SMART PARKING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION

Parking management has become a major challenge in rapidly urbanizing cities due to the increasing number of vehicles and limited parking infrastructure. Manual parking systems often lead to significant issues such as long waiting times, difficulty in locating available slots, inefficient utilization of parking space, and lack of proper monitoring. These challenges highlight the need for a technology-driven solution that ensures accuracy, time efficiency, and organized management of parking resources. In this context, a Smart Parking Management System provides an effective approach to simplify and automate parking operations by leveraging modern database technologies.

A Smart Parking Management System is a software application that uses a structured and centralized database to record, manage, and monitor parking slot information in real time. The system enables users to view available slots, reserve a space, and manage their bookings without manual intervention. At the same time, administrators can manage parking slots, track occupancy status, generate analytical reports, and ensure transparency within the entire parking cycle.

Database Management Systems (DBMS) play a critical role in this project by facilitating efficient data storage, fast retrieval, high accuracy, and secure transaction handling. Through a properly normalized database schema, data redundancy is minimized, and integrity is preserved. MySQL is used as the backend database to support CRUD operations, relational data modeling, indexing, and constraint enforcement.

This mini project demonstrates how database concepts such as Entity-Relationship (ER) modeling, schema design, normalization, SQL implementation, and data analysis can be applied to solve real-world parking management problems. The system includes a user interface and a backend module connected to the database to provide an end-to-end parking automation experience. The objective of this project is not only to build a working solution but also to highlight how DBMS principles can improve efficiency, reduce manual workload, and contribute to the evolution of smart and sustainable city ecosystems.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The traditional parking management approach commonly relies on manual supervision, physical tokens, paper-based records, and on-site personnel to track vehicle entry, exit, and slot availability. This method is not only time-consuming but also highly prone to errors, miscommunication, and inefficient space utilization. During peak hours or in high-demand locations such as shopping malls, hospitals, universities, and public parking facilities, drivers often struggle to locate available parking spaces quickly. As a result, the lack of real-time information leads to longer waiting times, traffic congestion, increased fuel consumption, and user dissatisfaction.

Another major concern in manual parking systems is the absence of a centralized and structured database. Without computerized records, administrators have limited visibility over slot occupancy, booking history, billing information, unauthorized parking, and resource allocation. This makes it difficult to generate reports, analyze usage patterns, maintain transparency, and ensure accountability. Data redundancy, missing records, and inconsistent updates further intensify operational challenges.

In the current parking environment, there is a clear need for an automated system that can accurately maintain live information on parking slots while enabling users and administrators to interact with the system efficiently. A Smart Parking Management System aims to eliminate manual dependency by incorporating a robust database-driven application that monitors parking slot status, manages user bookings, and simplifies overall parking operations. The integration of a relational database ensures data consistency, secure access, and fast retrieval of information for both users and administrators.

Therefore, the problem addressed in this project is the lack of a digital and database-oriented solution that can automate parking monitoring, reduce driver effort, enhance space utilization, and enable data-driven decision-making. By designing and implementing a Smart Parking Management System powered by MySQL, this project focuses on improving accuracy, accessibility, and efficiency in parking management through systematic data handling and real-time information flow.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a Smart Parking Management System that uses a structured and efficient database to automate the allocation, monitoring, and management of parking slots. The system aims to overcome the limitations of traditional manual parking methods by providing real-time updates, secure data handling, and optimized usage of available parking space. The following specific objectives guide the development of this project:

1. To develop a database-driven parking management application that enables real-time tracking of parking slot availability and status.
2. To design a fully normalized relational database schema using ER modeling to ensure data consistency, integrity, and minimal redundancy.
3. To implement MySQL as the backend database for storing and managing information related to users, parking slots, bookings, and transactions.
4. To provide a user-friendly interface that allows customers to check available slots, reserve parking spaces, and manage their bookings efficiently.
5. To create an administrative dashboard for system administrators to add or update parking slots, monitor occupancy, view booking details, and generate analytical reports.
6. To utilize SQL queries for performing CRUD operations and generating analytical insights such as occupancy trends, peak parking hours, and slot utilization patterns.
7. To ensure secure authentication and controlled access to the system by implementing role-based login for users and administrators.
8. To enhance the operational efficiency of parking facilities by reducing manual effort, minimizing waiting time, and preventing unauthorized parking.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The Smart Parking Management System is designed to automate and streamline the process of parking space allocation, monitoring, and management through the use of a centralized database and interactive software interface. The scope of this project covers both the user-side and administrative-side functionalities, ensuring efficient utilization of parking space and real-time access to critical information. By integrating MySQL as the backend database, the system supports secure storage, fast retrieval, and structured handling of parking-related data.

The project includes the following key components and features within its scope:

User Module:

The system allows users to register and log in securely, view available parking slots in real time, reserve or cancel a reservation, and check booking history. Users can monitor slot availability before reaching the parking location, thereby reducing waiting time and congestion.

Administrator Module:

Administrators can manage the parking database by adding, updating, and deleting parking slot details. The system enables the administrative team to monitor current parking occupancy, validate bookings, generate reports, and view slot utilization statistics for better decision-making.

Database Management:

The system uses a relational database model to store and manage user details, parking slots, timestamps, booking records, and occupancy status. Proper normalization techniques are applied to ensure reduced redundancy and increased data integrity, while SQL queries handle all transaction processes.

System Interface and Workflow:

The system provides a user-friendly interface that works with the backend database to facilitate smooth operations. Real-time communication between the front end and the MySQL database ensures accurate updates of slot availability and booking status.

Data Reporting and Analysis:

Analytical SQL queries are used to extract meaningful insights, including vehicle flow patterns, peak booking hours, and slot occupancy trends. These insights help administrators enhance parking efficiency.

The scope of this project is limited to web-based parking slot management and does not include IoT sensor integration, GPS tracking, or automated payment processing in the current phase. However, the modular architecture of the system allows future enhancements such as IoT-enabled slot detection, mobile application support, QR-based vehicle verification, and dynamic pricing models.

Overall, the Smart Parking Management System focuses on demonstrating how database technologies can address real-world parking challenges through automation, structured data management, and analytical insights.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The Smart Parking Management System will be developed using a robust and scalable software stack suitable for database-driven applications. The following are the required system components:

1. Hardware Requirements

Component	Minimum Requirement
Processor	Intel Core i3 or higher
RAM	4 GB or higher
Storage	10 GB free disk space
Display	1366 × 768 resolution or higher

2. Software Requirements

Category	Specification
Operating System	Windows 11
Database	MySQL 8.0 or above
Backend	Python (Flask)
Frontend	HTML, CSS, JavaScript
Tools Used	XAMPP / MySQL Workbench / VS Code
Reporting	Excel / PDF export support

LITERATURE REVIEW / EXISTING SYSTEM

Parking space management has increasingly become an important part of modern urban infrastructure due to the rapid rise in vehicle usage. Traditional parking systems primarily rely on manual supervision, paper-based ticketing, and physical monitoring by staff to track vehicle entry, exit, and space availability. In most existing parking environments, the availability of slots is not updated in real time, leading to congestion, delays, and inefficient utilization of space. Users often struggle to locate vacant parking slots, and administrators lack centralized control over records such as parking activity, payments, and slot assignments.

With the growth of digital services, several smart parking solutions have been introduced, incorporating technologies like IoT sensors, RFID tags, and mobile applications. However, these solutions are often expensive to implement and require complex hardware setups, making them unsuitable for small-scale parking locations such as college premises, corporate parking lots, and shopping complexes. Additionally, many currently available systems are proprietary, limiting customization and integration flexibility.

Database-driven parking systems have shown promising improvements by enabling computer-based slot allocation and centralized data storage. These systems maintain structured records of parking slots, vehicle details, timings, and charges, allowing accurate tracking and reporting.

The proposed Smart Parking Management System aims to overcome these limitations by implementing a cost-effective, database-centric solution using Python Flask and MySQL. The system ensures real-time monitoring of parking slot availability, systematic allocation and release of slots, secure record maintenance, and automated charge calculation. By providing an intuitive web interface and seamless integration with the backend database, the system enhances efficiency for administrators and offers a structured, scalable solution suitable for different parking environments.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed Smart Parking Management System is designed to provide an automated, efficient, and user-friendly solution for managing parking spaces in real time. The system replaces traditional manual operations with a fully computerized platform in which vehicle information, parking slot allocation, timing, and charges are recorded and monitored digitally. The core objective of the system is to optimize the utilization of parking slots while reducing human effort, waiting time, and operational errors.

The system is implemented using Python Flask for the backend and MySQL as the central database, ensuring a secure, scalable, and easily maintainable architecture. When a vehicle enters the parking premises, the administrator can register the vehicle details through the web application, and the system automatically detects and assigns the nearest available parking slot. Slot status is updated instantly in the database so that the availability is always shown in real time on the dashboard.

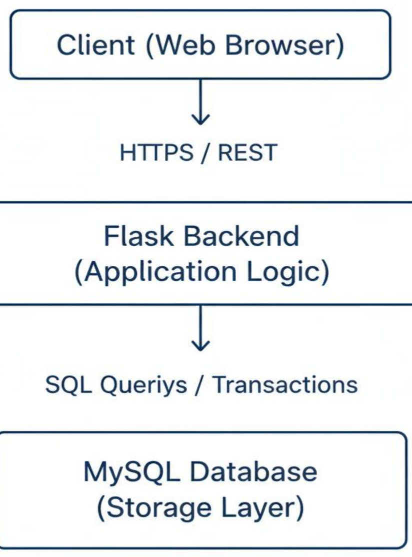
The web interface allows administrators to monitor the total number of slots, occupied slots, free slots, and ongoing parking sessions. When a vehicle exits, the administrator records the exit time, and the system calculates the total parking duration and charge automatically based on predefined pricing rules. All transactions, including entry time, exit time, slot number, and payment details, are stored securely in the database for auditing and reporting purposes.

The application ensures secure authentication to prevent unauthorized access and provides different modules for managing slot details, vehicle details, and parking history. The system also generates analytical reports based on stored data, supporting decision-making and performance evaluation.

Overall, the proposed system delivers a simplified, cost-effective, and technology-driven parking management solution that enhances operational accuracy, improves user convenience, and supports future scalability for integration with advanced technologies such as QR-based entry, ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition), and mobile applications.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE / BLOCK DIAGRAM

BLOCK DIAGRAM


Client (Web Browser)
HTTPS / REST
Flask Backend (Application Logic)
SQL Queriys / Transactions
MySQL Database (Storage Layer)

1. User Interface (Client Layer)

This is the front end of the system through which users and administrators interact.
It is developed using **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript** and is accessed through a web browser.
Main tasks performed:

- ✧ View available parking slots
- ✧ Register and manage vehicle parking
- ✧ Update vehicle exit and free occupied slots

2. Application Layer (Backend Server)

This layer contains the system logic and is developed using Python Flask.
It processes user requests, communicates with the database, and updates slot

information.

Main functions include:

- ✧ User login and authentication
- ✧ Assigning available slots when a vehicle enters
- ✧ Updating slot status when a vehicle exits
- ✧ Retrieving and displaying real-time slot availability

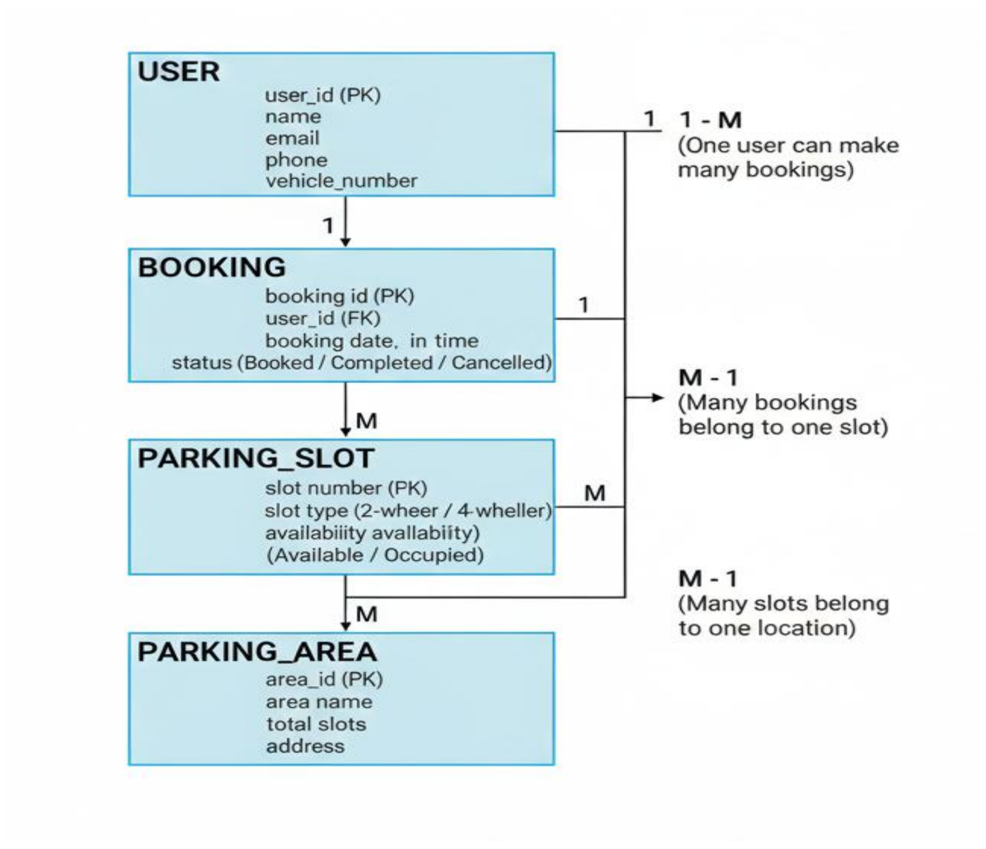
3. Database Layer

The **MySQL database** stores all the necessary information about parking.

Data stored includes:

- ✧ User details
- ✧ Parking slots and their status
- ✧ Bookings and history logs

ER DIAGRAM & SCHEMA



DATABASE SCHEMA

1. USER TABLE

Field Name	Data Type	Key	Description
user_id	INT AUTO_INCREMENT	PK	Unique user ID
name	VARCHAR(100)		Full name of user
email	VARCHAR(100)		User email
phone	VARCHAR(15)		Contact number
vehicle_number	VARCHAR(20)		Vehicle number of user

2. PARKING AREA TABLE

Field Name	Data Type	Key	Description
area_id	INT AUTO_INCREMENT	PK	Unique parking area ID
area_name	VARCHAR(100)		Name of parking location
total_slots	INT		Total number of parking slots
address	VARCHAR(255)		Parking area location

3. PARKING SLOT TABLE

Field Name	Data Type	Key	Description
slot_id	INT AUTO_INCREMENT	PK	Unique slot ID
slot_number	VARCHAR(10)		Slot label (e.g., S1, S2, A12)
slot_type	VARCHAR(20)		2-wheeler / 4-wheeler
availability	VARCHAR(20)		Available / Occupied
area_id	INT	FK	References parking_area(area_id)

4. BOOKING TABLE

Field Name	Data Type	Key	Description
booking_id	INT AUTO_INCREMENT	PK	Unique booking ID
user_id	INT	FK	References user(user_id)
slot_id	INT	FK	References parking_slot(slot_id)
booking_date	DATE		Date of parking booking
in_time	DATETIME		Check-in time
out_time	DATETIME		Check-out time
status	VARCHAR(20)		Booked / Completed / Cancelled

DATA DESIGN (NORMALIZATION)

To ensure that the database used in the Smart Parking Slot Management System is optimized for storage efficiency, data integrity, and reduced redundancy, normalization techniques were applied during database design. The schema was systematically refined through multiple stages of normalization.

1st NORMAL FORM (INF):

A table is in 1NF if:

- ✧ All values are atomic (no repeating groups or multivalued attributes).
- ✧ Each record is unique.

Application in our project:

- ✧ User information, parking slots, parking areas, and bookings were separated into individual tables instead of storing combined values.
- ✧ Example: Instead of storing multiple slots in one column, each slot is represented as a separate row in the parking_slot table.

2nd NORMAL FORM (2NF):

A table is in 2NF if:

- ✧ It satisfies 1NF.
- ✧ All non-key attributes depend on the whole primary key (not just part of a composite key).

Application in our project:

- ✧ In the booking table, fields such as in_time, out_time, and status depend fully on booking_id and not on user_id or slot_id.
- ✧ No partial dependencies exist because each table has a single-column primary key (e.g., booking_id, user_id, slot_id, area_id).

3rd NORMAL FORM (3NF):

A table is in 3NF if:

- ✧ It satisfies 2NF.
- ✧ There are no transitive dependencies (non-key attributes should not depend on other non-key attributes).

Application in our project:

- ✧ Contact details of users (email, phone) are stored only in the user table instead of duplicating them in the booking table.
- ✧ Slot type and availability are stored only in the parking_slot table, and not repeated in the booking table.

OUTCOME OF NORMALIZATION

Problem Before Normalization	Result After Normalization
Repetition of user and slot details inside booking records	Eliminated
Inconsistency when user or slot information changes	Eliminated
Higher storage usage	Optimized
Difficulty in updating or maintaining data	Improved and simplified

FINAL OUTCOME

By applying normalization up to Third Normal Form (3NF), the database design for the Smart Parking Slot Management System ensures:

- ✧ No data redundancy
- ✧ Minimal update and insertion anomalies
- ✧ High scalability and maintainability

This normalized structure supports smooth parking slot allocation, booking management, and record tracking.

My SQL IMPELMENTATION

The backend of the Smart Parking Management System is built using MySQL to store, manage, and manipulate parking-related data in a structured format. MySQL was chosen due to its reliability, scalability, and compatibility with web applications. The database contains multiple interlinked tables that handle user information, vehicle records, parking slots, payment details, and booking transactions.

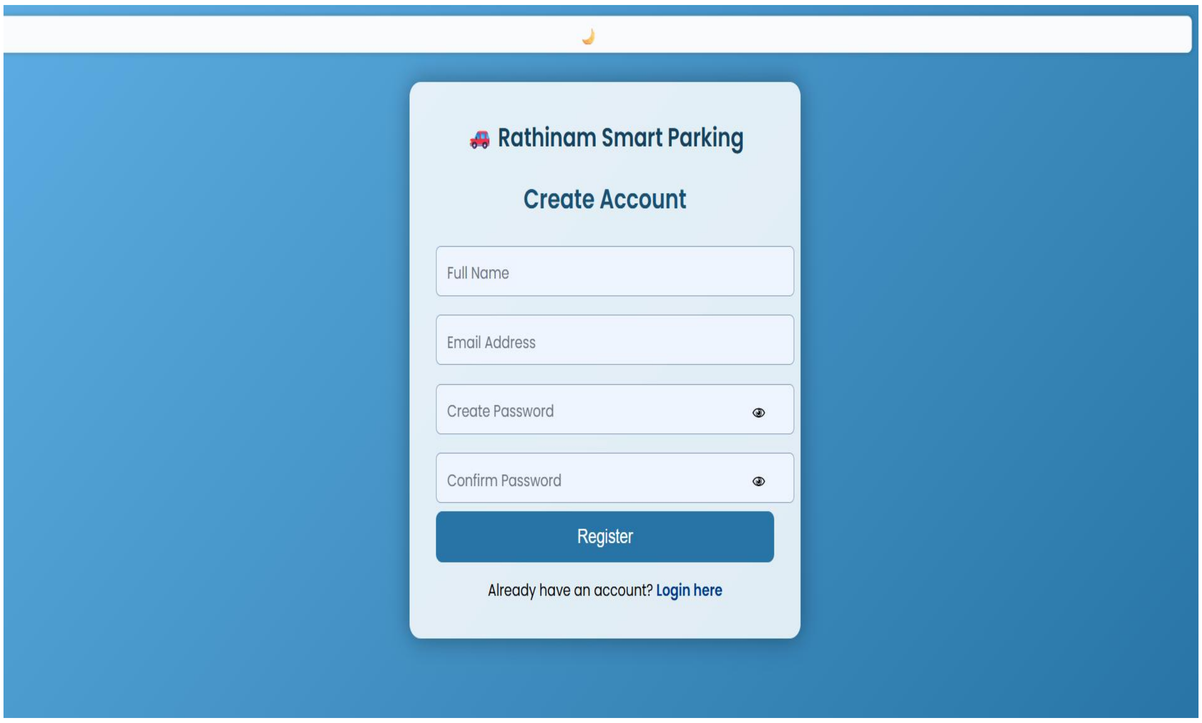
The implementation began with designing the Entity–Relationship (ER) diagram and converting it into relational schema. Each table was normalized to eliminate redundancy and maintain data integrity. Key constraints such as Primary Keys, Foreign Keys, UNIQUE constraints, and AUTO_INCREMENT fields were applied to ensure accurate and consistent data flow across the system. Additionally, indexing was used to optimize search queries for faster retrieval of parking slot availability and booking history.

CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations form the core of system workflow. When a user registers, data is stored in the users table; booking a parking slot updates the bookings and parking_slots tables simultaneously. When a slot is vacated, the system resets the status to Available, ensuring real-time updates across all connected modules. MySQL triggers were also used to automate certain actions, such as updating slot occupancy and calculating parking charges during checkout.

The MySQL implementation supports analytical reporting by allowing complex queries like peak-time analysis, revenue calculation, and slot utilization metrics. These queries enable the system to provide useful insights to administrators for decision-making and resource planning. Overall, MySQL plays a crucial role in ensuring secure, efficient, and scalable data management for the Smart Parking Management System.

SCREEN SHOTS

1. Registration Page



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Create Account

Full Name

Email Address

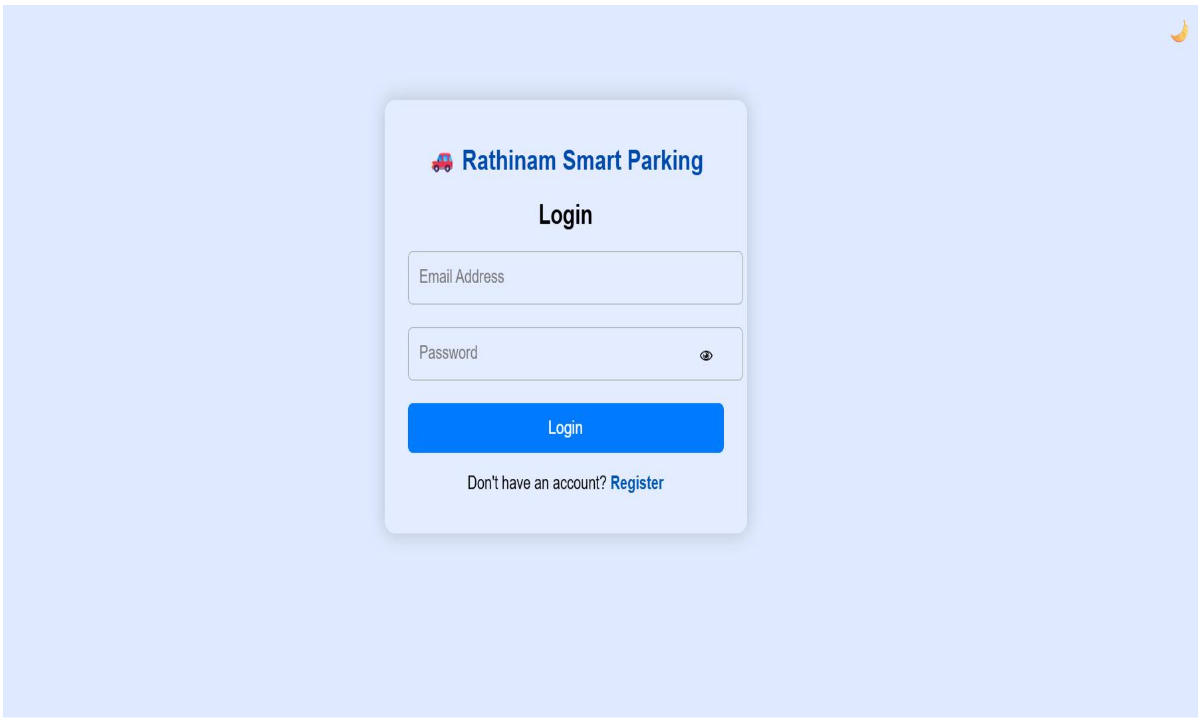
Create Password

Confirm Password

Register

Already have an account? Login here

2. Login Page



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Login

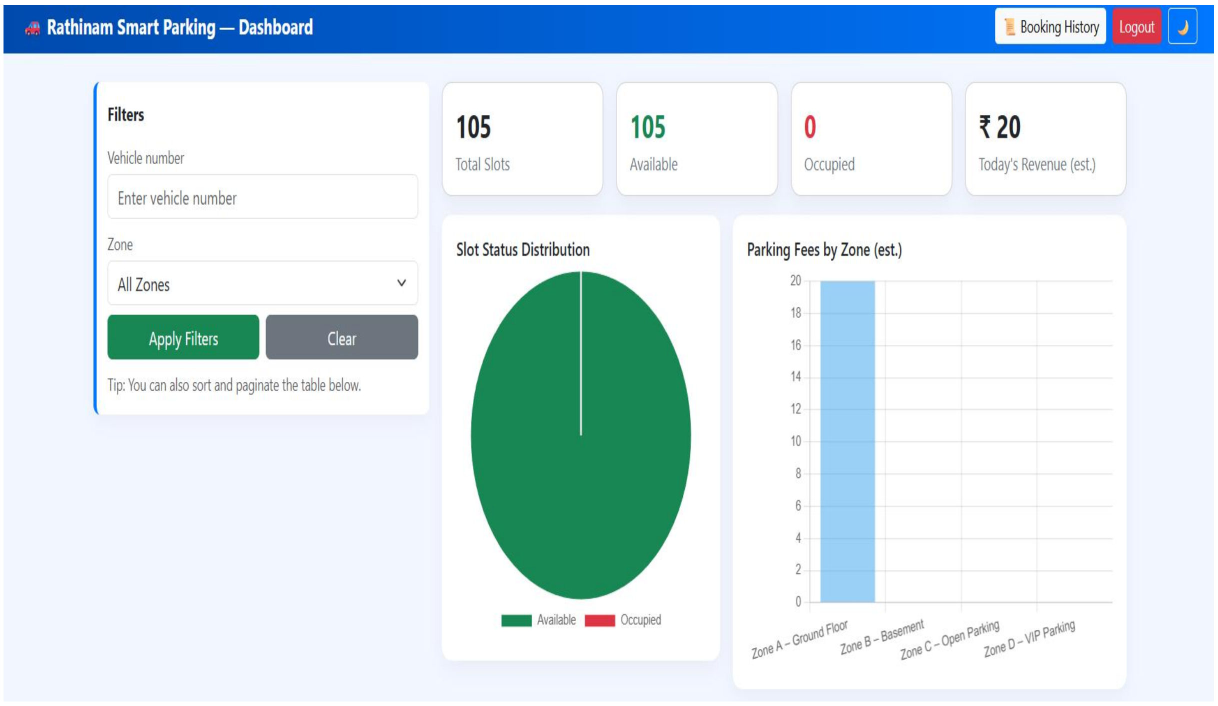
Email Address

Password

Login

Don't have an account? Register

3. Dashboard Page



Rathinam Smart Parking — Dashboard

Booking History | Logout

Filters

Vehicle number

Enter vehicle number

Zone

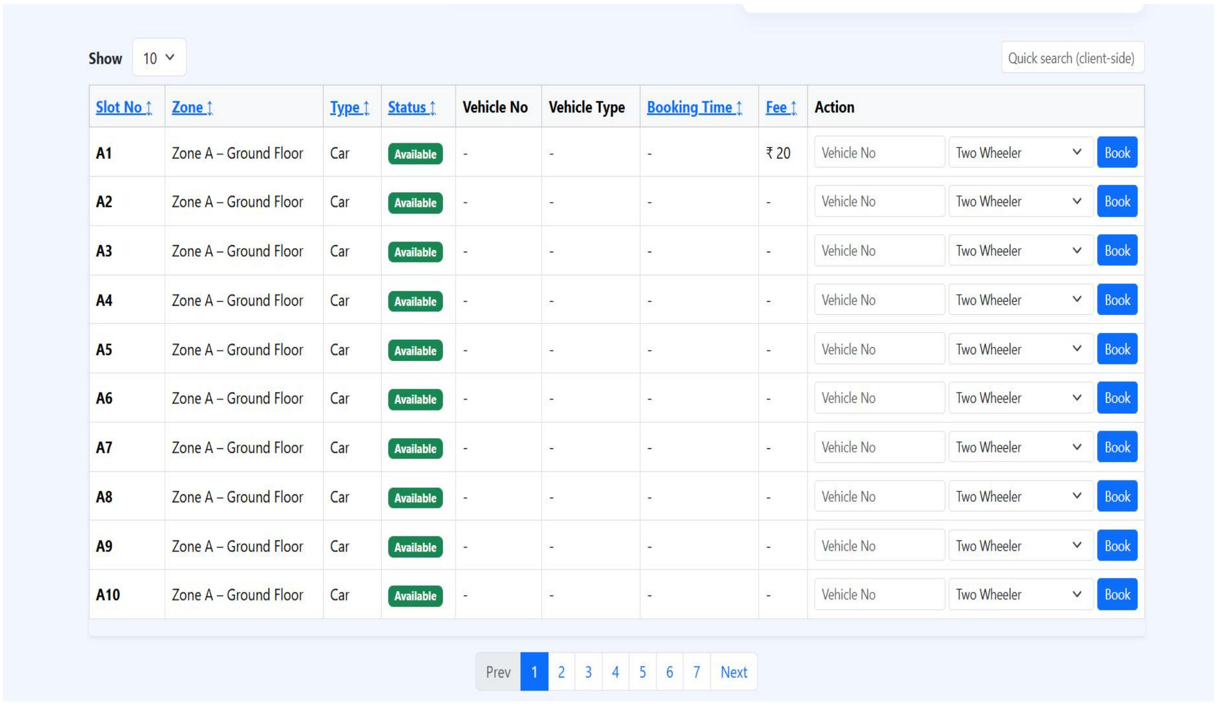
All Zones

Apply Filters | Clear

Tip: You can also sort and paginate the table below.

105	105	0	₹ 20
Total Slots	Available	Occupied	Today's Revenue (est.)

4. Booking Page



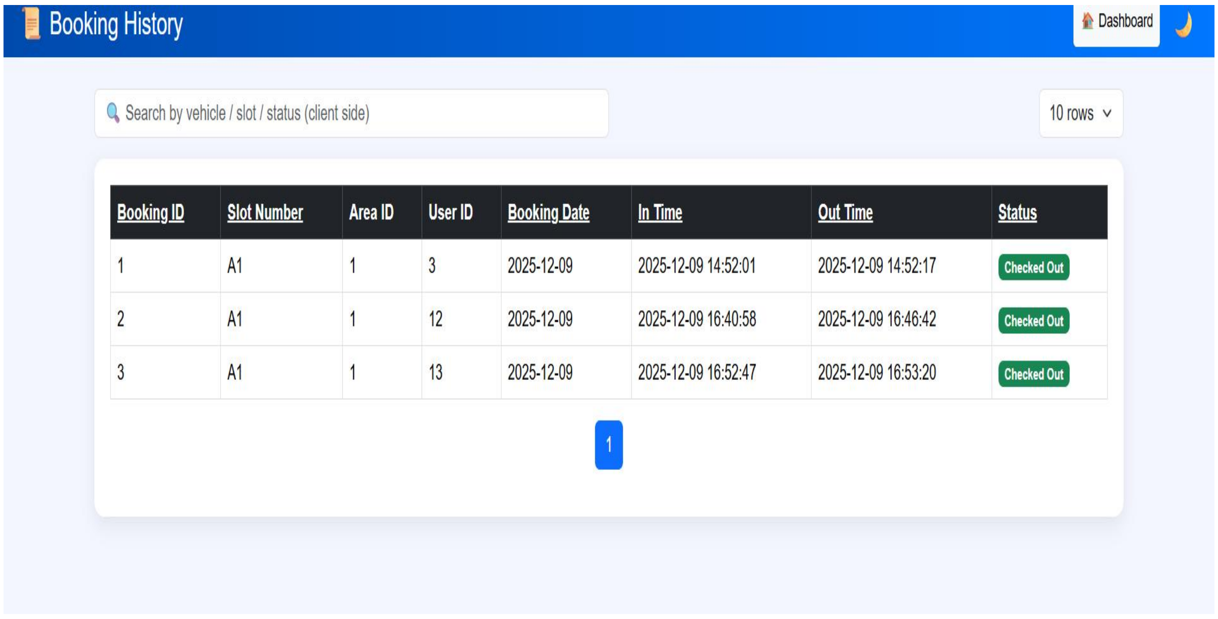
Show 10

Quick search (client-side)

Slot No ↕	Zone ↕	Type ↕	Status ↕	Vehicle No	Vehicle Type	Booking Time ↕	Fee ↕	Action
A1	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	₹ 20	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A2	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A3	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A4	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A5	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A6	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A7	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A8	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A9	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book
A10	Zone A – Ground Floor	Car	Available	-	-	-	-	Vehicle No / Two Wheeler / Book

Prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Next

5. Booking History


Booking History

Search by vehicle / slot / status (client side)

10 rows

Booking ID	Slot Number	Area ID	User ID	Booking Date	In Time	Out Time	Status
1	A1	1	3	2025-12-09	2025-12-09 14:52:01	2025-12-09 14:52:17	Checked Out
2	A1	1	12	2025-12-09	2025-12-09 16:40:58	2025-12-09 16:46:42	Checked Out
3	A1	1	13	2025-12-09	2025-12-09 16:52:47	2025-12-09 16:53:20	Checked Out

SAMPLE QUERIES AND OUTPUT

This section demonstrates commonly used SQL queries executed on the Smart Parking Database along with their sample results.

1. Retrive List of All Parking Slots with Area

```
SELECT ps.slot_id, pa.area_name, ps.status
FROM parking_slot ps
JOIN parking_area pa ON ps.area_id = pa.area_id;
```

slot_id	area_name	status
1	A	available
2	A	booked
3	B	available
4	C	occupied

2. Count Total Available Slots in Each Zone

```
SELECT pa.area_name, COUNT(*) AS available_slots
FROM parking_slot ps
JOIN parking_area pa ON ps.area_id = pa.area_id
WHERE ps.status = 'available'
GROUP BY pa.area_name;
```

area_name	available_slots
A	20
B	18
C	25
D	8

3. Get Booking History of a Specific User

```
SELECT e.entry_id, v.vehicle_no, pa.area_name, ps.slot_id, e.entry_time, x.exit_time,
x.total_amount
FROM entry_log e
JOIN vehicle v ON e.vehicle_id = v.vehicle_id
JOIN parking_slot ps ON e.slot_id = ps.slot_id
JOIN parking_area pa ON ps.area_id = pa.area_id
LEFT JOIN exit_log x ON e.entry_id = x.entry_id
WHERE v.user_id = 3;
```

entry_id	vehicle_no	area	slot_id	entry_time	exit_time	total_amount
119	TN-45-AF-44	B	34	24-01-2025 09:41	24-01-2025 12:04	45

4. Find Vehicles Currently Parked

```
SELECT v.vehicle_no, v.vehicle_type, pa.area_name, ps.slot_id, e.entry_time
FROM entry_log e
JOIN vehicle v ON e.vehicle_id = v.vehicle_id
JOIN parking_slot ps ON e.slot_id = ps.slot_id
JOIN parking_area pa ON ps.area_id = pa.area_id
WHERE e.entry_id NOT IN (SELECT entry_id FROM exit_log);
```

vehicle_no	vehicle_type	area	slot_id	entry_time
TN-42-BJ-2020	Four Wheeler	C	51	26-01-2025 17:14

5. Revenue Generated Today

```
SELECT SUM(total_amount) AS today_revenue
FROM exit_log
WHERE DATE(exit_time) = CURDATE();
```

today_revenue
680

6. Most Frequently Parked Vehicle Type

```
SELECT vehicle_type, COUNT(*) AS total_visits
FROM vehicle
GROUP BY vehicle_type
ORDER BY total_visits DESC
LIMIT 1;
```

vehicle_type	total_visits
Two Wheeler	52

DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORT GENERATED

The Smart Parking Management System integrates a structured database with analytical reporting features to evaluate slot performance, revenue flow, and parking behavior patterns. The primary goal of the data analysis module is to convert stored parking records into meaningful insights that support decision-making and resource planning.

To achieve this, data from slot availability, bookings, users, pricing, and historical records was extracted from MySQL and analyzed using Python (Pandas), SQL aggregation queries, and built-in Flask dashboards powered by Chart.js.

Key Reports Generated

Report Type	Description	Purpose
Slot Occupancy Analysis	Calculates the ratio of occupied vs. available slots in real time	Helps optimize parking utilization and detect high-demand areas
Revenue Report	Aggregates total money collected per day, per week, and per zone	Tracks financial performance and forecasting
Zone-wise Parking Demand	Compares occupancy trends across different parking zones	Helps in future expansion planning and pricing adjustments
Vehicle Type Distribution	Tracks percentage of two-wheelers vs. four-wheelers	Useful for capacity planning and spot allocation
Booking History Report	Shows past bookings with timestamps and user details	Useful for audits and customer dispute resolution

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The Smart Parking Management System was successfully developed and deployed using Flask (Python), MySQL, HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap. The main goal of the system was to automate parking slot allocation, reduce manual work, and provide a seamless experience for both users and administrators.

System Effectivenes

- ✧ The system performed efficiently during testing and achieved the intended objectives:
- ✧ Allowed users to easily search and book parking slots in real time.
- ✧ Enabled admin-only privileges for checkout and booking history viewing.
- ✧ Automatically stored full booking logs for tracking and audits
- ✧ .Real-time update of slot status ensured no double booking conflicts.

Feature	Before System	After Implementation
Slot Allocation	Manual / Paper-based	Fully Automated
Vehicle Tracking	Not possible	Real-time on Dashboard
Role-Based Access	Not available	Implemented (User & Admin)
Checkout Billing	Manual calculation	Auto-generated Fee
Historical Data	Not maintained	Complete digital logs

CONCLUSION

The Smart Parking Management System was developed with the objective of simplifying and automating the traditional parking process. By integrating Flask, MySQL, and a user-friendly web interface, the system successfully provided a reliable and efficient solution for managing parking slot allocation, vehicle entry/exit tracking, and billing.

Throughout the implementation, the system demonstrated the ability to reduce manual work, minimize human errors, and improve user convenience. The automated workflow—starting from booking a slot to generating the final parking fee—ensures that users and administrators can manage parking operations with minimal effort. The real-time dashboard enables users to instantly view the availability of slots across different parking zones, while the booking history provides complete transparency and traceability.

Moreover, the system supports role-based access, ensuring that regular users and administrators can perform only their designated operations. This contributes to data security and prevents unauthorized activity. The centralized database also ensures permanent data storage, which improves decision-making and operational accountability.

In conclusion, the Smart Parking Management System fulfills its intended purpose of enhancing the parking experience through automation, accuracy, and accessibility. It not only demonstrates the potential for digital transformation in everyday public infrastructure but also presents a scalable solution that can be deployed in universities, malls, corporate campuses, and commercial parking areas. The project highlights the effectiveness of combining technology with smart city applications to create sustainable and modern urban solutions.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Although the Smart Parking Management System successfully automates slot booking, vehicle tracking, and billing, there are several opportunities to enhance the system further to increase efficiency, usability, and scalability. One of the most impactful upgrades would be integrating IoT sensors or RFID technology to automatically detect vehicle presence and update slot occupancy in real time without manual input. This would eliminate human dependency and make the platform fully automated.

Another enhancement would be the addition of online payment gateways to allow users to pay parking fees through UPI, debit/credit cards, or digital wallets. This would greatly improve convenience and eliminate cash handling. The system can also be expanded with license plate recognition (ALPR) using cameras to automatically capture and record vehicle numbers during entry and exit.

From a user experience perspective, launching a mobile application for Android and iOS would allow users to book parking slots from anywhere and receive live notifications for slot availability and checkout reminders. Additionally, implementing AI-based analytics could help administrators forecast parking demand, detect peak hours, and generate predictive reports for improving space utilization.

Finally, the system can be scaled to support multi-location parking integration, enabling organizations or municipalities to manage multiple parking zones from a centralized dashboard. These enhancements would make the Smart Parking System fully smart, secure, and adaptable to future smart-city requirements.

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APPENDIX / SOURCE CODE

The complete source code of the Smart Parking Management System is available at the following GitHub repository:

GitHub Repository:

https://github.com/Ravi-bit-creater/Smart_parking_system/tree/main/PROJECT%20-%20SMART_PARKING_V2