Step 1: Cheese Your marketplace type:

I Selected General-e-commerce.

I chose general e-Commerce because I have one year of experience in local-e-commerce. This give me a good understanding of how these platforms work and the kind of challenges they face.

Primany Purpose:

The main goal of this project is to build an e-commerce platforms that allows customers to browse and purchase a products easily. it will cater to a broad audience and provide a user-friendly shopping experience, focusing on reliability and accessibility.

Step 2: Define your business goals:

What problems does your marketplace aim to solves?
My maketplace aims to address a common issue to e-commerce **Scams**. These include Situations where Customers receive products that are different from what they ondered and face challanges in retuing them. I've personally experienced these problem and I want to Create a platform that builder trust and ensure reliability for online shopper.

Who is your target audience?
- **Urban Professionals:** Busy indiuiduals looking for a reliable platform to buy essential items like electronices, clothing and groceries.

- **Clothings:** Apparel for men, women and children. Including seasonal and occasion-Speific wears.

- **Kids, Toddlers, and Toys:** Educational toys, clothing baby gear, and accessories designed for children and toddlers.

I personally researched on kids, Toddlers, and Toys I think this is the winning niche in this marketplace.

What will set your marketplace apart (e.g., speed, affordability, customization)?

Authenticity Assurance: Guarantee that products match their descriptions with a "verifed product" badge for trustworthy sellers.

Hassle-free Returns: Simplify the return process with a no- questions asked policy for incorrect or defective products.

Exclusive Kid's Section: Provide a Curated Selection of high-quality, safe and affordable toys and toddler products.

Step 3: Create a Data Schema

1. Identify the Entities in your marketplace:

Product catalog: Displays products with descriptions, image, pricing, and stock availability.
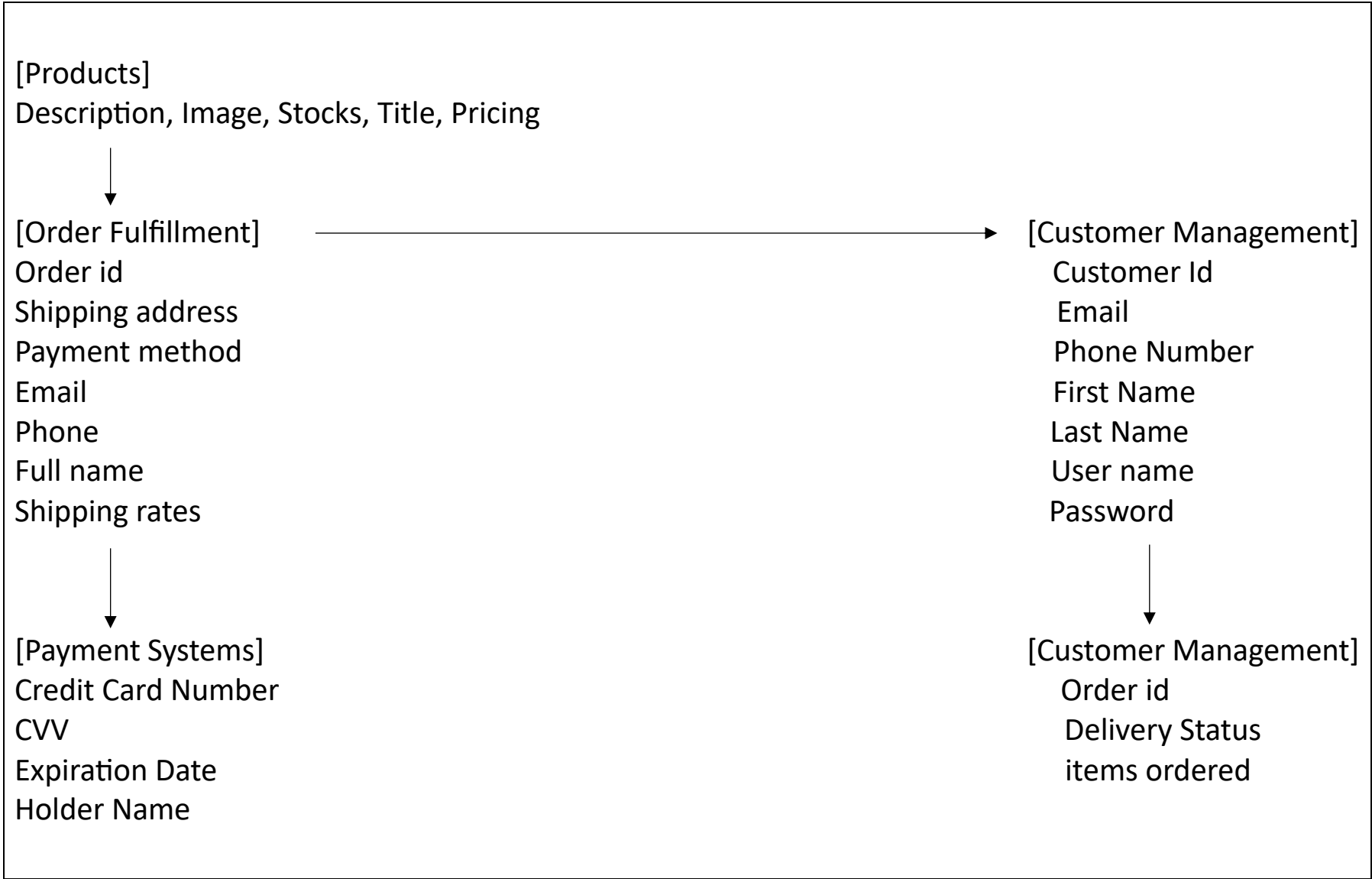
Order Fulfillment: Handles the journey of an order from placement to delivery.

Payment Systems: Facilitates secure transactions via payment gateways (e.g., PayPal, Stripe).

Customer Management: Tracks user data, order history and preferences.

Shipment and Tracking: Ensure timely delivery with real-time history preferences.

Draw Relationships Between Entities:

[Products]
Description, Image, Stocks, Title, Pricing

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[Order Fulfillment] ─────────────────────→ [Customer Management]
Order id   Customer Id
Shipping address   Email
Payment method   Phone Number
Email   First Name
Phone   Last Name
Full name   User name
Shipping rates   Password

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[Payment Systems]   [Customer Management]
Credit Card Number   Order id
CVV   Delivery Status
Expiration Date   items ordered
Holder Name

Step 3. Focus on Key fields for Each Entity:

Product Catalog:
ID: Unique identifier for each product.
Description: A detailed explanation of the product.
Image: High-quality photos of the product from different angles.
Stocks: The current quality of the product available For Sale.
Title: A Concise name for the product that highlights its key features.
Pricing: The cost of the product, including options for discounts or specials offers.

Order Fulfillment:
Order Id: Unique identifier for each product.
Shipping Address: The Full address where the product will be delivered.
Payment Method: the mode of payment selected by the customer.
Email: The Customer email address.
Full Name: The Customer's Complete name.
Phone: The Customer's Phone number.
Shipping Rates: The cost associated with delivering the product to the specified shipping address.

Payment Systems:
Credit card number: A unique 16 digit number associated with the customer's credit card.
Expiration Date: The month and year indicating. when the card becomes invalid.
CVV: A 3 or 4 digit security code printed on the back of the card.
Holder Name: The name of the cardholder as printed on the card.

Customer Management:
Customer Id: A unique identifier for each customer the database.
Email: Used for account creation, Communication and login.
Phone Number: Provides and alternative contact for Customers Support.
First Name: The given name of the customer used for personalization.
Last Name: The Family or surname of the customer.
Username: A unique name chosen by the customer for login purpose.
Password: Secures the customer account from Unauthorized access.

Shipment and Tracking:
Order Id: A unique identifier linking the Shipment to a specific customer order.
Delivery Status: Tracks the current status of the shipment.
Items Ordered: Lists the products included in the shipment.

Extra:

I have personally experienced scams in Pakistan's e-commerce space where customers often receive defective or incorrect products with no option for returns. This issue has caused 30-40% of people to lose trust in online shopping.My marketplace aims Shopping My to rebuild that trust by Introducing a clear and Customer-friendly return Policy. if Product is defective or incorrect, customers can-easily return it for a replacement or refund. This approach is inspired by the policies of trusted global retailers like Walmart and aims to make online shopping more reliable and risk free users in Pakistan. I researched on baby products and toys. I think this kind of products niche is winning in this marketplace.