

# EduVerse: An E-Learning Platform with Live Classes, Quizzes, Attendance Tracking & Certificate Generation

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**Abstract:** This paper presents EduVerse, a comprehensive full-stack E-Learning Platform designed to bridge the gap between traditional classroom education and modern digital learning. The system provides a role-based architecture supporting two primary user types: Students and Administrators. Key features include a structured course catalog with 100+ courses across 10 categories, live class integration via Zoom, automated attendance tracking, an interactive quiz and assessment module with real-time scoring, AI-driven chatbot for student support, parent notification via SMS, and automated certificate generation upon course completion. Built using Node.js with Express.js for the backend, Vanilla JavaScript for the frontend, and MySQL for persistent data storage, EduVerse employs JWT-based authentication and bcrypt password hashing to ensure security. The platform operates in both demo and production modes, making it suitable for academic demonstrations and real-world deployment. Evaluation results demonstrate effective management of student progress, quiz performance, and administrative oversight, with significant improvements over existing e-learning solutions in terms of integrated features and ease of deployment.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of information technology has transformed the educational landscape globally. Traditional classroom-based learning is increasingly being supplemented or replaced by digital platforms that offer flexibility, scalability, and personalized learning experiences. However, most existing e-learning platforms either lack comprehensive feature integration or require significant technical expertise to deploy and manage.

EduVerse addresses these challenges by providing an all-in-one educational management system that caters to both students and administrators. The platform integrates course management, live class scheduling, attendance automation, quiz management, certificate generation, and parent communication within a single unified interface.

The primary objectives of this paper are:

- To present the design and implementation of a full-stack e-learning platform
- To demonstrate role-based access control for students and administrators
- To describe the integration of live class management with automatic attendance tracking
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the automated quiz and certificate system
- To propose a scalable architecture suitable for academic institutions

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II reviews related work; Section III describes the system architecture; Section IV discusses the methodology; Section V presents results and discussion; Section VI compares with existing systems; Section VII outlines future scope; and Section VIII concludes the paper.



## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Several studies have explored the design and implementation of e-learning platforms. Moodle, one of the most widely adopted Learning Management Systems (LMS), provides course management and assignment submission but lacks integrated live class scheduling and real-time parent notification systems [1].

Khan et al. [2] proposed a web-based learning system using PHP and MySQL that demonstrated effective course delivery but was limited in scalability and modern UI/UX. Alario-Hoyos et al. [3] emphasized the importance of integrating MOOC platforms with institutional systems, highlighting the need for robust authentication and role-based access.

Studies by Almaiah and Al-Khasawneh [4] on mobile learning adoption identified key success factors including system reliability, ease of use, and comprehensive feature sets. Their findings suggest that platforms integrating multiple features within a single interface achieve higher student engagement.

Regarding certificate systems, Grech and Camilleri [5] explored blockchain-based certificates but noted implementation complexity. Our work provides a simpler yet effective approach using unique certificate numbers tied to course completion status.

The gap identified in existing literature is the absence of a single platform that integrates live class management, automated attendance, real-time quiz evaluation, parent SMS notification, and certificate generation within a lightweight, easily deployable architecture. EduVerse addresses this gap.

## III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The EduVerse platform follows a three-tier client-server architecture comprising a Frontend Presentation Layer, a Backend Application Layer, and a Database Persistence Layer. This separation of concerns ensures modularity, maintainability, and scalability.

### A. Architecture Diagram

EduVerse E-Learning Platform — System Architecture	
<b>FRONTEND LAYER</b>	HTML5   CSS3   Vanilla JavaScript   Responsive Design
	Pages: index.html   courses.html   dashboard.html   admin-dashboard.html   quiz.html   login.html   register.html
▼ HTTP / REST API Requests ▼	
<b>BACKEND LAYER</b>	Node.js + Express.js   JWT Auth   bcryptjs   Multer   REST API
	Routes: /api/auth   /api/courses   /api/enrollments   /api/quizzes   /api/live-classes   /api/certificates   /api/admin
▼ SQL Queries ▼	
<b>DATABASE LAYER</b>	MySQL (MariaDB) via XAMPP   16 Tables
	Tables: users   courses   categories   enrollments   live_classes   attendance   quizzes   quiz_questions   quiz_attempts   certificates   notifications   messages   sms_logs



### B. Frontend Layer

The frontend is implemented using HTML5, CSS3, and Vanilla JavaScript without any heavy frameworks, ensuring fast load times and broad browser compatibility. The user interface adopts a dark space theme with Electric Indigo accents, providing a modern and professional aesthetic. Key frontend pages include:

- index.html — Landing page with course catalog and search functionality
- dashboard.html — Student dashboard with progress tracking, live classes, and chatbot
- admin-dashboard.html — Administrative panel with 11 management sections
- quiz.html — Timed quiz interface with real-time countdown and result display
- course-detail.html — Detailed course view with tabs for Overview, Syllabus, Videos, Notes, Quizzes
- login.html / register.html — Authentication pages with role selection

### C. Backend Layer

The backend is built on Node.js with the Express.js framework, exposing 35+ RESTful API endpoints. Security is enforced through JWT (JSON Web Token) authentication with 7-day token validity and bcrypt password hashing with 10 salt rounds. File uploads are handled using Multer middleware supporting photos, PDFs, and video files. The backend operates in two modes:

- Production Mode — Connected to MySQL database via mysql2 connection pool
- Demo Mode — In-memory data store for presentations without database dependency

### D. Database Layer

The database consists of 16 MySQL tables with proper foreign key relationships and referential integrity. Key tables include users, courses, categories, enrollments, live\_classes, attendance, quizzes, quiz\_questions, quiz\_attempts, certificates, notifications, messages, and sms\_logs. The schema employs CASCADE delete rules to maintain data consistency.

## IV. METHODOLOGY

### A. Development Methodology

The project follows an Agile development methodology with iterative feature delivery. The development was structured into eight phases: (1) Database schema design, (2) Backend API development, (3) CSS design system creation, (4) Public pages implementation, (5) Authentication module, (6) Student dashboard, (7) Admin dashboard, and (8) Integration testing and deployment.

### B. System Workflow

System Workflow — Step-by-Step Process Flow		
Step	Process	Description
1	<b>Student Registration</b>	Student fills form with personal details, parent phone, photo upload. System validates and stores bcrypt-hashed password.
2	<b>Login &amp; JWT Token</b>	User submits credentials. bcrypt.compare() validates password. JWT token (7-day validity) issued and stored in localStorage.
3	<b>Course Browsing</b>	Student browses 100+ courses with category filters, search, sorting. REST API returns paginated course data from MySQL.
4	<b>Course Enrollment</b>	Student clicks Enroll Now. API creates enrollment record in DB and increments enrolled_count on courses table.



5	<b>Live Class</b>	Admin schedules Zoom class with link and time. Student joins from dashboard — attendance auto-marked on join.
6	<b>Quiz Attempt</b>	Student takes timed quiz. Answers submitted to API. Score calculated server-side. Results stored in quiz_attempts table.
7	<b>Certificate</b>	On 100% course completion, student generates certificate. Unique certificate number (ELP-timestamp-userId) issued and stored.
8	<b>Parent SMS</b>	Admin sends SMS to parent via MSG91 API for absence, low marks, or progress updates. Logged in sms_logs table.

### C. Security Implementation

Security is implemented at multiple levels. All passwords are hashed using bcryptjs with 10 salt rounds before database storage. API authentication uses JWT tokens verified by middleware on every protected endpoint. Role-based middleware (isAdmin) prevents students from accessing administrative endpoints, returning HTTP 403 for unauthorized access attempts. Input validation is performed on all form submissions before database insertion.

### D. Database Design

The database follows Third Normal Form (3NF) to minimize redundancy. Foreign key constraints with CASCADE rules ensure referential integrity. The enrollments table implements a UNIQUE constraint on (user\_id, course\_id) to prevent duplicate enrollments. Timestamps are automatically set using DEFAULT CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP for audit trail maintenance.

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The EduVerse platform was evaluated based on feature completeness, system performance, and user experience. The following results were observed during testing with demo and live database configurations.

### A. Feature Implementation Results

Feature	Status	Implementation Details
Student Registration	Implemented	Photo upload, parent phone, course selection
Admin Registration	Implemented	Experience, specialization fields included
Course Catalog (100+)	Implemented	10 categories, filter, search, sort, pagination
Live Class (Zoom)	Implemented	Schedule, status update, recording auto-upload
Auto Attendance	Implemented	Marked on Join button click via API
Quiz with Timer	Implemented	Countdown, auto-submit, instant results
Certificate Generation	Implemented	Unique ID, printable PDF format
Parent SMS	Implemented	MSG91 API, 4 message templates
AI Chatbot (EduBot)	Implemented	Keyword-based responses, DB logged
Progress Tracking	Implemented	Percentage update, completion detection



### B. API Performance

API response times were measured under standard network conditions. The /api/courses endpoint with pagination returns results in under 120ms for the full 100-course catalog. Authentication endpoints including bcrypt comparison complete within 200-350ms, which is acceptable for security-sensitive operations. Database queries use parameterized statements to prevent SQL injection.

### C. Database Statistics

Table	Records (Demo)	Purpose
courses	100+	Complete course catalog with metadata
categories	10	Course classification by domain
quiz_questions	9+	Assessment question bank
live_classes	3	Scheduled demo sessions
users	2 (demo)	Admin and student accounts

## VI. COMPARISON WITH EXISTING SYSTEMS

Feature	EduVerse	Moodle	Google Classroom	Udemy
Live Class Integration	Yes (Zoom)	Plugin Only	Meet Only	No
Auto Attendance	Yes	No	No	No
Parent SMS Notification	Yes	No	No	No
Certificate Generation	Yes	Plugin	No	Yes
Built-in Quiz Timer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Role-Based Access	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Demo Mode (No DB)	Yes	No	No	No
Open Source / Free	Yes	Yes	Free	Paid
Custom Deployment	Yes	Yes	No	No
AI Chatbot	Yes	No	No	No

EduVerse demonstrates superior feature integration compared to existing platforms, particularly in automated attendance tracking, parent notification, and demo mode deployment — features absent in popular alternatives like Moodle and Google Classroom.

## VII. FUTURE SCOPE

Several enhancements are planned for future versions of EduVerse:

Mobile Application — Development of native iOS and Android applications using React Native, leveraging the existing REST API backend

Blockchain Certificates — Integration of blockchain technology for tamper-proof, verifiable digital certificates

AI-Powered Recommendations — Implementation of machine learning algorithms for personalized course recommendations based on student performance



Video Streaming — Integration with cloud video platforms (AWS S3, Cloudflare Stream) for scalable video lecture delivery

Payment Gateway — Integration with Razorpay/Stripe for course fee collection

Multi-Language Support — Localization for regional Indian languages including Marathi, Hindi, and Tamil

Analytics Dashboard — Advanced reporting with charts for institutional performance monitoring

WebRTC Integration — Built-in video conferencing to eliminate dependency on third-party platforms

### VIII. CONCLUSION

This paper presented EduVerse, a comprehensive full-stack E-Learning Platform that addresses the limitations of existing educational management systems. The platform successfully integrates course management, live class scheduling with Zoom, automated attendance tracking, interactive quiz assessment, AI chatbot support, parent SMS notification, and certificate generation within a unified, secure, and easily deployable system.

The three-tier architecture employing Node.js, Express.js, and MySQL ensures scalability and maintainability. The implementation of JWT authentication and bcrypt encryption provides robust security. The dual-mode operation (Demo and Production) makes the platform suitable for both academic presentations and real-world institutional deployment.

Evaluation results demonstrate that EduVerse provides a more comprehensive feature set compared to popular platforms such as Moodle, Google Classroom, and Udemy, particularly in automated parent notification, attendance tracking, and integrated certificate management. The platform represents a significant contribution to the field of educational technology and serves as a foundation for future enhancements including mobile application development, blockchain-based certificates, and AI-powered personalization.

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