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ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY:

A distributed database approach

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ABSTRACT

People always travel for different reasons. While some may travel for business reasons, some just travel for leisure e.g. tourists. It happens that while travelling one might not be conversant with the available transport or accommodation options available at his/her destination.

For example whenever tourists arrive in their destination countries, it is always their first visit or if not then they are visiting a different site all together. Hence, they have to rely on travel agents and tour operators to guide them throughout their visit.

But it is not only tourists who need the services of the travel agents, anybody wishing to travel say to some distant place does.

In order for travel agents to be effective in their work, they need powerful source of up to date information which can enable them make accurate decision and give reliable services to their clients. This powerful up to date source of information can only be some type of an **information system**. And that is what this work is all about.