

UCS503 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROJECT REPORT

CampusRide — A Smart, Secure Campus Carpooling App



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1. Project Overview

Project Title: CampusRide – Smart Campus Carpooling App

Objective: To make campus travel safer, cheaper, and more convenient through secure, verified carpooling among Thapar University students.

Short Description: CampusRide is a campus-exclusive rideshare and carpooling platform that groups students traveling on similar routes and times into shared trips. It enforces authenticity, privacy, and trust through OTP-verified @thapar.edu login and a Circle of Trust contact-mining feature that marks 1°, 2°, and 3° connections for safer matching.

Scope:

- Students: Create, join, and coordinate verified ride groups with known or connected peers via Circle of Trust.
- Admin: Monitor system health, moderate complaints, view audit logs, and manage onboarding policies.

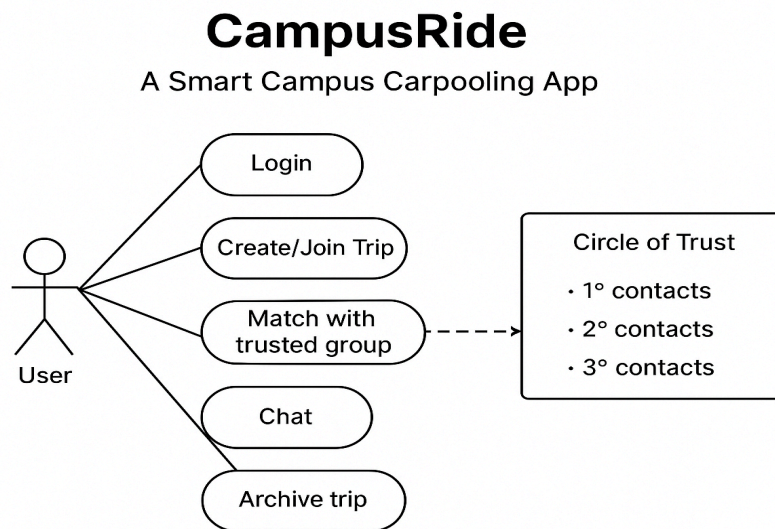
- Optional future extensions: integration with campus taxis, driver network, and payments.

2. Analysis Phase

2.1 Use Case Diagram & Templates

Overview: The Use Case set highlights primary actors and goals: Student (primary actor), Admin (secondary actor). Primary use cases include Login (OTP verified), Create Trip, Search/Join Trip, Coordinate via In-App Chat, Complete & Archive Trip, and Manage Profile. The Circle of Trust (1°, 2°, 3° contacts) is integrated into Trip Matching — not as a separate use case.

Use Case: Create / Join Trip (including Circle of Trust)



Actor: Student

Precondition: Student is registered and OTP-verified with @thapar.edu

Trigger: Student opens the app and selects Create Trip or searches for existing trips

Main Flow:

1. Student enters source, destination, date, time, and preferences.
2. System parses route and normalizes stops (Route Parser).
3. Match Engine runs matching algorithm; Contact Mining component computes 1°, 2°, 3° trust scores for potential matches.
4. System presents recommended groups prioritized by trust level, route overlap, and time proximity.
5. Student selects a group to join or creates a new group; in-app chat activates when group forms.

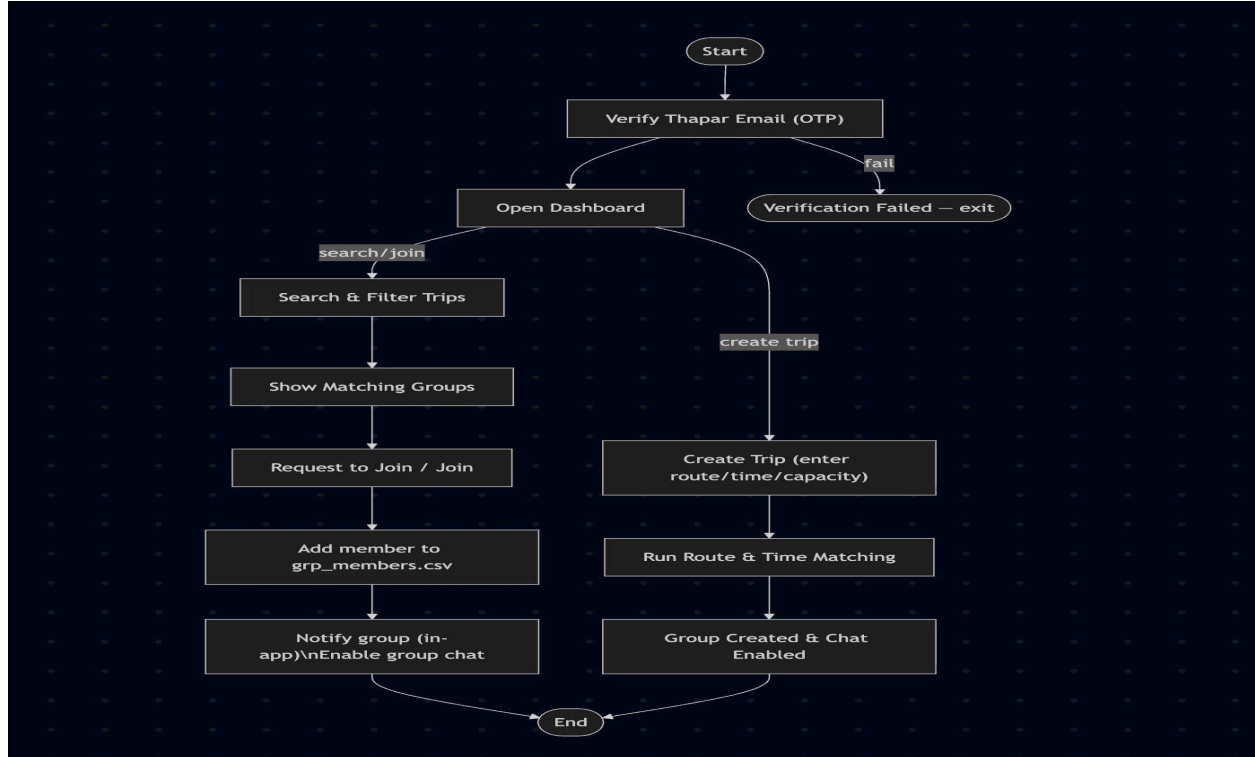
Alternate Flows:

- If no matches found, system suggests to create a new trip and optionally share a secure join link.

Postcondition: Student is a member of a trip group; chat is enabled until trip archival.

2.2 Activity Diagram

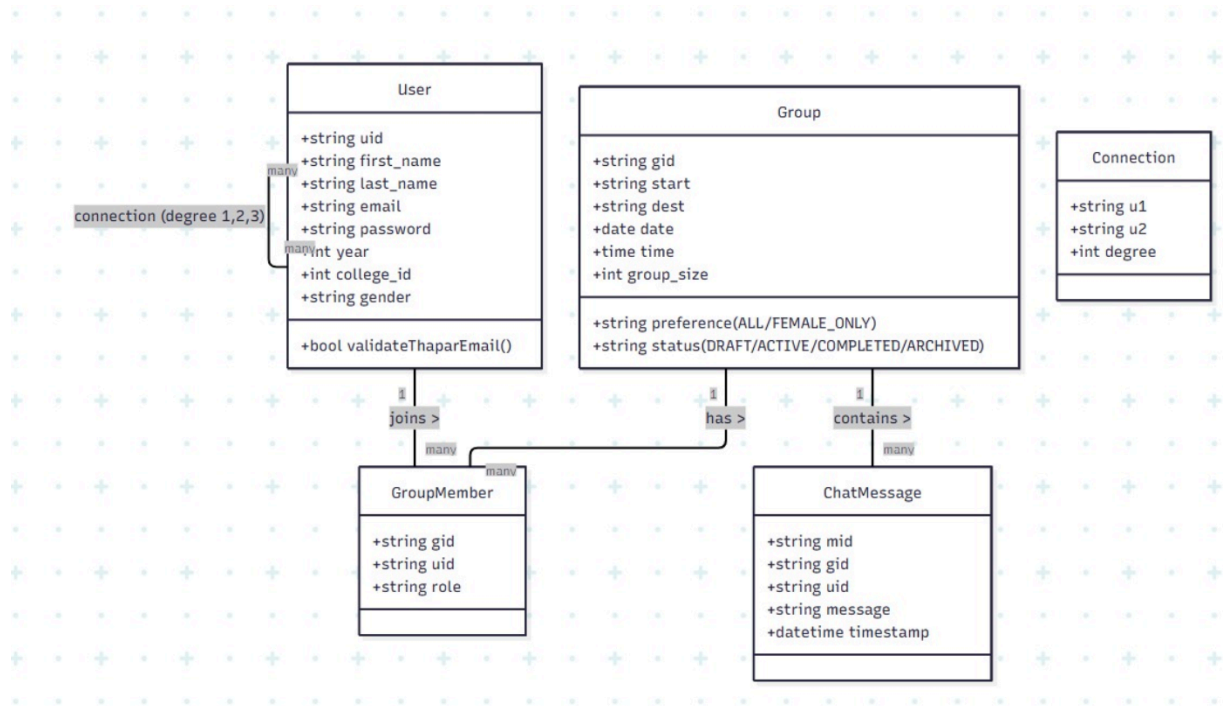
The activity flow below captures end-to-end user actions from Login to Trip Archival. For a visual diagram, use the Mermaid code in Appendix (Section 8).



2.3 Class Diagram (Core Entities)

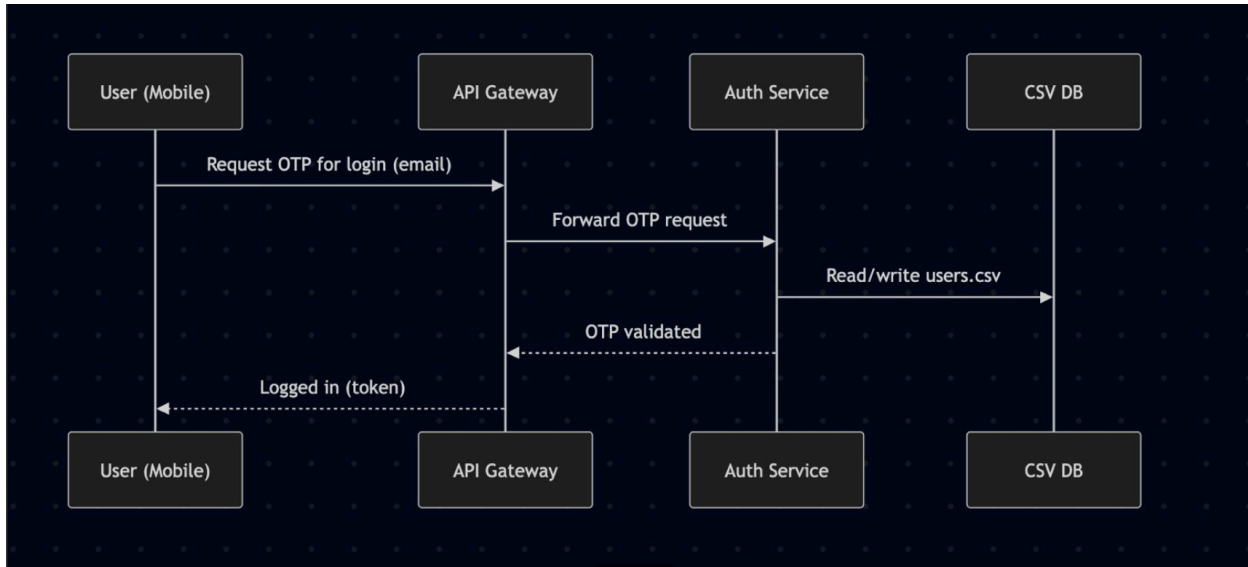
Core classes and attributes (brief):

- User: userId, name, thaparEmail, gender, phoneHash, trustEdges
- Trip: tripId, creatorId, source, destination, stops[], dateTime, seatsAvailable, preferences
- Group: groupId, tripId, members[], status
- MatchEngine: matchId, algorithmVersion, routeIndex
- ContactGraph: adjacencyList, trustScores (1°, 2°, 3°)
- ChatMessage: messageId, senderId, groupId, timestamp, contentHash

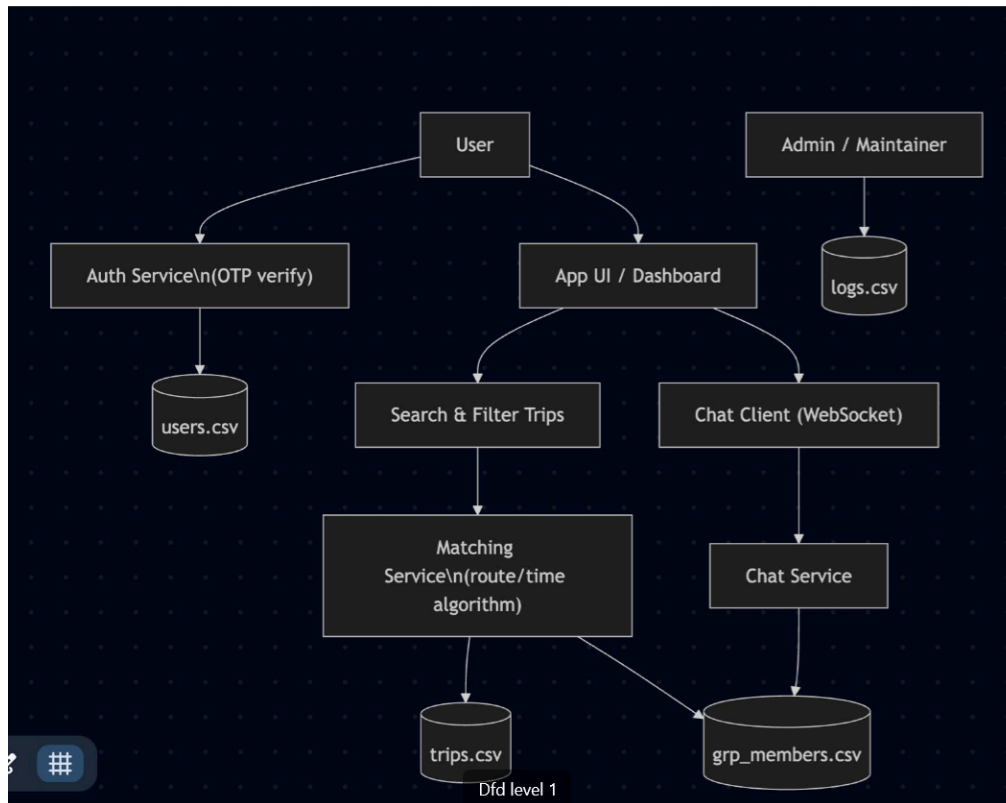


2.4 DFD Level 0, Level 1 & Level 2

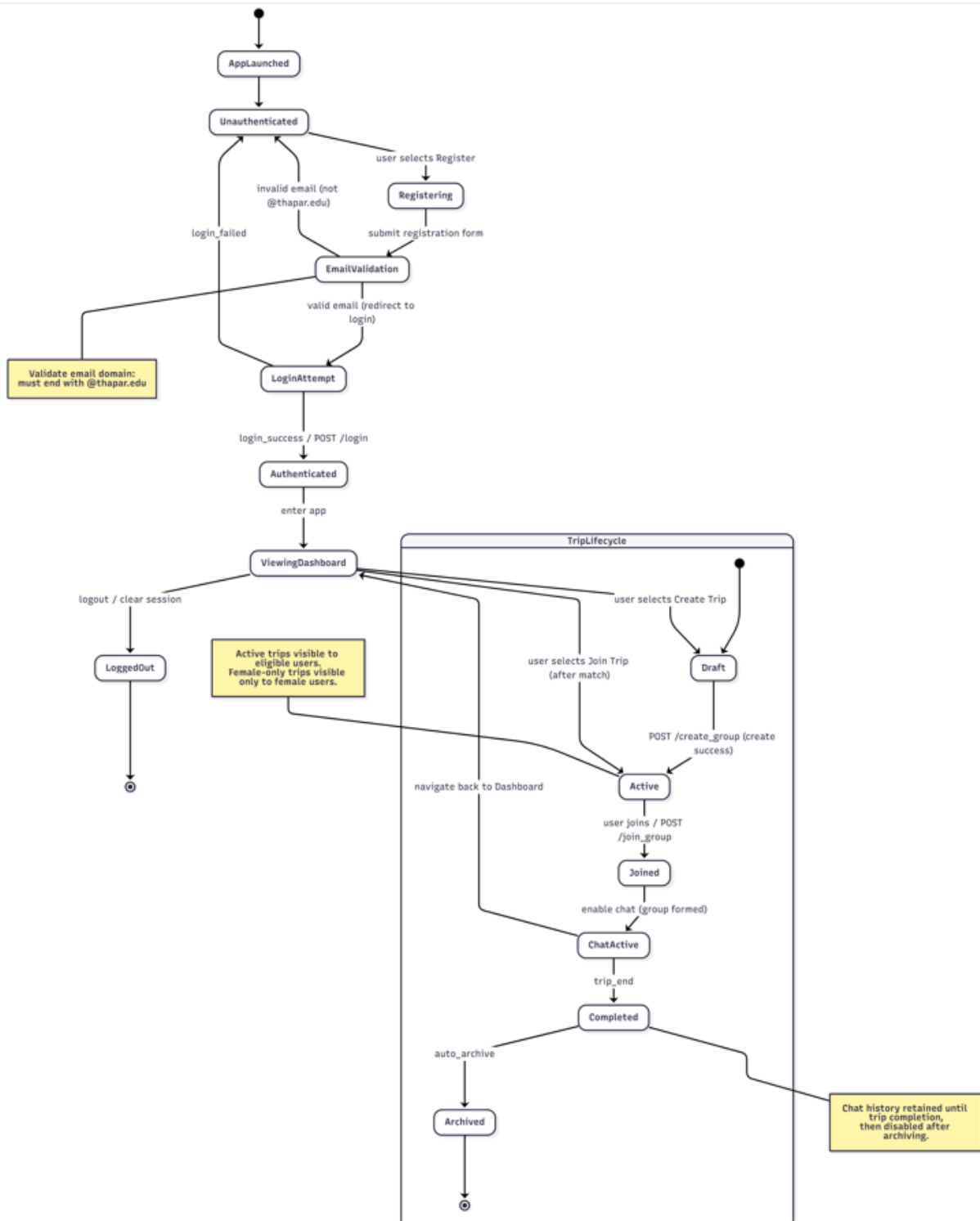
DFD Level 0 (context): User interacts with CampusRide System (Auth, Trip Matching, Chat).



DFD Level 1 expands into Authentication, Trip Management & Matching (includes Circle of Trust contact mining), In-App Chat, Notification, and Payment (future).



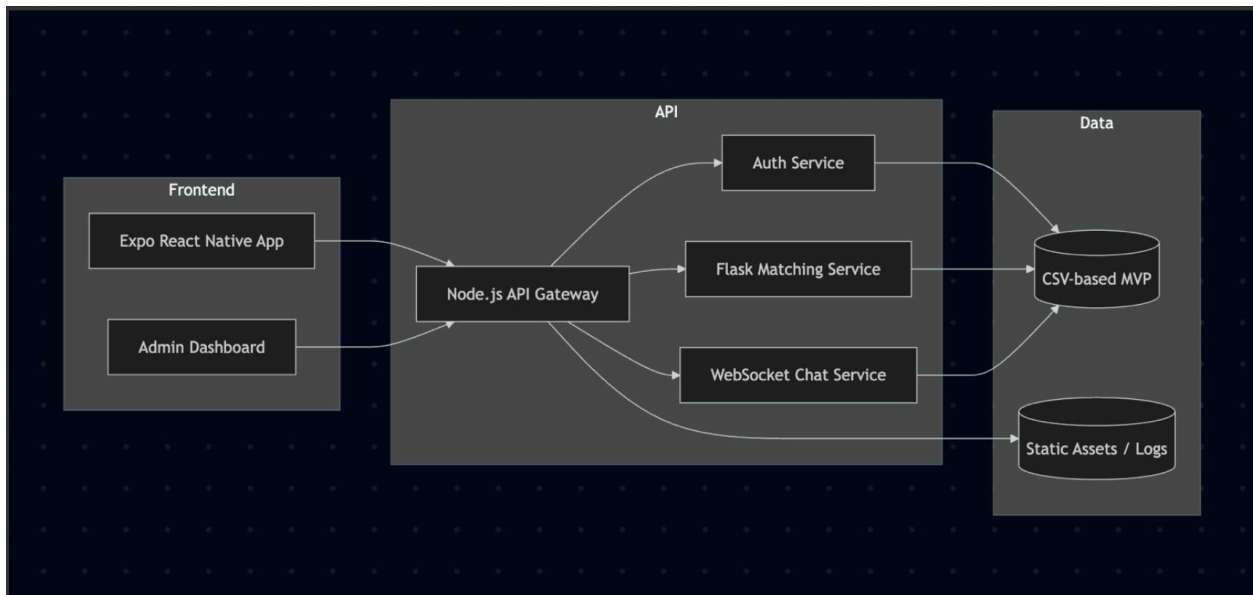
3. State Diagram



3.1 Component Diagram

High-level components:

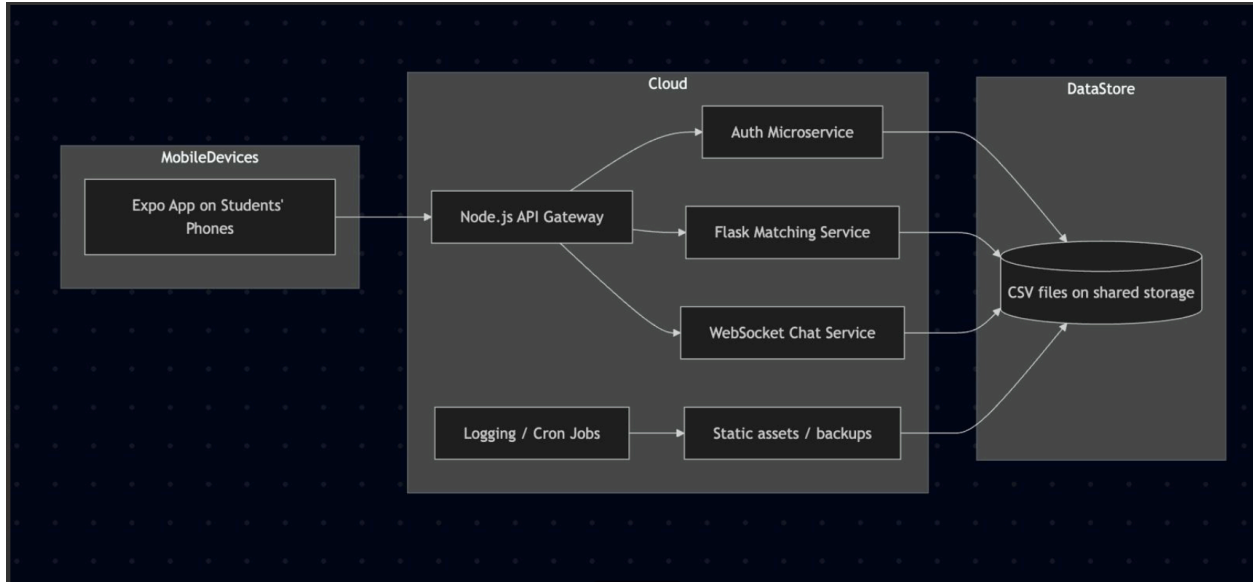
- Mobile App (Expo React Native)
- API Gateway (Node.js)
- Auth Service (OTP, domain verification)
- Match Service (route parsing, contact mining, recommendation)
- Chat Service (SocketIO/Flask)
- Notification Service
- Storage (Managed SQL / Blob storage for media)



3.2 Deployment Diagram

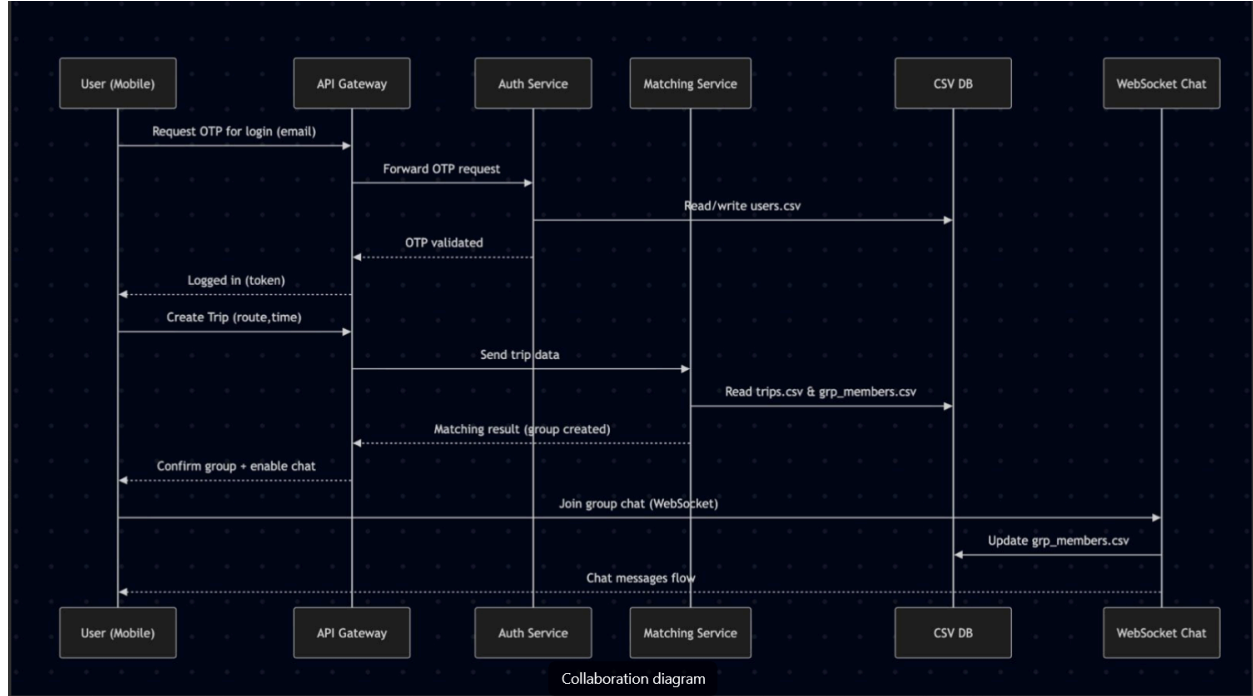
Deployment targets for MVP:

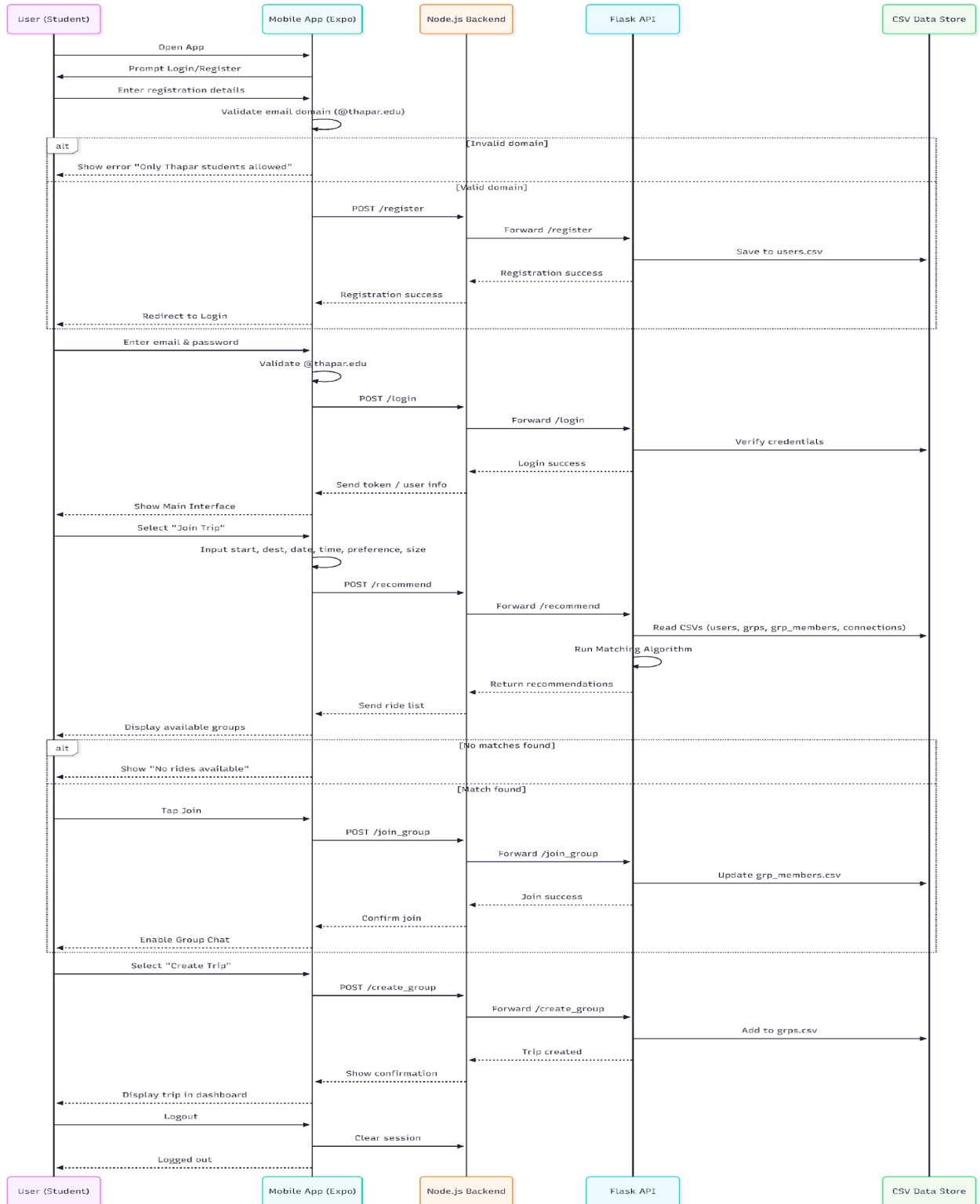
- Single region cloud: Load Balancer -> App Servers -> Auth/Match/Chat -> Managed DB -> Object Store
- Mobile clients connect over HTTPS and WebSocket. Offline retry/backoff strategies are recommended for unstable campus networks.



3.3 Sequence & Collaboration Diagrams

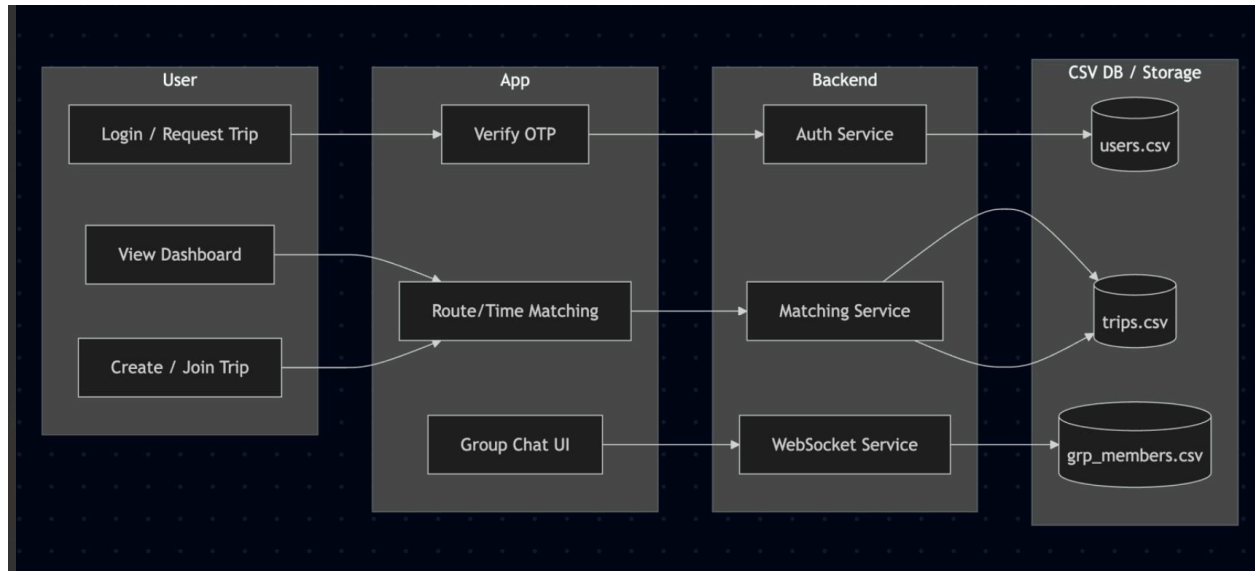
Key sequence: Login (App -> API -> Auth -> DB -> API -> App), Create Trip (App -> API -> Match -> DB -> API), Chat (App <-> ChatSrv via WebSocket). See Appendix for Mermaid code.





Sequence Diagram

Swimlane Diagram



4. Implementation & Key Screens

MVP Tech Stack:

- Frontend: Expo (React Native)
- Backend: Node.js API Gateway, Flask microservices for Chat/Match
- Storage: Managed SQL for structured data, Blob storage for media
- Auth: OTP via campus email, JWT for sessions

Key screens (descriptions):

- Login/Onboarding (OTP verification)
- Dashboard (Recommended Trips, Create Trip)
- Create Trip (route entry, preferences, trust-level toggles)
- Trip Detail & Group Chat (WebSocket-powered chat)
- Profile & Trust Network (view 1°, 2°, 3° connections)

5. Testing Phase

Test Plan Overview: Unit tests for MatchEngine and Contact Mining, Integration tests for Auth and Chat, End-to-end tests for core flows (Login -> Create/Join Trip -> Chat -> Archive).

5.1 Sample Test Cases

Test ID: TC01

Title: OTP Login with valid @thapar.edu

Precondition: Student has a valid Thapar email

Steps: 1) Enter email 2) Receive OTP 3) Submit OTP

Expected: Login succeeds and dashboard opens

Test ID: TC02

Title: Create Trip and Match with 1° contacts

Precondition: User has existing 1° connections

Steps: 1) Create trip with source/dest/time 2) Observe recommended groups

Expected: Matching engine prioritizes groups with 1° connections

Test ID: TC03

Title: Group Chat Activation and Archival

Precondition: At least 2 members joined a trip

Steps: 1) Join group 2) Send messages 3) Mark trip as complete

Expected: Chat active during trip, archived after completion

6. Software Requirements Specification (SRS)

Purpose: Provide a complete functional and non-functional specification for CampusRide.

Scope: Mobile-first rideshare app limited to Thapar students (verified via email domain).

Functional Requirements (selection):

- FR1: User registration and OTP verification (Thapar email domain enforced).
- FR2: Trip creation, search, join, leave.
- FR3: Match engine with contact-mining producing 1°, 2°, 3° trust scores.
- FR4: Real-time group chat for trip members.

Non-Functional Requirements:

- NFR1: Response time for search results < 2s for typical campus dataset (<= 10k users).
- NFR2: Data at rest encrypted; chats stored with access controls.

Constraints:

- C1: MVP uses CSV/managed SQL for data; later migrate to graph DB for relationship queries.

7. Conclusion & Recommendations

CampusRide is a high-impact, low-cost student project with strong technical feasibility. The Circle of Trust feature improves safety and adoption. Recommended next steps: implement MVP, run pilot with 1–2 departments, and iterate on MatchEngine using pilot data.