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ABSTRACT

This project focuses on building an eCommerce website that offers a personalized book-shopping experience. Unlike typical online bookstores where users can only select and buy books, this platform adds a unique layer of customization. It allows users to personalize various aspects of the book — from character names and gender to features like skin tone, hairstyle, clothing, and accessories. Users can even upload their photo to appear on the title page of the book and add a special dedication message, making the book more personal and meaningful.

The platform is designed to operate in multiple countries, including India, Australia, Singapore, and Germany, and supports different language versions such as English (US/UK), German, and French. Books are available in both hardcover and softcover formats with multiple design variants, giving users a wide range of options to choose from.

The website includes all the core functionalities of a modern eCommerce system — product listings with filters, shopping cart, checkout, and secure payment gateways like Stripe and PhonePe. After placing an order, users receive a confirmation email and can track the order status. If the order is still pending, they also have a limited window to revise the personalization details.

From the backend side, the admin panel allows book order management — such as viewing orders, generating PDFs for printing, and assigning orders to printers by sending order details in JSON format. Tools like AWS S3 are used for image handling, while the personalization data is structured through JSON.

Overall, this project combines the convenience of online shopping with the joy of personalized storytelling. It aims to make the experience more engaging, especially for younger audiences or those buying books as gifts. In the future, the platform can be expanded to include more languages, regions, and advanced personalization options.

Introduction

The evolution of eCommerce has significantly transformed how people purchase goods, offering convenience, variety, and speed. However, **personalization** — especially in the context of book-buying — has remained limited. Most online platforms sell pre-designed books without allowing buyers to personalize the content or visual elements in a meaningful way. This project aims to fill that gap by developing a **user-friendly** eCommerce platform that enables full customization of books before purchase, thereby enhancing customer engagement and creating a more memorable user experience.

This platform is designed to function across multiple regions including India, Australia, Singapore, and Germany. It supports different language versions such as English (US and UK), German, and French, and allows users to personalize character names, select gender and appearance, upload personal photos, and write dedication messages. The platform offers both hardcover and softcover books with multiple design variants.

By introducing this interactive **personalization model** into the eCommerce space, the project not only enhances customer satisfaction but also opens doors for new markets in customized publishing. The system is scalable, making it possible to extend features like multilingual support, dynamic recommendation, and integration with third-party logistics in the future. Ultimately, it brings together storytelling, creativity, and technology to redefine the way people experience and gift books.

1.1 Problem Statement

Traditional bookstores and standard online platforms offer limited or no scope for customization of book content. This restricts the personal connection users can have with the product, especially when books are intended as gifts or for children. Moreover, the manual process of customizing physical books is time-consuming, expensive, and not widely accessible.

This project addresses these limitations by developing a digital platform that offers:

- a) An easy-to-use interface for personalizing books.
- b) Region and language-specific book availability.
- c) A streamlined checkout and secure payment process.
- d) Real-time order tracking with a brief window for re-editing personalized content before final confirmation.

The goal is to make book customization simple, accessible, and enjoyable for users without compromising on functionality or quality.

1.2 Case Study

Consider a parent in Germany who wants to gift their child a storybook where the child is the main character. On traditional platforms, this would require custom orders through niche services, often with high costs and long delivery times. With the proposed system, the parent can log in, choose a book, enter their child's name, pick character traits (like hair, clothes, and skin tone), and upload a photo for the welcome page. They can even add a personalized message and select a hardcover option in German — all within minutes.

Once the book is customized, they proceed to checkout, make payment using Stripe or PhonePe, and receive confirmation. If changes are needed, they can still update the personalization as long as the order is not confirmed and within the 12-hour window. After that, the book is processed and printed as per the chosen specifications.

This case illustrates how the system streamlines the process of personalized book buying while making it accessible to a wider audience.

System Analysis

2.1 Identification of Need:

1. **Lack of Deep Personalization Options**

Traditional eCommerce platforms do not offer customization of products to the level of personalization that a customer might desire, especially in the context of books.

2. **Limited Global and Language Support**

Most personalized book platforms lack real-time editing features and multi-language support, which makes it difficult for global users to relate to or use.

3. **Growing Market for Personalized Gifts**

There's a rising demand for personalized gifts, particularly in the form of children's storybooks that can include custom names, messages, and illustrations.

4. **Need for Interactive Interfaces**

Users expect a visual and intuitive experience where they can preview and make changes such as character appearance or personalized messages before purchasing.

5. **Operational Inefficiencies in Order Handling**

Manual workflows in book creation and order processing hinder efficiency—integrating automated tools for generating PDFs and assigning printers can streamline this.

2.2 Preliminary Investigation:

1. Competitor Analysis

A detailed review of similar platforms highlighted limitations in flexibility, visual design, and international availability, indicating room for improvement.

2. User Experience Gaps

Many existing platforms don't allow personalization after purchase or within a limited time, frustrating users who want flexibility in making changes.

3. Localization Requirements

User research emphasized the need for localized content-related support for different English dialects (US/UK) and European languages like French and German.

4. Manual vs. Automated Systems

Existing book personalization systems often rely on manual processing of orders and PDF generation, resulting in delays and errors.

5. Cost and Accessibility Issues

Some advanced systems are too expensive or complex, making them unsuitable for smaller businesses or broader use at the unit level.

2.3 Feasibility Study:

1. Technical Feasibility

i. Frontend Technologies

- **Next.js:** A powerful React-based framework for building fast, SEO-optimized web applications with server-side rendering and static site generation.
- **TypeScript:** A statically typed superset of JavaScript that helps catch errors early during development.
- **Tailwind CSS:** A utility-first CSS framework that allows rapid and consistent UI development.

ii. Backend Technologies

- **Node.js:** JavaScript runtime environment enabling backend logic and API development.
- **PostgreSQL:** A relational database system used to manage user data, book configurations, addresses, and order details.
- **MongoDB:** Optionally used for flexible, schema-less data needs.
- **Redux Toolkit:** Centralized state management for predictable and scalable data flow in the app.

iii. Development Environment (IDE)

- **Visual Studio Code:** A powerful and user-friendly code editor, suitable for working with multiple languages like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

2. Operational Feasibility

- The platform is user-friendly and supports customers from multiple countries.
- Real-time customization, visual previews, and filtering options simplify user interaction and improve conversion rates.
- Order tracking and the option to edit personalization of books add flexibility for end-users.
- For admin operations, assigning printers and generating book PDFs are streamlined for efficiency.

2.4 Project Planning:

The success of the **personalized eCommerce book** platform relies on a clear plan. Below are the key phases, activities, and timelines for efficient development.

1. Requirement Analysis (Week 1–2)

- Understand user needs, identify personalization features, and gather functional and non-functional requirements.
- Study the market and define target countries and languages.

2. System Design (Week 3–4)

- Define UI/UX wireframes for book personalization and checkout.
- Design the backend structure, including database schema and admin workflows.
- Choose suitable tools and services for image generation and hosting.

3. Development (Week 5–8)

- Implement frontend personalization pages and filtering system.
- Integrate backend APIs for book data, orders, and PDF generation.
- Utilize AWS S3 for image storage and Shopify for product and price management.

4. Testing (Week 9–10)

- Conduct functionality testing of book personalization, payment, and order tracking.
- Perform bug fixing and ensure all edge cases are handled smoothly.

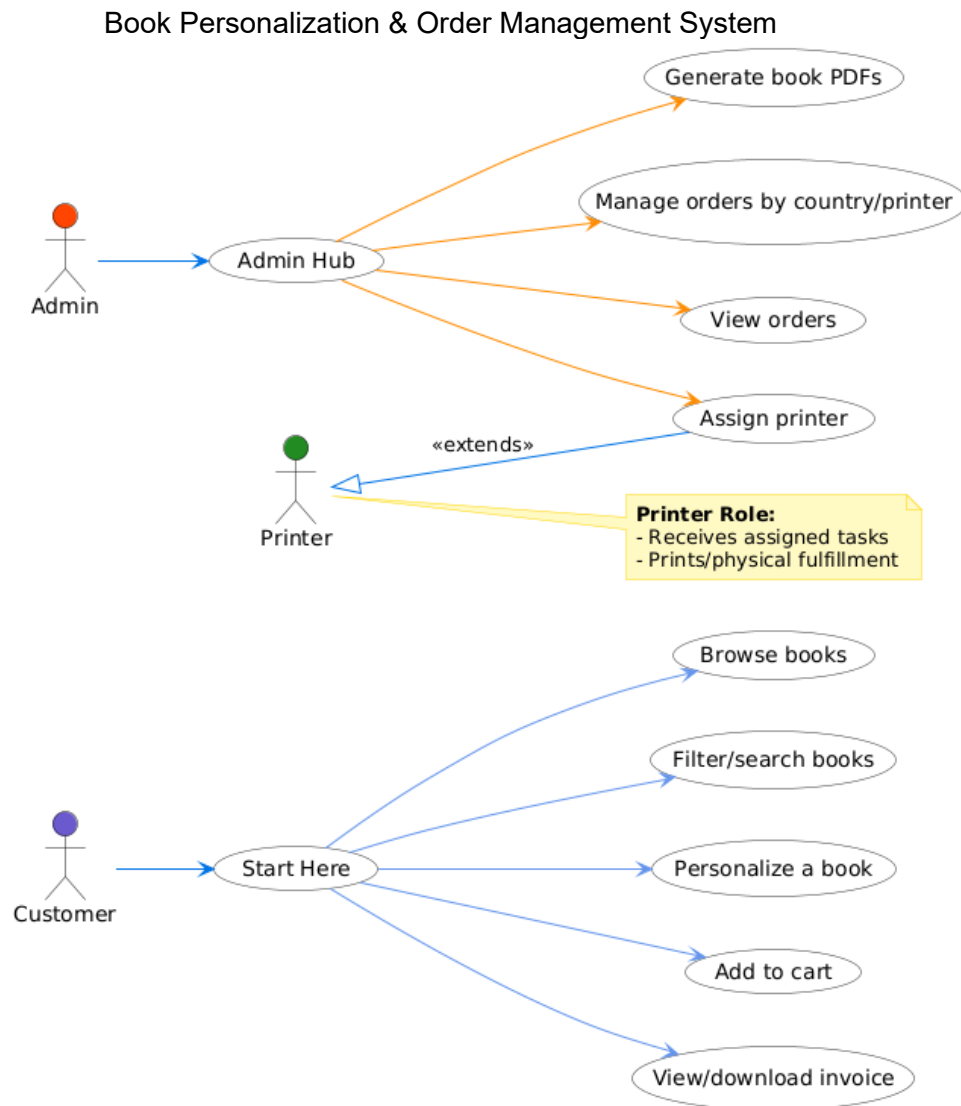
5. Deployment (Week 11)

- Deploy the platform on Vercel.
- Configure domains and CDN for performance and global availability.
- Test production environment.

6. Maintenance and Support (Ongoing)

- Monitor orders, printer connections, and personalization status updates.
- Regularly update content, labels, and country-specific settings based on feedback.

2.5 Use Case Diagram:



System Design

3.1 Modularization Details:

Breaking the application into logical, manageable parts improves code maintainability and system scalability. The key modules include:

i. User Management Module

- Handles registration, authentication, and profile management.
- Maintains user sessions and personalized settings.

ii. Book Customization Module

- Provides features for name changes, gender selection, and visual customizations (skin, hair, clothes, glasses).
- Supports uploading images and writing custom dedication messages.

iii. Product Catalog and Filtering Module

- Displays available book variants with language and cover options.
- Allows users to filter and sort books using predefined categories.

iv. Order Processing Module

- Manages cart, checkout, and order placement.
- Maintains order history and allows invoice generation.

v. Payment Gateway Module

- Integrates with Stripe and PhonePe for secure transactions.
- Ensures transaction confirmation and error handling.

vi. Admin Panel Module

- Allows viewing and filtering of orders by ID, name, book code, and country.
- Enables PDF generation and assigning print tasks.

vii. PDF Generation & Printer Assignment

- Converts customization data into book layout PDFs.
- Sends order JSON to selected printer endpoints.

3.2 Data Integrity and Constraints:

Maintaining reliable, accurate, and consistent data is vital for the website. To ensure reliability and trustworthiness, data constraints and rules are strictly applied:

3.2.1 Data Integrity

Our system upholds data integrity through the following strategies:

- **Relational Integrity**
 - All orders are connected to users, books, payments, and personalization details using foreign keys.
 - This ensures that there are no orphan records and that each transaction is traceable.

- **Atomic Transactions**
 - Actions such as placing an order and processing a payment are grouped as a single transaction.
 - On failure, everything rolls back to prevent partial data (e.g., payment without order).
- **Version Control for Customizations**
 - Personalized content (likes names, illustrations, etc.) is versioned to prevent overwriting.
 - This helps in keeping a record of each user's customized book at the time of purchase.
- **Data Sync Between Modules**
 - Data flows between frontend, backend, and database are synced in real-time.
 - This ensures consistency in personalization previews, cart prices, and order details.
- **Audit Trails**
 - Important actions like printer assignments, payment updates, or admin edits are logged.
 - This logging ensures accountability and maintains transparency.

3.2.2 Data Constraints

a. Primary Key Constraints

- Ensure uniqueness for key columns.
- Examples:
 - user_id in the **Users** table.
 - order_id in the **Order** table.
 - product_id in the **Product** table.

b. Foreign Key Constraints

- Maintain relationships between tables and prevent invalid references.
- Examples:
 - user_id in the **Order** table references **Users**.
 - product_id in the **Personalization-session** table references **Product**.
 - payment_id in the **Order** table references **Payment**.

c. NOT NULL Constraints

- Ensure that critical fields are never left empty.
- Examples:
 - email in the **Users** table.
 - amount and payment_status in the **Payment** table.
 - order_date in the **Order** table.

d. UNIQUE Constraints

- Ensure that certain columns have unique values.
- Examples:
 - email should be unique in the **Users** table.
 - order_id must be unique across the **Order** table.
 - book_code must be unique in the **Product** table.

e. CHECK Constraints

- Enforce conditions on column values.
- Examples:
 - quantity > 0 in the **Order** table.
 - payment_status should be one of ('pending', 'paid', 'failed').
 - price >= 0 in the **Product** table.

f. DEFAULT Constraints

- Provide default values for certain columns.
- Examples:
 - Default status for an order is "draft" in the **Order** table.
 - Default role is "customer" in the **Users** table.
 - Default payment_status is "pending" in the **Payment** table.

3.3 Design Approach:

The website uses a **relational database model** with PostgreSQL for structured data and MongoDB for flexible, dynamic content like user preferences and personalization settings.

i. Database Design:

The database is structured to provide efficient data storage and retrieval while maintaining integrity, scalability, and eliminating redundancy through normalization. It supports complex personalization logic and smooth order processing.

Core Tables

- **Users:** Stores registered user credentials and profile info (e.g., id, email, password, role).
- **Product:** Contains information about available books such as product_id, title, language, cover_type, book_code.
- **Personalization-session:** Captures customization data for each book order such as id, user_id, book_id, name, gender, skin_tone, message, image_url.
- **Order:** Manages order records such as order_id, payment_id, status, order_date, price.
- **Payment:** Handles payment information such as payment_id, amount, payment_status, timestamp.
- **Printer:** Stores printer details and endpoint data.

Relationships

- user_id in **Order** and **Personalization-session** references **Users**.
- product_id in **Personalization-session** references **Product**.
- payment_id in **Order** references **Payment**.
- order_id in **Personalization-session** links personalized data to specific orders.

Constraints

- **NOT NULL** ensures mandatory fields like email, price, and order_date are always present.
- **UNIQUE** constraints prevent duplicate email, book_code, and order_id.
- **CHECK** constraints validate values like price ≥ 0 or payment_status in ('pending', 'paid', 'failed').
- **DEFAULT** constraints assign initial values (e.g., order.status = 'draft', payment_status = 'pending').

- **Indexes** on frequently queried fields such as `user_id`, `order_id` improve performance.

ii. Procedural Design:

The system is broken into reusable, secure procedures that control key operations and enforce validations for a reliable shopping experience.

User and Account Management

- Handles registration, login, profile editing.
- Validates email uniqueness and password strength.

Product and Customization Management

- Displays catalog, filters, and sorting options.
- Manages book personalizations such as names, gender, skin, clothes and glasses.
- Upload image handling and preview generation included.

Order Processing

- Manages cart sessions, order creation, confirmation and invoice generation.
- Prevents checkout without mandatory personalization.
- Calculates order totals and applies discounts or tax logic.

Payment Handling

- Integrates with Stripe and PhonePe for secure transactions.
- Processes callbacks, verifies transaction tokens, and links payments to orders.

Admin and Printer Workflow

- Admin interface to filter, export, and manage orders.
- Generates printable PDFs from personalized data.
- Assigns printers via secure endpoints with embedded JSON payloads.

iii. Object-Oriented Design:

The backend models eCommerce entities using object-oriented principles to improve modularity, maintainability, and scalability.

Key Classes and Responsibilities:**User**

- **Attributes:** id, email, password, role, created_at
- **Methods:** register(), login(), updateProfile()

Book

- **Attributes:** product_id, title, language, price, book_code
- **Methods:** getVariants(), isAvailable()

Personalization

- **Attributes:** id, user_id, book_id, name, image_url, gender
- **Methods:** validate(), generatePreview()

Order

- **Attributes:** order_id, user_id, payment_id, status, created_at
- **Methods:** addBookToOrder(), confirmOrder(), generateInvoice()

Payment

- **Attributes:** payment_id, gateway_id, amount, status, timestamp
- **Methods:** initiatePayment(), verifyTransaction()

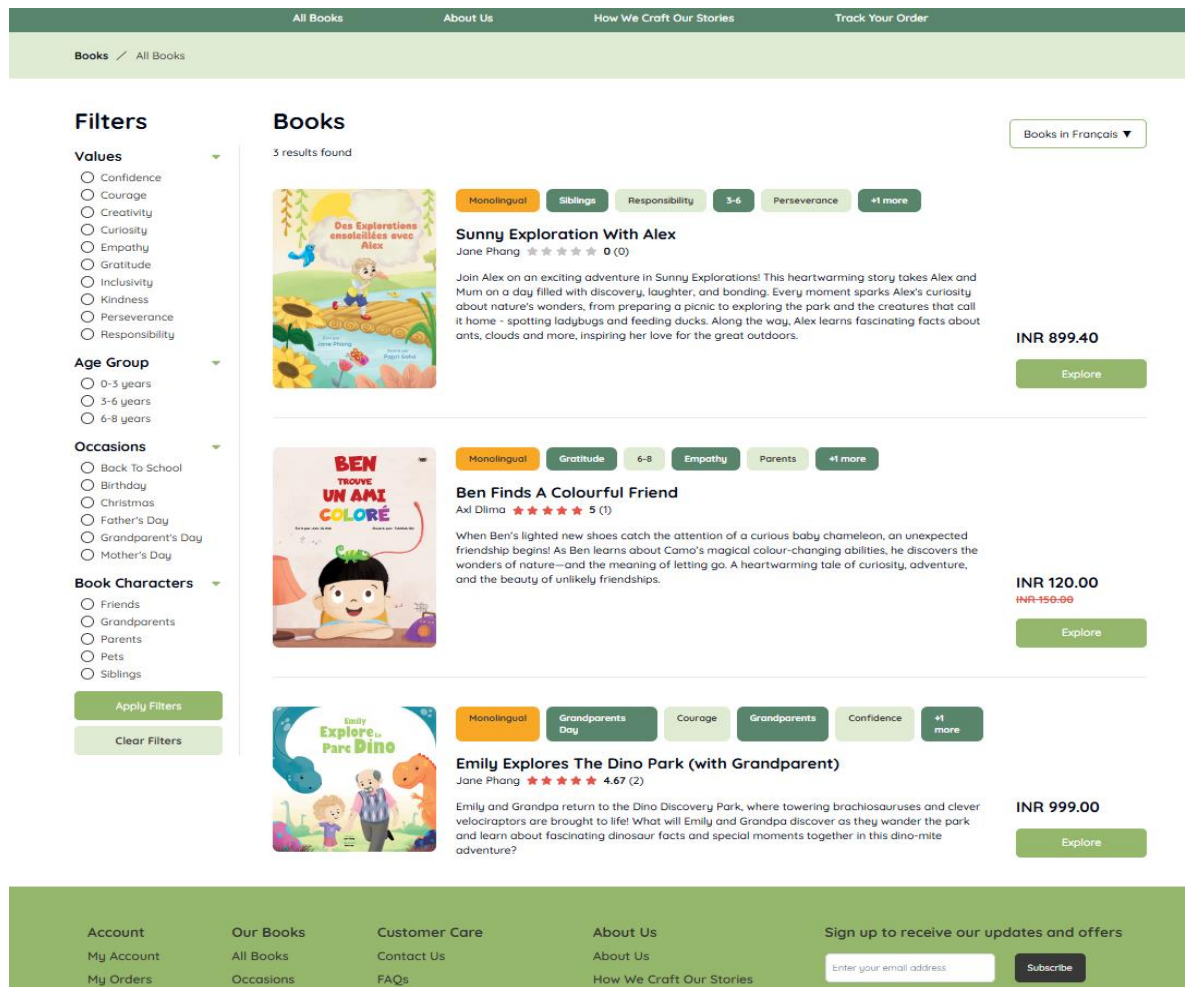
Printer

- **Attributes:** printer_id, endpoint_url, address, available_formats
- **Methods:** assignPrinter(), sendOrder()

Design Principles Applied:

- **Encapsulation:** Each class manages its own data and behavior, reducing interdependencies.
- **Abstraction:** Focuses only on relevant information (e.g., excludes raw printer API data).
- **Polymorphism:** Payment gateways use the same interface but operate differently for Stripe and PhonePe.

3.4 User Interface Design:



The user interface (UI) of this personalized book shopping website is designed to be visually engaging, intuitive, and functionally rich, especially for parents looking to gift meaningful stories to their children. The platform focuses on ease of navigation, personalization, and a seamless purchase experience.

1. Book Filtering System:

To make it easier for users to find books that resonate with their children, we provide a robust filtering system on the left sidebar:

- **Values** such as Confidence, Curiosity, and Empathy help parents pick stories that build character.
- **Age Group** options (0-3, 3-6, and 6-8 years) allow age-appropriate content selection.
- **Occasions** like Birthdays, Grandparent's Day, and Christmas help in picking themed books.
- **Book Characters** let users choose based on relationships like Friends, Parents, Pets, etc.

With just a few clicks, users can discover the perfect book tailored to their child's needs and context.

2. Book Listing with Details:

The main book listing section offers a clean and comprehensive view of each book:

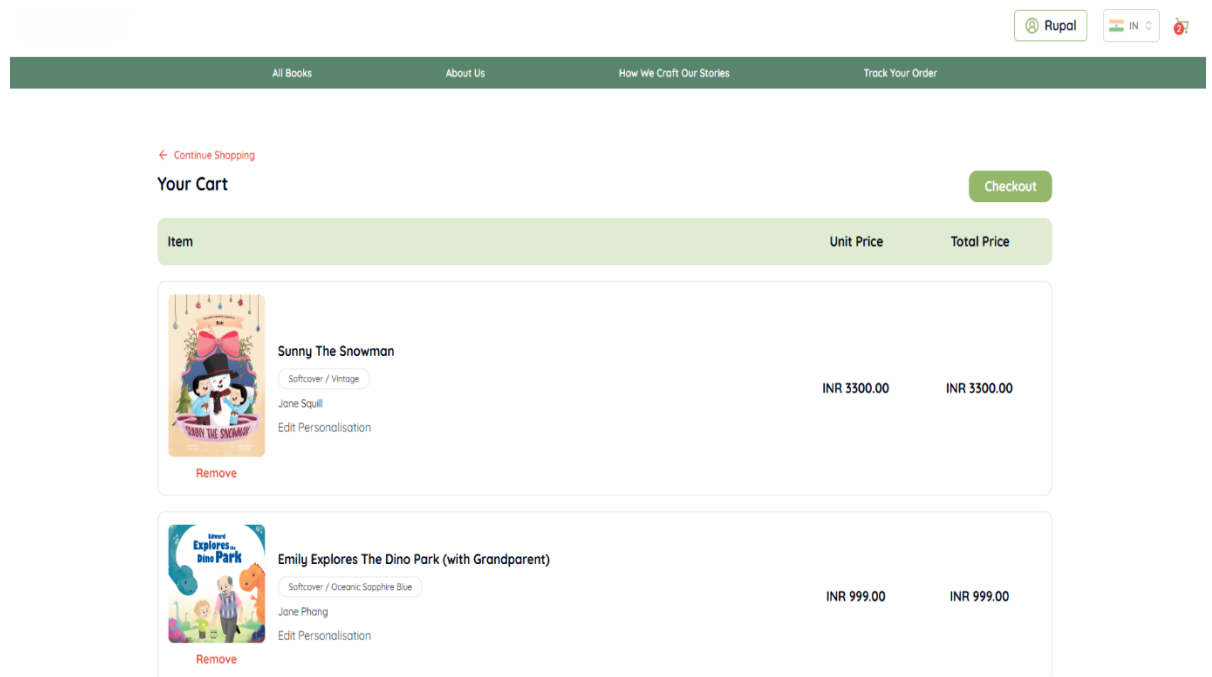
- Each book tile showcases the **cover image**, **title**, **author**, and **brief description**.
- **Tags** highlight key themes (e.g., "Responsibility", "6-8", "Parents"), making it easy to understand the core message at a glance.
- Users can view **ratings**, compare **prices**, and see if any **discounts** are available.
- The **"Explore"** button leads to the personalization and detailed view of the book.

3. Personalization Feature:

A standout feature is **book personalization**, allowing users to edit the book with:

- The child's name,
- Character choices,
- Skin tones or family members featured in the story.

Users can **edit the personalization** after adding the book to the cart, up to **12 hours** or until the **order is confirmed**. This adds flexibility while ensuring the personalization process remains manageable.




4. Shopping Cart and Price Details:

The **cart page** is clean and informative:

- Displays the book title, variant, and personalization preview.
- **Unit price** and **total price** are clearly shown, helping users make informed decisions.
- Users can easily **remove books** or **edit personalization** if needed before checkout.

[← Continue Shopping](#)

Checkout

Item	Total Price
 <p>Emily Explores The Dino Park Softcover / Oceanic Sapphire Blue Jane Phang Edit Personalisation</p> <p>Remove</p>	INR 999.00

User Details

First Name *

Middle and Last Name *

Not you? [Logout](#)

Delivery Address

Choose from saved addresses

James
Flat 12B, Blue Wave Apartments
Sunset Boulevard, Riverside District
Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 500001

☐ Use a different address for delivery

☐ Billing address different from shipping address

Cart Total	INR 999.00
Subtotal	INR 999.00
Total	INR 999.00

[Continue Shopping](#)

5. Seamless Checkout:

The checkout process is designed to be effortless:

- A prominent **"Checkout"** button initiates the payment process directly from the **checkout page**.
- A **"Continue Shopping"** link encourages users to explore more without disrupting their flow.
- Clean, uncluttered interface focused solely on confirming and placing the order.
- Users can quickly select a saved address or choose to enter a new one.
- Optional checkboxes make it easy to add a **different delivery** or **billing address** if needed.

6. Order Tracking:

To improve **user assurance** and **transparency**, the platform includes a simple and effective order tracking system.

- Users can easily track their orders using the **"Track Your Order"** feature on the website.
- Order status are clearly shown as either **Pending** or **Confirmed** to keep users informed.
- Once an order is **Confirmed**, the **personalization** is locked to maintain order accuracy and ensure timely delivery.

7. Admin Panel Overview:

Managing orders is simple and efficient with this easy-to-use admin panel. Everything you need is right at your fingertips.

- **Quick Search and Filters:** Easily find any order using filters like Customer Order ID, Book Code, Customer Name, or Delivery Country. No more endless scrolling.
- **Full Order View:** Click on any entry to see all the important details - personalized book covers, customer info, payment status, delivery address, and more.
- **Generate Print Files Instantly:** Whether it's one book or a whole batch, generate ready-to-print PDFs (cover and content) with just a click.
- **Assign to Printers Effortlessly:** Choose a printer and send the order over in a simple JSON format. It is quick and easy.
- **Approve Final Personalization:** Review personalization images and generated PDFs, then approve for printing when everything looks perfect. Once approved, the order moves straight to production.

Testing

4.1 Test Case Designs and Test Reports:

ID	Test Description	Input	Expected Output	Result
TC001	Apply filters and view book results	Age group: 3-6 years	Show only books for 3-6 years	Pass
TC002	Add book to cart	Book: "Sunny Explorations with Alex"	Book appears in cart	Pass
TC003	Edit Personalization	Name = "Rimi"	Personalized name reflects in preview	Pass
TC004	Track Order	Order ID: 670412649298	Status: Confirmed	Pass
TC005	Checkout with valid payment	All cart items confirmed	Redirect to payment gateway	Pass

4.2 Debugging and Code Improvement:

1. Debugging

- Tools Used: Visual Studio Code, browser console (Chrome DevTools).
- Key Issues Fixed:
 - Fixed cart total not updating after item removal by correcting cart state logic.
 - Resolved personalization fields not reflecting changes through proper **input-state binding**.
 - Ensured filters apply instantly with improved state management.
 - UI wasn't updating dynamically. This was fixed by implementing proper state handling and using **useEffect()** for re-rendering.

2. Code Improvement

- Modularized common logic such as cart total calculation and price formatting.
- Optimized performance by reducing redundant API calls and reusing data.
- Added proper error handling using try-catch for smoother user experience and stability.
- Cleaned up codebase with better naming conventions and reusable components.

4.3 System Security Measures:

i. Database/Data Security

- All passwords are hashed before storage using industry-standard algorithms (e.g., bcrypt).
- Prepared statements and ORM were used to prevent SQL injection.
- Sensitive data like payment status and personalization details are restricted to authorized users.
- Regular backups and restricted DB access roles were implemented to safeguard data.

ii. User Profiles and Access Rights

- Role-based access control (RBAC) was implemented:
 - **Admin:** Can manage books, view orders, update status.
 - **User:** Can explore books, personalize them, place orders.
- Profile creation supports email/username-based login with secure password handling.
- Users cannot view or modify others' orders or personalized content.

4.4 Cost Estimation of the Project:

Resource	Estimated Cost (INR)
Design and Development	₹70,000
Domain and Hosting (1 Year)	₹5,000
SSL Certificate and Security Tools	₹3,000
Testing Tools and Devices	₹7,000
Maintenance and Support (6 Months)	₹15,000
Total	₹1,00,000

4.5 Sample Report:

Layout for Sales Report:

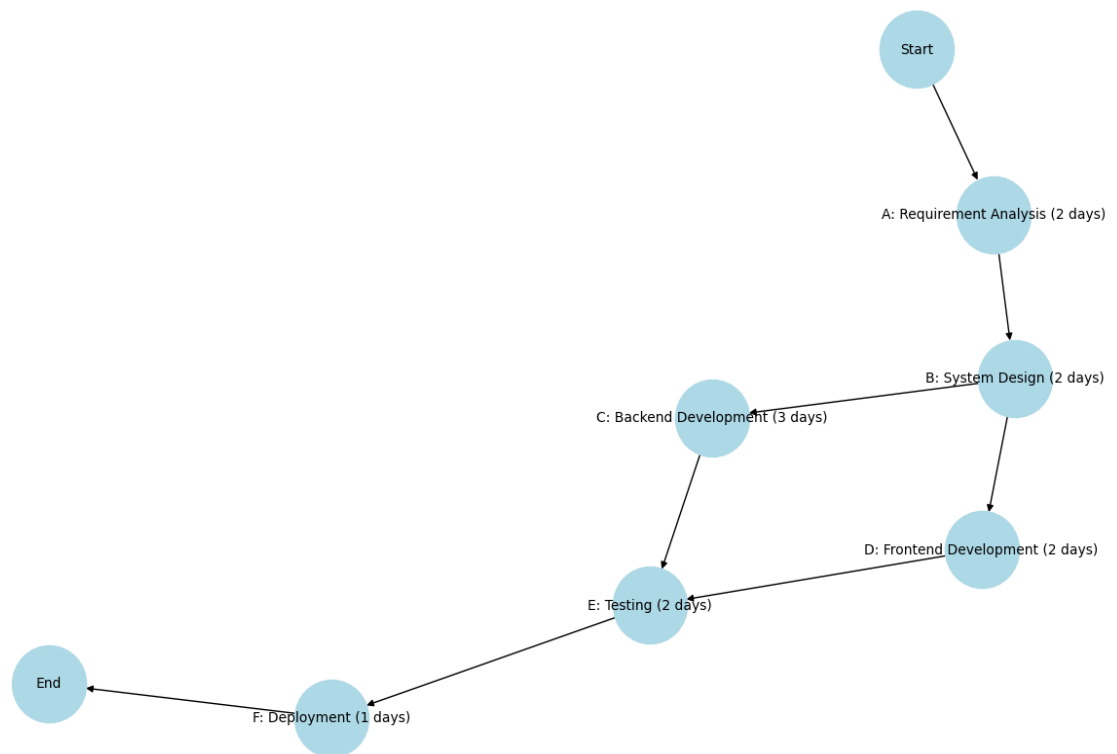
Order ID	User	Book Title	Quantity	Price	Status
663558540524	rupal@gmail.com	Emily Explores the Dino Park	2	₹999.00	Confirmed
670401373830	arun@gmail.com	Sunny Explorations with Alex	1	₹899.40	Pending

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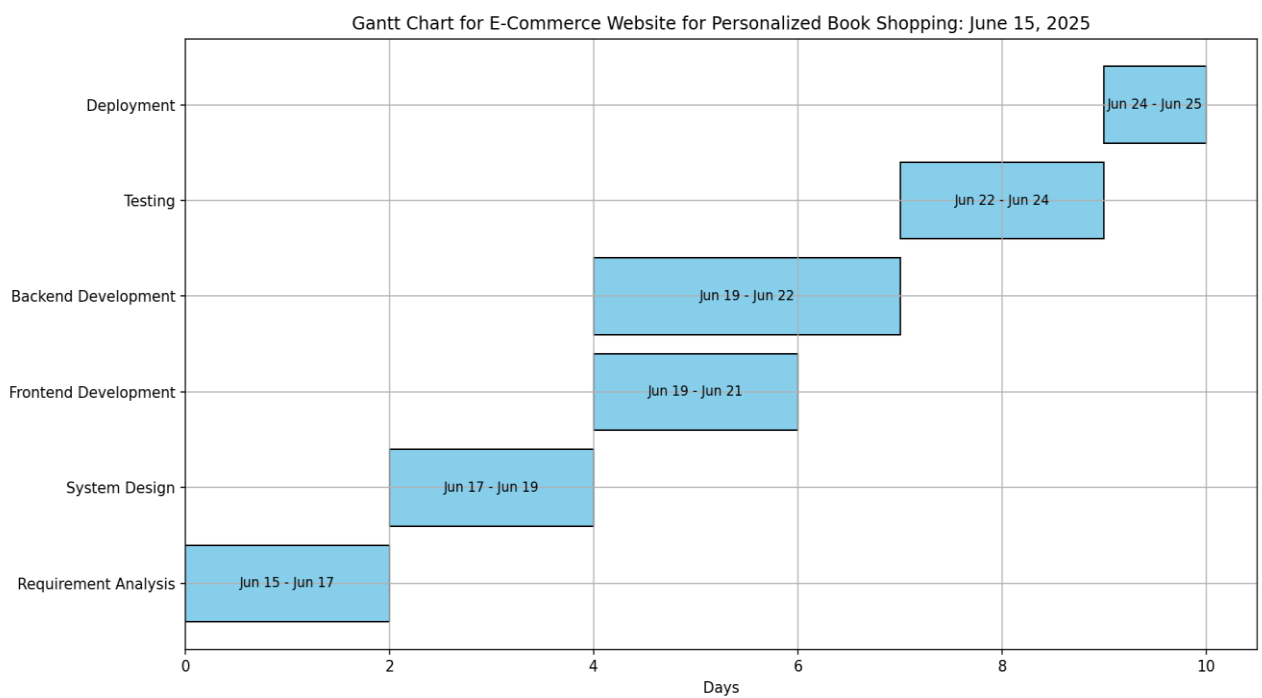
PERT Chart

Activity	Predecessor	Duration (Days)
Requirements Gather	None	2
System Design	Gather	2
Backend Development	Database Setup	3
Frontend Development	Integration	2
Testing	All	2
Deployment	All	1

PERT Chart for E-Commerce Website for Personalized Book Shopping



Gantt Chart



Conclusion and Recommendations:

Conclusion

The **E-Commerce Website for Personalized Book Shopping** project has been a valuable experience that combined creativity, technology, and user-focused design. The core idea was to give customers a meaningful and engaging experience by allowing them to personalize books for different occasions, age groups, and themes. From the very beginning, each step of the development process was thoughtfully carried out, starting with planning, database design, and building a clean and intuitive user interface, all the way to implementing secure payment options and thorough testing.

As a result, I was able to build a smooth and interactive platform where users can not only explore a wide variety of books but also make them truly personal. This project has successfully fulfilled its purpose of making book shopping more special and memorable. More importantly, it highlights how digital platforms can be built around user emotions and preferences to create a stronger connection with the product.

This work has opened the door for future enhancements and shows great potential for scaling up. Overall, the project represents a perfect blend of technical execution and thoughtful design, laying a solid foundation for continued growth and innovation in personalized online shopping.

Recommendations

- **Integrate AI-based Suggestions** for personalization, offering smart recommendations based on user behavior or popular choices.
- **Support Multiple Languages** to attract a wider, more diverse customer base across different regions.
- **Expand Product Offerings** to include personalized journals, cards, or posters using the same customization engine.
- **Introduce Bulk Personalization Options** for schools, events, or corporate gifting to tap into new customer segments.

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