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ABSTRACT

Time management and scheduling are critical challenges for professionals and service providers who rely on client appointments to deliver their services efficiently. This project, Timease, presents a full-stack scheduling and booking platform designed to streamline event management and appointment scheduling. The platform enables professionals—such as doctors, lawyers, and consultants—to create, update, and manage event listings, while allowing users to seamlessly book or cancel appointments. To ensure secure and scalable interaction, the backend is built using Java Spring Boot with RESTful API design and implements robust authentication via JWT tokens and refresh mechanisms. Role-based access control distinguishes between regular users and administrators, ensuring proper authorization for sensitive operations.

The frontend is developed as a mobile application using Flutter, ensuring a cross-platform and user-friendly experience. PostgreSQL serves as the primary relational database, integrated with the backend using Spring Data JPA and Hibernate for efficient data persistence. The entire system is containerized with Docker and deployed via Railway, enabling a streamlined DevOps pipeline and facilitating easy deployment and scalability. API endpoints are documented and exposed through Swagger UI for testing and development purposes.

This project demonstrates the practical integration of modern web technologies, cloud deployment practices, and secure API design to address real-world scheduling challenges. The results validate the system’s usability, functionality, and maintainability. Future extensions include the implementation of a notification system and enhanced input validation, which aim to improve user interaction and reliability. Overall, Timease contributes an effective and extensible solution for time management in professional settings.

**KEYWORDS** Scheduling; Spring Boot; Flutter; JWT; Docker;

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**CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

The aim of the work described in this document is to develop a full-stack software system that simplifies and streamlines the scheduling process between service providers and their clients. The result of this effort is Timease - a name that reflects the platform’s core purpose: making time management easy. It is a combination of the words time and ease, representing our goal of easing the process of booking, managing, and attending appointments through a unified, user-friendly solution.

  Professionals across various industries—such as healthcare, legal consultation, and freelance services—depend on precise and reliable scheduling systems to manage their availability and client interactions. However, existing solutions often fall short in terms of flexibility, role-specific control, and ease of integration, especially for professionals seeking simple, mobile-first solutions. Timease addresses these limitations by offering a robust appointment scheduling platform that supports both one-on-one sessions and group events, built around a mobile-friendly architecture with role-based access, secure authentication, and effortless deployment.

  Our solution is designed as a monolithic Spring Boot backend connected to a Flutter-based mobile frontend, supported by a PostgreSQL relational database. The application is containerized with Docker and deployed via Railway, providing a production-ready architecture that is easy to replicate and scale. The system also supports secure user authentication through JWT and refresh tokens, along with administrative tools for event creation and moderation.

  This document outlines the rationale behind the development of Timease, discusses its implementation, and evaluates its potential to serve as a lightweight yet powerful scheduling platform. The sections that follow provide background context, articulate our motivations and objectives, define the specific problem we addressed, and detail the methodology followed throughout the project lifecycle.

**1.1** [**Background**](#_bookmark2)

Effective time management is a critical component of productivity, particularly for professionals whose work depends on client appointments, meetings, or service sessions. In fields such as medicine, law, consulting, education, and freelance services, maintaining an organized schedule is essential not only for operational efficiency but also for client satisfaction. With the increasing reliance on digital solutions, scheduling platforms have become integral tools for managing such time-dependent interactions.

While several commercial tools exist—such as Calendly, Doodle, and Google Calendar—they are often constrained by rigid configurations, limited role-specific customization, or require integration with external ecosystems that may not align with every user's needs. Additionally, many platforms impose paywalls for essential features, or lack support for easy deployment by independent professionals or small organizations without dedicated IT infrastructure.

  Recognizing these challenges, we set out to design and implement *Timease*, a comprehensive and accessible scheduling system that can be easily adopted by professionals without technical overhead. By combining a mobile-first user interface with a flexible and secure backend, *Timease* supports a range of appointment types—including both individual and group events—while ensuring that administrative control, user management, and session security are handled efficiently.

  Furthermore, we observed that many existing systems are fragmented across multiple services or rely heavily on cloud-based automation that is not always transparent or controllable by end users. With *Timease*, we aimed to deliver a system where the entire stack is clear, contained, and customizable—giving full ownership to the service provider or organization that deploys it.

  The development of *Timease* was also motivated by a desire to produce a system that could serve as a complete learning experience in full-stack development, deployment, and secure application design, reflecting real-world software engineering practices.

### 1.2 Motivation

Our motivation for developing Timease stemmed from a combination of technical curiosity, real-world demand, and a desire to create a practical and scalable solution to a common problem. As students of software engineering preparing for professional careers, we sought to build a system that not only demonstrated our full-stack development capabilities, but also delivered meaningful value to users beyond academic boundaries.

Throughout our academic and personal experiences, we noticed that professionals often rely on ad hoc or overly complex solutions to manage their appointments. Many are forced to use generalized tools that lack critical features such as role differentiation, mobile accessibility, or secure user authentication. This observation highlighted a gap in the availability of simple, customizable platforms that cater to small-scale service providers—individuals or teams who require robust functionality without the overhead of enterprise systems.

We were particularly motivated to build a mobile-first system because of the increasing dependence on smartphones for daily management tasks. A mobile-friendly design ensures that users—both professionals and clients—can interact with the platform anytime and anywhere, increasing the practicality and relevance of the system. In addition, incorporating role-based access control, session management via JWT, and Dockerized deployment allowed us to explore real-world technologies used in modern software systems.

By creating Timease, we aimed to produce a solution that is both educational and applicable, demonstrating how thoughtful design and strategic technology choices can solve common scheduling challenges. The project also allowed us to apply software engineering principles in a structured and meaningful way, with the potential for further development, real-world use, and academic presentation.

### 1.3 Problem Description

Scheduling and time coordination are persistent challenges for professionals and service providers who rely on client appointments to deliver their services effectively. In many cases, these professionals lack access to tailored tools that allow them to manage bookings, prevent overlaps, and adapt to both structured and dynamic availability. While commercial scheduling platforms exist, they often fail to meet the specific needs of individual practitioners or small teams due to limited conformability, overcomplicated interfaces, or high subscription costs for essential features.

The core problem lies in the absence of a lightweight, flexible, and mobile-oriented scheduling system that offers **secure role-based access**, **event customization**, and **client-friendly booking interfaces**, all in one integrated platform. Professionals may require different levels of control—such as the ability to create, modify, and monitor appointments—while clients should be able to book or cancel meetings easily without compromising security or performance. Existing solutions rarely provide such role-aware flexibility while also supporting both **individual and group meeting structures**.

Moreover, deployment complexity and platform dependence can act as barriers to adoption. Many tools assume continuous internet connectivity, cloud platform integration, or third-party plugin reliance, which may not be suitable for all contexts. For developers or teams seeking to own and operate their own scheduling system, these dependencies introduce unnecessary friction.

Timease addresses these issues by providing a full-stack, self-contained scheduling and booking platform that is mobile-first, easy to deploy, and secure by design. By simplifying both the user experience and the underlying technical infrastructure, we aim to close the gap between professional needs and accessible technology. The problem we set out to solve, therefore, is the **lack of a complete, customizable, and user-friendly solution for managing time-dependent professional services**.

### 1.4 Aims and Objectives

The primary aim of this project is to design and develop a fully functional, secure, and user-friendly scheduling platform—Timease—that enables professionals to create and manage appointments while allowing clients to book, cancel, or view events with ease. The system is intended to simplify time management processes by offering a mobile-first experience backed by a reliable backend infrastructure that can be easily deployed and maintained.

To achieve this aim, we established a set of specific objectives that guided the development of Timease throughout its lifecycle:

• **Develop a responsive mobile application** using Flutter that enables end users to browse available events and book appointments efficiently.

• **Design and implement a RESTful backend API** using Spring Boot that supports secure user authentication, event and user management, and booking functionalities.

• **Integrate role-based access control** to distinguish between general users and administrators, ensuring appropriate permissions for each action within the system.

• **Implement secure authentication using JWT** and refresh tokens to maintain session integrity and prevent unauthorized access.

• **Support both one-on-one and group event scheduling**, giving administrators the flexibility to define different event types and capacities.

• **Enable users to view, book, and cancel appointments**, with backend logic to ensure data consistency and event availability.

• **Containerize the backend application using Docker** to ensure reproducibility, ease of deployment, and environment consistency.

• **Deploy the platform on Railway**, leveraging a cloud-based environment for hosting the backend and database in production settings.

• **Follow modern software engineering practices**, including version control with GitHub, modular code design, and clear documentation.

Together, these objectives ensure that Timease is not only a technically robust application, but also a practical tool for real-world use, aligning with our academic goals and professional aspirations.

**1.5** [**Methodology**](#_bookmark5)

The development of Timease followed a structured, iterative methodology inspired by agile software development principles. Our goal was to ensure continuous progress through frequent testing, clear task segmentation, and close coordination across all stages of the project—from requirements gathering to deployment. The methodology emphasized adaptability, allowing us to incorporate feedback and adjust features based on evolving priorities and technical constraints.

We began by defining the system requirements and drafting a set of user stories to identify the core functionalities needed for both administrators and end users. These included booking workflows, authentication mechanisms, event creation, and role-based access control. The system architecture was then planned with a clear separation of concerns between the frontend and backend, both of which were developed in parallel to ensure seamless integration.

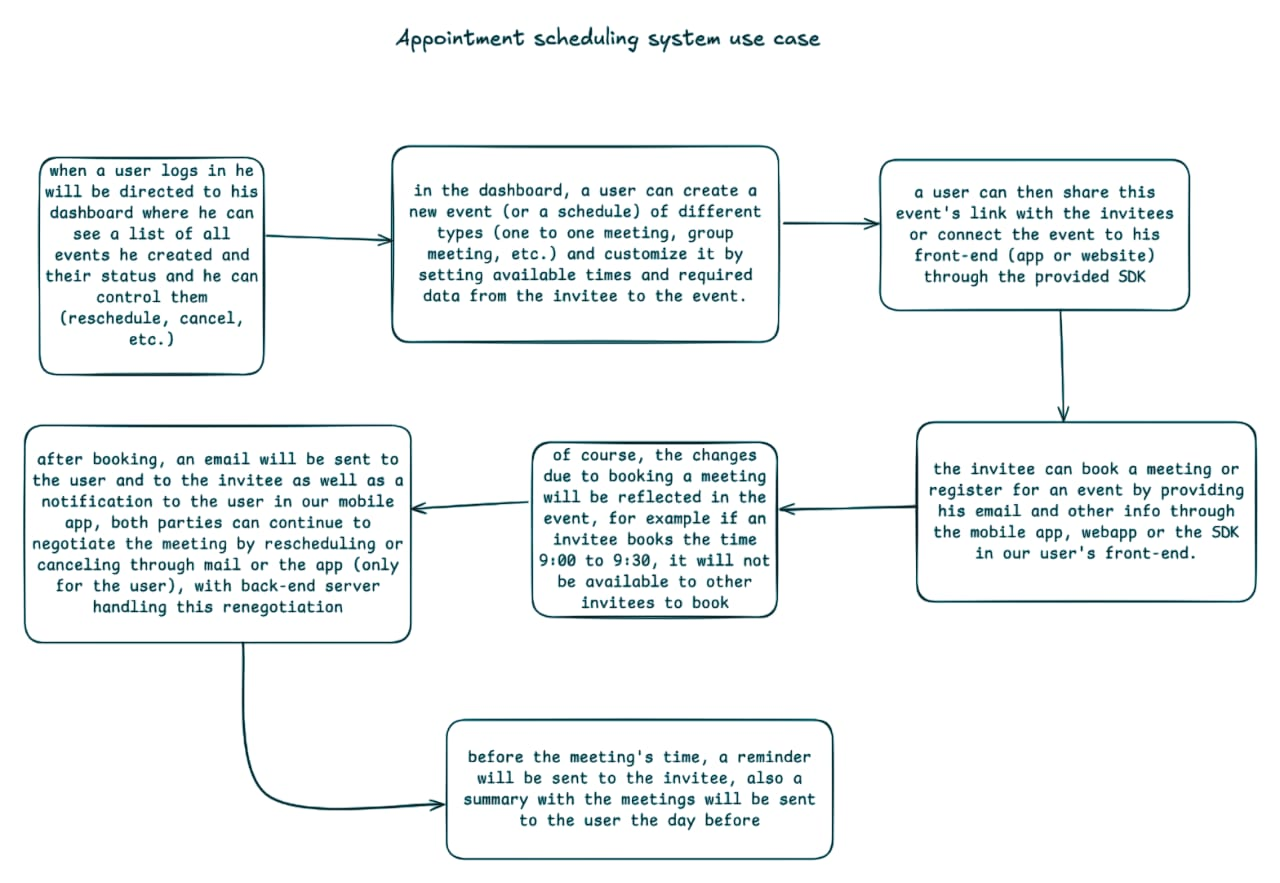
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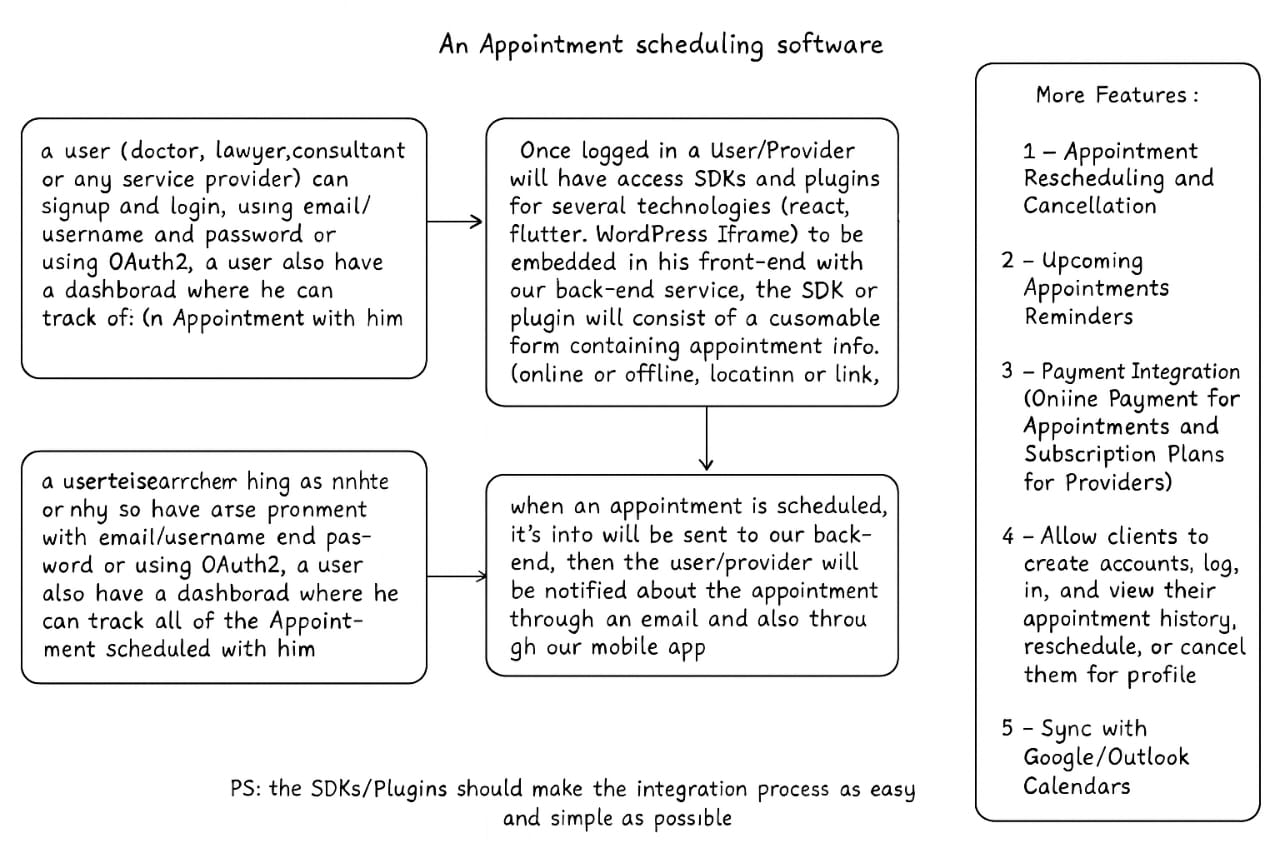
On the backend, we used Spring Boot to implement a RESTful API that handles all business logic and communicates with a PostgreSQL database using Spring Data JPA and Hibernate. Secure authentication was implemented using JWT tokens and refresh tokens, while access rights were enforced through role-based authorization. The backend was fully containerized using Docker, and a Docker Compose file was created to manage service dependencies for local development and production.

The frontend was built using Flutter, chosen for its cross-platform capabilities and responsive design features. The mobile application connects to the backend API and provides interfaces for booking, cancellation, and event browsing. We conducted regular testing on both the UI and backend services to ensure functional correctness, security, and performance.

Finally, we deployed the backend and database on Railway, a cloud platform that enabled fast and reliable deployment. Version control and collaboration were maintained through GitHub, allowing for systematic tracking of changes and contribution management.

This methodology ensured that Timease was developed with clear milestones, technical rigor, and a focus on usability—resulting in a robust and deployable scheduling platform.

Figure 1-1

Figure 1-2

**CHAPTER 2**

[**LITERATURE REVIEW**](#_TOC_250023)

**2.1 Introduction**

  Scheduling systems have become an essential component in modern digital infrastructure, enabling professionals and clients to coordinate meetings, appointments, and events with greater efficiency. These tools serve a broad spectrum of users, from individuals managing personal calendars to businesses automating complex booking workflows. In recent years, the demand for intuitive, accessible, and mobile-friendly scheduling platforms has grown significantly, driven by the shift toward remote work, freelance services, and time-sensitive professional engagements.

  The primary role of scheduling applications is to streamline time coordination, reduce administrative overhead, and eliminate conflicts through real-time availability management. They often include features such as calendar synchronization, automated reminders, client booking links, and integrations with third-party platforms like email or video conferencing tools. Many of these systems are delivered through cloud-based platforms that offer subscription tiers based on functionality, scalability, and automation capabilities.

  In this chapter, we provide an overview of several widely used scheduling tools that have shaped user expectations and industry standards. While the design and capabilities of these platforms vary, they all aim to simplify appointment management and improve user experience. The following sections introduce popular examples of such tools, providing context for understanding the space in which Timease operates and the general expectations users may have when engaging with a scheduling solution.

## 2.2 Related Systems

  A number of established scheduling platforms are widely used across various professional fields, each offering its own approach to appointment management. These tools have shaped the landscape of digital scheduling and serve as important reference points for understanding user needs and technical features. Below are brief overviews of several notable systems:

### Calendly

  Calendly is a widely adopted cloud-based scheduling platform that allows users to create booking links that reflect their availability. Clients can use these links to schedule meetings without back-and-forth messaging. Calendly integrates with popular calendar services such as Google Calendar and Outlook, and it supports features like automated reminders, time zone detection, and meeting buffers. The platform is especially popular among consultants, sales teams, and educators due to its user-friendly interface and automation capabilities.

### Doodle

  Doodle focuses on group scheduling and polling, allowing users to propose multiple time options for a meeting and gather input from participants to determine the most suitable time. It is often used in academic, administrative, and team collaboration contexts where coordination among multiple people is required. While less focused on individual appointment booking, Doodle remains effective for collective time management.

### SimplyBook.me

  SimplyBook.me is a comprehensive appointment scheduling solution tailored to service-based businesses. It provides customizable booking pages, support for payment processing, and a range of client communication tools. The platform also offers integrations with CMS systems and social media platforms, making it suitable for small businesses that require both functionality and brand presentation.

### Setmore

  Setmore offers a free and premium booking platform designed for small businesses, healthcare providers, and beauty services. It supports appointment reminders, staff logins, and integrations with tools like Zoom and Slack. Its simple interface and mobile app make it accessible for teams that need to manage multiple calendars and client interactions.

  These systems demonstrate the diversity of features and design strategies in the digital scheduling domain. Each platform has contributed to the broader understanding of usability, automation, and deployment in appointment management, and they offer valuable insight into the key functionalities users expect from such solutions.

## 2.3 Summary

  The landscape of scheduling applications is populated with diverse solutions that address a variety of professional and organizational needs. Tools such as Calendly, Doodle, SimplyBook.me, and Setmore have introduced users to streamlined appointment workflows, calendar integration, and digital accessibility. These platforms have successfully demonstrated the value of automated scheduling in reducing time conflicts, improving service efficiency, and enhancing user experience.

  Despite their wide adoption, existing systems vary significantly in focus and complexity. Some prioritize individual bookings, while others target group coordination or enterprise-level needs. Additionally, certain features—such as mobile-first design, customizable user roles, or self-hosted deployment—are either missing or locked behind premium tiers. These variations reveal opportunities for alternative solutions that cater to specific user groups with greater flexibility and autonomy.

  By examining the strengths and limitations of these platforms, we gained insight into key design principles and user expectations. This understanding informed the development of Timease, which seeks to offer a simplified, mobile-accessible, and developer-friendly scheduling experience. The platform aims to fill the usability and deployment gaps identified in the literature, while maintaining core features such as secure authentication, role-based access, and responsive user interfaces.

  In the following chapters, we present the technical design and implementation of Timease, demonstrating how the platform builds upon and adapts these foundational ideas to meet real-world scheduling needs.

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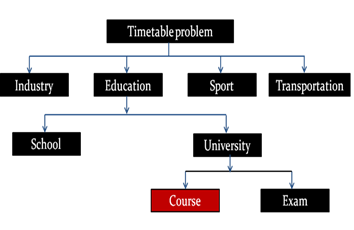
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## Methodology

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**CHAPTER 3**

**SYSTEM DESIGN**

## Introduction

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**CHAPTER 4**

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## Results

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**CHAPTER 5**

**CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

## Conclusion

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## Future Work

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**APPENDICES**

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