Cab Vehicle Management System

Problem Statement

Urban transportation, especially cab services, face various challenges related to vehicle management. As ride-hailing services and traditional taxis grow in popularity, managing a fleet of cabs effectively becomes more complicated. Efficiently organizing bookings, tracking vehicles, maintaining timely services, and managing driver performance are critical for both customer satisfaction and business success.

Currently, many cab companies face the following issues:

- Inefficient Vehicle Allocation: Poor management of vehicle dispatching and allocation leads to delays, missed rides, and customer dissatisfaction. A lack of real-time data regarding vehicle availability, location, and condition exacerbates these inefficiencies.
- Poor Tracking and Monitoring: Difficulty in monitoring cab locations in real time, making it challenging to optimize routes, reduce idle time, or ensure driver accountability. This results in fuel wastage, extended wait times, and an inability to quickly assign the nearest driver to customers.
- Inadequate Driver Performance Evaluation: Lack of systematic ways to track and evaluate driver performance based on metrics like punctuality, driving behavior, and customer ratings. This leads to inconsistent service quality and difficulty in rewarding or penalizing drivers based on performance.
- Maintenance and Scheduling Issues: Poor tracking of vehicle maintenance schedules, causing unscheduled breakdowns that disrupt service availability. Managing preventive maintenance is a challenge, and many companies struggle with vehicle lifecycle management and maintenance costs.
- Ineffective Customer Interaction and Booking: Manual or inefficient booking systems lead to errors in scheduling, miscommunication, and delays in customer responses. Absence of a user-friendly customer interface leads to difficulties in booking, tracking rides, or getting notifications about cab arrivals.

- Data Fragmentation: Lack of integrated systems for managing different aspects of operations, such as driver records, ride history, vehicle status, and payment processing, results in fragmented information and inefficiencies.

Project Description

The Cab Vehicle Management System is a comprehensive software solution designed to streamline and enhance the operations of cab companies or ride-hailing services. The system aims to efficiently manage all aspects of a cab fleet, including booking management, vehicle tracking, driver performance, maintenance scheduling, and customer interaction.

Sample Input and Output

1. User

Input:

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Added: Vehicle ID: CAB1, Model: Maruthi Suzuki, Driver: Ravi, Status: Available
Added: Vehicle ID: CAB2, Model: Hyundai Exter, Driver: Suresh, Status: Available
Added: Vehicle ID: CAB3, Model: Honda, Driver: Ramesh, Status: Available

Welcome to Cab Management System
1. User
2. Driver
3. Exit
Select your role: 1
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Output:

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Select your role:  1
Enter your name:  VaraPrasad

User Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Book Vehicle
3. Return Vehicle
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  1
Vehicle ID: CAB1, Model: Maruthi Suzuki, Driver: Ravi, Status: Available
Vehicle ID: CAB2, Model: Hyundai Exter, Driver: Suresh, Status: Available
Vehicle ID: CAB3, Model: Honda, Driver: Ramesh, Status: Available

User Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Book Vehicle
3. Return Vehicle
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  2
Enter the Vehicle ID you want to book:  CAB1
You have booked: Vehicle ID: CAB1, Model: Maruthi Suzuki, Driver: Ravi, Status: Not Available
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User Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Book Vehicle
3. Return Vehicle
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  3
Enter the Vehicle ID you want to return:  CAB1
You have returned: Vehicle ID: CAB1, Model: Maruthi Suzuki, Driver: Ravi, Status: Available

User Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Book Vehicle
3. Return Vehicle
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  4
Exiting user menu.

Welcome to Cab Management System
1. User
2. Driver
3. Exit
Select your role:
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2. Driver

Input:

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Welcome to Cab Management System
1. User
2. Driver
3. Exit
Select your role: 2
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Output:

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Welcome to Cab Management System
1. User
2. Driver
3. Exit
Select your role:  2
Enter your name:  Vamsi

Driver Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Mark Vehicle as Available
3. Mark Vehicle as Unavailable
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  1
Vehicle ID: CAB1, Model: Maruthi Suzuki, Driver: Ravi, Status: Available
Vehicle ID: CAB2, Model: Hyundai Exter, Driver: Suresh, Status: Available
Vehicle ID: CAB3, Model: Honda, Driver: Ramesh, Status: Available

Driver Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Mark Vehicle as Available
3. Mark Vehicle as Unavailable
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  2
Enter the Vehicle ID to mark as available:  CAB2
Suresh's vehicle marked as available.


Driver Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Mark Vehicle as Available
3. Mark Vehicle as Unavailable
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  3
Enter the Vehicle ID to mark as unavailable:  CAB2
Suresh's vehicle marked as unavailable.

Driver Menu
1. Display Vehicles
2. Mark Vehicle as Available
3. Mark Vehicle as Unavailable
4. Exit
Enter your choice:  4
Exiting driver menu.
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3. Exit

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Welcome to Cab Management System
1. User
2. Driver
3. Exit
Select your role:  3
Exiting the system.
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Required Modules

- **sys:** For interacting with the interpreter, particularly useful for handling command-line arguments and exiting the program.
- **os:** For operating system-dependent functionality, such as clearing the console or interacting with the file system.
- **tkinter:** If you decide to create a graphical user interface (GUI) in the future, this built-in module provides tools for building desktop applications.
- **logging:** For adding logging capabilities to track events and errors in your application, which can be beneficial for debugging and monitoring.

Conclusion

The Cab Vehicle Management System presents a practical solution for managing cab services efficiently. By incorporating functionalities for cab, driver, and user management, the system streamlines operations, making it easier for administrators to oversee their fleet and interact with users.

- Modular Design: The use of classes and structured data management allows for easy maintenance and future enhancements, ensuring the system can grow alongside operational needs.
- User-Friendly Interface: The command-line interface provides a straightforward way for users and administrators to interact with the system, minimizing barriers to adoption.
- Future Potential: The system lays the groundwork for further development, including the potential integration of a database for persistent storage, a booking feature, and a graphical user interface for enhanced user experience.