



### How to Choose Your Best Online Booking System

We will begin shortly!









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### How to Choose Your Best Online Booking System

Accommodation Businesses

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- Knowing you and me
- Happiness Check
- Ground Rules:
  - $\circ$  Interactive
  - $\circ\,$  Respect for others
  - $_{\odot}$  2 Ears and 1 Mouth

## Introduction

- Phones
- Emergency Exit
- Health
- Have Fun!



#### Preamble

• Business Requirement Analysis

#### **Software Selection**

- Functionalities
- Scalability
- Compatibility
- Cost Analysis
- Vendor

#### Implementation







# Preamble



### Business Requirement Analysis

- Internal and external stakeholders
  Business processes(Operational, Supporting, Management)
  Data requirements (Critical data, ownership(Create/Update, View, Delete)
- Reporting
- Existing platforms/systems
- Budget
- Build or Buy



## Business Process Model

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Mega Process

Major Process

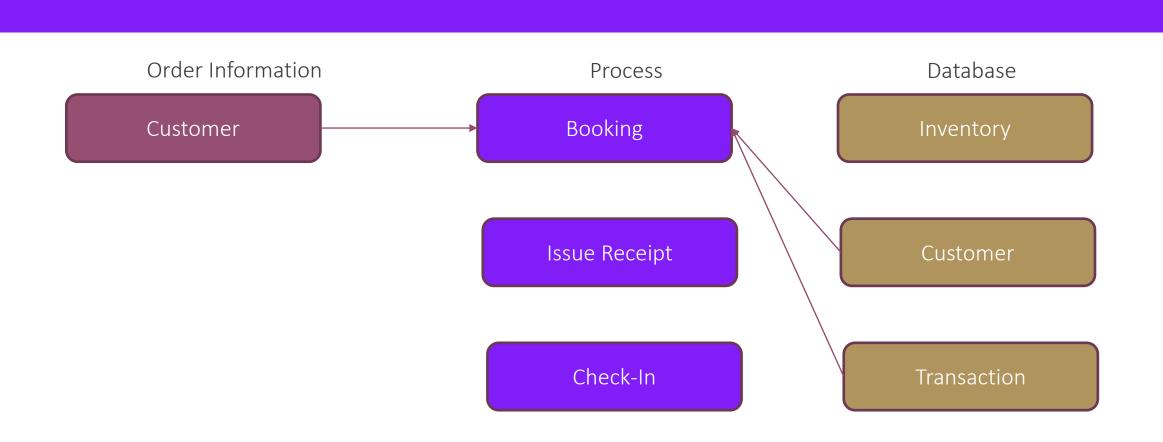
Sub Process

Activities

Tasks

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### **Data Flow Diagram**





## Software Selection Process





## **Functionalities**

Content management capabilities

- Promotion & discount code tools
- An easy-to-use checkout
- SEO friendly code and layout
- Advanced eCommerce SEO capabilities
- Reporting tools & custom report features
- Email marketing features or integration
- Multiple payment options (Credit card, PayPal, PO, Terms, etc.)
- The ability to scale & add new eCommerce features UI/UX, Navigation, Newsletter, Blog, Online Help,
- Video capability, Multi-currency, Language options





### Scalability

Additional functionalities

Business strategy

Growth

Diversification

- Government policies
- Regulatory requirements





### Compatibility

- Existing platforms
  - (OS/Infrastructure/Systems)
- Technical requirements
- Upward and Downward compatibilities





### **Cost Analysis**

**ROI - return on investment should be significantly more than the TCO.** 

Software pricing (modules or complete)

Licensing fees,(No of Installation and users)

Software Requirements

Hosting or hardware Requirements

• Maintenance, training and support.

True Cost – the long-term total cost of ownership (TCO)





### Vendor

- User Support(Technical expert, End-user, Period)
- Reviews
- User Population
- User Community
- Expertise
- Partners





### Implementation

- Customization
- Data Management (Upload, Cleanup, Migration)
- Training
- Maintenance and Support



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- Best Online Booking Systems in 2022 | FinancesOnline
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- Top 10 Client Booking Systems Compare 2023 Software

## **Booking Systems**













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   Presented by Mariia Souchko (Playground Creative Agency)



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• 2023 Doers & Dreamers Guide – the deadline to update your listing for the digital travel guide is Friday, January 13, 2023



#### Link:

https://tourismns.ca/news/intouchblog/get-your-business-listed-2023doers-dreamers-guide







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