ParkingSpots - Technical Documentation

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Project Overview

ParkingSpots is a peer-to-peer parking rental marketplace that connects parking space owners with drivers seeking convenient parking solutions. The platform enables property owners to monetize their unused parking spaces while providing users with a seamless way to find, book, and pay for parking.

1.2 Key Features Implemented

Feature	Description	Status
User Authentication	JWT-based auth with role management	[YES] Complete
Location-based Search	Haversine distance calculation for nearby spots	[YES] Complete
Booking System	Full booking lifecycle management	[YES] Complete
Payment Processing	Stripe integration for payments & payouts	[YES] Complete
Reviews & Ratings	5-star rating system with owner responses	[YES] Complete
Real-time Availability	WebSocket/Redis infrastructure	[YES] Complete

1.3 Technology Decisions

Component	Technology	Rationale
Backend Framework	FastAPI	Async support, auto-documentation, high performance
Database	PostgreSQL	ACID compliance, PostGIS compatibility, JSON support
ORM	SQLAlchemy 2.0	Async support, mature ecosystem

Component	Technology	Rationale
Mobile Framework	React Native + Expo	Cross-platform, native performance
State Management	Zustand	Lightweight, TypeScript-first
Payments	Stripe Connect	Marketplace support, global coverage

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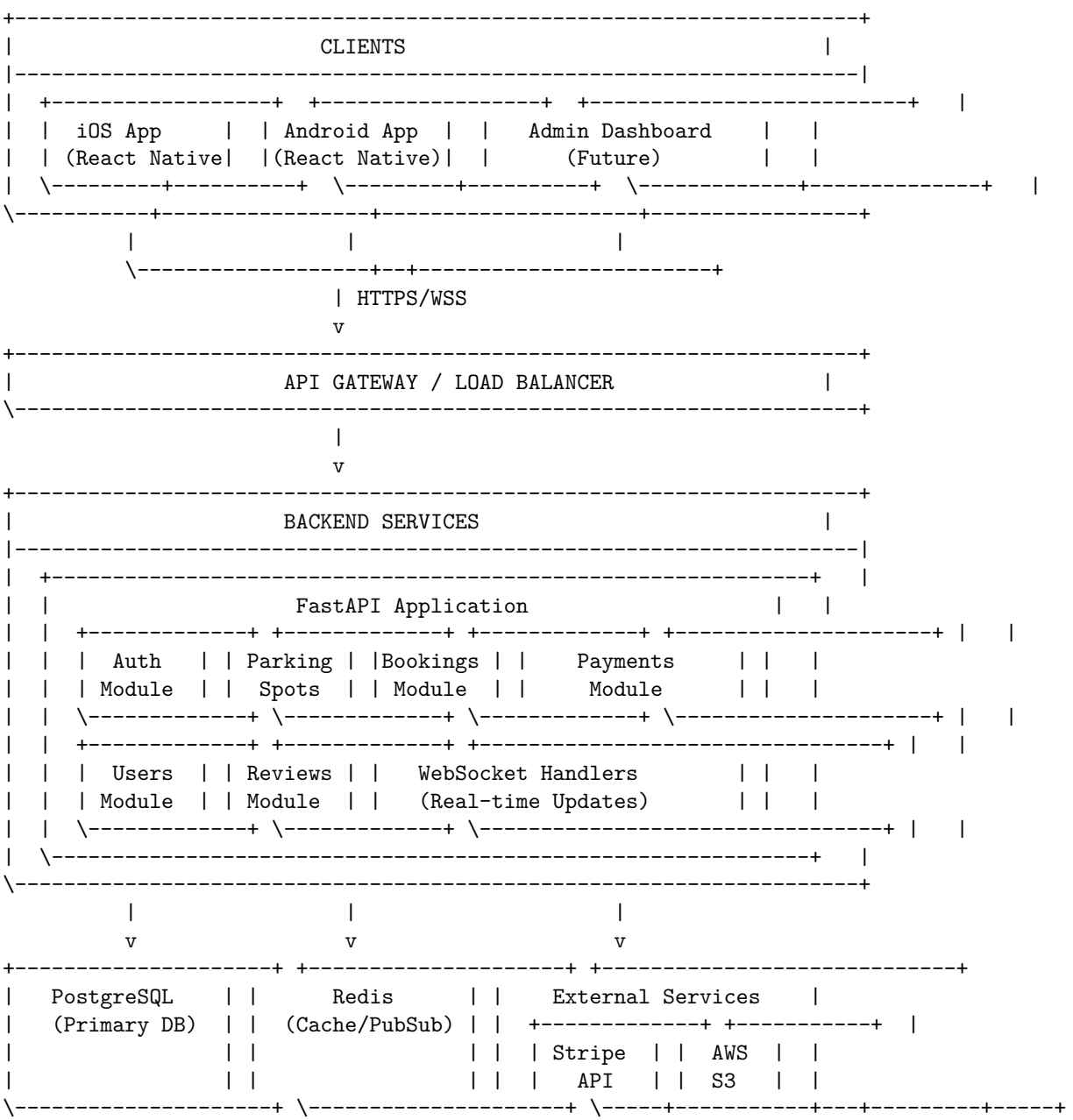
2. System Architecture

2.1 High-Level Architecture



2.2 Data Flow

```
User Action → Mobile App → API Request → FastAPI Router →
Service Layer → Database → Response → Mobile App → UI Update
```

2.3 Directory Structure

```
ParkingSpots/
|---- backend/
|   |---- app/
|   |   |---- __init__.py
|   |   |---- main.py                # Application entry point
|   |   |---- api/
|   |   |   |---- __init__.py
|   |   |   |---- deps.py            # Dependency injection
|   |   |   \---- v1/
|   |   |       |---- __init__.py
|   |   |       |---- router.py      # API router aggregation
|   |   |       \---- endpoints/
|   |   |           |---- auth.py    # Authentication endpoints
|   |   |           |---- users.py   # User management
|   |   |           |---- parking_spots.py
|   |   |           |---- bookings.py
|   |   |           |---- reviews.py
|   |   |           \---- payments.py
|   |   |---- core/
|   |   |   |---- __init__.py
|   |   |   |---- config.py          # Settings management
|   |   |   \---- security.py        # JWT & password hashing
|   |   |---- db/
|   |   |   |---- __init__.py
|   |   |   |---- base.py            # Base model class
|   |   |   \---- session.py         # Database session
|   |   |---- models/                # SQLAlchemy models
|   |   |   |---- user.py
|   |   |   |---- parking_spot.py
|   |   |   |---- booking.py
|   |   |   |---- review.py
|   |   |   \---- payment.py
|   |   \---- schemas/               # Pydantic schemas
|   |       |---- user.py
|   |       |---- parking_spot.py
|   |       |---- booking.py
|   |       |---- review.py
|   |       \---- payment.py
|   |---- requirements.txt
|   |---- .env.example
|   \---- README.md
|
|---- mobile/
|   |---- src/
|   |   |---- components/            # Reusable UI components
|   |   |---- navigation/
|   |   |   |---- index.ts
|   |   |   \---- AppNavigator.tsx   # Navigation configuration
```

```
|   |   |---- screens/
|   |   |   |---- auth/
|   |   |   |   |---- LoginScreen.tsx
|   |   |   |   \---- RegisterScreen.tsx
|   |   |   |---- home/
|   |   |   |   \---- HomeScreen.tsx
|   |   |   |---- parking/
|   |   |   |   \---- ParkingSpotDetailScreen.tsx
|   |   |   |---- bookings/
|   |   |   |   \---- BookingsScreen.tsx
|   |   |   \---- profile/
|   |   |       \---- ProfileScreen.tsx
|   |   |---- services/               # API service layer
|   |   |   |---- api.ts              # Axios client
|   |   |   |---- auth.ts
|   |   |   |---- parkingSpot.ts
|   |   |   |---- booking.ts
|   |   |   |---- review.ts
|   |   |   \---- payment.ts
|   |   |---- stores/                 # Zustand state stores
|   |   |   |---- authStore.ts
|   |   |   |---- parkingSpotStore.ts
|   |   |   \---- bookingStore.ts
|   |   \---- types/                  # TypeScript definitions
|   |       |---- user.ts
|   |       |---- parkingSpot.ts
|   |       |---- booking.ts
|   |       \---- review.ts
|   |---- App.tsx                     # Application root
|   |---- app.json                    # Expo configuration
|   |---- package.json
|   \---- tsconfig.json
|
\---- README.md                       # Project documentation
```

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3. Backend Implementation

3.1 FastAPI Application Structure

Main Application (`app/main.py`)

```
# Key components:
- Lifespan context manager for startup/shutdown
- CORS middleware configuration
- API router inclusion
- Health check endpoints
```

Features: - Async database table creation on startup - Graceful shutdown with connection cleanup - Configurable CORS for mobile app access

Configuration (`app/core/config.py`) Uses Pydantic Settings for type-safe configuration:

Setting	Type	Purpose
DATABASE_URL	str	PostgreSQL connection string
SECRET_KEY	str	JWT signing key
ACCESS_TOKEN_EXPIRE_MINUTES	int	Token validity (default: 30)
REFRESH_TOKEN_EXPIRE_DAYS	int	Refresh token validity (default: 7)
STRIPE_SECRET_KEY	str	Stripe API authentication
REDIS_URL	str	Redis connection for caching

3.2 Database Layer

Session Management (app/db/session.py)

```
# Async SQLAlchemy engine with:
- Connection pooling
- Automatic session cleanup
- Transaction management via dependency injection
```

Base Model (app/db/base.py) Provides: - Base - SQLAlchemy declarative base - TimestampMixin - Automatic created_at/updated_at columns

3.3 API Endpoints Summary

Module	Endpoints	Purpose
Auth	4	Registration, login, token refresh, password reset
Users	5	Profile CRUD, password change
Parking Spots	8	Listing CRUD, search, availability management
Bookings	8	Booking CRUD, pricing, check-in/out
Reviews	7	Review CRUD, summaries, helpful votes
Payments	8	Payment intents, confirmations, refunds, payouts

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4. Mobile Application

4.1 Technology Stack

Package	Version	Purpose
expo	~50.0.6	Development platform
react-native	0.73.2	Core framework
@react-navigation/native	^6.1.9	Navigation
react-native-maps	1.10.0	Map integration
zustand	^4.5.0	State management
axios	^1.6.5	HTTP client
@stripe/stripe-react-native	^0.35.1	Payment UI

4.2 State Management Architecture

Using Zustand for lightweight, TypeScript-first state management:

Auth Store (`stores/authStore.ts`)

```
interface AuthState {
  user: User | null;
  isAuthenticated: boolean;
  isLoading: boolean;
  error: string | null;

  // Actions
  login: (email, password) => Promise<void>;
  register: (data) => Promise<void>;
  logout: () => Promise<void>;
  fetchUser: () => Promise<void>;
  checkAuth: () => Promise<boolean>;
}
```

Parking Spot Store (`stores/parkingSpotStore.ts`)

```
interface ParkingSpotState {
  searchResults: ParkingSpotListItem[];
  currentLocation: Location | null;
  selectedSpot: ParkingSpot | null;
  mySpots: ParkingSpot[];
  searchFilters: Partial<ParkingSpotSearch>;

  // Actions
  searchNearby: (params) => Promise<void>;
  getSpotDetails: (id) => Promise<ParkingSpot>;
  createSpot: (data) => Promise<ParkingSpot>;
}
```

4.3 API Service Layer

The service layer (`src/services/`) provides:

1. **Centralized API Client** - Axios instance with interceptors
2. **Automatic Token Refresh** - Transparent retry on 401
3. **Type-safe Responses** - Generic TypeScript return types
4. **Error Handling** - Consistent error transformation

Token Refresh Flow:

```
Request fails (401) → Check if refreshing →
Queue request → Refresh token →
Retry queued requests → Return responses
```

4.4 Navigation Structure

```
Root Navigator
|---- Auth Stack (unauthenticated)
|   |---- Login Screen
|   \---- Register Screen
|
\---- Main Tabs (authenticated)
    |---- Home Tab
    |   |---- Home Screen (Map)
```

```
|   |---- Search Screen
|   \---- Parking Spot Detail
|
|---- Bookings Tab
|   |---- Bookings List
|   \---- Booking Detail
|
\---- Profile Tab
    |---- Profile Screen
    |---- My Spots (owners)
    |---- Settings
    \---- Payment Methods
```

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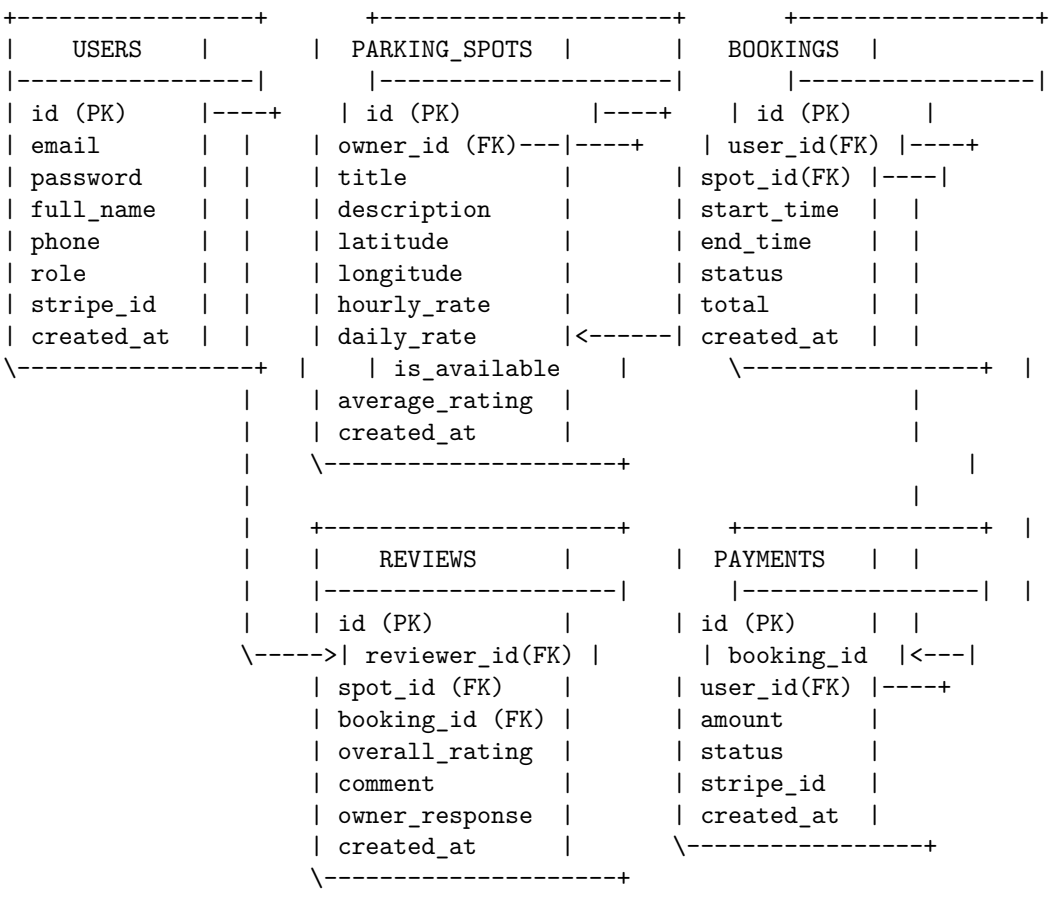
5. Database Design

5.1 Entity Relationship Diagram



5.2 Model Specifications

Users Model

Column	Type	Constraints	Description
`id`	UUID	PK, default uuid4	Unique identifier
`email`	VARCHAR(255)	UNIQUE, NOT NULL, INDEX	User email

Column	Type	Constraints	Description
hashed_password	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL	Bcrypt hash
full_name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL	Display name
phone_number	VARCHAR(20)	NULLABLE	Contact number
role	ENUM	NOT NULL, default 'renter'	owner/renter/admin
is_active	BOOLEAN	default TRUE	Account status
is_verified	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	Email verification
stripe_customer_id	VARCHAR(255)	NULLABLE	Stripe reference
latitude	FLOAT	NULLABLE	User location
longitude	FLOAT	NULLABLE	User location
created_at	TIMESTAMP	NOT NULL	Record creation
updated_at	TIMESTAMP	NOT NULL	Last modification

Parking Spots Model

Column	Type	Constraints	Description
id	UUID	PK	Unique identifier
owner_id	UUID	FK → users.id	Spot owner
title	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL	Listing title
description	TEXT	NULLABLE	Detailed description
spot_type	ENUM	NOT NULL	indoor/outdoor/covered/garage/driveway/lot
vehicle_size	ENUM	NOT NULL	motorcycle/compact/standard/large/oversized
address	VARCHAR(500)	NOT NULL	Street address
city	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL	City name
state	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL	State/province
zip_code	VARCHAR(20)	NOT NULL	Postal code
latitude	FLOAT	NOT NULL	GPS latitude
longitude	FLOAT	NOT NULL	GPS longitude
hourly_rate	INTEGER	NOT NULL	Price in cents
daily_rate	INTEGER	NULLABLE	Daily price (cents)
monthly_rate	INTEGER	NULLABLE	Monthly price (cents)
is_covered	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	Has cover
has_ev_charging	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	EV capable
has_security	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	Security camera/guard
has_lighting	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	Well lit
is_handicap_accessible	BOOLEAN	default FALSE	ADA accessible
images	ARRAY[VARCHAR]	default []	Image URLs
is_active	BOOLEAN	default TRUE	Listing active
is_available	BOOLEAN	default TRUE	Currently available
operating_hours	JSON	NULLABLE	Weekly schedule
access_instructions	TEXT	NULLABLE	How to access
average_rating	FLOAT	default 0.0	Computed rating
total_reviews	INTEGER	default 0	Review count
total_bookings	INTEGER	default 0	Booking count

Bookings Model

Column	Type	Constraints	Description
id	UUID	PK	Unique identifier
user_id	UUID	FK → users.id	Booking user

Column	Type	Constraints	Description
parking_spot_id	UUID	FK → parking_spots.id	Reserved spot
start_time	TIMESTAMP	NOT NULL	Reservation start
end_time	TIMESTAMP	NOT NULL	Reservation end
status	ENUM	NOT NULL	pending/confirmed/in_progress/completed/cancel
total_amount	INTEGER	NOT NULL	Total in cents
service_fee	INTEGER	default 0	Platform fee (cents)
owner_payout	INTEGER	default 0	Owner earnings (cents)
payment_intent_id	VARCHAR(255)	NULLABLE	Stripe reference
payment_status	VARCHAR(50)	default 'pending'	Payment state
vehicle_plate	VARCHAR(20)	NULLABLE	License plate
vehicle_make	VARCHAR(50)	NULLABLE	Car manufacturer
vehicle_model	VARCHAR(50)	NULLABLE	Car model
vehicle_color	VARCHAR(30)	NULLABLE	Car color
special_requests	TEXT	NULLABLE	User notes
cancellation_reason	TEXT	NULLABLE	Why cancelled
checked_in_at	TIMESTAMP	NULLABLE	Actual arrival
checked_out_at	TIMESTAMP	NULLABLE	Actual departure

5.3 Indexes

```
-- Performance indexes
CREATE INDEX idx_users_email ON users(email);
CREATE INDEX idx_parking_spots_owner ON parking_spots(owner_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_parking_spots_location ON parking_spots(latitude, longitude);
CREATE INDEX idx_parking_spots_available ON parking_spots(is_active, is_available);
CREATE INDEX idx_bookings_user ON bookings(user_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_bookings_spot ON bookings(parking_spot_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_bookings_status ON bookings(status);
CREATE INDEX idx_reviews_spot ON reviews(parking_spot_id);
```

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6. API Specification

6.1 Authentication Endpoints

POST /api/v1/auth/register Request:

```
{
  "email": "user@example.com",
  "password": "securePassword123",
  "full_name": "John Doe",
  "phone_number": "+1234567890",
  "role": "renter"
}
```

Response (201):

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "email": "user@example.com",
  "full_name": "John Doe",
  "role": "renter",
  "is_active": true,
  "is_verified": false,
```

```
  "created_at": "2026-02-09T12:00:00Z"
}
```

POST `/api/v1/auth/login` Request:

```
{
  "email": "user@example.com",
  "password": "securePassword123"
}
```

Response (200):

```
{
  "access_token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIs...",
  "refresh_token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIs...",
  "token_type": "bearer"
}
```

6.2 Parking Spots Endpoints

GET `/api/v1/parking-spots` Query Parameters: | Parameter | Type | Description | |————|——|———————-| | `latitude` | float | Search center latitude | | `longitude` | float | Search center longitude | | `radius_km` | float | Search radius (default: 10) | | `spot_type` | string | Filter by type | | `max_hourly_rate` | int | Maximum price filter | | `has_ev_charging` | bool | EV filter | | `page` | int | Pagination page | | `page_size` | int | Results per page |

Response (200):

```
[
  {
    "id": "uuid",
    "title": "Downtown Parking Spot",
    "address": "123 Main St",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "latitude": 40.7128,
    "longitude": -74.0060,
    "hourly_rate": 500,
    "spot_type": "garage",
    "is_available": true,
    "average_rating": 4.5,
    "total_reviews": 23,
    "images": ["https://..."],
    "distance_km": 0.5
  }
]
```

6.3 Booking Endpoints

POST `/api/v1/bookings/calculate-price` Request:

```
{
  "parking_spot_id": "uuid",
  "start_time": "2026-02-10T09:00:00Z",
  "end_time": "2026-02-10T17:00:00Z"
}
```

Response (200):

```
{
  "subtotal": 4000,
  "service_fee": 400,
  "total": 4400,
  "owner_payout": 4000,
  "duration_hours": 8.0
}
```

POST `/api/v1/bookings` Request:

```
{
  "parking_spot_id": "uuid",
  "start_time": "2026-02-10T09:00:00Z",
  "end_time": "2026-02-10T17:00:00Z",
  "vehicle_plate": "ABC123",
  "vehicle_make": "Toyota",
  "vehicle_model": "Camry",
  "vehicle_color": "Silver"
}
```

Response (201):

```
{
  "id": "uuid",
  "user_id": "uuid",
  "parking_spot_id": "uuid",
  "start_time": "2026-02-10T09:00:00Z",
  "end_time": "2026-02-10T17:00:00Z",
  "status": "pending",
  "total_amount": 4400,
  "service_fee": 400,
  "payment_status": "pending",
  "created_at": "2026-02-09T12:00:00Z"
}
```

6.4 Error Response Format

```
{
  "detail": "Error message describing what went wrong"
}
```

HTTP Status Codes: | Code | Meaning | |——|———| | 200 | Success | | 201 | Created | | 400 | Bad Request | | 401 | Unauthorized | | 403 | Forbidden | | 404 | Not Found | | 409 | Conflict | | 422 | Validation Error | | 500 | Server Error |

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7. Authentication & Security

7.1 JWT Token Structure

Access Token Payload:

```
{
  "sub": "user-uuid",
  "exp": 1707480000,
  "type": "access"
}
```

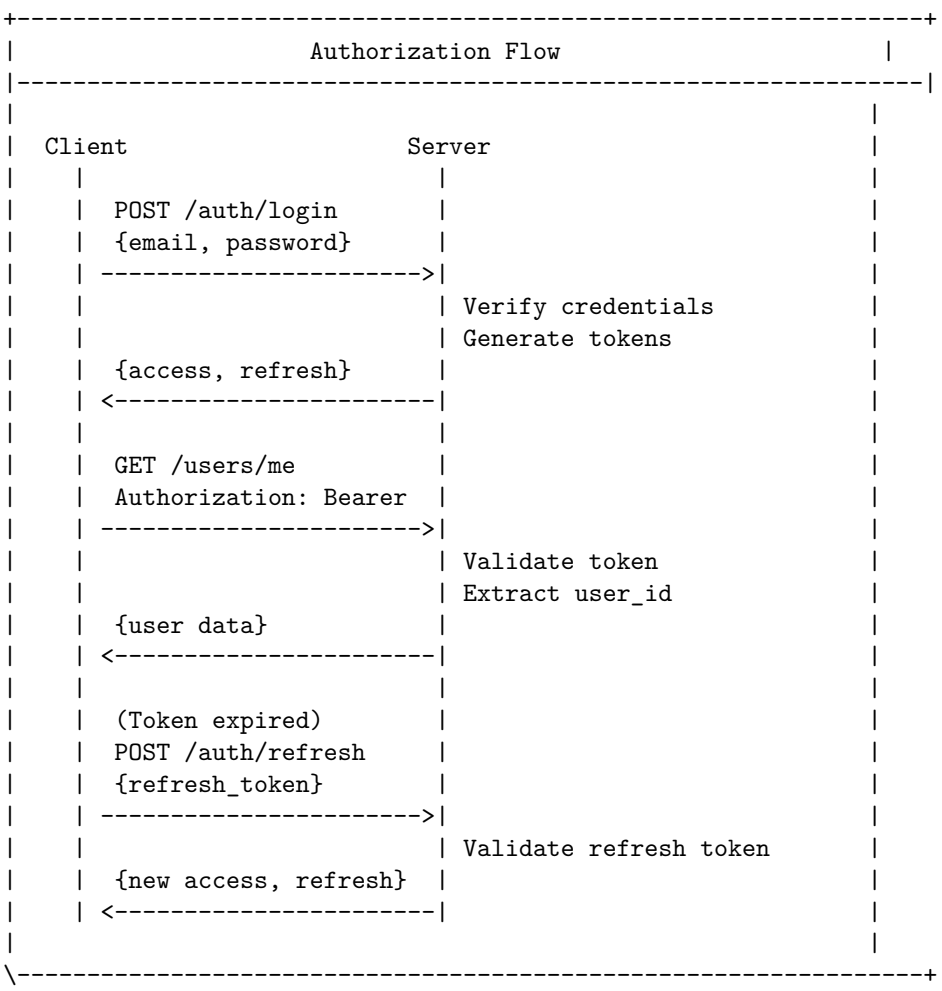
Refresh Token Payload:

```
{
  "sub": "user-uuid",
  "exp": 1708084800,
  "type": "refresh"
}
```

7.2 Password Security

- **Algorithm:** Bcrypt
- **Work Factor:** Default (12 rounds)
- **Minimum Length:** 8 characters

7.3 Authorization Flow

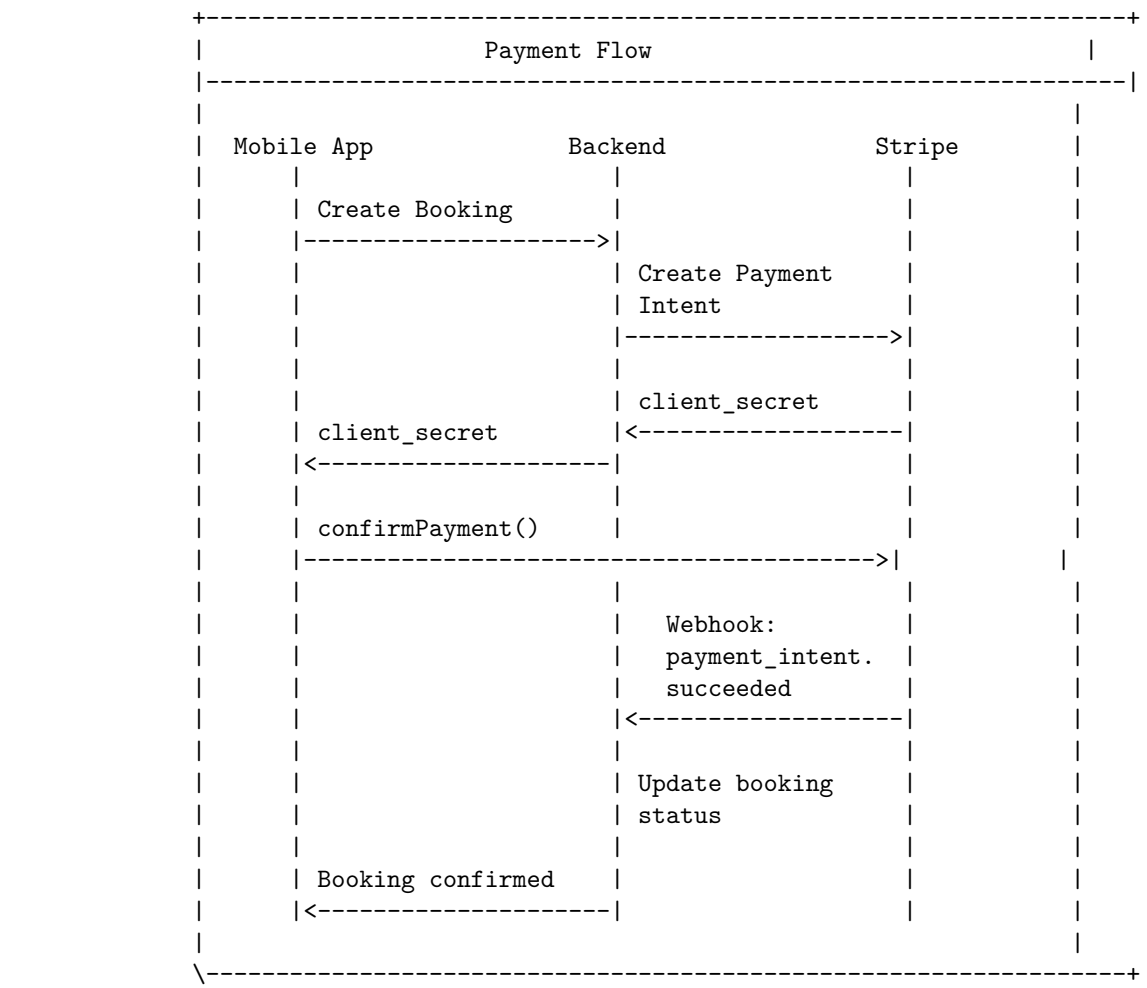


7.4 Role-Based Access Control

Role	Permissions
`renter`	Search spots, create bookings, write reviews
`owner`	All renter + create spots, manage bookings, respond to reviews
`admin`	All owner + user management, system configuration

8. Payment Integration

8.1 Stripe Integration Overview



8.2 Fee Structure

Component	Amount	Description
Subtotal	100%	Hourly rate × hours
Service Fee	10% + $0.50	Platform commission + transaction fee
Total	110% + $0.50	User pays this amount
Owner Payout	90% - $0.50	Subtotal minus service fee and Stripe fees

Example: - Parking spot rate: $40 for 8 hours - Service fee: (10% × $40) + $0.50 = $4.00 + $0.50 = $4.50 - Total charged to user: $44.50 - Owner receives: $40.00 - Stripe fees (~2.9% + $0.30)

8.3 Stripe Connect for Owners

Owners receive payouts via Stripe Connect Express accounts:

1. Owner initiates onboarding

2. Backend creates Express account
3. Owner completes Stripe onboarding
4. Payouts automatically deposited

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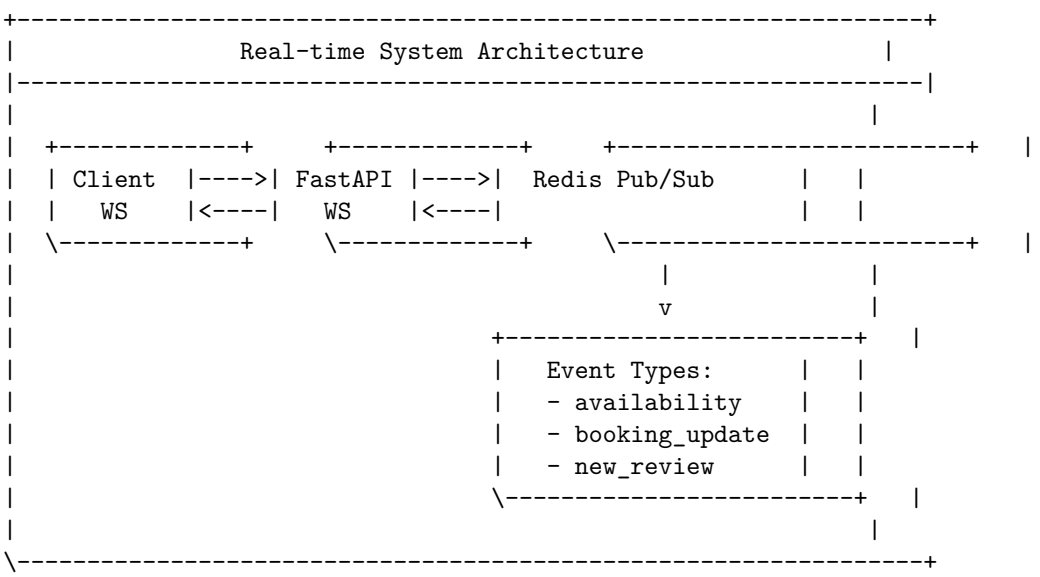
9. Real-time Features

9.1 Architecture



9.2 Event Types

Event	Payload	Trigger
`spot_availability`	`{spot_id, is_available}`	Availability toggle
`booking_update`	`{booking_id, status}`	Status change
`new_booking`	`{booking_id, spot_id}`	New reservation
`new_review`	`{review_id, spot_id, rating}`	Review posted

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10. Deployment Guide

10.1 Backend Deployment

Docker Configuration

```
FROM python:3.11-slim

WORKDIR /app

# Install dependencies
COPY requirements.txt .
RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt

# Copy application
COPY . .
```

```
# Run with Gunicorn + Uvicorn workers
CMD ["gunicorn", "app.main:app", "-w", "4", "-k", "uvicorn.workers.UvicornWorker", "-b", "0.0.0.0:8000"]
```

Docker Compose

```
version: '3.8'

services:
  api:
    build: ./backend
    ports:
      - "8000:8000"
    environment:
      - DATABASE_URL=postgresql+asyncpg://postgres:password@db:5432/parkingspots
      - REDIS_URL=redis://redis:6379
    depends_on:
      - db
      - redis

  db:
    image: postgres:15
    volumes:
      - postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data
    environment:
      - POSTGRES_DB=parkingspots
      - POSTGRES_PASSWORD=password

  redis:
    image: redis:7-alpine
    volumes:
      - redis_data:/data

volumes:
  postgres_data:
  redis_data:
```

10.2 Mobile App Deployment

EAS Build Configuration

```
{
  "cli": {
    "version": ">= 5.0.0"
  },
  "build": {
    "development": {
      "developmentClient": true,
      "distribution": "internal"
    },
    "preview": {
      "distribution": "internal"
    },
    "production": {}
  },
```

```
  "submit": {
    "production": {}
  }
}
```

Build Commands

```
# Install EAS CLI
npm install -g eas-cli

# Configure project
eas build:configure

# Build for iOS
eas build --platform ios --profile production

# Build for Android
eas build --platform android --profile production

# Submit to stores
eas submit --platform ios
eas submit --platform android
```

10.3 Environment Checklist

- ☐ PostgreSQL database created
- ☐ Redis instance running
- ☐ Environment variables configured
- ☐ Stripe account set up with webhook
- ☐ AWS S3 bucket for images
- ☐ SSL certificates configured
- ☐ DNS records pointing to servers
- ☐ Monitoring and logging enabled

Appendix A: API Response Codes

Code	Meaning	Common Causes
200	OK	Successful request
201	Created	Resource created
400	Bad Request	Invalid input
401	Unauthorized	Missing/invalid token
403	Forbidden	Insufficient permissions
404	Not Found	Resource doesn't exist
409	Conflict	Duplicate or conflicting state
422	Unprocessable	Validation failed
500	Server Error	Internal error

Appendix B: Location Search Algorithm

The Haversine formula is used for distance calculations:

```python
def haversine(lon1, lat1, lon2, lat2):
    """Calculate great circle distance in kilometers."""
    lon1, lat1, lon2, lat2 = map(radians, [lon1, lat1, lon2, lat2])
    dlon = lon2 - lon1
    dlat = lat2 - lat1
    a = sin(dlat/2)**2 + cos(lat1) * cos(lat2) * sin(dlon/2)**2
    c = 2 * asin(sqrt(a))
    r = 6371  # Earth radius in km
    return c * r
```

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For questions or support, contact the development team.