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- Clarity & Structure: Presenting ideas in a logical and easy-to-follow manner.
- Understanding the Numbers: Being able to pull valuable insights from the key metrics and KPIs we're tracking.
- Practical Steps for Improvement: Coming up with actionable strategies that we can realistically implement to move forward.
- Conciseness: Keeping things clear, simple, and to the point without unnecessary fluff.
- Impact Driven: At Bazaar, Every move we make is about creating meaningful change and making a real difference.

Muhammad Hammad Raza - IT Student | Full-Stack Developer Aspirant

Join Muhammad Hammad Raza as he explores innovative backend development strategies for Kiryana Stores, showcasing insights from his academic journey at Bahria University Karachi Campus.





Meet Muhammad Hammad Raza

Insights into Muhammad Hammad Raza's journey





Background

Hammad is a 21-year-old pursuing a BS in Information Technology at BUKC.



Passion for Development

He is particularly passionate about backend development and automation.



Technical Skills

Skilled in Python, Flask, Django, C/C++, Java, SQL, and Web Development.



Leadership Achievement

Led his team to victory in the Federal Board Cricket Tournament.



Problem-Solving Mindset

Hammad enjoys solving real-world problems with intelligent systems.

Efficient Inventory Tracking Solutions

Understanding the Inventory Management Problem

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Inventory Tracking Challenges

Kiryana stores face significant issues in tracking inventory as they scale. 2

Backend Solution Requirements

Bazaar Technologies needs a backend that starts simple yet scales effectively across thousands of stores. 3

System Functionality

The system should handle product stock-ins, sales, removals, and generate filtered reports. Authentication and Scalability

Focus on authentication and scalability to ensure secure and efficient operations.

Progressive Scaling in System Design



Stage 1: Initial CLI/API

Developed a single store CLI/API utilizing local storage for simplicity.

Stage 2: Database Integration

Implemented PostgreSQL DB for multi-store functionality with RESTful API and authentication.

Stage 3: Advanced Features

Introduced async updates, API caching, audit logs, and rate limiting for enhanced performance.

Focus on Modular Design

Emphasized a modular architecture to facilitate future scalability and maintainability.

Performance Optimization

Prioritized performance improvements to ensure efficient data processing and retrieval.

Data Consistency Assurance

Maintained strong data consistency across stages to support reliable operations.

Core Technologies for Backend Development

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Overview of Technologies for Backend Solutions

Programming Language: Python

Utilizes Python for its simplicity and versatility in backend development.

Framework: Flask

Employs Flask as a lightweight framework for building web applications efficiently.

Database: PostgreSQL

Integrates PostgreSQL for robust, reliable data storage and management.

ORM: SQLAlchemy

Uses SQLAIchemy for seamless database interaction through an Object-Relational Mapping approach. Security: Flask-HTTPAuth

Implements Flask-HTTPAuth to secure API endpoints with authentication mechanisms.

Caching: Flask-Caching

Incorporates Flask-Caching to enhance performance by caching data and responses.

Rate Limiting: Flask-Limiter

Employs Flask-Limiter to control API request rates and prevent abuse.

Testing: Postman

Utilizes Postman for comprehensive testing and documentation of APIs.



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This endpoint allows users to add a new store to the system.

POST product

Users can add a new product using this API endpoint.

POST/stock

This endpoint facilitates stock-in, sales, or stock removal operations.

GET /inventory

View the inventory of a specific store, with data cached for performance.

GET/movements

Generate a stock movement report filtered by date for a specified store.

API Endpoints for Store Management

Explore essential API endpoints for management tasks

Progress on Backend Features Implementation

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Overview of features across development stages

Stage	Features
Stage 1	Single store CLI with SQLite
Stage 2	Multi-store with PostgreSQL, REST API, authentication
Stage 3	Asynchronous updates, caching, rate limiting, audit logs

Strategic Design Decisions for Backend

Threading for Async Updates

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Implemented threading to efficiently simulate asynchronous stock updates, improving responsiveness.

Flask-Caching for API

Utilized Flask-Caching to cache GET inventory API responses, enhancing performance and reducing server load.

SQL Timestamp Logging

Employed SQL timestamps to accurately log each stock movement, ensuring reliable transaction history.

Basic Authentication Added

Introduced Basic Authentication to secure API endpoints, protecting sensitive data from unauthorized access.

Rate Limiting Implemented

Implemented rate limiting to mitigate spam and abuse, safeguarding system resources and enhancing stability.

Overcoming Development Hurdles

Identifying key obstacles in backend development





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Adapting from local to PostgreSQL

Transitioning the database setup from a local to a PostgreSQL environment, ensuring data integrity and performance. 2

Async simulation design

Creating an asynchronous simulation architecture without relying on external tools, enhancing system responsiveness. 3

Clean and protected APIs

Developing APIs that are both user-friendly and secure, safeguarding data while maintaining functionality. 4

Balancing code clarity and functionality

Striking a balance between writing clear, maintainable code and implementing features that meet real-world demands.



Frontend Dashboard Development

Create an intuitive dashboard for store owners to manage operations effectively.

Implement Message Queues

Use RabbitMQ or Celery instead of threading for better task management and performance.

Role-Based Access Control

Establish different user roles like store admin and viewer for enhanced security.

Containerization with Docker

Utilize Docker and Gunicorn to streamline deployment and improve scalability.

Quality Assurance Implementation

Add unit tests and monitoring tools to ensure system reliability and performance.

Future Enhancements for Kiryana Stores

Strategic enhancements for improved functionality





Final Words of Gratitude and Ambition

Thank you for considering my submission This project enhanced my coding and system design skills. I look forward to growing with Bazaar Technologies.