

GIRLUSH COLLECTIONS

Desktop inventory and order management
system

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Executive summary

Girlush Collections is a comprehensive desktop-based inventory and order management system designed specifically for retail businesses dealing with fashion accessories, particularly bags. The application provides a dual-interface solution: a customer-facing module for browsing products and placing orders, and an administrative panel for managing inventory, processing orders, and generating business analytics.

- **Key Achievements:**
 - Fully functional inventory management system
 - Customer order processing and tracking
 - Real-time stock level monitoring
 - Comprehensive reporting and analytics
 - User-friendly graphical interface
 - Robust database management

Problem statement

- **Problem Statement**
- Traditional manual inventory management systems suffer from:
- Time-consuming data entry and retrieval
- Human error in stock tracking
- Difficulty in generating business insights
- Lack of real-time order status updates
- Poor customer order tracking

Problem objectives

Primary Objectives

Inventory Management

- Add, edit, and delete products
- Track stock levels automatically
- Set low stock alerts
- Categorize products efficiently

Order Processing

- Accept customer orders
- Update order status in real-time
- Track order history
- Generate order reports

Stock Control

- Monitor inventory levels
- Alert on low stock items
- Support multiple stock operations
- Maintain stock history

Business Analytics

- Generate sales reports
- Track customer behavior
- Monitor business performance

2 Secondary Objectives

- Provide intuitive user interface
- Ensure data integrity and security
- Enable easy backup and recovery
- Support future scalability

System overview

- **Application Type:** Desktop Application (Standalone)
- **Architecture:** Model-View-Controller (MVC)
- **Database:** SQLite (Embedded)
- **Framework:** Python with Tkinter
- **Dual Interface:** Customer Module + Admin Module

System architecture

Architecture Pattern	Component Breakdown
<p>Model-View-Controller (MVC) with Object-Oriented Programming</p> <p>The system follows the Model–View–Controller (MVC) architecture combined with Object-Oriented Programming principles. This approach separates user interface design, business logic, and data management, making the system easier to maintain and extend.</p> <p>Model: Represents application data and database structure</p> <p>View: Handles user interaction and graphical interface</p>	<p>Controllers (Business Logic Layer)</p> <p>Handle all business operations</p> <p>Manage database connections</p> <p>Validate data</p> <p>Execute CRUD operations</p> <p>Views (Presentation Layer)</p> <p>Display data to users</p> <p>Capture user input</p> <p>Provide interactive interface</p> <p>Update based on data changes</p> <p>Models (Data Layer)</p> <p>Store application data</p> <p>Maintain data relationships</p> <p>Ensure data integrity</p>

System features

- **Customer Module:**
 - Product Browsing
 - Order Placement
 - Order Tracking
 - Product Search

Admin Module:

- Inventory Management
- Order Processing
- Stock Updates
- Reports & Analytics

Programming Language

Python 3.7+

Reason: Cross-platform, extensive libraries, rapid development

GUI Framework

Tkinter

Built-in Python library

Cross-platform compatibility

Lightweight and fast

Native look and feel

Technologies used

Database

SQLite3

Serverless, zero-configuration

Lightweight and fast

Single-file database

Built-in Python support

Additional Libraries

Pillow (PIL): Image processing

datetime: Date/time operations

os/sys: File system operations

Development Tools

IDE: Visual Studio Code

Version Control: Git

Database Viewer: DB Browser for SQLite

User Interface Design

Design Principles

Simplicity: Clean, uncluttered interfaces

Consistency: Uniform design across all modules

Feedback: Immediate response to user actions

Accessibility: Easy-to-read fonts and colors

Efficiency: Minimal clicks to complete tasks

Color Scheme

Primary Blue: #3498db (Information, primary actions)

Success Green: #27ae60 (Confirmations, success states)

Warning Orange: #f39c12 (Warnings, pending states)

Danger Red: #e74c3c (Errors, critical alerts)

Purple: #9b59b6 (Analytics, reports)

Dark Gray: #2c3e50 (Headers, navigation)

Light Gray: #ecf0f1 (Backgrounds)

Interface Components

Navigation:

Sidebar navigation for admin dashboard

Tab-based navigation for reports

Breadcrumb navigation where applicable

Data Display:

Tree view tables for data listing

Cards for statistics display

Forms for data entry

Modal dialogs for confirmations

Interactive Elements:

Buttons with hover effects

Search bars with real-time filtering

Dropdown menus for selections

Radio buttons for options

Testing and validation

Testing Types Conducted

- Unit Testing
- Integration Testing
- User Interface Testing
- System Testing

Test Scenarios

- **Inventory Management:** ✓ Add product with valid data ✓ Add product with missing fields ✓ Edit product details ✓ Delete product with confirmation ✓ Search products ✓ Filter by category ✓ Upload product image
- **Order Management:** ✓ Create new order ✓ Update order status ✓ View order details ✓ Search orders ✓ Filter by status ✓ Generate order statistics
- **Stock Updates:** ✓ Add stock to product ✓ Remove stock from product ✓ Set exact stock amount ✓ Low stock alerts ✓ Prevent negative stock

Challenges and solutions

challenges

- **Technical Challenges**
- Problem: Multiple database connections causing locks
- Problem: UI not reflecting database changes immediately
- **2 Design Challenges**
- Problem: Too many clicks to complete tasks
- Problem: Users unsure if actions completed

solutions

- Implemented connection pooling and proper closing
- Added refresh mechanisms after data modifications
- Added quick action buttons and shortcuts
- Added confirmation messages and status indicators

Future enhancements

Planned Features

- Phase 1: Enhanced Security
- Phase 2: Advanced Features
- Phase 3: Cloud Integration
- Phase 4: Business Intelligence

Scalability Considerations

- Migrate to PostgreSQL for larger datasets
- Implement caching mechanisms
- Add API for third-party integrations
- Multi-store support

Conclusion

- **Project Success**
- The Girlish Collections Inventory & Order Management System successfully meets all initial objectives:
 - ✓ **Comprehensive Inventory Management** - Full CRUD operations with advanced features ✓ **Efficient Order Processing** - Streamlined workflow from order to delivery ✓ **Real-time Stock Control** - Accurate tracking with automated alerts ✓ **Powerful Analytics** - Business insights through detailed reports
- **14.2 Key Achievements**
 - **User-Friendly Interface:** Intuitive design requiring minimal training
 - **Robust Architecture:** Scalable OOP design following best practices
 - **Data Integrity:** Reliable database operations with validation
 - **Business Value:** Immediate operational efficiency improvements
- **14.3 Learning Outcomes**
 - Advanced Python programming
 - GUI development with Tkinter
 - Database design and management
 - Software architecture patterns
 - Project management
 - User experience design
- **14.4 Final Thoughts**
 - The system provides a solid foundation for retail business management with room for future growth. The modular architecture allows easy addition of new features, and the clean code structure ensures maintainability.