FLIGHT BOOKING APP DOCUMENTATION

1. INTRODUCTION

Project Title: Flight Booking App

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PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT:

To create a user-friendly web application that streamlines the flight booking process for travelers by providing secure and efficient booking capabilities.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Objectives:

Simplify the process of booking flight tickets.

Ensure secure and seamless transactions.
Provide a responsive design for compatibility across devices.
Features in Detail:
Flight Search:
Users can search for flights based on destination, departure date, price range, and airline preferences.
User Accounts:
Create an account to save preferences.
Manage bookings with ease.
Secure Payments:
Integrate popular payment gateways for a smooth and safe payment process.
Real-time Updates:
Notifications for flight delays, cancellations, and price drops.
3. ARCHITECTURE

System Design:
The application uses a three-tier architecture:
1. Presentation Layer: React.js frontend.
2. Business Logic Layer: Node.js server with RESTful APIs.
3. Data Layer: MongoDB for efficient storage and retrieval.
Technology Stack:
Frontend: React.js, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap.
Backend: Node.js, Express.js.
Database: MongoDB (NoSQL).
4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS
Prerequisites:
Install Node.js and MongoDB on your local machine.
Install npm for managing dependencies.

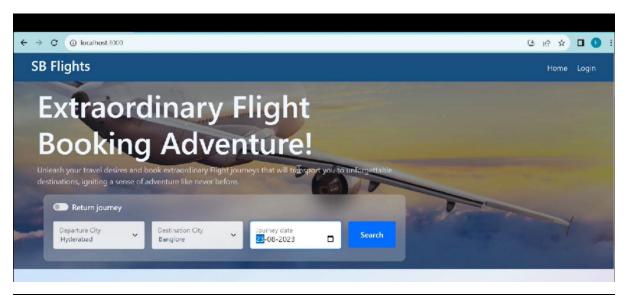
Steps to Install:
1. Clone the repository from GitHub.
2. Install dependencies: Navigate to the root folder and run npm install.
3. Set up the environment variables in a .env file:
4. Start the application:
Frontend: Run npm start inside the client folder.
Backend: Run npm start inside the server folder.
5. Folder Structure
Client Directory:
Contains React components, CSS files, and static assets.
Server Directory:
API routes, middleware, and business logic.
Database Schema:

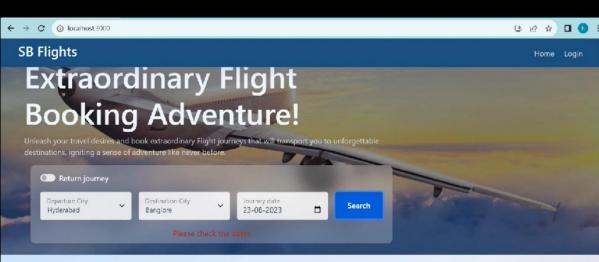
User collection: Stores user information, preferences, and booking history. Flight collection: Details of available flights, including schedules and prices. 6. RUNNING THE APPLICATION **Commands to Start Locally: Frontend**: npm start in the client/ directory. **Backend**: npm start in the server/ directory. 7. API DOCUMENTATION **Endpoints**: 1. GET /api/flights Fetch a list of available flights. 2. POST /api/bookings Book a flight. 3. GET /api/users/{id}

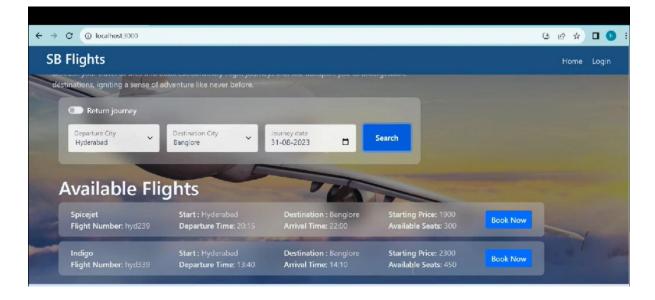
Fetch user details and booking history.
Authentication:
Users authenticate using JSON Web Tokens (JWT).
8. AUTHENTICATION
User Registration:
New users can sign up with their email and password.
Login Mechanism:
Secure login with encrypted passwords (bcrypt).
JWT tokens generated on successful authentication.
9. USER INTERFACE
Homepage:
Displays search bar and featured flight deals.
Search Results Page:

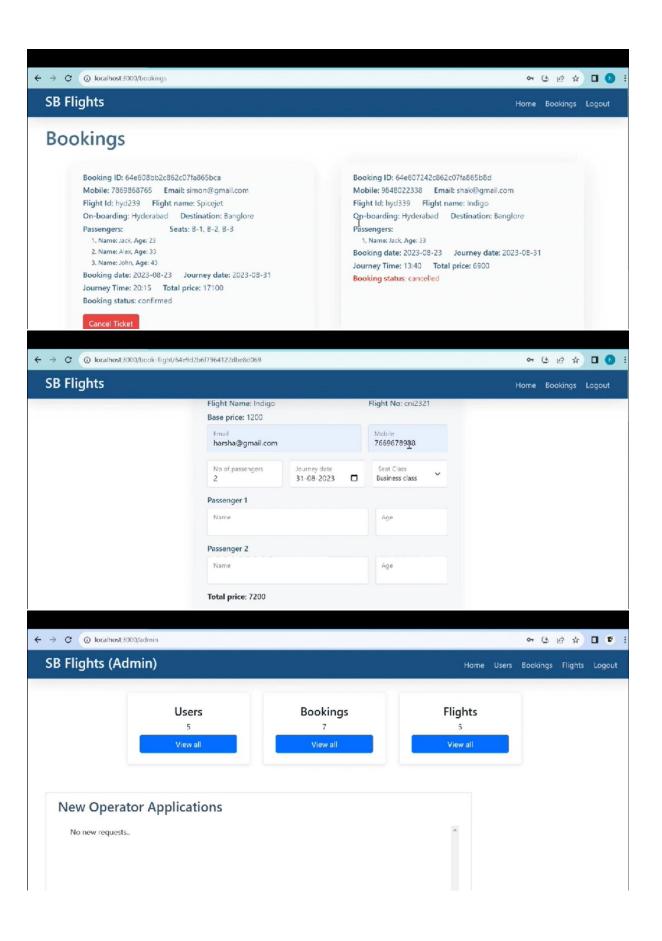
Displays flight options with filters for price, airlines, and layovers.
Booking Page:
Form to input passenger details and payment information.
10. TESTING
Types of Testing:
1. Unit Testing:
Testing individual components such as APIs and UI forms.
2. Integration Testing:
Ensure the backend integrates seamlessly with the frontend.
3. End-to-End Testing:
Use Cypress for automated end-to-end testing.
11. SCREENSHOTS AND DEMO
DEMO LINK: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F-w6Mc1gz17Z9Gu_nbuWlAbQB-GT0TpF/view?usp=drivesdk

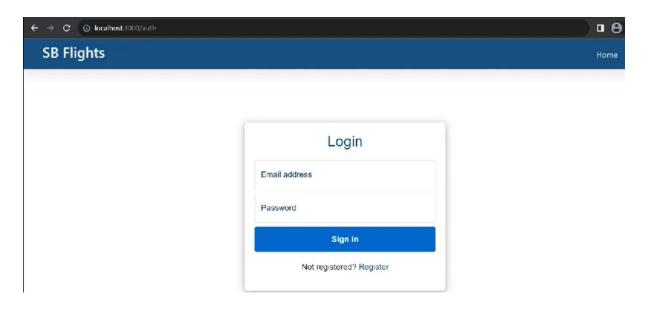
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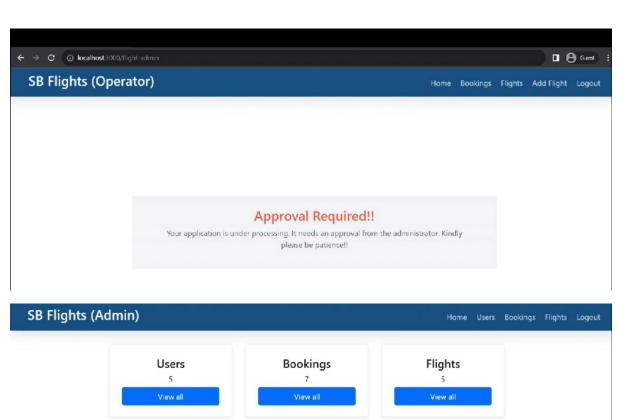




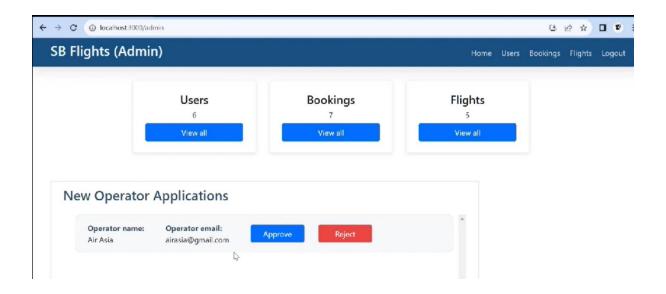


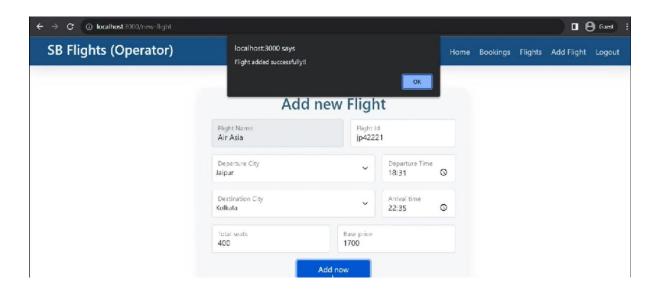












12. KNOWN ISSUES

API Limitation:

Currently, flight data is not sourced in real time from airlines.

Mobile Optimization:

Minor inconsistencies in some older devices.

13. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Real-time Flight Data:

Integration with airline APIs for live updates.

Multi-language Support:

Translate the interface to support global users.

AI-Powered Recommendations:

Use machine learning to recommend flights based on user behavior.

15. CONCLUSION

The Flight Booking App is designed to simplify the travel booking process, enhance user experience, and provide a reliable platform for flight management. With its robust architecture and potential for future enhancements, it aims to be a leading tool in the travel industry.