Project Proposal: GotoGro-MRM

Background

Goto Grocery is a membership-based grocery store like Costco. They have trouble managing their inventory and often overorder. They currently use a paper-based management system but are looking to upgrade. Goto Grocery have commissioned us to create a basic application that will track their sales data and allow for better inventory prediction.

Scope

To address the main issues above the client has stated two primary objectives the software should fulfil:

Table 1. General Client Objectives

No.	Item	Description	
1	Manage member records	Provide a visual interface to search for and retrieve	
		membership details of each member	
2	Generate Reports	Display visual reports on sales data for each member as	
		well as create exportable csv reports, potentially for	
		further processing	

To support this goal the following specific requirements also need to be met:

Table 2. Specific Objectives

No.	Item	Description	
1	Creation of database	The database will hold membership records and can be	
		queried to present details for the interface	
2	Creation of an application layer	The application layer will provide the GUI for the	
		company to interact with the database	

In order to best meet the client's needs, reasonable extensions beyond these goals were agreed upon by the development team:

Table 3. Extension Objectives

No.	Item	Description		
1	Ability to manage inventory	To easily track sales data, the database must have a		
	within database	record of all the items Goto Grocery sells. In addition, the		
		capability to add more item to the database would be		
		desirable		
2	Ability to manage members	Member details should be recorded in the database and		
	within database	displayed when relevant. The ability to add more		
		members is a desirable addition		
3	Virtual sales terminal	This interface will allow the team to add sales records as if		
		they were recording a real-life transaction. In future this		
		would ideally be linked to their POS system		

Tables 1-3 capture the list of achievable tasks, however there are some tasks that lie outside the scope of the project. Ideally, the items shown in Table 4 could be easily implemented in future, built upon the base program:

Table 4. Out of Scope Objectives

No.	Item	Description		
1	Ability to manage stock within	This would entail the ability to enter in stock changes to		
	database	the system. This would pair with the sales records to even		
		more effectively manage inventory		
2	Low stock trigger	This would entail the ability for the system to		
		automatically detect when stock for a given item reaches		
		the low threshold. This would trigger an automatic alert		
		to help manage inventory		
3	Connecting POS to database	As outlined above, it is out of scope to implement a		
	and application	physical connection between a scanner and the		
		application, however this would be ideal in fully digitising		
		the system and making the solutions as robust as possible		

Deliverables and schedule

The physical deliverable will be in the form of an exe file which will house the interface and the database. It is not within scope to provide a server; thus, it is reasonable to house the database within the program to demonstrate proof of concept and meet the needs of the client.

Limited training will also be provided to brief the client on how to use the product before handoff. This will be delivered during the final sprint in the testing phase.

To complete the project a series of tasks need to be completed. The predicted project backlog is shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Initial Release Schedule of the Product backlog items

No.	Item	Dependencies	Business Value (1 least – 10 most)	Release Schedule (Sprint 1 2)
1	Inventory Table	-	8	Sprint 1
2	Item Table	-	8	Sprint 1
3	Member Table	-	8	Sprint 1
4	Sales Record Table	1,2,3	10	Sprint 1
5	Add new member interface	3	4	Sprint 2
6	Add new item interface	2	2	Sprint 2
7	Add sales record	(1-4)	10	Sprint 2
8	View member sales record	7	9	Sprint 2
9	Predict required inventory	8	9	Sprint 2
10	View visual report of sales	8	8	Sprint 2
	record			
11	Export report in csv format	10	8	Sprint 2