

Sarthi — Software Design Document (SDD)

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Software Design Document (SDD) provides a complete architectural and component-level design for the Sarthi web application. It ensures that the design aligns with the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) and guides developers, testers, and stakeholders through implementation details.

1.2 Scope

Sarthi is a campus-exclusive platform for IIITG students, faculty, and admins staffs, providing modules for Marketplace, Ride-Sharing, Lost/Found, and planned future enhancements like Vendor Marketplace and Rental Listings. System access is restricted to IIITG domain emails for safety and authenticity.

1.3 Audience

This document is intended for:

- **Developers** — for architecture and module implementation.
- **Testers** — to derive high-quality test cases.
- **Project Supervisors & Stakeholders** — to verify SRS compliance.

1.4 References

- Software Requirements Specification (Group 4, Version 2.0)

2 System Overview / High-Level Description

The **Sarthi** system serves as a multi-module platform for students to buy/sell items and share rides securely within the IIITG community.

Main Features

- Google OAuth 2.0 authentication restricted to IIITG domain.
- Marketplace module.
- Ride-sharing module
- Lost/Found module
- Real-time messaging (Socket.IO).

Users

- Students
- Faculty
- Staff

Environment

- **Frontend:** React.js
- **Backend:** Node.js + Express.js
- **Databases:**
 - MarketplaceDB (stores user profile)
 - RideShareDB (stores user profile)
- **Messaging:** Socket.IO
- **Auth:** Google OAuth 2.0 → JWT Token
- **Hosting:** Render + Docker

High-Level Architecture

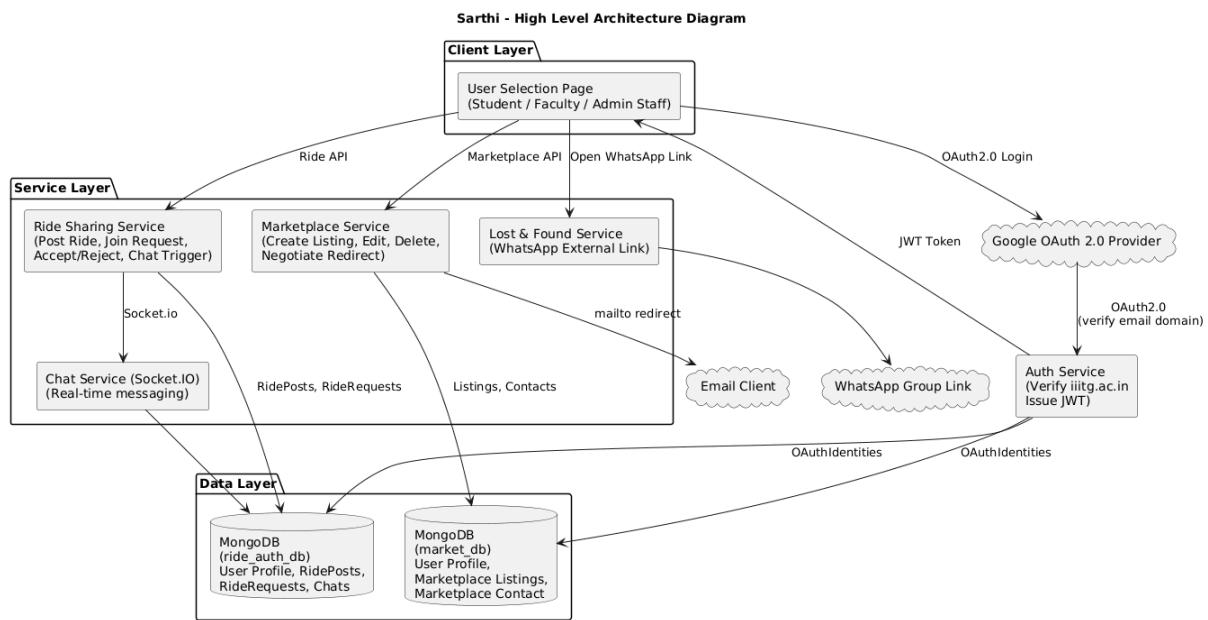


Figure 1: High-Level Architecture

3 Architecture Design

3.1 Architecture Pattern: Microservices

Sarthi follows a **Microservices Architecture**, where each module runs as an independent service communicating through REST APIs.

Justification:

- Independent scaling for Marketplace, Ride Sharing, Messaging, etc.
- Fault isolation—failure of one service does not affect others.
- Fast, parallel development aligned with Agile methodology.
- Simplifies continuous deployment.
- Loose Coupling : Services communicate only via APIs, not shared DBs.

3.2 System Components and Interactions

- **Frontend (Client):** Handles user interactions and UI rendering. Communicates via REST APIs.
- **Backend (Server):** Processes business logic, authentication, and data access.
- **Database:** Stores persistent entities (Users, Listings, Trips, Messages).

3.3 Development Methodology (Agile Model)

Sarthi uses the **Agile SDLC Model** to support iterative and flexible development.

3.4 UML Diagrams

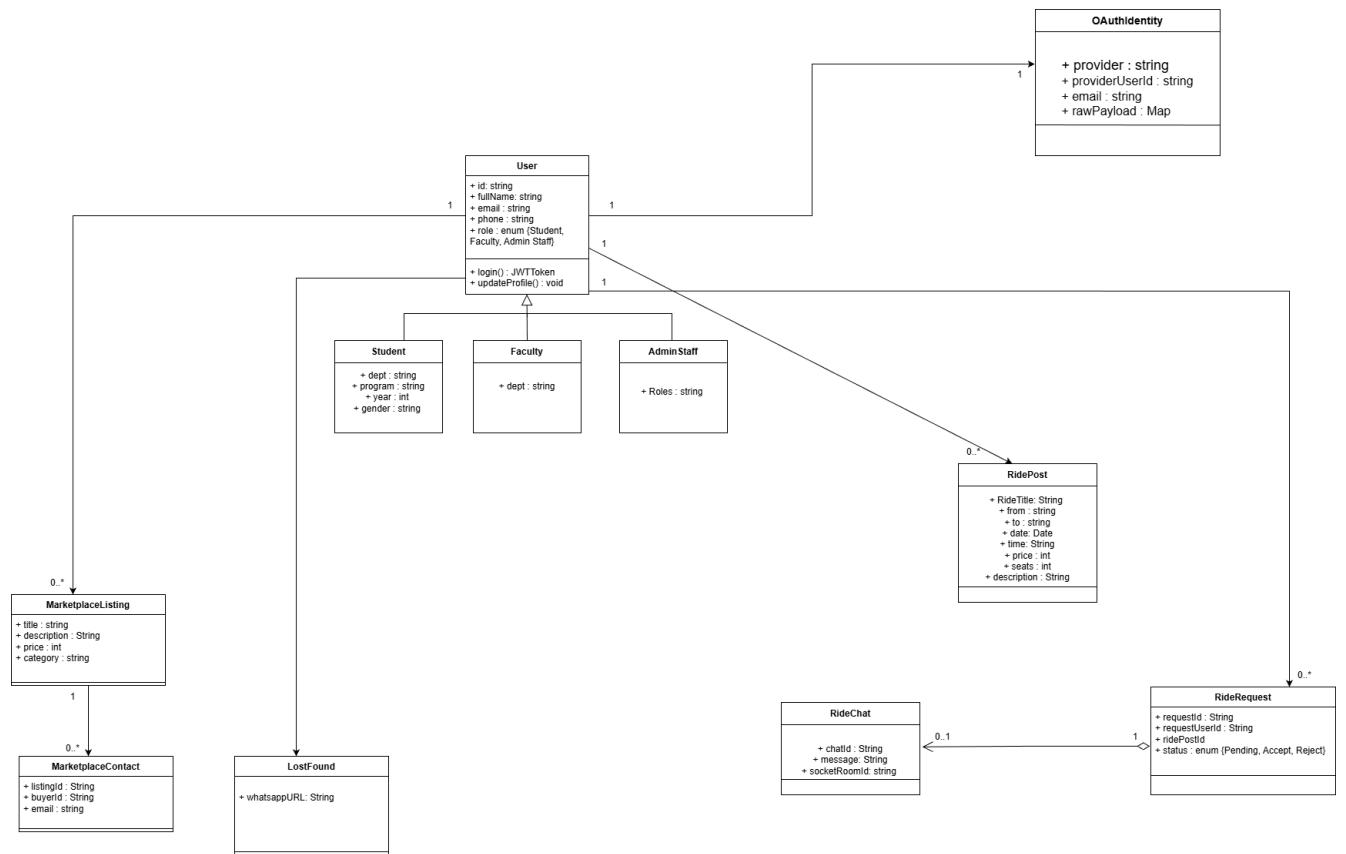


Figure 2: Class Diagram

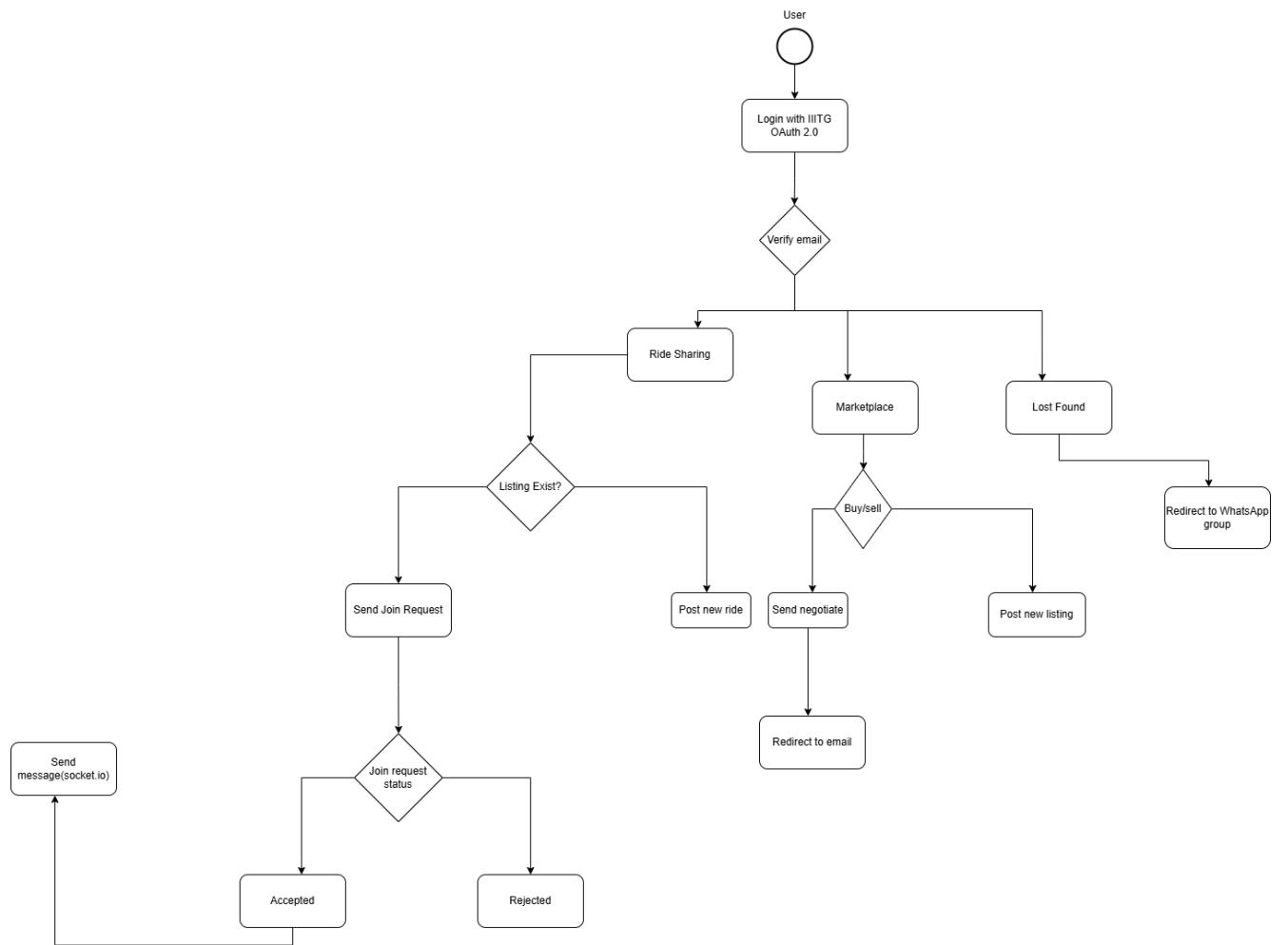


Figure 3: Activity Diagram

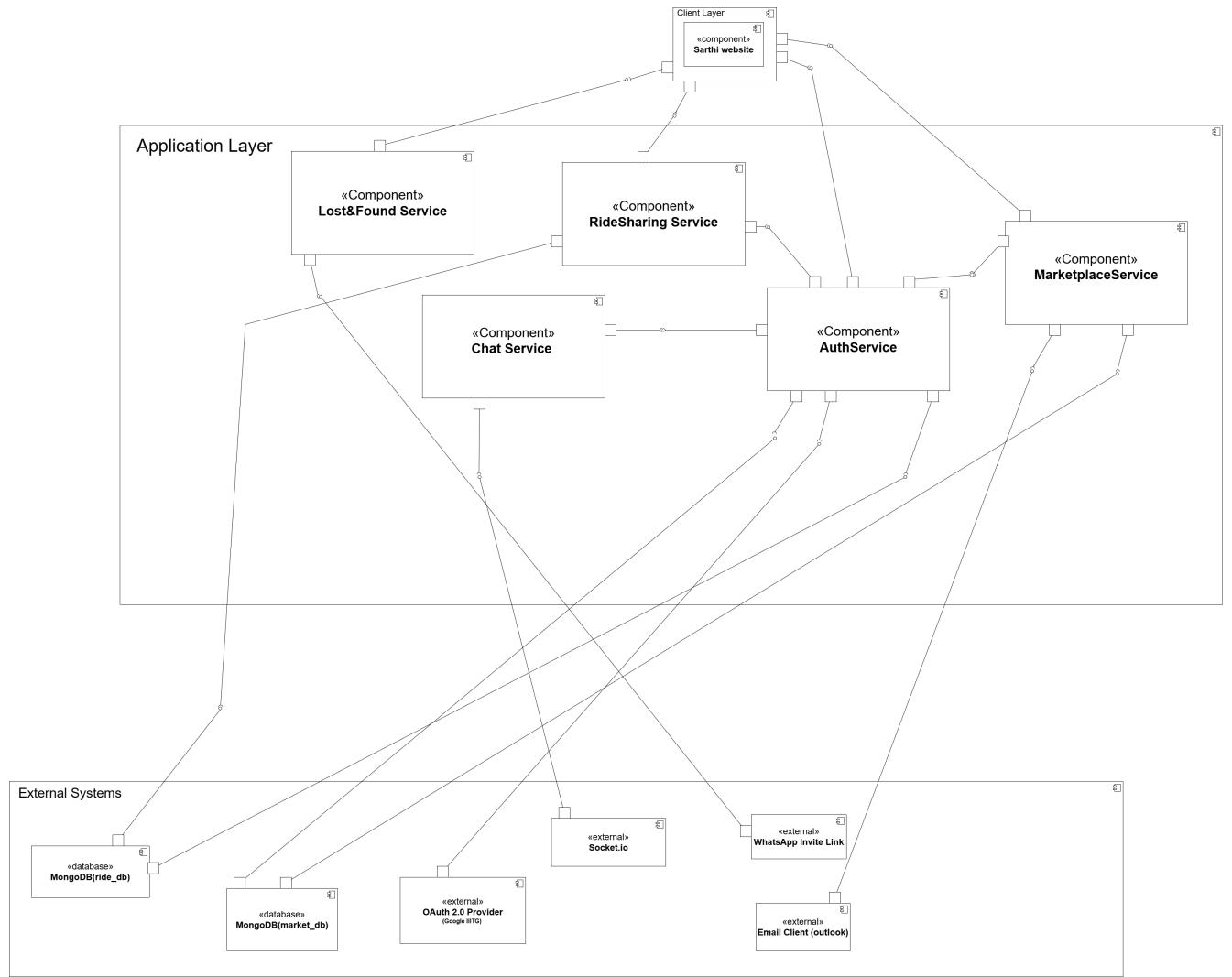


Figure 4: Component Diagram

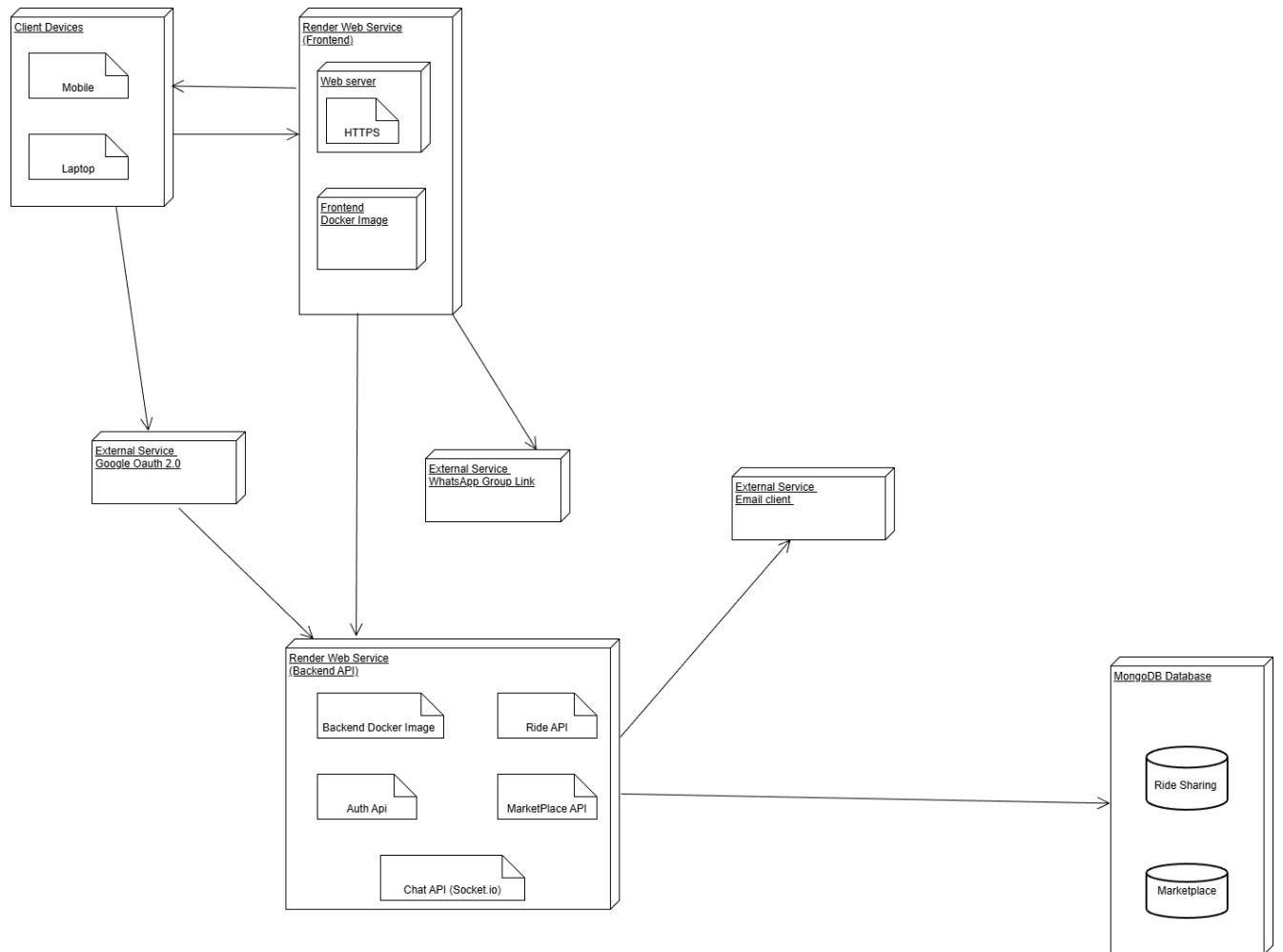


Figure 5: Deployment Diagram

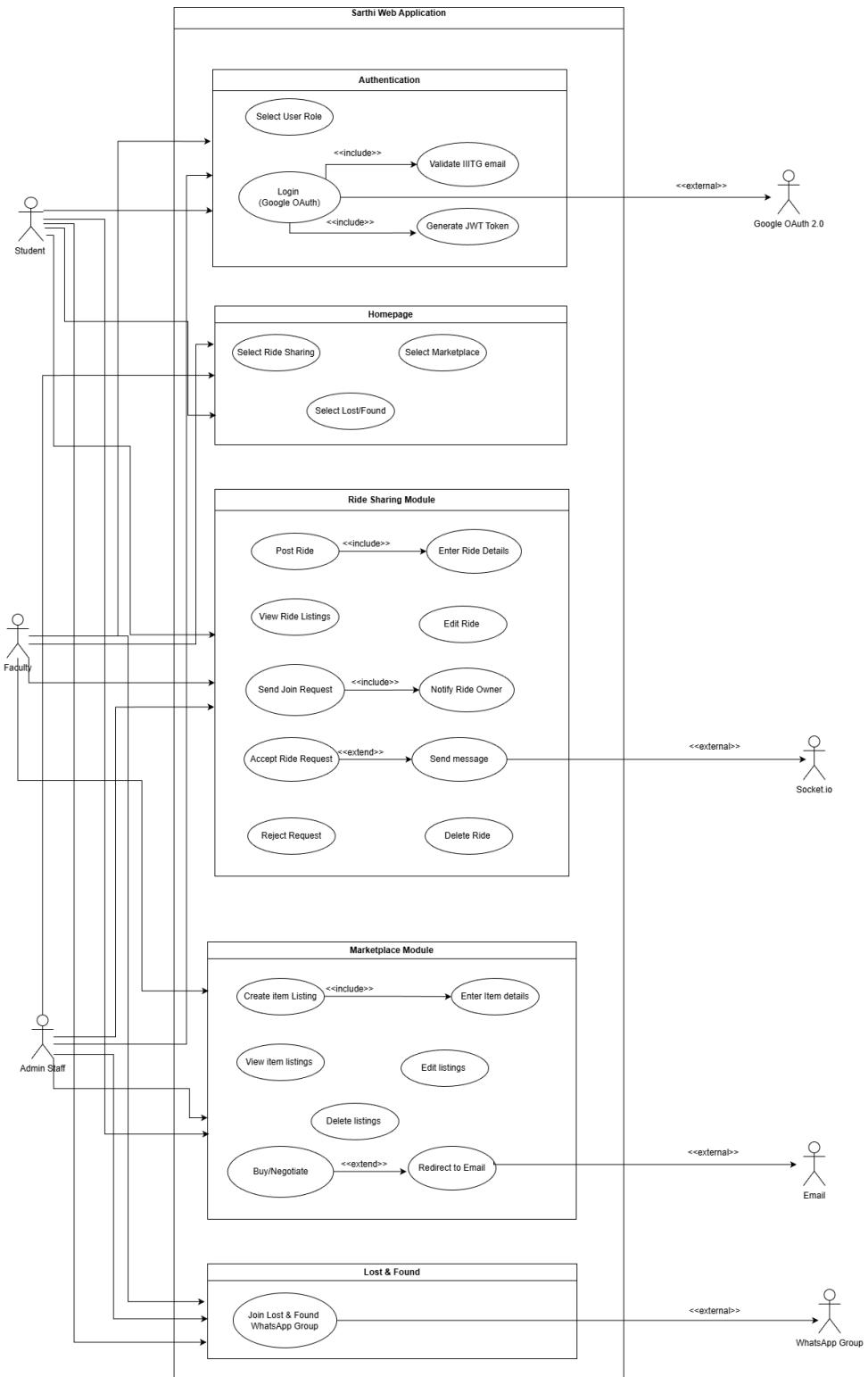


Figure 6: Use Case Diagram

4 Detailed Component Design

4.1 Authentication Module

Google OAuth 2.0 → JWT Process:

- User logs in using Google OAuth (restricted to @iiitg.ac.in).
- Backend verifies ID token.
- Backend issues a signed JWT token.
- All services validate JWT for authorization.

4.2 Marketplace Module

Handles product listings, updates, and deletions.

4.3 Ride-Sharing Module

Stores and manages trip details, join requests, and approval workflows.

4.4 Messaging Module (Socket.IO)

- Live chat between users.
- WebSockets ensure real-time communication.
- Messages encrypted in transit.

5 Security and Privacy Considerations

- **Authentication:** OAuth2.0 with Google domain verification and JWT Authorization
- **Authorization:** Role-based access control (RBAC) for student, faculty, admin staff.
- **Data Protection:** Input sanitization, HTTPS-only communication.
- **Privacy:** Hide personal contact info unless shared voluntarily.
- **CIA:** Only authorized users access messages (Confidentiality), request flow can't be tampered (Integrity), and the chat becomes available only when valid (Availability).

6 Testing Strategy

6.1 API Testing

Framework: Postman

6.2 System Testing

6.2.1 End to End Testing

- **Framework:** Cypress

6.3 Test Data & Environment

- Mock data for users, listings, and trips during API testing.
- Separate `.config.js` configuration for Cypress

7 Deployment

7.1 Render Deployment

- Frontend deployed as Render Static Site.
- Each backend service deployed as a Render Web Service (Docker).
- MongoDB Atlas.

7.2 Docker Deployment

- Entire system containerized using Docker images.
- Services run using:

```
docker-compose up --build
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7.3 Localhost Setup

Prerequisites

- Node.js, npm
- MongoDB installed locally or via Atlas

Steps

1. Clone repository: `git clone <repo>`
2. Install dependencies: `npm install`
3. Set environment variables in `.env`
4. Start backend: `npm run dev`
5. Start frontend: `npm start`
6. Visit `http://localhost:3000`

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