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DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF 4-TIER ARCHITECTURE OF VIRTUAL NETWORK MODEL FOR FINANCIAL AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Core Banking Solutions is new jargon frequently used in banking circles of India. Not only the business customers but also the individual (household) customers are dealt with various financial institution and banking systems like farmers, workers, businessmen, industrialist, housewives, politicians and non financial sectors.. Normal core banking functions will include deposit, loans, insurances, mortgages and payments etc. Since the customers open their account in more than one Financial Institution and invest their money in Insurance, Provident Fund, Mutual Funds, Post Office etc, The regulatory bodies like Banking, Insurance, Income Tax Department cannot keep track of individual or groups transaction. This affects the irregularities in maintaining the income of individuals or groups. Thus to overcome the above drawback, here 4-tier architecture model will maintain the transparency in each and every transaction of customer by introducing "Customer Unique Identification Number" (CUID). 4 tier architecture models have 4 layers, with the use of biometric tool and the Data Warehouse (where the data of customers are stored) in physical layer. The Online Transaction and Analytical Processing are easier and flexible through this model. The advantageous part of this model is the CUID, which can easily composite with current financial system. This new platform will change the working of banking and financial system. This model can bring technological revolution in banking and financial system over current system.

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4-Tier Architecture, Core, Banking, Customer Unique Identification.

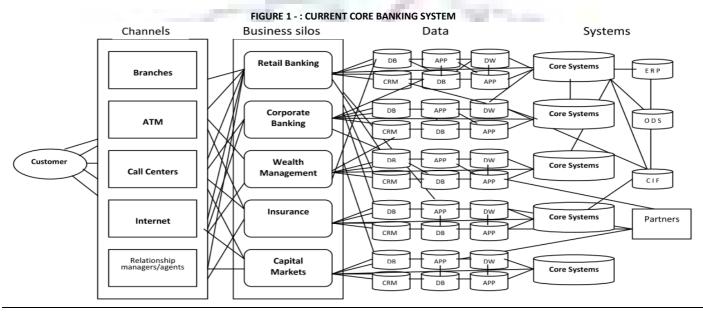
1. INTRODUCTION

echnological development is an added advantage for banking sector and the core banking applications is an example of technological development. The real time transaction processing is the need of real-time exchange in banking and financial institution. The real time application, means that the result will be reflected immediately on the bank's servers whatever the transactions made by the customer in any of the bank's branch throughout the world. The application is based on Centralized Data Storage. This means, all the branches are interconnected with each other with the Centralise HUB (Server) as Data Storage. The core banking has the inbuilt facility to fulfil the needs of customers, as an automated banking solution. Still the current core banking solution has some loopholes and limitations of identification of the transactions of different bank's branches for the same customer. The New Model i.e. 4-tier architecture model is design for Financial and Banking institution for the process of account opening. In 4 tier architecture the advanced tools like biometric and data storage to generate "Customers unique identification"-(CUID) for each and every customer and group. Each and every transaction of a customer or group with any bank across any path or passage like E-Banking, Investments, Deposits, M-Banking, e-Governance, internet banking etc, using CUID will be tracked. All these facilities provided to customer by maintaining individual as well as global Data Storage. Maintaining the data storage not only to keep the information of individuals and groups more secured but also helps to improve the operational (transactional) efficiency, this can answer any improved, complex, statistical or analytical queries. Both the summarized and detailed information is situated at the centre of a DSS of an organisation and contains integrated historical data. For the betterment of the current core financial and banking system we have used the customer unique identification code in 4-tier architectural model and the core system has radically changed the way in which financial system works (functions). The advantageous part of the core bank system is its features and functionalities with use of advance technologies which can be very easily integrated with present system. The management of personal finance and transaction with any bank or financial institution the CUID card of proposed system will be used. The government authorities like Income Tax Department, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Financial Services Authority, Reserve Bank of India, Forward Markets Commission (India)(FMC), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority(IRDA), etc, can managed centrally to control overall financial system through maintain data storage of either individual or a group.

The ECS between banks, online transaction processing in stock market, Fund transfer from wireless devices etc, can be done using CUID, which were unheard in present era of core banking system. The data warehouse manages all the communication between financial organisations with customers to share information within organisation from top to bottom.

2. CURRENT CORE BANKING SYSTEM

Advancement in Information Technology (IT) helps in change in structure of the current banking system in particular and financial sector in general.



Core Banking System or CBS is one of the recent developments in the field of banking, and has proved to be very useful as Financial System. Core banking is another way of saying the core function of a bank. Utilisation of Advance Technologies and Internet for the transactions in banking system tends to new ways of doing business. It puts a new energy in increasing transactional efficiency in banking system by saving a lot of time and cost. The Core banking system is multiprocessing, multiprogramming as a service provider when measured as transactional efficiency. Technically we can say that, the Core banking solutions is an integration of information and communication technology. Here, computer software is developed module wise to perform core operations of banking like the bank's own books, or general ledger (recording of daily routine transactions), represents the bank as a business concern and should show the normal business activities, as well as the balances its holds on behalf of customers, interest and charges that have accrued and other assets, liabilities, income and expenses items. All the communication between each every bank is done through this software by means of latest technologies like internet, satellite, telephones etc and stored huge volume of data storage in data warehouse. The core advantage of this system is that, a customer can operate his/her account from any branch of the bank and if the banks owns internet banking or ATM facilities, then the customer can operate on his account from virtually anywhere. The core banking solution helps the customers to operate accounts from any bank of any branch.

A core banking system will maintain linkages between accounts and customers. A banking system that holds a single instance of a customer's record and then relates all of that customer's accounts to that record is said to be 'customer centric'. A core system that holds a list of accounts without linking them back to a single instance of a customer is said to be 'account centric'. In this day of integrated banking services and cross-selling there is little scope for account centric systems, although these may exist in other, more specialised areas of the bank.

The Core banking system is a platform independent. Developing the robust application the huge investment in technological infrastructure is required and this investment has contributed to expansion as well as growth of banking business. The return on such huge investment is yet to be realized. As the versatility in technology, core banking need to move forward in technological changes and offers the services which help in value addition in core banking services. Maintaining the consistency in services provided to the customers the development of alternative units (branches/channels) for the expansion and growth while serving to the customers. The technology provides helping hand to maintain data storage for the use of inter-switch transactions, its, an essential for the banking business to continue as service business where customers prefer to feel the personal touch.

As the change in the technology it is essential for every organisation to adapt the core banking technology as earliest. By successful implementation of a secure way of Electronic Fund Transfer Mechanism the core banking solutions entered and makes revolution in Secured Banking System. The pressure on banks is to increased regulatory requirement to sustain growth; therefore it is essential to have an error free and fully secured core banking system for continued regulatory requirements.

3. FLAWS IN PRESENT ACCOUNT OPENING SYSTEM

In present system it is necessary for the customer to make the personnel contact with the financial institution for the request to open account, the first step ends with the direct contact for the process of request of account opening form. The account opening process starts after completing the request from customer. The process ends with the issuing allotment of new account number to the customer within few days by recording the first transaction of opening account with some initial amount in financial system. Finally the documents like chequebook, debit card, etc received by the customer from the bank.

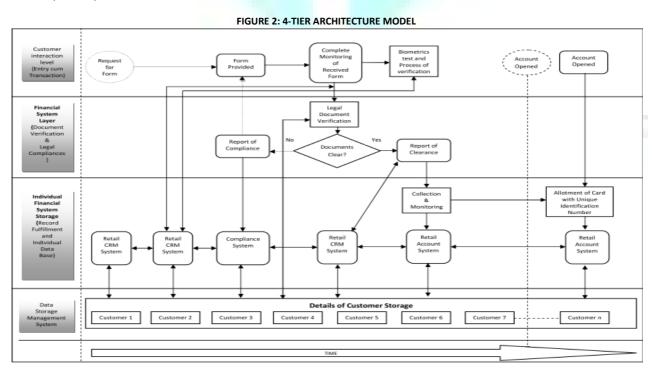
3.1. In above process there are various flaws in present account opening system, these are -

While opening a new account the following flaws are measured -

- 1. There is no check whether the customers have an account in same branch/bank.
- 2. The system is account based not a transaction based.
- 3. Bank is not aware of any details of the other accounts of the customers in different branch, bank, and financial institution.
- 4. No Unique Identification is provided by bank to customer for the individual unique identification other than allotted account number.
- 5. Consolidated record of customers having more than one account with various financial institutions is not generated.
- 6. The customers are not uniquely identified if having more than one account in one place or in different institution.

4. 4-TIER ARCHITECTURAL MODEL

To make the current financial core system more secured and powerful this 4-tier architecture helps to solve make the present account opening process simpler. Each of these 4 steps of this architectural model has several processes to complete the above task. It is very helpful to control the flaws in the present system which are mention above as well as it control and monitor the each and every transaction, personal details of customers with their income. Using this model it is possible to maintain the past records (previous transaction done by the customers) though centralized data storages. The efficient and effective decision making using Online Transaction Processing and Online Analytical Processing is the prime advantage of Data Storage. The model provides a complete and fully secured solution over the present system to overcome all the drawbacks.



4.1 Model Description -

The model has four layers; these are customer interaction layer, financial System Layer (where document verification and legal compliances are checked), financial system storage (here record fulfilment and Individual data maintenance is done) and Data Warehouse (data storage management system), elaborate in detail with each and every process of individual steps.

Layer–1- Customer Interaction Level- It is entry point in the 4-tier architectural model, where the direct interaction of the customer's () with the particular financial institution for the new account opening (transaction).

- a) "The requests from the customer at registration counter for the account opening form in any financial institution or bank."
- b) The Customers provide his/her details in the form which will be provided by institute for new account opening after hearing the request.
- c) Provided details are verified and the form will be accepted after verification of details.
- d) For maintain the unique identification, the customer is requested for "Biometric Test" and "Process of Verification" by the institute for each & everyone who wants to open a new account.
- e) The details provided by the customer are saved in the individual data base maintained by the institute. After receiving the request of new account opening the report of compliance and clearance report is verified.

Layer-2- Financial System Layer (Legal Compliances and Document Verification)- The second layer of 4-tier architecture model start its working process after receiving the request of new account opening form.

- a) On the request of customer, if the account open for the first time in his life then the legal compliances of the documents received from him will be scrutinized and if ok, then the Unique Identification is allotted as "Customer Unique Identification"-(CUID).
- b) If customer already registered with any of the financial institution (i.e. already a CUID holder) then the record will be verified by the system itself using CUID.
- c) In case of wrong information provided by the customer the system itself search the past record using biometric details already stored in the data storage as unique identification.
- d) Then the report generated by the system will be used for further processing in the next layer.
- e) In case of non satisfactory report the compliance report is generated by the system and sends it to customer online otherwise further process is done.
- f) All the reports generated by the system for each individual is stored in respective data storage.

Layer-3-Financial System Storage (Fulfilment and Data Base)- The layer is meant for the individual data storage maintain in every financial institution and banking system.

- a) The form received with complete legal information stored in individual data storage, where the customer unique identification is generated to the new account holder only.
- b) All the future transactions were going through the legal procedure defined in layer-2 and layer-3.
- c) The data and information generated in this layer finally stored in the Database Management System in layer-4.
- d) In data storage the record of each and every transactions of individual customer is maintain.
- e) The monitoring of track record of every customer stored in independent unit, (i.e. independent financial institute) where customer makes the transaction.

Layer-4- Data Warehouse (Data Storage Management System)-it is an exit point of a system. All the reports and information generated in the individual institution will be stored in the Data Warehouse.

- a) The centralised data storage facility is provided by the higher Government Authority and maintain by (RBI) Reserve Bank of India for monitoring the lapses and defaulters.
- b) All types of data, information queries which are statistical and analytical of every financial institution are stored here.
- c) The details of all customers as well as financial institution are stored in the data warehouse globally.
- d) Each and every type of report generation is possible by maintaining the data warehouse.

4.2 steps for opening new account for customer according to 4-tier architecture

- 1. Initial request from the customer for new Account Opening Form at registration counter for account opening in any financial institution.
- 2. The form will fill up by the customer and submitted at the registration counter.
- 3. After receiving the form the officials asks for his biometric details. The details of biometric will be attached to the form for the further processing.
- 4. In case of any compliance marked in the customers' documents, then the system generates the compliance report which will be given to the customer from the counter itself.

4.3 steps for opening new account for Financial Institute/System according to 4-tier architecture model

- 1. The registration counter of institute / system will received request to open a new account. The request is fulfilled by the system and the details will be stored in data storage. Filled form will be received by the system from customer.
- 2. To complete this process the biometric details are asks to the customer and the detail report will be stored in retail CRM system. The biometric details are sending for the verification and legal process. The documents and details are verified and checked by the authorities.
- 3. If the documents are clear without any compliance will be sent for the further process otherwise, the detailed compliance report will be given to the customer from the counter itself.
- 4. Here after all verification and clearance report the customer will received the CUID, Number, cards, books, and other required documents. Fulfilment step generate CUID of customer (if not found registered previously with any other institution or system) and stored data in retail account system. Registration counter will get the confirmation of new account open with institution / system and customer will also get the documents like cheques, cards etc with Customer Unique Identification (CUID).

Advantages of CUID using 4-tier architecture model

- 1. The new model and new CUID can easily blend with the present system, so that it is very easy to integrate the system with present system.
- 2. The concept of CUID allotted to the customer will be used to monitor all future transaction i.e. individual, group, society etc.
- 3. In this module, clear transference is maintained while its processing of transaction and opening an account by the customer.
- 4. It is an advantageous for the Government to monitor on financial crises and to make quick decisions at any point of time.
- 5. Further, it is not necessary for the income tax department to maintain and control the individual details and transactions of customer accounts for the purpose of tax dues.
- 6. The CUID card is better option than the PAN card, or Aadhar Card as the CUID card maintains biometric details required for unique identification as well as the income details of individuals or groups.
- 7. Under this model, all the financial sectors, including Government, Private, and Public will work under one roof at same level
- 8. Detection of defaulters is an easy task for the financial system to take suitable action using this model.
- 9. Efficient decision making process by maintaining Data Base Management System is advantageous for the Online Transaction Processing and Online Analytical Processing.

There are number of advantages after implementing the 4-tier architecture model. The above advantages focus light on only architecture for account opening process.

My in-depth study focus on many other aspects like security, transactions, implementation and software development which will highlight many benefits about the complete system.

CONCLUSION

The paper is focused on design and development of virtual network banking model i.e. 4-tier architectural model and benefits of customer unique identification (CUID) code. The four layers of architecture model show transparency which can be maintained while generating account number and CUID code. We have made an effort to focus to remove the drawbacks by launching the concept of Customer unique identification code (CUID code). This model will help in decision making process by using OLAP and OLTP tools, the main advantage of this model is that the 4-tier architecture model with CUID can easily blend with current banking and finance system. The 4-tier architectural model has become a robust to perform a role to enhance the present account opening process in financial core system by using CUID.

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