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Software Requirements Specification

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document's goal is to outline all the proposed system's functional and nonfunctional requirements. The document also offers a thorough explanation of the POS system, its objectives, and goals as well as how external users perceive the product and its features. System designers, testers, and system users are the document's intended audience.

1.2 Scope

The system that is described in this document consists of a web application and a mobile application. This system aims to revolutionize the way supermarkets operate by streamlining sales transactions, enhancing inventory management, and optimizing customer interactions. Further, the proposed system consists of backend API. The system consists of main subsystems: sales transaction management system, employee management system, customer management system, inventory management system, report and analytics subsystem and ecommerce integration subsystem. System Use case model will be used to describe the requirements and functionalities of the system.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

- POS Point of Sale
- API Application Programming interface.
- IDE Integrated Development Environment
- MVC Model-View-Controller
- SSL/TLS Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security
- MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- URL Uniform Resource Locator
- IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

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1.4 References

None

1.5 Overview

The foundation and necessary information for the system's development will be provided for the development team in this document. The text is divided into four main sections. The document's goal, scope, definitions, acronyms, abbreviations, and references are all included in the first section's summary. The second section will give a general overview of Smart POS and discuss the main elements influencing the product and its specifications. To help the reader comprehend the system requirements, which are established and detailed in section three, it will provide background information. The software specifications will give programmers enough information so they can create the system and test it to make sure it adheres to the specifications. Section 3 also outlines other non-functional requirements, design limitations, and interfaces that the system must support.

2. Overall Description

2.1 Product perspective

The Smart POS application serves as an integrated software solution that facilitates efficient and modern point-of-sale operations for supermarkets. It introduces a system consisting of web and mobile applications seamlessly integrated with backend APIs. This system empowers staff members, administrators, and customers with intuitive interfaces and functionalities. By efficiently managing sales transactions, inventory, and customer interactions, the Smart POS application enhances business efficiency and data-driven decision-making. The inclusion of analytical tools offers real-time insights into sales trends, inventory performance, employee productivity, and customer behaviors. This comprehensive viewpoint ensures a better user experience and promotes growth and adaptability in the everchanging market.

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2.2 Product functions

The Smart POS system offers seamless sales processing, streamlined inventory control, efficient employee management, personalized customer interactions, robust reporting, integrated e-commerce capabilities, and versatile multi-store support for comprehensive business optimization.

- Sales processing and transaction management
- Inventory management
- Employee management
- Customer management
- Report and analytics
- E-commerce integration
- Multi-Store support

2.3 User characteristics

This system contains a web application and a mobile application, and it will be mainly used by the following users.

Cashier

Cashiers, vital users of the Smart POS system, are expected to possess basic computer skills and require an intuitive interface for smooth transaction processing. They engage in frequent customer interactions, necessitating real-time product information and swift loyalty program updates, ensuring a seamless and efficient checkout process.

Staff members

Staff members utilizing the mobile application for inventory and employee management are characterized by their familiarity with smartphones and mobile apps. They require an easily navigable interface for efficient inventory tracking, product updating, and employee task scheduling. These users often multitask and need quick access to real-time data, emphasizing the importance of streamlined information retrieval and task assignment. Additionally, their roles involve responsibility for

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accurate data entry and employee performance monitoring, making data integrity and user-friendly input mechanisms essential aspects of the application's design.

• Managers and administrators

Administrators and managers, key users of the Smart POS system, possess strong technical skills and strategic insight. They need a comprehensive web interface for sales oversight, inventory management, and data analysis. Robust reporting, secure authentication, and adaptable features are essential for informed decision-making and efficient employee management.

Online customers

Online customers vary in technical familiarity, but all look for an easy-to-use website. They want to browse and select products effortlessly, use simple payment methods, and track their orders. Personalized features like order history and loyalty programs are important. The website should work well on different devices for a smooth shopping experience.

2.4 Constraints

- The system is limited to English language only.
- The project should be completed within a defined timeline.
- The system must be compatible with a range of devices and platforms, ensuring accessibility for users.
- The backend server should be active for 24 hours and should serve multiple users concurrently.
- An active data connection is needed for mobile applications to work.
- A clear guideline for mobile applications should be included.
- Stringent security measures must be implemented to safeguard sensitive customer and business data.

2.5 Assumptions and dependencies

2.5.1 Assumptions

• It is assumed that the required hardware, such as servers, computers, barcode scanners,

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receipt printer and mobile devices, along with stable internet connectivity, will be available for system deployment and usage.

- The assumption is that suppliers will cooperate to provide accurate product details, pricing, and availability, enabling real-time inventory updates.
- The assumption is made that stable and high-speed internet connectivity will be available to ensure uninterrupted communication between the application components and external services.
- The application assumes the availability and compatibility of third-party services, such
 as payment gateways and barcode scanning tools, for seamless integration. Successful
 integration is essential for secure payment processing and efficient inventory
 management.

2.5.2 Dependencies

- The system's functionality is dependent on successful integration with third-party payment gateways to facilitate secure and efficient payment processing.
- The project depends on implementing robust data security measures and protocols to safeguard customer and business data from breaches and unauthorized access.
- Successful integration with external services, such as barcode scanning and payment gateways, depends on the availability and support of their APIs.
- The project's success relies on adhering to relevant industry regulations and compliance standards to ensure legal and ethical operations.
- The project depends on successful implementation of scalable architecture to accommodate future business growth and increased user activity.
- The mobile application's success relies on compatibility with various mobile devices and operating systems.

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3. Specific Requirements

3.1 Functionality

3.1.1 Sales processing and transaction management

3.1.1.1 Transaction Processing

This feature involves initiating and processing sales transactions, capturing essential details such as product selection, quantity, pricing, and customer infor mation. The system receives input from the cashier or user regarding the chosen items and their quantities. The output includes a finalized order with a unique transaction ID. The system should efficiently process transactions, ensuring accuracy, real-time updates, and secure handling of sensitive customer and payment information.

3.1.1.2 Payment Handling

Encompassing various payment methods such as cash, credit/debit cards, mobile payments, and gift cards, this feature securely manages transaction payments. Inputs include payment details provided by the customer, while the output is a confirmation of successful payment and an associated payment record.

3.1.1.3 Receipt Generation

After successful payment, the system generates itemized receipts as an output, including transaction details, purchased items, quantities, prices, applicable taxes, and the total amount paid. Inputs are the finalized transaction and payment data.

3.1.1.4 Refunds and Returns

Handling customer returns or requests for refunds, this feature requires input from the customer (such as the reason for return) and generates outputs like return authorizations, updated inventory quantities, and refunded payment records. The system also manages the return process, ensuring proper stock adjustment and financial reconciliation.

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3.1.2 Inventory Management

3.1.2.1 Real-Time Inventory Tracking

This functionality ensures that the system maintains an up-to-date record of available products in the supermarket's inventory. Input includes sales transactions, returns, new stock arrivals and stock returns. Output provides real-time inventory levels for each product, aiding accurate order fulfillment and preventing stockouts.

3.1.2.2 Automated Reordering for Super Markets

By setting reorder points and triggers, this feature automatically generates purchase orders when inventory falls below predefined thresholds. Input includes current inventory levels and reorder criteria. The output is an auto-generated purchase order sent to suppliers.

3.1.2.3 Product Ordering and Tracking

Supermarket staff can initiate orders for new products or replenishments based on customer demand or seasonal changes. Input consists of order details and quantities. Output includes order confirmations, expected delivery dates, and integration with inventory tracking.

3.1.2.4 Products transferring to the supermarkets.

Facilitating the transfer of products between different store locations or warehouses, this functionality ensures accurate stock movement. Input includes source and destination locations, quantities, and product details. Output involves updated inventory levels at both locations.

3.1.2.5 Adding New Product Details

Supermarket administrators or authorized personnel can input new product details, including names, descriptions, categories, and pricing. Input encompasses product attributes and details. Output is the inclusion of the new product in the inventory catalog.

3.1.2.6 Updating Inventory

Regular updates, such as stock adjustments due to sales, returns, or transfers, are recorded. Input includes transaction data or inventory count adjustments. Output involves accurate inventory levels.

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3.1.2.7 Product Information Management

Centralizing product information, this feature allows management of comprehensive details like names, descriptions, images, and supplier information. Input includes product data and supplier details. Output provides organized and easily accessible product information.

3.1.2.8 Handling Expiry Date Tracking

For products with expiration dates, the system tracks these dates and generates alerts as expiration approaches. Input includes product details and expiration dates. Output includes notifications and inventory adjustments.

3.1.2.9 Supplier Management

Managing supplier information, this functionality records details such as contacts, products supplied, and order history. Input includes supplier details and order data. Output involves a centralized supplier database and streamlines ordering processes.

3.1.3 Employee Management

3.1.3.1 Employee Profile Creation and Management (Salary)

This functionality involves creating and maintaining individual employee profiles, including personal information, job roles, and salary details. Inputs encompass employee data and salary information. Outputs include updated profiles and salary records.

3.1.3.2 User Roles and Permissions, Access Control

Establishing different user roles and permissions ensures controlled access to the system's features. Inputs involve defining role-specific permissions. Outputs result in restricted access levels based on defined roles.

3.1.3.3 Attendance Tracking

The system records employee attendance, capturing clock-in and clock-out times. Inputs include employee check-in data. Outputs encompass attendance records for payroll and performance evaluation.

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3.1.3.4 Leave Management

Managing employee leave requests and approvals, this feature involves inputting leave requests and processing them for approval. Outputs include approved leave status and updated attendance records.

3.1.3.5 Performance Monitoring

Tracking and assessing employee performance against predefined metrics and goals. Inputs involve performance metrics and targets. Outputs consist of performance reports and insights.

3.1.3.6 Employee Task Scheduling

Assigning and managing tasks and shifts for employees based on their roles and availability. Inputs encompass task assignments and schedules. Outputs include assigned tasks and schedules.

3.1.4 Customer Management

3.1.4.1 Customer Profile Creation

This functionality involves creating and maintaining individual customer profiles, including personal information and contact details. Inputs encompass customer data. Outputs result in updated customer profiles in the database.

3.1.4.2 Purchase History

Tracking and recording customers' past purchases, including products `bought and transaction dates. Inputs involve sales data. Outputs provide historical purchase records for analysis and personalized marketing.

3.1.4.3 Loyalty Program Integration

Integrating with a loyalty program to track and manage customer participation, points earned, and rewards redeemed. Inputs encompass customer loyalty activity. Outputs result in updated loyalty program records and rewards status.

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3.1.5 Report and Analytics

3.1.5.1 Sales Performance Analysis

This functionality involves analyzing sales data to gain insights into trends, revenue, and profitability. Inputs encompass sales transactions and revenue data. Outputs provide sales reports, graphs, and key performance indicators for informed decision-making.

3.1.5.2 Inventory Analysis

Analyzing inventory data to optimize stock levels, turnover rates, and order fulfillment efficiency. Inputs include inventory data and stock movement. Outputs deliver inventory reports, stock turnover metrics, and recommendations for inventory management.

3.1.5.3 Employee Performance Metrics

Monitoring and assessing employee performance based on sales, customer interactions, and other metrics. Inputs include employee data and performance criteria. Outputs provide performance reports, comparisons, and feedback for performance evaluation.

3.1.6 E-commerce Integration

3.1.6.1 Order Placement and Processing

Enabling customers to place orders through the online platform and seamlessly process them. Inputs encompass customer orders and product details. Outputs provide processed orders for fulfillment.

3.1.6.2 Real-Time Availability

Displaying accurate product availability on the website based on current stock levels. Inputs involve inventory data. Outputs provide real-time availability status for each product.

3.1.6.3 Delivery Options

Offering customers various delivery options, including local delivery, scheduled slots, and express delivery. Inputs include delivery preferences and addresses. Outputs provide delivery options during order placement.

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3.1.6.4 Payment Integration

Integrating with online payment gateways to securely process payments for online orders. Inputs involve payment details. Outputs include confirmation of successful payment and associated payment records.

3.1.6.5 Promotions and Discounts

Applying online-specific promotions, discounts, and coupons to encourage online sales. Inputs encompass discount codes and eligible products. Outputs result in applied discounts and updated order totals.

3.1.6.6 Order Tracking and Notifications

Providing order tracking and notifications to keep customers informed about order status. Inputs include order details. Outputs involve order status updates and notifications.

3.1.6.7 Returns and Refunds

Handling customer returns or requests for refunds for online purchases. Inputs involve return requests and reasons. Outputs include return authorizations, updated inventory, and refunded payment records.

3.1.6.8 Integration with Loyalty Programs

Integrating online purchases with the loyalty program to track and reward customer loyalty. Inputs involve loyalty account details and online purchases. Outputs include loyalty points earned and program rewards.

3.1.7 Multi-Store Support

3.1.7.1 Centralized Dashboard

Providing a centralized view of key performance indicators and metrics across all store locations. Inputs involve data from each store. Outputs deliver a consolidated dashboard for comprehensive monitoring.

3.1.7.2 Multi-Location Inventory Management

Ensuring seamless tracking and management of inventory across all store locations. Inputs

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encompass inventory data from each location. Outputs provide real-time inventory levels and stock movements.

3.1.7.3 Unified Product Catalog

Maintaining a consistent product catalog accessible from all store locations. Inputs involve product details and updates. Outputs provide a standardized catalog view for all stores.

3.1.7.4 Price and Promotion Consistency

Ensuring consistent pricing and promotional offers across all store locations. Inputs involve pricing and promotion details. Output results in uniform pricing and promotions.

3.1.7.5 Centralized Customer Database

Maintaining a centralized database of customer profiles and information from all store locations. Inputs involve customer data from each store. Outputs deliver a unified customer database.

3.1.7.6 Employee Management and Communication

Managing employee profiles, schedules, and communication across multiple store locations. Inputs encompass employee data and schedules. Outputs provide coordinated employee management.

3.1.7.7 Multi-Location Alerts and Notifications

Sending alerts and notifications to store managers or administrators about important updates, low stock levels, and operational issues. Inputs involve triggers and alerts. Outputs deliver notifications to relevant parties.

3.2 Usability

This section outlines the requirements related to the usability of the Smart POS application. It encompasses factors that influence the user experience and the ease of interaction with the system.

3.2.1 Required Training Time

The application must be designed in such a way that a normal user, with basic computer

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skills, can become proficient in using essential operations within a maximum of two hours of training. Similarly, a power user, possessing more advanced skills, should be able to become productive within one hour of training.

3.2.2 Ease of Use

Usability requirements ensure that the Smart POS application is user-friendly, efficient, and intuitive for its intended users. These requirements enhance the overall user experience and contribute to successful adoption and utilization of the system.

3.2.3 Responsive Design

The application's user interface should be responsive and adaptable to various screen sizes, resolutions, and devices, including desktop computers, tablets, and smartphones, to ensure consistent usability across platforms.

3.2.4 User-Friendly Navigation

The application's menu structure, navigation buttons, and links should be logically organized and labeled, enabling users to access various functionalities and features with minimal effort.

3.3 Reliability

Reliability requirements ensure that the Smart POS application operates consistently and reliably under various conditions, minimizing downtime and errors. The following reliability aspects are defined.

3.3.1 Availability

- The system should strive for high availability, aiming to be operational 99.9% of the time.
- Planned maintenance and updates will be scheduled during non-peak hours (between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM) to minimize disruption to users. During maintenance windows, the system may experience temporary unavailability.
- In the event of system maintenance or hardware failure, the POS system will enter a degraded mode. During this mode, basic transaction processing functionality will

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remain available, ensuring minimal disruption to ongoing operations.

3.3.2 Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

The system should have an MTBF of at least 10,000 hours. This indicates the average time between failures that require system intervention.

3.3.3 Mean Time To Repair (MTTR)

In case of a failure, the system should be restored to operational status within a maximum of 4 hours. This includes the identification of the issue, troubleshooting, repair, and verification.

3.3.4 Accuracy

The system's output should have a precision of at least four decimal places for numerical values. Accuracy requirements should align with industry standards for financial transactions to ensure accurate handling of payments and inventory records.

3.3.5 Maximum Bugs or Defect Rate

The application should have a maximum bug or defect rate of 5 minor bugs per 1000 lines of code (bugs/KLOC) and 1 significant or critical bug per 1000 lines of code. Minor bugs are those that have a limited impact on functionality, while significant bugs affect critical operations, and critical bugs lead to substantial system failures.

3.3.6 Bugs or Defect Rate

	Minor Bugs	Significant Bugs	Critical Bugs
Definition	Minor bugs are issues that	Significant bugs are	Critical bugs are
	have a limited impact on	issues that impact	issues that cause a
	system functionality and	certain	complete loss of
	can be addressed without	functionalities or	specific
	significant disruption to	processes but do not	functionality or
	operations	cause a complete	render the system
		loss of usability	unusable for a
			significant portion
			of users

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Possible	Display glitches, typos,	Inaccurate inventory	System crashes,
bugs	minor formatting issues	calculations,	inability to process
		occasional payment	transactions, loss of
		processing delays.	customer data
Allowable	The system shall have a	The system shall	The system shall
Rate	minor bug rate of no more	have a significant	have a critical bug
	than 2% of total reported	bug rate of no more	rate of no more than
	issues	than 1% of total	0.1% of total
		reported issues	reported issues.

3.4 Performance and Security

Performance Requirements

3.4.1 Response Time for a Transaction

The system shall ensure an average response time of no more than 2 seconds for processing a transaction, including payment and receipt generation.

The system shall maintain a maximum response time of 5 seconds for any individual transaction processing.

3.4.2 Throughput

The system shall support a minimum throughput of 30 transactions per second during peak usage periods.

The system shall support concurrent usage by at least 100 users without significantly affecting transaction processing speed.

3.4.3 Capacity

The system shall be capable of accommodating a minimum of 500 concurrent users across all subsystems without performance degradation.

The system shall have the ability to handle a minimum of 50,000 transactions per day without system slowdown.

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3.4.4 Degradation Modes

In the event of high traffic or server load, the system shall gracefully degrade by prioritizing core transaction processing over secondary functionalities (e.g., advanced analytics).

If system resources become constrained, the system shall continue to process transactions while suspending non-essential features such as real-time reports.

3.4.5 Resource Utilization

3.4.5.1 Memory Utilization

The system shall maintain memory utilization below 70% of available system memory, ensuring efficient performance and minimizing the risk of crashes due to memory exhaustion.

3.4.5.2 Disk Space Utilization

The system shall ensure that database storage and log files do not exceed 80% of available disk space to prevent data corruption and ensure system stability.

3.4.5.3 Network Communications

The system shall optimize network communications to ensure that data transfers between the client, server, and external services are accomplished within 500 milliseconds for a typical data packet.

Security Requirements

3.4.6 Data Encryption

All sensitive data transmitted between the client and server shall be encrypted using industry-standard encryption protocols (e.g., SSL/TLS) to ensure data confidentiality and prevent eavesdropping.

Sensitive customer data such as payment information shall be securely encrypted when stored in the system's database to prevent unauthorized access.

3.4.7 User Authentication and Authorization

The system shall require user authentication for all interactions, and user roles shall determine access to specific functionalities and data.

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The system shall enforce strong password policies, including a minimum character length, combination of letters, numbers, and special characters, and regular password expiration.

3.4.8 Data Backup and Recovery

The system shall perform regular backups of critical data to ensure data integrity and provide a means for recovery in case of data loss or corruption.

3.5 Supportability

3.5.1 Coding Standards and Naming Conventions

The system's development shall adhere to industry-recognized coding standards, promoting code, consistency, readability, and maintainability.

Clear and consistent naming conventions shall be followed for variables, functions, classes, and other code elements to facilitate code comprehension and maintenance.

3.5.2 Code Reusability

The system shall prioritize the development of reusable code components, such as libraries, modules, and APIs, to maximize code reusability across different parts of the application and future projects.

Reusable components shall adhere to standardized interfaces and APIs, enabling seamless integration and reducing the effort required for modifications and updates.

3.5.3 Maintenance Access

The system shall provide remote access to authorized maintenance personnel for diagnosing and resolving issues, enabling timely support without requiring physical presence.

3.5.4 Version Control:

Source Code Repository - The system's source code shall be stored in a version control repository (e.g., Git), enabling version tracking, collaboration, and rollback capabilities.

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3.6 Design Constraints

3.6.1 Software Languages and Frameworks

Backend: The system shall be developed using Spring Boot framework with Java for backend functionalities.

Frontend: The system shall utilize ReactJS for web interfaces and React-Native for mobile app development.

Database: PostgreSQL shall be used as the primary database management system for data storage.

3.6.2 Development Process

Software Process: The project development shall follow an Agile methodology to ensure iterative development, adaptability, and continuous improvement.

Design Pattern: The system architecture shall adhere to the Model-View-Controller (MVC) design pattern for clear separation of concerns and maintainability.

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3.6.4 Development Tools

Integrated Development Environments (IDEs): Development teams are encouraged to use tools such as VS Code, IntelliJ IDEA, and Android Studio for efficient coding, debugging, and collaboration.

3.6.5 Hardware and Platform Limitations

The hardware constraints for the web applications are not highly critical, and they are independent of the operating systems. A computer with normal performance capabilities is sufficient for accessing and using the web applications. On the other hand, for the mobile

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application, hardware constraints play a critical role. A mobile phone equipped with a camera is necessary to fully utilize the mobile application's features. These hardware considerations ensure compatibility and optimal performance across different devices and platforms, enhancing user experience and usability.

3.7 On-line User Documentation and Help System Requirements

The user will be provided with a user manual including all the tasks.

3.8 Purchased Components

The purchasing of components is unnecessary since all the intended software and technologies for the system are readily accessible without any cost.

3.9 Interfaces

3.9.1 User Interfaces

• Sales Processing and Transaction Management:

Login Interface: Cahier can login through the pin provided by the admin.

Checkout Interface: Allows cashiers to scan products, calculate totals, select payment methods, and generate receipts.

Payment Interface: Enables cashiers to process different payment methods such as cash, credit/debit cards, and gift cards.

Receipt Interface: Displays generated receipts to cashiers for verification and printing.

• Inventory Management:

Inventory Tracking Interface: Displays real-time inventory levels and provides options for adding, updating, and tracking products.

Reorder Interface: Enables authorized personnel to set reorder points, trigger automatic purchase orders, and manage stock replenishment.

Product Management Interface: Allows staff to add new products, update details, and manage product information centrally.

• Employee Management:

Employee Profile Interface: Provides a platform for creating and maintaining employee profiles, managing roles, and tracking attendance.

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User Roles and Permissions Interface: Allows administrators to define user roles and permissions for controlled system access.

Performance Monitoring Interface: Displays employee performance metrics, comparing them against predefined targets.

• Customer Management:

Customer Profile Interface: Allows staff to create and manage customer profiles, capturing personal and contact details.

Loyalty Program Interface: Integrates with a loyalty program to track customer participation, points, and rewards.

• Report and Analytics:

Sales Analysis Interface: Generates sales reports, graphs, and indicators to assist in decision-making.

Inventory Analysis Interface: Provides insights into inventory turnover rates, stock levels, and recommendations.

Employee Performance Interface: Monitors and evaluates employee performance based on various metrics.

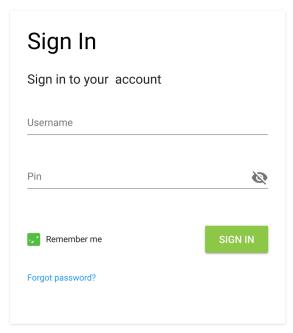


Figure 3.9-1 Login

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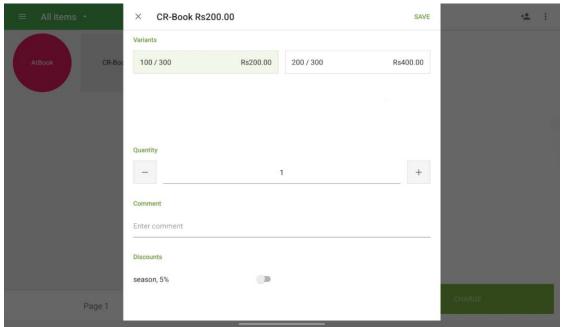


Figure 3.9-2 Checkout

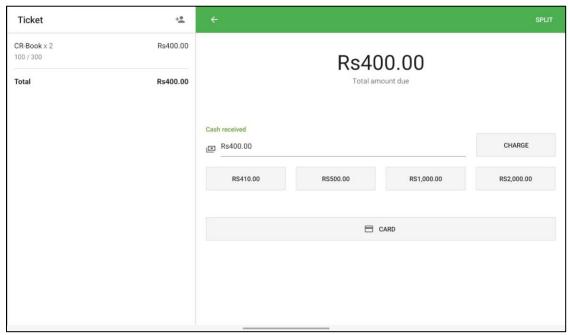


Figure 3.9-3 Payment

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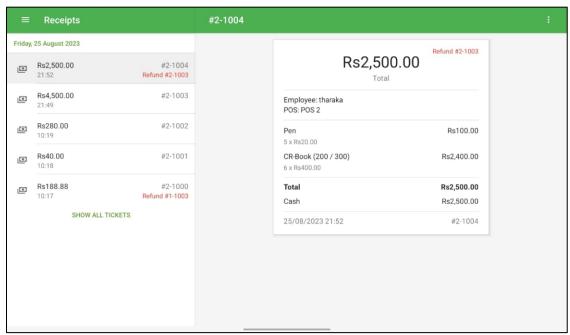


Figure 3.9-4 Receipt

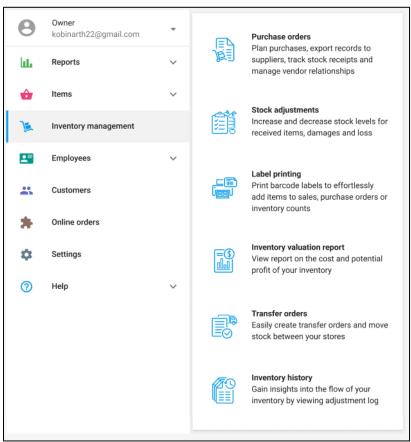


Figure 3.9-5 Inventory Management

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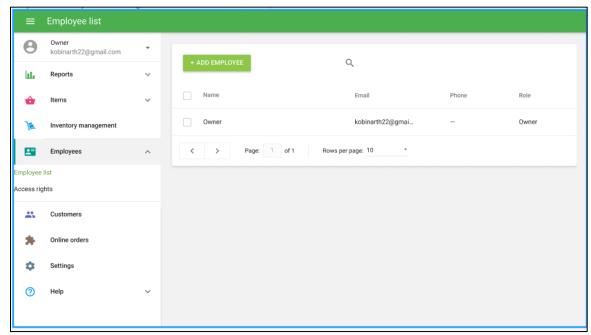


Figure 3.9-6 Employee Management

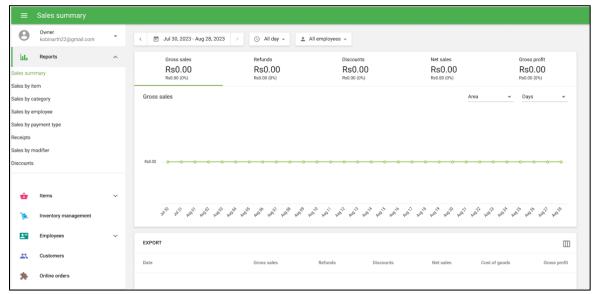


Figure 3.9-7 Reports and Analytics

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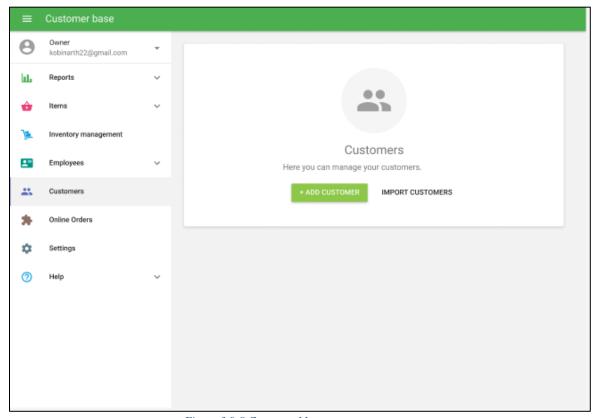


Figure 3.9-8 Customer Management

Note: All the above UI interfaces are based on the Loyverse pos system [1]

• E-commerce Integration:

Online Ordering Interface: Enables customers to place orders, choose delivery options, and apply promotions.

Payment Integration Interface: Integrates with online payment gateways for secure processing of online orders.

Order Tracking Interface: Provides order tracking and notifications to customers.

For this system bootstrap ecommerce template [2] has been completely resused.

• Multi-Store Support:

Multi-Store Dashboard Interface: Offers a centralized view of key metrics, performance indicators, and alerts across store locations.

Multi-Location Inventory Interface: Facilitates inventory management and tracking across multiple store locations.

Product Catalog Interface: Maintains a consistent product catalog accessible from all store locations.

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3.9.2 Hardware Interfaces

Barcode Scanners: Barcode scanners are essential tools used by cashiers to swiftly scan product barcodes during checkout. They transmit barcode data to the software, enabling accurate product identification and pricing.

Card Readers: Card readers facilitate secure credit/debit card payments. They read payment card information and transmit it to the software for processing, ensuring swift and reliable payment handling.

Devices for Accessing Interfaces: Computers, tablets, and other devices are utilized by cashiers and managers to access the software interfaces. Cashiers use these devices for product scanning, payment processing, and receipt generation. Managers employ them for inventory management, employee oversight, and reporting tasks.

3.9.3 Software Interfaces

The software interfaces with payment gateways to facilitate secure online payment processing. This integration allows customers to make payments using various methods such as credit/debit cards, digital wallets, or other online payment options. When a customer initiates a payment, the software communicates with the selected payment gateway to transmit payment details securely. The payment gateway then processes the payment, verifying the information provided and handling the transaction securely.

3.9.4 Communications Interfaces

The communication interfaces within the supermarket software system involve protocols that enable smooth data exchange between different system components. Asynchronous HTTP protocols are employed for efficient web-based interactions, allowing data transmission without immediate responses. This is particularly useful for managing real-time updates and ensuring uninterrupted processes. Additionally, FTP (File Transfer Protocol) is utilized for transferring files between the software system and external servers. This ensures the seamless sharing of essential files such as product data updates and reports, facilitating effective communication with external services and platforms.

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3.10 Database Requirements

The database should ensure low and predictable response times, prioritizing efficient data retrieval and manipulation. Scalability with high availability is a key requirement, allowing the system to handle increased user activity without compromising performance. The implementation of indexing will be crucial to enhance query performance and optimize data access. To minimize data redundancy and maintain data consistency, the database design will adhere to normalization principles. This approach aims to eliminate data anomalies and ensure efficient storage and retrieval. By fulfilling these database requirements, the system will establish a solid foundation for seamless and reliable point-of-sale operations.

3.11 Licensing, Legal, Copyright, and Other Notices

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3.12 Applicable Standards

- IEEE 830: Software Requirements Specification

 This is the IEEE standard for documenting software requirements specifications, and it provides guidelines for structuring and formatting SRS documents.
- PCI DSS: Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
 If the system handles credit card payments, compliance with PCI DSS is essential to ensure the security of cardholder data during transmission, processing, and storage.

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