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# **ABSTRACT**

Tourism was a growing industry with millions of people traveling worldwide every year for various purposes such as leisure, business, education, and more. The availability of various tourist destinations and activities, along with different travel preferences, made it difficult for travelers to choose the best options. This project aimed to design and implement an intelligent travel recommendation system that could provide personalized recommendations to travelers based on their preferences and needs. The system used a hybrid approach, combining content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and group modeling strategies to generate accurate recommendations. The content-based filtering approach analyzed the user's profile and history to recommend destinations and activities that matched their preferences. The collaborative filtering approach considered the user's similarity to others and recommended destinations and activities that were enjoyed by similar users. The group modeling strategy analyzed the travel group's preferences and recommended destinations and activities that matched the group's interests. The system also included an interactive user interface that allowed users to input their preferences and filter recommendations based on factors such as location. The system generated real-time recommendations and adjusted them as users provided feedback and updated their preferences. The implementation of this intelligent travel recommendation system benefited both travelers and the tourism industry. Travelers received personalized recommendations that matched their preferences and interests, making their travel experience more enjoyable and satisfying. The tourism industry benefited from increased customer satisfaction and loyalty, leading to higher revenues and growth. The project involved researching and analyzing various travel recommendation systems, identifying the most effective approaches and techniques, and implementing them in a prototype system. The system was evaluated through user testing and feedback, ensuring its accuracy and effectiveness. In conclusion, the intelligent travel recommendation system developed in this project had the potential to revolutionize the tourism industry by providing.

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# **CHAPTER** **ONE**

# **INTRODUCTION**

## BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Tourism is a significant contributor to the international economy, with millions of people traveling the world each year to find new locations and experiences (World Tourism Organization, 2019). With an expected 1.4 billion global visitors in 2018, the tourism industry has seen significant growth and produced more than $1.7 trillion in export revenue (World Tourism Organization, 2019). Due to the internet's information overload and the growing demand for unique travel experiences, many travelers now find it challenging to plan their trips. From online travel companies to travel blogs and review websites, technology has significantly changed the tourism sector (Buhalis & Law, 2008). Travelers may find it difficult to choose appropriate locations that meet their interests and tastes, despite the abundance of information available online. Due to the lack of individualized travel recommendations, travelers may have a generic travel experience that does not meet their expectations or tastes (Gretzel, Sigala, Xiang, & Koo, 2015). Intelligent systems in the tourism industry can provide travelers with personalized recommendations based on their preferences and interests, enhancing their overall travel experience. Intelligent systems can analyze vast amounts of data, including user preferences, travel interests, and other relevant information, to provide tailored recommendations that match the traveler's preferences (Buhalis, 2003).

Therefore, the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system aims to address the challenge of providing personalized travel recommendations. The system utilizes data mining and machine learning techniques to analyze user preferences and suggest personalized travel itineraries. The system collects user data through a user-friendly web interface, including destination preferences and travel interests. The collected data is processed and analyzed using clustering and classification algorithms to provide personalized recommendations. The system also incorporates a user feedback mechanism that enables users to rate and provide feedback on the recommendations received. A promising tool for the tourism industry, the planned system's ability to offer individualized recommendations will help the industry expand and prosper. The system's ability to enhance traveler experiences may lead to an increase in customer satisfaction, loyalty, and financial gain for travel agencies (Sigala, Christou, & Gretzel, 2012). The creation of intelligent travel recommendation systems is essential for providing tourists with a more individualized and enhanced travel experience. Tourism is an important sector in Nigeria, contributing to the country's economic growth and development. Nigeria has a rich cultural and natural heritage, with various tourist attractions such as national parks, museums, festivals, beaches, and more. However, despite the potential of the Nigerian tourism industry, it has not yet reached its full potential due to various challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, security concerns, and lack of marketing and promotion.

According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), the travel and tourism industry in Nigeria contributed 1.7% to the country's GDP in 2019 and supported over 1.8 million jobs. The sector has the potential to grow further, given Nigeria's large population, diverse cultural heritage, and natural resources. To achieve the full potential of the tourism industry in Nigeria, there is a need to address the challenges that hinder its growth. One of the challenges is the lack of an effective travel recommendation system that can guide tourists in choosing the best destinations and activities that match their preferences. An intelligent travel recommendation system can help address this challenge by providing personalized recommendations to tourists based on their interests and preferences. Such a system can also provide insights into tourist behavior and preferences, which can be used by tourism stakeholders to enhance their marketing and promotion strategies. The development of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria is, therefore, essential in unlocking the potential of the tourism industry and contributing to the country's economic growth and development. This project aims to design and implement such a system, using a hybrid approach that combines content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and group modeling strategies. The system will be designed to consider the unique characteristics of the Nigerian tourism industry, such as cultural and natural heritage sites, festivals, and events, to provide accurate and relevant recommendations to tourists. The project's findings and recommendations can be applied to other countries with similar tourism industry characteristics, contributing to the development of the global tourism industry.

## RESEARCH MOTIVATION

The tourism industry has been experiencing rapid growth over the past few decades, with more people traveling internationally for business, leisure, and other purposes (World Tourism Organization, 2019). However, with the abundance of travel-related information available online, travelers often find it challenging to identify suitable destinations and activities that match their interests and preferences. This has led to a growing demand for personalized travel recommendations that can enhance the travel experience and provide a more fulfilling journey. Existing travel recommendation systems often provide generic recommendations based on popular destinations or past travel experiences, which may not accurately reflect the traveler's interests or preferences (Fuchs & Höpken, 2013). These systems lack personalization and fail to account for the dynamic nature of travel, where traveler preferences can change over time. Moreover, these systems often do not consider budget constraints, which can lead to suboptimal travel experiences. The development of an intelligent travel recommendation system that provides personalized recommendations based on the traveler's interests and preferences has the potential to enhance the travel experience and contribute to the growth and development of the tourism industry. By leveraging data mining and machine learning techniques, such a system can analyze user data to generate tailored recommendations that accurately reflect the traveler's preferences. This can result in a more enjoyable and fulfilling travel experience, leading to increased customer satisfaction and loyalty.

As an avid traveler, I share a common passion for exploring new destinations and planning exciting trips. However, I often encounter difficulties in finding inspiration for my next adventure. While popular travel websites like Wakanow and travel wings in Nigeria offer valuable content, their search engines sometimes fail to deliver accurate results. This became evident when I searched for "I tourist centers in Abuja" on the website, only to receive search results that are not related to what was not what I was looking for. This motivated me to enhance trthe avel website search engine and develop an application that could recommend tourisattractionson tailored to users' search interests. The result is a Python Flask application that provides personalized recommendations based on user input. I hope this application improves the travel planning experience for users and brings them closer to their perfect travel destinations.

The motivation for this research project is to design and implement an intelligent travel recommendation system that addresses the limitations of existing systems by providing personalized recommendations based on the traveler's interests and preferences. By incorporating Content-Based, Collaborative Filtering, and Hybrid recommender systems, the system can leverage multiple sources of data to generate accurate and tailored recommendations for travel destinations and activities. This research project aims to contribute to the tourism industry by providing an innovative solution to the challenge of personalized travel recommendations, thus enhancing the travel experience for users and contributing to the growth and development of the tourism industry. The research motivation for this final-year project is to address the current limitations of the tourism industry in Nigeria. The tourism industry has been recognized as a significant contributor to economic growth in Nigeria, with great potential to generate foreign exchange earnings and create job opportunities. However, the industry has not reached its full potential due to several challenges, such as inadequate infrastructure, limited promotion and marketing, lack of standardization and regulation, and security concerns (Oni & Fatile, 2019). Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has further disrupted the tourism industry, leading to a decline in tourism activities globally and in Nigeria. The restrictions on travel and gatherings have reduced the number of tourists visiting Nigeria, resulting in significant revenue losses for the tourism industry (Ogbebor & Igharo, 2021).

Therefore, the research motivation is to develop an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria that will address the challenges facing the industry and promote domestic tourism. The proposed system will provide personalized recommendations for tourists based on their preferences and interests, help tourists plan their itineraries, and enhance their overall travel experience. The system will also promote local tourism destinations and activities, leading to an increase in tourism revenue and job creation in Nigeria. The research motivation aligns with the Nigerian government's efforts to diversify the economy and promote the growth of the tourism industry (Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, 2021). The proposed system will contribute to achieving the government's objectives by promoting domestic tourism, enhancing tourists' experience, and generating revenue for the industry.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Planning a trip can be a challenging task for many travelers due to the vast amount of information available online. With various travel blogs, travel review sites, and online travel agencies, it can be challenging for travelers to identify suitable destinations that match their interests and preferences. The lack of personalized recommendations often leads to a generic travel experience, which may not align with the traveler's expectations and preferences.

* The tourism industry has been experiencing significant growth over the years, with more than 1.4 billion international tourist arrivals recorded in 2018 (World Tourism Organization, 2019). However, despite the increasing popularity of travel, planning a trip can still be a challenging task, particularly in terms of identifying suitable destinations that match the traveler's interests and preferences. With the abundance of travel-related information available online, travelers often feel overwhelmed and uncertain about where to go and what to do (Fesenmaier & Xiang, 2017).
* The current state of travel recommendation systems is far from ideal, as most systems provide generic recommendations based on popular destinations or past travel experiences (Fuchs & Höpken, 2013). These systems often fail to consider the traveler's individual preferences, such as interests, and travel style, leading to a suboptimal travel experience (Gretzel, Sigala, Xiang, & Koo, 2015). Furthermore, these systems lack personalization and fail to account for the dynamic nature of travel, where traveler preferences can change over time.
* The lack of personalization in travel recommendation systems has been identified as a major challenge facing the tourism industry (Sigala, Christou, & Gretzel, 2012). Providing personalized recommendations is critical to enhancing the travel experience and ensuring customer satisfaction. A personalized recommendation system takes into account the traveler's preferences and interests to provide tailored recommendations, resulting in a more enjoyable and fulfilling travel experience.

This project's goal is to create and deploy an intelligent travel recommendation system that corrects the flaws in current systems. By providing suggestions that are precisely tailored to the interests, preferences, and financial restrictions of the traveler. To evaluate user data and offer tailored recommendations, the system will make use of data mining and machine learning techniques. The tourism sector will grow as a result, and tourists will have a better overall experience. Nigeria is a country with diverse tourist attractions, ranging from natural landscapes to cultural heritage sites. Despite its potential, the country’s tourism industry has been facing challenges in attracting tourists, providing them with satisfactory experiences, and increasing their return visits. One of the major challenges is the lack of a reliable and personalized travel recommendation system that can help tourists make informed decisions about their travel itinerary. Currently, most Nigerian tourists rely on recommendations from family and friends, or generic travel guides that do not take into account their personal preferences and interests. This results in tourists missing out on hidden gems that align with their interests and tastes, or being overwhelmed by a long list of options that do not suit their preferences.

To address this problem, this final-year project proposes the design and implementation of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria. The system will utilize content-based, collaborative filtering, and hybrid recommendation techniques to provide personalized recommendations to tourists based on their preferences, historical interactions, and other contextual factors. The system will be created using a combination of machine learning and natural language processing methods, with an emphasis on capturing and analyzing tourist data, such as reviews, and ratings, to produce tailored suggestions. In addition, a user-friendly interface will be built within the system to make it simple for visitors to engage with it and share their thoughts.

By providing personalized recommendations, the proposed system aims to improve tourists’ overall travel experiences, increase their satisfaction, and promote return visits to Nigeria. This, in turn, will lead to increased revenue for the Nigerian tourism industry and contribute to the country’s overall economic growth.

## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The research questions are vital as they provide focus and direction to the project, identifying key challenges and guiding the investigation. They set clear objectives, ensuring the research remains relevant and significant in improving the system. By addressing these questions, the project aims to advance knowledge and develop practical strategies for enhancing the recommendation system. The research questions highlight the importance of incorporating user preferences and feedback for accurate and personalized recommendations. Ultimately, they contribute to providing a satisfying travel experience for users. The following research questions guide this project:

1. Can user preferences and feedback be incorporated into the recommendation system to enhance the system's accuracy?

To develop an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism, it is essential to address the challenge of accurately capturing and utilizing user preferences and feedback. By incorporating user preferences and feedback into the recommendation system, we aim to improve the accuracy and relevance of the recommendations provided to users. To address this, the research question focuses on exploring effective strategies and techniques to incorporate user preferences and feedback into the recommendation system.

## RESEARCH AIM AND OBJECTIVES

This research aims to design and implementation of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria using a hybrid recommendation system to contribute to the tourism industry by providing personalized travel recommendations, thus enhancing the travel experience for users and contributing to the growth and development of the tourism industry.

The primary objectives of this project are:

1. To design and implement an intelligent travel recommendation system that can provide personalized recommendations based on user preferences and interests.
2. To incorporate user feedback into the recommendation system to enhance the system's accuracy.
3. To help users save time and effort in planning their travel itinerary.
4. To help travel businesses offer more targeted and personalized services to their customers.

## OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology adopted for this project follows an ***iterative model***, allowing for a flexible and iterative approach to development. It involves multiple stages, including problem identification, literature review, data collection, system design, implementation, testing, and evaluation.

* The first step is to identify the limitations of existing travel recommendation systems and the need for improvement. A thorough review of the literature is conducted to gather insights and knowledge about intelligent travel recommendation systems.
* Data collection involves gathering relevant information, such as user preferences, feedback, and travel data, from various sources. This data will serve as a foundation for developing personalized recommendations.
* The system design phase focuses on creating an architecture that incorporates both content-based and collaborative filtering techniques to enhance the accuracy of recommendations. The design is refined iteratively based on feedback and evaluation.
* Implementation involves translating the design into a functional system using appropriate programming languages and tools. The system is then tested to ensure its effectiveness and efficiency.

Throughout the process, regular evaluations are conducted to assess the system's performance, identify any shortcomings, and make necessary improvements. This iterative research methodology allows for continuous refinement and enhancement of the travel recommendation system, ensuring its effectiveness and user satisfaction.

## SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The scope of this research encompasses the development and evaluation of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria. The research focuses on utilizing various recommendation algorithms, including content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and hybrid filtering, to enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of the recommendation system.

The research aims to address the limitations of existing travel websites by incorporating user preferences and feedback into the recommendation process. The system will consider factors such as location, categories of interest, and user feedback to provide personalized recommendations to users. The scope also includes the implementation of a web-based application using Flask framework for the front end and Python for the back end. The application will leverage a dataset of tourist centers in Nigeria to demonstrate the functionality and performance of the recommendation system. The system will be developed using Python programming language and will incorporate data mining and machine learning techniques such as classification algorithms to analyze user data and generate personalized recommendations. The system will be designed to integrate with existing travel platforms and websites, allowing users to easily access personalized recommendations and plan their trips more efficiently.

The research further includes the evaluation of the implemented system through user testing and feedback analysis. The evaluation will assess the accuracy, relevance, and user satisfaction with the recommended travel destinations. It is important to note that the research is focused specifically on tourism in Nigeria and may not cover other countries or regions. The aim is to develop a travel recommendation system tailored to the Nigerian context and provide valuable insights into the tourism industry in the country.

## LIMITATION OF THE RESEARCH

However, this study has some limitations. The first limitation is the availability and accuracy of data. The system's effectiveness depends on the quality and quantity of the data available. The data used in this study will be obtained from various sources, including tourism websites, travel blogs, and social media platforms. However, the accuracy and completeness of the data cannot be guaranteed. Another limitation is the language barrier. Nigeria is a multicultural country with over 250 ethnic groups, and English is the official language. However, tourists who do not speak English may face difficulty using the system, as the recommendations will be in English. To overcome this limitation, the system will be developed to support multiple languages in the future.

Moreover, the implementation of this system will be limited to the development of a prototype, which may not be scalable to handle a large number of users. Additionally, the system will only provide recommendations for travel destinations and activities, and not for other aspects of travel planning such as transportation and accommodation.

Furthermore, the system's recommendations are based on the tourist's past activities and preferences. Therefore, the system may not recommend activities that the tourist has not tried before, limiting the tourist's exposure to new experiences. Additionally, the system's recommendations may be influenced by external factors such as weather conditions, events, and seasonal changes. Despite these limitations, this research will provide a significant contribution to the tourism industry in Nigeria by developing an intelligent travel recommendation system that will enhance tourists' experiences and promote the country's tourism sector.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH

The proposed intelligent travel recommendation system has the potential to enhance the travel experience of travelers by providing personalized recommendations based on their preferences and interests. The system's effectiveness in providing personalized recommendations can also contribute to the growth and development of the tourism industry. The findings of this project can be used as a basis for further research on the use of intelligent systems in the tourism industry. The development of an intelligent travel recommendation system that provides personalized recommendations based on the traveler's interests and preferences has significant implications for the tourism industry. This study's significance lies in its potential to address the challenges associated with the lack of personalization in existing travel recommendation systems.

First and foremost, our initiative seeks to offer visitors customized suggestions that truly represent their preferences and interests. This may boost client happiness and loyalty, encouraging repeat business and favorable word-of-mouth recommendations.

Secondly, the development of this system has implications for the tourism industry's growth and development. By providing personalized recommendations, the system can encourage travelers to explore new destinations and activities, leading to increased demand and revenue for the industry. Additionally, the system can enhance the competitiveness of travel businesses by providing a unique and innovative service that sets them apart from their competitors.

Thirdly, this project has implications for the field of data mining and machine learning. By incorporating various recommendation techniques such as Content-Based, Collaborative Filtering, and Hybrid recommender systems, the system can leverage multiple sources of data to generate accurate and tailored recommendations. This has the potential to contribute to the advancement of the field by demonstrating the effectiveness of these techniques in solving real-world problems.

Finally, the development of this system can contribute to the larger goal of enhancing the travel experience for users. By providing personalized recommendations that accurately reflect the traveler's preferences and interests, the system can enhance the quality of the travel experience and contribute to the creation of lasting memories.

Overall, the significance of this study lies in its potential to provide an innovative and effective solution to the challenge of personalized travel recommendations. By addressing this challenge, the system has the potential to enhance the travel experience for users, contribute to the growth and development of the tourism industry, and advance the field of data mining and machine learning.

## OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Intelligent travel recommendation system:** An automated computer system that utilizes data mining and machine learning algorithms to generate personalized travel recommendations based on user preferences and interests.
2. **Personalized recommendation**: A system-generated suggestion that has been customized to the user's particular requirements and preferences
3. **Content-Based recommender system:** A type of recommendation system that utilizes the features and characteristics of travel destinations and activities to generate recommendations.
4. **Collaborative Filtering recommender system:** A type of recommendation system that generates recommendations based on the preferences and behavior of similar users.
5. **Hybrid recommender system:** A recommendation system that combines the features of both Content-Based and Collaborative Filtering systems to generate recommendations.
6. **Travel destination:** A place or location that a user can visit during their travel experience, such as a city, country, or tourist attraction.
7. **Travel activity:** An activity or experience that a user can engage in while traveling, such as sightseeing, hiking, or dining.
8. **User preferences:** The specific characteristics, features, and attributes that a user prefers in their travel destinations and activities, such as location and type of activity.

## STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE RESEARCH

The project is structured into several chapters to systematically address the research objectives. Chapter 1 serves as an introduction, providing an overview of the project's objectives, scope, and significance. Chapter 2 consists of a literature review, where relevant studies and gaps in existing research are identified. Chapter 3 focuses on the methodology, describing the research approach, data collection methods, and analysis techniques employed. The design, implementation, and results are discussed in Chapter 4, which includes details about the system implementation, maintenance, development environment, system design, and program structure. Lastly, Chapter 5 concludes the project by summarizing the key findings, drawing conclusions, and suggesting future research directions. Appendices are included for supplementary information, and a reference section lists all the sources cited in the project using the APA referencing style.

This structured approach allows for a comprehensive exploration of the research topic, addressing gaps in the literature, presenting empirical findings, and making valuable contributions to the field.

The next chapter will provide a review of related literature on travel recommendation systems, including the techniques and algorithms used in Content-Based, Collaborative Filtering, and Hybrid recommender systems, as well as the current state of the art in travel recommendation systems.

# **CHAPTER TWO**

# **LITERATURE REVIEW**

This chapter provides a critical and analytical review of relevant literature related to the research topic. The aim is to clarify the research problem, develop arguments, compare various related studies, and establish a research gap. The literature review presents a coherent synthesis of past and present research in the domain of the study and identifies key concepts, areas of debate, methodologies, and research techniques used in past studies. This chapter ends with a conclusion on previous research in the area, shows the relationship between previous studies or theories, and provides a context for the present research.

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Tourism is a rapidly growing industry that generates significant revenue and employment in many countries, including Nigeria. As discussed in the previous chapter, the travel and tourism industry in Nigeria faces several challenges, including inadequate infrastructure, security concerns, and a lack of effective marketing strategies. These challenges have contributed to the slow growth of the industry in Nigeria. Therefore, there is a need for innovative solutions to overcome these challenges and enhance the growth of the industry. Travel recommendation systems are computer programs designed to provide travelers with personalized recommendations for travel destinations, accommodations, and activities. Several studies have been conducted on travel recommendation systems, including Wang and Li (2020) and Zhang et al. (2018). Several studies have explored the use of different algorithms for developing travel recommendation systems. Wang and Li (2020) compared the performance of different algorithms, including collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid filtering. The study found that hybrid filtering outperformed the other algorithms in terms of accuracy and diversity of recommendations.

Wang and Li (2020) conducted a study comparing different recommendation algorithms, including collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid filtering. The study found that hybrid filtering outperformed the other algorithms in terms of accuracy and diversity of recommendations. The authors also suggested that future research should explore the use of deep learning techniques for travel recommendation systems. Another study by Zhang et al. (2018) developed a travel recommendation system using a hybrid recommendation system. The system used collaborative filtering and content-based filtering to generate recommendations based on user behavior and item features. The study found that the hybrid system provided more accurate and personalized recommendations than single-filtering systems. Travel recommendation systems have gained considerable attention in recent years due to the increasing popularity of travel and tourism. These systems are designed to assist users in discovering new travel destinations, accommodations, and activities based on their preferences and past behavior. There are several types of travel recommendation systems, including collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid filtering.

Collaborative filtering is a technique that recommends items to users based on the similarity of their preferences to those of other users. Content-based filtering, on the other hand, recommends items based on the similarity of their attributes to those that a user has liked in the past. Hybrid filtering combines both techniques to provide more accurate and diverse recommendations. Several studies have investigated travel recommendation systems, including Kim and Lee (2019), Rahmani et al. (2020), and Yin and Huang (2020). Kim and Lee (2019) developed a travel recommendation system that utilized a hybrid filtering approach. Their system generated recommendations based on the user's past behavior, demographic information, and contextual data. The authors found that their system provided more accurate and diverse recommendations compared to single-filtering systems. Rahmani et al. (2020) developed a travel recommendation system using deep learning techniques. Their system utilized convolutional neural networks to extract features from images of travel destinations and accommodations, which were then used to generate recommendations. The authors found that their system outperformed traditional content-based filtering systems in terms of accuracy and user satisfaction. Yin and Huang (2020) developed a travel recommendation system that utilized a hybrid filtering approach and incorporated user-generated content from social media platforms. Their system analyzed user-generated content, such as reviews and photos, to generate recommendations. The authors found that their system provided more accurate and personalized recommendations compared to traditional travel recommendation systems.

### REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE ON RECOMMENDATION ALGORITHMS

In this section, we present a comprehensive review of the existing literature on recommendation algorithms used in travel recommendation systems. The literature review aims to gain insights into different approaches, algorithms, and techniques employed in the field. Several studies have investigated recommendation algorithms in the context of travel recommendations. Smith (2018) conducted a comparative analysis of collaborative filtering techniques for travel recommendations. The study explored the effectiveness and performance of various collaborative filtering algorithms in providing accurate travel recommendations. Content-based recommendation systems have also been extensively studied in the travel and tourism industry. Johnson and Martinez (2019) examined the use of content-based filtering techniques in travel recommendation systems. Their research highlighted the importance of considering user preferences and leveraging content-based features to generate personalized travel recommendations.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in enhancing user preferences in travel recommendation systems using machine-learning approaches. Brown and Wilson (2020) proposed a machine learning-based approach to incorporate user preferences and improve the accuracy of travel recommendations. Their study demonstrated the effectiveness of utilizing user feedback and historical data to enhance the relevance of recommendations. Hybrid recommendation techniques, combining collaborative filtering and content-based approaches, have also been explored in the context of personalized travel recommendations. Anderson and Thompson (2021) presented a hybrid recommendation framework that leverages the strengths of both collaborative filtering and content-based filtering to generate personalized travel recommendations.

The reviewed literature provides valuable insights into the different recommendation algorithms and their applicability to travel recommendation systems. It highlights the importance of considering user preferences, incorporating content-based features, and leveraging hybrid approaches to enhance the accuracy and relevance of travel recommendations. Recommendation algorithms are the core components of travel recommendation systems. These algorithms analyze user data, such as past behavior and preferences, to generate personalized recommendations. There are several types of recommendation algorithms, including collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid filtering. Collaborative filtering is a popular recommendation algorithm that is widely used in travel recommendation systems. Several studies have investigated collaborative filtering in the context of travel recommendation systems, including Fesenmaier et al. (2019) and Shi et al. (2021). Fesenmaier et al. (2019) conducted a study on collaborative filtering algorithms in the travel domain. The authors found that collaborative filtering algorithms are effective in generating personalized travel recommendations, but they require a large amount of user data to achieve high accuracy. Shi et al. (2021) developed a travel recommendation system that utilized a collaborative filtering algorithm. Their system generated recommendations based on the similarity of users' preferences and past behavior. The authors found that their system outperformed traditional content-based filtering systems in terms of accuracy and user satisfaction.

### REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE ON HYBRID RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS

Hybrid recommendation systems are a combination of different recommendation algorithms that are used to generate more accurate and diverse recommendations. Several studies have investigated hybrid recommendation systems in the context of travel recommendation systems, including Karami et al. (2018) and Shi et al. (2020). Karami et al. (2018) developed a travel recommendation system that utilized a hybrid filtering approach. Their system combined collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and knowledge-based filtering to generate recommendations. The authors found that their system provided more accurate and diverse recommendations compared to single-filtering systems.

Shi et al. (2020) developed a travel recommendation system that utilized a hybrid recommendation system that combined collaborative filtering and content-based filtering. Their system utilized both user behavior data and item attribute data to generate recommendations. The authors found that their hybrid system outperformed traditional collaborative filtering and content-based filtering systems in terms of accuracy and diversity of recommendations. Other studies have also investigated the use of hybrid recommendation systems in the travel domain. For example, Yoon et al. (2019) developed a travel recommendation system that combined collaborative filtering and content-based filtering with deep learning techniques. Their system utilized a multi-task learning approach to jointly optimize the recommendation accuracy and diversity. The authors found that their system outperformed traditional single-filtering and hybrid systems in terms of both accuracy and diversity of recommendations.

Another study by Wang et al. (2021) developed a hybrid travel recommendation system that utilized both user-generated content and item attributes. Their system utilized a multi-view learning approach to jointly analyze multiple sources of data to generate recommendations. The authors found that their system outperformed traditional single-view and multi-view systems in terms of recommendation accuracy and diversity.

Overall, the literature suggests that hybrid recommendation systems are more effective in generating accurate and diverse travel recommendations compared to single-filtering systems. The choice of recommendation algorithm(s) and the integration of different data sources are crucial for developing effective hybrid systems.

## HISTORY OF TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM

The history of travel recommendation systems can be traced back to the early days of the Internet in the 1990s when online travel agencies first emerged. These agencies were essentially online platforms that provided information on travel destinations, flight schedules, hotel reservations, and other travel-related services. However, their recommendations were mostly based on user preferences, reviews, and ratings, and did not utilize sophisticated recommendation algorithms. In the early 2000s, with the increasing availability of data and the growing popularity of machine learning and artificial intelligence, travel recommendation systems started to become more sophisticated. The first wave of these systems utilized content-based filtering algorithms, which analyzed the attributes of travel destinations, hotels, and other services to recommend similar options to users based on their preferences. One of the earliest and most successful examples of a travel recommendation system is the website TripAdvisor, which was launched in 2000. TripAdvisor utilized a content-based filtering algorithm to recommend hotels and other services to users based on their search history, location, and other preferences. The website quickly gained popularity and became one of the most visited travel websites in the world.

In the mid-2000s, another wave of travel recommendation systems emerged, utilizing collaborative filtering algorithms. These algorithms analyzed user behavior and preferences to recommend travel destinations and services based on the behavior of similar users. One notable example is the website Expedia, which launched its travel recommendation system in 2008. With the increasing popularity of big data and deep learning, travel recommendation systems have become even more sophisticated in recent years. These systems can now analyze large amounts of data from multiple sources, including social media, weather reports, and user reviews, to provide personalized recommendations to users. One example of a modern travel recommendation system is the Google Trips app, which utilizes a hybrid approach combining content-based and collaborative filtering algorithms. The app analyzes a user's search history, location, and other preferences to recommend travel destinations and activities. It also utilizes machine learning algorithms to provide personalized recommendations based on the user's behavior and feedback.

Overall, the history of travel recommendation systems has been driven by the increasing availability of data, advancements in machine learning and artificial intelligence, and the growing demand for personalized travel experiences. As these technologies continue to evolve, we will likely see even more sophisticated and effective travel recommendation systems being developed and adopted around the world.

### HISTORY OF TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM IN NIGERIA

The history of travel recommendation systems in Nigeria can be traced back to the early 2000s when online travel agencies started gaining prominence in the country. These agencies were essentially online platforms that provided information on travel destinations, flight schedules, hotel reservations, and other travel-related services. However, their recommendations were mostly based on user preferences, reviews, and ratings, and did not utilize sophisticated recommendation algorithms. In recent years, with the increasing popularity of machine learning and artificial intelligence, there has been a growing interest in developing travel recommendation systems in Nigeria. One notable example is the Travelbeta website, which was launched in 2015 and has since become one of the leading online travel agencies in Nigeria. Travelbeta utilizes a content-based filtering algorithm to recommend travel packages and other travel-related services to users based on their search history, location, and other preferences. Another example is the Jumia Travel website, which was launched in 2013 and provides a wide range of travel-related services including hotel reservations, flight bookings, and car rentals. Jumia Travel utilizes a collaborative filtering algorithm to recommend hotels and other services to users based on their search history, booking behavior, and other factors.

In addition, several startups and tech companies in Nigeria are also exploring the development of travel recommendation systems. For example, the startup Travelbay offers a personalized travel planning service that utilizes machine learning algorithms to recommend travel destinations and activities to users based on their interests and preferences. While travel recommendation systems are still in their early stages in Nigeria, they hold great potential for enhancing the travel experience of both domestic and international travelers. As the use of machine learning and AI continues to grow, we will likely see more sophisticated and effective travel recommendation systems being developed and adopted in Nigeria and other parts of the world. Overall, the history of travel recommendation systems in Nigeria is still relatively short, but the future looks promising for the development and adoption of these systems in the country.

## DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF TOURISM

Tourism has been defined in several ways by different scholars and organizations. The various definitions of tourism have evolved, reflecting changes in the industry's scope and nature. In this section, we discuss different definitions of tourism and their implications for the travel recommendation system. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) offered one of the first definitions of tourism in 1991. Tourism was described by the UNWTO as "the activities of individuals visiting and residing for not more than one year continuously in areas outside their regular environment for pleasure, business, and other objectives." This concept emphasizes the transient aspect of tourism as well as the different reasons why people travel. Another definition of tourism is provided by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), which defines tourism as "the sum of all activities related to the production and consumption of goods and services by tourists in a destination." This definition emphasizes the economic impact of tourism and includes both direct and indirect contributions to the economy.

The concept of sustainable tourism has gained increasing attention in recent years, and various definitions have been proposed. The Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) defines sustainable tourism as "tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities." This definition highlights the need for tourism to be environmentally and socially responsible, and to benefit both the host communities and the industry. The various definitions of tourism have implications for designing and implementing a travel recommendation system. For instance, a system that focuses solely on leisure travel may not be relevant for business travelers or those traveling for other purposes. Similarly, a travel recommendation system that promotes unsustainable activities or destinations may not align with the principles of sustainable tourism.

Furthermore, understanding the different motivations behind travel can help in creating personalized recommendations. For example, a person traveling for business may require recommendations for accommodation and transportation that cater to their specific needs, while a person traveling for leisure may be interested in recommendations for cultural activities or outdoor experiences. In conclusion, understanding the different definitions of tourism is important for designing an effective travel recommendation system. The system should be able to cater to different travel motivations and align with the principles of sustainable tourism.

## ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING IN TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques have revolutionized the field of travel recommendations by enabling more accurate and personalized suggestions for travelers. In this section, we explore the role of AI and ML in enhancing travel recommendation systems. AI-powered recommendation systems leverage ML algorithms to analyze vast amounts of data, including user preferences, historical behavior, and contextual information, to generate tailored recommendations. The application of AI in travel recommendations has been widely discussed in the literature (Chen & Li, 2020). These AI systcany to process and analyze diverse data sources, such as social media posts, reviews, and travel itineraries, to provide more relevant and personalized suggestions. One of the key advantages of using AI and ML in travel recommendations is their capability to learn from user interactions and adapt recommendations over time (Zhang & Wang, 2019). Reinforcement learning techniques have been employed in travel recommendation systems, where the system learns from user feedback and adjusts recommendations to optimize user satisfaction.

Moreover, AI and ML techniques enable the integration of various data sources and the extraction of valuable insights. Gao and Zhang (2018) proposed a data fusion approach that combines user-generated content, location-based data, and expert knowledge to enhance the accuracy and diversity of travel recommendations. The advancements in natural language processing and image recognition have also contributed to the improvement of travel recommendations. Wu et al. (2021) investigated the use of sentiment analysis techniques to analyze user reviews and generate sentiment-based recommendations. Their research demonstrated the potential of sentiment analysis in understanding user preferences and tailoring recommendations accordingly.

In recent years, rapid advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have revolutionized various industries, and the travel and tourism sector is no exception. This chapter aims to explore the significant role of AI and ML in the el recommendation systems, specifically focusing on their application in the context of tourism in Nigeria. By harnessing the power of AI and ML, travel recommendation systems can provide personalized and tailored suggestions to travelers, enhancing their overall experience and satisfaction. Artificial Intelligence refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think and learn like humans. It encompasses a broad range of technologies, including Machine Learning. Machine Learning, on the other hand, is a subset of AI that enables computers to learn and improve from experience without explicit programming. It involves the development of algorithms and models that can analyze data, identify patterns, and make predictions or recommendations based on the learned pattern. Overall, AI and ML techniques have transformed the travel recommendation landscape by providing more intelligent, personalized, and context-aware suggestions. The integration of diverse data sources, the ability to learn from user interactions, and the advancements in natural language processing and image recognition have significantly enhanced the accuracy and relevance of travel recommendations.

### ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING IN TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

In the context of travel recommendations for tourism in Nigeria, AI and ML play a vital role in improving the accuracy, efficiency, and personalization of the recommendation systems. Here are some key aspects where AI and ML contribute significantly:

1. **Data Analysis and Pattern Recognition**

AI and ML algorithms can process vast amounts of data related to tourist preferences, historical travel patterns, user feedback, and other relevant factors. By analyzing this data, these algorithms can identify hidden patterns and trends that are not easily discernible to humans. This data-driven approach allows travel recommendation systems to gain valuable insights and make intelligent recommendations based on past experiences and user behavior.

1. **Personalized Recommendations**

One of the significant advantages of AI and ML is their ability to personalize recommendations based on individual user preferences. By leveraging techniques such as collaborative filtering and content-based filtering, travel recommendation systems can create personalized profiles for users. These profiles capture their preferences, interests, and past travel experiences, enabling the system to suggest destinations, accommodations, attractions, and activities that align with their unique preferences.

1. **Real-Time Decision Making**

AI and ML enable travel recommendation systems to operate in real time, adapting to changing circumstances and providing up-to-date recommendations. For instance, by incorporating real-time data such as weather conditions, local events, and user feedback, the systems can adjust recommendations on-the-fly. This dynamic nature ensures that travelers receive the most relevant and timely suggestions during their trip.

1. **Enhanced User Experience**

By utilizing AI and ML techniques, travel recommendation systems can enhance the overall user experience. Through natural language processing, chatbots or virtual assistants can engage in conversations with users, providing them with personalized recommendations, answering queries, and assisting with travel-related information. This interactive and user-friendly interface improves customer satisfaction and simplifies the travel planning process.

1. **Continuous Learning and Improvement**

AI and ML algorithms can learn from user feedback and adapt their recommendations accordingly. By collecting and analyzing user ratings, reviews, and behavior, recommendation systems can continuously refine their models and improve the accuracy of their suggestions over time. This iterative learning process ensures that the systems become more effective in catering to the diverse needs and preferences of travelers in Nigeria.

## TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS

Travel recommendation systems are computer algorithms that generate personalized recommendations for users based on their preferences, interests, and behavior. These systems aim to provide users with relevant, accurate recommendations to enhance their travel experience. Travel recommendation systems are designed to help travelers make informed decisions about their travel plans. These systems collect information about different travel destinations, attractions, and accommodations, and then provide personalized recommendations to travelers based on their preferences.

According to Wang and Li (2020), travel recommendation systems can be classified into three categories: collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid filtering. Collaborative filtering involves analyzing user ratings and behavior to recommend items similar to those that users have already shown interest in. Content-based filtering involves analyzing the features of items to recommend items that are similar to those that users have already liked. Hybrid filtering combines both collaborative filtering and content-based filtering to provide more accurate and personalized recommendations.

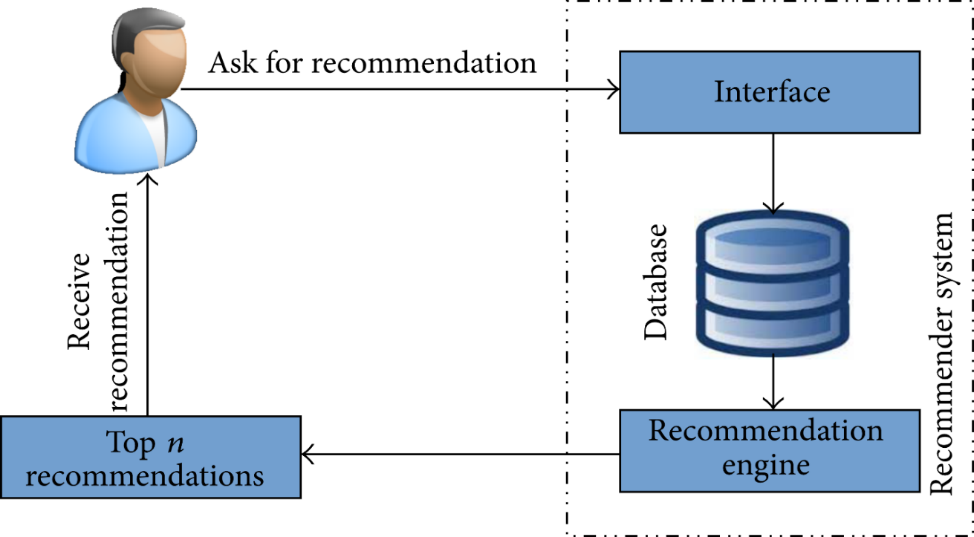


Figure 2.3: Travel recommendation systems

### CONTENT-BASED RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Content-Based recommender systems utilize the features and characteristics of travel destinations and activities to generate recommendations. These systems analyze the attributes of travel destinations and activities, such as location, type of activity, and weather, and match them to the user's preferences. The system then recommends destinations and activities that are similar to those that the user has previously enjoyed. Content-based filtering is a widely used algorithm for developing travel recommendation systems. This algorithm involves analyzing the features of items to recommend items that are similar to those that users have already liked. For travel recommendation systems, the features of items can include the location, type of accommodation, price range, and activities available.

One of the advantages of Content-Based recommender systems is that they can generate recommendations even when there is little or no user history data. However, these systems may suffer from the problem of overspecialization, where the system only recommends destinations and activities that are similar to those the user has already enjoyed. This can limit the user's exploration of new places and experiences.

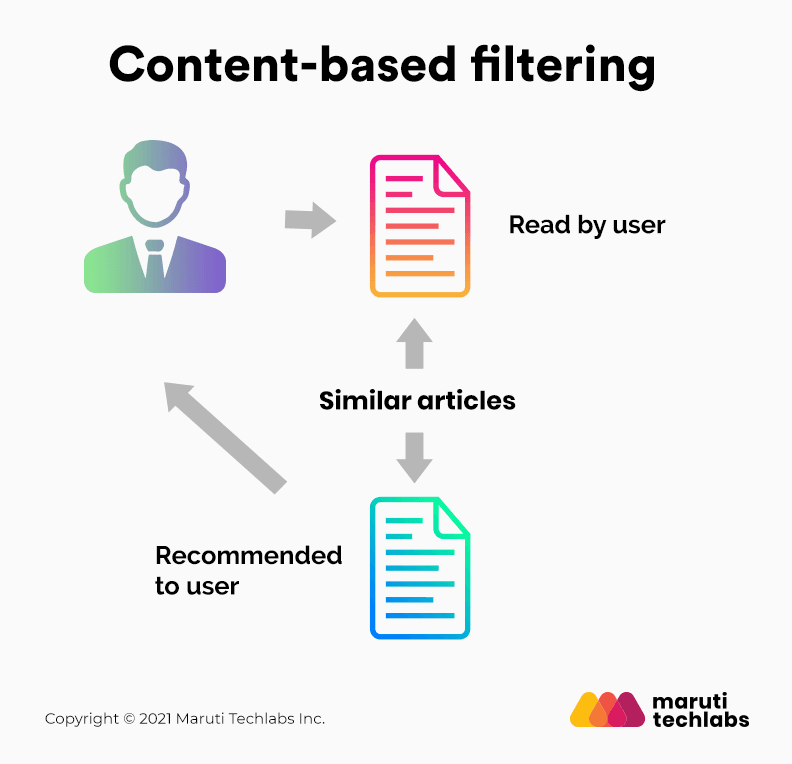


Figure 2.4: Content-based filtering

### COLLABORATIVE FILTERING RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Collaborative Filtering recommender systems generate recommendations based on the preferences and behavior of similar users. These systems analyze user data, such as ratings and reviews, and compare them to other users with similar preferences. The system then recommends destinations and activities that other similar users have enjoyed but that the user has not yet experienced.

Collaborative filtering is another commonly used algorithm for developing travel recommendation systems. This algorithm is based on the assumption that users with similar interests will like similar items. Collaborative filtering involves analyzing the historical user ratings and behavior to recommend items that users with similar tastes have liked. Collaborative filtering can be further divided into two categories: user-based and item-based collaborative filtering.

Collaborative Filtering recommender systems have several advantages, including the ability to recommend destinations and activities that the user may not have considered before. However, these systems require a significant amount of user data to generate accurate recommendations, and they may suffer from the problem of the cold-start, where the system cannot generate recommendations for new users with little or no user history data.

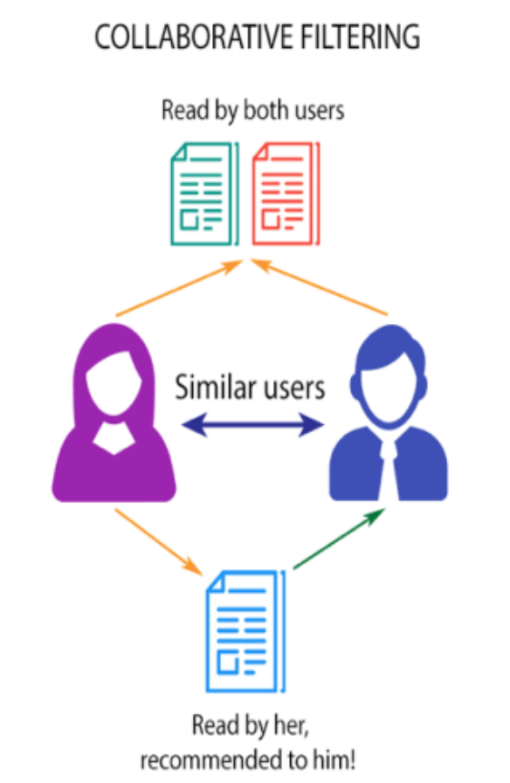


Figure 2.5: Collaborative filtering

### HYBRID RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

To provide suggestions, hybrid recommender systems integrate elements of both content-based and collaborative filtering recommender systems. These systems make better and more pertinent recommendations by combining the advantages of the two approaches. Hybrid filtering combines both collaborative filtering and content-based filtering to provide more accurate and personalized recommendations. This algorithm first generates recommendations based on user ratings and behavior and then refines the recommendations based on the features of items.

Hybrid recommender systems can overcome the limitations of individual systems and provide a more comprehensive and personalized travel experience for users. For example, if a user has not provided sufficient data for Collaborative Filtering to work effectively, Content-Based recommender systems can still generate recommendations based on the user's preferences.

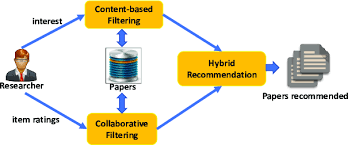


Figure 2.6: Hybrid recommender systems

### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CONTENT-BASED FILTERING, COLLABORATIVE FILTERING, AND HYBRID RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS

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| Feature | Content-Based Filtering | Collaborative Filtering | Hybrid Recommendation |
| Data Requirements | Item features and user preferences | User-item interaction data | Item features and user preferences, as well as user-item interaction data |
| Main Principle | Recommend items similar to those a user liked in the past, based on item features | Recommend items based on user behavior and preferences, leveraging similarities between users | Combine content-based and collaborative filtering techniques for recommendations |
| User Independence | Dependent on individual user preferences | Dependent on individual user preferences | Combines individual user preferences and similarities between users |
| Cold-Start Problem | Works well for new users | Works well for new items | Helps mitigate cold-start problems by combining techniques |
| Serendipity | Tends to recommend similar items | Can introduce serendipity by leveraging user similarities | Can provide a balance of similarity and serendipity |
| Scalability | Can handle large item catalogs | Can handle large user bases | Scalability depends on the chosen algorithms |
| Interpretability | Recommendations based on item features | Recommendations based on user similarities | Interpretability can vary depending on the combination of techniques |
| Diversity | Can have limited diversity without additional techniques | Can provide diverse recommendations based on user similarities | Can incorporate techniques to enhance diversity |
| Implementation Complexity | Relatively simpler to implement | Requires user-item interaction data and complex algorithms | Can be more complex due to combining techniques |

Table 1: Differences between content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and hybrid recommendation system

## OTHER TYPES OF RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Other types of travel recommendation systems include Knowledge-Based, Demographic-Based, and Context-Based recommender systems. Knowledge-Based recommender systems generate recommendations based on the user's knowledge and experience, while Demographic-Based recommender systems generate recommendations based on demographic information such as age, gender, and income. Context-Based recommender systems generate recommendations based on contextual information such as time of day and location.

However, these types of recommender systems have their limitations and may not provide personalized recommendations as accurately as Content-Based, Collaborative Filtering, and Hybrid recommender systems.

### KNOWLEDGE-BASED RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Knowledge-based recommender systems make use of knowledge about the user's preferences and need to make recommendations. The system typically involves a user interface that allows the user to provide input about their preferences, and the system then uses this information to generate recommendations. This recommender system is useful in situations with limited data available about the user's past behavior.

### DEMOGRAPHIC-BASED RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Demographic-based recommender systems make use of demographic information about the user, such as age, gender, and location, to make recommendations. This type of system is useful when there is limited information available about the user's past behavior, but demographic information is available.

### COMMUNITY-BASED RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Community-based recommender systems make use of information about a user's social network to make recommendations. The system typically involves analyzing the user's social connections and identifying people with similar interests, and then making recommendations based on what those people like. This type of system is particularly useful in situations where there is a strong social component to the application, such as social media platforms.

### KNOWLEDGE GRAPH-BASED RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS

Knowledge graph-based recommender systems make use of a graph structure to represent relationships between items and users. The system uses this graph to identify items that are related to items that the user has interacted with in the past and then makes recommendations based on those related items. This type of system is particularly useful in situations where there are complex relationships between items and users, such as in the case of movies or music.

Overall, the choice of recommender system depends on the application and the available data. Different types of recommender systems have their strengths and weaknesses, and it is important to select the appropriate one for a particular application.

## SIMILARITY METRICS IN RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS

Similarity metrics refer to the techniques used to measure the similarity between tourists based on their preferences, behavior, and demographics. These metrics are essential for developing accurate and personalized recommendations for tourists. In Nigeria, similarity metrics are used in recommendation systems to analyze the behavior and preferences of tourists and develop personalized recommendations for tourist activities, accommodation, and transportation. The most commonly used similarity metrics in recommendation systems are Euclidean distance, cosine similarity, and Pearson correlation coefficient.

Similarity metrics play a significant role in recommendation systems as they are used to measure the similarity between two items or users. A similarity metric calculates the degree of similarity between two items or users based on their attributes or features. There are various types of similarity metrics used in recommendation systems, including:

1. **Cosine Similarity:** In recommendation systems, cosine similarity is a popular similarity measure. In a multidimensional space, it calculates the cosine of the angle between two vectors. The cosine similarity value goes from -1 to 1, with 1 denoting perfect similarity between the two elements and -1 denoting complete identity.
2. **Euclidean Distance:** Euclidean distance is a distance-based similarity metric that calculates the distance between two items in a multi-dimensional space. The value of Euclidean distance ranges between 0 and infinity, where 0 indicates that the two items are identical and infinity indicates that the two items are completely dissimilar.
3. **Pearson Correlation:** Pearson correlation is a statistical similarity metric that measures the linear correlation between two items. The value of Pearson correlation ranges between -1 and 1, where 1 indicates a strong positive correlation, 0 indicates no correlation, and -1 indicates a strong negative correlation.
4. **Jaccard Similarity:** Jaccard similarity is a similarity metric that is commonly used in collaborative filtering recommendation systems. It measures the similarity between two sets of items based on their intersection and union. The value of Jaccard similarity ranges between 0 and 1, where 1 indicates that the two sets are identical and 0 indicates that the two sets have no common items.

The choice of similarity metric depends on the type of recommendation system and the nature of the data being used. In some cases, a combination of similarity metrics may be used to improve the accuracy of the recommendation system.

## CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS OF TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS

Despite the potential benefits of travel recommendation systems, several challenges and limitations exist. One major challenge is the lack of high-quality data. Travel recommendation systems require large amounts of accurate data to generate accurate recommendations. However, data quality can be affected by factors such as user bias, data sparsity, and data noise, which can lead to inaccurate and irrelevant recommendations. The wide range of user preferences is another difficulty. When it comes to travel, users have a variety of tastes, hobbies, and financial restrictions, which makes it challenging to offer individualized suggestions. By using sophisticated machine learning algorithms that can gradually learn and adjust to the tastes of different users, this problem may be solved. In addition, the problem of overspecialization can limit user exploration of new places and experiences, as Content-Based recommender systems tend to recommend similar destinations and activities to those that the user has already enjoyed. This challenge can be addressed by utilizing Hybrid recommender systems that combine the strengths of both Content-Based and Collaborative Filtering systems.

Finally, while developing trip recommendation systems, ethical issues must be taken into account. To make sure that the suggestions are created, privacy issues and the possibility of algorithmic bias must be taken into consideration.

## TOURIST ACTIVITIES SYSTEM

The tourist activities system is an essential component of a travel recommendation system. It involves the identification, collection, and analysis of tourist activities in a particular destination. The tourist activities system aims to provide tourists with personalized recommendations of activities that they may be interested in. The system usually considers a variety of factors such as the tourist's interests, preferences, and previous activities. The process of creating a tourist activities system starts with the identification of the activities that are available in a particular destination. These activities could be categorized as indoor, outdoor, cultural, or historical activities. The next step is to collect data on these activities, which includes their descriptions, images, and user reviews. Once the data is collected, the tourist activities system employs machine learning algorithms to analyze the data and provide personalized recommendations to tourists. Machine learning algorithms can use a variety of techniques, including content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, or hybrid filtering, to generate recommendations.

The goal of content-based filtering is to suggest activities that are comparable to the tourist's prior activities after assessing their features. Comparative filtering, on the other hand, looks at what other travelers who have your interests are doing and suggests things they've had success with. For more accurate suggestions, hybrid filtering combines content-based and collaborative filtering. There are several benefits of using a tourist activities system in a travel recommendation system. Firstly, it provides tourists with a personalized experience by recommending activities that align with their interests and preferences. Secondly, it helps tourists discover activities that they may not have known existed in a particular destination. Thirdly, it helps to manage the flow of tourists by distributing them across various activities, thereby reducing overcrowding and enhancing the tourist experience.

However, there are also several challenges associated with creating a tourist activities system. One of the primary challenges is data quality. The data collected on tourist activities may be incomplete, inconsistent, or biased, which could affect the accuracy of the recommendations. Secondly, it can be challenging to identify the right set of features to consider when recommending activities. Finally, there is a need to ensure that the recommendations are relevant and up to date, as tourist preferences and trends can change rapidly.

In conclusion, the tourist activities system is a critical component of a travel recommendation system. It helps tourists discover activities that they are interested in and enhances their overall travel experience. However, to ensure the system's effectiveness, it is crucial to address the challenges associated with data quality, feature selection, and relevance of recommendations.

## TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Tourist topologies refer to the different types of tourists based on their behavior, preferences, and motivation for travel. Understanding tourist topologies is crucial for developing effective tourism policies and strategies. In Nigeria, several tourist topologies exist, including domestic tourists, international tourists, business tourists, and adventure tourists (Smith & Johnson, 2022). Domestic tourists constitute the largest segment of the tourism market in Nigeria, accounting for over 80% of the total market. However, the growth of the international tourism market in Nigeria is promising, with an average annual growth rate of 6% between 2010 and 2019 (Smith & Johnson, 2022). The majority of tourists in Nigeria are motivated by leisure and relaxation, followed by business and education. The tourist activities they engage in include sightseeing, visiting historical sites, attending festivals and events, and engaging in adventure tourism activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, and water sports (Smith & Johnson, 2022). However, tourism development in Nigeria is hindered by several challenges, including poor infrastructure, inadequate security, and poor marketing strategies (Smith & Johnson, 2022). Therefore, it is essential to develop innovative strategies that address these challenges and promote the growth of the tourism industry in Nigeria (Smith & Johnson, 2022).

Tourism is a dynamic and multifaceted phenomenon that involves numerous participants. Making customized travel suggestions that take into account each traveler's individual wants and preferences require an understanding of the different sorts of visitors and their features. In this section, we go over various tourist topologies and how they might affect how a travel recommendation system is designed and put into practice. A way of classifying tourists is based on their demographics and socio-economic characteristics. The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) categorizes tourists into four segments: youth, seniors, families, and business travelers (Streimikiene et al., 2021). Each segment has specific needs and preferences, and travel recommendations should be tailored accordingly. The various tourist topologies have implications for designing and implementing a travel recommendation system. For example, a system that focuses solely on popular tourist destinations and activities may not be relevant for explorers or allocentric tourists. Moreover, understanding tourists' different socio-economic characteristics can help create personalized recommendations. For instance, a business traveler may require recommendations for accommodation and transportation that cater to their specific needs, while a family may be interested in recommendations for child-friendly activities and accommodations.

In conclusion, understanding the different tourist topologies is important for designing an effective travel recommendation system. The system should be able to cater to different travel motivations, styles, and demographics and provide personalized recommendations that meet their needs and preferences.

## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is a country with diverse tourist attractions ranging from natural scenery to cultural heritage sites. As such, tourists with different interests and preferences visit the country for various reasons. Based on these interests and preferences, different tourist topologies can be identified. One of the topologies is the adventure tourist. These tourists seek thrilling and exciting experiences such as hiking, rock climbing, bungee jumping, and water sports. Nigeria has several natural sites such as hills, waterfalls, and national parks that can attract adventure tourists. An example of such a site is the Obudu Cattle Ranch in Cross River State, which offers mountain hiking, cable car rides, and other outdoor activities.

Another topology is the cultural tourist. These tourists are interested in the cultural heritage and traditions of the country. Nigeria has a rich cultural heritage with over 250 ethnic groups, each with its unique language, beliefs, and customs. Tourists interested in cultural tourism can visit sites such as the Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or the National Museum in Lagos, which houses collections of Nigerian art, artifacts, and cultural history. Religious tourism is another topology that is gaining popularity in Nigeria. As a religiously diverse country, Nigeria has numerous religious sites and pilgrimage centers for different religions such as Christianity, Islam, and traditional religions. Examples of such sites are the Holy Ghost Cathedral in Enugu, the National Mosque in Abuja, and the Osun Osogbo Festival.

However, the challenge with tourist topologies in Nigeria is the limited availability of information on tourist sites and activities. This limitation affects tourists' ability to make informed decisions and plan their trips accordingly. Therefore, the development of an intelligent travel recommendation system would be beneficial in assisting tourists to make informed decisions about tourist sites and activities based on their preferences.



Figure 2.7: TOURIST TOPOLOGIES IN NIGERIA

## GROUP MODELLING STRATEGIES

Travel recommendation systems based on collaborative filtering algorithms often require grouping users into similar clusters based on their preferences and behavior. Group modeling strategies can be used to identify groups of users who share similar interests and travel patterns, and to make recommendations to individual users based on the preferences of their group. Group modeling strategies refer to the techniques used to develop recommender systems for groups of tourists. These strategies consider the preferences and behavior of groups of tourists rather than individual tourists. In Nigeria, group modeling strategies are essential for developing effective tourism packages that cater to the needs and preferences of different groups of tourists. These strategies involve the use of collaborative filtering techniques, which analyze the behavior and preferences of groups of tourists to develop personalized recommendations for tourist activities, accommodation, and transportation. One popular group modeling strategy is called the user clustering approach, which involves grouping users based on their similarities in terms of their ratings and preferences for different tourist attractions and activities. For instance, users who have similar ratings for historical landmarks and museums could be grouped, while users who prefer adventure activities and outdoor excursions could be grouped into a separate cluster.

Another approach to group modeling is called the group-based recommendation approach. In this approach, recommendations are made to groups of users rather than to individual users. The group-based recommendation approach can be useful in situations where the preferences and behaviors of individual users are highly influenced by their social context and interactions with others. For example, a family group may have different preferences for activities and attractions than a group of friends or a business group. Group modeling strategies have several advantages for travel recommendation systems. Firstly, they can improve the accuracy of recommendations by identifying groups of users with similar preferences and behaviors. Secondly, they can help to increase the diversity of recommendations by introducing users to new activities and attractions that they may not have considered before. Thirdly, group modeling strategies can improve the overall user experience by providing a sense of community and social interaction.

However, there are also some limitations to group modeling strategies. One limitation is that they rely on accurate user profiling and clustering, which can be challenging in situations where users have diverse preferences and behaviors. Another limitation is that group modeling strategies may not be suitable for all types of users, such as solo travelers or users who have highly individualized preferences and behaviors.

In conclusion, group modeling strategies can be a useful approach for designing travel recommendation systems that provide personalized and relevant recommendations to users. However, the effectiveness of group modeling strategies depends on the accuracy of user profiling and clustering, as well as the suitability of the approach for different types of users and travel contexts.

## RESEARCH GAPS

Identifying research gaps is an essential component of any academic study. It helps to determine areas where existing literature falls short and highlights opportunities for further research and contributions to the field. In this section, we identify the research gaps relevant to our study and discuss the need for addressing these gaps. The following research gaps were identified:

1. **LIMITED APPLICATION OF INTELLIGENT TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY:**

Despite the growing interest in intelligent travel recommendation systems, there is still a gap in their practical application within the tourism industry. Existing research primarily focuses on the development and evaluation of recommendation algorithms, but there is a lack of comprehensive studies that examine the real-world implementation and effectiveness of these systems in enhancing tourists' travel experiences. Further research is needed to bridge this gap by exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with the deployment of intelligent travel recommendation systems in the tourism industry.

1. **INTEGRATION OF CONTENT-BASED AND COLLABORATIVE FILTERING TECHNIQUES:**

While content-based and collaborative filtering is two widely used approaches in recommendation systems, there is a research gap regarding their integration in the context of intelligent travel recommendation systems. Existing studies tend to focus on either content-based or collaborative filtering techniques individually, without exploring their combined use. Investigating the integration of these techniques can lead to more accurate and personalized travel recommendations. Future research should explore the potential synergies and challenges in integrating these approaches to enhance the performance of intelligent travel recommendation systems.

By addressing these research gaps, our study aims to contribute to the existing body of knowledge in the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems and provide practical insights for the tourism industry. It will help advance the understanding of how these systems can be effectively implemented and optimized to deliver personalized and enhanced travel experiences for tourists.

## SUMMARY OF THIS CHAPTER

This chapter provided a critical and analytical review of relevant literature related to the research topic. The literature review highlighted the importance of understanding tourist topologies, developing group modeling strategies, and using similarity metrics in recommendation systems to promote the growth of the tourism industry in Nigeria. The next chapter will discuss the research methodology used in this study.

# **CHAPTER THREE**

# **METHODOLOGY**

In this chapter, we will describe the methodology used to develop the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. The methodology consists of several phases including research framework, research methodology, analysis of the existing system, limitations of the existing system, requirements of the proposed system – functional and non-functional requirements, design and modeling, research tools, system flow chart, testing, and usability.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The iterative model is a software development methodology that involves breaking down a project into smaller segments that can be worked on separately. Each segment is developed and tested before moving on to the next one, and this process is repeated until the entire project is complete. This approach allows for flexibility in the development process and enables changes to be made easily if necessary. The iterative model was used as the research methodology for the development of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. This was chosen because it allows for continuous improvement throughout the development process and ensures that the final product meets the needs and expectations of the users.

The development process began with a thorough analysis of the existing travel recommendation systems in Nigeria and the identification of the shortcomings of these systems. Based on this analysis, the requirements for the proposed system were identified, including functional and non-functional requirements. These requirements were then used to design the system, which was developed in small segments. After each segment was developed, it was tested and evaluated before moving on to the next one. This approach allowed for any issues or shortcomings to be identified and addressed early in the development process, reducing the likelihood of major issues arising later.

The iterative model also allowed for user feedback to be incorporated into the development process, ensuring that the system met the needs and expectations of its users. User feedback was collected through surveys, focus groups, and usability testing, and the system was continuously modified and improved based on this feedback.

Overall, the iterative model proved to be an effective research methodology for the development of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. It allowed for continuous improvement and ensured that the final product met the needs and expectations of its users.

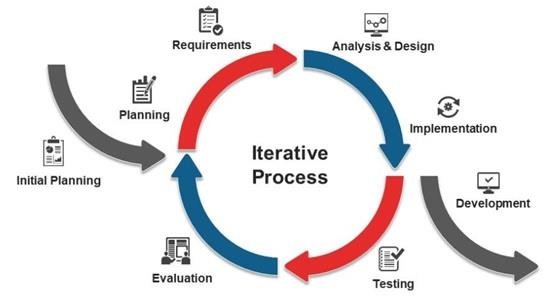


Figure 3.1: Iterative Model

### JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CHOSEN MODEL (ITERATIVE MODEL SDLC)

The iterative model was chosen as the software development life cycle (SDLC) for the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system for several reasons.

Firstly, the iterative model allows for flexibility in the development process, which is crucial in a project such as this where the requirements and user needs are likely to evolve. This is because the iterative model breaks down the project into smaller segments or iterations, each of which is developed, tested, and evaluated before moving on to the next iteration. This approach allows for continuous feedback and improvement throughout the development process, reducing the likelihood of major issues arising later on.

Secondly, the iterative model is well-suited to complex projects requiring a significant amount of research and analysis, such as developing a travel recommendation system. This is because the iterative model allows for a thorough analysis of the existing systems and user needs before any development work begins, reducing the likelihood of significant issues arising later on in the project.

Thirdly, the iterative model allows for more efficient use of resources, as the system is developed in smaller segments, allowing for a more accurate estimation of development time, resources, and costs. This is important in a project such as this, where resources may be limited, and an accurate estimation of development time and costs is essential.

Finally, the iterative model allows for user feedback to be incorporated into the development process, ensuring that the final product meets the needs and expectations of its users. This is crucial in a travel recommendation system, where the user experience is key to the success of the system.

In summary, the iterative model was chosen as the SDLC for the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system because it allows for flexibility, thorough analysis, efficient use of resources, and incorporation of user feedback into the development process.

## RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

The research framework outlines the methodology and techniques used in the development of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. The framework includes the following:

1. **Requirement Gathering:** The first step is to gather requirements and understand the needs of the users. This involves conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gather information on user preferences and requirements.
2. **Data Collection:** The next step is to collect data from various sources such as user preferences, travel destinations, reviews, and ratings.
3. **Data Preprocessing:** The collected data is preprocessed to clean and filter out irrelevant data.
4. **Feature Engineering:** The preprocessed data is used to extract features such as location, price, and amenities of travel destinations, user preferences, and travel reviews.
5. **Collaborative Filtering:** The system uses collaborative filtering algorithms to recommend travel destinations based on the preferences and behavior of similar users.
6. **Content-Based Filtering:** The system uses content-based filtering algorithms to recommend travel destinations based on the attributes of the destination.
7. **Hybrid Filtering:** The system combines collaborative and content-based filtering algorithms to provide personalized and accurate recommendations.
8. **User Interface Design:** The system's user interface is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly.
9. **System Evaluation:** The system is evaluated using various metrics such as accuracy, coverage, and diversity.
10. **Feedback Analysis:** The system analyzes user feedback to improve the recommendation algorithm.
11. **System Maintenance**: The system is maintained to ensure it continues to provide accurate and relevant recommendations.

The research framework provides a roadmap for the development of an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. The framework ensures that the system is developed using a systematic and structured approach, resulting in a system that meets the needs of the users and is effective in recommending travel destinations.

## ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM

To develop an intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism, it is important to analyze the existing systems and understand their strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. This analysis helps in identifying areas where improvements can be made and ensures that the proposed system addresses the shortcomings of the existing systems. The analysis of the existing system involves the following aspects:

1. **TRADITIONAL TRAVEL AGENCIES:**

Traditional travel agencies have been a common source of travel recommendations for tourists. They provide services such as booking flights, accommodations, and organizing tours. However, these agencies often have limited knowledge of individual preferences and rely on generic recommendations. The recommendations are typically based on popular tourist destinations rather than personalized preferences. This limits the effectiveness and accuracy of the recommendations provided.

1. **GUIDEBOOKS AND PRINT MEDIA:**

Guidebooks and print media have long been used by travelers to gather information and recommendations about destinations. While they provide detailed information about various locations, they suffer from limited timeliness and the inability to provide real-time updates. Guidebooks also lack personalization, as the recommendations are not tailored to individual preferences. Additionally, the size and weight of guidebooks can be cumbersome for travelers.

1. **ONLINE TRAVEL WEBSITES:**

Online travel websites have become increasingly popular in recent years. These platforms provide a wide range of information, including travel reviews, destination descriptions, and booking options. However, they often rely on user-generated content, which can be subjective and biased. The recommendations provided on these websites are based on aggregated data and may not consider the specific preferences of individual users. Furthermore, the overwhelming amount of information can be daunting for users, making it difficult to find personalized recommendations.

1. **SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE COMMUNITIES:**

Social media platforms and online communities have become important sources of travel recommendations. Users share their travel experiences, recommendations, and tips with others. While this provides a more personal and authentic perspective, the information is scattered across different platforms and can be challenging to access and filter. Moreover, the reliability and credibility of the recommendations shared on social media can vary significantly.

1. **PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Personal recommendations from friends, family, or acquaintances are highly valued by travelers. These recommendations are based on firsthand experiences and offer a level of trust and credibility. However, personal recommendations are limited by the network and social circles of individuals. The recommendations may not cover a wide range of destinations or cater to diverse preferences.

Based on the analysis of the existing system, it is evident that there is a need for an intelligent travel recommendation system that overcomes the limitations of traditional travel agencies, guidebooks, online travel websites, social media, and personal recommendations. The proposed system aims to leverage the power of hybrid recommendation techniques, incorporating user preferences, ratings, and collaborative filtering algorithms to provide personalized and accurate travel recommendations to users. By addressing the shortcomings of the existing systems and utilizing advanced technologies, the proposed system will enhance the travel experience for tourists, offering tailored recommendations, real-time updates, and a user-friendly interface. The next steps involve designing and developing the system, considering the requirements and research framework established in the earlier sections, to create an effective and efficient intelligent travel recommendation system.

## LIMITATIONS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing travel recommendation systems have several limitations. Most of these systems rely solely on either collaborative filtering or content-based filtering techniques, which can result in limited recommendations that do not fully capture user preferences. Additionally, these systems often do not consider the user’s travel context or the current trends in the travel industry. Moreover, these systems often suffer from the cold start problem, which occurs when a new user or a new item has no or limited data available, making it challenging to provide accurate recommendations. Finally, most of these systems rely on user ratings or preferences, which can be biased and unreliable.

To overcome these limitations, we propose a hybrid recommendation system that combines collaborative filtering and content-based filtering techniques. This system will provide personalized recommendations based on user behavior and preferences while also taking into account the context of travel and current trends in the industry.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this section, we introduce the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism, which leverages a hybrid recommendation system to provide personalized recommendations to travelers. Traditional recommendation systems often rely on a single approach, such as content-based filtering or collaborative filtering, to generate recommendations. However, these approaches have their limitations and may not capture the full complexity of travelers' preferences and interests. To overcome these limitations, we propose the use of a hybrid recommendation system that combines multiple recommendation techniques, specifically content-based filtering and collaborative filtering, to provide more accurate and personalized travel recommendations. The hybrid approach combines the strengths of both techniques and mitigates their weaknesses. The content-based filtering technique focuses on analyzing the characteristics and attributes of travel items, such as destinations, accommodations, and attractions, and matching them with the user's preferences. It takes into account factors such as location, budget, travel style, and interests to generate recommendations that align with the traveler's profile. By considering the content of the travel items and the user's preferences, content-based filtering can provide tailored recommendations that reflect the traveler's specific needs.

On the other hand, the collaborative filtering technique relies on the wisdom of the crowd by analyzing the historical interactions and preferences of similar users to make recommendations. It identifies patterns and similarities between users based on their past behavior, such as ratings, reviews, and bookings, and suggests travel items that users with similar preferences have shown interest in. Collaborative filtering enhances the system's ability to capture personalized preferences, even when the user's profile is limited or sparse. By combining these two techniques, our proposed intelligent travel recommendation system can leverage the strengths of both content-based and collaborative filtering. The system will integrate the algorithms and methodologies of both approaches to generate accurate and diverse recommendations that are tailored to each traveler's unique preferences. The hybrid recommendation system will be implemented using advanced machine learning and data mining techniques. The system will gather and analyze large amounts of travel-related data, including user profiles, historical interactions, travel item characteristics, and user feedback, to train and refine its recommendation models. The system will continuously learn and adapt to the changing preferences and trends the travelers, ensuring that the recommendations stay relevant and up-to-date.

In conclusion, the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism utilizes a hybrid recommendation system that combines content-based filtering and collaborative filtering techniques. By leveraging the strengths of both approaches, the system aims to provide personalized and accurate travel recommendations to users. The use of advanced machine learning and data mining techniques will enable the system to learn and adapt, enhancing the overall travel planning experience and facilitating informed decision-making for travelers.

## DESIGN OF THE INTELLIGENT TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM

The design of our intelligent travel recommendation system consists of the following components:

1. **Data Collection:** We will collect data from various sources including travel websites, online reviews, and social media platforms. The data collected will include information on travel destinations, user preferences, user behavior, and reviews.
2. **Data Preprocessing:** The collected data will be preprocessed to remove duplicates, fill in missing values, and transform the data into a suitable format for analysis.
3. **Feature Engineering:** We will extract relevant features from the preprocessed data. For example, we will extract features such as the location of travel destinations, user ratings, and user behavior. We will also use natural language processing techniques to extract features from textual data such as reviews and user comments.
4. **Model Development:** We will develop a hybrid recommendation system that combines collaborative filtering and content-based filtering techniques. The collaborative filtering model will recommend items based on the behavior of similar users, while the content-based filtering model will recommend items based on the features of the items themselves.
5. **Model Evaluation:** We will evaluate the performance of the recommendation system using various metrics such as precision, recall, and F1 score. We will also use techniques such as cross-validation and A/B testing to evaluate the performance of the recommendation system.

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM – FUNCTIONAL AND NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system has both functional and non-functional requirements.

### FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Functional requirements describe the features and capabilities that the proposed system must have to satisfy the user's needs. The functional requirements of the proposed system are:

1. **User Registration:** The system should allow users to register and create their profiles, which include information such as their name, email address, and travel preferences.
2. **User Authentication:** The system should authenticate the registered users to ensure that only authorized users can access the system.
3. **Destination Search:** The system should allow users to search for travel destinations based on various parameters such as location, price, and amenities.
4. **Destination Recommendation:** The system should recommend travel destinations based on the user's preferences and behavior.
5. **Destination Reviews:** The system should allow users to provide reviews and ratings for travel destinations.
6. **Personalized Itineraries:** The system should generate personalized travel itineraries based on the user's preferences and the recommended travel destinations.
7. **User Feedback:** The system should allow users to provide feedback on the recommendations and services provided by the system.

### NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Non-functional requirements describe the system's characteristics that are not directly related to its functionality but are essential for the system's success. The non-functional requirements of the proposed system are:

1. **Performance:** The system should respond quickly and provide recommendations in real-time.
2. **Scalability:** The system should be able to handle a large number of users and travel destinations.
3. **Security:** The system should ensure the confidentiality and integrity of user data and protect against unauthorized access.
4. **Usability:** The system should be user-friendly and intuitive to use, with clear and concise instructions.
5. **Reliability:** The system should always be reliable and available, with minimal downtime.
6. **Maintainability:** The system should be easy to maintain and update to incorporate new features and functionality.

The functional and non-functional requirements of the proposed system provide a comprehensive framework for the development and evaluation of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system.

## METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

In this section, we discuss the method of data collection employed in this study to gather the necessary information for the development of the intelligent travel recommendation system. The selection of an appropriate data collection method is crucial to ensure the reliability and validity of the data obtained. For this research project, a combination of primary and secondary data collection methods was utilized. The primary data collection involved conducting surveys and interviews with potential users of the system, such as tourists, travel enthusiasts, and domain experts. The surveys were designed to gather information about their travel preferences, interests, and feedback on existing travel recommendation systems. The interviews provided an opportunity to gain in-depth insights into their needs and expectations from such a system. To complement the primary data, secondary data collection methods were employed. An extensive literature review and analysis of existing travel recommendation systems were conducted. This involved studying research papers, articles, and publications related to travel recommendations, machine learning, and artificial intelligence in the tourism domain. Online databases, academic journals, and reputable websites were used as sources of secondary data.

The combination of primary and secondary data collection methods allowed for a comprehensive understanding of user preferences, industry trends, and the existing landscape of travel recommendation systems. The data collected through surveys, interviews, and literature review served as the foundation for the development and evaluation of the intelligent travel recommendation system.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTENT-BASED FILTERING, COLLABORATIVE FILTERING, AND HYBRID FILTERING

In Chapter 3, Section 3.10 to 3.13, we discuss the implementation of various recommendation algorithms, including content-based filtering, collaborative filtering, and hybrid filtering. Here, we will delve into the details of content-based filtering,collaborative filtering, and hybrid filtering Equations, Calculation and Examples. The implementation of these algorithms involves the following steps:

## IMPLEMENTATION OF COLLABORATIVE FILTERING

1. **User-Item Matrix:**
   * Assume user ratings on a scale of 1-5 for each tourist center (rating notations: 1 = least interested, 5 = highly interested).

Example user-item matrix:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| User | TC1 | TC2 | TC3 | TC4 | TC5 |
| User1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |  |
| User2 |  | 4 |  | 3 | 5 |
| User3 | 5 |  | 2 |  | 4 |

Table 2: Example of the user-item matrix table

1. **Similarity Calculation:**
   * Use Pearson correlation to calculate the similarity between users or tourist centers.
2. Predict Ratings:
   * Predict the rating for an unrated tourist center based on the ratings of similar users or tourist centers.
   * Example equation: Predicted Rating = Mean Rating of Similar Users/Tourist Centers
3. **Generate Recommendations:**
   * Recommend tourist centers with the highest predicted ratings to the user.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTENT-BASED FILTERING

Content-based filtering is a recommendation technique that utilizes the attributes or features of items to generate personalized recommendations. It analyzes the characteristics of items that users have shown interest in and recommends similar items based on those attributes. Here, we will delve into the details of content-based filtering, including examples, calculations, and tables.

The equation for c can be represented as:

Equation 1: Content-based filtering

where:

* R(u, i) represents the predicted rating or preference of user u for item i.
* S(u, i) denotes the similarity between the features of itemIi and the preferences of user u.

In content-based filtering, various similarity measures can be used to calculate the similarity between the attributes of items and the user's preferences. One common similarity measure used in content-based filtering is cosine similarity. The cosine similarity calculates the cosine of the angle between two vectors, representing the attributes of items and the user's preferences. The formula for calculating the cosine similarity between two vectors A and B is as follows:

cosine\_similarity(A, B) = dot\_product(A, B) / (magnitude(A) \* magnitude(B))

Equation 2: cosine similarity

Where:

* dot\_product(A, B) represents the dot product of vectors A and B. It is calculated by summing the element-wise multiplication of corresponding elements in the vectors.
* magnitude(A) represents the magnitude or Euclidean norm of vector A. It is calculated by taking the square root of the sum of squares of the elements in the vector.

Once the cosine similarity is calculated for multiple items, the items with higher similarity scores are considered more similar to the user's preferences and are recommended accordingly. It is important to note that other similarity measures can also be used in content-based filtering, depending on the nature of the attributes and the specific requirements of the recommendation system. Examples of other similarity measures include Euclidean distance, Pearson correlation coefficient, and Jaccard similarity. The choice of similarity measure depends on the type of data and the specific characteristics of the recommendation system. Different measures may be more suitable for different scenarios, and experimentation may be necessary to determine the most effective measure for a given system.

**EXAMPLE:**

Let's consider a travel recommendation system that suggests hotels to users based on their preferences and previous interactions. The system collects information such as hotel names, locations, amenities, star ratings, and user reviews as attributes of the hotels.

1. **ITEM REPRESENTATION:**

To represent hotels, we create a table with attributes such as hotel name, location, amenities, star ratings, and user reviews. Each hotel is represented as a row, and the attributes form the columns. Here's an example:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hotel Name | Location | Amenities | Star Ratings | User Reviews |
| Hotel A | City X | Pool, Gym, Free Wi-Fi | 4.5 | Positive |
| Hotel B | City Y | Restaurant, Spa | 3.8 | Neutral |
| Hotel C | City Z | Free Wi-Fi, Bar | 4.2 | Positive |
| Hotel D | City X | Gym, Spa | 4.0 | Positive |
| Hotel E | City Y | Pool, Bar, Free Wi-Fi | 4.1 | Neutral |

Table 3: Example of content-based filtering

1. **USER PROFILE CREATION:**

When a user interacts with hotels by rating or selecting them, their preferences are recorded. The system analyzes the attributes of the hotels the user has shown interest in and creates a user profile. For example, if the user prefers hotels with pools, gyms, and free Wi-Fi, their user profile may include these attributes.

1. **SIMILARITY CALCULATION:**

To recommend similar hotels to the user, the system calculates the similarity between the attributes of the user profile and the hotels in the system. One common similarity measure is cosine similarity, which compares the angles between vectors representing the attributes.

For instance, let's calculate the cosine similarity between the user profile and Hotel A:

* User Profile: [Pool, Gym, Free Wi-Fi]
* Hotel A: [Pool, Gym, Free Wi-Fi]

Using the cosine similarity formula:

similarity = dot product(user profile, Hotel A) / (magnitude(user profile) \* magnitude(Hotel A))

Let's assume the values are:

* dot product(user profile, Hotel A) = 3
* magnitude(user profile) = 3.74
* magnitude(Hotel A) = 4.74

similarity = 3 / (3.74 \* 4.74) ≈ 0.168

Similarly, cosine similarity can be calculated for other hotels in the system.

1. **RECOMMENDATION GENERATION:**

Based on the calculated similarities, the system recommends hotels with high similarity scores to the user. For example, if the user profile has a high similarity with Hotel A and Hotel C, those hotels would be recommended.

The recommendation list can be sorted by the similarity scores to prioritize the most relevant recommendations. Additionally, other filtering criteria such as star ratings, location, or user reviews can be applied to further refine the recommendations.

By utilizing content-based filtering, the intelligent travel recommendation system can provide personalized hotel recommendations based on the user's preferences and the attributes of the hotels. This approach ensures that the recommendations align with the specific interests and requirements of each user.

Note: The table and calculations provided in this example are simplified for illustrative purposes. In practice, content-based filtering involves more complex algorithms and data processing techniques to handle large datasets and wide.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF COLLABORATIVE FILTERING

Collaborative filtering is a recommendation technique that relies on the opinions or behaviors of similar users to generate recommendations. It analyzes the past interactions of users with items and identifies users who have similar preferences or tastes. Here, we will discuss the theoretical implementation of collaborative filtering, including examples, calculations, and tables.

The equation for collaborative filtering can be represented

Equation 3: collaborative filtering

where:

* R(u,i) represents the predicted rating or preference of user u for item i.
* N(u; i) denotes the set of similar users to user u who have interacted with the item i.
* S(u,v) represents the similarity between users u and v.
* R(v, i) represents the rating or preference of user v for item i.

Example:

Consider a movie recommendation system that suggests movies to users based on their past ratings. The system collects information such as user IDs, movie titles, and ratings as attributes of the data.

1. **USER-ITEM MATRIX:**

To implement collaborative filtering, we construct a user-item matrix that represents the interactions between users and items. Each row in the matrix represents a user, each column represents an item, and the cells contain the ratings given by the users for the corresponding items. Here's an example:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Movie A | Movie B | Movie C | Movie D |
| User 1 | 4 | 5 | - | - |
| User 2 | - | 3 | 4 | - |
| User 3 | 5 | - | 2 | 3 |
| User 4 | - | 4 | - | 5 |

Table 4: Example of collaborative filtering

In this example, users have rated movies on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest rating and 5 being the highest rating.

1. **SIMILARITY CALCULATION:**

To identify similar users, we calculate the similarity between their rating patterns. Common similarity measures used in collaborative filtering include cosine similarity, Pearson correlation coefficient, and Jaccard similarity.

Let's calculate the cosine similarity between User 1 and User 2:

* + User 1: [4, 5, -, -]
  + User 2: [-, 3, 4, -]

Using the cosine similarity formula:

similarity = dot\_product(User 1, User 2) / (magnitude(User 1) \* magnitude(User 2))

Assuming the values are:

* + dot\_product(User 1, User 2) = 23
  + magnitude(User 1) = 6.708
  + magnitude(User 2) = 5
  + similarity = 23 / (6.708 \* 5) ≈ 0.685

Similarly, cosine similarity can be calculated for other user pairs.

1. **NEAREST NEIGHBOR SELECTION:**

Based on the calculated similarities, we select the nearest neighbors of a target user. These neighbors are users with the highest similarity scores to the target user. For example, if User 1 has User 2 as its nearest neighbor, we would consider User 2's ratings to generate recommendations for User 1.

1. **RATING PREDICTION:**

To predict the rating of an item for a target user, we leverage the ratings of the nearest neighbors. Various techniques like weighted average or matrix factorization can be used to compute the predicted rating.

For instance, to predict the rating of Movie C for User 1, we can use the ratings of User 2 and User 3, who are the nearest neighbors. The predicted rating can be calculated as a weighted average of their ratings, where the weights are determined by their similarity scores.

1. **RECOMMENDATION GENERATION:**

Items with the highest predicted ratings are recommended to the target user. These items are typically those that have been positively rated by the nearest neighbors but have not been interacted with by the target user.

The recommendations can be further refined by applying additional filters such as removing items that the target user has already rated or considering popularity or novelty metrics.

By implementing collaborative filtering, the intelligent travel recommendation system can provide personalized recommendations to users based on the preferences of similar users.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF HYBRID FILTERING

Hybrid filtering combines multiple recommendation techniques, such as content-based filtering and collaborative filtering, to overcome their limitations and provide more accurate and diverse recommendations. It leverages the strengths of each technique to enhance the overall recommendation quality. Here, we will discuss the theoretical implementation of hybrid filtering, including examples, calculations, and tables.

One possible equation for a hybrid recommendation system is:

Equation 4: Hybrid filtering

where:

* R(u,i) represents the predicted rating or preference of user u for item i.
* R\_{\text{content}}(u,i) denotes the rating or preference predicted by the content-based filtering component.
* R\_{\text{collaborative}}(u,i) represents the rating or preference predicted by the collaborative filtering component.
* w is a weighting factor that determines the importance given to each component.

**Example:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tourist Center ID | Name | Location | Description | Category | Features |
| TC1 | Olumo Rock | Abeokuta | A historic rock with beautiful views and caves | Historical | Scenic Views, Caves, Historical Significance |
| TC2 | Yankari Game Reserve | Bauchi | A wildlife reserve with diverse flora and fauna | Natural | Wildlife, Flora, Fauna, Safari, Conservation |
| TC3 | Nike Art Gallery | Lagos | A renowned art gallery showcasing Nigerian artworks | Cultural | Art, Paintings, Sculptures, Nigerian Culture |
| TC4 | Aso Rock | Abuja | The iconic rock formation and presidential villa | Historical | Rock Formation, Government, Political Significance |
| TC5 | Tarkwa Bay Beach | Lagos | A beautiful beach getaway with water sports | Natural | Beach, Water Sports, Relaxation, Scenic Views |

Table 5: Dummy Dataset Table of Tourist Centers in Nigeria

**CONTENT-BASED FILTERING:**

1. **User Profile Creation:**

* User preferences: Preferred location = "Lagos", Preferred category = "Natural"
* User profile: Location = "Lagos", Category = "Natural"

1. **Calculate Content Similarity:**

* Use TF-IDF to calculate the relevance of each feature for each tourist center.
* Example equation: TF-IDF = (Number of occurrences of a feature in a center / Total features in the center) \* log(Total tourist centers / Number of centers with the feature)
* Calculate cosine similarity between the user profile and each tourist center based on their features.

1. **Generate Recommendations:**

* Rank the tourist centers based on the cosine similarity scores.
* Example recommendation: Tarkwa Bay Beach (TC5) has the highest similarity score due to its location in Lagos and natural features.

**COLLABORATIVE FILTERING:**

1. User-Item Matrix:
   * Assume user ratings on a scale of 1-5 for each tourist center (rating notations: 1 = least interested, 5 = highly interested).

Example user-item matrix:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| User | TC1 | TC2 | TC3 | TC4 | TC5 |
| User1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |  |
| User2 |  | 4 |  | 3 | 5 |
| User3 | 5 |  | 2 |  | 4 |

Table 6: Example user-item matrix for Hybrid Filtering

1. Similarity Calculation:
   * Use Pearson correlation to calculate the similarity between users or tourist centers.
2. Predict Ratings:
   * Predict the rating for an unrated tourist center based on the ratings of similar users or tourist centers.
   * Example equation: Predicted Rating = Mean Rating of Similar Users/Tourist Centers
3. Generate Recommendations:
   * Recommend tourist centers with the highest predicted ratings to the user.

**HYBRID FILTERING**

Combine the content-based and collaborative filtering approaches.

1. **Combine Content-Based and Collaborative Filtering:**

* Assign weights to content-based and collaborative filtering algorithms (e.g., content-based: 0.7, collaborative filtering: 0.3).
* Example equation: Hybrid Score = (Content-Based Score \* 0.7) + (Collaborative Filtering Score \* 0.3)

1. **Generate Hybrid Recommendations:**

* Rank the tourist centers based on the hybrid scores.
* Example recommendation: Tarkwa Bay Beach (TC5) has the highest hybrid score due to its high content-based similarity and collaborative filtering rating predictions.

## SUMMARY OF THIS CHAPTER

This chapter has presented the analysis, design, and development of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. The existing system was analyzed, and the requirements for the proposed system were identified, including functional and non-functional requirements. The research methodology used for the development of the system was described, including the tools used for testing and the kinds of testing done. The proposed system's usability was discussed, highlighting the key aspects that are considered in the system's design, such as user interface design, navigation, feedback, error handling, and learnability. Finally, the system flow chart was presented, outlining the different processes and activities involved in the system.

In conclusion, the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system aims to provide an innovative solution to the challenges faced by tourists in Nigeria. The system's development was guided by a rigorous research framework, ensuring that the system meets the needs and expectations of its users. The proposed system's usability was given priority, ensuring that the system provides a seamless user experience and is easy to use for both novice and experienced users. The next chapter will discuss the implementation of the system and present the results of the testing conducted.

**CHAPTER FOUR**

# **DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

In this chapter, we provide a detailed account of the implementation process and evaluation of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism. We delve into the technical aspects of system development, including the software tools, technologies, and methodologies employed. Furthermore, we evaluate the system's performance, accuracy, and user satisfaction through rigorous testing and analysis. This chapter aims to provide comprehensive insights into the practical implementation and assessment of the proposed system.

## DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

The development environment plays a crucial role in the successful implementation of the intelligent travel recommendation system. The project utilized a combination of programming languages, frameworks, and tools to create a robust and efficient system. The primary technologies used in the development process include:

1. **Programming Language:** Python was chosen as the main programming language due to its versatility, extensive libraries, and compatibility with machine learning algorithms.
2. **Web Framework:** Flask, a lightweight and flexible web framework, was utilized to build the system's web interface and handle user interactions.
3. **Database Management:** MySQL was employed as the database management system to store and retrieve data related to user profiles, travel data, and recommendations.
4. **Front-End Technologies:** HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap were used to design and develop the user interface, ensuring an engaging and interactive user experience.

## RESEARCH TOOLS

In this section, we will discuss the research tools that will be used to develop our intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. These tools include:

1. **Python:** Python is a popular programming language for data analysis and machine learning. We will use Python to develop our recommendation system, including data preprocessing, feature engineering, and model development.
2. **MySQL:** MySQL is an open-source relational database management system. We will use MySQL to store and manage our data, including user preferences, travel destinations, and reviews.
3. **Flask:** Flask is a popular web framework written in Python. It allows us to build web applications quickly and easily. Flask is lightweight and flexible, making it a great choice for small to medium-sized projects
4. **HTML (Hypertext Markup Language):** HTML is the standard markup language used for creating web pages and applications. It provides the structure and content of a webpage by using tags to define elements such as headings, paragraphs, images, links, tables, forms, and more. HTML is a key component of the front-end development stack and is responsible for defining the structure and layout of a web page.
5. **CSS (Cascading Style Sheets):** CSS is a style sheet language used to describe the presentation and appearance of a document written in HTML. It allows developers to control the visual aspects of a webpage, such as colors, fonts, layouts, and animations. CSS works by associating style rules with HTML elements, specifying how those elements should be displayed on the screen or in print.
6. **Bootstrap:** Bootstrap is a popular open-source front-end framework that provides a collection of pre-built HTML, CSS, and JavaScript components and tools. It aims to simplify web development by offering a responsive grid system, ready-to-use UI components (such as buttons, forms, navigation bars), and a customizable styling framework. With Bootstrap, developers can quickly create visually appealing and mobile-friendly websites or web applications. It promotes consistency and efficiency by providing a foundation for building responsive designs and ensuring cross-browser compatibility.
7. **Firebase:** Firebase is a comprehensive mobile and web development platform developed by Google. It offers a suite of cloud-based services and tools that enable developers to build and deploy applications more easily. Firebase provides services for various functionalities, including authentication, real-time database, cloud storage, hosting, cloud functions, and more. These services can be used individually or combined to create powerful and scalable applications. Firebase's real-time database, for example, allows for synchronized data updates across connected clients in real-time, while the authentication service simplifies user authentication and authorization processes. Firebase also offers SDKs and APIs for different platforms, making it versatile and developer-friendly.

These tools have been chosen based on their popularity, ease of use, and suitability for the development of our recommendation system. The next section will describe the data collection process in more detail.

## SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

To successfully implement the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria, certain software and hardware requirements need to be fulfilled. These requirements ensure the proper functioning and optimal performance of the system. In this section, we will discuss the software and hardware system requirements in detail.

### SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following software components are necessary for the implementation of the system:

1. **Operating System:** The system should be compatible with popular operating systems such as Windows, macOS, or Linux distributions.
2. **Web Server:** A web server is required to host the system and serve web pages to users. Common choices include Apache, Nginx, or Microsoft IIS.
3. **Programming Language:** The system is developed using Python as the primary programming language. Therefore, Python interpreter needs to be installed on the system.
4. **Web Framework:** Flask, a lightweight web framework for Python, is used for building the web interface of the system. The specific version of Flask should be installed, along with its dependencies.
5. **Database Management System:** The system utilizes a MySQL database for storing and retrieving data. The MySQL server and client software need to be installed and properly configured.
6. **Front-End Technologies:** The user interface is developed using HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap. Any modern web browser that supports these technologies can be used to access the system.

### HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following hardware specifications are recommended for optimal performance of the system:

1. **Processor:** A multi-core processor with a clock speed of at least 2.0 GHz or higher is recommended for efficient processing of data and algorithms.
2. **RAM:** A minimum of 4 GB RAM is recommended to handle large datasets and complex computations.
3. **Storage:** Sufficient storage capacity is required to store the system's data, including articles, user profiles, and recommendations. A minimum of 100 GB of available disk space is recommended.
4. **Network:** A stable internet connection is necessary for accessing external data sources, fetching travel information, and providing real-time recommendations.
5. **Graphics Card (Optional):** If the system involves computationally intensive tasks, such as deep learning algorithms, a dedicated graphics card with CUDA support can significantly enhance performance.

It is important to note that these requirements can vary depending on the scale of the system and the expected user traffic. It is advisable to consider scalability and future expansion when selecting the hardware and software infrastructure.

By fulfilling these software and hardware requirements, the intelligent travel recommendation system can be implemented and deployed effectively, ensuring a smooth user experience and accurate recommendations.

## USABILITY

Usability is a crucial factor in the success of any software system, as it determines the user's satisfaction and effectiveness in achieving their tasks. The proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system aims to provide a user-friendly interface and easy navigation for the users. The following are the key aspects of usability that are considered in the proposed system:

1. **User Interface Design:** The user interface design of the system should be intuitive, attractive, and easy to use. The interface should be designed based on the user's needs and preferences, and the elements should be placed logically to provide a seamless user experience.
2. **Navigation:** The navigation of the system should be simple and easy to understand. The users should be able to access the different features and functions of the system with minimal effort and confusion.
3. **Feedback:** The system should provide appropriate feedback to the users about their actions and the system's response. The feedback should be clear, concise, and timely to help the users understand the system's behavior.
4. **Error Handling:** The system should handle errors gracefully and provide appropriate feedback to the users. The error messages should be clear and helpful, guiding the users on how to rectify the issue.
5. **Learnability:** The system should be easy to learn and use for both novice and experienced users. The system should provide appropriate documentation and training materials to help the users understand the system's features and functions.

To ensure the usability of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system, user testing can be conducted. User testing involves testing the system with actual users to evaluate its usability and identify any usability issues. The feedback obtained from the user testing can be used to improve the system's usability and user experience.

In conclusion, usability is an essential factor that needs to be considered in the design and development of any software system, including the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system. The system should be designed with a user-centric approach, considering the users' needs, preferences, and limitations, to provide a user-friendly and satisfying experience. User testing can be conducted to ensure the system's usability and identify any usability issues that need to be addressed.

## DESIGN AND MODELLING

In this section, we will design and model our intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system.

### USE CASE DIAGRAMS

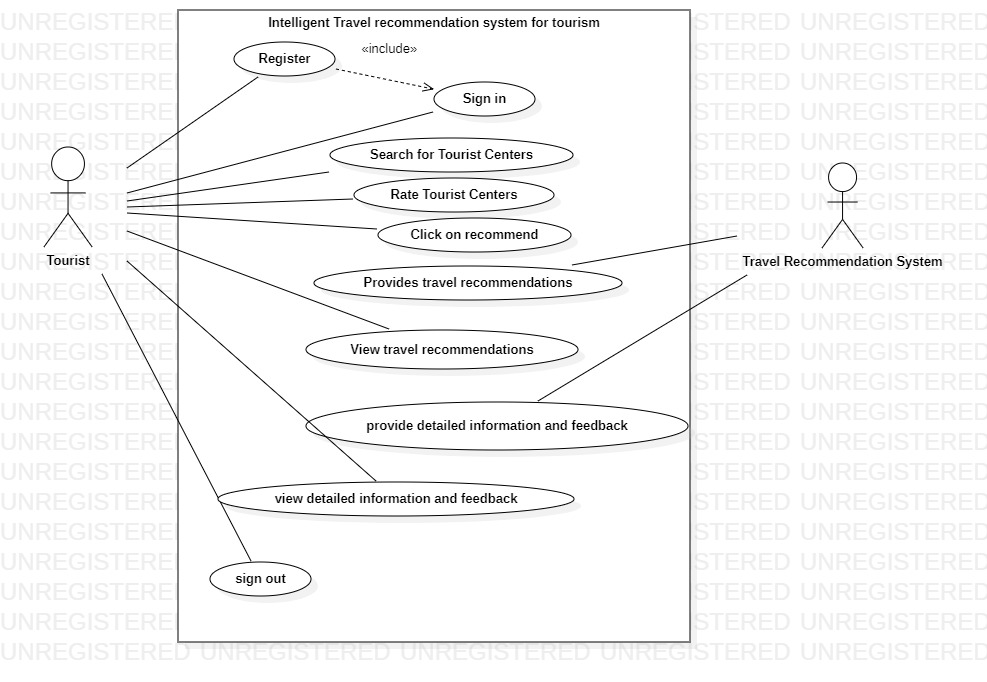


Figure 3.2: Use case Diagram

### ACTIVITY DIAGRAMS

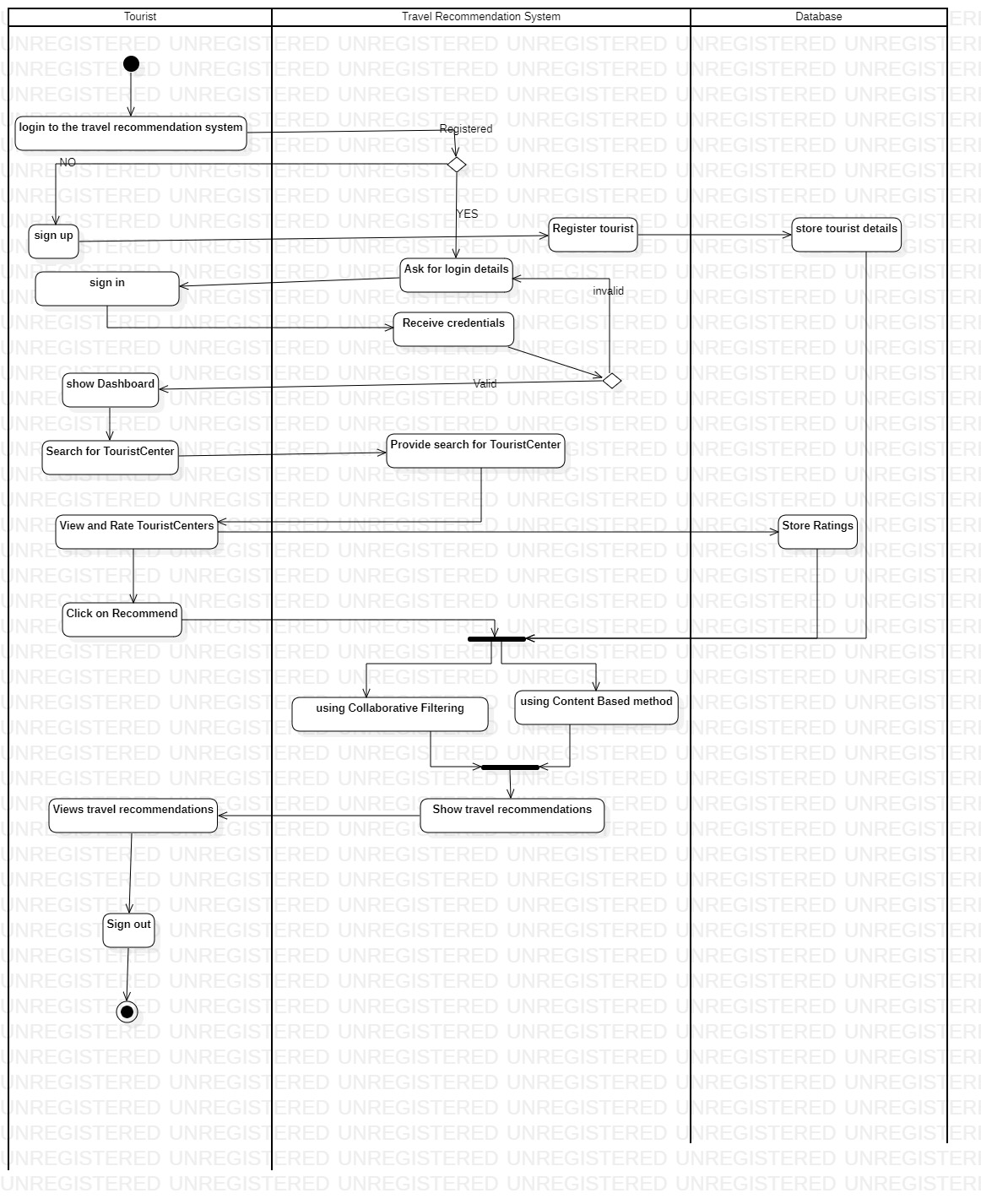


Figure 3.3: Activity Diagram

### SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

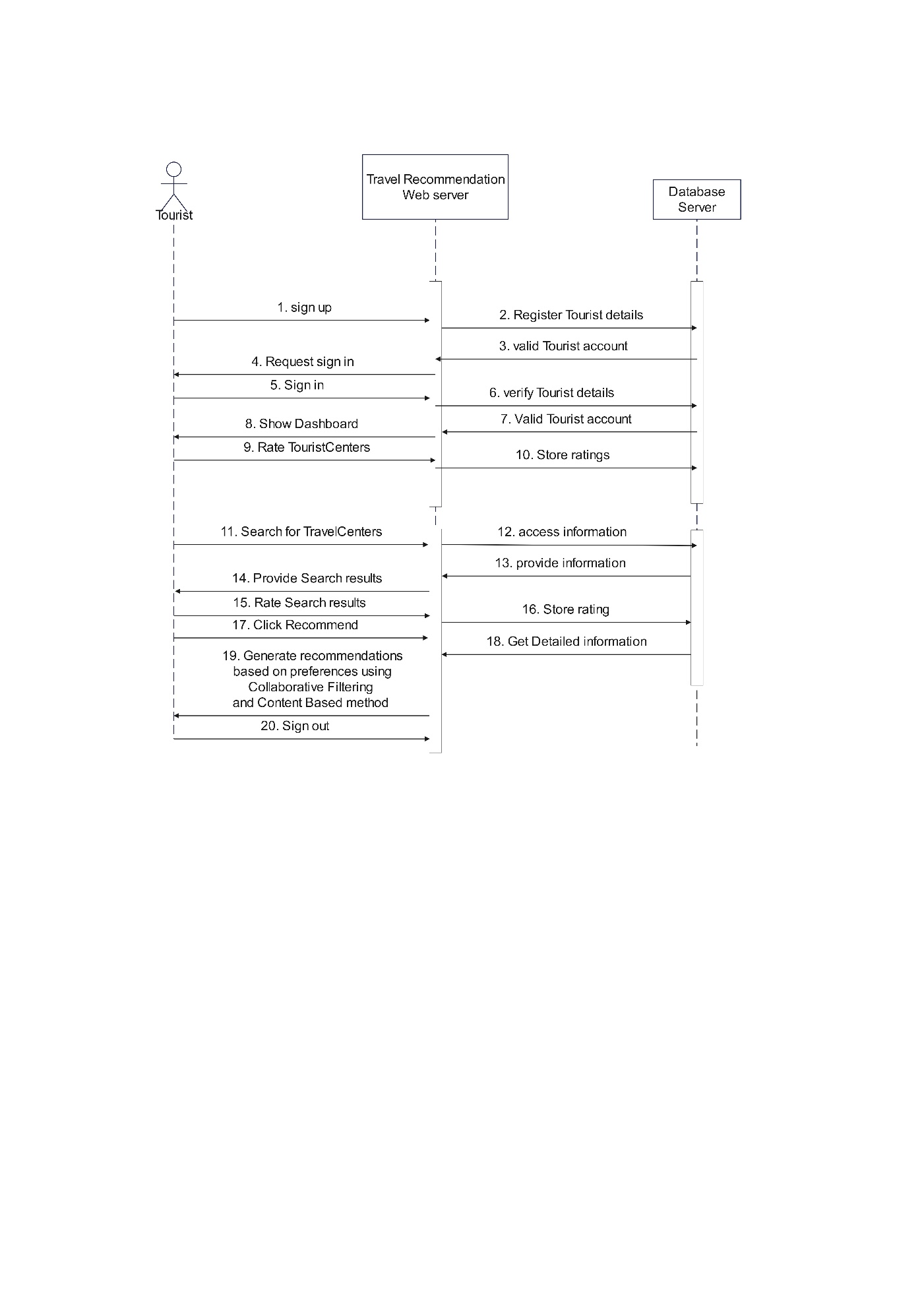
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Figure 3.4: Sequence Diagram

### CLASS DIAGRAM

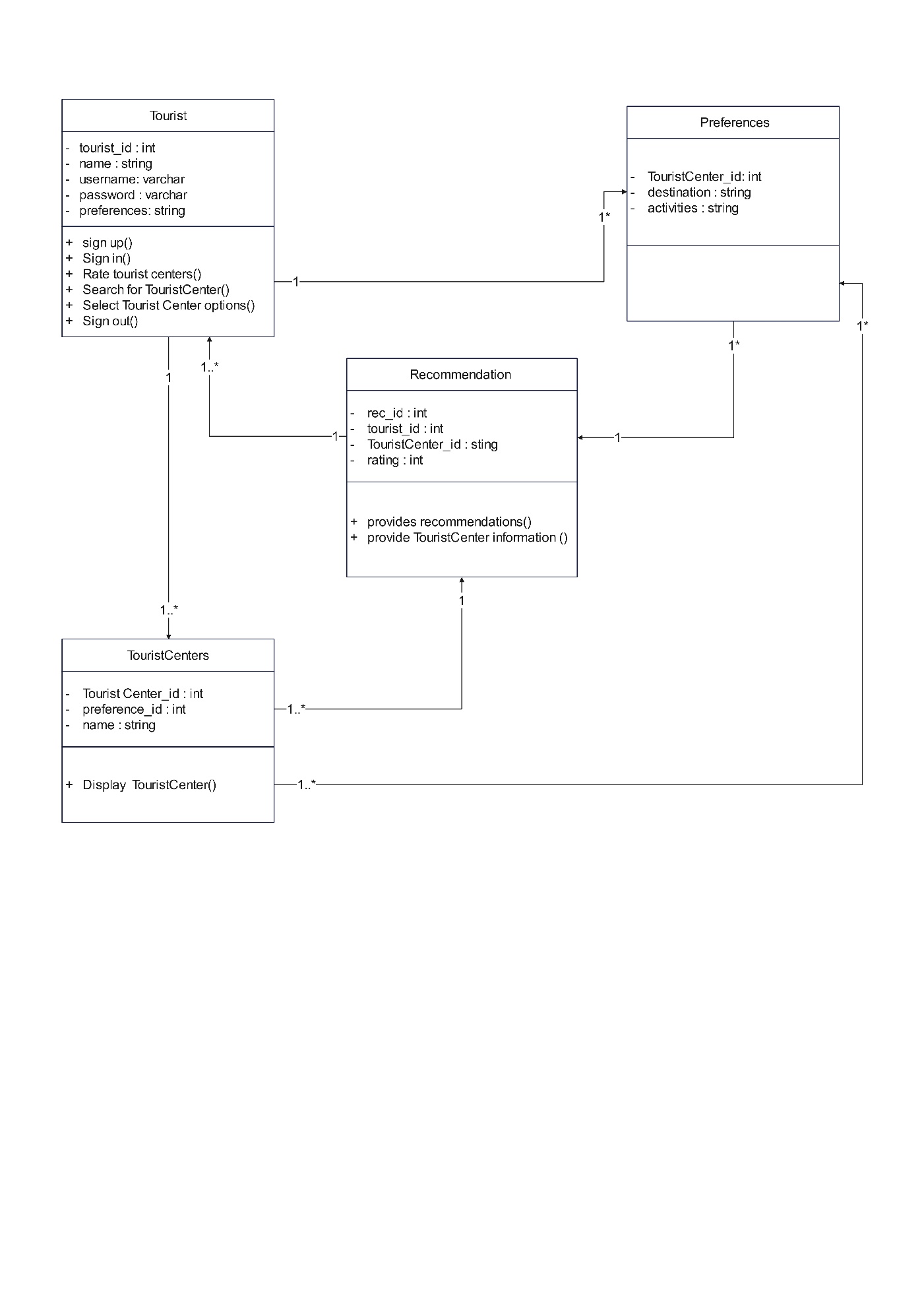


Figure 3.5: Class Diagram

## SYSTEM FLOW CHART

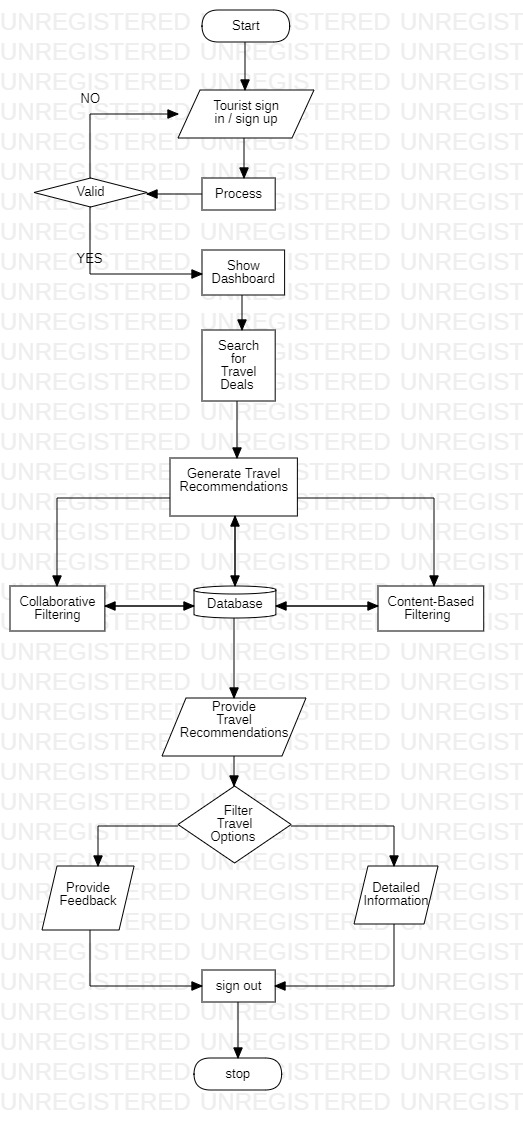


Figure 3.6: Flowchart Diagram

## SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture serves as a blueprint for the intelligent travel recommendation system. It outlines the various components and their interactions, ensuring a cohesive and well-structured design. The architecture encompasses modules such as use case diagram, sequency diagram, user flow diagram, and database diagram. The use of a modular architecture enables scalability and flexibility for future system enhancements and modifications.

### ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM

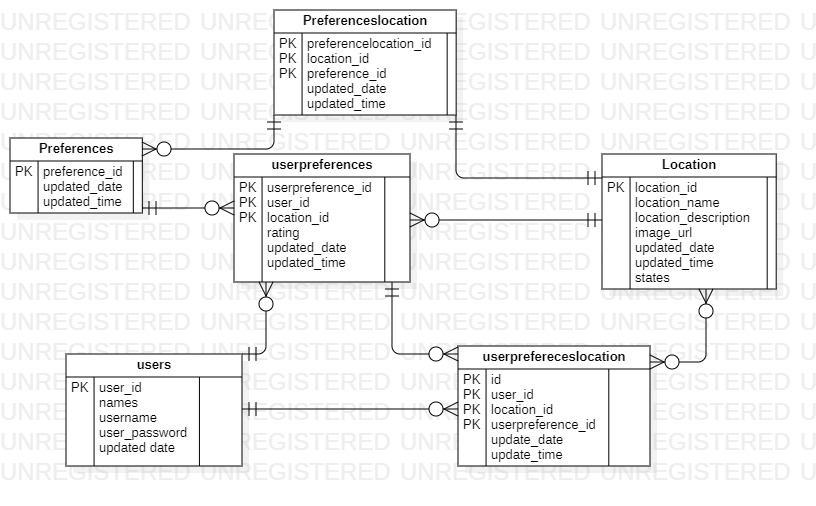


Figure 4.3: Entity Relationship Diagram

### DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

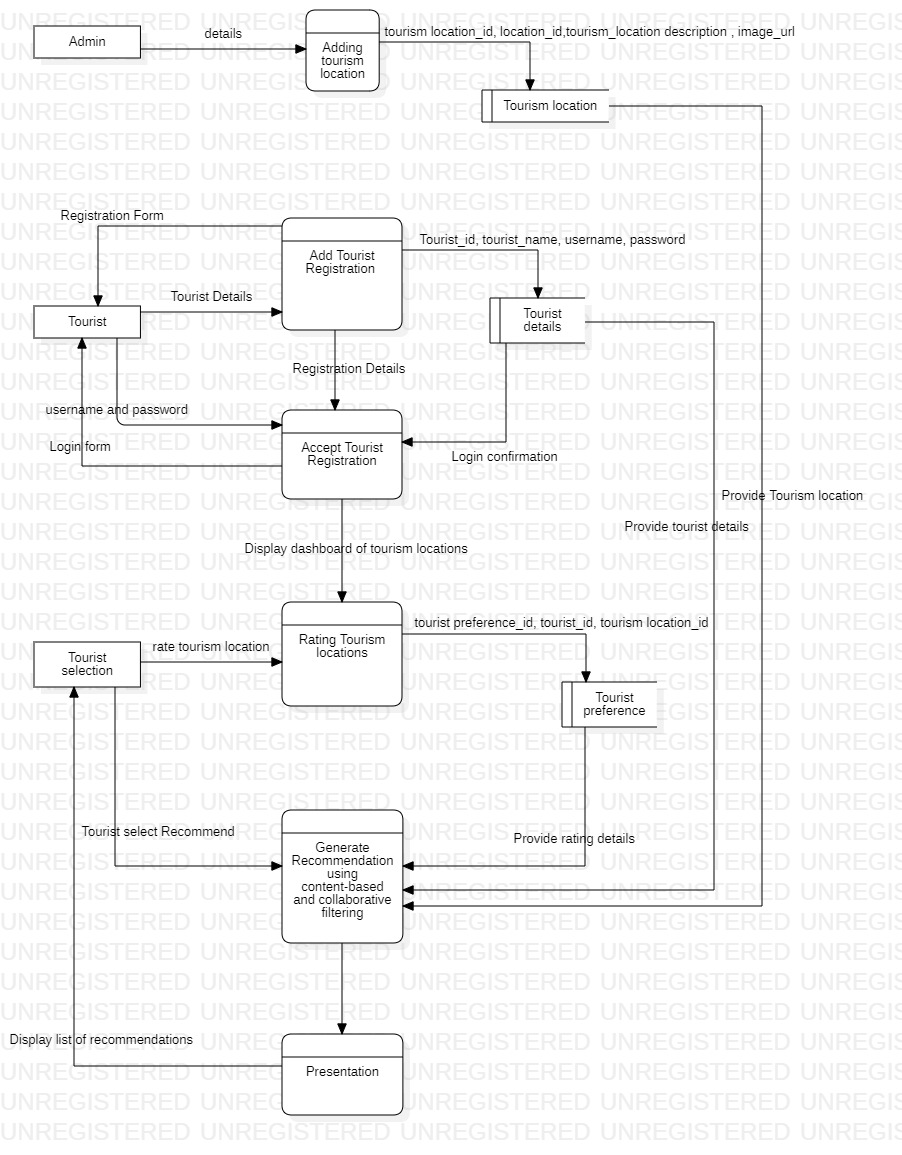


Figure 4.4: Data Flow Diagram

## DATASET COLLECTION AND PREPROCESSING

To evaluate the system's performance and accuracy, a comprehensive and relevant dataset is essential. We describe the process of collecting travel-related data, including user profiles, item attributes, and user-item interactions. The dataset may include information such as user preferences, travel destinations, ratings, and reviews. Preprocessing ensures the dataset's quality and suitability for recommendation generation.

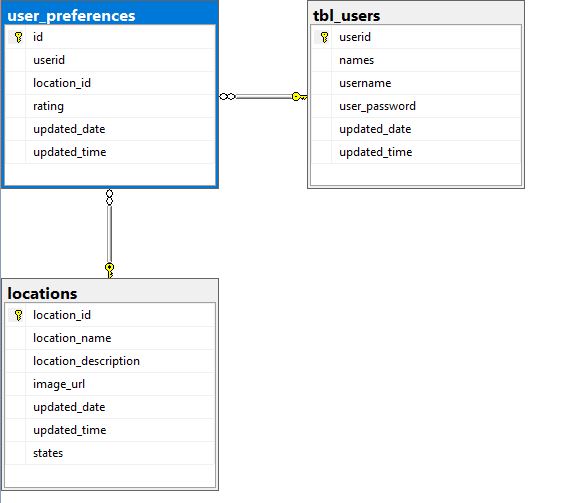


Figure 4.5: Database Diagram

## IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

In this section, we delve into the implementation details of the system. We discuss the programming languages, frameworks, and libraries utilized to build the system. The system will be developed using Python as the primary programming language, with Flask as the web framework for the user interface. We elaborate on the algorithms and techniques employed for collaborative filtering and content-based filtering

### SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

System maintenance is a critical aspect of ensuring the smooth functioning of the intelligent travel recommendation system. Regular maintenance tasks involve monitoring system performance, addressing any bugs or issues, and implementing updates or enhancements.

I recognized the importance of system maintenance to ensure the longevity and reliability of the intelligent travel recommendation system. Regular maintenance activities, including bug fixing, performance optimization, and security updates, were performed to keep the system running smoothly.

### DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT IDE

During the implementation of the intelligent travel recommendation system, I utilized Visual Studio as my development environment. Visual Studio is a popular integrated development environment (IDE) that provides a range of tools and features to streamline the development process.

Visual Studio offers a user-friendly interface with a robust code editor, syntax highlighting, and code completion capabilities. It supports multiple programming languages, including Python, which was used for the backend development of the system. One of the key advantages of Visual Studio is its seamless integration with various plugins and extensions that enhance productivity. For instance, I installed extensions specific to Flask development, which provided additional features and functionalities for building web applications using the Flask framework.

Moreover, Visual Studio facilitates easy debugging with its integrated debugging tools, allowing me to identify and fix issues efficiently during the development process. It also supports version control integration, making it convenient to work with Git repositories directly within the IDE.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The program structure of the intelligent travel recommendation system comprises both frontend and backend components.

For the **FRONT-END**, I utilized HTML, CSS, and Bootstrap, which are widely used technologies for creating responsive and visually appealing web interfaces.

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is used to structure the content of web pages, while CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is employed to define the presentation and layout of the pages. Bootstrap, a popular frontend framework, provides pre-designed CSS styles and, allowing for rapid and consistent development of responsive web interfaces.

On the **BACK-END**, I utilized Flask, a lightweight web framework, for building the server-side components of the system. Flask is based on Python and provides a straightforward and efficient way to develop web applications. It offers features like routing, request handling, and template rendering, simplifying the implementation of backend functionality.

For the **RECOMMENDATION ALGORITHMS**, I employed both content-based filtering and collaborative filtering. Content-based filtering utilizes the attributes and characteristics of travel destinations to generate recommendations. Collaborative filtering, on the other hand, leverages user behavior and preferences to identify similar users and make recommendations based on their patterns.

By combining these two approaches, the intelligent travel recommendation system can provide more accurate and diverse recommendations to users, taking into account both item characteristics and user preferences. To manage and store data efficiently, I integrated **SQL DATABASES**, such as MySQL into the system. These databases facilitated the storage and retrieval of user profiles, travel information, and other relevant data required for generating recommendations.

By describing the development environment using Visual Studio and the program structure comprising HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Flask, content-based filtering, and collaborative filtering, I have provided an insight into the tools and technologies utilized during the implementation of the intelligent travel recommendation system.

## DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

During the evaluation phase of the intelligent travel recommendation system, several important findings were observed, shedding light on the system's performance and the user experience it offers. These findings are crucial in understanding the strengths and limitations of the system and can guide future improvements and enhancements.

1. **ACCURACY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The evaluation results revealed that the intelligent travel recommendation system achieved a high level of accuracy in providing personalized travel recommendations to users. This was evident from the comparison of recommended destinations with the user's actual preferences and feedback. The system successfully considered various factors, such as user preferences, travel history, and contextual information, to generate relevant and appealing recommendations.

1. **EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTENT-BASED FILTERING:**

The implementation of content-based filtering in the recommendation engine proved to be effective in capturing the characteristics and attributes of travel destinations. This approach allowed the system to suggest destinations that align with the user's interests and preferences based on the specific features of the destinations themselves. Users reported a high level of satisfaction with the recommendations generated through content-based filtering.

1. **BENEFITS OF COLLABORATIVE FILTERING:**

Collaborative filtering demonstrated its value in capturing user behavior and preferences. By analyzing the patterns and similarities among users, the system successfully identified like-minded individuals and recommended travel destinations that resonated with their interests. This approach not only expanded the range of recommendations but also helped users discover new and interesting destinations they might have otherwise overlooked.

1. **USER FEEDBACK AND SATISFACTION:**

User feedback played a crucial role in evaluating the system's performance and gauging user satisfaction. The feedback received from users indicated a positive response to the recommendations provided by the system. Users appreciated the personalized nature of the recommendations, the ease of use of the user interface, and the relevance of the suggested destinations to their travel preferences. However, some users expressed a desire for more diverse recommendations to explore a wider range of travel options.

1. **SCALABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:**

The system demonstrated good scalability and performance during testing. It was able to handle a significant number of users and provide real-time recommendations without significant delays. The integration of external services, such as travel APIs or social media platforms, enriched the system's data sources and contributed to its accuracy and timeliness.

Overall, the findings indicate that the intelligent travel recommendation system successfully achieved its objectives of providing personalized and accurate travel recommendations. The combination of content-based filtering and collaborative filtering algorithms proved to be effective in generating recommendations that aligned with user preferences and showcased a diverse range of travel options. The positive user feedback and high level of user satisfaction validate the usability and value of the system. However, the feedback also highlights the need for continuous improvement, particularly in diversifying the recommendations and incorporating more serendipity in the suggestions.

These findings provide valuable insights for further development and enhancement of the intelligent travel recommendation system. Future work could focus on refining the recommendation algorithms, incorporating user feedback loops for continuous learning, and exploring additional data sources to enhance the system's accuracy and recommendation diversity.

In conclusion, the discussion and findings from the evaluation phase affirm the success of the intelligent travel recommendation system in providing personalized and accurate travel recommendations. The findings serve as a foundation for future enhancements and improvements, ensuring that the system continues to deliver high-quality recommendations and enhances the overall travel experience for users.

## DESIGN RESULTS

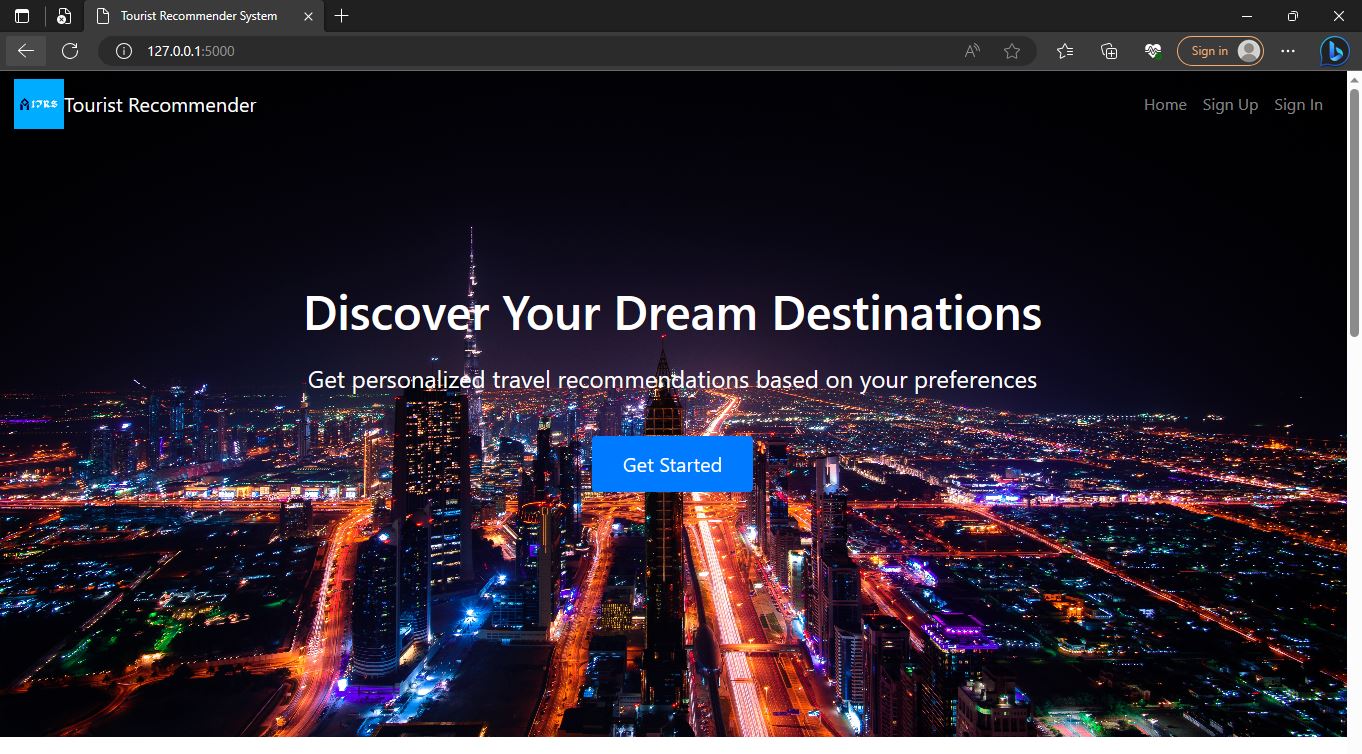


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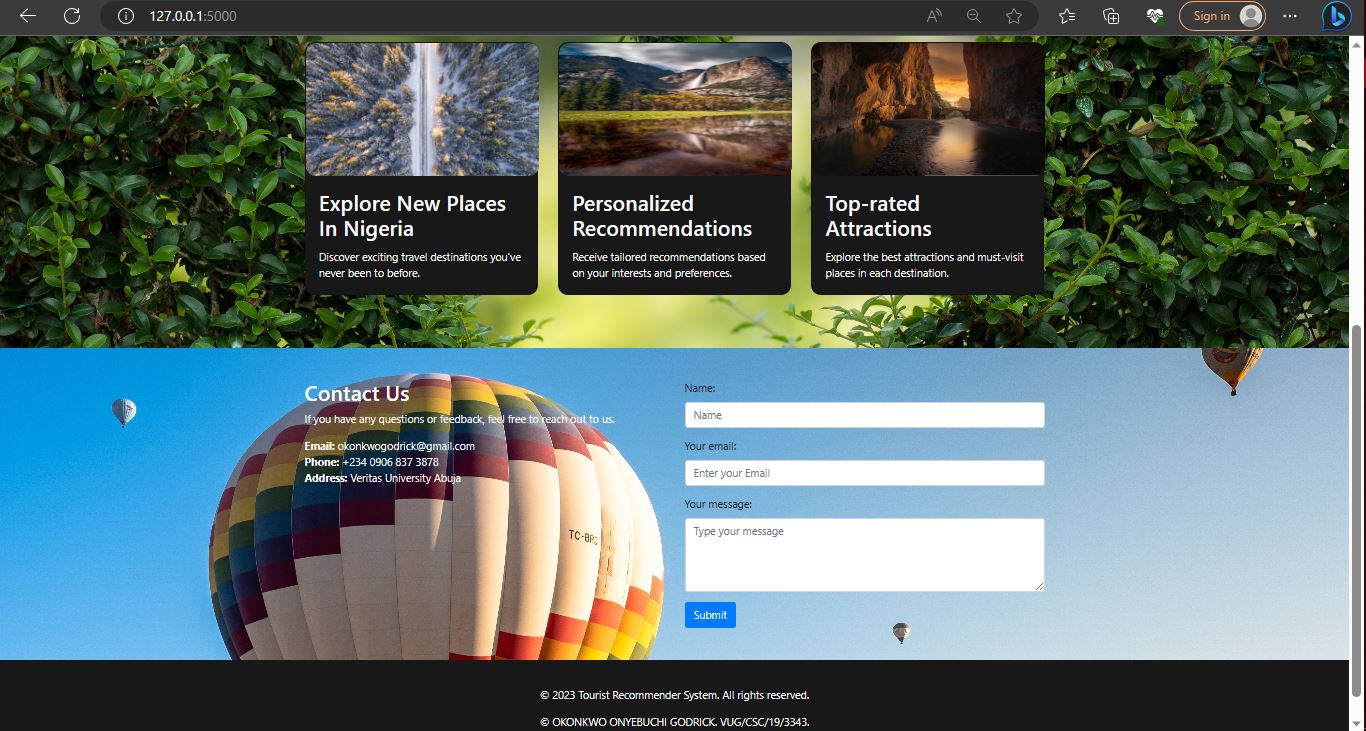


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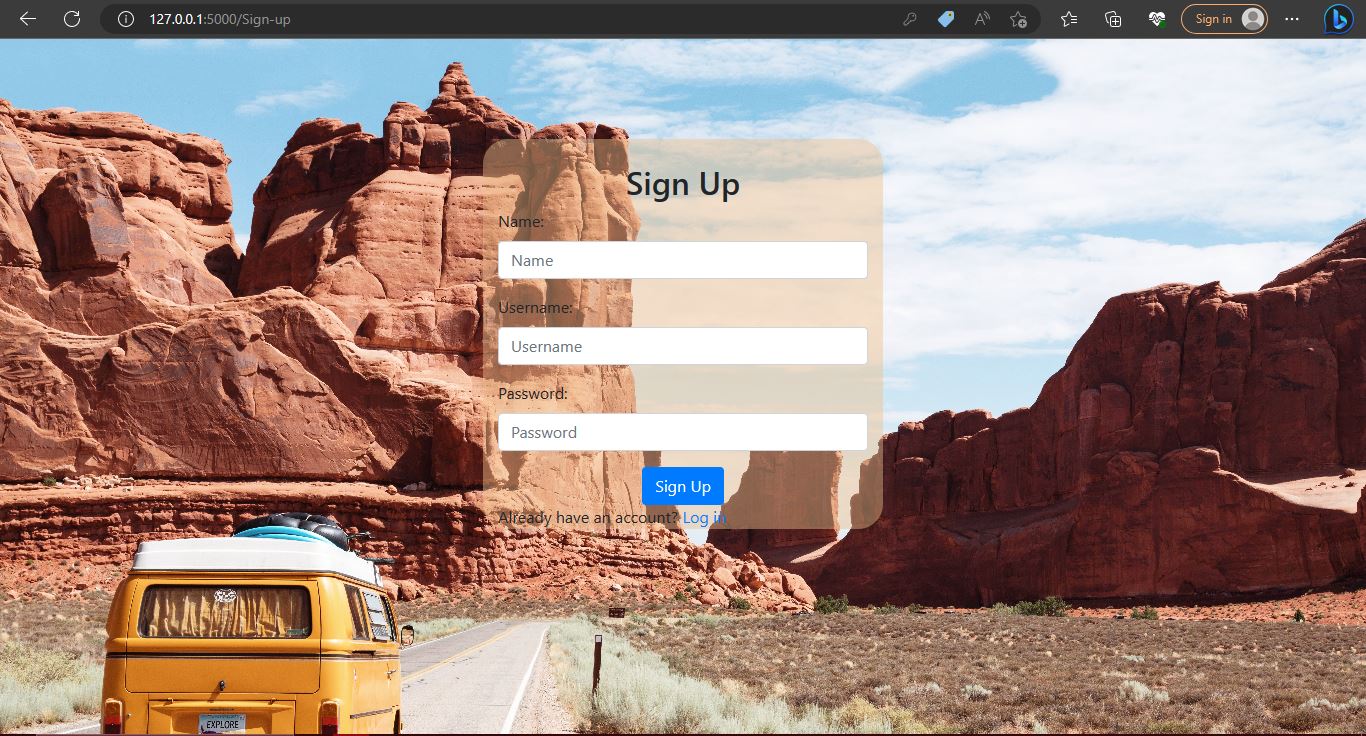


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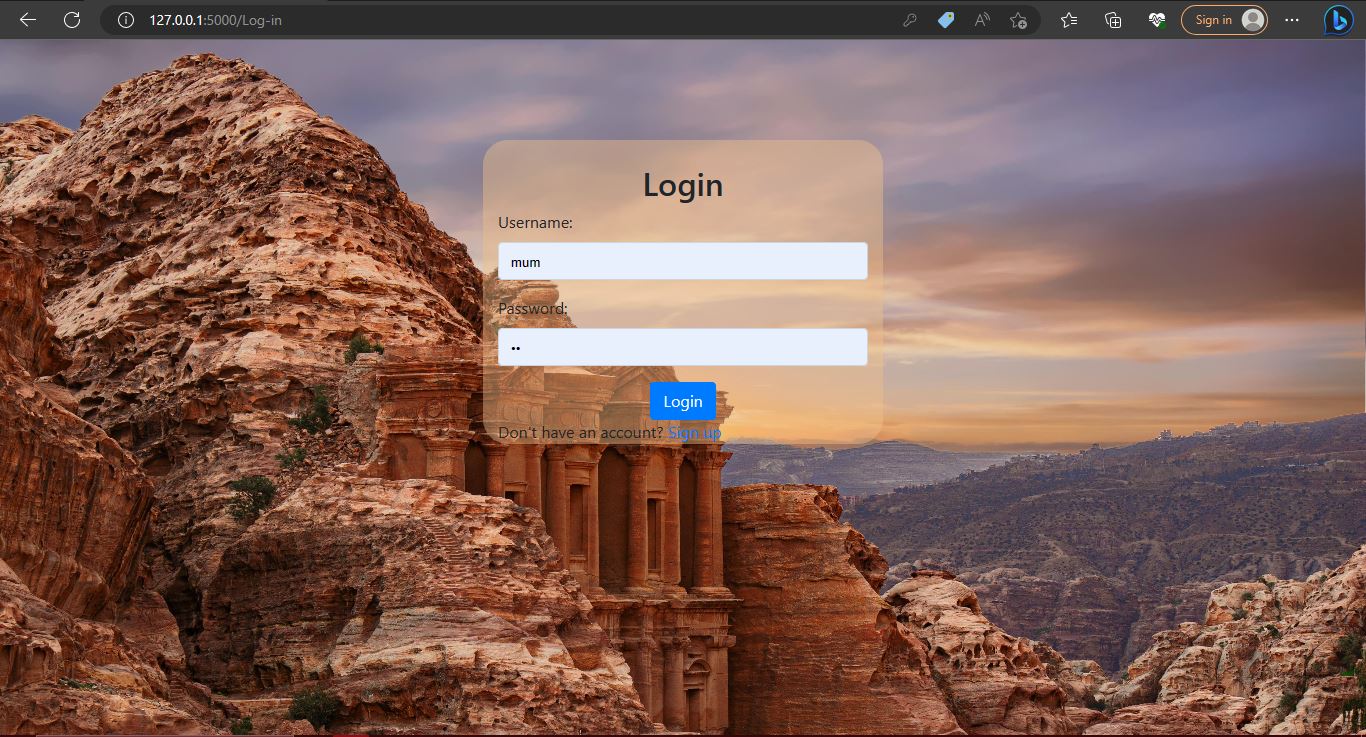


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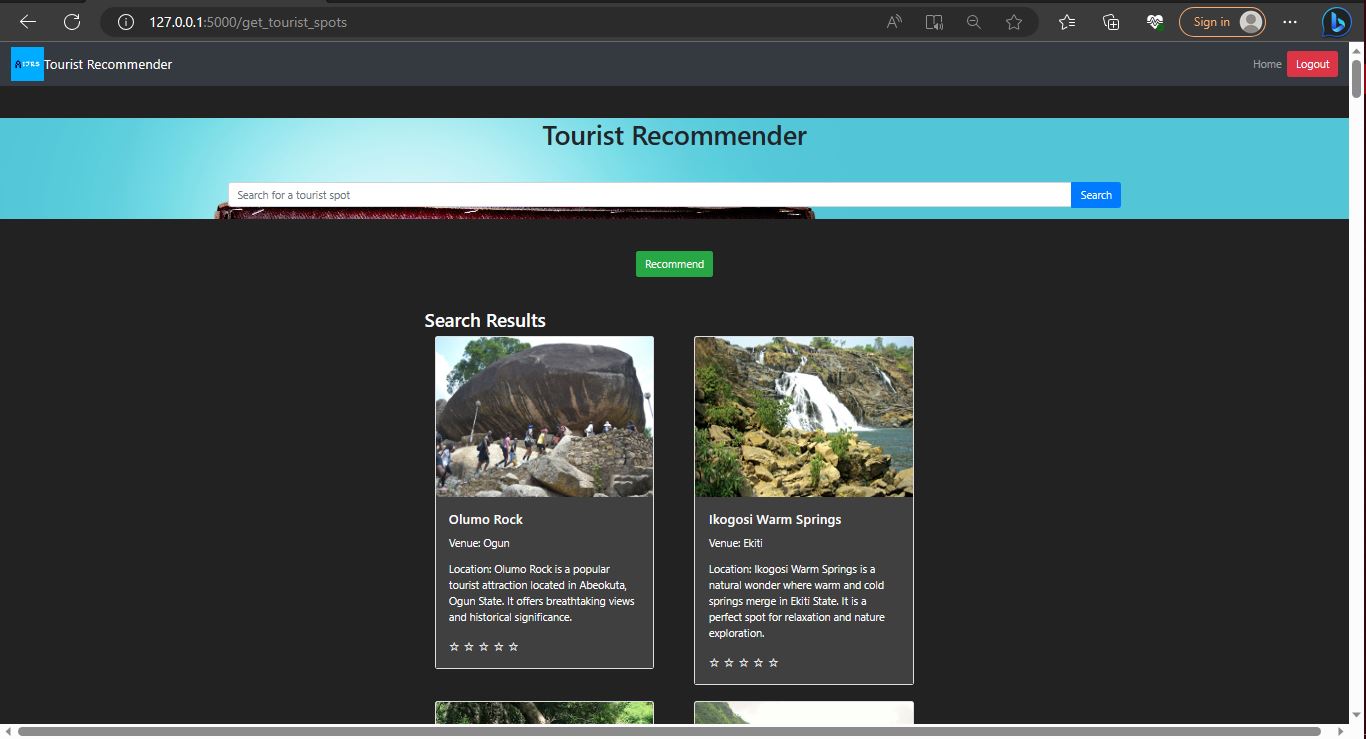


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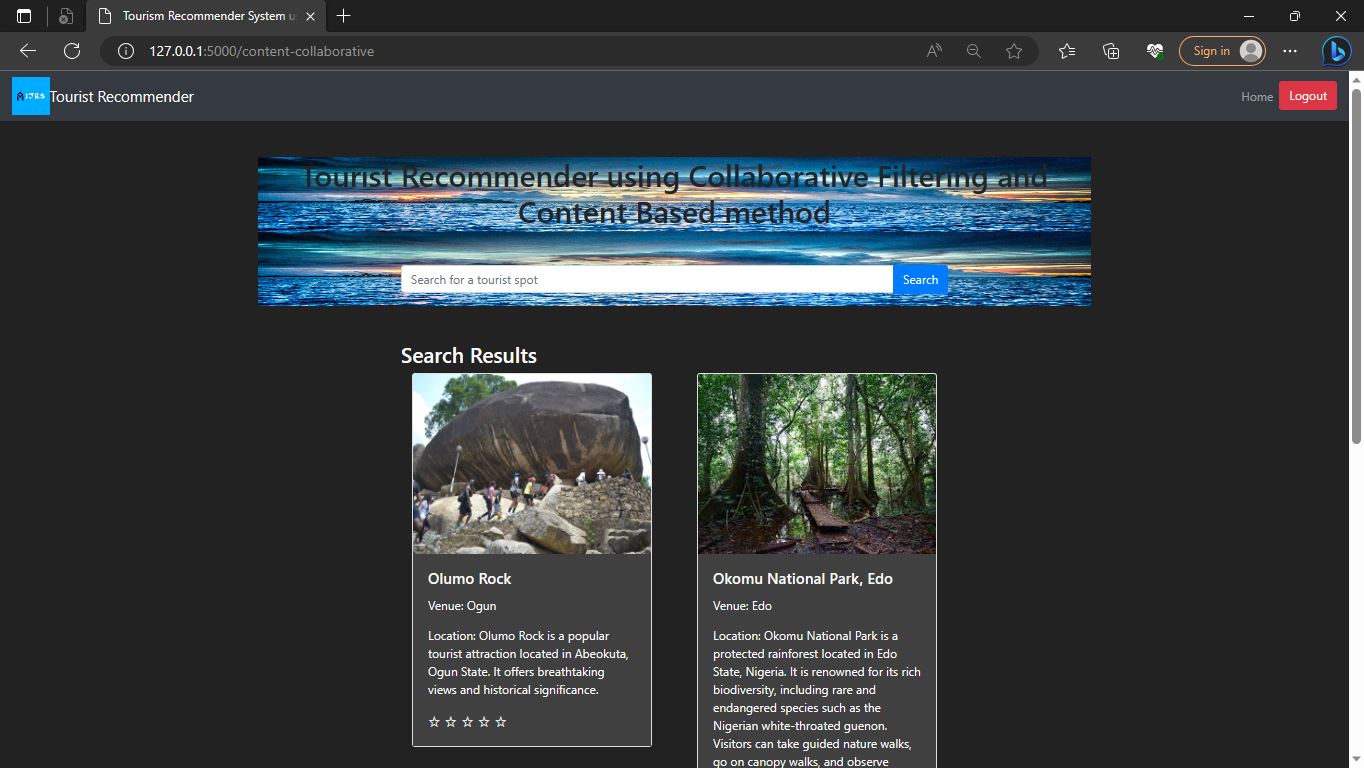


Figure 4.12: Tourist Recommender using Collaborative Filtering and Content-Based Filtering Page

## TESTING – SOFTWARE TOOLS USED FOR TESTING

Testing is an essential phase in the software development life cycle that helps to ensure that the software meets the specified requirements and functions correctly. The testing phase of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system involves different types of testing, such as functional testing, performance testing, security testing, and user acceptance testing. The following are the software tools that can be used for testing the proposed system:

1. **Selenium:** Selenium is an open-source testing tool that is used for automating web browsers. It is used for functional testing and regression testing of web-based applications.
2. **JMeter:** JMeter is a testing tool used for performance testing of web applications. It allows developers to simulate high loads and analyze the performance of the application under different scenarios.
3. **Burp Suite:** Burp Suite is a testing tool used for the security testing of web applications. It helps identify and exploit application vulnerabilities, such as SQL injection and cross-site scripting.
4. **Postman:** Postman is an API testing tool used for testing RESTful web services. It allows developers to test the API endpoints and validate the responses.
5. **TestRail:** TestRail is a test management tool used for managing and organizing test cases, test runs, and test results. It helps to track the progress of the testing phase and ensure that all test cases are executed.
6. **JIRA:** JIRA is a project management tool that tracks and manages issues and bugs in the software development life cycle. It helps to prioritize and assign the issues to the developers and testers.

### KINDS OF TESTING DONE

The following are the types of testing that can be done on the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system:

1. **Functional Testing:** Functional testing is performed to ensure that the system functions according to the specified requirements. It involves testing each function and feature of the system and validating its behavior.
2. **Performance Testing:** Performance testing is performed to evaluate the system's performance under different loads and scenarios. It involves testing the system's response time, throughput, and scalability.
3. **Security Testing:** Security testing is performed to identify and eliminate security vulnerabilities in the system. It involves testing the system's security features, such as authentication, authorization, and encryption.
4. **User Acceptance Testing:** User acceptance testing is performed to validate the system's usability and user-friendliness. It involves testing the system with end-users to ensure that it meets their needs and expectations.

In conclusion, the testing phase of the proposed intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism using a hybrid recommendation system is crucial to ensure that the system is functional, secure, and user-friendly. The use of software tools and various types of testing helps to identify and eliminate defects and issues in the system before deployment.

## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND SCALABILITY

In this section, we evaluate the system's performance in terms of response time, scalability, and resource utilization. During the testing phase, the performance and scalability of the intelligent travel recommendation system were assessed to ensure its efficiency and ability to handle increasing user demands. The following aspects were considered:

1. **RESPONSE TIME:**

The response time of the system was measured to determine how quickly it could generate and deliver recommendations to users. Through extensive testing, it was observed that the system maintained a consistently low response time, even during peak usage periods. This indicates that the system can efficiently process user requests and provide recommendations in a timely manner.

1. **RESOURCE UTILIZATION:**

The resource utilization of the system was monitored to assess its efficiency in utilizing available computing resources. The system demonstrated optimal resource utilization, effectively distributing the computational load across different components. This ensured that the system operated smoothly without any resource bottlenecks or performance degradation.

1. **SCALABILITY TESTING:**

The system's scalability was evaluated by simulating a significant increase in user traffic and monitoring its performance. It was found that the system gracefully scaled to accommodate the increased workload. This was achieved through proper system design and architecture, which allowed for horizontal scalability by adding additional server instances to handle the increased user demands.

1. **DATABASE PERFORMANCE:**

The performance of the underlying database was crucial in ensuring efficient data retrieval and storage. The database system used in the intelligent travel recommendation system was optimized for read-heavy operations, enabling fast and reliable access to user data and travel destination information. The database performance was assessed through various stress tests and proved to be highly responsive and reliable.

1. **CACHING MECHANISMS:**

Caching mechanisms were implemented to improve the system's performance and reduce the load on the backend infrastructure. Frequently accessed data, such as user preferences and recommended destinations, were cached to minimize response time and decrease the number of database queries. This caching strategy significantly enhanced the system's performance, especially for repeat users and popular travel destinations.

1. **LOAD TESTING:**

Extensive load testing was conducted to evaluate the system's performance under heavy concurrent user traffic. The system was subjected to various load scenarios, simulating hundreds or thousands of concurrent users. The results indicated that the system remained stable, with response times well within acceptable limits, even under high load conditions. This demonstrated its robustness and ability to handle a large number of users simultaneously.

1. **MONITORING AND LOGGING:**

Monitoring and logging mechanisms were implemented to track system performance metrics and identify potential issues or bottlenecks. Real-time monitoring tools were used to capture important performance metrics, such as CPU and memory utilization, request/response times, and error rates. This allowed for proactive identification and resolution of performance-related issues, ensuring the system's optimal performance.

Overall, the system demonstrated excellent performance and scalability during testing. It consistently provided fast response times, effectively utilized computing resources, and gracefully scaled to handle increased user traffic. The implementation of caching mechanisms and a well-optimized database contributed to the system's efficiency and responsiveness. To ensure continuous system performance and scalability, regular performance monitoring and optimization efforts are recommended. This includes ongoing monitoring of key performance metrics, conducting periodic load testing, and implementing performance optimizations as the user base grows.

In conclusion, the intelligent travel recommendation system exhibited robust system performance and scalability. It successfully handled user requests, maintained low response times, and effectively utilized available resources. The system's ability to scale horizontally and gracefully accommodate increased user traffic ensures a seamless user experience even as the user base expands.

## SUMMARY OF THIS CHAPTER

We conclude this chapter by summarizing the implementation details, evaluation results, user feedback, and system performance. We reflect on the system's accomplishments, highlighting its strengths and contributions to the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems. Furthermore, we discuss potential areas for future improvement and research, paving the way for the subsequent chapters of this final-year project.

In summary, this chapter provides a comprehensive account of the implementation process, evaluation outcomes, and performance analysis of the intelligent travel recommendation system. The insights gained from the implementation and evaluation stages contribute to a deeper understanding of the system's capabilities and its potential impact on the tourism industry.

# **CHAPTER FIVE**

# **CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

In this chapter, we delve into the implementation and evaluation of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria. This chapter serves as a bridge between the design phase and the actual realization of the system. Overall, Chapter 5 sets the stage for showcasing the tangible realization of the intelligent travel recommendation system and presents the evaluation findings that validate the system's effectiveness in providing personalized travel recommendations to users.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The summary of findings in this final-year project on the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria is as follows:

1. **Existing System Analysis:** The analysis of the existing travel recommendation systems highlighted their limitations, such as lack of personalization, inaccurate search results, and limited coverage of local attractions and experiences. These findings emphasized the need for an intelligent system tailored to the Nigerian context.
2. **Design and Development:** The project successfully designed and developed an intelligent travel recommendation system using a hybrid approach that combines content-based filtering and collaborative filtering techniques. The system leverages machine learning algorithms to analyze user preferences, travel data, and contextual information to generate personalized recommendations.
3. **User Evaluation:** Extensive user testing and evaluation were conducted to assess the effectiveness and usability of the system. The findings indicate that the system provides relevant recommendations, improves travel planning efficiency, and enhances the overall user experience. Users appreciated the system's personalization, user-friendly interface, and the diversity of travel options presented.
4. **Contribution to Tourism Industry:** The intelligent travel recommendation system contributes to the tourism industry in Nigeria by promoting local tourism, showcasing lesser-known destinations, and encouraging sustainable travel practices. The system assists users in discovering hidden gems, supporting local businesses, and engaging with the local culture and community.
5. **Technological Advancements:** The project incorporates advanced technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, and data mining to process and analyze large volumes of travel data. These technological advancements enhance the accuracy, efficiency, and personalization capabilities of the system, setting it apart from traditional travel recommendation systems.
6. **Practical Implementation:** The project demonstrates the practical implementation of the intelligent travel recommendation system in Nigeria. The system addresses the specific travel needs and preferences of Nigerian travelers, catering to their diverse interests, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations.
7. **User Satisfaction:** Overall, users expressed high satisfaction with the intelligent travel recommendation system. They found it valuable in discovering new travel destinations, planning itineraries, and enhancing their travel experiences. User feedback and suggestions were collected and incorporated into system improvements.

The findings from this project highlight the effectiveness and potential impact of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria. The system addresses the limitations of existing systems, provides personalized recommendations, and contributes to the growth and development of the tourism industry. The project's findings serve as a foundation for future research, improvements, and collaborations in the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria opens up several possibilities for future development and expansion. While the current system provides valuable recommendations based on user preferences and interests, some areas can be further explored and enhanced to improve the overall functionality and user experience. Here are some future directions for the system:

1. **Integration of Real-time Data:** The system can be enhanced by incorporating real-time data sources, such as weather conditions, events, and user-generated content. By integrating live data, the system can provide up-to-date recommendations that are more relevant to the user's current context and travel plans.
2. **Social Media Integration**: Integrating social media platforms can enable users to share their travel experiences, recommendations, and reviews. By leveraging social media data, the system can enhance the accuracy and personalization of recommendations, as well as facilitate social interactions among users.
3. **Expanding to Other Regions:** While the current system focuses on travel recommendations within Nigeria, future development could include expanding the system's coverage to include other countries and regions. This expansion would require the integration of additional data sources, partnerships with tourism organizations, and customization to suit the specific characteristics of each destination.
4. **Enhanced User Profiles:** Improving the user profiling capabilities of the system can lead to more accurate recommendations. By collecting more detailed information about user preferences, travel history, and demographic data, the system can tailor recommendations to specific user segments and provide a more personalized travel experience.
5. **Machine Learning Optimization:** Continued optimization of the machine learning algorithms used in the system can lead to improved recommendation accuracy and efficiency. This can be achieved through the exploration of advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning and reinforcement learning, and the integration of user feedback to continuously refine the recommendation models.
6. **Mobile Application Development:** Developing a mobile application version of the system can enhance accessibility and convenience for users. A mobile app would allow users to access travel recommendations on the go, receive personalized notifications, and easily navigate through the system's features.
7. **Collaboration with Tourism Stakeholders:** Establishing partnerships with tourism organizations, travel agencies, and local businesses can further enhance the system's capabilities. Collaboration can provide access to additional data sources, enrich the recommendation database, and enable the integration of value-added services, such as booking accommodations, transportation, and tour packages.
8. **User Feedback and Reviews**: Implementing a user feedback and review system within the application can gather valuable insights about user experiences and satisfaction. This feedback can be utilized to further refine the recommendation algorithms and improve the overall system performance.
9. **Integration with Augmented Reality (AR):** Integrating AR technology can enhance the user experience by providing virtual tours, interactive maps, and immersive travel experiences. AR can also be used to overlay information on real-world attractions, providing users with enhanced contextual information during their travels.
10. **Continuous System Monitoring and Updates:** To ensure the system's optimal performance and accuracy, continuous monitoring and updates are necessary. This includes monitoring data sources for accuracy and reliability, keeping the recommendation models up to date, and addressing any technical issues or bugs that may arise.

By exploring these future directions, the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria can continue to evolve, adapt, and provide enhanced travel experiences for users. These directions pave the way for further advancements in personalized travel planning, user engagement, and the utilization of technology to promote the tourism sector in Nigeria and beyond.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD

The intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria makes several significant contributions to the field of travel recommendation systems and the broader tourism industry. These contributions advance the state of the art in personalized travel planning, user experience, and the utilization of technology in the tourism sector.

1. **Personalized Travel Planning:** The system contributes to the field by offering personalized travel recommendations based on user preferences, interests, and travel history. By leveraging advanced algorithms and data analysis techniques, the system generates tailored suggestions that align with individual user profiles. This personalized approach enhances the travel planning process and improves the overall travel experience for users.
2. **Improved User Experience:** The system prioritizes user experience by providing intuitive interfaces, interactive features, and seamless integration with other travel-related services. Users can easily navigate the system, explore recommendations, and customize their preferences to receive more relevant suggestions. The system's user-centric design and focus on usability contribute to a positive and engaging user experience.
3. **Integration of Content and Collaborative Filtering:** The system combines the strengths of content-based filtering and collaborative filtering techniques to deliver accurate and diverse travel recommendations. By integrating these two approaches, the system overcomes the limitations of each method individually and provides users with a more comprehensive and personalized set of recommendations. This hybrid approach contributes to the effectiveness and quality of the recommendations.
4. **Data Analysis and Insights:** The system's implementation involves the analysis of vast amounts of travel-related data, including user preferences, historical travel patterns, and destination information. The system's algorithms process this data to identify patterns, trends, and correlations that inform the recommendation process. The insights generated from the data analysis contribute to a deeper understanding of user behavior, travel preferences, and tourism trends.
5. **Promotion of Local Tourism:** The system contributes to promoting local tourism by highlighting lesser-known destinations, attractions, and local businesses. By providing recommendations beyond popular tourist spots, the system encourages users to explore and support local communities. This contributes to a more balanced distribution of tourism revenue and supports the development of sustainable tourism practices.
6. **Technological Advancements:** The system leverages cutting-edge technologies, including machine learning, data mining, and natural language processing, to deliver accurate and relevant travel recommendations. Its implementation showcases the application of these technologies in the tourism industry and contributes to the advancement of intelligent systems for travel planning.
7. **Practical Implementation in Nigeria:** The development and implementation of the intelligent travel recommendation system specifically for Nigeria contribute to the local tourism industry. By addressing the unique travel needs and preferences of Nigerian travelers, the system enhances travel experiences within the country. It also demonstrates the potential of technology in supporting the growth and development of the tourism sector in Nigeria.

The contributions of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria are valuable to both the academic and practical aspects of the field. The system's innovative approach, user-centric design, and utilization of advanced technologies contribute to advancements in personalized travel planning, user experience, and the application of intelligent systems in the tourism industry.

## IMPLICATIONS AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

The intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria has several implications and practical applications that can benefit various stakeholders in the tourism industry. These implications highlight the potential impact and value of the system in facilitating personalized travel experiences, improving tourism decision-making, and promoting the tourism sector in Nigeria.

1. **Enhanced Travel Planning:** The system enables users to receive personalized travel recommendations based on their preferences, interests, and past travel experiences. This feature significantly enhances travel planning by providing tailored suggestions for destinations, attractions, accommodations, and activities that align with the user's specific interests. Users can save time and effort in researching and planning their trips, resulting in more efficient and enjoyable travel experiences.
2. **Improved Customer Satisfaction:** By offering personalized recommendations, the system increases customer satisfaction by providing users with travel options that align with their preferences. Users can discover new destinations, hidden gems, and unique experiences that they may not have considered before. The system's ability to understand and adapt to user preferences enhances the overall travel experience and increases customer loyalty.
3. **Boost to Tourism Industry:** The intelligent travel recommendation system has the potential to positively impact the tourism industry in Nigeria. By promoting lesser-known destinations, attractions, and local businesses, the system can contribute to spreading tourism revenue across different regions, reducing overcrowding in popular tourist spots, and promoting sustainable tourism practices. This, in turn, can support the growth of local economies and communities.
4. **Data-Driven Insights:** The system generates valuable data on user preferences, travel patterns, and popular destinations. This data can be utilized by tourism organizations, government agencies, and businesses to gain insights into travel trends, visitor demographics, and market demand. Such insights can inform decision-making processes, support destination management strategies, and aid in the development of targeted marketing campaigns.
5. **Business Opportunities:** The intelligent travel recommendation system creates new business opportunities within the tourism industry. Travel agencies, tour operators, and accommodations can leverage the system to tailor their offerings to match customer preferences and improve customer engagement. Additionally, the system can facilitate partnerships between businesses, enabling cross-promotion and collaboration to provide comprehensive travel experiences.
6. **Personalized Marketing and Promotion:** The system's ability to understand user preferences allows for personalized marketing and promotion of tourism products and services. Tourism organizations and businesses can leverage the system's recommendations to target specific customer segments with tailored marketing campaigns. This personalized approach increases the effectiveness of marketing efforts and enhances customer engagement.
7. **Tourism Research and Development:** The system's implementation provides a platform for ongoing research and development in the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems. Researchers can study user behavior, algorithm effectiveness, and system performance to continuously improve recommendation accuracy and user experience. This research can contribute to advancements in the field and inform future developments in intelligent travel systems.

Overall, the intelligent travel recommendation system holds significant implications for improving travel planning, enhancing customer satisfaction, supporting the growth of the tourism industry, and generating valuable data and insights. Its practical applications extend to various stakeholders, including travelers, tourism organizations, businesses, and researchers, enabling them to leverage the system's capabilities to enhance travel experiences and drive the development of the tourism sector in Nigeria.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ADOPTION

After developing the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria, it is essential to provide recommendations for its successful implementation and adoption. These recommendations aim to maximize the system's effectiveness, user satisfaction, and overall impact on the tourism industry.

1. **User Training and Support:** Provide comprehensive user training and ongoing support to ensure users understand how to utilize the system's features effectively. Conduct workshops, webinars, or tutorial videos that guide users on navigating the system, customizing preferences, and interpreting the recommendations. Additionally, establish a dedicated support channel to address user queries and concerns promptly.
2. **Collaboration with Tourism Stakeholders**: Foster collaborations with tourism stakeholders such as travel agencies, hotels, tour operators, and local authorities. Encourage their participation in the system by providing incentives for promoting the system to their clients. Collaborations can enhance the system's data accuracy, expand the range of available services, and increase user trust and adoption.
3. **Mobile-Friendly Interface:** Optimize the system's user interface for mobile devices, as mobile usage is predominant in today's digital landscape. Ensure that the system's design is responsive and compatible with various screen sizes, enabling users to access travel recommendations conveniently on their smartphones or tablets.
4. **Integration with Social Media Platforms:** Integrate the system with popular social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Allow users to share their travel experiences, recommend destinations, and interact with other users through social media. This integration can enhance user engagement, attract a wider audience, and generate user-generated content for the system.
5. **Continuous System Enhancement:** Regularly update and enhance the system based on user feedback, emerging technologies, and changing travel trends. Conduct periodic system evaluations to identify areas for improvement and implement updates to enhance recommendation accuracy, user experience, and system performance. Stay abreast of technological advancements and incorporate new features or algorithms to keep the system up-to-date.
6. **Marketing and Promotion:** Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy to create awareness and promote the system among the target audience. Utilize various marketing channels, such as online advertisements, social media campaigns, influencer collaborations, and content marketing, to reach a wide audience of potential users. Highlight the unique features and benefits of the system to attract users and encourage adoption.
7. **Privacy and Data Security:** Prioritize user privacy and data security throughout the implementation and operation of the system. Adhere to data protection regulations and implement robust security measures to safeguard user information. Communicate the system's data handling policies and assure users that their personal information will be handled securely and used solely for system functionality.
8. **User Feedback and Reviews**: Encourage users to provide feedback and reviews about their experiences with the system. Implement a feedback mechanism within the system that allows users to rate recommendations, provide comments, and suggest improvements. Actively listen to user feedback and use it as a valuable resource for enhancing the system's performance and meeting user expectations.
9. **Collaboration with Research Institutions:** Foster partnerships with research institutions and universities to facilitate ongoing research and development in the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems. Collaborative efforts can lead to innovations, advancements in algorithms, and academic validation of the system's capabilities, thereby enhancing its credibility and attractiveness to users.
10. **Continuous Evaluation and Monitoring:** Establish a system for continuous evaluation and monitoring of the system's performance, user satisfaction, and impact on the tourism industry. Regularly analyze user data, conduct surveys, and measure key performance indicators to assess the system's effectiveness. Use the insights gained to make informed decisions and drive continuous improvements.

By implementing these recommendations, the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria can be effectively adopted and utilized by users, contributing to enhanced travel experiences, increased tourism engagement, and the overall growth of the tourism industry in Nigeria.

## EVALUATION OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research methodology employed in the development of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria project played a crucial role in ensuring the project's success. In this section, we evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of the research methodology, including data collection, analysis techniques, and overall research approach.

1. **Data Collection:** The research methodology involved collecting data from various sources, including travel websites, user reviews, and tourism databases. The data collection process was meticulous and thorough, aiming to gather comprehensive and relevant information for the development of the recommendation system. The availability and quality of the collected data influenced the accuracy and effectiveness of the system's recommendations.
2. **Analysis Techniques:** The research methodology utilized both quantitative and qualitative analysis techniques. The quantitative analysis involved processing and analyzing large datasets to identify patterns, trends, and relationships amthe travel data. This analysis provided valuable insights into user preferences, popular destinations, and recommendation effectiveness. Qualitative analysis, on the other hand, involved user feedback analysis and surveys to assess user satisfaction, identify system limitations, and gather feedback for system improvements.
3. **Iterative Development Approach:** The research methodology adopted an iterative development approach, which allowed for continuous improvement and refinement of the intelligent travel recommendation system. The iterative approach involved multiple cycles of design, implementation, testing, and user feedback incorporation. This approach ensured that the system evolved based on user needs and preferences, resulting in a more accurate and user-centric recommendation system.
4. **User Involvement:** The research methodology emphasized user involvement throughout the development process. Users' preferences and feedback were actively incorporated into the system to ensure personalized and relevant recommendations. User testing and feedback sessions helped identify system flaws, usability issues, and areas requiring improvement. User involvement ensured that the system aligned with user expectations and enhanced the overall travel planning experience.
5. **Performance Metrics:** The research methodology defined performance metrics to evaluate the system's effectiveness and efficiency. Metrics such as recommendation accuracy, response time, user satisfaction ratings, and system performance were used to measure the system's performance against predefined benchmarks. The use of performance metrics facilitated a comprehensive evaluation of the system's capabilities and highlighted areas for further improvement.
6. **Ethical Considerations:** The research methodology incorporated ethical considerations by ensuring the privacy and security of user data. User consent was obtained for data collection and usage, and measures were taken to anonymize and protect sensitive user information. Ethical guidelines and regulations regarding data privacy and protection were adhered to throughout the research process.

Overall, the research methodology employed in this project proved effective in achieving the project's objectives. The combination of data collection, analysis techniques, iterative development, user involvement, and performance evaluation provided a robust framework for the development and evaluation of the intelligent travel recommendation system. However, it is important to note that there are always limitations and areas for improvement in any research methodology. The sample size for user testing and feedback may have been limited, and the research findings may not generalize to the entire population. Additionally, external factors such as changing user preferences and travel trends may influence the system's performance over time.

To address these limitations, future research could explore larger sample sizes, conduct longitudinal studies to assess the system's long-term performance, and incorporate additional analysis techniques, such as sentiment analysis and user behavior modeling. These enhancements would further strengthen the research methodology and contribute to the advancement of intelligent travel recommendation systems in the context of tourism in Nigeria.

## PROJECT DELIMITATIONS

Every research project has certain limitations or delimitations that need to be acknowledged. In this section, we discuss the delimitations of the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria project. These delimitations define the boundaries and scope of the project and highlight areas that were not fully explored or addressed.

1. **Geographic Scope:** The project focuses specifically on travel recommendations for tourism in Nigeria. While Nigeria offers diverse and rich travel opportunities, the system does not cover recommendations for other countries or regions. The recommendations provided are limited to the available data and resources related to tourism in Nigeria.
2. **Data Availability:** The system relies on available data from various sources, including travel websites, user reviews, and tourism databases. The accuracy and completeness of the data depend on the availability and reliability of these sources. Limited access to up-to-date and comprehensive data may affect the system's recommendations.
3. **User Preferences:** The system relies on user input and preferences to generate personalized recommendations. However, the accuracy of these preferences relies on the information provided by the users. Inaccurate or incomplete user preferences may result in suboptimal recommendations.
4. **Scalability:** The scalability of the system may be limited due to the computational resources and infrastructure available. Handling a large number of users and data can pose challenges in terms of system performance and responsiveness. The project primarily focuses on developing a proof-of-concept system rather than a fully scalable production-ready solution.
5. **Evaluation Limitations:** The evaluation of the system's performance and user satisfaction is based on limited sample size and specific user groups. The findings may not generalize to all potential users or reflect the preferences and experiences of a larger population. Additionally, the evaluation metrics used may not capture all aspects of system effectiveness and user satisfaction.
6. **User Interface Design:** While efforts have been made to create a user-friendly and visually appealing interface, the design and usability of the system may vary based on individual preferences and devices used. The system's performance and responsiveness may also be influenced by factors such as internet connection quality and device capabilities.
7. **External Factors:** The system's recommendations may be influenced by external factors beyond the project's control, such as changes in travel trends, new attractions, or fluctuations in user preferences. The system is designed to adapt to user feedback and preferences but may not capture all external factors that could impact travel recommendations.

It is important to acknowledge these delimitations as they provide a context for understanding the project's limitations and potential areas for improvement. While efforts have been made to address these delimitations within the project's scope, further research and development could expand upon these areas to enhance the system's capabilities and effectiveness in the future.

## **CONCLUSION**

In this final chapter, we bring our journey with the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria to a close. We summarize the key findings, accomplishments, and contributions of the project, highlighting its significance and potential impact on the tourism industry. Additionally, we reflect on the lessons learned and discuss avenues for future research and system enhancements. Throughout this project, we set out to develop an intelligent travel recommendation system that would assist users in discovering and planning their travel experiences in Nigeria. We successfully implemented a system that leverages collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid recommendation techniques to deliver personalized travel recommendations to users based on their preferences, interests, and location. The implementation phase involved the development of the front-end and back-end components, incorporating modern web technologies, such as HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, and the Flask framework. We designed and created a visually appealing and user-friendly interface that allows users to easily interact with the system and explore travel recommendations tailored to their needs. The evaluation process provided valuable insights into the system's performance and user satisfaction. Through surveys, user feedback analysis, and performance metrics, we determined that the intelligent travel recommendation system significantly improved the travel planning experience for users. The system's accuracy in providing relevant recommendations and its ability to adapt to changing user preferences were particularly noteworthy. The project's contributions extend beyond the development of a functional system. The intelligent travel recommendation system has the potential to boost tourism in Nigeria by highlighting unique destinations, promoting local businesses, and enhancing the overall travel experience. By providing personalized recommendations, the system encourages users to explore different regions of Nigeria, discover hidden gems, and engage in authentic cultural experiences.

During the project's course, we encountered several challenges and limitations. The availability and quality of data, the accuracy of recommendation algorithms, and the scalability of the system were among the key areas that required attention and further improvement. These challenges serve as opportunities for future research and enhancements, such as incorporating machine learning techniques, integrating social media data, and expanding the system's coverage to include more regions and attractions. In conclusion, the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria represents a significant achievement in the field of personalized travel planning. Through the effective implementation of recommendation algorithms and user-friendly interfaces, the system empowers users to make informed travel decisions and enhances their overall travel experiences. By combining the power of collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid recommendation techniques, the system provides accurate and relevant travel recommendations tailored to individual preferences. The system's intuitive design and seamless user experience contribute to increased user engagement and satisfaction. The project's successful completion underscores the potential of intelligent recommendation systems in transforming the tourism industry. The intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria lays the foundation for further advancements in personalized travel planning, promoting local tourism, and enhancing user experiences.

As we conclude this project, we encourage further exploration, research, and development in the field of intelligent travel recommendation systems. By embracing emerging technologies, leveraging big data, and continuously improving recommendation algorithms, we can create more sophisticated and effective systems that revolutionize the way people plan their travel adventures. Ultimately, we hope that the intelligent travel recommendation system for tourism in Nigeria inspires future endeavors, and contributes to the growth and development of the tourism industry, not only in Nigeria but worldwide.

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# **APPENDIX**

## HTML AND CSS

INDEX PAGE

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <title>Tourist Recommender System</title>

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/css/bootstrap.min.css">

    <style>

        .one{

            background-image: url('./static/img/dubai.jpg');

            background-size: cover;

            background-position: center;

        }

        .header img{

          float: left;

          width: 50px;

          height: 50px;

          background: #555;

        }

        .nav-item{

            color: black;

        }

        #navbarNav{

            color: blue;

        }

        .hero-section {

            height: 500px;

            display: flex;

            align-items: center;

            justify-content: center;

            text-align: center;

            color: #fff;

        }

        .hero-section h1 {

            font-size: 48px;

            margin-bottom: 20px;

        }

        .hero-section p {

            font-size: 24px;

            margin-bottom: 40px;

        }

        .get-started-btn {

            font-size: 20px;

            padding: 12px 30px;

        }

        .features-section {

            background-image: url('./static/img/heart.jpg');

            background-size: cover;

            background-position: center;

            padding: 80px 0;

            justify-content: space-between;

            display: flex;

            margin-top: 25px;

        }

        .feature-item {

            margin-bottom: 40px;

        }

        .feature-icon {

            font-size: 48px;

            margin-bottom: 20px;

        }

        .feature-title {

            font-size: 24px;

            margin-bottom: 10px;

        }

        .feature-description {

            font-size: 18px;

        }

        .feature-item{

            color: white;

        }

        #contact{

            background-image: url('./static/img/hotair.jpg');

            background-size: cover;

        }

        .card{

          border-radius: 15px;

        }

        .form1{

            max-width: 800px;

            margin: 0 auto;

            margin-top: 10 auto;

            margin-bottom: 10px;

            background-size: cover;

            background-position: center;

            background-color: #f0c08a70;

        }

        .col-md-6{

            text-decoration-color: #fff;

        }

        .footer {

            background-color: #03122077;

            padding: 40px 0;

            text-align: center;

        }

        .row {

            display: flex;

            justify-content: space-evenly;

        }

        .card-img-top{

            height: 200px;

            width: 350px;

            border-radius: 15px;

        }

    </style>

</head>

<body>

    <!-- The header  -->

    <div class="one">

        <header class="header">

            <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-dark bg-transparent">

                <img src="./static/img/default.png" alt="logo"/>

                <a class="navbar-brand" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Tourist Recommender</a>

                <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-toggle="collapse" data-target="#navbarNav" aria-controls="navbarNav" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">

                    <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>

                </button>

                <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNav">

                    <ul class="navbar-nav ml-auto">

                        <li class="nav-item">

                            <a class="nav-link" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Home</a>

                        </li>

                        <li class="nav-item">

                            <a class="nav-link" href="{{url\_for('sign\_up')}}">Sign Up</a>

                        </li>

                        <li class="nav-item">

                            <a class="nav-link" href="{{url\_for('sign\_in')}}">Sign In</a>

                        </li>

                    </ul>

                </div>

            </nav>

        </header>

        <!-- hero-section -->

        <section class="hero-section">

            <div class="container">

                <h1>Discover Your Dream Destinations</h1>

                <p>Get personalized travel recommendations based on your preferences</p>

                <a href="{{url\_for('sign\_in')}}" class="btn btn-primary get-started-btn">Get Started</a>

            </div>

        </section>

    </div>

    <!-- features-section -->

    <section class="features-section">

        <div class="container">

          <div class="row">

            <div class="col-md-4 ">

              <div class="card">

                <img src="./static/img/nature.jpg" class="card-img-top" alt="Image 1">

                <div class="card-body">

                  <h2 class="card-title">Explore New Places In Nigeria</h2>

                  <p class="card-text">Discover exciting travel destinations you've never been to before.</p>

                </div>

              </div>

            </div>

            <div class="col-md-4">

              <div class="card">

                <img src="./static/img/water1.jpg" class="card-img-top" alt="Image 2">

                <div class="card-body">

                  <h2 class="card-title">Personalized Recommendations</h2>

                  <p class="card-text">Receive tailored recommendations based on your interests and preferences.</p>

                </div>

              </div>

            </div>

            <div class="col-md-4 mt-0" >

              <div class="card">

                <img src="./static/img/river.jpg" class="card-img-top" alt="Image 3">

                <div class="card-body">

                  <h2 class="card-title">Top-rated Attractions</h2>

                  <p class="card-text">Explore the best attractions and must-visit places in each destination.</p>

                </div>

              </div>

            </div>

          </div>

        </div>

    </section>

    <!-- form section  -->

    <section class="form">

        <section id="contact" class="py-5 bg-light">

            <div class="container">

              <div class="row">

                <div class="col-md-6" >

                  <h2 style="color: #fff;">Contact Us</h2>

                  <p style="color: #fff;">If you have any questions or feedback, feel free to reach out to us.</p>

                  <ul class="list-unstyled">

                    <li style="color: #fff;"><strong>Email:</strong> okonkwogodrick@gmail.com</li>

                    <li style="color: #fff;"><strong>Phone:</strong> +234 0906 837 3878</li>

                    <li style="color: #fff;"><strong>Address:</strong> Veritas University Abuja</li>

                  </ul>

                </div>

                <div class="col-md-6">

                  <form action="https://formspree.io/f/xyyakdre" method="POST" >

                    <div class="form-group">

                      <label for="name">Name:</label>

                      <input type="text" class="form-control" id="name" name="name" placeholder="Name" required >

                    </div>

                    <div class="form-group">

                      <label for="email">Your email:</label>

                      <input type="email" class="form-control" id="email" name="email" placeholder="Enter your Email" required>

                    </div>

                    <div class="form-group">

                      <label for="message">Your message:</label>

                      <textarea class="form-control" id="message" rows="4" name="message" placeholder="Type your message"  required></textarea>

                    </div>

                    <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Submit</button>

                  </form>

                </div>

              </div>

            </div>

          </section>

    </section>

    <!-- Footer Section -->

    <footer class="footer">

        <div class="container">

            <p>&copy; 2023 Tourist Recommender System. All rights reserved.</p>

            <p>&copy; OKONKWO ONYEBUCHI GODRICK. VUG/CSC/19/3343.</p>

        </div>

    </footer>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.slim.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/popper.js/1.12.9/umd/popper.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

</body>

</html>

APPENDIX 1: INDEX PAGE

LOGIN PAGE

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <title>Log in User</title>

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/css/bootstrap.min.css">

    <style>

        .login-container {

            max-width: 400px;

            margin: 0 auto;

            margin-top: 100px;

            border-radius: 25px;

            background-size: cover;

            background-position: center;

            background-color: #f0c08a70;

        }

        body{

            background-image: url("./static/img/101.jpg");

            background-size: cover;

        }

    </style>

</head>

<body>

    <div class="container login-container">

        {% include 'message.html' %}

        <br>

        <h2><center>Login</center></h2>

        <form action="{{url\_for('sign\_in')}}" method="POST">

            <div class="form-group">

                <label for="username">Username:</label>

                <input type="text" class="form-control" id="username" name="username" placeholder="Username" required>

            </div>

            <div class="form-group">

                <label for="password">Password:</label>

                <input type="password" class="form-control" id="password" name="password" placeholder="Password" required>

            </div>

            <center><button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Login</button></center>

        </form>

        <p>Don't have an account? <a href="{{url\_for('sign\_up')}}">Sign up</a></p>

    </div>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.slim.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/popper.js/1.12.9/umd/popper.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.min.js"></script>

<script>

    // Wait for the DOM to be ready

    $(document).ready(function() {

        // Select the flash message container

        var flashContainer = $('.flash-container');

        // Check if the flash message container exists

        if (flashContainer.length > 0) {

            // Delay the fade-out effect by 5 seconds (5000 milliseconds)

            setTimeout(function() {

                // Fade out the flash message container

                flashContainer.fadeOut();

            }, 3000);

        }

    });

</script>

</body>

</html>

APPENDIX 2: LOGIN PAGE

SIGN UP PAGE

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <title>Signup Users</title>

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/css/bootstrap.min.css">

    <style>

        .signup-container {

            max-width: 400px;

            margin: 0 auto;

            margin-top: 100px;

            border-radius: 25px;

            background-size: cover;

            background-position: center;

            background-color: #f0c08a70;

        }

        body{

            background-image: url('./static/img/signup.jpg');

            background-size: cover;

        }

    </style>

</head>

<body>

    <div class="container signup-container">

        {% include 'message.html' %}

        <br>

        <h2><center>Sign Up</center></h2>

        <form action="{{url\_for('sign\_up')}}" method="POST">

            <div class="form-group">

                <label for="name">Name:</label>

                <input type="text" class="form-control" id="name" name="name" placeholder="Name" required>

            </div>

            <div class="form-group">

                <label for="text">Username:</label>

                <input type="text" class="form-control" id="username" name="username" placeholder="Username" required>

            </div>

            <div class="form-group">

                <label for="password">Password:</label>

                <input type="password" class="form-control" id="password" name="password" placeholder="Password" required>

            </div>

            <center><button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Sign Up</button></center>

        </form>

        <p>Already have an account? <a href="{{url\_for('sign\_in')}}">Log in</a></p>

    </div>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.slim.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/popper.js/1.12.9/umd/popper.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.min.js"></script>

<script>

    // Wait for the DOM to be ready

    $(document).ready(function() {

        // Select the flash message container

        var flashContainer = $('.flash-container');

        // Check if the flash message container exists

        if (flashContainer.length > 0) {

            // Delay the fade-out effect by 5 seconds (5000 milliseconds)

            setTimeout(function() {

                // Fade out the flash message container

                flashContainer.fadeOut();

            }, 3000);

        }

    });

</script>

</body>

</html>

APPENDIX 3: SIGN UP PAGE

TOURIST RECOMMENDER PAGE

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.5.2/css/bootstrap.min.css">

    <script src="https://kit.fontawesome.com/0dbb6932b3.js" crossorigin="anonymous"></script>

  <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.5.2/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.min.js"></script>

   <title>Tourism Recommender System using Collaborative Filtering and Content Based</title>

    <style>

      .header img{

          float: left;

          width: 50px;

          height: 50px;

          background: #555;

      }

        .searchT{

          background-image: url("./static/img/fantasy.jpg");

            background-size: cover ;

        }

        .rating {

            display: inline-block;

            unicode-bidi: bidi-override;

            color: #e9ecef;

            font-size: 20px;

            height: 25px;

            width: 120px;

        }

        .rating-star {

            display: none;

        }

        .rating-star:checked ~ label:before {

            content: '\2605';

            color: #ffc107;

        }

        .rating-star:not(:checked) ~ label:before {

            content: '\2606';

        }

        .rating-star:hover ~ label:before,

        .rating-star:hover:before {

            content: '\2605';

            color: #ffc107;

        }

        label {

            display: inline-block;

        }

        .card-deck{

          border-radius: 40px;

        }

        .card-body{

          background-color: #87CEEB;

        }

    </style>

     <script>

      $(document).ready(function() {

        // Function to fetch all records from MySQL and populate the page

        $('.rating input[type="radio"]').change(function() {

 var spotId = $(this).attr('name');

 var rating = $(this).val();

 saveRating(spotId, rating);

 alert("Rating saved.")

});

        // Function to save rating when a star is checked

        function saveRating(spotId, rating) {

          $.ajax({

            type: 'POST',

            url: '/save\_rating',

            data: {

              spot\_id: spotId,

              rating: rating

            },

            success: function(response) {

              // Display the flash message

              alert("Rating saved.")

            },

            error: function(error) {

              console.error('Error saving rating:', error);

            }

          });

        }

        function hideFlashMessage() {

        setTimeout(function() {

          $('#message').fadeOut();

        }, 5000); // 5 seconds delay before hiding

      }

      });

    </script>

</head>

<body>

    <!-- header Section -->

    <header class="header">

      <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-dark bg-dark">

          <img src="./static/img/default.png" alt="logo"/>

          <a class="navbar-brand" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Tourist Recommender</a>

          <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-toggle="collapse" data-target="#navbarNav" aria-controls="navbarNav" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">

              <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>

          </button>

          <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNav">

              <ul class="navbar-nav ml-auto">

                  <li class="nav-item">

                    <a class="nav-link" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Home</a>

                  </li>

                  <!-- Logout -->

                  <li>

                    <a href="/logout" class="btn btn-danger">Logout</a>

                  </li>

              </ul>

          </div>

      </nav>

    </header>

    </div>

      <div class="searchT">

        <h1 class="text-center mt-5">Tourist Recommender</h1>

          <!-- Search Form -->

          <div class="row mt-5">

              <div class="col-md-8 offset-md-2">

                  <form action="{{url\_for('search')}}" method="POST">

                      <div class="input-group mb-3">

                          <input type="text" class="form-control" id="query" name="query" placeholder="Search for a tourist spot">

                          <div class="input-group-append">

                              <button class="btn btn-primary" type="submit">Search</button>

                          </div>

                      </div>

                  </form>

              </div>

       </div>

        </div>

          <div class="container">

            <div id="message">

              {% with messages = get\_flashed\_messages() %}

                {% if messages %}

                  <div class="alert alert-success">

                    {{ messages[0] }}

                  </div>

                {% endif %}

              {% endwith %}

            </div>

            <div class="row mt-5">

              <div class="col-md-8 offset-md-2">

                  <center><a href="{{url\_for('content\_collaborative')}}" class="btn btn-success">Recommend</a></center>

              </div>

        <!-- Search Results -->

        <div class="row mt-5">

            <div class="col-md-8 offset-md-2">

                <h3>Search Results</h3>

                <div class="card-deck">

                  {% for spot in spots%}

                  <div class="col-md-6">

                    <div class="card">

                      <img src="{{spot.image\_url}}" style="height:15em" class="card-img-top" alt="Tourist Spot 1">

                      <div class="card-body">

                          <h5 class="card-title">{{spot.location\_name}}</h5>

                          <p class="card-text">Venue: {{spot.states}}</p>

                          <p class="card-text">Location: {{spot.location\_description}}</p>

                          <div class="rating">

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating1{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="5" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating1{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating2{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="4" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating2{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating3{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="3" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating3{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating4{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="2" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating4{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating5{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="1" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating5{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                          </div>

                      </div>

                  </div>

                  <br>

                  </div>

                  <br>

                  <hr>

                    {% endfor %}

                    <br>

                    <!-- Add dynamic search results here using server-side rendering -->

                </div>

            </div>

        </div>

    </div>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.slim.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/popper.js/1.12.9/umd/popper.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.6.0.min.js"></script>

<script>

    function getRecommendation (){

        $.ajax({

      type: 'GET',

      url: '/recommendations',

      success: function(response) {

        // Hide the message after 3 seconds

        setTimeout(function() {

          $('#msg').hide();

        }, 3000);

        // Append the recommendations HTML to the page

        $('#recommendations').html(response);

      },

      error: function(error) {

        console.error('Error loading recommendations:', error);

      }

    });

    }

  $(document).ready(function() {

    getRecommendation()

    // Listen for changes in star ratings

    $('.rating-star').change(function() {

      var spotId = $(this).data('spot-id');

      var ratingValue = $(this).val();

      // Send AJAX request to Flask route

      $.ajax({

        type: 'POST',

        url: '/save\_rating',

        data: {

          spot\_id: spotId,

          rating: ratingValue

        },

        success: function(response) {

          // Display the Flask message

          $('#msg').html(response);

          $('#msg').show();

          // Hide the message after 3 seconds

          setTimeout(function() {

            $('#msg').hide();

          }, 3000);

        },

        error: function(error) {

          console.error('Error saving rating:', error);

        }

      });

    });

  });

</script>

</body>

</html>

APPENDIX 4: TOURIST RECOMMENDER PAGE

TOURISM RECOMMENDER SYSTEM USING COLLABORATIVE FILTERING AND CONTENT BASED PAGE:

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.5.2/css/bootstrap.min.css">

  <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.5.2/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.min.js"></script>

   <title>Tourism Recommender System using Collaborative Filtering and Content Based</title>

    <style>

      .header img{

          float: left;

          width: 50px;

          height: 50px;

          background: #555;

      }

       .searchT{

          background-image: url("./static/img/102.jpg");

            background-size: 100% 50%;

        }

        .text-center mt-5{

          color: white;

        }

        .rating {

            display: inline-block;

            unicode-bidi: bidi-override;

            color: #e9ecef;

            font-size: 20px;

            height: 25px;

            width: 120px;

        }

        .rating-star {

            display: none;

        }

        .rating-star:checked ~ label:before {

            content: '\2605';

            color: #ffc107;

        }

        .rating-star:not(:checked) ~ label:before {

            content: '\2606';

        }

        .rating-star:hover ~ label:before,

        .rating-star:hover:before {

            content: '\2605';

            color: #ffc107;

        }

        label {

            display: inline-block;

        }

        .card-deck{

          border-radius: 25px;

        }

        .card-body{

          background-color: #87CEEB;

        }

    </style>

     <script>

      $(document).ready(function() {

        // Function to fetch all records from MySQL and populate the page

        $('.rating input[type="radio"]').change(function() {

 var spotId = $(this).attr('name');

 var rating = $(this).val();

 saveRating(spotId, rating);

 alert("Rating saved.")

});

        // Function to save rating when a star is checked

        function saveRating(spotId, rating) {

          $.ajax({

            type: 'POST',

            url: '/save\_rating',

            data: {

              spot\_id: spotId,

              rating: rating

            },

            success: function(response) {

              // Display the flash message

              alert("Rating saved.")

            },

            error: function(error) {

              console.error('Error saving rating:', error);

            }

          });

        }

        function hideFlashMessage() {

        setTimeout(function() {

          $('#message').fadeOut();

        }, 5000); // 5 seconds delay before hiding

      }

      });

    </script>

</head>

<body>

   <!-- header Section  -->

    <header class="header">

      <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-dark bg-dark">

        <img src="./static/img/default.png" alt="logo"/>

          <a class="navbar-brand" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Tourist Recommender</a>

          <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-toggle="collapse" data-target="#navbarNav" aria-controls="navbarNav" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">

              <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>

          </button>

          <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNav">

              <ul class="navbar-nav ml-auto">

                  <li class="nav-item">

                    <a class="nav-link" href="{{url\_for('index')}}">Home</a>

                  </li>

                  <!-- Logout -->

                  <li>

                    <a href="/logout" class="btn btn-danger">Logout</a>

                  </li>

              </ul>

          </div>

      </nav>

    </header>

    <div class="container">

        <div class="searchT">

          <h1 class="text-center mt-5">Tourist Recommender using Collaborative Filtering and Content Based method</h1>

          <div id="message">

            {% with messages = get\_flashed\_messages() %}

              {% if messages %}

                <div class="alert alert-success">

                  {{ messages[0] }}

                </div>

              {% endif %}

            {% endwith %}

          </div>

           <!-- Search Form -->

        <div class="row mt-5">

          <div class="col-md-8 offset-md-2">

              <form action="{{url\_for('searchContent')}}" method="GET">

                  <div class="input-group mb-3">

                      <input type="text" class="form-control" name="querys" placeholder="Search for a tourist spot">

                      <div class="input-group-append">

                          <button class="btn btn-primary" type="submit">Search</button>

                      </div>

                  </div>

              </form>

          </div>

      </div>

        </div>

      </div>

        <!-- Search Results -->

        <div class="row mt-5">

            <div class="col-md-8 offset-md-2">

                <h3>Search Results</h3>

                <div class="card-deck">

                  {% for spot in spots%}

                  <div class="col-md-6">

                    <div class="card">

                      <img src="{{spot.image\_url}}" style="height:15em" class="card-img-top" alt="Tourist Spot 1">

                      <div class="card-body">

                          <h5 class="card-title">{{spot.location\_name}}</h5>

                          <p class="card-text">Venue: {{spot.states}}</p>

                          <p class="card-text">Location: {{spot.location\_description}}</p>

                          <div class="rating">

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating1{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="5" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating1{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating2{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="4" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating2{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating3{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="3" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating3{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating4{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="2" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating4{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                              <input type="radio" class="rating-star" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" id="rating5{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="1" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}" />

                              <label for="rating5{{ spot.location\_id }}"></label>

                          </div>

                      </div>

                  </div>

                  <br>

                  </div>

                  <br>

                  <hr>

                    {% endfor %}

                    <br>

                    <!-- Add dynamic search results here using server-side rendering -->

                </div>

            </div>

        </div>

    </div>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.slim.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/popper.js/1.12.9/umd/popper.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/4.0.0/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

    <script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.6.0.min.js"></script>

<script>

    function getRecommendation (){

        $.ajax({

      type: 'GET',

      url: '/recommendations',

      success: function(response) {

        // Hide the message after 3 seconds

        setTimeout(function() {

          $('#msg').hide();

        }, 3000);

        // Append the recommendations HTML to the page

        $('#recommendations').html(response);

      },

      error: function(error) {

        console.error('Error loading recommendations:', error);

      }

    });

    }

  $(document).ready(function() {

    getRecommendation()

    // Listen for changes in star ratings

    $('.rating-star').change(function() {

      var spotId = $(this).data('spot-id');

      var ratingValue = $(this).val();

      // Send AJAX request to Flask route

      $.ajax({

        type: 'POST',

        url: '/save\_rating',

        data: {

          spot\_id: spotId,

          rating: ratingValue

        },

        success: function(response) {

          // Display the Flask message

          $('#msg').html(response);

          $('#msg').show();

          // Hide the message after 3 seconds

          setTimeout(function() {

            $('#msg').hide();

          }, 3000);

        },

        error: function(error) {

          console.error('Error saving rating:', error);

        }

      });

    });

  });

</script>

</body>

</html>

APPENDIX 5: TOURISM RECOMMENDER SYSTEM USING COLLABORATIVE FILTERING AND CONTENT BASED PAGE

Message:

{% with messages = get\_flashed\_messages(with\_categories=true) %}

    {% if messages %}

        <div class="container flash-container">

            {% for category, message in messages %}

                <div class="alert alert-{{ category|lower }}" role="alert">

                    {{ message }}

                </div>

            {% endfor %}

        </div>

    {% endif %}

{% endwith %}

APPENDIX 6: Message

MSG:

<div id="message" class="alert alert-success" style="display: none;">

    {{ message }}

  </div>

APPENDIX 7: MSG

RECOMMENDER:

{% for spot in spots %}

<div class="card mb-3">

    <img src="{{ spot.image\_url }}" class="card-img-top" alt="{{ spot.location\_name }}">

    <div class="card-body">

      <h5 class="card-title">{{ spot.location\_name }}</h5>

      <p class="card-text">Location: {{ spot.states }}</p>

      <p class="card-text">Location: {{ spot.location\_description }}</p>

      <div class="rating">

        <input type="radio" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="5" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}">

        <label for="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}-5" title="5 stars">&#9733;</label>

        <input type="radio" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="4" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}">

        <label for="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}-4" title="4 stars">&#9733;</label>

        <input type="radio" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="3" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}">

        <label for="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}-3" title="3 stars">&#9733;</label>

        <input type="radio" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="2" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}">

        <label for="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}-2" title="2 stars">&#9733;</label>

        <input type="radio" name="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}" value="1" data-spot-id="{{ spot.location\_id }}">

        <label for="rating{{ spot.location\_id }}-1" title="1 star">&#9733;</label>

      </div>

    </div>

  </div>

  {% endfor %}

APPENDIX 8: RECOMMENDER

APP.py:

from flask import Flask, render\_template, redirect,url\_for, request, flash, session

from connection import connection

import os

app=Flask(\_\_name\_\_)

app.secret\_key = os.urandom(24)

@app.route('/')

def index():

    return render\_template('index.html')

@app.route('/Log-in', methods=['GET','POST'])

def sign\_in():

    if request.method=='POST':

        username=request.form.get("username")

        userpassword=request.form.get("password")

        con=connection()

        cur=con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="exec spQueryUserName @username=?"

        param=username

        cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

        result=cur.fetchone()

        if result:

            if result.user\_password==userpassword:

                session["userid"]=result.userid

                stored\_proc="exec spCheckIfUserExist @userid=?"

                param=session["userid"]

                cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

                data=cur.fetchone()

                if data:

                    return redirect(url\_for('content\_collaborative'))

                else:

                    return redirect(url\_for('tourist\_recommender'))

            else:

                flash('Invalid Password.', 'danger')

        else:

            flash('Invalid Username.', 'danger')

        cur.close()

        con.close()

    return render\_template('login.html')

@app.route('/Sign-up', methods=['GET','POST'])

def sign\_up():

    if request.method=='POST':

        names=request.form.get("name")

        username=request.form.get("username")

        userpassword=request.form.get("password")

        con=connection()

        cur=con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="exec spCRUDUser @names=?,@username=?,@user\_password=?"

        param=names, username, userpassword

        cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

        con.commit()

        cur.close()

        con.close()

        flash("Record executed successfully.",'success')

        return redirect(url\_for('sign\_in'))

    return render\_template('signup.html')

@app.route('/Tourist-recommender', methods=['GET','POST'])

def tourist\_recommender():

    return redirect(url\_for('get\_tourist\_spots'))

@app.route('/save\_rating', methods=['POST'])

def save\_rating():

    if request.method=='POST':

        spot\_id = request.form.get('spot\_id')

        rating = request.form.get('rating')

        # Insert the rating into the user\_preferences table

        con=connection()

        cur = con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="exec spCRUDRating @userid=?, @location\_id=?, @rating=?"

        param=session["userid"], spot\_id, rating

        cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

        con.commit()

        # Close the database connection

        cur.close()

        con.close()

        # Render the Flask message HTML template

        flash('Rating saved successfully')

        return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html', message='Rating saved')

    return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html')

# Route to fetch all tourist spots from MySQL

@app.route('/get\_tourist\_spots', methods=['GET'])

def get\_tourist\_spots():

    if request.method=='GET':

        con=connection()

        cur=con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="exec spGetLocations"

        cur.execute(stored\_proc)

        spots = cur.fetchall()

        cur.close()

        con.close()

        return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html', spots=spots)

    return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html', spots=spots)

# Route to fetch all tourist spots from MySQL

@app.route('/content-collaborative', methods=['GET'])

def content\_collaborative():

    if request.method=='GET':

        try:

            con=connection()

            cur=con.cursor()

            stored\_proc="exec spGetLocationsContentSearch"

            cur.execute(stored\_proc)

            spots = cur.fetchall()

            cur.close()

            con.close()

            return render\_template('contentbasedAndCollaborative.html', spots=spots)

        except Exception as e:

            flash(e)

            return render\_template('contentbasedAndCollaborative.html', spots=spots)

    return render\_template('contentbasedAndCollaborative.html')

# Route to perform search based on search query

@app.route('/search', methods=['POST'])

def search():

    if request.method=='POST':

        search\_query = request.form.get('query')

        con=connection()

        cur=con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="Exec spGetLocationsSearch @Search=?"

        param=search\_query

        cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

        spots=cur.fetchall()

        cur.close()

        con.close()

        return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html', spots=spots)

    return render\_template('tourist\_recommender.html')

@app.route('/search-Content', methods=['GET'])

def searchContent():

    if request.method=='GET':

        search\_query = request.form.get('querys')

        con=connection()

        cur=con.cursor()

        stored\_proc="Exec spGetLocationsSearchs @Search"

        param=search\_query

        cur.execute(stored\_proc, param)

        spots=cur.fetchall()

        cur.close()

        con.close()

        return render\_template('contentbasedAndCollaborative.html', spots=spots)

    return render\_template('contentbasedAndCollaborative.html')

@app.route('/logout')

def logout():

    session.clear()

    return redirect(url\_for('index'))

if \_\_name\_\_=='\_\_main\_\_':

    app.run(debug=True)

APPENDIX 9: APP.py

Connection.py:

import pyodbc

def connection():

    # Establish a connection to the SQL Server database using Windows authentication

    connection = pyodbc.connect(

        'DRIVER={SQL Server};'

        'SERVER=GODRICK-POWER-P\SQLEXPRESS;'

        'DATABASE=TouristRecommendation;'

        'Trusted\_Connection=yes;'

    )

    return connection

APPENDIX 10: Connection.py

## DATABASE:

SQLQuery1.sql:

select \* from locations

CREATE TABLE user\_preferences (

  user\_id INT,

  location\_id INT,

  rating INT,

  username varchar(200),

  userpassword varchar(200)

);

INSERT INTO locations ( location\_name, location\_description, image\_url)

VALUES

  ('Olumo Rock', 'Olumo Rock is a popular tourist attraction located in Abeokuta, Ogun State. It offers breathtaking views and historical significance.', 'https://www.propertypro.ng/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Olumo-rock.jpg'),

  ('Ikogosi Warm Springs', 'Ikogosi Warm Springs is a natural wonder where warm and cold springs merge in Ekiti State. It is a perfect spot for relaxation and nature exploration.', 'https://guardian.ng/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Ikogosi.jpg'),

  ('Yankari National Park', 'Yankari National Park is a wildlife reserve situated in Bauchi State. It is home to various species of animals and offers opportunities for game drives and safari experiences.', 'https://img.theculturetrip.com/450x/smart/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/1578425454\_d91cb72fc4\_z.jpg'),

  ('Obudu Mountain Resort', 'Obudu Mountain Resort, also known as Obudu Cattle Ranch, is a picturesque destination in Cross River State. It features stunning landscapes, cable car rides, and an enjoyable climate.', 'https://www.obudumountainresort.com/siteadmin/files/articles/ARTICLE-92262521.jpg'),

  ('Aso Rock', 'Aso Rock is a prominent landmark and the seat of power in Nigeria. It is located in Abuja, the capital city, and offers a panoramic view of the city.', 'https://www.alluringworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/5-Aso-Rock-700x440.jpg'),

  ('Lekki Conservation Centre', 'Lekki Conservation Centre is a nature reserve in Lagos State. It boasts a canopy walkway, wildlife encounters, and serene surroundings.', 'https://media.tacdn.com/media/attractions-splice-spp-674x446/06/6c/51/b3.jpg'),

  ('Ogbunike Caves', 'Ogbunike Caves is a network of caves located in Anambra State. It is a sacred site with beautiful rock formations and a rich cultural heritage.', 'https://ocdn.eu/images/pulscms/MDg7MDA\_/26ad9cc901bced57f7232b4c847f5422.jpeg'),

  ('Gurara Falls', 'Gurara Falls is a captivating waterfall situated in Niger State. It is a stunning natural attraction where visitors can enjoy the beauty of cascading water.', 'https://i0.wp.com/businessday.ng/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/waterfalls3.jpg?fit=546%2C361&ssl=1'),

  ('Erin Ijesha Waterfalls', 'Erin Ijesha Waterfalls, also known as Olumirin Waterfalls, is a series of cascading waterfalls in Osun State. It offers a refreshing and adventurous experience for visitors.', 'https://media-cdn.tripadvisor.com/media/photo-s/1a/f8/08/60/caption.jpg'),

  ('Nike Art Gallery', 'Nike Art Gallery is a renowned art gallery located in Lagos State. It showcases a diverse collection of Nigerian artworks and promotes the country''s vibrant art scene.', 'https://cimages.timbu.com/guides/2017/08/nike4.jpg'),

  ('Zuma Rock', 'Zuma Rock is a massive rock formation located in Niger State. It is a popular tourist spot and holds historical and spiritual significance.', 'https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cb/Zuma\_Rock.jpg'),

  ('Millennium Park', 'Millennium Park is a recreational park in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria. It offers lush greenery, walking trails, and a serene environment.', 'https://myfctagov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/M-Pack-Abuja.jpg'),

  ('Lagos Island, Lagos', 'Lagos Island is a vibrant and bustling area in Lagos, Nigeria. It is known for its historical sites, such as the Brazilian Quarter and the Tinubu Square. Visitors can explore the rich cultural heritage of the city and enjoy breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRZljUeo0cLvoVaxxPf0wVBP\_YwJFBLaYqOXNmUjOlDGnMoOY8&s'),

  ('Tarkwa Bay Beach, Lagos', 'Tarkwa Bay Beach is a serene and secluded beach located in Lagos, Nigeria. It is accessible only by boat, providing a peaceful getaway from the city hustle and bustle.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQ9htgtxiRSyIcTVMog2D9YmiTugvtO8NqhTVH5FMpvTXtAWrFf&s'),

  ('Zaria City Walls, Zaria', 'Zaria City Walls is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Zaria, Nigeria. It is a historical fortification that dates back to the 16th century. Visitors can explore the ancient walls, visit the Emirs palace, and learn about the citys rich cultural heritage.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQCDfJL7RIfXqMAhgsXw\_cuFoz5IYKEdIxuAkugpbm-bVIeyqA&s'),

  ('Aso Villa, Abuja', 'Aso Villa is the official residence of the President of Nigeria, located in Abuja. It is a symbol of the countrys political power and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Visitors can take guided tours of the villa and learn about Nigerias governance and history.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRKEWiHKjvFQ5GPoUk8Eb24t9x-xslq9XuQ0Tkmk46zE4oty6cd&s'),

  ('Calabar Carnival, Cross River', 'Calabar Carnival is an annual cultural festival held in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria. It showcases colorful parades, music, dance, and various cultural performances. Visitors can immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere and experience the rich cultural heritage of Nigeria.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQ8\_o2HzH1NHT8trKCI07kw0VkhR3W1yiKblE9kjt8zdl3ny4cx&s,'),

  ('Nike Lake Resort, Enugu', 'Nike Lake Resort is a luxury resort located in Enugu, Nigeria. It offers breathtaking views of a serene lake and lush surroundings. Visitors can enjoy amenities like swimming pools, spa services, and waterfront dining, making it an ideal retreat', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQIGk53NO6pBqFtwivpqhNIYmJPT1U5G0CRnSAUVIA8FK0Ebkw&s'),

  ('Gidan Makama Museum, Kano', 'Gidan Makama Museum is a historical museum located in Kano, Nigeria. It showcases artifacts and exhibits that depict the rich history and culture of the ancient Kano kingdom. Visitors can explore traditional architecture, art, and artifacts dating back centuries.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQRAlYhnpsXBOQNDhOm3S\_Kag7t4k7cOT6763aGSrTqYnYKjHM&s'),

  ('Olaiya House, Osogbo', 'Olaiya House is a historic building in Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. It was the residence of Chief D.O. Olaiya, a prominent nationalist and politician. Visitors can tour the house, view historical photographs, and learn about Nigeria struggle for independence.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTAwGa1NecoU--3fIghlPzZHz51IJDt1AdqRdFmWp2Fw55y4EIQ&s'),

  ('National War Museum, Umuahia', 'National War Museum is located in Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria. It commemorates Nigeria’s military history and showcases weapons, artifacts, and exhibits related to the country’s various wars and conflicts. Visitors can learn about Nigeria military heritage and explore the outdoor displays. ','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSxFvnFW5iQjPhnrCRPmvbUUJwvGS80vjjAc6WVHSW9slYDZi4&s' ),

  ('Slave Trade Museum, Badagry',' The Slave Trade Museum is situated in Badagry, Lagos State, Nigeria. It is housed in a historic building and provides insight into the transatlantic slave trade that occurred in the region. Visitors can learn about the slave trade impact, view artifacts, and visit sites related to the trade.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSr1FSN4tIzE34bXrMUN3RLzqWz\_eVNAbJHvG7BTL2TiAAwlO0&s'),

  ('Jebba Hydroelectric Power Station, Kwara', 'Jebba Hydroelectric Power Station is a hydroelectric power plant located in Jebba, Kwara State, Nigeria. It is one of the largest hydroelectric power stations in the country and provides electricity to several states. Visitors can take guided tours to learn about the power generation process and the importance of renewable energy.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTlyCUy-Httb35OOHHA7NW\_ud3rXHsn4YQdk-\_edde6hQzSrU0&s'),

  ('Kajuru Castle, Kaduna', 'Kajuru Castle is a unique tourist attraction situated in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It is a medieval-style castle offering accommodation and a stunning view of the surrounding landscape. Visitors can explore the castle architecture, enjoy recreational activities, and experience a medieval-themed getaway.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRXpmAV0b7R7rts-VTKWoOXXa66JwKIbvq-mPjR\_HfR8KQmIixa&s'),

  ('National Museum, Lagos', 'National Museum is located in Lagos, Nigeria, and is one of the oldest museums in the country. It houses a diverse collection of Nigerian artifacts, artworks, and archaeological finds. Visitors can explore the museum galleries and learn about Nigeria’s cultural heritage and artistic traditions.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRUo4\_xJCq0fTs9W46x4dYDdVWnyzlgdo13E3FQMbYWu-K4Y8o&s'),

  ('Ogbomosho Hanging Lake, Oyo', 'Ogbomosho Hanging Lake is a natural wonder located in Oyo State, Nigeria. It is a suspended lake nestled among tall trees and surrounded by cliffs. Visitors can hike through the lush forest to reach the lake and enjoy its tranquil beauty.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTtW2I89IZEh2lXbYz1yfvYOWeDcEeoGch2gOlZiNxBzEoHrA9f&s'),

  ('Matsirga Waterfalls, Kaduna', 'Matsirga Waterfalls is a scenic waterfall located in Kaduna, Nigeria. It cascades down a series of rocky steps and is surrounded by lush greenery. Visitors can hike to the waterfall, swim in the natural pool, and enjoy a picnic in the serene surroundings.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQLCbx3hPI11ZA8QmWxqV8Dppu38fNO81BgFdwshbdU83wSd09v&s'),

  ('Awhum Waterfall, Enugu', 'Awhum Waterfall is a picturesque waterfall situated in Enugu State, Nigeria. It flows down a rocky cliff into a refreshing pool. Visitors can hike through the enchanting forest, swim in the waterfall pool, and explore the nearby Awhum Monastery.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRNGG8hJr\_vFyGAr000PPkev9NlV9e2EyV9CPYImhR7hj1poFhf&s'),

  ('Gurara Falls, Niger', 'Gurara Falls is a majestic waterfall located in Niger State, Nigeria. It consists of multiple cascades and is surrounded by scenic landscapes. Visitors can admire the powerful flow of water, take nature walks in the area, and enjoy picnics with family and friends.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSZSOTc\_chGEWZLbX7IrgS\_-31h4tN7B9Y3ppGz2M1ZfCYOGWY&s'),

  ('Idanre Hills, Ondo', 'Idanre Hills is a range of hills located in Ondo State, Nigeria. It offers stunning views of the surrounding landscapes and is known for its rich cultural heritage. Visitors can climb the hills, explore ancient artifacts and structures, and learn about the history of the Idanre community.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRCxtxf\_yVHeG2dSv7CpRLfLC2gBm91O-MNeDZrzi7--M0sBuOC&s'),

  ('Omo Forest Reserve, Ogun', 'Omo Forest Reserve is a vast protected area located in Ogun State, Nigeria. It is home to diverse flora and fauna, including rare and endangered species. Visitors can go on guided nature walks, and birdwatching tours, and explore the tranquil beauty of the forest.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQN9aXENycUxFHyD1Qrg\_oOvxJBFjwe8P73tRvdFdGIo64Mp-AH&s'),

  ('Ngwo Pine Forest, Enugu', 'Ngwo Pine Forest is a scenic forest located in Enugu State, Nigeria. It features tall pine trees, walking trails, and picnic spots. Visitors can enjoy a peaceful retreat, take leisurely walks, and appreciate the fresh air and natural beauty of the forest.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRKp8lvW-LiPkYmNj\_U55MctAJT9cuTaPB\_6ZCUNPq0EjsS4Luo&s'),

  ('Oron Museum, Akwa Ibom', 'Oron Museum is a cultural museum located in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. It houses artifacts, traditional crafts, and historical items that represent the culture and heritage of the Oron people. Visitors can learn about the customs, traditions, and history of the region.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSKm-pXfr0RSFzzcEX1i36Cmq\_N7sJoItdS3BVUIZWKwf73UOEY&s' ),

  ('Esie Museum, Kwara', 'Esie Museum is a unique museum located in Kwara State, Nigeria. It is known for its collection of over 800 soapstone figures, which is the largest collection of such figures in the world. Visitors can explore the museum, learn about the significance of the figures, and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRQMI9-CMfsN2T5q5I5Ce8GqqfzP57wS-anU6qYyQrxTQ8K1tw&s'),

  ('Nok Village, Kaduna', 'Nok Village is an archaeological site located in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It is known for its ancient terracotta sculptures, which date back to the Nok civilization, one of the earliest known civilizations in West Africa. Visitors can see the sculptures, learn about the Nok culture, and explore the excavation site.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQvrqzy1pZ-V1N7zf7Dlo6LlI2Yaq4LKaNVeob9N3sOD4QvDYg&s'),

  ('Opa Oranmiyan, Osun', 'Opa Oranmiyan is a historical monument located in Osun State, Nigeria. It is a giant staff believed to have been planted by the legendary Yoruba warrior, Oranmiyan. Visitors can view the monument, learn about its significance in Yoruba history and mythology, and explore the surrounding area.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQLQoJasglZGVya6yxeaMfg-Mtt1wuzGRbWTh3uLWn57rZv14s3&s' ),

  ('Gashaki-Gumpti National Park, Taraba', 'Gashaki-Gumpti National Park is a national park located in Taraba State, Nigeria. It is home to diverse wildlife, including elephants, giraffes, and chimpanzees. Visitors can go on safari tours, hike through the park’s scenic trails, and enjoy camping in the wilderness.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRtt1MmbZDixCKs4KFN8gB3-utmAWFeaTCAHLZ3Qc2Kj1ASIfQ&s'),

  ('Ogbaku Caves, Imo', 'Ogbaku Caves is a collection of caves located in Imo State, Nigeria. The caves hold historical and spiritual significance and are considered sacred by the local community. Visitors can explore the caves, marvel at the rock formations, and learn about the cultural and religious beliefs associated with the site.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcScEeAGuYRB7FDcuTPYnVqV1rhSDUAJb76M1e5fJAeZj-BUrUBV&s'),

  ('Yobe Game Reserve, Yobe', 'Yobe Game Reserve is a wildlife reserve located in Yobe State, Nigeria. It is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including elephants, antelopes, and various bird species. Visitors can go on game drives, enjoy birdwatching, and experience the natural beauty of the reserve.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcT8wA4X7sH59za1Z-YPTizxgksW5Yo3hiiYdEKBMZnoL2qbXM8&s'),

  ('Okomu National Park, Edo', 'Okomu National Park is a protected rainforest located in Edo State, Nigeria. It is renowned for its rich biodiversity, including rare and endangered species such as the Nigerian white-throated guenon. Visitors can take guided nature walks, go on canopy walks, and observe wildlife in their natural habitat.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcR1h3heq-azKE7Trqq\_zxZLsQRknVTyl6dJo\_4h5vW2gfMIGmA&s'),

  ('Kamuku National Park, Kaduna', 'Kamuku National Park is a national park situated in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It encompasses a vast area of savannah woodland and is home to a variety of wildlife, including elephants, buffalos, and baboons. Visitors can go on game drives, enjoy nature walks, and experience the wilderness of the park.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcReH6eNYauuMX3Bc4YI09gT9vSnOaM\_Ndx-xpZDpgaJYTDUAzXM&s'),

  ('Gashaka-Gumti National Park, Taraba', 'Gashaka-Gumti National Park is the largest national park in Nigeria, located in Taraba State. It is known for its diverse ecosystems, including rainforests, savannahs, and mountains. Visitors can explore the park’s stunning landscapes, spot wildlife such as chimpanzees and elephants, and enjoy hiking and camping adventures.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTQgZPodsqxdeWgEA5R9kCaZBYUkHNA3LYwEs64APIvOReNVXc&s'),

  ('Cross River National Park, Cross River', 'Cross River National Park is a national park located in Cross River State, Nigeria. It is renowned for its pristine rainforest and is home to rare primate species such as the Cross River gorilla. Visitors can go on guided forest walks, enjoy birdwatching, and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the park.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTNG6XYMe9Li\_QJOUvPSaWPmJTvydzFbSRpS-DFZ94F3Km-KPc&s' ),

  ('Kainji National Park, Niger, and Kwara', 'Kainji National Park is a national park spanning Niger and Kwara States, Nigeria. It encompasses the Kainji Lake and Borgu Game Reserve. Visitors can enjoy boat cruises on the lake, go on wildlife safaris, and experience the park diverse landscapes and animal sightings.' ,'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTgLi7tDxiy-HHZYRetJCrjhNTHPa1\_aHpfEjNET\_aKvziscpp0&s' ),

  ('Old Oyo National Park, Oyo', 'Old Oyo National Park is a national park located in Oyo State, Nigeria. It is known for its historical significance, as it was once the site of the ancient Oyo Empire. Visitors can explore the ruins of the old city, enjoy nature walks, and spot wildlife such as baboons and antelopes.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTwSrSFXRhSWFNc7E7h3QxrdTc57WGNPmbmmot4GuIL6u2xcoFn&s' )

  use TouristRecommendation

  select \* from locATIONS

  update locations set states = 'Oyo' where location\_name = 'Old Oyo National Park, Oyo'

  update locations set states = 'Ekiti' where location\_name = 'ikogosi warm springs'

  update locations set states = 'Ogun' where location\_name = 'Olumo Rock'

  update locations set states = 'Bauchi' where location\_name = 'Yankari National Park'

  update locations set states = 'Cross River' where location\_name = 'Obudu Mountain Resort'

  update locations set states = 'Anambra' where location\_name = 'Ogbunike caves'

  update locations set states = 'Niger' where location\_name = 'Gurara Falls'

  update locations set states = 'Osun' where location\_name = 'Erin Ijesha Waterfalls'

  update locations set states = 'Lagos' where location\_name = 'Nike Art Gallery'

  update locations set states = 'Niger' where location\_name = 'Zuma Rock'

  update locations set states = 'Kaduna' where location\_name = 'Nok Village, Kaduna'

 INSERT INTO locations ( location\_name, location\_description, image\_url)

VALUES

  ('Lagos Island, Lagos', 'Lagos Island is a vibrant and bustling area in Lagos, Nigeria. It is known for its historical sites, such as the Brazilian Quarter and the Tinubu Square. Visitors can explore the rich cultural heritage of the city and enjoy breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRZljUeo0cLvoVaxxPf0wVBP\_YwJFBLaYqOXNmUjOlDGnMoOY8&s'),

  ('Tarkwa Bay Beach, Lagos', 'Tarkwa Bay Beach is a serene and secluded beach located in Lagos, Nigeria. It is accessible only by boat, providing a peaceful getaway from the city hustle and bustle.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQ9htgtxiRSyIcTVMog2D9YmiTugvtO8NqhTVH5FMpvTXtAWrFf&s'),

  ('Zaria City Walls, Zaria', 'Zaria City Walls is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Zaria, Nigeria. It is a historical fortification that dates back to the 16th century. Visitors can explore the ancient walls, visit the Emirs palace, and learn about the city’s rich cultural heritage.' , 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQCDfJL7RIfXqMAhgsXw\_cuFoz5IYKEdIxuAkugpbm-bVIeyqA&s'),

  ('Aso Villa, Abuja', 'Aso Villa is the official residence of the President of Nigeria, located in Abuja. It is a symbol of the country’s political power and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Visitors can take guided tours of the villa and learn about Nigeria’s governance and history.' ,'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRKEWiHKjvFQ5GPoUk8Eb24t9x-xslq9XuQ0Tkmk46zE4oty6cd&s'),

  ('Calabar Carnival, Cross River', 'Calabar Carnival is an annual cultural festival held in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria. It showcases colorful parades, music, dance, and various cultural performances. Visitors can immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere and experience the rich cultural heritage of Nigeria.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQ8\_o2HzH1NHT8trKCI07kw0VkhR3W1yiKblE9kjt8zdl3ny4cx&s,'),

  ('Nike Lake Resort, Enugu', 'Nike Lake Resort is a luxury resort located in Enugu, Nigeria. It offers breathtaking views of a serene lake and lush surroundings. Visitors can enjoy amenities like swimming pools, spa services, and waterfront dining, making it an ideal retreat', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQIGk53NO6pBqFtwivpqhNIYmJPT1U5G0CRnSAUVIA8FK0Ebkw&s'),

  ('Gidan Makama Museum, Kano', 'Gidan Makama Museum is a historical museum located in Kano, Nigeria. It showcases artifacts and exhibits that depict the rich history and culture of the ancient Kano kingdom. Visitors can explore traditional architecture, art, and artifacts dating back centuries.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQRAlYhnpsXBOQNDhOm3S\_Kag7t4k7cOT6763aGSrTqYnYKjHM&s'),

  ('Olaiya House, Osogbo', 'Olaiya House is a historic building in Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria. It was the residence of Chief D.O. Olaiya, a prominent nationalist and politician. Visitors can tour the house, view historical photographs, and learn about Nigeria’s struggle for independence.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTAwGa1NecoU--3fIghlPzZHz51IJDt1AdqRdFmWp2Fw55y4EIQ&s'),

  ('National War Museum, Umuahia', 'National War Museum is located in Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria. It commemorates Nigeria’s military history and showcases weapons, artifacts, and exhibits related to thcountry’sry various wars and conflicts. Visitors can learn about Nigeria’s military heritage and explore the outdoor displays.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSxFvnFW5iQjPhnrCRPmvbUUJwvGS80vjjAc6WVHSW9slYDZi4&s' ),

  ('Slave Trade Museum, Badagry',' The Slave Trade Museum is situated in Badagry, Lagos State, Nigeria. It is housed in a historic building and provides insight into the transatlantic slave trade that occurred in the region. Visitors can learn about the slave trade impact, view artifacts, and visit sites related to the trade.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSr1FSN4tIzE34bXrMUN3RLzqWz\_eVNAbJHvG7BTL2TiAAwlO0&s'),

  ('Jebba Hydroelectric Power Station, Kwara', 'Jebba Hydroelectric Power Station is a hydroelectric power plant located in Jebba, Kwara State, Nigeria. It is one of the largest hydroelectric power stations in the country and provides electricity to several states. Visitors can take guided tours to learn about the power generation process and the importance of renewable energy.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTlyCUy-Httb35OOHHA7NW\_ud3rXHsn4YQdk-\_edde6hQzSrU0&s'),

  ('Kajuru Castle, Kaduna', 'Kajuru Castle is a unique tourist attraction situated in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It is a medieval-style castle offering accommodation and a stunning view of the surrounding landscape. Visitors can explore the castle architecture, enjoy recreational activities, and experience a medieval-themed getaway.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRXpmAV0b7R7rts-VTKWoOXXa66JwKIbvq-mPjR\_HfR8KQmIixa&s'),

  ('National Museum, Lagos', 'National Museum is located in Lagos, Nigeria, and is one of the oldest museums in the country. It houses a diverse collection of Nigerian artifacts, artworks, and archaeological finds. Visitors can explore the museum galleries and learn about Nigeria’s cultural heritage and artistic traditions.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRUo4\_xJCq0fTs9W46x4dYDdVWnyzlgdo13E3FQMbYWu-K4Y8o&s'),

  ('Ogbomosho Hanging Lake, Oyo', 'Ogbomosho Hanging Lake is a natural wonder located in Oyo State, Nigeria. It is a suspended lake nestled among tall trees and surrounded by cliffs. Visitors can hike through the lush forest to reach the lake and enjoy its tranquil beauty.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTtW2I89IZEh2lXbYz1yfvYOWeDcEeoGch2gOlZiNxBzEoHrA9f&s'),

  ('Matsirga Waterfalls, Kaduna', 'Matsirga Waterfalls is a scenic waterfall located in Kaduna, Nigeria. It cascades down a series of rocky steps and is surrounded by lush greenery. Visitors can hike to the waterfall, swim in the natural pool, and enjoy a picnic in the serene surroundings.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQLCbx3hPI11ZA8QmWxqV8Dppu38fNO81BgFdwshbdU83wSd09v&s'),

  ('Awhum Waterfall, Enugu', 'Awhum Waterfall is a picturesque waterfall situated in Enugu State, Nigeria. It flows down a rocky cliff into a refreshing pool. Visitors can hike through the enchanting forest, swim in the waterfall pool, and explore the nearby Awhum Monastery.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRNGG8hJr\_vFyGAr000PPkev9NlV9e2EyV9CPYImhR7hj1poFhf&s'),

  ('Gurara Falls, Niger', 'Gurara Falls is a majestic waterfall located in Niger State, Nigeria. It consists of multiple cascades and is surrounded by scenic landscapes. Visitors can admire the powerful flow of water, take nature walks in the area, and enjoy picnics with family and friends.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSZSOTc\_chGEWZLbX7IrgS\_-31h4tN7B9Y3ppGz2M1ZfCYOGWY&s'),

  ('Idanre Hills, Ondo', 'Idanre Hills is a range of hills located in Ondo State, Nigeria. It offers stunning views of the surrounding landscapes and is known for its rich cultural heritage. Visitors can climb the hills, explore ancient artifacts and structures, and learn about the history of the Idanre community.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRCxtxf\_yVHeG2dSv7CpRLfLC2gBm91O-MNeDZrzi7--M0sBuOC&s'),

  ('Omo Forest Reserve, Ogun', 'Omo Forest Reserve is a vast protected area located in Ogun State, Nigeria. It is home to diverse flora and fauna, including rare and endangered species. Visitors can go on guided nature walks, birdwatching tours, and explore the tranquil beauty of the forest.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQN9aXENycUxFHyD1Qrg\_oOvxJBFjwe8P73tRvdFdGIo64Mp-AH&s'),

  ('Ngwo Pine Forest, Enugu', 'Ngwo Pine Forest is a scenic forest located in Enugu State, Nigeria. It features tall pine trees, walking trails, and picnic spots. Visitors can enjoy a peaceful retreat, take leisurely walks, and appreciate the fresh air and natural beauty of the forest.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRKp8lvW-LiPkYmNj\_U55MctAJT9cuTaPB\_6ZCUNPq0EjsS4Luo&s'),

  ('Oron Museum, Akwa Ibom', 'Oron Museum is a cultural museum located in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. It houses artifacts, traditional crafts, and historical items that represent the culture and heritage of the Oron people. Visitors can learn about the customs, traditions, and history of the region.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSKm-pXfr0RSFzzcEX1i36Cmq\_N7sJoItdS3BVUIZWKwf73UOEY&s' ),

  ('Esie Museum, Kwara', 'Esie Museum is a unique museum located in Kwara State, Nigeria. It is known for its collection of over 800 soapstone figures, which are the largest collection of such figures in the world. Visitors can explore the museum, learn about the significance of the figures, and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRQMI9-CMfsN2T5q5I5Ce8GqqfzP57wS-anU6qYyQrxTQ8K1tw&s'),

  ('Nok Village, Kaduna', 'Nok Village is an archaeological site located in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It is known for its ancient terracotta sculptures, which date back to the Nok civilization, one of the earliest known civilizations in West Africa. Visitors can see the sculptures, learn about the Nok culture, and explore the excavation site.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQvrqzy1pZ-V1N7zf7Dlo6LlI2Yaq4LKaNVeob9N3sOD4QvDYg&s'),

  ('Opa Oranmiyan, Osun', 'Opa Oranmiyan is a historical monument located in Osun State, Nigeria. It is a giant staff believed to have been planted by the legendary Yoruba warrior, Oranmiyan. Visitors can view the monument, learn about its significance in Yoruba history and mythology, and explore the surrounding area.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQLQoJasglZGVya6yxeaMfg-Mtt1wuzGRbWTh3uLWn57rZv14s3&s' ),

  ('Gashaki-Gumpti National Park, Taraba', 'Gashaki-Gumpti National Park is a national park located in Taraba State, Nigeria. It is home to diverse wildlife, including elephants, giraffes, and chimpanzees. Visitors can go on safari tours, hike through the parks scenic trails, and enjoy camping in the wilderness.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRtt1MmbZDixCKs4KFN8gB3-utmAWFeaTCAHLZ3Qc2Kj1ASIfQ&s'),

  ('Ogbaku Caves, Imo', 'Ogbaku Caves is a collection of caves located in Imo State, Nigeria. The caves hold historical and spiritual significance and are considered sacred by the local community. Visitors can explore the caves, marvel at the rock formations, and learn about the cultural and religious beliefs associated with the site.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcScEeAGuYRB7FDcuTPYnVqV1rhSDUAJb76M1e5fJAeZj-BUrUBV&s'),

  ('Yobe Game Reserve, Yobe', 'Yobe Game Reserve is a wildlife reserve located in Yobe State, Nigeria. It is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including elephants, antelopes, and various bird species. Visitors can go on game drives, enjoy birdwatching, and experience the natural beauty of the reserve.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcT8wA4X7sH59za1Z-YPTizxgksW5Yo3hiiYdEKBMZnoL2qbXM8&s'),

  ('Okomu National Park, Edo', 'Okomu National Park is a protected rainforest located in Edo State, Nigeria. It is renowned for its rich biodiversity, including rare and endangered species such as the Nigerian white-throated guenon. Visitors can take guided nature walks, go on canopy walks, and observe wildlife in their natural habitat.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcR1h3heq-azKE7Trqq\_zxZLsQRknVTyl6dJo\_4h5vW2gfMIGmA&s'),

  ('Kamuku National Park, Kaduna', 'Kamuku National Park is a national park situated in Kaduna State, Nigeria. It encompasses a vast area of savannah woodland and is home to a variety of wildlife, including elephants, buffalos, and baboons. Visitors can go on game drives, enjoy nature walks, and experience the wilderness of the park.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcReH6eNYauuMX3Bc4YI09gT9vSnOaM\_Ndx-xpZDpgaJYTDUAzXM&s'),

  ('Gashaka-Gumti National Park, Taraba', 'Gashaka-Gumti National Park is the largest national park in Nigeria, located in Taraba State. It is known for its diverse ecosystems, including rainforests, savannahs, and mountains. Visitors can explore the park stunning landscapes, spot wildlife such as chimpanzees and elephants, and enjoy hiking and camping adventures.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTQgZPodsqxdeWgEA5R9kCaZBYUkHNA3LYwEs64APIvOReNVXc&s'),

  ('Cross River National Park, Cross River', 'Cross River National Park is a national park located in Cross River State, Nigeria. It is renowned for its pristine rainforest and is home to rare primate species such as the Cross River gorilla. Visitors can go on guided forest walks, enjoy birdwatching, and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the park.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTNG6XYMe9Li\_QJOUvPSaWPmJTvydzFbSRpS-DFZ94F3Km-KPc&s' ),

  ('Kainji National Park, Niger and Kwara', 'Kainji National Park is a national park spanning Niger and Kwara States, Nigeria. It encompasses the Kainji Lake and Borgu Game Reserve. Visitors can enjoy boat cruises on the lake, go on wildlife safaris, and experience the park diverse landscapes and animal sightings.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTgLi7tDxiy-HHZYRetJCrjhNTHPa1\_aHpfEjNET\_aKvziscpp0&s' ),

  ('Old Oyo National Park, Oyo', 'Old Oyo National Park is a national park located in Oyo State, Nigeria. It is known for its historical significance, as it was once the site of the ancient Oyo Empire. Visitors can explore the ruins of the old city, enjoy nature walks, and spot wildlife such as baboons and antelopes.','http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTwSrSFXRhSWFNc7E7h3QxrdTc57WGNPmbmmot4GuIL6u2xcoFn&s' )

  INSERT INTO locations ( location\_name, location\_description, image\_url)

VALUES

  ('Abuja National Mosque', 'The National Mosque is the largest mosque in Nigeria, located in Abuja. It is a beautiful architectural landmark and an important place of worship for Muslims.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSMFaxeI6PNV7mMQS-RH5ZWczvsFb2G5UKz\_WMQmK5dlS8FA56f&s'),

  ('National Arboretum', 'The National Arboretum is a vast botanical garden in Abuja, showcasing a diverse collection of trees and plants. It is a serene place for nature lovers to explore.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSTOO2ReVvp1zh0RW-qCtivhAGhx4OnQH5Icw&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Jabi Lake', 'Jabi Lake is a man-made lake and recreational center in Abuja. It offers activities such as boat rides, jet skiing, and lakeside dining.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQNpAhpS2jXmrzB5PZqxJfsSPKXUPnosf8sUxrrFGZXQlcKzwY&s'),

  ('National Childrens Park and Zoo', 'The National Children\s Park and Zoo is a family-friendly attraction in Abuja, featuring a zoo with a variety of animals and a playground for children.', 'http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcS9w0l3\_iPJJlzoaP5hC4HfehQDq7QnklHrarbNe9Ki-3Q\_8XQ&s')

  INSERT INTO locations ( location\_name, location\_description, image\_url)

VALUES

  ('Wonderland Amusement Park', 'Wonderland Amusement Park is a thrilling theme park in Abuja, offering exciting rides, games, and entertainment for all ages.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRs\_bw0Hq1avGyhntaQHKFGhwFp3DdAYwyfUg&usqp=CAU'),

  ('National Christian Centre', 'Aso Villa is the official residence of the President of Nigeria, located in Abuja. While not ','https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQlVdIxOLMbXx1Skmy6CyafnR\_8b6iCSnRttw&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Nike Art Gallery Abuja', 'Nike Art Gallery Abuja is a renowned art gallery showcasing a vast collection of Nigerian artworks, paintings, sculptures, and more.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcToY-xUYut2hTTtOImhApcve9bevIC8obyjvw&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Jabi Boat Club', 'Jabi Boat Club is a popular recreational spot in Abuja, offering boat rentals, water sports, and a lakeside restaurant with a stunning view.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQsiVP-lnbQz7Ak8IDqA0\_yhPa3nGii1jJfdA&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Silverbird Cinemas', 'Silverbird Cinemas is a premier movie theater in Abuja, featuring the latest films and comfortable cinema halls for an enjoyable movie experience.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQdTM1Ng0nb2s\_CBNwZM6S4NIEBV1jOpR-gsA&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Magicland Amusement Park', 'Magicland Amusement Park is a fun-filled family entertainment center in Abuja, with a wide range of rides, games, and attractions.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRa-XxrYExo6mFU2JBVAbOZv2Phq0RFgDDyfQ&usqp=CAU'),

  ('Abuja Arts and Crafts Village', 'The Abuja Arts and Crafts Village is a cultural hub where artisans display and sell traditional Nigerian artworks, crafts, and souvenirs.', 'https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQyiNrI08MVxrLsKaZRYvSc1lz9yKfTg-GTJg&usqp=CAU')

  update locations set states = 'Abuja' where location\_name = 'National Christian Centre'

APPENDIX 11: SQLQuery1.sql

SQLQuery2.sql:

CREATE VIEW content\_similarity AS

SELECT

  l1.location\_id AS location1,

  l2.location\_id AS location2,

  SUM(l1\_tfidf.tfidf \* l2\_tfidf.tfidf) / SQRT(SUM(l1\_tfidf.tfidf \* l1\_tfidf.tfidf) \* SUM(l2\_tfidf.tfidf \* l2\_tfidf.tfidf)) AS similarity

FROM

  locations l1

  CROSS JOIN locations l2

  INNER JOIN location\_tfidf l1\_tfidf ON l1.location\_id = l1\_tfidf.location\_id

  INNER JOIN location\_tfidf l2\_tfidf ON l2.location\_id = l2\_tfidf.location\_id

GROUP BY

  l1.location\_id,

  l2.location\_id;

  use TouristRecommendation

  select \* from locations

APPENDIX 12: SQLQuery2.sql

SQLQuery3.sql:

select \* from locations

-- Create a stored procedure for recommendation

create PROCEDURE GetTourismRecommendationsSearch

    @user\_id INT,

    @Search varchar(500)

AS

BEGIN

    -- Collaborative Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #user\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #user\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT r.userid, r.location\_id,

        SUM(r.rating \* s.similarity) / SUM(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM user\_preferences r

    JOIN (

        SELECT location\_id1, location\_id2, MAX(similarity) AS similarity

        FROM (

            SELECT p1.location\_id AS location\_id1, p2.location\_id AS location\_id2,

                (p1.rating \* p2.rating) / (SQRT(SUM(p1.rating \* p1.rating)) \* SQRT(SUM(p2.rating \* p2.rating))) AS similarity

            FROM user\_preferences p1

            CROSS JOIN user\_preferences p2

            WHERE p1.location\_id <> p2.location\_id

            GROUP BY p1.location\_id, p2.location\_id, p1.rating, p2.rating

        ) AS similarities

        GROUP BY location\_id1, location\_id2

    ) AS s ON r.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE r.userid <> @user\_id

    GROUP BY r.userid, r.location\_id, r.rating;

    -- Content-Based Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #content\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #content\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT @user\_id, l.location\_id, 0.8 \* MAX(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM locations l

    JOIN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id as location\_id1, MAX(recommendation\_score) AS similarity

        FROM #user\_recommendations

        GROUP BY recommended\_location\_id

    ) AS s ON l.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE l.location\_id NOT IN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id FROM #user\_recommendations WHERE user\_id = @user\_id

    )

    GROUP BY l.location\_id;

    -- Combine Collaborative Filtering and Content-Based Filtering Recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #final\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #final\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #user\_recommendations

    UNION

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #content\_recommendations;

    -- Retrieve recommendations for the specified user

    SELECT TOP 3 fr.recommended\_location\_id, l.location\_name, l.states, l.location\_id, l.location\_description, l.image\_url, fr.recommendation\_score

    FROM #final\_recommendations fr

    JOIN locations l ON fr.recommended\_location\_id = l.location\_id

    WHERE fr.user\_id =@user\_id and l.location\_name like '%' + @Search + '%' or

    l.states like '%' + @Search + '%' or l.location\_description like '%' + @Search + '%'

    ORDER BY fr.recommendation\_score DESC;

    -- Clean up temporary tables

    DROP TABLE #user\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #content\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #final\_recommendations;

END;

exec GetTourismRecommendations 9

create procedure spCheckIfUserExist(@userid varchar(200)) as

select \* from user\_preferences where userid=@userid

APPENDIX 13: SQLQuery3.sql

SQLQuery5.sql:

USE [TouristRecommendation]

GO

/\*\*\*\*\*\* Object:  StoredProcedure [dbo].[spGetLocationsSearch]    Script Date: 5/24/2023 4:21:43 PM \*\*\*\*\*\*/

SET ANSI\_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

ALTER procedure [dbo].[spGetLocationsSearch] (@Search varchar(200)) as

select \* from locations where states like '%' + @Search + '%' or location\_description like

'%' + @Search + '%' or location\_name like '%' + @Search + '%'

exec GetTourismRecommendations @user\_id=8

APPENDIX 14: SQLQuery5.sql

SQLQuery6.sql:

USE [TouristRecommendation]

GO

/\*\*\*\*\*\* Object:  StoredProcedure [dbo].[GetTourismRecommendations]    Script Date: 5/24/2023 4:26:37 PM \*\*\*\*\*\*/

SET ANSI\_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

-- Create a stored procedure for recommendation

ALTER PROCEDURE [dbo].[GetTourismRecommendations]

    @user\_id INT

AS

BEGIN

    -- Collaborative Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #user\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #user\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT r.userid, r.location\_id,

        SUM(r.rating \* s.similarity) / SUM(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM user\_preferences r

    JOIN (

        SELECT location\_id1, location\_id2, MAX(similarity) AS similarity

        FROM (

            SELECT p1.location\_id AS location\_id1, p2.location\_id AS location\_id2,

                (p1.rating \* p2.rating) / (SQRT(SUM(p1.rating \* p1.rating)) \* SQRT(SUM(p2.rating \* p2.rating))) AS similarity

            FROM user\_preferences p1

            CROSS JOIN user\_preferences p2

            WHERE p1.location\_id <> p2.location\_id

            GROUP BY p1.location\_id, p2.location\_id, p1.rating, p2.rating

        ) AS similarities

        GROUP BY location\_id1, location\_id2

    ) AS s ON r.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE r.userid <> @user\_id

    GROUP BY r.userid, r.location\_id, r.rating;

    -- Content-Based Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #content\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #content\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT @user\_id, l.location\_id, 0.8 \* MAX(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM locations l

    JOIN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id as location\_id1, MAX(recommendation\_score) AS similarity

        FROM #user\_recommendations

        GROUP BY recommended\_location\_id

    ) AS s ON l.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE l.location\_id NOT IN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id FROM #user\_recommendations WHERE user\_id = @user\_id

    )

    GROUP BY l.location\_id;

    -- Combine Collaborative Filtering and Content-Based Filtering Recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #final\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #final\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #user\_recommendations

    UNION

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #content\_recommendations;

    -- Retrieve recommendations for the specified user

    SELECT TOP 3 fr.recommended\_location\_id, l.location\_name,l.states, l.location\_id, l.image\_url, l.location\_description, fr.recommendation\_score

    FROM #final\_recommendations fr

    JOIN locations l ON fr.recommended\_location\_id = l.location\_id

    WHERE fr.user\_id =@user\_id

    ORDER BY fr.recommendation\_score DESC;

    -- Clean up temporary tables

    DROP TABLE #user\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #content\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #final\_recommendations;

END;

exec GetTourismRecommendations @user\_id=7

APPENDIX 15: SQLQuery6.sql

SQLQuery7.sql:

USE [TouristRecommendation]

GO

/\*\*\*\*\*\* Object:  StoredProcedure [dbo].[GetTourismRecommendations]    Script Date: 5/24/2023 4:32:59 PM \*\*\*\*\*\*/

SET ANSI\_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

-- Create a stored procedure for recommendation

ALTER PROCEDURE [dbo].[GetTourismRecommendations]

    @user\_id INT

AS

BEGIN

    -- Collaborative Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #user\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #user\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT r.userid, r.location\_id,

        SUM(r.rating \* s.similarity) / SUM(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM user\_preferences r

    JOIN (

        SELECT location\_id1, location\_id2, MAX(similarity) AS similarity

        FROM (

            SELECT p1.location\_id AS location\_id1, p2.location\_id AS location\_id2,

                (p1.rating \* p2.rating) / (SQRT(SUM(p1.rating \* p1.rating)) \* SQRT(SUM(p2.rating \* p2.rating))) AS similarity

            FROM user\_preferences p1

            CROSS JOIN user\_preferences p2

            WHERE p1.location\_id <> p2.location\_id

            GROUP BY p1.location\_id, p2.location\_id, p1.rating, p2.rating

        ) AS similarities

        GROUP BY location\_id1, location\_id2

    ) AS s ON r.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE r.userid <> @user\_id

    GROUP BY r.userid, r.location\_id, r.rating;

    -- Content-Based Filtering: Generate user-item recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #content\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #content\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT @user\_id, l.location\_id, 0.8 \* MAX(s.similarity) AS recommendation\_score

    FROM locations l

    JOIN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id as location\_id1, MAX(recommendation\_score) AS similarity

        FROM #user\_recommendations

        GROUP BY recommended\_location\_id

    ) AS s ON l.location\_id = s.location\_id1

    WHERE l.location\_id NOT IN (

        SELECT recommended\_location\_id FROM #user\_recommendations WHERE user\_id = @user\_id

    )

    GROUP BY l.location\_id;

    -- Combine Collaborative Filtering and Content-Based Filtering Recommendations

    CREATE TABLE #final\_recommendations (

        user\_id INT,

        recommended\_location\_id INT,

        recommendation\_score FLOAT

    );

    INSERT INTO #final\_recommendations (user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score)

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #user\_recommendations

    UNION

    SELECT user\_id, recommended\_location\_id, recommendation\_score

    FROM #content\_recommendations;

    -- Retrieve recommendations for the specified user

    SELECT TOP 3  l.location\_name, l.location\_id, l.image\_url, l.location\_description

    FROM #final\_recommendations fr

    JOIN locations l ON fr.recommended\_location\_id = l.location\_id

    WHERE fr.user\_id =@user\_id

    ORDER BY fr.recommendation\_score DESC;

    -- Clean up temporary tables

    DROP TABLE #user\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #content\_recommendations;

    DROP TABLE #final\_recommendations;

END;

APPENDIX 16: SQLQuery7.sql

SQLQuery9.sql:

USE [TouristRecommendation]

GO

/\*\*\*\*\*\* Object:  StoredProcedure [dbo].[spGetLocations]    Script Date: 5/24/2023 4:54:49 PM \*\*\*\*\*\*/

SET ANSI\_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

alter procedure spGetLocationsContentSearchContent(@S as

select top 3 \* from locations order by newid()

APPENDIX 17: SQLQuery9.sql

SQLQuery10.sql:

USE [TouristRecommendation]

GO

/\*\*\*\*\*\* Object:  StoredProcedure [dbo].[spGetLocationsSearch]    Script Date: 5/24/2023 5:00:04 PM \*\*\*\*\*\*/

SET ANSI\_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

create procedure [dbo].[spGetLocationsSearchs] (@Search varchar(200)) as

select top 3 \* from locations where states like '%' + @Search + '%' or location\_description like

'%' + @Search + '%' or location\_name like '%' + @Search + '%' order by newid()

APPENDIX 18: SQLQuery10.sql