Project Planning & Management

1) Project Objective:

Project Description:

An online platform that gathers emerging local brands in one place, allowing them to showcase and sell their products easily without high marketing costs while providing a seamless and secure shopping experience for users.

Problem Statement:

- Small business owners struggle to reach a wide audience due to high marketing costs.
- Lack of a unified platform that aggregates these local brands.
- Consumers need an organized and easy shopping experience to access high-quality local products.

Project Goals:

- Enable emerging local brands to establish a digital presence easily.
- Provide a smooth and secure shopping experience for users.
- Offer free or low-cost marketing tools for store owners.

Target Audience:

- **Small business owners and local brands**: Seeking a platform to showcase their products without high marketing costs.
- Consumers interested in local products: Looking for unique, high-quality products while supporting the local economy.
- Entrepreneurs and e-commerce beginners: Wanting to enter the market without creating an independent online store.
- Online shopping enthusiasts: Preferring an easy and reliable shopping experience within an integrated platform.

2) Project Scope:

- Individual online stores for each seller.
- Seller dashboard for managing products and orders.
- Multiple payment methods (cards, e-wallets, cash on delivery).
- Well-organized categories and product listings.
- Seamless and user-friendly shopping experience.
- Customer reviews and ratings.
- Support for Arabic and English languages.
- Internal delivery management (collaboration with delivery companies).
- Internal payment processing (reliance on external payment gateways).

3) Deliverables:

- Wireframes for the platform.
- Complete UI/UX Design.
- Interactive Prototype.
- Planning, analysis, and design documentation.
- Initial marketing plan to attract users and sellers.

4) Tasks & Timeline:

| Main Task | Subtasks | Deadline | |
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| Project Planning & Management | Define project scope and goals | 21 March 2025 | |
| | Identify key stakeholders | | |
| | Develop project timeline and milestones | | |
| BMC Review | Finalize Business Model Canvas | 21 March 2025 | |
| | Conduct market analysis | | |
| | Validate business assumptions | | |
| Requirements Gathering | Identify user needs and pain points | 21 March | |
| | Define platform features and functionalities | 2025 | |
| | Research competitors | | |
| System Analysis | Develop wireframes and user flows | 21 March | |
| & Design | Design UI components and branding elements | 2025 | |
| | Create interactive prototype | | |
| Final | Conduct usability testing | 9 May 2025 | |
| Presentation & Testing | Debug and resolve issues | | |
| _ | Prepare final project demo | | |

5) Resources & Tools:

Technical Tools:

Design: Figma, Photoshop, Illustrator
Task Management: Figma (FigJam)
Team Communication: Discord

Human Resources:

• UI/UX Designer: Responsible for interface and experience design.

• Project Manager: Oversees scheduling and team coordination.

• Marketing Specialist: Attracts sellers and users to the platform.

6) Risk Management:

| Potential Risks | Mitigation Strategies | |
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| Design does not follow user-centric principles | Prioritize user needs and ensure intuitive interactions | |
| Poor user experience (UX) design | Conduct user research and usability testing to validate design decisions. | |
| UI inconsistency | Establish a design system with standardized components. | |
| Navigation complexity | Implement intuitive and user-friendly navigation flows. | |
| Accessibility issues | Ensure compliance with WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines). | |
| Slow design iteration process | Use rapid prototyping and get early feedback from stakeholders. | |