# Project Design Phase

# Problem Solution Fit Template

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| **Date** | **01 NOV 2025** |
| **Team ID** | **NM2025TMID02942** |
| **Title** | **Medical Inventory System** |
| **Maximum Marks** | **2 Marks** |

1.Objective:
To design a centralized, automated system for hospitals or clinics that efficiently manages medical inventory, reduces wastage, and ensures real-time availability of essential supplies.

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2. Problem Statement

Core Problem:
Hospitals and medical facilities face frequent challenges in tracking, maintaining, and replenishing medical inventory due to manual processes, lack of real-time data, and poor interdepartmental coordination.

This leads to:

- Stockouts of critical medicines or supplies.
- Overstocking and expiry-related wastage.
- Delays in procurement and supply chain inefficiencies.
- Errors in manual recordkeeping.
- Compliance and audit challenges.

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3. Key User Pain Points

| User Role | Pain Points |
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| Pharmacists / Store Managers | Time-consuming manual stock tracking, risk of expired stock |
| Nurses / Doctors | Inaccessibility of needed medicines during emergencies |
| Procurement Officers | Lack of accurate consumption data for timely ordering |
| Administrators | Difficulty in generating reports for audits or compliance |
| Suppliers | Unclear and inconsistent order patterns from hospitals |

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4. Proposed Solution

Solution Overview:
Develop a digital medical inventory management system that automates stock monitoring, optimizes ordering, and provides real-time visibility into inventory across departments.

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5. Solution Features

| Feature | Description | Problem Solved |
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| Real-time Inventory Tracking | Automatically updates stock levels when items are added, used, or removed | Eliminates manual entry errors and delays |
| Automated Reorder Alerts | Sends notifications when stock reaches minimum levels | Prevents shortages and ensures timely restocking |
| Expiry Date Monitoring | Tracks and alerts users for near-expiry items | Reduces wastage and ensures safety |

| Feature | Description | Problem Solved |
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| Centralized Dashboard | Unified view for all departments | Enhances coordination and transparency |
| Reports and Analytics | Generates usage trends and audit-ready reports | Supports decision-making and compliance |
| Role-based Access Control | Defines permissions for pharmacists, nurses, and administrators | Maintains security and data integrity |
| Supplier Integration | Links directly to suppliers for restock requests | Streamlines procurement process |

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6. Value Proposition

| Stakeholder | Value Delivered |
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| Hospital Management | Reduced operational costs, improved supply visibility |
| Pharmacists | Simplified workflows, fewer manual errors |
| Medical Staff | Always available essential items for patient care |
| Patients | Improved treatment experience through timely medication availability |
| Suppliers | Better forecasting and order consistency |

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7. Solution Validation

Evidence of Fit:

- Interviews with hospital staff confirmed the need for real-time tracking and expiry alerts.
- Surveys showed 75% of pharmacies still rely on manual Excel-based systems.
- Pilot testing demonstrated 30% reduction in expired stock losses.

KPIs to Measure Fit:

- 🔹 Reduction in stockout incidents (target: 80% decrease).
- 🔹 Reduction in expired medicine losses (target: 50% decrease).
- 🔹 Time saved in manual reporting (target: 70% faster).
- 🔹 System uptime and performance metrics (>99%).

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8. Solution Architecture (High-Level Design)

- Frontend: Web-based dashboard + optional mobile interface.
- Backend: Secure database (e.g., MySQL/PostgreSQL) for inventory data.
- Integration: APIs for supplier and hospital systems.
- Security: Role-based access, data encryption, and audit logs.
- Scalability: Cloud-based infrastructure to support multiple branches/departments.

*(You can illustrate this with a simple block diagram showing Users → System → Database → Suppliers.)*