**Project Design Phase**

**Problem – Solution Fit Template**

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| Project Name | Smart Sorting: Identifying rotten fruits and vegetables using transfer learning |
| Maximum Marks | 2 Marks |

**Problem – Solution Fit Template:**

The Problem–Solution Fit in this context means that we’ve identified a critical issue faced by farmers, vendors, and supply chain managers — difficulty in accurately and quickly identifying rotten fruits and vegetables — and developed an AI-based solution that uses transfer learning to automate spoilage detection, reducing waste, saving time, and improving efficiency.

**Purpose:**

❑ Help farmers, vendors, and distributors solve the critical problem of detecting spoiled fruits and vegetables using an accurate and easy-to-use AI solution that fits their daily operations.   
❑ Accelerate adoption by leveraging existing devices like smartphones and familiar behavior like taking pictures, making the solution accessible even in rural or low-tech environments.

❑ Strengthen communication and outreach by using messaging that connects emotionally—focusing on reducing losses, ensuring quality, and building trust with buyers.

❑ Build stronger relationships with end-users by addressing real, everyday frustrations such as labor costs, manual errors, and unexpected spoilage, and by providing a reliable and fast alternative.

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**5. AVAILABLE SOLUTIONS**

* - Manual inspection by laborers
* Basic sorting machines (color/weight based)
* Chemical sensors (expensive)

### ****CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S):****

* Small-scale farmers
* Fruit/vegetable vendors
* Agricultural cooperatives

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**2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS:**

* Reduce manual inspection time and labor costs
* Prevent mixing of fresh and rotten produce

### ****7. BEHAVIOUR****

### Manually sort and check each item visually

* Employ additional seasonal labor during harvest
* Dispose bulk quantities when spoilage is noticed late
* Use visual scales to grade fruits

### ****9. PROBLEM ROOT CAUSE:****

* Lack of affordable and accessible quality control tools
* High dependency on manual labor with low skill variance
* Supply chain delays lead to spoilage

### ****3. TRIGGERS****

High product returns due to poor quality

Customer complaints or health concerns

**4.EMOTIONS:BEFORE/AFTER:**

| **Stage** | **Emotion** |
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| **Before** | **Stressed, uncertain, tired, overwhelmed, worried about loss** |
| **Ater** | **After: Relieved, confident, in control, satisfied, tech-savvy** |

### ****8. CHANNELS OF BEHAVIOUR****

#### ****8.1 ONLINE****

* Search for agricultural best practices on YouTube
* Watch training or demo videos on smart farming

#### ****8.2 OFFLINE****

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### ****10. YOUR SOLUTION****

### **Smart Sorting: AI-Based Detection of Rotten Fruits & Vegetables**

* Use transfer learning with MobileNetV2 to detect spoilage early
* Deploy on mobile/web app using camera capture
* Classifies items as “Fresh” or “Rotten” with confidence scores
* Easy-to-use UI for farmers/vendors

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