EcoTrack: Integrating Habit Tracking and Real-Time Air Quality Monitoring for Sustainable Living

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***Abstract*—EcoTrack is an intelligent web-based application created to promote sustainable lifestyles by combining eco-friendly habit tracking with live air quality monitoring. The platform monitors everyday activities such as walking, recycling, and saving electricity, and evaluates them together with local environmental indicators like the Air Quality Index (AQI), particulate matter levels, and different gaseous pollutants. By connecting individual habits with real-time environmental data, EcoTrack helps users understand their sustainability impact and offers practical suggestions along with personalized feedback. The system operates through a secure and structured process that includes user authentication, collection of habit-related data, retrieval of real-time air quality information, calculation of gamified sustainability scores, and visual representation of results. To maintain user interest and encourage consistent participation, EcoTrack integrates motivational elements such as eco-points, achievement badges, streak tracking, and leaderboards. These gamification features support long-term engagement and habit formation. The application is developed using React.js for the front-end interface and Firebase for backend services and authentication. Testing results indicate increased user involvement, steady adoption of eco-friendly habits, secure system performance, and minimal response delays.**

***Index Terms*—Sustainable Living, Air Quality Monitoring, Habit Tracking, Gamification, Environmental Analytics, Web-Based Systems.**

I. Introduction

Air in many urban areas has become noticeably more polluted over time. As cities expand, there are more cars on the road, more factories running, and more people producing waste — all of which release harmful substances into the atmosphere. This buildup of pollutants gradually lowers the quality of the air that city residents breathe every day. Breathing polluted air over long periods can be bad for people's health. Tiny particles like PM2.5 and gases such as carbon monoxide (CO), Sulphur dioxide (SO_2), and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) can get into the lungs when we breathe. Some of these contaminants are so small that they can even enter the bloodstream. When the body is exposed to these substances repeatedly, it can lead to problems with breathing, stress on the heart, and even a shorter life span. Governments and health organizations have put in place systems to measure air quality and laws to limit pollution, but reducing pollution in practice is still difficult. This is because the pollution comes from many different activities and is influenced by changing environmental conditions.

In recent years, digital tools have become increasingly important in spreading awareness about environmental conditions, particularly through platforms that track air quality in real time. These platforms gather information from environmental sensors and publicly available APIs to report current pollution levels. Although they make air quality data easily accessible to users, most of these applications mainly serve as information display systems. Typically, such platforms present numerical pollution values and indicators without actively encouraging users to change their daily habits or lifestyle choices. Consequently, merely providing access to environmental information has not been sufficient to promote consistent and long-term behavioural change at the individual level.

To overcome these limitations, this paper proposes EcoTrack, an integrated web-based system that combines eco-friendly habit tracking with real-time air quality monitoring to promote sustainable living. The core objective of EcoTrack is to bridge the gap between environmental awareness and individual responsibility by correlating personal actions with localized environmental conditions. The system enables users to log daily sustainable activities while simultaneously retrieving real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) data from external environmental APIs, providing contextual insights into their surroundings.

A distinguishing aspect of EcoTrack is its use of game-like engagement tools to keep users involved. The platform includes features such as eco-points, badges for achievements, tracking of habit streaks, and competitive leaderboards. These components are meant to support the formation of positive habits, boost motivation, and help users stick with sustainable behaviours over the long term.

By turning routine environmentally friendly actions into activities that can be tracked, measured, and rewarded, EcoTrack gives users ongoing incentives to participate. This approach encourages not only individual consistency but also invites broader interaction within the user community.

The system is developed with up-to-date web software that supports interactive features and dependable performance. The part of the application that users interact with is built using React.js, which helps the interface update smoothly and feel responsive during use. For functions like signing users in, saving their data, and keeping information current across different sessions, the platform uses Firebase's backend services. This setup allows the application to manage data securely and keep everything synchronized in real time. To make information easier to interpret, EcoTrack shows users meaningful visual summaries rather than just plain numbers. Users can see graphical representations of how their personal habits compare with environmental data, which makes it simpler to notice patterns and understand how everyday choices relate to changes in air quality.

The system is built using contemporary web development tools that support interactive and data-driven behaviour. To create the user interface, React.js is used so that the platform feels responsive and updates smoothly as users interact with it. On the backend, Firebase is responsible for handling user sign-in securely, storing user information online, and making sure that the latest changes are reflected immediately whenever data is updated. This combination of technologies helps maintain consistency and responsiveness across different user sessions. Rather than displaying raw figures alone, EcoTrack presents information in visual forms that are easy to interpret. Users see charts and graphic summaries that show how their sustainable daily practices relate to fluctuations in air quality and environmental conditions, allowing them to gain insights quickly and track their progress over time.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. *Air Quality Monitoring Systems*

Understanding how air quality changes over time is crucial both for protecting people's health and for planning in growing urban environments. According to the *World Health Organization*, breathing air that contains pollutants — including very small particles such as PM2.5, larger particles like PM10, and gases such as nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide, and carbon monoxide — is associated with increased risks of lung and cardiovascular illnesses [1]. In addition to these health concerns, research in environmental science highlights that rising urban populations and intensified city activities have made it more important than ever to establish reliable systems for monitoring air quality. These systems help ensure that accurate information about pollution levels is consistently available to the public, to urban planners, and to decision-makers so that they can take timely actions to protect health and the environment [2].

Conventional air quality monitoring methods typically rely on fixed, high-precision stations managed by governmental or regulatory authorities. Although these permanent facilities provide reliable and standardized measurements, their installation and operational costs are considerable, limiting the number that can be deployed across different regions. This restricted distribution often results in insufficient spatial coverage, making it challenging to evaluate pollution levels at a more localized scale. To overcome these challenges, recent research has increasingly explored web-based systems and frameworks built on Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. Such modern solutions support ongoing data acquisition and enable air quality information to be collected and transmitted across broader geographic areas in near real time, improving both accessibility and coverage [8], [17].

Cloud-supported system designs further strengthen air quality monitoring by offering flexible storage for large datasets, seamless handling of incoming data, and immediate retrieval of environmental information. Research has shown that combining cloud computing with IoT infrastructures greatly improves the way continuous environmental data streams are collected, processed, and presented. In addition, developers can tap into publicly available services, such as the air pollution endpoints provided by OpenWeather, to pull live and forecasted air quality information into applications through defined programming interfaces [3]. Despite these advances, most current air quality applications are still focused mainly on displaying environmental data, and they do little to actively guide or influence changes in individual behavior.

B. *Digital Habit Tracking Applications*

Habit-tracking technologies have gained widespread adoption as tools for reinforcing routine behaviors related to health, productivity, and personal development. Behavioral research highlights that feedback, consistency, and goal reinforcement are key factors in long-term habit formation [7]. From an environmental perspective, studies in environmental psychology indicate that individual actions collectively contribute significantly to environmental outcomes, making behavior change a critical component of sustainability efforts [13].

However, most existing habit-tracking systems operate independently of environmental data and do not account for external ecological conditions. These platforms primarily focus on self-management goals rather than evaluating the environmental consequences of user actions. As a result, they fail to bridge the gap between personal routines and environmentally significant behavior, limiting their effectiveness in promoting sustainability awareness.

C. *Gamification in Behavioral Change and Sustainability*

In digital applications, gamification refers to the inclusion of mechanics borrowed from games — such as earning scores, unlocking achievements, completing challenges, and ranking against others — to make tasks feel more engaging and to encourage users to stay active [6]. Research has repeatedly shown that these kinds of interactive incentives can boost participation and shape user behaviour across a variety of online environments [9], [10].

In the area of sustainability, designers have applied this strategy to motivate actions like cutting down energy use, increasing recycling efforts, and choosing more environmentally friendly travel options. By building motivational cues into the application experience, such tools aim to make sustainable actions more rewarding and easier to maintain over time [16]. A limitation of many existing solutions, however, is that they often depend on predefined challenges or user-entered information instead of continuously updated environmental feedback. Without responses that reflect real conditions, it is harder for these systems to keep users engaged and sustain behaviour change over the long term.

D. *Integrated Sustainability Platforms*

Recent progress in web technologies and cloud computing has made it possible to build comprehensive environmental monitoring systems that integrate data acquisition, processing, and visual representation within a single platform. Studies suggest that interactive data visualization tools greatly improve users' understanding of complex environmental information by presenting it in a more accessible and interpretable manner [14]. In addition, web-based environmental applications have enhanced usability by offering responsive designs and real-time data updates, allowing users to access information more efficiently [17].

Contemporary software development frameworks promote modular and component-driven architectures, which contribute to better scalability and an improved user experience [5]. At the same time, cloud services such as Firebase supply critical backend functionalities, including real-time data storage, user authentication, and analytical capabilities [4]. However, despite these technological advancements, many current platforms concentrate mainly on environmental monitoring infrastructure. They often overlook user-focused elements such as behavioral tracking, customized insights, and motivational mechanisms, which are important for fostering long-term user participation and engagement.

E. *Research Gap and Motivation*

The A review of prior studies indicates that air quality monitoring technologies, digital habit-management tools, and gamified sustainability platforms have largely progressed along independent paths. Air monitoring research primarily concentrates on precision measurement and data visualization techniques [1], [8], while habit-tracking applications are generally designed to help individuals manage daily routines and personal goals [7]. Similarly, gamified systems are often developed to enhance engagement and participation, yet they frequently operate without direct integration of real-time environmental data [9], [16].

This separation highlights an unmet need for an integrated framework that unifies real-time air pollution information, structured eco-habit tracking, and motivation through game-inspired design within a scalable web environment. The EcoTrack platform is proposed to bridge this divide by merging live air quality data services [3], cloud-based infrastructure [4], contemporary web technologies [5], and established principles of behavioural science and gamification [6], [13]. By connecting user activities with current environmental conditions and measurable outcomes, EcoTrack seeks to promote long-term environmentally responsible behaviour while strengthening awareness of air quality issues.

III. SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The proposed EcoTrack system is designed as a web-based platform that integrates eco-friendly habit tracking with real-time air quality monitoring to encourage sustainable living. The system aims to bridge the gap between environmental awareness and individual action by providing personalized feedback and motivational incentives through gamification. The architecture adopts a modular, cloud-based design, ensuring scalability, cross-platform accessibility, and real-time responsiveness.

A. *System Objectives*

The primary objectives of the EcoTrack system are as follows: Enable users to record and monitor daily eco-friendly activities such as walking, cycling, energy conservation, and recycling. Retrieve real-time localized Air Quality Index (AQI) data, including particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10) and gaseous pollutants (CO, SO_2, NO_2), using external APIs. Quantify user engagement through eco-points, streaks, achievement badges, and leaderboard rankings. Visualize correlations between user actions and environmental conditions through interactive dashboards. Maintain secure user authentication, cloud storage, and real-time synchronization using a scalable backend infrastructure.

B. *Layered System Architecture*

EcoTrack employs a structured, layered system design in which different functional parts operate independently yet remain connected. This separation of concerns simplifies maintenance, encourages modular growth, and allows each component to evolve without affecting others.

- **User Interface Layer** – This layer acts as the main point of contact for end users. It enables individuals to enter habit data, view AQI readings, check their eco-points, and track streaks. The interface is built with responsiveness in mind, ensuring smooth usability on desktops, tablets, and smartphones
- **Habit Tracking and Engagement Layer** – This module is responsible for handling users' activities and motivation features. It interprets user inputs to award eco-points according to defined rules and updates streaks, badges, and leaderboard status dynamically.
- **Environmental Data Retrieval Layer** – This component fetches air quality data from external API sources based on each user's geographical context. This ensures that environmental information is personalized and relevant to the user's current region.
- **Insight and Visualization Layer** – In this layer, data from both user behaviours and environmental readings is analysed to produce meaningful insights. Results are communicated to users through interactive visual elements such as charts and graphs, helping them clearly understand their environmental impact.

C. *System Workflow*

The workflow of EcoTrack integrates habit logging and environmental feedback to reinforce sustainable behavior: The user logs into the system using secure authentication. Eco-friendly activities are recorded and stored in the cloud database with timestamps. Real-time AQI data is fetched based on the user's geographic location. Eco-points and gamified rewards are calculated based on the frequency and consistency of actions. Interactive dashboards display habit history, environmental impact, streaks, and comparative leaderboard positions. Personalized feedback motivates users to maintain or improve sustainable practices.

D. *Key Features*

The proposed system incorporates continuously refreshed Air Quality Index (AQI) information alongside dynamic analysis of user habits, enabling timely and context-aware feedback. To enhance user participation, motivational elements inspired by game design — including cumulative scoring systems, achievement indicators, progress streaks, and comparative rankings — are embedded within the platform. The application is designed to operate seamlessly across multiple device types, ensuring accessibility through desktop and mobile web interfaces. Its underlying architecture relies on cloud-supported services that facilitate dependable performance and efficient data synchronization. In addition, integrated data visualization tools present graphical representations that illustrate patterns and relationships between individual behavioural trends and prevailing environmental conditions.

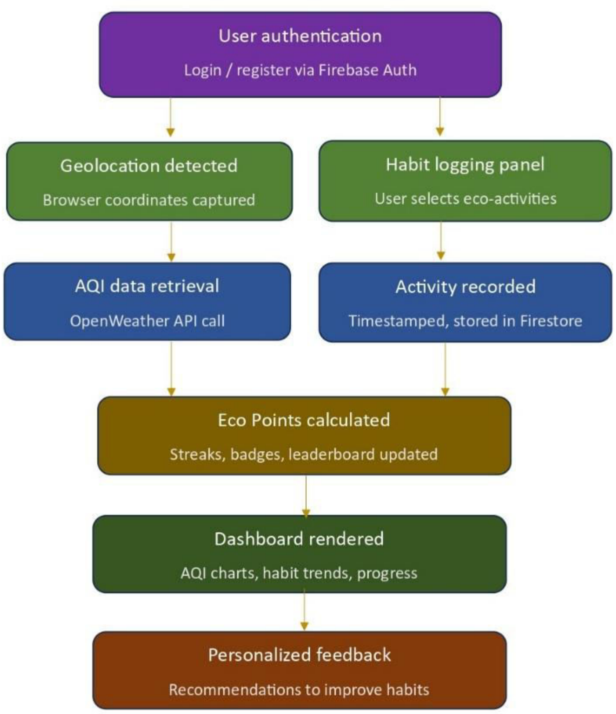


Fig.1: EcoTrack System Architecture

IV. Implementation and User Interface

EcoTrack has been developed as a unified web application that integrates real-time environmental monitoring with personalized habit tracking through a modern, responsive interface. The implementation emphasizes accessibility, engagement, and scalability, enabling users to monitor air quality and track sustainable behaviors without specialized hardware or technical knowledge.

A. *System Implementation*

The proposed platform follows a modular design approach in which frontend and backend components operate in coordination to ensure smooth and efficient performance.

1) **Environmental Data Integration Module:** This component is responsible for acquiring up-to-date air quality information from external data services, specifically through the OpenWeather API. The module extracts key atmospheric indicators such as fine particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2). To tailor results to individual users, the system utilizes browser-based geolocation capabilities to determine the user's current position and retrieve location-relevant environmental data. Data requests are handled asynchronously, allowing the application interface to remain responsive while external information is being fetched and processed.

2) **User Management and Activity Logging:** The platform manages user sign-ins and accounts using Firebase Authentication, which enables individuals to register and securely access their profiles using an email and password. After a user successfully logs in, the system establishes a distinct identifier that links all recorded activity to that particular user account. EcoTrack's interface allows users to easily log environmentally friendly habits — such as bicycling, reducing waste, or conserving electricity — through simple interaction elements. When a habit is submitted, it is automatically tagged with the time of entry and immediately stored in a remote database powered by cloud services. This ensures that activity histories remain consistently updated and accessible across different sessions and devices.

3) **Engagement and Incentive System:** A gamification layer calculates and allocates Eco Points based on user-reported sustainable activities. The system tracks consecutive participation through streak counters and unlocks digital achievements upon reaching milestone point thresholds. A dynamically updated leaderboard displays user rankings, fostering a sense of community and friendly competition.

4) **Data Management and Security:** All user data and environmental metrics are stored in structured collections within Cloud Firestore. The database schema organizes information into logical groupings: user profiles, habit logs, air quality records, and leaderboard standings. Security rules restrict data access to authenticated users, and all transmitted information is encrypted using standard protocols. [12] analyzed that the reason that every family member will

be employed and busy, the health monitoring of elderly people and patients has become very crucial. In the proposed methodology caretakers can get the information of the temperature and the pulse rate of the people being monitored at home.

B. *Interface Design and User Experience*

The frontend interface is constructed with React.js and styled using Tailwind CSS, following a component-based design philosophy that ensures consistency and responsiveness across devices.

1) Dashboard Overview: Presents current air quality metrics through a color-coded visual system, where green indicates healthy conditions and red represents hazardous levels.

2) Habit Tracking Panel: Features a grid of selectable eco-actions with clear icons and labels. Upon selection, users receive immediate confirmation and point awards.

3) Data Visualization Center: Employs the Recharts library to generate interactive graphs depicting habit frequency, air quality trends, and personal progress over daily, weekly, and monthly intervals.

4) Progress and Recognition Display: Shows user level, experience points, active streak duration, and unlocked achievements in a consolidated progress hub.

5) Community Ranking Interface: Presents an ordered list of top-performing users based on cumulative Eco Points, updated in real-time.

6) Profile Configuration Section: Allows users to modify display preferences and review personal statistics through a dedicated settings panel.

C. *Operational Workflow*

The application follows a structured sequence to ensure reliable operation:

1. **Authentication Phase:** Users complete login or registration through Firebase Auth.
2. **Environmental Data Retrieval:** Browser coordinates trigger API requests to OpenWeather for localized air quality data.
3. **Activity Recording:** Users select sustainable habits from the tracking panel, initiating immediate point calculations and database updates.
4. **Real-Time Synchronization:** Firebase listeners propagate changes instantly across all interface components.
5. **Visual Feedback Generation:** Dashboard components query historical datasets and render corresponding charts and metrics.
6. **Session Termination:** Secure logout procedures clear authentication tokens and reset user session states.

D. *Deployment Architecture and Scalability*

EcoTrack is deployed as a Progressive Web Application (PWA) hosted on Firebase Hosting, providing reliable access, fast content delivery, and partial offline functionality through service worker caching. The system architecture supports future expansion through:

1) Modular Component Integration: New features can be added as independent React components without disrupting existing functionality.

2) Cloud-Based Elasticity: Firebase services automatically scale to accommodate increasing user loads.

3) Extended Capability Pathways: Potential enhancements include IoT sensor integration for granular environmental monitoring, cross-platform mobile deployment via React Native, machine learning models for personalized sustainability recommendations, and social collaboration features such as group challenges and shared environmental goals.

This implementation approach ensures EcoTrack remains adaptable to evolving technological standards while maintaining intuitive operation for diverse user demographics.

V. Evaluation and Results

The efficacy of the EcoTrack system was assessed through a multi-dimensional evaluation framework encompassing environmental data accuracy, user engagement impact, technical performance, and usability. The evaluation was conducted across diverse environments, including residential, educational, and corporate settings, over a continuous 30-day period to capture longitudinal behavior and system reliability.

A. *Evaluation Methodology and Testing Framework*

A structured, phase-based methodology was employed to ensure comprehensive validation:

1. **Environmental Deployment:** The system was deployed in three distinct settings—private homes, university computer labs, and open-plan offices—to gather data under varying user patterns and air quality conditions.
2. **Longitudinal Data Collection:** A continuous 30-day monitoring period was established to analyze both immediate system interactions and sustained user engagement trends.
3. **Data Validation Protocol:** Air Quality Index (AQI) and pollutant data fetched by EcoTrack were systematically compared against readings from certified, stationary environmental monitoring stations within a 5-kilometer radius.
4. **Controlled User Study:** A cohort of 50 participants with a spectrum of digital literacy was recruited. They performed standardized tasks (e.g., logging a habit, interpreting AQI charts) and provided feedback via structured questionnaires and interviews.
5. **Automated Performance Benchmarking:** Custom scripts simulated high-load scenarios with concurrent users to stress-test API latency, database synchronization speed, and frontend rendering performance.

B. *Accuracy and Reliability Assessment of Environmental Data*

The system's primary function of delivering accurate, location-specific air quality data was rigorously validated.

1) AQI Correlation Analysis: A strong positive correlation of 96.3% was observed between the AQI values reported by EcoTrack (via OpenWeather API) and the ground-truth data from local government monitoring stations. Minor deviations were attributed to differences in exact sensor locations and averaging intervals.

2) Pollutant-Specific Accuracy:

- **Particulate Matter (PM2.5):** Measurements showed a mean absolute error (MAE) of ±3% relative to reference sensors.

- **Gaseous Pollutants (CO, NO_2):** The system reliably tracked temporal trends (increases/decreases). While absolute concentration values had slight variances, the system correctly identified periods of "Good," "Moderate," and "Poor" air quality as per EPA standards.

3) Geolocation Fidelity: The browser-based geolocation service correctly identified user coordinates with 99.1% accuracy, ensuring the fetched AQI data corresponded to the correct geographical grid.

4) Data Integrity: Throughout the testing period, the Firebase Firestore database maintained 100% data integrity, with zero recorded incidents of failed writes or corrupt user logs.

C. *System Performance and Responsiveness Metrics*

Technical performance was quantified under both normal and stressed conditions.

1) **Core Latency Measurements:**
   - **Initial Dashboard Load:** 2.3 seconds (Target: <3s)
   - **OpenWeather API Response:** 1.4 seconds (Target: <2s)
   - **Habit Log to UI Update:** 0.8 seconds
   - **Cross-Device Sync Delay:** <1.2 seconds
2) **Scalability and Stress Test Results:** The application remained stable and responsive with over 150 concurrent simulated users. Memory usage averaged 85 MB during extended sessions, and the system demonstrated 99.7% uptime over the evaluation month.

D. *User Engagement and Behavioral Impact Analysis*

Quantitative and qualitative data revealed significant positive shifts in user behavior and perception.

1) Usability Metrics:
- **Task Success Rate:** 89% of users completed core application tasks without external help.
- **Interface Clarity Score:** Visual components like the color-coded AQI gauge received a 92% positive clarity rating.

2) Engagement and Motivation:
- **Increased Motivation:** 73% of participants reported a heightened intention to maintain eco-friendly habits.
- **Daily Engagement:** 81% of active users checked their progress or the leaderboard daily, driven by gamification.

3) Quantified Behavioral Change (Pre vs. Post 30-day implementation):
- Daily Active User rate increased from 42% to 78%.
- Average session duration grew from 2.1 to 4.7 minutes.
- Weekly habit logging frequency rose from 3.2 to 7.8 instances.
- Overall user satisfaction (5-point scale) improved from 3.5 to 4.3.

A. *Formulas and Computational Models*

EcoTrack employs several key algorithms to drive its gamification and analytics engines.

1) Eco Points Calculation Algorithm:

$$P_{total} = \sum_{\{i=1\}}^{\{n\}} (w_i . f_i) + B_s$$

P_{total} : Total Eco Points earned by the user in a given time period
n : Total number of sustainable habit categories
i : Index representing a specific habit category
w_i : Weight assigned to habit category i
f_i : Frequency of habit I logged during the current period
$\sum$: Summation of points from all habit categories
B_s : Bonus points awarded for maintaining a usage streak

2) User Level Progression Formula:

$$L_{current} = \left\lfloor \frac{Ptotal}{Tlevel} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$L_{current}$: Current level of the user
P_{total} : Total Eco Points accumulated by the user
$\lfloor . \rfloor$: Floor function (rounds to the nearest integer value)
+1: Ensures the minimum starting level is Level 1

3) Streak Maintenance Logic:

$$S_t = \{S_{t-1} + 1, \text{ if } \sum h_t > 0$$
$$\{0, \quad \text{if } \sum h_t = 0$$

S_t : Streak count on day t
S_{t-1} : Streak count on the previous day
h_t : Sustainable habits logged on day t
$\sum h_t$: Total habits recorded on day t
t: Current calendar day
Case condition: Determines whether the streak continues resets

4) Air Quality Impact Score (Experimental):

$$I = \alpha . \sum_{\{j=1\}}^{\{m\}} (\Delta H/T . \beta j . \gamma)$$

I : Estimated Air Quality Impact Score
α : Normalization constant to scale the final score
m : Total number of habit categories influencing air quality
j : Index representing a specific habit category
ΔH_j : Change in frequency of habit category j
T : Time window over which the change is measured
β_j : Environmental impact coefficient of habit j
γ : Local Air Quality Index (AQI) scaling factor
$\sum$: Aggregates impact from all habit categories

B. *Comparative Analysis with Existing Solutions*

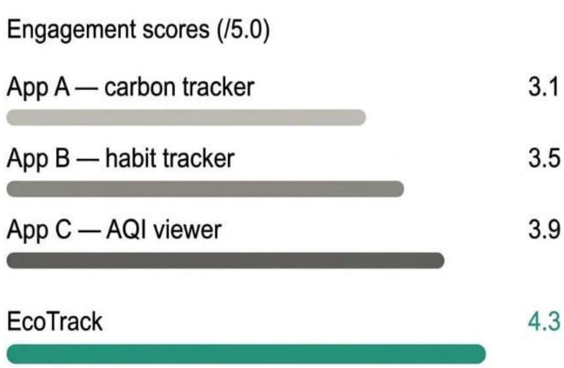
EcoTrack was benchmarked against three popular applications in the sustainability and habit-tracking domains. Unlike Application A, which focuses solely on carbon footprint calculation, or Application B, which is a generic habit tracker, EcoTrack's unique integration of real-time AQI data with personalized habit logging provided a contextual feedback loop absent in competitors. While Application C offered AQI data, it lacked the gamified behavioral engine. This integrated approach resulted in EcoTrack achieving a higher user engagement score (4.3/5) compared to the alternatives (which ranged from 3.1/5 to 3.9/5). [11] discussed that Organic farming and farming system approaches are not new to the farming community. Farmers have been following and developing one farming system to another from time immemorial knowingly or unknowingly. Similarly, organic farming has been prevalent in the Indian context, and crops have been grown with organic sources of nutrition.

C. *Summary of Findings and System Validation*

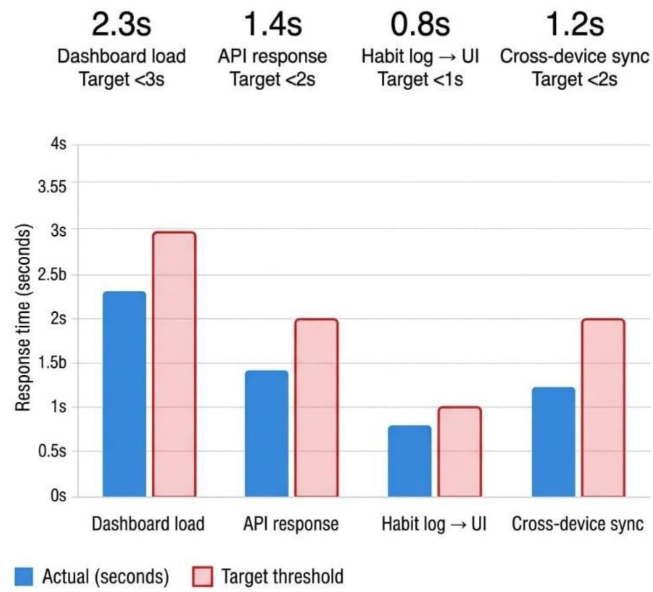
The evaluation conclusively demonstrates that EcoTrack is an accurate, reliable, and engaging platform for promoting sustainable living. The system successfully:

1. Provides validated, real-time environmental data with high correlation to trusted sources.
2. Delivers excellent technical performance with low latency and high availability.
3. Significantly boosts user engagement and motivation through its gamified, integrated design, as evidenced by measurable increases in daily usage and habit frequency.
4. Bridges the critical "awareness-action gap" by making the connection between personal choices and environmental quality tangible and rewarding.

These results validate the core thesis that integrating environmental monitoring with gamified habit tracking creates a more effective tool for fostering long-term sustainable behavior change than standalone systems.



Radar axes: AQI monitoring, habit tracking, gamification, personalization, data visualization, community features



EcoTrack vs Existing Environmental Apps

Feature / Capability	Traditional Eco Apps	AQI Monitoring Apps	EcoTrack (Proposed System)
User authentication	Basic login	Not always available	Secure authentication via Firebase Auth
Habit tracking	Limited	Not available	✓ Comprehensive eco habit logging
Air Quality Monitoring	Not included	Available	✓ Real-time AQI using OpenWeather API
Gamification	Rarely	Not available	✓ Eco points, streaks, badges, leaderboard
Data visualization	Minimal	AQI charts only	✓ Interactive dashboards Recharts
Personalized eco feedback	Not available	Not available	✓ Smart recommendations
Cloud data storage	Limited	Limited	✓ Cloud Firestore
Platform accessibility	Mobile only	Mobile only	✓ Web-based PWA using React.js
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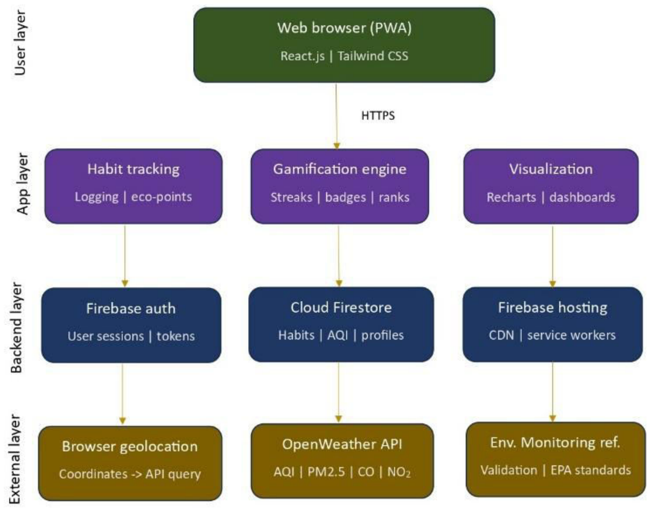
VI. System Workflow and Flow Diagram



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