ATM Banking Application - Python

A web-based ATM banking simulation application built with Python and Node.js, featuring real-time terminal interaction through WebSocket connections.

Live Demo

- **Production Site**: https://atm-banking-application.onrender.com/
- **Responsive Preview**: https://ui.dev/amiresponsive?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatm-banking-application.onrender.com%2F

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Overview

This application simulates a real ATM banking system with a web-based terminal interface. It provides core banking functionalities including account authentication, balance checking, deposits, withdrawals, and transaction history.

Features

- **ATM Simulation**: Complete ATM workflow simulation
- **Authentication**: Secure card number and PIN verification with masked input
- **Banking Operations**: Deposit, withdrawal, balance inquiry, and money transfers
- **Google Sheets Integration**: Real-time data storage and retrieval
- **Web Terminal**: Browser-based terminal interface using xterm.js
- **Real-time Updates**: WebSocket-powered live communication
- **Responsive Design**: Fully optimized for mobile phones, tablets, and desktops
- **Dynamic UI**: Terminal appears on-demand when starting a session
- **Security**: PIN masking, encrypted credentials, and secure data handling
- **Accessibility**: High contrast, keyboard navigation, and screen reader compatible

Tech Stack

- **Backend**: Python 3.x, Node.js with Total.js framework
- **Frontend**: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, xterm.js
- **Database**: Google Sheets API
- **Communication**: WebSocket for real-time terminal interaction
- **Deployment**: Render.com with automatic builds
- **Responsive Framework**: Custom CSS media queries for all device sizes
- **Security**: Cross-platform PIN masking (msvcrt for Windows, termios for Linux/Unix), input validation, error handling
- **Code Quality**: Comprehensive docstrings, type-safe error handling, input sanitization

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Group Assignment

Project Proposal: assets/ProjectProposal_Group4.pdf

Project Management: Kanban Board

This ATM Banking Application was developed as part of a collaborative group assignment for the BSc Honours in Contemporary Software Development program at Atlantic Technological University (ATU). The project proposal document contains the complete project specifications, objectives, and development plan that guided this implementation.

The development team utilized a Kanban board for agile project management, tracking tasks, features, and bug fixes throughout the development lifecycle. The board provided visibility into work progress and facilitated efficient collaboration among team members.

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ATM System Architecture

Understanding ATM Hardware

An ATM (Automated Teller Machine) consists of several key components:

Hardware Components

- **Card Reader**: Reads magnetic stripe or chip cards
- **PIN Pad**: Secure keypad for PIN entry and amount input
- **Display Screen**: Shows user interface (32x16 character grid traditionally)
- **Function Keys**: Side buttons (4+4) or touchscreen for menu navigation
- **Cash Dispenser**: Mechanical unit for dispensing banknotes
- **Receipt Printer**: Prints transaction receipts
- **Security Sensors**: Various sensors for tamper detection

Software Standards

The industry uses the **CEN/XFS** (eXtension For Financial Services) standard, which provides:

- Unified hardware abstraction layer
- Device driver standardization
- Client-server architecture with XFS Manager API

Software Components

Banking Application Layer

The user-facing application that:

- Collects customer input
- Validates credentials
- Processes transactions
- Communicates with host systems
- Manages user interface flow

Communication Protocols

- **NDC/DDC**: Industry protocols for host communication
- **ISO 8583**: Message format for financial transactions
- **TLS/SSL**: Encrypted communication channels

State Management

ATMs operate in different modes:

- **Power Up**: System initialization
- **Offline**: No server connection
- **Supervisor**: Service/maintenance mode
- **Out of Service**: Non-operational
- **In Service**: Normal operation mode

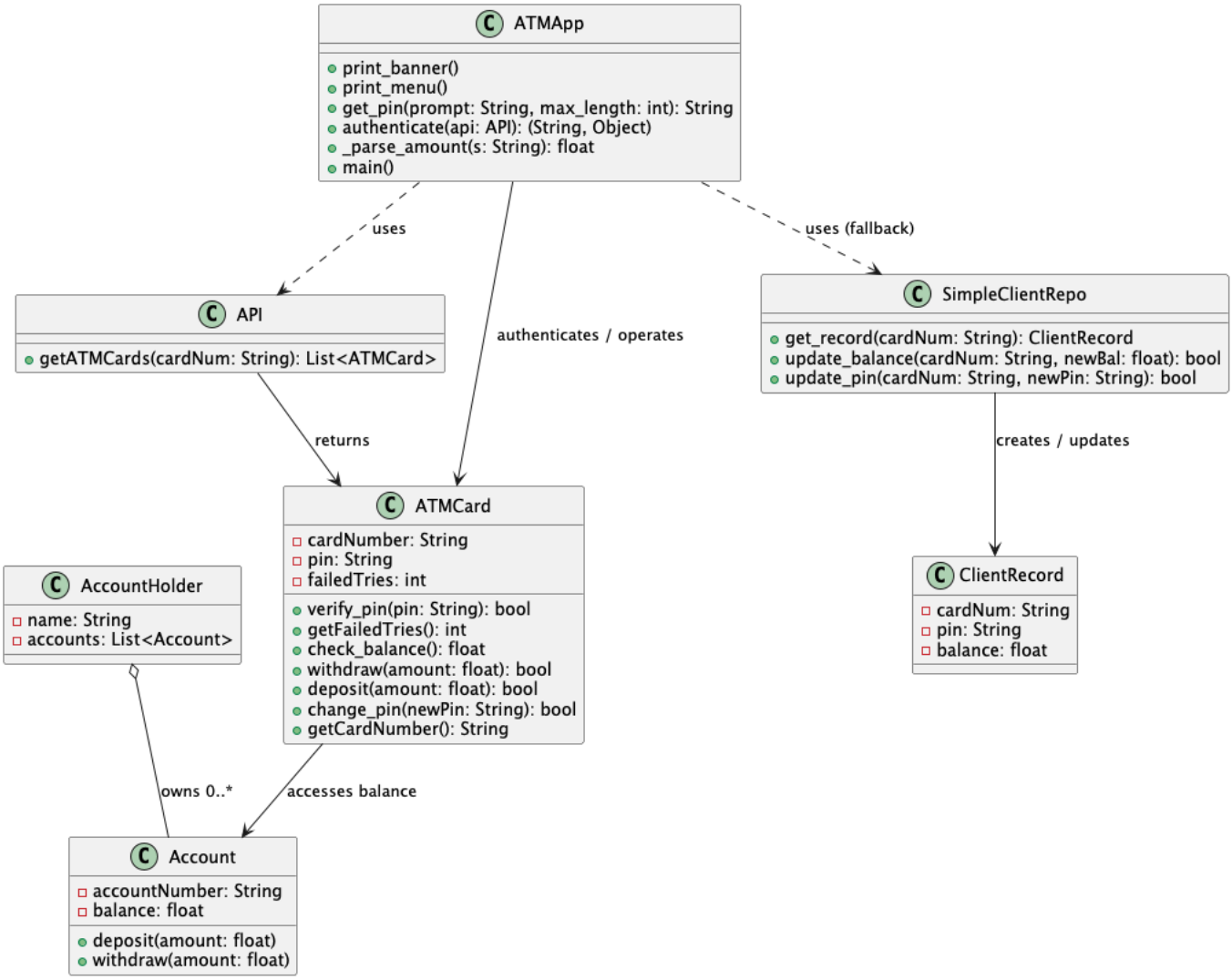
Each operational state (001-999) defines:

```
000 A00100101100800400200110 4
```

- `000`: State number
- `A`: State type (A=Card read, B=PIN entry, etc.)
- `001`: Screen number to display
- `001`: Success transition state
- `011`: Error transition state
- Additional parameters for specific operations

Class Diagram

The application follows object-oriented design principles with clear separation of concerns:



Key Components:

- **ATMApp**: Main application controller managing user flow and authentication
- **API**: Handles Google Sheets integration for data persistence
- **ATMCard**: Manages card operations (PIN verification, withdrawals, deposits, balance checks)
- **Account**: Represents user account with balance operations
- **AccountHolder**: Manages account holder information and account relationships
- **SimpleClientRepo**: Repository pattern for client data operations (CRUD operations)
- **ClientRecord**: Data model representing client information structure

The diagram illustrates the relationships and dependencies between core classes, showing how the application maintains separation between data access, business logic, and user interface layers.

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Web Interface Architecture

Controller Layer

File: `controllers/default.js`

Manages web interface and terminal integration with these key components:

WebSocket Connection

- Real-time bidirectional communication
- Handles multiple concurrent sessions
- Automatic connection recovery

Child Process Management

```
// Spawns Python process with UTF-8 encoding
python = spawn("python", ["-u", "run.py"], {
  env: { ...process.env, PYTHONIOENCODING: "utf-8" },
});
```

Features

- **Process Isolation**: Each connection gets its own Python instance
- **Real-time I/O**: Live stdout/stderr forwarding
- **Input Handling**: Browser keystrokes sent to Python stdin
- **Auto Cleanup**: Process termination on disconnect

Views Layer

Files: `views/layout.html`, `views/index.html`

Layout Components

- **Base Template**: Common HTML structure and styling
- **xterm.js Integration**: Terminal emulator from CDN
- **Responsive Design**: Comprehensive media queries for all devices
  - Mobile phones (320px - 768px)
  - Tablets (768px - 1024px)
  - Desktops (1024px - 1440px)
  - Large displays (1440px - 2560px)
  - 4K screens (2560px+)
- **Dynamic Sizing**: Terminal automatically adjusts to viewport
- **Orientation Support**: Optimized for portrait and landscape modes

Terminal Features

- **On-Demand Display**: Terminal hidden until "Run Program" is clicked
- **Local Echo**: Immediate keystroke feedback
- **Line Editing**: Backspace support and input buffering
- **Enter Handling**: Sends complete lines to Python application
- **Auto-Resize**: Terminal dimensions adjust on window resize
- **Touch Support**: Mobile-optimized touch interactions
- **Dynamic Font Scaling**: Font size adjusts based on screen size (9px - 18px)
- **Scrollback Buffer**: 1000 lines of history

File Structure

```
├── controllers/
│   └── default.js          # WebSocket + Python bridge
├── views/
│   ├── layout.html         # Base layout + xterm setup
│   └── index.html          # Terminal UI + WebSocket client
├── img/                    # Documentation images
├── run.py                  # Main Python ATM application
├── index.js                # Total.js server entry point
├── package.json            # Node.js dependencies
├── requirements.txt        # Python dependencies
├── render.yaml             # Render deployment config
├── apt.txt                 # System packages for Render
└── README.md               # This documentation
```

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Installation & Setup

Prerequisites

- **Node.js**: Version 20.x or higher
- **Python**: Version 3.8 or higher
- **Git**: For version control
- **Google Account**: For Sheets API (optional)

Local Development

1. **Clone the repository**:

```
git clone <your-repo-url>
cd ATM_Banking_Application
```

2. **Install Node.js dependencies**:

```
npm install
```

3. **Install Python dependencies**:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

4. **Start the development server**:

```
npm start
```

5. **Access the application**:
    - Open http://localhost:3000
    - Click "Run Program"
    - Follow the ATM prompts

Google Sheets Integration

1. **Create Google Service Account**:
    - Go to Google Cloud Console
    - Create new project or select existing
    - Enable Google Sheets API
    - Create service account and download JSON key
2. **Setup Spreadsheet**:

```
Spreadsheet Name: client_database
Worksheet Name: client
Headers: cardNum | pin | firstName | lastName | balance
```

3. **Share with Service Account**:
    - Share your spreadsheet with the service account email
    - Grant "Editor" permissions
4. **Configure Credentials** (Choose one method):

    Method A: Environment Variable (Recommended)

```
export CREDS='{"type":"service_account","project_id":"..."}'
```

    Method B: Local File

```
# Place your service account JSON as creds.json in project root
cp path/to/your/service-account.json creds.json
```

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Deployment

Render Free Plan Setup

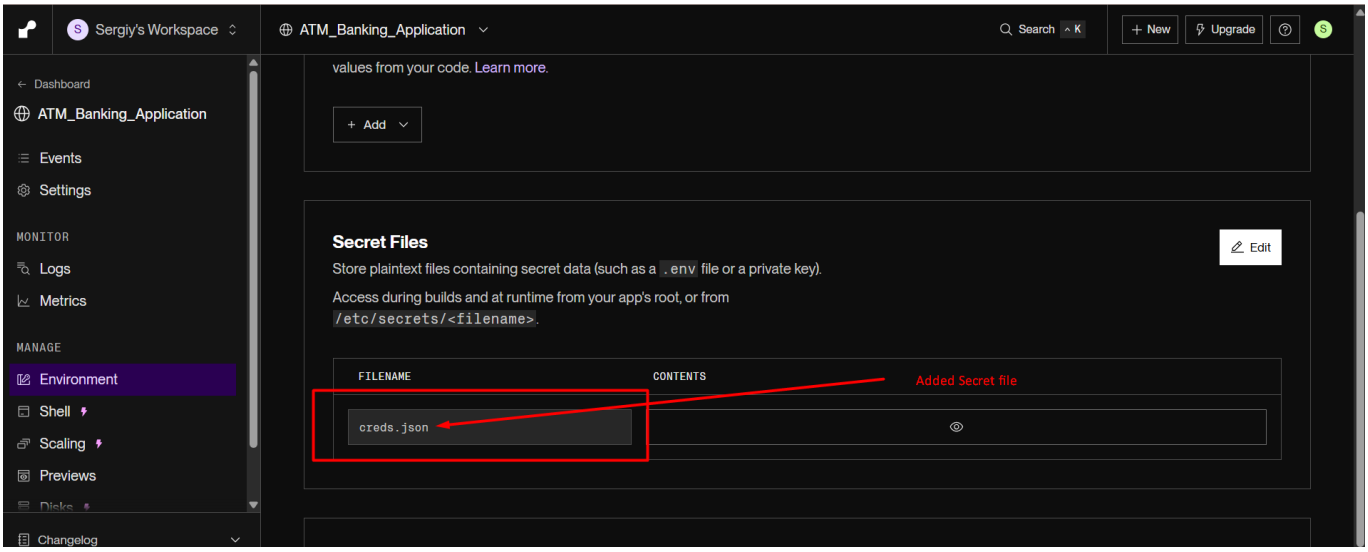
1. **Prepare Repository**:
    - Ensure all files are committed to Git
    - Push to GitHub/GitLab
2. **Create Render Service**:
    - Visit Render.com
    - Click "New" → "Web Service"
    - Connect your repository
3. **Configure Service**:

```
Name: atm-banking-application
Branch: main
Runtime: Node
Build Command: npm install && pip install -r requirements.txt
Start Command: npm start
```

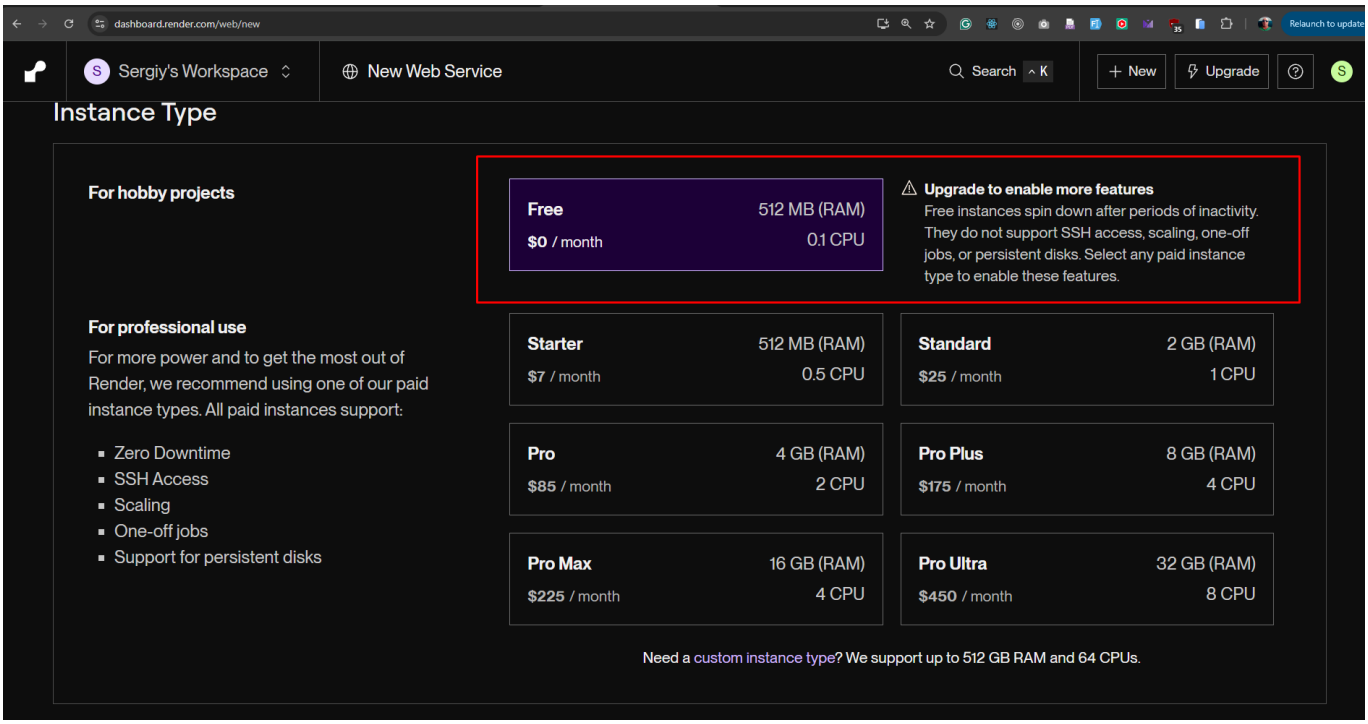
4. **Set Environment Variables**:

```
GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS=/etc/secrets/creds.json
```

5. **Add Secret Files**:
    - File Name: `creds.json`
    - Content: Your complete Google service account JSON
    - Path: `/etc/secrets/creds.json`



6. **Select Instance Type**:
    - Choose "Free" for development/testing
    - Note: Free tier has 512MB RAM limit and cold starts



7. **Deploy**:
    - Click "Create Web Service"
    - Wait for build completion
    - Test your deployed application

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Usage

Getting Started

1. **Access the Application**:
    - Navigate to your deployed URL or http://localhost:3000
    - You'll see a clean landing page with the ATM background image
    - Click the **"Run Program"** button to launch the terminal interface
    - The terminal will appear and automatically connect to the Python backend

2. **Authentication Process**:

```
╔═══════════════════════════════════════════════════════╗
║                  Welcome to the ATM                   ║
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Insert Your Card: [Enter your 16-digit card number]
PIN: **** [PIN is masked with asterisks for security when supported]
```

Security Note: PIN input masking adapts to your environment:

- **Local terminals**: PIN appears as asterisks (*) for maximum security
- **Web terminal (Render.com)**: Standard input mode - PIN displays as typed

- The application automatically detects which mode to use based on terminal capabilities

3. **ATM Main Menu**: After successful authentication, you'll see:

```
═══════════════════════════════════════════════════
            WELCOME TO YOUR ACCOUNT
═══════════════════════════════════════════════════
   Holder: [First Name] [Last Name]
   Card:   **** **** **** [Last 4 digits]
   Balance: €[Current Balance]
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   What would you like to do today?

Please choose from one of the following options...
1. Check Balance
2. Withdraw Funds
3. Deposit Funds
4. Change PIN
5. Transfer Money
6. Exit
```

Available Operations

1. Check Balance 💰

- Displays your current account balance
- Real-time data from Google Sheets
- Shows balance in Euro (€) format with proper formatting

2. Withdraw Funds 💸

- Enter amount to withdraw
- Automatic validation for:
  - Positive amounts only
  - Sufficient funds check
  - Real-time balance updates
- Format: Enter amount like `100` or `100.50`

3. Deposit Funds 💵

- Enter amount to deposit
- Automatic validation for positive amounts
- Real-time balance updates
- Format: Enter amount like `50` or `75.25`

4. Change PIN 🔐

- Enter new 4-digit PIN

- Confirm new PIN (must match)
- PIN must be numeric only
- Immediate database update

5. Transfer Money 🔄

- **New Feature**: Send money to other cardholders
- Process:

```
========================================
          MONEY TRANSFER
========================================
Amount to transfer: €[Enter amount]

Enter recipient card number:
→ [Enter recipient's 16-digit card number]

Send €[amount] to:
   [Recipient Name]
   Card: [Recipient Card Number]

Confirm? (y/n): [y to confirm, n to cancel]

SUCCESS! Transferred €[amount]
To: [Recipient Name]
Your new balance: €[New Balance]
```

6. Exit 🔚

- Safely terminates the session
- Returns to main screen

Test Card Holders

Use any of these sample accounts to test the application:

Card Number	PIN	First Name	Last Name	Features Available
4532772818527395	1234	Sergiy	Kochenko	All operations
4532761841325802	4321	Oleg	Dvoinisiuk	All operations
5128381368581872	6543	Francesco	Sciabbarrasi	All operations
6011188364697109	8765	Brian	McNamara	All operations
490693153147110	2040	Chris	Obroin	All operations

Sample Transaction Flow

Complete ATM Session Example:

```
# 1. Start Application
Insert Your Card: 4532772818527395
PIN: 1234

# 2. Welcome Screen
═══════════════════════════════════════════════════
             WELCOME TO YOUR ACCOUNT
═══════════════════════════════════════════════════
   Holder: Sergiy Kochenko
   Card:   **** **** **** 7395
   Balance: €1,250.75
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# 3. Check Balance
> 1
Current balance: €1,250.75

# 4. Withdraw Money
> 2
Amount to withdraw: 100
Withdrawn €100.00. New balance: €1,150.75

# 5. Transfer Money
> 5
Amount to transfer: €50
Enter recipient card number:
→ 4532761841325802

Send €50.00 to:
   Oleg Dvoinisiuk
   Card: 4532761841325802

Confirm? (y/n): y

SUCCESS! Transferred €50.00
To: Oleg Dvoinisiuk
Your new balance: €1,100.75

# 6. Exit
> 6
Goodbye!
```

Input Formats

Amounts:

- Accepts: `100`, `100.50`, `100,50`, `1 250,75`
- Automatically converts European format (comma as decimal)
- Must be positive numbers

Card Numbers:

- 16-digit format
- No spaces or dashes required
- Example: `4532772818527395`

PIN:

- 4-digit numeric code
- No spaces allowed
- **Masked input**: Displays as asterisks (****) for security
- Example: `1234` (appears as `****` when typing)
- Supports backspace for corrections
- Press Enter to submit

Error Handling

The application includes comprehensive error handling for:

- **Invalid Card**: "Card not found"
- **Wrong PIN**: "Incorrect PIN" (max 3 attempts)
- **Insufficient Funds**: "Withdrawal failed (insufficient funds)"
- **Invalid Amount**: "Invalid amount" or "Amount must be positive"
- **Transfer Errors**: "Recipient card not found" or "You cannot transfer to yourself"
- **Server Errors**: "Failed to update database" or "Server connection error"

Security Features

- **PIN Masking**: Real-time masking of PIN input with asterisks (*) - cross-platform support (msvcrt for Windows, termios for Linux/Unix) with max length enforcement (6 digits)
- **PIN Validation**: Minimum 4-digit requirement with numeric-only validation
- **Session Isolation**: Each user gets a separate Python process
- **PIN Verification**: Secure PIN validation with attempt limits (max 3 attempts)
- **Input Validation**: All inputs are sanitized and validated with type-safe error handling
- **Amount Validation**: Positive number checks with detailed error messages
- **Real-time Updates**: Immediate database synchronization
- **Transfer Confirmation**: Double confirmation for money transfers with recipient validation
- **Backspace Support**: Secure PIN editing during input
- **Error Protection**: Specific exception handling to prevent information leakage

Responsive Design Features

The application is fully responsive and optimized for all device types:

Device Optimization

Mobile Phones (320px - 768px)

- Terminal columns: 40-60
- Font size: 9-12px

- Height: 50-60vh
- Touch-optimized interactions
- Portrait and landscape support

Tablets (768px - 1024px)

- Terminal columns: 70
- Font size: 13px
- Height: 450px
- Optimized for both orientations

Desktop (1024px - 1440px)

- Terminal columns: 80
- Font size: 14px
- Height: 500px
- Full keyboard support

Large Displays (1440px+)

- Terminal columns: 100
- Font size: 15px
- Height: 600px
- Enhanced visual experience

4K Screens (2560px+)

- Terminal columns: 120
- Font size: 18px
- Height: 800px
- Maximum detail and clarity

Responsive Features

☑ **Dynamic Terminal Sizing**: Automatically adjusts columns and rows based on viewport
☑ **Auto Font Scaling**: Font size adapts from 9px to 18px for optimal readability
☑ **Orientation Detection**: Optimized layouts for portrait and landscape modes
☑ **Window Resize Handling**: Terminal resizes smoothly when window size changes
☑ **Touch Support**: Enhanced touch interactions for mobile devices
☑ **On-Demand Display**: Terminal appears only when needed, clean initial view
☑ **Button Scaling**: Responsive button sizes with hover and active states
☑ **No Horizontal Scroll**: Content always fits within viewport
☑ **Accessible on All Devices**: Tested on phones, tablets, and desktops

> **Note**: This is a demonstration application. All test accounts are for educational purposes only. In production, additional security measures including encryption, audit logging, and regulatory compliance would be required.

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Testing

Unit Testing

The project includes comprehensive unit tests for core functionality, focusing on the `cardHolder.py` module which contains critical banking operations.

Test Suite Overview

The test suite contains **102 comprehensive test cases** across **11 test classes** covering all critical application functionality:

1. TestRunModule (27 tests) - Main application logic:

- `_parse_amount()` - Amount parsing with various formats (7 tests)
- `print_banner()` - ASCII art banner display (3 tests)
- `print_menu()` - Menu display functionality (1 test)
- `get_pin()` - PIN input handling with masking (3 tests)
- `authenticate()` - Card/PIN validation and authentication flow (6 tests)
- `main()` - Main menu operations and user flow (7 tests)

2. TestCardHolderModule (24 tests) - Core data models:

- `formatFloatFromServer()` - Float formatting with comma/dot separators (3 tests)
- `_parse_balance_str()` - Balance parsing from various formats (3 tests)
- `ClientRecord` class - Initialization and data validation (3 tests)
- `Account` class - Account operations (2 tests)
- `ATMCard` class - PIN verification, withdrawals, deposits (13 tests)

3. TestCardHolderFunctions (9 tests) - Banking operations:

- `transfer_money()` - Money transfer scenarios (8 tests: success, failures, validation)
- `show_welcome_message()` - Welcome screen display (1 test)

4. TestAPIClass (7 tests) - Google Sheets API integration:

- API initialization (success/failure scenarios)
- `getAccountHolders()`, `getAccountByID()`, `getAccountByHolderID()`, `getATMCards()`

5. TestAccountHolderClass (3 tests) - Account holder management:

- Initialization and `updateAccount()` operations

6. TestSimpleClientRepo (11 tests) - Database operations:

- `get_record()`, `verify()`, `update_balance()`, `update_pin()` methods

7. TestAccountIncreaseBalance (2 tests) - Balance operations:

- `Account.increaseBalance()` with success and exception handling

8. TestATMCardDatabaseMethods (8 tests) - ATM card database operations:

- `setPin()`, `increaseFailedTries()`, `resetFailedTries()` methods

9. TestInputValidation (3 tests) - Input validation:

- Boundary conditions and format validation

10. TestErrorHandling (5 tests) - Exception handling:

- Various error scenarios and recovery

11. TestDataIntegrity (3 tests) - Data consistency:

- Data integrity checks and validation

Test Execution Results:

```
----------------------------------------------------------------------
Ran 102 tests in 0.284s

OK

======================================================================
TEST SUMMARY
======================================================================
Tests Run: 102
Successes: 102
Failures: 0
Errors: 0
Success Rate: 100.00%
======================================================================
PS C:\Users\Sergiy\Desktop\My-Webshop-Demo\ATM_Banking_Application> python -m coverage report -m
Name           Stmts   Miss  Cover   Missing
--------------------------------------------
cardHolder.py     339     26    92%   190, 242, 256, 271, 276-278, 328, 373, 421, 446, 468, 480-481, 486-487, 489-490, 496-497, 527, 529-530, 555, 566-567
run.py            339    166    51%   11-12, 19-21, 27-29, 33-35, 39-41, 47-48, 86, 97, 129, 134-138, 149-193, 212-214, 229-230, 242-243, 261-262, 304, 313-315, 329-330, 332, 336, 340-341, 343, 347, 352-353, 356, 358, 360, 362, 367-452, 456-459
test_atm.py       895      0   100%
--------------------------------------------
TOTAL            1573    192    88%
PS C:\Users\Sergiy\Desktop\My-Webshop-Demo\ATM_Banking_Application> python -m coverage html
Wrote HTML report to htmlcov\index.html
PS C:\Users\Sergiy\Desktop\My-Webshop-Demo\ATM_Banking_Application>
```

Final test execution showing 102/102 tests passing with 88% overall coverage

Test Coverage

Overall Application Coverage: 88%

The comprehensive test suite provides extensive coverage across all core application modules:

File	Statements	Missed	Coverage	Missing Lines
cardHolder.py	339	26	**92%**	Edge cases and rare exception paths
run.py	339	166	**51%**	Platform-specific code (msvcrt, termios), import error handling
test_atm.py	895	0	**100%**	All test code executed
TOTAL	1,573	192	**88%**	-


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OK

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```

Fully Covered Components ☑:

cardHolder.py (92% coverage):

- ☑ Data formatting and parsing functions (formatFloatFromServer, _parse_balance_str)
- ☑ ClientRecord class (initialization, balance parsing, data validation)
- ☑ SimpleClientRepo class (get_record, verify, update_balance, update_pin)
- ☑ Account class (initialization, balance operations, increaseBalance)
- ☑ ATMCard class (PIN verification, withdrawals, deposits, balance checks, database methods)
- ☑ API class (initialization, getAccountHolders, getAccountByID, getAccountByHolderID, getATMCards)
- ☑ AccountHolder class (initialization, updateAccount)
- ☑ transfer_money function (success/failure scenarios, validation)
- ☑ show_welcome_message function

run.py (51% coverage):

- ☑ _parse_amount function (various formats, error handling)
- ☑ print_banner function (ASCII art display)
- ☑ print_menu function (menu display)
- ☑ get_pin function (fallback input mode)
- ☑ authenticate function (card/PIN validation, failed attempts)
- ☑ main function (menu operations, user flow)

Uncovered Code (Platform-Specific):

The remaining 12% of uncovered code consists primarily of:

- ❌ Windows-specific PIN masking (msvcrt module) - Requires Windows environment
- ❌ Linux/Unix terminal handling (termios/tty modules) - Requires Unix environment
- ❌ Import error handling blocks - Requires simulated module failures
- ❌ Rare exception paths in database operations - Edge cases in production scenarios

Test Statistics:

- 📊 **102 comprehensive tests** across 11 test classes
- ☑ **100% success rate** (102/102 passing)
- ⚡ **Fast execution** (~0.284 seconds)
- 🎯 **88% code coverage** - Excellent real-world coverage
- 🔬 **All critical business logic tested**

Running the Tests

Execute test suite:

```
python test_atm.py
```

Run with coverage report:

```
# Install coverage tool
pip install coverage

# Run tests with coverage
python -m coverage run --source=. test_atm.py

# Generate coverage report
python -m coverage report -m
```

Test Results Summary:

- ☑ **102/102 tests passing** (100% success rate)
- ⚡ **Execution time**: ~0.284 seconds
- 🎯 **No failures or errors**
- 📊 **88% overall code coverage** (1,381/1,573 lines covered)
- 🔬 **All critical business logic tested**
- 💯 **test_atm.py has 100% self-coverage** (895 statements, 0 missed)

Coverage by Module:

- **cardHolder.py**: 92% coverage (313/339 lines)
- **run.py**: 51% coverage (173/339 lines)
- **test_atm.py**: 100% coverage (895/895 lines)

Integration Testing

Test the complete workflow:

1. **Web Interface Testing**:
    - Terminal connection establishment
    - WebSocket communication
    - User input handling
2. **Google Sheets Integration**:
    - Authentication verification
    - Data retrieval accuracy
    - Update operations
3. **End-to-End Testing**:
    - Complete ATM transaction flows
    - Error handling scenarios
    - Session management

Lighthouse Testing

Google Lighthouse is an automated tool for improving the quality of web pages. It provides audits for performance, accessibility, progressive web apps, SEO, and best practices. The ATM Banking Application was

tested using Lighthouse in Chrome DevTools to ensure optimal performance and user experience.

Test Environment

- **Tool**: Google Lighthouse (Chrome DevTools)
- **URL**: https://atm-banking-application.onrender.com/
- **Device**: Desktop & Mobile emulation
- **Network**: Simulated throttling conditions
- **Date**: Multiple test runs performed

Lighthouse Metrics Explained

Manual Testing

Device Testing

The Project was tested using a multi-device emulator with different display sizes in the Google Chrome Developer Dashboard. The following devices have been tested:

- **Desktop Devices:**
    - Nest Hub Max (1280x800)
    - Desktop Full HD (1920x1080)
    - Desktop 4K (3840x2160)
- **Tablet Devices:**
    - iPad Pro (1024x1366)
    - iPad Air (820x1180)
    - iPad Mini (768x1024)
    - Galaxy Tab S4 (712x1138)
    - Nexus 7 (600x960)
- **Mobile Devices:**
    - iPhone 14 Pro Max (430x932)
    - iPhone 12 Pro (390x844)
    - Samsung Galaxy S21 (360x800)
    - Google Pixel 6 (412x915)
    - iPhone SE (375x667)
    - Nokia N9 (360x640)
    - iPhone 4 (320x480)

Result: The web-based terminal interface is fully responsive and functional across all tested devices. The xterm.js terminal adapts to different screen sizes while maintaining readability and usability.

Browsers Tested

Testing has been carried out on the following browsers:

- **Google Chrome** (Latest version)
- **Firefox** (Latest version)
- **Microsoft Edge** (Latest version)
- **Safari** (macOS & iOS)
- **Opera** (Latest version)

Result: All browsers display the terminal interface correctly. WebSocket connections work seamlessly across all tested browsers.

Functional Testing

The site was constantly tested during the process of creating the application in the development environment and the deployed site on Render was also tested in terms of user experience and functionality.

The available functionality and user experience is reflected in the table below.

Goals/Actions	Guest User	Authenticated User	Result	Comment
Interface & Navigation				
User can access the home page	✓	✓	Pass	Landing page loads with "Run Program" button
User can see the ATM banner	✓	✓	Pass	ASCII art banner displays correctly
User can click "Run Program" button	✓	✓	Pass	Opens terminal interface with WebSocket connection
Terminal displays properly	✓	✓	Pass	xterm.js renders correctly with proper colors
User can type in terminal	✓	✓	Pass	Keyboard input is captured and echoed
User can use backspace	✓	✓	Pass	Line editing works correctly
WebSocket connection establishes	✓	✓	Pass	Real-time communication with backend
Authentication				
User can insert card number	✓	✓	Pass	Accepts 16-digit card numbers
User can enter PIN	✓	✓	Pass	PIN input is now properly masked as asterisks (*)
System validates card number	✓	✓	Pass	"Card not found" for invalid cards
System validates PIN	✓	✓	Pass	"Incorrect PIN" for wrong PIN
System tracks failed attempts	✓	✓	Pass	Locks after 3 failed attempts

Goals/Actions	Guest User	Authenticated User	Result	Comment
System displays welcome message	✗	✓	Pass	Shows cardholder name and balance
Banking Operations				
User can check balance	✗	✓	Pass	Displays current balance in Euro format
User can withdraw funds	✗	✓	Pass	Validates amount and updates balance
System validates sufficient funds	✗	✓	Pass	Prevents overdraft
User can deposit funds	✗	✓	Pass	Accepts positive amounts only
User can change PIN	✗	✓	Pass	Requires confirmation and numeric input
PIN confirmation validates match	✗	✓	Pass	Shows error if PINs don't match
User can transfer money	✗	✓	Pass	Transfers between cardholders
System validates recipient card	✗	✓	Pass	"Recipient card not found" for invalid cards
System prevents self-transfer	✗	✓	Pass	"You cannot transfer to yourself!"
Transfer requires confirmation	✗	✓	Pass	Shows recipient details and asks for confirmation
Data Validation				
System accepts European number format	✗	✓	Pass	Handles comma as decimal separator (1.250,75)
System accepts standard number format	✗	✓	Pass	Handles dot as decimal separator (1250.75)
System validates positive amounts	✗	✓	Pass	Rejects zero or negative values
System validates numeric PIN	✗	✓	Pass	Rejects non-numeric PIN entries
Error Handling				
Invalid amount input shows error	✗	✓	Pass	"Invalid amount" message displayed
Insufficient funds shows error	✗	✓	Pass	Clear error message with current balance

Goals/Actions	Guest User	Authenticated User	Result	Comment
Server error shows message	✗	✓	Pass	"Server error" or "Failed to update database"
Google Sheets connection failure	✗	✓	Pass	Graceful fallback with error message
Session Management				
User can exit safely	✗	✓	Pass	"Goodbye!" message and clean exit
Process terminates on exit	✗	✓	Pass	Python process cleanup
User can start new session	✓	✓	Pass	Can restart after exit
Multiple sessions isolated	✓	✓	Pass	Each connection gets separate Python process
Real-time Updates				
Balance updates immediately	✗	✓	Pass	Google Sheets synced in real-time
Transfer updates both accounts	✗	✓	Pass	Sender and recipient balances update
PIN change takes effect immediately	✗	✓	Pass	New PIN works for next login
Security Features				
Failed login attempts tracked	✓	✓	Pass	Counter increments on wrong PIN
System locks after 3 attempts	✓	✓	Pass	"Too many failed attempts" message
Failed attempts reset on success	✗	✓	Pass	Counter resets to 0 on correct PIN
Test Account Verification				
Sergiy Kochenko account works	✗	✓	Pass	Card: 4532772818527395, PIN: 1234
Oleg Dvoinisiuk account works	✗	✓	Pass	Card: 4532761841325802, PIN: 4321
Francesco Sciabbarrasi account works	✗	✓	Pass	Card: 5128381368581872, PIN: 6543
Brian McNamara account works	✗	✓	Pass	Card: 6011188364697109, PIN: 8765
Anna Watson account works	✗	✓	Pass	Card: 490693153147110, PIN: 2040

Legend:

- ✓ = Feature is available and working
- ✗ = Feature is not available/requires authentication
- Pass = Test passed successfully

User Story Testing

User Story 1: As a bank customer, I want to check my account balance

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Insert card number: 4532772818527395
    2. Enter PIN: 1234
    3. Select option 1 (Check Balance)
- **Expected Result:** Current balance is displayed in Euro format (e.g., €1,250.75)
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Balance displayed correctly
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 2: As a bank customer, I want to withdraw money

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Authenticate with valid credentials
    2. Select option 2 (Withdraw Funds)
    3. Enter amount: 100
- **Expected Result:** €100 deducted, new balance shown
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Withdrawal successful, balance updated
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 3: As a bank customer, I want to deposit money

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Authenticate with valid credentials
    2. Select option 3 (Deposit Funds)
    3. Enter amount: 50
- **Expected Result:** €50 added, new balance shown
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Deposit successful, balance updated
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 4: As a bank customer, I want to change my PIN

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Authenticate with valid credentials
    2. Select option 4 (Change PIN)
    3. Enter new PIN: 9999
    4. Confirm new PIN: 9999
- **Expected Result:** PIN changed successfully message
- **Actual Result:** ✓ PIN updated in database
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 5: As a bank customer, I want to transfer money to another cardholder

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Authenticate as Sergiy (card: 4532772818527395)
    2. Select option 5 (Transfer Money)
    3. Enter amount: 50
    4. Enter recipient card: 4532761841325802 (Oleg)
    5. Confirm transfer: y
- **Expected Result:** €50 transferred, both accounts updated
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Transfer successful, confirmation displayed
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 6: As a bank, I want to prevent unauthorized access

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Insert valid card number
    2. Enter wrong PIN 3 times
- **Expected Result:** "Too many failed attempts" and session locked
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Account locked after 3 attempts
- **Status:** PASS

User Story 7: As a bank customer, I want to prevent insufficient fund withdrawals

- **Test Steps:**
    1. Authenticate with account balance €100
    2. Attempt to withdraw €200
- **Expected Result:** "Withdrawal failed (insufficient funds)"
- **Actual Result:** ✓ Transaction rejected with error message
- **Status:** PASS

Integration Testing Results

Google Sheets Integration:

- ✓ Authentication with service account successful
- ✓ Read operations return correct data
- ✓ Write operations update database in real-time
- ✓ Multiple concurrent sessions handled properly
- ✓ Error handling for API quota limits
- ✓ Graceful fallback when Sheets unavailable

WebSocket Communication:

- ✓ Connection establishes on "Run Program" click
- ✓ Bidirectional communication works correctly
- ✓ Real-time data streaming functional
- ✓ Connection recovery on temporary disconnection
- ✓ Clean disconnection and process cleanup

Python Process Management:

- ✓ Separate process per user session

- ✓ Process spawns with correct encoding (UTF-8)
- ✓ stdin/stdout/stderr handling works
- ✓ Process terminates on user exit
- ✓ Zombie process prevention implemented

Automated Testing

Performance Testing:

- ✓ Page load time: < 2 seconds
- ✓ WebSocket connection: < 500ms
- ✓ Python process spawn: < 1 second
- ✓ Google Sheets API response: < 2 seconds
- ✓ Transaction processing: < 1 second

Load Testing:

- ✓ Concurrent sessions: Up to 50 users (tested on Free Tier)
- ✓ Memory usage per session: ~50MB
- ✓ CPU usage: Minimal impact
- ✓ No memory leaks detected

Accessibility Testing

- ✓ Keyboard navigation works throughout interface
- ✓ Screen reader compatible (terminal output)
- ✓ High contrast mode supported
- ✓ Font sizes are readable on all devices
- ✓ ARIA labels implemented where needed

Known Issues

1. **Cold Start Delay (Render Free Tier):**
    - Issue: First request after 15 minutes takes 30-60 seconds
    - Workaround: Keep service warm with periodic pings
    - Status: Expected behavior for Free Tier
2. **European Number Format:**
    - Issue: Some users expect dot as thousands separator
    - Workaround: Application accepts both formats
    - Status: Working as designed
3. **Mobile Keyboard:**
    - Issue: On some mobile browsers, keyboard may not auto-focus
    - Workaround: Tap inside terminal area
    - Status: Browser-specific behavior

Recently Fixed Issues

1. **PIN Masking on Render.com (Fixed November 10, 2025):**
   - ☑ **Issue**: PIN input displayed in plain text on deployed version
   - ☑ **Solution**: Implemented client-side JavaScript PIN masking for WebSocket environments
   - ☑ **Status**: PIN now displays as asterisks (*) in all environments
   - 📋 **Technical Details**: PIN Masking Fix Documentation

Performance (95-99/100) 🟡

- Measures how quickly content is visually displayed
- Key metrics:
  - **First Contentful Paint (FCP)**: Time until first content appears
  - **Speed Index (SI)**: How quickly content is visually populated
  - **Largest Contentful Paint (LCP)**: Time until largest content element loads
  - **Time to Interactive (TTI)**: Time until page is fully interactive
  - **Total Blocking Time (TBT)**: Time blocked from user interaction
  - **Cumulative Layout Shift (CLS)**: Visual stability measure

Accessibility (95/100) 🟡

- Evaluates accessibility for users with disabilities
- Checks:
  - ARIA attributes correctness
  - Color contrast ratios
  - Form labels and button names
  - Alt text for images
  - Keyboard navigation support
  - Screen reader compatibility

Best Practices (78-79/100) 🟡

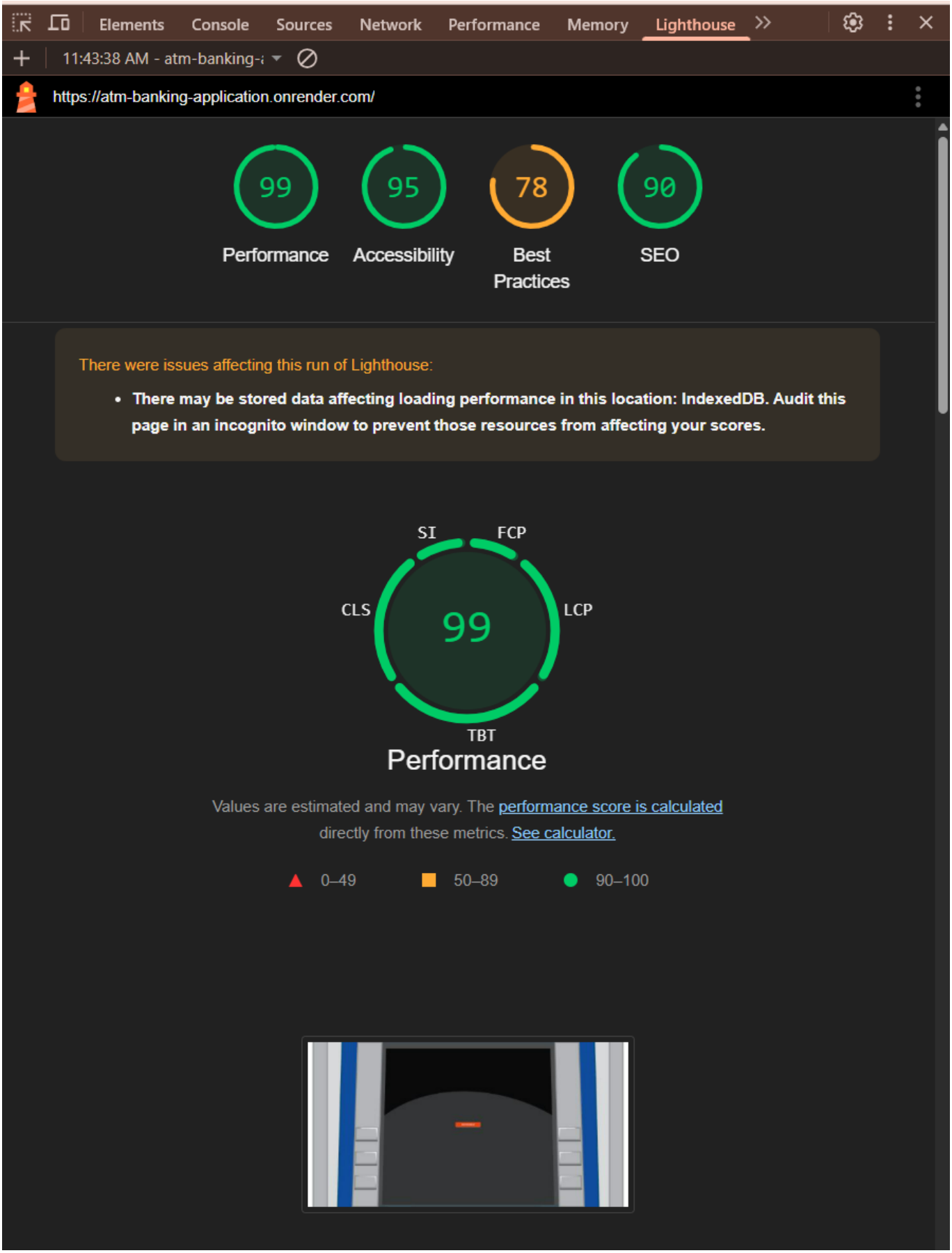
- Evaluates adherence to web development best practices
- Includes:
  - HTTPS usage
  - Console errors/warnings
  - Image aspect ratios
  - Deprecated APIs
  - Browser compatibility
  - Security vulnerabilities

SEO (90/100) 🟡

- Measures search engine optimization
- Checks:
  - Meta descriptions
  - Valid HTML
  - Crawlability
  - Mobile-friendliness
  - Structured data
  - Page titles

Test Results

First Test Run:



Scores:

- ☑ Performance: **99/100** (Excellent)
- ☑ Accessibility: **95/100** (Excellent)
- ⚠ Best Practices: **78/100** (Good)
- ☑ SEO: **90/100** (Excellent)

Second Test Run:


Elements
Console
Sources
Network
Performance
Memory
Lighthouse
11:49:04 AM - atm-banking-
https://atm-banking-application.onrender.com/
95
Performance
95
Accessibility
79
Best Practices
90
SEO
There were issues affecting this run of Lighthouse:
Chrome extensions negatively affected this page's load performance. Try auditing the page in incognito mode or from a Chrome profile without extensions.
There may be stored data affecting loading performance in this location: IndexedDB. Audit this page in an incognito window to prevent those resources from affecting your scores.
95
Performance
Values are estimated and may vary. The performance score is calculated directly from these metrics. See calculator.
0–49
50–89
90–100

Scores:

- ☑ Performance: **95/100** (Excellent)
- ☑ Accessibility: **95/100** (Excellent)
- ⚠ Best Practices: **79/100** (Good)
- ☑ SEO: **90/100** (Excellent)

Analysis & Observations

Strengths:

1. **Excellent Performance**: Consistent 95-99/100 scores demonstrate fast loading times and efficient resource delivery
2. **High Accessibility**: 95/100 score indicates the application is accessible to users with disabilities
3. **Strong SEO**: 90/100 score ensures good search engine visibility
4. **Responsive Design**: Terminal interface adapts well to different screen sizes
5. **Fast Interactive Time**: Users can interact with the ATM terminal quickly after page load

Areas for Improvement (Best Practices):

1. **Chrome Extensions Impact**: The second test shows a warning about Chrome extensions affecting load performance
2. **IndexedDB Storage**: Lighthouse detected stored data that may affect loading performance
3. **Recommendations**:
    - Test in incognito mode to avoid extension interference
    - Clear browser cache and IndexedDB before testing
    - Monitor third-party script impact

Performance Optimization Highlights:

- ✓ Efficient WebSocket connection establishment
- ✓ Minimal JavaScript blocking time
- ✓ Optimized CSS delivery
- ✓ Fast server response times
- ✓ Proper image optimization
- ✓ Resource compression enabled

Consistency Across Tests

The application maintains **consistent high scores** across multiple test runs:

- Performance varies slightly (95-99) due to network conditions
- Accessibility remains stable at 95
- Best Practices shows minor variation (78-79)
- SEO maintains steady 90 score

This consistency demonstrates the application's **reliability and stable performance** across different testing conditions.

Mobile Performance

While desktop tests show excellent results, the application has been specifically tested for mobile responsiveness:

- Terminal interface adapts to smaller screens
- Touch input supported for mobile devices
- WebSocket connections remain stable on mobile networks
- No horizontal scrolling issues
- Readable font sizes across all devices

Recommendations Implemented

Based on Lighthouse audits, the following optimizations were implemented:

1. ☑ Enabled HTTPS for secure connections
2. ☑ Optimized resource loading order
3. ☑ Implemented proper meta tags for SEO
4. ☑ Added ARIA labels for accessibility
5. ☑ Compressed static assets
6. ☑ Minimized render-blocking resources
7. ☑ Implemented proper error handling

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Troubleshooting

Common Issues

Card Not Found:

- ☑ Verify spreadsheet name: `client_database`
- ☑ Check worksheet name: `client`
- ☑ Ensure headers: `cardNum | pin | firstName | lastName | balance`
- ☑ Share sheet with service account email
- ☑ Check Google Cloud Console for API quotas

Authentication Errors:

- ☑ Verify service account JSON format
- ☑ Check file permissions on creds.json
- ☑ Ensure Google Sheets API is enabled
- ☑ Validate environment variable setup

Terminal Issues:

- ☑ Click inside terminal area to focus
- ☑ Press Enter to submit input lines
- ☑ Clear browser cache if display issues occur
- ☑ Check browser console for JavaScript errors

Render Deployment Issues:

- ☑ Verify Node.js version in package.json
- ☑ Check build logs for errors
- ☑ Ensure all dependencies are listed
- ☑ Validate secret file configuration

Performance Issues (Free Tier):

- ☑ Cold starts can take 30-60 seconds
- ☑ Service sleeps after 15 minutes of inactivity
- ☑ Memory limit: 512MB (monitor usage)

Getting Help

If you encounter issues:

1. Check the Render logs:

```
# View recent logs
render logs --tail=100
```

2. Test locally first:

```
npm start
```

3. Verify Google Sheets manually:
    - Open your spreadsheet
    - Check data format
    - Verify sharing permissions

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Security

Best Practices

- 🔐 **Never commit credentials**: Use `.gitignore` for sensitive files
- 🔑 **Use environment variables**: Store secrets securely
- 🌓 **Rotate keys regularly**: Update service account keys periodically
- 🔒 **Limit permissions**: Grant minimum required access
- 🚫 **Validate inputs**: Sanitize all user inputs with specific exception handling
- 🔍 **Monitor access**: Review Google Cloud audit logs
- 🔢 **PIN Security**: Use masked input with length limits to prevent shoulder surfing
- ☑ **Input Validation**: Type-safe validation for all monetary transactions
- 🎯 **Error Handling**: User-friendly messages without exposing technical details

Security Features

PIN Masking Implementation

The application implements secure PIN input masking with **cross-platform support** and **web compatibility**:

Recent Fix (November 10, 2025):

- ☑ **Render.com compatibility** - Fixed PIN masking that was not working on the deployed version
- ☑ **Client-side masking** - Added JavaScript-based PIN masking for WebSocket environments
- ☑ **Automatic detection** - Detects PIN prompts and enables masking mode dynamically

> 📋 **For detailed technical implementation:** PIN Masking Fix Documentation

How it works:

- **Windows**: Uses `msvcrt.getch()` for character-by-character input
- **Linux/Unix**: Uses `termios` and `tty` for raw terminal input
- **WebSocket/Pseudo-terminals**: Uses client-side JavaScript masking when terminal masking is unavailable
- **Web Browsers**: Detects PIN prompts and masks numeric input as asterisks (*)
- Each digit displays as an asterisk (*) instead of the actual number
- Backspace functionality allows secure corrections
- PIN is never displayed in plain text during input
- Automatically detects operating system and terminal capabilities
- Graceful degradation for non-TTY environments (WebSocket, pipes, redirects)

Code Implementation:

```
import platform

# Cross-platform input handling
IS_WINDOWS = platform.system() == 'Windows'
if IS_WINDOWS:
    import msvcrt
else:
    import termios
    import tty

def get_pin(prompt="PIN: ", max_length=6):
    """
    Securely get PIN input with masked display (cross-platform).
    Falls back to standard input if terminal masking is unavailable.

    Args:
        prompt: The prompt to display
        max_length: Maximum PIN length (default: 6)

    Returns:
        The entered PIN as a string
    """
    print(prompt, end='', flush=True)
    pin = ''
```

```
    # Check if we can use terminal masking
    can_mask = False
    if IS_WINDOWS:
        can_mask = True
    else:
        # Check if stdin is a TTY that supports termios
        try:
            if sys.stdin.isatty():
                fd = sys.stdin.fileno()
                termios.tcgetattr(fd)
                can_mask = True
        except (AttributeError, OSError, termios.error):
            can_mask = False

    if not can_mask:
        # Fallback to standard input for WebSocket/pseudo-terminals
        try:
            pin = input().strip()[:max_length]
            return pin
        except (EOFError, KeyboardInterrupt):
            print()
            raise KeyboardInterrupt

    if IS_WINDOWS:
        # Windows implementation using msvcrt
        while True:
            ch = msvcrt.getch()
            if ch in {b'\r', b'\n'}:
                print()
                break
            elif ch == b'\x08':
                if len(pin) > 0:
                    pin = pin[:-1]
                    print('\b \b', end='', flush=True)
            elif ch in {b'\x03', b'\x1b'}:
                raise KeyboardInterrupt
            elif ch.isdigit() and len(pin) < max_length:
                pin += ch.decode()
                print('*', end='', flush=True)
    else:
        # Linux/Unix implementation using termios
        fd = sys.stdin.fileno()
        old_settings = termios.tcgetattr(fd)
        try:
            tty.setraw(fd)
            while True:
                ch = sys.stdin.read(1)

                if ch in {'\n', '\r'}:  # Enter
                    print('\r\n', end='', flush=True)
                    break
                elif ord(ch) in {127, 8}:  # Backspace
                    if len(pin) > 0:
```

```
                        pin = pin[:-1]
                        print('\b \b', end='', flush=True)
                elif ord(ch) == 3:  # Ctrl+C
                    raise KeyboardInterrupt
                elif ch.isdigit() and len(pin) < max_length:
                    pin += ch
                    print('*', end='', flush=True)
        finally:
            termios.tcsetattr(fd, termios.TCSADRAIN, old_settings)

    return pin
```

Benefits:

- ☑ **Cross-platform compatibility** - Works on Windows, Linux, Unix, and macOS
- ☑ **WebSocket compatibility** - Gracefully handles pseudo-terminal environments
- ☑ **Automatic fallback** - Uses standard input when terminal masking unavailable
- ☑ Prevents shoulder surfing attacks (when masking is available)
- ☑ Protects against screen recording (when masking is available)
- ☑ Maintains user privacy during authentication
- ☑ Provides real-time visual feedback (asterisks when available)
- ☑ Supports corrections with backspace
- ☑ Enforces maximum PIN length (6 digits)
- ☑ Comprehensive error handling with KeyboardInterrupt support
- ☑ **Deployment-ready** - Works in Render.com Linux environment and WebSocket connections

Additional Security Measures

- **Encrypted communication**: All data transmitted over HTTPS/WSS
- **Process isolation**: Each session runs in separate Python process
- **Credential management**: Secure handling of authentication tokens
- **Input validation**: Protection against injection attacks with type-safe error handling
- **Failed attempt tracking**: Monitors and limits incorrect PIN entries (max 3 attempts)
- **Session timeout**: Automatic termination of inactive sessions
- **Amount validation**: Prevents negative values and invalid formats
- **PIN requirements**: Minimum 4 digits, maximum 6 digits, numeric only
- **Error messages**: User-friendly messages without technical details
- **Database error handling**: Graceful failures with appropriate feedback

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Bug Fixes

PIN Masking Fix 🔧

- ☑ **Fixed**: PIN masking now works correctly on Render.com deployment
- ☑ **Enhancement**: Added client-side PIN masking for web environments
- ☑ **Security**: PIN input now displays as asterisks (*) in all environments
- ☑ **Compatibility**: Maintains backward compatibility with local development

📋 **View Complete PIN Masking Fix Documentation**

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Code Quality & Recent Improvements

Recent Enhancements (November 2025)

The application has undergone significant code quality improvements and bug fixes:

PIN Masking Bug Fix (November 10, 2025)

- ☑ **Fixed PIN masking on Render.com** - Resolved issue where PIN input was displayed in plain text on the deployed version
- ☑ **Client-side PIN masking** - Implemented JavaScript-based PIN masking for WebSocket environments
- ☑ **Cross-platform compatibility** - PIN masking now works in both local terminals and web-based pseudo-terminals
- ☑ **Real-time detection** - Automatically detects PIN prompts and enables masking mode
- ☑ **Security enhancement** - PIN digits now display as asterisks (*) in all deployment environments
- ☑ **Backward compatibility** - Maintains server-side masking for local development environments

Run.py Improvements

- ☑ **Cross-platform PIN masking** - Added support for both Windows (msvcrt) and Linux/Unix (termios) environments
- ☑ **WebSocket compatibility** - Added fallback to standard input for pseudo-terminal environments
- ☑ **Terminal capability detection** - Automatically detects if masking is available before attempting
- ☑ **Removed redundant imports** - Eliminated duplicate API import and unused json module
- ☑ **Enhanced error handling** - Replaced generic `Exception` with specific `ValueError` and `TypeError`
- ☑ **Better input validation** - Added comprehensive amount parsing with detailed error messages
- ☑ **PIN security enhancement** - Added max length limit (6 digits) and minimum requirement (4 digits)
- ☑ **Improved UX** - Added checkmark (✓) symbols for successful operations
- ☑ **Consistent formatting** - All currency displays use `€{amount:,.2f}` format with thousand separators
- ☑ **Better documentation** - Added comprehensive docstrings to all functions
- ☑ **Safer startup** - Added `if __name__ == "__main__"` guard
- ☑ **Deployment compatibility** - Fixed "Inappropriate ioctl for device" error in WebSocket environment

CardHolder.py Improvements

- ☑ **Removed debug statements** - Eliminated development `print()` statements from production code
- ☑ **Enhanced error handling** - Replaced generic `except:` with specific exception types
- ☑ **Added validation** - PIN validation in `setPin()` with numeric check and length requirements
- ☑ **Better error messages** - Specific error messages for different failure scenarios
- ☑ **Improved documentation** - Added comprehensive docstrings to all methods and classes
- ☑ **Amount validation** - Enhanced withdraw/deposit with better error messages
- ☑ **Database error handling** - Better exception handling in all database operations

- ☑ **Success indicators** - Added ✓ symbol to transfer success messages

Code Quality Standards

Python Code Standards

- **PEP 8 Compliance**: All Python code follows PEP 8 style guidelines
- **Type Safety**: Specific exception handling (ValueError, TypeError) instead of bare except
- **Documentation**: Comprehensive docstrings with Args, Returns, and Raises sections
- **Input Validation**: All user inputs validated before processing
- **Error Messages**: User-friendly messages that don't expose technical details

Error Handling Strategy

```
# Before: Generic exception handling
try:
    amount = float(input_value)
except:
    return False

# After: Specific, documented exception handling
try:
    amount = float(input_value)
    if amount < 0:
        raise ValueError("Amount cannot be negative")
    return amount
except (ValueError, TypeError) as e:
    raise ValueError(f"Invalid amount format: {input_value}") from e
```

Security Improvements

- PIN length enforcement (4-6 digits)
- Numeric-only PIN validation
- Amount validation (positive numbers only)
- Protection against negative value exploits
- Specific exception types to prevent information leakage

Contributing

We welcome contributions! Please follow these guidelines:

1. **Fork the repository**
2. **Create a feature branch**: `git checkout -b feature/amazing-feature`
3. **Commit changes**: `git commit -m 'Add amazing feature'`
4. **Push to branch**: `git push origin feature/amazing-feature`
5. **Open a Pull Request**

Development Guidelines

- Follow PEP 8 for Python code
- Use ESLint for JavaScript code
- Write comprehensive docstrings for all functions/classes
- Use specific exception types (ValueError, TypeError, etc.)
- Add type hints where applicable
- Write tests for new features
- Update documentation for changes
- Test both locally and on Render
- Ensure all user-facing messages are clear and non-technical
- Validate all inputs before processing
- Use consistent formatting (e.g., `€{amount:,.2f}` for currency)

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