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## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) is to provide a centralized digital platform to streamline and monitor the end-to-end processes involved in the coffee supply chain. This system is designed to ensure transparency, efficiency, accountability, and collaboration among all key stakeholders—ranging from farmers and suppliers to processors, distributors, and retailers. By digitizing and optimizing operations, the SCMS aims to enhance product quality, ensure timely deliveries, minimize losses, and improve customer satisfaction through data-driven decision-making and predictive analytics.

## 1.2 Scope

The SCMS covers the entire coffee supply chain lifecycle, including:

- a Sourcing of raw coffee beans
- b Processing and packaging
- c Warehousing and inventory management
- d Order processing and fulfillment
- e Distribution and delivery to retail stores

#### 1.2.1 Key functional modules included in the system:

- a Inventory management
- b Order processing
- c Demand prediction through analytics
- d Customer segmentation and personalization
- e Real-time communication between stakeholders
- f Workforce allocation optimization
- g Automated vendor validation and onboarding

#### 1.3 Overview

Coffee is a globally traded commodity with a complex supply chain. The SCMS is designed to address several challenges in managing this network, such as inefficient inventory tracking, poor communication, inaccurate demand forecasting, and non-automated reporting. By integrating advanced analytics and communication features, the system improves visibility, optimizes resource allocation, and enables better coordination among all stakeholders. Ultimately, the SCMS ensures that high-quality coffee products reach consumers reliably, efficiently, and profitably.

#### 1.4 Reference Material

The following sources may be consulted for further understanding and development of the SCMS:

- a Coffee Supply Chain Industry Reports
- b Inventory and Supply Chain Best Practices
- c Analytics and Machine Learning in Retail
- d ISO Standards for Supply Chain and Vendor Management
- e Software Development Guidelines for ERP Systems
- f Relevant local and international regulatory guidelines

#### 1.5 Acronyms

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
SCMS	Supply Chain Management System
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
SKU	Stock Keeping Unit
FORECASTING	The use of historical data and analytics to predict future demand
VENDOR	The process of validating and registering new suppliers or
ONBOARDING	partners
INVENTORY	The process of maintaining ideal inventory levels to meet
OPTIMIZATION	demand without overstocking
STAKEHOLDERS	All parties involved in the supply chain, including farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, and logistics personnel

# 2. System Overview

The Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) is a modular, scalable, and service-oriented software solution designed to support the full lifecycle of the coffee supply chain, from bean sourcing to retail distribution. Built with modern technologies, the SCMS ensures efficiency, high availability, and adaptability through the use of microservices, web frameworks, and predictive analytics.

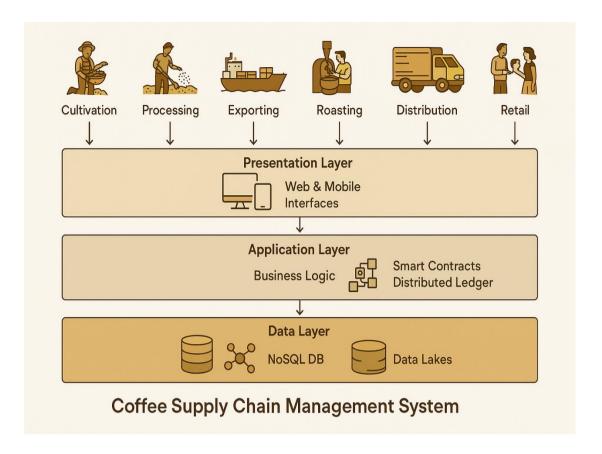


Figure 1 System Overview

# 3. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

## 3.1 Architectural Design

The architecture of SCMS is layered and hybrid, incorporating both monolithic and microservices design paradigms to balance rapid development and independent scalability.

#### **Architectural Design Image**



SCMS - Coffee Supply Chain Management System Architecture

## 3.1.1 System Layers and Components

- a **Presentation Layer**: Offers role-specific web interfaces using Laravel Blade templates. Supports dynamic UI with Vue.js or React if needed.
- b **Application Layer**: Laravel Controllers orchestrate input validation, business logic processing, and inter-service communication.
- c **Domain Layer**: Eloquent Models define and enforce business logic for entities like Users, Orders, Products, and Vendors.
- d **Persistence Layer**: Relational Database (MySQL/PostgreSQL) stores structured data. Access is facilitated by Eloquent ORM.

#### e Microservices Layer:

- i **Vendor Validation**: Java-based microservice managing vendor eligibility and documentation.
- ii **Machine Learning**: Python-based microservices for forecasting and customer segmentation, accessible via REST APIs.

## 3.2 Decomposition Description

SCMS is decomposed into core modules and services to ensure separation of concerns, maintainability, and service independence:

#### 3.2.1 Laravel Core Application (MVC)

- a **Models**: Represent business entities (e.g., Users, Inventory, Orders).
- b Controllers: Handle routing, logic delegation, and API exposure.
- c **Views**: Render dynamic content using Blade, with optional Vue.js/React components.

#### 3.2.2 Central Database

- a Relational DB (MySQL/PostgreSQL) stores structured data including vendor records, transactions, user logs, etc.
- b Managed via Laravel migrations and Eloquent ORM.

#### 3.2.2 Vendor Validation Microservice (Java)

- a Receives applications and document uploads from Laravel frontend.
- b Parses and evaluates documents using rule-based validation logic.
- c Coordinates site inspections and returns status updates.

#### **3.2.3** Machine Learning Microservices (Python)

- a Implements forecasting using historical sales and behavioral data.
- b Provides segmentation insights to optimize product offerings.
- c Built using scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Flask or FastAPI.

#### 3.2.4 Reporting and Notification Services

- a Scheduled or triggered generation of sales, inventory, and performance reports.
- b Notifications sent through Twilio (SMS) and SendGrid (Email).

#### 3.2.5 External File Storage

- a Stores vendor PDFs and compliance files securely via Google Cloud Storage.
- b File references linked in the central database for quick retrieval.

#### 3.2.6 User Management and Access Control

- a Implements Laravel's built-in authentication and role-based access (RBAC).
- b User roles include: Admin, Supplier, Factory Manager, Retailer, and Analyst.

#### 3.3 Design Rationale

The design choices for SCMS were made to achieve modularity, performance, scalability, and long-term maintainability:

- a **Laravel MVC Framework**: Offers rapid development and clear separation of concerns with a well-supported PHP ecosystem.
- b **Microservices Architecture**: Vendor validation and ML processing are offloaded to independent services for better fault isolation, parallel scalability, and technology flexibility.
- c **RESTful Communication**: Enables modular inter-service interactions and smooth integration with third-party systems.
- d **Relational Database**: MySQL/PostgreSQL provides ACID compliance and is optimized for complex transactional workloads.
- e **Cloud Storage for Documents**: Separates large files from relational data to reduce DB load and improve scalability.
- f **Eloquent ORM**: Streamlines object-relational mapping, enhancing consistency and developer productivity.
- g **Security Focus**: Leverages Laravel's authentication and RBAC to enforce strict access control.
- h **Scalability & Maintainability**: Loosely coupled architecture with clearly defined responsibilities makes SCMS adaptable to evolving business needs.

## 4. DATA DESIGN

## 4.1 Data Description

The system transforms real-world coffee supply chain processes into structured digital data through an entity-relationship model. Each actor or component in the supply chain (users, products, suppliers, orders, etc.) is mapped into entities and stored in a **MySQL/PostgreSQL relational database** using Laravel's **Eloquent ORM**. Here's how data is organized and processed:

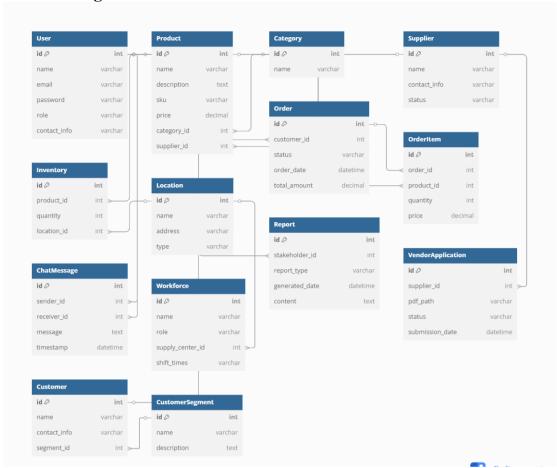
- a **Users**: Role-based records that include suppliers, retailers, admins, and other stakeholders. Stored in the users table with authentication credentials and access roles.
- **Products**: Each coffee product is uniquely identified by a SKU. Stored in the products table with links to suppliers and categories.
- c **Inventory**: Records current stock at various locations. Includes location ID and product quantity.
- d **Orders**: Tracks sales and movement of products through orders and order\_items tables.
- e **Locations**: Warehouses, factories, and retail stores. Used to assign workforce, stock, and order deliveries.
- f **ChatMessages**: Enables communication between users. Supports real-time/asynchronous coordination.
- g **VendorApplications**: Submitted by potential suppliers, including document links and approval status.
- h **Machine Learning Outputs**: Demand forecasts and customer segmentation stored for visualization and decision support.
- i **External Storage**: Vendor documents stored in cloud storage (AWS S3/Google Cloud), with paths linked in the database.

## **4.2 Data Dictionary**

Entity	Type	Description	
User	Object	Represents all system users with roles (Admin, Supplier, etc.).	
→id	BIGINT	Unique identifier	
$\rightarrow$ name	VARCHAR	Full name	
→ email	VARCHAR	Unique login	
→ password	VARCHAR	Hashed password	
$\rightarrow$ role	VARCHAR	Role in system	
Product	Object	Represents coffee products with SKU, price, and category.	
Category	Object	Grouping for products (e.g., Arabica, Robusta).	
Supplier	Object	Vendor details and approval status.	
Inventory	Object	Tracks product quantities at specific locations.	
Location	Object	Supply chain physical site.	
Order	Object	Customer orders, including order items.	
OrderItem	Object	Product quantity, unit price per order.	
ChatMessage	Object	Messaging log between users.	
Workforce	Object	Assigned personnel per location and shifts.	
Report	Object	Summarized insights (inventory, sales, ML output).	
VendorApplication	Object	Application for supplier approval.	
Customer	Object	Buyers (individuals, cafes, retailers).	
CustomerSegment	Object	Classification based on purchasing patterns.	

# 5. COMPONENT DESIGN

## 5.1 ER - Diagram



## 5.2 Database Schema

Below is the detailed database schema for the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) for coffee. The schema is designed for implementation with Laravel migrations and reflects the entities and relationships defined in the ERD.

Table 1 Shows User

Field	Туре	attributes	
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT	
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NUL	
Email	VARCHAR(255)	UNIQUE, NOT NULL	
password	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL	
Role	VARCHAR(50)	NOT NULL	
contact_info	TEXT	NULLABLE	
created at	TIMESTAMP		
updated at	TIMESTAMP		

## Table 2 Product

Field	Type	attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOTNUL
description	TEXT	NULLABLE
Sku	VARCHAR(100)	UNIQQUE, NOT NULL
Price	DECIMAL (10,2)	NOTNULL
category_id	BIGNIT	FOREIGN, NOT NULL
supplier_id	BIGNIT	FOREIGN, NOT NULL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 3 Categories

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NUL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 4 Suppliers

Field	Туре	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NUL
contact_info	TEXT	NULLABLE
Status	VARCHAR(30)	NOT NULL (pending/approved/rejected)
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 5 Inventories

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUTO_INCREMENT
producr_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN, NOT NULL
Quantity	INTEGER	NOT NULL
location_id	BIGINT	FOREIN, NOT NULL
created_at	TIMESTAMP	
updated_at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 6 Location

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUTO_INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL
Address	TEXT	NULLABLE
Туре	VARCHAR	NOT NULL (factory/warehouse/retailstore)
created_at	TIMESTAMP	
updated_at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 7 Orders

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
customer_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN, NOT NUL
Status	VARCHAR(30)	NOT NULL (pending/processing/shipped/delivered)
order_date	DATETIME	NOT NULL
total_amount	DECIMAL (10,2)	NOT NULL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 8 Order\_Items

Field	Туре	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
order_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN, NOT NUL
product_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN, NOT NULL
Quantity	INTEGER	NOT NULL
Price	DECIMAL(!0,2)	NOT NULL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 9 Chat\_Messages

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUTO_INCREMENT
sender_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN (users), NOT NULL
reciever_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN (users), NOT NULL
Message	TEXT	NOT NULL
Timestamp	DATETIME	NOT NULL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

# Table 10 Chat\_Messages

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NUL
Role	VARCHAR (100)	NOT NULL
supply_center_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN(locations), NOT NULL
shift_times	VARCHAR(100)	NULLABLE
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## Table 11 Reports

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
stakeholder_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN(locations), NOT NULL
report_type	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL
generated_date	DATETIME	NOT NULL
Context	TEXT	NOT NULL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

Table 12 Vendors

Field	Type	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
supply_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN(locations), NOT NULL
pdf_path	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL
Status	VARCHAR(30)	NOT NULL (pending/approved/rejected)
submission_date	DATETIME	
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

Table 13 Customers

Field	Type	attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NULL
contact_info	TEXT	NULLABLE
segment_id	BIGINT	FOREIGN, NULLABEL
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

Table 14 Customer\_Segments

Field	Туре	Attributes
Id	BIGINT	PRIMARY, AUT INCREMENT
Name	VARCHAR(255)	NOT NUL
Description	TEXT	NULLABLE
created at	TIMESTAMP	
updated at	TIMESTAMP	

## **5.2** Functional/Procedural Description of System Components (Pseudo code)

#### **5.2.1 User Authentication**

```
function login(email, password):
    user = DB.findUserByEmail(email)
    if hash(password) == user.password:
        return session.start(user.id)
    else:
        return error("Invalid credentials")
```

## **5.2.2 Inventory Management**

function updateInventory(product\_id, location\_id, new\_quantity):

```
inventory = DB.findInventory(product_id, location_id)
if inventory exists:
   inventory.quantity = new_quantity
   DB.save(inventory)
else:
   DB.createInventory(product_id, location_id, new_quantity)
```

## 5.2.3 Order Processing

```
function placeOrder(customer_id, items[]):
    order = DB.createOrder(customer_id, current_date)
    for item in items:
        DB.createOrderItem(order.id, item.product_id, item.quantity, item.price)
    total = calculateOrderTotal(order.id)
    order.total_amount = total
        DB.save(order)
```

## **5.2.4** Vendor Validation (Java Microservice)

```
function validateVendorApplication(application_id, pdf_path):
    document = parsePDF(pdf_path)
    if checkCompliance(document) and checkFinancials(document):
        scheduleInspection(application_id)
        return updateStatus(application_id, "approved")
    else:
        return updateStatus(application_id, "rejected")
```

## 5.2.5 Machine Learning – Demand Prediction

```
function forecastDemand(product_id, location_id):
    data = getHistoricalSales(product_id, location_id)
    prediction = LSTM_Model.predict(data)
    DB.storeForecast(product_id, location_id, prediction)
    return prediction
```

## **5.2.6 Customer Segmentation**

```
function segmentCustomers():
    customers = DB.getCustomerFeatures()
    segments = KMeans.cluster(customers)
    for customer in customers:
        customer.segment_id = segments[customer.id]
        DB.save(customer)
```

#### 5.2.7 Real-time Chat Messaging

```
function sendMessage(sender_id, receiver_id, message):
   chat = new ChatMessage(sender_id, receiver_id, message, now())
   DB.save(chat)
```

## 5.2.8 Report Generation

function generateReport(report\_type, target\_user):
 data = collectData(report\_type)
 formatted = formatAsPDF(data)
 emailReport(target\_user.email, formatted)
 DB.saveReport(target\_user.id, report\_type, formatted)

## 6. HUMAN INTERFACE DESIGN

#### **6.1 Overview of User Interface**

From the user's perspective, the SCMS interface is designed for **clarity**, **responsiveness**, **and role-specific functionality**. It adapts dynamically based on the authenticated user's role—Admin, Supplier, Factory Manager, Retailer, Customer, or Workforce Manager. Here's how users interact with the system:

## **6.1.1 Key Functional Interactions:**

- a) **Login Page:** Users input email and password to securely access the system. Unauthorized access is denied with appropriate feedback.
- b) **Dashboard:** After login, each user sees a dashboard tailored to their role:
  - i. **Admin**: See system-wide KPIs, manage users, review reports, and monitor ML insights.
  - ii. **Supplier**: Submit and track vendor applications, communicate via chat, manage supplied products.
  - iii. **Factory Manager**: Monitor inventory, assign workforce, communicate with suppliers and delivery agents.
  - iv. **Retailer**: Place orders, view product availability, track order status.
  - v. **Customer**: Browse products, place orders, and view delivery timelines.
  - vi. Workforce Manager: Allocate shifts, track staff activity by location.

#### **6.1.2 Feedback Mechanisms:**

- a **Real-time Notifications**: Alerts for order updates, stock levels, vendor application status, and new messages.
- b **Status Tags**: Clear visual tags like *Pending*, *Shipped*, *Delivered*, *Approved* to show current states.
- c **Form Validation**: Instant feedback on errors (e.g., "Email already exists", "Quantity cannot be negative").
- d **Loading Indicators**: Shown during data fetching or report generation.

# **6.2 Screen Images**

# Supply Chain Management System - Interface Mockups Group 9 Design Document Visualizations

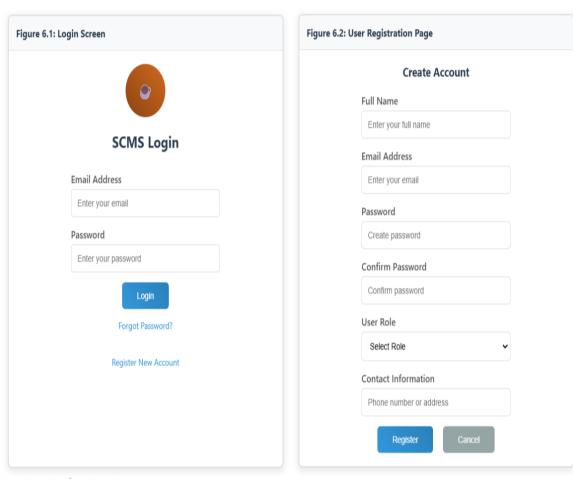


Figure 2 Login / Register Screen

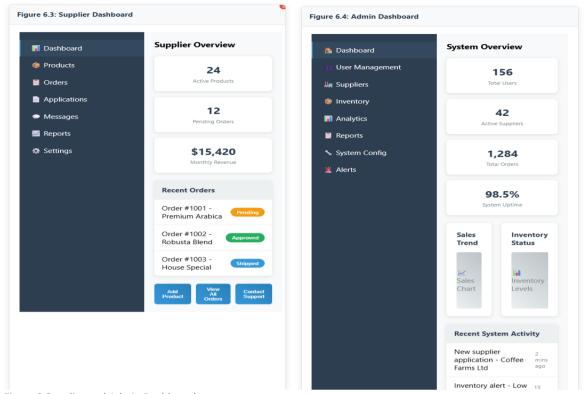


Figure 3 Supplier and Admin Dashboards

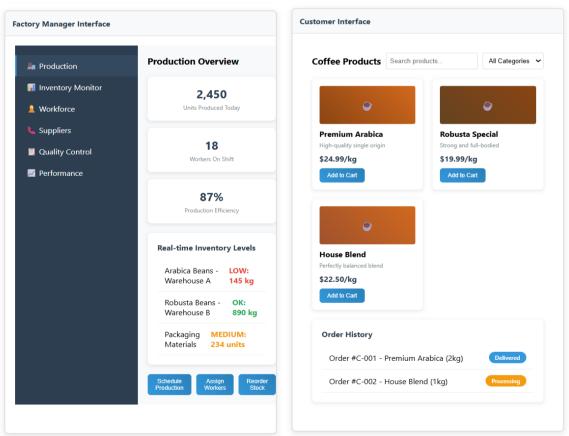


Figure 4 Factory manager and Customer interfaces

## **6.3 Screen Objects and Actions**

Each screen contains key objects and user actions as follows:

- a) **Login Screen:** Input fields for username and password; buttons to log in, register, or recover password. Actions: user enters credentials and submits to access the system.
- b) **Register Screen:** Fields for user details and a register button. Actions: user provides information to create an account.
- c) **Admin Dashboard:** Navigation menu and control buttons. Actions: admin manages users, views reports, and configures settings.
- d) **Customer Dashboard:** Profile info and order history. Actions: customer views profile, checks orders, and requests support.
- e) **Factory Dashboard:** Production and inventory displays. Actions: monitor production and update inventory.
- f) **Supplier/Retailer Dashboard:** Order and delivery panels. Actions: manage orders and track shipments.
- g) **Workforce Dashboard:** Task lists and attendance. Actions: update tasks and record attendance.

# 7. REQUIREMENTS MATRIX

Requirement Description	System Components	Associated Data Structures
User authentication and role-based access	Laravel Auth Module, Role Middleware	users table (id, email, password, role), Sessions
Inventory management (CRUD)	Inventory Controller, Inventory Views	inventories, products, locations
Order processing (CRUD, status tracking)	Order Controller, Order Dashboard	orders, order_items, customers
Real-time/asynchronous chat	Chat Controller, WebSockets (Laravel Echo), Messaging UI	chat_messages, users
Analytics dashboards and ML recommendations	ML Microservices (Python), Dashboard Components	orders, sales data, customer_segments, ML API responses
Workforce distribution management	Workforce Controller, Shift Scheduler UI	workforces, locations
Automated reporting (scheduled emails)	Report Service, Email Scheduler (Laravel Scheduler)	reports, users, orders, inventories
Vendor validation via Java microservice	Java Microservice, Vendor Application Controller	vendor_applications, Cloud PDFs (via S3), suppliers

## 8. APPENDICES

## Appendix A: Tools and Technologies Used

Tool/Technology	Purpose
Laravel (PHP)	Backend development using MVC pattern
MySQL / PostgreSQL	Relational database management
Eloquent ORM	Laravel's built-in ORM for database access
Python (Flask / FastAPI)	Machine Learning microservices
Java	Vendor validation microservice
AWS S3 / Google Cloud Storage	Secure external document storage
SendGrid / Twilio	Email and SMS notifications
Figma / Draw.io / dbdiagram.io	UI mockups, ERD, and architecture diagrams
VS Code / IntelliJ / PyCharm	Development environments
GitHub / Git	Version control and team collaboration

**Appendix B: Dataset Sources** 

Dataset	Source	Purpose
Coffee Sales Data	Kaggle	Used for demand forecasting ML model
E-commerce Behavior Data	Kaggle	Used for customer segmentation (K-means clustering)
Inventory Demand Forecasting Dataset	Kaggle	Supports inventory optimization and predictive restocking

**Appendix D: User Roles Overview** 

Role	Permissions
Admin	Full system access, user management, reports, analytics
Supplier	Product management, vendor application, communication
Factory Manager	Inventory control, workforce management
Retailer/Wholesaler	Product browsing, order placement, status tracking
Customer	Product browsing, personal order placement
Workforce Manager	Shift scheduling, resource allocation

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