

CleanRide - Mobile App Development Brief

Car Wash Booking Platform for Cyprus

Project Overview

What we're building: A two-sided marketplace mobile app connecting car owners with car wash service providers in Cyprus. Users can book car washes at partner locations, either by visiting the station or using pick-up/delivery service.

Business Model:

- Platform charges 10% commission from customers + 10% from service providers
- Subscription plans available (€15-28/month)
- Pure marketplace model (we don't provide the washing service)

Target Launch: MVP in 8-12 weeks

Core User Flows

1. Customer User Flow

Registration & Onboarding:

1. Download app (iOS/Android)
2. Sign up (email/phone + password, or social login)
3. Add vehicle details (make, model, plate number, color)
4. Add payment method (credit card via Stripe)
5. Enable location services

6. Complete profile

Booking Flow:

1. Open app → see nearby car wash locations on map
2. Select a location
3. View services offered (Basic wash €12, Premium €20, Interior €25, etc.)
4. Choose service type
5. Pick date & time slot (calendar view with available slots)
6. Review booking details
7. Add any special instructions (optional)
8. Confirm booking
9. Pay automatically (€12.50 wash + 10% = €13.75 total)
10. Receive confirmation notification
11. Get reminder notification 24h before + 1h before

Post-Booking:

1. Track booking status (Confirmed → In Progress → Completed)
2. Receive completion notification
3. Rate service (1-5 stars) + leave review
4. Receive digital receipt via email

Subscription Flow:

1. View subscription options on Profile screen
2. Select plan (Basic €15/month or Premium €28/month)
3. Review benefits
4. Subscribe (first month can be discounted)
5. Manage subscription in Profile (upgrade/downgrade/cancel)
6. Track included washes remaining **this month**

2. Service Provider User Flow

Registration:

1. Apply to join platform (via web or separate partner app)
2. Provide business details (name, license, location, photos)
3. Admin reviews and approves
4. Set up services menu and pricing
5. Configure availability calendar

Daily Operations:

1. Receive booking notification (push + in-app)
2. Accept or decline booking (within 2 hours)
3. View daily schedule (list + calendar view)
4. Mark booking as "In Progress" when customer arrives
5. Mark as "Completed" when done
6. View payment confirmation (90% of booking value)

Dashboard:

1. See today's bookings

2. View earnings (daily/weekly/monthly)

3. Check ratings and reviews

4. Manage calendar availability

5. Update service prices

6. View analytics

3. Admin User Flow

Partner Management:

1. Review new partner applications

2. Approve/reject partners

3. Monitor partner performance (ratings, completion rate)

4. Suspend/remove partners if needed

5. Handle disputes

Platform Management:

1. View all bookings (real-time)

2. Monitor revenue

3. Track user growth

4. Send push notifications to users

5. Manage pricing/commissions

6. Generate reports

Technical Requirements

Platform & Technology Stack

Recommended Stack: Mobile Apps:

- React Native (single codebase for iOS + Android)

- React Navigation (navigation)

- Redux or Context API (state management)

- React Native Maps (map integration)

Backend:

- Node.js + Express (API server)

- PostgreSQL (main database)

- Redis (caching, session management)

- JWT for authentication

Payment Processing:

- Stripe (credit card payments, subscriptions)

- Support for Mastercard, Visa, Apple Pay, Google Pay

Hosting & Infrastructure:

- AWS or DigitalOcean (server hosting)

- AWS S3 (image storage)

- SendGrid or AWS SES (email notifications)

- Firebase or OneSignal (push notifications)

Other Services:

- Google Maps API (maps, geocoding, distance calculation)

- Twilio (SMS notifications - optional)

- Cloudinary (image processing/optimization)

Database Schema (Key Tables)

Users Table

- id (UUID, primary key)

- email (unique)

- phone (unique)- password_hash

- first_name

- last_name

- profile_photo_url

- user_type (customer/partner/admin)

- created_at

- updated_at

- is_active (boolean)

Vehicles Table

- id (UUID, primary key)

- user_id (foreign key → Users)

- make
 - model
 - year
 - color
 - license_plate
 - is_primary (boolean)
 - created_at
- Partners Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - business_name
 - business_license_number
 - address
 - latitude
 - longitude
 - phone
 - email- description
 - logo_url
 - cover_photo_url
 - average_rating (calculated)
 - total_reviews (count)
 - is_verified (boolean)
 - status (pending/approved/suspended)
 - created_at
 - updated_at
- Services Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - partner_id (foreign key → Partners)
 - name (e.g., "Basic Exterior Wash")
 - description
 - price (in cents, e.g., 1250 for €12.50)
 - duration_minutes (e.g., 30)
 - is_active (boolean)
 - created_at
 - updated_at
- Bookings Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - booking_number (unique, e.g., "CR-20250107-001")
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - vehicle_id (foreign key → Vehicles)
 - partner_id (foreign key → Partners)
 - service_id (foreign key → Services)
 - booking_date
 - booking_time- status (pending/confirmed/in_progress/completed/cancelled)
 - service_price (amount customer pays)
 - platform_fee (10% from customer)
 - commission (10% from partner)
 - total_amount (service_price + platform_fee)
 - payment_intent_id (Stripe)
 - special_instructions (text)
 - rating (1-5, null until rated)
 - review_text
 - created_at
 - updated_at
 - completed_at
- Partner_Availability Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - partner_id (foreign key → Partners)

- day_of_week (0-6, where 0=Sunday)
 - start_time (e.g., "08:00")
 - end_time (e.g., "18:00")
 - is_available (boolean)
- Subscriptions Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - plan_type (basic/premium)
 - stripe_subscription_id
 - status (active/cancelled/expired)
 - current_period_start
 - current_period_end
 - washes_included (1 for basic, 2 for premium)- washes_used_this_period (counter)
 - created_at
 - updated_at
 - cancelled_at
- Payments Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - booking_id (foreign key → Bookings)
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - amount (in cents)
 - currency (EUR)
 - stripe_payment_intent_id
 - status (pending/succeeded/failed/refunded)
 - created_at
- Reviews Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - booking_id (foreign key → Bookings)
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - partner_id (foreign key → Partners)
 - rating (1-5)
 - review_text
 - response_text (partner can respond)
 - created_at
 - updated_at
- Notifications Table**
- id (UUID, primary key)
 - user_id (foreign key → Users)
 - type (booking_confirmed/booking_reminder/booking_completed/etc.)
 - title- message
 - is_read (boolean)
 - created_at
- API Endpoints (Backend)**
- Authentication**
- POST /api/auth/register - User registration
 - POST /api/auth/login - User login
 - POST /api/auth/logout - User logout
 - POST /api/auth/forgot-password - Password reset request
 - POST /api/auth/reset-password - Reset password with token
 - GET /api/auth/me - Get current user info
- Users**
- GET /api/users/profile - Get user profile
 - PUT /api/users/profile - Update profile
 - POST /api/users/vehicles - Add vehicle
 - GET /api/users/vehicles - Get user's vehicles
 - PUT /api/users/vehicles/:id - Update vehicle
 - DELETE /api/users/vehicles/:id - Delete vehicle
- Partners**

- GET /api/partners - Get all partners (with filters: location, rating)
 - GET /api/partners/:id - Get partner details
 - GET /api/partners/:id/services - Get partner services
 - GET /api/partners/:id/reviews - Get partner reviews
 - GET /api/partners/:id/availability - Get available time slots
 - POST /api/partners/apply - Apply to become partner
- Bookings**
- POST /api/bookings - Create booking
 - GET /api/bookings - Get user's bookings (with filters)
 - GET /api/bookings/:id - Get booking details
 - PUT /api/bookings/:id/cancel - Cancel booking
 - PUT /api/bookings/:id/rate - Rate completed booking
 - POST /api/bookings/:id/review - Add review
- Subscriptions**
- GET /api/subscriptions/plans - Get available plans
 - POST /api/subscriptions/subscribe - Subscribe to plan
 - GET /api/subscriptions/current - Get current subscription
 - PUT /api/subscriptions/cancel - Cancel subscription
 - PUT /api/subscriptions/upgrade - Upgrade plan
- Payments**
- POST /api/payments/create-intent - Create Stripe payment intent
 - POST /api/payments/confirm - Confirm payment
 - GET /api/payments/history - Get payment history
- Partner Dashboard (Partner-specific endpoints)**
- GET /api/partner/bookings - Get partner's bookings
 - PUT /api/partner/bookings/:id/accept - Accept booking
 - PUT /api/partner/bookings/:id/decline - Decline booking
 - PUT /api/partner/bookings/:id/start - Mark as in progress
 - PUT /api/partner/bookings/:id/complete - Mark as completed
 - GET /api/partner/earnings - Get earnings data
 - GET /api/partner/stats - Get performance stats
 - PUT /api/partner/availability - Update availability
 - PUT /api/partner/services - Update services/pricing
- Admin (Admin-specific endpoints)**
- GET /api/admin/partners/pending - Get pending partner applications
 - PUT /api/admin/partners/:id/approve - Approve partner
 - PUT /api/admin/partners/:id/reject - Reject partner
 - GET /api/admin/bookings - Get all bookings
 - GET /api/admin/stats - Platform statistics
 - POST /api/admin/notifications/broadcast - Send notification to all users
- Search & Filters**
- GET /api/search/partners?lat=35.1264&lng=33.4299&radius=5 - Search partners near location
 - GET /api/search/partners?service=basic&date=2025-01-15 - Filter by service and date
- Key Features & Functionality**
- 1. Map & Location Features**
- Requirements:**
- Show all partner locations on interactive map
 - User's current location shown
 - Partner pins with different colors (available/busy/closed)
 - Tap pin to see partner details
 - "Near Me" filter to show closest partners
 - Distance calculation from user to partner
 - Directions integration (open in Google Maps/Apple Maps)
- Implementation:**
- Use Google Maps SDK for React Native
 - Cluster pins when zoomed out (for performance)
 - Real-time updates of partner availability

2. Booking & Scheduling

Calendar System:

- Show available time slots for selected date
- 30-minute slot intervals (e.g., 9:00, 9:30, 10:00...)
- Grey out unavailable slots
- Partners can set capacity (e.g., 4 bookings per 30min slot)
- Prevent double-booking
- Handle partner working hours (e.g., 8 AM - 6 PM)
- Handle partner days off

Booking Rules:

- Minimum advance booking: 2 hours
- Maximum advance booking: 30 days
- Cancellation allowed up to 2 hours before booking
- Automatic cancellation refund (minus processing fee)

3. Payment System

Stripe Integration:

- Save customer cards securely (Stripe tokens, never store card numbers)
- Charge customer immediately upon booking
- Hold funds until service completion
- Automatic payout to partners (weekly schedule)
- Partners receive 90% (you keep 20%, but customer pays extra 10%)
- Handle refunds for cancellations
- Support for subscription billing (recurring monthly)
- Handle failed payments (retry logic, notifications)

Payment Flow:

1. User books wash for €12.50
2. Platform adds 10% fee = €13.75 total charge to user
3. Stripe charges user's card €13.75
4. Service completed
5. Partner receives €11.25 (90% of €12.50)
6. Platform keeps €2.50 (€1.25 from user + €1.25 from partner)

Subscription Flow:

1. User subscribes to Basic (€15/month)
2. Stripe charges €15 monthly
3. User gets 1 "free" wash per month
4. System tracks: `washes_used_this_period`
5. If user books 2nd wash same month → charge €13.75 as normal
6. Next month: counter resets to 0

4. Notifications System

Push Notifications:

- Booking confirmed
- Booking reminder (24 hours before)
- Booking reminder (1 hour before)
- Booking started (partner marked "In Progress")
- Booking completed
- Partner accepted/declined booking
- Review reminders (24 hours after service)
- Subscription renewal reminder
- Payment failed
- Special promotions

Email Notifications:

- Booking confirmation with details
- Booking receipt after completion
- Password reset
- Monthly subscription receipt
- Account activity

In-App Notifications:

- Notification center showing all notifications
- Unread badge count
- Mark as read functionality

5. Rating & Review System Features:

- Users can rate only completed bookings
- 1-5 star rating (required)
- Written review (optional, max 500 characters)
- Partners can respond to reviews (optional)
- Reviews displayed on partner profile
- Average rating calculated automatically
- Sort reviews: Most recent, Highest rated, Lowest rated
- Report inappropriate reviews

Rating Impact:

- Partner average rating visible on profile
- Partners with <3.5 stars get warning
- Partners with <3.0 stars suspended until improved

6. Subscription Management

User Capabilities:

- View current plan details
- See washes remaining this month
- Upgrade plan (immediate, prorated)
- Downgrade plan (takes effect next billing cycle)
- Cancel subscription (access until period ends)
- View billing history
- Update payment method

System Requirements:

- Track usage per billing period
- Reset counter on renewal
- Handle upgrade/downgrade proration
- Retry failed payments (3 attempts)
- Send expiration warnings. Auto-cancel after failed payment retries

7. Admin Dashboard (Web-based)

Key Features:

- Overview: Active users, bookings today, revenue today
- User management: View, search, suspend users
- Partner management: Approve, reject, suspend partners
- Booking management: View all bookings, resolve issues
- Financial reports: Revenue, commissions, payouts
- Analytics: Charts and graphs
- Send broadcast notifications
- Manage platform settings

Tech Stack for Admin:

- React.js (web dashboard)
- Chart.js or Recharts (charts)
- Same backend API with admin authentication

UI/UX Design Requirements

App Screens Needed

Customer App:

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. Splash Screen - App logo, loading

Onboarding - 3-4 slides explaining how it works

Login/Register - Email/password, social login options

Home Screen - Map view with partner locations

Partner List View - Alternative to map (list with filters)

Partner Detail - Photos, services, ratings, reviews, location

Booking Flow - Service selection → Date/Time → Review → Payment

My Bookings - Tabs: Upcoming, Past, Cancelled

Booking Detail - All info about specific booking

10. Profile - User info, vehicles, payment methods, settings

11. Vehicles - Manage vehicles (add, edit, delete)

12. Subscription Plans - View and select plans

13. My Subscription - Current plan details, manage

- 14. Payment Methods - Manage saved cards
- 15. Booking History - Past bookings with receipts
- 16. Notifications - List of all notifications
- 17. Settings - App preferences, privacy, logout
- 18. Help/Support - FAQs, contact support
- 19. Rate Service - Star rating + review form

Partner App (can be simplified):

- 1. Login - Partner authentication
- 2. Dashboard - Today's bookings, quick stats
- 3. Bookings - List view with tabs (Today, Upcoming, Past)
- 4. Booking Detail - View and manage booking
- 5. Schedule - Calendar view of bookings
- 6. Earnings - Revenue tracking, payment history
- 7. Reviews - Customer reviews, respond
- 8. Profile - Business info, services, pricing
- 9. Availability - Set working hours, days off
- 10. Settings - Notifications, preferences

Design Guidelines

Color Scheme (suggested):

- Primary: Blue (#1E88E5) - trust, cleanliness
 - Secondary: Green (#43A047) - fresh, eco-friendly
 - Accent: Orange (#FB8C00) - action, energy
 - Background: White/Light Gray
 - Text: Dark Gray/Black
- Typography:
- Headers: Bold, 18-24pt
 - Body: Regular, 14-16pt
 - Captions: Regular, 12pt

Components:

- Rounded buttons (8px border radius)
- Card-based layouts with shadows
- Bottom tab navigation (Home, Bookings, Profile)
- Smooth animations and transitions
- Loading states for all async operations
- Empty states with helpful messages
- Error messages that are clear and actionable

Accessibility:

- Support for larger text sizes
- High contrast mode
- Screen reader compatible
- Touch targets minimum 44x44pt

Non-Functional Requirements

Performance

- App launch time: <3 seconds
- API response time: <500ms (p95)
- Map loading: <2 seconds
- Image loading: Progressive (low res → high res)
- Offline capability: View past bookings, profile info

Security

- HTTPS for all API calls
- JWT tokens with expiration (refresh tokens) • Password hashing (bcrypt, min 10 rounds)
- Input validation on all endpoints
- SQL injection prevention (parameterized queries)
- XSS prevention
- Rate limiting on API endpoints
- PCI DSS compliance for payments (handled by Stripe)
- GDPR compliance for user data

Scalability

- Database indexing on frequently queried fields

- Caching for partner data, services (Redis)
- CDN for images (Cloudinary)
- Horizontal scaling capability
- Database connection pooling
- API rate limiting per user

Reliability

- 99.5% uptime target
- Automated backups (daily)
- Error logging (Sentry or similar)
- Health check endpoints
- Graceful error handling (user-friendly messages)
- Automatic retries for failed payments

Monitoring

- Application monitoring (New Relic or DataDog)
- Error tracking (Sentry)
- Analytics (Google Analytics, Mixpanel)
- Track key metrics:
 - Daily active users
 - Booking conversion rate
 - Average booking value
 - Subscription conversion rate
 - Churn rate
 - Partner ratings

MVP (Minimum Viable Product) Scope

What to build FIRST (8-12 weeks):

Phase 1: Core Features (Weeks 1-6)

User authentication (login, register) Customer profile with vehicles with partner locations Partner detail pages Service selection Date/time

booking (simple calendar) Stripe payment integration Booking confirmation

My Bookings list (upcoming/past) Basic notifications (email only initially) after completed booking

Map view

Rating

Phase 2: Partner Features (Weeks 7-8)

Partner app/web dashboard Accept/decline bookings Mark booking as complete View earnings Basic availability management

Phase 3: Polish & Testing (Weeks 9-12)

Push notifications Improve UI/UX based on testing Bug fixes Performance optimization Admin dashboard (basic) Test payment flows thoroughly Beta testing with 5-10 users

Features to Add AFTER MVP (Post-Launch):

- Subscription plans (can add in Week 13-14)
- Advanced filters and search
- Favorite partners
- Referral program
- Loyalty points
- Multiple language support (Greek, English)
- Apple Pay / Google Pay
- In-app chat with partners
- Photo upload (car condition before/after)
- Booking history export
- Gift cards

Testing Requirements

Before Launch, Test:

Functional Testing:

- Complete booking flow (happy path)
- Payment processing (success and failure)
- Cancellation and refunds
- Partner acceptance/decline flow
- Rating and review submission
- Notification delivery

- Edge cases (no internet, concurrent bookings, etc.)
- User Testing:**
- 10-20 beta users test the app
 - Collect feedback on UX
 - Identify confusing flows
 - Test on different devices (iOS/Android, various screen sizes)

Payment Testing:

- Test credit cards (Stripe test mode)
- Failed payments
- Refunds
- Subscription billing
- Payout to partners

Performance Testing:

- Load testing (simulate 100+ concurrent users)
- Database query optimization
- API response times under load

From Developer:

1. Mobile Apps:

- React Native codebase
- Compiled iOS app (IPA file)
- Compiled Android app (APK/AAB file)
- App icons and splash screens

2. Backend:

- Node.js/Express API server
- Database schema and migrations
- API documentation
- Postman collection for API testing

3. Admin Dashboard:

- React web app
- Deployment package

4. Documentation:

- README with setup instructions
- API documentation
- Environment variables list
- Deployment guide
- Database schema documentation

5. Source Code:

- GitHub repository access
- Clear code comments
- Organized folder structure

6. Accounts Setup Help:

- Stripe account configuration
- Google Maps API setup
- Push notification service setup

Timeline & Milestones

Suggested Timeline:

Week 1-2: Setup & Foundation

- Project setup (React Native, Node.js)
- Database design and setup
- Authentication system
- Basic API structure

Week 3-4: Core Booking Features

- Partner list and map view
- Booking flow
- Payment integration
- Database CRUD operations

Week 5-6: Customer Features

- My Bookings screen

- Profile management

- Rating system

- Email notifications

Week 7-8: Partner Features

- Partner dashboard

- Booking management

- Earnings view

- Availability settings

Week 9-10: Polish & Integration

- Push notifications- UI/UX improvements

- Bug fixes

- Performance optimization

Week 11-12: Testing & Launch Prep

- Beta testing

- Fix reported issues

- Final QA

- App store submission preparation

Cost Optimization Tips:

- Start with DigitalOcean (\$50-100/month) instead of AWS- Use free tier services where possible

- Optimize Google Maps API calls (caching, clustering)

- Monitor usage to avoid unexpected costs

Questions for Developer to Answer

Before starting, ask your developer:

1. Experience:

- Have you built React Native apps before? Can you show examples?

- Have you integrated Stripe payments?

- Have you built marketplace/booking platforms?

- Do you have experience with Google Maps API?

2. Timeline:

- How long will MVP take? (realistic estimate)

- Will you work full-time or part-time?

- What's your availability per week?

3. Tech Stack:

- Do you agree with the recommended stack, or do you suggest alternatives?

- What database would you recommend and why?

- What hosting do you recommend?

4. Deliverables:

- Will you provide documentation?

- Will you help with app store submission?

- Will you set up hosting and deployment?

- What's included in source code handover?

5. Support:

- Do you offer post-launch support?

- What's your rate for maintenance and updates?◦ How do you handle bugs found after delivery?

6. Payment Structure:

- Fixed price or hourly rate?

- Payment milestones?

- What happens if timeline extends?

Red Flags to Watch Out For

Warning signs of bad developer:

- Promises unrealistic timeline (MVP in 2-4 weeks)

- Won't show previous work examples

- Doesn't ask clarifying questions

- Wants 100% upfront payment

- Can't explain technical decisions

- Poor communication (slow responses, unclear)

- No testing plan
- No documentation promise

Good developer signs:

- Asks lots of questions about requirements
- Provides detailed proposal with timeline
- Shows portfolio of similar projects
- Suggests improvements to your idea
- Clear communication
- Milestone-based payment
- Offers post-launch support
- Uses version control (Git)

Next Steps To send to developer:

1. Send this entire document with subject line: "CleanRide App Development - Technical Brief & Requirements"

2. Include:

- Link to financial model (the scenarios we discussed)
- Any design inspiration (links to similar apps you like)
- Your timeline expectations
- Your budget range

3. Request:

- Detailed proposal with:
 - Timeline breakdown
 - Cost estimate
 - Technology recommendations
 - Portfolio examples
 - References from previous clients

4. Schedule call to discuss:

- Any questions they have
- Clarify ambiguous requirements
- Discuss technical approach
- Negotiate terms

Sample Message to Developer

Subject: Car Wash Booking App - Development Inquiry

Hi [Developer Name],

I'm launching a car wash booking platform in Cyprus and need a skilled developer to build the mobile app (iOS + Android) and backend system.**Project Overview:**

- Two-sided marketplace connecting car owners with car wash providers
- Users book washes via mobile app
- Subscription plans + pay-per-booking model
- Stripe payment integration
- Google Maps integration

Attached:

- Complete technical requirements document (40 pages)
- Business model and financial projections

Timeline:

- Target: 8-12 weeks for MVP
- Launch: Q2 2025

Budget:

- €[Your Range] for MVP development

Looking for:

- React Native developer with Stripe/payments experience
- Portfolio of similar marketplace/booking apps
- Full-stack capability (mobile + backend)
- Communication in English

Next Steps:

Please review the requirements document and provide:

1. Your estimated timeline
2. Your cost proposal
3. Links to 2-3 relevant portfolio projects

4. Your availability (hours per week)

5. Any questions or suggestions

Available for a call this week to discuss further.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

Final Checklist

Before hiring developer, ensure you have:

- This technical requirements document
- Business model clarity (we've done this ✓)
- Budget defined
- Timeline expectations set
- Stripe account created (or ready to create)
- Google Maps API key (or ready to create)
- Company registered in Cyprus
- Bank account opened
- Logo designed (can do in parallel)
- Domain name purchased (cleanride.cy or cleanride.com.cy)