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## **ABSTRACT**

Every year there is a huge influx of students in Kathmandu valley from all over the country for their higher studies, as such, most of them are seeking a place to accommodate. For students, hostels or dormitory are best choice as they can get place to stay as well as daily foods. So, hostels are one of the basic infrastructures for our students who are the backbone and future of our country Even after all these years, finding a proper and clean hostel is hassle for students so our project The Dorm Den seeks to be a one stop solution to find a suitable hostels for all the students. The Genuity of information and reviews will be guaranteed in our application since only verified owner can add info and only verified students will be able to leave a review (thus frauds and fake reviews can be avoided). We will be using MERN stack for the development of our web application, which will have an efficient, user friendly and attractive interface to interact with the data. Our project will not only be a way for student to find a good place to stay but also a good portal for hostel owners to highlight their business.

*Keywords: Express, Hostel, MongoDB, NodeJS, REACT.*

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

BDUF	Big Design Upfront
ERD	Entity Relation Diagram
HCI	Human Computer Interaction
MERN	MongoDB Express React Node
RDMS	Relational Database Management System
SSPL	Server-Side Public License
UCD	User-centered Design
UI	User Interface

# **1 INTRODUCTION**

## **1.1 Background**

Altogether there are 1,440 campuses and 460,826 students currently in Nepal as per data collected in year 2077/78 [1] where majority of students prefer to choose to go away from home to study at a larger university as large universities often offer a wider range of academic programs and extracurricular activities than smaller colleges, which can provide students with more opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills. Attending a large and well-known university can be a prestigious accomplishment, and may open future opportunities such as scholarships, internships, and job offers.

Living in a hostel can be a good option for these students who are looking for a cost-effective, social, and convenient place to live while studying rather than renting a place, room, or dorm.

Our application, a hostel booking app aims to help users to find hostels in their destination and book a bed or a room quickly and easily, without the need to call or visit the hostel in person. This can save students time and effort and make their stay more comfortable and manageable. On top of that, we also are aiming to provide hostels with a convenient way to manage their reservations and occupancy, and potentially attract more guests through our application.

## **1.2 Motivation**

Motivation for our application comes from several factors, one possible motivation is the need to make it easier for people to find and book accommodations without the need to call or visit the hostel in person.

Hostels are generally cheaper than renting a place, especially if the student is sharing a room with others. This can make hostels a more affordable option for students who are on a tight budget. Using our application, students can save their time and effort and use their resources more effectively. Hostels are often located in central areas, making them a convenient option for students who want to be close to campus. So, searching suitable places near to central areas becomes more easier for students,

filtering through seas of hostels using our application. Students may prefer additional services and amenities, such as a shared kitchen, laundry facilities, and internet access provided by hostels which can be easily skimmed through by filtering hostels based on features and amenities. Hostels also typically offer a variety of room types, such as dorms, private rooms, which can accommodate different budgets and preferences of students in contrast to renting a place.

### **1.3 Problem Definition**

When booking a hostel offline, it can be difficult to access detailed information about the hostel, such as its location, amenities, and policies. This can make it challenging for students to compare different hostels and make an informed decision about where to stay.

Hostels can fill up quickly, especially during peak seasons. When booking offline, it may be difficult to determine the availability of beds or rooms at the hostel, and students may have to call or visit the hostel in person to check availability and make a reservation.

An online hostel booking application like ours can help alleviate these challenges by providing users with easy access to detailed information about hostels and their availability and allowing them to make reservations quickly and easily.

### **1.4 Objectives**

- Provide a convenient and efficient way for students to find and book hostels.
- Offer detailed information about hostels, including their location, amenities, policies, and availability.
- Offer hostels with a simple and effective way to manage their reservations and occupancy.

## **1.5 Scope and Applications**

Hostel Booking application like ours can be used by students for faster and efficient finding and booking hostels in various locations, and by hostels to manage their reservations and occupancy.

The application provides detailed information about hostels, including their location, amenities, policies, and availability. Users could search for hostels based on their location, budget, and other criteria, and compare different options to find the best hostel for their needs.

Hostels could use the application to manage their reservations and occupancy, and to update information about their hostel, such as the availability of beds or rooms, policies, and amenities. This could help hostels attract more guests and manage their reservations more efficiently.

The scope and application of a hostel booking application would be to provide students and hostels with an easy and convenient way to find and book accommodations.

## **2 LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **2.1 Previous works**

There have not been many previous works done in the field of hostel portal for students in Nepal, but something like our work can be seen in many Properties sales site or Hotel booking websites.

Previous work on the MERN stack has primarily focused on creating scalable and efficient web applications with a user-friendly interface. One such project is a hotel booking website developed using the MERN stack (from official React examples), which provides a platform for booking hotel rooms online. The website was developed using MongoDB for database management, Express for server-side routing, React for the front-end interface, and Node.js for server-side scripting. The website was well received by users, who appreciated its user-friendly interface, fast loading times, and the ability to book rooms quickly and easily. ("Hotel Booking App using the MERN Stack with TypeScript & Redux," ReactJSExample.

We found the best match possible to our project with Nepal Homes a large-scale property sales site from PropTech Nepal Private Limited, it is very user friendly, good optimization for site loading and proper data management. It also provided location search facilities and sorting on based on price, which we had to replicate in our project too. They seem to be using React as frontend, but we could not find about their entire stack as it was not publicly available and we did not get any response from them either. But we could learn about proper system flow through their websites.

### **2.2 Recommendation of hostels**

For unbiased recommendation of hostels in our project we will be using reviews of authenticated students' feedback (authentication through user ID), but doing so we would face a major hurdle i.e., sparse number of reviews/feedbacks in the beginning.

For example, if hostel A had 100 reviews, among them 90 are 5 stars and remaining are 4 stars (making their average less than 5) and hostel B had 5 reviews, all being a 5-star rating (making their average exactly 5 stars). This would pose a huge problem when sorting based on reviews.

To overcome this, we will be using true Bayesian estimate, which has been previously used by IMBD to make their top 250 movies list. [2]

$$\text{Weighted rating (WR)} = (v / (v+m)) * R + (m / (v+m)) * c$$

Which can be mathematically simplified to:

$$\text{Rating} = (R * v + C * m) / (v + m)$$

Where the meaning of symbols is,

R = average for the movie (mean)

v = number of votes for the movie

m = minimum votes required to be listed in the Top N (This can be thought as tuning parameter)

C = the mean vote across the whole report (The average rating across the whole database)

Using this we would create a ranking list for every hostel in the database and use that for unbiased recommendation.

### **2.3 Places autocomplete and Geo encoding**

For projects like this where (work is done based on location) place autocomplete and Geo encoding is done to get proper data to work on.

Location autocomplete is an API (Application Programming Interface) service that suggest users location based on real time input of the users, this will help to correct any spelling mistakes and provide the correct location to the application.

And for the location-based search we need exact coordinates of the searched location, for that Geo encoding was used in previous projects. This takes the name of street, city, state, or country and returns a coordinate for that spot, which is then passed to the geospatial library so that it can filter all the objects using this location as a reference point.

## 2.4 Geospatial Information Processing in MongoDB database

The amount of personal location data is forecast to increase by 20% every year, and location-aware information occupies a substantial proportion of the data generated every day: 2.5 quintillion bytes [3] . How to store, manage and query geospatial data has been the focus of research and problems that must be solved.

New geospatial application requires more flexible data schema, a faster query response time, and more elastic scalability than traditional spatial relational database currently have. The most communal problem occurrence has been seen when streaming requests from client to servers suddenly increase, which might cause response delay or even server unavailability. To solve this very scalability problem, a scalable framework was proposed back in MongoDB to implement elastic deployment for geospatial information sharing with the client users growing in number [4]. In this framework, MongoDB is chosen because it is a distributed database and supports a flexible storage schema suitable for massive map tile storage.

Several studies have found that RDBMS have some disadvantage in terms of big data storage and query in some specific areas, such as in streaming request or large data access environment in geospatial applications [5] .

MongoDB provides two types of geospatial index types: geohash for 2d sphere and 2d. Within 2d sphere relevant queries are implemented through the calculation of index on Earth-like 2d sphere. Within 2d index, queries are calculated through a calculation of geometries on a two-dimensional plane. Four topological query operations are provided in MongoDB for geospatial data: \$geoIntersects, \$geoWithin, \$near, and \$nearSphere.

In a quantitative comparison of geospatial big data processing between the PostGIS and MongoDB databases, MongoDB had some advantages with its “within” and “intersection” queries and in terms of its response time for loading big geospatial data. [6]

### **3 REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS**

#### **3.1 Project Requirements**

##### **3.1.1 Hardware Requirements**

The hardware requirements for a hostel searching website are minimal and can easily be met by a standard laptop or desktop computer. A reliable internet connection is necessary, but otherwise the website does not require any specialized hardware. It can be listed as

- A computer (laptop or desktop) with sufficient processing power, memory, and storage to run the web browser and support the application.

##### **3.1.2 Software Requirements**

We need following software to accomplish our project

- Visual Studio Code: A free and open-source code editor
- Postman: An API development and testing tool.
- Figma: Popular UI design and collaboration tool.
- MongoDB: A cross-platform document database
- Express: A back-end Web application framework
- React: A JavaScript library for building user interface
- Node.js: A cross-platform JavaScript runtime environment
- Web browser for accessing the website
- An operating system that support web browser

#### **3.2 Feasibility Analysis:**

- Financial feasibility:

All the libraries we need for the completion of this project are open source. So, the expenditure is minimal for this project. We have to pay for server hosting and acquiring domain name. Also, we have all hardware requirements already so we do not have to buy any additional hardware equipment for the completion of our project.

- Technical feasibility:

Currently we have a laptop with the following specifications:



Processor: Intel Core i5-8250U @ 1.6GHz

RAM:8 GB

SSD:256 GB

HDD:1 TB

Graphics: NVIDIA, MX130 ,2GB

Network: We have a fast and stable internet connection in our laptop.

For software requirements we have installed all the necessary packages required for the completion of our project

- Operational feasibility:

Security: Measures to protect sensitive data and prevent unauthorized access to the application.

User Acceptance: User acceptance of the application based on ease of use, performance, and functional requirements.

Maintenance: Cost and effort required to maintain and upgrade the application over time.

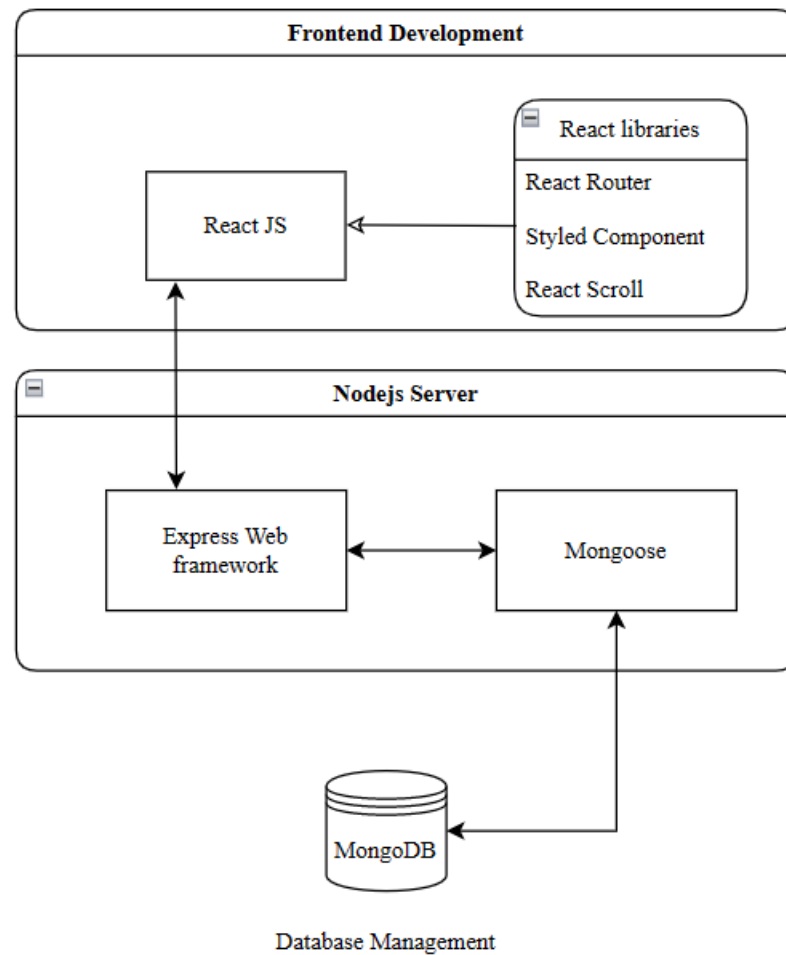
Integration: Ability to integrate with existing systems and data sources.

Scalability: Ability to handle increased demand for the application.

Reliability: Ability of the application to perform consistently and without failures.

## 4 METHODOLOGY

### 4.1 System Block Diagram



*Figure 1 System Block Diagram*

We will be using MERN stack for this web application, it stands for MongoDB Express React Nodejs. Our Data would be hosted in mongo, which is a NoSQL database system. These data are presented in an attractive and efficient manner through react library which is essentially a Frontend oriented script. Express will work as a bridge between our frontend and backend development, something like a waiter who works between a customer and cooks.

#### **4.1.1 React as Frontend**

React.js, more commonly known as React, is a free, open-source JavaScript library. It works best to build user interfaces by combining sections of code (components) into full websites. Originally built by Facebook, Meta and the open-source community now maintain it. We are using React mainly because of its component-based system which is reusable and easy to maintain. Also React uses virtual DOM which is effectively faster than regular DOM. So, there will be improvement in app performance.

#### **4.1.2 MongoDB**

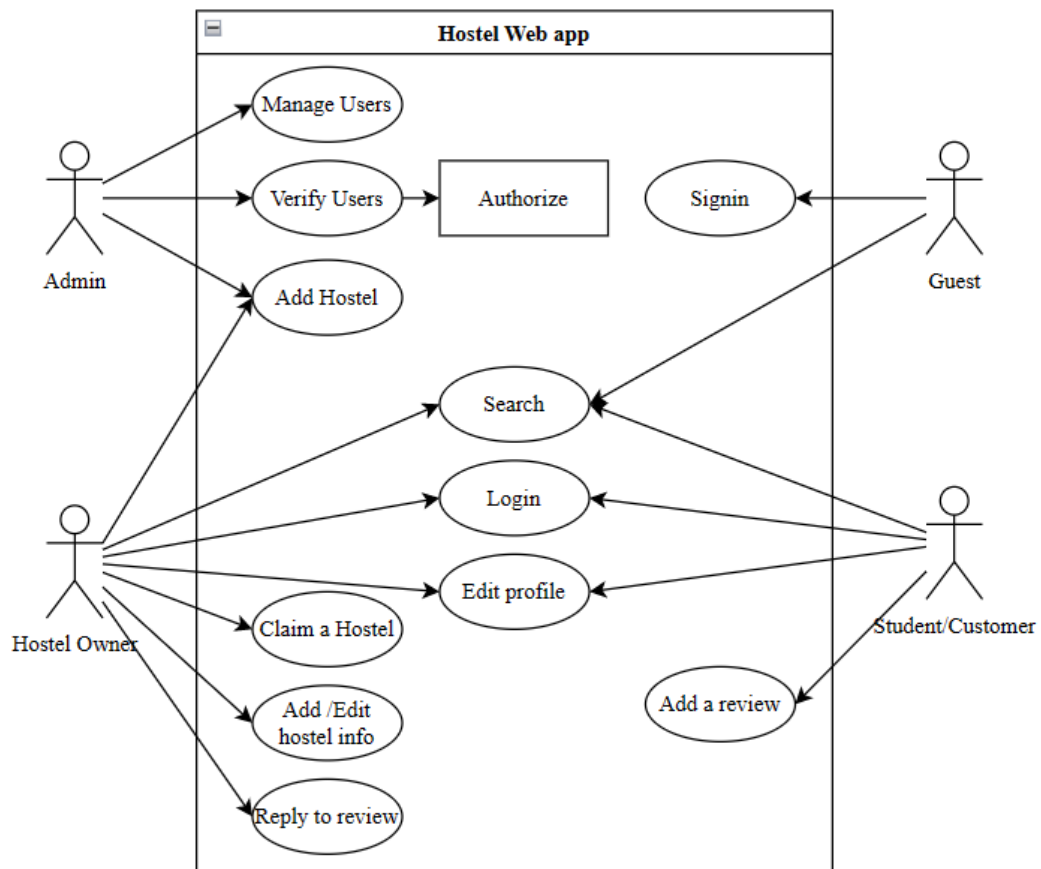
MongoDB is an open-source document-oriented database. The term 'NoSQL' means 'non-relational' i.e., it is not based on the table-like relational database structure but provides an altogether different mechanism for storage and retrieval of data. This format of storage is called BSON (like JSON format). We choose Mongo over relational database because of its flexibility and easy-to-handle features, also they are easy to expand since they are Schema-less (Adding new feature does not affect old documents and is extremely easy)

#### **4.1.3 Express**

Express is a fast and moderate web framework of Node.js. Express can be seen as a layer built on top of the Node.js that helps manage a server and routes. It was created to make APIs and web development with ease and still is very efficient.

The main reason for choosing this framework is because it is very beginner-friendly, time-efficient, fast, and economical.

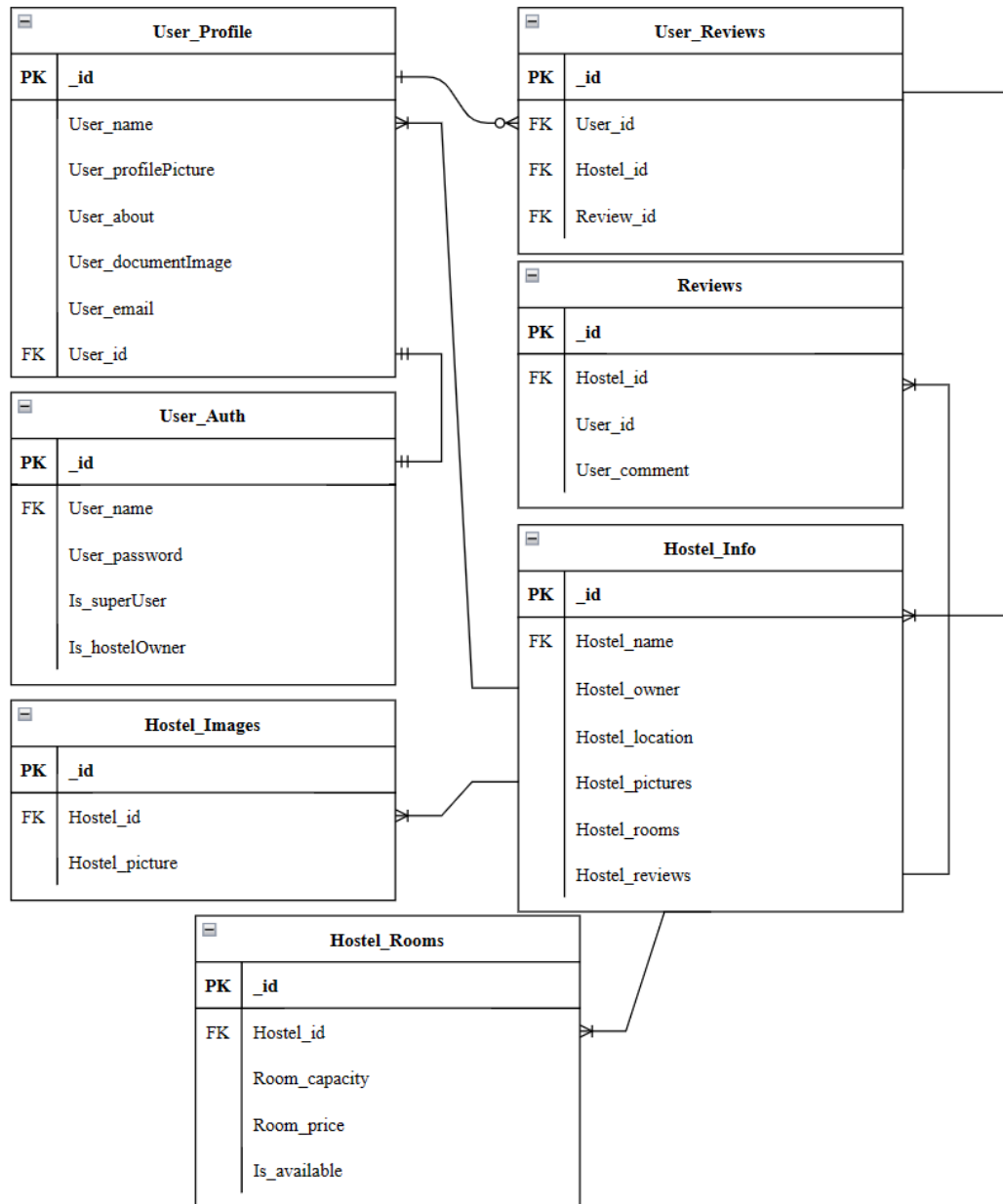
## 4.2 Use Case Diagram



*Figure 2 Use Case Diagram*

The system's use case diagram, which represents the actors and the system, is depicted in the diagram above. The system's service to the actors is depicted in this diagram. In the system, there are four types of actors: Admins, Guest, Hostel owners and Registered Users. A registered user will be able to search for hostels, write reviews, rate them, and use the recommendation and suggestion services. The user can also make changes to their account. The system administrator will oversee Verifying user documents and moderating any contents as well as add new hostels. Hostel owners can request to add a new hostel or claim one with proper documentation. Guest users are only allowed to search hostels and watch their reviews but cannot give review of their own.

### 4.3 Entity Relation (ER) Diagram



*Figure 3 Entity Relation Diagram*

ER diagram (entity-relationship diagram) is a diagram which shows entities, attributes of entities and relationship between them. ER diagram of our system is as shown above.

## **4.4 Description of System Development**

### **4.4.1 Data Collection**

For our hostel dataset we will visit different hostel and interview the owner for the required information. This method is effective but quite time consuming and tedious so we would collect data from other sources like google map scrapping as well as data from Nepal hostel association. We want the data to be as relevant as it can be and correct too, this will help enhance user experience in our app and will also fulfill their needs.

### **4.4.2 UI design**

The user interface (UI) is the space where interactions between human computer system occur. UI is an integral aspect of user experience that mainly consist of two major thing visual design (which conveys the look and feel of a product) and interaction design (which is the functional and logical organization of elements). The goal of UI design is to make an interface which is user friendly, attractive, and efficient to interact, for this we will be using Figma.

### **4.4.3 Host Database**

All the user interfaces would be useless if there is no data to serve to the user, so we will host the data collected in a proper format as shown in ER diagram above, for this we will be using mongoose and the data would be stored in cloud (Mongo Atlas). This will be managed and routed with the help of express (that is any http request to the database would be handled by express).

### **4.4.4 Develop Frontend**

We need to properly code the designed UI, we will do this with the help of REACT along with other NPM react packages like React-Router (for routing), React-Spring, React-Scroll etc. (for animation). In React we can create many reusable components which when combined can form web pages.

### **4.4.5 Test and Deployment**

The final step of application development is testing and deployment, before deploying the app for general use, we would first test the app for any bugs and error or any

irregular behavior and finally deploy it. For deployment we will be using Azure cloud service and get a custom domain name for our website

## 5 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

### 5.1 Geospatial Datatype

#### 5.1.1 Introduction:

Geospatial data type of MongoDB and Mongoose is a powerful feature that enables developers to store and query location-based data. In this report, we will discuss the implementation of the geospatial data type in our hostel booking application to find nearby places using latitude and longitude.

#### 5.1.2 Implementation detail:

- Store location data: To store the location data for each hostel, we created a MongoDB schema that stores the latitude and longitude for each hostel. This data was stored as a geospatial data type, allowing us to query it efficiently. The schema for location data is implemented as:

```
location: {
  type: {
    type: String,
    enum: ['Point']
    required: true
  },
  coordinates: {
    type: [Number],
    required: true
  }
}
```

- Use Mongoose to interact with MongoDB: To interact with MongoDB, we used the Mongoose library, which provides a convenient and powerful way to interact with MongoDB collections from backend of our application.
- Implement a find: To find nearby places, we implemented a find feature in the hostel booking application that queries the MongoDB collection for hostels within a certain distance from a given latitude and longitude. The query is performed using



the MongoDB geospatial operator \$near. The snippet of the find feature is implemented as:

```
Hostel.find({
  location: {
    $near: {
      $geometry: {
        type: "Point",
        coordinates: [longitude, latitude],
      },
      $maxDistance: 10000, // this searches for hostel on a
proximity radius of 10km
    },
  },
});
```

- Display nearby places: The query returns a list of hostels within the specified distance, sorted by proximity to the given latitude and longitude. We used this list to display the nearby hostels to the user, allowing them to select a hostel for booking.

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## 5.2 Pigeonmap API:

Pigeonmap is a JavaScript library that provides a simple and intuitive way to display maps and markers on a web page. The API integrates with popular mapping services such as OpenStreetMap and Leaflet to provide a user-friendly interface for adding and customizing markers on a map.

With Pigeonmap, users can add markers to a map with just a few lines of code.

Markers can be customized to include information such as title, description, image,

and more. The API also supports adding popups to markers, which can be used to display additional information or multimedia content.

Pigeonmap is designed to be lightweight and fast, making it suitable for use in a variety of applications such as real estate listings, store locations, event locations, and more. It supports a wide range of customization options, including different marker styles and colors, custom icons, and the ability to control the zoom level and center of the map.

## 6 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

### 6.1 Features and Functionality

Some of the features and functionalities achieved till now are:

#### 6.1.1 Backend

In our first half of the project, we focused on our backend functionality of website. From authentication using JWT, saving the tokens in cookies, role managing, different server calls for user/hostel registration, updating in database, working with cloudnairy for cloud photo storage (for optimization). We also integrated different APIs for better user friendliness like places autocomplete. We used pigeon map, which is an open-source map APIs for our location-based search and geoapify for GeoEncoding. We are yet to fully integrate our backend with frontend, so we have shown our request call and response from server using Postman.

We have explained some of the basic functionality implemented in backend down below:

#### Register a user:

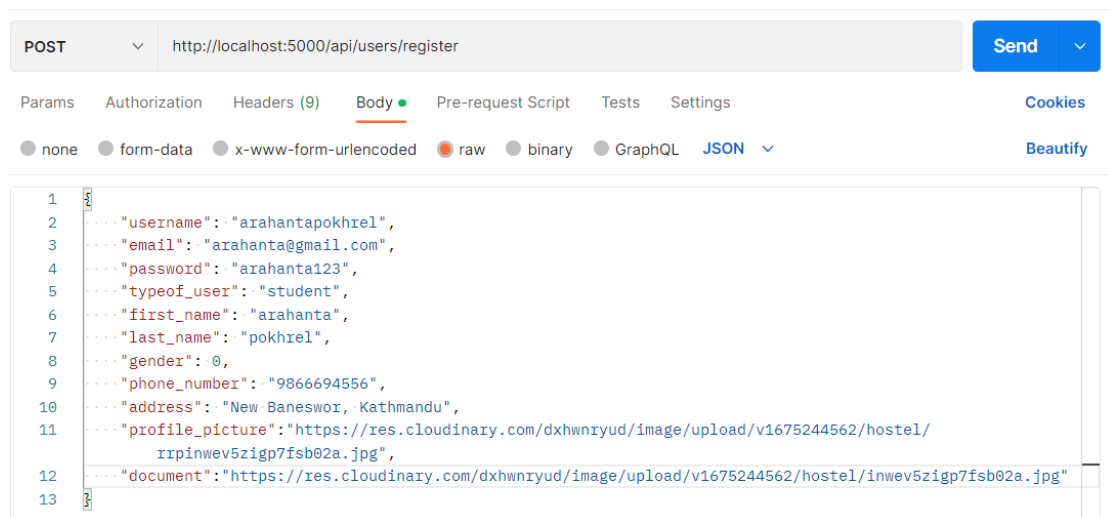


Figure 4 : Register a user

```
Body Cookies (1) Headers (8) Test Results 200 OK 197 ms 880 B Save Response
Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON
1 {
2   "username": "arahantapokhrel",
3   "email": "arahanta@gmail.com",
4   "passwordHash": "$2b$10$/wcf6Z0ZYHZLjDHjS4n/J.U6J0gNe.R/QL19kBLKNbT4bvFBiuDG",
5   "usertype": {
6     "typeof_user": "student",
7     "is_verified": false
8   },
9   "profile": {
10    "first_name": "arahanta",
11    "last_name": "pokhrel",
12    "gender": 0,
13    "phone_number": "9866694556",
14    "address": "New Baneswor, Kathmandu",
15    "profile_picture": "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/
16    rrpinnw5zignp7fsb02a.jpg",
17    "document": "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/inw5zignp7fsb02a.
18    jpg"
19  },
20  "reviews": [],
21  "hostel_listings": [],
22  "id": "63da4ca0035603e5686199fc"
23 }
```

To register user, we make a request to server, where we entered username, password, and other related user info, then Server receives data in key-value pairs, and saves them in database in proper format.

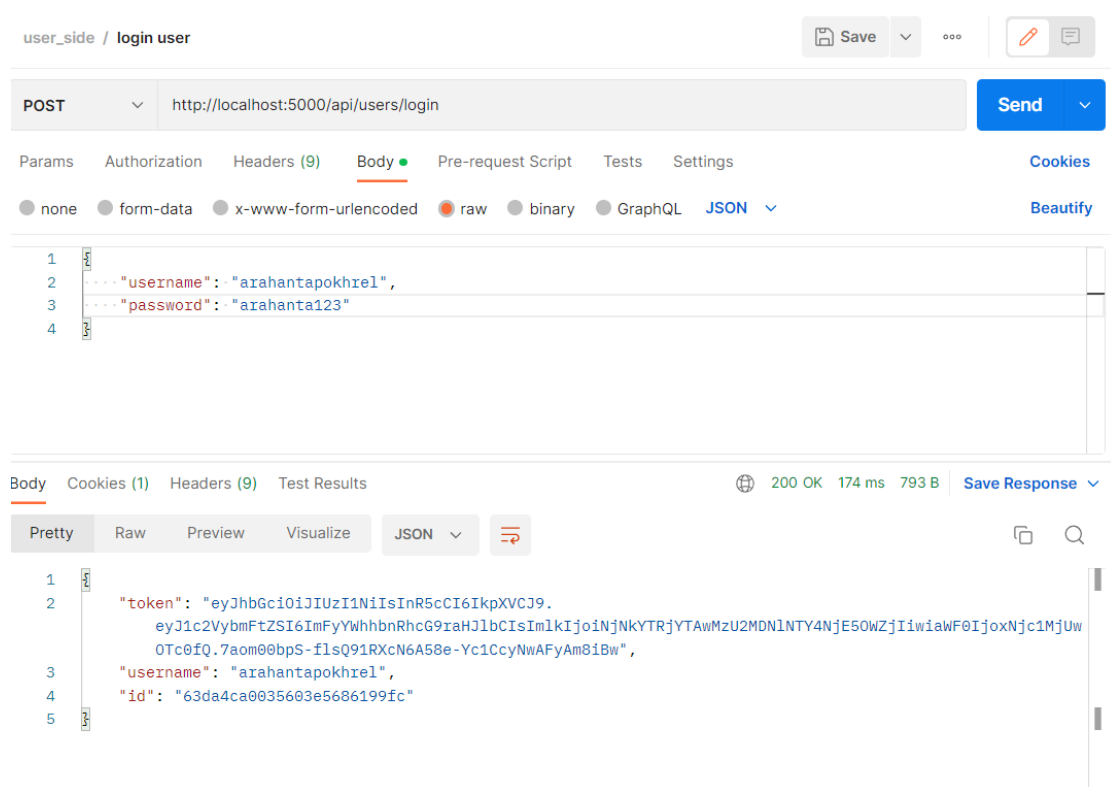
**LoginUser:**

Figure 5: Login User Received

To login onto our system, the user enters their username and password, which is then compared against hashed password saved in our database. Upon successful match, the server returns a token with user id, name, and their role which is then save in cookies of client for any further authentication or authorization check.

**Send reset token to user Email:**

user\_side / send reset token to user mail

Save ...

PUT http://localhost:5000/api/users/update/password/forgot/63da4ca0035603e5686199fc Send

Params Authorization Headers (8) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings Cookies

Headers 8 hidden

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	Bulk Edit	Presets
Key	Value	Description		

Body Cookies (1) Headers (8) Test Results 200 OK 3.18 s 320 B Save Response


Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON

```

1  {
2    "status": "success",
3    "message": "Token sent to email!"
4  }

```

Figure 6: Reset token sent

 thedormden@gmail.com  
to me

You are receiving this email because you (or someone else) have requested the reset of the password for your account.

Please click on the following link, or paste this into your browser to complete the process within one hour of receiving it:

<http://localhost:5000/api/users/update/password/reset/dcbf6018c815302ee0b17409a3317acdded7ead0>

If you did not request this, please ignore this email and your password will remain unchanged.

Reply Forward

Figure 7: Token received in mail

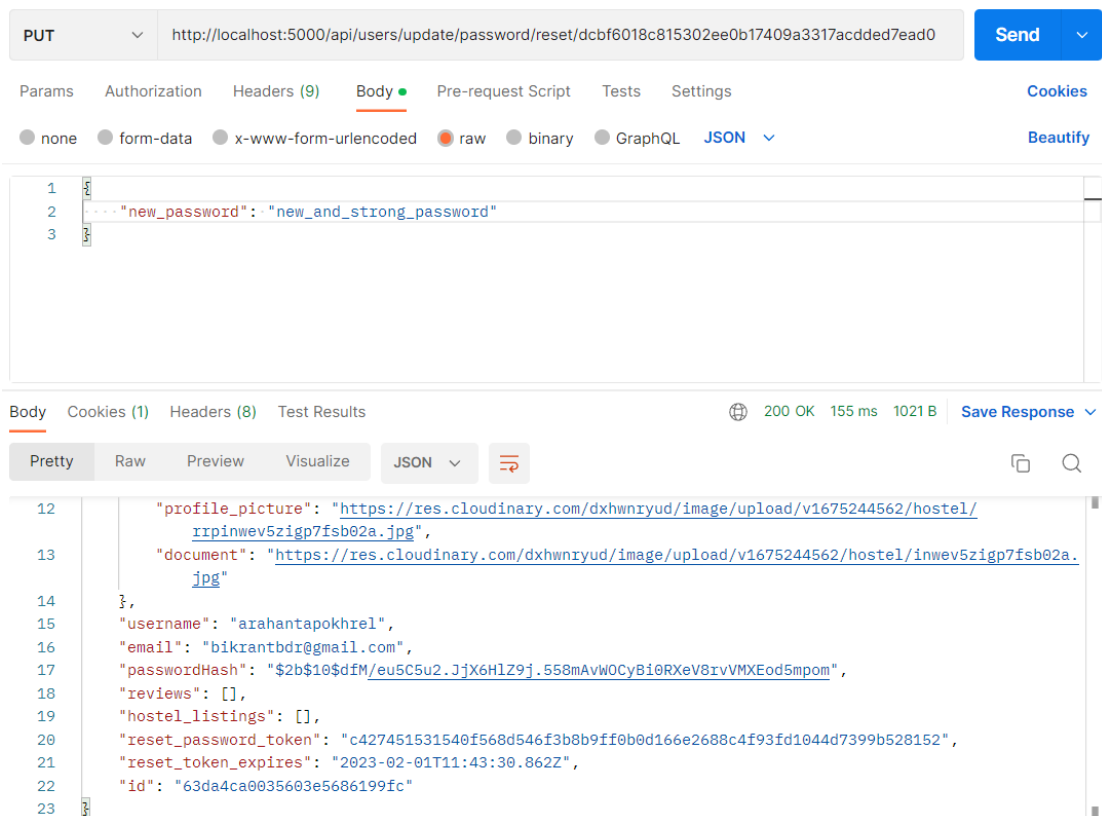


Figure 8 : Setting new password

In case user forgets their password, they can get reset token through their Email address, for this we used nodemailer library, when we click on the link provided in mail we can enter new password, which is then updated in the database.

## Register a hostel:

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with the following details:

- URL:** `http://localhost:5000/api/hostels/register`
- Method:** `POST`
- Body (JSON):**

```
{
  "name": "aakash samundra Boys Hostel",
  "location": "27.8595535367, 85.33546149715468",
  "description": "welcome to my hostel",
  "for_gender": 0,
  "verified": false,
  "images": [
    "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/rrpinwev5zignp7fsb02a.jpg",
    "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/ev5zignp7fsb02a.jpg"
  ]
}
```
- Response (JSON):**

```
{
  "name": "aakash samundra Boys Hostel",
  "location": "27.8595535367, 85.33546149715468",
  "description": "welcome to my hostel",
  "for_gender": 0,
  "images": [
    "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/rrpinwev5zignp7fsb02a.jpg",
    "https://res.cloudinary.com/dxhwnryud/image/upload/v1675244562/hostel/ev5zignp7fsb02a.jpg"
  ],
  "verified": false,
  "owner": "63da4ca0035603e5686199fc",
  "amenities": [],
  "rooms": []
}
```

Figure 9: Register hostel

To register a hostel, users must provide some basic information like name, location (through pigeon maps) and their proper registration documentation



## Review hostel:

The screenshot displays a REST client interface for a 'hostel side' application. The active tab is 'review a hostel'. A POST request is configured to the endpoint `http://localhost:5000/api/hostels/review/63da4fa2d88621380aa45cf8`. The request body is a JSON object with the following structure:

```
1 {
2   "cleanliness": 3.5,
3   "food": 4,
4   "staff": 3.5,
5   "amenities": 2.5,
6   "comment": "Very nice hostel, will visit again :)"
7 }
```

The response status is 200 OK, with a response time of 459 ms and a size of 578 B. The response body is shown in 'Pretty' JSON format:

```
1 {
2   "overall_rating": 3.375,
3   "cleanliness": 3.5,
4   "food": 4,
5   "staff": 3.5,
6   "amenities": 2.5,
7   "comment": "Very nice hostel, will visit again :)",
8   "user": "63da4ca0035603e5686199fc",
9   "hostel": "63da4fa2d88621380aa45cf8",
10  "createdAt": "2023-02-01T11:49:52.749Z",
11  "updatedAt": "2023-02-01T11:49:52.749Z",
12  "id": "63da51e07d63378db345f8e6"
13 }
```


Figure 10: Review Hostel

A verified user can leave a review for a particular hostel, our rating system are categorized in four ways: quality of food, behavior of staff, amenities provided and cleanliness, the overall rating is calculated based on provided categories

## 6.1.2 Frontend

- **Registration Page**

### Register



Choose File

No file chosen

First Name

first name

Middle Name

middle name

Email

Enter your email

Username

middle name

Last Name

last name

Gender

Male

Phone

Enter your phone number

Password

Enter your password

Student ID

Choose File

No file chosen

Register

Figure 11 : Registration Page

The details of user account is obtained from this page. A basic skeletal structure that takes data and from the user and fetches to the backend is designed.

- **Register Hostel Page**

### Register Hostel

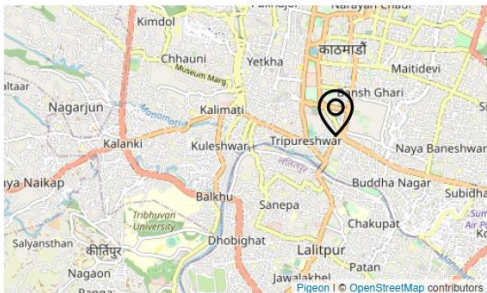
Hostel Name:

Aakash boys hostel

Gender:

Male

Location





Hostel Description:

Welcome to the best hostel in Kathmandu valley.

Hostel Images:

Choose Files

2 files



Hostel Document:

Choose File

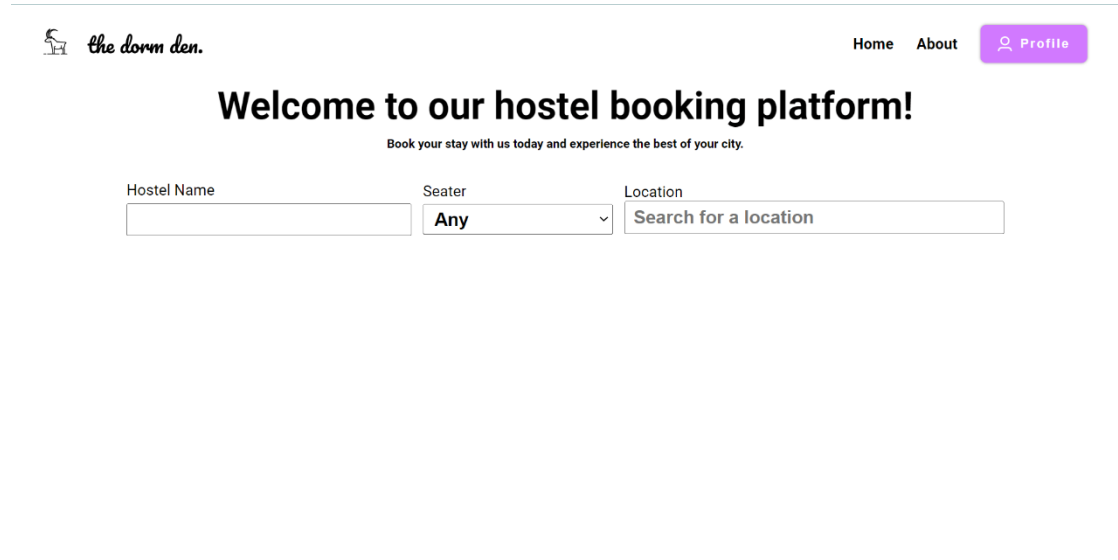
No file chosen

Save

Figure 12: Register Hostel Page

The details of hostel is obtained from this page. A basic skeletal structure takes data from the hostel and fetches to the backend is designed.

- **Search Page**



The screenshot shows the search interface of a hostel booking platform. At the top left is the logo 'the dorm den.' with a small icon of a person sitting at a desk. To the right are links for 'Home', 'About', and a 'Profile' button with a user icon. The main heading is 'Welcome to our hostel booking platform!' followed by the tagline 'Book your stay with us today and experience the best of your city.' Below this is a search form with three input fields: 'Hostel Name' (a text box), 'Seater' (a dropdown menu currently showing 'Any'), and 'Location' (a text box with the placeholder 'Search for a location').

*Figure 13 : Search Page*

This page allows users to search for information about hostels based on their name, seater, and location.

## **6.2 Performance Analysis**

The response time of data retrieval from the backend is 200 to 300 ms, which is fast and efficient for the system. The page load time is efficient, meets industry standards and is consistently within acceptable limits, providing a positive user experience. The web-application can handle a high volume of requests per second with no noticeable lag or delay. The results of resource usage testing indicate that the application uses a minimal amount of memory, CPU, and other resources, providing a fast and responsive user experience.

## **6.3 Security Analysis**

The security of the system is ensured using JWT (JSON Web Token). The token is signed by a secret key on the server, ensuring that the contents of the token cannot be altered during transmission. The client sends the token in the Authorization header with each request, allowing the server to verify the authenticity of the request and identify the user associated with it, without having to perform a database lookup. JWT restricts unauthorized access to any data required and handles the data security issue of the system.

## **7 REMAINING TASKS**

We have completed almost every major components and functionality in our project, some of the remaining tasks are:

1. Dashboard for user profile
2. Admin dashboard area for verifying registration and managing everything
3. Styling, animations, and responsiveness
4. Error handling and fallback states
5. Search Engine Optimization

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## APPENDICES

### Project Schedule

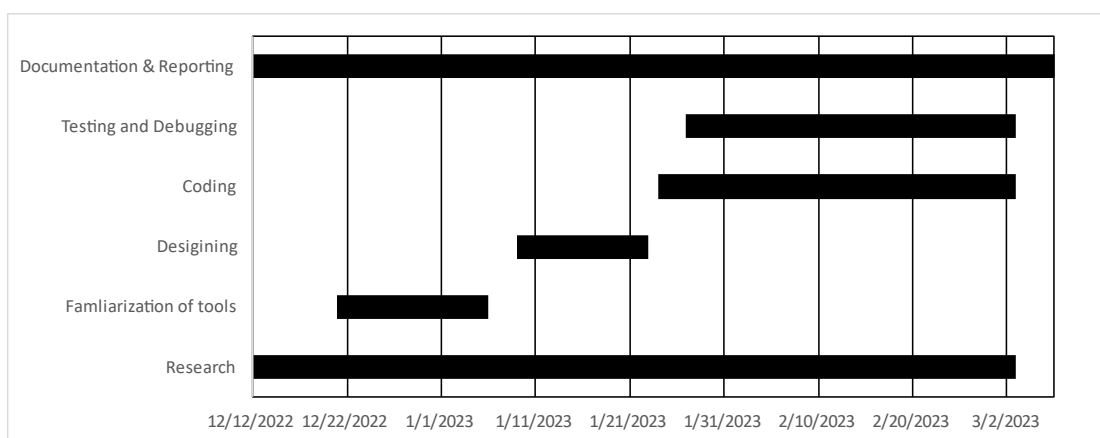


Table 1: Project Schedule

### Project Budget

S.N.	Particulars	Price (Rs)	Quantity	Total Price (Rs)
1.	Server Hosting	2000 per month	1	2000
2.	Acquiring a domain name	1500 per year	1	1500
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3500</b>

Table 2: Project Budget