

Project Report

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Brief Description: I am a Standalone Degree Student pursuing BS in Data Science.

Parking lot App

Project Description:

The Parking Lot Management System is a comprehensive web application designed to streamline parking operations and provide an efficient solution for both users and administrators. The system enables users to reserve parking spots in real-time, track their parking history, and manage their reservations through an intuitive web interface. Administrators can monitor parking lot occupancy, manage multiple parking locations, view detailed analytics, and generate revenue reports.

Key Features:

- Real-time parking spot reservation and management
- Multi-location parking lot support with different pricing
- User authentication and role-based access control
- Comprehensive admin dashboard with analytics and reporting
- Vehicle information tracking and management
- Automated cost calculation based on parking duration
- Reservation history and user statistics
- RESTful API endpoints for data access
- Responsive web interface with modern UI/UX

Technologies Used

- Flask 3.0.2 - Web framework for handling requests and routing
- Flask-SQLAlchemy 3.1.1 - Database ORM and management
- Flask-Login 0.6.3 - Authentication and user session management
- Flask-WTF - Form handling and CSRF protection
- Jinja2 - Templating engine for dynamic HTML generation
- SQLAlchemy 2.0.27 - Database abstraction layer
- Werkzeug 3.0.1 - WSGI utilities and security features
- SQLite - Database storage (configurable for PostgreSQL)
- HTML5/CSS3/JavaScript - Frontend technologies
- Bootstrap - Responsive UI framework
- Chart.js - Data visualization for analytics

DB Schema Design:

User Table:

- id (Integer, Primary Key) - Unique user identifier
- username (String(80), Unique, Not Null) - User login name
- password_hash (String(128)) - Hashed password for security
- role (String(20), Not Null, Default='user') - User role (user/admin)
- reservations (Relationship) - One-to-many relationship with Reservation table

Admin Table:

The system uses the same User table with role-based access control. Admins are distinguished by having role='admin' in the User table. This design allows for:

- Unified authentication system
- Flexible role management
- Simplified user administration
- Consistent session handling

Additional Database Tables:

- ParkingLot - Stores parking lot information (name, address, price, capacity)
- ParkingSpot - Individual parking spots within lots (status, lot association)
- Reservation - Parking reservations with user, vehicle, and timing details

The database design follows normalized principles with proper foreign key relationships and supports complex queries for analytics and reporting.

Project MVP : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z-DXerncEW7jYtgSGXvnve4TZpKIS64/view?usp=sharing>