

SkillConnect: A Social and Business Networking Platform for Service Discovery and Booking

Abstract:

SkillConnect is an innovative platform designed to bridge the gap between social media and business services, offering a comprehensive solution for individuals seeking expertise across various categories such as cooking, painting, music, traveling, cleaning, and more. The application functions as both a social network and a marketplace, empowering users to discover and connect with professionals in their desired fields while allowing service providers to showcase their skills, achievements, and gain clients. At the core of SkillConnect is a category-based search feature that enables users to browse through a wide range of professionals based on the specific service they require. For instance, if a user is looking to learn or hire a cooking expert, they can simply search the “Cooking” category.

The search results display profiles of chefs and culinary experts, which are sorted based on user ratings, reviews, and proximity. The application provides an integrated chat interface that allows users to engage in real-time discussions with service providers, negotiating aspects such as availability, pricing, and service requirements. Once the terms are agreed upon, the user can seamlessly book the provider through the platform. On the other side, SkillConnect enables professionals to create detailed profiles where they can specify their skills, areas of expertise, and category of service, such as cooking, painting, music, and more. They can further enrich their profiles by posting achievements, updates, and portfolio pieces on their dashboard, allowing potential clients to view their work and assess their capabilities.

The platform also encourages engagement by displaying ratings and reviews on the provider’s profile, offering transparency and trust in the booking process. This peer-reviewed rating system ensures that only high-quality professionals are recommended to users. This unique combination of social networking and business functionality offers a flexible, dynamic platform that can cater to a variety of needs, from professional services to personal interests, creating a holistic experience that simplifies the process of finding and hiring experts.

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