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Abstract

freeze erase is dedicated to providing professional and reliable snow removal services to both residential and commercial clients, ensuring safety and accessibility throughout the winter season. Our services address the critical need for clear driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and other essential areas impacted by heavy snow, which can disrupt daily activities and present safety hazards. freeze erase’s team uses advanced equipment and environmentally friendly de-icing products to deliver efficient snow management solutions, including 24/7 emergency removal, routine snow clearing, and preventive salting.

Our approach prioritizes timely service, customer satisfaction, and cost-effectiveness, tailored to meet the unique needs of each property. Through experience and a strong commitment to quality, freeze erase has established a reputation for dependable service that helps clients navigate the challenges of winter with peace of mind.

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1. Introduction

Overview

freeze erase is an advanced snow removal service designed to offer efficient, reliable, and environmentally-friendly snow clearing solutions for residential and commercial properties. The purpose of freeze erase is to ensure safe and accessible environments during winter months, alleviating the hazards and inconveniences caused by snow accumulation. The service aligns with corporate objectives to enhance community safety, improve mobility, and reduce weather-related business interruptions. With freeze erase, clients benefit from rapid response times, customizable service plans, and eco-friendly de-icing options, distinguishing it as a preferred choice in the snow removal market.

Curriculum Scope

The development of SwiftSnow allowed for the application of core knowledge areas from [specific curriculum or field of study, e.g., software engineering or environmental management]. Learning experiences in areas such as project management, system design, and client-centered service development were critical to aligning SwiftSnow’s service with both stakeholder expectations and industry standards.

Key Stakeholder Needs

Stakeholders identified a critical need for dependable snow removal solutions that prioritize safety, environmental sustainability, and operational efficiency. Existing methods were either unreliable or lacked customization for individual needs. The ideal solution would address prompt snow removal, effective de-icing without environmental damage, and affordable rates. SwiftSnow aims to meet these expectations through a blend of advanced equipment, well-trained personnel, and real-time communication with clients.

Product Perspective

SwiftSnow is a self-contained snow removal service that operates independently but may integrate with municipal safety systems or private security alerts to enhance responsiveness. Figure 1 illustrates the product's operation within its service environment, highlighting the flow from customer requests to service delivery and post-service feedback collection.

Figure 1. Context Diagram of freeze erase



Product Position Statement

SwiftSnow aims to position itself as a premier snow removal solution that meets the needs of individuals and businesses facing frequent winter disruptions.

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| Who | *Need reliable and eco-friendly snow clearing* |
| The *(****product name****)* | Is a Freeze erase |
| That | *Provides 24/7* availability with flexible service plans |
| Unlike | *Traditional Contractors* |

Table 1: Position Statement

**Table 1**: Position Statement

This table indicates that SwiftSnow’s target market includes both residential and commercial clients, emphasizing its unique position as an accessible, on-demand snow management solution.

Summary of Capabilities

SwiftSnow offers several benefits with supporting features to ensure effective and environmentally responsible snow removal.

**Freeze erase**

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| --- | --- |
| **Benefit** | **Supporting Features** |
| *Rapid snow clearing* | *Advanced snow-plows, trained personals* |
| *Reduced environmental impact* | *Biodegradable deicing products* |
| *Cost-effective solutions* | *Flexible pricing plans* |

TABLE 2: Benefits and Supporting Features

Alternatives and Competition

Alternative snow removal solutions available to clients include contracting traditional snow-clearing companies, using DIY snow-removal tools, or maintaining current practices without dedicated snow services. Competitor offerings, while effective in some cases, often lack eco-friendly options or tailored service schedules. SwiftSnow distinguishes itself by combining environmental responsibility, customization, and immediate response times.

Project Management Plan

The SwiftSnow project development followed a structured approach covering all phases of project management, from problem identification to deployment. A major challenge arose during the analysis phase, as understanding diverse client needs required extensive market research and survey collection. To address this, stakeholder interviews and customer feedback were incorporated into service design. The verification and deployment phases focused on quality control and refining communication channels for effective customer interaction.

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Requirements Development Perspective

This document specifies the requirements for "Freeze Erase," a new, self-contained web platform designed to provide snow removal services. The site aims to connect users seeking snow removal with service providers in a streamlined, efficient manner.

The product does not replace existing systems but instead introduces a modern approach to snow removal services through an easy-to-use online interface. The broader system may include integrations with weather APIs for real-time updates.

Challenges addressed in this document include:

* Ensuring user-friendly navigation for both service seekers and providers.
* Incorporating real-time data from external sources.

Areas well-specified include the core functionalities such as user registration, service booking. However, further work may be needed to refine user experience and address potential scaling challenges.

Use Characteristics

User Classes and Characteristics

### User Classes and Characteristics

**Homeowners/Property Managers**

* 1. **Frequency of Use:** Frequent during winter months.
  2. **Functions Used:** Booking services, managing appointments, reviewing service history.
  3. **Technical Expertise:** Varies; generally moderate.
  4. **Security Levels:** Basic user access.

**Service Providers**

* 1. **Frequency of Use:** Regular during snow season.
  2. **Functions Used:** Accepting job assignments, managing availability, updating service statuses.
  3. **Technical Expertise:** Moderate to high, familiarity with mobile and web applications.
  4. **Security Levels:** Elevated access for managing services.

**Administrators**

* 1. **Frequency of Use:** Continuous for platform maintenance.
  2. **Functions Used:** Managing user accounts, service listings, and payments.
  3. **Technical Expertise:** High; proficient in database management and web development.
  4. **Security Levels:** Administrative privileges

**Actor Survey**

**Homeowners**

* 1. **Responsibilities:** Book snow removal services.

**Service Providers**

* 1. **Responsibilities:** Respond to service requests, manage job schedules, report completed jobs.

**Administrators**

* 1. **Responsibilities:** Oversee operations, manage user accounts, ensure compliance with regulations.

Use-Case Model Survey

**User Registration**

* 1. **Functionality:** Allow users to create accounts and set preferences.

**Service Booking**

* 1. **Functionality:** Enable homeowners to schedule snow removal services.

**Payment Processing**

* 1. **Functionality:** Facilitate secure transactions for booked services.

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User Documentation

· **User Manual**: A comprehensive guide for homeowners and service providers.

Feature Attributes

**2.3.1 User Authentication**

* **Description**: Ensures secure access for users.
* **Potential Values**:
  + Unauthenticated
  + Authenticated
  + Admin access

**2.3.2 Service Management**

* **Description**: Allows service providers to manage their service offerings.
* **Potential Values**:
  + Active
  + Inactive
  + Pending review

Key System Features

### User Registration

**Description**: Users can create accounts to access features.

**Attribute Classification**: Essential for user management.

**Key Functional Requirements**:

* REQ-1: Users must provide valid email and password to register.
* REQ-2: System sends a confirmation email upon registration.

### Service Booking

**Description**: Users can book snow removal services through the website.

**Attribute Classification**: Core functional feature.

**Key Functional Requirements**:

* REQ-3: Users can select service date and time.
* REQ-4: System confirms booking.

Key Design and Implementation Constraints

* Compliance with GDPR for user data protection.
* Must support mobile and desktop browsers.

Operating Environment

* **Hardware Platform**: Standard web servers.
* **Operating System**: Linux-based servers.
* **Software Components**: Compatible with major web browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari).

Interface Requirements

User Interfaces

· **Web Application**: Responsive design standards must be followed.

· **Screen Layout**: Consistent navigation bar and footer across all pages.

Hardware Interfaces

Not applicable

Software Interfaces

· Integration with Stripe for payment processing.

· API connections with weather services for updates.

Communications Interfaces

· Must use HTTPS for secure communications.

Nonfunctional Requirements

Performance Requirements

The website should meet specific performance benchmarks to ensure a seamless experience for users, especially under different usage circumstances:

* **Page Load Time**: All main pages (Home, Services, Contact) should load within **2 seconds** under standard network conditions.
* **Booking and Payment Processing**: Service booking and payment pages must respond within **3 seconds** to ensure a smooth transaction experience.
* **Scalability**: The website should support **up to 10,000 simultaneous users** during peak season without performance degradation.
* **Real-Time Updates**: Real-time notifications for booking confirmations and availability should be displayed within **1 second** of a change in the backend.

These performance metrics will be monitored regularly, with adjustments made to the infrastructure as needed during high-demand winter months.

Security Requirements

Given that the website handles personal data, booking information, and payments, stringent security measures are necessary to protect user information and ensure compliance with privacy regulations.

* **Data Encryption**: All sensitive data, including personal and payment information, must be encrypted using **SSL/TLS** protocols to protect against data breaches.
* **Authentication**: Users must authenticate with a secure login and password, with **multi-factor authentication** required for administrative access.
* **Compliance**: The website must comply with **GDPR** and **CCPA** regulations to protect user privacy and personal data.
* **Data Backup**: Daily backups should be maintained to protect against data loss in case of an unexpected incident.
* **Access Control**: User roles must be defined to restrict access to sensitive features and data, such as payment processing and customer information.
* **Regular Security Audits**: Conduct biannual security audits to ensure there are no vulnerabilities in the system.

Software Quality Attributes

* **Adaptability**: The website should be easily adaptable to accommodate new features, such as additional services or expanded service areas.
* **Availability**: The system should be available **24/7** during winter months with an uptime guarantee of **99.9%**.
* **Correctness**: Service listings, pricing, and other critical information must be accurate to ensure transparency and reliability.
* **Flexibility**: Design the site structure and codebase to allow for easy updates to services and seasonal pricing changes.
* **Interoperability**: The platform should be able to integrate seamlessly with third-party tools for payment processing, location services, and email notifications.
* **Maintainability**: Code should be modular and documented for efficient updates and bug fixes by developers.
* **Portability**: The website should be compatible across major browsers (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge) and operate smoothly on various devices (desktop, tablet, mobile).
* **Reliability**: The website must be able to handle high traffic reliably, with recovery protocols in place in case of failure.
* **Reusability**: Common code components, especially for UI and backend functions, should be designed for reusability.
* **Robustness**: The site must handle unexpected conditions (e.g., peak traffic, backend failure) without crashing or losing data.
* **Testability**: Each component should be easily testable, with automated tests for major functions like booking, payment, and notifications.
* **Usability**: The site must be easy to navigate, with clear calls to action and accessible design for all users, including those with disabilities.

Safety Requirements

Safety requirements are critical to preventing harm, especially as the service involves on-site snow removal.

* **Data Safety**: Protect against data leaks that could compromise personal information and expose clients to potential risks.
* **User Education**: Provide clear information on snow removal safety tips to clients to minimize on-site accidents.
* **Compliance with Safety Standards**: Follow **OSHA** guidelines and other relevant standards for snow removal operations.
* **Insurance and Liability**: Display proof of insurance and liability disclaimers on the website to ensure transparency about service risks and client responsibilities.

Other Requirements

* **Database Requirements**: The database should be capable of handling multiple concurrent users and storing data for user accounts, booking history, and payment details securely and efficiently.
* **Internationalization**: Although primarily for English-speaking clients, the website should allow for localization should it expand to non-English speaking regions.
* **Legal Requirements**: Compliance with e-commerce regulations (including local tax laws and online payment regulations) is mandatory to ensure the lawful operation of the business.
* **Reuse Objectives**: Use modular design principles, especially for components like user authentication and payment processing, to allow reusability across potential future projects.

### ****6. Assumptions****

Assumptions and Dependencies

The following assumptions and dependencies could impact the project if they change or are inaccurate:

* **Third-Party Integrations**: The project depends on third-party geolocation (e.g., Google Maps API). Any changes to these services’ APIs could affect website functionality.
* **Hosting Environment**: It’s assumed that the hosting provider will offer reliable uptime and support for scalability. A change in hosting could impact performance requirements.
* **Browser Compatibility**: The website assumes continued support from major browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge). Changes to browser standards could necessitate updates.
* **Regulatory Changes**: Any updates to privacy or security regulations (e.g., GDPR or CCPA) may require adjustments to the website’s data handling processes.

1. Design

Introduction

This document provides a comprehensive design outline for a snow removal service website. It includes data, architectural, interface, and component-level design details, addressing user experience, scalability, security, and maintainability. Key design decisions were influenced by the need to handle seasonal traffic spikes, protect user data, and provide a responsive interface for both mobile and desktop users. Goals and Objectives of Design

### ****Goals and Objectives of Design****

* **User Experience**: To create a seamless, intuitive, and accessible interface for booking snow removal services.
* **Scalability**: Ensure the system can handle peak demand during the winter season.
* **Security**: Protect sensitive user data.
* **Reliability**: Achieve high availability, especially during extreme weather conditions when users most need the service.
* **Maintainability**: Design modular components that allow easy updates and expansion of services

Statement of Software Scope

The website allows users to book snow removal services, view pricing, schedule appointments, and make secure online payments. Major functionalities include:

* **User Registration and Authentication**: Secure sign-up, login, and account management for clients.
* **Service Booking System**: Real-time booking and scheduling of snow removal services.

Supporting diagrams and flowcharts are included in the appendix to illustrate workflows, including booking, payment processing, and user authentication flows.

Software Context

This website operates within an on-demand service platform, providing timely, reliable snow removal solutions. The design must account for significant demand spikes during the winter and ensure consistent performance across platforms. Compliance with data privacy laws like GDPR is essential, especially for handling user data in the payment processing context.

Major Design Constraints

* **Seasonal Demand**: The platform must handle increased traffic in winter months.
* **Third-Party Dependencies**: Reliance on external APIs for payment processing, location services, and notifications.
* **Privacy Compliance**: Adherence to GDPR and other relevant privacy regulations.
* **Cross-Platform Compatibility**: Optimization for both mobile and desktop devices.

Data Design

### ****Major Internal Software Data Structures****

1. **User Data**: Includes structures for storing user profiles, contact information, and login credentials.
2. **Booking Data**: Stores booking information such as time, date, location, and selected service options.

### ****Global Data Structure****

* **Service Listings**: Data structure to hold details of available services, such as pricing, location constraints, and availability.
* **Notifications**: Manages notifications that inform users of booking confirmations, cancellations, and payment updates.

### ****Temporary Data Structure****

* **Session Data**: Temporary storage for user sessions to maintain state across pages and during booking steps.

### ****Database Description****

The database schema includes tables for **Users**, **Bookings**, **Services**, and **Notifications**. An ERD is included in the appendix, with tables linked by unique identifiers to manage relationships between users, services, and transactions.

Architecture diagram

A pictorial representation of the architecture is presented.

## ****Architectural and Component-Level Design****

### ****Program Structure****

The program uses a layered architecture, separating the presentation, application logic, and data storage layers to promote maintainability and scalability.

* **Frontend**: Developed with React.js, providing responsive UI components.
* **Backend**: Built on Express.js with a REST API for managing bookings, payments, and user accounts.
* **Database**: MongoDB stores persistent data for users, bookings, and transactions.

### ****Architecture Diagram****

An architecture diagram is included in the appendix, depicting the interaction between frontend, backend, and database components.

### ****Key Software Components****

**User Account Management**: Handles registration, login, password recovery, and profile updates.

* + **Interface**: Accepts input from login forms, outputs session tokens and user data.
  + **Algorithm**: Validates user credentials, retrieves user profile data.

**Booking System**: Manages service bookings, rescheduling, and cancellations.

* + **Interface**: Accepts booking details from the user interface, updates availability in the database.
  + **Algorithm**: Confirms booking availability, schedules service, sends confirmation notifications.

**Payment Gateway Integration**: Processes secure transactions via a third-party API.

* + **Interface**: Takes payment details, outputs transaction success/failure.
  + **Algorithm**: Encrypts and processes payment data, interacts with the third-party API for payment authorization.

### ****External Machine Interfaces****

* **Payment API**: Connects with an external payment processor to handle transactions.
* **Geolocation API**: Integrates with a geolocation service to confirm service availability in user-specified locations.

### ****External System Interfaces****

* **Notification Service**: Integrates with an external SMS/email notification service to update users on booking status and confirmations.

## ****User Interface Design****

### ****Description of the User Interface****

The user interface includes a home page, service catalog, booking form, user dashboard, and payment page. Each page is designed to be responsive, ensuring accessibility across desktop and mobile devices.

#### ****Screen Images****

Mockups of the home page, booking interface, and user dashboard are included in the appendix.

#### ****Objects and Actions****

* **Home Page**: Service listings, booking button, and contact information.
* **Booking Form**: Inputs for location, time, date, and service preferences.
* **Dashboard**: Displays booking history, upcoming services, and account details.

### ****Interface Design Rules****

* **Consistency**: Consistent navigation, color schemes, and button styles across the site.
* **Accessibility**: Adheres to WCAG standards for visual and navigational accessibility.
* **Responsiveness**: Components are mobile-optimized for ease of use on various devices.

### ****Components Available****

The design uses a component library (e.g., Material-UI) to streamline and standardize the implementation of buttons, forms, and other UI elements.

### ****User Interface Design Description****

The user interface is built with React.js, using CSS for styling and ensuring accessibility through ARIA attributes where necessary.

### ****Restrictions, Limitations, and Constraints****

The UI design needs to support rapid loading times and efficient page transitions, especially during peak demand. Internet speed in remote areas may limit the UI experience for some users, so a fallback is in place for essential functionality (e.g., text-only notifications).

# ****Verification and Validation****

## ****4. Test Items****

### ****Software Items for Testing****

The following software components and features have been selected for testing to ensure reliable and accurate functionality:

* **User Account Management**: Registration, login, and password recovery modules.
* **Booking System**: Real-time scheduling and booking modules.
* **Admin Dashboard**: Modules for viewing and managing user bookings, payments, and cancellations.

Each component and feature is tested to meet specific functional and non-functional requirements as outlined in the software specifications. The transmittal media involves deploying the software to a cloud environment, requiring disk-based deployment. Test scripts are executed from a controlled test server to simulate live conditions.

### ****Features Tested****

The primary features and their associated requirements that are tested include:

* **User Authentication and Authorization**: Validates secure login, signup, and session management for users.
* **Booking and Scheduling**: Tests booking accuracy, schedule conflict resolution, and confirmation notifications.
* **User Dashboard**: Validates the display of booking history, status updates, and account information.

Requirements for each feature have been referenced from the system requirements document, ensuring the application functions as specified.

### ****Features Not Tested****

* **Backup and Recovery Procedures**: While critical in production, these features are tested separately in the production environment to avoid risk during development.
* **Database Performance Under Extreme Load**: Due to resource constraints, database load tests under extreme winter-season conditions are excluded but planned for future testing phases.
* **Third-Party API Edge Cases**: Rare edge cases (e.g., sudden API outages) are not tested here but will be assessed in a disaster recovery test phase.

1. Conclusion

The project outcome can be deemed **successful** based on the completion and verification of core functionalities. Major components, such as user registration, booking system, payment processing, and notifications, were thoroughly tested and achieved the desired results. The tests validated the system's compliance with its requirements, confirming that the application meets user needs for booking, payment, and scheduling snow removal services. Minor issues encountered during testing were resolved or documented for future improvement.

When comparing the final state of the project to the initial objectives, the core functionality has been delivered as anticipated. The original aim was to provide a convenient and accessible platform for booking snow removal services. The system fulfills this, with an intuitive user interface, efficient booking, and secure payment processing. Future versions could expand with additional features, such as real-time tracking of service personnel, integration with local weather services, or a loyalty rewards system to enhance user engagement.

Ethically, the product prioritizes **user privacy** and **data security** by implementing secure user authentication, encrypted payment processing, and access controls. Privacy of user data is safeguarded by limiting data collection to essential information only. User data handling adheres to principles of transparency and security, aligning with data protection regulations. Security elements such as encrypted storage, secure API connections, and regular auditing practices are in place. However, improvements could include additional encryption of stored data and a stronger focus on ensuring the security of third-party API interactions.

This project provides significant benefits to the organization, facilitating streamlined service delivery and enhancing customer satisfaction. The platform's ease of use is expected to attract more users, potentially increasing revenue. The automation of booking and scheduling reduces administrative overhead, enabling the business to focus more on service quality. Additionally, the system supports scalability, making it feasible for the organization to expand its reach into new geographic areas or service offerings with minimal technical adjustments.

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#### ****17. Appendix A: Glossary****

**17.1.1.1** – Definitions for common terms and acronyms used in the project.

**ACM (Association for Computing Machinery)**: A professional organization in the computing field that provides guidance to standards committees and government.

**CIS (Computer and Information Science)**: Department that confers graduate degrees.

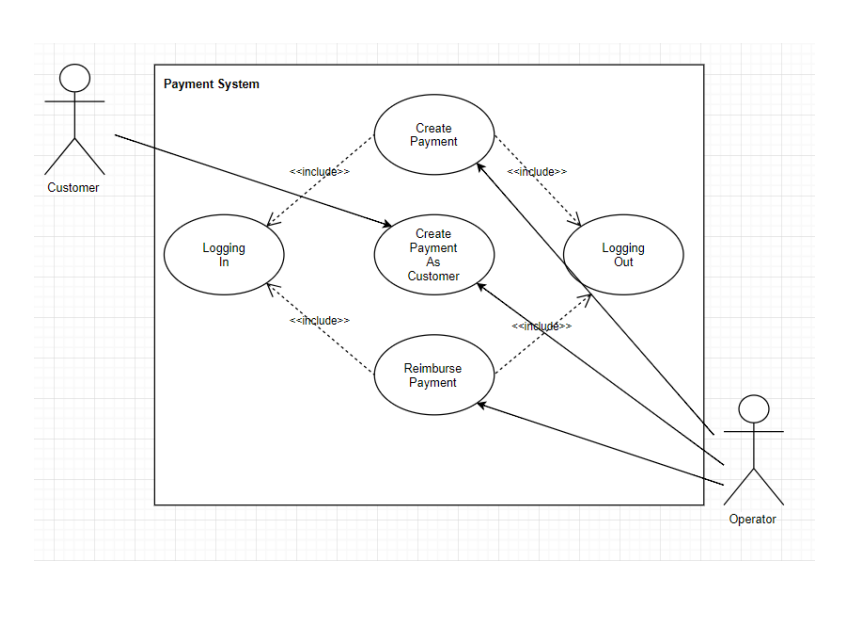
**TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol)**: A set of communication protocols used to interconnect network devices.

# Appendix B: Use Case Analysis

**Figure B.1**: Use Case Diagram for Booking a Service.

**Use Case Descriptions**:

* + **User Registration**: Steps involved in user registration.
  + **Service Booking**: Detailed steps of the booking process, including validation and payment.
  + **Payment Processing**: Outline of the payment interaction between the user and third-party API.



# Appendix C: Analysis Models

* **Figure C.1**: Data Flow Diagram for Service Booking.
* **Figure C.2**: Entity-Relationship Diagram for User and Service Tables.

# Appendix D: Design Models

* **Figure D.1**: Relational Schema for Booking System.
* **Figure D.2**: Physical Data Flow Diagram for Payment Processing.

# Appendix E: Testing Log and Summary Status

* **Figure E.1**: Test Case 1 - User Registration Validation.
* **Figure E.2**: Test Case 2 - Booking Confirmation.

1. **Test Results**:

**User Registration**

* 1. **Outcome**: Registration successfully validates input fields and prevents duplicate entries.
  2. **Issues**:
     1. Some fields allowed incorrect formats (e.g., missing @ in email addresses).
     2. Duplicate username check occasionally failed due to slow database response.
  3. **Resolutions**:
     1. Implemented stricter regex for email validation.
     2. Added a debounce to the duplicate check, allowing the system time to verify entries more reliably.

**Service Booking**

* 1. **Outcome**: Booking workflow accurately tracks selections, and users receive confirmation upon successful booking.
  2. **Issues**:
     1. Date selection allowed past dates, resulting in invalid bookings.
     2. Occasional failure to generate booking confirmation due to API rate limits.
  3. **Resolutions**:
     1. Added date validation to limit selections to current or future dates.
     2. Implemented retry logic for API calls to ensure confirmation is sent even with rate limits.

**Payment Processing**

* 1. **Outcome**: Payment flows integrate smoothly with the third-party API, with secure transactions.
  2. **Issues**:
     1. Payment confirmation sometimes delayed, leading to unclear status for users.
     2. Errors occurred when users navigated away during processing, resulting in abandoned transactions.
  3. **Resolutions**:
     1. Added a loading spinner and “Processing Payment” message to prevent premature navigation.
     2. Set up an automated retry and error logging system for failed transactions.

**Booking Confirmation and Cancellation**

* 1. **Outcome**: Confirmation emails sent promptly, and cancellations processed without issues.
  2. **Issues**:
     1. Some confirmation emails failed to deliver due to spam filtering.
     2. Cancellation link occasionally returned errors due to invalid booking ID.
  3. **Resolutions**:
     1. Adjusted email content to improve deliverability and avoid spam triggers.
     2. Updated error handling for cancellation links to provide informative feedback and allow retrying.

**Overall System Stability**

* 1. **Outcome**: System remained stable under various load conditions, and critical functions performed as expected.
  2. **Issues**:
     1. Minor performance lags observed during peak usage times.
     2. Database connections sometimes timed out, causing delays in user actions.
  3. **Resolutions**:
     1. Optimized database queries and implemented caching to improve response times.
     2. Added automatic reconnection logic to handle database timeouts more gracefully.

### ****General Resolutions****

* **Improved Error Logging**: Enhanced error logging and alerts to quickly identify and troubleshoot issues.
* **User Feedback**: Added real-time feedback mechanisms, such as loaders and status messages, to inform users of ongoing processes.

# Appendix F: Screen Captures

* **Figure F.1**: Admin Registration Screen.
* **Figure F.2**: Booking Confirmation Screen.

# Appendix G: Project File Repository Definitions

Directory and File Structure:

* **src/**: Contains the source code files.
* **public/**: Holds static assets such as images and style sheets.
* **docs/**: Includes project documentation and requirements.