# **Product Management System (Console App)**

# Objective:

Build a console-based application using Node.js that allows a user to manage products in an inventory.

#### **Features and Requirements:**

#### 1. Add Product:

- Prompt the user to enter the product's name, category, price, and unique product ID.
- Store this information in an array or a file (using `fs` module).

### 2. List All Products:

- Display a list of all products currently in the system, showing their name, category, price, and product ID.

#### 3. Search Product:

- Allow users to search for a product by its name, category, or product ID.
- Display all matching results.

### 4. Update Product:

- Allow users to update the details of a product using its unique product ID.

## 5. Delete Product:

- Allow users to remove a product from the system by specifying its product ID.

#### 6. Save and Load:

- Save the current list of products to a file whenever a product is added, updated, or removed.
- Load this list from the file whenever the application starts.

# 7. User Interface:

- Use the console for user input and output.
- Guide the user with clear instructions and options like:

Welcome to the Product Management System!

- 1. Add a product
- 2. List all products
- 3. Search for a product
- 4. Update a product
- 5. Delete a product
- 6. Exit

Enter your choice:

# **Steps to Approach:**

- 1. Set up a Node.js application with a main file, say `app.js`.
- 2. Implement the main loop where the user is presented with the menu options.
- 3. For each option, implement the corresponding functionality (e.g., adding a product, displaying all products, etc.).
- 4. If you're using the `fs` module to store products, use JSON format as it'll be easier to load and parse the data.
- 5. Make sure to handle errors gracefully for instance, alerting the user if they try to delete a product that doesn't exist or try adding a product with a product ID that's already present.

#### **Bonus:**

- 1. Product Statistics: Provide an option to display statistics, such as the total number of products, average product price, or the number of products in each category.
- 2. Implement basic input validation to ensure the product ID is unique, and other fields are not left empty.
- 3. Implement a basic logging system that keeps track of when products are added, deleted, updated, or searched.