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Shell Scripting Project – Pharmacy Management System

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Introduction

The Pharmacy Management System (PMS) is a shell scripting-based project aimed at automating the essential tasks involved in running a pharmacy. It focuses on improving efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility by managing inventory, sales transactions, and customer records. The system allows pharmacists to add, update, and monitor medicine stock, process sales while updating inventory in real-time, and generate detailed reports on sales, expired items, and low-stock alerts. It also includes search functionality to locate medicines and retrieve customer purchase histories quickly. To ensure reliability, the system performs data validation, prevents duplicate entries, and logs all errors and user activities. Designed with a user-friendly interactive menu the PMS offers a practical and accessible solution for small to midsized pharmacies operating within a Linux environment.

Features and code explanation and test cases

The structure of our code is depending on while loops, if statements and cases and it is divided into parts:-

First thing we need to chick if the files (inventory, customers, sales, error, and logs).txt does exit, because these file are necessary for our project the file **inventory** is used to store the information of the medicine in the format (NAME|QTY|PRICE|EXP|CAT), **customers** Stores customer information in format (NAME|CONTACT), **sales** stores sales transactions in format (YYYY-MM-DD|MEDNAME|QTY|PRICE|CUSTOMER), **error** Logs errors and invalid operations, **logs** stores who loges in the program and what he did in it.

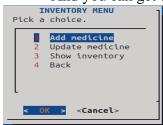
When you open the main menu it will give options to choose:-



1) Choosing 1 will give you this menu

Here you can add medicine (name|qty|price|exp|cat) into inventory.txt You can update a medicine that's already in the inventory And print the whole inventory

And you can get back to the main menu.



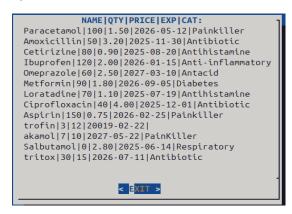
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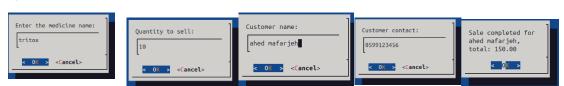
And there is all the debugging tools in the system and if you ente something wrong I will give you an error message

2) Choosing 2 will give this menu



Here we do the selling process and give us a receipt

1)



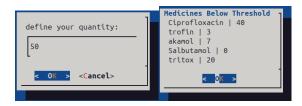


3) choosing 3 will give you this menu



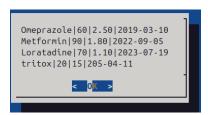
Here you can get by pressing 1 what is the medicines that's short in the stocks Here I enter that I want to see the medicines that's

1)



2)

Pressing 2 will give you the expired medicine



3)

Pressing 3 will make you enter a date and an end date and give you how much money you got between those dates

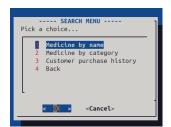


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Pressing 4 will make you see what the most sold k items is



5) Now if you chose 5 in the main menu



You will get this and you can search for the med using its name or category or you can get a customer purchase history

1)





2)



Search Result

Paracetamol|100|1.50|2026-05-12|Painkill

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Aspirin|150|0.75|2026-02-25|Painkiller
akamol|7|10|2027-05-22|PainKiller

3)

