



Travel Booking System: Ouick Access to Travel Services

Project Description:

____At Greenfield University, students and faculty often face difficulties in managing travel bookings for academic trips, conferences, and internships. Manual booking processes are slow, unorganized, and prone to miscommunication.

To address this, the university's Cloud Solutions Department developed the Travel Booking System—a virtual platform that enables students and staff to book, manage, and track travel arrangements seamlessly. Built using Flask for backend logic, AWS EC2 for hosting, DynamoDB for storing booking data, and AWS SNS for sending real-time travel notifications, this system modernizes and streamlines the entire travel management process.

Scenario 1: Streamlined Travel Booking for Students and Staff

With the Travel Booking System, users can register and log in securely. After logging in, students or faculty can easily access the travel booking interface to schedule transportation or accommodations for academic purposes. AWS EC2 ensures reliable performance, handling concurrent requests efficiently, even during peak usage. Flask manages user sessions and booking logic in real-time, while DynamoDB keeps track of all travel requests and bookings.

Scenario 2: Real-Time Travel Notifications

Whenever a new travel request is made or updated, AWS SNS instantly notifies the requester and the travel management team. For example, a faculty member books a flight for a conference—once submitted, Flask processes the booking and SNS sends confirmation emails to both the requester and the travel administrator. This ensures prompt communication and prevents delays or miscommunication.

Scenario 3: Easy Access to Travel Details

Users can log into the platform and view upcoming and past travel bookings. They can filter by date, destination, or status. The interface is intuitive, and backed by DynamoDB, which offers real-time data retrieval. AWS EC2 ensures the site remains available even under high demand, while Flask handles dynamic content rendering for each user.

Cloud Architecture Overview:-

- Frontend: HTML templates rendered by Flask (with routes for registration, login, booking, etc.)
- Backend: Flask (Python) application hosted on EC2
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- Notifications: AWS SNS (email alerts for booking confirmations)
- Deployment: Hosted on AWS EC2 Linux instance with Flask and Boto3

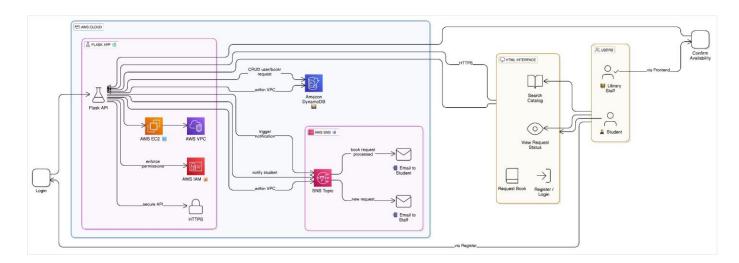
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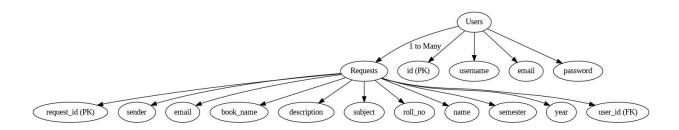




AWS ARCHITECTURE



Entity Relationship (ER)Diagram:



Pre-Requisites:-

- 1. AWS Account
- 2. IAM Configuration
- 3. EC2 Instance Setup
- 4. DynamoDB Tables for Users and Bookings
- 5. SNS Topics for Travel Notifications
- 6. Flask App Code (uploaded via GitHub)
- 7. Git for version control





Project WorkFlow:

Milestone 1: AWS Setup

- Create AWS account
- Configure IAM roles for EC2 instance

Milestone 2: DynamoDB Setup

• Create tables: Users (with Email as partition key), Bookings (with BookingID or Email as key)

Milestone 3: SNS Notifications

- Create topic: travel-booking-alerts
- Subscribe admin/staff and users via email

<u>Milestone 4: Backend Development (Flask + Boto3)</u>

- Flask routes: /register, /login, /book-travel, /view-bookings
- Store and retrieve data using DynamoDB
- Send SNS notifications on travel booking

Milestone 5: EC2 Hosting

- Launch EC2 instance
- Install Flask, Git, Boto3
- Clone GitHub repo and run the Flask server

Milestone 6: Testing and Deployment





• Test user registration, login, booking functionality, and email alerts



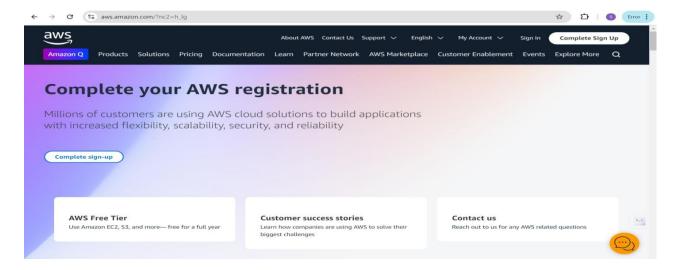


1. Testing and Deployment

<u>Activity 8.1: Conduct functional testing to verify user registration, login, book requests, and notifications.</u>

Milestone 1: AWS Account Setup and Login

- Activity 1.1: Set up an AWS account if not already done.
 - Sign up for an AWS account and configure billing settings.



- Activity 1.2: Log in to the AWS Management Console
 - After setting up your account, log in to the AWS Management Console.

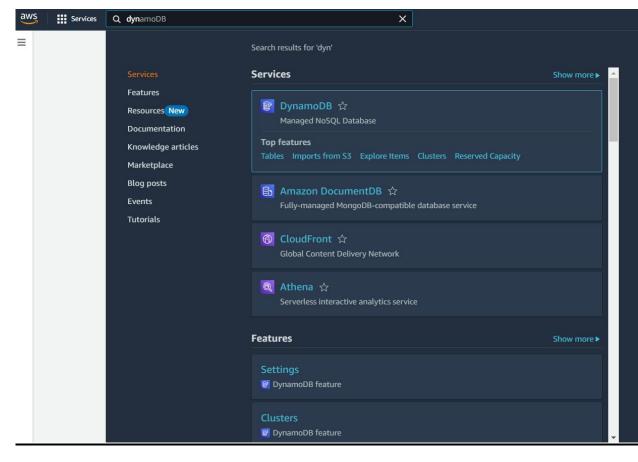


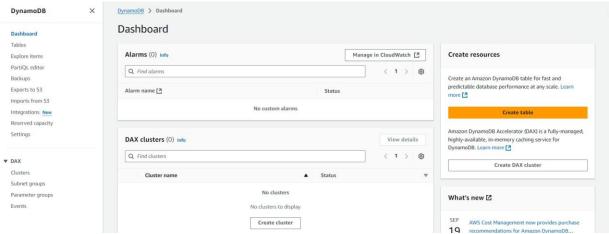




Milestone 2: DynamoDB Database Creation and Setup

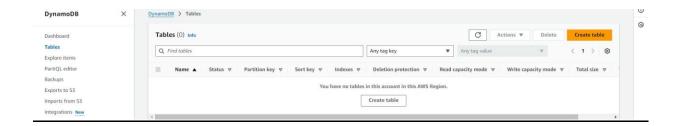
- Activity 2.1:Navigate to the DynamoDB
 - o In the AWS Console, navigate to DynamoDB and click on create tables.



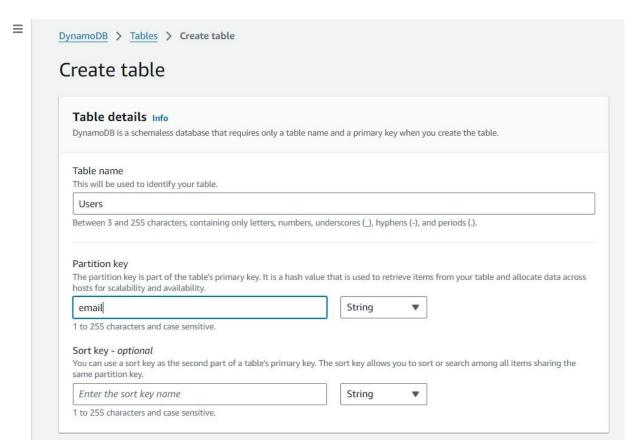






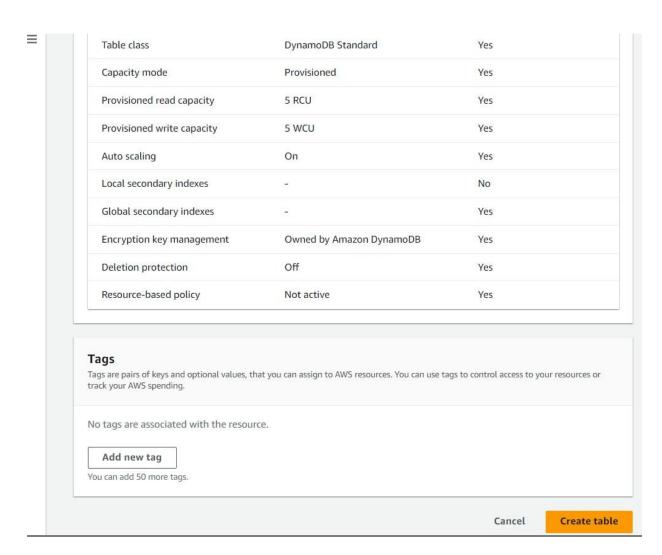


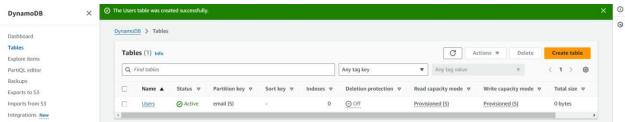
- Activity 2.2:Create a DynamoDB table for storing registration details and book requests.
 - <u>Create Users table with partition key "Email" with type String and click on create tables.</u>







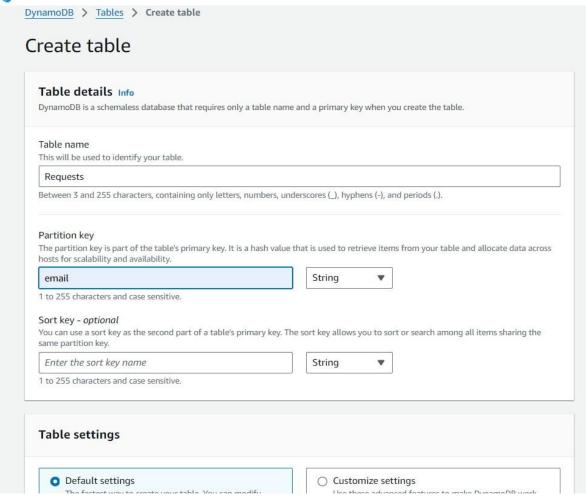




• Follow the same steps to create a requests table with Email as the primary key for book requests data.







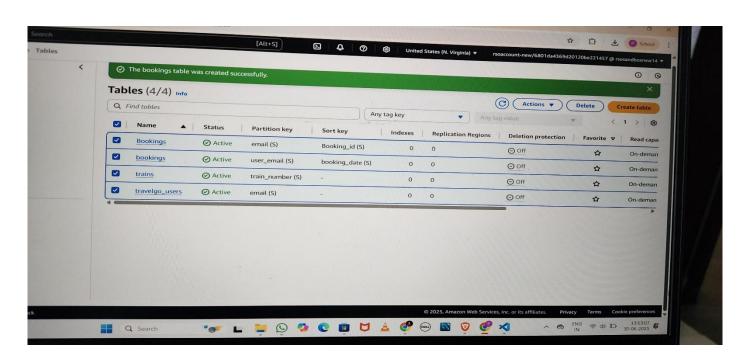






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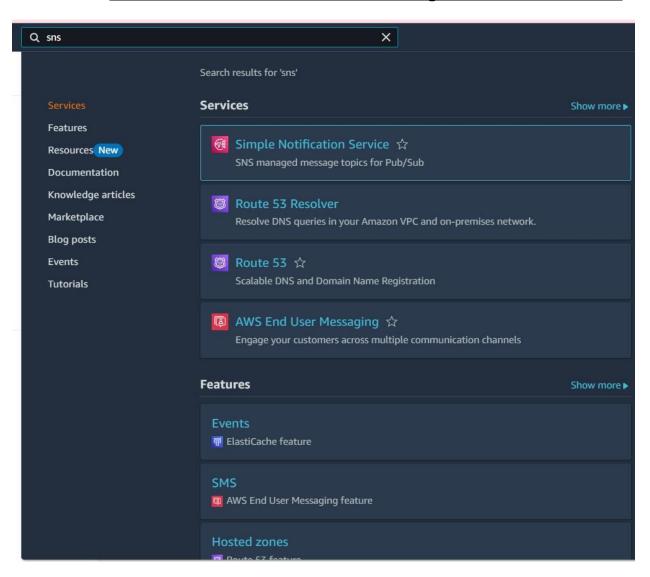
Milestone 3: SNS Notification Setup

• Activity 3.1: Create SNS topics for sending email notifications to users and library staff.





• In the AWS Console, search for SNS and navigate to the SNS Dashboard.

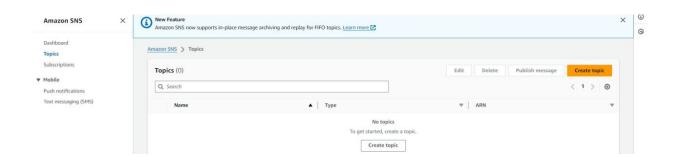








Oclick on Create Topic and choose a name for the topic.



• Choose Standard type for general notification use cases and Click on Create Topic.





Amazon SNS > Topics > Create topic

Create topic

Details

Type Info

Topic type cannot be modified after topic is created

O FIFO (first-in, first-out)

- Strictly-preserved message ordering
- Exactly-once message delivery
- High throughput, up to 300 publishes/second
- Subscription protocols: SQS

Standard

- Best-effort message ordering
- At-least once message delivery
- Highest throughput in publishes/second
- Subscription protocols: SQS, Lambda, HTTP, SMS, email, mobile application endpoints

Name

BookRequestNotifications

Maximum 256 characters. Can include alphanumeric characters, hyphens (-) and underscores (_).

Display name - optional Info

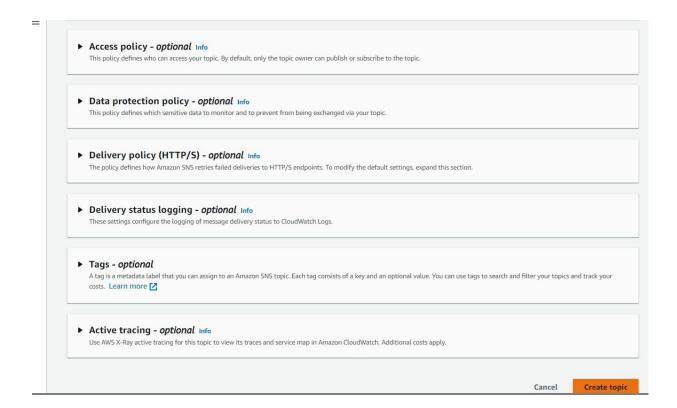
To use this topic with SMS subscriptions, enter a display name. Only the first 10 characters are displayed in an SMS message.

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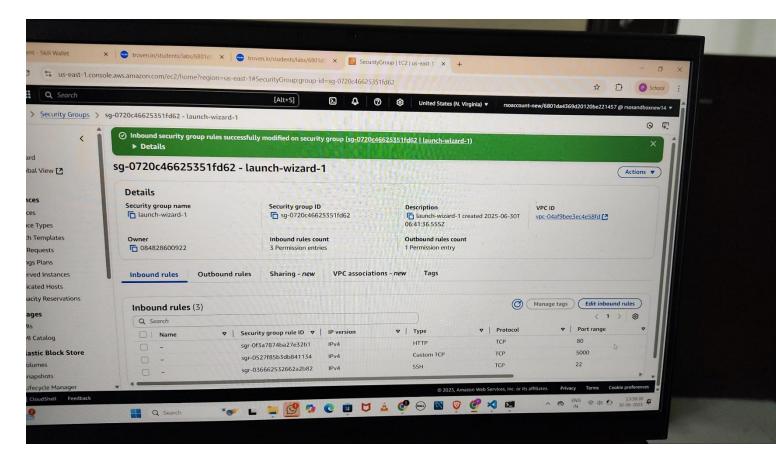
Maximum 100 characters.







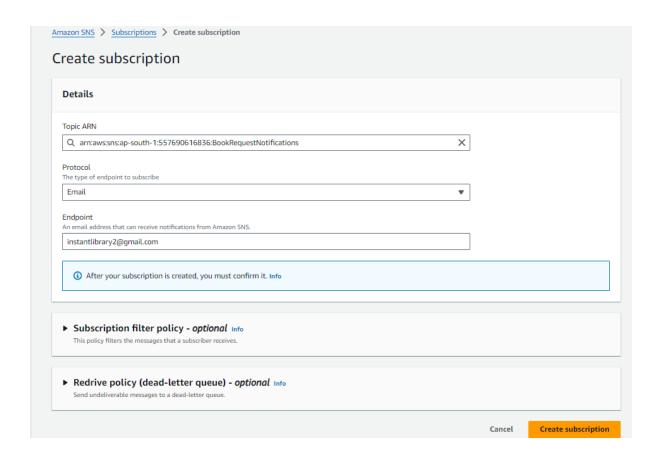
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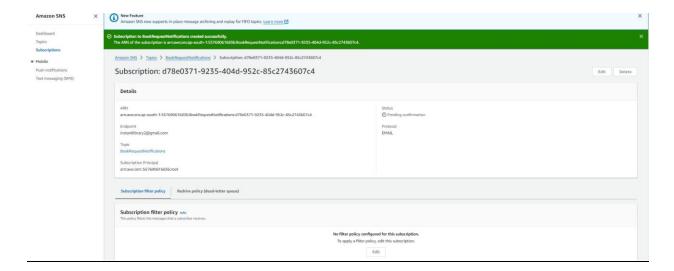


- Activity 3.2: Subscribe users and staff to relevant SNS topics to receive real-time notifications when a book request is made.
 - Subscribe users (or admin staff) to this topic via Email. When a book request is made, notifications will be sent to the subscribed emails.

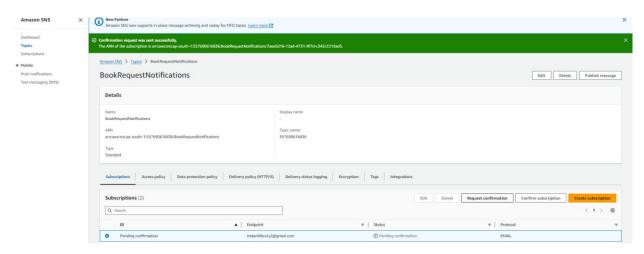








After subscription request for the mail confirmation



 Navigate to the subscribed Email account and Click on the confirm subscription in the AWS Notification- Subscription Confirmation mail.





AWS Notification - Subscription Confirmation Inbox x

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You have chosen to subscribe to the topic:

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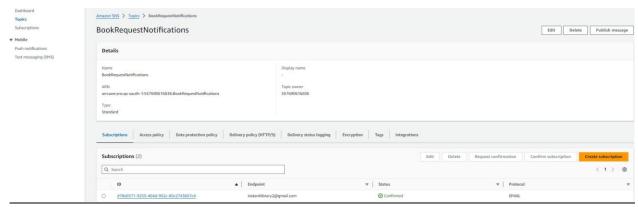
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If it was not your intention to subscribe, click here to unsubscribe.

o Successfully done with the SNS mail subscription and setup, now store the ARN link.







Milestone 4:Backend Development and Application Setup

- Activity 4.1: Develop the backend using Flask
 - File Explorer Structure







Description: set up the INSTANT LIBRARY project with an app.py file, a static/folder for assets, and a templates/directory containing all required HTML pages like home, login, register, subject-specific pages (e.g., computer science.html, data science.html), and utility pages (e.g., request-form.html, statistics.html).

Description of the code:

• Flask App Initialization

```
from flask import Flask, render_template, request, redirect, url_for
import boto3
from boto3.dynamodb.conditions import Key
import smtplib
from email.mime.text import MIMEText
from email.mime.multipart import MIMEMultipart
from bcrypt import hashpw, gensalt, checkpw
```

<u>Description: import essential libraries including Flask utilities for routing, Boto3 for DynamoDB operations, SMTP and email modules for sending mails, and Bcrypt for password hashing and verification</u>

```
app = Flask(__name__)
```

<u>Description: initialize the Flask application instance using Flask(name) to start building the web app.</u>

• Dynamodb Setup:

```
REGION = 'ap-south-1' # Replace with your actual AWS region
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb', region_name=REGION)
sns_client = boto3.client('sns', region_name=REGION)

users_table = dynamodb.Table('travelgo_users')
trains_table = dynamodb.Table('trains')
bookings_table = dynamodb.Table('bookings')
```





<u>Description: initialize the DynamoDB resource for the ap-south-1 region and set up access to the Users and Requests tables for storing user details and book requests.</u>

• SNS Connection

Description: Configure SNS to send notifications when a book request is submitted. Paste your stored ARN link in the sns topic arn space, along with the region name where the SNS topic is created. Also, specify the chosen email service in SMTP SERVER (e.g., Gmail, Yahoo, etc.) and enter the subscribed email in the SENDER EMAIL section. Create an 'App password' for the email ID and store it in the SENDER PASSWORD section.

- Routes for Web Pages
 - Home Route:

```
# Home route redirects to Registration page
@app.route('/')
def home():
    return redirect(url_for('register'))
```

<u>Description: define the home route / to automatically redirect users to the register page when they access the base URL.</u>

```
SNS_TOPIC_ARN = 'arn:aws:sns:ap-south-1:353250843450:TravelGoBookingTopic'
def send sns notification(subject, message):
    try:
        sns client.publish(
            TopicArn=SNS TOPIC ARN,
            Subject=subject,
            Message=message
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"SNS Error: {e}")
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• Register Route:

```
# Routes
@app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')
@app.route('/register', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def register():
    if request.method == 'POST':
        email = request.form['email']
        password = request.form['password']
        existing = users_table.get_item(Key={'email': email})
        if 'Item' in existing:
            flash('Email already exists!', 'error')
            return render_template('register.html')
        hashed password = generate password hash(password)
        users_table.put_item(Item={'email': email, 'password': hashed_password})
        flash('Registration successful! Please log in.', 'success')
        return redirect(url for('login'))
    return render template('register.html')
```





• login Route (GET/POST):

```
@app.route('/login', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def login():
   if request.method == 'POST':
        email = request.form['email']
        password = request.form['password']
        user = users_table.get_item(Key={'email': email})
        if 'Item' in user and check_password_hash(user['Item']['password'], password):
            session['email'] = email
            flash('Logged in successfully!', 'success')
            return redirect(url for('dashboard'))
        else:
            flash('Invalid email or password!', 'error')
            return render_template('login.html')
   return render template('login.html')
@app.route('/logout')
def logout():
   session.pop('email', None)
   flash('You have been logged out.', 'info')
   return redirect(url_for('index'))
```





Logout and Dashboard:-

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@app.route('/dashboard')
def dashboard():
    if 'email' not in session:
        return redirect(url_for('login'))
    user_email = session['email']
    response = bookings_table.query(
        KeyConditionExpression=Key('user_email').eq(user_email),
        ScanIndexForward=False
    bookings = response.get('Items', [])
    for booking in bookings:
        if 'total_price' in booking:
                booking['total_price'] = float(booking['total_price'])
            except Exception:
                booking['total_price'] = 0.0
    return render_template('dashboard.html', username=user_email, bookings=bookings)
```





Train:-

```
@app.route('/train')
def train():
    if 'email' not in session:
       return redirect(url_for('login'))
    return render_template('train.html')
@app.route('/confirm_train_details')
def confirm_train_details():
    if 'email' not in session:
        return redirect(url_for('login'))
    booking_details = {
        'name': request.args.get('name'),
        'train_number': request.args.get('trainNumber'),
        'source': request.args.get('source'),
        'destination': request.args.get('destination'),
        'departure_time': request.args.get('departureTime'),
        'arrival_time': request.args.get('arrivalTime'),
        'price_per_person': Decimal(request.args.get('price')),
        'travel_date': request.args.get('date'),
        'num_persons': int(request.args.get('persons')),
        'item_id': request.args.get('trainId'),
        'booking_type': 'train',
'user_email': session['email'],
        'total_price': Decimal(request.args.get('price')) * int(request.args.get('persons'))
```

```
response = bookings_table.query(
    IndexName='GSI_ItemDate',
    KeyConditionExpression=Key('item_id').eq(booking_details['item_id']) & Key('travel_date').eq(booking_details['travel_date'])

booked_seats = set()
for b in response.get('Items', []):
    if 'seats_display' in b:
    | booked_seats.update(b['seats_display'].split(', '))

all_seats = [f"S{i}" for i in range(1, 101)]
available_seats = [seat for seat in all_seats if seat not in booked_seats]

if len(available_seats) < booking_details['num_persons']:
    flash("Not enough seats available.", "error")
    return redirect(url_for("train"))

session['pending_booking'] = booking_details
return render_template('confirm_train_details.html', booking_booking_details, available_seats=available_seats[:booking_details['num_persons']])
```





Buses:-

```
KeyConditionExpression=Key('item_id').eq(booking['item_id']) & Key('travel_date').eq(booking['travel_date'])
booked_seats = set()
for b in response.get('Items', []):
    if 'seats_display' in b:
     booked_seats.update(b['seats_display'].split(', '))
all_seats = [f"S{i}" for i in range(1, 41)]
session['pending_booking'] = booking
 return render_template("select_bus_seats.html", booking=booking, booked_seats=booked_seats, all_seats=all_seats)
p.route('/final_confirm_bus_booking', methods=['POST'])
final_confirm_bus_booking():
if 'email' not in session:
    return redirect(url_for('login'))
booking = session.pop('pending_booking', None)
selected_seats = request.form['selected_seats']
 if not booking or not selected_seats:
    flash("Booking failed! Missing data.", "error")
    return redirect(url_for("bus"))
  response = bookings_table.query(
      IndexName='GSI ItemDat
      KeyConditionExpression=Key('item_id').eq(booking['item_id']) & Key('travel_date').eq(booking['travel_date'])
 existing = set()
    r b in response.get('Items', []):
if 'seats_display' in b:
          existing.update(b['seats_display'].split(', '))
 selected = selected_seats.split(', ')
if any(s in existing for s in selected):
    flash("One or more selected seats are already booked!", "error")
      return redirect(url_for("bus"))
booking['seats_display'] = selected_seats
booking['booking_id'] = str(uuid.uuid4())
booking['booking_date'] = datetime.now().isoformat()
 bookings_table.put_item(Item=booking)
    nd_sns_notification(
      _sin_notritation,
subject="Blue Booking Confirmed",
message=f"Your bus from {booking['seats_display']}\nTotal: *{booking['total_price']}"
message=f"Your bus from {booking['seats_display']}\nTotal: *{booking['total_price']}"
flash('Bus booking confirmed!', 'success')
return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))
```





Flight:

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Response:-

```
# SNS for Flight

send_sns_notification(

subject="Flight Booking Confirmed",

message=f"Your flight booking on {booking['travel_date']} from {booking['source']} to {booking['destination']} with {booking['airline']} is confirmed.\nTotal: *{booking['total_price']}"

flash('Flight booking confirmed successfully!', 'success')

return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))
```

```
# 🗹 SNS for Hotel
 send_sns_notification(
     subject="Hotel Booking Confirmed",
     message=f"Hotel booking at {booking['name']} in {booking['location']} from {booking['checkin_date']} to {booking['checkout_date']} is confirmed.\nTotal: *{booking['total_price']}"
 flash('Hotel booking confirmed successfully!', 'success')
 return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))
op.route('/cancel_booking', methods=['POST'])
 cancel_booking():
 if 'email' not in session:
    return redirect(url_for('login'))
 booking_id = request.form.get('booking_id')
 user_email = session['email']
 if not booking_id:
    flash("Error: Booking ID is missing for cancellation.", 'error')
     return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))
     bookings_table.delete_item(
        Key={'user_email': user_email, 'booking_date': request.form.get('booking_date')}
     flash(f"Booking cancelled successfully!", 'success')
 except Exception as e:
    flash(f"Failed to cancel booking: {str(e)}", 'error')
 return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))
```





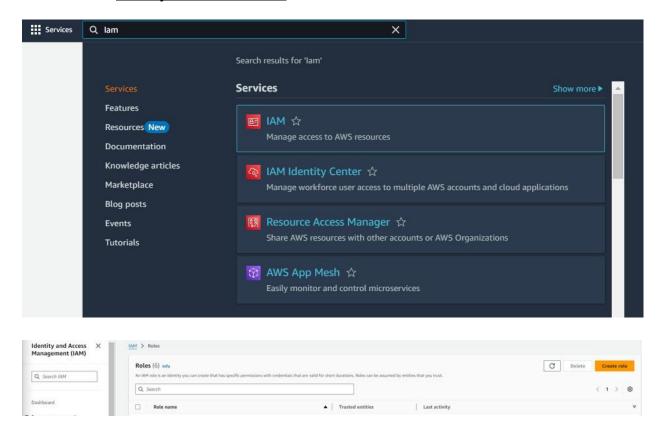
Deployment Code:

```
if _name_ == '_main_':
    app.run(debug=True, host='0.0.0.0')
```

<u>Description: start the Flask server to listen on all network interfaces (0.0.0.0) at port 80</u> with debug mode enabled for development and testing.

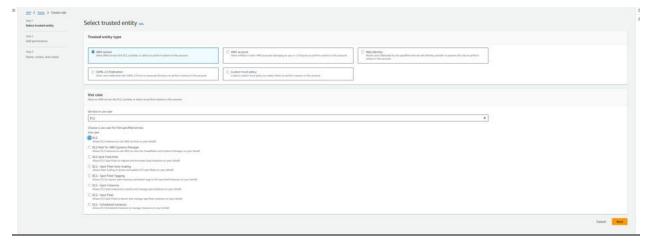
Milestone 5: IAM Role Setup

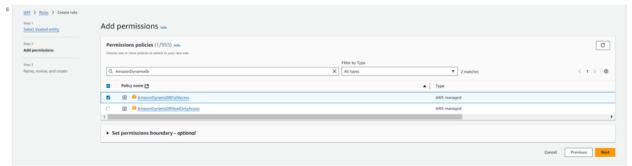
- Activity 5.1:Create IAM Role.
 - o In the AWS Console, go to IAM and create a new IAM Role for EC2 to interact with DynamoDB and SNS.











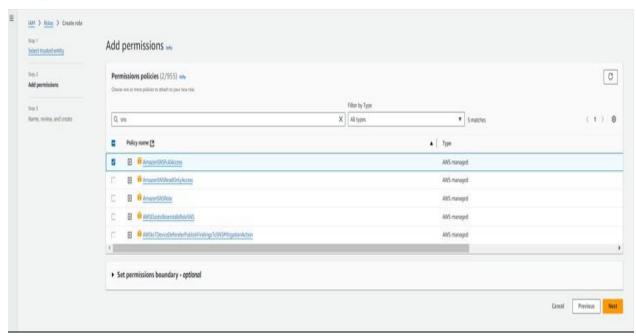
• Activity 5.2: Attach Policies.

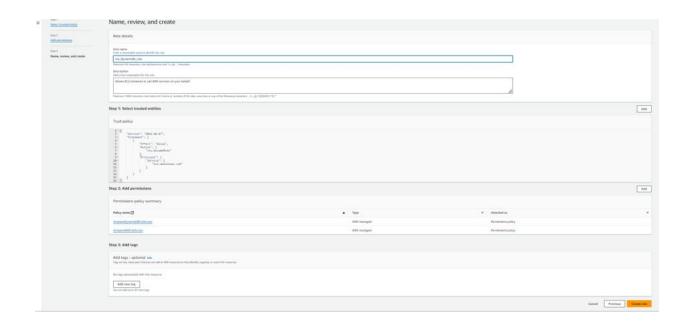
Attach the following policies to the role:

- AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess: Allows EC2 to perform read/write operations on DynamoDB.
- AmazonSNSFullAccess: Grants EC2 the ability to send notifications via SNS.



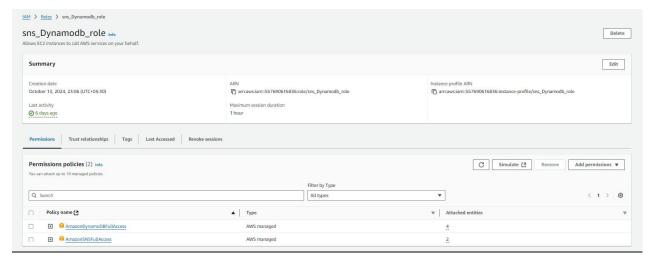












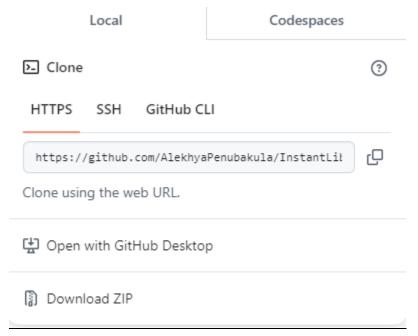
Milestone 6: EC2 Instance Setup

• Note: Load your Flask app and Html files into GitHub repository.

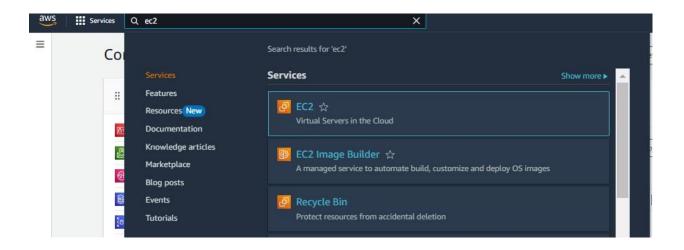








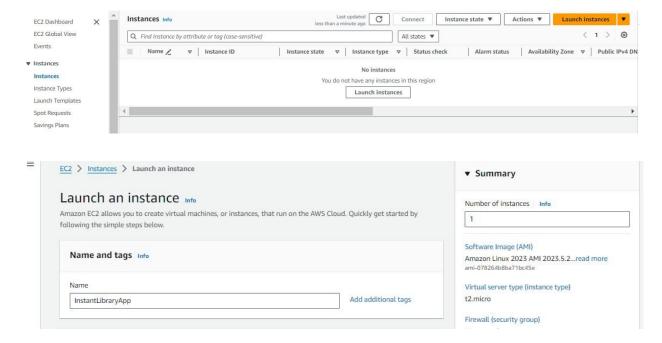
- Activity 6.1: Launch an EC2 instance to host the Flask application.
 - <u>Launch EC2 Instance</u>
 - o In the AWS Console, navigate to EC2 and launch a new instance.



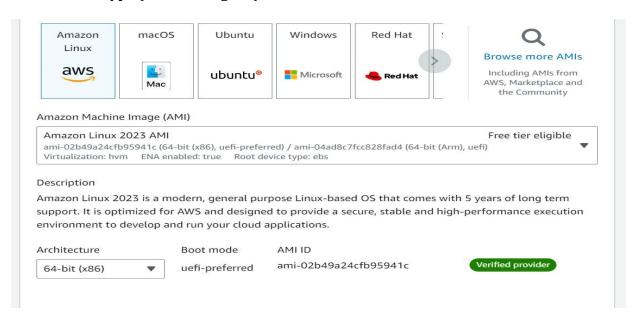




• Click on Launch instance to launch EC2 instance



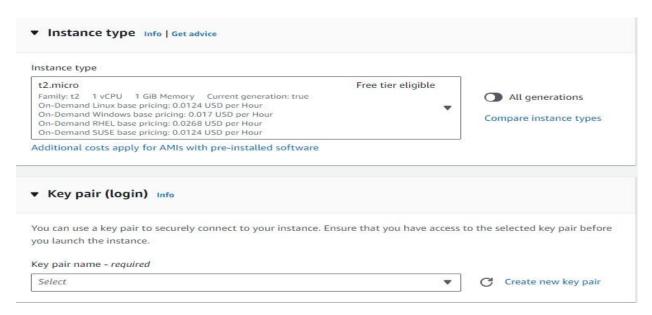
• Choose Amazon Linux 2 or Ubuntu as the AMI and t2.micro as the instance type (free-tier eligible).

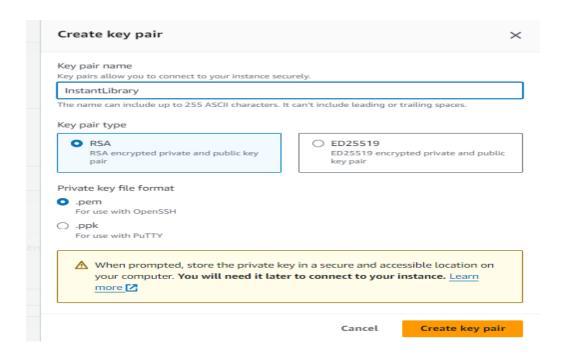






• Create and download the key pair for Server access.



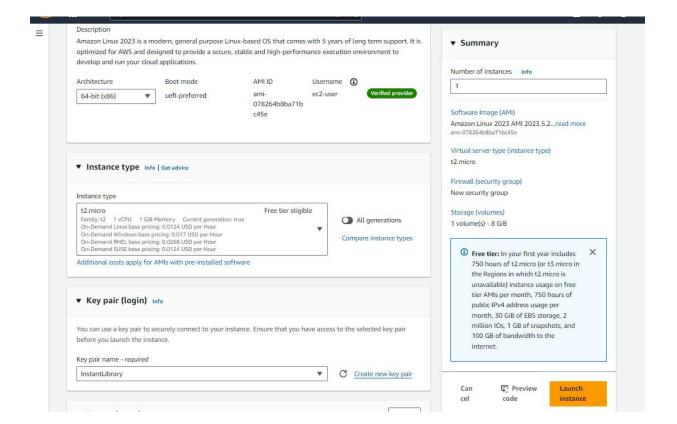








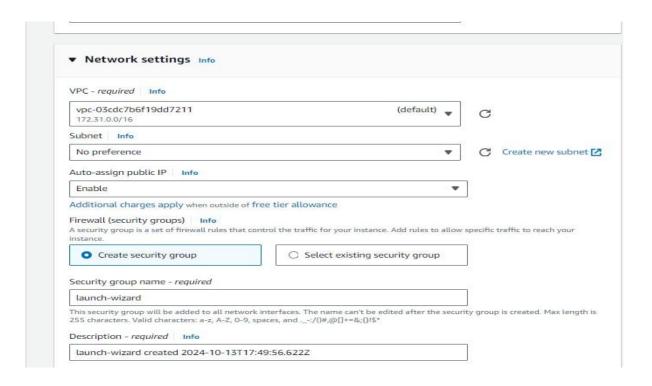
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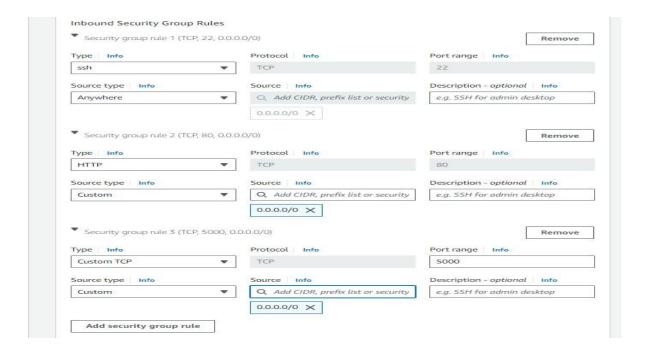






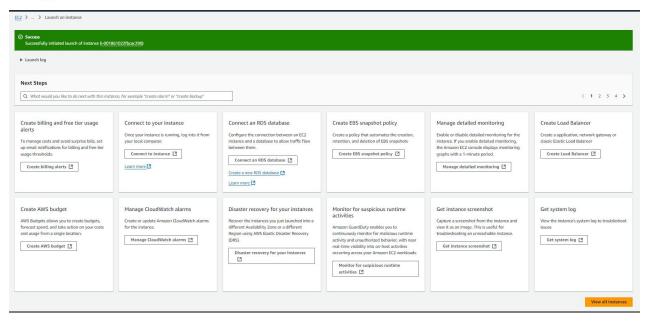
Activity 6.2:Configure security groups for HTTP, and SSH access.



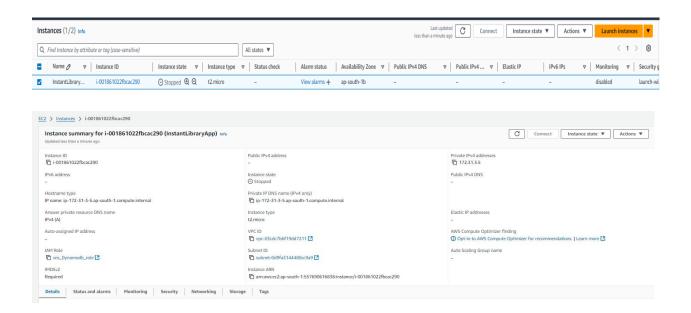








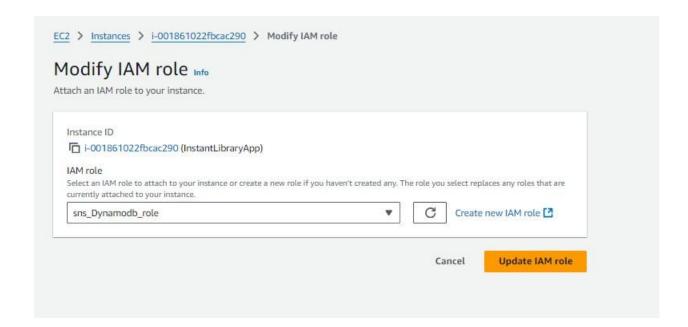
To connect to EC2 using EC2 Instance Connect, start by ensuring that an IAM role is attached to your EC2 instance. You can do this by selecting your instance, clicking on Actions, then navigating to Security and selecting Modify IAM Role to attach the appropriate role. After the IAM role is connected, navigate to the EC2 section in the AWS Management Console. Select the EC2 instance you wish to connect to. At the top of the EC2 Dashboard, click the Connect button. From the connection methods presented, choose EC2 Instance Connect. Finally, click Connect again, and a new browser-based terminal will open, allowing you to access your EC2 instance directly from your browser.







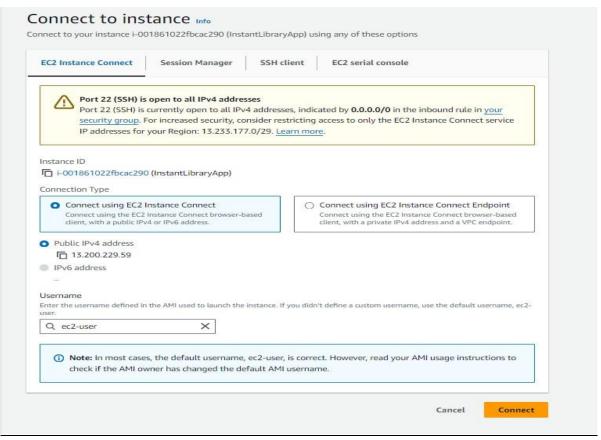


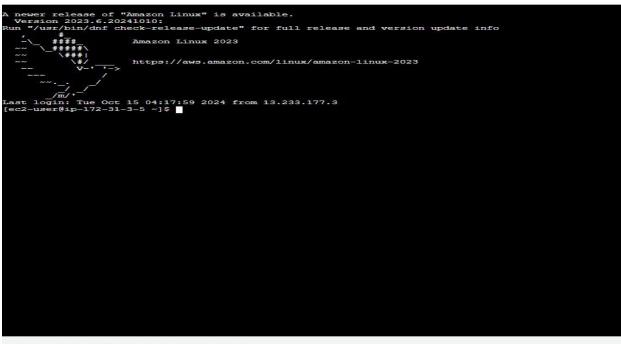


• Now connect the EC2 with the files













Milestone 7: Deployment on EC2

Activity 7.1: Install Software on the EC2 Instance

Install Python3, Flask, and

Git: On Amazon Linux

<u>2:</u>

sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install python3 git
sudo pip3 install flask boto3

Verify Installations:

flask --version

git --version

Activity 7.2:Clone Your Flask Project from GitHub

Clone your project repository from GitHub into the EC2 instance using Git.

Run: 'git clone https://github.com/your-github-username/your-repository-name.git'

 $\underline{\textbf{Note: change\ your-github-username\ and\ your-repository-name\ with\ your}}$

credentials here:

'git clone https://github.com/SoftwareKarthik/travelgoproject

• This will download your project to the EC2 instance.

To navigate to the project directory, run the following command:

cd InstantLibrary

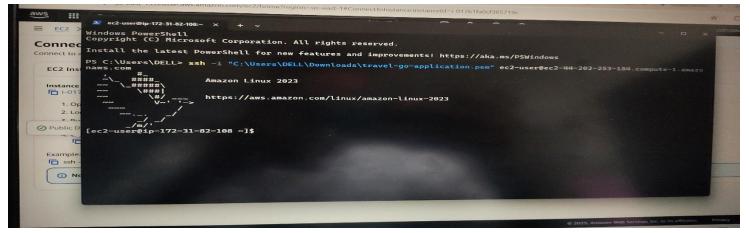
Once inside the project directory, configure and run the Flask application by executing the following command with elevated privileges:

Run the Flask Application

sudo flask run --host=0.0.0.0 --port=80





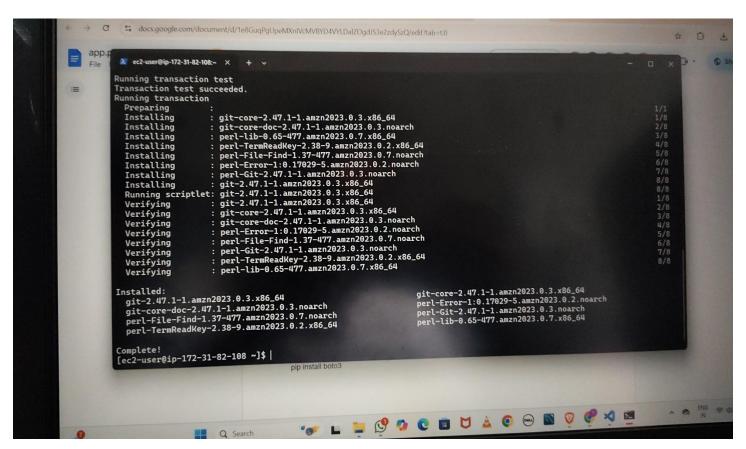


Verify the Flask app is running:

http://your-ec2-public-

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Run the Flask app on the EC2 instance







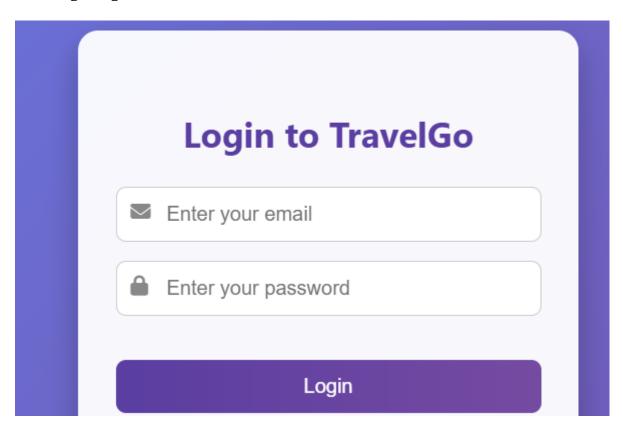
Access the website through:

http://44.202.253.184:5000/

Milestone 8: Testing and Deployment

• Activity 8.1: Conduct functional testing to verify user registration, login, book requests, and notifications.

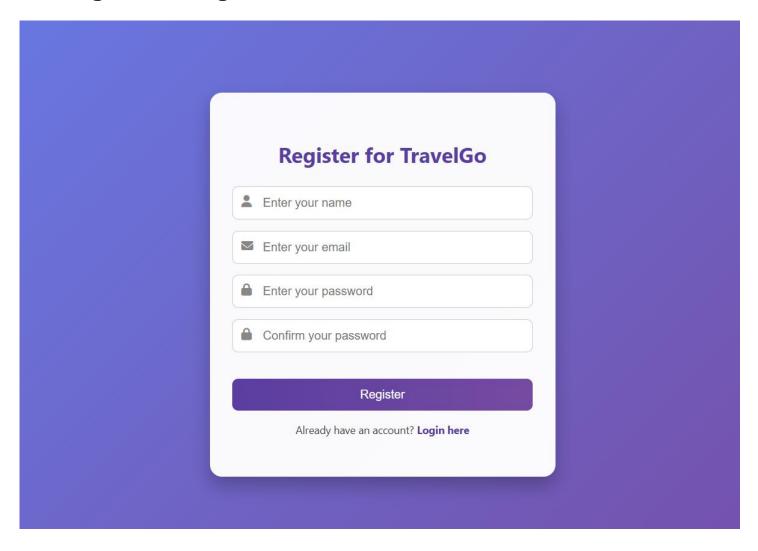
Login Page:







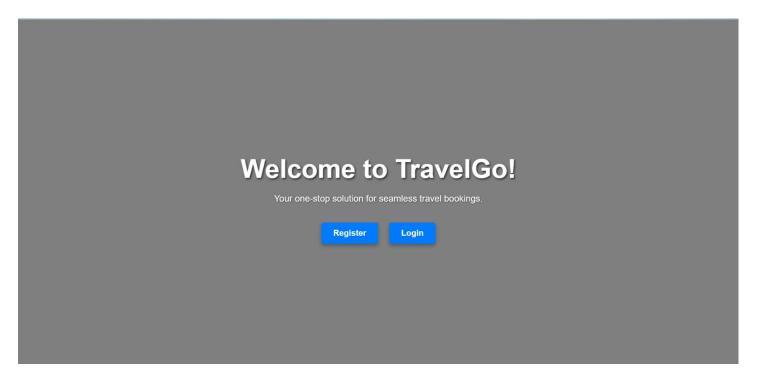
Registration Page:







Front Page:-



Confirm Booking Page:







Conclusion:

The Greenfield University Travel Booking System has been successfully developed and deployed using a robust and scalable cloud architecture. By integrating Flask, AWS EC2, DynamoDB, and SNS, the platform offers a seamless experience for students and faculty to manage academic travel requests and bookings.

This cloud-based solution overcomes the limitations of traditional, manual travel management by automating booking processes, ensuring real-time communication, and enabling efficient tracking of travel data. The use of DynamoDB guarantees fast and secure storage, while AWS SNS keeps all stakeholders informed with instant email notifications.

The system's responsive interface, backed by scalable AWS services, ensures smooth operation even under high usage. From registration and login to travel request submissions and status tracking, all functionalities have been thoroughly tested and optimized.

In summary, this platform significantly improves the efficiency and transparency of academic travel planning at Greenfield University, demonstrating the power of modern cloud technologies in solving real-world administrative challenges.





Experience Gained:-

Working on the Greenfield University Travel Booking System project provided valuable hands-on experience across multiple areas of cloud computing, backend development, and full-stack deployment. The following skills and insights were gained:

Cloud Services Integration

Gained practical experience in setting up and integrating AWS services like **EC2**, **DynamoDB**, and **SNS**, learning how these services interact to support real-world web applications.

Flask Web Development

Built a scalable backend using **Flask**, implementing routing, user authentication, and session management while connecting it to a cloud-based NoSQL database.

♣ DynamoDB Database Management

Designed and managed DynamoDB tables, learned how to perform CRUD operations using **boto3**, and understood best practices for data modeling in NoSQL environments.

♣ Real-time Notification System

Used **AWS SNS** to send email alerts, improving user interaction and system responsiveness. This reinforced the importance of real-time communication in modern applications.

Deployment on AWS EC2

Learned how to launch, configure, and secure an **EC2 instance**, and successfully deployed a Flask app to a live production environment.

IAM Roles and Security Best Practices

Understood the importance of **IAM policies and permissions** by configuring roles for EC2 to securely interact with other AWS services.

♣ Version Control and GitHub Integration





Managed project code using **Git**, enabling better team collaboration and version tracking through GitHub.

♣ Problem Solving and Debugging

Encountered and resolved various technical challenges during development and deployment, enhancing debugging and troubleshooting skills.

♣ Project Management and Documentation

Documented the entire workflow, from architecture to deployment, ensuring the project can be maintained, scaled, or enhanced in the future.