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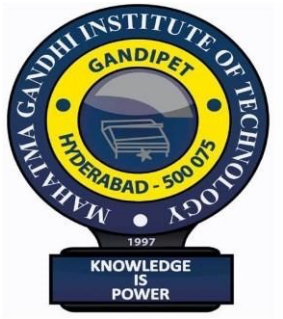

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ABSTRACT

The **Smart Mechanic Finder** is a real-time, intelligent web application designed to efficiently connect vehicle users with nearby mechanics during both emergencies and routine situations. By leveraging modern web technologies and location-based services, the platform improves how users access automotive assistance, while offering mechanics a streamlined way to manage service requests.

It addresses common issues faced by vehicle owners—such as being stranded due to breakdowns or not knowing which nearby mechanic is reliable—by integrating several smart features into a single responsive interface. These include **Real-time Mechanic Discovery**, where users can locate available mechanics with ratings and profiles, and an optional **AI-Powered Self-Diagnosis Tool** that predicts possible vehicle issues and repair costs based on user-input symptoms.

In emergencies, the **SOS System** allows users to instantly send alerts to nearby mechanics, with the first to respond being automatically assigned the task. After acceptance, a **secure chat** with image-sharing capability is activated to enable better remote diagnostics. **Push Notifications** ensure real-time alerts for all key interactions, such as SOS acceptance and new messages.

The system is **fully automated and admin-free**, making it highly scalable and suitable for both urban and rural deployment. Overall, the Smart Mechanic Finder bridges the gap between drivers and mechanics using real-time communication and smart technologies, significantly enhancing response time and user satisfaction in the automotive repair space.

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1.1 MOTIVATION

In today's fast-paced world, vehicle breakdowns can be highly stressful, especially when they occur in unfamiliar locations or during odd hours. Often, drivers struggle to find a trustworthy mechanic nearby, resulting in wasted time, additional costs, and anxiety. The lack of a centralized, intelligent system to connect vehicle users with available mechanics in real-time is a significant gap in the current automotive support infrastructure.

Additionally, traditional methods of finding repair assistance—such as calling roadside help numbers, asking locals, or searching online directories—are often inefficient, outdated, and unreliable. Many users lack access to real-time information regarding mechanic availability, distance, service quality, and reviews. On the other hand, many skilled mechanics, especially in semi-urban or rural areas, lack visibility and access to a steady stream of clients despite having the capability to provide quick and affordable service. This project was motivated by the need to solve these real-world problems through technology. We envisioned **a smart, user-friendly platform** that not only helps users instantly locate and communicate with nearby mechanics but also empowers mechanics by increasing their reach and streamlining their service process.

The introduction of features such as **SOS alerts, chat with image sharing, location tracking,** and **push notifications** further elevates the platform from being a simple directory to a **real-time emergency assistance and service management system**. This aligns with the broader goal of leveraging technology to improve road safety, reduce response time in emergencies, and build trust in informal automotive services through verified reviews and transparent communication. In essence, the Smart Mechanic Finder is a step toward modernizing roadside assistance and enabling smarter, quicker, and safer decisions for both drivers and service providers.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

In the modern era, personal and commercial vehicle usage has significantly increased, leading to a corresponding rise in on-road issues such as vehicle breakdowns, mechanical failures, and emergency repair needs. Despite advancements in automotive technology, the infrastructure

supporting roadside assistance—especially in real-time, location-sensitive contexts—remains largely underdeveloped and inefficient.

One of the most pressing challenges faced by vehicle users is the **lack of immediate access to reliable, nearby mechanics,** particularly in unfamiliar or remote areas. During a breakdown, users often experience anxiety and uncertainty, compounded by an absence of tools to quickly locate help, verify a mechanic's credibility, or communicate their issue effectively. The conventional process of finding assistance typically involves:

- Browsing through unverified online directories or search results.
- Calling friends or family for recommendations.
- Relying on the chance presence of a nearby mechanic or helpful passerby.

These methods are **time-consuming, inconsistent**, and **unreliable**, especially in high-stress situations. Furthermore, the absence of standardized reviews or real-time data about a mechanic's location and availability limits a user's ability to make informed decisions quickly.
On the other side of the problem spectrum, **local mechanics**—particularly those operating independently or in less commercialized areas—face challenges in visibility and customer reach. Many skilled professionals lack access to digital platforms that allow them to connect with potential customers effectively, manage incoming service requests, or showcase their skills and customer ratings. This not only affects their livelihood but also contributes to the overall inefficiency in roadside service delivery.

Compounding this problem is the lack of a **centralized platform** that supports:

- **Emergency SOS capabilities** to alert nearby mechanics instantly.
- **Secure login and role-based access** for users and service providers.
- **Fetch nearby mechanics** for users.
- **Two-way communication** that supports text and image exchange.
- **Push notifications** to ensure timely updates and response.
- **Ratings and reviews** to build a trust-based service ecosystem.

Without such a system, the entire process of roadside mechanic discovery, communication, and service delivery remains fragmented and prone to delays, misinformation, and missed opportunities for both users and mechanics.

1.3 EXISTING SYSTEM

In the current landscape, drivers facing unexpected vehicle breakdowns are often left with very limited and inefficient options for seeking mechanical help. Traditionally, they rely on manual methods such as asking for local recommendations, searching for mechanic shops on foot, or contacting friends and family for assistance. These approaches are not only time-consuming but also unreliable, especially in unfamiliar or remote areas where local knowledge is scarce. Additionally, these methods offer no information about a mechanic's expertise, availability, or pricing, and there is no mechanism to verify the quality of service.

Some automobile owners subscribe to formal roadside assistance programs provided by vehicle manufacturers, insurance companies, or organizations like AAA. While helpful in some scenarios, these services are typically limited to specific regions or membership-based users, making them inaccessible to a large portion of the population. Moreover, such services often lack transparency about who is responding, how long it will take, and what the costs will be, particularly for uncovered incidents.

Online directories and search engines like Google Maps and Justdial provide listings for nearby mechanics, sometimes with reviews and locations. However, these listings are not always reliable, and most do not offer real-time data about the mechanic's current availability. These platforms also do not facilitate instant communication or booking and are not optimized for emergency situations.

There are also some mobile applications and platforms that offer general repair or home services, such as UrbanClap or FixMyCar. While they allow users to schedule services, they are primarily designed for planned maintenance tasks and not for urgent roadside assistance. Their geographic availability is also limited, and the response time in emergencies is often inadequate.

Overall, the existing systems lack critical features such as real-time availability tracking, SOS emergency functionality, direct chat or image-based communication, verified mechanic profiles, and fair pricing estimates. Moreover, none of these systems offer an integrated platform where independent mechanics can connect directly with nearby users in distress.

1.3.1 LIMITATIONS

- **No Real-Time Mechanic Availability:** Existing platforms do not show whether a mechanic is currently active, nearby, or available to respond.
- **Lack of Emergency (SOS) Functionality:** There is no built-in SOS feature for users to quickly notify multiple nearby mechanics during a breakdown.
- **Inefficient Communication:** Most systems lack integrated chat functionality, and there is no option to share images for faster diagnosis.
- **Uncertain Response Times:** Users often face delays due to unresponsive mechanics or lack of clear information about arrival time.
- **No Cost Estimation Feature:** Users have no idea of potential repair costs before the service begins, leading to unexpected expenses.
- **Limited or No Rating & Review Mechanism:** Users cannot reliably judge a mechanic's credibility or service quality due to lack of verified reviews.
- **No Location Tracking:** The mechanic's journey or live position is not trackable, leading to poor user experience and uncertainty.
- **Mechanic Visibility Challenges:** Local mechanics have limited digital presence and struggle to reach nearby customers in need.
- **Limited Geographic Coverage:** Many solutions are city-specific, subscription-based, or only available to premium users.
- **Not Designed for Real-Time Emergencies:** Existing apps are focused on scheduled services and do not handle sudden roadside breakdowns efficiently.
- **No Unified Platform:** Features like mechanic discovery, communication, booking, reviews, and cost estimation are spread across different services, making the process fragmented.

1.4 PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system, **Smart Mechanic Finder,** is an intelligent, real-time platform designed to bridge the gap between vehicle users and nearby mechanics during emergencies or general service needs. It aims to provide a seamless, user-friendly, and efficient solution by integrating location-based services, emergency handling, communication, and transparent service management into one cohesive system. The platform leverages modern web

technologies (React.js for frontend and Node.js with Express for backend) and robust database support using MongoDB to deliver a fast, scalable, and reliable experience.

This system allows users (drivers) to register or log in securely and access a dashboard where they can view available mechanics in their vicinity using realtime geolocation services via Google Maps API. In case of a sudden breakdown or emergency, the user can trigger an **SOS alert,** which will notify all nearby available mechanics instantly. Mechanics can view and respond to these alerts based on their availability and proximity, significantly reducing response times. The platform also includes a **chat system**, enabling real-time messaging between the user and the mechanic once a service request is accepted. The chat supports image sharing to help mechanics understand the issue before arriving on-site, enhancing service readiness. Additionally, a **repair cost estimator** tool helps users get a preliminary idea of potential charges based on the problem category, ensuring cost transparency.

To build trust and ensure service quality, the system incorporates a **ratings and reviews module**, where users can rate mechanics after each service. This data helps other users make informed decisions and encourages mechanics to maintain high service standards. Moreover, the system supports **push notifications** to keep users updated about mechanic responses, service confirmations, and chat messages.

In summary, the proposed Smart Mechanic Finder system offers a comprehensive, intelligent, and scalable solution for both users and mechanics. It eliminates the inefficiencies of the traditional roadside assistance model by providing real-time connectivity, transparent communication, rapid response capabilities, and trust-building features—all within a single digital ecosystem.

1.4.1 ADVANTAGES

- **Real-Time Mechanic Discovery:** Users can instantly find available mechanics nearby based on live location data.
- **Emergency SOS Functionality:** Quick SOS alerts notify all nearby mechanics, enabling faster response in breakdown situations.

- **Integrated Chat System:** Real-time chat (with image sharing) allows effective communication and remote issue diagnosis before the mechanic arrives.
- **Live Location Tracking:** Users can view the live location of mechanics as they approach, reducing uncertainty and wait time.
- **Repair Cost Estimation:** The system provides preliminary repair cost estimates to ensure pricing transparency and prevent overcharging.
- **Ratings & Reviews:** Verified feedback from users helps maintain service quality and enables better decision-making for future users.
- **Push Notifications:** Users receive instant alerts when a mechanic accepts an SOS request or sends a message.
- **Mechanic Dashboard:** Mechanics can manage requests, set availability, and view their service history efficiently.
- **Wider Reach for Mechanics:** Independent and local mechanics gain increased visibility and access to a larger customer base.
- **Digital Record Keeping:** All interactions, SOS requests, ratings, and chat histories are stored securely for future reference.
- **Time-Saving and Efficient:** Eliminates the need to manually search for help, reducing the time to receive assistance.
- **Secure and Scalable:** Built with secure authentication (JWT) and scalable architecture using modern web technologies.

1.5 OBJECTIVES:

- **Enable Real-Time Mechanic Tracking**
  Provide users with live locations of nearby mechanics using GPS and mapping services to quickly find help in emergencies or for scheduled repairs.
- **Estimate Repair Costs Based on Fault Analysis**
  Allow users to get an approximate cost of repairs after diagnosing vehicle faults, helping them plan finances and make informed decisions.
- **Provide SOS Help**
  Implement an SOS feature where users can send their exact GPS location to nearby mechanics for urgent assistance during breakdowns.

- **Allow Review and Rating System for Transparency**

  Enable users to rate and review mechanics based on service quality, creating trust and accountability within the platform.
- **Enable AI-Powered Fault Diagnosis by Users**

  Incorporate AI to analyze user-input vehicle symptoms and provide possible fault causes, making self-diagnosis easier and more accurate.

1.6 HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

1.6.1 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript**

  These are the foundational web technologies used to build the frontend interface.

  HTML structures the content on the web pages.

  CSS styles the pages to make them visually appealing and responsive.

  JavaScript adds interactivity and dynamic behavior to the web pages.
- **React JS**

  A popular JavaScript library for building user interfaces, especially single-page applications. React helps create reusable UI components and efficiently update the user interface based on data changes.
- **MongoDB**

  A NoSQL database used to store data such as user profiles, mechanic details, reviews, SOS requests, and chat messages. MongoDB stores data in flexible, JSON-like documents, making it easy to handle complex data structures.
- **Visual Studio Code (Application)**

  A powerful and lightweight source-code editor used for writing, debugging, and managing project code. It supports extensions that help with React, JavaScript, MongoDB, and many other tools.
- **Postman Application**

  A tool used to develop, test, and debug APIs. Postman allows you to send HTTP requests to your backend endpoints and verify the responses during development
- **Web Browser**

Necessary for testing and running the frontend application. Modern browsers like Google Chrome, Firefox, or Edge support developer tools that help debug HTML, CSS, and JavaScript code.

- **Twilio**

  A cloud communications platform that enables sending SMS, push notifications, and other communication services. In this project, Twilio can be used for push notifications or SMS alerts to notify users when mechanics respond or accept SOS requests.

1.6.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- **Processor: Intel i5 (10th Gen or higher)**

  The CPU handles all computations and runs your development tools efficiently. A 10th Gen or higher Intel i5 ensures smooth multitasking and faster build times.

- **RAM: Minimum 8GB**

  Adequate RAM is essential for running multiple applications like code editors, browsers, database servers, and emulators simultaneously without slowdowns.

- **Storage: SSD with at least 256GB**

  A Solid State Drive (SSD) provides faster read/write speeds compared to traditional hard drives, improving boot times, software load times, and overall responsiveness when handling project files and databases.

- **GPU: NVIDIA GTX 1650 or higher**

  While this project is mostly CPU and memory intensive, a decent GPU can help if you do any graphics-heavy work or want smoother performance in UI rendering and potential AI computations that could leverage GPU acceleration.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Valiollahi and colleagues conducted a study in 2024, published in IEEE Access, focusing on the modeling and experimental evaluation of Real-Time Locating Systems (RTLS) accuracy. Their work aimed at improving precision in industrial localization scenarios, particularly where environmental factors and infrastructural constraints often hinder performance. A key strength of this study lies in its robust real-world validation across industrial environments, which enhances the credibility of their findings. However, a notable limitation is its narrow focus on static, industrial use cases. The methodology has not been adapted or tested for dynamic mobile vehicle environments, where movement, changing locations, and varying contexts introduce additional complexity. As a result, a prominent research gap remains in extending this RTLS framework to mobile vehicular applications, which are crucial for intelligent transportation systems and vehicle tracking solutions.

Kannan et al. presented their work at ICDSAAI 2023, introducing an IoT-enabled machine learning (ML) architecture specifically designed for vehicle fault detection. Their framework integrates IoT devices to enable real-time monitoring of vehicle health and performance, thereby enhancing predictive maintenance capabilities. This system excels in its ability to diagnose faults proactively, helping reduce unexpected breakdowns and maintenance costs. Despite these advantages, the reliability of the proposed solution is highly dependent on the quality and availability of network infrastructure and sensor data, which can vary significantly in real-world deployments. Furthermore, the paper lacks any exploration of the end-user experience, specifically with regard to user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) design. This omission highlights a critical gap in the accessibility and usability of the system for non-technical users or vehicle owners.

In their 2023 study presented at ICSSIT 2023, Alagarsamy and co-authors developed an Android-based smart garage system with embedded features to support interaction between users and service infrastructure. Their system streamlines garage operations and user interactions via a mobile interface, offering convenience in managing garage services through smartphones. While this implementation enhances usability for Android users, it is constrained by its dependence on the Android ecosystem, excluding users on other platforms

like iOS. More importantly, the system does not incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning (ML) components, which could have enabled intelligent diagnostics or personalized mechanic recommendations. This lack of AI/ML integration and support for intelligent services is a significant limitation, representing a key research gap in building smarter and more adaptive garage solutions.

Lang et al. conducted a comprehensive review of AI techniques—such as machine learning, deep learning, and expert systems—for electric vehicle (EV) motor fault detection, published in the IEEE Transactions on Transportation Electrification in 2022. Their study provides an in-depth overview of diagnostic methodologies and the role of AI in enhancing the reliability and efficiency of EV fault detection systems. One of the main merits of this work is its wideranging survey of existing AI applications across multiple diagnostic scenarios, offering valuable insights for researchers and practitioners. However, the study is primarily conceptual, with limited experimental validation to support the theoretical claims. Additionally, the focus is mainly restricted to electric vehicles, with minimal consideration for hybrid vehicles or traditional internal combustion engine vehicles. This creates a research opportunity to develop integrated diagnostic systems that cater to diverse vehicle types, including hybrids.

In their 2020 publication in IJCNN, Al-Zeyadi et al. proposed an intelligent fault diagnosis system leveraging deep learning models, specifically convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and artificial neural networks (ANNs). Their method demonstrates high accuracy and adaptability when diagnosing complex and non-linear faults in vehicle systems. The system's ability to learn from large volumes of data enables it to generalize well to unseen fault conditions, making it suitable for dynamic automotive environments. However, the model is computationally intensive, demanding significant processing power and large datasets for training, which may limit its feasibility for real-time or resourceconstrained applications. Moreover, the study did not explore real-time deployment or testing, a critical step for validating the model's performance in live environments. Thus, future research must focus on optimizing computational efficiency and conducting real-time evaluations to ensure practical usability.

Table 2.1 Literature Survey

	Method	Limitations
[1]	S. Valiollahi et al. (2024) present an RTLS accuracy modeling and experimental evaluation technique aimed at improving real-world validation, especially in industrial environments.	**Industrial-focused**: The model is not adapted for dynamic mobile vehicle environments. **Application Gap:** Not designed for dynamic real-time vehicle tracking applications.
[2]	S. R. Kannan et al. (2023) propose an IoT-enabled machine learning architecture for vehicle fault detection that supports real-time monitoring and predictive diagnostics.	**Dependency on Network /Sensors:** Performance heavily depends on network stability and sensor accuracy. **UX Oversight:** Lacks focus on UI/UX design for end-user interaction.
[3]	S. Alagarsamy et al. (2023) introduce an Android-based smart garage system with embedded features for simplified user-garage interaction via a mobile interface.	**Platform Limitation:** Restricted to Android ecosystem. Lacks **Intelligence:** Does not include AI/ML-based diagnostics or mechanic recommendation features.
[4]	W. Lang et al. (2022) conduct a comprehensive review of AI methods such as ML, DL, and expert systems for fault detection in electric vehicle (EV) motors.	**Validation Issues:** Limited experimental validation. Scope **Limitation:** Focus is mainly on EVs and does not cover hybrid systems.
[5]	M. Al-Zeyadi et al. (2020) develop a deep learning-based fault diagnosis system using CNN and ANN models, offering high accuracy and adaptability to complex faults.	**High Computational Demand**: Requires large datasets and significant processing power. **Real-time Gap:** The approach lacks real-time deployment testing.

3.ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

The **Smart Mechanic Finder** is architected as a modern web application that bridges the gap between vehicle owners and local mechanics by leveraging real-time data, AI, and interactive communication. The system follows a modular client-server architecture where the frontend is developed using **React JS**, chosen for its component-based structure and efficient state management, which allows dynamic rendering of mechanic locations, chat interfaces, and user reviews without full page reloads. The frontend interacts with backend RESTful APIs that handle essential business logic such as user authentication, mechanic tracking, repair cost estimation, SOS request management, and review processing.

The backend stores data in **MongoDB**, a NoSQL database well-suited for the flexible and evolving schema of this application, such as user profiles, mechanic details, vehicle fault reports, chat messages, and SOS alerts. MongoDB's document-oriented design allows quick retrieval and updates of nested data, which is critical for real-time applications.

One of the core innovative features is the **AI-powered fault diagnosis,** where users input vehicle symptoms into the system, and a machine learning model analyzes the data to suggest possible faults. This reduces guesswork and improves the accuracy of repair cost estimates generated by the system. The real-time mechanic tracking is implemented using GPS data integrated with mapping APIs (like Google Maps), allowing users to see nearby mechanics and their current availability, enhancing user experience during emergencies.

The **SOS help feature** ensures users can send their exact location to available mechanics with just a few taps. Mechanics receive notifications and can accept or reject requests, enabling quick and organized emergency response. Communication between users and mechanics is facilitated via a **real-time chat system** using WebSocket or similar protocols to support instant messaging, including image sharing for better diagnostics.

Security is a high priority; the system employs secure authentication and authorization protocols (e.g., JWT tokens) to verify user and mechanic identities, protecting sensitive data and preventing unauthorized access. Additionally, the system uses **Twilio** to send push notifications and SMS alerts, keeping users informed about SOS responses, chat messages, and status updates.

The design considers scalability and responsiveness, ensuring the platform can handle a growing number of users and mechanics without performance degradation. On the hardware side, development and deployment require modern processors, sufficient RAM, and SSD storage to support fast compilation, testing, and database operations. A capable GPU, while not critical, can aid in AI model training or frontend rendering optimization. In summary, the Smart Mechanic Finder project combines a robust backend, a reactive frontend, AI diagnostics, and real-time communication to deliver an efficient, trustworthy, and user-friendly solution that empowers vehicle owners to find and interact with trusted mechanics quickly and transparently.

3.1 MODULES

In the Smart Mechanic Finder system, the application is divided into several functional modules to ensure clarity, modularity, and maintainability. Each module handles a specific part of the system's functionality and interacts with others in a clean and loosely-coupled way. Below are the key modules of the system, explained in detail:

1. User Module

This module is responsible for handling all functionalities related to the end users (vehicle owners or drivers). It includes:

- **User Registration/Login:** Allows users to securely register and log in using their email and password. JWT (JSON Web Tokens) is used for authentication.
- **SOS Trigger:** Enables the user to trigger an SOS alert, which includes their location and issue description.
- **View Nearby Mechanics:** Displays a real-time map with available mechanics based on the user's geolocation.
- **View Mechanic Details:** Shows mechanic profiles with ratings, reviews, and availability status.
- **Chat and Image Upload:** After an SOS is accepted, the user can communicate with the mechanic via text or image.
- **Rating and Review:** Post-service, users can submit feedback and rate the mechanic.

2. Mechanic Module

This module is used by mechanics to manage their availability, respond to SOS alerts, and communicate with users. It includes:

- **Mechanic Login:** Secure access to the system via credentials.
- **SOS Request Handling:** Allows mechanics to view and accept SOS requests based on proximity and availability.
- **Live Chat:** Mechanics can chat with users after accepting a request, and upload photos if needed.
- **Update Availability:** Mechanics can toggle their availability status to show if they are ready to receive SOS calls.
- **Review Management:** View feedback received from users to track performance.

3. SOS Management Module

This module acts as the core of the emergency handling system. It includes:

- **SOS Trigger Interface:** Accepts and records SOS requests from users.
- **Mechanic Broadcasting:** Finds all available mechanics near the user and broadcasts the SOS to them.
- **Request Status Tracking:** Manages the state of each SOS (pending, accepted, completed).
- **Mechanic Assignment:** Assigns the SOS to the first mechanic who accepts.

4. Location & Map Module

This module is responsible for capturing and displaying real-time geolocation data using Google Maps API.

- **User Location Tracking:** Captures the user's current location.
- **Mechanic Location Mapping:** Displays mechanics on a map relative to the user.

5. Chat Module

Facilitates secure, real-time communication between the user and the mechanic:

- **Text Messaging:** Basic real-time chat functionality using polling or Socket.IO.
- **Image Sharing:** Users and mechanics can send and receive images related to the vehicle issue.
- **Chat History Storage:** Messages are stored in MongoDB for future reference.

6. Push Notification Module

Responsible for real-time updates and alerts:

- **SOS Notification to Mechanics:** Sends instant alerts when a user sends an SOS.
- **Chat Notifications:** Notifies users and mechanics when new messages are received.
- **Notification Delivery:** Utilizes Web Push API and Socket.IO for realtime delivery.

7. Rating & Review Module

Builds trust and transparency:

- **Review Submission:** Users can submit a written review after a service.
- **Rating Mechanism:** 1 to 5-star rating system.
- **Average Rating Calculation:** Displays cumulative mechanic ratings for better decision-making.

8. Repair Cost Estimator Module

An optional module for providing cost transparency:

- **Issue Description Input:** Users can describe their problem in text form.
- **Cost Suggestion:** Based on keywords and previous data, the system estimates a likely repair cost.
- **Machine Learning Ready:** Can be upgraded in the future to use AI for smarter estimation.

3.2 ARCHITECTURE

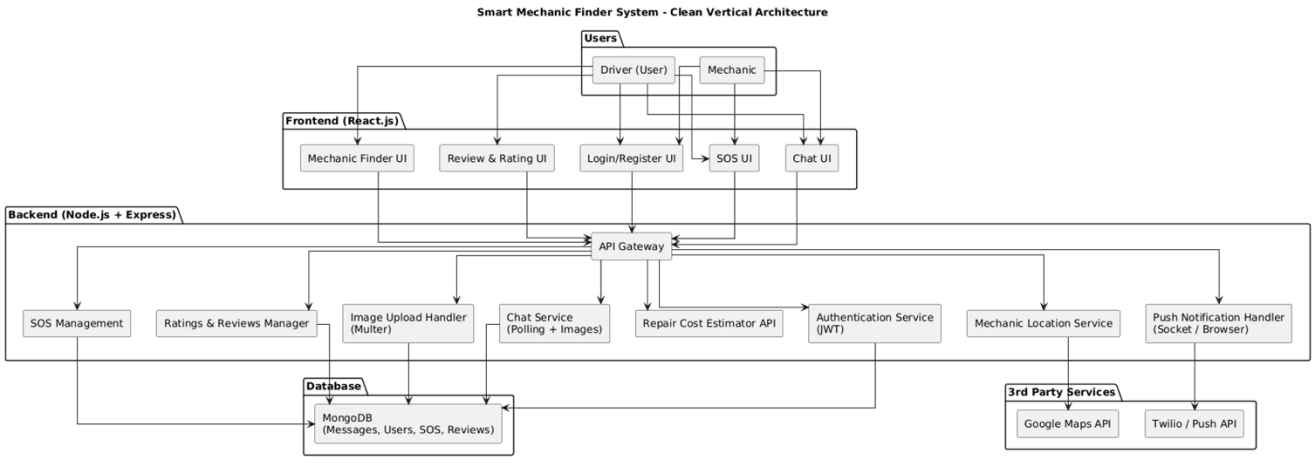

Fig. 3.2.1 Architecture Diagram

The architecture of the **Smart Mechanic Finder** system is structured using a modular and scalable design based on the principles of **Clean Vertical Architecture**. This approach allows for clear separation of concerns, easy maintenance, and extensibility. The system is implemented as a full-stack web application, where the frontend is developed using **React.js**, the backend uses **Node.js with Express.js**, and data persistence is managed using **MongoDB**. The system also incorporates real-time communication features and integrates with third-party services to enhance functionality.

At the client-side, the **frontend layer** is responsible for delivering a responsive and interactive user interface. This layer includes key components such as the login and registration screens, the mechanic finder map, the SOS trigger interface, a live chat system with image upload capability, and a review and rating submission form. The frontend communicates with the backend through RESTful API endpoints and receives real-time updates using technologies such as WebSockets and browser push notifications.

The **backend layer** acts as the core of the application, implementing business logic and managing data transactions. It serves as the API gateway and consists of multiple service modules. These modules include an authentication service that manages secure user login using JWT tokens, an SOS management module that handles emergency requests and broadcasts them to available mechanics, and a chat service that enables secure communication between users and mechanics with support for multimedia messages. Additional modules include the mechanic location service for finding nearby mechanics, a ratings and reviews manager, an image upload handler using Multer, a push notification handler that sends real-time alerts using Web Push or Socket.IO, and an optional repair cost estimator that provides users with estimated repair costs based on described symptoms.

The **database layer** is implemented using **MongoDB**, a NoSQL database optimized for storing flexible and scalable data. It holds collections for users, SOS requests, chat messages, uploaded images, and reviews. The schema-less nature of MongoDB allows for rapid development and easy scaling. Indexing is used to improve query performance, especially for geolocation-based lookups and message retrievals.

The system also depends on **third-party services** to enable key features. Google Maps API is used for rendering maps, calculating distances, and pinpointing mechanic locations in real

time. Push notifications are handled using either the **Web Push API** or **Twilio**, depending on the environment and device capabilities. These integrations enhance the user experience by providing accurate location-based data and timely alerts.

In terms of **data flow**, when a user logs in, authentication is handled by the backend which issues a JWT token. When the user triggers an SOS, the system captures their current location and request details and broadcasts this data to mechanics within a certain radius. When a mechanic accepts the request, the system assigns them to the SOS, initiates a chat session, and notifies the user. Both parties can then exchange text messages and images in real-time. Once the service is complete, the user submits a rating and review, which is stored and displayed on the mechanic's profile for transparency and trust-building.

The architecture supports **scalability and future extensibility**. The frontend can be hosted as a static app via CDNs, while the backend is stateless and can be scaled horizontally using load balancers. Real-time services like chat and notification can be scaled using tools like Redis to support clustering. Furthermore, new modules—such as payment integration, AI-based diagnostics, or admin dashboards—can be easily incorporated without disrupting the existing system design.

3.3 UML DIAGRAMS

3.3.1 USE CASE DIAGRAM

The Use Case Diagram provides a comprehensive overview of the functional requirements and primary interactions in the Smart Mechanic Finder system. It identifies the main actors involved — namely, Drivers and Mechanics — and maps out the key use cases that define the system's behavior from the user perspective. Drivers are empowered to register and log into the system to access its services. They can submit SOS requests in emergencies, which triggers the system to locate and notify nearby mechanics. After receiving service, drivers have the ability to rate and review mechanics based on their experience, which contributes to the quality and reliability of the mechanic database. Furthermore, once a mechanic accepts an SOS request, the driver can engage in real-time chat communication with the mechanic to coordinate assistance. Mechanics, as another primary actor, register and log in, maintain and update their current location dynamically to be discoverable by the system, receive SOS notifications, and choose to accept or decline requests based on their availability. The Use Case Diagram clarifies these roles and

interactions, serving as a blueprint for developers and stakeholders to understand system capabilities and user expectations.

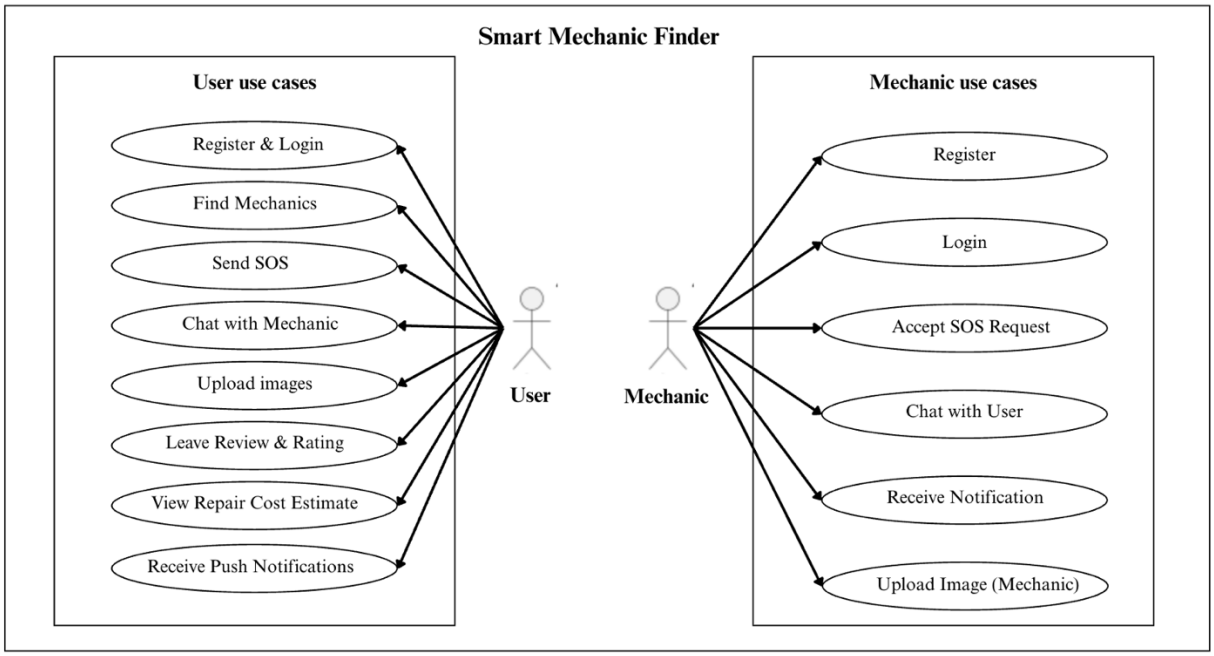

Fig. 3.3.1.1 Use Case Diagram

3.3.2 CLASS DIAGRAM

The Class Diagram represents the static structure of the Smart Mechanic Finder system by detailing the classes, their attributes, operations, and the relationships between them. The foundational class is **User**, encapsulating common attributes such as userID, name, email, phoneNumber, and methods like register() and authenticate(). This class is further specialized into two subclasses: **Driver** and **Mechanic**. The **Driver** class includes additional fields like vehicleDetails and methods relevant to submitting SOS requests and providing feedback. The **Mechanic** class contains specific attributes such as mechanicID, expertiseArea, currentLocation, and availabilityStatus, along with methods to update location and respond to SOS requests. The **SOSRequest** class manages emergency requests with attributes like requestID, driverID, locationCoordinates, requestStatus, and timestamps, and supports operations like createRequest() and updateStatus(). The **Rating** class captures the feedback mechanism, holding ratingID, mechanicID, userID, score (on a scale of 1-5), and a textual comment. The **ChatMessage** class records communication with attributes such as messageID, senderID, receiverID, timestamp, and messageContent. Associations between these classes

reflect the system's logical data organization: a Driver can have multiple SOS requests, a Mechanic can receive many ratings, and a chat session involves exchanges between Driver and Mechanic instances. This diagram serves as a detailed reference for the system's data model and informs database schema design.

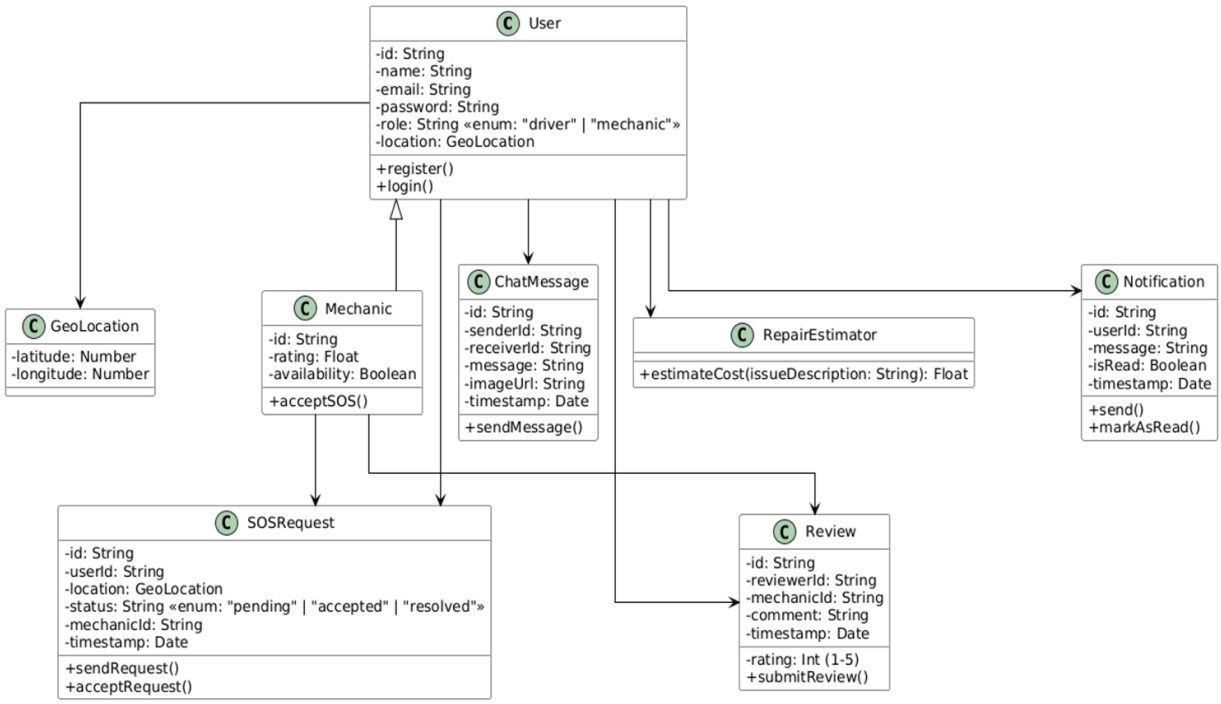

Fig. 3.3.2.1 Class Diagram

3.3.3 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

The Activity Diagram provides a step-by-step representation of the workflow involved in core processes within the Smart Mechanic Finder system. One critical process illustrated is the lifecycle of an SOS request, capturing both the driver and system activities. The flow begins with the driver logging into the platform and submitting an SOS alert, which the system validates for accuracy and completeness before storing it in the SOS database. Next, the system queries the Mechanic Location component to identify mechanics within a certain radius of the emergency location, utilizing real-time location data fetched from the database and Google Maps API. Notifications are then dispatched to these mechanics, prompting them to respond. A decision node in the diagram captures the mechanic's choice to accept or decline the request. If no mechanic accepts, the system may retry notifications or escalate the request. Once a mechanic accepts, the system updates the request status and sends confirmation to the driver,

enabling the driver and mechanic to establish direct communication through the chat feature. This diagram effectively demonstrates concurrency (e.g., simultaneous notifications), decision points, and the overall process flow, making it easier to identify potential bottlenecks or improvements in system behavior.

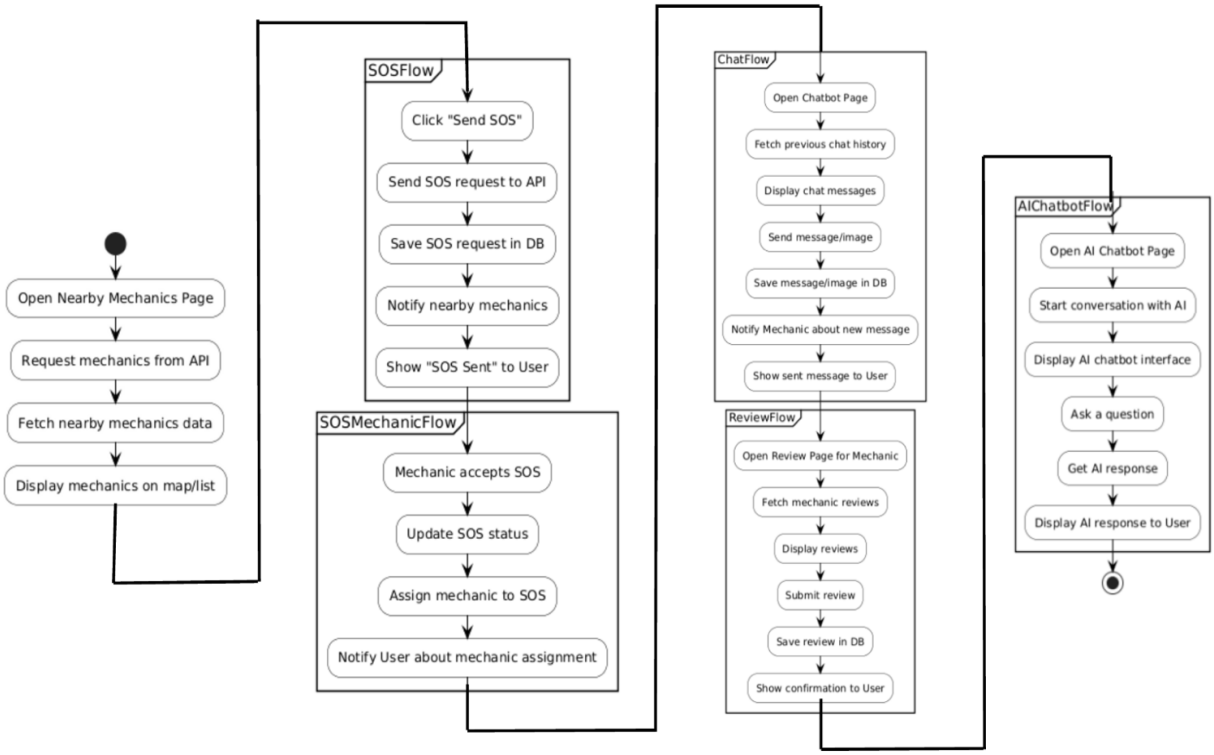

Fig. 3.3.3.1 Activity Diagram

3.3.4 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

The Sequence Diagram details the chronological interactions between system components and actors during specific use cases, providing insight into message passing and timing. Taking the SOS request scenario as an example, the sequence begins when the Driver actor sends an SOS request to the system interface. The system processes the request by storing it in the SOS database and queries the Mechanic Location service to retrieve nearby mechanic details. Notifications are then sent to multiple mechanics, each of whom may respond independently. Upon receiving a mechanic's acceptance, the system updates the SOS request status in the database and notifies the driver of the assigned mechanic. This leads to the establishment of a chat session between the driver and the mechanic, where messages are exchanged and stored in the Chat database. The diagram includes lifelines for each participant (Driver, System, Mechanic, Databases) and clearly illustrates the activation periods during which objects are

active or waiting. This temporal visualization helps developers understand the precise order of operations and design appropriate synchronous or asynchronous communication mechanisms.

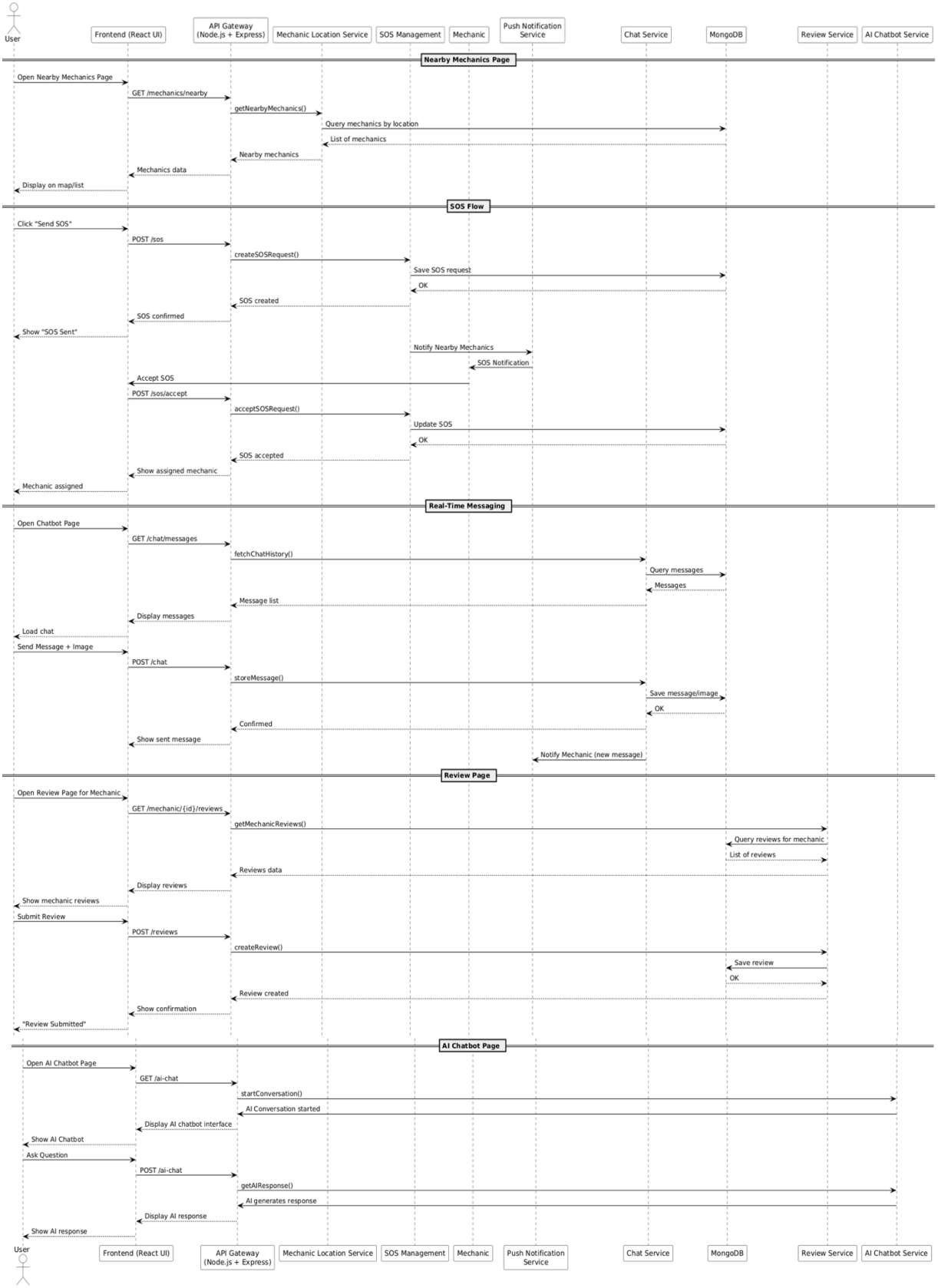

Fig. 3.3.4.1 Sequence Diagram

3.3.5 COMPONENT DIAGRAM

The Component Diagram depicts the modular architecture of the Smart Mechanic Finder system, illustrating the division into loosely coupled software components and their interdependencies. The **User Interface (UI) Component** serves as the frontend layer that interacts with both drivers and mechanics, providing a responsive and user-friendly experience for all operations such as login, SOS submission, mechanic search, and chat. The **Authentication Component** encapsulates user registration, login, session management, and security features such as password hashing and token validation. The **SOS Management Component** is responsible for managing SOS requests' creation, storage, updates, and lifecycle management. Complementing this, the **Mechanic Location Component** handles the real-time tracking and updating of mechanic locations using GPS data and Google Maps integration. The **Rating & Review Component** manages the submission, storage, and retrieval of mechanic ratings and reviews, supporting quality assurance and trust-building. The **Chat & Notification Component** handles real-time messaging between users and notifications for events like SOS acceptance and new messages. The **Database Component** abstracts data persistence across all entities, ensuring data integrity, availability, and backup. Lastly, the **External Service Component** manages communication with third-party APIs such as Google Maps for geolocation and routing services. This component-based design enhances maintainability, scalability, and separation of concerns, allowing independent development, testing, and deployment of each module.

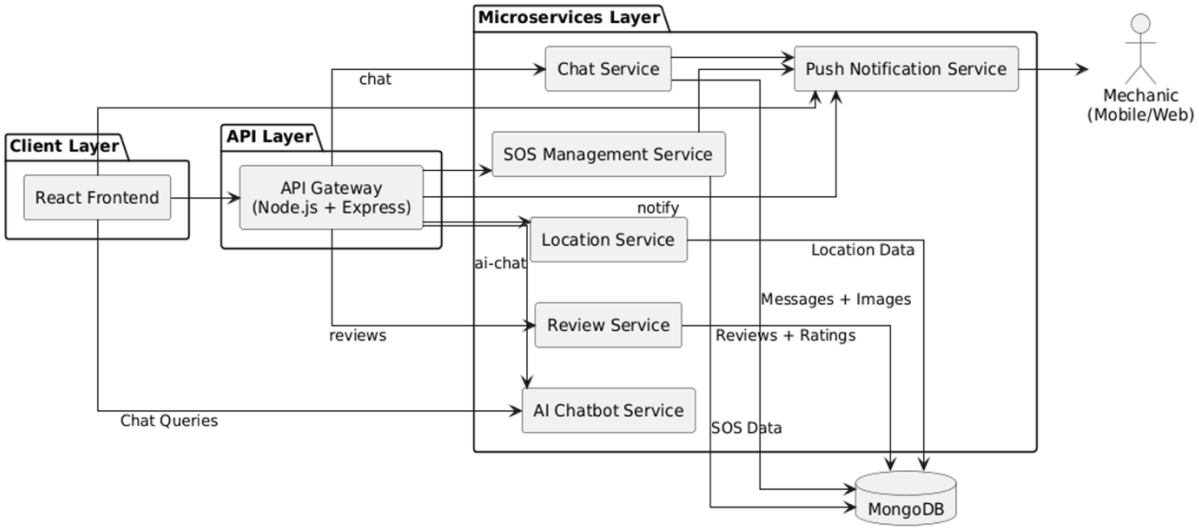

Fig. 3.3.5.1 Component Diagram

3.4 METHODOLOGY

Data Acquisition

Live data is continuously obtained from GPS-enabled devices of mechanics and drivers through the mobile application. This includes real-time location updates of mechanics, SOS requests from drivers, and status changes (e.g., request acceptance). Historical data of past SOS requests, mechanic ratings, and user reviews are stored in the database. The real-time data ensures prompt assistance and location accuracy, while historical data supports analytics and system improvements.

System Workflow

The system is designed to handle multiple simultaneous processes that interact to provide seamless emergency assistance and mechanic services. The key workflow involves driver registration, SOS request submission, mechanic location tracking, SOS request notification and acceptance, chat communication, and ratings & reviews. Each of these steps is managed by specialized modules to maintain clarity and efficiency.

Techniques Used

- **Real-Time Location Tracking:** The system employs GPS data streamed from mechanics' mobile devices to track their current location continuously. Location data is processed and updated in the Mechanic Location component. This real-time tracking allows the system to identify the nearest available mechanics dynamically and notify them of SOS requests.

- **SOS Request Management:** SOS requests from drivers include detailed information such as the driver's location, vehicle details, and urgency level. The SOS Management module processes these requests and triggers notifications to nearby mechanics. Request status transitions are managed carefully—from submission to acceptance, completion, or cancellation.

- **Mechanic Selection and Notification:** The system identifies available mechanics within a specified radius using spatial queries on their location data. Notifications are then pushed to these mechanics through the Notification component using WebSocket or push

notification services. The system waits for mechanics to accept or decline requests, ensuring timely responses.

- **Chat Communication:** Once a mechanic accepts an SOS request, a real-time chat session is established between the driver and the mechanic. This communication channel supports text and image messaging to facilitate clear coordination. The Chat module leverages WebSocket technology for low-latency message delivery and stores conversations in the database for reference.

- **Rating and Review System:** After service completion, drivers can rate and review mechanics. These ratings are stored and aggregated to calculate an average score for each mechanic, improving service transparency and helping future drivers make informed decisions.

How It Works

- Drivers register and log into the app and can submit SOS requests in emergencies.
- The system immediately processes the request and queries the database for mechanics currently active within proximity.
- Multiple mechanics are notified simultaneously and can choose to accept or reject the request.
- When a mechanic accepts, the system updates the request status and notifies the driver, enabling direct chat communication.
- Drivers provide ratings and feedback post-service, which are used to update mechanic profiles and rankings.

Why It's Used

The methodology is designed to optimize response times in emergencies by leveraging real-time location data and push notifications. Using modular components such as SOS management, location tracking, and chat ensures clear separation of concerns and easier maintenance. Real-time communication via WebSocket improves interaction speed between drivers and mechanics. Finally, the rating system ensures continuous quality control and accountability in service delivery.

4. CODE AND IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 CODE

server.js

```
const express = require("express");
const cors = require("cors");
const mongoose = require("mongoose");
const http = require("http");
const { Server } = require("socket.io");
require("dotenv").config();
const path = require("path");

const app = express();
app.use(cors());
app.use(express.json());

// ✅ Serve uploaded images statically
app.use("/uploads", express.static(path.join(__dirname, "uploads")));

// ✅ Connect MongoDB
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO_URI, {
  useNewUrlParser: true,
  useUnifiedTopology: true,
  serverSelectionTimeoutMS: 5000,
})
  .then(() => console.log("✅ Connected to MongoDB"))
  .catch(err => console.error("❌ MongoDB connection error:", err));

// ✅ Import Routes
const userRoutes = require("./routes/userRoutes");
const mechanicRoutes = require("./routes/mechanicRoutes");
const sosRoutes = require("./routes/sosRoutes");
const repairCostRoutes = require("./routes/repairCostRoutes");
const reviewRoutes = require("./routes/reviewRoutes");
const messageRoutes = require("./routes/messageRoutes");

// ✅ Apply Routes
app.use("/api/users", userRoutes);
app.use("/api/mechanics", mechanicRoutes);
app.use("/api/sos", sosRoutes);
app.use("/api/repair-costs", repairCostRoutes);
app.use("/api/reviews", reviewRoutes);
app.use("/api/messages", messageRoutes);

// ✅ Health check
app.get("/", (req, res) => {
  res.send("🚀 Smart Mechanic Finder Backend is Running!");
```

```
});

// ✅ Create HTTP server and wrap with Socket.IO
const server = http.createServer(app);
const io = new Server(server, {
  cors: {
    origin: "*", // Replace with frontend domain in production
    methods: ["GET", "POST"],
  },
});

// ✅ Socket.IO logic
io.on("connection", (socket) => {
  console.log(`🟢 Socket connected: ${socket.id}`);

  // Join a room
  socket.on("joinRoom", (roomId) => {
    socket.join(roomId);
    console.log(`🔒 Socket ${socket.id} joined room: ${roomId}`);
  });

  // Leave a room
  socket.on("leaveRoom", (roomId) => {
    socket.leave(roomId);
    console.log(`🚪 Socket ${socket.id} left room: ${roomId}`);
  });

  // Handle incoming message
  socket.on("chatMessage", async ({ roomId, sender, text, timestamp }) => {
    if (!roomId || !sender || !text || !timestamp) {
      console.warn("⚠️ Invalid chat message payload");
      return;
    }

    const message = { sender, text, timestamp };

    // Broadcast to everyone in the room
    io.to(roomId).emit("chatMessage", message);
  });

  socket.on("disconnect", () => {
    console.log(`🔴 Socket disconnected: ${socket.id}`);
  });
});

// ✅ Start server
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5001;
server.listen(PORT, () => {
  console.log(`✅ Server running on port ${PORT}`);
});
```

ChatRoom.js

```
import { useEffect, useState, useRef } from "react";
import { useParams } from "react-router-dom";
import {
  Box, Container, Typography, TextField, Button,
  Paper, IconButton
} from "@mui/material";
import axios from "axios";
import PhotoCamera from "@mui/icons-material/PhotoCamera";

const Chatroom = () => {
  const { id: roomId } = useParams();
  const [user, setUser] = useState(null);
  const [messages, setMessages] = useState([]);
  const [message, setMessage] = useState("");
  const [image, setImage] = useState(null);
  const messagesEndRef = useRef(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    const token = localStorage.getItem("token");
    if (!token) return;

    axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/users/me", {
      headers: { Authorization: `Bearer ${token}` },
    })
      .then((res) => setUser(res.data))
      .catch((err) => console.error("User fetch error", err));
  }, []);

  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchMessages = () => {
      axios
        .get(`http://localhost:5001/api/messages/${roomId}`)
        .then((res) => setMessages(res.data))
        .catch((err) => console.error("Failed to fetch messages", err));
    };

    fetchMessages();
    const interval = setInterval(fetchMessages, 3000);
    return () => clearInterval(interval);
  }, [roomId]);

  useEffect(() => {
    messagesEndRef.current?.scrollIntoView({ behavior: "smooth" });
  }, [messages]);

  const handleSendMessage = async () => {
    if ((!message.trim() && !image) || !user) return;

    const formData = new FormData();
    formData.append("roomId", roomId);
    formData.append("sender", user.name);
    formData.append("text", message);
```

```
  if (image) formData.append("image", image);

  try {
    await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/messages", formData);
    setMessage("");
    setImage(null);
  } catch (err) {
    console.error("Send error", err);
  }
};

return (
  <Container maxWidth="sm" sx={{ mt: 4 }}>
    <Typography variant="h4" align="center" gutterBottom>
      Chatroom - SOS ID: {roomId}
    </Typography>

    <Paper elevation={3} sx={{ p: 2, height: "60vh", overflowY: "auto", mb: 2 }}>
      {messages.map((msg, idx) => {
        const isOwnMessage = msg.sender === user?.name;
        return (
          <Box
            key={idx}
            display="flex"
            justifyContent={isOwnMessage ? "flex-end" : "flex-start"}
            mb={1}
          >
            <Box
              sx={{
                backgroundColor: isOwnMessage ? "#DCF8C6" : "#f0f0f0",
                color: "#000",
                px: 2,
                py: 1,
                borderRadius: 2,
                maxWidth: "75%",
                wordBreak: "break-word",
              }}
            >
              <Typography variant="body2" fontWeight="bold">
                {msg.sender}
              </Typography>
              <Typography variant="body1">{msg.text}</Typography>
              {msg.imageUrl && (
                <Box mt={1}>
                  <img
                    src={`http://localhost:5001/${msg.imageUrl}`}
                    alt="Sent"
                    style={{
                      maxWidth: "100%",
                      borderRadius: 8,
                      marginTop: "6px",
                    }}
                  />
                </Box>
              )}
```

```
            </Box>
          </Box>
        );
      })}
      <div ref={messagesEndRef} />
    </Paper>

    <Box display="flex" gap={1} alignItems="center">
      <TextField
        fullWidth
        label="Type your message..."
        value={message}
        onChange={(e) => setMessage(e.target.value)}
        onKeyPress={(e) => e.key === "Enter" && handleSendMessage()}
      />
      <input
        accept="image/*"
        id="image-upload"
        type="file"
        style={{ display: "none" }}
        onChange={(e) => setImage(e.target.files[0])}
      />
      <label htmlFor="image-upload">
        <IconButton component="span">
          <PhotoCamera />
        </IconButton>
      </label>
      <Button variant="contained" onClick={handleSendMessage}>
        Send
      </Button>
    </Box>
  </Container>
 );
};

export default Chatroom;
```

FindMechanics.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import {
  Container,
  Typography,
  CircularProgress,
  Alert,
  Card,
  CardContent,
} from "@mui/material";
import axios from "axios";

const NearbyMechanics = () => {
  const [mechanics, setMechanics] = useState([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);
  const [error, setError] = useState("");
```

```
  useEffect(() => {
    if (!navigator.geolocation) {
      setError("Geolocation is not supported by your browser.");
      setLoading(false);
      return;
    }

    navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(
      async (position) => {
        const latitude = position.coords.latitude;
        const longitude = position.coords.longitude;
        const token = localStorage.getItem("token");

        try {
          const response = await axios.get(

`http://localhost:5001/api/mechanics/nearby?latitude=${latitude}&longitude=${longitude}`,
            {
              headers: {
                Authorization: `Bearer ${token}`,
              },
            }
          );

          setMechanics(response.data);
        } catch (err) {
          setError("Error fetching nearby mechanics.");
          console.error("❌ Error:", err);
        } finally {
          setLoading(false);
        }
      },
      (err) => {
        setError("Failed to get location. Please enable location services.");
        setLoading(false);
      }
    );
  }, []);

  return (
    <Container maxWidth="md">
      <Typography variant="h4" align="center" gutterBottom>
        Nearby Mechanics
      </Typography>

      {loading && <CircularProgress />}
      {error && <Alert severity="error">{error}</Alert>}

      {!loading && mechanics.length === 0 && (
        <Typography align="center">No mechanics found nearby.</Typography>
      )}

      <div style={{ display: "flex", flexWrap: "wrap", justifyContent: "center", gap: "30px" }}>
        {mechanics.map((mechanic) => (
```

```
            <Card key={mechanic._id} style={{ width: 400 }}>
              <CardContent>
                <Typography variant="h6">{mechanic.name}</Typography>
                <Typography variant="body2">ID: {mechanic._id}</Typography>
                <Typography variant="body2">Email: {mechanic.email}</Typography>

                {mechanic.contactNumber ? (
                  <Typography variant="body2">
                    Phone: <a
href={`tel:${mechanic.contactNumber}`}>{mechanic.contactNumber}</a>
                  </Typography>
                ) : (
                  <Typography variant="body2">Phone: N/A</Typography>
                )}

                <Typography variant="body2">
                  Rating: ⭐ {mechanic.averageRating ? `${mechanic.averageRating}
(${mechanic.totalReviews} reviews)` : "No reviews yet"}
                </Typography>


              </CardContent>
            </Card>
          ))}
        </div>
      </Container>
    );
};

export default NearbyMechanics;
```

Login.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import { useNavigate, Link } from "react-router-dom";
import {
  TextField,
  Button,
  Typography,
  Alert,
  Box,
  InputAdornment,
} from "@mui/material";
import { FaUserAlt, FaLock } from "react-icons/fa";
import axios from "axios";

const Login = () => {
  const [email, setEmail] = useState("");
  const [password, setPassword] = useState("");
  const [role, setRole] = useState("user");
  const [error, setError] = useState("");
  const navigate = useNavigate();

  useEffect(() => {
```

```
  const token = localStorage.getItem("token");
  const user = JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem("user"));
  if (token && user) {
    navigate(user.role === "mechanic" ? "/mechanic-dashboard" : "/dashboard");
  }
}, [navigate]);

const handleLogin = async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  setError("");

  try {
    const response = await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/users/login", {
      email,
      password,
      role,
    });

    if (response.data.token) {
      localStorage.setItem("token", response.data.token);
      localStorage.setItem("user", JSON.stringify(response.data.user));
      alert("Login successful!");
      window.location.href =
        response.data.user.role === "mechanic" ? "/mechanic-dashboard" : "/dashboard";
    } else {
      setError("Invalid login response. Please try again.");
    }
  } catch (err) {
    setError(err.response?.data?.message || "Invalid email or password");
  }
};

return (
  <Box
    sx={{
      background: `url('/images/mechanic-bg.png') no-repeat center center fixed`,
      backgroundSize: "cover",
      minHeight: "100vh",
      display: "flex",
      alignItems: "center",
      backgroundColor: "rgba(255, 229, 180, 0.5)",
      justifyContent: "center",
      padding: 2,
    }}
  >
    <Box
      sx={{
        display: "flex",
        backgroundColor: "rgba(255,255,255,0.95)",
        borderRadius: 4,
        boxShadow: 5,
        maxWidth: 900,
        width: "100%",
      }}
    >
```

```
{/* Cartoon Mechanic Image */}
<Box
  sx={{
    flex: 1,
    background: `url('/image.png') center center no-repeat`,
    backgroundSize: "contain",
    display: { xs: "none", md: "block" },
  }}
/>

{/* Login Form */}
<Box sx={{ flex: 1, p: 4 }}>
  <Typography variant="h4" color="primary" align="center" gutterBottom>
    Smart Mechanic Finder
  </Typography>

  {error && <Alert severity="error" sx={{ mb: 2 }}>{error}</Alert>}

  <form onSubmit={handleLogin}>
    <TextField
      fullWidth
      label="Email"
      type="email"
      margin="normal"
      value={email}
      onChange={(e) => setEmail(e.target.value)}
      required
      InputProps={{
        startAdornment: (
          <InputAdornment position="start">
            <FaUserAlt />
          </InputAdornment>
        ),
      }}
    />

    <TextField
      fullWidth
      label="Password"
      type="password"
      margin="normal"
      value={password}
      onChange={(e) => setPassword(e.target.value)}
      required
      InputProps={{
        startAdornment: (
          <InputAdornment position="start">
            <FaLock />
          </InputAdornment>
        ),
      }}
    />


    <Button
```

```
            fullWidth
            type="submit"
            variant="contained"
            sx={{ mt: 2, backgroundColor: "#FFA500", color: "#fff", fontWeight: "bold" }}
          >
            LOGIN
          </Button>

          <Box sx={{ textAlign: "center", mt: 2 }}>
            <Link to="/forgot-password" style={{ textDecoration: "none", color: "blue" }}>
              Forgot password?
            </Link>
            <Typography variant="body2" sx={{ mt: 1 }}>
              Don't have an account?{" "}
              <Link to="/register" style={{ textDecoration: "none", color: "blue" }}>
                Register here
              </Link>
            </Typography>
          </Box>
        </form>
      </Box>
    </Box>
  </Box>
 );
};

export default Login;
```

MechanicDashboard.js

```
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
import {
  Container,
  Typography,
  Card,
  CardContent,
  Button,
  CircularProgress,
  Alert,
} from "@mui/material";
import { useNavigate } from "react-router-dom";
import axios from "axios";

const MechanicDashboard = () => {
  const [sosRequests, setSosRequests] = useState([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);
  const [error, setError] = useState("");
  const [accepting, setAccepting] = useState(null);
  const navigate = useNavigate();

  const token = localStorage.getItem("token");

  useEffect(() => {
    if (!token) {
```

```
    navigate("/login");
    return;
  }

  const fetchSOSRequests = async () => {
    try {
      const response = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/sos/active", {
        headers: { Authorization: `Bearer ${token}` },
      });
      setSosRequests(response.data);
    } catch (error) {
      setError("Error fetching SOS requests. Try again later.");
    } finally {
      setLoading(false);
    }
  };

  fetchSOSRequests();
}, [navigate, token]);

const handleAccept = async (sosId) => {
  setAccepting(sosId);
  try {
    await axios.post(
      `http://localhost:5001/api/sos/accept/${sosId}`,
      {},
      { headers: { Authorization: `Bearer ${token}` } }
    );
    setSosRequests((prev) =>
      prev.map((req) =>
        req._id === sosId ? { ...req, status: "accepted" } : req
      )
    );
  } catch (error) {
    console.error("Error accepting SOS:", error);
    alert("Failed to accept SOS request.");
  } finally {
    setAccepting(null);
  }
};

const goToChat = (chatId) => {
  navigate(`/chatroom/${chatId}`);
};

return (
  <Container maxWidth="md">
    <Typography variant="h4" align="center" gutterBottom>
      Mechanic Dashboard
    </Typography>

    {loading ? (
      <CircularProgress />
    ) : error ? (
      <Alert severity="error">{error}</Alert>
```

```
    ) : sosRequests.length > 0 ? (
      sosRequests.map((sos) => (
        <Card key={sos._id} sx={{ mb: 2 }}>
          <CardContent>
            <Typography>User: {sos.userId.name} ({sos.userId.email})</Typography>
            <Typography>Location: {sos.latitude}, {sos.longitude}</Typography>
            <Typography>Status: {sos.status}</Typography>

            {sos.status === "accepted" ? (
              <Button
                variant="outlined"
                color="primary"
                onClick={() => goToChat(sos._id)}
                sx={{ mt: 2 }}
              >
                💬 Chat with User
              </Button>
            ) : (
              <Button
                variant="contained"
                color="primary"
                onClick={() => handleAccept(sos._id)}
                disabled={accepting === sos._id}
                sx={{ mt: 2 }}
              >
                {accepting === sos._id ? "Accepting..." : "Accept SOS Request"}
              </Button>
            )}
          </CardContent>
        </Card>
      ))
    ) : (
      <Typography>No active SOS requests.</Typography>
    )}
  </Container>
 );
};

export default MechanicDashboard;
```

Mechanics.js

```
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
import { Container, Typography, Card, CardContent, List, ListItem, ListItemText } from
"@mui/material";
import axios from "axios";

const Mechanics = () => {
  const [mechanics, setMechanics] = useState([]);

  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchMechanics = async () => {
```

```
        try {
          const response = await
axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/mechanics/nearby?latitude=12.9716&longitude=77.5946");
          setMechanics(response.data);
        } catch (error) {
          console.error("Error fetching mechanics:", error);
        }
      };
      fetchMechanics();
    }, []);

    return (
      <Container maxWidth="md">
        <Typography variant="h4" align="center" gutterBottom>
          Nearby Mechanics
        </Typography>
        <List>
          {mechanics.length > 0 ? (
            mechanics.map((mechanic) => (
              <Card key={mechanic._id} sx={{ mt: 2, boxShadow: 2 }}>
                <CardContent>
                  <ListItem>
                    <ListItemText
                      primary={mechanic.name}
                      secondary={`Email: ${mechanic.email}`}
                    />
                  </ListItem>
                </CardContent>
              </Card>
            ))
          ) : (
            <Typography align="center" sx={{ mt: 3 }}>No mechanics found
nearby.</Typography>
          )}
        </List>
      </Container>
    );
};

export default Mechanics;
```

Register.js

```
import { useState } from "react";
import { useNavigate } from "react-router-dom";
import {
  TextField,
  Button,
  Typography,
  Alert,
  MenuItem,
  InputAdornment,
  Box,
} from "@mui/material";
```

```
import { FaUserAlt, FaEnvelope, FaLock, FaPhone } from "react-icons/fa";
import axios from "axios";

const Register = () => {
  const [name, setName] = useState("");
  const [email, setEmail] = useState("");
  const [password, setPassword] = useState("");
  const [role, setRole] = useState("driver");
  const [contactNumber, setContactNumber] = useState("");
  const [error, setError] = useState("");
  const [success, setSuccess] = useState("");
  const navigate = useNavigate();

  const handleRegister = async (e) => {
    e.preventDefault();
    setError("");
    setSuccess("");

    let formattedContactNumber = contactNumber;
    if (!formattedContactNumber.startsWith("+91")) {
      formattedContactNumber = "+91" + contactNumber.replace(/^0+/, "");
    }

    const sendRequest = async (latitude, longitude) => {
      try {
        await axios.post("http://localhost:5001/api/users/register", {
          name,
          email,
          password,
          role,
          contactNumber: formattedContactNumber,
          latitude,
          longitude,
        });

        setSuccess("User registered successfully! Redirecting to login...");
        setTimeout(() => navigate("/login"), 2000);
      } catch (err) {
        setError(err.response?.data?.message || "Registration failed. Try again.");
      }
    };

    if (role === "mechanic") {
      if (!navigator.geolocation) {
        setError("Geolocation is not supported by your browser.");
        return;
      }

      navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(
        (position) => {
          const latitude = position.coords.latitude;
          const longitude = position.coords.longitude;
          sendRequest(latitude, longitude);
        },
        () => {
```

```
        setError("Please enable location services for mechanic registration.");
      }
    );
  } else {
    sendRequest(0, 0);
  }
};

return (
  <Box
    sx={{
      background: `url('/images.png') no-repeat center center fixed`,
      backgroundSize: "cover",
      minHeight: "100vh",
      display: "flex",
      backgroundColor: "rgba(255, 229, 180, 0.5)",
      alignItems: "center",
      justifyContent: "center",
      padding: 2,
    }}
  >
    <Box
      sx={{
        display: "flex",
        backgroundColor: "rgba(255,255,255,0.95)",
        borderRadius: 4,
        boxShadow: 5,
        maxWidth: 900,
        width: "100%",
      }}
    >
      {/* Cartoon Mechanic Image */}
      <Box
        sx={{
          flex: 1,
          background: `url('/image.png') center center no-repeat`,
          backgroundSize: "contain",
          display: { xs: "none", md: "block" },
        }}
      />

      {/* Registration Form */}
      <Box sx={{ flex: 1, p: 4 }}>
        <Typography variant="h4" color="primary" align="center" gutterBottom>
          Register
        </Typography>

        {error && <Alert severity="error" sx={{ mb: 2 }}>{error}</Alert>}
        {success && <Alert severity="success" sx={{ mb: 2 }}>{success}</Alert>}

        <form onSubmit={handleRegister}>
          <TextField
            fullWidth
            label="Name"
            variant="outlined"
```

```
  margin="normal"
  value={name}
  onChange={(e) => setName(e.target.value)}
  required
  InputProps={{
    startAdornment: (
      <InputAdornment position="start">
        <FaUserAlt />
      </InputAdornment>
    ),
  }}
/>
<TextField
  fullWidth
  label="Email"
  variant="outlined"
  margin="normal"
  value={email}
  onChange={(e) => setEmail(e.target.value)}
  required
  InputProps={{
    startAdornment: (
      <InputAdornment position="start">
        <FaEnvelope />
      </InputAdornment>
    ),
  }}
/>
<TextField
  fullWidth
  label="Password"
  type="password"
  variant="outlined"
  margin="normal"
  value={password}
  onChange={(e) => setPassword(e.target.value)}
  required
  InputProps={{
    startAdornment: (
      <InputAdornment position="start">
        <FaLock />
      </InputAdornment>
    ),
  }}
/>
<TextField
  fullWidth
  label="Contact Number"
  variant="outlined"
  margin="normal"
  value={contactNumber}
  onChange={(e) => setContactNumber(e.target.value)}
  required
  InputProps={{
    startAdornment: (
```

```
              <InputAdornment position="start">
                <FaPhone />
              </InputAdornment>
            ),
          }}
        />
        <TextField
          select
          fullWidth
          label="Role"
          variant="outlined"
          margin="normal"
          value={role}
          onChange={(e) => setRole(e.target.value)}
        >
          <MenuItem value="driver">User</MenuItem>
          <MenuItem value="mechanic">Mechanic</MenuItem>
        </TextField>

        <Button
          fullWidth
          type="submit"
          variant="contained"
          sx={{ mt: 2, backgroundColor: "#FFA500", color: "#fff", fontWeight: "bold" }}
        >
          Register
        </Button>
      </form>
    </Box>
  </Box>
 </Box>
 );
};

export default Register;
```

RepairCost.js

```
import { useState } from "react";
import { Container, TextField, Button, Typography, Box } from "@mui/material";
import axios from "axios";

const RepairCost = () => {
  const [issue, setIssue] = useState("");
  const [cost, setCost] = useState(null);

  const fetchCostEstimate = async () => {
    try {
      const response = await axios.get(`http://localhost:5001/api/repair-costs/estimate/${issue}`);
      setCost(response.data);
    } catch (error) {
      setCost(null);
      console.error("Error fetching repair cost:", error);
```

```
    }
  };

  return (
    <Container maxWidth="sm">
      <Box sx={{ mt: 5, textAlign: "center" }}>
        <Typography variant="h4">Repair Cost Estimator</Typography>
        <TextField
          fullWidth
          label="Enter Issue (e.g., Flat Tire)"
          variant="outlined"
          margin="normal"
          value={issue}
          onChange={(e) => setIssue(e.target.value)}
        />
        <Button variant="contained" onClick={fetchCostEstimate}>Get Estimate</Button>
        {cost && (
          <Box sx={{ mt: 3 }}>
            <Typography variant="h6">Estimated Cost: ₹{cost.estimatedCost}</Typography>
            <Typography>Range: ₹{cost.minCost} - ₹{cost.maxCost}</Typography>
          </Box>
        )}
      </Box>
    </Container>
  );
};

export default RepairCost;
```

UserDashboard.js

```
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
import {
  Container,
  Typography,
  Card,
  CardContent,
  Button,
  CircularProgress,
  Alert,
} from "@mui/material";
import { useNavigate } from "react-router-dom";
import axios from "axios";

const UserDashboard = () => {
  const [user, setUser] = useState(null);
  const [sosRequests, setSosRequests] = useState([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);
  const [error, setError] = useState("");
  const navigate = useNavigate();
```

```
useEffect(() => {
  const token = localStorage.getItem("token");
  if (!token) {
    navigate("/login");
    return;
  }
  const headers = { Authorization: `Bearer ${token}` };
  const fetchUserData = async () => {
    try {
      const response = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/users/me", {
        headers,
      });
      setUser(response.data);
    } catch (error) {
      setError("Error fetching user data. Please try again.");
    }
  };

  const fetchSOSRequests = async () => {
    try {
      const response = await axios.get("http://localhost:5001/api/sos/user", {
        headers,
      });
      setSosRequests(response.data);
    } catch (error) {
      console.error("Error fetching SOS requests:", error);
    }
  };

  Promise.all([fetchUserData(), fetchSOSRequests()]).finally(() =>
    setLoading(false)
  );
}, [navigate]);

const goToChat = (chatId) => {
  navigate(`/chatroom/${chatId}`);
};
return (
  <Container maxWidth="md">
    <Typography variant="h4" align="center" gutterBottom>
      User Dashboard
    </Typography>

    {loading ? (
      <CircularProgress />
    ) : error ? (
      <Alert severity="error">{error}</Alert>
    ) : (
      <>
        {user && (
          <Card sx={{ mb: 3 }}>
            <CardContent>
              <Typography variant="h6">Welcome, {user.name}</Typography>
              <Typography>Email: {user.email}</Typography>
              <Typography>Role: {user.role}</Typography>
```

```
            </CardContent>
          </Card>
        )}
        <Typography variant="h5" gutterBottom>
          Your SOS Requests
        </Typography>

        {sosRequests.length > 0 ? (
          sosRequests.map((sos) => (
            <Card key={sos._id} sx={{ mb: 2 }}>
              <CardContent>
                <Typography>Status: {sos.status}</Typography>

                {sos.status === "accepted" && sos.mechanicId ? (
                  <>
                    <Typography sx={{ mt: 2, fontWeight: "bold" }}>
                      ✅ SOS Accepted by:
                    </Typography>
                    <Typography>Name: {sos.mechanicId.name}</Typography>
                    <Typography>Email: {sos.mechanicId.email}</Typography>
                    <Typography>Contact Number: {sos.mechanicId.contactNumber}</Typography>
                    <Button
                      variant="outlined"
                      color="primary"
                      sx={{ mt: 2 }}
                      onClick={() => goToChat(sos._id)}
                    >
                      💬 Chat with Mechanic
                    </Button>
                  </>
                ) : sos.status === "pending" ? (
                  <Typography sx={{ mt: 2 }}>Waiting for mechanic to accept...</Typography>
                ) : null}
              </CardContent>
            </Card>
          ))
        ) : (
          <Typography>No SOS requests found.</Typography>
        )}
      </>
    )}
  </Container>
 );
};

export default UserDashboard;
```

App.js

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Routes, Route, Navigate } from "react-router-dom";
import AuthProvider from "./context/AuthContext";
import Sidebar from "./components/Sidebar";
import Login from "./pages/Login";
```

```
import Register from "./pages/Register";
import UserDashboard from "./pages/UserDashboard";
import MechanicDashboard from "./pages/MechanicDashboard";
import RepairCost from "./pages/RepairCost";
import Reviews from "./pages/Reviews";
import SOS from "./pages/SOS";
import FindMechanics from "./pages/FindMechanics";
import Chatbot from './pages/Chatbot';
import Chatroom from './pages/ChatRoom'; // ✅ Fix import path if needed
const ProtectedRoute = ({ element, allowedRoles }) => {
  const user = JSON.parse(localStorage.getItem("user"));
  if (!user) {
    return <Navigate to="/login" />;
  }
  return allowedRoles.includes(user.role) ? element : <Navigate to="/dashboard" />;
};
function App() {
  return (
    <Router>
      <AuthProvider>
        <Sidebar />
        <Routes>
          {/* Public Routes */}
          <Route path="/login" element={<Login />} />
          <Route path="/register" element={<Register />} />
          {/* Protected Routes */}
          <Route path="/dashboard" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<UserDashboard />}
allowedRoles={["driver", "mechanic"]} />} />
          <Route path="/mechanic-dashboard" element={<ProtectedRoute
element={<MechanicDashboard />} allowedRoles={["mechanic"]} />} />
          <Route path="/repair-cost" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<RepairCost />}
allowedRoles={["driver"]} />} />
          <Route path="/reviews" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<Reviews />}
allowedRoles={["driver"]} />} />
          <Route path="/sos" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<SOS />}
allowedRoles={["driver"]} />} />
          <Route path="/find-mechanics" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<FindMechanics
/>} allowedRoles={["driver"]} />} />
          <Route path="/chatbot" element={<Chatbot />} />
          {/* ✅ New Chatroom Route */}
          <Route path="/chatroom/:id" element={<Chatroom />} />
          {/* Catch-all */}
          <Route path="*" element={<Navigate to="/dashboard" />} />
        </Routes>
      </AuthProvider>
    </Router>
  );
}export default App;
```

4.2 IMPLEMENTATION

Project Directory Structure

Create the directory structure as shown below and organize your files accordingly:

```
Smart-Mechanic-Finder/
│
├── backend/
│   ├── middleware/
│   │   └── authMiddleware.js
│   ├── models/
│   │   ├── User.js
│   │   ├── SOSRequest.js
│   │   ├── Message.js
│   │   ├── Review.js
│   │   └── RepairCost.js
│   ├── routes/
│   │   ├── userRoutes.js
│   │   ├── sosRoutes.js
│   │   ├── messageRoutes.js
│   │   ├── mechanicRoutes.js
│   │   ├── reviewRoutes.js
│   │   └── repairCostRoutes.js
│   ├── uploads/
│   │   └── [uploaded images]
│   ├── .env
│   ├── server.js
│   └── package.json
│
├── public/
│   └── [static files if any]
```

```
│
├── src/
│   ├── components/
│   │   └── Sidebar.js
│   ├── context/
│   │   └── AuthContext.js
│   ├── pages/
│   │   ├── Login.js
│   │   ├── Register.js
│   │   ├── SOS.js
│   │   ├── FindMechanics.js
│   │   ├── ChatRoom.js
│   │   ├── Chatbot.js
│   │   ├── Reviews.js
│   │   ├── RepairCost.js
│   │   ├── Mechanics.js
│   │   ├── UserDashboard.js
│   │   └── MechanicDashboard.js
│   ├── services/
│   │   └── api.js
│   ├── App.js
│   ├── App.css
│   ├── index.js
│   ├── index.css
│   └── logo.svg
│
├── .gitignore
├── package.json
└── package-lock.json
```

Installing Required Packages

Use the following command in your terminal to install the necessary backend dependencies:

npm install express mongoose dotenv multer jsonwebtoken bcryptjs cors socket.io

For the frontend (React), run:

npm install axios react-router-dom socket.io-client

Database Setup (MongoDB)

- Install **MongoDB Community Server** locally or use **MongoDB Atlas** for cloud.
- In .env, configure your MongoDB URI:

MONGODB_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/smartmechanic

JWT_SECRET=your_jwt_secret_key

- Use mongoose to define models for:
  - User.js
  - SOSRequest.js
  - Message.js
  - Review.js
  - RepairCost.js

Backend Configuration

- server.js sets up Express server and connects to MongoDB.
- authMiddleware.js is used to protect routes with JWT.
- Route files in /routes/ handle logic for different modules:
  - User auth and profile management
  - SOS creation and assignment
  - Messaging (text/image)
  - Rating and review submission
  - Mechanic search and data fetch
  - Cost estimation

Real-Time Communication

Use **Socket.IO** for:

- Real-time chat updates

- SOS alert notifications
- Mechanic assignment notifications

Initialize sockets in **server.js** and handle client-side logic in **ChatRoom.js**.

Image Uploads

Use **Multer** middleware in your backend:

- Configure a storage engine for saving uploads to the /uploads/ directory.
- Accept image formats: .jpg, .png, .webp.

Frontend Pages (React)

Each functional page is developed as a component in **src/pages**:

- **Login/Register** – authentication via JWT
- **SOS** – form to raise emergency help with geolocation
- **FindMechanics** – fetch and display nearby mechanics on map
- **ChatRoom** – real-time chat UI with image support
- **Reviews** – form to submit mechanic reviews
- **RepairCost** – simple issue-based cost estimation
- **Dashboards** – for user and mechanic views
- **Chatbot** – optional assistant for common queries

5. TESTING

5.1 INTRODUCTION TO TESTING

Testing is a crucial phase in the software development lifecycle, aimed at ensuring that the application functions correctly, reliably, and efficiently under various conditions. By identifying and resolving bugs or logical errors early in the development process, testing significantly reduces the risk of system failure and enhances user satisfaction. The testing process involves examining the behavior of individual modules, validating data processing logic, and ensuring proper integration between system components. It also plays a vital role in verifying whether the system meets the specified requirements and performs as expected in real-world scenarios.

In the **Smart Mechanic Finder** project, testing was employed to evaluate the accuracy, stability, and responsiveness of the system across various modules. Given the system's real-time nature and its reliance on location services, communication protocols, and user interactions, comprehensive testing was essential to ensure robustness, reliability, and user-friendliness. Each component was subjected to a variety of test cases to validate not only its functional correctness but also its behavior in edge cases and under load.

The primary objectives of the testing phase for this project were to:

- Ensure smooth navigation between all pages (login, registration, SOS, mechanic dashboard, chat, etc.).
- Validate proper creation and retrieval of SOS requests.
- Confirm accurate display of nearby mechanics based on geolocation data.
- Verify that real-time chat between user and mechanic functions seamlessly.
- Test push notifications upon SOS acceptance.
- Check correct submission and aggregation of mechanic ratings and reviews.
- Evaluate backend API responses for stability, accuracy, and performance.

5.1 TEST CASES

Table 5.1 Test Cases.

S. No	Test Case Name	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Remarks
1	New User Registration	Name, Email, Password	Redirects to login page after registration	Redirects to login page after registration	Pass
2	Redirect after Login	Email and Password	Redirects to dashboard	Redirects to dashboard	Pass
3	Clicking on Find Mechanics	Location	Redirects to find mechanics page and shows nearby mechanics	Redirects to find mechanics page and shows nearby mechanics	Pass
4	Clicking on Send SOS	Location	shows confirmation	shows confirmation	Pass
5	Mechanic Accepts SOS	Accept action from mechanic	User is notified and mechanic assigned	User is notified and mechanic assigned	Pass
6	User Opens Chat with Mechanic	Name, Email, Password	Redirects to login page after registration	Redirects to login page after registration	Pass
7	Redirect after Login	Click on chat with mechanic button	Redirects to chat page and loads chat interface	Redirects to chat page and loads chat interface	Pass
8	Sending Text Message and images	Text + Image	Stores text and images and updates chat view	Stores text and images and updates chat view	Pass
9	Rating a Mechanic	Rating + Review	Saves rating and updates average rating	Saves rating and updates average rating	Pass
10	Logout Functionality	Click on logout button	Redirects to login page	Redirects to login page	Pass

6. RESULTS

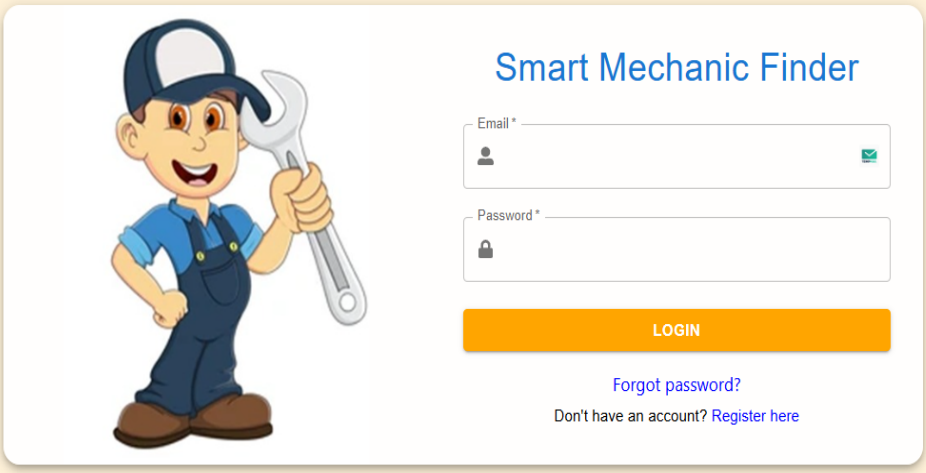

Fig. 6.1 shows the Login page and it is the initial page displayed upon initially loading the local host address.

Fig. 6.2 shows the Registration page displayed clicking on the Register button.

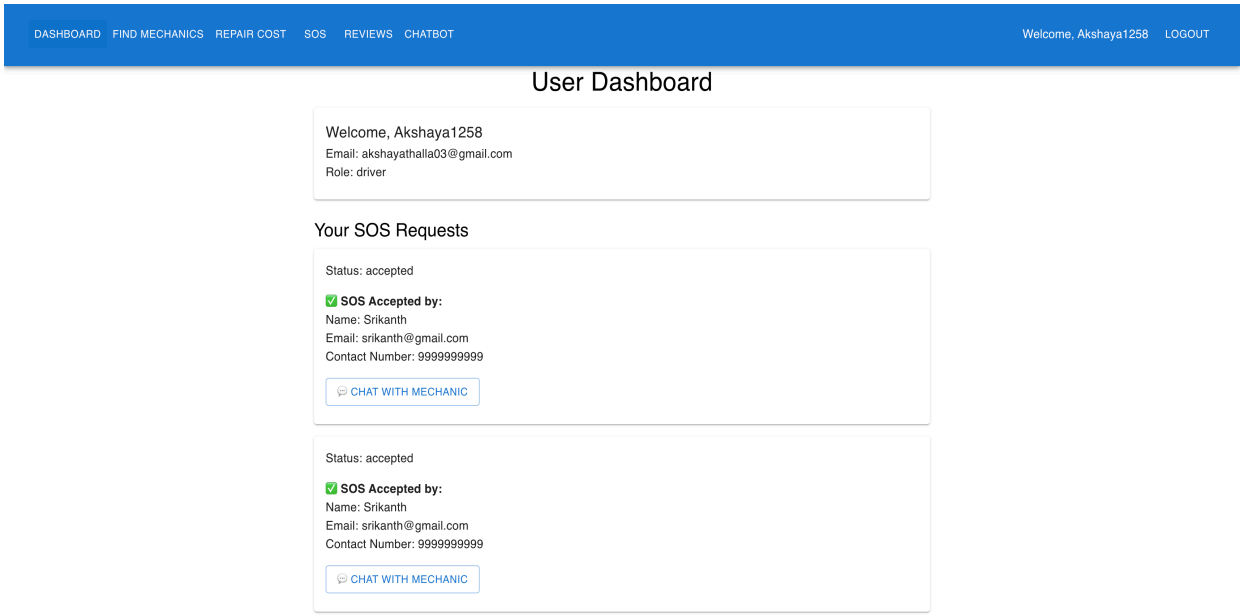

Fig. 6.3 shows the User Dashboard page and it contains the details of mechanics who accept our SOS requests.

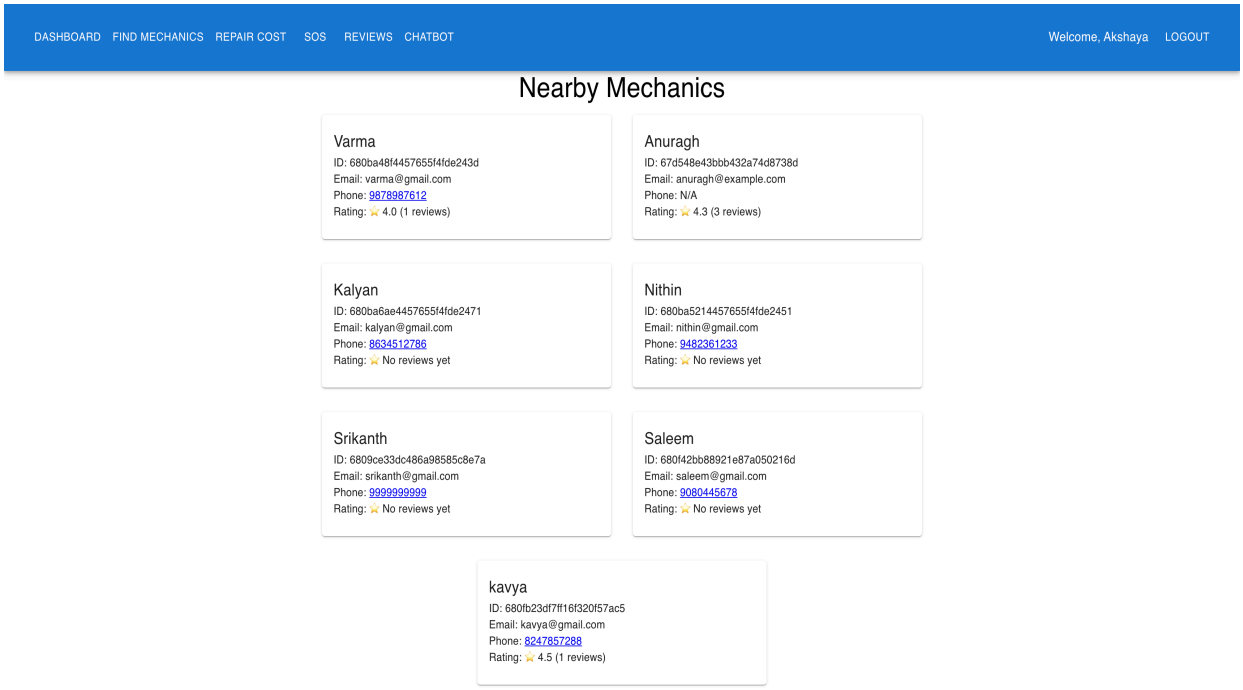

Fig. 6.4 shows the Near By Mechanics page which displays details of mechanics within our radius.

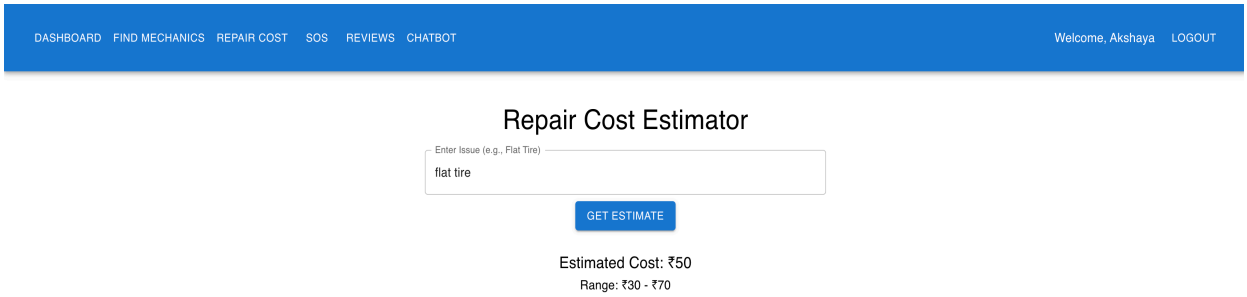

Fig. 6.5 Repair Cost Estimator Page which is used to predict cost of repair.

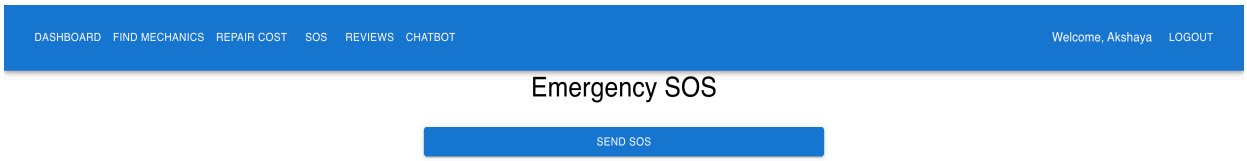

Fig. 6.6 shows the SOS page and it helps to send an emergency SOS alert to nearby mechanics.

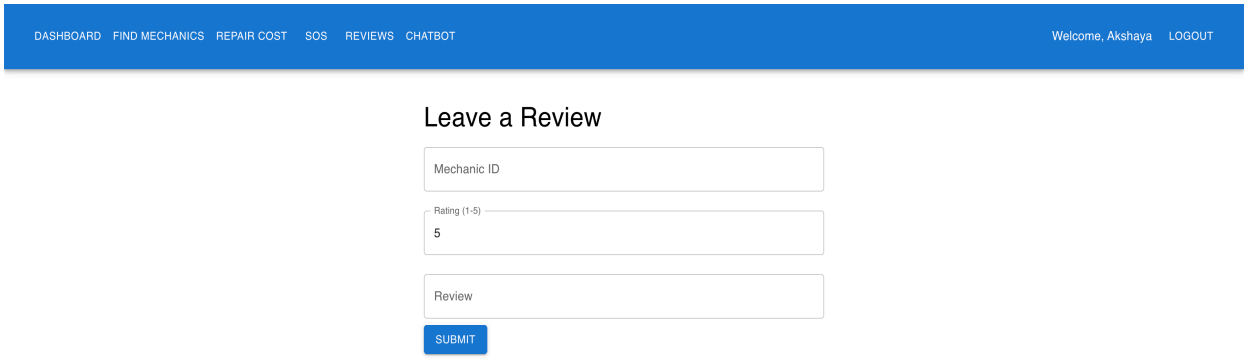

Fig. 6.7 shows the Reviews Page which helps to give feedback to a mechanic.

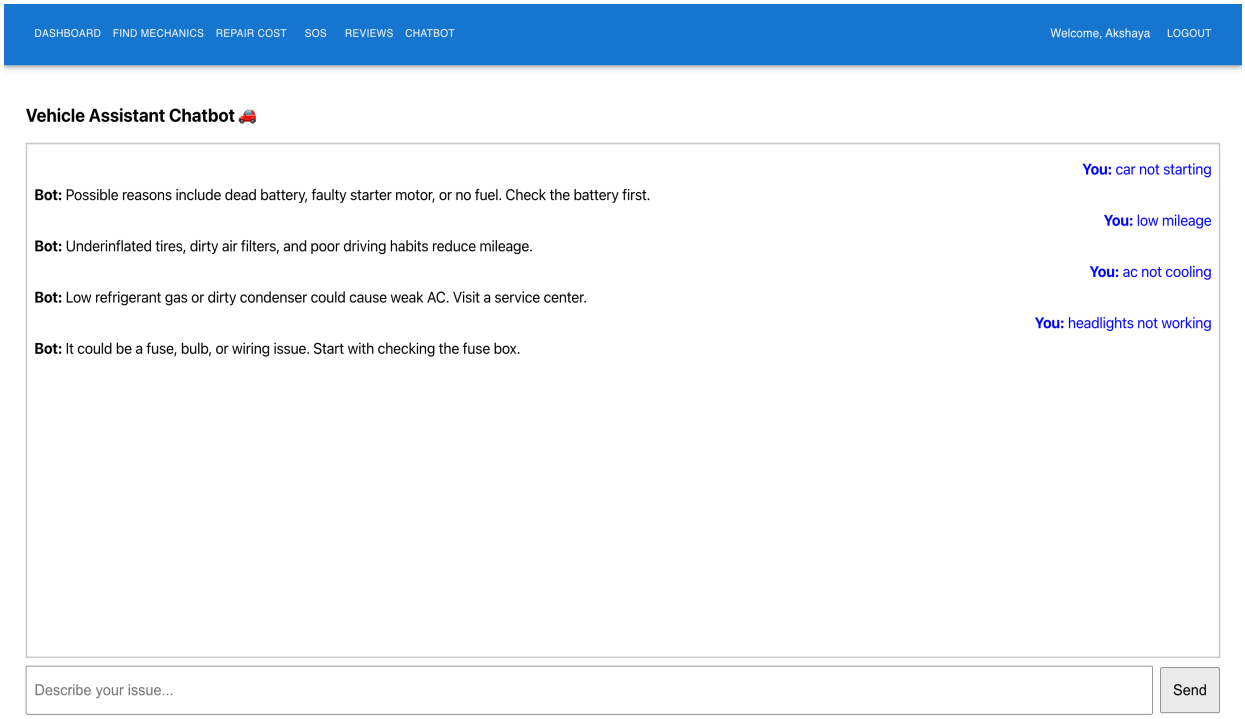

Fig. 6.8 shows the Chat Bot page and it is an AI chatbot which gives solutions to simple problems.

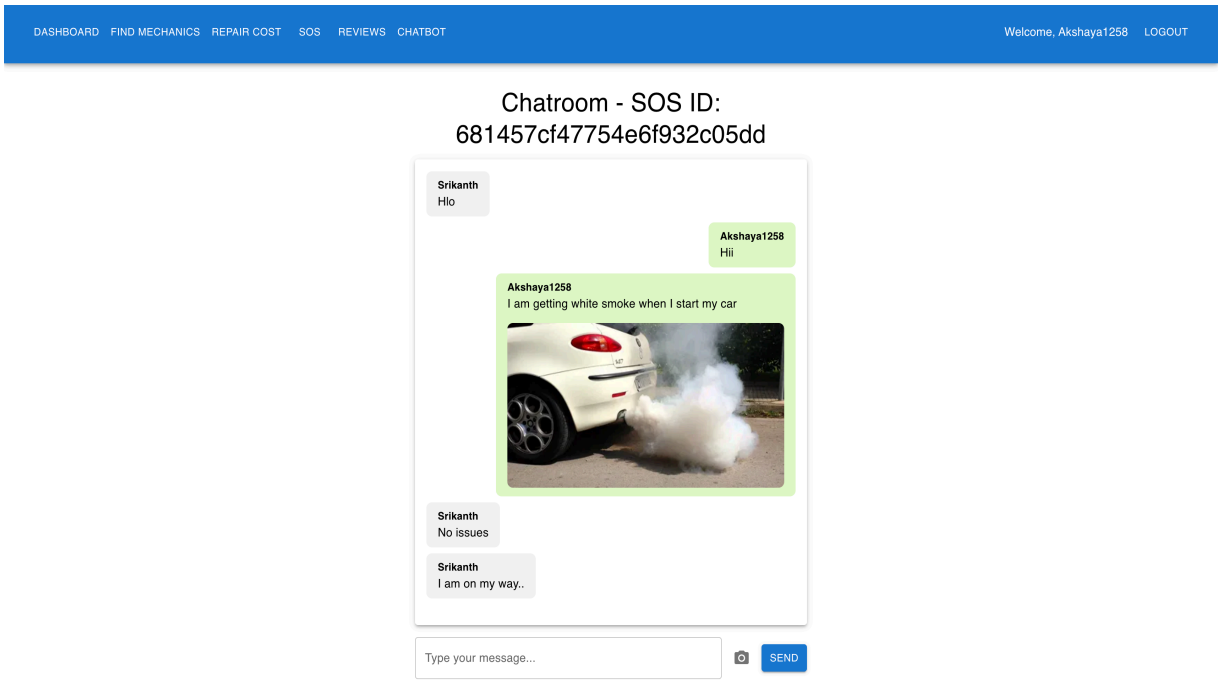

Fig. 6.9 shows the Chat Room which connects the mechanics and users.

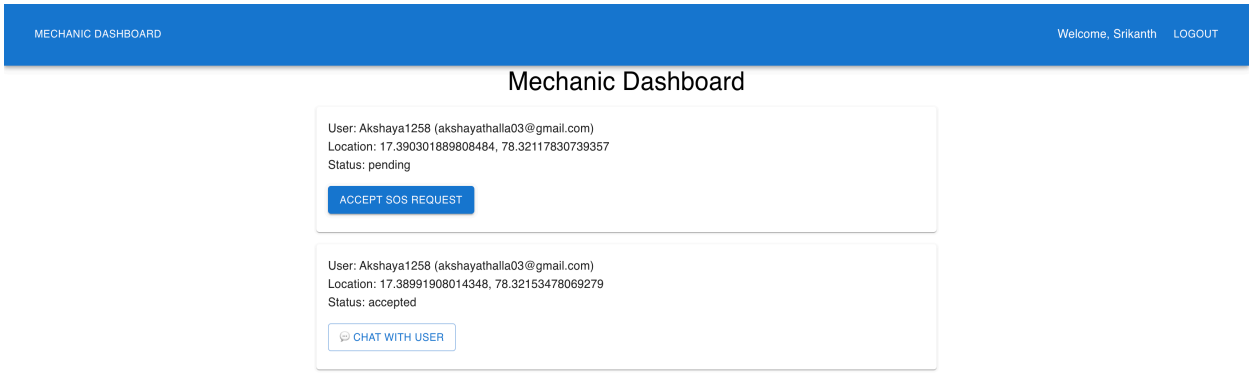

Fig. 6.10 shows the Mechanics Dashboard page which shows the Emergency SOS alerts send by the users

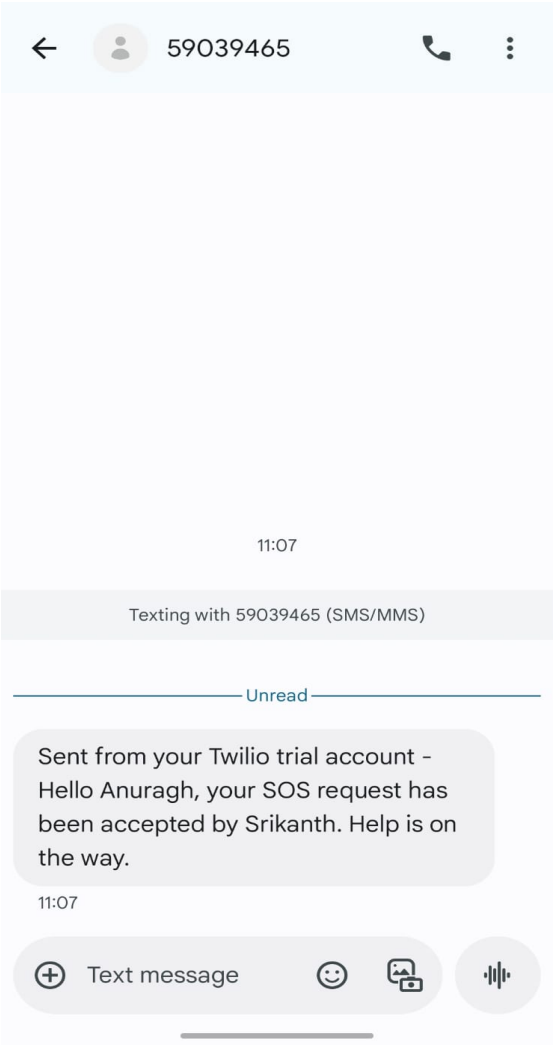

Fig. 6.11 shows the push notifications for the users as soon as a mechanic accepts the SOS request.

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

7.1 CONCLUSION

The **Smart Mechanic Finder** project represents a significant step forward in bridging the gap between vehicle breakdowns and immediate, reliable roadside assistance through intelligent technology. By integrating geolocation services, real-time data processing, and user-centric design, the system successfully transforms a traditionally stressful and uncertain experience—car trouble on the road—into a streamlined, efficient solution. Through the use of a robust backend powered by MongoDB and a dynamic React.js frontend, the platform allows drivers to quickly locate nearby mechanics, submit emergency SOS requests, and communicate in real-time, thereby minimizing downtime and enhancing safety.

The inclusion of additional features such as live mechanic tracking, a repair cost estimator, and a ratings and review system significantly improves transparency and trust between users and service providers. Furthermore, the system's chat functionality, complete with image sharing and push notifications, makes the experience interactive and responsive, offering users the confidence and convenience expected from modern digital services.

Overall, the project not only demonstrates the effective application of full-stack development practices but also showcases how AI-driven and geolocation-based solutions can be used to solve real-world problems. By focusing on usability, scalability, and reliability, the Smart Mechanic Finder achieves its goal of providing quick, intelligent, and accessible help for vehicle owners in distress—ultimately paving the way for future innovation in smart automotive assistance platforms.

7.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Looking ahead, the **Smart Mechanic Finder** system has substantial potential for feature expansion and technical advancement to further improve user experience, functionality, and service efficiency. One of the most impactful upgrades would be the integration of **real-time mechanic tracking**, similar to ride-sharing platforms like Uber, enabling users

to view the live location and ETA of their assigned mechanic. This would significantly enhance transparency and reduce the uncertainty during emergencies. Additionally, the incorporation of an **Advanced AI Chatbot**, powered by GPT-4, can offer intelligent, conversational troubleshooting support, helping users better understand potential issues before a mechanic even arrives—creating a smarter, more interactive experience.

To improve service visibility and reliability, the platform could implement a **Mechanic Availability Toggle**, allowing mechanics to mark themselves as "online" or "offline," so users only see available professionals on the map, leading to quicker response times and reduced frustration. A seamless **In-App Payment System** would also be an essential enhancement, enabling users to securely pay for services directly through the platform and receive digital billing, thus simplifying transactions and promoting accountability.

Moreover, offering **Service History & Invoicing** features would allow users to track their previous repairs, download receipts, and maintain a well-organized digital record of vehicle maintenance, aiding both in personal management and insurance claims. The development of a comprehensive **Admin Dashboard** would empower administrators to efficiently manage user profiles, mechanic accounts, SOS records, payments, and analytical data, making the system scalable and easier to monitor. Lastly, to enhance accessibility and ease of use, especially in critical situations, the integration of **Voice-Based SOS and Chat functionality** would allow users to call for help and communicate without manual typing, catering especially to drivers in distress or users with accessibility needs. Together, these future enhancements will elevate the Smart Mechanic Finder into a robust, intelligent, and full-service automotive assistance platform.

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