

Low-Level Design Document for Flight Price Prediction Web Application

1. Database Schema (MongoDB)

- **Collection: flight_data**
 - **Document Structure:**
 - **_id:** ObjectId (Auto-generated by MongoDB)
 - **airline:** String
 - **source:** String
 - **destination:** String
 - **journey_day:** Integer
 - **journey_month:** Integer
 - **dep_hour:** Integer
 - **dep_minute:** Integer
 - **arrival_hour:** Integer
 - **arrival_minute:** Integer
 - **total_stops:** Integer
 - **price:** Float (Optional, stored after prediction)

2. API Endpoints

- **/ (GET):**
 - Renders the home page with the input form.
- **/predict (POST):**
 - Receives form data, preprocesses it, stores it in MongoDB, and calls the model to predict the flight price.
 - Updates the MongoDB document with the predicted price.
 - Returns the prediction result to be displayed on the front-end.

3. Backend Logic (Flask)

- **Form Handling:**
 - Extract form data using request.form.
 - Convert and validate input data.
- **Data Processing:**
 - Preprocess data to match model requirements (e.g., date splitting, categorical encoding).
 - Store user input in MongoDB.
- **Prediction:**
 - Load the trained model (flight_price_model.pkl).
 - Apply preprocessing to the input data.
 - Predict the price and update the corresponding MongoDB document.
- **Response Handling:**
 - Render the HTML template with the prediction result.

4. Frontend Components

- **HTML/CSS:**

- Input fields for flight details (airline, source, destination, etc.).
- Display predicted price after submission.
- **Templates:**
 - `index.html`: Renders form and displays results using Jinja2.

5. Error Handling

- **Form Validation:**
 - Ensure all fields are filled out correctly.
- **Database Operations:**
 - Handle potential MongoDB connection errors.
 - Implement retry logic if the insertion or update fails.
- **Prediction Failures:**
 - Catch and log model prediction errors.

6. Testing Strategy

- **Unit Tests:**
 - Test individual components like data processing, database operations, and prediction functions.
- **Integration Tests:**
 - Ensure end-to-end flow from form submission to prediction and database storage works correctly.
- **Database Tests:**
 - Verify data insertion, update, and retrieval in MongoDB.

7. Deployment

- **Environment Configuration:**
 - Set up environment variables for MongoDB connection URI, Flask secret key, etc.
- **Deployment Pipeline:**
 - Deploy Flask app using a WSGI server (e.g., Gunicorn) on platforms like Heroku or AWS.
 - Ensure MongoDB connection is properly configured in the deployment environment.

This LLD provides a clear, concise guide to the implementation details of My project, focusing on MongoDB integration, API design, and key backend processes.