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**Background**: The current church room booking system relies on manual paperwork, which is considered inefficient. Therefore, there is a need for software automation.

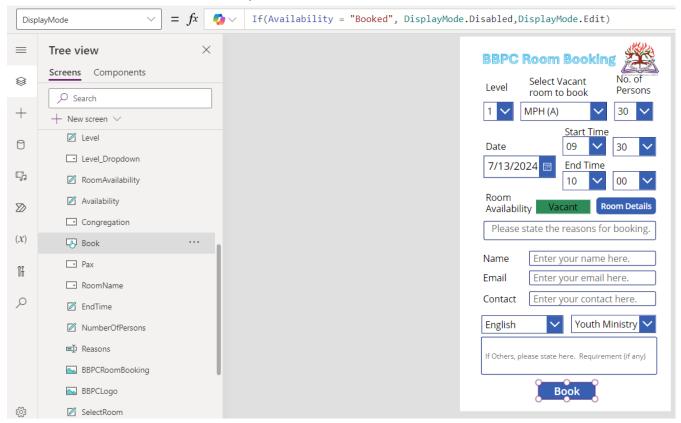
This documentation lists the detailed steps for building the Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church (BBPC) Room Booking system from the group up. It is developed using tools from **Microsoft Power Platform (Power Apps, Power Automate and Dataverse)**.

After discussion with the church administration teams on 11th July 2024, below are the additional requirements:

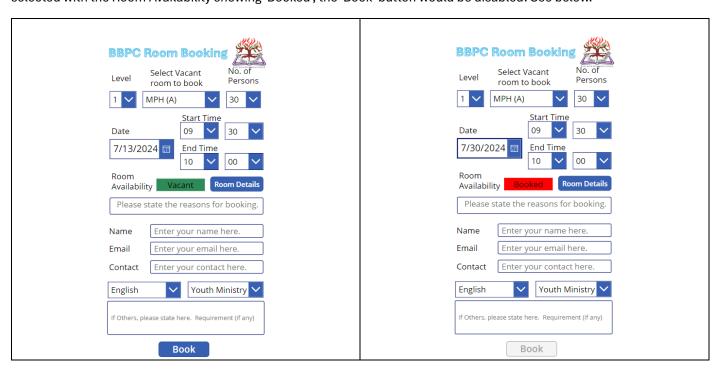
- Earliest time for booking to be 8am and Latest Time is at 9.30pm.
- · No. of Persons to be added
- Ministry (Drop-down list): Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Women Fellowship, etc
- An additional screen for the three consent checkboxes to be included. Additionally, the Rules and Regulations in PNG format will be attached to the email sent to the Requestor after the room is approved.
- Administration side has the right to amend the booking if the booking is done wrongly.
- Approval email received for each booking needs to show not only the days of booking, but also the day of the week. For example, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Friday)
- Ability to perform: (a) Cancel booking, (b) Block booking, (c) Recurring booking.
- Overall plan view of the bookings for the current and advanced months for caretaker's advanced preparation. (not viewable on the user's side)

Below are several checks to ensure the system functions correctly as intended.

First check: If the room selected is Booked, the 'Book' button is disabled.

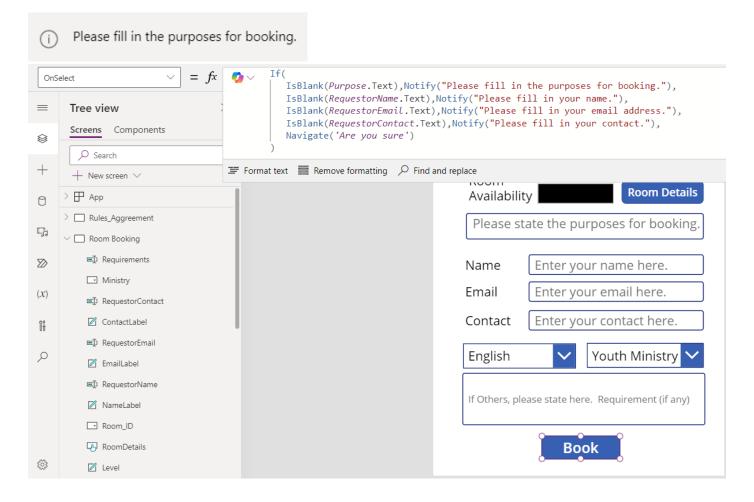


The button 'Book' would only be active when the Room selected with the Room Availability showing 'Vacant'. If the Room selected with the Room Availability showing 'Booked', the 'Book' button would be disabled. See below.

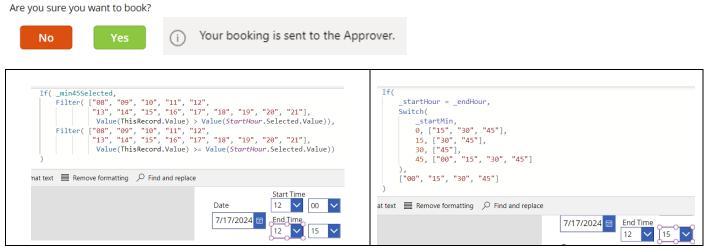


Second check: If the Reasons for Booking is blank and the 'Book' button is clicked, a notification message would be displayed.

If any of the 'Purpose for Booking', 'Name', 'Email', or 'Contact' fields is blank, the booking cannot proceed. A prompt message will ask you to fill in the relevant field, as shown below.

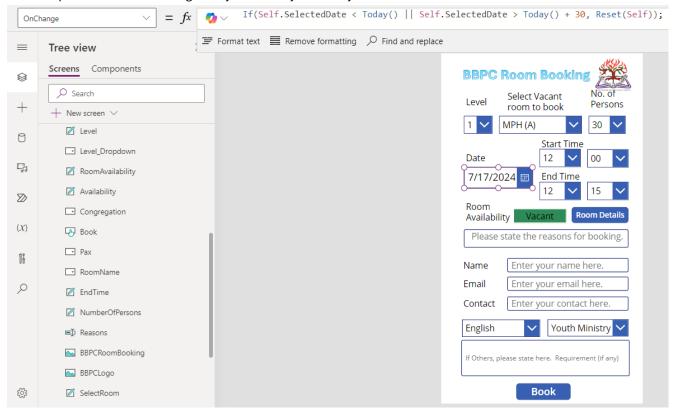


The system will proceed to the confirmation screen only all the required fields are filled and the room to be booked is Vacant. If the 'No' button is pressed, it will return to the previous booking screen. If the 'Yes' button is pressed, a message will inform you that your booking has been sent to the approver, and it will then return to the original booking screen.

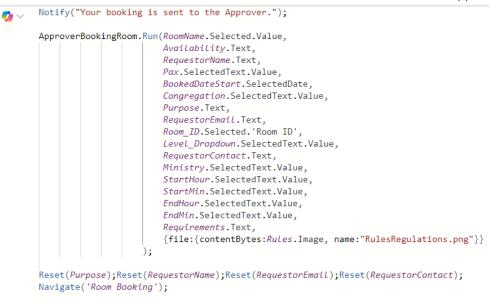


Above Items of 'EndHour' and 'EndMin' ensures that the End Time is always greater than the Start Time.

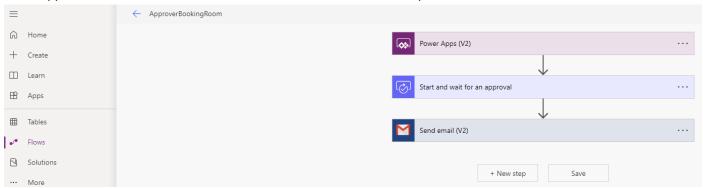
The acceptable Date for booking is only from today till 30 days later.

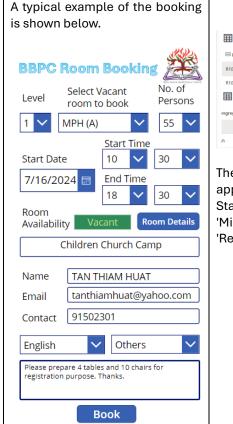


When the 'Yes' button is clicked, it will link to the **Power Automate** flow named 'ApproverBookingRoom' with its arguments.



The flow of the 'ApproverBookingRoom' is as below: It will start the approval and send email to the Requestor on the status of the Approval once the 'Yes' button is clicked. See below for detailed explanations.

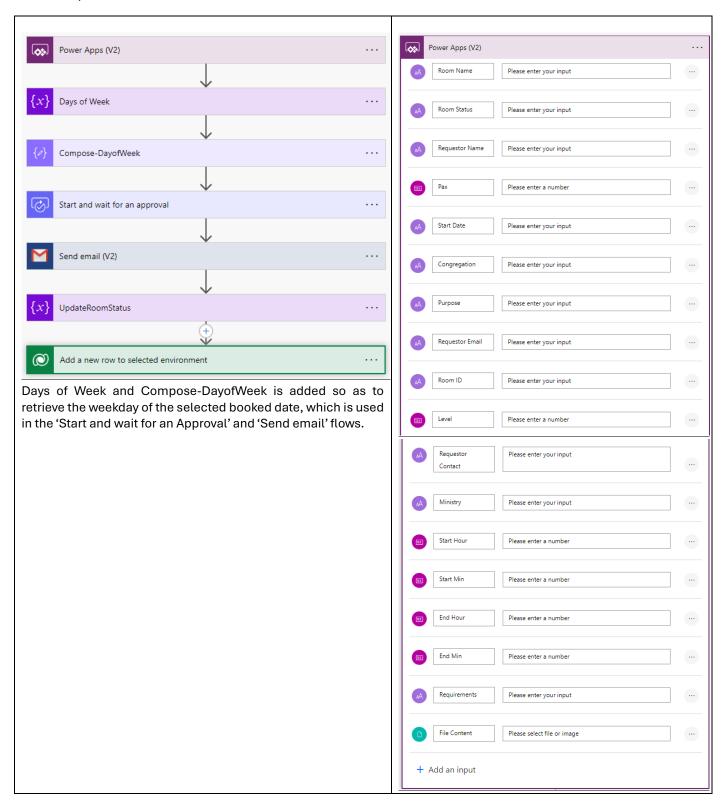




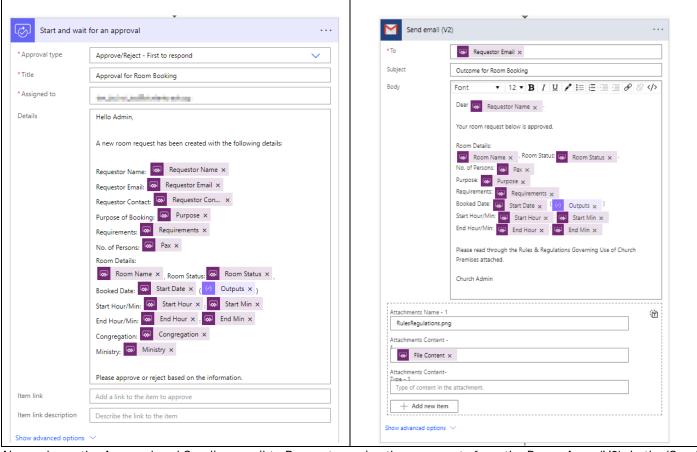


There is one main table named 'RoomDetails' used in Dataverse. After the booking is approved, the following columns in the 'RoomDetails' table will be updated: 'Room Status', 'Start Date', 'Start Hour', 'Start Min', 'End Hour', and 'End Min', 'Congregation', 'Ministry', 'Number of Persons', 'Purpose', 'Requirements', 'Requestor Name', 'Requestor Email' and 'Requestor Contact', as shown the above example.

### Detailed explanations of the Flow.

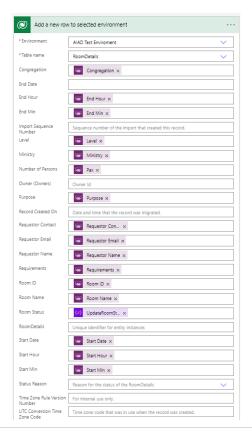


In Power Apps (V2), we can add in different arguments like (Room Name, Room Status, Requestor Name, ..., Requestor End Hour, End Min, Requirements, and File Content), which those arguments would be used in the later part of the flow. The fourth and fifth flows are for the Approval and Sending email to the requestor on the outcome of the room booking. Variable 'UpdateRoomStatus' is initialized next.

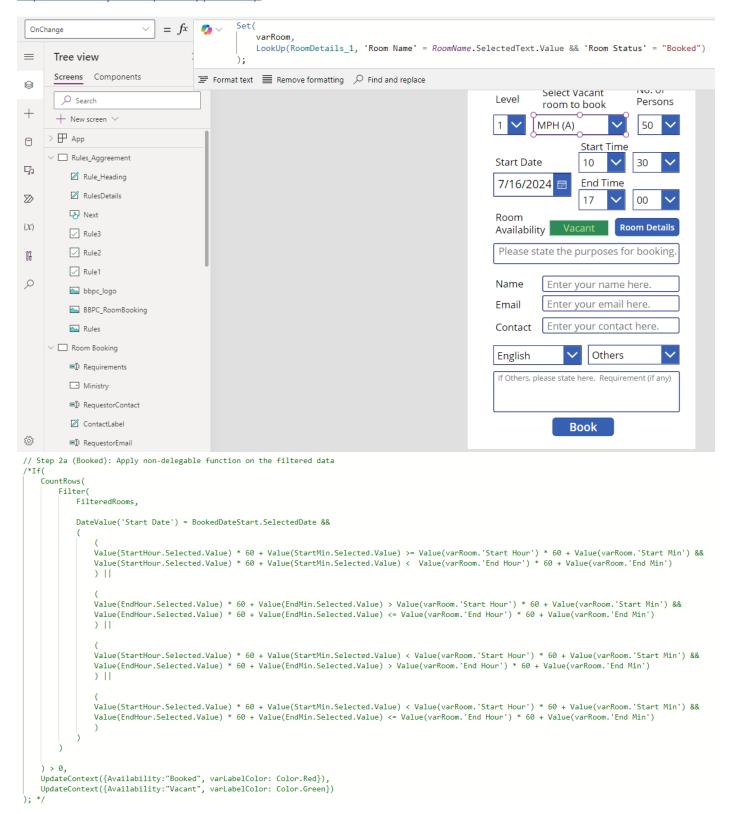


Above shows the Approval and Sending email to Requestor, using the arguments from the Power Apps (V2). In the 'Send email' flow, the 'RuleRegulations.png' picture file is attached to it.

Once the approval and email is sent, we need to add that particular row in the Dataverse table named 'RoomDetails'. This needs a more detailed explanation. First, we need to have a flow of 'Add a new row to selected environment' from Dataverse, which will add a new row with the columns 'Room Status', 'Start Date', 'Start Hour', 'Start Min', 'End Hour', and 'End Min', 'Congregation', 'Ministry', 'Number of Persons', 'Purpose', 'Requirements', 'Requestor Name', 'Requestor Email' and 'Requestor Contact', updated according to the selected Room Name and Room ID.

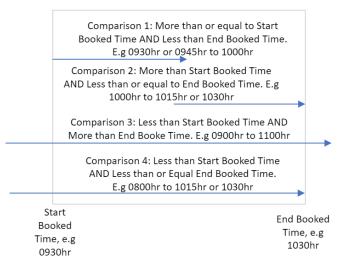


To integrate the **Power Apps** application with the **Dataverse** table, we make use of the **Lookup** function. See <a href="https://mindmajix.com/powerapps-lookup">https://mindmajix.com/powerapps-lookup</a>



Once we set the variable **varRoom** for the room selected and Room Status = 'Booked' using **LookUp** function, we can have **If conditions** to determine the Availability of the room. Here, the **If conditions** check (for that particular Room Name selected and Room Status = 'Booked') whether

- a) Date Difference is zero between the Selected Date and the Booked Date.
- b) **Filter:** Filters the 'RoomDetails' table to check if the booking overlaps with the already booked time slots. The hour timings are converted to minutes (by multiplying by 60) and added to the minute timings for comparison with the booked time slots. These comparisons are combined using 'OR', as illustrated below.



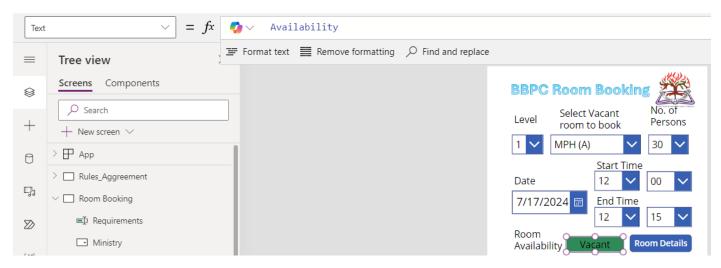
c) CountRows: Counts the number of records returned by the Filter function.

If all the conditions are True, then the Availability is set to 'Booked' with its red background colour. Otherwise, the Availability is set to 'Vacant' with its green background colour.

Because of the complexity of the different cases to check for the 'Booked' condition above, a much neater way is to first check for the 'Vacant' condition, and put a negate to those conditions, as seen below.

In this case, we want the Start Time selected to be less than the Start Booked Time AND the End Time selected to be less than or equal to the Start Booked Time OR the Start Time selected to be more than or equal to the End Booked Time. And with those conditions, we negate it with an exclamation sign (see green box above).

We make use of **UpdateContext** function to update the status of room availability. The <u>context variable</u> here is named **Availability**. Take note below for the context variable, there is **no quotes** around it.



To further enhance the Start Time and End Time such that user is not allowed to select the End Time to be earlier than the Start Time, the below code is added. For example, if the Start Time is 10.45am, the earliest End Time to be allowed is 11.00am. If the Start Time is 10.15am, the earliest End Time to be allowed is 10.30am.



```
// OnStart property of the App
Set(_startHour, "09");
Set(_startMin, "30");
Set(_endHour, "10");
Set(_endMin, "45");
Set(_min45Selected, false);
// StartHour Drop-Down
StartHour.Items = ["08", "09", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21"];
StartHour.Default = _startHour;
StartHour.OnChange = Set(_startHour, StartHour.Selected.Value);
lf(
  _startHour > _endHour,
  Set(_endHour, _startHour)
);
// StartMin Drop-Down
StartMin.Items = ["00", "15", "30", "45"];
StartMin.Default = _startMin;
StartMin.OnChange = If(
  StartMin.Selected.Value = "45",
  Set(_min45Selected, true),
  Set(_min45Selected, false)
);
Set(_startMin, StartMin.Selected.Value);
// EndHour Drop-Down
EndHour.Items = If(
  _min45Selected,
  Filter(["08", "09", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21"], Value(ThisRecord) > _startHour),
  Filter(["08", "09", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21"], Value(ThisRecord) >= _startHour)
);
```

EndHour.Default = \_endHour; EndHour.OnChange = Set(\_endHour, EndHour.Selected.Value);

```
// EndMin.Items = If(
    _startHour = _endHour,
    Switch(
    _startMin,
    "00", ["15", "30", "45"],
    "15", ["30", "45"],
    "30", ["45"],
    "45", ["00", "15", "30", "45"]
),
    ["00", "15", "30", "45"]
);
EndMin.Default = _endMin;
EndMin.OnChange = Set(_endMin, EndMin.Selected.Value);
```

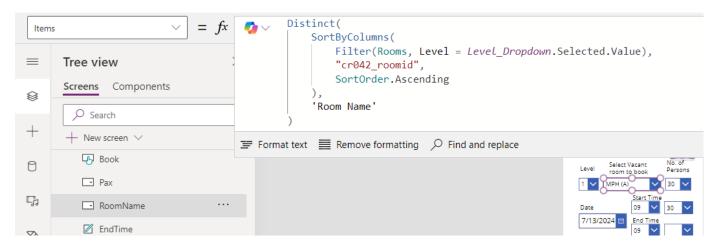
- The If function is used to check a condition and return different values based on whether the condition is true or false. The condition being checked is whether \_startHour is equal to \_endHour.
- If the condition is true (\_startHour = \_endHour), it returns the result of the Switch function.
- If the condition is false (\_startHour ≠ \_endHour), it returns the full list of minute options: ["00", "15", "30", "45"].

### **Switch Function**

The Switch function evaluates an expression against a set of possible matches (cases) and returns the corresponding result. In this case, it evaluates \_startMin.

- \_startMin is the expression being evaluated.
- The subsequent pairs of values are the cases and their corresponding results.
- If \_startMin is 00, it returns ["15", "30", "45"].
- If \_startMin is 15, it returns ["30", "45"].
- If \_startMin is 30, it returns ["45"].
- If \_startMin is 45, it returns ["00", "15", "30", "45"] (rolling over to the next hour).

This logic ensures that the user can only select an EndMin that is logically after the StartMin when the start and end hours are the same.



Above ensures that the Room Name is filtered by the Level, sorted by the Room ID, and having distinct of its Room Name.

# **BBPC Room Booking**



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- Only members worshipping at Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church or authorised organization are allowed to use the Church premises for church activities only.
- Mondays and Public Holidays in general are rest days. No activities except for Christian celebrations like Good Friday and Christmas day can be held in the Church premise.
- Notice of bookings should be given at least 3 working days in advance. Immediate booking or short notice will not be entertained. Any exception will be reviewed accordingly.
- The applicant should inform Admin Office 3 working days in advance of any changes or cancellation of room booking.
- All bookings must be made in the filled-up form with the Administrator.
   All activities must end by 9.30pm unless approval is sought and granted.
   Any requirement of extension from 9.30pm has to be reviewed and arranged for the extended coverage.
- Kindly switch off all lights & air-conditioner and electrical equipments, arrange chairs & table, clear the premises before leaving.
- 8. No food and drinks allowed in carpet premises.
- Only light refreshment & finger food are allowed in rooms with tiles except Multi-Purpose Hall and reception lobby.
- No smoking or consumption of alcohol is allowed within the church premises.
- 11. No shifting of equipment & furniture from one room to another is allowed unless permission is sought and granted prior to the changes required.
- 12. There should be a minimum of four persons for the booking of a small room.
- 13. The applicant is responsible and accountable for any damage to church properties.
- 14. In the event of any dispute arising from the interpretation of these rules or from any circumstances not covered by the foregoing rules, the decision of the House Property Convenor or Church Administrator will be final.
- 15. The applicants using the premise are responsible and accountable to all circumstantial consequences that happen.

	I have read & understood, and agree to abide by the Church's rules & regulations. I
П	will be responsible for any damage of church properties in the duration of the use of
	the premises.

Permission must be granted by the Ministry/Fellowship Leader before submitting this e-form to the Admin Office.

By submitting the e-form, I give consent to the collection & processing of my personal information for booking of premises.

Next

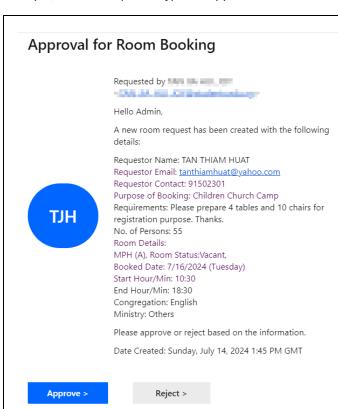
This 'Rules & Regulations' would be the first landing page. Only if those 3 checkboxes are ticked, would the app proceeds to the next page.

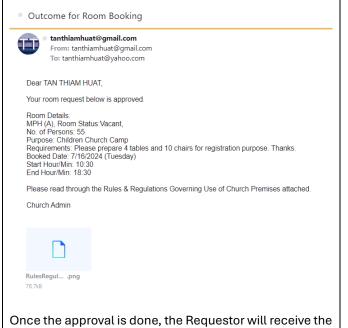
A prompt message will appear if any of those checkboxes is not ticked.

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Please tick all the checkboxes.

The Approval for Room Booking for each booking will show not only the date of the booking but also the day of the week, for example, 7/16/2024 (Tuesday). This Approval for Room Booking can be accessed via both email and the mobile app.





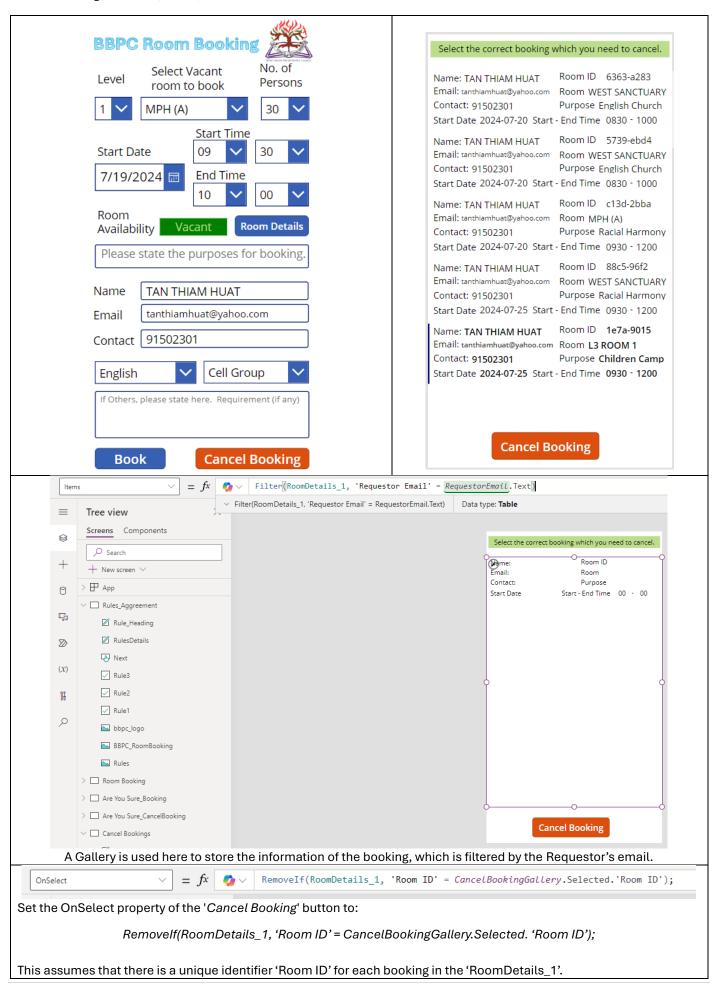
above email with the 'Rules and Regulations' in PNG

format attached as shown below.

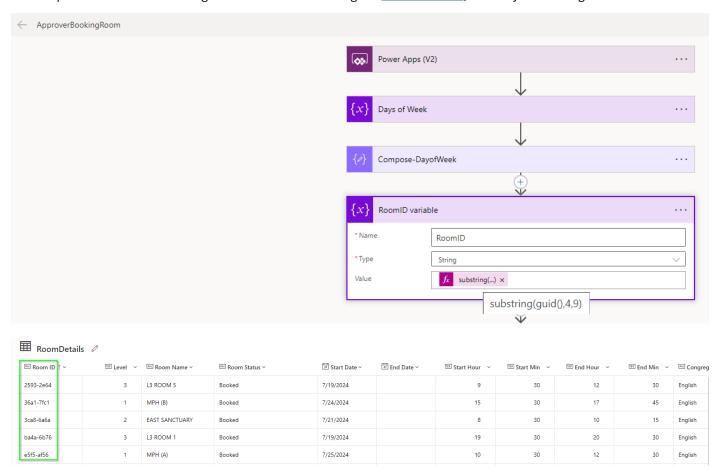
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**Cancel Booking** feature is added with the 'Cancel Booking' button. The three mandatory inputs before proceeding with Cancel Booking are Name, Email, and Contact.

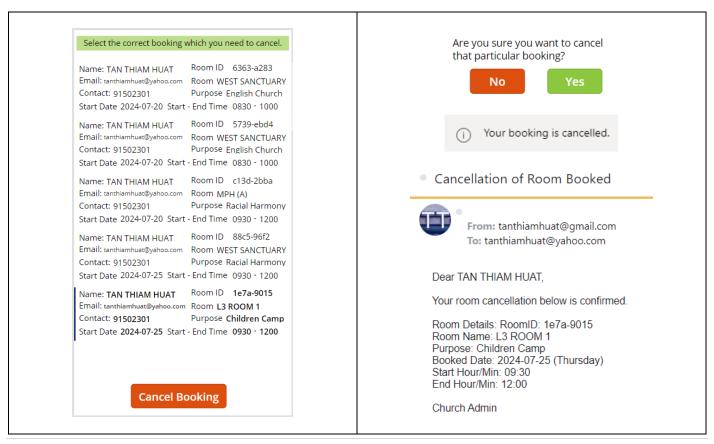


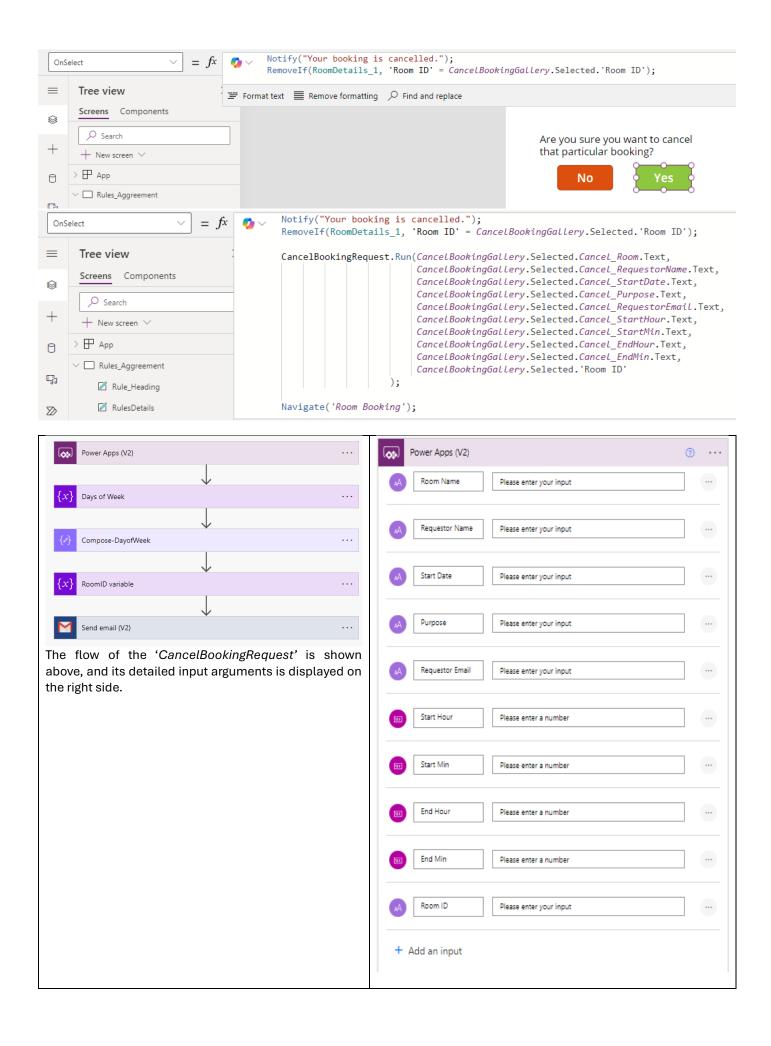
The unique identifier 'Room ID' is generated in the Flow using the GUID function, and only a substring of it is used.



Above shows the 'RoomDetails' table with the Room ID's unique identifier.

The system will ask for confirmation once the 'Cancel Booking' is pressed. If the 'No' button is pressed, it will return to the previous Cancel Booking screen. If the 'Yes' button is pressed, a message will inform you that your booking has been cancelled, and it will then return to the original booking screen. A cancellation email will be sent to the requestor.





#### **Named Formulas**

Named formulas in Power Apps are essentially variables that are calculated once when the app loads and can be referenced throughout the app. By using named formulas, you can calculate the collections or other data sources when the app loads, rather than recalculating them every time the app is launched.

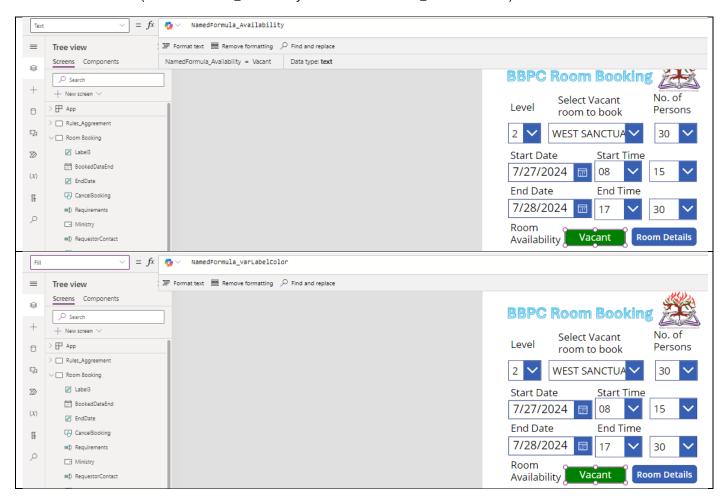
See https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/power-platform/blog/power-apps/power-fx-introducing-named-formulas/

Because the below logic needs to be repeated over many of the controls (RoomName dropdown, BookedDateStart Date Picker, BookedDateEnd Data Picker, StartHour, StartMin, EndHour, EndMin), the logic is put into **Named Formulas** in a single centralized location which can be reused over different controls.

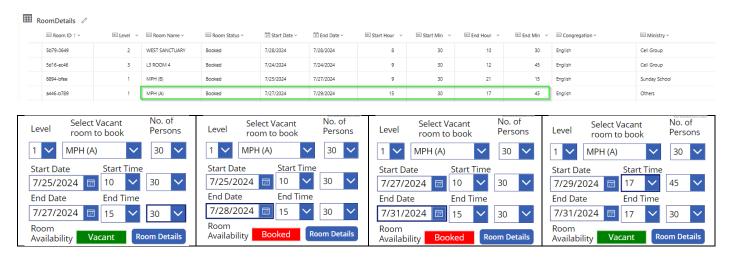
To put the logic into formulas, use *App.Formulas* property as shown. Notice now the *DateTimeValue* is used for comparison, instead of the previous of time comparison.

```
StartDateTime_Selected = Text(BookedDateStart.SelectedDate, "yyyy-mm-dd") & "T" & Text(StartHour.SelectedText.Value) & ":" & Text(StartMin.SelectedText.Value);
EndDateTime_Selected = Text(BookedDateEnd.SelectedDate, "yyyy-mm-dd") & "T" & Text(EndHour.SelectedText.Value) & ":" & Text(EndMin.SelectedText.Value);
StartDateTime_Booked = Text(Value(varRoom.'Start Date'), "yyyy-mm-dd") & "T" & Value(varRoom.'Start Hour') & ":" & Value(varRoom.'Start Min');
EndDateTime_Booked = Text(Value(varRoom.'End Date'), "yyyy-mm-dd") & "T" & Value(varRoom.'End Hour') & ":" & Value(varRoom.'End Min');
NamedFormula_Availability = If(
                                        CountRows(
                                                    FilteredRooms.
                                                    !(
                                                         .
DateTimeValue(StartDateTime Selected) < DateTimeValue(StartDateTime Booked) &&
                                                         DateTimeValue(EndDateTime_Selected) <= DateTimeValue(StartDateTime_Booked)
                                                         DateTimeValue(StartDateTime Selected) >= DateTimeValue(EndDateTime Booked)
                                        ) > 0,
                                         "Booked".
                                         Vacant
                                           CountRows(
                                             Filter(
                                                    FilteredRooms,
                                                    1(
                                                         DateTimeValue(StartDateTime Selected) < DateTimeValue(StartDateTime Booked) &&
                                                         DateTimeValue(EndDateTime_Selected) <= DateTimeValue(StartDateTime_Booked)
                                                         DateTimeValue(StartDateTime_Selected) >= DateTimeValue(EndDateTime_Booked)
                                             > 0,
                                           Color.Red,
                                           Color.Green
```

The Named Formulas (NamedFormula\_Availability and NamedFormula\_varLabelColor) is used is shown below.



To test the logic in the Named Formulas thoroughly, we test out the last entries of the 'Booked' row in '*RoomDetails*' with Room Name MPH (A) and Start Date of 7/27/2024, End Date 7/29/2024, StartTime 1530 and EndTime 1745.



The above Name Formulas is double checked with other entries in the Dataverse table and found to be not working well. It is found that to retrieve the records from the Dataverse table, 'varRoom' is used wrongly here.

Instead, we should use the **Schema Name** (*cr042\_\*\**) for each column of (*startdate*, *enddate*, *starthour*, *startmin*, *endhour*, *endmin*) from the **Dataverse table**. In this case here, we also simplified the conditions to check:

 $! (EndDateTime\_Selected <= BookedStartDateTime\ OR\ StartDateTime\_Selected >= BookedEndDateTime)$ 

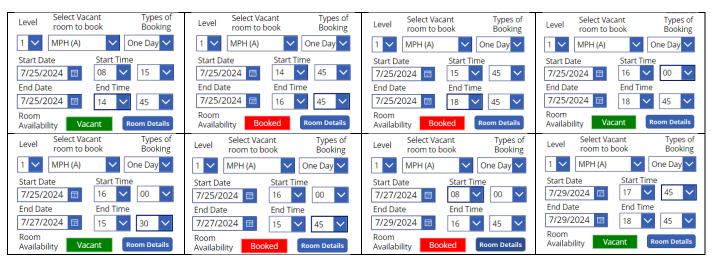
after filtering the  $\it Room\, Status$  to be 'Booked' and the  $\it RoomName$  selected.

```
BookedDateStart.SelectedDate, "yyyy-mm-dd") & " " & Text(StartHour.SelectedText.Value) & ":" & Text(StartMin.SelectedText.Value);

BookedDateEnd.SelectedDate, "yyyy-mm-dd") & " " & Text(EndHour.SelectedText.Value) & ":" & Text(EndMin.SelectedText.Value);
StartDateTime_Selected = Text(
EndDateTime_Selected = Text(
NamedFormula Availability = If(
         Filter
              Filter(
                    ...
'Room Status' = <mark>"Booked" && 'Start Date'</mark> >= Today() && 'Room Name' = RoomName.Selected.Value
               !(DateTimeValue(EndDateTime_Selected) <= DateTimeValue(
                   Concatenate(
                        Text(
                             cr042_startdate,
                              "yyyy-mm-dd"
                        cr042 starthour,
                        If(
                             cr042_startmin = 0,
                             cr042_startmin
              ) || DateTimeValue(StartDateTime_Selected) >= DateTimeValue(
                   Concatenate(
                             cr042 enddate.
                              'yyyy-mm-dd'
                        cr042_endhour,
                             cr042 endmin = 0.
                             cr042 endmin
     ) > 0,
      Booked"
     "Vacant
```

Room	RoomDetails 🗸								
123 Level v	Abd Room Name ∨	Room Status >	Start Date >	End Date >	Start Hour ∨	Start Min V	End Hour Y	End Min Y	Congregation >
2	WEST SANCTUARY	Booked	7/28/2024	7/28/2024	8	30	10	30	English
3	L3 ROOM 4	Booked	7/27/2024	7/27/2024	9	30	12	45	English
1	MPH (B)	Booked	7/25/2024	7/27/2024	9	30	21	15	English
1	MPH (A)	Booked	7/25/2024	7/25/2024	14	45	16	0	English
3	L3 ROOM 4	Booked	7/27/2024	7/27/2024	8	0	8	45	English
1	MPH (A)	Booked	7/27/2024	7/29/2024	15	30	17	45	English

Below table shows the different tests on the Room Name MHP (A) for both One Day booking (7/25/2024) and Block booking (7/27/2024 to 7/29/2024)



## Below table shows the different tests on the Room Name L3 ROOM 4 for One Day booking (7/27/2024) on two time slots.

Level Select Vacant Types of room to book Booking	Level Select Vacant Types of room to book Booking	Level Select Vacant Types of room to book Booking	Level Select Vacant Types of room to book Booking
3 V L3 ROOM 4 V One Day V	3 V L3 ROOM 4 V One Day V	3 V L3 ROOM 4 V One Day V	3 V L3 ROOM 4 V One Day V
Start Date         Start Time           7/27/2024         □           08         ✓           00         ✓	Start Date         Start Time           7/27/2024         □           09         ✓           00         ✓	Start Date         Start Time           7/27/2024         □           09         ✓           30         ✓	Start Date         Start Time           7/27/2024         □         13         ✓         30         ✓
End Date End Time	End Date End Time	End Date End Time	End Date End Time
7/27/2024 🗊 09 🗸 00 🗸	7/27/2024 🖽 09 🗸 30 🗸	7/27/2024 🖬 13 🗸 45 🗸	7/27/2024 🖬 15 🗸 45 🗸
Room Availability Booked Room Details	Room Availability  Vacant  Room Details	Room Availability Booked Room Details	Room Availability  Vacant  Room Details