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Airline Management System

Software used to efficiently manage all actively of airline system

There are several component present in Airline management system

- 1> Flight Reservation
- 2> Payment Handling
- 3> Flight Scheduling
- 4> Dynamic Pricing
- 5> Flight Cancellation
- 6> Staff and crew management

Design Approach
Bottom-Up Approach

Requirements

We will focus on the following set of requirements while designing the Airline Management System:

- R1: Customers should be able to search for flights for a given date and source/destination airport.
- R2: Customers should be able to reserve a ticket for any scheduled flight. Customers can also build a multi-flight itinerary.
- R3: Users of the system can check flight schedules, their departure time, available seats, arrival time, and other flight details.
- R4: Customers can make reservations for multiple passengers under one itinerary.
- R5: Only the admin of the system can add new aircrafts, flights, and flight schedules. Admin can cancel any pre-scheduled flight (all stakeholders will be notified).
- R6: Customers can cancel their reservation and itinerary.
- R7: The system should be able to handle the assignment of pilots and crew members to flights.
- R8: The system should be able to handle payments for reservations.
- R9: The system should be able to send notifications to customers whenever a reservation is made/modified or there is an update for their flights or flight cancelled.
- R10: Dynamic flight price rate based on number of day left and seat filled
- R11: Food Booking in Flight .
- R12: Seat booking in Flight based on window seat or Leg Space or Business Seat and cost

Seat:
Type
SeatNumber
Class

Actors/High Level entity

[Admin]→ Flight Manager, AircraftManager [Flight]-> Seat → SeatType [Flight]→Schedule [Flight]→Price strategy [Reservation]→ [Notification] [FoodBooking]->[MenuItem]

```
Customer and Admin
 Class User {
                                               Flight, FlightSegment and Schedule
 Name
 Email
                                               Class Flight{
 Phone
                                               Name
 List<Booking> booking
                                               Id
                                               Aircraft From
                                               Aircraft To
                                               List<Schedule> schedule
                                               List<Seat> seats;
                                               List<CrewAssigment> crewList;
                                               PricingStrategy pricingStrategy;
                                               List<MenuItem> menu;
                                               class Flight {
                                                 String id;
                                                 String name;
                                                 Location from;
                                                 Location to;
                                                 Aircraft aircraft;
                                                 List<Schedule> schedule; // recurrence
                                               rules
                                                 List<MenuItem> menu;
  Class Admin extend User
                                               Class FlightSegment
 void addFlight(Flight flight)
                                               segmentId;
 void cancelFlight(Flight flight)
                                               Flight
 void addAircraft(Aircraft aircraft)
                                               LocalDate departure;
                                               LocalDate arrival;
                                               List<Seat> availableSeat;
                                               FlightStatus status
                                               class FlightSegment {
                                                 String id;
                                                 LocalDate flightDate;
                                                 Flight flight; // reference to the
                                               recurring flight
                                                 List<Seat> seats; // seat availability
                                                 List<CrewAssignment> crewList; //
                                               flight-specific crew
                                                 PricingStrategy pricingStrategy;
                                                 boolean isCancelled;
                                                 FlightStatus status;
                                                 LocalDateTime actualDepartureTime;
                                               class FlightSchedule {
                                                 String scheduleId;
                                                 LocalDateTime departure;
                                                 LocalDateTime arrival;
                                                 boolean isCancelled;
                                               Class Aircraft
                                               String aircraftId;
                                               String model;
                                               Int totalSeat;
                                               List<Seat> seatConfiguration;
                                               Class Airport{
                                               Name
                                               Id
```

```
City
country
}

Enum SeatType
{
    ECONOMY,
    PREMIUM,
    BUSINESS,
    FIRST_CLASS,
    WINDOW,
    LEG_SPACE
}

Class Seat{
    seatNumber:int
    seatType:SeatType
    basePrice:double
    isBooked: Boolean
}
```

After creating class Flight

I think I have completed core part and this give me a rough idea

```
class Itinerary{
String itineraryld;
List<FlightSegment> flightsegment;
List<Passanger> passangerList;
Reservation servervation;
}
Class Reservation{
rerservationId
PaymentStatus
List<Notification> notification;
ReservationStatus status;
}
```

Food Menu

```
Class FoodMenu{
String itemId;
String name;
Double price;
Boolean veg;
}

Class Passenger{
String name;
String ld;
Seat Seat;
List<MenuItem>
}
```

What is pending now?

```
class CrewMember
{
String id;
String name;
CrewRole role;
}
Enum CrewRole{
PILOT,CO_PILOT, FLIGHT_ATTENDENT
}
```

```
Class CrewAssignment{
CrewMemberId
FlightSegment segment;
}

Payment{
String paymentId;
Double amount;
PaymentStatus status;
PaymentMethod method;
LocalDateTime time;
}
```

Dynamic Pricing Strategy

```
Interface PricingStrategy
{
    Double calculatePricing(seat seat, LocationDateTime flightDate,int seatLeft)
}

DynamicPricingStrategy implement PricingStrategy{

public double calculatePrice(Seat seat, LocalDateTime flightDate, int seatsLeft) {
    long daysToDeparture = ChronoUnit.DAYS.between(LocalDateTime.now(), flightDate);
    double multiplier = (daysToDeparture < 5 ? 1.5 : 1.0) + (seatsLeft < 10 ? 0.5 : 0.0);
    return seat.basePrice * multiplier;
    }
}
```

We will use notification service to send the notification to the server.

What is a FlightSegment in Airline LLD?

Definition:

A FlightSegment represents a leg of a journey — one continuous flight from a source airport to a destination airport that is part of a larger itinerary.

Design Motivation

- 1> Modularity
- 2> Flexibile for multi leg itenary
- 3> Different Airline or aircraft per flight

So Why Track availableSeats in FlightSegment?

Because seat availability is dynamic and date-specific, and FlightSegment is bound to a date and itinerary.

Real-world Example

Flight Al101:

- Aircraft: Boeing 777
- Total seats: 300
- Runs daily: Delhi → London

FlightSegment for 1st August (Al101 on Aug 1):

Only 30 seats left unbooked

FlightSegment for 2nd August (Al101 on Aug 2):

200 seats available

→ You need to track available seats per segment, per date, per flight instance, not in the Flight class, because Flight is like a reusable blueprint.

- ☑ FlightSchedule: Airline's recurring plan
- FlightSegment: Customer's specific selected flight instance

Yes — you're on the **right track again.** Your current design defines the Flight class as if it represents **both the recurring template and the actual flight instance**, which can lead to coupling between static and dynamic concerns.

Let's Split Flight into Two Core Concepts

```
1. Flight or FlightSchedule — Recurring or Planned Flight
class Flight {
    String id;
    String name;
    Location from;
    Location to;
    Aircraft aircraft;
    List<Schedule> schedule; // E.g., MON, WED, FRI at 10:30
    List<MenuItem> menu; // Usually same for recurring flights
```

This is static data — planned, recurring info (unchanging unless the plan changes).

2. FlightSegment — Actual Flight on a Specific Date

```
class FlightSegment {
   String id;
   LocalDate flightDate;
   Flight flight; // Reference to the recurring schedule
   List<Seat> seats; // Seat availability for this date
   List<CrewAssignment> crewList; // Crew assigned for this journey
   PricingStrategy pricingStrategy; // Dynamic pricing per segment
   FlightStatus status; // ON_TIME, CANCELLED, DELAYED, etc.
   boolean isCancelled;
   LocalDateTime actualDepartureTime;
}
```

This is dynamic data — real-time state of a specific flight on a specific day.

Why This Change Makes Sense

Moved from Flight \rightarrow FlightSegment Why

List<CrewAssignment> Crew changes daily — shifts, rosters are dynamic

Pricing Strategy Pricing varies by date, time, demand
List<Seat> Seat availability is per flight segment
FlightStatus / isCancelled Status applies only to specific flight date

Final Class Structure

String id;

Flight – the Recurring Plan class Flight {

```
String name;
  Location from;
  Location to;
  Aircraft aircraft;
  List<Schedule> schedule; // recurrence rules
  List<MenuItem> menu;
FlightSegment – a Specific Instance
class FlightSegment {
  String id;
  LocalDate flightDate;
  Flight flight; // reference to the recurring flight
  List<Seat> seats; // seat availability
  List<CrewAssignment> crewList; // flight-specific crew
  PricingStrategy pricingStrategy;
  boolean isCancelled;
  FlightStatus status;
  LocalDateTime actualDepartureTime;
```

Sample Use Case

Search Flight:

}

User wants flights from **DEL to BOM on 2025-08-01**:

- 1. Query FlightSegment for date = 2025-08-01, origin = DEL, dest = BOM
- 2. Use data from FlightSegment (seats, pricing, cancellation) for booking UI
- 3. Link to parent Flight for static info (name, aircraft, menu)

Summary

- Move dynamic data like crew, pricing, status, seats to FlightSegment
- Keep static, reusable data in Flight
- Think of FlightSegment as a daily instance of the Flight
- Easier to manage changes e.g., cancel a specific flight, apply surge pricing, assign crew

Let me know if you'd like me to:

- Refactor Java classes completely
- Add repository/DB mapping (JPA)
- Build REST API or service methods (searchFlights(date, from, to))
- **Query Optimization Example**

""sql
SELECT fs.*
FROM flight_segment fs
JOIN flight f ON fs.flight_id = f.id
WHERE fs.origin = 'DEL'
AND fs.destination = 'BOM'
AND fs.flight_date = '2025-08-01'
AND fs.is_cancelled = false
AND fs.available_seats > 0
ORDER BY fs.flight_time ASC
LIMIT 20;

- > * Index on: `flight_date`, `origin`, `destination`, `is_cancelled`, `available_seats`
- > * Partition by `flight_date`