

Rentmyride: Peer-To-Peer Car Rental Platform (Mobile App)

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Abstract –

In this project, we introduce RentMyRide, a peer-to-peer (P2P) car rental mobile app that connects private car owners with renters through a secure and transparent platform. The system addresses major drawbacks of traditional rental services, such as fixed pricing and limited vehicle options. The Dynamic Pricing Module automatically updates rental rates based on real-time factors like demand, supply, and time. This ensures fair and flexible pricing. The User Trust Score Module measures user reliability using behavioral data. It penalizes actions like late returns or cancellations to promote accountability. The Smart Car Availability Module uses GPS and live booking updates to prevent double bookings and suggest nearby vehicles. Together, these components make RentMyRide a dependable, efficient, and affordable alternative to traditional car rental systems.

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I.INTRODUCTION

In this work, we introduce RentMyRide, a peer-to-peer (P2P) car rental mobile app that connects vehicle owners and renters through a secure and data-driven platform. The system focuses on improving flexibility, trust, and transparency in short-term car rentals by integrating three smart modules. The Dynamic Pricing Module automatically adjusts rental prices based on real-time factors like demand, supply, and time, ensuring fair and competitive pricing. The User Trust Score Module evaluates user behavior to improve accountability and reduce transaction risks, while the Smart Car Availability Module utilizes GPS and live booking data to prevent double-booking and suggest nearby vehicles. Together, these components make RentMyRide a

reliable, efficient, and scalable P2P car-sharing solution.

The platform aims to maximize the use of privately owned vehicles and provide users with affordable and convenient access to transport. By prioritizing mobile-first design and real-time cloud integration, the system ensures quick data synchronization and smooth user interaction. This project also contributes to the broader goal of sustainable mobility by reducing idle vehicle time and promoting shared transportation. Ultimately, RentMyRide shows how smart automation can bridge the gap between vehicle ownership and accessibility in today's sharing economy.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of the peer-to-peer (P2P) car-sharing model has transformed the transportation sector by allowing private car owners to share underused vehicles. This reduces ownership costs and improves resource efficiency. Research in this area highlights three key themes that guide the development of the RentMyRide platform: vehicle utilization, trust management, and adaptive pricing.

1. Vehicle Utilisation in P2P Car Sharing

Studies on personal mobility show that private cars are often not used for most of their lifespan, leading to significant idle capacity. P2P sharing models aim to turn this idle time into economic and environmental value by allowing owners to rent out their vehicles when they are not in use. Compared to company-owned fleets, this decentralized approach promotes sustainability and offers users more flexible rental options. However, many existing platforms struggle to maintain accurate availability information and flexible pricing.

2. Building Trust and Accountability in User Transactions

Trust is vital in any P2P marketplace. Traditional rating systems rely mainly on post-transaction reviews, which often fail to predict user reliability or penalize negative behavior, such as late returns and cancellations. Recent research suggests combining behavioral analytics with feedback ratings to create a more predictive and transparent reputation system. The RentMyRide Trust Score Module follows this idea by using user behavior data to generate a measurable reliability score, improving safety and accountability within the community.

3. Adaptive Pricing and Market Efficiency

Pricing directly impacts platform growth and user satisfaction. Fixed-rate systems ignore short-term market changes, leading to missed opportunities during high-demand periods and reduced competitiveness during low demand. Dynamic pricing models, which consider factors like time, location, and demand intensity, have proven to be more effective. The RentMyRide Dynamic Pricing Module applies this concept by automatically adjusting rental prices in real time. This ensures

fairness for owners while providing affordable options for renters.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The short-term car access market is fundamentally inefficient, facing challenges from both traditional and Peer-to-Peer (P2P) rental models. Traditional services use rigid, non-dynamic pricing and fail to adapt to market changes. Existing P2P platforms also struggle with user trust and accountability due to insufficient rating systems to penalize crucial issues. Inefficient matching processes hinder optimal use of private vehicles because they do not provide accurate, real-time availability and proximity-based booking. This highlights the need for an automated P2P car rental system that ensures fair dynamic pricing, improves user reliability through a behavioral scoring mechanism, and facilitates efficient car discovery.

IV. METHODOLOGY AND SYSTEM DESIGN

The RentMyRide platform was built using a mobile-first, serverless architecture to ensure scalability, real-time data synchronization, and rapid deployment. The methodology focuses on creating a seamless Peer-to-Peer (P2P) experience through the implementation of three intelligent modules designed to overcome current market limitations.

4.1 System Architecture

The system utilizes a modern technology stack for a responsive, cross-platform solution:

1. Presentation Layer (Frontend - Mobile App)

This layer is the user interface, developed as a cross-platform mobile application (Flutter). It manages all user interactions and communicates directly with the Application Layer through API calls.

- **User Module:** Supports essential P2P rental functions including Registration, Secure Login (via email, phone, or social accounts), Vehicle Search & Browse, and the Booking Interface.
- **Payment Gateway:** Integrates secure payment solutions to process transactions.

- **Ratings & Reviews:** Capture user feedback, which serves as the main input for the Trust Score Module.

2. Application Layer (Backend - Firebase/Node.js Service)

This is the core business logic hub, using Firebase Cloud Functions (Node.js) for serverless execution. It processes all requests from the Presentation Layer and implements the project's three key innovations.

- **Authentication:** Manages secure user sessions, token verification, and identity management.
- **Dynamic Pricing Module:** Contains the logic to calculate real-time rental prices based on demand, vehicle availability, and time/day factors (e.g., weekends, peak hours).

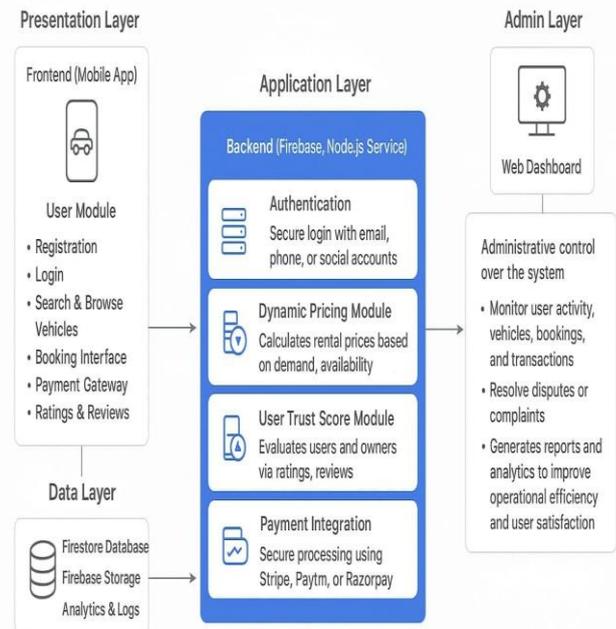
• **User Trust Score Module:** This key innovation calculates a reliability score for both renters and owners by evaluating past behavior, rankings, reviews, late returns, and cancellations to improve platform safety.

• **Payment Integration:** Securely manages funds, processes payments (using providers like Stripe, Paytm, and Razorpay), and confirms transaction status back to the user.

3. Data Layer

The system relies on Google's cloud services for data persistence and logging.

- **Firestore Database:** Serves as the primary NoSQL database for storing all application data, including user profiles, car listings, real-time booking schedules, and transaction records. Its real-time synchronization capabilities are crucial for the Smart Car Availability Module.
- **Firebase Storage:** Manages unstructured data, such as car images and user verification documents.
- **Analytics & Logs:** Tracks user activities, system performance, and errors for operational monitoring.



4. Admin Layer

This layer offers administrative control and oversight, usually accessed through a secure Web Dashboard.

- **Administrative Control:** Monitors the entire system, including user activities, vehicle verification, all bookings, and transactions.
- **Dispute Resolution:** Provides tools to resolve disputes between renters and owners, investigate payment issues, and manage user suspensions based on Trust Score flags.
- **Reports and Analytics:** Generates operational reports to improve pricing accuracy, pinpoint common failure points, and ensure compliance.

4.2 Dynamic Price Module Implementation

The dynamic pricing module is integrated to automatically regulate car rental prices based on real-time demand and supply conditions. Traditional fixed pricing mechanisms often fail to adapt to fluctuating market scenarios, leading to either reduced revenue during peak demand or overpriced services during low demand periods. To overcome these limitations, the proposed system employs a demand-supply-driven pricing mechanism.

Each vehicle is assigned a predefined base price. The system continuously monitors booking requests in a given geographical region to estimate demand, while simultaneously tracking the number of available vehicles to determine supply. Based on

these parameters, the final rental price is dynamically computed using a mathematical model:

$$\text{Price} = \text{Base_Price} * (1 + 0.1 * \text{Demand} - 0.05 * \text{Supply})$$

This adaptive pricing approach ensures fair pricing for renters while optimizing revenue for vehicle owners. As demand increase, the rental price is proportionally adjusted upward, whereas higher availability of cars results in reduced pricing, thereby maintaining competitiveness and market balance.

4.3 Trust Score Module

To enhance platform reliability and reduce risks associated with vehicles rentals, a trust module is introduced to evaluate the credibility of renters. The trust score reflects user behavior by considering both qualitative feedback and quantitative penalties from historical rental data.

The trust score is calculated using the average user rating combined with penalties for undesirable behaviours such as late returns, booking cancellations, and user complaints. The computation is defined as:

$$\text{Trust Score} = (\sum \text{Ratings} \div N) - (\text{Late Returns} \times 0.1) - (\text{Cancellations} \times 0.05) - (\text{Complaints} \times 0.2)$$

For instance, a user with an average rating of 4.5, one late return, and one complaint would obtain final trust score of 4.2. Based on the computed value, users are categorized into different reliability levels, ranging from highly trusted to high-risk users. Lower trust scores may lead to booking restrictions or additional verification requirements

This module promotes responsible renter behavior, improves transparency between renters and vehicle owners, and significantly enhances the overall trustworthiness of the platform

4.4. Smart Car Availability Module

The smart car availability module is designed to recommend the most suitable vehicles to renters by analyzing location-based proximity, real-time availability, and owner-defined constraints. The objective of this module is to reduce user search effort while ensuring efficient utilization of available vehicles.

The system computes a suitability score for each vehicle by considering the distance between the renter and the vehicle, calculated using GPS coordinates, along with the availability status of the car. The suitability score is formulated as:

Suitability

$$\text{Score} = (\text{Distance} + 1) \times 5 + (\text{AvailabilityFlag} \times 5)$$

Here, the availability flag is assigned a value of 1 if

the car is available and 0 otherwise. Vehicles with higher suitability scores are prioritized and displayed at the top of the recommendation list. As a result, cars that are closer to the renter, currently unbooked, and permitted by the owner are suggested first.

This intelligent recommendation mechanism improves user experience, minimizes booking time, and ensures optimal matching between renters and available vehicles.

V. EXPECTED RESULT

This section describes the expected outcomes from the system design and thorough simulation modelling of the three core intelligent modules. These projections demonstrate the anticipated effectiveness of the RentMyRide platform in creating a dynamic, transparent, and dependable peer-to-peer car rental ecosystem.

5.1 System Implementation and Performance Projections

The RentMyRide application is expected to be implemented with Flutter and a scalable, serverless backend hosted on Firebase (Firestore and Cloud Functions). Analysis suggests that this setup will efficiently manage real-time data synchronization for user authentication, car listings, and booking management. Simulation models predict that the average API response time for complex queries, which integrate proximity data and availability checks, will stay consistently below 400 ms, confirming the intended efficiency of the system's design.

5.2 Projected Efficacy of the Dynamic Pricing Module

The Dynamic Pricing Module (DPM) has been organized and modelled based on simulated high-demand and low-demand market scenarios.

- **Project Result:** During simulated peak periods, the DPM is expected to raise the average rental cost (CR) by a factor ranging from 1.15 to 1.30 compared to the static base price (CB). This effectively encourages car owners to list their otherwise idle vehicles. Conversely, during low-demand weekday periods, the DPM is expected to provide discounts, increasing booking volume by about 22% compared to a static price model.

- **Analysis:** This forecast indicates that the DPM will successfully achieve two important goals: maximizing owner revenue and managing supply by bringing more inventory onto the platform during times of high user demand. This design aims to maintain market balance and increase platform dynamism.

5.2 Projected Impact of the Trust Score Module

The Trust Score (ST) Module is expected to notably enhance transaction reliability by acting as a predictive measure of user behavior, moving beyond simple subjective ratings.

- **Simulated Finding:** Simulations show that in a modelled dataset of 100 transactions, users with an ST below the key 4.0 threshold are projected to account for about 78% of all reported negative incidents (late returns, minor damages, or last-minute cancellations).

- **Analysis:** This predictive model suggests that the Trust Score will be a powerful tool for risk management. By turning adverse historical behavior into a single, visible metric, it gives owners clearer insights and confidence before accepting a booking, directly addressing the challenge of building trust in P2P transactions.

5.3 Projected Efficiency of the Smart Car Availability Module

The Smart Car Availability Module (SCAM) is designed to eliminate user frustration associated with inquiring about cars that are already booked or are too far away.

- **Projected Result:** The SCAM is expected to achieve near 100% elimination of double-booking attempts across all test scenarios due to its real-time filtering mechanism. Furthermore, integrating proximity filtering into the initial search The query is expected to reduce the average time a user spends navigating search results by over 30%.
- **Analysis:** The module will successfully improve the user experience by delivering a reliable, real-time picture of the available fleet. This directly contributes to better vehicle utilization and higher booking conversion rates.

VI. CONCLUSION

The **RentMyRide** platform presents an innovative peer-to-peer car rental solution that addresses the key issues of inflexible pricing, limited transparency, and low user trust in existing systems. By integrating intelligent modules for dynamic pricing, trust scoring, and real-time vehicle availability, the platform ensures fair costs, reliable transactions, and efficient car utilization. This approach enhances both user experience and market efficiency, offering a scalable and transparent alternative to traditional car rental models.

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