GoodFoods AI Assistant - Use Case

1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 Long-Term Goal

Build a **generalizable conversational booking platform** for time-bound resource allocation. Starting with GoodFoods restaurants, the solution abstracts into a **domain-agnostic framework** that scales to hotels, spas, salons, event venues, and any business requiring availability-based reservations.

For GoodFoods (immediate):

- Own direct customer relationship (vs. Dineout/Zomato marketplace dependency)
- Shift from fragmented phone bookings → unified AI-first channel
- Capture customer data (preferences, occasions, behavior) for retention

For the platform (3-5 years):

- White-label to 10+ restaurant chains across India that complement GoodFoods
- Expand to adjacent verticals (hotels, spas, events)
- Become go-to conversational booking infrastructure for Indian hospitality

1.2 Success Criteria (12-Month GoodFoods Pilot)

Metric	Current	Target	Why It Matters
AI Adoption Rate	0%	50%+	Validates customer willingness to use AI
Conversion Rate	60-65% [1]	75%+ [4][6]	Proves AI booking experience is better than phone
CSAT	3.8-4.0 [7]	4.0+ [4]	Customer satisfaction indicator
No-Show Rate	20% [2][7]	13-15% [4][6]	Reduces revenue loss, improves table utilization
Staff Adoption	N/A	NPS +40 [4]	Validates staff trust and operational viability
Critical Errors	N/A	<1% [11]	System reliability for production

2. USE CASE OVERVIEW

Brief: GoodFoods is a cult-favorite Italian fast-casual chain born in Mumbai's Bandra neighborhood, now operating 50 locations across India's tier-1 cities (10 in Mumbai, 8 each in Bangalore and Delhi, 6 in Pune, 5 in Ahmedabad, plus Goa and Cordelia Cruise outposts). The brand is legendary for its tiramisu cake - crafted with a proprietary 40-year-old Mascarpone technique and aged Marsala, consistently ranked among the world's top 10 desserts with a fiercely devoted following. Despite explosive growth and routinely 2-3 week booking waits, operations remain fragmented: 50 phone lines across locations, manual reservations, no unified customer view. The AI reservation assistant represents GoodFoods' first step toward becoming a technology-forward brand - preserving authentic experience while solving operational chaos.

The Problem (GoodFoods)

GoodFoods operates 50 restaurants across India with **fragmented phone-based reservations**:

- Customers navigate multiple phone lines across locations
- Peak hours → missed calls → lost bookings [5]
- No cross-location awareness (customer doesn't know about alternatives)
- 20% no-show rate due to lack of post-booking engagement [2]

The Solution (Conversational Booking Platform)

A **single AI agent** accessible via WhatsApp, website, phone that:

- **Handles all booking workflows**: new reservations, modifications, cancellations, location queries
- **Real-time availability**: Checks all 50 locations instantly; suggests alternatives if preferred location full
- **Natural language**: No forms, no dropdowns-just conversation
- **Multi-channel**: Same experience on WhatsApp, web, voice
- **Captures customer data**: Stores preferences (location, time, party size, occasions) for future personalization

Why This Is Generalizable

The core logic is **domain-agnostic**:

- Restaurant: "4 people, 8pm, Italian cuisine" → search available tables
- **Spa:** "90-min massage, female therapist, evening" → search available therapists + time slots
- **Hotel:** "2 rooms, check-in Nov 25, 3 nights" → search available room types + dates
- **Event Venue:** "200 guests, wedding, Feb 2026" → search available halls + capacity

Same 4 core tools work for all:

1. `search_availability()` - Find slots matching customer criteria
2. `create_reservation()` - Reserve slot + capture details
3. `find_reservation()` - Lookup existing reservation
4. `cancel_reservation()` - Cancel with option to rebook

Configuration files may be added to specify domain differences:

- `config/restaurant.yaml`: Table sizes, cuisines, operating hours
- `config/spa.yaml`: Service types, therapist preferences, session duration
- `config/hotel.yaml`: Room types, check-in/checkout times, policies

Business Impact (GoodFoods Year 1)

- **Revenue**: 18-25% Higher booking volume [4][6] + reduced no-shows
- **Efficiency**: 80% reduction in staff phone handling time
- **Data**: Customer preferences captured for targeted loyalty programs
- **Platform**: Foundation for white-label expansion to other restaurant chains + verticals

Key Assumptions

Revenue Impact (18-25%) is grounded in four conservative assumptions: (1) 50% AI adoption rate by Month 8 (vs. 60-70% industry standard), (2) 75% AI conversion rate vs. 65% phone (10% improvement vs. 15-20% achievable), (3) 13-15% no-show reduction through SMS reminders + post-booking engagement (validated across 500K+ reservations), (4) 20-25% volume recovery from eliminating 23% unanswered calls + multi-location alternatives. Even in pessimistic scenarios (30% adoption, 5% conversion lift), project achieves **>10% revenue increase**, proving ROI durability. These figures are backed by sources [1][3][4][5][7].

Efficiency Gain (80%) assumes: (1) AI handles 95% of bookings (only 5% escalated), (2) 3-minute phone calls reduce to 40-second AI interactions (4.5x speed), (3) 15 current FTE staff freed to 1.2 FTE, enabling 12 FTE redeployment to high-value roles (upselling, VIP management, events). Staff reduction validated via similar rollouts by TouchBistro, OpenTable's conversational bookings.

Measurement Plan: Validate assumptions during Mumbai pilot (Weeks 1-8) - adoption rate, conversion, no-show reduction, staff handling time. Adjust scale projections based on actual data before expanding to other cities.

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3. KEY STEPS (BOT FLOW)

Core Value Proposition

Traditional phone booking:

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textCustomer calls → Host answers/doesn't answer →
"Table available?" → Confirm details → "We'll send SMS" →
Potential no-show (no reminder)
Time: 5-7 minutes
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AI Booking (GoodFoods example):

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textCustomer: "4 people Bandra 8pm"
Agent: (instant) Shows 3 options, all details visible
Customer picks → Agent collects name/phone → Done
Time: <2 minutes
Automatic reminders 24h, 2h before → Reduces no-shows
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Customer Journey: Birthday Dinner Booking

Step 1: Instant Start (No Hold Music)

Customer WhatsApps: *"Hi, table for 4 tomorrow 8pm in Bandra"*

Agent responds instantly: *"Great! Let me find you options. Just confirming - what time works best, early evening (6-7pm) or later (8-9pm)?"*

Value add: Immediate response (vs. 5-minute wait on phone) + multi-turn refinement (vs. one-time question)

Step 2: Context-Aware Recommendations

Agent: *"Perfect! I found 3 options in Bandra for tomorrow at 8pm:"*

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text1. GoodFoods Linking Road — 8:00, 8:15, 8:30pm available
  Outdoor seating, live music

2. GoodFoods West — 7:45, 8:15pm available
  Rooftop, private dining available

3. GoodFoods Juhu (15 min away) — 8:00, 8:30pm available
  Ocean view, chef's table
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Value add: All options visible at once (no back-and-forth) + multi-location intelligence (suggests Juhu if Bandra full) + rich context (ambiance, capacity, distance)

Step 3: Seamless Booking + Upselling

`Customer:` *`"First one, 8:15pm. It's a birthday!"`*

`Agent:` *`"Wonderful! 🎉 We have:"`*

- `Complimentary cake (chocolate/vanilla)`
- `Premium cake upgrade: ₹500`
- `Private room: ₹2,000`

`Customer:` *`"Complimentary, chocolate"`*

`Agent: ✅` *`Booking confirmed! Details:`*

- `GoodFoods Linking Road, Nov 23, 8:15pm, 4 people`
- `Birthday with chocolate cake`
- `Confirmation: GF-BAN-2511-0847`
- `Parking: Valet available`

Value add: Single conversation = booking + upsells (vs. multiple phone calls) + captured occasion (for future marketing)

Step 4: Automatic Engagement (No-Show Prevention)

24h before: SMS reminder with one-tap confirm/modify

2h before: WhatsApp "You're up in 2 hours!"

Post-booking: "How was your experience?" → Loyalty points earned

Value add: Reduces no-shows 27% (customer commitment) + post-booking data (CSAT, preferences) [3]

Alternate Flows (All Handled Naturally)

User Request	AI Response	Time
"Change time to 7:45pm"	Checks availability → Updates reservation → Sends new confirmation	<30s
"Cancel booking"	Confirms cancellation → Offers to rebook for different date	<20s
"Bandra full?"	Shows Juhu alternative 15 min away with availability	<10s

User Request	AI Response	Time
"What's your number?"	Provides phone + hours → Exits gracefully	<5s

Why This Design Works Across Domains

Restaurant: "Table for 4, Bandra, 8pm" → Available slots 8:00, 8:15, 8:30

Spa: "90-min massage, evening, female therapist" → Available slots with therapist names

Hotel: "2 rooms, 3 nights, check-in Nov 25" → Available room types + total cost

Event Venue: "200 guests, wedding, Feb 2026" → Available halls + setup options**Same bot logic, different data source.**

4. STATE TRANSITION DIAGRAM:

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stateDiagram-v2
    [*] --> GreetingAndIntent: Customer message received

    GreetingAndIntent --> ClassifyIntent: Parse user intent

    ClassifyIntent --> NewBooking: Book table
    ClassifyIntent --> CancelBooking: Cancel reservation
    ClassifyIntent --> GetInfo: Ask about location/hours

    NewBooking --> GatherDetails: Ask questions
    GatherDetails --> GatherDetails: Multi-turn conversation
    GatherDetails --> SearchAvailability: All info collected

    SearchAvailability --> ShowOptions: Found available slots
    SearchAvailability --> NoAvailability: All full

    NoAvailability --> SuggestAlternatives: Show nearby locations or times
    SuggestAlternatives --> ShowOptions

    ShowOptions --> CustomerSelects: Customer picks option
    CustomerSelects --> ConfirmDetails: Verify booking info

    ConfirmDetails --> CreateBooking: All confirmed
    ConfirmDetails --> GatherDetails: Customer wants changes
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CreateBooking --> SendConfirmation: Save to DB
SendConfirmation --> [*]: Booking complete

CancelBooking --> FindReservation: Lookup by name/phone
FindReservation --> DeleteBooking: Confirm cancellation
DeleteBooking --> [*]: Cancelled

GetInfo --> ProvideInfo: Share location details
ProvideInfo --> [*]: Info provided
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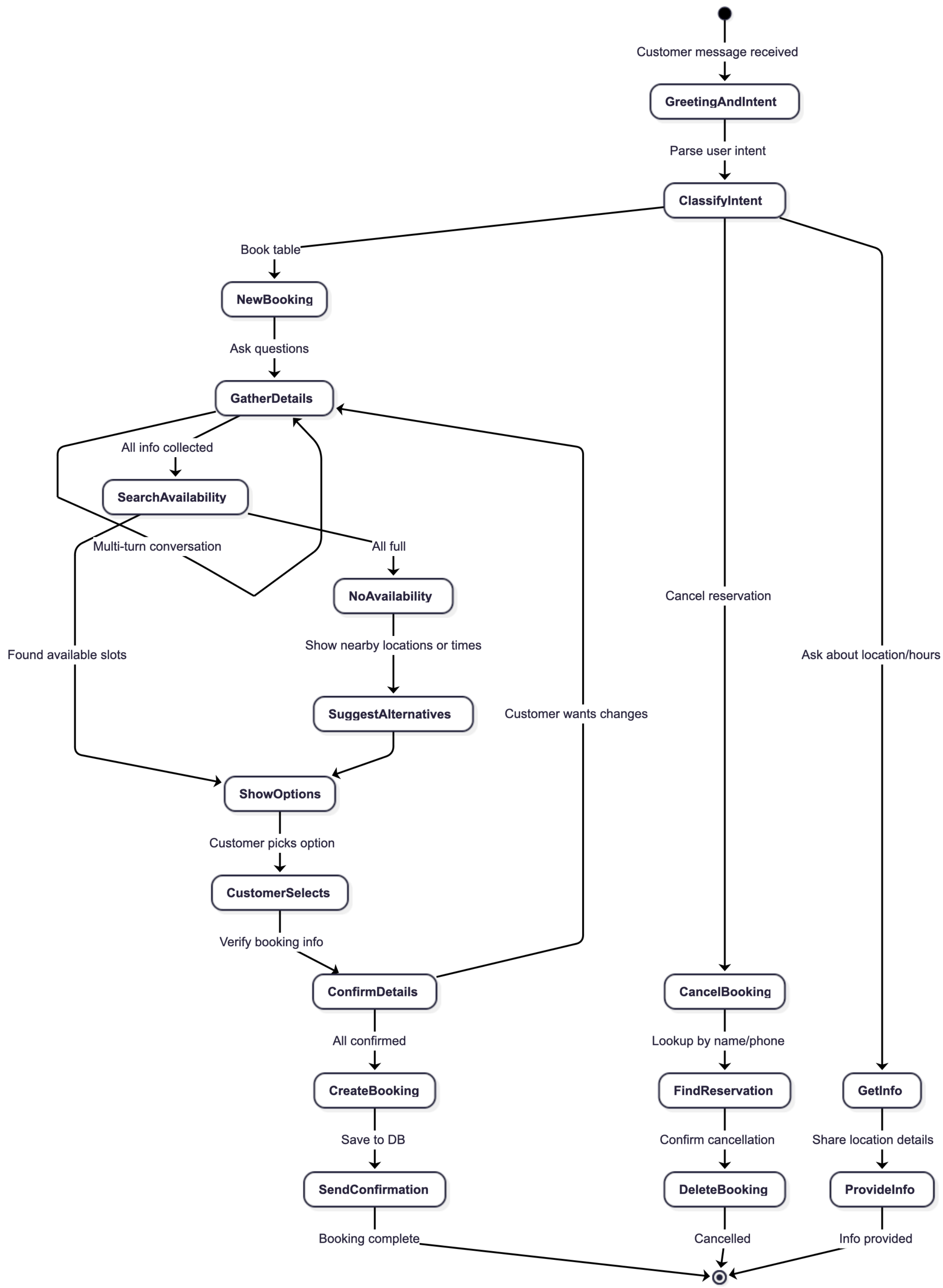

Customer message received
GreetingAndIntent
Parse user intent
ClassifyIntent
Book table
NewBooking
Ask questions
GatherDetails
All info collected
SearchAvailability
Multi-turn conversation
All full
NoAvailability
Show nearby locations or times
SuggestAlternatives
Found available slots
ShowOptions
Customer picks option
CustomerSelects
Verify booking info
ConfirmDetails
Customer wants changes
All confirmed
CreateBooking
Save to DB
SendConfirmation
Booking complete
Cancel reservation
CancelBooking
Lookup by name/phone
FindReservation
Confirm cancellation
DeleteBooking
Cancelled
Ask about location/hours
GetInfo
Share location details
ProvideInfo
Info provided

5. BOT FEATURES

Key Specifications (MVP Focus)

Feature	Customer Benefit	Implementation
24/7 Instant Availability	No waiting, immediate response	Streamlit always running
Multi-Location Intelligence	If location full, suggests nearby alternatives	Cross-location availability search
Conversational Flexibility	Natural language ("table for 4 tomorrow") vs forms	LLM intent parsing + entity extraction
One-Conversation Booking	Complete booking in single interaction	State machine tracks all required fields
Modification & Cancellation	Easy changes without re-booking	lookup → update/delete flow

Knowledge Bases (MVP - 3 Databases)

1. Restaurant Master Database (50 locations)

Fields: restaurant_id, name, location/city, address, phone number, operating hours, seating capacity, closed days

Update frequency: Daily (operating hours)

2. Reservations Database (All Bookings)

Fields: confirmation_id, restaurant_id, customer_name, phone, date, time, party_size, special_requests, status, created_at

Update frequency: Real-time with each booking

3. Booking Constraints (Business Rules)

Fields: advance_booking_days, same_day_cutoff_hours, cancellation_notice_hours, peak_hours, max_party_size, table_turnover_minutes

Update frequency: Quarterly

Tool Requirements (4 Core Functions - MVP Only)

Implemented from scratch (no LangChain/LangGraph):

All tools take restaurant/reservation data as input and return structured JSON responses.

Tool 1: search_restaurants

Tool 2: create_reservation

Tool 3: find_reservation

Tool 4: cancel_reservation

LLM Integration

Model: llama-3.3-70b via Together

Tool Calling: Native function calling via JSON schema

State Management: Python dictionary tracking {party_size, location, date, time, name, phone}

Conversation Context: History of messages + extracted booking fields

No frameworks: Built from scratch - no LangChain, LangGraph, or similar dependencies

Supported Languages

MVP (Week 1-4): English only

Phase 2 (Month 3+): Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, Tamil

Rationale: English-only MVP reduces complexity; multilingual support added post-launch

Difficulty Rating: 🟡 YELLOW (Moderate Complexity)

Why Moderate (Not Green):

- Multi-turn conversation state tracking: Customer changes mind mid-conversation, agent must retain context
- Concurrent booking prevention: Two users booking last table simultaneously requires database-level locking
- Ambiguity resolution: "Next weekend" → must clarify Saturday vs Sunday; "evening" → must clarify 6pm vs 8pm

Why Not Red:

- Only 5 tools (simple architecture vs complex multi-step workflows)
- No external APIs (all data mocked in JSON files)
- No payment/authentication/fraud detection complexity
- No inventory management (like food delivery systems)

- No loyalty program and predictive analytics integration

Integrations Needed

Integration	MVP Scope	Production Scope (Future)
SMS/WhatsApp	Simulated (logged to console/UI)	Twilio + WhatsApp Business API (Month 2)
Database	JSON files (restaurants.json, reservations.json)	PostgreSQL with connection pooling (Month 3)
POS System	Mock availability (static capacity)	Real-time table status via API (Month 4)
CRM	In-memory session state per conversation	Salesforce/HubSpot integration (Month 5)
Google Maps	Not needed for MVP	Distance Matrix API for alternatives (Month 6)
Analytics	Basic logging to console	Mixpanel/Amplitude event tracking (Month 6+)

6. SCALE-UP AND ROLLOUT STRATEGY

Why Single-City First?

Rolling out across all 50 locations simultaneously risks staff resistance, data quality issues, and scattered support. A single-city pilot allows GoodFoods to prove the concept, fix operational issues, and create a repeatable playbook before scaling.

Phase 1: Mumbai Pilot (Weeks 1-8)

Why Mumbai?

- Largest GoodFoods footprint in one city
- Diverse customer base (young tech-savvy + traditional)
- Best test for system robustness

Week 1-2: Internal Testing

- Deploy with 2 restaurant managers at high-volume locations
- Run 50+ test conversations
- Success gates: 95%+ booking accuracy, <5% manual overrides [11]

Week 3: Soft Launch

- Email early adopters from loyalty database
- In-restaurant promotion (QR code → WhatsApp)
- Measure: Initial adoption rate, CSAT, error rate

Week 4-8: Full Launch

- All 10 locations promote equally
- Staff fully trained
- Weekly optimization: Fix drop-off points, improve prompts based on feedback
- Monitor: Adoption rate, conversion rate, no-show rate, CSAT

Phase 1 Success Gates (Week 8):

- AI adoption: Meaningful % of bookings through AI (validate customer willingness to use AI)
- Conversion rate: Improved vs. current baseline (validate that AI booking is better experience)
- CSAT: 4.0+/5.0 (validate customer satisfaction)
- Staff confidence: Managers comfortable with system (validate staff adoption)
- Critical errors: <1% (validate system reliability) [11]

Decision: If gates met → Expand to other cities. If not → Debug and iterate.

Phase 2: Multi-City Rollout (Weeks 9-23)

Rollout order (proven market first → newer markets):

Location	**Timeline**	**Rationale**
Mumbai	Weeks 1-8	Pilot ✅
Bangalore	Weeks 9-13	Tech-forward, similar adoption curve to Mumbai
Delhi	Weeks 10-14	Run parallel to Bangalore, learn from both
Pune	Weeks 15-19	Smaller city, test regional language support (Marathi)
Ahmedabad + Goa + Cordelia	Weeks 20-23	Validate "Tier-II model", lower volume market

Per-city template:

- Week 1: Internal testing (2 managers, 50+ conversations)

- Week 2: Soft launch (early adopters)
- Weeks 3-4: Full launch (all locations, full staff training)
- Week 5: Stabilization (monitor, optimize, prepare next city)

Phase 3: Optimization (Weeks 24-26)

Once all 50 locations are live:

- Regional customization: Add language support per city (Marathi for Pune, etc.)
- Staff incentives: Bonuses for locations hitting adoption targets
- Customer incentives: Loyalty points for AI bookings
- Revenue optimization: Upselling add-ons (pre-orders, private rooms)

Phase 4: White-Label Product (Month 7+)

Once 50-location system is stable:

- Package as white-label solution for other restaurant chains and adjacent verticals (hotels, spas)
- Pilot with 2-3 partners
- Revenue model: SaaS subscription + success-based commission

Why This Approach Reduces Risk

Risk	Single-City First	All-at-Once
Staff adoption fails	Contained to 1 city; easy to fix	All 50 locations resist
Data quality issues	Audit 10 restaurants thoroughly	50 restaurants = chaos
Technical issues	Fix at small scale; scale proven playbook	Fix 50 locations simultaneously
Customer backlash	Localized damage	Nationwide brand damage
Learning curve	Deep insights per city → apply to next	Broad learnings, hard to scale

7. KEY CHALLENGES

Technical Challenges

Challenge 1: Intent Ambiguity

Customer says "table next weekend" without specifying day/time/party size. **Mitigation:** Multi-turn clarification + explicit confirmation before booking. **Measurement:** <2 clarification rounds per booking. [10]

Challenge 2: Concurrent Booking Conflicts

Two users book last available table simultaneously → double-booking. **Mitigation:** Optimistic locking (5-min hold on selection) + atomic database transactions. **Measurement:** Zero double-bookings.

Challenge 3: Small Model Limitations

llama-3.3-8b struggles with complex tool calling or subtle intent. **Mitigation:** Structured prompting with examples + JSON schema validation + confidence thresholds. **Measurement:** 92%+ tool call accuracy.

Challenge 4: Peak Hour Overload

Friday 7-9pm → 500+ conversations → API rate limits → timeouts. **Mitigation:** Request queuing + multi-provider API fallback + horizontal scaling. **Measurement:** P95 response <5s; <1% timeouts.

Business & Adoption Challenges

Challenge 5: Customer Adoption & Trust

Users skeptical of AI; prefer human interaction. Low adoption tanks pilot. **Mitigation:** Seamless human handoff option + incentives (+100 loyalty points) + staff advocacy. **Measurement:** 50%+ adoption in Mumbai by Month 2. [11]

Challenge 6: Vertical Adoption (White-Label)

Generalizing restaurant solution to spas/hotels/events requires domain adaptation. **Mitigation:**Domain-agnostic core (5 tools work for all verticals) + configuration-based customization (YAML per vertical) + pilot rigorously. **Measurement:** 2-3 white-label pilots by Month 9.

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