loans and savings, get information on installment payments, total savings and loans information, and history of obtaining each loan or savings and can communicate with admins and other members to conduct deliberations or get information on the development of the cooperative through chat rooms.

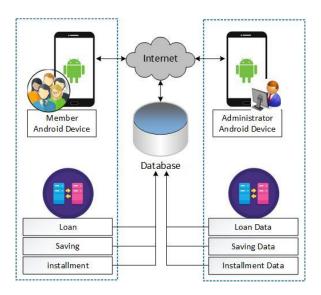


Figure 2. Savings and loan cooperative system block diagram

# 2.2. Data flow diagram application system

DFD is a graphical representation that describes the flow of information and the transformation of information that is applied as data that flows from input and output. Data flow in DFD is given the symbol of an arrow. Data flows between processes, data stores, and external entities [15]-[21]. DFD can be used to represent a system or software at several levels of abstraction. The following is the planning of level 0 DFD in the Savings and Loans cooperative application. Based on Figure 3, the external entities of the application are administrator, members, and visitors. The data can be processed by the system and entered into a database that is monitored by the admin and then members can view info on savings, installments, loans, and cash as well as information on the development of the cooperative system being managed.

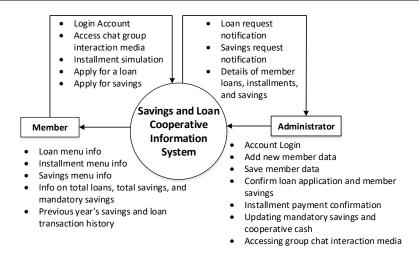


Figure 3. DFD level 0

## 2.3. System flowchart

The flowchart for the activities and menus contained in the member application and admin application will be explained in Figure 4. The first, log in to the account. If you don't have an account, you will be directed to register an account first. Applications are divided into administrator and member applications. In the member application, users who have registered or logged in can apply for loans and savings. If a member is going to make a loan transaction, the user will apply for a loan application and enter a nominal based on need, perform installment simulations, view loan installment payment information, view information on savings and loan transaction reports, view the history of savings and loan transactions for the previous period, and can check savings and loan activities. The application also provides a chat feature for communication media between members and administrators. The administrator can manage the finances of the members. When members make transactions, the admin serves as the party who reports the data and updates the data that has been inputted.

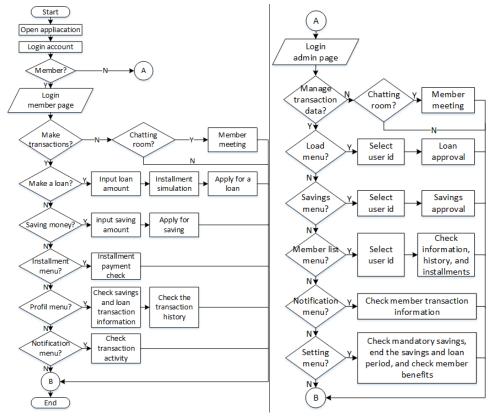


Figure 4. Flowchart system

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results that will be displayed include application interface results, black box testing, system usability, and load testing.

## 3.1. Application interface results

In the administrator application, the first, log in to an account as shown in Figure 5 (a). Then it will be entered on the homepage containing a description of the active transaction period, the number of member requests to make loans, and savings. In addition to the homepage, the administrator contains a menu of member savings lists, member loan lists, and member lists as shown in Figure 5 (b). Administrators can also add members by inputting new member data as shown in Figure 5 (c).

In the member application, the first thing that must be done is the same as the administrator, namely logging in to the account as shown in Figure 6 (a). After successful login, you will enter the homepage which contains information about the active period and the simulation of monthly installments that must be paid as well as the total to be paid by filling in the nominal amount of money to be borrowed and the selected installment amount as shown in Figure 6 (b). On the member's side, besides the homepage, there is a savings menu to enter the nominal amount of money to be saved, a loan menu to enter the amount of money to be borrowed, and a member menu which contains the member's information as shown in Figure 6 (c).

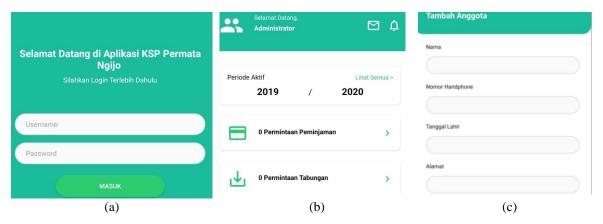


Figure 5. Application interface on administrator, (a) login display, (b) display of menus on the administrator, (c) add member view

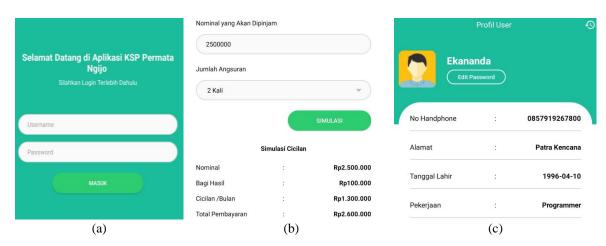


Figure 6. Application interface on member, (a) login display, (b) simulation installment on "beranda" and display menus on member, (c) display of member data information

# 3.2. The black box testing

The black box method is a software testing method whether the application components meet the functional specifications and without source code [13], [22], [23]. One way to test the system is to test the system by entering correct and incorrect data. The results of the black box testing on the administrator application are shown in Table 1 and the member allocation is shown in Table 2. The functions contained in the administrator and member application can run and function as planned. This is evident from the actual output displayed is by the expected output.

Table 1. The results of the black box test on the administrator application

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Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Success		
Existing username and correct password	Successful login	User login was successful	$\sqrt{}$		
Existing username and incorrect password	Can not log in with error message	Can not login with the message "wrong password"	$\sqrt{}$		
Click cancel button	Exit Application	The application can exit by clicking the cancel button	√		
Select the chat room menu	The chat room page can open	Can open the chat room page by selecting the chat room menu	√		
Send a text message	Send a text message by pressing the send button	The send button can be used to send messages	$\sqrt{}$		
Select the loan menu and the loan approval	Successfully opened the loan page and approved member loan	Can open the loan page and give loan approval by pressing apply for loan button	$\checkmark$		
Select the saving menu and the saving approval	Successfully opened a savings page and approved member savings	Can open the savings page and approve savings by pressing the confirmation button	$\sqrt{}$		
Select the notification menu	The notification page can be displayed	The notification page can be displayed by pressing the notification menu	$\sqrt{}$		
Open the member list menu	Can open the member menu which contains a list of members	Open member menu and display a list of all members was successful	$\checkmark$		
Select the member's name on the list and display member info	Successfully display profile and transaction history	Profile display and transaction history in the current period was successful	$\checkmark$		
Open the setting menu	Successfully display the edit menu	Showing the edit menu for mandatory savings was successful	$\sqrt{}$		
Open the Total Member Benefit menu	Displaying savings and loan transaction reports	Can display savings and loan transaction reports in the current period	$\checkmark$		
Logout application	The application successfully exits then displays the login menu	The application exits the last menu then displays the login menu successfully	$\checkmark$		

Table 2. The results of the black box test on the administrator application

Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Success
Existing username and correct password	Successful log in	User login was successful	√
Existing username and incorrect password	Cannot log in with error message	Cannot login with the message "wrong password"	$\sqrt{}$
Open register a new account and fill in the member's data	Users can enter the registration page and can be registered as a member	The user has successfully entered the register page and can be registered as a member	V
Select the chat menu and send a message	Enter the chat menu, can send and display messages	Enter the chat menu, can send and display messages was successful	$\checkmark$
Select the loan menu, perform installment simulations, and apply for a loan	Enter the loan menu, display the installments that must be paid based on the number of installments entered, and the loan was successful with a successful message	Enter the loan menu, display the installments that must be paid based on the number of installments entered, and the loan was successfully submitted with the message "loan submitted successfully"	$\checkmark$
Select the savings menu, open the add balance menu, and save savings	Users can see the amount of savings and mandatory savings, can enter the nominal savings, and can save the nominal savings by pressing the save button.	The user has succeeded in seeing the amount of savings and mandatory savings, has successfully entered the nominal savings, and has succeeded in saving the nominal savings by pressing the save button	V
Select menu installment	Loan ID information and installment payment information	The user has successfully seen the loan ID information and installment payment information	$\sqrt{}$
Select profile menu, info menu, and display savings and loan history	Successfully view personal data, savings and loan info, and view savings and loan history	Users successfully view personal data, savings and loan info, and view savings and loan history	V
Select notifications menu	The user receives an administrator confirmation notification for loan and savings approval	The user has successfully received an admin confirmation notification for loan and savings approval	V

# 3.3. System usability testing on respondents

Testing of the application system on respondents is carried out to measure the level of effectiveness of the application by collecting respondents. The definition of usability according to ISO 9241:11 (1998) is the extent to which a product can be used by certain users to achieve the set targets with effectiveness, efficiency and achieve user satisfaction [24], [25]. The measurement used to test the savings and loan cooperative application system uses a two-point Likert scale that contains valid and invalid. There are 25 respondents in this KSP application. Testing of administrator applications on respondents is shown in Table 3 and member applications are shown in Table 4.

		on respondents

Menu	Sub Menu	Number of Test Cases	Number of Valid	Number of Invalid	Valid Percentage
Dashboard Admin	Login	25	25	0	100%
Admin Application Menu	Chat rooms	25	22	3	88%
	Loan	25	25	0	100%
	Saving	25	25	0	100%
	Notifications	25	25	0	100%
	User list	25	25	0	100%
	Setting	25	25	0	100%
	Installment	25	25	0	100%
	History	25	25	0	100%
	Other menus	25	25	0	100%

Table 4. Testing the member application on respondents

Menu	Sub Menu	Number of Test Cases	Number of Valid	Number of Invalid	Valid Percentage
Dashboard Member	Login	25	25	0	100%
	Register	25	22	3	88%
Member Application	Chat rooms	25	21	4	84%
	Loan	25	25	0	100%
Menu	Saving	25	25	0	100%
	Loan simulation	25	25	0	100%
	Notifications	25	25	0	100%
	Profile	25	25	0	100%
	Info	25	25	0	100%
	Installment	25	25	0	100%
	History	25	25	0	100%

Based on Table 3 and Table 4, in the administrator application, the results of testing the chat room menu have the lowest success rate of 88% found in the chatroom menu. Problems in chat rooms are "no response" or "error or username doesn't exist" or commonly called force close. In the member application, the results of the chatroom menu experiment show the lowest success rate with a success percentage rate of 84%. In addition, the register menu also has a success percentage of 88%. So that the average success rate obtained by the admin application is 98% and the member application has a success rate of 97.72%. Several things that cause android applications to stop suddenly are the accumulation of cache files on the user's Android smartphone, full android RAM, unstable network, and incompatible APIs on android.

# 4. CONCLUSION

In this research, the development of an Android-based KSP Permata Ngijo application has been built with the stages of system design, implementation, and testing. Based on the results obtained from testing, it can be seen that on the administrator side the system can be used to manage member data, savings and loan transactions, loan installment transactions, member data reports, and savings and loan reports. On the member's side, the system can be used to view deposits and loans from the member and can see a simulation of the installments that must be paid according to the number of installments. This application still uses a simple application security JSON web token (JWT) to authenticate the system and exchange information. JWT secures information into a claim that is encoded into JSON form. The user will enter a username and password which will be sent to the system. The system validates whether the user is registered. When the user is registered, a JWT token will be generated which will be used to access the permitted data. If the JWT does not exist, the user will not be able to access the data. Further research will develop applications by adding a better system security system to protect all data contained in the application.

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