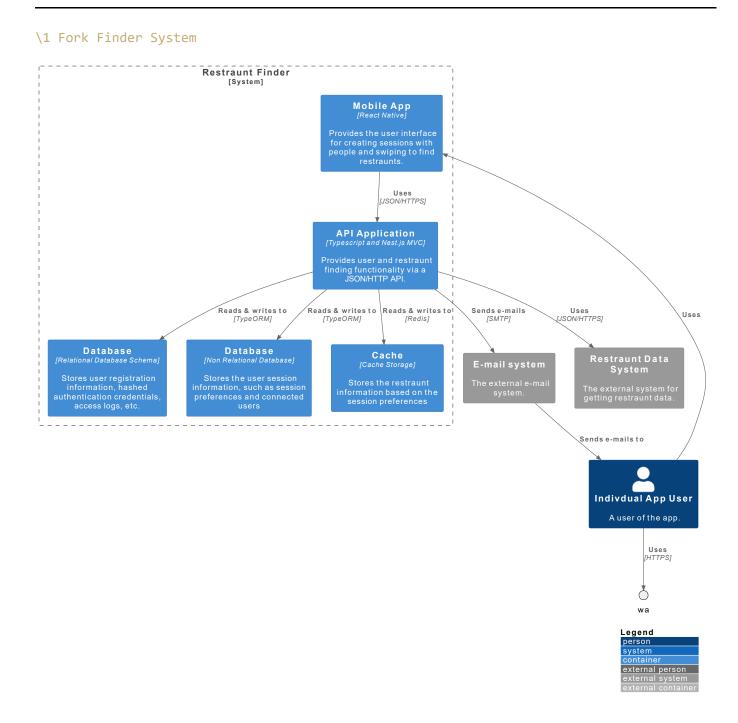
# 1 Fork Finder System



# Level 2: Container Diagram

# **Context Scope**

This diagram outlines the structure and major components of the **Restaurant Finder App**. It provides a high-level view of the system's containers (frontend, backend, database, etc.), external systems it interacts with (email, restaurant data), and how these components communicate with one another.

## Containers and Relationships

### People

• Individual App User (IAU): A person who uses the app to find restaurants and manage sessions.

#### **External Systems**

- **E-mail System (ES)**: An external system that sends notifications and emails to users (e.g., for registration confirmation, session updates).
- Restaurant Data System (RDS): An external system used to fetch restaurant data based on user preferences and location (e.g., Yelp API, Google Places).

#### **Internal Containers**

- Mobile App (MA):
  - o **Technology**: React Native
  - Description: The mobile app provides the user interface for creating sessions, inviting friends, and swiping to find restaurants.
- Database (Relational) (DB):
  - o Technology: Relational Database Schema
  - **Description**: Stores persistent user information, such as registration data, hashed authentication credentials, and access logs.
- Non-Relational Database (NRDB):
  - Technology: NoSQL (Non-Relational) Database
  - Description: Stores user session data, including session preferences, active sessions, and connected users.
- Cache Storage (CACHE):
  - **Technology**: Redis
  - Description: Temporary storage for restaurant data based on session preferences to reduce repeated API calls to external systems.
- API Application (API):
  - Technology: Typescript, Nest.js MVC
  - Description: Handles core functionality including user authentication, restaurant data retrieval, and session management. Provides this functionality via a JSON/HTTP API.

### **Container Communication**

- API ↔ E-mail System: Sends emails through the external email system via SMTP.
- API → Restaurant Data System: Fetches restaurant data from the external system using JSON/HTTPS requests.
- API → Relational Database: Reads and writes user and session data to the relational database using TypeORM.

- API 
  ← Non-Relational Database: Reads and writes session-specific data to the NoSQL database using TypeORM.
- API ↔ Cache Storage: Interacts with Redis to cache restaurant data for faster access.
- **Mobile App** ↔ **API**: Communicates with the API to authenticate users, fetch restaurant data, and manage sessions via JSON/HTTPS requests.

### **People Communication**

- Individual App User → Mobile App: Users interact with the mobile app over HTTPS to perform various actions.
- **E-mail System** → **Individual App User**: The external email system sends emails to the user (e.g., for registration confirmation or session updates).

## Relationships

- MA → API: The mobile app communicates with the API using JSON/HTTPS to retrieve restaurant data and manage sessions.
- API → ES: The API communicates with the email system over SMTP to send emails to users.
- API → RDS: The API fetches restaurant data from external sources via JSON/HTTPS.
- API → DB: The API reads from and writes to the relational database using TypeORM.
- API → NRDB: The API interacts with the NoSQL database to store and retrieve session information.
- **API** → **CACHE**: The API caches restaurant data in Redis based on session preferences to avoid redundant external API calls.

### Intended Audience

This diagram is intended for **technical staff**, including software architects, developers, and operations/support personnel. It provides an overview of how the containers within the system are structured and communicate with each other.