# NINJAVAN DELIVERY BUSINESS PLAN

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# Problem Statement



## PROBLEM STATEMENT



Target: NinjaVan Station Managers

Current methods of manpower allocation at NinjaVan stations are <u>inefficient</u> in addressing manpower shortages in stations that are short-handed.



# Gaps in Current Practices

## **MANAGER JOURNEY**



Manager receives the information of the no. of parcels to be delivered for the day



### **Planning**

Allocates parcels to drivers using knowledge of drivers' efficiency from past experiences



### **Finding Solution**

Requests other station managers for backup drivers

### **Awareness of Problem**

In the later part of the day, manager receives information of insufficient manpower

# PROBLEM DESCRIPTION



- Start of the Day:
  - Existing allocation of parcels to deliveryman is manually done
- Allocation Planning
  - Prone to human errors
  - Difficult to foresee manpower crunch for the day
- Awareness of Problem
  - o Realising the problem late
- Finding Solution
  - Close to drivers' off-work time
  - Increased anxiety and pressure on manager
  - May not be able to find backup help

## 1. Inaccuracies in Parcel Allocation

### **Existing Method**

- Each delivery man is manually assigned to a quantity of parcels
- This is subjective, and based on the perceived performance of delivery man

### Gaps

- Mismatch of perceived performance and actual delivery amount.
- Parcels failed to be delivered
- Loss of consumer goodwill and reputation

# 2. Poor Utilisation of Manpower Surplus

**Manpower Shortage** 

**Rescue Deliverers** 

Insufficient time to contract delivery men

Employees from other departments have to act as delivery men

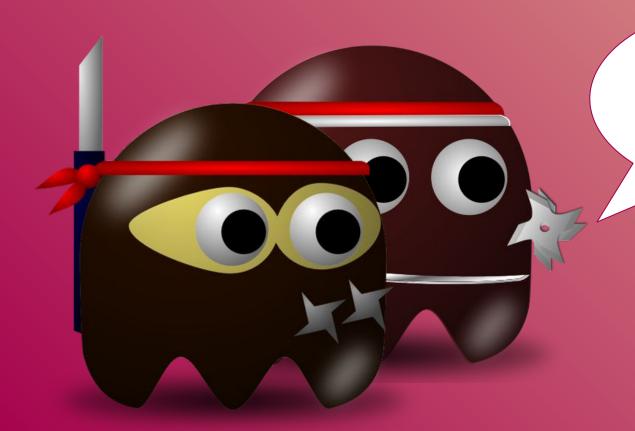
**Manpower Surplus** 

Delivery Men finish well before schedule

Insufficient notice to help other stations

Delivery men unable to maximise their earnings (Assume Commission)

# 3. Increased Work Pressure



How ah? Now 3pm already still got **300** parcels. Wa sians last minute need go find rescue :(((

# CONSEQUENCES



### Unpunctuality

If backup help is unavailable, parcels will not be delivered on time.



### **Low Customer Satisfaction**

Inability to retain customers. Unsatisfied customers tend to leave bad reviews, leading to reputational damage.



# Low Operational Efficiency

The excess manpower from other stations could have been utilised. This wastage of manpower resource lowers the productivity of stations.



### **Reduced Profits**

The above consequences lead to a reduction in profits.



**Our Solution** 

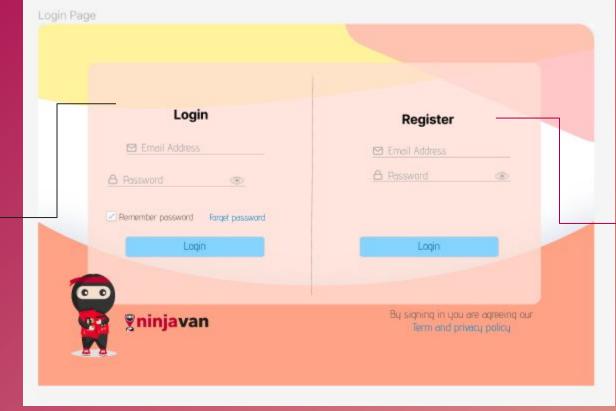
### WEBPAGE

Target Users: Station Managers

- **Purpose:** Display information:
  - Expected no. of parcels to be delivered for the day
  - Total predicted capability of the station for the day
    - By predicting the no. of parcels that each driver can deliver for the day
    - Summing the no, of parcels that each driver can deliver for the day
  - Notify manager if there would be a predicted manpower crunch for the day
  - If the station is predicted to have:
    - Manpower shortage:
      - Automatically request help from other stations with manpower surplus
    - Manpower surplus:
      - Accept requests to help other stations with manpower shortage (Within capability)

# Login Page

For driver to login with their email and password with 'Remember password' and 'Forget Password' functions



For driver to register an account using registered company email and password

### **Review Station's Information**

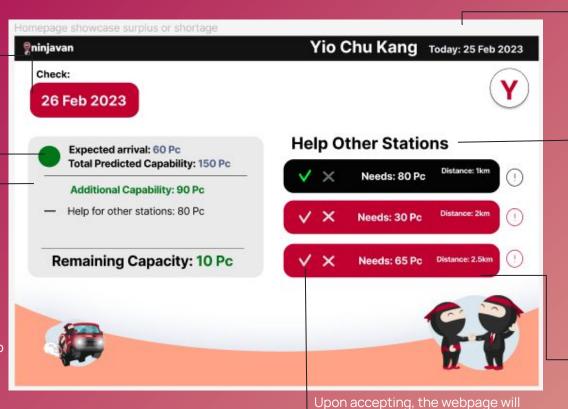
Date of predicted information for managers to plan ahead

Green: Manpower surplus/sufficient

Red: Manpower shortage

### Displays:

- expected no. of parcels to be delivered on that day (Sent prior to the day)
- total predicted no.
  of parcels the
  station could
  deliver for that day
- Spare capacity
- Capacity offered to other stations
- Remaining capacity



navigate to the accept request form

(See next slide)

Name of station, Current date and time

Shows the list of stations that require backup drivers for the day and is within the spare capacity of the station

Manager can choose to accept or decline the request

Filter by increasing distance

# **Accepting Help Request**

Yio Chu Kang Today: 25 Feb 2023

Phone Number:

Done

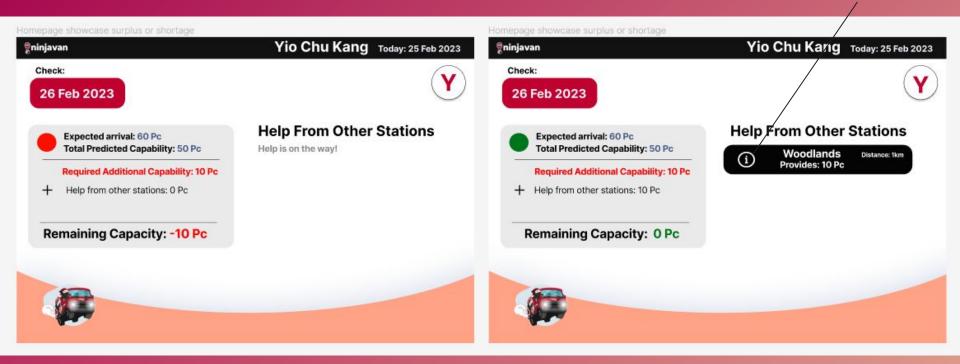
ninjavan 26 Feb 2023 **Request Details** Display auto-generated information about the station that needs Requester Provider backup drivers Clementi Station Suggested routes for Routes/Waypoints Number of Employees Allocated: backup drivers Blk 124 Blk 125 Blk 126 Names of Employees: Blk 311C Blk 311D **Blk 311E** Request Information Parcel Quantity: Drivers:

For managers who accept to help, they can send the details. such as the no. of backup drivers and their information, to the station requesting for help

details, both

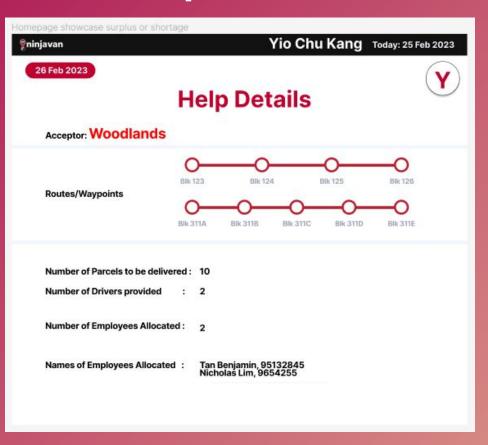
## **Review Station's Information**

View help details (See next slide)



# Help Details

For managers who need help to view





# Overcoming Limitations

## Limitation 1: Low Pick-up Rate

Station Managers may not use the website because:

### Reasons



They assume that they **know the** capacity of the drivers better and feel that they are skilful enough to determine optimal allocation of parcels to drivers.

### Solutions

Workshops should be conducted for station managers to learn about the efficiency of the application in streamlining the manpower allocation process.



They do not know how to use the website.

Lesson guides to teach station managers how to use the website.



**Future Extensions** 

### **Future Extension 1: Consideration Factors**

### **Current:**

Average daily delivery rate of all drivers in the station is used to obtain our results

### Improvement:

To obtain more representative results:

- Prediction using Machine Learning Models
- Personalisation of average daily delivery rate to individual drivers
  - Possible factors including parcel delivery time, such as weather conditions, size of package, distance between parcels

# Future Extension 2: Improved Dashboard Experience

### **Current:**

- Dashboard is provided to station managers in the form of text and numbers
- Text and numbers are bland to look at, failing to engage
- Station Managers are not trained to deal with the information

### Improvement:

- Provide dashboard in a more interactive form (e.g Graphs, Charts etc) within our website
- Connection with Power BI or collaboration with the Business Intelligence Department to provide actionable insights and next course of actions

# THANKS!

