

Marketplace Technical Foundation for Kolachi.pk

1. System Architecture Overview

This section provides an overview of how the different components of your e-commerce platform interact.

Frontend:

- Technology: Next.js
- Features:
 - Responsive and user-friendly design.
 - Core pages:
 - Home: Show featured products and categories.
 - Product Listing: Display all products in a category.
 - Product Details: Details of a specific product with reviews and ratings.
 - Cart and Checkout: Add/remove products, view total price, and finalize orders.
 - Order Confirmation: Display order success and tracking information.

Backend:

- Technology: Sanity CMS
- Purpose: Manage all content and data:
 - Products, orders, customers, and shipment details.

Third-Party APIs:

- ShipEngine: Track shipments, assign riders, and fetch delivery zone coverage.
- Payment Gateway: JazzCash/Stripe for secure payments.
- Notification API: Twilio/Firebase for SMS/email updates about orders.

Product Schema

- ID: Unique identifier for the product
- Name: Name of the product
- Price: Price of the product
- Stock: Number of items available in stock
- Images: Array of image URLs

Order Schema

- Order ID: Unique identifier for the order
- Customer ID: ID of the customer who placed the order
- Products:
 - Product ID: ID of the product
 - Quantity: Quantity ordered
- Status: Current status of the order (e.g., Pending, Shipped, Delivered)
- Payment Status: Status of payment (e.g., Paid, Unpaid)
- Delivery Address: Address for order delivery

Customer Schema

- Customer ID: Unique identifier for the customer
- Name: Name of the customer
- Contact Info: Contact information of the customer (e.g., phone, email)
- Purchase History: Array of order IDs representing the purchase history

Shipment Schema

- · Shipment ID: Unique identifier for the shipment
- Order ID: Associated order ID
- · Zone Name: Name of the delivery zone
- Coverage Area: Area covered by the delivery zone
- Status: Current status of the shipment (e.g., In Transit, Delivered)
- Assigned Rider: Name of the rider assigned for delivery

Delivery Schema

- · Delivery ID: Unique identifier for the delivery
- Order ID: Associated order ID
- Assigned Rider: Name or ID of the rider responsible for delivery
- Delivery Status: Current status of the delivery (e.g., Dispatched, Out for Delivery, Delivered)
- Expected Delivery Time: Estimated delivery time or date
- Actual Delivery Time: Timestamp of when the delivery was completed
- Delivery Notes: Optional notes about the delivery (e.g., "Left at the doorstep")

4. Key Backend Features

- Order Management:
 - · Handle order creation, status updates, and cancellations.
 - · Payment integration for COD and online payments.
- 2. Inventory Management:
 - Update stock levels based on orders.
 - Alerts for low stock levels.
- 3. Returns and Refunds:
 - · Simplify returns with easy-to-use workflows.
 - Automate refund processes.
- 4. Customer Reviews:
 - · Enable uploading of photos and real feedback.

5. Security

- Authentication: Use JWT for login/signup processes.
- Encryption: HTTPS for secure communication.
- Validation: Sanitize inputs to prevent SQL injection or XSS attacks.

6. Deployment and Monitoring

- Hosting:
 - · Deploy frontend on Vercel.
 - · Host backend (Sanity CMS) on Sanity.io.
- 2. Monitoring Tools:
 - Use LogRocket or Sentry for performance monitoring.
 - Enable Google Analytics to track user engagement.