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The hermes system is the synergy of the "vehicle," "iPhone," and "website" components detailed to the right. Hermes helps customers filter the masses of data that are available in the automotive service industry. Furthermore, with real-time performance metrics, consumers can consciously drive their vehicles more cost effectively. Hence, customers are armed with the power of information in the event that they take their car to a vehicle specialist for servicing.

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