Phase 6: User Interface Development

360-Degree Restaurant Lifecycle Management Platform

1. Introduction

After completing the core Apex logic and automation in earlier phases, the sixth phase of the project was dedicated to **User Interface (UI) development** using **Lightning Web Components (LWC)**. While Apex ensures that the backend processes run efficiently, the user interface is what determines how restaurant staff, managers, and administrators interact with the system on a daily basis.

The goal of this phase was to design and build **dynamic, user-friendly, and responsive Lightning Web Components** that make it easy for different stakeholders (customers, waiters, chefs, managers, and administrators) to navigate the system, place and manage orders, track inventory, and analyze sales performance.

In total, **eight Lightning Web Components** were developed, each serving a specific purpose within the restaurant lifecycle.

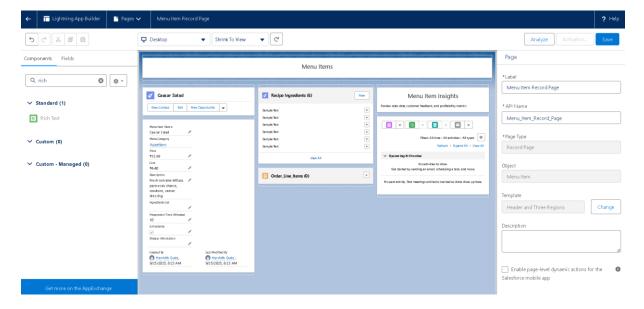
2. menuDisplay Component

The **menuDisplay** component provides a visually appealing way to browse through the restaurant's menu. Users can view all available dishes, apply filters, and perform searches.

Features:

- Displays all menu items with images, names, descriptions, and prices.
- Includes a search bar that allows filtering items by name or category.
- Provides filtering options such as vegetarian, nonvegetarian, beverages, and desserts.
- Integrates seamlessly with the backend so that when a new menu item is added in Salesforce, it appears instantly in the UI.

Use Case: Customers or waiters can quickly browse and suggest items to add to an order.



3. orderEntry Component

The **orderEntry** component acts as a guided, multi-step order creation tool. Rather than dumping all fields on one screen, the process is broken down into stages.

Features:

- Step 1: Customer details and table number.
- Step 2: Selection of menu items (integrates with menultemSelector).
- Step 3: Quantity, special instructions, and review.
- Step 4: Final order confirmation.
- Dynamically calculates subtotals, taxes, and total amount as items are added.

Use Case: Waiters can efficiently take customer orders in a structured way without missing details.

4. stockIndicator Component

The **stockIndicator** component provides real-time visibility into inventory levels. It visually shows the stock status of key ingredients using gauges, bars, and alerts.

Features:

- Displays stock levels of all ingredients.
- Highlights low-stock items with a warning color.
- Shows out-of-stock items in red with a systemgenerated alert.
- Can trigger automatic notifications to managers when levels drop below the threshold.

Use Case: Kitchen staff and managers use this dashboard to check ingredient availability before confirming large or special orders.

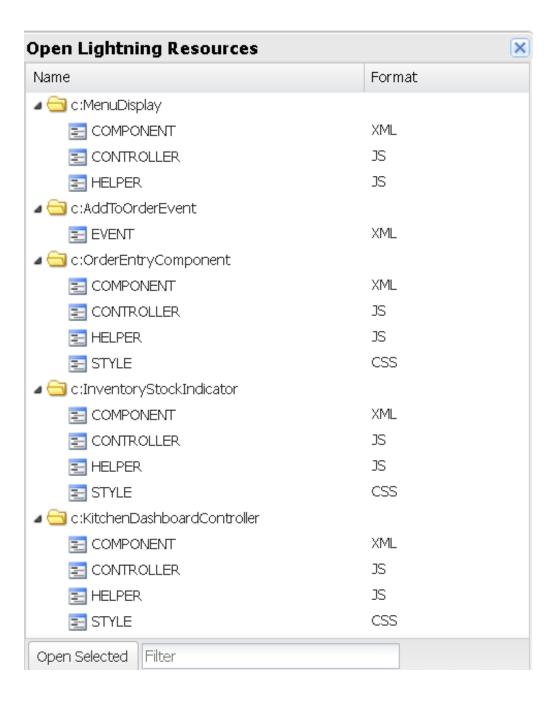
5. kitchenDashboard Component

The **kitchenDashboard** is designed specifically for chefs and kitchen staff to track real-time orders.

Features:

- Displays a live feed of all confirmed orders.
- Orders are categorized into statuses such as "In Preparation," "Ready to Serve," and "Completed."
- Each order card displays table number, items requested, and any special cooking instructions.
- The dashboard refreshes in real-time, ensuring no delays between order confirmation and kitchen preparation.

Use Case: The kitchen team uses this as their primary workflow screen to ensure timely food preparation.



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menultemSelector and menultemList Components

The **menultemSelector** and **menultemList** components were designed as **parent-child communicating LWCs**.

menuItemList displays the available menu items. When a user selects an item, it communicates the selection back to the **menuItemSelector** (the parent component), which adds it to the current order.

Features:

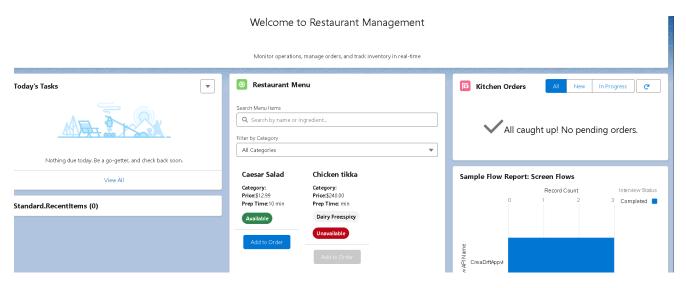
- Demonstrates event-driven programming between LWCs.
- Ensures reusability of the components in different parts of the application.
- Provides a flexible, scalable way to handle dynamic data passing.

Use Case: Integrated into the orderEntry process, this allows staff to build an order interactively.

Design Considerations

While developing these eight LWCs, the focus was on:

- User-friendliness: Components are designed for restaurant staff who may not be technically trained.
- Scalability: Components can handle hundreds of menu items, orders, and inventory records without performance issues.
- Consistency: Standard layouts, colors, and navigation patterns were used across components for familiarity.
- Real-time updates: Order status and inventory levels update instantly without requiring manual refresh.





The Lightning App Builder provides an easy to use graphical interface for creating custom Lightning pages for Salesforce Lightning Experience and mobile app. Lightning pages are built using Lightning components—compact, configurable, and reusable elements that you can drag and drop into regions of the page in the Lightning App Builder.

