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FLIGHTBOOKING APP

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INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced digital world, technology has revolutionized nearly every aspect of our lives, with the travel industry being no exception. Traditional methods of booking flights, such as going through travel agents or relying on paper-based tickets, have been replaced by online platforms that offer consumers greater convenience, transparency, and efficiency. One of the most significant innovations in this space is the flight booking app, which allows travelers to book flightson the go, directly from their smartphones or tablets. This report explores the design, features, and benefits of a flight booking app, which is an essential tool for modern-day travelers seeking seamless booking experiences.

Overview of Flight Booking Apps

A flight booking app is a mobile application that enables users to search for, compare, and book flights across multiple airlines, all from a single platform. These apps leverage powerful search algorithms, real-time data integration, and user-friendly interfaces to help travelers find the best flight options based on their preferences, such as price, travel dates, layovers, and airlines. Over the last decade, mobile apps have become the preferred platform for booking travel, driven by the increasing adoption of smartphones and the convenience of conducting transactions from anywhere.

The rise of flight booking apps has coincided with the growth of online travel agencies (OTAs) like Expedia, Kayak, and Google Flights, which have transformed the way consumers access and book travel services. In addition to traditional flight bookings, many of these platforms now offer a range of additional services, such as hotel bookings, car rentals, and even complete vacation packages. This expansion of services has made travel booking easier and more accessible than ever before, placing a wide range of choices at the fingertips of users.

The Evolution of Flight Booking

The evolution of flight booking systems began with traditional travel agents and airline ticket offices, which required customers to physically visit or make phone calls to secure flight tickets. However, with the advent of the internet and e-commerce, flight booking began to shift online in the late 1990s. Websites like Expedia and Priceline emerged as pioneers, offering customers the ability to book flights directly from their computers. These platforms revolutionized the way people planned their travel, providing greater access to flight information, more competitive prices, and 24/7 availability.

With the rapid growth of smartphones and mobile apps in the 2000s, travel companies began developing dedicated mobile applications to cater to the increasing demand for on-the-go solutions.

The shift to mobile-first platforms marked a new era for flight booking, as consumers could now search forand book flights anywhere and anytime, from the comfort of their own homes or while on the move. Theability to access real-time flight information, manage bookings, and receive instant notifications aboutflight statuses transformed how people engage with the airline and travel industry.

Today, flight booking apps are not just for booking flights; they serve as comprehensive travel management tools that streamline the entire travel process. Features such as real-time flight tracking,price comparison, integrated customer service, and personalized recommendations based on user preferences are becoming increasingly common. Additionally, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and big data analytics are enabling more intelligent, predictive systems that help users identify the best deals and personalize their travel experiences.

Why Flight Booking Apps Are Important

The rise of flight booking apps has created numerous benefits for travelers, airlines, and the overall travelindustry. For consumers, flight booking apps provide significant convenience and flexibility. Travelers cancompare flight options across multiple airlines in real time, ensuring they get the best possible deal. Pricealerts and notifications allow users to monitor fluctuations in ticket prices, helping them make informeddecisions about when to book their flights.

The mobile-first nature of these apps also means that customers can book flights anytime, anywhere, from their smartphones or tablets. This is particularly valuable for last-minute bookings, where time is of theessence. Whether booking a flight for a business trip, a vacation, or a spontaneous getaway, the app allowsusers to manage their plans on the go. Furthermore, many flight booking apps have integrated paymentgateways, allowing travelers to complete transactions securely within the app itself, without the need tovisit a separate website or deal with long checkout processes.

For airlines and travel agencies, flight booking apps provide a direct channel to engage with customers. Byoffering real-time booking options, promotions, and personalized deals, airlines can increase their visibilityand reach a wider audience. Many apps also incorporate features like loyalty programs and exclusive discounts for repeat customers, encouraging brand loyalty and repeat business.

For the travel industry as a whole, flight booking apps play an essential role in improving overall efficiency.They help reduce the dependence on traditional distribution channels (like travel agents), streamline booking processes, and provide valuable insights into customer behavior through data analytics. This, inturn, enables airlines and travel companies to improve their services, optimize pricing strategies, and offermore customized experiences for their customers.

The Importance of a Seamless User Experience

As competition within the flight booking app market intensifies, providing a seamless and intuitive userexperience (UX) has become a critical factor for success. Travelers are looking for apps that are not onlyfunctional but also easy to navigate and aesthetically appealing. A well-designed flight booking appensures that users can quickly search for flights, compare prices, and complete bookings with minimalfriction.

Key UX features include clear and simple navigation, easy-to-read flight details, personalized recommendations, and a streamlined checkout process. Additionally, apps that offer multilingual support,multi-currency options, and accessibility features are increasingly important in catering to global travelers.

CHAPTER 2
ARCHITECTURE

The MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js) is a popular set of technologies for building full-stack web applications. The MERN stack allows developers to use JavaScript across both the client and server sides, creating anefficient, scalable, and easy-to-maintain application. In the context of a flight bookingapp, the MERN stack can be leveraged to build a dynamic, high-performanceapplication that can handle user requests, manage flight data, and process bookings.This section describes the architecture of a flight booking app built using the MERNstack, highlighting the components, data flow, and key technologies involved.

1. Overview of the MERN Stack

MongoDB: A NoSQL database used to store data such as user profiles, flight bookings, and other app-related information in a flexible and scalable format.

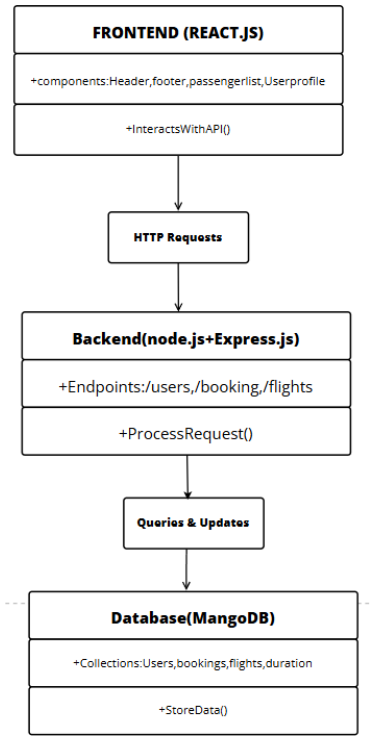
Express.js: A web application framework for Node.js that simplifies routing, handling HTTP requests, and managing middleware for the backend.

React.js: A front-end JavaScript library for building interactive user interfaces. React is used to create dynamic components, manage state, and render data on the clientside.

Node.js: A JavaScript runtime built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine that allows running JavaScript on the server side. Node.js is used to handle backend logic, API requests, and communication with the database.

2. System Architecture Diagram

A typical flight booking app architecture in the MERN stack would look like this:



3. Components of the Architecture

3.1 Frontend (React.js)

The frontend of the flight booking app is built using React.js, which provides a dynamic, user-friendly interface for interacting with the app. The React app is responsible forrendering the flight search page, displaying flight results, and handling the booking process.

Key Components:

Search Component: A form where users input their flight search criteria, such as departure and destination cities, travel dates, and passenger details.

Flight Results Component: Displays the list of available flights, with details such as airline,price, and travel duration. The results are fetched dynamically via API calls to the backend.

Booking Component: Once the user selects a flight, they are directed to a booking pagewhere they can enter personal details (name, email, etc.) and payment information.

User Profile: Displays the user's booking history, upcoming flights, and allows users to manage their account.

State Management: React's built-in state management is used to manage data such as search results, user authentication, and flight details. For complex state management, you can use Redux or Context API to handle global state.

Routing: React Router is used for managing page navigation within the app, such as theflight search page, booking confirmation page, and user profile page.

3.2 Backend (Node.js & Express.js)

The backend is built using Node.js for the runtime environment and Express.js as the application framework. It is responsible for handling the business logic, processing user requests, and managing interactions with the database.

API Routes:

Flight Search API: Handles requests from the frontend to search for available flights. Thiscould involve querying third-party flight provider APIs (e.g., Skyscanner, Amadeus) or a local database if flights are stored within the app.

User Authentication API: Manages user login, registration, and session management using JWT (JSON Web Tokens) or session cookies. This ensures secure access to personal accounts.

Booking API: Handles flight bookings, saving booking details in the database, processing payments, and sending confirmation emails.

Payment API Integration: Integrates with third-party payment gateways like Stripe or PayPal to securely process payments for flight bookings.

Controllers: The controllers contain the logic for handling API requests. For example, theflight search controller might make API calls to external flight providers to retrieve flight data, and the booking controller would handle storing booking information in the database. **Middleware:** Express middleware is used for handling tasks such as error handling,authentication, and validation of incoming data (e.g., validating the user's input when making a booking).

3.3 Database (MongoDB)

The MongoDB database is used to store data for the flight booking app. MongoDB is aNoSQL database, meaning it stores data in a flexible, JSON-like format, which is ideal formanaging unstructured data like user profiles, booking history, and flight details.

Flight Data: This can either be stored locally in MongoDB (if the app manages its owninventory of flights) or it can be fetched in real-time from external flight APIs. If flight data isstored in MongoDB, each flight document might contain fields such as:

- Airline
- Departure and destination airports
- Price
- Flight dates and times
- Number of available seats

User Data: The database will also store user information, such as:Personal

- details (name, email, contact info)
- Booking history (flight details, dates) Payment
- preferences and transaction history

Booking Information: When a user books a flight, the booking details are saved in the database, including:

- Flight details (e.g., flight ID, airline, departure date) Passenger
- information (name, passport details, etc.)Payment status
- (confirmed, pending, failed)

3.4 External APIs and Services

Flight booking apps often rely on third-party services to fetch live flight data, processpayments, and send email notifications.

Flight Provider APIs: The app may integrate with flight provider APIs (e.g., Amadeus, Skyscanner, or Google Flights) to provide real-time flight data such as availability, pricing, and flight schedules.

Payment Gateways: The app integrates with payment services like Stripe or PayPal forsecurely processing user payments.

Email Service: An external email service (e.g., SendGrid or Amazon SES) can be used tosend booking confirmation emails to users oncethey completetheir flight reservations.

3.5 Security Considerations

Authentication: User authentication is managed with JWT (JSON Web Tokens), ensuring secure login sessions. When a user logs in, the backend generates a token that is stored onthe client-side and included in subsequent API requests for authorization.

Data Encryption: Sensitive user data (like passwords and payment information) is encryptedusing algorithms like bcrypt for passwords and SSL/TLS encryption for communicationbetween the client and server.

Payment Security: When processing payments, the app uses a third-party payment gateway(like Stripe or PayPal), which ensures PCI-compliant security standards.

4. Data Flow

User Search: The user inputs search parameters (destination, date, passengers) in thefrontend.

API Request: The React app sends an API request to the backend Express server.

Backend Processing: The backend processes the request, querying the database (orexternal flight provider APIs) for available flights based on the user's criteria.

Flight Results: The backend sends the results back to the frontend, which displays them inthe search results page.

Booking: When the user selects a flight, the frontend collects the necessary information(passenger details, payment info) and sends a booking request to the backend.

CHAPTER 3

SETUP INSTRUCTION

Setting up a Flight Booking App using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js) involves aseries of steps that allow you to develop and run a full-stack application. These steps include setting up thedevelopment environment, installing dependencies, and configuring the application to work with MongoDB,Express, React, and Node.js. Below are the detailed instructions to help you set up the app locally.

Prerequisites

Before starting, make sure you have the following installed on your system:

Node.js: Download Node.js (Ensure you install the version that includes npm). **MongoDB:**

Install MongoDBlocally or use a cloud-basedservicelike MongoDB Atlas.**Git:** Download Git.

Code Editor: Use an editor like Visual Studio Code.

Step 1: Setting Up the Backend (Node.js + Express + MongoDB)

1.1 Initialize the Project

Open a terminal/command prompt and navigate to the directory where you want to create the project.Create a new folder for the backend:

```
mkdir flight-booking-backendcd
  flight-booking-backend
```

Initialize the Node.js project:

```
npm init -y
```

Install Dependencies

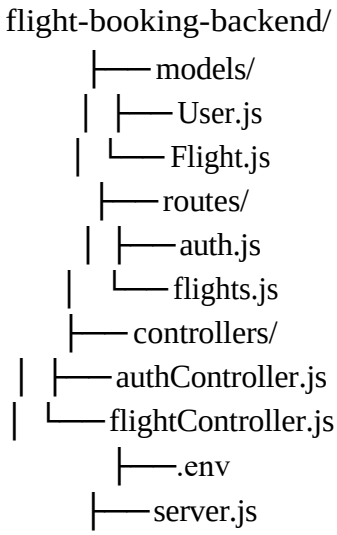
Install Express.js, MongoDB and other necessary libraries:

```
npm install express mongoose dotenv cors body-parser bcryptjs jsonwebtoken axios
```

- express: A web framework for Node.js.
- mongoose: MongoDB object modeling tool for Node.js.
- dotenv: Loads environment variables from a .env file.
- cors: Middleware for enabling Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS).
- body-parser: Middleware for parsing incoming request bodies. bcryptjs:
- Library for hashing passwords securely.
- jsonwebtoken (JWT): To manage user authentication and session.
- axios: For making HTTP requests to external APIs (like flight data providers).

Create Folder Structure

Create a basic folder structure for your backend:



Set Up MongoDB Connection

In the server.js file, set upthe MongoDB connection:const

```
express = require('express');
const mongoose = require('mongoose');const
cors =require('cors');
const dotenv = require('dotenv');

dotenv.config();

const app = express();
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

// Middleware
app.use(cors());
app.use(express.json()); // for parsing JSON request bodies

// MongoDB connection
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGODB_URI, { useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true })
  .then(() => console.log('MongoDB connected'))
  .catch((err) => console.log(err));

// Sample route app.get('/',
(req, res) => {
  res.send('Flight Booking App API');
});

app.listen(PORT, () => {
  console.log(`Server running onport ${PORT}`);
});
```

Add your MongoDB URI in the .env file:

MONGODB_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/flight-booking

Define Models
User Model(models/User.js):

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({name: {
  type: String, required: true },
  email: { type: String, required: true, unique: true },password: {
  type: String, required: true },
});

module.exports = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
```

Flight Model(models/Flight.js):

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

const flightSchema = new mongoose.Schema({airline: {
  type: String, required: true },
  from: { type: String, required: true }, to: {
  type: String, required: true }, price: { type:
  Number, required: true },
  departureDate: { type: Date, required: true },
});

module.exports = mongoose.model('Flight', flightSchema);Set Up
```

Routes and Controllers
Auth Routes(routes/auth.js):
Create user registration, login, and authentication routes.Flight
Routes (routes/flights.js):
Set up flight search API routes that interact with external flight data APIs or a local database tofetch available flights.

Step 2: Setting Up the Frontend (React.js)
Initialize React App
Navigate to the root directory of your project and create a new React app using create-react-app:

```
npx create-react-app flight-booking-frontendcd
        flight-booking-frontend
```

Install additional libraries for making API requests, routing, and managing state:npm install

```
    axiosreact-router-dom
```

Create Folder Structure for Frontend
Create a basic folder structure for your React app

```
flight-booking-frontend/
├──src/
│ ├──components/
│ │ ├──FlightSearch.js
│ │ ├──FlightResults.js
│ │ └──BookingForm.js
│ ├──pages/
│ │ ├──Home.js
│ │ └──BookingConfirmation.js
│ ├──App.js
│ ├──index.js
│ └──api.js
```

Set Up API Communication
In the src/api.js file, set up API requests to interact with the backend:

```
import axios from'axios';

const API_URL = 'http://localhost:5000';

export const searchFlights = (searchParams) => {
  return axios.post(`${API_URL}/api/flights/search`, searchParams);
};

export const bookFlight = (flightId, userData) => {
  returnaxios.post(`${API_URL}/api/flights/book`, { flightId, ...userData });
};
```

Create React Components

FlightSearch Component (components/FlightSearch.js):

A formwhere users input their search criteria (departure city, destination, dates).FlightResults Component (components/FlightResults.js):

Alistthatdisplays available flightsbased on usersearch.

BookingForm Component (components/BookingForm.js):

A form to capture user details and book the selected flight.

Set Up Routing

In src/App.js, configure React Router to manage navigation between pages (e.g., Home, BookingConfirmation).

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from 'react-router-dom';import Home
from'./pages/Home';
import BookingConfirmation from './pages/BookingConfirmation';

function App() {
 return (
  <Router>
   <Switch>
    <Route path="/" exact component={Home} />
    <Route path="/booking-confirmation" component={BookingConfirmation} />
   </Switch>
  </Router>
 );
}

export default App;
```

Step 3: Running the Application

3.1 Run the Backend

In the backend directory (flight-booking-backend), start the Express server:node

```
server.js
```

The backend will run on http://localhost:5000.

Run the Frontend

In the frontend directory (flight-booking-frontend), start the React development server:npm start

The frontend will run on http://localhost:3000.

Additional Configurations

Environment Variables: Set up environment variables in .env files for sensitive information like MongoDBURI, JWT secrets, etc.

Deployment: Once your app is ready for deployment, you can host the backend on a service like Heroku,AWS, or DigitalOcean. The frontend can be deployed using services like Netlifyor Vercel.

External APIs: If you're using external flight provider APIs, you may need API keys or access credentials. Ensure these are securely stored in environment variables.

CHAPTER 4
RUNNING THE APPLICATION

Running a Flight Booking App built using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js) requires setting up both the backend and the frontend. Below are the detailed instructions forrunning the application after the initial setup of the project. These steps assume that you havecompleted the setup of the backend and frontend as described in the previous sections.

Step 1: Running the Backend (Node.js + Express +MongoDB)

1.1 Install Backend Dependencies

If you haven't already, navigate to your backend directory (e.g., flight-booking-backend) and install thenecessary dependencies. Ensure you're in the correct directory:

```
cd flight-booking-backend
npm install
```

This will install all dependencies listed in your package.json file, including Express, Mongoose,JWT, and other required libraries.

1.2 Set Up MongoDB

You can either run MongoDB locally or use a cloud-based MongoDB service like MongoDBAtlas.

Option 1: Running MongoDB Locally If
you choose to run MongoDB locally:

1. Make sure you have MongoDB installed. You can download it from the MongoDB official website.
2. Start the MongoDB server by running the following command in your terminal:

```
mongodb
```

3. Ensure your MongoDB URI in the backend's .env file is set to use the local instance of MongoDB:

MONGODB_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/flight-booking

Option 2: Using MongoDB Atlas

1. Go to MongoDB Atlas and create an account.
2. Create a new cluster and get the connection URI for your database.
3. In your backend's .env file, replace the MONGODB_URI with the URI provided by Atlas:

MONGODB_URI=mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@cluster0.mongodb.net/flight-booking?retryWrites=true&w=majority

Make sure to replace <username> and <password> with your MongoDB Atlas credentials.

1.3 Start the Backend Server

Once the MongoDB connection is set up, you can start the backend server. Run the followingcommand in the backend directory (flight-booking-backend):

node server.js

You should see the following message in your terminal, indicating that the backend server is upand running:

MongoDB connected
Server running on port 5000

This means the backend API is now accessible at http://localhost:5000.

Step 2: Running the Frontend (React.js)

2.1 Install Frontend Dependencies

Navigate to your frontend directory (flight-booking-frontend) and install the necessary dependencies:

```
cd flight-booking-frontend
npm install
```

This will install React, Axios, and React Router for making API calls and managing routingwithin the application.

2.2 Configure API URL for Frontend

In your frontend's API configuration (e.g., src/api.js), ensure that the URL for API requestspoints to the correct backend address:

```
const API_URL = 'http://localhost:5000';  // Backend URL
```

This is where the React frontend will send API requests (for flight search, booking, and userauthentication).

2.3 Start the Frontend Development Server

Once the dependencies are installed and the API URL is set, run the following command in thefrontend directory (flight-booking-frontend):

```
npm start
```

This will start the React development server, and your frontend will be accessible:

http://localhost:3000

React will automatically open a browser window, or you can manually navigate to this URLin your browser.

Step 3: Testing the Application

Once both the backend and frontend are running, you can test the flight booking app by performingthe following actions:

3.1 Flight Search:

- Open your browser and go to http://localhost:3000.
- On the homepage, enter flight search details, such as departure city, destination, travel dates,and number of passengers.

- Click Search.
- The frontend will send a request to the backend (via the API) to retrieve flight data. Thebackend will either pull this data from MongoDB or fetch it from an external API if integrated.

3.2 Select Flight and Book:

- After viewing the available flight options, select a flight to book.
- Enter the necessary passenger details (name, email, etc.) and proceed to the bookingconfirmation.
- The frontend will send a request to the backend to handle the booking logic and store thebooking in the database.

3.3 Check User Authentication:

- Test the user registration and login features.
- Use the API to register a new user and log in to see if the backend properly handles authentication with JWT tokens.

3.4 Check Booking Confirmation:

- After a successful booking.

Step 4: Debugging and Error Handling

- If you encounter any issues while running the application, here are a few commontroubleshooting steps:

4.1 Backend Issues

- MongoDB Connection Errors:
- Check if MongoDB is running and accessible (if using a local database).Verify
- the MongoDB URI in the .env file.
- Check your internet connection if using MongoDB Atlas.API
- Errors:
- Ensure that the backend server is running and accessible at http://localhost:5000. Check for any
- errors in the backend terminal for clues about routing or database issues.

JWT Authentication Issues:

Ensure that the JWT token is correctly generated and passed with API requests that requireauthentication.
Use Postman or Insomnia to manually test API endpoints.

4.2 Frontend Issues

CORS Errors:

If you're seeing CORS errors in the browser, make sure the backend has the CORSmiddleware properly configured:

API Requests Not Working:

- Ensure that the API URL is correctly configured in api.js (or wherever you handle APIrequests).
- Check the browser's Developer Tools (Console and Network tabs) to see if there are anyerrors or failed network requests.

UI Not Displaying Correctly:

- Ensure that all React components are rendered properly and that state management(using hooks or Context) is set up correctly to pass data between components.

Step 5: Deployment (Optional)

Once you're happy with the application and want to deploy it to a live environment, you canfollow these steps:

5.1 Deploy the Backend

You can deploy the backend to platforms like Heroku, AWS, DigitalOcean, or Google Cloud.For Heroku:

- Create a Procfile in the backend directory:

```
echo "web: node server.js" > Procfile
```

- Install the Heroku CLI and log in:
- Initialize a Git repository and deploy:

```
git init
heroku creategit
add .
gitcommit-m "Initial commit"
git push heroku master
```

- Set the MongoDB URI as an environment variable on Heroku:

```
heroku config:set MONGODB_URI=<your-mongo-db-uri>
```

5.2 Deploy the Frontend

You can deploy the frontend using services like Netlify, Vercel, or GitHub Pages.For Netlify:

- Push the frontend to a GitHub repository.
- Connect your repository to Netlify and follow the instructions for deploying.

CHAPTER 5
API DOCUMENTATION

This document provides detailed API endpoints and their usage for the Flight Booking App builtwith the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js). The app allows users to search forflights, book flights, and manage user authentication (registration and login). The backend is builtwith Express.js, and it interacts with a MongoDB database for storing flight and user data.

Base URL

The base URL for the API is:

http://localhost:5000/api

1. Authentication API

1.1 User Registration

- Endpoint: POST /auth/register
- Description: Allows a new user to register by providing a username, email, and password.Request
- Body (JSON):

```
{
  "name": "John Doe",
  "email": "johndoe@example.com",
  "password": "password123"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "message": "User registered successfully","user": {
    "id": "123456",
    "name": "John Doe",
    "email": "johndoe@example.com"
  }
}
```

```
{
"error": "Email is already registered"
}
```

1.2 User Login

- Endpoint: POST /auth/login
- Description: Authenticates an existing user using email and password, and returns a JWT token.Request
- Body (JSON):

```
{
"email": "johndoe@example.com","password":
"password123"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "message": "Login successful",
  "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9..."
}
{
  "error": "Invalid email or password"
}
```

2. Flight Search API

2.1 Search Flights

- Endpoint: POST /flights/search
- Description: Searches for flights based on user input (e.g., departure city, destination, dates, etc.).Request
- Body (JSON):

```
{
  "from": "New York",
  "to": "Los Angeles",
  "departureDate": "2024-12-15",
  "returnDate": "2024-12-20",
  "numOfPassengers": 1
}
```

Response:

Success (200 OK): Returns an array of available flights

```
{
  "flights": [
    {
      "id": "1",
      "airline": "Airline A",
      "from": "New York",
      "to": "Los Angeles",
      "departureDate": "2024-12-15T10:00:00Z",
      "returnDate": "2024-12-20T12:00:00Z",
      "price": 299.99
    },
    {
      "id": "2",
      "airline": "Airline B",
      "from": "New York",
      "to": "Los Angeles",
      "departureDate": "2024-12-15T14:00:00Z",
      "returnDate": "2024-12-20T16:00:00Z",
      "price": 249.99
    }
  ]
}
```

```
{
"error": "Pleaseprovideall requiredfields"
}
```


3. Flight Booking API

3.1 Book Flight

- Endpoint: POST /flights/book
- Description: Books a selected flight for the user. Requires a JWT token for authentication.Request Body
- (JSON):


```
{
  "flightId": "1",
  "passengerDetails": {
  "name": "John Doe",
    "email": "johndoe@example.com",
    "phone": "123-456-7890"
  }
}
```

Response:
Success (200 OK):


```
{
 "message": "Flight booked successfully",
 "booking": {
  "bookingId": "12345",
  "flightId": "1",
  "user": "John Doe",
  "email": "johndoe@example.com",
  "price": 299.99,
  "departureDate": "2024-12-15T10:00:00Z"
 }
}
                                {
 "error": "Invalid flight ID or missing passenger details"
                                }
```


3.2 View Booking Details

- Endpoint: GET /flights/booking/:bookingId
- Description: Retrieves details of a specific booking using the booking ID. Requires authentication via JWT token.


```
 {
  "booking": { "bookingId":
   "12345",
   "flightId": "1",
   "airline": "Airline A",
   "from": "New York",
   "to": "Los Angeles",
   "departureDate": "2024-12-15T10:00:00Z","returnDate":
   "2024-12-20T12:00:00Z",
   "price": 299.99,
   "passengerDetails": {
   "name": "John Doe",
    "email": "johndoe@example.com",
    "phone": "123-456-7890"
   }
  }
 }
```

4. User Profile API

4.1 Get User Profile

- Endpoint: GET /users/profile
- Description: Retrieves the profile information of the authenticated user. Requires a JWT token for authentication.

Response:


```
{
  "user": {
    "id": "123456",
    "name": "John Doe",
    "email": "johndoe@example.com"
  }
}
```

```
{
  "error": "Authentication required"
}
```


5. Error Handling

- All API responses will include an appropriate HTTP status code. If the request is successful,the response will contain the relevant data. If there is an error (e.g., invalid request, authentication error), the API will return a clear error message with a corresponding HTTPstatus code.
- Common Error Status Codes:
- 400 Bad Request: When required parameters are missing or invalid.
- 401 Unauthorized: When the user is not authenticated or the provided JWT token is invalid.404 Not
- Found: When the requested resource (flight, booking, etc.) is not found.
- 500 Internal Server Error: For any unexpected errors on the server side.

CHAPTER 6
AUTHENTICATION

- Authentication is a crucial part of the Flight Booking App. It ensures that only authorized userscan access certain functionalities, such as making bookings, viewing their profiles, and managing bookings. In this section, we will walk through the authentication process using JWT (JSON Web Tokens), which is a common and secure method for handling authentication in modern web applications.
- The MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js) is used to build the authenticationsystem, where:
- MongoDB stores user information.
- Express.js provides API endpoints for user registration and login.
- Node.js serves the backend server and handles JWT token generation and verification.React.js
- manages the frontend interface for login and registration.
- Authentication Overview
- User Registration: New users can sign up by providing their email, username, and password.User
- Login: Existing users can log in by entering their credentials. Upon successful login, the server generates a JWT token.
- Token-based Authentication: The JWT token is stored on the client side (usually in localStorage or cookies) and is used for subsequent API requests to authenticate users. Protected Routes: Some
- routes (like booking a flight, viewing bookings, etc.) require users tobe authenticated. These routes check for the presence of a valid JWT token in the request.

1. Set Up JWT Authentication

1.1 Install Dependencies

In your backend project directory (flight-booking-backend), install the following packages:npm install

bcryptjs jsonwebtoken dotenv

1.2 Create the User Model (Mongoose)

Create a User model using Mongoose for managing user data in MongoDB. This model will include fieldsfor the user's name, email, and password, and we will hash the password before saving it. models/User.js:

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
const bcrypt =require('bcryptjs');

const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  name: { type: String, required: true },
  email: { type: String, required: true, unique: true },
  password: { type: String, required: true }
});

// Hash password before saving the user
userSchema.pre('save', async function(next) {if
(!this.isModified('password')) return next();

  // Hash password
  const salt = await bcrypt.genSalt(10);
  this.password = await bcrypt.hash(this.password, salt);next();
});

// Compare the entered password with the stored hashed password
userSchema.methods.matchPassword = async function(enteredPassword) {return
await bcrypt.compare(enteredPassword, this.password);
};

module.exports = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
```

1.3 Create Auth Routes (Express)

Next, create the routes for user registration and login.routes/authRoutes.js:

```
const express = require('express'); const
bcrypt = require('bcryptjs'); const jwt =
require('jsonwebtoken'); const User =
require('../models/User');const dotenv=
require('dotenv');

dotenv.config();

const router = express.Router();

// Register a new user router.post('/register',
async (req, res) => {
  const { name, email, password } = req.body;

  // Check if user already exists
  const userExists = await User.findOne({ email });if
  (userExists) {
    return res.status(400).json({ error: 'User already exists' });
  }

  try {
    // Create and save new user
    const user = new User({ name, email, password });await
    user.save();

    res.status(201).json({
      message: 'User registered successfully',
      user:{ id: user._id, name: user.name, email: user.email }
    });
  } catch (error) {
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Server error' });
  }
});

// Login a user
router.post('/login', async (req, res) => {const {
  email, password } = req.body;

  // Check if user exists
  const user = await User.findOne({ email });if
  (!user) {
    return res.status(400).json({ error: 'Invalid email or password' });
  }

  // Compare password with hashed password
  const isMatch = await user.matchPassword(password);if
  (!isMatch) {
    return res.status(400).json({ error: 'Invalid email or password' });
  }

  // Create JWT token
  const token = jwt.sign(
    { id: user._id, email: user.email },process.env.JWT_SECRET,
    { expiresIn: '1h' } // Set expiration time for the token
  );

  res.json({
    message: 'Login successful',
    token
  });
});

module.exports = router;
```

1.4 JWT Secret Key and Environment Variables

In your backend, create a .env file to store your JWT secret key and any other sensitiveenvironment variables.

.env:

```
JWT_SECRET=your_jwt_secret_key
MONGODB_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/flight-booking
PORT=5000
```

The JWT_SECRET is a secret key used to sign and verify the JWT tokens. Keep this secret keysafeand private.

1.5 Setup the Express Server

In your server.js or app.js file, set up the Express server to use the authentication routes andconnect to MongoDB.

server.js:

```
const express = require('express'); const
mongoose = require('mongoose');const
dotenv= require('dotenv');
const cors = require('cors');
const authRoutes = require('./routes/authRoutes');

dotenv.config();

const app= express();

// Middleware
app.use(express.json()); // Toparse JSON bodies
app.use(cors()); // Enable Cross-Origin Requests

// Routes
app.use('/api/auth', authRoutes);

// MongoDB connection
mongoose
  .connect(process.env.MONGODB_URI, { useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true })
  .then(() => {
    console.log('MongoDB connected');
  })
  .catch(err => {
    console.error('Error connecting to MongoDB:', err);
  });

// Start the server
app.listen(process.env.PORT, () => {
  console.log(`Server running on port ${process.env.PORT}`);
});
```

Step 2: Handling Authentication on the Frontend (React)

On the frontend, you need to handle user login and registration forms and store the JWT tokenafter a successful login.

2.1 Install Axios

Install Axios for making API requests from the React frontend to the backend

```
npm install axios
```

2.2 User Registration Form

Create a registration form in React where users can sign up by providing their email, name, andpassword.

components/Register.js:

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';import
axios from 'axios';

function Register() {
 const [name, setName] = useState('');const
 [email, setEmail] = useState('');
 const [password, setPassword] = useState('');const
 [error, setError] = useState('');

 const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();

  try {
   const response = await axios.post('http://localhost:5000/api/auth/register', { name,
    email,
    password,
   });
   alert('User registered successfully!');
  } catch (err) {
   setError(err.response.data.error);
  }
 };

 return (
  <div>
   <h2>Register</h2>
   <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
    <div>
     <label>Name:</label>
     <input type="text" value={name} onChange={(e) => setName(e.target.value)} required />
    </div>
    <div>
     <label>Email:</label>
     <input type="email"value={email} onChange={(e) => setEmail(e.target.value)} required />
    </div>
    <div>
     <label>Password:</label>
     <input type="password" value={password} onChange={(e) => setPassword(e.target.value)} required />
    </div>
    <button type="submit">Register</button>
    {error && <p>{error}</p>}
   </form>
  </div>
 );
}

export default Register;
```

2.3 User Login Form

Create a login form in React where users can log in using their email and password.components/Login.js:

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';import
axios from 'axios';

function Login() {
 const [email, setEmail] = useState('');
 const [password, setPassword] = useState('');const
 [error, setError] = useState('');

 const handleSubmit = async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();

  try {
   const response = await axios.post('http://localhost:5000/api/auth/login', { email, password });
   localStorage.setItem('token', response.data.token); // Save JWT token in localStorage alert('Login
   successful!');
  } catch (err) { setError(err.response.data.error);
  }
 };

 return (
  <div>
   <h2>Login</h2>
   <formonSubmit={handleSubmit}>
    <div>
     <label>Email:</label>
     <input type="email" value={email} onChange={(e) => setEmail(e.target.value)} required />
    </div>
    <div>
     <label>Password:</label>
     <input type="password" value={password} onChange={(e) => setPassword(e.target.value)} required />
    </div>
    <button type="submit">Login</button>
    {error && <p>{error}</p>}
   </form>
  </div>
 );
}

export default Login;
```

2.4 Using JWT Token for Protected Routes

For protected routes (e.g., booking flights), you need to pass the JWT token in the request headers.

```
const token = localStorage.getItem('token');
const response = await axios.get('http://localhost:5000/api/protected', {headers: {
  Authorization: `Bearer ${token}`}
});
```

CHAPTER 7
TESTING

Testing is a critical step in ensuring that the Flight Booking App works as expected and is freefrom bugs or security vulnerabilities. In this section, we will walk through various testingstrategies and tools that you can use to test the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js,Node.js) based flight booking app, covering both backend and frontend testing.

Testing is divided into two major categories:

- Backend Testing: Testing the API endpoints, database interactions, and server logic. Frontend
- Testing: Testing the user interface, user interactions, and component rendering.

We will focus on common tools for each part of the stack and demonstrate examples for both.

1. Backend Testing

For backend testing, we'll use Mocha, Chai, and Supertest. These are popular testingframeworks for Node.js applications.

1.1 Setting Up Testing Tools

First, you need to install the necessary testing libraries.

```
npm install --save-dev mocha chai supertest
```

- Mocha: A testing framework that runs JavaScript tests in Node.js.
- Chai: An assertion library used with Mocha to make assertions on the test results.
- Supertest: A library for making HTTP requests to your API, making it easier to test API endpoints.

Create a test directory in your project to store all test files.

```
mkdir test
```

1.2 Example Test Cases for Authentication

In this section, we'll write some test cases for the user registration and login API endpoints.test/auth.test.js:

```
const request = require('supertest');
const app = require('../server'); // Your Express appconst
mongoose = require('mongoose');
const User = require('../models/User');

// Connect to the test database
beforeAll(async() => {
 await mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGODB_URI, { useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true });
});

// Close the database connection after the tests afterAll(async () =>
{
 await mongoose.connection.close();
});

describe('Authentication API', () => {

 // Test user registration
 it('should register a new user', async () => {const
  response = await request(app)
   .post('/api/auth/register')
   .send({
    name: 'John Doe',
    email: 'johndoe@example.com',password:
    'password123'
   })
   .expect(201); // Expected status code for success

  expect(response.body.message).toBe('User registered successfully'); expect(response.body.user.email).toBe('johndoe@example.com');
 });

 // Test user login
 it('should login an existing user', async () => {const
  user = await User.create({
   name: 'Jane Doe',
   email: 'janedoe@example.com',
   password: 'password123'
  });

  const response = await request(app)
   .post('/api/auth/login')
   .send({
    email: 'janedoe@example.com',password:
    'password123'
   })
   .expect(200); // Expected status code for success

  expect(response.body.message).toBe('Login successful'); expect(response.body.token).toBeDefined();
  // JWT token should be returned
 });

 // Test login with wrong credentials
 it('should fail to login with incorrect credentials', async () => { const
  response = await request(app)
   .post('/api/auth/login')
   .send({
    email: 'nonexistent@example.com',password:
    'wrongpassword'
   })
   .expect(400); // Expected status code for failure

  expect(response.body.error).toBe('Invalid email or password');
 });

});
```

1.3 Testing Flight Search and Booking

Next, let's write tests for the flight search and flight booking endpoints.

test/flight.test.js:

```
const request = require('supertest');const app
= require('../server');
const User = require('../models/User'); const
Flight = require('../models/Flight');

let token;

beforeAll(async () => {
 // Register a test user and get the JWT token
 const userResponse = await request(app)
  .post('/api/auth/register')
  .send({
   name: 'John Doe',
   email: 'johndoe@example.com',
   password: 'password123'
  });
 token = userResponse.body.token;

 // Create some test flightsawait
 Flight.create([
  { airline: 'Airline A', from: 'New York', to: 'Los Angeles', departureDate: '2024-12-15T10:00:00Z', price: 199.99 },
  { airline: 'Airline B', from: 'New York', to: 'Chicago', departureDate: '2024-12-15T11:00:00Z', price: 129.99 }
 ]);
});

describe('Flight Search and Booking API', () => {

 // Test flight search
 it('should search for flights', async () => {const
  response = await request(app)
   .post('/api/flights/search')
   .send({
    from: 'New York',
    to: 'Los Angeles',
    departureDate: '2024-12-15',
    numOfPassengers: 1
   })
   .expect(200); // Expected status code for success

  expect(response.body.flights.length).toBeGreaterThan(0);
  expect(response.body.flights[0].airline).toBeDefined();
 });

 // Test flight booking
 it('should book a flight', async () => {const
  response = await request(app)
   .post('/api/flights/book')
   .set('Authorization', `Bearer ${token}`)
   .send({
    flightId: '1',
    passengerDetails: {
    name: 'John Doe',
     email: 'johndoe@example.com',phone:
     '123-456-7890'
    }
   })
   .expect(200); // Expected status code for success

  expect(response.body.message).toBe('Flight booked successfully');
  expect(response.body.booking.bookingId).toBeDefined();
 });

});
```

1.4 Run the Tests

To run your tests, you can use Mocha:

```
npx mocha --exit
```

2. Frontend Testing

Frontend testing is crucial to ensure that the UI behaves as expected, including rendering components, handling user inputs, and making API requests.

2.1 Setting Up Frontend Testing Tools

For frontend testing in React, we'll use Jest and React Testing Library. Jest is the defaulttesting framework for React projects, and React Testing Library helps test the components bysimulating user interactions.

To install the required dependencies:

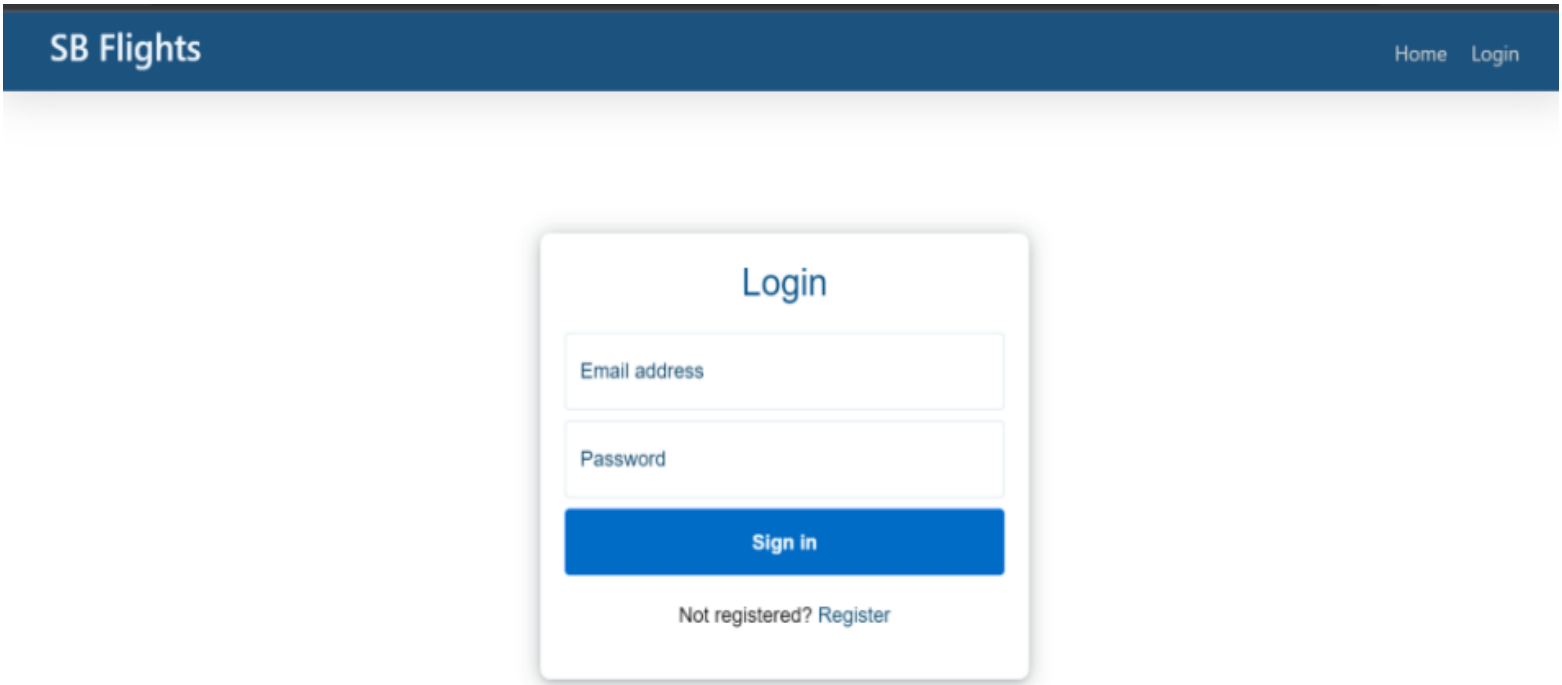
```
npm install --save-dev jest @testing-library/react @testing-library/jest-dom @testing-
library/user-event
```

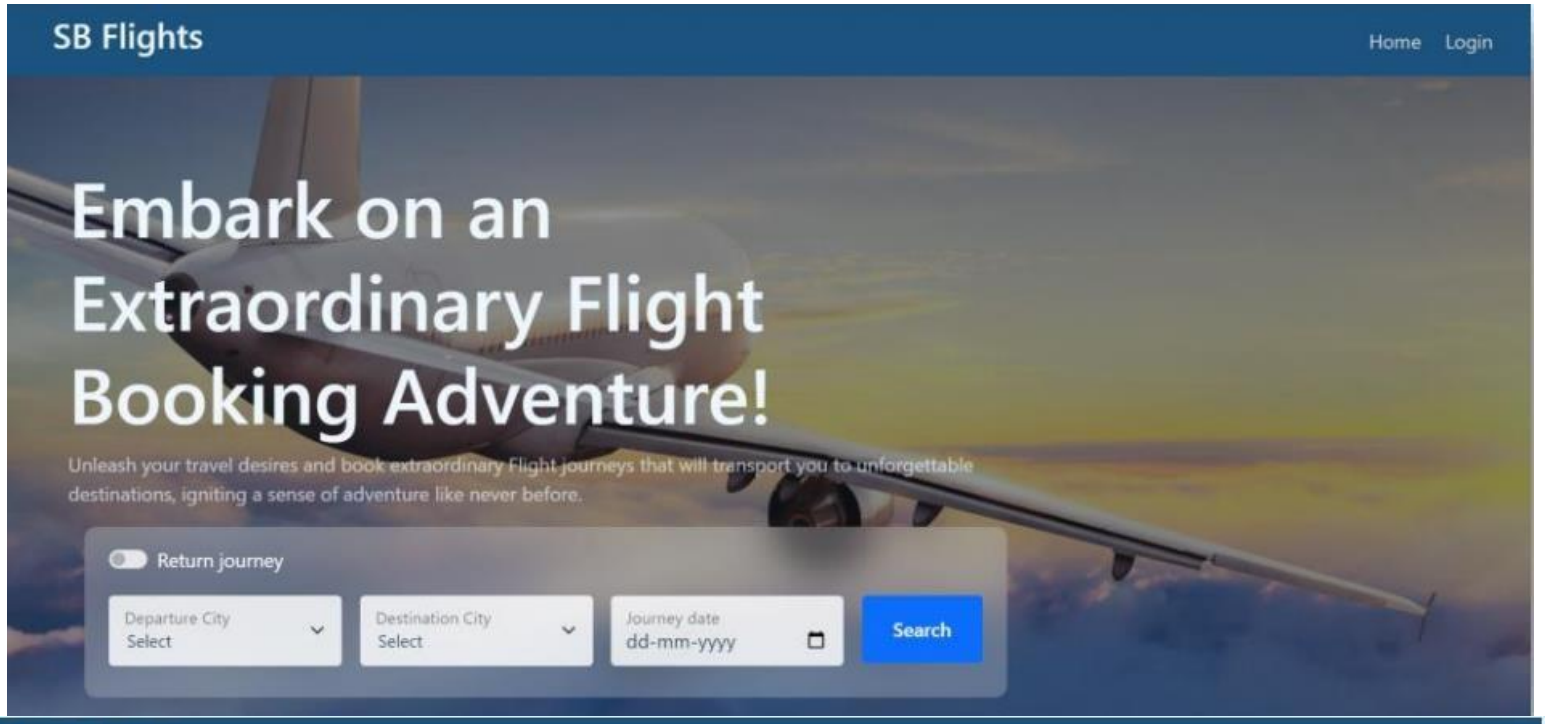
2.2 Run the Frontend Tests

Run your tests using Jest:

```
npm test
```

CHAPTER 8
SCREENSHOTS

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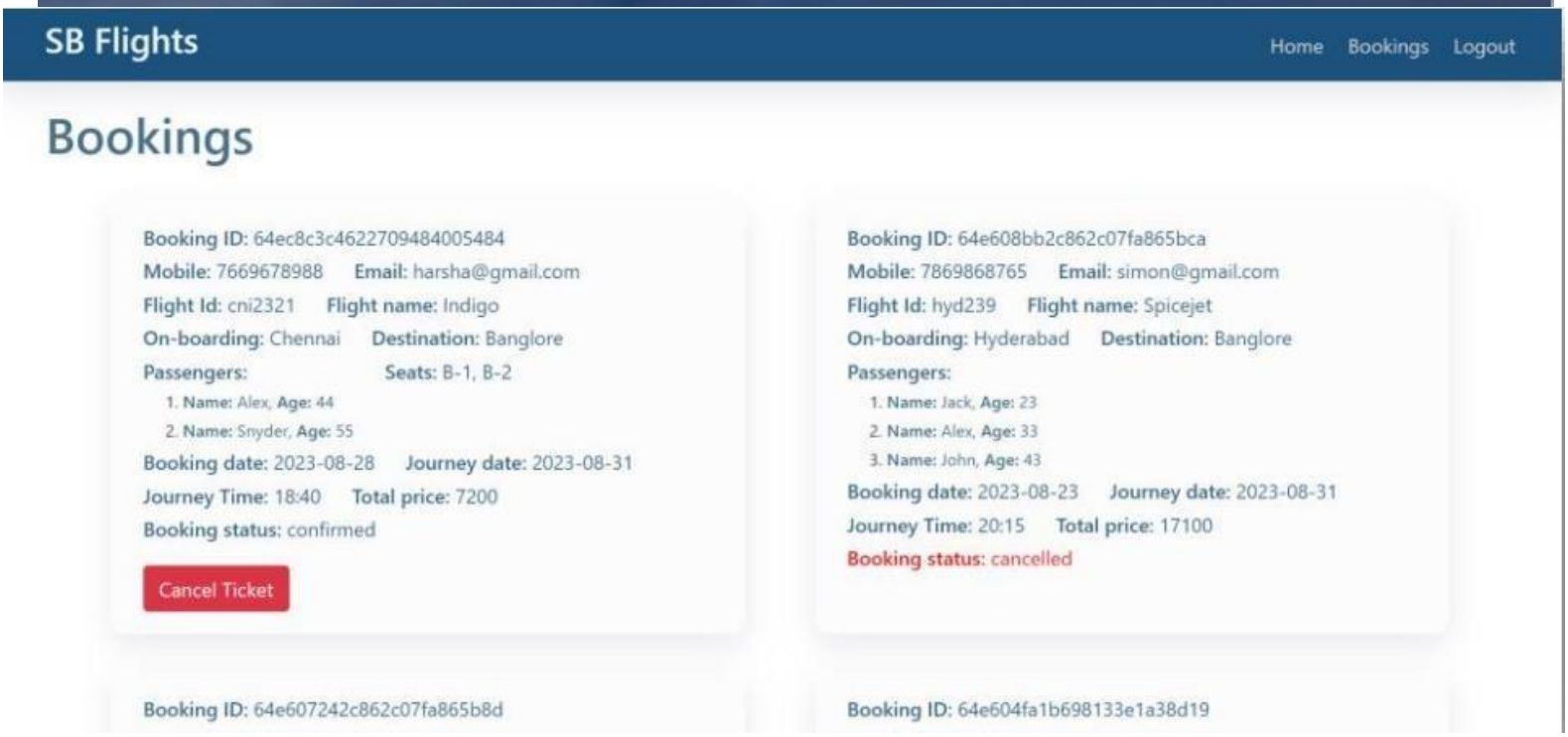
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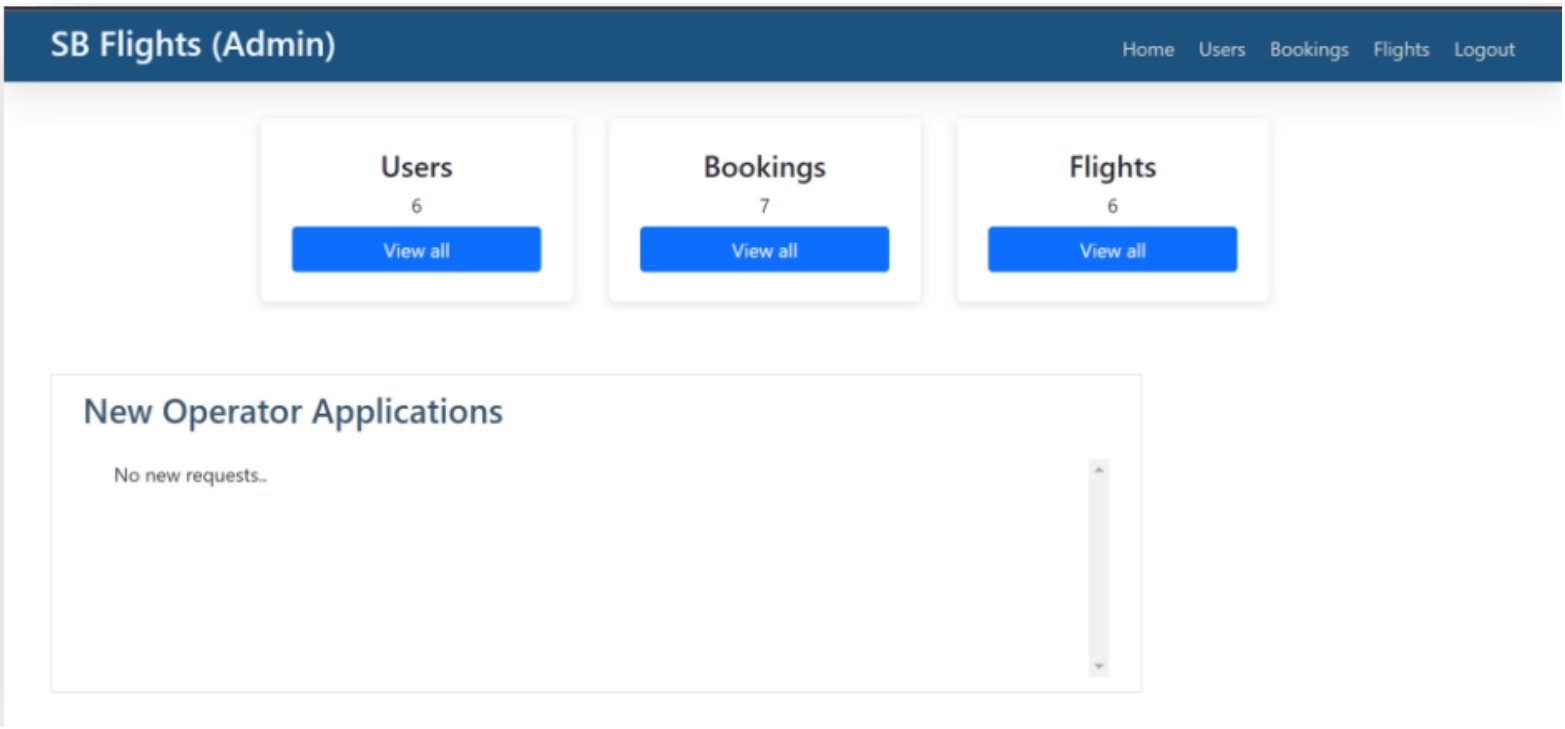
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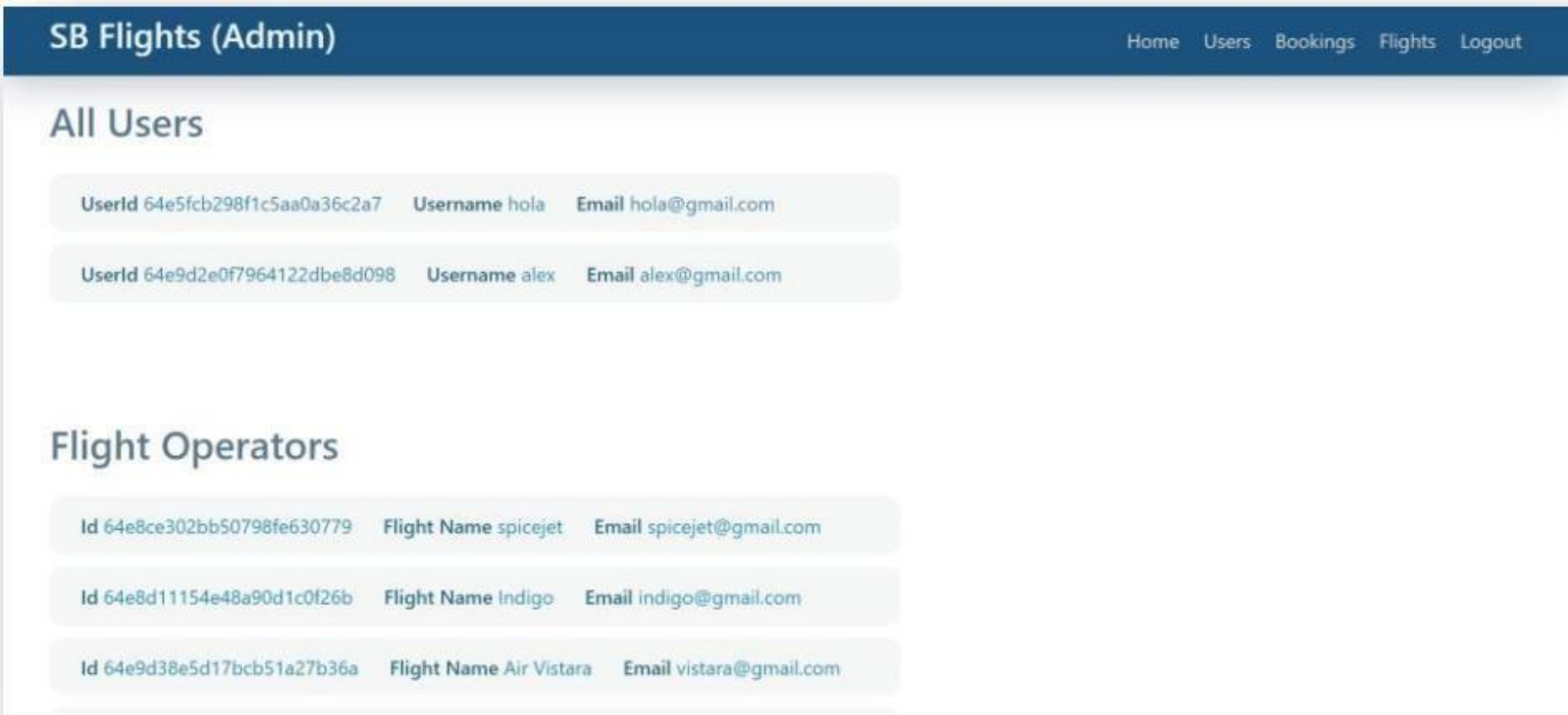
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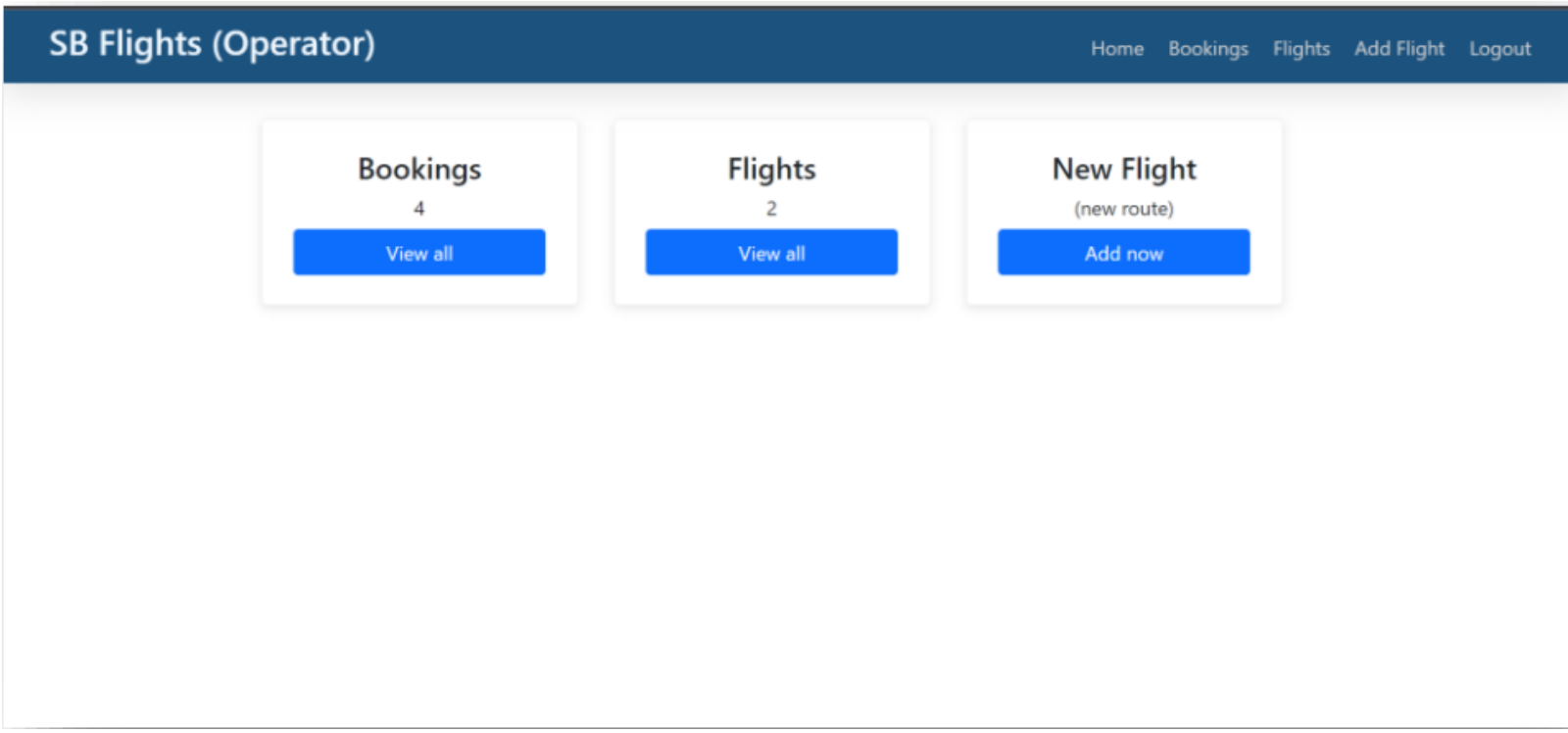
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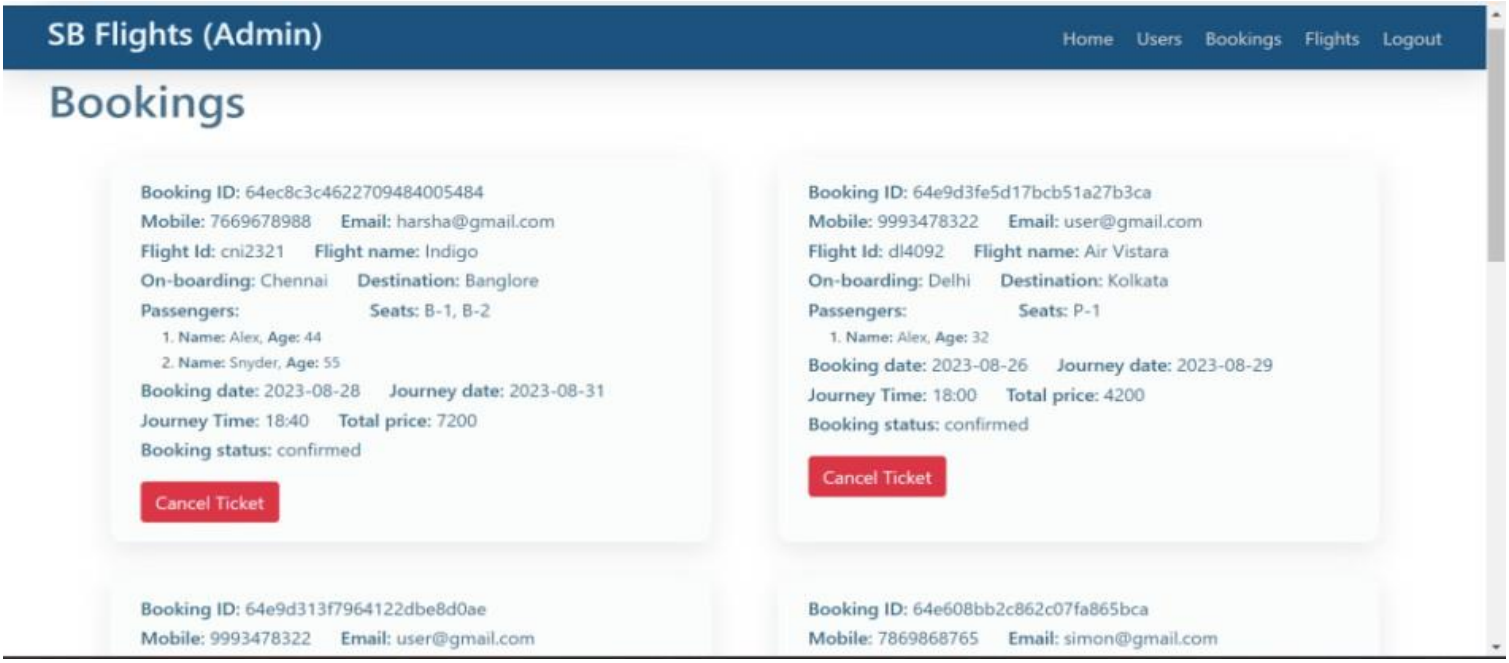
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Journey Time: 18:00 Total price: 4200
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Cancel Ticket
Booking ID: 64e9d313f7964122dbe8d0ae
Mobile: 9993478322 Email: user@gmail.com
Booking ID: 64e608bb2c862c07fa865bca
Mobile: 7869868765 Email: simon@gmail.com

CHAPTER 9
KNOWN ISSUES

When building a flight booking app using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js), several known issues or challenges might arise. Below are some common problemsthat developers may face and potential solutions or best practices to address them:

1. State Management Complexity

- Issue: Managing state across different parts of the app (flight search, booking process, userprofile, etc.) can become complicated, especially as the app grows in size.
- Solution: Use a state management library like Redux or Context API to centralize the app'sstate and manage the flow of data more efficiently. For large applications, Redux Toolkitsimplifies some of the boilerplate code.

2. Asynchronous Operations (API calls)

- Issue: Fetching flight data, availability, and prices from external APIs or your own backendcan cause issues like race conditions, delayed loading, or handling errors correctly.
- Solution: Handle asynchronous data fetching with async/await, and ensure proper errorhandling. Use React Query or Axios to manage API requests and caching in the frontend.

3. Authentication and Authorization

- Issue: Handling user authentication and session management can be tricky, especially forbooking features that require secure logins and access controls.
- Solution: Use JWT (JSON Web Tokens) for authentication in combination with Passport.json the backend. Ensure to store the JWT securely in HttpOnly cookies to prevent client-sideJavaScript access.

4. Data Validation & Security

- Issue: User input needs validation both on the client and server-side. Without proper validation, users may input incorrect or malicious data that can affect the database orsecurity.
- Solution: Use Joi or express-validator to validate and sanitize user inputs. Also, ensure thatsensitive data (like passwords and payment information) is encrypted using bcrypt orsimilar libraries. Implement HTTPS to secure all data in transit.

5. Handling Flight Availability & Pricing in Real-Time

- Issue: Flight availability and pricing can change rapidly, so the app must ensure that theflight data is always current.
- Solution: Use polling, WebSockets, or a more sophisticated GraphQL subscription model torefresh flight data in real time. Make sure to have an efficient caching strategy (e.g., Redis)toreduce APIload and latency.

6. **Handling High Traffic and Scaling Issues**
   - Issue: A flight booking platform can face significant traffic spikes, especially duringholiday seasons or special promotions, potentially leading to slow performance oroutages.
   - Solution: Implement load balancing with tools like NGINX or AWS Elastic Load Balancer. Use horizontal scaling (more instances of your app) and database shardingfor MongoDB to distribute traffic. Consider serverless architectures for the frontend(using Vercel or Netlify) to scale dynamically.
7. **Payment Integration**
   - Issue: Integrating payment gateways like Stripe, PayPal, or other payment processors securely can be challenging, especially when it comes to handling refunds, errors, and user transactions.
   - Solution: Use the official SDKs from payment providers to securely process payments. For example, use Stripe.js for frontend payments and the Stripe API for backend communication. Make sure to handle errors, store transaction details securely, and comply with PCI DSS standards for credit card information.
8. **Cross-Browser Compatibility**
   - Issue: Your flight booking app may not look or function the same across differentbrowsers or devices.
   - Solution: Use CSS frameworks like Bootstrap or Tailwind CSS to ensure responsiveand consistent designs. Test the app across popular browsers (Chrome, Firefox,Safari, Edge) and devices to ensure compatibility. Tools like BrowserStack can helpwith cross-browser testing.
9. **Poor UX/UI Design**
   - Issue: A poor user experience in terms of booking flow, search results, and checkoutcan lead to cart abandonment and a negative reputation for your app.
   - Solution: Design the booking flow to be simple and intuitive. Provide users with autocomplete suggestions for flight search, filters for refining results, and easynavigation through the booking process. Ensure your app is mobile-friendly, as manyusers will access it via smartphones.
10. **Database Scalability and Performance**
    - Issue: MongoDB's performance can degrade with large amounts of data, especially ifqueries are not optimized or if indexes are not properly set up.
    - Solution: Design the MongoDB schema for optimal querying. Use indexes on frequently queried fields, and ensure the queries are optimized. For extremely hightraffic apps, consider sharding or using MongoDB Atlas for scalable cloud solutions.

CHAPTER 10
FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

When developing a flight booking app using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js), future enhancements can focus on improving the user experience (UX), increasingscalability, adding advanced features, and integrating cutting-edge technologies. Below are someideas for future enhancements that could help take your flight booking app to the next level:

1. AI-Powered Flight Recommendations

Enhancement: Implement machine learning algorithms to recommend personalized flightsbased on user preferences, past search behavior, and price trends.

How: You can use services like TensorFlow.js to build in-browser models or integrate APIs likeGoogle Cloud AI or AWS Machine Learning to predict the best flight options based on userbehavior.

Benefits: Improve user engagement by offering tailored flight suggestions, discounts, orupgrade options that align with their travel preferences.

2. Real-Time Price Alerts & Notifications

Enhancement: Allow users to set price alerts for specific flights or routes, notifying them whenprices drop or when there are special promotions.

How: Use technologies like WebSockets or Firebase Cloud Messaging for real-time pushnotifications, combined with a backend service that periodically checks flight prices.

Benefits: Keep users informed, encourage bookings, and improve the likelihood of conversion,especially when prices fluctuate.

3. Voice Search & Virtual Assistant Integration

Enhancement: Integrate voice search capabilities to enable users to search for flights usingvoice commands, similar to how users interact with Siri or Google Assistant.

How: Leverage the Web Speech API for in-browser voice recognition or integrate third-partyvoice platforms like Google Assistant, Amazon Alexa, or Dialogflow to build a more interactiveexperience.

Benefits: Provides a hands-free and user-friendly experience, especially for users on mobiledevicesor those with accessibility needs.

4. Chatbots & AI-Powered Customer Support

Enhancement: Add a chatbot powered by Natural Language Processing (NLP) to provide 24/7customer support, answer frequently asked questions (FAQs), and assist in flight bookings ormodifications.

How: Integrate platforms like Dialogflow, Microsoft Bot Framework, or Rasa for conversationalAI. You can use it to handle basic inquiries or escalate issues to human agents when needed.

Benefits: Improve user support efficiency, reduce response times, and handle a large volumeofcustomer queries without human intervention.

5. **Dynamic Packaging (Flights + Hotels + Car Rentals)**

Enhancement: Allow users to book flight, hotel, and car rentals together as a package for abetter experience and potential discounts.

How: Integrate with third-party APIs for hotel booking and car rental services (e.g., Amadeus, Skyscanner, Expedia API, or Booking.com API) to allow users to book multipletravel services in a single transaction.

Benefits: Increase the app's value by offering users the convenience of booking a completetravel package, which couldincrease the average ordervalue.

6. **Augmented Reality (AR) for Destination Exploration**

Enhancement: Integrate Augmented Reality (AR) to allow users to explore destinations visually, see the local attractions, or experience virtual tours of airports, hotels, or landmarks.

How: Use libraries like AR.js or platforms like Apple ARKit and Google ARCore to create immersive AR experiences within your app.

Benefits: Enhance user engagement and help travelers make more informed decisions about their trips. It could also be a fun way to explore travel options and inspire users tobook their next flight.

7. **Blockchainfor Secure Transactions and Loyalty Programs**

Enhancement: Implement blockchain technology for more secure and transparent paymentprocessing or create a loyalty program where users earn tokens for bookings, which can beredeemed or traded.

How: Use platforms like Ethereum or Hyperledger to build decentralized applications (dApps) for handling user rewards andbookings.

Benefits: Provide a higher level of transparency and security in transactions, especially whendealing with high-value bookings. Blockchain can also reduce fraud and enhance the security of user payment details.

8. **Multi-Currency & Multi-Language Support**

Enhancement: Expand the app’s reach by adding support for multiple currencies and languages, catering to a global audience.

How: Use i18n (internationalization) libraries like react-i18next for React to enable multiple languages. For currency conversions, integrate with APIs like CurrencyLayer or Fixer.io forreal-time currency conversion.

Benefits: Improve accessibility and inclusivity for users from different countries, leading to abroader user base and potentially higher conversion rates.