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Problem Definition and Analysis

When thinking about what project to choose, I decided to create an Inventory Management System. I picked this idea because managing stock can be difficult, especially for small shops that still do everything manually. I thought it would be helpful to build a system that makes it easier to keep track of products, prices, and stock levels.

I chose to use Python for this project because it's the language I have practiced most during my course, and I feel more comfortable with it. I also used SQLite for the database because it's simple to connect with Python and doesn't require any complicated setup. The project is designed mainly for small businesses who need a simple tool to manage their inventory without spending too much money on expensive systems.

I planned the project by first designing the basic structure: the database, the main menu, and the core functions like adding products, searching, and updating stock. I also checked some tutorials and looked at Python's official documentation to better understand how to use the sqlite3 library. The system needed to be easy to use, work in a simple console environment, and handle basic errors like wrong inputs.

Documented Design

System Overview:

The system follows a very simple flow:

The user opens the program → sees the menu → selects what they want to do (add/search/update stock) → completes the action → returns to the menu until they choose to exit.

I wanted the design to be simple so anyone using it for the first time would immediately understand how to work with it.

Database Design:

The system uses a single database called <u>inventory.db</u> where all the products are saved.

There is one table called products with the following fields:

- id: an integer that acts as a unique product ID
- name: the name of the product (text)
- category: the category of the product (text)
- price: the price of the product (real number)
- stock: the quantity of the product in stock (integer)

Main Parts of the Program:

main_menu():

Displays the options for the user to choose from (Add Product, Search Product, Update Stock, Exit).

add product():

Allows the user to input a new product's details. It saves the information into the database. It also checks if the product ID already exists and shows an error if it does.

search_product():

Lets the user search for products by ID, Name, or Category. It fetches the matching product(s) from the database and displays them.

update_stock():

Lets the user select a product by ID and either add stock (for a new delivery) or subtract stock (after a sale). It updates the stock quantity directly in the database.

Data Types and Structures:

All products are stored in an SQLite table, not in Python lists.

Inputs like ID and Stock are integers, Name and Category are text, and Price is a

floating-point number.

Algorithms:

Add Product:

- 1. Ask user for ID, Name, Category, Price, and Stock.
- 2. Insert the data into the products table.
- 3. Handle errors like duplicate IDs.

Search Product:

- 1. Ask user how they want to search (ID, Name, or Category).
- 2. Perform a database query to find the matching product.

Update Stock:

- 1. Find the product by ID.
- 2. Ask if user wants to add or subtract stock.
- 3. Update the stock quantity in the database.

User Interface (UI):

Screenshots of the System in Action:

Figure 1: Main Menu in Google Colab

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=== Inventory Management System ===
1. Add New Product
2. Search Product
3. Update Stock
4. Exit
Enter your choice (1-4):
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• Figure 2: Adding a Product

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--- Add New Product ---
Enter Product ID: 109
Enter Product Name: Chocolate Bar
Enter Product Category: Snacks
Enter Product Price: 1.99
Enter Stock Quantity: 80
✓ Product 'Chocolate Bar' added successfully!
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• Figure 3: Searching a Product

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--- Search Product ---
Search by (id/name/category): id
Enter your search keyword: 109
(109, 'Chocolate Bar', 'Snacks', 1.99, 80)
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The program runs in a simple console.

Instructions are very clear (like "Enter Product Name:") and messages are displayed if the user does something wrong (e.g., entering text instead of a number).

Libraries Used:

I used the built-in Python sqlite3 library to connect to the database with No extra installations needed, which made the setup very simple.

Testing and Evaluation

Testing:

After finishing the main functions, I tested the system by adding several products like "Apple," "Milk," and "Bread.".....

I tested searching for products by both ID and Name to make sure the search function works correctly.

I also tested updating the stock by adding and subtracting quantities.

To check error handling, I tried entering wrong inputs like typing letters where numbers were expected. The program caught the errors and showed friendly messages without crashing.

Evaluation:

The main goal was to create a simple inventory system that allows users to add, search, and update products, while saving the data permanently.

I think the project mosts those objectives well. The system is simple, easy to

I think the project meets these objectives well. The system is simple, easy to understand, and reliable for basic inventory management.

If I had more time, I would add extra features like the ability to delete a product or maybe generate reports.

But for the time and skills I had available, I am happy with how the project turned out, and I hope that this project will please you.