

# Ideation phase

## Brainstorming / Idea Prioritization

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### 1. Introduction

This document describes the Ideation Phase for the Medical Inventory Management System built on Salesforce. The goal of this phase is to explore the problems hospitals and clinics face when managing medicines and to propose a viable Salesforce-based solution.

### Purpose

The purpose of this project is to create a reliable, easy-to-use system that helps healthcare facilities track medicine stock, monitor expiry dates, manage suppliers, and automate reordering using Salesforce features such as custom objects, Flows, Reports, and Dashboards.



### Background and Problem Statement

Many small to medium healthcare centers use manual spreadsheets or basic software to manage medical inventory. This leads to issues such as stockouts, expired medicines being used or wasted, inconsistent records, and poor reporting for audits and procurement. These problems increase costs and risk to patients.

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### Objectives

- Provide real-time visibility of inventory levels.
- Reduce stockouts and expired medicine occurrences.
- Improve procurement efficiency using automated alerts.
- Provide clear reports and dashboards for decision-making.

### Stakeholders

Primary stakeholders include: Administrators, Pharmacists, Procurement Officers, and Hospital Management. Secondary stakeholders include suppliers, auditors, and IT support staff.

### Brainstormed Ideas

The team considered multiple approaches:

- Build custom Salesforce objects for Medicine, Supplier, Purchase Order, and Stock Transaction.
- Use Flows for stock updates and scheduled checks for nearing-expiry items.
- Implement barcode scanning via mobile for quick stock updates.
- Create dashboards for stock levels, expiry alerts, and purchase history.
- Add role-based access: pharmacists, admins, and suppliers.

### Feasibility and Impact Analysis

Each idea was rated by feasibility and impact. Custom objects and Flows scored high for feasibility and high impact. Barcode scanning was medium-high impact but dependent on device availability. Dashboards and scheduled flows were high-impact and straightforward to implement in Salesforce.

### Outcome of Ideation

The team agreed to proceed with a Salesforce solution focused on: custom objects, Flows for automation, scheduled expiry checks, dashboards for monitoring, and simple mobile-friendly record pages for pharmacists.

### Next Steps

Move to Project Planning: define timeline, resources, and detailed requirements for each selected module.