

This is a **very solid, realistic plan**, Manohari 🙌

It already looks like something you could explain confidently in an interview or use as a **portfolio project**.

I'll do **two things** in this response:

1. **Review and validate your plan** (what's good, what to tweak)
 2. **Refine it slightly** so it aligns better with real-world systems + DSA learning
👉 *No solutions, only guidance and checkpoints*
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✅ Overall Review

Your breakdown is:

- Logical ✓
- Incremental ✓
- Backend + Frontend balanced ✓
- Real-world aligned ✓

Most importantly, it mirrors how **actual product teams build features**.

🔍 Day-by-Day Review & Improvements

Day 1: DB Design / Low-Level Design + Demo Data

✅ Excellent starting point.

Review Notes

- Think in terms of:
 - Entities
 - Relationships
 - Cardinality
- Prepare for **future scale**, not just current needs.

Review Checkpoints

- Can your design support:
 - Multiple stalls?
 - Item availability toggling?

- Partial payments or failed payments?
 - Are you separating:
 - Transactional data vs reference data?
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Day 2: Backend & Frontend Tech + Deployment

✓ Good early decision.

Review Notes

- This day is about **architecture**, not coding.
- Make decisions you can justify in interviews.

Review Checkpoints

- Why this backend?
 - Why this frontend state management?
 - How will pagination & filtering be handled:
 - Backend
 - Frontend
 - Where will environment configs live?
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Day 3: Stall CRUD API + Pagination

✓ Perfect first module.

Review Notes

- Pagination here is important — treat it as a real dataset.

Review Checkpoints

- How are you handling:
 - Offset vs cursor pagination?
 - Sorting?
 - Are APIs:
 - RESTful?
 - Predictable?
 - Can this API scale to 1,000+ stalls?
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Day 4: UI for Listing All Stalls

✓ Logical follow-up.

Review Notes

- Focus on **data rendering efficiency**.

Review Checkpoints

- How are you:
 - Caching results?
 - Handling loading & empty states?
 - Can the UI handle:
 - Pagination change
 - Dynamic updates?
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Day 5: Menu CRUD API with Pagination

✓ Good sequencing.

Review Notes

- This is where **relationships** matter.

Review Checkpoints

- How is menu linked to stall?
 - How do you handle:
 - Soft deletes?
 - Availability changes?
 - Can menu queries be optimized by stall?
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Day 6: UI – Menu by Stall

✓ Real-world user flow.

Review Notes

- This is a great place to apply **DSA concepts**.

Review Checkpoints

- How will you:
 - Filter items efficiently?
 - Search items?
 - What happens when menu updates dynamically?
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Day 7–8: Order & Payment Confirmation APIs

✓ Very realistic timeline.

Review Notes

- Split clearly:
 - Order creation
 - Payment processing
- Payments should be **idempotent**.

Review Checkpoints

- How do you handle:
 - Payment success/failure?
 - Duplicate callbacks?
 - What is the order lifecycle?
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Day 9–10: Cart, Quantity Update & Payment Integration

✓ Strong frontend-focused days.

Review Notes

- Cart logic is a **DSA goldmine**.

Review Checkpoints

- How do you:
 - Avoid duplicate items?
 - Update quantities in $O(1)$?
- Where does cart live:
 - Local state?
 - Context?
 - Storage?
- How is table number validated?

Day 11: Order Number & Invoice Generation

✓ Very impressive addition.

Review Notes

- Treat order number generation seriously.

Review Checkpoints

- Is order number:
 - Unique?
 - Predictable or random?
- How do you:
 - Generate invoice data?
 - Store invoice metadata?

Day 12: Order History & Live Order Status

✓ Completes the product.

Review Notes

- Think like a user and admin here.

Review Checkpoints

- How are orders:
 - Sorted?
 - Filtered?
- How do you efficiently show:
 - Current orders?
 - Past orders?

Payments Table & CRUD — Review

Creating a **separate payments table** is the **right call** ✓

Review Checkpoints

- One order → multiple payment attempts?
- Payment status tracking?
- Reconciliation possibility?

This decision alone shows **real production thinking**.



Suggested Minor Enhancements (Optional)

You *don't have to*, but these will level it up:

- Add **status enums** for:
 - Order
 - Payment
 - Add **timestamps everywhere**
 - Add **soft delete flags**
 - Add **basic audit fields**
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How I'll Review Your Progress

When you come back with updates, I can:

- Review DB schema & suggest improvements
 - Review API contracts
 - Review pagination logic
 - Review React component structure
 - Ask **interview-style questions** on your decisions
 - Help you convert this into:
 - Resume points
 - System design explanation
 - DSA mapping explanation
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Interview Value of This Plan

If you complete this properly, you can confidently say:

"I designed and built an end-to-end food court ordering system with scalable APIs, optimized frontend data handling, and real-world payment workflows."

That's **senior-level credibility** ¹⁰⁰

Whenever you finish **Day 1**, send it over —
I'll review it like a **tech lead**, not just a helper 😊