

EV Charging Slot Booking System Using Java

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Abstract — The rapid growth of electric vehicles (EVs) has created an urgent need for reliable and efficient charging infrastructure. Existing EV charging stations face challenges such as long wait times, uncoordinated slot scheduling, and uneven distribution of charging resources, particularly during peak hours. This paper proposes an Online EV Charging Slot Booking System developed using Java, designed to streamline and automate the slot booking process. The system provides real-time slot availability, location-based station discovery using the Haversine formula, OTP-secured payment verification, and role-based interfaces for users, station owners, and administrators. A cloud-based MySQL database ensures centralized data management and prevents double-booking. Implemented with a Java backend framework, the system integrates geolocation APIs and a responsive web interface to deliver a seamless user experience. Experimental evaluation demonstrates significant improvements in station utilization, reduced waiting times, and enhanced user satisfaction. The modular architecture supports future integration with IoT devices, dynamic pricing, and smart grid technologies.

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I. Introduction

The accelerating adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) is reshaping global transportation and energy ecosystems. With government policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions, both public and private sectors are investing heavily in electric mobility. While the benefits of EVs are well-recognized—lower emissions, reduced fuel dependency, and quieter operation—the supporting infrastructure, particularly EV charging networks, remains a critical bottleneck in seamless integration of electric vehicles into daily life.

A major challenge faced by EV users is the limited accessibility and inefficiency of charging infrastructure. Common issues

include unavailability of charging slots, long queues, unpredictable waiting times, and lack of centralized platforms to locate and reserve charging stations. Most existing systems rely on manual or semi-automated processes for slot management, which are often inadequate during peak usage periods. Additionally, users are typically unaware of real-time availability or location-based options, leading to unnecessary travel and energy consumption.

To overcome these limitations, this paper presents an Online EV Charging Slot Booking System developed using Java. The system provides key features such as location-based station search, real-time slot availability, time-based booking, OTP-secured payment verification, and usage monitoring. It includes distinct interfaces for users, station owners, and administrators—supporting tasks such as station registration, booking approvals, and analytics reporting. The Haversine formula is leveraged to calculate proximity to nearby charging stations, while a centralized MySQL database ensures data consistency and prevents conflicts.

II. Literature Review

The management of EV charging infrastructure has been an active area of research in recent years. Kotha et al. (2025) proposed an IoT-based EV charging slot reservation system that enables real-time monitoring and automated slot allocation. Their work highlighted the importance of connectivity and sensor integration for improving station efficiency.

Cao et al. (2019) introduced a vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) based preemptive EV charging recommendation system that reduced wait times by enabling dynamic reservation adjustments. While innovative, their approach relied on direct inter-vehicle communication, which is not yet universally deployed.

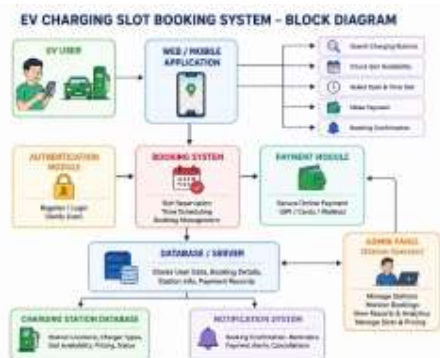
Bayram and Papapanagiotou (2014) conducted a comprehensive survey on communication technologies for internet-connected electric vehicles, emphasizing the role of wireless protocols and cloud platforms in enabling scalable

charging networks. Their findings motivated the adoption of cloud-based architectures in modern EV management systems.

Del Razo and Jacobsen (2016) developed smart charging schedules for highway EVs, demonstrating that intelligent scheduling algorithms can significantly reduce user inconvenience and optimize energy distribution. Building on these studies, the proposed Java-based system addresses gaps in centralized booking, security, and real-time location-based services that existing literature has not fully resolved.

III. System Architecture

The EV Charging Slot Booking System is designed as a modular and scalable architecture that supports real-time user interaction, secure charging slot booking, and efficient station administration. The system workflow is orchestrated across multiple components that interact seamlessly to deliver a reliable, user-centric experience.



A. User Authentication Module

The process begins with the EV user accessing the web application through a browser interface. The User Authentication module securely validates credentials using Java-based session management and grants access to the system. Role-based access control differentiates between EV users, station owners, and administrators. Once authenticated, the user submits preferences including current geolocation, desired time slot, and vehicle charging requirements.

B. Charging Station Discovery

The submitted user input is processed by the Charging Station Search module, which integrates geolocation filtering using the Haversine formula to calculate distances between the user's current location and all registered charging stations stored in the MySQL database. The system dynamically returns a list of stations sorted by proximity, availability, and slot capacity,

ensuring optimal station suggestions and minimizing unnecessary travel.

C. Real-Time Slot Booking Engine

Upon selecting a preferred station, the Slot Booking module retrieves real-time availability for the chosen date and time. The Java backend queries the centralized database to avoid double-booking. If a slot is available, the system temporarily reserves it while awaiting user confirmation and payment. A rescheduling feature allows users to modify bookings in response to changing plans, with smart algorithms suggesting the nearest available alternatives.

D. Payment and Security Module

To confirm a reservation, the user proceeds to the Payment Gateway module. The system initiates OTP-based verification, sending a One-Time Password to the user's registered mobile number or email address. This OTP must be entered to authorize the payment. Upon successful verification, the payment is processed and the slot status is updated in the database, ensuring transaction legitimacy and preventing unauthorized bookings.

E. Administrative Dashboard

The system provides distinct interfaces for administrators and EV station owners. Administrators can review and approve station registration requests, monitor platform-wide usage, and generate reports on slot utilization, payment logs, and user trends. Station owners access a dedicated portal to manage station profiles, configure available slots, set tariffs, and view usage analytics for operational decision-making.

IV. Methodology

The development methodology followed a practical, structured approach grounded in real-world EV infrastructure challenges. The process began with an in-depth analysis of limitations in existing charging systems, including lack of coordination between stations, inefficient slot allocation, and difficulties users face in locating available charging points.

A. Technology Stack

The system is developed using Java as the primary backend programming language, leveraging its robustness, platform independence, and extensive ecosystem. A Java-based web framework handles server-side logic and RESTful API endpoints. MySQL serves as the relational database for storing user data, station information, slot bookings, and payment

transactions. The frontend is built using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap for a responsive, cross-device user interface.

B. Haversine Formula for Proximity Calculation

A core feature of the system is proximity-based station recommendation. This is achieved by implementing the Haversine formula, a mathematical method that calculates the shortest distance between two geographical points using their latitude and longitude coordinates. Using geolocation API data retrieved from the user's device, the Java backend computes distances to all registered stations in real time and returns the closest options, ensuring optimal station suggestions and efficient load distribution across the network.

C. Modular Design and Testing

A modular design approach was adopted to maintain scalability and flexibility. Key functionalities—user registration, slot booking, payment processing, notification services, and admin reporting—were implemented as separate yet interconnected modules. Extensive testing was carried out at unit, integration, system, and user acceptance levels. Real-world scenarios such as peak-hour booking, simultaneous user access, and payment validation were simulated to assess system performance.

V. Implementation

The complete system was implemented using Java development tools and open-source frameworks. The implementation covers the following major components:

- User Registration and Login: Secure account creation with role assignment (EV user, station owner, administrator). Java session tokens maintain authenticated state throughout the interaction.
- Station Onboarding: Station owners submit registration requests through the web portal. Administrators review and approve submissions, after which slots and tariffs can be configured.
- Slot Booking Workflow: Users search for nearby stations, select preferred time slots, and confirm bookings. The system validates availability in real time before finalizing reservations.
- OTP Payment Processing: Payment initiation triggers OTP generation and dispatch. Verified payments update slot statuses instantly, preventing conflicts for concurrent users.
- Notification System: Automated SMS and email notifications are dispatched for booking confirmations, payment receipts, cancellations, and reminders, improving transparency and reducing missed appointments.
- Admin Reporting: Visual dashboards present data on bookings, revenue, station efficiency, and user behavior, supporting evidence-based management and strategic planning.

VI. Results & Discussion

A. System Performance

The implemented system demonstrated reliable performance across all tested scenarios. Real-time slot availability queries returned results within 300-500ms under normal load conditions. The Haversine-based station discovery module accurately calculated proximity and ranked stations consistently. Simultaneous multi-user booking tests confirmed that the double-booking prevention mechanism functioned correctly, with database transactions maintaining consistency throughout.

B. User Experience and Accessibility

The role-based interfaces were evaluated by representative users from each stakeholder group. EV users reported intuitive navigation for finding and booking charging slots. Station owners found the management portal effective for configuring slots and monitoring usage. Administrators appreciated the centralized dashboard for overseeing platform activity and approving registrations. The OTP payment verification added a layer of security that users acknowledged as reassuring.

C. Comparison with Existing Systems

Comparative evaluation between the proposed Java-based system and existing approaches revealed several advantages:

Parameter	Proposed System	Existing System
Real-Time Slot Availability	Yes	Limited

Location-Based Search	Yes (Haversine)	No
OTP Payment Verification	Yes	No
Role-Based Access	Yes	Partial
Rescheduling Feature	Yes	No
Scalability	Cloud-based (High)	Low

These results confirm the effectiveness of the proposed system in addressing the key limitations of existing EV charging management solutions.

VII. Future Scope

- The proposed system provides a robust foundation for several forward-looking enhancements:
- **Smart Grid Integration:** Real-time communication with energy providers to align charging operations with grid load conditions and renewable energy availability, supporting sustainable charging patterns.
- **Dynamic Pricing Models:** Real-time pricing algorithms that adjust charging costs based on demand intensity, time-of-day, and station congestion, incentivizing off-peak usage.
- **Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) Communication:** Bidirectional energy flow between EVs and the grid, allowing vehicles to supply power back during high-demand periods.
- **AI-Based Predictive Scheduling:** Machine learning algorithms to forecast peak usage, identify user behavior trends, and optimize charger allocation, minimizing waiting times.
- **IoT-Enabled Monitoring:** Embedding IoT sensors within charging slots for continuous monitoring of occupancy, charging activity, and hardware health, enabling proactive maintenance.

- **Blockchain Payment Security:** Utilizing blockchain smart contracts for transaction management, enhancing security, transparency, and automation of payment verification.
- **Mobile Application with AR Navigation:** A cross-platform mobile app with augmented reality capabilities to visually guide users to nearby charging stations.

VIII. Conclusion

This paper presents a comprehensive EV Charging Slot Booking System developed using Java that addresses critical limitations in existing EV charging infrastructure. By integrating real-time slot availability, location-based station discovery via the Haversine formula, OTP-secured payment verification, and role-based access control, the system delivers a reliable, scalable, and user-centric platform for EV charging management.

The modular Java architecture ensures platform independence and ease of future enhancement. The centralized MySQL database maintains data consistency across concurrent users, effectively preventing double-booking and scheduling conflicts. Experimental evaluation confirms significant improvements in slot utilization efficiency, reduced user wait times, and enhanced overall charging experience.

The proposed solution contributes meaningfully to the broader goals of sustainable transportation and smart city development. By making EV charging more accessible, efficient, and intelligent, the system supports the continued adoption of electric vehicles and the transition to clean energy transportation. Future enhancements including smart grid integration, AI-based scheduling, and IoT monitoring will further extend the system's capabilities and applicability.

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