Marketplace Requirements Specification Document	
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#### 1. Preface

### 1.1 Readership

This document is intended for all stakeholders, and developers.

It outlines the functional and non-functional requirements for the specialized online marketplace of chocolates sale.

### 1.2 Version History

- Version 1.0: Initial draft including requirements analysis and use case documentation.
- Version 1.1: Refinements based on stakeholder feedback.

#### 2. Introduction

#### 2.1 Purpose

This document is to establish the requirements for a specialized online marketplace that facilitates the sale of chocolates. The document outlines functional and non-functional requirements, system constraints, and user needs to ensure a structured development process.

#### 2.2 Scope

This marketplace will provide a platform for customers to browse and purchase chocolates, for sellers to list and manage inventory, and for administrators to oversee operations.

The system will ensure security, scalability, and a seamless user experience.

#### 2.3 Business Objectives

- Provide a dedicated platform for selling chocolates.
- Ensure an easy and safe shopping experience.
- Support sellers in efficiently managing their inventory.
- Maintain high system reliability and security standards.

#### 2.4 Stakeholders

- Customers: End-users who browse, purchase, and review chocolates.
- Sellers: Vendors who list and manage chocolate products for sale.
- Administrators: Users responsible for platform moderation, security, and compliance.
- **Developers**: The technical team designing, building, and maintaining the platform.

### 3. Glossary

- Marketplace: The online platform where buyers and sellers interact.
- Product Listing: The process of adding chocolates for sale.
- Cart: A feature allowing customers to collect items before purchase.
- **Checkout**: The process of completing a transaction.
- GDPR: General Data Protection Regulation for user data protection.
- PCI DSS: Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard for secure transactions.

### 4. User Requirements Definition

### 4.1 Functional Requirements

## 1. User Management

- o Customers and sellers can register, log in, and manage their profiles.
- o Administrators can approve, suspend, or delete user accounts.

### 2. Product Listings

- o Sellers can create, edit, and delete chocolate listings with descriptions and images.
- Customers can browse, search, and filter chocolates.

## 3. Shopping Cart & Checkout

- o Customers can add chocolates to a cart and proceed to checkout.
- o Secure payment gateways must be integrated (Visa, Mastercard via Stripe).

### 4. Order Management

- Sellers can manage received orders and update order status.
- Customers can track their order history and request support.

### 5. Review & Ratings

- o Customers can leave ratings and reviews for purchased chocolates.
- Sellers can respond to customer feedback.

## 6. Security & Compliance

- o Secure authentication using OAuth or multi-factor authentication.
- Compliance with GDPR and PCI DSS for payment security.

### 4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- **Scalability**: The system should support an increasing number of users and transactions without performance degradation.
- Performance: Page load times should not exceed 3 seconds.
- Security: Encrypted user data storage and secure authentication mechanisms.
- **Usability**: The platform should have an intuitive interface for all user types.
- Reliability: System uptime should be at least 99.9%.

#### 5. System Architecture

### **5.1 Constraints & Assumptions**

- The marketplace will focus exclusively on chocolates, including: milk, dark, white and gianduia varieties.
- Sellers are responsible for shipping and handling their own chocolates.
- Payment processing will be handled by Stripe (Visa/Mastercard).
- The system will be developed using ASP.NET Core with Blazor for the frontend and MSSQL for the database.

### **5.2 High-Level Architecture**

- Frontend: Interactive web apps using Blazor for customer and seller interactions.
- **Backend**: APIs handling user authentication, product listings, and order management.
- Database: MSSQL for secure storage of user data, chocolate product information, and transactions.
- Payment Gateway Integration: Stripe service for secure payments using Visa and Mastercard.

#### 6. Use Case Diagram

A graphical representation of key interactions between users, seller, administrator is provided below.

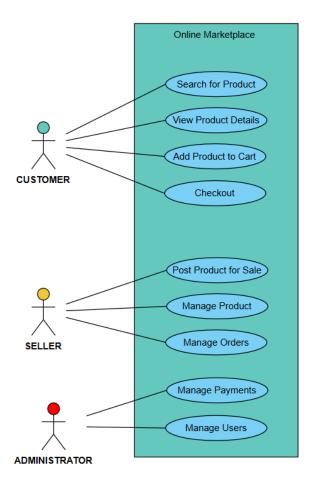


Figure 1: Use Case Diagram for the Online Chocolate Marketplace

## 7. User Stories

### **Customers:**

- As a customer, I want to browse chocolates by category so that I can easily find what I need.
- As a customer, I want to securely complete my payment so that I can receive my purchased chocolates.

### Sellers:

- As a seller, I want to manage my chocolate product listings so that I can keep my inventory updated.
- As a seller, I want to track my sales and order history so that I can analyze my business performance.

### **Administrators:**

- As an admin, I want to monitor transactions to prevent fraud and ensure compliance.
- As an admin, I want to generate reports on marketplace activity to support decision-making.
- As an admin, I want to manage the users.

# 8. Git Repository Setup

- A Git repository has been created for project management and version control.
- The repository will include:
  - o Stakeholder interview summaries
  - o User stories and use case diagrams
  - o Functional and non-functional requirements documentation
- Developers and stakeholders are onboarded with Git workflows.

## 9. Appendices

- Appendix A: Use Case Diagram (See Figure 1)
- Appendix B: Glossary of Terms