

Solution for Exercise 04: E-Scooter Ride-Share System

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Course: Requirements Engineering | Exercise: 04 (Agent-Oriented Modeling)

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1. Agents and Roles

Agent	Role	Description
Commuter (Human)	Commuter Role	Handles user-side processes: registration, scooter reservation, riding, and payment authorization
E-Scooter (Hardware)	Fleet Manager Role	Controls physical vehicle state (lock/unlock), reports real-time status and GPS location
Backend System (Software)	Payment Processor Role	Manages account verification, fee computation, and secure financial transactions

2. Design Rationale

Three-Agent Decomposition: Separating human (Commuter), hardware (E-Scooter), and software (Backend) agents follows the *separation of concerns* principle, enabling independent development and deployment of each system component.

Time-Based Pricing Choice: Selected over distance-based due to: (1) user comprehension simplicity, (2) hardware reliability (GPS accuracy issues), and (3) fairness (prevents gaming via circular routes).

3. Goals

ID	Goal	Description
Functional Goals		
FG-01	Registration	Allow new commuters to register with identity and payment validation
FG-02	Reservation	Enable locating and reserving idle scooters
FG-03	Commute	Allow unlocking and riding the reserved scooter
FG-04	End Ride	Detect ride termination and lock scooter automatically
FG-05	Payment	Calculate and debit fees without manual intervention
Quality Goals		
QG-01	Data Accuracy	Real-time scooter status synchronization

ID	Goal	Description
QG-02	Billing Precision	Accurate fee calculation based on exact duration
QG-03	Security	Encrypted storage of payment credentials

4. Ride Cost Computation

$$\text{TotalFee} = \text{UnlockFee} + (\text{Duration}_{\text{minutes}} \times \text{Rate}_{\text{per min}})$$

Variable	Description	Example Value
UnlockFee	Fixed starting fee	€1.00
Duration	Time from unlock to end ride (rounded up)	15 minutes
Rate	Per-minute usage charge	€0.20

Example: A 15-minute ride costs $\text{€}1.00 + (15 \times \text{€}0.20) = \text{€}4.00$

5. Behavioral Interface Model (BIM)

The BIM illustrates the complete interaction workflow, **including error recovery paths**:

Happy Path:

1. Registration → Account creation
2. Reservation → Scooter selection
3. Unlock → Motor activation
4. Commute → Travel period
5. End Ride → Vehicle lock
6. Payment → Fee deduction

Error Handling:

Error State	Trigger	Recovery
ReservationTimeout	User doesn't unlock within 10 min	Scooter released, no charge
PaymentFailed	Insufficient funds / card declined	Retry (max 3×) → Suspension

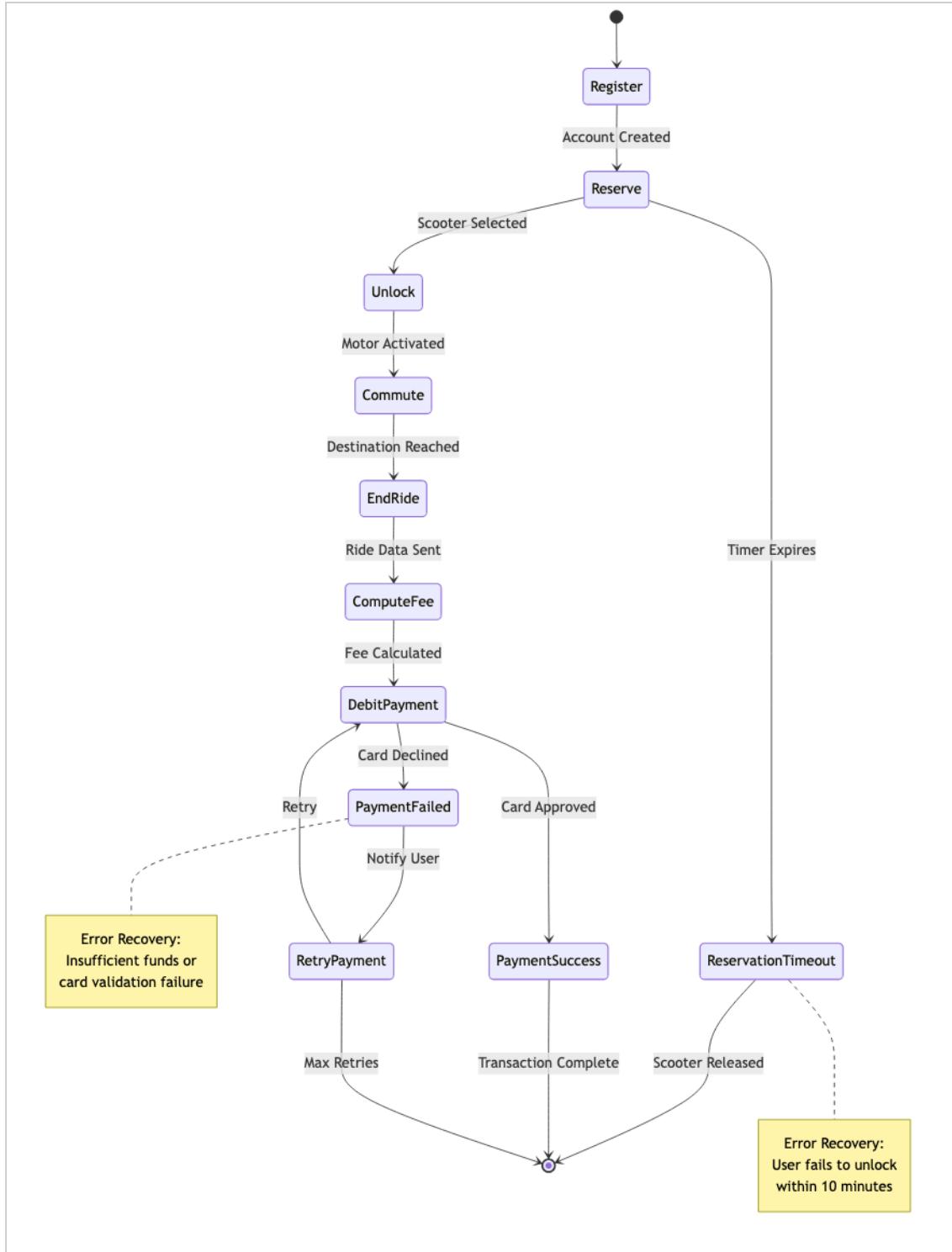


Figure 1: Behavioral Interface Model with Error Recovery

6. Goal Hierarchy Diagram (Enhanced 4-Level Model)

The goal hierarchy has been **rebalanced** to distribute complexity evenly:

- **Level 1 (Blue):** Main Goal – Manage E-Scooter Ride Sharing
- **Level 2 (Green):** Four Sub-Goals:
 - SG-1: Manage User Registration
 - SG-2: Manage Scooter Reservations
 - SG-3: Manage Active Rides
 - SG-4: Manage Payment Processing
- **Level 3 (Yellow/Light Green):** Leaf Goals (5 Functional + 3 Quality)

Hierarchy Balance: Splitting "Ride Operations" into Reservations (SG-2) and Active Rides (SG-3) creates clearer separation of concerns and prevents one sub-goal from dominating the model.

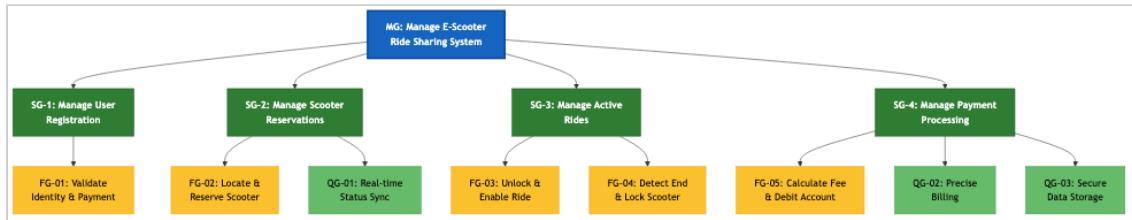


Figure 2: AOM Goal Model – Balanced 4-Level Hierarchy