

# Step-by-Step Guide for Building an Inventory Management System

## 1. Define Your Goal

Understand the core functionalities of the application:

- Add new products with name and quantity.
  - Update the quantity of existing products.
  - Remove products from the inventory.
  - Calculate and display the total quantity of all products.
  - Sort products alphabetically by name.
  - Dynamically render the product list.
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## 2. Plan the Structure

Break the application into smaller components:

1. **Data Storage:** Use an array to store product details.
  2. **Methods:** Define functions for adding, updating, removing, sorting, and rendering products, and calculating the total quantity.
  3. **Event Handling:** Handle interactions like form submissions and button clicks.
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## 3. Start Writing Code

Begin with the basics and build incrementally:

### A. Set Up an Inventory Management Object

Create a JavaScript object (`inventorySystem`) to manage products and their associated actions:

- Properties:
  - `products`: Array to store product objects with attributes like `id`, `name`, and `quantity`.
- Methods:
  - `addProduct(name, quantity)`
  - `updateProductQuantity(id, newQuantity)`
  - `removeProduct(id)`
  - `calculateTotalQuantity()`
  - `sortProductsByName()`

- `renderProducts()`
- `resetForm()`

## B. Implement Core Methods

Write the methods in a modular way:

- **`addProduct`**: Add a new product with a unique ID and specified name and quantity.
- **`updateProductQuantity`**: Update the quantity of a product by its ID.
- **`removeProduct`**: Remove a product from the list by its ID.
- **`calculateTotalQuantity`**: Calculate the sum of quantities for all products.
- **`sortProductsByName`**: Sort the products alphabetically by their name.
- **`renderProducts`**: Dynamically update the DOM to display the product list and total quantity.
- **`resetForm`**: Clear the input fields in the form.

## C. Attach Event Listeners

Handle the interactions:

- **Form Submission**: Use `addEventListener` on the form to trigger `addProduct` for adding new products.
- **Update and Remove Buttons**: Dynamically generate buttons and attach handlers for updating and removing products.

## D. Test and Debug

- Test each method individually in the browser console.
- Validate inputs for edge cases (e.g., empty fields, negative quantities).

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## 4. Order of Implementation

Follow this sequence:

### Initialize the Inventory Management Object:

```
const inventorySystem = { products: [] };
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2. **Add Core Methods to the Object:**

- `addProduct(name, quantity)`
- `updateProductQuantity(id, newQuantity)`

- `removeProduct(id)`
- `calculateTotalQuantity()`
- `sortProductsByName()`
- `renderProducts()`
- `resetForm()`

### 3. Create Event Handlers:

- Write the logic for form submission and attach it to the "Submit" button.
- Write the logic for update and remove actions and attach them to dynamically generated buttons.

### 4. DOM Manipulation:

- Use `document.createElement` and `appendChild` to render products.
- Dynamically update the DOM for product list and total quantity.

### 5. Test the Flow:

- Add products.
- Update and remove products.
- Calculate the total quantity.
- Sort products alphabetically.
- Ensure the DOM updates correctly.

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## 5. Add Features Incrementally

Once the basics work, enhance the application:

- **Advanced Sorting:** Allow sorting by quantity in addition to name.
- **Search Functionality:** Add a search bar to filter products by name.
- **Validation:** Ensure fields are filled correctly and quantities are valid before submission.
- **Styling:** Apply CSS classes for better UI and user experience.

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## 6. Checklist for Completion

- Products are added correctly with unique IDs.
  - Product quantities can be updated.
  - Products can be removed from the inventory.
  - The total quantity of all products is calculated and displayed.
  - Products can be sorted alphabetically by name.
  - The product list renders dynamically and updates after actions.
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**By following this roadmap, you will systematically build the Inventory Management System with clarity and focus.**