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eCommodate - Hosted Online Accommodation Solution

Ecommodate creates sophisticated bookings in any lodging environment - be that hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, hostels, backpackers or private holiday accommodation. Ecommodate aims to provide all the functionality needed to effectively, successfully and painlessly manage a lodging property - from anywhere with access to the internet.

Key features:

- Facility for completely flexible, real-time bookings for any size lodging - multiple room types, multiple nights in any combination
- Accept real-time bookings for your lodging 24/7 via the secure web booking module that can be seamlessly integrated into your web site or online accommodation websites & agencies.
- Welcome back returning customers, view their past booking details, set up credit accounts & terms and an easy online login for repeat bookings
- At a glance view the overall status of the lodging via the customisable Dashboard - then drill down to the customised details that you have selected to see - easy switch functionality for hoteliers with multiple lodgings
- Keep your motel layout up to date with ease - add in new or edit existing room features, room types, rooms and bed types
- Automatically assign rooms to complex bookings, or manually shift rooms about to maximise availability

Interfaces:

- Directly interface with PABX phone billing system - with plans to expand this further to traditional phone systems
- Interface with your own accounting system and generate customisable accounting reports
- Immediate card settlement via secure online payment gateway
- Interface to door security systems (VingCard Planned 2007)

Proposed Wotif.com Interface:

Establishing a two-way relationship information exchange between wotif.com and Ecommodate, allowing:

- Room availability to be guaranteed at wotif.com
- wotif.com bookings to be directly entered into the Ecommodate system - guaranteeing the booking

This two-way relationship will require two things:



- The ability for Ecommodate to automatically update the current availability of the lodging to Wotif.com - likely in the form of **XML** data posted from the Ecommodate server to Wotif. The aim would be for real-time information to be displayed on Wotif while maintaining a minimal strain on the Wotif servers.

To discuss:

How to achieve real-time information on Wotif with acceptable data transfer. Real-time xml will update Wotif availability each time a booking is made or booking dates edited in the Ecommodate system, or potentially utilising technology similar to an RSS feed.

- The ability for Ecommodate to accept new booking data automatically from Wotif.com - likely in the form of **XML** data posted to the Ecommodate server from Wotif. This data will be accepted by the Ecommodate server and likely run an SQL Server 2005 Stored Procedure to insert the appropriate data into the Ecommodate database.

A simple example XML schema:

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<xml><booking>(room selection, guest no., dates...)<user>(first name, last name, location...)</user></booking>
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It will also be necessary to guarantee 100% that selected rooms will not be allocated during the booking process. A likely option for this would be to send a second set of XML data to reserve the selected rooms at the start of the booking process.

Ecommodate - Powered by ASP.NET 2.0, SQL Server 2005 technology - Launching early 2007

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