Sqills S3 Passenger

Public transportation Booking, Reservation and Revenue Management Software
Sqills S3 Passenger can be up and running in 3 months enabling you to manage your sales, distribution and revenue management.

Sqills S3 Passenger is the best available sales and distribution system on the market. Thousands of out-of-the-box features allow users to benefit from proven technology, short time-to-market and powerful self-services. It is a fully scalable web based platform that can handle millions of transactions. The system handles multi-segment and multi-stopover passenger transport services, with or without reservation, including sales of additional on-board services and after-sales operations of previously created bookings.

Driving occupancy levels, increasing yield and applying channel economics, Sqills S3 Passenger Revenue Management is the best available tooling on the market. This means no more black boxes but tooling that supports analysis and decision making.

As Eurostar grows beyond 10 million transported passengers per year and we expand our reach further into Europe, having a flexible reservation system is critical. With its combination of agility, stability and responsiveness as well its willingness to work closely with our in-house development team, Sqills has proved to be the perfect partner.

Laurent Bellan, Eurostar CIO
Main components of the Sqills S3 Passenger suite

Timetable management, service and route definition.

S3 Passenger configurator is the service scheduling component of the platform. It handles everything related to timetables and the definition of the geographical network including routes, stops and connections. Once it has been defined, services and related Timetables can be individually managed. In addition, creation of exceptions on Stops or Services level, to temporarily overrule the scheduled planning, is possible.

Material planning, seat allocation and inventory control.

S3 Passenger inventory is the component that handles the definition of the inventory material and relation to scheduled Services. Calculation of the capacity applies automatically to support real time inventory information. Carriages types and seat properties are defined precisely in order to handle inventory updates or specific material changes and their related bookings. Inventory control on physical and logical levels per origin/destination pair is in place to support fast orientation on remaining capacity and revenue management “booking limit” controls. Finally, the business logic around seat allocations for incoming booking requests is covered by an advanced seat algorithm.

Fulfillment and Payment

S3 Authorization is a component that acts between the Sqills S3 Passenger back-office and the various Sqills S3 Passenger front-ends, in order to facilitate payments that deal with external providers. Furthermore, S3 Authorization prevents direct S3 Back-office interaction with the outside world and therefore reduces security risks. S3 Authorization simplifies the payment process and supports various processes such as: payment validation before final booking confirmation, store payment information in the booking dossier, after-sales/refund and shopping basket.

Communication and After Sales

S3 Passenger comms. The component that handles all, booking related, outgoing communication from the Sqills S3 Passenger platform to customers, passengers and other external users. Template management for e-mails and SMS messages is part of this module, but also the configuration and scheduling of other related outgoing messages from the S3 system.

Ticket distribution and management.

S3 Passenger ticket is the transactional heart of the system containing customer data, PNRs and related reference information. Functionality for digital ticket fulfilment in PDF home print format with UIC 918.3 2D barcodes is included. It also offers all the booking flow logic and after-sales conditional logic including allowing/refusing of modifications like rebooking, cancellation, modification, passenger name change and calculation of appropriate after-sales fees. Provisional booking logic for customers is included, which means that booking requests include “expiry time” limits to secure seat availability during the booking confirmation. An automatic cancellation and clean-up process applies for non-confirmed bookings.

Optimise multi-segment passenger transport revenue.

Revenue analysts are always fully in control by means of dashboards and real-time access to prices, fare conditions and inventory settings. S3 Passenger revenue is the component that is responsible for controlling the logical availability restrictions in the S3 Passenger inventory data tables, by calculating and optimizing which restrictions (also known as “booking limits”) leads to the highest possible revenue given the available market demand. In order to perform this task, S3 Passenger revenue analysis historical demand and forecasts future demand for each departure, analysis the found price elasticity figures in transnational data in order to make the demand forecast price sensitive, and optimizes the required booking limits based on the ongoing progress of a future departure in its sales cycle. S3 Passenger revenue is an optional component in the infrastructure.
At Sqills, we are committed to power the digital transformation of the bus and rail industry. We take pride in building secure and high quality software. To ensure that our products and services consistently meet customer’s requirements and that our quality and security is consistently improved over time.

The Sqills, Solucom (IT consultant) and a Teams have done an excellent job, working together as a single project team to achieve a smooth transition. They managed to make it look simple and easy, which was obviously not the case! This is an important move for OUIBUS, making the company even more equipped and agile to continue to strengthen its place on this challenging market.

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