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PROJECT NAME: PRODUCT CATALOG WITH FILTERS

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Problem Statement:

Why We Need a Filtered Product Catalog?

1. Poor Customer Experience:

Customers struggle to find products quickly in large catalogs, leading to frustration and abandoned carts.

2. Inefficient Product Management:

Marketing and sales teams face challenges managing and promoting products efficiently without centralized, filterable data.

3. Lost Sales Opportunities:

The inability for users to quickly narrow down options directly impacts conversion rates and overall revenue.

Our goal is to create a user-friendly, scalable product catalog with dynamic filters to improve discovery and operational efficiency across the board.

Users & Stakeholders:

Who Benefits?

1.End Users:

Shoppers seeking quick, relevant product search and filtering for an enhanced purchasing journey.

2. Product Managers:

Need insights on product performance and user preferences to inform strategic decisions.

3. Marketing Teams:

Require easy product categorization and promotion tools for effective campaign execution.

4. Sales Teams:

Need up-to-date product information and availability for efficient customer interactions and support.

5.Developers & QA:

Responsible for building, maintaining, and validating the system to ensure robust performance.

User Stories:

1. Shopper's Discovery:

As a shopper, I want to filter products by category, price, and brand so I can find what I want faster and with less effort.

2. Product Manager's Control:

As a product manager, I want to update product details and filter options easily to keep the catalog current and accurate.

3. Marketer's Promotion:

As a marketer, I want to highlight featured products within filters to boost promotions and campaign effectiveness.

4. Sales Rep's Efficiency:

As a sales rep, I want to access product specifications and availability quickly to assist customers with informed recommendations.

MVP Features:

Our Minimum Viable Product (MVP) focuses on delivering essential features that address the core problem, ensuring a swift market entry and immediate value generation.

- Product listing with essential details (name, image, price, SKU).
- Dynamic filters: category, price range, brand, availability.
- Search bar with intelligent autocomplete suggestions.
- Admin interface for comprehensive product and filter management.
- Responsive design ensuring seamless experience across desktop and mobile devices.

Next Steps: From MVP to Growth

1. Gather Feedback:

Collect user feedback from the MVP launch to identify pain points and prioritize future enhancements.

2. Expand Filters:

Add advanced filtering options such as ratings, reviews, customer favorites, and new arrival indicators. 3. Integrate Systems:

Integrate the catalog with existing inventory, order management, and CRM systems for a unified experience.

4. Innovate & Personalize:

Explore AI-powered search, machine learning for personalized filtering, and recommendation engines.

5. Continuous Improvement:

Develop a long-term roadmap for continuous feature development, performance optimization, and scaling.

Wireframes:

Visualizing the User Experience. These conceptual wireframes provide a clear visual representation of the user journey and interaction points within the new product catalog system.

- Homepage: Central search and filter sidebar for immediate access.
- Product Listing: Displays filtered results with clear product cards.
- Product Detail: Comprehensive view with specifications and call-to-action.
- Admin Dashboard: Intuitive interface for content management.

API Endpoint List:

Backend Support for Features

- 1. GET /products: Fetch product list with optional filter query parameters (e.g., /products? category=electronics&price_min=100).
- 2. GET /products/{id}: Retrieve detailed information for a specific product by its unique identifier.
- 3. POST /products :Add a new product to the catalog (admin only, requires authentication and valid product data).
- 4. PUT /products/{id}: Update existing product details by its ID (admin only, supports partial updates).
- 5. GET/filters: Retrieve dynamically available filter options (categories, brands, price ranges) for frontend display.
- 6. POST /filters :Create or update filter categories and their values (admin only).

Acceptance Criteria:

To ensure the MVP meets its objectives, we've established clear acceptance criteria that will guide development and testing.

- Seamless Filtering:
- Users can apply multiple filters simultaneously, and the product list updates instantly with accurate results.
- Effective Search:

Search functionality returns highly relevant products and provides useful autocomplete suggestions.

• Robust Admin Control:

Admins can add, edit, and delete products and filters without encountering any errors or data inconsistencies.

• Universal Responsiveness:

The user interface maintains full functionality and visual appeal across all desktop and mobile devices.

• Performance at Scale:

The system must efficiently handle at least 10,000 products with performant filtering, ensuring a smooth user experience even with extensive data.

Benefits And Impact:

- Faster product discovery directly contributes to increased user satisfaction and higher conversion rates.
- Streamlined product management processes significantly reduce operational overhead and manual effort.

- Marketing teams can execute highly targeted campaigns utilizing filter-driven promotions, enhancing ROI.
- The MVP provides a scalable foundation for future enhancements, including personalized recommendations and advanced analytics.