# **Project Planning & Management**

## Project Proposal

- The Sales Forecasting and Optimization project aims to predict future sales for a retail or e-commerce business by analyzing historical sales data.
- The objective is to develop a robust forecasting model to help businesses optimize inventory, marketing, and sales strategies.
- The scope includes data collection, preprocessing, exploratory analysis, forecasting model development, optimization, and deployment.

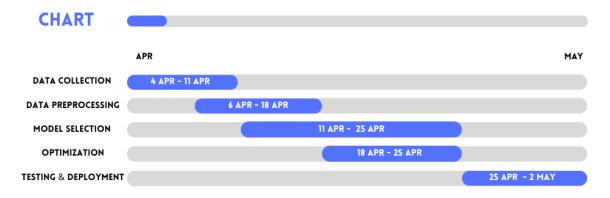
## Project Plan

• Timeline: Gantt chart with phases spanning data collection to deployment.

Phase	Tasks	Duration
Data Collection	Gather historical sales data	Week 1
Data Preprocessing	Data cleaning, feature selection	Week 1-2
Model Selection	Train & evaluate ML models	Week 2-3
Optimization	Implement stock optimization	Week 3
Testing & Deployment	Validate, test, and launch system	Week 4

#### • Gantt chart:

#### **SALES FORECASTING & OPTIMIZATION PROJECT**



#### Milestones:

- 1. Data Collection & Exploration
- 2. Data Analysis & Visualization
- 3. Forecasting Model Development
- 4. Deployment & MLOps
- 5. Final Report & Presentation
- Deliverables: Cleaned dataset, EDA reports, forecasting models, deployed model, final documentation.
- **Resource Allocation**: Team members assigned to data analysis, modeling, deployment, and reporting.

### Task Assignment & Roles

- Data Scientist (Sara Abdelrahman): Data preprocessing and exploratory analysis.
- Machine Learning Engineer (Toka Khaled): Model training and Model optimization.
- **Software Engineer (Rawan Sotohy)**: Integration of the model into a web application and deployment.
- **Project Manager (Mariam Hassan)**: Overseeing progress and ensuring milestones are met.

## Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plan

- Data Quality Issues: Addressed through preprocessing and feature engineering.
- Model Overfitting: Mitigated with cross-validation and hyperparameter tuning.
- Deployment Challenges: Ensuring cloud compatibility and model version control.

# KPIs (Key Performance Indicators)

- Forecast accuracy (RMSE, MAE, MAPE)
- Model response time
- System uptime
- User adoption rate