# Chapter 2 – Literature review

First, I started searching for platforms and methods of renting tools online.

I found most of them were not peer-to-peer (P2P). Instead, they were businesses offering their own tools for rent/hire, where you select a tool and check for availability in one of their stores. Two of these businesses are HSS Hire and United Rentals.

The only app I found that did offer a good peer-to-peer (P2P) renting services was Sparetoolz. However, the app is only available on iOS.

Another method I found lots of people using is renting through social media platforms such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook…etc. Where they post about their tools and receive requests in the direct-messages. Then paying in-cash on delivery.

Then, I started to search for the best methods of renting, while protecting the owner, the renter, and the tool.

I found the best method is for the owner to set an insurance amount that will be held on the renter’s credit card, and will be returned once the tool is returned in a good condition. Also, the renter and owner must submit their IDs so they could be held legally accountable, and to make banning a user from the system services easier.

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