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# Abstract

No one can deny the rapid development of Internet. It is a trend that many kinds of business are now taking the form of operation from traditional model to the new e-commerce model. In this report, we will summarize the research and work done in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of our final year project – TravelNet, which is a typical e-commerce application for travel agency. We will first provide an overview of the project and a brief discussion on nowadays e-commerce applications. Then we attempt to analyze different approaches on building a Web application. Next, we will briefly describe the facilities and functions provided by TravelNet, followed by a chapter, which discusses the system design and implementation details. A chapter is also devoted to discuss the security issue of TravelNet, particularly on SSL. Last but not least, we will introduce some possible improvements on our project in the Summary and Future Work chapter.

# Chapter1: Introduction

## 1.1. Projectobjectives

Inthisprojectwewillfocusonapplication -levelprogrammingtodevelopadatabase transactionservice:TravelNet.TravelNetallow suserstobookforatravelitinerary overtheInternet.Thetravelitineraryincludesairplaneticketreservationandhotel reservation.

WewilluseOracleandJavaServlettodevelopthisproject.Theinformationwillbe storedindifferentdatabases. Theprogramswilltrytocollectinformationamongall thedatabases,thensearchforthebestitemthatmeetclients'needs.Flexibilitystudy ontheagenttechnique tobusedonoursystemwillbestudiedinthisproject.

Theprojectwillincludethe integrationofpaymentsystem,asitisanunavoidable partofane -commerceapplication.Paymentsysteminresearchprojectandreallife maybeintegratedinthesystembuilt.

Onthelargecollectionofcomponents(databases,paymentsystem),itiseffe ctively usefulforthewholesystemtobedistributed.Anotherobjectiveofthisprojectisto developthisapplicationinadistributedmanner.CORBAtechnologywillbeusedto achievethisinthecomingterm.

## 1.2 Back ground

### 1.1.1. E-Commerce

Internet is growing everyday. Not even the number of users is increasing, but also the number of ways it provides services. One of the most important issues is doing business on the net. Nowadays, more than half of the nationwide companies already had their own website and provided true servicing functionality. Researches showed that this type of electronic commerce on the Internet is making a great profit.

Because of the great population and popularity of Internet around the world, electronic commerce is keeping growing and developing. Together with the growth the number of users and companies involved, new Internet technology appears everyday.

### 1.1.2. Travel Agencies

Travel agency is around the Internet today like Expedia, Travelocity, LowAirFar.com, PreviewTravel, etc. This type of service provides a great convenient for individual or family travel for them to buy ticket online. It's not convenient for the traveler to check the price by consulting the airline companies and real life travel agency. The situation is similar in the case of booking hotel rooms. Online Travel agency can help them to collect and compare price instantly in order to give them a comfortable trip.

Traditional implementation of these online applications will be in CGI. CGI is very poor on accepting concurrent requests and, at the meantime, performance drop or lead to server down. New coming technologies like ASP (active server page) are good to handle simple request or generating dynamic page to user but they can't have good integration with other system components.

What we are now going to do is to use Java Servlet to implement a travel agent. With its increasing popularity, great current performance, portability and good integration with system components, it is worthy for this project to be developed in this direction.

BesidethecentralizedapproachinTravelNet,distributedapproachwillalsobe developedinthelaterversionofthisapplication.SincetheprojectisinJavaplatform, thismadeCORBAintegrationpossibleandmostofthecomponentscanbereused.

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# Chapter2:

## Approachesonwebapplications

### 2.1 Introduction

Internet has been a pool for people to communicate and share information and resources. It is easy to observe that many kinds of human activities have been adapted into an electronic format through the help of internet. Some significant examples include the business transaction, online chatting, etc.

Nowadays, the most popular form of information exchange and distribution is through the World Wide Web service that is built on top of the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP). HTTP is responsible for exchanging text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files on the World Wide Web. The basic design of the web daemon services of HTTP is static, which means that for every request from the client, e.g. the web browser, it attempts to refer to a constant object on the server side. The content of the object is constant. In this sense, dynamic data cannot be provided from the web service, which contradicts to the natural two-way communication between humans.

In order to accommodate the situation, the web server must be able to accept any type of request within its service context that is dynamic in nature. That requires a specialized program that can be triggered by client requests to provide user-specified information. A typical example is the online query system. It is obvious that the query is mostly different each time so the web server cannot simply prepare all the result set for the request. The server-side programs solve the problem in this case.

In this chapter, we will discuss different ways of implementing web applications, which includes CGI (Common Gateway Interface), Servlet, ASP (Active Server Pages) and Java Applet. We will specifically compare CGI and Servlet in this chapter on different properties to indicate our reasons for choosing Servlet instead of the popular CGI style of server-side programs.



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## 2.2 CGI usage for server -side program

Instead of being a programming language for writing server -side programs, it is in fact a common standard on linking the request from client to the programs as side on the server. Basically, any program that can be executed on the server and can perform the following functions:

1. Print to the standard output ;
2. Read from the standard input; and
3. Read from environment variables

is capable of being a CGI program. However, due to the different popularity and efficiency of different programming language, only a few number of programming languages suit to be used in CGI. It include the following:

- ✓ C/C++
- ✓ Fortran
- ✓ Perl
- ✓ TCL
- ✓ Any Unix shell (e.g. sh/csh/bash)
- ✓ Visual Basic
- ✓ AppleScript

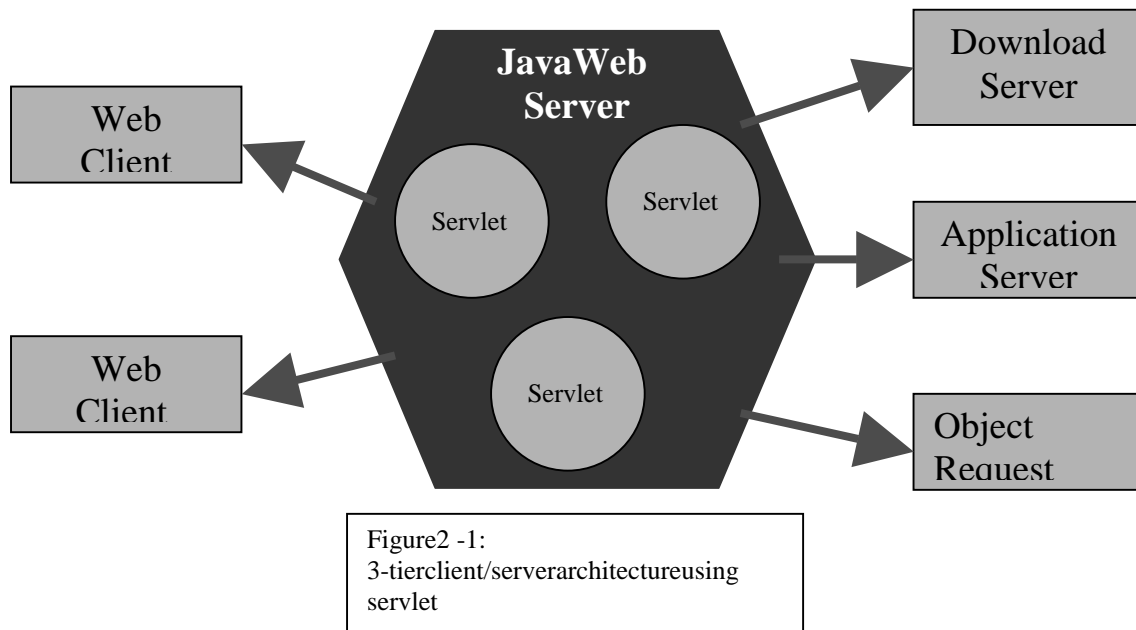
The above language typically can be grouped into 2 classes: the compiled language and interpreted language. For compiled language, like C/C++, it need to be compiled first before it can be executed through CGI. For interpreted language, like Perl, it requires an installation of the interpreters such that when the program is called through CGI, the interpreter can start up to execute the CGI program. In a very broad view on the 2 classes, compiled programs are generally smaller in size and faster in execution, while the interpreted programs are generally more flexible and easier to program.

SinceCGIisdevelopedearlierthanotherapproacheson providingserver -side programmingpossibility,itisstillapopulartoolformakinginteractivedynamic webpagesindifferentapplicationinthebusinessfieldandpersonalareas. Thelarge amountofguestbookapplicationisoneoftheexamples.

## 2.3 Introduction to Java Servlet

A Java Servlet is a server-side component that is platform and protocol independent. Servlets can be used to extend the functionality of a Java-enabled Web server. A Servlet can be imagined as a faceless applet. Servlets are loaded and invoked by the Web server in much the same way that applets are loaded and invoked by Web browsers.

A Servlet can perform typical server-side processing. The Servlet can communicate with the client computer and it can also communicate with other remote, networked computers. In an n-tiered environment, your middleware can be implemented as a Servlet. A three-tier architecture is illustrated in the figure below.



### 2.3.1. Servlet essential methods

A Servlet has been designed in a life-cycle model. In the model, a Servlet is mainly executed through 3 stages. The associated methods to the different stages are `init()`, `service()` and `destroy()`. The following table gives a summary on the 3 methods.

MethodName	MethodDescription
-init()	Called only once when the Servlet is invoked for the first time. You can override this method to perform typical initialization routines such as initializing a counter or making database connections.
-service()	Called by the Web server when the Servlet is requested by the client. This is the main entry point for Servlet. You will place the bulk of your Servlet process code in this method.
-destroy()	Called when the Servlet is removed from the Web server. Destroy() is also called on each Servlet when the web server shuts down. You can use this method to clean up resource allocations and close any connections for sockets or databases.

### 2.3.2. Java enabled webserver:

A Servlet can run on top of a Java enabled webserver. A Java enabled webserver is a webserver plus a virtual machine running in background. When a request for a Servlet service is raised by a client, the Servlet class will be loaded by the Java virtual machine in background to the memory.

Since the Servlet stays resident in memory, it's very fast. Sharing static or persistent information across multiple invocations of the Servlet allows you to share information between multiple users.

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## 2.4 Advantages of Java Servlet

### 2.4.1. Performance

The problem with traditional CGI applications is performance. Each time a CGI application is requested by the client, a new process is spawned. This is expensive when the Perl interpreter is loaded and executed for each client request. This could easily lead to performance problems at popular Websites that handle requests from multiple users. One solution to this problem is addressed in the Java Servlet Architecture. The first time a Java servlet is requested, it is loaded into the Web server's memory space. Subsequent client requests for the Servlet result in calls to the Servlet instance in memory. This process is more efficient than the traditional CGI implementation. As a result, the performance of server-side applications increases.

Database connection is a great overhead in a process. In the case of CGI, every process (even a client) makes a new connection to a database. This increases the resource occupied and the workload of the server. For Servlet, database connection is established in the lifecycle method (init) which is only run once. Every new thread (client requests) need not make a connection for their own.

Even Java is not as fast as native programming languages, but it is not the most important factor in network application. The most important factor is network traffic.

### 2.4.2. Portability

You can develop a complex server-side application without restricting it to a particular hardware platform. Client-side Java applets introduced the notion of platform independence for the client. Java Servlet takes this idea to another level: the server. Today your application server can reside on a Windows NT platform and then you can later move it to the UNIX platform. This migration can take place without the headaches associated with porting code and without the need to recompile your Java Servlets.

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PERL scripts can usually be moved from platform to platform, but CGI and server extensions written in high-level languages such as C are not as portable. Meanwhile, the server-side scripting is also lack of portability even the performance is fairly good.

### 2.4.3. Extensibility

One short fall of server-side programming in scripting languages such as Perl and VBScript is that of reuse. If you have to create another server-side module based on existing code then the only reuse you have with scripting languages is to reuse part of the code.

Since Servlets are written in Java, you gain all the object-oriented features of Java such as reuse. You can create an object framework of common Servlets and reuse them in future applications. For example, you can create a simple Servlet for processing of HTML form data. Later, another developer can use this Servlet as is or extend it to add custom functionality. Supporting the idea of modularity, Servlets can communicate with other Servlets on the Web server. This mechanism, known as Servlet chaining, allows the output of one Servlet to be passed as input to another Servlet. As an example, a database query Servlet can retrieve sales data and pass this data to a charting Servlet. The charting Servlet simply prepares a graphical representation of the data and returns it to the client.

Java is a robust, well-designed and fully object-oriented language. Specialized Java libraries, development tools and database drivers are becoming available all the time, and Servlets can utilize Java code from many sources.

### 2.4.4. Security

Many CGI scripts written in Perl are vulnerable to attacks where the end user tricks the CGI into executing a command on the server. Servlets are not at risk of running unintended shell commands.

Servlets are compiled class files while CGI/Perl is delivered in its original source form. Depending on who has access to your Web server, you may prefer not to install source code.

**A Comparison table for server side program for web application:**

Extension Method		Performance	Portability	Capability	Safety	Security	Development
CGI	Scripting Languages	very poor	excellent	depends	excellent	poor	depends
	C C++	poor	poor	good			poor
FastCGI	C C++	very good	not yet	depends			good
	Scripting Languages	ok		good			
Server API	C/C++ Web Server API	excellent	very poor	excellent	very poor	poor	poor
	Java Servlet API	very good	excellent	excellent	excellent	excellent	good
Server-side scripting		good	poor	depends	excellent	excellent	good

## 2.5 Other Alternatives

Besides CGI and Servlet, there are still other alternatives on implementing web-based application. The most common one is the Microsoft Active Server Pages (ASP) and Java Applet.

### 2.5.1 ASP

An ASP is an HTML page that contains one or more scripts that are processed on a web server before the page is sent to the user. It is developed by Microsoft. In terms of functionality, an ASP is similar to a CGI application, which involves a program that runs on the server, for providing a dynamic tailored page to the user. Typically, the script in the web page that the server uses as input received as the result of the user's request for the page to access data from a database and then build or customize the page on the fly before sending it to the requestor.

An ASP file mainly includes a script written in VBScript or JavaScript in an HTML file or by using ActiveX Data Objects (ADO) program statements in the HTML file. The

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output of the HTML file to the user is just the same as those files without ASP. The whole process is transparent to the user.

ASP provides a fast and efficient method of generating content-specific pages, especially for database transactions. However, it has the disadvantages that it only runs on MS -Windows platform and it mainly relies on Microsoft products.

## 2.5.2 JavaApplet

JavaApplet is yet another popular method of implementing web application. It is easy to find the existence of JavaApplet in the world of internet. In terms of architecture, it is different from those mentioned before. JavaApplet is considered to be client -side program while the others are mainly executed on server. In other words, users have to download the applet through the web browser before it can be run. Once the applet is loaded, users can operate the applet in the browser. Usually, the applet will be running in the internal Java Virtual Machine (JVM) provided by the web browser.

JavaApplet is a complete program that is designed specifically to be running in a web browser. To achieve the web application, users should make use of it to send information or request to the server. There are 2 modes for the server to facilitate the service to the applet. The first one is that there is a background server processor or daemon to listen for any request from the applet and carry out further operation like database retrieval and send back the data to the applet later. Another one is that the applet directly connects to the database or other information providing servers for the request.

The advantage of using applet is that it tends to lower the traffic of web server as it divides some computation of server -side to the client -side. However, since Java Applet may include some methods that are not supported by the JVM of the web browser, it may require users to download a Java plug -in, which is inconvenient. Despite the incompatibility problem, the security restriction of JavaApplet makes it difficult to provide large -scale applications. Basically, JavaApplet is not allowed to setup connection to hosts that are not the one in which the JavaApplet downloads

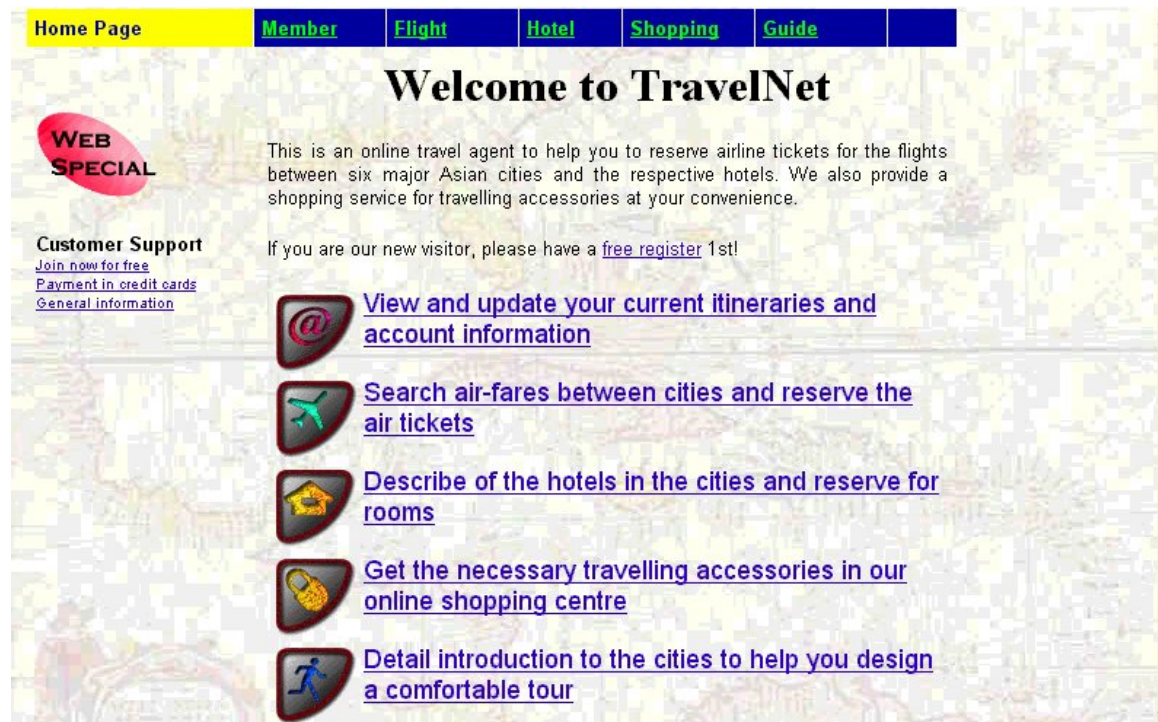


from. Although, it is possible to break the restriction by using signed Applet, which means the Applet is trustworthy to connect, it increases the security threat which is not suitable for application involving payment transaction or others which require transmission of confidential data over the net.

# Chapter3: FacilitiesofTravelNet

## 3.1Introduction

TravelNetisanonlinetravellingagency.Itisnecessarytoprovideenoughfacilities andfunctionsuchthatitmakesnodifferencefromotherexistingonlineagencies.In thischapter,wewilldescribethefacilitiesandfunctionsprovidedinTravelNet,which includesUserregistration,Userprofilemanagement,Itinerarymanagement,Flight reservation,Travelaccessoriesshop,TravelGuidesandPayment .Thepicturebelow isascreen -shotfromthemainpageofTravelNet.



AlltheserviceofTravelNetarelistedinthispageforuserstochooseanduse.

Figure3 -1:MainpageofTravelNet

### 3.2 User Registration

Home Page Member Flight Hotel Shopping Guide

**WEB SPECIAL**

## New User Registration

Customer Support  
[Join now for free](#)  
[Payment in credit cards](#)  
[General information](#)

UserName:

E-Mail:

Password:

Re-Type Password:

First Name:

Last Name:

Telephone Number:

Address1:

Address2: (optional)

Address3: (optional)

City: (optional)

Country:

Figure3 -2:Userregistrationpage

In order to use the service of TravelNet, users are required to have a user account in our system. New users that have not got a user account can apply for a free user account from us. Once the application is successful, they can use our system as soon as possible. The registration for a user account is simple and straightforward. Users are required to input username, e-mail address, password, their real name, telephone number, and address. Since the usernames should be unique in our system, checking will be carried out to ensure the uniqueness. If the username which is stored in our database already exists in the system, a warning will be given out and users should re-enter the username that matches the requirement. Any successful registration will be confirmed to users by e-mail sending confirmation. The picture is a screenshot of the user registration page.

Once users get their user account, they can log into our system to enjoy all services provided. In order to provide enough security to transmitting user password over the network, security feature has been implemented for such purpose. The detail of the security feature will be discussed in chapter 6.

The following picture shows the login screen of TravelNet.



Figure 3 -3: User login page

### 3.3 User Profile Management

Users can change their registered information in TravelNet anytime after they have login. Except that they cannot change the username, which shows the identity of them in the system, all other information can be changed. These include names, e-mail address, address, phone number, location, etc. To provide higher level of security, changing of user account password requires the input of the old password to verify that it is the user to change it.



The following picture is the page for viewing and changing user account information.

**Home Page** **Member** **Flight** **Hotel** **Shopping** **Guide**

## View/Change Info

**WEB SPECIAL**

**Customer Support**  
[Join now for free](#)  
[Payment in credit cards](#)  
[General information](#)

UserName: malcolm

E-Mail: malcolm\_scud@hotmail.com

Old Password:

New Password:

Verify Password:

First Name: Malcolm

Last Name: Scud

Telephone Number: 00852-29330639

Address: Rm 99, Block Z, Site 88, XY Building, Happy Road, Mars

City: (optional) Hong Kong

Country: Hong Kong

Credit Card Number:   
(optional)

Figure3 -4:Userprofilemanagementpage

### 3.4 Itinerary Management

Each user is associated with an itinerary to their account. It stores the items that the reservations are going to be made or it has been made. Items that will appear in the itinerary include the reserved flights and those flights that are going to be reserved. Users can edit their itinerary by adding or deleting items. Also, they will mainly carry out the reservation process in this page. A detail list on the reservation status will be shown such that users can view and make any modification conveniently.

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## 3.5 Flight Search and Reservation

Flight search is a key element in the TravelNet. With this feature, users are allowed to consult the airlines' databases with users' requirements and make reservations on the search result. The system requires users to input some basic elements on the search. The basic elements of queries include the departure and arrival cities, the departure date, the types of flight (one-way/round-trip), the class of service (first class/business class/economy class), the age category of the ticket (below 12/adult/above 65). Possible additional requirements include the exact range for departure time, the choice of fare (e.g. is there any penalty for refund of tickets), the airline company, etc. Usually, the optional requirements help to lower the size of the search result while the basic method is also provided to enhance the flexibility of the search.

There are 3 types of search for different uses. They are the one-way search, the round-trip search and the multiple destination search. One-way search is a simple search on the availability and the fare of the single flight. Round-trip search is a search that queries round-trip tours. Usually, a round-trip ticket is cheaper than a two-way flight. It is useful and money-saving if the users have a definite plan on their trip. Multiple destination search provides the function which users can make search for multiple cities in a period of time of visits so that the result is generated once. This eases the search option for users who choose this type of travel.

There are 2 types of search result available for queries. The first one is the normal search result, which displays all the available matched flights. The second one is limit the result output to show only the best flights, which are the lowest fare. It will be a useful function particularly for users who, once the result is generated, allow them to put it in the itinerary for further reservation.

The following picture is the page for one-way search. For convenience purposes, the design of the interface is made such that most of the search options are selected through simple selection of pre-defined values. This lowers the risk of for users to have a typo that makes a wrong search.

**SPECIAL**

## One Way Search

**Customer Support**  
[Join now for free](#)  
[Payment in credit cards](#)  
[General information](#)

### 1. Where and when do you want to travel?

Select the city from the list

From:

To:

Departing: (Month-Day-Year)  
 -  -

Time:

### 2. Who is going on the trip?

Select number of tickets reserved for each category

<input type="text" value="1"/>	Adults (age 12 to 64)
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Seniors (age 65 or above)
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Children (age 2 to 11)

Figure3 -5:Onewayflightsearchpage

## 3.6TravelAccessoriesShop

In real life, travelers must have some travelling accessories that bring with them during the trip. Luggages, maps and travel guides are examples of those necessary accessories. To provide a full integrated service to our users, TravelNet also includes an online travelling accessories shop for travelers to buy the accessories with ease.

In our travel accessories shop, users can buy luggages, maps, guides and other travel related stuffs. Users first select the product that they have interest to purchase of appropriate amount. Then they can add the item into the shopping basket. After they have shopped around, they can check out the items by paying. The currently supported payment method is by credit card. Users need to enter the name of the cardholder, the expire date of the card and the corresponding card number for payment. At present, the payment method is simple. We will move it to a more sophisticated and secured one for later improvement.

The picture below shows the shopping picture for luggages. Users can easily add the item by selecting the appropriate quantity of the chosen products and click the “Add to Basket” label.



Figure3 -6: The snapshot of part of the travel accessories shop (luggage).



The following picture is the page for showing the content of the shopping basket.

Each item is listed with its price. Users can drop any undesirable products in this page.

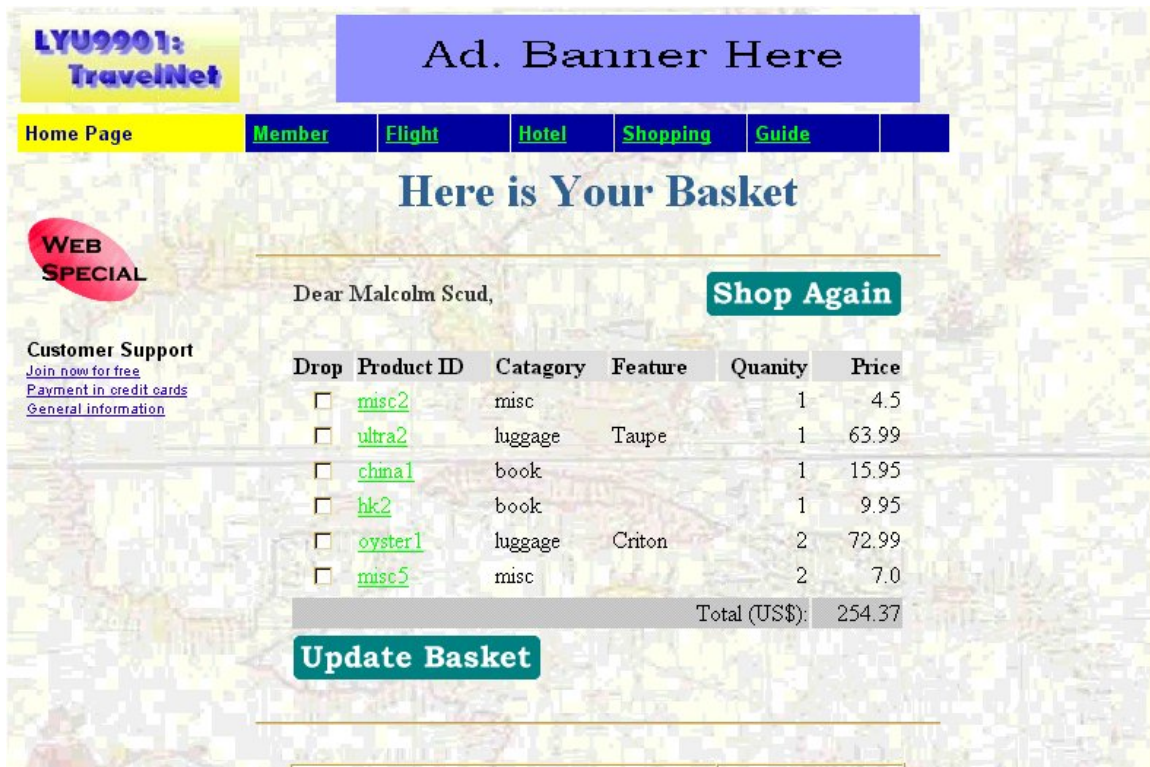


Figure3 -7:pageforviewingshoppingbasket

### 3.7 Travel Guides

TravelNet also provides the online travel guide on different cities. Information like basic description of the cities, map of the cities, introduction of some famous spots and the currency. More useful information may be added for improvement.

### 3.8 Payment

As TravelNet provides online transaction for products like airline reservation and the travel accessories shop, payment consideration is needed. Our current approach is quite simple, which makes use of the credit card payment method. Users are required to provide information of the card for the payment transaction. Users should supply the name of cardholder, the credit card number and the expire date of the card. Since

the current approach has less concern on the security of the payment method, a more sophisticated payment method will be implemented as the future work.

The following picture is a snapshot on the payment page for travel accessories.

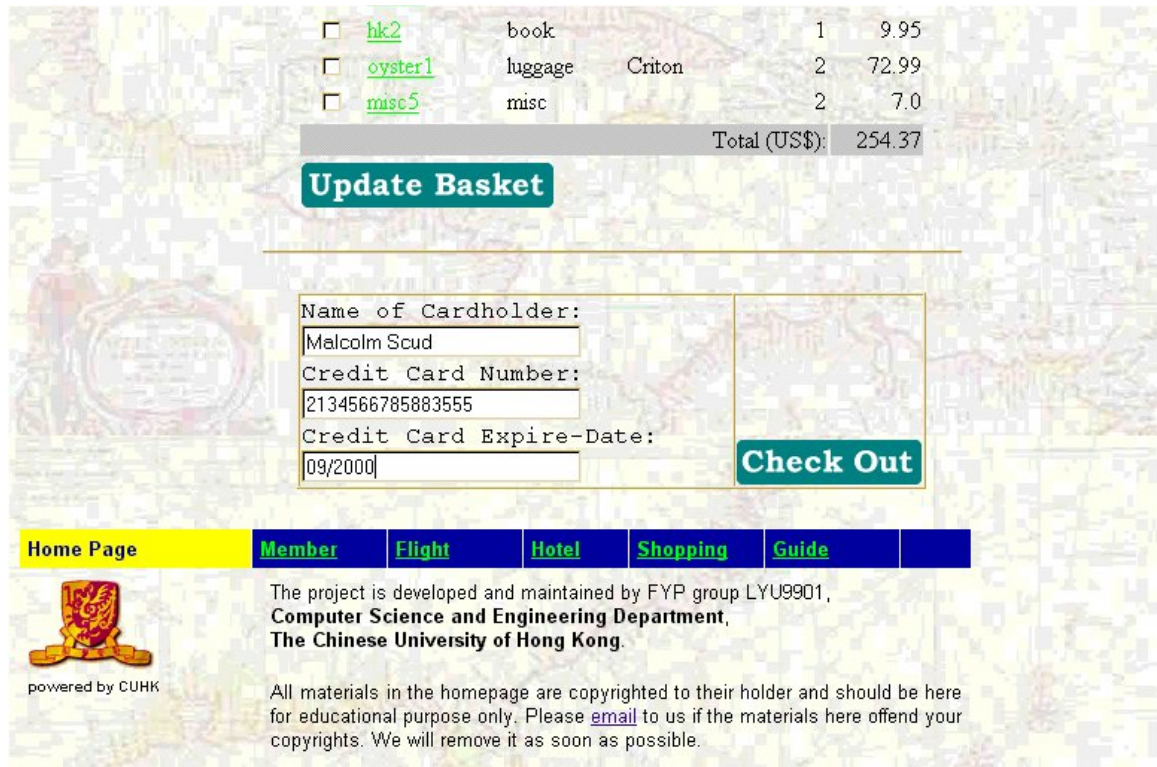


Figure3 -8: A snapshot showing the payment page

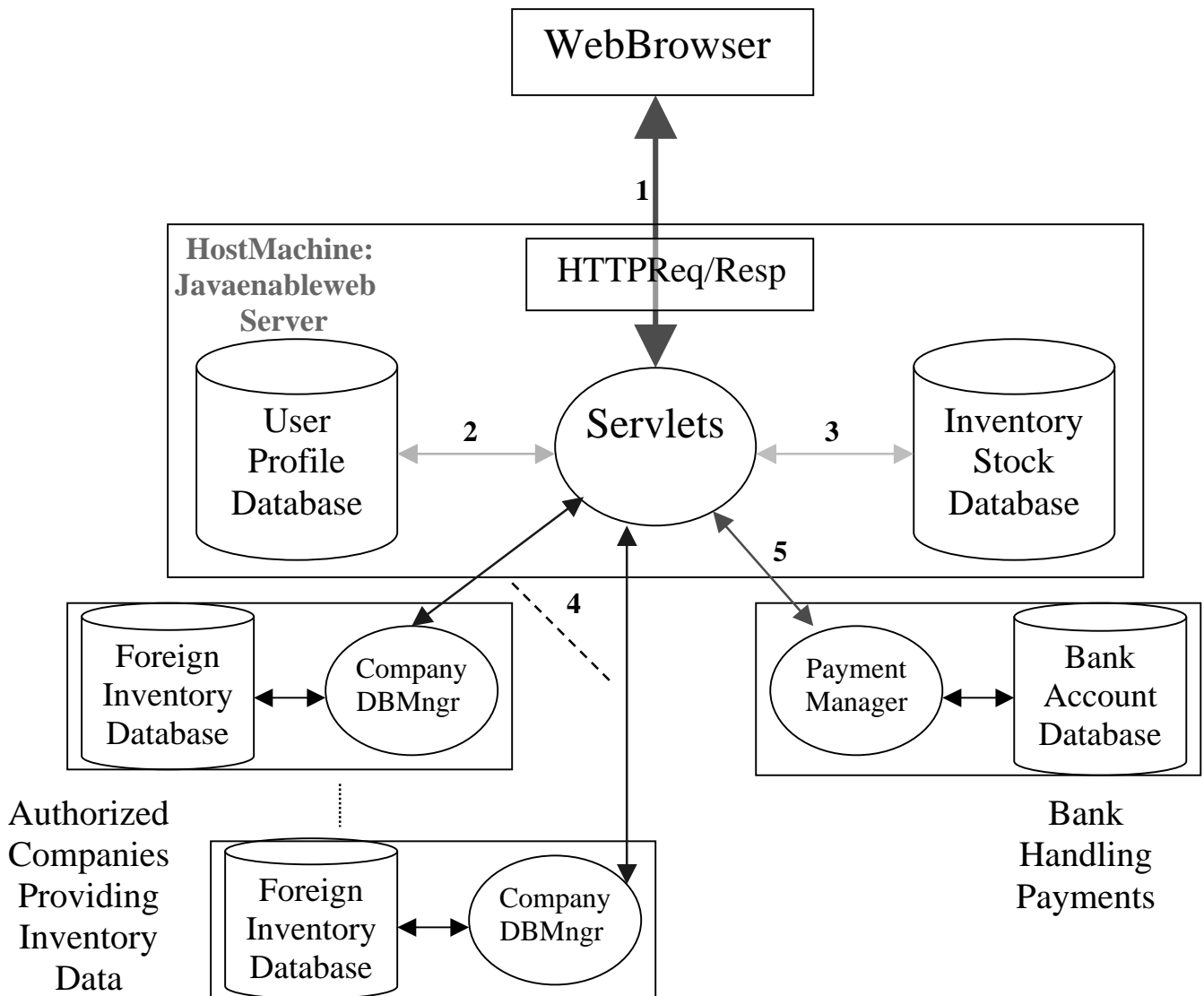
# Chapter4: Systemdesi gn

## 4.1 Introduction

Inthefollowingsection,itwillcoverthesystemdesignissueofTravelNet.These include:

- Architecture:Thesysteminfrastructureanddataflowbetweensystem components
- CommunicationInterface:Interfacesfordifferentcomponents tocommunicate witheachother.
- DatabaseStructure:DatabasestructureinvolvedinTravelNetSystemwillbe stated.
- WebSitemap:ThehierarchyofthewebTravelNetwebsite.
- Shoppingbasket:BriefdescriptionoftheTravelshopBasketdesign.

## 4.2 SystemArchitecture



- ↔ 1) Client communication with Web server through HTTP
- ↔ 2) Servlets access local user profile database using JDBC
- ↔ 3) Servlets access local inventory stock database using JDBC
- ↔ 4) Consulting Flight Companies for flight query and booking.
- ↔ 5) Servlets contact the payments system for transaction/validation through Bank Interface
- ↔ 6) Internal communication.

Figure4 -1:  
 System architecture of TravelNet

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### Description of data flows:

- 1) The Client will generate a request from the web browser to TravelNet web server.  
The request can be 2 type:
  - a) Normal access: Server will return the requested file (like HTML web pages, zip files) to the client through the same communication channel in HTTP.
  - b) Servlet invocation: Server notified that it's a Servlet request. The corresponding Servlet will be executed. According to the type of operation the Servlet carried out, output may or may not be generated but normally the Servlets will create a response in HTML to the user. This HTML mostly generated dynamically according to the result of Servlet executions.  
In this communication channel, user's private information will be passed like visa card number, address, telephone... Etc, so this channel will be on SSL according to the need of privacy of the transferring information.
- 2) The connection to the profile database will carry may be due to the requests of *registering new user, logging in process, update profile, retrieval of user details*. Since the database is local to the Servlet (or connected in Intranet), these kinds of database access can be done directly by Servlet using JDBC.
- 3) Inventory Stock of the shop in TravelNet is again stored locally so this connection is made by JDBC. Checking the availability of certain product and updating of stock will involve this channel.
- 4) This communication is a foreign connection connected to different airline companies' database manager. Query and result will be in this channel. Between the TravelNet Servlet and Airline's database manager, there is an agreed interface for them to communicate instead of using JDBC. Process of consulting flight prices and making a booking of specific tickets will be requested through this channel. The result and status will be returned through the same channel.
- 5) Payment is again a foreign request. The bank will provide a suitable interface for our server to finish a payment transaction. In reality, this channel must be secure but payment system is not a main concern in this stage, so we didn't do encryption here. In the future, our system will connect to a secure payment system through a given socket provided by the bank and encryption will be done before transmission. Current system implementation of the bank is a bit simplified but the structure still valid in insecure situation.

6) Internalconnectionpath. Justanab stractpathofthedataflowinside.

### 4.3. CommunicationInterfaces

- **AirlineDatabaseManager**

#### Flightinformationquery

```
FLIGHT_ID FLIGHT_QUERY  
(DEPARTURE_DATE, DEPARTURE_TIME SOURCE, DESTINATION,  
TYPE_OF_FLIGHT, CLASS_OF_SEAT, AGE_GROUP,  
USER_REQUIREMENT)  
THROWS(NO_FLIGHT_MATCH)
```

This interface allows our travel agent to query the database of a specified flight company.

#### *Inputs:*

DEPARTURE\_DATE=the desired departure date of the flight  
DEPARTURE\_TIME=the desired departure time of the flight (Optional) 1)  
SOURCE=the source city for the customer to take off  
DESTINATION=the destination city for the customer  
TYPE\_OF\_FLIGHT=one -way and round trip  
CLASS\_OF\_SEAT=Economy, Business, 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
USER\_REQUIREMENT=terms of tickets  
AGE\_GROUP=age group of the customer

#### *Output:*

FLIGHT\_ID=the flight ID of the specific flight in the airline company

#### *Exception:*

NO\_FLIGHT\_MATCH=This airline doesn't provide the tickets match the specified requirement.

#### Flightbookingrequest

```
FLIGHT_BOOK(DEPARTURE_DATE, FLIGHT_ID TYPE_OF_FLIGHT,  
CLASS_OF_SEAT, AGE_GROUP, USER_REQUIREMENT,  
USER_INFORMATION)  
THROWS  
(NO_FLIGHT_MATCH, BOOKING_FULL)
```

This interface allows our travel agent to book a specified flight company.

#### *Inputs:*

DEPARTURE\_DATE=the desired departure date of the flight  
FLIGHT\_ID=the flight ID of a specific flight  
TYPE\_OF\_FLIGHT=one -way and round trip  
CLASS\_OF\_SEAT=Economy, Business, 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
USER\_REQUIREMENT=terms of tickets  
AGE\_GROUP=age group of the customer

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USER\_INFORMATION=the information of the customer who book the ticket.

*Exceptions:*

NO\_FLIGHT\_MATCH=This airline doesn't provide the tickets match the specified requirement.

BOOKING\_FULL=the specified booking is already full

Flight price search

FLOAT GET\_FARE(FLIGHT\_ID)  
THROWS(NO\_FLIGHT\_MATCH)

*Input:*

FLIGHT\_ID=the flight ID of a specific flight for price query

*Output:*

FARE=the fare for the specific flight of given class of seat and type of flight

*Exception:*

NO\_FLIGHT\_MATCH=This airline doesn't provide the tickets match the specified requirement.

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- **Paymentmanager**

Visacardvalidationinterface

VALIDATE\_VISA  
(VISA\_NUMBER,CARD\_HOLDER\_NAME,EXPIRE\_DATE)  
THROWS(INVALID\_VISA)

Thisinterfaceallowsclient(TravelNet)tocheckwhetherthecorrespondingvisa cardinformationisvalidaccordingtothebankdatabase.

*Inputs:*

- VISA\_NUMBER=thevisacardnumbertobechecked
- CARD\_HOLDER\_NAME=thenamewrittenonthevisacard
- EXPIRE\_DATE=theexpiredateofthevisacard

*Exception:*

- INVALID\_VISA=Invalidvisacardinformation.Itmaybecardnumber integrityerrororexpiredate/holdernamenotmatchthespecificcard.

Visacarddebitcreditinterface

DEDUCT\_CREDIT\_FROM\_VISA\_CARD  
(VISA\_NUMBER,CARD\_HOLDER\_NAME,EXPIRE\_DATE,  
DEBIT\_AMOUNT,CREDIT\_ACCOUNT)  
THROWS  
(INVALID\_VISA,NOT\_ENOUGH\_CREDIT,  
CREDIT\_ACCOUNT\_NOT\_EXIST)

*Inputs:*

- VISA\_NUMBER=thevisacardnumbertobechecked.
- CARD\_HOLDER\_NAME=thenamewrittenonthevisacard.
- EXPIRE\_DATE=theexpiredateofthevisacard.
- DEBIT\_AMOUNT=the amounttobedebitfromthevisacard.
- CREDIT\_ACCOUNT=thebanksavingaccounttheamounttobecreditedto.

*Exceptions:*

- INVALID\_VISA=Invalidvisacardinformation.Itmaybecardnumber integrityerrororexpiredate/holdernamenotmatchthespecificcard.
- NOT\_ENOUGH\_CREDIT=thecreditforthiscreditcardisnotenoughfor thisamountofpayment.
- CREDIT\_ACCOUNT\_NOT\_EXIST=thecreditsavingaccountdidnotexist atall.



## 4.4 DatabaseStructure

### 4.4.1.TravelNetLocalDataBases

- **USER\_PROFILE:**

Thisdatabase storesallnecessaryinformationofTravelNetusers.Creditcard numberisnotacompulsoryfieldbecauseitisnotsecurestorethecreditcard numberinthedatabase.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
USERNAME	VARCHAR2(12)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
EMAIL	VARCHAR2(30)	NOTNULL	
PASSWORD	VARCHAR2(20)	NOTNULL	
FIRSTNAME	VARCHAR2(20)	NOTNULL	
LASTNAME	VARCHAR2(20)	NOTNULL	
TELENUM	VARCHAR2(15)	NOTNULL	
ADDRESS	VARCHAR2(90)	NOTNULL	
CITY	VARCHAR2(15)		
COUNTRY	VARCHAR2(5)		
CREDITNO	VARCHAR2(16)		

- **STOCK:**

Inventorystockwillbestoredinthisdatabase.Itrevealstheactualstockof TravelShop.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
PRODUCT_ID	VARCHAR2(10)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
PRICE	FLOAT(126)	NOTNULL	>0
STOCK	NUMBER(38)	NOTNULL	>0

- **TRANSCATION\_RECORD:**

Paymenttransactionswillberecordedinhere.Forlaterreferenceorcomplainfrom users.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
TRANS_NO	NUMBER(38)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
CARD_NO	VARCHAR2(16)	NOTNULL	
AMOUNT	FLOAT(126)	NOTNULL	>0
TRANS_TIME	DATE	NOTNULL	

### 4.4.2.Simple BankDatabases

- **BANK\_VISA:**

Adatabaseforallthecreditcardsinformationthatwillbeusedinourcommunity. Thisdatabasecan'tbeaccesseddirectlybyTravelNet.Alltheaccessesofthis databasearethroughthePaymentmanager.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
NAME	VARCHAR2(30)	NOTNULL	
VISANUM	VARCHAR2(16)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
CREDIT	FLOAT(126)	NOTNULL	
EXPIRE	DATE	NOT NULL	

● **BANK\_SAVING**

This database stores saving accounts of the bank.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
ACC_NUM	VARCHAR2(20)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
NAME	VARCHAR2(40)	NOTNULL	
AMOUNT	FLOAT(126)	NOTNULL	>0

### 4.4.3. Airline Companies Databases

● **FLIGHT\_INFO**

A database stores all the flights operated by the airline company.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
FLIGHT_NUM	VARCHAR2(6)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
SRC_PLACE	VARCHAR2(3)	NOTNULL	
DEST_PLACE	VARCHAR2(3)	NOTNULL	
DDATE	DATE	NOTNULL	
DTIME	TIME	NOTNULL	
ATIME	TIME	NOTNULL	
AIRCRAFT	VARCHAR2(4)	NOTNULL	

● **FLIGHT\_SCHEDULE**

A database for weekly schedule of specific flights

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
FLIGHT_NUM	VARCHAR2(6)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
SUN	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
MON	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
TUE	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
WED	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
THU	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
FRI	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	
SAT	VARCHAR2(1)	NOTNULL	

● **FARE\_INFO**

A database stores the fare list of each class of tickets in terms of one-way flights and round-trip flights.

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
FLIGHT_NUM	VARCHAR2(6)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
OW_FCLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0
OW_BCLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0
OW_ECLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0
RT_FCLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0
RT_BCLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0
RT_ECLASS	FLOAT(10)	NOTNULL	>0

● **PLANE\_SIZE**

A database to store the capacity of each plane of 3 classes of service (first class/business class/economy class).

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
AIRCRAFT	VARCHAR2(4)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
FCLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	
BCLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	
ECLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	

● **TICKET**

A database to store the capacity of each plane of 3 classes of service (first class/business class/economy class).

Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
FLIGHT_ID	VARCHAR2(6)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
DDATE	DATE	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
FCLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	
BCLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	
ECLASS	NUMBER(3)	NOTNULL	

● **USER\_ITINERARY**

A database which stores the sold ticket for internal usage.

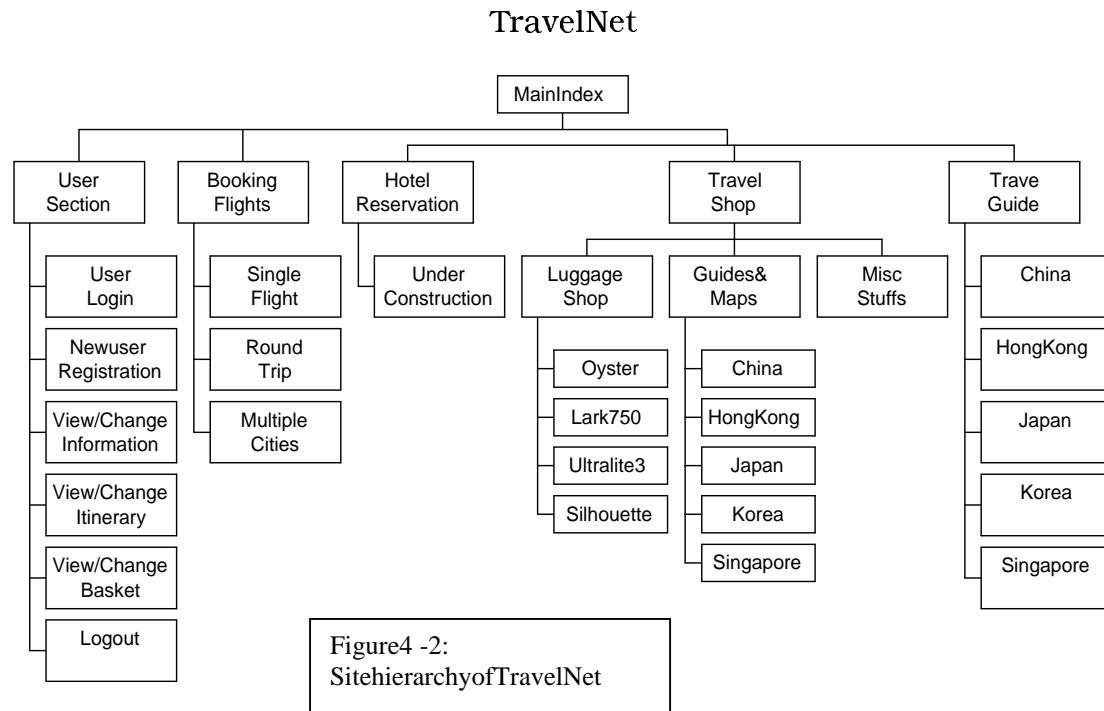
Name	Type	Nullity	Integrity
TICKET_NUM	VARCHAR2(12)	NOTNULL	PRIMARYKEY
FLIGHT_ID	VARCHAR2(6)	NOTNULL	
NAME	VARCHAR2(40)	NOTNULL	

*\*Note:* The above is the database schema for each airline company. Since it is not available to have multiple databases for use, we simply simulate the situation by appending a code as a prefix to the database table to represent the ownership of the table. For example, the code for Cathay Pacific Airways is CX, so all the tables that belong to the company are started with CX\_, like CX\_TICKET and so on.

## 4.5. WebSiteMap

The website is well structured using the functions provided in TravelNet. Each branch corresponds to a module of TravelNet system

The figure followed shows the hierarchy of TravelNet



## 4.6 ShoppingBasket

### 4.6.1 Introduction

Shopping basket store the goods a user picked up during his/her current login session. User can add any shop items into it, view it and update it anytime.

When a user wants to checkout and pay, he/she just has to input the correct credit card information. The following figure is an instance of a shopping cart of Malcolm Scud.



Figure5 -3:  
 A screenshot for basket page

### 4.6.2 BasketDesign

The basket contains a list of shopping items. It provides operations to add, remove and get related information of the basket. Operation will be listed below:

Put a shop item into basket:  
 VOID PUT\_SHOP\_ITEM(PRODUCT\_ID, PRICE, QUANTITY, PRODUCT\_TYPE, OTHER\_DETAIL)

Remove an item from basket:  
 ITEMREMOVE(PRODUCT\_ID)

Get the price of an item in the basket:  
 FLOAT GET\_PRICE(PRODUCT\_ID)

Get the quantity of an item in the basket:  
 INT GET\_QUAN(PRODUCT\_ID)

Get the other detail of an item in the basket:  
 STRING GET\_DETAIL(PRODUCT\_ID)

Get the total amount of all items in the basket:  
 FLOAT GET\_TOTAL()

# Chapter5: Security

## 5.1 Introduction

Security is a major concern of all online transactions. It is because for most transactions, confidential data are involved in the transmission over the public network. Confidential data include user account password, credit card information are always subject to be exposed and stolen in internet. Therefore, a good policy of providing secure channel for transmitting those confidential is highly demanded. A matured security implementation is often a component for the success of e-business by increase customers' confidence on accepting and using the service.

TravelNet is also an online business provider. Therefore undoubtedly, we have to implement a secure channel for the payment process during the airline ticket reservation and the travel accessories shop. In current days, there are a number of ways to provide security features for transaction. After doing an analysis of the methods, we have chosen the SSL (Secure Socket Layer) approach for the security between client and server.

In this chapter, we will introduce the background of SSL and how it works. Moreover we will discuss the choice of SSL for our system and some of the implementation details of SSL into our design.

## 5.2 Background of SSL

SSL, an open, non-proprietary protocol designed by Netscape, is perhaps the most common way of providing encrypted transmission of data between web browsers and web servers. SSL is in use (65,407 sites) chiefly in the US (70%) and gives users the assurance that the information transmitted from their machine to the merchant is secure. Netscape has offered SSL as a proposed standard protocol to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as a standard security approach for Web browsers and servers.

It is the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) that governs the transport and routing of data over the Internet. Other protocols, such as the HyperText Transport Protocol (HTTP), Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), or Internet Messaging Access Protocol (IMAP), run "on top of" TCP/IP in the sense that they all use TCP/IP to support typical application tasks such as displaying web pages or running email servers.

The basic idea of Netscape on security is that the programming for keeping your messages confidential ought to be contained in a program layer between an application (such as a web browser or HTTP) and the Internet's TCP/IP layers. The SSL protocol runs above TCP/IP and below higher-level protocols such as HTTP or IMAP. It uses TCP/IP on behalf of the higher-level protocols, and in the process allows an SSL-enabled server to authenticate itself to an SSL-enabled client, allows the client to authenticate itself to the server, and allows both machines to establish an encrypted connection.

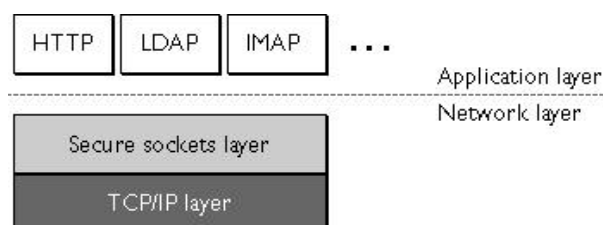


Figure 5 -1:  
An indication of position in the layers of TCP/IP protocol

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Netscape's SSL uses the public -and-private key encryption system from RSA, which also includes the use of a digital certificate.

These capabilities address fundamental concerns about communication over the Internet and other TCP/IP networks:

- ✓ *SSL server authentication* allows a user to confirm a server's identity. SSL - enabled client software can use standard techniques of public -key cryptography to check that a server's certificate and public ID are valid and have been issued by a certificate authority (CA) listed in the client's list of trusted CAs. This confirmation might be important if the user, for example, is sending a credit card number over the network and wants to check the receiving server's identity.
- ✓ *SSL client authentication* allows a server to confirm a user's identity. Using the same techniques as those used for server authentication, SSL -enabled server software can check that a client's certificate and public ID are valid and have been issued by a certificate authority (CA) listed in the server's list of trusted CAs. This confirmation might be important if the server, for example, is a bank sending confidential financial information to a customer and wants to check the recipient's identity. However, this function is not used as it is not a common practice for every user to apply for a client certificate before using our service. We just use our user accounts system for this purpose.
- ✓ *Encrypted SSL connection* requires all information sent between a client and a server to be encrypted by the sending software and decrypted by the receiving software, thus providing a high degree of confidentiality. Confidentiality is important for both parties to any private transaction. In addition, all data sent over an encrypted SSL connection is protected with a mechanism for detecting tampering--that is, for automatically determining whether the data has been altered in transit.

The SSL protocol includes two sub -protocols: the SSL record protocol and the SSL handshake protocol. The SSL record protocol defines the format used to transmit data.



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The SSL handshake protocol involves using the SSL record protocol to exchange a series of messages between an SSL-enabled server and an SSL-enabled client when they first establish an SSL connection. This exchange of messages is designed to facilitate the following actions:

1. Authenticate the server to the client.
2. Allow the client and server to select the cryptographic algorithms, or ciphers, that they both support.
3. Authenticate the client to the server (optional).
4. Use public-key encryption techniques to generate shared secrets.
5. Establish an encrypted SSL connection.

SSL comes in two strengths, 40-bit and 128-bit, which refer to the length of the "session key" generated by every encrypted transaction. The longer the key, the more difficult it is to break the encryption code.

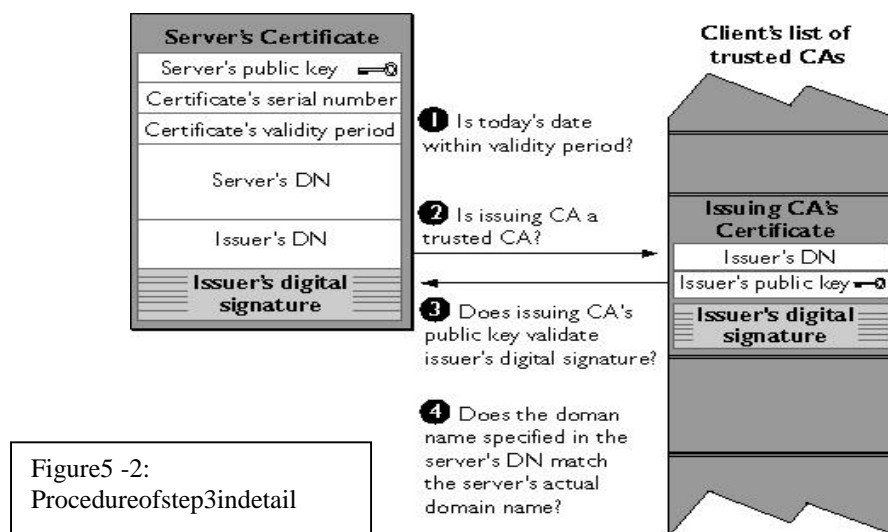
## 5.3 Procedures on SSL Connection

This session will show the detailed procedures on establishing an SSL connection through server authentication approach.

The SSL protocol uses a combination of public-key and symmetric key encryption. Symmetric key encryption is much faster than public-key encryption, but public-key encryption provides better authentication techniques. An SSL session always begins with an exchange of messages called the SSL handshake. The handshake allows the server to authenticate itself to the client using public-key techniques, then allows the client and the server to cooperate in the creation of symmetric keys used for rapid encryption, decryption, and tamper detection during the session that follows.

1. The client sends the server the client's SSL version number, cipher settings, randomly generated data, and other information the server needs to communicate with the client using SSL.

2. The server sends the client the server's SSL version number, cipher settings, randomly generated data, and other information the client needs to communicate with the server over SSL. The server also sends its own certificate.
3. The client uses the certificate sent by the server, which contains validity period, the issuer (CA), and the domain name of the server, to authenticate the server. If the server cannot be authenticated, the user is warned of the problem and informed that an encrypted and authenticated connection cannot be established. If the server can be successfully authenticated, the client goes on to Step 4.



4. Using all data generated in the handshake so far, the client (with the cooperation of the server, depending on the cipher being used) creates the premaster secret for the session, encrypts it with the server's public key (obtained from the server's certificate, sent in Step 2), and sends the encrypted premaster secret to the server.
5. The server uses its private key to decrypt the premaster secret, then performs a series of steps to generate the master secret. The client is also responsible for generating the master secret using the same premaster secret.
6. Both the client and the server use the master secret to generate the session keys, which are symmetric keys used to encrypt and decrypt information exchanged during the SSL session and to verify its integrity.
7. The client sends a message to the server informing it that future messages from the client will be encrypted with the session key. It then sends an encrypted message indicating that the client portion of the handshake is finished.

8. The server sends a message to the client informing it that future messages from the server will be encrypted with the session key. It then sends an encrypted message indicating that the server portion of the handshake is finished.
9. The SSL handshake is now complete, and the SSL session has begun. The client and the server use the session key to encrypt and decrypt the data they send to each other and to validate its integrity.

The key point of server authentication is that the client encrypts the premaster secret with the server's public key. Only the corresponding private key can correctly decrypt the secret, so the client has some assurance that the identity associated with the public key is in fact the server with which the client is connected. Otherwise, the server cannot decrypt the premaster secret and cannot generate the symmetric keys required for the session, and the session will be terminated.

## 5.4 Implementation of SSL in TravelNet

There are several reasons for us to choose SSL as our security feature.

1. SSL is a matured product and it is free to use.
2. There is a wider range of products we can use to implement SSL into our design.
3. Our approach directly using web browser as client agent, although favours flexibility and allow it to be common to public, it limits our choice on security features.

Since a number of web servers and the major web browsers (e.g. Netscape and Internet Explorer) have already supported SSL, the major thing for us to implement SSL is to get a server certificate and a fixed IP machine for the web server such that we can use it to apply for a digital certificate for the web server. Once the machine is settled, we have applied a trial certificate from Entrust Technologies, which is an international CA. Trial version of the certificate works just the same as the commercial one except its valid period is shorter. As CUHK has its own CA now, we may get a certificate issued by CUHKCA which its validity period is longer and free of charge.

After installation the certificate into the web server, the SSL connection is ready to use. In our system, we just need to refer our code (html) for forms submission by https, which is a syntax of calling SSL through URL. An indication of the SSL enabled connection is by a small lock icon in the browser.



Figure5 -3:  
Apperanceoflock  
iconwithoutSSL  
enabled  
connection

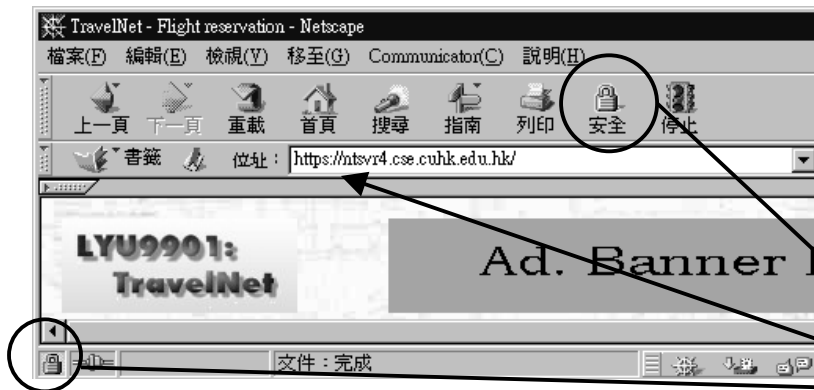


Figure5 -4:  
Apperanceof  
lockicon  
withSSL  
enabled  
connection

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# Chapter6: Summaryand FutureWork

## 6.1Summary

Inthesefewmonths,wehavesuccessfullycompletedacertainamountofwork.

After adetailedanalysisonthewebapplicationmodelandsomeimplementation concerns,wehavebuiltinonlinetravelagency,TravelNet,whichisareal -life applicationandpracticaltoprovideservice.Inordertoprovidethefacilitiesand functionsofTra velNet,wehavechosenJavaServlet,acomparativelynewtechnology forwebprogramming,inourdesign.SinceServletcanoutperformthetraditional CGI-stylewebapplication,ourexprienceonbuildingthesystembecomesinvaluable formeetingthetrend ofusingServlet.

Also,withthehelpofJava,itiseasyforustomakeaconvenientfurtherdevelopment ofthesystemintoaCORBADistributedsystem,whichismorefault -tolerantand interoperable.Tobeareal -lifee -commerceapplication,wehaveals ohandledthe securityissuebetweenclientandserverbyimplementingSSLinoursystem..The currentscheduleonlyallowsustoimplementasimplepaymentmethodthatissless secured.However,itwillbeoneofthemajortargetstoconverttheexisting oneinto amoresecurepaymentmethodandpossiblyincludeotherpaymentschemelikesmart cardaswell.

Developmentisacontinuousprocess.Wewillkeeponourdevelopmenttomakeit best.

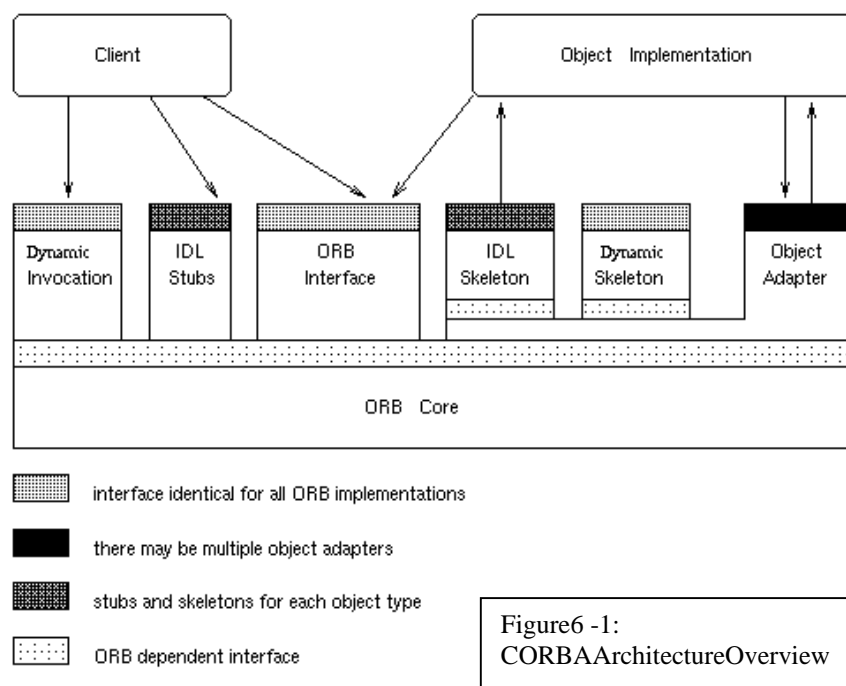
## 6.2FutureWork

Inthesession,wewilldiscussthefuturew orktobedoneonourprojectfor enhancement.ItincludesintegrationofCORBA,securepaymentmethod,micro paymentusingMondexandhotelreservation.

## 6.2.1 Integration of CORBA

### Introduction to CORBA

Simply stated, CORBA allows applications to communicate with one another no matter where they are located or who has designed them. CORBA was introduced in 1991 by Object Management Group (OMG) and defined the Interface Definition Language (IDL) and the Application Programming Interfaces (API) that enable client/server object interaction within a specific implementation of an Object Request Broker (ORB).



The (ORB) is the middleware that establishes the client-server relationships between objects. Using an ORB, a client can transparently invoke a method on a server object, which can be on the same machine or across a network. The ORB intercepts the call and is responsible for finding an object that can implement the request, pass it the parameters, invoke its method, and return the results. The client does not have to be aware of where the object is located, its programming language, its operating system, or any other system aspects that are not part of an object's interface. In so doing, the ORB provides interoperability between applications on different machines in

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heterogeneous distributed environments and seamlessly interconnects multiple object systems.

### **Integration**

TravelNet is suitable to be implemented in a distributed manner. Foreign components like flight company manager and hotel reservation manager can be implemented in different platform or different programming language. In order for them to communicate with TravelNet components, CORBA is a suitable choice for the middle ware in between them.

In the near future, the current Java version will be extended to CORBA version. Distribution of the system can increase the autonomy of each component and replication and load balancing can be achieved. With the help of naming services provided by CORBA, location of each component will be transparent to the users. Distributed TravelNet can be a high portability, compatibility, efficiency and fault tolerance system.

### **6.2.2 Secure Payment Method**

Payment method is an essential issue of any e-commerce application. Although we are not going to study it in detail or develop it deeply in this project, efforts should be made for the integration of some payment system. We are going to cooperate with a postgraduate student's (Steve Chong) Secure Payment System to demonstrate the ability of our TravelNet to integrate with an existing payment system.

Unfortunately, due to the time limitation of our group and the postgraduate student to do this integration, the process of combination of these two systems will be done later in this winter.

The brief communication interface and channel is being drafted. Sockets connection will be our communication channel; the payment system will provide a socket listener for any payment request to be raised. Asymmetric encryption will be used in between the authorized merchants and payment system. The encrypted message can be described as follows:

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A={CUST\_NAME,CUST\_NO,EXP\_DATE,CARD\_TYPE,  
AMOUNT,TRANS\_ID,MERC\_NAME} (Encryptedbymerchant'sprivatekey)  
B={A,MESSAGE\_DIG,MERC\_ID}  
(Encryptedbyacquirer'spublickeythenmerchant willsendmessageBtoacquirer.)

Parameters:

CUST\_NAME=customernameorexactlytheownerofthecard  
CUST\_NO=cardnumber  
EXP\_DATE=cardexpirydate  
CARD\_TYPE=VISA,MASTERorAE  
AMOUNT=totalamountofthetransaction  
TRANS\_ID=Transactionidof thispayment(unique)  
MERC\_NAME=merchant'sname  
MESSAGE\_DIG=messagedigestofmessageA  
MERC\_ID=merchantID(unique)

Issuesonthedistributionofthekeyarestillinnegotiation.Agreementwillbemade shortlyforthesystemsincorporation.AjointpaperwithSteve willbewrittenforthis integrationinthemeantime.

### 6.2.3 MicropaymentinMondex

Micropaymentisthepaymentthatonlyinvolvesasmallamountoftransferofmoney fromcustomerstomerchants.Itprovidesanalternativervenuesource forcontent andserviceproviders.Itisamoreefficientmethodthatcreditcardfortransaction, whichthevaluesoftheserviceandproductsinvolvedarelow.

Mondex isoneofthe advancedelectroniccashmicropaymentsystems overthe Internet. Itsunique security architectureenablesarangeoffunctionalitynotoffered byanyotherelectroniccashescheme.

Mondex ispreferabletobeused forsimple,everydaycashtransactions. InTravelNet, thetravellingaccessoriesshopoffersagoodchancetoadoptMondexasoneofthe paymentmethodforbuyingandsellinggoods.Also,newkindsofservicemaybe alsoaddedintotheexistingdesign.

Due tothepotentialcooperationofacommercialfirmonMondexproductsand CUHK,wehavethechancetotryout thedeviceinnearfuture. Ifthehardware



device is available to us in the next few months, it will be a good experience to adding Mondex as one of the payment methods in our system. From the view of the user, it is a flexible design of payment that allows other methods instead of the traditional credit card approach.

## 6.2.4 Hotel Reservation

Besides the existing airline ticket reservation, hotel reservation is also considered as an important element of any travel service provider. With its existence, it is possible to offer complete tour packages to users and full travel services can be provided. Although the complexity of hotel database is no smaller than the airline database, we should be able to handle and implement it for a longer period of time in collecting data and make a real-time compatible design on our TravelNet.

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# Appendix

## A. Software

- JavaAPI1.1.8.

Javaisanobject-orientedlanguage,whichispoplarallaroundtheworld today.Becauseofitsportability,itgrowsalongwiththeInternetrelated technologies.ItscompleteandrobustAPIbringsprogrammerandsoftware developeraconvenientdevelopingenvironment.Sinceitisslowerthannative programminglanguage,Javaisnotsuitableforlowlevelprogrammingorreal timeprocessing.Ontheotherhand,itisperfectfornetworkingapplication programming.Oneofthemostcriticalfactorsdeterminingtheperformanceof networkapplicationistheconnectionspeed.Soitcompromiseslowexecution speedofJava.

- JavaServletAPI 2.1

ServletsaretheJavaplatformtechnologyofchoiceforextendingand enhancingWebservers.Servletsprovideacomponent-based,platform-independentmethodforbuildingweb-basedapplications,withoutthe performancelimitationsofCGIprograms.Andunlikeproprietaryserver extensionmechanisms(suchastheNetscapeServerAPIorApachemodules), Servletsareserver-andplatform-independent.

WritteninJava,ServletshaveaccesstotheentirefamilyofJavaAPIs, includingtheJDBCAPitoaccessenterprise databases.Servletsalsoaccess libraryofHTTP-specificcalls,andallthebenefitsofthematureJava language,includingportability,performance,reusability,andcrashprotection.

- WindowsNTServer4.0withIIS4.0

WindowsNTServerisaquitecommoncommercialproductMicrosoft WindowsNTServer4.0isamultipurposeoperatingsystemspecializedon Serveroperations.Amultipurposeoperatingsystemdoesmoreforless

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because it integrates a variety of network services that you need to run your business. The services it provides are designed to address customer requirements in every category.

The Internet Information Server is a popular web server providing internet services like web, mail and news. Its functionality can be extended by installing suitable ISAPI.

- ServletExec 2.2

ServletExec is a Servlet engine. It is a high performance, reliable, inexpensive web application server and Servlet engine that implements the Java Servlet API and Java Server Pages (JSP) standards, components of the Java2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) suite of standards defined by Sun Microsystems. ServletExec runs on all major web servers and operating systems.

## B. Hardware

- Host machine

- ❖ Pentium II 300MHz, 96MB memory

Amid -end machine is needed for a web server to handle requests concurrently especially your system request handler is Java Servlet. A Pentium 2300MHz is just meet our demand. It is a server with a static Internet address. The internet name is ntsvr4.cse.cuhk.edu.hk.

## C. Client-side Requirement

- Netscape 3.0+ or Internet Explorer 4.0+

TravelNet client only needs a simple web browser. It is recommended that client browser is SSL enable because the client will submit critical information through the Internet. This unprotected transmission is very insecure. If

information is being hacked, hacker may use this information for illegal shopping.

## D. Program Listing

This is a table showing the statistics of the modules in our system.

Module	Operation	Number of Lines	Number of Characters
User Management	Register	237	8981
	Login	163	5316
	Logout	19	444
	ViewUserInfo	168	6817
	UpdateUnfo	150	5553
	CheckLogin	61	2285
	UserSession	34	947
Shopping	ViewBasket	35	1024
	UpdateBasket	44	1346
	AddToBasket	107	3597
	ShopBasket	1364	42
Flight Booking	QueryFlight	204	7591
	BookFlight	173	4562
	FlightItinerary	153	5120
Payment	CheckOut	175	6728
Bank	BankOperations	116	4171
Supplementary	Database	44	1373
	Mail	38	1471
	Html	19	523
	BasketTemplate	96	4549
Total:		3400	72440