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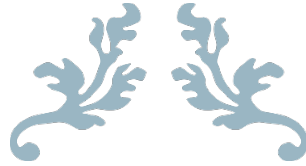
SRS: REALAXING KOALA RESTAURANT INFORMATION SYSTEM

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1 - Introduction

This specification document is for a Restaurant Information System to assist the staff of the Relaxing Koala with basic daily tasks to do with reservations, customer ordering, and managerial tasks along with supporting statistical measurement of menu items and online menu availability.

This document aims to specify the requirements and quality attributes of the system by identifying tasks using the Tasks & Support approach.

2 - Project Overview

The relaxing Koala is a medium sized cafe/restaurant serving university students in Glenferrie Road. They are seeking to enhance their daily operations to boost their business by implementing information systems to enhance and grow their daily operations.

Some of the goals they have in mind to improve and streamline the overall operation is in taking orders from guests, passing the orders through to the kitchen team, reservations, payment handling, statistic tracking and having a place for customers to view their menu and order online.

The Existing manual operations of this cafe/ restaurants has been given to redevelop by Swinsoft consulting, and our goal is to implement a comprehensive Restaurant Information system (RIS) tailored to the needs of Relaxing Koala Cafe to improve and scale their business.

2.1 - Domain Vocabulary

POS – Point of Sale, where customer payment is processed.

Reservation – Customers may reserve a table for themselves ahead of time so that they do not need to wait upon arrival.

Dinner Service – Period of time during which the kitchen is open for dinner to be served.

FOH – Front of House, customer-facing staff such as wait staff and bartenders.

BOH – Back of House, non-customer-facing restaurant staff such as chefs.

FIFO – First in First Out, customers who are first to arrive are served first, stock that is the least fresh is used up before fresher stock.

Pushing a dish – When wait staff are instructed to recommend a dish due to excess in stock of a particular ingredient.

RSI – Restaurant Information System

UI – User Interface

UX – User Experience

Capacity – Number of customers the restaurant can serve per day.

Invoicing – Generating bills for customers.

Menu Items – food items available.

Orders – requests made by customers for a food item.

Statistics – Data analysis related to menu items ordered.

2.2 - Goals

Scalability

The main goal is to ensure the restaurant's daily operations can smoothly transition from its current capacity of 50 to 150 customers. The new system should be able to handle the increased volume of orders, reservations, and transactions efficiently.

Automating daily operations

The new system should automate the specified tasks such as taking orders, sending them to the kitchen, taking payments and generating invoices. Automating these tasks should improve the efficiency of the daily operations and help scale the business to accommodate the increased capacity.

Data Collection and Statistics

The system should collect data on menu item orders and generate basic statistics to outline information about purchases. This information will help the restaurant understand customer preferences, popular items, least popular items, enabling the business to make better decisions regarding menu items and prices.

Accounting

The goal for all accounting related processes at the restaurant is to streamline the transaction process for customers while providing invoices. This will include developing a system that will accept various payment methods, providing clear and detailed invoices for orders and recording transactions for the business' records.

2.3 – Assumptions

1. Staff Training and Adoption:

> ➢ It is assumed that staff members of the Relaxing Koala restaurant will receive adequate training and support to effectively use any new technology or systems implemented.
>
> ➢ The assumption is made that staff members are open to adopting new processes and technologies to enhance their workflow and improve customer service.

2. Internet Connectivity and Infrastructure:

> ➢ It is assumed that the restaurant has reliable internet connectivity to support cloud-based solutions and online functionalities.
>
> ➢ The assumption is made that the existing infrastructure of the Relaxing Koala restaurant, including network capabilities and hardware resources, can accommodate the proposed system requirements.

3. Data Security and Privacy Compliance:

> ➢ It is assumed that the implemented system will adhere to relevant data security and privacy regulations, ensuring the protection of customer information and transactional data.
>
> ➢ The assumption is made that necessary measures will be in place to safeguard sensitive data, such as encryption protocols and access controls.

4. Customer Engagement and Feedback:

> ➢ It is assumed that the Relaxing Koala restaurant management will actively seek customer feedback and monitor engagement with the implemented system to make necessary adjustments and improvements.

> ➤ The assumption is made that customer satisfaction and usability will be key metrics in evaluating the success of the system implementation.

5. Budget and Resource Allocation:

> ➤ It is assumed that the Relaxing Koala restaurant has allocated sufficient budget and resources for the implementation and maintenance of the proposed system.
> ➤ The assumption is made that any additional costs, such as hardware upgrades or staff training, have been accounted for in the project plan.

These assumptions provide a foundational understanding of the project context and help guide decision-making throughout the implementation process of the Restaurant Information System for the Relaxing Koala.

2.4 - Scope

The owners of Relaxing Koala intend to upgrade their business by integration of automation required for making reservations, taking orders from customers, informing the kitchen about orders, payment, creating invoice and receipts for customers. They also want an option to get basic statistics about ordered menu items. For Better informing to potential customers the owners also want to incorporate the menus online with the optionality of ordering take-away menus and possibly delivery arrangements.

3 - Problem Domain

3.1 - Pain Points

The current methods used by relaxing Koala has several pain points that need to be resolved.

1. Manual processes: Relaxing Koala relies on manual methods for order taking, managing reservations and processing payments which is not efficient to scale the business as it causes delays, errors, and inefficiencies.

2. No data insights: without a system for data collection and analysis, the business will struggle to gain insights into what the customers are ordering and popular menu items.

3. Customer experience: Service quality is subject to inconsistencies due to human error and communication gaps between the front of the house and back of the house.

3.2 - Domain Entities

- ❖ Customer
- ❖ Front-of-House
- ❖ Booking
- ❖ Order
- ❖ Kitchen
- ❖ Product
- ❖ Waiter
- ❖ Invoice
- ❖ Accountant

3.3 - Actors

- ❖ Customers
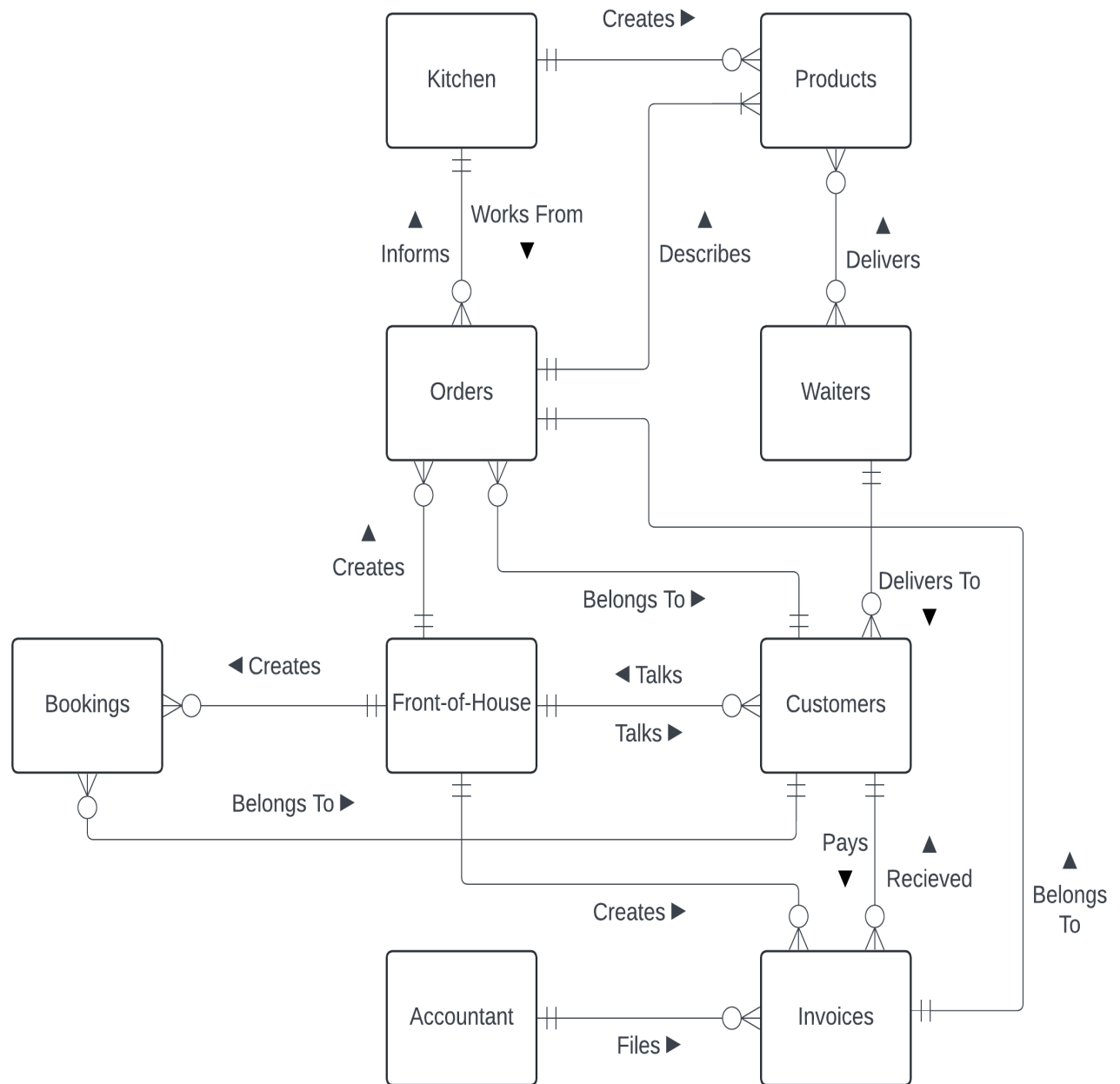- ❖ Waiters
- ❖ Kitchen Staff
- ❖ Accountant
- ❖ Manager

3.4 - Tasks

1. Taking Orders
2. Preparing Orders
3. Delivering Orders
4. Making Reservations
5. Creating Statistics Reports
6. Updating Customer Information

4 - Data Model

4.1 - Domain Model

4.2 - Entity Descriptions

Customer

A customer who wants to purchase from the restaurant. They can order in person or by phone, can choose to dine in or buy takeaway, and can make phone bookings to reserve seats in advance.

Front-of-House

The front-of-house aspect of the restaurant. Is responsible for talking to the customer, in person or on the phone, and handles all customer actions (ordering, booking, getting payment, etc.).

Order

An order made by a customer. Orders describe several Products a customer is purchasing, along with whether they are for takeaway or not.

Kitchen

The restaurant's kitchen. It is responsible for taking orders and preparing the products they describe.

Product

Something which the restaurant sells. Orders describe a list of these, may be prepared differently if the order is for takeaway (e.g., put in a takeaway container).

Waiter

A waiter working at the restaurant. Waiters are responsible for delivering products to customers in the restaurant.

Booking

A booking made by a customer. Reserves seating in the restaurant for a number of people at some time.

Invoice

An invoice for an order. To be paid by the order's customer either at the time of ordering (in person) or when the order is picked up (takeaway).

Accountant

An employee responsible for dealing with the restaurant's finances. Handles and files invoices.

5 - Functional Requirements and Task Descriptions

Task: 1. Taking Orders	
Purpose: Determine what a customer would like to purchase.	
Trigger: Customer has contact with business and can make an order.	
Frequency: Frequent (~100 per hour).	
Critical: A large number of orders (140+ per hour).	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Inform customers of any unavailable menu items.	Customers are warned of any unavailable menu items ahead of ordering so that they may ask for time to reconsider if they had intended on ordering those items.
2. Seat customer.	Customer seating is decided, and they are told where to sit.
3. Ask the customer what they would like to purchase.	Customer walks into business and up to counter. Front-of-house asks the customer what they would like to order.
4. Record customer order.	Customer tells front-of-house their order and it is recorded.
5. Take payment.	Customer is asked to pay and makes a payment. An invoice is generated. This order is logged in the database.
Variants:	
2a. Customer isn't dining in.	Customer will not be seated.
4a. Customer was not in business when ordering.	Payment will be collected when the customer is given their order.
5a. Customer ordered take-out.	Customer is told a time estimate for their order's completion and not seated.

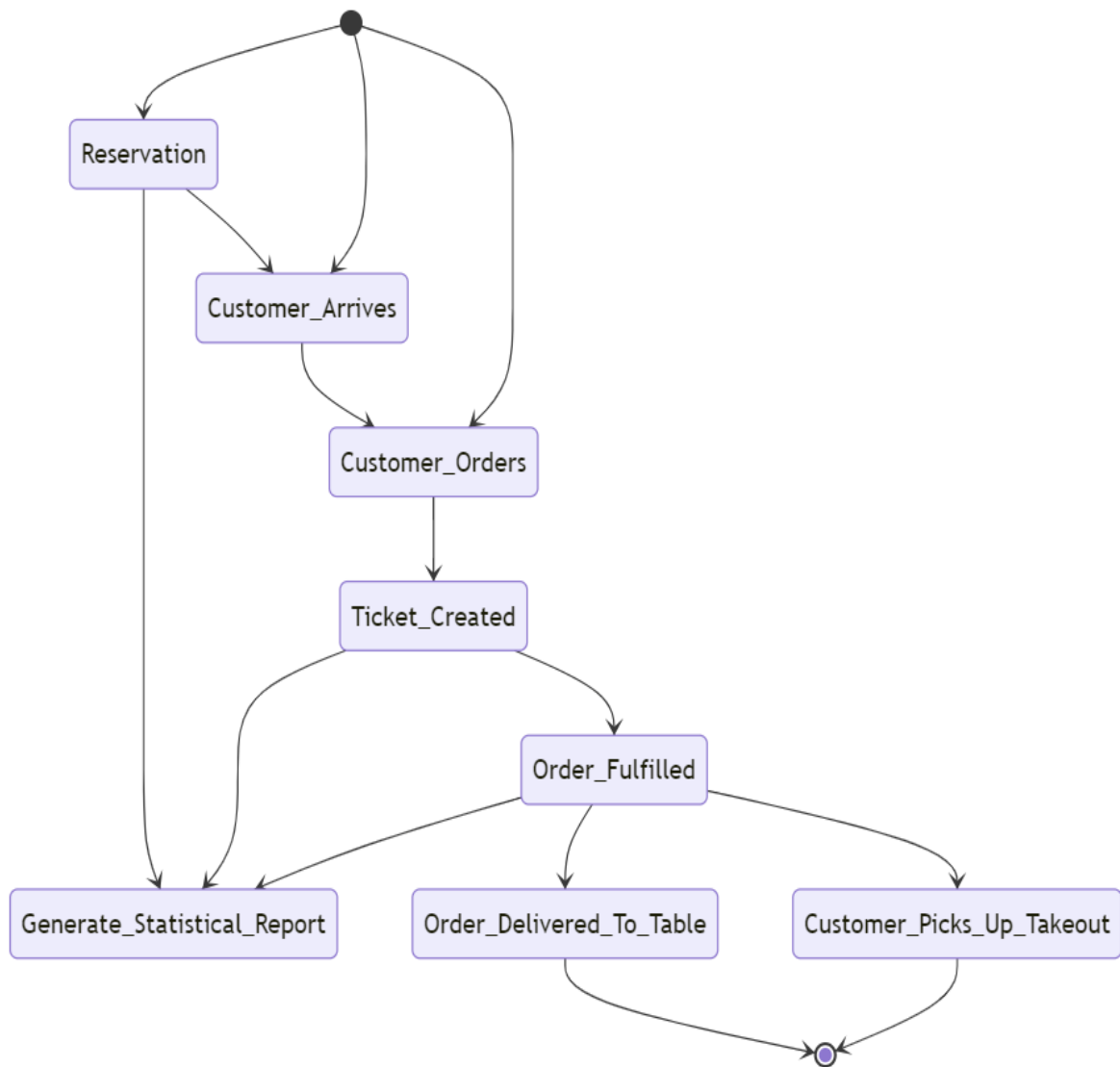| Task: 2. Preparing Orders	
Purpose: Prepare products the customer has ordered.	
Trigger: An order has been created by the front-of-house.	
Frequency: Frequent (~100 per hour).	
Critical: A large number of orders (140+ per hour).	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Deliver order to kitchen.	After orders are created on the system, they are automatically printed as tickets for the kitchen. Order details are also logged into to the database.
2. Prepare order.	The kitchen reads the order ticket and prepares all relevant products.
3. Plate order.	Relevant products are plated.
4. Deliver order to front-of-house.	Relevant products are moved to a delivery area to be given to customers.
Variants:	
3a. An item/s is take-out.	Relevant products are put into take-out containers.
4a. An item/s is take-out.	Relevant products are put in a separate area and are packed into a bag/s.

Task: 3. Delivering Orders	
Purpose: Deliver products to customers.	
Trigger: Order has been prepared, and customer can receive it.	
Frequency: Frequent (~100 per hour).	
Critical: A large number of orders (140+ per hour).	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Prepare order for delivery or pickup.	Orders are plated or packaged correctly for staff to identify.
2. Dispatch items to customers.	Waiters take plates/deliveries out to customers.
3. Confirm order.	Confirm order is received by customers.
Variants:	
2a. Items could be for delivery.	Items to be packed and sealed in a separate area.

Task: 4. Making Reservations	
Purpose: Allow customers to avoid queues and inform the restaurant how many patrons are expected to arrive.	
Trigger: Customer calls ahead and asks for a table reservation.	
Frequency: Occasional (~30 per day).	
Critical: The customer wishes to book the venue.	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Take reservation.	Ask the customer how many people will be dining and when.
2. Check availability.	Find out if a table is available at that time for that many customers.
3. Negotiate reservation details.	If the table is unavailable, negotiate an alternative with the customer.
4. Input reservation.	Input reservation details into computer system.
Variants:	
2a. Customer books venue.	All seating in the venue must be free on that day. Some payment must be made upon booking the venue.

Task: 5. Creating Statistics Report	
Purpose: To gather data and make analysis on menu item popularity and usage patterns.	
Trigger: At the end of each month. OR A statistics report is required prematurely.	
Frequency: Monthly.	
Critical: Data loss.	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Retrieve relevant monthly data.	When an order is placed, the system automatically records each menu item along with relevant details such as table, quantity, timestamp, and customer ID. The order is marked as completed when it is finished so that the business knows what the average preparation time is.
2. Perform statistical analysis of monthly data.	System can be made to analyze collected data (e.g. Gather insights such as which menu items' popularity is seasonal.).
3. Visualize monthly data.	System automatically graphs data on the dashboard to help management view performance.
Variants:	
N/A	

Task: 6. Updating Customer Information	
Purpose: To keep customer details up to date.	
Trigger: When customer details change.	
Frequency: Rare (average <1 per year per customer).	
Critical: Customer no longer lives in the country.	
Subtasks:	**Example Solution:**
1. Inform business about information change.	A customer may use a different phone number to call the business, front-of-house realizes this and notes it down.
2. Verify customer identity.	The customer arrives at the business and pays for their order, this verifies their identity.
3. Update relevant information.	Front-of-house updates the customer's phone numbers on the database to include the new one.
Variants:	
N/A	

6 - Workflow

7 - Quality Attributes of System

When developing the new restaurant information system for the Relaxing Koala restaurant, quality attributes are a major factor for the success and seamless operations for expanding the business. There are several quality attributes we need to look at while being good software architectures. In this section we will be looking at the following quality attributes. Usability, security, reliability, performance, and portability. As the restaurant is making a transition from manual processing to a computer supported system, these attributes are essential in optimizing the efficiency and quality of the services provided by the system.

Security

Security is a paramount issue that concerns the Relaxing Koala restaurant. The new Restaurant Information System (RIS) should consider this. This is because of all the sensitive customer information that would be registered into the new system, such as contact details, phone numbers, bookings, online payments, and card transactions. Breaches and threats to this sensitive will be a major problem for the restaurant, it would cause financial lost, loss of trust and damage to the restaurant's reputation, thus ensuring the security and privacy of this data that the new systems gains are essential.

Therefore, the system must:
- Have access control, giving different users such as managers, waiters, and front-of-house different levels of access to this sensitive information.
- Store all data in a way that complies with Australian privacy law.
- Have strong user authentications and passwords such as multifactor authentication even though it can reduce the useability.
- Have a secure payment system that follows industry standards for things such as online payments and card payments.

Usability

From the case study provided we identified that the Relaxing Koala are using "very low- tech, mostly manual fashion" system within the restaurant. So therefore, the new system we are creating must be simple and easy for the staff and customers to use. The user interfaces we are creating, for e.g., the ordering system, online booking system must be straightforward with

minimum training for staff and customers to use. This would increase efficiency and optimize the daily operation conducted by the restaurant, helping them in their expansion.

Therefore, the system must:
- The user interface must be user-friendly and have consistency for staff and all types of customers to use with ease.
- Have minimum and easy steps for ordering.
- Have tooltips, popups, and accessibility features to help customers/staff to help them in certain scenarios.

Portability:

Portability is crucial for the new RIS as it allows for flexibility and accessibility across various devices, environments, and browsers. From the case study we know that Relaxing koala have the idea of expanding their menu online and having an online ordering system. Portability is a crucial step for this process as there would be different customers with a variety of devices trying to order from the new Online ordering platform seamlessly whether it's through an app or website using a smartphone or laptop. This would enhance customer engagement and improve the overall satisfaction of the customers, moreover it would allow the business itself to be competitive in the market.

Therefore, the system must:
- ✓ Have cross browser capability.
- ✓ Have cross platform capabilities with seamless user interfaces designed to behave identically on any device.

Reliability:

Having a reliable system is crucial for the Relaxing Koala Restaurant, we must ensure that the newly developed RIS system operates consistently and efficiently during the operation hours of the restaurant without fail. This will help minimize disruptions and issues that would arise in the restaurant like delays in ordering, booking malfunctions and system crashes. Therefore, avoiding negative experiences for both the staff and customers themselves. Moreover, a reliable system will be beneficial for the business itself as it would optimize daily operations compared to the existing old-fashioned system.

Therefore, the system must:

- ✓ Be available 100% of the time during operational hours.
- ✓ If any disruptions happen to the system a minimum down time of 5-8 minutes should be the time frame to get the system back in operations
- ✓ The system should be developed in a way that supports scalability, where if the operation wants to grow in the future no disruptions must occur.
- ✓ Have regular checks and tests to make sure the system is fully functioning and there are no faults or errors in the system.

Scalability:

Scalability will be a big factor for the Relaxing Koala restaurant, if they want to keep expanding their business. The newly built RIS system must be able to handle increasing demands in work and requests in a efficient manner without breaking the system. As the restaurant wants to expand even more, the system must be able to scale up to support the growing work without it affecting other quality attributes like reliability and usability.

Therefore, the system must:
- ✓ Be able to scale according to the changing workloads.
- ✓ Be able to consistently monitor the workload that the system is handling.
- ✓ Plan for future growth and expansion of the existing RIS system.
- ✓ Carry out testing to identify and mitigate potential scalability errors/issues.

8 - Other Requirements

In addition to supporting all the tasks outlined in section 4, the system shall meet the following requirements:

8.1 - Product Level Requirements

- ❖ **Performance:**
  - ➢ The system shall respond to user requests within 2 seconds under normal operating conditions.
- ❖ **Reliability:**

> ➢ The system shall have an uptime of at least 99% over a one-year period.

❖ **Scalability:**

> ➢ The system architecture shall support the addition of at least 20% more customers and orders without significant performance degradation.

❖ **Security:**

> ➢ User authentication and authorization mechanisms shall be implemented to ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive information such as customer data and financial transactions.

❖ **Data Management:**

> ➢ The system shall store and manage data input by users.
> ➢ Data entry shall undergo relevant validation procedures.
> ➢ Data validation shall adhere to SwinSoft internal data validation standards.

❖ **Information Display:**

> ➢ The system shall display relevant information/data upon user request.

❖ **Reporting Functionality:**

> ➢ The system shall generate and display relevant reports.

❖ **Document Generation:**

> ➢ The system shall print receipts and invoices.

8.2 - Design Level Requirements

❖ **Modularity:**

> ➢ The system shall be designed using a modular architecture, allowing for easy addition or modification of features in the future.

❖ **Flexibility:**

> ➢ The system design shall allow for customization of menu items, pricing, and other parameters to accommodate changes in the restaurant's offerings.

❖ **Database Design:**

- ➢ A relational database management system (RDBMS) shall be employed to store and manage data efficiently. The database schema shall be designed to optimize query performance and data integrity.

❖ **User Interface/Experience (UI/UX) Design:**
- ➢ The system shall adhere to the Swinsoft UI/UX design guidelines document for generic design decisions, including font sizing and color contrasts.

❖ **Special Algorithms:**
- ➢ The system shall incorporate special algorithms for data analysis.

❖ **Legal Documentation Display:**
- ➢ The system shall display Terms of Trade, Terms of Use, and Privacy Policy, and provide the option to download each document.

❖ **Branding Integration:**
- ➢ The system shall display the business logo on each screen.

❖ **Design Consistency:**
- ➢ The system shall follow the design guidelines of the business, including font styles and color palette.

9 - Validation of Requirements

9.1 - CRUD Check

Task / Entity	Customer	Order	Product	Booking	Invoice	Employee
1. Taking Orders	C, R	C, R	R		C, R	R
2. Preparing Orders		R	R			R
3. Delivering Orders	R	R	R		R	R
4. Making Reservations	C, R			C, R	C	
5. Creating Statistics Reports	R	R	R	R	R	R
6. Updating Customer Information	R, U, D					

10 - Possible Solutions

10.1 - Staff-Oriented Application-Based System

This approach involves staff members utilizing a computer-supported system to streamline restaurant operations while maintaining customer interaction. Key features include:

- ❖ Staff-initiated interaction with the system.
- ❖ Use of desktop computers and mobile devices (tablets) by restaurant staff.
- ❖ Automated processes for reservation management, order taking, and payment processing.
- ❖ Customizable options for menu items and customer details.
- ❖ Managerial access for generating statistical reports on sales data and trends.

10.2 - Customer-Oriented, Self-Service System

This approach empowers customers to engage with the restaurant's system independently, enhancing their experience and reducing staff involvement. Key features include:

- ❖ Self-service kiosks or mobile apps for customers to make reservations, place orders, and view menu items.
- ❖ Access to real-time information on table availability, wait times, and order status.
- ❖ An option for staff assistance if needed, maintaining a balance between self-service and personalized service.
- ❖ Benefits include improved efficiency during peak hours and enhanced customer satisfaction.
- ❖ Consideration of initial hardware costs and system responsiveness to ensure a seamless user experience.

10.3 - Cloud-Based Web Application

An alternative solution involves migrating the restaurant information system to a cloud-based platform, offering flexibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness. Key features include:

- ❖ Hosting the system on cloud infrastructure such as AWS or Microsoft Azure.
- ❖ Scalability to accommodate fluctuations in demand and ensure optimal performance.
- ❖ Pay-as-you-go model, reducing upfront hardware costs and maintenance overhead.
- ❖ Integration of online reservation and ordering functionalities accessible via web browsers or mobile apps.
- ❖ Enhanced reliability and accessibility, enabling remote management and updates.
- ❖ Potential for expanding online presence and offering additional services such as delivery or online payments.

These solutions offer different approaches to modernizing the operations of the Relaxing Koala restaurant, considering factors such as staff efficiency, customer satisfaction, and technological advancements in the hospitality industry.