TripPlannerApp User Manual

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1. Introduction

Welcome to TripPlannerApp, your personalized travel planning assistant. This application allows users to manage hotels, cars, and activities from a single dashboard.

2. System Requirements

• Operating System: Windows 10 or higher

• Java Version: JDK 11 or higher

Browser: Chrome, Firefox, or Edge

Database: MySQL 8.0+

• IDE: NetBeans (Recommended)

3. Installation Instructions

- 1. Install NetBeans IDE (https://netbeans.apache.org/download/index.html).
- 2. Execute the tripplanner_script.sql file in MySQL Workbench 8.0 CE to create the TripPlannerApp database and initialize its tables.

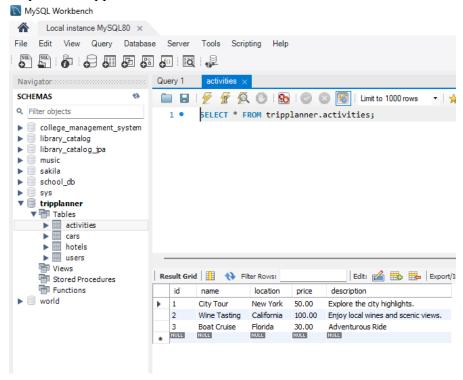


Figure 1 Trip planner schema

- 3. Open the project in NetBeans:
 - Go to File > Open Project, select TripPlannerApp.

4. Set MySQL connection in your DBConnection.java:

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String url = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/tripplanner";
String user = "root";
String password = "root";
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4. Getting Started

4.1. Creating an Account

• Visit the homepage.

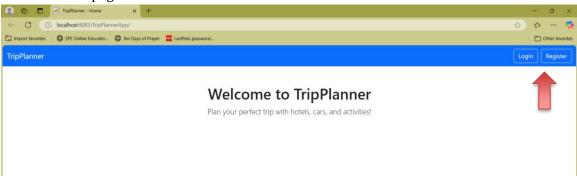


Figure 2 Homepage with register/login buttons

- Click Register.
- Enter your details (Username, Email, Password).
- Click Register.



Figure 3 Registration page

4.2. Logging In

- Go to the homepage.
- Enter your email and password.
- Click Login.
- You will be redirected to your personalized dashboard.



Figure 4 Login page

5. User Dashboard Overview

• After logging in, users are directed to a personalized dashboard featuring buttons for managing Hotels, Cars, and Activities, along with a display of featured cars, hotels, and activities.

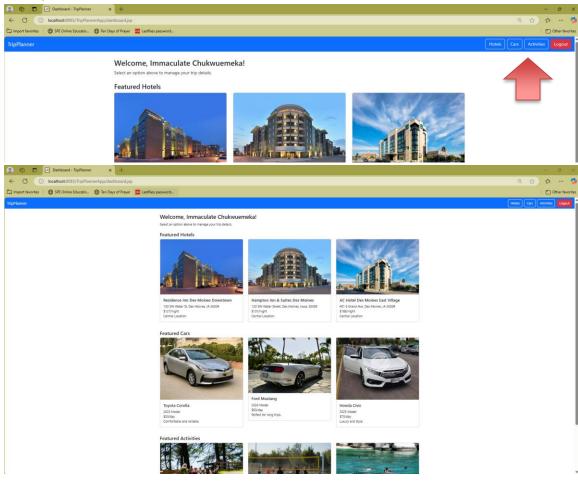


Figure 5 User Dashboard

5.1. Navigating the Dashboard

• Click on the button to access each module: Hotels, Cars, Activities.

5.2. Managing Hotels

- Click the Hotels button on the user dashboard to navigate to the Hotels page.
- There are three featured hotels displayed to help guide you in adding hotel details.
- You can delete these featured hotels to make space for your own preferences.
- To add a hotel: fill in the hotel name, location, price per night, and a brief description, then click Add Hotel.
- To edit or delete an entry: use the corresponding Edit or Delete button next to each hotel listing.

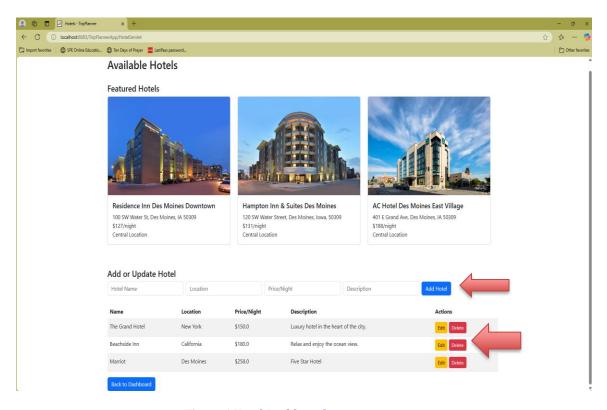


Figure 6 Hotel Dashboard

5.3. Managing Cars

- Click the Cars button on the user dashboard to navigate to the Cars page.
- There are three featured Cars displayed to help guide you in adding car details.
- You can delete these featured cars to make space for your own preferences.
- To add a car: fill in the brand name, model, rental price per day, and a brief description, then click Add Car.
- To edit or delete an entry: use the corresponding Edit or Delete button next to each car listing.

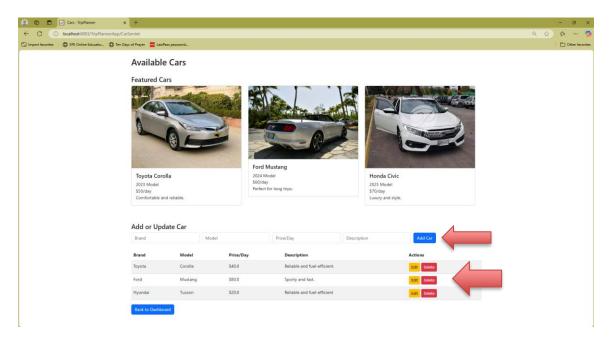


Figure 7 Car Page

5.4. Managing Activities

- Click the Activities button on the user dashboard to navigate to the Activities page.
- There are three featured activities displayed to help guide you in adding activity details.
- You can delete these featured activities to make space for your own preferences.
- To add an activity: fill in the activity name, location, price, and a brief description, then click Add Activity.
- To edit or delete an entry: use the corresponding Edit or Delete button next to each activity listing.

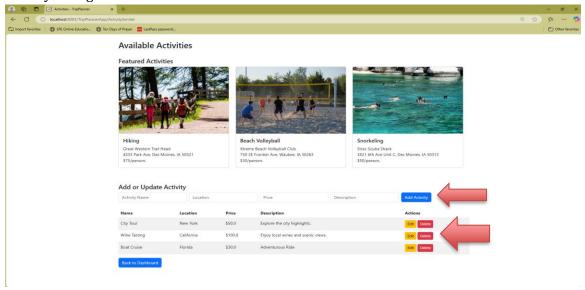


Figure 8 Activity Page

6. Insert/Update/Delete Operations

All create, update, and delete operations are handled from the dashboard tabs using forms:

• Add: Use the form provided to enter and submit new records.

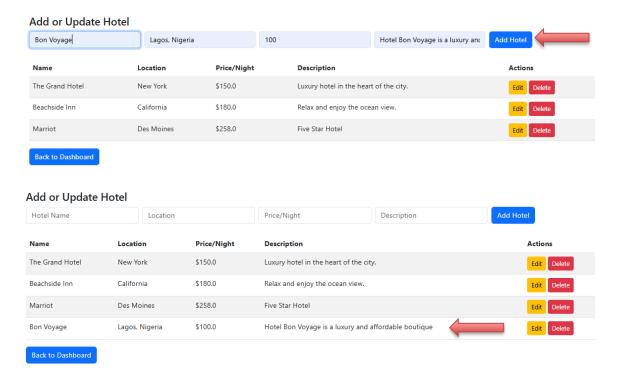
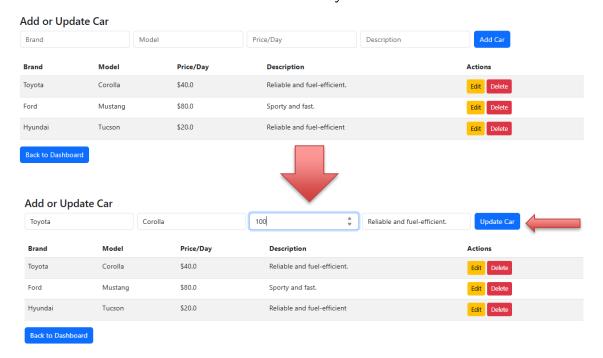


Figure 9 Adding a record

Edit: Click the Edit button next to a record to modify its details.



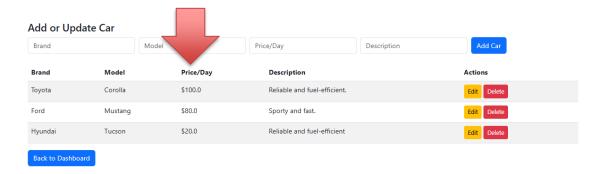


Figure 10 Edit Record

• Delete: Remove unwanted entries by clicking the Delete button beside each record.

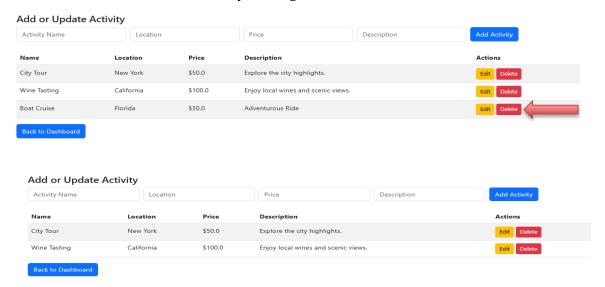


Figure 11 Delete Record

These operations are powered by SQL queries in the background and validated to ensure data integrity.

7. Contact and Support

If you encounter issues:

• Email: <u>icokoruwa@gmail.com</u>

• GitHub Repo: <u>Trip Planner App</u>