

Project Proposal

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2 Topic: CUHK Venue and Equipment Booking SaaS

2.1 Planned N-1 Features

1. ActionMailer to send email notification to the user when the booking is confirmed and to the admin when there is pending approval.
2. Sidekiq+Redis to implement Daily digest to each Department admin (e.g. “Today’s bookings in the department”, “Pending approvals”).)
3. ActionCable to implement real-time booking status updates.
4. Chartkick dashboard to show the usage statistics of the venues or equipments.

2.2 Overview

Multi-Tenant SaaS Application built with **Rails 7.2.3** with Conflict detection and Approval workflow as the Core features.

Data Models:

- **Department** (tenant isolation: Engineering, Arts, Medicine)
- **Resources** (2 types: Room or Equipment)
- **Booking** (status: pending → approved/rejected/expired)
- **User** (student submits, admin approves)

Major Pain Points and Solutions:

Pain Points	Solutions
Fragmented booking Double booking may happen since every dept have separate Excel spreadsheets	Conflict detection Single Rails database check availability in real-time
No approval workflow Direct booking without approval may cause conflicts (e.g. proposed exam)	Multi-stage approval Student books → PENDING → Admin [Approve/Reject] button
Poor visibility No current room/equipment utilization statistics	Chartkick dashboard Room usage charts + peak times + email notifications
Manual communication Need email chains to get approval without a centralized system, may be time-consuming	ActionCable + ActionMailer Admin approve → instant browser notification + confirmation email