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# 1. INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

challenges due to overcrowded waiting areas, particularly in busy departments.

Traditional manual queue systems lack realtime updates and transparency for patients.

The "WaitLess" project is designed to implement a smart, digital queue management system integrated with AI for predictive wait time estimations. The system will enhance operational efficiency, improve patient experience, and align with the hospital's digital transformation.







## 2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES & VALUE PROPOSITION

- Objective 1: Reduce patient wait times and overcrowding in waiting areas.
- Objective 2: Enable remote queue tracking via a mobile app, reducing physical congestion.
- Objective 3: Integrate AI to dynamically estimate wait times based on real queue data.
- Objective 4: Empower staff with tools to monitor and manage queues in real time.
- Objective 5: Improve patient satisfaction, contributing to positive hospital reputation.

# 3. STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS & DETAILED USER PERSONAS

- Stakeholders: Patients, Reception Staff, IT Maintenance, Hospital Administrators, Developers.
- User Persona 1: Ahmed, a 65-year-old chronic disease patient, wants to minimize exposure by waiting remotely and being notified when it's his turn.
- User Persona 2: Sara, a busy working mother, appreciates knowing her estimated wait time so she can plan her day.
- User Persona 3: Youssef, reception staff, requires a dashboard to handle queues, mark no-shows, and adjust priorities.
- User Story 1: As a patient with mobility issues, I want clear notifications to avoid missing my turn.
- User Story 2: As a staff member, I need an intuitive interface to manage queues and handle exceptions.
- User Story 3: As an IT admin, I must ensure system uptime, data integrity, and seamless updates.



# 4. FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS (DETAILED WORKFLOWS)



- QR codes displayed at entry points, scanned by patients via the app to obtain a digital ticket.
- App assigns a unique queue number and displays estimated wait time.
- Real-time notifications: Alerts when a patient is within 3 turns, at next turn, and final call.
- AI module continuously calculates wait estimates based on service speed and queue length.
- No-show handling: If a patient misses their turn (1-minute window), system automatically requeues them at the end.
- Admin dashboard features:
   Overview of queue status, manual adjustments, reporting tools for analytics.
- Multiple department support: Each department operates its independent queue managed centrally.
- User authentication for secure ticket issuance and admin access.

# 5. NON-FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS (DEEP-DIVE)

- System must support at least 200 concurrent users.
- End-to-end encryption of sensitive data (AES-256).
- Real-time data synchronization across devices.
- Automatic data backups every 24 hours.
- Support for French and Arabic interfaces.
- User-friendly design with accessibility considerations (high contrast, large fonts).
- Disaster recovery plan: automatic failover to backup server in case of system failure.



# <u>6. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS & ARCHITECTURE (FIXED</u> CHOICES)

- Backend: Python with FastAPI framework for high performance and scalability.
- Frontend: React Native mobile application.
- Database: PostgreSQL for relational data management.

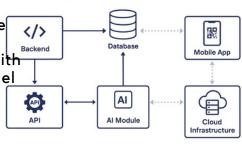
 Notifications: Firebase Cloud Messaging integrated into the mobile app.

 AI Module: Python-based, with scikit-learn decision tree model for wait time prediction.

 Cloud Deployment: AWS with auto-scaling and monitoring using CloudWatch.

- Secure RESTful APIs with OAuth2 authentication.
- Placeholder for detailed architecture diagram and data flowchart.

# System Architecture



# 7. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES & RISK MANAGEMENT

- Staff training on app usage and admin dashboard management.
- Clear user onboarding guides integrated into the mobile app.
- Regular system updates scheduled during off-peak hours.
- Real-time monitoring with alerts for system anomalies.
- Risk mitigation for hardware failures: deploy on redundant servers.
- Plan for rapid user adoption through staff support and patient education.
- Data breach prevention through multi-layer security and access controls.



## 8. PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN & TIMELINE

- Duration: 3 months.
- Phase 1 (Week 1-2): Requirement gathering and system design.
- Phase 2 (Week 3-8): Development of backend, mobile app, and AI module.
- Phase 3 (Week 9-10): System testing, performance optimization.
- Phase 4 (Week 11-12): User acceptance testing, deployment, and handover.
- · Weekly sprints with deliverables and milestone reviews.
- Resource allocation: 2 backend developers, 1 mobile developer, 1 AI engineer, 1 tester, 1 PM

# 9. VALIDATION & ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- System fully operational in at least one hospital department.
- Real-time queue tracking and notifications function as designed.
- AI estimation accuracy within ±10% of actual wait times.
- Admin dashboard tested for usability and data accuracy.
- User feedback gathered and incorporated into final deployment.
- Performance benchmarks: system latency < 2 seconds, uptime > 99.9%.

# 10. APPENDICES & VISUALS

- Placeholder for architecture diagram illustrating system components.
- Placeholder for QR scan workflow and ticket lifecycle.
- Placeholder for mobile app mockups and branding elements.
- Encouragement to use Canva or design tools to complete visual design.

