StayEase CRM

Phase 1: Problem Understanding & Scope

Introduction

Accommodation management is a global challenge affecting multiple groups:

- **Tourists & Travellers** who require short-term stays during holidays, business trips, or weekend travel.
- **Students & Working Professionals** who require long-term rentals such as PGs, hostels, or apartments close to colleges, offices, or city hubs.

The market faces several issues:

- Unverified listings leading to trust issues.
- Scattered communication between host and guest.
- Manual or broker-driven processes causing inefficiency.
- Lack of transparency in payments, booking status, and reviews.

Proposed Solution

StayEase CRM is a Salesforce-powered rental and accommodation CRM platform, inspired by Airbnb but tailored for both **short-term tourism** and **long-term student/professional housing**.

It provides:

- A unified system for Hosts to list properties.
- A booking system for **Guests** (tourists, students, professionals).
- End-to-end tracking of **Properties** \rightarrow **Bookings** \rightarrow **Payments** \rightarrow **Feedback**.
- Role-based access and automation to ensure security and efficiency.
- Reports & dashboards for business insights.

Objectives

- 1. Create a **centralized rental management system** for hosts and guests.
- 2. Provide **dual booking options**: short-term (tourists) and long-term (students/professionals).
- 3. Enable **automation** for bookings, payments, and complaint handling.
- 4. Maintain **data integrity & security** via roles, profiles, and sharing.
- 5. Deliver **reports & dashboards** for revenue, occupancy, and performance insights.

Phase 2: Org Setup & Security

Roles

- **CEO** → Sees everything (reports, dashboards).
- Operations Manager → Oversees bookings, complaints, escalations.
- **Host** → Manages their own properties & related bookings.
- Guest (Traveller/Student/Professional) → Creates bookings, raises complaints.
- System Admin \rightarrow You (full control).

Profiles

- **Host Profile** → Create/Edit Properties, view related Bookings & Complaints.
- **Guest Profile** → Create/Edit their own Bookings & Complaints, view Properties.
- Ops Manager Profile → Manage all records except setup.
- **CEO Profile** → Read/report only.

Org-Wide Defaults (OWD)

- **Property** $\underline{}$ **c** \rightarrow Private.
- **Booking** $\mathbf{c} \to \text{Private}$.
- Complaint_ $c \rightarrow Private$.
- **Payment** $\underline{}$ **c** \rightarrow Private.

Public Groups & Sharing Rules

- Public Groups for Hosts and Ops Managers.
- Sharing rules to ensure Ops Managers see all bookings and properties.
- Flows to assign record owners properly (so Host sees only their bookings).

Phase 3: Data Model & Object Setup

Objects & Key Fields

- 1. Guest_c (Traveller/Student/Professional)
 - o Guest ID (Auto Number)
 - o Name, Email, Phone
 - Type (Picklist: Tourist, Student, Professional)
 - o Budget (Currency)
- 2. **Host_c**
 - Host ID (Auto Number)
 - Name, Contact Info
 - o Total Properties (Roll-up Summary)
 - Host Rating (Formula/Roll-up from Guest feedback)
- 3. **Property_c**
 - o Property ID (Auto Number)
 - Host Lookup

- o Type (Flat, PG, Hostel, House, Villa)
- Rent per Night / Month (Currency)
- Location, Amenities (Picklist)
- Availability (Checkbox)
- Max Occupancy (Number)

4. Booking c

- o Booking ID (Auto Number)
- Guest Lookup, Property Lookup
- o Status (Requested, Confirmed, Checked-In, Checked-Out, Closed)
- o Check-In, Check-Out
- o Number of Guests (Number)
- \circ Total Rent (Formula = Nights \times Rent per Night)

5. Payment_c

- o Payment ID (Auto Number)
- o Booking Lookup
- Amount (Currency)
- o Status (Pending, Completed, Failed)
- Transaction Date

6. Complaint_c

- o Complaint ID (Auto Number)
- Guest Lookup, Property Lookup
- o Type (Maintenance, Cleanliness, Payment, Other)
- o Status (Open, In Progress, Resolved, Closed)
- o Description, Resolution Notes

Relationships (ERD Overview)

- Host \rightarrow Property (1:N)
- Property \rightarrow Booking (1:N)
- Guest \rightarrow Booking (1:N)
- Booking → Payment (1:1)
- Guest → Complaint (1:N)
- Property → Complaint (1:N)

Page Layouts & Record Types

- **Guest** → Simple layout (Bookings, Complaints).
- **Host** → Property layout (Bookings & Complaints related list).
- **Booking** → Record Types: Short Stay vs Long Stay.

Phase 4: Automation & Business Logic

Flows

1. Booking Confirmation Flow

- o On Booking. Status = Confirmed \rightarrow Property. Availability = False.
- Send email to Guest & Host.

2. Check-Out Flow

- o On Booking.Status = Checked-Out \rightarrow Property.Availability = True.
- Calculate Total Rent.

3. Complaint Escalation Flow

o If Complaint.Status = Open for 48 hours \rightarrow escalate to Ops Manager.

Validation Rules

- Check-In < Check-Out.
- Number_of_Guests ≤ Property.Max_Occupancy.
- Booking cannot be Closed without End Date.

Approval Process

• For high-rent bookings (e.g., > ₹50,000) \rightarrow require Ops Manager approval.

Phase 5: Reports & Dashboards

Reports

- 1. **Revenue Report** Total rent by property, host, month.
- 2. **Occupancy Report** Properties booked vs available.
- 3. **Complaint Report** Complaints by type/status.
- 4. **Top Hosts Report** Hosts ranked by revenue/ratings.
- 5. **Guest Trends Report** Returning vs new guests.

Dashboards

- **CEO Dashboard** Revenue, Occupancy %, Complaints, Top Hosts.
- **Host Dashboard** My Properties, My Bookings, My Complaints.
- Ops Manager Dashboard Active Bookings, Escalated Complaints, Approvals.

Future Enhancements

- AI/ML-based property recommendations.
- Automated dynamic pricing (Airbnb-like surge pricing).
- Payment gateway integration.
- Google Maps API for property visualization.
- Mobile-first Guest Portal.

Conclusion

StayEase CRM successfully replicates a real-world **Airbnb-like accommodation system** on Salesforce, while extending its functionality to cater to **students and working professionals**.

By covering **all phases from setup to automation and analytics**, the project demonstrates mastery of Salesforce Admin skills:

- Phase $1-2 \rightarrow$ Roles, Profiles, Security.
- **Phase 3** → Data Modeling, Relationships.
- **Phase 4** \rightarrow Automation (Flows, Validation, Approvals).
- **Phase 5** → Reports, Dashboards, Analytics.

This makes StayEase CRM a **robust**, **business-grade CRM solution** that addresses real-world problems in property rental and tourism.