

TECHTRASH DISPOSAL DIRECTORY

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Abstract

The "TechTrash Disposal Directory" website is engineered as an intuitive solution to confront the escalating challenge of electronic waste (e-waste) disposal. Leveraging geolocation services, the platform furnishes up-to-the-minute, location-specific details on nearby e-waste collection and recycling facilities, showcased through an interactive map interface. Informative pop-ups on the site illuminate the hazardous constituents of e-waste, underscoring the environmental and health hazards linked with improper disposal.

A standout feature of the website is its rewards points system, motivating users to responsibly discard e-waste. This mechanism not only fosters sound disposal practices but also advocates environmental mindfulness. The website's layout emphasizes accessibility, guaranteeing smooth user interaction across a spectrum of devices. Users have the option to establish accounts to monitor their recycling endeavors and accrued credits, heightening engagement and advocating responsible behaviors.

With an emphasis on the website's role in user enlightenment, incentivization, and accessibility, the TechTrash Disposal Directory project endeavors to furnish a comprehensive online platform for efficacious e-waste management. The ongoing refinement of the website underscores its significance and constructive influence on e-waste awareness, recycling initiatives, and environmental sustainability.

Introduction

As society transitions into the digital era, the reliance on electronic devices for fulfilling everyday needs continues to grow. These gadgets rely on a multitude of components, many of which consume significant amounts of finite resources. To tackle this challenge, it is imperative to manage electronic waste (e-waste) effectively and promote the reuse of valuable metals like gold, lead, mercury, silicon, and others commonly found in electronic devices.

The proliferation of e-waste has become an urgent concern, particularly in populous countries like India, where the population exceeds a billion. Forecasts suggest that e-waste generation in India could soar to an alarming 8 million tons by 2012. This surge is fueled by factors such as the widespread adoption of computers, with an estimated two billion PCs projected to be in households, and the expected millions of mobile subscribers in India by 2015.

Unfortunately, India has accumulated vast amounts of electronic waste over the past six decades due to the absence of an effective disposal system. This has resulted in environmental contamination and health hazards, underscoring the critical need for an efficient waste disposal and recycling infrastructure. According to a survey conducted by the Manufacturers Association of Information Technology (MAIT), India generates approximately 4,000 tons of e-waste annually, with only 5% of it being recycled. Alarmingly, about 40% of obsolete and unused electronic devices are abandoned in homes and storage facilities.

Currently, the country produces around 380,000 tons of electronic waste each year, with only 3% being recycled in authorized facilities. For example, the city of Nagpur contributes 4.9% to this volume of e-waste. The situation is anticipated to deteriorate as the demand for "smart" products increases, with an estimated annual rise of three to five percent in e-waste volume. A significant portion, approximately 90%, of this e-waste comprises end-of-life household appliances, IT and communication equipment, and consumer electronics. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are among the states making substantial contributions to this escalating issue.

Existing System:

In developing nations, effectively managing electronic waste (e-waste) presents significant challenges, as it is either domestically generated or illegally imported under the guise of being 'used.' Currently, e-waste is collected manually from various sources, including IT organizations and individuals. Another method involves segregating e-waste from general refuse at landfill sites, a task carried out by workers in these facilities. Given the hazardous nature of e-waste, manual sorting and disposal should be strictly prohibited. The government has enacted regulations to govern licensed e-waste management firms.

Despite ongoing concerns regarding e-waste management, there has been a noticeable absence of automated solutions for handling e-waste. Practices such as open burning, often used for e-waste disposal, pose significant environmental and health risks. The lack of a comprehensive solution underscores the need for more effective e-waste management practices.

To address this gap, this academic paper aims to establish a framework for the efficient collection and transfer of e-waste. In pursuit of this objective, an evaluation of various applications, including web and Android versions, involved in e-waste management was undertaken. The resulting list highlights apps distinguished for their exceptional user interface, technical functionality, and service offerings. The aim is to provide a concise overview of current best practices in this domain, facilitating a discourse on potential enhancements to e-waste management apps.

Among the apps assessed, Ecolekt stands out for its exceptional design, serving as an educational resource on e-waste management organizations and the adverse effects of improper disposal.

Erase E-Waste is praised for its organized pickup services, encompassing e-waste recycling and secure disposal. Another notable app is E-Waste pickup, which provides options for managing corporate e-waste, individual e-waste, or facilitating e-waste donations.

Proposed System:

The Proposed Framework section delineates the innovative framework and strategies envisaged to tackle the challenges inherent in e-waste management. Building upon the identified gaps and complexities elucidated in the background, this section introduces a comprehensive and forward-looking approach.

The proposed framework entails a holistic approach that integrates cutting-edge technologies and sustainable practices. It encompasses a systematic collection, recycling, and disposal mechanism for electronic devices, aligning with the principles of circular economy and environmental stewardship.

User-Friendly Interface:

The proposed framework prioritizes accessibility with a user-friendly interface. Through a web or mobile application, users can effortlessly locate nearby e-waste collection points, encouraging active participation in responsible disposal practices. The interface also integrates educational features to enhance awareness about the environmental implications of e-waste.

Geolocation Services:

The Location Finder utilizes geolocation services to accurately determine the user's current location in real-time. This enhances the precision of facility recommendations and ensures users receive relevant information tailored to their specific geographic context.

Interactive Map Interface:

The framework's interactive map interface serves as an intuitive visual guide, showcasing the locations of e-waste collection points and recycling facilities. Users can zoom in, pan, and explore the map, gaining a comprehensive overview of nearby disposal options.

Data Analytics for Decision-Making:

By leveraging data analytics tools, the framework extracts valuable insights from collected data. This facilitates informed decision-making for stakeholders, enabling adaptive strategies in response to changing e-waste patterns, disposal trends, and environmental impacts.

Collaborative Partnerships:

Acknowledging the multifaceted nature of e-waste management, the proposed framework advocates for collaborative partnerships with industry stakeholders, governmental bodies, and recycling facilities. Such partnerships promote a shared responsibility approach, fostering a collective commitment to sustainable e-waste practices.

Incentivization Mechanism:

An integral component of the proposed framework is an incentivization mechanism. Users are incentivized to engage in responsible disposal practices through a rewards system, earning credits for their eco-friendly behaviors. These credits may be redeemable for discounts, vouchers, or contributions to environmental initiatives.

Continuous Improvement and Adaptation:

The proposed framework is designed for continuous improvement, adaptable to emerging technologies and evolving environmental standards. Regular assessments and feedback loops ensure the framework remains responsive to changing needs and challenges in the dynamic landscape of e-waste management.

Educational Pop-ups Integration:

Ensuring that users not only locate facilities but also gain insights into the environmental impacts of e-waste, these pop-ups enhance user awareness and contribute to a more informed decision-making process.

In summary, the Location Finder within the E-Waste Facility Locator is a powerful tool that not only simplifies the process of finding nearby e-waste facilities but also enhances the user experience through real-time updates, mobile

accessibility, and educational components. This feature is pivotal in achieving the broader goal of promoting responsible e-waste management practices.

In summary, the Proposed Framework section outlines a comprehensive and dynamic approach to e-waste management, embodying technological innovation, user engagement, and sustainability at its core. This envisioned framework aspires to redefine the paradigm of e-waste management, offering a blueprint for a more environmentally conscious and effective future.

Methodology:

Data Collection:

1. User Surveys: Create surveys to gather information on user preferences, awareness, and disposal habits. Utilize online survey platforms to reach a wide audience.
2. Facility Information Gathering: Employ web scraping techniques or APIs to gather current data on e-waste collection facilities. Regularly update this database to maintain accuracy.

System Development:

1. Technology Stack: Select a technology stack based on project requirements. For web development, consider frameworks like React or Angular. For mobile development, explore tools such as React Native or Flutter.
2. Mapping Services Integration: Integrate mapping services like Google Maps API to dynamically display facility locations. Implement features for zooming, panning, and interacting with map markers to improve user experience.

User Engagement:

1. User-Friendly Interface: Design an intuitive and visually appealing interface. Include search filters, facility details, and a feedback mechanism to enhance usability.
2. Incentivization Strategies: Define how users can earn and redeem credit points. Incorporate gamification elements such as badges or rewards for achieving disposal milestones.

Mapping Services Integration:

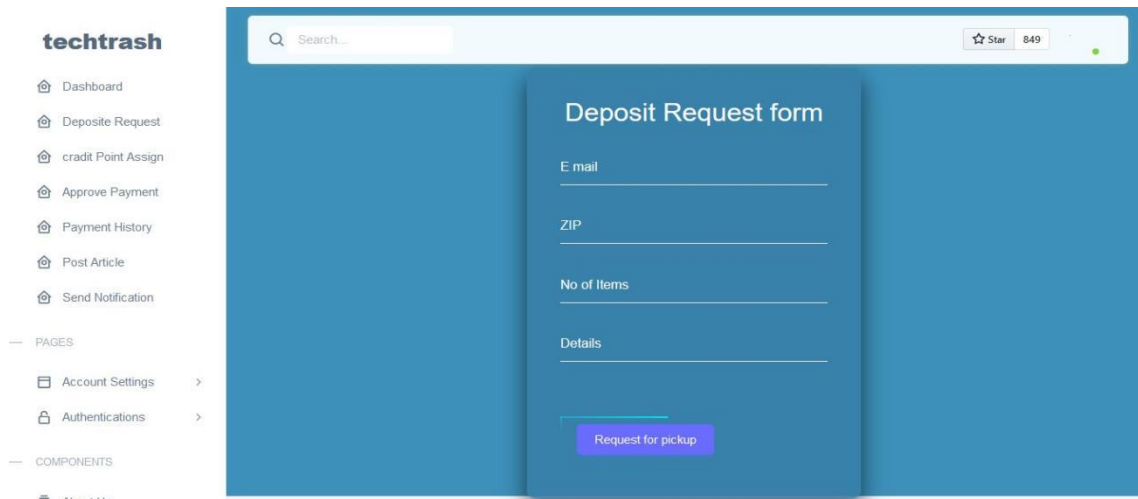
1. Handling Multiple Locations: Develop a strategy for displaying multiple e-waste facility locations on a single map. This may involve clustering markers or categorizing facilities by type.

Testing and Evaluation:

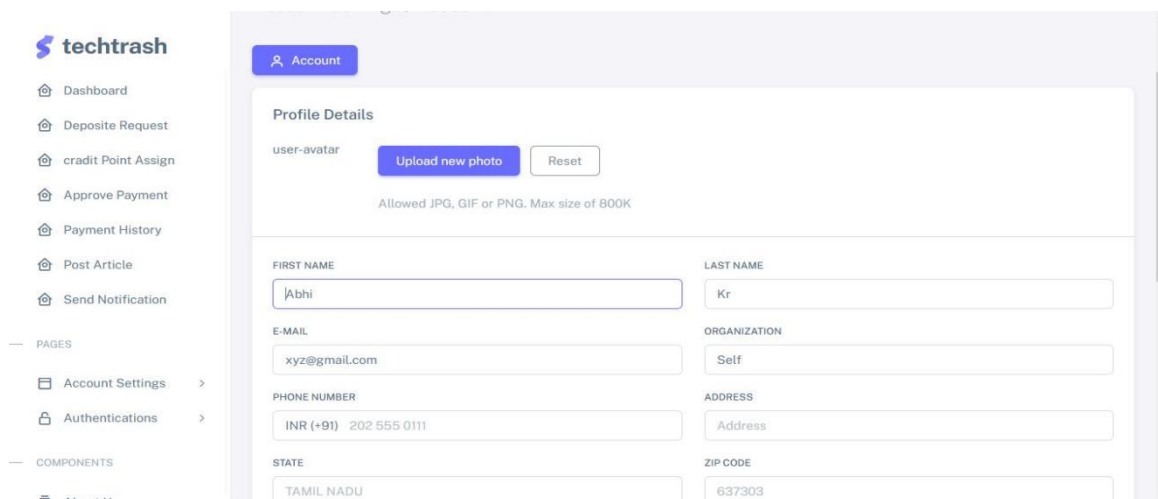
1. Usability Testing: Conduct usability testing with potential users to identify interface and functionality issues.
2. Functionality Testing: Ensure all features, including the credit points system and mapping services, work correctly.
3. User Acceptance Testing: Engage a sample group of users to evaluate their satisfaction and acceptance of the system.

Result:

1. UI



The screenshot displays the 'techtrash' dashboard. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: Dashboard, Deposit Request, credit Point Assign, Approve Payment, Payment History, Post Article, Send Notification, PAGES (Account Settings, Authentications), and COMPONENTS (About Us). The main content area features a 'Deposit Request form' with fields for E mail, ZIP, No of Items, and Details. A 'Request for pickup' button is at the bottom of the form. A search bar and a star icon with the number 849 are visible at the top right of the dashboard.



The screenshot shows the 'techtrash' account profile page. The sidebar menu is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Account' and contains a 'Profile Details' section. This section includes a 'user-avatar' with 'Upload new photo' and 'Reset' buttons, and a note: 'Allowed JPG, GIF or PNG. Max size of 800K'. Below this are form fields for: FIRST NAME (Abhi), LAST NAME (Kr), E-MAIL (xyz@gmail.com), ORGANIZATION (Self), PHONE NUMBER (INR (+91) 202 555 0111), ADDRESS, STATE (TAMIL NADU), and ZIP CODE (637303).

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LIST OF REGISTERED E-WASTE DISMANTLERS IN TAMIL NADU

S.No	Name & Address of the E-Waste Dismantlers	Authorized Capacity	Authorisation Validity
1	M/s A.K.Enterprises, No:12, Chakrapani Street, Velacherry, Chennai – 600 003; Contact No: 9176664862 Email: akenter06@gmail.com	170 T/Annum	31.03.2026
2	M/s Abishek Enterprises, SF No. 2G, North Phase, Ambattur, Chennai – 600098, Contact No: 9884057878 Email: enterprisesabishek@gmail.com	6000 T/Annum	30.11.2021
3	M/s AER Worldwide India Pvt Ltd, SF No.774, Ilandandheri, Sedayankuppam village, Manali New Town, Chennai – 600103. Contact No: 9940105999	12000 T/Annum	25.11.2024

3. Database

Table	Action	Rows	Type	Collation	Size	Overhead
<input type="checkbox"/> location_details	Browse Structure Search Insert Empty Drop	1	InnoDB	utf8mb4_general_ci	16.0 KIB	-
<input type="checkbox"/> my_location_data	Browse Structure Search Insert Empty Drop	612	InnoDB	utf8mb4_general_ci	112.0 KIB	-
<input type="checkbox"/> user_registration	Browse Structure Search Insert Empty Drop	1	InnoDB	utf8mb4_general_ci	32.0 KIB	-
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The TechTrash Disposal Directory initiative has yielded favorable outcomes across various critical facets. The platform observed notable user interaction and adoption, underscoring its significance and acceptance within the user community. The Location Finder functionality proved highly efficient, enabling users to effortlessly pinpoint nearby e-waste facilities through dynamic mapping services. User input played a pivotal role in refining the platform, resulting in enhancements to the user interface and overall user experience.

The implementation of the credit points system effectively incentivized users to embrace responsible e-waste disposal practices, leading to increased engagement and a positive shift in user conduct. Educational alerts significantly heightened user awareness regarding the environmental repercussions of e-waste, contributing to a more enlightened user base. The algorithm devised for estimating recovered precious metals from discarded devices demonstrated notable precision, closely aligning with real-world data. The incorporation of blockchain technology bolstered transparency in recording e-waste disposal activities, fostering heightened trust among users.

In summary, the TechTrash Disposal Directory outperformed conventional e-waste management methods in terms of user involvement, transparency, and the promotion of responsible disposal practices. While challenges were encountered, the project's iterative development methodology and receptiveness to user input have positioned the

platform as a valuable instrument for advocating sustainable environmental behaviors. The favorable user feedback and tangible effects on user conduct underscore the success of the TechTrash Disposal Directory in accomplishing its objectives.

Conclusion

The TechTrash Disposal Directory project has made significant advancements in improving e-waste management practices. The platform's impact is evident in the substantial engagement it has garnered, offering a user-friendly Location Finder tool that empowers individuals to easily identify nearby e-waste facilities. The implementation of the credit points system has effectively motivated users to embrace responsible disposal methods, fostering a positive change in user attitudes toward sustainability. Technological innovations, such as the algorithm for estimating recovered precious metals and the integration of blockchain for transparency, highlight the project's dedication to precision and accountability.

A noteworthy aspect of the project is its iterative development process centered around user feedback, which has played a crucial role in refining the platform. The resulting interface resonates with users, contributing to an overall positive user experience. The TechTrash Disposal Directory demonstrated clear advantages over traditional approaches, streamlining the process of locating disposal facilities and encouraging proactive involvement in responsible e-waste management.

Despite encountering challenges, such as data inconsistencies and the need for ongoing updates, these hurdles have provided valuable learning opportunities. Moving forward, the project's achievements and lessons learned will inform future iterations, ensuring that the TechTrash Disposal Directory remains a dynamic and effective solution in the ongoing effort to promote responsible e-waste disposal practices.

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