Targeted at end-users and administrators, this manual provides clear instructions for employees to authenticate, view their equipment history, and return items using the Python client, as well as guidance for administrators on using the Oracle APEX interface for inventory management, maintenance scheduling, restocking, system monitoring, and backup procedures.

User Manuals & Guides

IFS325 Individual Assignment Documentation

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End-User (Employee Client) Documentation

Application Purpose:

Provides employees with a focused interface to view their assigned equipment and perform smooth, secure check-ins without needing full administrative access.

Usage Procedure:

- 1. Authentication: Launch the app, enter assigned EMPLOYEE_ID and password.
- 2. Viewing Equipment History:
 - Current Equipment: Lists active check-outs with booking and item IDs plus dates.
 - Usage History: Displays comprehensive historical transaction logs.
- 3. Returning Equipment:
 - *Manual Return:* Input the relevant BOOKING_ID from current equipment and submit return.
 - *QR Authentication:* Using the webcam, scan the QR code on the employee ID badge; the app automatically processes the return. Confirm success or failure is displayed post action.

Administrator Guide

Access: Login through the APEX application URL with administrator credentials.

Core Functions:

- Dashboard: View aggregate system health including inventory status, lowstock alerts, and usage trends.
- Inventory Management: Search, add, update, and monitor equipment records. Auto-generate QR asset tags for new items.
- Equipment Check-Out: Assign equipment to employees, ensuring stock validation.
- Maintenance & Restock: Track items under repair or maintenance and manage restocking processes with alert-based triggers.

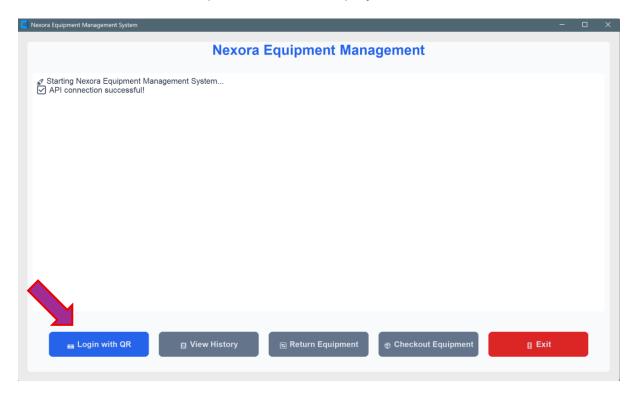
System Management

- Backups: Integration with Oracle RMAN backup scripts is crucial for data resilience and disaster recovery.
- Monitoring: API interactions from Python clients are logged in NEXORA_API_LOGS to support troubleshooting and auditing.

Employee Python Application Workflow

Login:

- Launch equipflow_app.py from PyCharm or command line to open the application interface.
- o Press the **Login via QR code** button to activate the webcam.
- Scan your employee QR code badge; upon successful login, your name and department will be displayed.



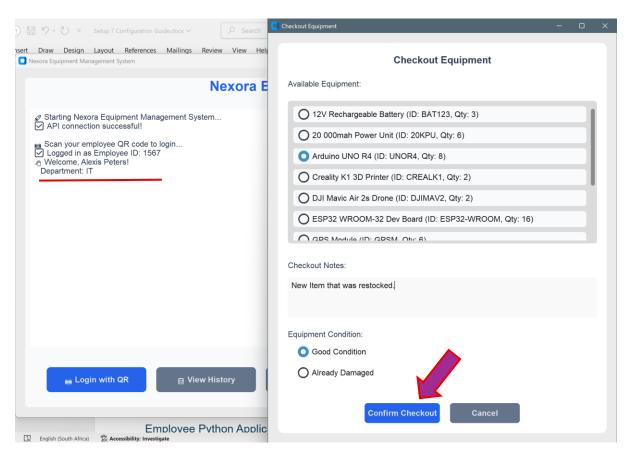
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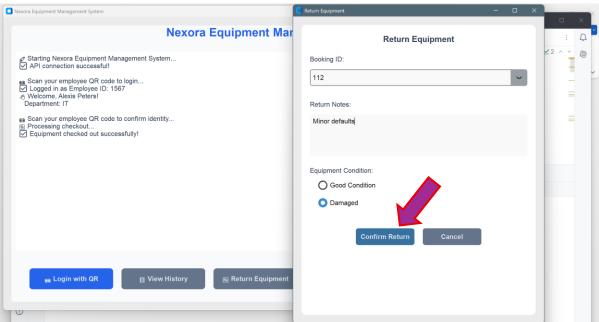
- o The application displays five main option buttons:
 - Login via QR code
 - View equipment history
 - Return equipment
 - Checkout equipment
 - Exit application

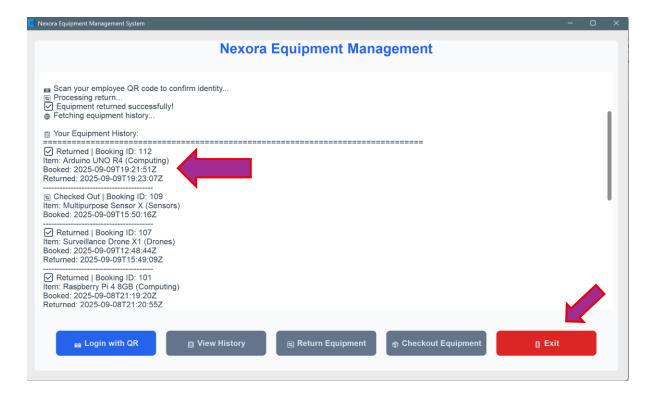
Equipment Checkout or Return:

o Press the corresponding button to open a form in a new tab.

- Select equipment from drop-down menus listing available or currently checked-out items.
- Add return/check-out notes and specify equipment condition (e.g., good or damaged).
- Use the confirmation buttons within the form to finalize the action.

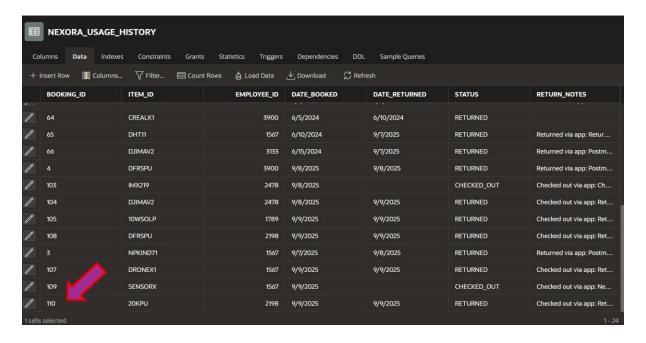






Verification and Feedback:

- The application performs API calls to Oracle APEX endpoints to update inventory and transaction data.
- Users receive confirmation messages in the interface.
- The updated inventory status can be verified through the Oracle APEX administrative web portal.



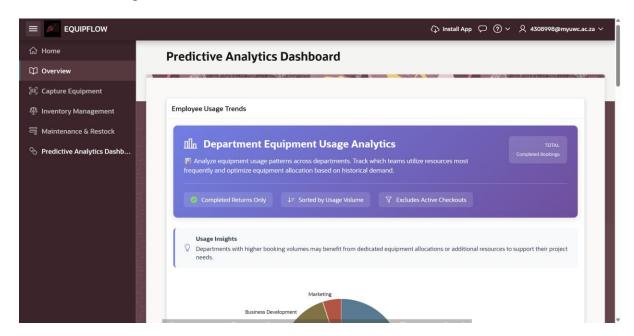
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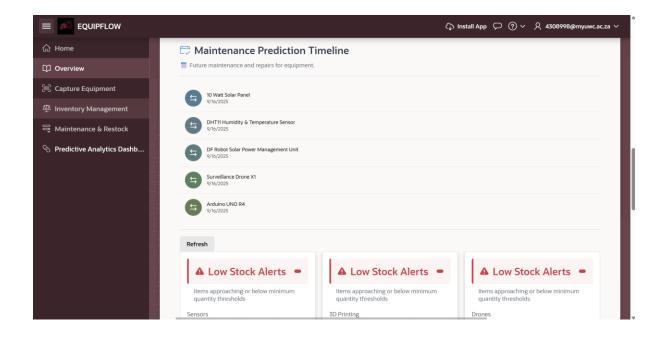
In addition to the Python client application, administrators are highly encouraged to access the Oracle APEX web portal to take full advantage of advanced equipment management, analytics, and monitoring functionalities. The rich feature set available in Oracle APEX complements the client application by providing centralized controls and insights through an intuitive browser interface.

Key Dashboards and Functionalities Available in Oracle APEX

Predictive Analytics Dashboard:

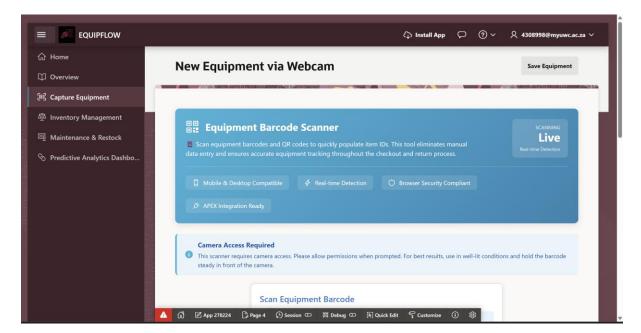
This dashboard presents visual predictive models and trend analysis related to equipment utilization, helping decision-makers proactively plan procurement and allocation strategies.

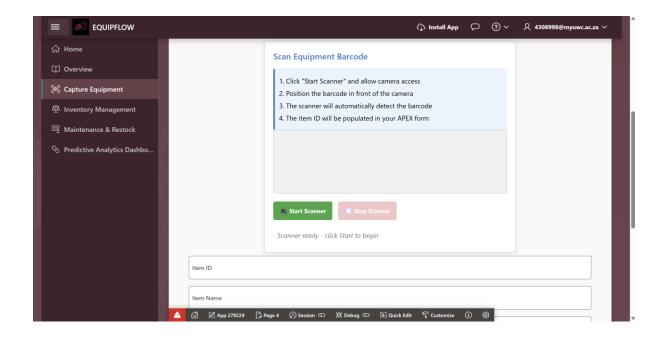




New Equipment Capture via Webcam:

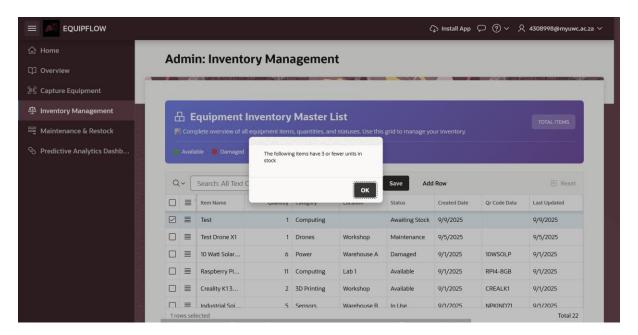
Admins can add new inventory items by scanning equipment QR codes directly through a webcam connected to their workstation. This automation streamlines asset registration and QR tag generation.

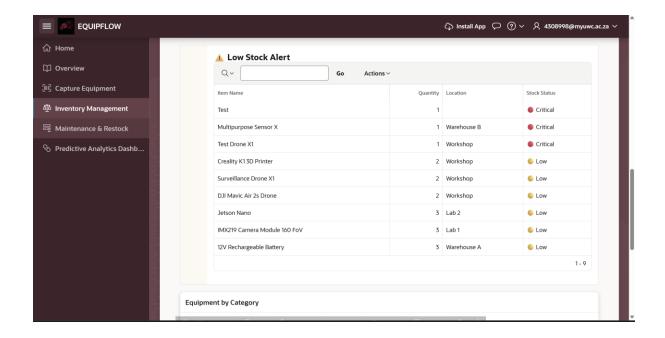




Inventory Management with Low Stock Alerts:

The inventory module displays all equipment records, highlighting items that have fallen below predefined stock thresholds (ALERT_THRESHOLD). This immediate visibility facilitates timely restocking actions.





Maintenance and Restock Scheduling:

Maintenance scheduling tools allow tracking of items marked as damaged or under repair, enabling administrators to plan maintenance activities and update statuses. Restock management helps generate purchase requests automatically when inventory reaches critical levels.

