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ECOMMERCE SHOE STORE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Shoepermarket is a fully responsive online ecommerce website just for shoes. The online shopping application displays shoes, both new and used, for all brands. Customers can add in a brand they wish for, and they are notified as it appears on the website.

Jesus Estrella, owner of Shoepermarket, loved shoes and conceived this idea as he realized that there wasn't an online web application that caters exclusively to shoes, with all possible brands available.

As an eCommerce store owner, the last thing you want is to handle product returns – the most challenging aspect of doing business online. To avoid such complications, you need a solid strategy that works right from choosing a type of shoe to delivering an exceptional experience on your website.

With that in mind, we have prepared this detailed guide to provide all the information you need to start an online shoe store from scratch. Your customers no longer want to have the same generic white sneakers.

They want to add a personal touch to their shoes, and hence biggies like Adidas and even startups have started enabling product customization.

For instance, below is a design studio by Toesmith. The brand allows shoppers to choose from different colors and lets them add their pictures, add text, and so on.

Curious to know how you can start selling custom shoes online? With Brush Your Ideas' fully-functional Explore Web to Print Solutions, you can let your customers design your product. Click the link below and see how the magic of product customization works.

1.2 Purpose

It's up to you whether you want to sell shoes, for men, or women, sneakers, boots, or any other type. A good thing to do is to do market research, prepare an online shoe business plan and understand what works and what doesn't. Suppose you are in Europe and you want to sell in the Asian market.

If your goal is to sell any and every type of shoe, beware it's not a smart move.Of course, everybody needs shoes. But targeting everybody is a risky thing in eCommerce. We suggest starting by choosing a niche product that aims at specifying specific market needs. You might have already figured out but in case you have not, here's what you can do

Instead of thinking – "I want to sell men's shoes," focus on a narrow market like leather shoes, knee-high boots, sneakers, and so on. Focusing on a niche will aid in getting in front of the right audience for a small business.

No matter which niche you choose, one way to stand out from your competitors and build a loyal customer base is to consider offering customizable shoes.

A logo is one of the most recognizable things about your business. A well-crafted logo can send the right message to your target audience. Use simple icons and fun colors to communicate who you are and what you do. Tools like <u>Logomaker</u>, Adobe Illustrator will make your task easy.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

Start by asking questions:

- which are the best-selling shoes in Asia?
- Which specific product do I want to focus on?
- How will I sustain my business?

- What is the minimum order quantity?
- What is the sample pricing?
- What is production pricing?
- What is the turnaround time?

2.2 Proposed Solution

Make sure the name of your online shoe business represents your vision in just one or two words. Don't be obscure but think of something that is memorable. Tools like Shopify's Business Name Generator, Brand Bucket can be helpful for brainstorming.

Starting an online shoe store doesn't exempt you from certain legal requirements. The licenses you require depends on the type of product, and your business requirements. Moreover, every state and city has different requirements which you need to find out. Some licenses that an online shoe business requires include:

- A Business Operation License which allows your eCommerce business to conduct business in your city, county, or state.
- An Employer Identification Number (EIN) that identifies your business as a distinct tax entity.
- A Seller's Permit (or Seller's License) to legally sell the shoes online.

A product with a high price might see fewer sales. While lower rates are not always ideal. As a store owner, the best you should do is balance. After considering factors like product and business cost, competitor's price, and revenue goals, choose the right pricing strategy for online shoe business.

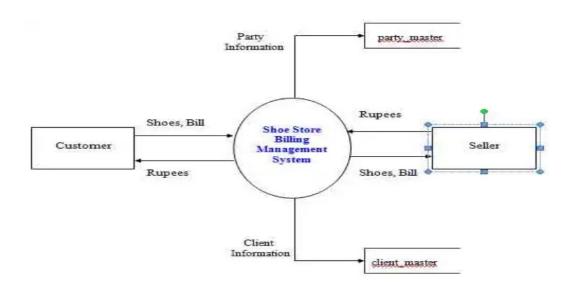
Here are some strategies that will aid your decision

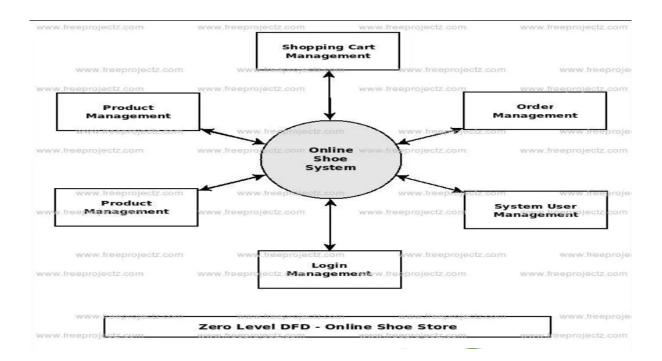
- Use the MSRP the price your manufacturer recommends.
- Keystone pricing where you double the wholesale cost of your product to determine the retail price.
- Competitive pricing where you consider competitor pricing data as a benchmark and consciously price your product below theirs.

• Starting an online shoe store requires in-depth market research and choosing tech tools. At Brush Your Ideas, we have the skills and experience to understand your requirements and offer services within your budget. Let's get in touch to see how the show designer will work with your e-store.

3. THEORITICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 Block Diagram





3.2 Hardware/Software Designing

- **Security** The most important thing to consider while choosing a platform is security. In the future, your online store is actively going to take digital payments. Be sure the platform you choose offers top-notch security. Choose a platform that supports HTTPS/SSL for a safe checkout. Moreover, it must be equipped with PCI-DSS compliant payment solutions such as PayPal, Stripe, Square, WorldPay, Braintree, and SecurePay for secure payment processors.
- Analytics After you launch your online shoe business, you will want to keep track of
 analytics on how your shoe store is performing. Consider a platform that allows you to track
 sales, order amount, and more.
- Mobile responsiveness With the increasing use of smartphones and tablets, it's crucial to have a mobile-responsive eCommerce platform. Look for a platform that allows your online store to be mobile-friendly, meaning it adapts to different screen sizes and is easy to navigate on smaller devices. This will ensure that your customers have a seamless shopping experience regardless of the device they use.

User-friendly Store

The Internet doesn't give a second chance. A poorly designed and performing website is a major credibility killer. Did you know <u>88%</u> of online consumers are less likely to return to a site after a bad experience?

The key here is to help shoppers get what they want without unnecessary clutter. This means you need to focus on user experience by providing shopping categories, filters, and capabilities to compare product and price.

Nice Videos & Photos

If you are thinking to post a picture and write the description in bullet points, then it's not a good idea. Shoppers want to see the product image from different angles. Let them not just zoom the picture but get a feel of the picture. Your shoe store needs high-resolution photos and videos that do not take too long to load.

Mobile-friendly Experience

79% of smartphone users have made a purchase online using their mobile devices in the last 6 months. To give a user-friendly experience, ensure that your store is responsive, adapts to whatever device is accessing.

Return Policy

ensure your shoe store has a clear return policy. This will help build trust with customers that your brand is there for them in case of anything.

For years, the color and design of each Nike shoe were limited. When customers were more and more looking for customization, most shoes that Nike offered were either in black or white.

Later, Nike introduced a game-changing platform to change the way customers buy sports shoes, and bring more innovation to the operating model of shoe manufacturing.

You can provide similar value to your customers by integrating a 3D Configurator or even a Product designer tool.

With a 3D Configurator, you can offer a shopping experience beyond customization. Your customers can personalize parts such as outsole, heels, midsole, and even the texture of their shoes. They can have a realistic view of your shoes from every angle.

- (a) SaaS eCommerce platforms like Shopify, BigCommerce, best suited if you do not want to deal with technical complications. The provider builds, hosts, and manages the software. This limits your ability to customize.
- (b) open-source like WooCommerce, Prestashop where you can view, change, or distribute the source code as per your purpose. They give you complete control to personalize your source.

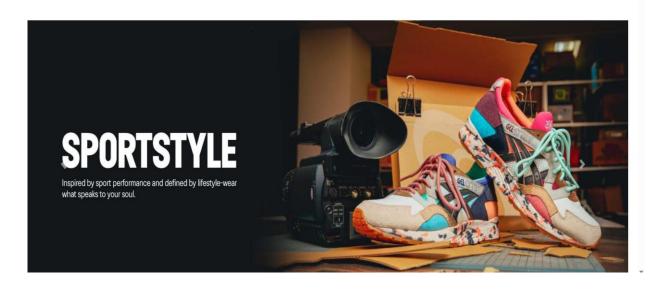
There are loads of eCommerce builders. Some are reliable, some require technical expertise, some are expensive, while some are budget-friendly. Here are some eCommerce platforms that you should consider when starting an online shoe store.

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4. RESULT

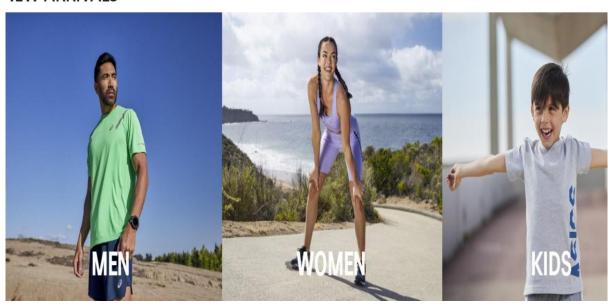


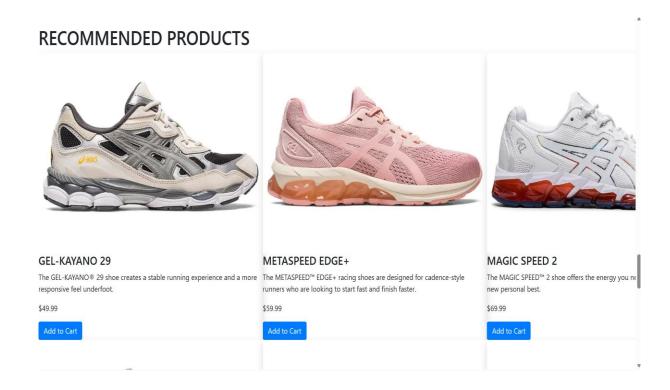






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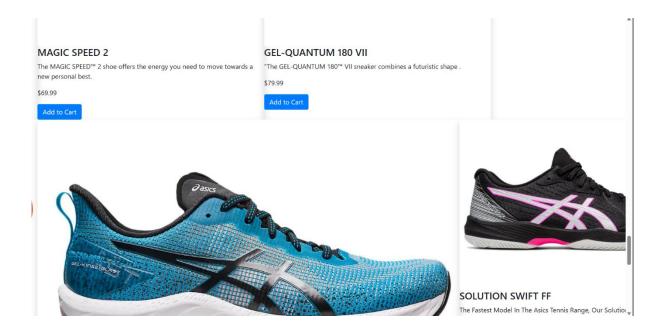
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5. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

The web rules the world. For several businesses, technology has become a game-changer. Different organizations have embraced technology and its advancements from time to time. Nowadays, because of the benefits that it provides, many people prefer online shopping. Generally, most consumers click their way to lifelike online shopping portals for shoes. Shoes are among the items that are listed below that urge a person to buy footwear online.

In almost all sectors, online shopping has become very popular and the shoe industry has not been left behind. It's hard to imagine that in a world in which people like to wear their new shoes before purchasing them, online shoe stores are becoming more and more prominent. That is why if you intend on buying shoes, you can opt for online shopping for its undoubted advantages:

1. VAST VARIETY

Land-based shops can only fit a small number of shoe stores depending on the size of the property. If you want to get a wider range, try online shoe shops. You can easily lookup for different types of heels & shoes by price, height, style, colour, brand, new additions, and those offered, such as battle boots. Some retailers may also prescribe shoes based on activities or use. It makes all the more fun for buying ladies shoes online as there are countless styles of women's shoes which describe their magnificence, but some of them certainly ought to live in every woman's closet so that they never struggle to dominate the world with their prodigious design.

It's about time you put away your normal flip flops and lift your quotient style by adding these new fancy pair of heels for women to your collection. So many more online retailers attach great value to their clients, supplying them with outstanding customer support and a wide variety of items. Apart from that, the Internet provides a wide range of retailers to make buying shoes online beneficial.

2. CLEAR AND HASSLE-FREE

If you browse for<u>sneakers online</u>, you won't feel the burden of promotional gimmicks synonymous with land-based shops. You're not going to get a salesman coercing you to make a deal.

This ensures that you can search for battle boots without any burden and be able to make an educated decision. In addition, through online shoe size conversion maps, you'll have a world of shoes to choose from when you buy designer shoes online.

3. FITTING PRICE RANGES

Have any of you ever wondered how much petrol you expended in a year on just buying stuff? Yeah, you're not even going to care about it at the real price of petrol. Stuff like commodity costs, warehousing, workers, local taxes, and other considerations make the commodity considerably higher than the final price at the time of production. That's why shopping online is a solution when you talk about cutting costs. Online retailers tend to deliver more reasonable prices than conventional retail stores.

This seems to be due to the intensely competitive environment of online shoe firms. Any consumer is searching for ways to save money, and shops are going to lower their rates to draw more buyers. Buying shoes online means you get attractive discounts and coupons that make you buy a catch. In comparison, the operating costs for virtual shoe stores are minimal, allowing them to pass these savings on to consumers.

4.CONVENIENT

You could purchase sneakers from your home without much effort, most stores now offer free delivery, and some also offer free shipping and return plans with no sales tax. It's pretty easy to search online and buying ladies' shoes online. These shops run 24 hours a day during the year. This ensures that you can shop wherever you want, without having to wait for the stores to open. You can also buy everywhere without having to get ready, walk, or drive to the Physical Store to get the right shoes. So get cozy on your couch and shop while enjoying your favourite web series or a movie with some popcorns.

5. RELIABLE QUICK DELIVERIES

So, the <u>online shoe store</u> has become a very popular place to buy shoes. A virtual store is not constrained by time, location, or any other kind of constraint. These store market sneakers directly to their prospective buyers without the intervention of any intermediary.

All you have to do is select your favourite pair or as many as you like, dump them in your virtual cart, place your order and then wait for your delivery at the comfort of your Home. Excellent quality shops also provide a wide variety of shipping options, such as three days of land, overnight shipment, express shipment, and a few more. No need to waste your petrol this time.

6. UNIVERSAL SIZING

You might just have assumed that you can only purchase a stunning dress or an exquisite handbag for women online, but now you can even purchase shoes as well as boots online without caring about getting the wrong size. If you see any of the most stunning single shoes online, don't let the fear of getting the wrong size deter you from buying them!

Instead, just weigh the length of your foot and sprint to appreciate the new pair of footwear It is highly essential to determine the length of your foot. Realizing how long your foot is in centimeters, you can quickly find a manufacturer's sizing map that will make it much easier for you to order your shoes in the correct size.

7. PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

From the ease of buying at your fingertips and next-day shipping to having amazing sales and an infinite catalogue of buyable items, online shopping has only gained more popularity. Confidential information is another advantage in automated

shoe shopping. Digital shopping gives shoppers the convenience and anonymity they need to shop for shoes.

You should still afford the pair you want without anybody knowing anything about it. With discreet shoe shopping, you're going to stop bumping into people when you're having a bad hair day. You'll still stop wandering eyes of sales ladies sending you a stern side-eye when you're trying on expensive designer stilettos for women. To better manage the collection, billing, and shipping of your purchases, e-commerce websites gather information such as your location, phone numbers, e-mail, and billing accounts. You know that, and you send them this knowledge when you plan to buy from their store.

8. GOOD EXPERIENCE

Online websites hold knowledge about your interests in order to make your shopping experience more unique. They remember the products you purchase or otherwise consider in order to make suggestions and send deals to your laptop that is sure to attract you. They also allow you to build and save wish lists. All these factors summed up together turn out to create a good shopping experience making you want to shop more and thus proving that buying shoes online is a good idea.

Shopping online for shoes is a positive experience, and everybody should consider checking it out. There are endless articles you can read to help you make the right decision. You can also check rates from different retailers to figure out how other shoppers rate the premium leather shoes you're planning to purchase. Buy your shoes and sandals online now to stop potential pangs of guilt for buyers.

9. PRICE

Online shops offer great deals and affordable prices than the typical shoe store. The main reason for this discrepancy is the competition that online retail stores face. In order to attract customers, labels and brands are eager to offer discounts and coupons for their products. Also, online shoe stores can keep their overhead costs low since they don't have to pay for rent, wages for salespeople, or even security which means they can afford to offer their products at a much lower price.

10.OPTIONS

Speaking of products, there are so many more options to choose from at online shops. There is simply no denying that the online world can give us exactly what we want when we want it. If one store doesn't carry a shoe style or size that you want, it is certain that the next online shoe store will have it without a huge disparity in the price.

11. CLARITY

Physical shoe stores are designed with advertisements in mind. Customers are more often than not manipulated to buy more than what they had intended. They do this by placing posters and other colorful messages that grab our attention.

These are usually placed in the front of the store with the intended products placed at the very back to make customers browse other products first. This doesn't happen in online shops. You search for a certain shoe brand and style, and when you click the link, you are immediately taken to the exact page.

12. PRIVACY

The last and sometimes the most important benefit of purchasing shoes online is privacy. New changes in the e-commerce space have mandated that retailers put in place privacy measures that ensure the safety and security of customers' personal information. No one would know what kind of shoes, the prices, and the style you bought other than yourself.

The number of people getting their shoes online will only continue to grow as we, as a society become more and more dependent on the internet.

Cons of buying shoes online

When it comes to buying shoes online, it is not always the best fit. In this section, we are going to be looking at some of the cons of show shopping online, and no matter if you are looking for <u>heels</u> or flats, sometimes it can be a bit of a struggle to find the perfect pair online. Here are some of the downsides of online shopping for shoes.

1. You can't try shoes on when shopping online

One of the biggest disadvantages of online shoe shopping is the simple fact that you cannot try things on. Shoes require the perfect fit, as if they are too small or large you can struggle with soars or blisters that will ruin your day.

Without the ability to try a pair of shoes on, you will have to not only wait for the shoes to arrive, but you will have to return the pair to a storefront if they do not fit for a refund. The lack of an ability to try shoes on can be a bit of a struggle for those that have larger or smaller feet and requires customers to often order multiple sizes to ensure they get the right fit.

2. You can't always talk to someone immediately

If you are experiencing a bit of an issue with your <u>shoes returns</u>, it can be a bit difficult to talk to someone to assist you with your issues. No matter if you are dealing with mispricing or delivery issues, online retailers often take a bit to get back to consumers due to a smaller staff than traditional brick and mortar locations.

Plus, if you are trying to work out a complicated return, you will need to ensure you have some patience and an afternoon to spend negotiating a practically impenetrable telephone tree.

3. Privacy and Security concerns

Although many of the major retailers have some of the best online security in the business, things happen. This is especially true when you consider smaller online stores do not have the security parameters to protect your privacy nor data. The online realm is always a concern, and with companies like IBM and <u>Sony being hacked</u>, it should come to no one's surprise that even the biggest brick and mortar stores that have an online presence

are susceptible to cyber concerns.

4.Hybrid stores

When you consider the habits and decisions of some of the largest retailers and companies in the world, they all have one simple thing in common. Those who are successful adapt to market conditions and for <u>Canadian shoe retailers</u>, the adaption to the online market has been crucial for their success. Canadian shoe stores have been the ultimate example of success in the shoe industry, so what does that mean?

Hybrid stores are a new type of shoe boutiques that combine both the online realm and the traditional brick and mortar store to appeal to all customers. When you consider some of the top retailers such as Nine West, Shoe Company and Designer Shoe Warehouse, the one thing that you should in common is a simple fact that they are hybrid retailers. No matter if you are looking for a Canadian shoe store, or something from Europe or somewhere in between, a hybrid store is the future of the industry.

Plus, the simple fact that you can easily find an <u>online shoe locator</u>, you will quickly be able to spot your next pair of shoes. Some of the top brands are available both online and in store, and I you are looking to buy shoes in Canada, hybrid stores are generally your best choice for the greatest selection and best pricing in the industry.

5.Some final thoughts

The online shoe industry has quickly become one of the largest retailers in the country, and with its ease of use and great options, it is no surprise to anyone. In this article, we considered the psyche of why people go online to shop and some of the pros of shoe shopping online including; convenience, price comparisons, discounts and notifications, infinite choice, easy access to reviews and no pressure sales.

Then we touched on some of the cons of online shoe shopping which included; issues around trying shoes on, not being able to talk to store clerks and of course privacy and security. Then we finished up by touching on the new era of the shoe store the hybrid store.

6. APPLICATIONS

1. Retail

E-retailing, often known as online retailing, is the sale of products and services by businesses to customers via online stores. This is done through the use of tools such as virtual shopping carts and e-catalogs. There are several **e-commerce applications** in this industry.

2. Accounting

Finance and e-commerce are more intertwined than ever before. Banks and stock exchanges make extensive use of e-commerce in their operations. Balance checks, bill payments, money transfers, and more services are available through online banking. Online stock trading allows users to trade stocks online by providing information about equities such as performance reports, analysis, charts, and so on via websites.

3. Production

In the manufacturing industry, e-commerce serves as a platform for firms to conduct electronic transactions. Groups of firms can carry out their activities more smoothly by combining purchasing and selling, exchanging market conditions, inventory check information, etc.

4. Trade

Applying e-commerce to trade elevates it to a higher level, allowing individuals to participate without regard for geographical borders. This encourages more participation, more bargaining and contributes to the success of the trade.

5. Advertising

Development and commercialization strategies like pricing, product characterization, and customer relationship can be boosted by utilizing e-commerce. This will give consumers a more enriched and personalized purchasing experience. Digital marketing tactics have grown in importance as a means of promoting enterprises.

6. Digital Shopping

People's buying habits have shifted dramatically in the previous several years. "Go online" has become a success mantra for all enterprises. <u>Online shopping</u> is easy, pleasant, and, in most cases, inexpensive. The success of online shopping applications like **Flipkart and Amazon** demonstrates this.

7. Web and mobile applications

Mobile commerce or **m-commerce application** is a subset of retail e-commerce. **Mobile or web application development** has become a must-have for companies looking to showcase their skills.

Purchases are made by the consumer using mobile or web applications that are optimized for the merchant. These programs also provide payment security by utilizing secure e-payment mechanisms.

Research

Evaluate the results and current developments in the specialized industry. The product makes a significant impact in gathering as much data as possible on a specific sector. To pass flawless judgments, it should be more detailed and to the point.

Recognizing Consumer Data

Demography is usually beneficial to the company. Determine the region, economics, and specifics of possible clients. Maintain track of customer surveys, consumer reports, and social media audiences regularly.

• Exploration

The most effective approach to enhance a firm is via research. There are several rivals even a minor decline implies severe market weakness. Investigate your rival's domination, strengths and weaknesses, company goals, insights, and so on.

7.CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the shoe store project presents a comprehensive and innovative solution to meet the demands of modern-day footwear retail. By leveraging cutting-edge technologies and customer-centric features, the project aims to enhance the overall shopping experience for both online and offline customers. The proposed e-commerce website and mobile app offer a responsive and user-friendly platform, enabling customers to browse through a diverse selection of shoes and make purchases conveniently. The integration of virtual try- on technology empowers users to visualize how shoes will look on their feet before makinga purchase, enhancing their confidence in selecting the right products. Personalized recommendations based on customer interactions and data insights cater to individual preferences, increasing the likelihood of successful conversions and fostering customer loyalty. The seamless omnichannel experience ensures consistency between the online and physical store, promoting brand trust and familiarity. Social media integration plays a pivotal role in expanding the brand's reach, engaging with customers, and leveraging positive user reviews to drive word-of-mouth marketing. With a strong emphasis on data-driven decision- making, the project gathers valuable insights into customer behavior, trends, and preferences, empowering the shoe store to adapt its marketing strategies and product offerings accordingly. Security measures, including integration with trusted payment gateways, instill confidence in customers when making online transactions, ensuring a safe and secure

shopping environment. By streamlining inventory management and implementing an efficient checkout process, the shoe store project aims to increase operational efficiency and customer satisfaction. In conclusion, the shoe store project stands as a promising endeavor that has the potential to transform the footwear retail landscape. By prioritizing user experience, personalization, data-driven decisions, and seamless integration, the project sets the stage for sustainable growth, increased sales, and a competitive edge in the dynamic retail industry. With a commitment to continuous improvement and customer-centricity, the shoe store project is poised for success in meeting the evolving demands and preferences of footwear shoppers.

The key findings of the project are as follows:

- **1. User Experience Enhancement:** The solution focuses on providing an enhanced user experience through features like virtual try-on, personalized recommendations, and interactive elements. These aspects aim to increase customer engagement and satisfaction.
- **2. Responsive Design and Mobile App:** The project ensures a responsive design, making the website accessible and optimized for various devices, including smartphones and tablets. Additionally, the dedicated mobile app further improves accessibility and convenience for onthe-go customers.
- **3. Social Media Integration:** By integrating social media platforms, the project aims to increase brand visibility, engage with customers, and leverage word-of-mouth marketing through positive user reviews and feedback.
- **4. Data-Driven Decision Making:** The solution utilizes data analytics to gather insights into customer behavior, preferences, and trends. This data-driven approach enables better decision-making for marketing strategies and product offerings.
- **5. Omnichannel Experience:** With an emphasis on providing a seamless omnichannel experience, the project bridges the gap between the online store and the physical store, offering consistent services and promotions across both platforms.
- **6. Secure and Trusted Transactions:** Integrating reliable payment gateways ensures that online transactions are secure, building trust among customers and reducing concerns related to payment security.

7.Inventory Management and Recommendations: The project streamlines inventory management, ensuring products are available and providing personalized product recommendations based on customer interactions.

8.FEATURE SCOPE

In the future, the shoe store project can be further enhanced to stay ahead of the competition and adapt to evolving customer needs. Here are some potential enhancements that can be made:

- **1.** Augmented Reality (AR) Try-On: Implement AR-based try-on capabilities, allowing customers to virtually try on shoes using their smartphones or AR glasses. This immersive experience can boost customer confidence in their purchase decisions.
- **2. Chatbots and AI Assistants:** Integrate AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants to provide instant and personalized customer support, answer queries, and guide customers through the shopping process.
- **3. Subscription Services:** Offer subscription-based models, allowing customers to receive new shoe styles periodically or access exclusive deals and benefits, fostering customer loyalty.
- **4. Social Commerce:** Leverage social commerce features, enabling customers to make purchases directly within social media platforms, simplifying the buying process and reaching a wider audience.
- **5. Enhanced Personalization:** Refine personalized recommendations by leveraging machine learning algorithms to analyze past interactions and offer even more relevant and tailored product suggestions.
- **6. In-Store Digital Experience:** Implement digital touchpoints within physical stores, such as interactive kiosks and QR codes, to provide customers with additional product information and online-exclusive deals.
- **7. Sustainability Initiatives:** Introduce eco-friendly and sustainable product lines to cater to environmentally conscious customers, promoting the store as an eco-friendly destination.
- **8. User-Generated Content:** Encourage user-generated content, such as customer reviews, photos, and videos, to build social proof and create an engaged community around the brand.

- **9. Same-Day Delivery and Fulfillment:** Offer same-day or expedited delivery options to provide faster shipping and delivery for local customers, enhancing the overall customer experience.
- **10. Virtual Events and Promotions:** Host virtual events, live product launches, and interactive promotions to engage customers online and create a sense of excitement around new arrivals.
- **11. Customer Loyalty Program Enhancements:** Refine the loyalty program with tiered rewards, early access to sales, and personalized incentives to encourage repeat purchases and brand advocacy.
- **12. AR-Fit Recommendations:** Utilize augmented reality for fit recommendations, enabling customers to find shoes that match their foot size and shape more accurately.
- **13. Social Impact Initiatives:** Engage in social impact initiatives, such as shoe donations or charity partnerships, to showcase the brand's commitment to making a positive differencein society.

By continuously exploring new technologies, optimizing the user experience, and staying attuned to customer preferences, the shoe store project can remain at the forefront of the industry, foster customer loyalty, and drive sustained growth in the competitive retail landscape.