System Architecture: Marketplace Technical Foundation

Overview:

The system is designed for an online marketplace where users can browse products, make orders, and track shipments. The architecture is composed of three primary components: Frontend, Backend, and Third-Party Integrations.

Frontend:

- Built using Next.js for dynamic rendering and responsive UI.
- Pages: Home, Product Listing, Product Details, Cart, Checkout, Order Confirmation.

Backend:

- Sanity CMS is used for managing product data, customer data, and orders.
- Sanity schemas are designed to align with business goals.

Third-Party APIs:

- APIs for payment processing and shipment tracking are integrated.

Key Workflows:

- 1. User Registration: User signs up and data is saved in Sanity CMS. A confirmation is sent to the user.
- 2. Product Browsing: Users browse the homepage, and the frontend fetches data from Sanity CMS to display products.
- 3. Order Placement: Users add items to the cart, proceed to checkout, and the order is saved in Sanity CMS.
- 4. Shipment Tracking: Shipment status is fetched using third-party APIs, and status updates are shown to users.

1. System Architecture

Overview:

- **Frontend:** Built using Next.js for dynamic and responsive interfaces.
- Backend: Sanity CMS for data management.
- Third-Party APIs: Integration for payment processing and shipment tracking.

Architecture Diagram:

```
[Frontend (Next.js)]
    |
[Sanity CMS] <----> [Third-Party APIs]
    |
[Product Data] [Payment Gateway] [Shipment Tracking]
```

Workflows:

- 1. User interacts with the frontend to browse products.
- 2. Frontend fetches data from Sanity CMS.
- 3. Orders are saved in Sanity CMS.
- 4. Shipment status is retrieved using third-party APIs.
- 5. Payments are processed securely.

2. Define Technical Requirements

Frontend Requirements:

- User-friendly interface for browsing products.
- Responsive design for mobile and desktop users.
- Essential pages: Home, Product Listing, Product Details, Cart, Checkout, and Order Confirmation.

Backend (Sanity CMS):

- Use Sanity CMS to manage product data, customer details, and order records.
- Focus on designing schemas in Sanity to align with the business goals.

Third-Party APIs:

- Integrate APIs for shipment tracking and payment gateways.
- Ensure APIs provide the necessary data for frontend functionality.

3. Plan API Requirements

API Documentation:

Endpoint	Method	Purpose	Response Example
/products	GET	Fetch all product details	{ "id": 1, "name": "Product A", "price": 100 }
/orders	POST	Save a new order	{ "status": "Success", "orderId": 123 }
/shipment	GET	Track shipment status	{ "orderId": 123, "status": "In Transit" }

Example Detailed Endpoint:

• **Endpoint:** /express-delivery-status

Method: GET

• **Description:** Fetch real-time delivery updates for perishable items.

• Response Example: { "orderId": 123, "status": "In Transit", "ETA": "15 mins" }

4. Sanity CMS Schemas

Example Schema for Products:

```
export default {
    name: 'product',
    type: 'document',
    fields: [
        { name: 'name', type: 'string', title: 'Product Name' },
        { name: 'price', type: 'number', title: 'Price' },
        { name: 'stock', type: 'number', title: 'Stock Level' },
        { name: 'description', type: 'text', title: 'Description' },
        { name: 'image', type: 'image', title: 'Product Image' }
    ]
};
```

5. Design System Architecture

Key Workflows:

1. User Registration:

User signs up -> Data saved in Sanity CMS -> Confirmation sent to the user.

2. Product Browsing:

User visits homepage -> Sanity API fetches product data -> Data displayed on frontend.

3. Order Placement:

User adds items to cart -> Proceeds to checkout -> Order saved in Sanity CMS.

4. Shipment Tracking:

Shipment details fetched via API -> Status displayed to user.

6. Write Technical Documentation

Required Documents:

1. System Architecture Document:

Describes the overall design and interaction between components.

2. API Specification Document:

Details endpoints, methods, payloads, and responses.

3. Workflow Diagram:

Visualizes user interactions and data flows.

4. Data Schema Design:

o Defines entities and relationships for databases or CMS.

Example Workflow Diagram:

- 1. User visits the site and browses products.
- 2. Frontend requests product data from Sanity CMS.
- 3. Order is created and saved in Sanity.
- 4. Shipment tracking and payment APIs are integrated.

7. Collaborate and Refine

Steps for Collaboration:

- 1. Organize brainstorming sessions to exchange ideas.
- 2. Share your technical plans with peers for feedback.
- 3. Use GitHub for version control and clear commit tracking.
- 4. Incorporate feedback and refine the technical foundation.