

Day 2: Planning the Technical Foundation

1. Overview

This document outlines the technical foundation for the project, integrating the key components depicted in the flowchart. The system architecture comprises a frontend developed with Next.js, a backend powered by Sanity Headless CMS, and various APIs for seamless functionality, including a Product API, Third-Party API, and a Payments Gateway.

2. System Architecture

Frontend Development

- Developed using **Next.js** for a modern, scalable, and efficient web application.
- Manages the main user interface and routes for different pages.
- Fetches and displays data from APIs.

Backend and Content Management

- Uses **Sanity Headless CMS** to manage dynamic content.
- Includes schema types such as:
 - **Chef.ts** (Handles chef-related data)
 - **Food.ts** (Handles food-related data)
- Provides structured content to the frontend.

APIs and Integrations

- **Product API**: Supplies product-related data to the frontend.
- **Third-Party API**: Facilitates communication with external services, including payment processors.
- **Payments Gateway**: Manages secure transactions for e-commerce functionality.

3. Page Structure

The application consists of the following main pages:

- **Home**: The landing page displaying an overview of available products and services.
- **About**: Information about the business and its mission.
- **Contact**: A form for users to reach out for inquiries or support.
- **Menu**: A detailed list of available food items with descriptions and prices.
- **Shop**: E-commerce functionality for purchasing products.
- **Pages**: Additional structured pages for content.

- **Blog:** Articles and updates relevant to the business.

4. Data Flow and Interaction

1. The **Frontend (Next.js)** fetches content from **Sanity Headless CMS** and **Product API**.
2. The **Sanity Headless CMS** structures and provides the content using defined schema types.
3. The **Third-Party API** enables additional functionality such as external integrations.
4. The **Payments Gateway** ensures secure transactions for purchasing items.

5. Security and Performance Considerations

- Implement authentication and authorization for sensitive operations.
- Optimize API calls to reduce load times and improve user experience.
- Ensure secure data handling and encryption for transactions.
- Enable caching strategies to enhance performance.

6. Conclusion

This document establishes the foundation for the project's technical implementation. The integration of **Next.js**, **Sanity CMS**, **APIs**, and a **secure Payments Gateway** ensures a structured, efficient, and scalable solution. Future enhancements can be made based on business needs and user feedback.

