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Travel Buddy Application Using Machine Learning

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Abstract

Travel Buddy is an intelligent travel companion that aims to enhance the travel experience by assisting travelers with efficient trip planning, organization, and execution. This comprehensive platform provides personalized recommendations, booking support, itinerary management, and navigation services. This paper delves into the development of Travel Buddy, shedding light on its system architecture, algorithms, and key features. By utilizing machine learning and analyzing user preferences, Travel Buddy strives to elevate the travel experience for its users. Key areas of focus include personalized recommendations, trip planning, system architecture, and the application of artificial intelligence.

INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced world, travel has become more accessible than ever; organizing a trip can be overwhelming due to the multitude of flight options, accommodations, and activities. Travel Buddy is a user-friendly app designed to simplify the travel planning process. It offers personalized travel recommendations, easy booking tools, and real-time navigation assistance to ensure a stress-free and enjoyable experience. This paper explores the Travel Buddy app, detailing its features, comparing it to existing travel management tools, and explaining its recommendation algorithm. Travel Buddy connects users with similar interests, travel schedules, destinations, and locations. The app consolidates essential travel functions, allowing for city-to-city itinerary planning, discovering local attractions, and booking hotels and transportation, all within one platform. Travel Buddy aims to enhance the travel experience,

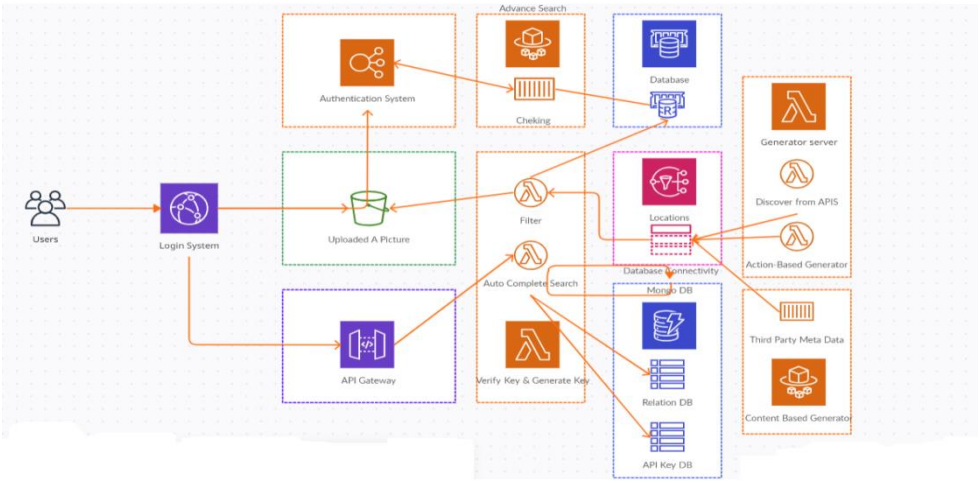
making it more efficient and enjoyable. This paper highlights its potential to revolutionize how people plan their trips and connect during their journeys.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Recent advancements in travel and tourism applications In August 2024, Afiza Ismail introduced the I-Tourism Travel Buddy mobile application to users by aligning their travel preferences, interests, and itineraries. In February 2019, Mitali Gadekar developed an Android-based tourism app that enhances user experiences by integrating social networking, trip planning, and location-based features. In April 2023, Divya Jain researched travel companion systems, focusing on improving urban travel through intelligent navigation and location-based scheduling. Similarly, Sanjukta Ganguly developed a mobile application in 2022 for travel activities that enriches tourism with real-time, location-specific guidance. In April 2021, Chinthaka A. J. proposed a smart travel companion app that leverages real-time, location-aware support to elevate the tourism experience. Finally, Hanne Tiikkaja's December 2020 study on trip-making and well-being highlights how travel impacts mental and physical health, offering insights to enhance overall travel satisfaction.

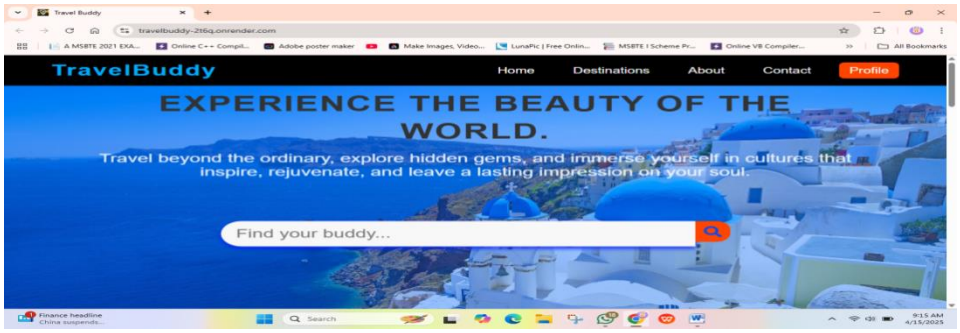
METHODOLOGY

The Travel Buddy system uses the prototype methodology within the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC). Prototyping involves creating preliminary versions of the software that showcase its core functionalities, though they may not include the complete logic of the final product. The project began with a planning phase to assess its feasibility and define key aspects, such as the development team and timeline. The system comprises two primary components: an Android application and a server. The project team evaluated the hardware and software requirements and reviewed relevant research to inform the development process. The team prioritized creating a work plan, designing the user interface, and implementing the Android application to lay a strong foundation for the project.



During the development of the Travel Buddy mobile application, the team simultaneously began building the web server, followed by testing compatibility between devices and the server. The project team, consisting of four members, divided responsibilities across requirements gathering, design, implementation, and testing. Each member contributed to developing both the Android application and the web server. Upon reviewing the existing map, navigation, and scheduling systems, the team identified a gap: despite abundant available data, no system effectively bridged the divide between users and this information. Rather than creating new technology, the team leveraged existing tools, focusing on delivering data to users in an intuitive way. Integrated to enhance the voice assistant, which provides real-time updates on traffic conditions and upcoming schedules via voice or text, tailored to the user's context. A user habit analysis component to monitor common travel routes, enabling personalized recommendations.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



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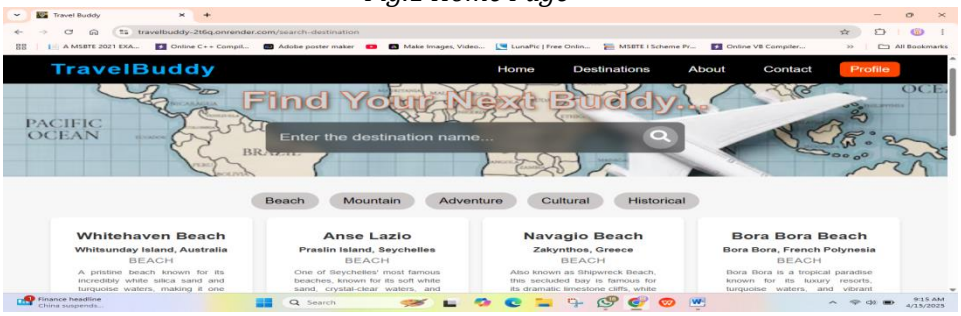

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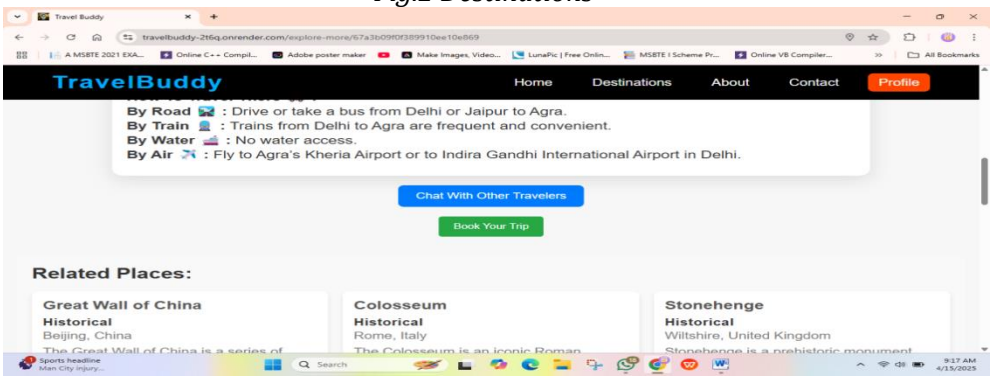

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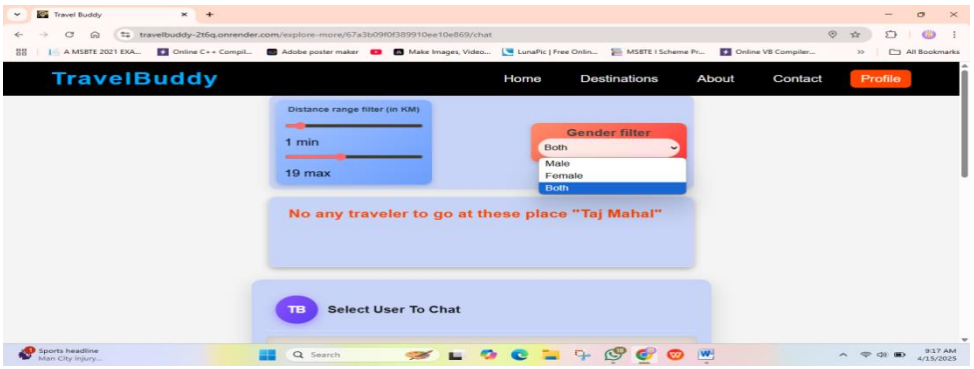

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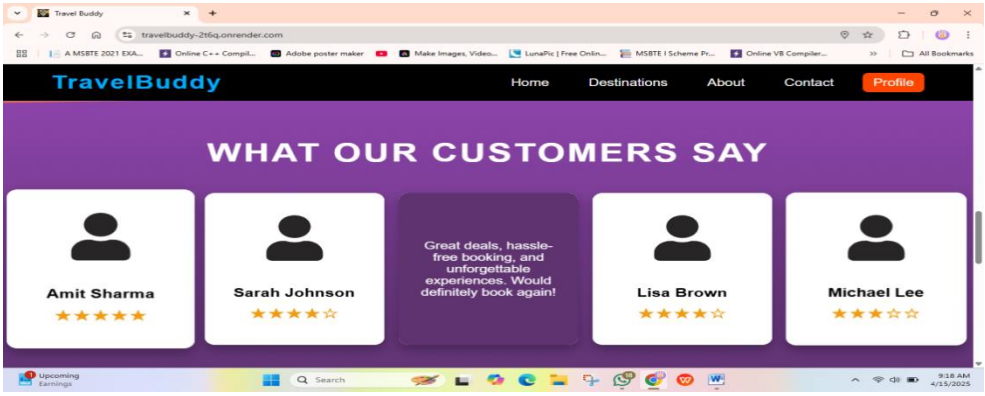

Fig.5 Feedback

CONCLUSION

Travel Buddy offers an innovative platform for today's travelers, combining tailored trip planning, booking services, and navigation within a single app. Machine learning and advanced algorithms enhance the travel experience, minimizing stress and delivering a personalized, smooth journey, including dynamic travel adjustments in real-time, broader API integrations, and improved machine learning features to provide even more precise recommendations.

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4. Varun Mishra and co-authors highlighted Travel Buddy's AI-powered approach to personalized travel planning.

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