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1.   Introduction

The Vision document serves as a foundational roadmap for the digitalization project aimed at transforming BP gas stations' franchisor businesses. It outlines the project's overarching goals, objectives, and desired outcomes, providing stakeholders with a clear understanding of the project's purpose and scope. By articulating the vision, key features, and benefits of the proposed solution, the Vision document sets the stage for successful project planning, development, and implementation. Additionally, it serves as a reference point for stakeholders to align their efforts and ensure that the project remains focused on achieving its intended objectives.

2.   Positioning

2.1   Problem Statement

[Provide a statement summarizing the problem being solved by this project. The following format may be used:]

The problem of	*[describe the problem]* The traditional management and support structure of BP's franchisor businesses currently face inefficiencies and limitations in adaptability, hindering overall operational excellence. Franchisees encounter challenges in accessing real-time information, receiving timely support, and participating in streamlined training programs. The absence of a comprehensive digital solution results in suboptimal business performance, hampering growth, and the ability to swiftly respond to market dynamics. The need for an integrated digital platform is evident to enhance business management, foster effective communication, and empower franchisees through advanced training and support mechanisms. This project aims to bridge these gaps and usher in a new era of efficiency, collaboration, and empowerment within the franchisor ecosystem.
affects	*[the stakeholders affected by the problem]* Corporate leadership and franchise development teams seek streamlined operations and scalability. On the receiving end, individual franchise owners, employees, training and support teams, as well as compliance and quality assurance teams, benefit from enhanced communication, standardized training, and efficient tools.
the impact of which is	*[what is the impact of the problem?]* The current lack of a digital solution at BP's franchisor businesses poses operational inefficiencies, hindering timely communication, training, and support for both corporate management and individual franchisees. This deficiency negatively impacts franchisee businesses by limiting adaptability to market changes and potentially affecting customer satisfaction. The proposed digitalization project seeks to address these issues, offering streamlined operations, improved communication, and standardized training, positively impacting the overall franchise ecosystem and the return on investment for franchisees.
a successful solution would be	*[list some key benefits of a successful solution]* The successful digitalization of BP's franchisor businesses yields a myriad of benefits. This includes streamlined operations, offering heightened efficiency and productivity. Real-time data insights empower informed decision-making, while seamless communication channels enhance collaboration among stakeholders. The system's scalability ensures adaptability to changing market dynamics, complemented by digital training modules and analytics for personalized, effective training. The collaborative tools foster a supportive ecosystem, ensuring brand consistency and compliance. Overall, the digitalization optimizes processes, contributing to increased customer satisfaction, profitability, and a positive impact on franchisees' return on investment.

2.2   Product Position Statement

[Provide an overall statement summarizing, at the highest level, the unique position the product intends to fill in the marketplace. The following format may be used:]

For	*[target customer]*
	For franchise businesses seeking a transformative solution to digitize their operations and elevate franchisee support, the 'FranchiseConnect' software system emerges as an unparalleled comprehensive management and support solution. Recognizing the pressing need and opportunity in the market, our product addresses the unique challenges faced by franchisors in managing and aiding their extensive networks.
Who	*[statement of the need or opportunity]*
	The 'FranchiseConnect' software system falls into the product category of advanced franchise management solutions, distinguishing itself through its holistic approach to addressing the multifaceted needs of the franchisor business model. Unlike generic alternatives available in the market, our product stands out by offering a specialized and tailored solution explicitly crafted for the intricacies of the franchise industry.
The (product name)	*is a [product category]*
	BP gas stations include self-service fuel pumps where customers can fill their own gas tanks. Most BP gas stations have convenience shops or convenience stores on-site, providing a range of products such as snacks, beverages, and basic necessities. Some stations may also offer car cleaning facilities, while others may not.
That	*[statement of key benefit; that is, the compelling reason to buy]*
	At the core of 'FranchiseConnect' lies its key benefit – the seamless streamlining of complex business processes and the empowerment of franchisees for sustained success. Through intuitive tools and functionalities, the software ensures efficient management of day-to-day operations, providing real-time data insights for informed decision-making. This translates into enhanced adaptability to market dynamics and the ability to maintain brand consistency across the entire franchise network.
Unlike	*[primary competitive alternative]*
	In a marketplace where generic solutions may fall short, 'FranchiseConnect' differentiates itself by understanding and catering to the specific needs of the franchise industry. The product not only addresses the current operational inefficiencies but also anticipates the evolving demands of the franchisor business model, ensuring a future-proof and agile solution.
Our product	*[statement of primary differentiation]*
	As franchises increasingly recognize the importance of technology in their operations, 'FranchiseConnect' emerges as the go-to solution, offering a unique blend of sophistication, customization, and industry-specific expertise. It is not merely a software system; it is a strategic partner for franchise businesses, fostering growth, ensuring compliance, and ultimately contributing to the long-term success of the entire franchisor ecosystem.

[A product position statement communicates the intent of the application and the importance of the project to all concerned personnel.]

3.   Stakeholder Descriptions

3.1   Stakeholder Summary

Name	Description	Responsibilities
[Name the stakeholder type.]	*[Briefly describe the stakeholder.]*	*[Summarize the stakeholder's key responsibilities with regard to the system being developed; that is, their interest as a stakeholder. For example, this stakeholder:* *ensures that the system will be maintainable* *ensures that there will be a market demand for the product's features* *monitors the project's progress* *approves funding* *and so forth]*
Corporate Leadership	BP's upper management overseeing franchisor businesses.	Ensures the system aligns with corporate strategies, monitors overall project progress, and approves funding for digitalization.
Franchise Development Teams	Teams responsible for expanding and supporting the franchise network.	Ensures the system supports scalable growth, monitors market demands, and provides input on features relevant to franchise development.
Individual Franchise Owners	Owners of BP franchised gas stations.	Focuses on efficient day-to-day operations, provides feedback on system usability, and ensures compliance with brand standards.
Employees at Franchise Stations	Staff working at BP franchised gas stations.	Interact with the system for daily tasks, rely on training modules, and contribute insights for system improvements based on practical usage.
Training and Support Teams	Teams responsible for training and supporting franchisees.	Utilize the system for creating and delivering training materials, monitor franchisee performance, and ensure ongoing support through digital tools.
Compliance and Quality Assurance Teams	Teams ensuring adherence to brand standards and regulations.	Monitor system usage for compliance, contribute to auditing processes, and verify that the system maintains quality standards.

3.2   User Environment

[Detail the working environment of the target user. Here are some suggestions:

Number of people involved in completing the task? Is this changing?

How long is a task cycle? Amount of time spent in each activity? Is this changing?

Any unique environmental constraints: mobile, outdoors, in-flight, and so on?

Which system platforms are in use today? Future platforms?

What other applications are in use? Does your application need to integrate with them?

This is where extracts from the Business Model could be included to outline the task and roles involved, and so on.]

BP Gas Station Franchisor Businesses:

- Number of People Involved: Multiple stakeholders participate in various tasks, including corporate leadership, franchise development teams, individual franchise owners, employees at franchise stations, training and support teams, and compliance and quality assurance teams.

- Task Cycle Duration: Task cycles vary across roles; for instance, corporate leadership may engage in strategic planning with longer cycles, while daily operations at franchise stations involve shorter task cycles.

- Environmental Constraints: The environment is diverse, encompassing both corporate offices and on-site operations at gas stations. Franchisees may work in dynamic, mobile environments, and some tasks may be outdoors or involve travel.

- System Platforms in Use Today: Current systems may include a mix of desktop computers, tablets, and mobile devices. The digitalization project should consider the adaptability of the system across these platforms and be compatible with both current and potential future platforms.

- Other Applications in Use: Franchise businesses currently utilize applications for business management, inventory control, and financial tracking. Integration capabilities should be considered to ensure seamless interaction with existing systems.

- Integration with Other Applications: The proposed system should integrate with existing applications for a cohesive user experience. This may include interfaces with financial software, inventory management tools, and other relevant applications used in BP gas station franchisor businesses.

- Business Model Considerations: The user environment should align with the business model, acknowledging the roles and tasks involved in managing and supporting BP gas station franchises. Insights from the business model can guide the system specification to meet the diverse needs of stakeholders within this environment.

4.   Product Overview

4.1   Needs and Features

[Avoid design. Keep feature descriptions at a general level. Focus on capabilities needed and why (not how) they should be implemented. Capture the stakeholder priority and planned release for each feature.]

Need	Priority	Features	Planned Release
Operational Efficiency	High	Streamlined business processes for improved productivity.	Q3 2024
Real-time Data Insights	High	Instant access to critical data for informed decision-making.	Q3 2024
Enhanced Communication	Medium	Seamless and timely communication channels among stakeholders.	Q4 2024
Scalability	High	Ability to accommodate growth and adapt to changing market dynamics.	Q4 2024
Training Excellence	High	Digital training modules and analytics for personalized and effective training programs.	Q3 2024
Supportive Ecosystem	Medium	Collaborative tools fostering a supportive community among franchisees.	Q4 2024

		Centralized standards ensuring consistency and compliance across the franchise network.	
Brand Consistency	Medium	Centralized standards ensuring consistency and compliance across the franchise network.	Q4 2024
Customer Satisfaction	High	Improved operations contributing to better service and customer satisfaction.	Q3 2024
Increased Profitability	High	Optimized processes leading to potential revenue growth and higher profitability.	Q3 2024

Explanation of Features:

- Operational Efficiency: Streamlined processes to enhance productivity, such as automated task management and resource allocation.

- Real-time Data Insights: Access to real-time analytics and reporting tools for data-driven decision-making.

- Enhanced Communication: Integration of communication tools like chat, email, and notifications for seamless interaction.

- Scalability: Design and architecture capable of handling increased workload and user base without compromising performance.

- Training Excellence: Development of interactive training modules and tracking mechanisms for continuous learning and improvement.

- Supportive Ecosystem: Community forums, knowledge bases, and support ticketing systems to foster collaboration and assistance among franchisees.

- Brand Consistency: Implementation of brand guidelines and standards to maintain consistency in branding and customer experience.

- Customer Satisfaction: Features to enhance customer service, such as feedback collection, complaint management, and loyalty programs.

- Increased Profitability: Tools and strategies aimed at boosting revenue, reducing costs, and maximizing profitability.

- Return on Investment (ROI): Solutions designed to provide tangible benefits and value to franchisees, ensuring a positive return on their investment in the digitalization project.

The project focuses on immediate needs with a high-priority initial release, emphasizing streamlined operations, enhanced communication, and training excellence. A future release will address scalability, increased profitability, and positive ROI. Marketing efforts will highlight the immediate benefits while building anticipation for upcoming features, ensuring a comprehensive digital transformation for BP gas station franchisor businesses.

5. Other Product Requirements

[At a high level, list applicable standards, hardware, or platform requirements; performance requirements; and environmental requirements.

Define the quality ranges for performance, robustness, fault tolerance, usability, and similar characteristics that are not captured in the Feature Set.

Note any design constraints, external constraints, assumptions or other dependencies that, if changed, will alter the Vision document. For example, an assumption may state that a specific operating system will be available for the hardware designated for the software product. If the operating system is not available, the Vision document will need to change.

Define any specific documentation requirements, including user manuals, online help, installation, labeling, and packaging requirements.

Define the priority of these other product requirements. Include, if useful, attributes such as stability, benefit, effort, and risk.]

Requirement	Priority	Planned Release
Compliance with Industry Standards	High	Q3 2024
Performance Optimization	High	Q3 2024
Security Measures Implementation	High	Q3 2024
Compatibility with Existing Systems	Medium	Q4 2024
Scalability for Future Growth	High	Q4 2024
Documentation and Training Materials	Medium	Q4 2024
Compliance with Industry Standards	High	Q3 2024
Performance Optimization	High	Q3 2024
Security Measures Implementation	High	Q3 2024

Explanation of Requirements:

- Compliance with Industry Standards: Ensure that the software solution adheres to relevant industry standards and regulations, such as data protection laws, financial regulations, and cybersecurity protocols.

- Performance Optimization: Implement measures to optimize system performance, including efficient resource utilization, load balancing, and response time minimization.

- Security Measures Implementation: Integrate robust security measures to safeguard sensitive data, prevent unauthorized access, and mitigate cybersecurity threats.

- Compatibility with Existing Systems: Ensure seamless integration with existing software systems, databases, and third-party applications used within the franchise network.

- Scalability for Future Growth: Design the software solution with scalability in mind to accommodate future business expansion and increased user demand without compromising performance.

- Documentation and Training Materials: Provide comprehensive documentation, user manuals, and training materials to facilitate the onboarding process for franchisees and ensure smooth operation of the digitalized system.

Standards, Hardware, Platform, and Environmental Requirements:

At the project's outset, it is imperative to delineate the applicable standards, hardware specifications, and platform requirements that will govern the digitalization of BP gas station franchisor businesses. This includes outlining the performance expectations and the environmental conditions the system must accommodate. Clear identification of these requirements ensures alignment with industry norms and sets the foundation for a robust and effective software system.

Quality Ranges for Performance and Usability:

Beyond the Feature Set, it is crucial to define quality ranges for performance, robustness, fault tolerance, and usability. This involves specifying the acceptable parameters within which the system should operate. Establishing these quality ranges ensures that the software not only meets functional requirements but also delivers a user experience that aligns with performance expectations and usability standards.

Design Constraints, External Dependencies, and Assumptions:

Identifying design constraints, external dependencies, and assumptions is vital to understanding the contextual landscape. These factors, if altered, have the potential to impact the Vision document significantly. For instance, assumptions regarding specific operating systems or external dependencies may necessitate revisions to the document if conditions change, ensuring the project remains adaptable to evolving circumstances.

Documentation Requirements:

Comprehensive documentation is a cornerstone of successful software projects. Defining specific documentation requirements, such as user manuals, online help, installation guides, and packaging specifications, ensures clarity and accessibility of information. This commitment to thorough documentation enhances user understanding and facilitates effective system implementation.

Priority and Attribute Considerations:

Prioritizing these requirements is essential for effective project management. Attributes such as stability, benefit, effort, and risk play a pivotal role in determining the priority of each requirement. This strategic approach ensures that the team focuses on critical aspects aligned with project success, emphasizing stability, maximizing benefits, minimizing effort, and mitigating risks throughout the development lifecycle.