Case Study

# Improve Ride Efficiency by 45% With Taxi Booking App Development

#### **Client Profile**

Our client is a local taxi service provider with a growing fleet of vehicles spread across the city. With increasing competition and rising customer expectations, the client aimed to modernize their operations and deliver a seamless, end-to-end digital experience for passengers—starting from booking to drop-off.

# **Business Challenge**

Taxi customers today demand more than just a ride—they want **reliability**, **transparency**, **and convenience**. However, the client faced several pressing issues:

- Difficulty in finding available cabs at peak times
- Long wait times and no real-time updates
- Complaints around inaccurate fare calculation
- No platform for providing feedback or support

The absence of a reliable <u>taxi booking app</u> was putting the business at a competitive disadvantage. The client needed a feature-rich, easy-to-use solution that worked smoothly across **Android and iOS**, with real-time tracking, smart fare estimation, and robust admin tools.

#### **Suretek's Solution**

At **Suretek Infosoft**, we understand that building a successful taxi booking application requires more than just GPS tracking and ride-hailing features. It needs to be **fast**, **intuitive**, **secure**, and **scalable**—while providing an exceptional <u>user experience</u> for passengers, drivers, and administrators alike.

Here's how we approached and implemented the solution:

### **User-Centric App Design**

We began by crafting an **intuitive UI/UX** to make sure both tech-savvy users and first-time app users could navigate the app with ease.

- Clean interface with minimal steps to book a ride
- Simple icons and clear CTAs (Call-to-Actions)
- Adaptive UI that works seamlessly on phones and tablets

**Result:** Faster onboarding and higher app adoption rates among users of all ages.

### **Fare Estimation System**

Our team integrated a **dynamic fare calculator** based on:

- Real-time distance and duration (via Google Maps API)
- Time of day (peak vs. non-peak hours)
- Location-based base fares and surcharges

This helps users get a clear idea of the cost **before** confirming the ride, boosting **transparency** and **trust**.

#### **Real-Time GPS Tracking**

Using Google Maps SDK and MapKit (for iOS), we enabled precise location tracking for:

- Passengers to view approaching cabs in real time
- Drivers to navigate the best route to the pickup/drop-off point
- Admins to monitor fleet movement and optimize performance

We also added **live ETA updates** and route re-calculation during detours or traffic delays.

#### **Cross-Platform Admin & Driver Portals**

We built dedicated portals for:

- Admins to manage users, bookings, rates, feedback, analytics, and disputes
- Drivers to view ride requests, accept/reject trips, see navigation, track earnings, and receive notifications

Each portal had a role-based access system for data privacy and control.

#### **Multi-Channel User Authentication**

To ensure **secure yet convenient** access, we implemented:

- Email/password login
- Mobile number with OTP verification
- Social login with Google and Facebook

This not only made signing up easier but also increased **conversion rates** during onboarding.

## **Ride Scheduling & History**

Users could:

- Book a ride instantly or schedule in advance
- View their **complete ride history**, past fare breakdowns, and digital invoices
- Rebook a previous ride in one tap

Drivers also had access to their ride logs and earning summaries, encouraging accountability.

### Feedback & Ratings Module

Post-ride, passengers could rate drivers and leave feedback. Admins could:

- Review complaints
- Identify top-performing drivers
- Detect service gaps and take action

This system helps maintain high service quality and builds credibility.

### **Secure Payments & Invoicing**

We integrated **PCI-compliant** payment gateways to support:

- Credit/Debit Cards
- Google Pay, Apple Pay
- Mobile wallets and in-app wallets

Invoices were auto-generated and emailed post-ride, giving users **clear records** and simplifying financial operations for admins.

#### **Push Notifications & Alerts**

Users and drivers received real-time alerts for:

- Ride status updates (Booked, Arriving, Started, Completed)
- Promotional offers or updates
- Payment confirmations and reminders

We used **Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM)** to ensure reliable and timely delivery.

## **Scalable Architecture & Cloud Deployment**

We built the app using **modular architecture**, allowing easy addition of features such as:

- In-app chat
- Corporate booking
- Loyalty programs
- Integration with third-party services (like weather, fuel rates, etc.)

## Deployed on AWS cloud, the solution is:

- Auto-scalable during high traffic
- Secure with role-based API access
- Easy to maintain with CI/CD pipelines

## **Accessibility & Inclusivity**

Using tools like AXE DevTools and Google's Accessibility Scanner, we ensured:

- Proper color contrast
- Screen reader compatibility
- Voice-over navigation (especially for visually impaired users)

### **End-to-End Testing & QA**

Our dedicated QA team ran:

- Functional Testing: All ride-booking workflows
- Cross-device Testing: On real Android & iOS devices
- **Performance Testing:** To ensure fast loading & smooth transitions
- **Security Testing:** To protect user data, especially during transactions
- Usability Testing: To gather real user feedback and improve UI

All bugs and issues were documented via **JIRA** and **TestRail**, with regular reporting to stakeholders.

# **Impact Delivered**

- Improved cab allocation efficiency by 45%, reducing customer wait time
- Enhanced user trust with transparent fare calculations and tracking
- Boosted driver engagement with real-time ride updates and route optimizations
- Enabled the business to operate smoothly across Android, iOS, and Web platforms
- Collected actionable feedback through an integrated review system
- Empowered admins with complete control over operations, fleet, and finances

The client witnessed a **noticeable increase in daily bookings and customer retention** within just weeks of the app launch.

# **Technologies Used**

## Web Application:

- C#, ASP.NET MVC 4, .NET Framework 4.5
- HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, AJAX, jQuery
- SQL Server 2012
- RESTful APIs and Google Maps API

### Android App:

- Java, Android Studio
- Firebase SDK (for notifications and performance monitoring)

### iOS App:

- Swift, Xcode
- Apple Pay Integration
- MapKit for route mapping

## **DevOps & Testing Tools:**

- Postman, JIRA, TestRail
- Git, Jenkins, AWS for deployment
- BrowserStack for cross-device testing

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# Why It Matters for the Automotive Industry

In the US, UK, and Canada, urban transportation businesses are under pressure to **digitally transform**. Whether it's local taxis, ride-hailing startups, or corporate fleets—**mobile-first, real-time booking experiences** are no longer optional.

An intelligent taxi booking app, like the one developed by Suretek, helps you:

- Deliver instant service availability
- Ensure accurate pricing
- Build trust through transparency
- Optimize operations with real-time data and analytics
- Compete effectively with industry leaders

If your transportation business still depends on manual calls or outdated dispatch systems—this is the time to upgrade.

#### Conclusion

Suretek Infosoft delivered a powerful, scalable, and user-friendly taxi booking application tailored to the needs of today's connected passengers and operators. The solution brought convenience, efficiency, and control into one platform—driving higher user satisfaction and business growth.

Looking to digitize your taxi or transport service?

Let's build your next-generation mobility solution together. Contact <u>Suretek Infosoft</u> today for a free consultation!