

Notes from the first meeting with the travel agency

Attendees: manager of travel agency, bus scheduler

Manager's **overall goal**: "We want a software system that helps making scheduling our different bus tours easier and more efficient. Saving planning time and reducing planning errors is essential."

Particulars:

- Basically there are two different **tours**. Sightseeing and Overland.
- **Sightseeing tours** are circle tours which can start at different starting points.
- Sightseeing tours have up to 3 stops on the circle tour
- **Overland tours** are tours from A to B.
- Either tour type can be arranged as a **private tour** or **public tour**.
- There are **customers** that often **book** with us, so the **customer data** needs to be **saved in the system**.
- New **customers need to be added** when they book their first tour.
- To book a tour a **customer needs to be logged in**.
- A **private tour is created exclusively for one customer**. A **bus** and **driver** needs to be available to this tour. Bus needs to be big enough.
- Tours can only be **created by the scheduler**.
- A tour is created by the scheduler. The **scheduler needs to input the specific tour data** (e.g. private/public, time, stops, seats) and the **system checks if a bus and driver is available** and creates the tour if possible.
- Public tours can be **booked by different customers** as long as there are still **seats** available.
- The seats available for a tour are dependent on the bus scheduled for this tour. Each bus has a different number of seats
- A **customer can book any number of seats**, but the tour still needs to have enough available seats for the booking to be successful.
- There are 2 kinds of busses:
 - o **Sightseeing busses** have special media to inform the passengers about the different sights.
 - o **Overland busses** are more comfortable.
- When a **driver** gets scheduled for a tour he **needs to be informed** immediately.
- Since **busses** are used a lot, it is important to **schedule repairs** and **services** for them. The **scheduler or bus driver can schedule repairs** for a specific time (the bus needs to be available in this time).
- During the time the bus is in the shop for repair or service it is unavailable for a tour.
- **Customers can change** their **booked number of seats** as long as enough seats are still available to accommodate them.
- There needs to be a way to **easily identify a tour**.
- Every **staff member** needs to **login before using the system** and can then **only see the necessary information** for his area of work.
- Each time booking or creating a tour does not work there needs to be a **sensible error message for the user**.
- The **schedulers** are responsible for **putting all necessary data** into the system, e.g. bus data, driver data....

- Example scenarios:
 - createPublicTour needs the start and destination location, a start time, number of seats
 - if no bus is available at this time with the specific number of seats a tour cannot be created – the scheduler needs to be informed
 - if a bus but no driver is available the tour cannot be created – the scheduler needs to be informed
 - if both are available the tour is created – scheduler and driver need to be informed
- Assumptions
 - You do not need to consider break times
 - A bus can be scheduled from A to B and right after that from A to B again (to keep it simple, even though unrealistic)
- If you have specific questions you can ask me, as I am the customer and will tell you what I want if I want it a specific way. For your design make sure everything mentioned above is possible. If it is not specified you can choose a way but I might tell you that I want it differently later on (as long as everything is fulfilled I will not deduct points however).