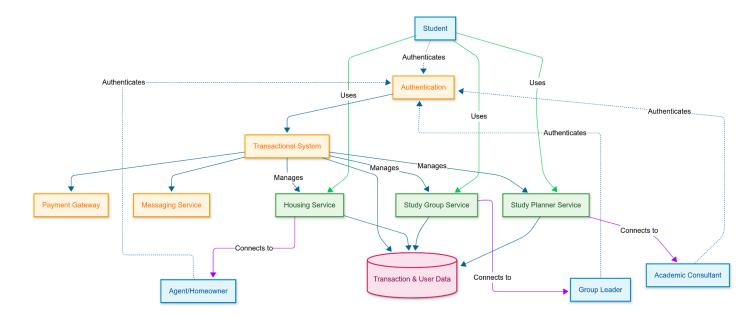
System Architecture



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Pros and Cons of Payment-Based Transactional System

Pros	Cons
Sustainable Revenue Model: Provides clear income streams to support platform maintenance and development	Accessibility Barriers: May exclude financially constrained students who need support most
Value Differentiation: Creates natural tiers of service that align with user willingness to pay	Adoption Challenges: International students may be reluctant to pay before establishing trust
Quality Control: Paid features tend to attract more serious users, reducing spam in study groups and housing inquiries	Payment Complexity: Managing international payments adds technical complexity and compliance requirements

Resource Allocation: Helps manage limited resources (like study rooms) by adding a cost barrier	Higher Security Requirements: Payment processing increases security risks and compliance needs
Development Focus : Clearly identifies which features users value most through their payment choices	Community Division: May create "two-tier" community between paying and non-paying users
Partner Relationships: Creates monetization opportunities with housing agents and academic institutions	Value Demonstration Challenge: Must clearly show premium value to convert free users

Initial Draft UI Design

