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Carpooling User Manual

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1 Introduction

Carpooling is a program designed to facilitate ride-sharing within the same institution. Users can post trips they plan to take and invite others from their institution to join them, creating a convenient and efficient travel experience. This manual provides a step-by-step guide to using the Carpooling program effectively.

2 System Requirements

Software:

- Operating System: Windows, macOS, or Linux
- Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 8 or higher
- Browser: Compatible with modern web browsers (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, Safari)
- Internet connection

Hardware:

- Minimum: 4GB RAM, 1GHz processor
- Recommended: 8GB RAM, 2GHz dual-core processor

3 Installation Guide

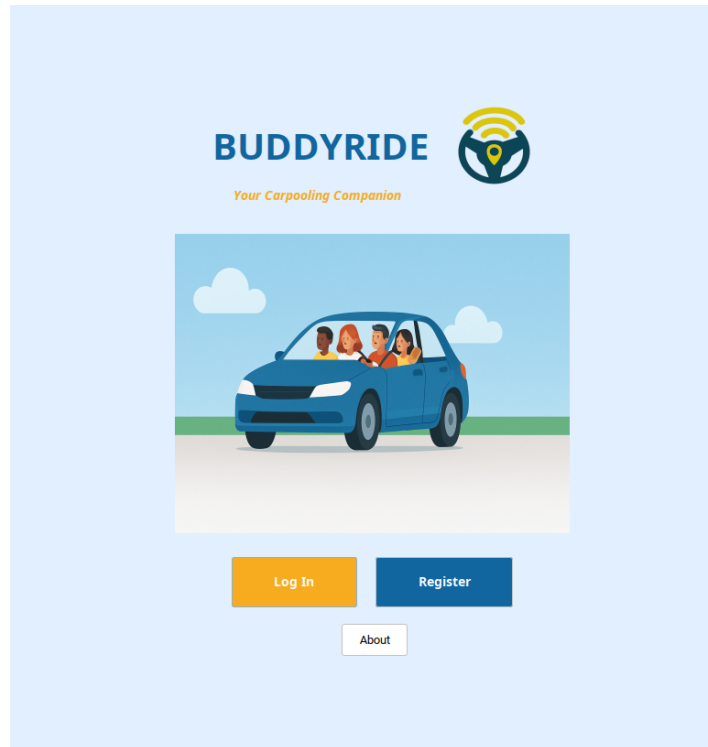
Follow these steps to install the Carpooling program:

1. Visit the GitHub repository:
2. Clone or download the repository to your local machine.
3. Navigate to the directory `app/dist`.
4. Locate the `.jar` file.
5. Ensure you have Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 8 or higher installed.
6. Run the `.jar` file to launch the program.

4 Getting Started

4.1 Creating an Account

1. Open the program and click on the **Register** button.



2. Fill in your personal details in the registration form.

The image shows the BuddyRide registration form, titled "REGISTER" in blue. The form is organized into three columns. The first column contains fields for "First Name:", "Second Name:", "First Surname:", "Second Surname:", "Gender:", and "Date of Birth:". The second column contains fields for "Type of Identification:", "Identification Number:", "Type of Phone Number:", "Phone Number:", "Institution You Belong To:", and "Email:". The third column contains fields for "Username:", "Password:", and a checkbox for "Show Password". There is also a link for "Terms and Conditions" and a "Register" button at the bottom right. The form includes various input types such as text boxes, dropdown menus, and a date picker.

3. Make sure to check the box to accept the Terms of Service (ToS).
4. Complete the registration process by clicking on the **Register** button.

4.2 Logging In

1. Enter your username and password on the login screen.
2. Click the **Log In** button.
3. After you have logged in, you will be presented with the choice of going to your Driver or Passenger profile. Choose whichever one you'd prefer, since you'll be able to switch later.

WELCOME BACK!



Username:

Password:

☐ Show Password

[Need to create an account?](#)

Log In



Passenger

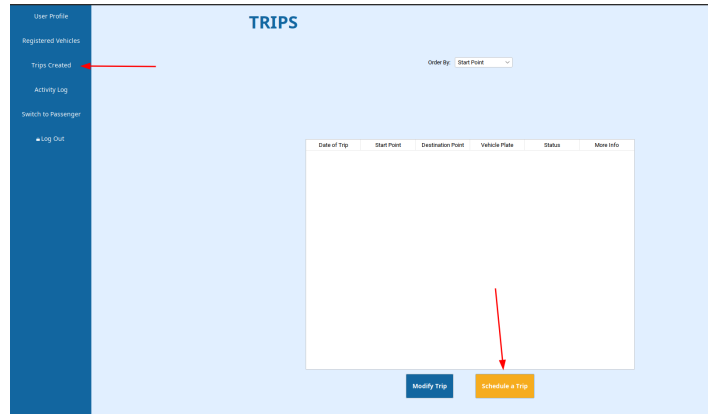


Driver

5 Using the Program

5.1 Posting a Trip

1. In the sidebar, click on the **Trips Created** option.



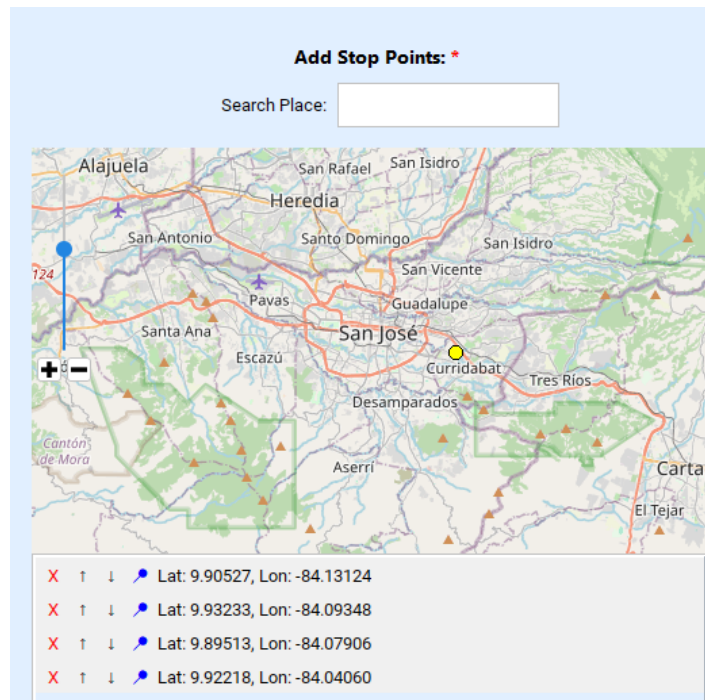
2. Click on the **Schedule a Trip** button.
3. Fill in the required information about your trip.

A screenshot of a form titled "SCHEDULE TRIP" on a light blue background. The form is divided into two columns by a vertical line. The left column contains: "Start Time:" with a dropdown showing "05:00AM", "End Time:" with a dropdown showing "05:30AM", "Date of Trip:" with a date picker, and "Vehicle:" with a dropdown. The right column contains: "Amount of Passengers:" with a dropdown, "Price per Passenger:" with a text input field, and "Currency:" with a dropdown. At the bottom center is a blue button labeled "Add Route".

4. Once you are done with the first screen, now its time to add a route to your trip.

A screenshot of a form titled "CREATE ROUTE" on a light blue background. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with white text links: "User Profile", "Registered Vehicles", "Trips Created", "Activity Log", "Switch to Passenger", and "Log Out". The main content area has a light blue background. At the top left, there is a "Country:" dropdown with "Select Country" as the placeholder. Below this are three dropdowns for "Add Starting Point:" (Province, Canton, District) and three dropdowns for "Add Destination Point:" (Province, Canton, District). At the bottom left is an orange button labeled "Add Trip". On the right is a map of Costa Rica with a search bar labeled "Add Stop Points:" and "Search Place:". The map shows various cities and regions. At the bottom right, there is a watermark that says "Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows".

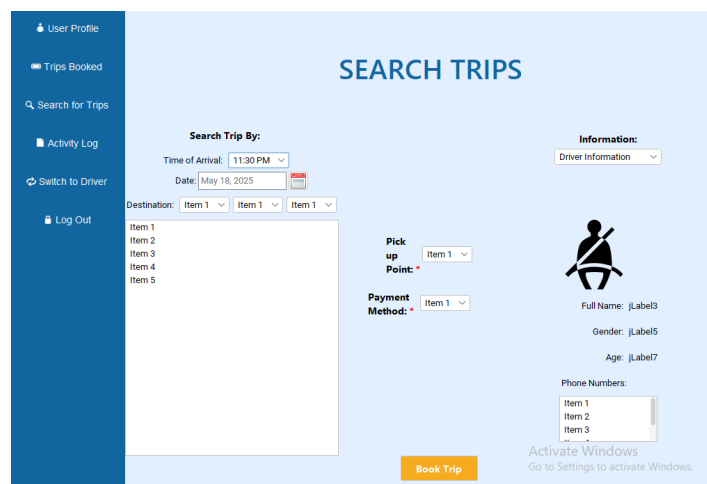
5. First select the country in which you are doing this trip. Next, add your starting and destination points. Once that is done, make sure to add at least one stop from the map. Just click a spot on the map and the stop will be added to the list. If you prefer, you can use the search bar at the top of the map to look for a certain place.
6. Once you have added a few stops you will notice that you can use the up and down arrows to arrange the stops however you want. You can also use the blue pin to show that stop again on the map. The red X is to get rid of a stop point.



5.2 Searching for Trips

The **Search Trips** section is divided into three parts:

- **Search Trip:** Lists all available trips that you can join. You can narrow your search by adding a time of arrival as well as a destination point.



- **Information you must fill out:** Once you've chosen a trip from the list, before being able to book it you must first add the pick up point you'll want to board in and the method in which you will pay the driver if they are charging a fee

- **Information about the trip:** You can look at these details before deciding to book the trip. You can look at the driver's information, the vehicle information, the stops that will be made during the trip and the times and cost.

5.3 Updating Your Profile

- (a) Click on the User Profile icon on the side menu. This will take you to your profile.

The screenshot shows the 'USER PROFILE' page. On the left sidebar, the 'User Profile' icon is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area has a light blue background and is titled 'USER PROFILE'. It contains several sections: 'First Name' (jLabel1), 'Second Name' (jLabel2), 'First Surname' (jLabel3), 'Second Surname' (jLabel4), 'Gender' (jLabel5), and 'Date of birth' (jLabel6). There are also fields for 'Type of Identification' (jLabel7), 'Identification Number' (jLabel8), and 'Phone Numbers' (Phone Type, Phone Num...). On the right, there are buttons for 'Add Phone Number', 'Add Email', and 'Add Institution'. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Modify Profile' (yellow) and 'Eliminate Account' (red). A small 'Ad' banner for 'Eliminate Account' is also visible.

- (b) Then, if you want to add a phone number, register in another institution or add an email you can click the buttons on the top right. If you want to delete your account click the red button at the bottom. If you want to modify your profile, click the yellow button.

The screenshot shows the 'MODIFY USER PROFILE' page. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area has a light blue background and is titled 'MODIFY USER PROFILE'. It contains several sections: 'First Name' (TextField), 'Second Name' (TextField), 'First Surname' (TextField), 'Second Surname' (TextField), 'Gender' (Item 1 dropdown), and 'Date of Birth' (May 18, 2025). There are also fields for 'Type of Identification' (Item 1 dropdown), 'Identification Number' (TextField), and 'Phone Numbers' (Phone Type, Phone Num...). On the right, there are buttons for 'Change Photo' (blue), 'Change Password' (red), and 'Save Changes' (yellow). At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Erase' and 'Edit' for institutions and emails. A small 'Ad' banner for 'Activate Windows' is also visible.

5.4 Admin Features

The Carpooling application includes a dedicated section for administrators, offering tools to monitor activity, visualize statistics, and manage data.

- (a) Log in using an administrator account.
- (b) Access the admin panel to explore the following features:
- **Graphics Dashboard:**
 - **User Statistics:** Displays counts of drivers and passengers, categorized by gender and institution.
 - **Top Rankings:**
 - * Top 5 drivers by performance or trip count.

- * Top 5 most active users.
- * Top 5 popular destinations.
- * Average trip cost per user.
- * Number of new users in the last three months.
- **Trip Management:** Provides a full list of trips along with participant data and additional trip-specific information.
- **Table Panel:**
 - Add or delete entries in different database tables.
 - Grant or revoke administrator access to users.