E-commerce Website

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1. Abstract:

This project aims to develop a simple e-commerce platform using Django (Python) for backend functionality and HTML/CSS for frontend design. The website allows users to browse products, view details, manage a shopping cart, and place orders. Administrators will have the ability to manage products, categories, and orders through the Django admin interface.

2. Objectives:

- Primary Objective: Build an e-commerce website with core functionalities for product management and user interaction.
- Secondary Objectives:
 - Enable product browsing, searching, and detailed views.
 - Implement user authentication (login, registration).
 - Provide cart functionality for adding/removing products.
 - Develop a simple checkout process.
- Enable admin control for managing products, categories, and orders.

3. Scope:

- Frontend: Design responsive product listing and detail pages using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Users will be able to register, log in, and interact with the cart.

- Backend: Implement business logic using Django's Model-View-Template (MVT) structure to manage products, categories, users, and orders.
- Database: Use SQLite to store data for products, orders, and users. The Django ORM will handle all database interactions.

4. Technologies:

- Backend: Django (Python)
- Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Database: SQLite (or a scalable database such as PostgreSQL for production)
- Other Libraries: Django crispy forms, Pillow for image handling

5. Key Features:

User-Side Features:

- Product Browsing: Users can view and search for products by category.
- -Product Detail: Each product has a detailed page showing price, description, and stock.
- User Authentication: Users can register, log in, and manage their accounts.
- Shopping Car: Users can add products to a cart, modify quantities, and proceed to checkout.

Admin Features:

- Product & Category Management: Admins can add, update, or delete products and categories via the Django admin panel.
- Order Management: Admins can view and manage customer orders.

6. Modules:

- 1. User Authentication:
 - Registration, login/logout, and profile management.
- 2. Product & Category Management:
 - Create, update, view, and delete products and categories.
- 3. Shopping Cart:
 - Add/remove products and view cart summary.
- 4. Order Processing:
 - Simple order placement and order history (for logged-in users).
- 5. Admin Module:
- Manage products, categories, and customer orders via Django's admin interface.

7. Development Phases:

- 1. Setup: Initialize Django project and basic structure.
- 2. User Authentication: Implement registration and login.
- 3. Product Management: Create models for products and categories, and develop product listing and detail views.
- 4. Cart and Checkout: Develop shopping cart functionality and checkout process.
- 5. Admin Panel Customization: Enable product and order management through the admin panel.

6. Testing and Deployment: Test and prepare for deployment (e.g., on Heroku).

8. Expected Outcomes:

- A functional e-commerce website with product listing, cart, and user authentication.
- Admin features for managing products, categories, and orders.
- Secure and responsive design for ease of use by both users and administrators.

9. Future Enhancements:

- Payment Integration: Adding payment gateways like Stripe or PayPal.
- -Advanced Filtering: Enable product filtering by price, rating, etc.
- Order Tracking: Real-time order status updates.
- Reviews & Ratings: Allow customers to leave reviews for products.
- Discounts and Promotions: Implement coupon codes and offers for users.