AI-Based Virtual Guide for Improving Passenger Experience in Smart Airports

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***Abstract*— The current challenges in the operation of the modern airport include the congestion of passengers, excessive waiting time, inefficient baggage handling, and the lack of real-time monitoring. This paper proposes the development of an AI-based Airport Command and Intelligence System, referred to as RGIA AEROX, which aims to enhance the passenger experience and the operation of the airport. The system will include the integration of the security authentication system, the central command system, the flight booking and baggage system, the smart navigation and transportation system, and the real-time crowd monitoring system. The system will be developed using Node.js, Express.js, MySQL, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript programming languages, and the three-tier architecture will be used to ensure the scalability and efficient management of the system. The proposed solution aims to show the potential of AI-based digital command systems in improving the operation of the airport and the development of intelligent smart airports.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Airports deal with thousands of passengers and flights every day. Hence, it is a complex system of transportation. With the increase of air travel over time, there has been an

increase in problems such as passenger confusion, inefficient baggage handling, security check congestion, and lack of coordination between airport modules. Traditional airport systems use fragmented information systems and manual monitoring of operations. Hence, there is a lack of efficient decisions made through real-time data. To overcome all these problems associated with airport management systems, this paper proposes a web-based Airport Command and Intelligence System named RGIA AEROX. It is a system that simulates smart airport operations through a centralized control dashboard and virtual guide. It includes various modules such as secure authentication, flight booking and manifest management, baggage handling, crowd monitoring, AI-based congestion prediction, smart navigation, and integration of transport modules. It has the potential to transform conventional airport operations to an efficient and effective smart airport system through efficient data processing and prediction.

Fig. AI-Powered Airport Command & Intelligence System

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent developments in AI and smart infrastructure technologies have significantly enhanced the

transformation of traditional airports into intelligent digital ecosystems. Research works have identified some challenges, including passenger congestion, fragmented services, and a lack of centralized monitoring, which have emphasized the use of AI-driven automation and predictive analytics in airport services [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]. These research works have greatly supported the development of intelligent command systems for improved operational efficiency and passenger management.

Smart airports have given considerable attention to the application of AI-based virtual assistants and smart passenger guidance systems. The application of conversational AI, automated navigation systems, etc., has greatly enhanced passenger interactions, reduced passenger confusion, and response efficiency [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]. These research works have greatly justified the inclusion of virtual guidance and smart navigation systems in modern airport environments.

For instance, predictive analytics and operational intelligence have been used for the purpose of crowd monitoring and congestion prediction. Research has proven that density analysis, threshold-based models, and AI-based prediction methods can be used for the purpose of managing passenger flow in an effective manner [11], [12], [13], [14], [15]. Other research studies related to the security features of AI-based airport systems highlight the significance of secure authentication and digital infrastructure [16], [17].

More recent research studies related to AI-based airport systems highlight digital twin technology, IoT technology, and personalization as significant technologies for next-generation airports [18], [19], [20]. Although most studies highlight each AI technology individually, the proposed RGIA AEROX combines virtual guidance, centralized dashboards, baggage tracking, crowd prediction, etc., as an AI-based airport intelligence system.

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

RGIA AEROX system development is based on a three-tier modular and scalable architecture that integrates user interaction, back-end processing, and structured data management into a centralized airport intelligence environment. This architecture enables secure authentication, real-time monitoring, congestion prediction, and smooth coordination of various airport service modules. The system allows for future integration of IoT monitoring systems and sophisticated AI analytics, as well as modular extension. The system provides for centralized control of operations through a single platform and thus provides a digital twin airport command environment.

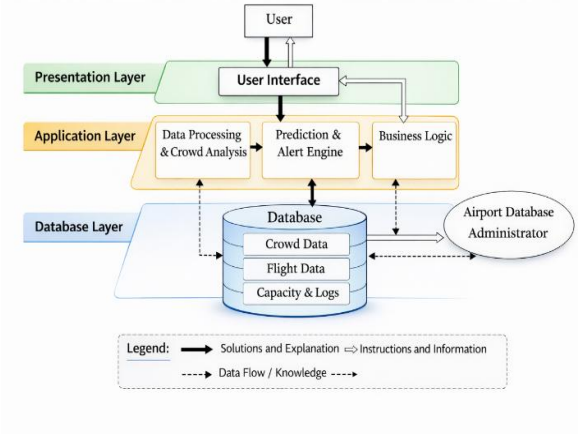

Fig. System Architecture of the Airport Virtual Assistant

1.Presentation Layer (User Interface Layer)

The presentation layer is the main interaction interface between the airport operators and the system. JavaScript and HTML and CSS and EJS templates are used to build this thing. The EJS is really useful because it helps with server-side rendering. This means we can show data right in the HTML views. For example we can show user credentials and flight information and baggage details. The presentation layer is made up of a lot of parts. These include a login system and a dashboard for the airport and a system for searching and booking flights and a way to view boarding passes and manifests and a way to track baggage and a panel for monitoring crowds and alerts for when it gets too crowded and a map that helps you navigate and suggestions for how to get around. The frontend and backend talk, to each other using Express routing and server-side rendering. This makes it so the pages can change smoothly and in time and it is all very organized and secure. The JavaScript and EJS and HTML and CSS all work together to make this happen.

2.Application Layer (Backend & Intelligence Layer)

The application layer is built using Node.js and Express.js and is considered the central processing engine of the system. The application layer is responsible for handling authentication validation, session management, API routing, business logic processing, and data processing to run the system. The application layer also includes the AI-based crowd density prediction tool, which is based on trend-based prediction, threshold-based prediction, and time-based prediction rules. The backend analyzes passenger load information and operational data to provide proactive congestion warnings and decision-support systems. The intelligence layer of the system provides centralized management for booking, manifest, baggage, and monitoring operations in a safe and secure environment.

3.Data Layer (Database Layer)

The data layer has been developed using a MySQL relational database management system, which has been used to handle and store the structured operational data. The database management system has been used to store user authentication data, flight booking data, boarding manifests, baggage tracking, and crowd load data. The database management system has been used to handle the storage of data in a secure manner and has processed queries for the retrieval of real-time data.

4. System Flow

The system has been developed with a structured operational process, which starts with login authentication and then proceeds to the command center dashboard. The operational process of the system has been developed to allow the user to search and book flights, print boarding passes, print manifests, track baggage, analyze real-time crowd data, get congestion predictions with AI, get smart navigation, and get transport services, among other services, with the aim of optimizing the management of the airport with the help of smart technology.

5. AI-Enabled Component Integration

Though the system is mainly used as a centralized airport command system, it also uses AI-powered analytical modules to improve operational intelligence. The real-time crowd monitoring module is used for determining the real-time occupancy level, and the predictive congestion systems use threshold logic and trend analysis for predicting capacity risks. These predictive systems help in predicting the risks of congestion at airports in advance through various proactive decisions made by the management. This system is also extendable to incorporate various machine learning algorithms and computer vision techniques with IoT sensor data for more advanced predictive analysis.

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed system of RGIA AEROX is intended to provide a centralized airport command and intelligence system that would improve passenger services and airport operations. To do this, it is proposed to design a safe login system using Node.js, Express.js, and EJS-based server-side rendering. Once the login is confirmed, users would be redirected to the Airport Command Dashboard, where various modules of airport operations such as flight search and booking, printing of boarding passes and manifests, baggage handling, crowd management, navigation, and transport would be included. All modules would be included as a whole.

Structured records including user credentials, booking information, manifest logs, luggage information, and crowd load information are stored and managed by the system using a MySQL relational database. A rule-based predictive logic is incorporated in the crowd monitoring module to analyze terminal occupancy trends and predefined density thresholds, thus facilitating short-term congestion predictions and warnings. The predictive logic component improves decision-making capabilities from reactive monitoring to anticipatory management. Although the current system uses analytics based on thresholds, the system architecture is scalable and ready for the incorporation of advanced machine learning models and real-time sensor data inputs, thus making RGIA AEROX a scalable AI-ready smart airport intelligence system.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The RGIA AEROX system does an excellent job. This is due to the fact that the different components of the RGIA AEROX system work well together. We realized that the major functions of the RGIA AEROX system,

which include luggage tracking, verification of the location of persons, and generation of lists of items, are extremely fast. This shows that the RGIA AEROX technology is effective in ensuring customer satisfaction. Further, the RGIA AEROX system has different components that use trends and restrictions to identify, for instance, observing crowds and using intelligence to predict when it will be crowded. These RGIA AEROX system components react a little more slowly. The RGIA AEROX system continues to function effectively. The RGIA AEROX system's backend configuration and information storage make it simple to obtain data and update the dashboard. The RGIA AEROX system will benefit from this.

The effectiveness of short-term forecasting is also demonstrated in the AI-based "Crowd Density Prediction" module, which matches the trend of occupancy with the pattern of passenger loads. With trend analysis and capacity thresholds, it detects potential risks of congestion in advance. This not only helps airport authorities to take preventive measures but also enhances decision-making. Based on the results, it is clear that RGIA AEROX effectively incorporates predictive analytics and monitoring to improve passenger management and airport operations.

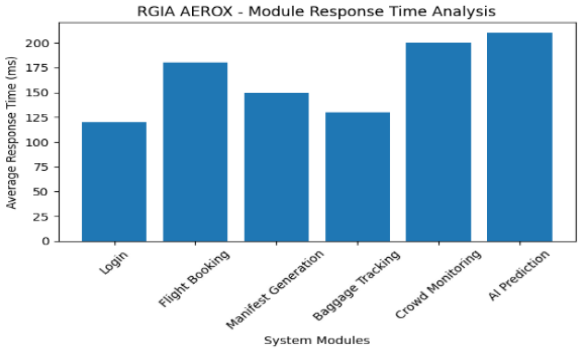

Fig. Module Response Time Analysis

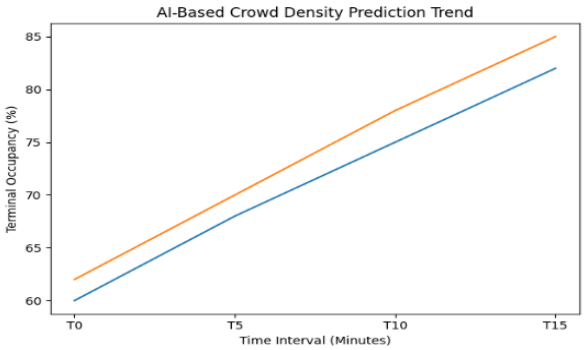

Fig. AI-Based Crowd Density Prediction

VI.CONCLUSION

RGIA AEROX provides a cutting-edge AI ecosystem of talent for smart airports by leveraging a comprehensive Airport Command and Intelligence System that is designed to enhance passenger experience and airport operations in general. The system brings together secure authentication, flight bookings, baggage handling and tracking, flight manifests, real-time crowd management features, navigation services and transport support services into a single connected digital platform. Combining this with real-time monitoring and predictive analysis of congestion, the Airport Command and Intelligence System enables informed data-driven decisions that help effectively manage crowds. This system is built on a three-tier architecture which allows for scalable, secure data processing, and functional independence. While today strategy is on this threshold predictive analysis, it can also go the AI enabled and ready.

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