

ONLINE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Abstract- This project is aimed at developing a desktop based application named Inventory Management System for managing the inventory system of any organization. The Inventory Management System (IMS) refers to the system and processes to manage the stock of organization with the involvement of Technology system. This system can be used to store the details of the inventory, stock maintenance, update the inventory based on the sales details, generate sales and inventory report daily or weekly based. This project is categorized into individual aspects for the sales and inventory management system. In this system we are solving different problems affecting direct sales management and purchase management. Inventory Management System is important to ensure quality control in businesses that handle transactions revolving around consumer goods. Without proper inventory control, a large retail store may run out of stock on an important item. A good inventory management system will alert the wholesaler when it is time to record. An automated Inventory Management System helps to minimize the errors while recording the stock.

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I. INTRODUCTION

An inventory management system is the combination of technology (hardware and software) and processes and procedures that oversee the monitoring and maintenance of stocked products, whether those products are company assets, raw materials and supplies, or finished products ready to be sent to vendors.

Without an inventory management system, the goods and products that flow through an organization will inevitably be in disarray. An inventory management system enables a company to maintain a centralized record of every asset and item in the control of the organization, providing a single source of truth for the location of every item, vendor and supplier information, specifications, and the total number of a particular item currently in stock.

Because inventory often consists of movable assets, inventory management systems are critical for keeping tabs on current stock levels and understanding what items move quickly and which items are more slow-moving, which in turn enables organizations to determine when it's time to reorder with greater accuracy.

Our Inventory Management system Consists of following Modules: Login, Sales, Inventory, Settings, Exit. We used GUI in that. we create inventory for medical store. In that we have put some products of medical store. GUIs enable interaction through clarity and control.

The primary objective of every GUI is to deliver the kind of clarity that will allow its users to rapidly begin engaging and interacting with it in meaningful ways. This doesn't mean that GUIs cannot be designed to introduce a sense of mystery and intrigue, but it is essential to avoid confusion.

1. Database Connection:

We used sqlite3 for our system. SQLite3 can be integrated with Python using sqlite3 module, which was written by Gerhard Haring. It provides an SQL interface compliant with the DB-API 2.0 specification described by PEP249. You do not need to install this module separately because it is shipped by default along with Python version 2.5.x onwards.

To use sqlite3 module, you must first create a connection object that represents the database and then optionally you can create a cursor object, which will help you in executing all the SQL statements. We have used Python languages for developing the Inventory Management.

Languages used for development of Inventory Management:

Python: Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level programming language with dynamic semantics. Its high-level built-in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing

components together. Python's simple, easy-to-learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost of program maintenance. Python supports modules and packages which encourages program modularity and code reuse. The Python interpreter and the extensive standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for all major platforms, and can be freely distributed.

Often, programmers fall in love with Python because of the increased productivity it provides. Since there is no compilation step, the edit-test-debug cycle is incredibly fast. Debugging Python programs is easy: a bug or bad input will never cause a segmentation fault. Instead, when the interpreter discovers an error, it raises an exception. When the program doesn't catch the exception, the interpreter prints a stack trace. A source level debugger allows inspection of local and global variables, evaluation of arbitrary expressions, setting breakpoints, stepping through the code a line at a time, and so on.

The debugger is written in Python itself, testifying to Python's introspective power. On the other hand, often the quickest way to debug a program is to add a few print statements to the source: the fast edit-test-debug cycle makes this simple approach very effective. It was created by Guido van Rossum during 1985-1990. Like Perl, Python source code is also available under the GNU General Public License (GPL). Python is a MUST for students and working professionals to become a great Software Engineer specially when they are working in Web Development Domain.

I will list down some of the key advantages of learning Python:

- **Python is Interpreted:** Python is processed at runtime by the interpreter. You do not need to compile your program before executing it. This is similar to PERL and PHP.
- **Python is Interactive:** You can actually sit at a Python prompt and interact with the interpreter directly to write your programs.
- **Python is Object-Oriented:** Python supports Object-Oriented style or technique of programming that encapsulates code within objects.
- **Python is a Beginner's Language:** Python is a great language for the beginner-level programmers and supports the development of a wide range of applications from simple text processing to WWW browsers to games.

Characteristics of Python:

Following are important characteristics of Python Programming –

- It supports functional and structured programming methods as well as OOP.
- It can be used as a scripting language or can be compiled to byte-code for building large applications.

- It provides very high-level dynamic data types and supports dynamic type checking.
- It supports automatic garbage collection.
- It can be easily integrated with C, C++, COM, ActiveX, CORBA, and Java.

Applications of Python:

As mentioned before, Python is one of the most widely used language over the web. I'm going to list few of them here:

- **A broad standard library:** Python's bulk of the library is very portable and cross-platform compatible on UNIX, Windows, and Macintosh.
- **Interactive Mode:** Python has support for an interactive mode which allows interactive testing and debugging of snippets of code.
- **Portable:** Python can run on a wide variety of hardware platforms and has the same interface on all platforms.
- **Extendable:** You can add low-level modules to the Python interpreter. These modules enable programmers to add to or customize their tools to be more efficient.
- **Databases:** Python provides interfaces to all major commercial databases.
- **GUI Programming:** Python supports GUI applications that can be created and ported to many system calls, libraries and windows systems, such as Windows MFC, Macintosh, and the X Window.

2. Software Development:

A software development process (also known as a software development methodology, model, or life cycle) is a framework that is used to structure, plan, and control the process of developing information systems. A wide variety of such frameworks has evolved over the years, each with its own recognized strengths and weaknesses.

There are several different approaches to software development: some take a more structured, engineering-based approach to developing software, whereas others may take a more incremental approach, where software evolves as it is developed piece-by-piece. One system development methodology is not necessarily suitable for use by all projects. Each of the available methodologies is best suited to specific kinds of projects, based on various technical, organizational, project, and team considerations.

Most methodologies share some combination of the following stages of software development:

- Analyzing the problem
- Market research
- Gathering requirements for the proposed software
- Devising a plan or design for the software
- Implementation (coding) of the software
- Testing the software
- Deployment

- Maintenance and bug fixing

These stages are often referred to collectively as the software development life-cycle, or SDLC. Different approaches to software development may carry out these stages in different orders, or devote more or less time to different stages.

The level of detail of the documentation produced at each stage of software development may also vary. These stages may also be carried out in turn (a "waterfall" based approach), or they may be repeated over various cycles or iterations (a more "extreme" approach). The more extreme approach usually involves less time spent on planning and documentation, and more time spent on coding and development of automated tests.

More "extreme" approaches also promote continuous testing throughout the development life-cycle, as well as having a working (or bug-free) product at all times. More structured or "waterfall" based approaches attempt to assess the majority of risks and develop a detailed plan for the software before implementation (coding) begins, and avoid significant design changes and re-coding in later stages of the software development life-cycle planning.

There are significant advantages and disadvantages to the various methodologies, and the best approach to solving a problem using software will often depend on the type of problem. If the problem is well understood and work can be effectively planned out ahead. If, on the other hand, the problem is unique (at least to the development team) and the structure of the software cannot be easily envisioned, then a more "extreme" incremental approach may work best.

Developing software typically involves the following steps:

Selecting a methodology to establish a framework in which the steps of software development are applied: It describes an overall work process or roadmap for the project. Methodologies can include Agile development, Waterfall and others.

Gathering requirements: To understand and document what is required by users and other stakeholders.

Choosing or building an architecture: As the underlying structure within which the software will operate.

Developing a design: Around solutions to the problems presented by requirements, often involving process models and storyboards.

Constructing code in the appropriate programming language: Involves peer and team review to eliminate problems early and produce quality software faster.

Testing: With pre-planned scenarios as part of software design and coding and conducting

performance testing to simulate load testing on the application.

Managing configuration: To understand all the software artifacts (requirements, design, code, test) and build distinct versions of the software. Establish quality assurance priorities and release criteria to address and track defects.

Deploying the software: For use and responding to and resolving user problems.

Migrating data: To the new or updated software from existing applications or data sources if necessary.

Managing and measuring the project: To maintain quality and delivery over the application lifecycle, and to evaluate the development process with models such as the Capability Maturity Model (CMM).

II. INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

1. Various Steps Considered in Inventory Management Development Process:

Firstly we select a Waterfall Model for our Inventory management system.

The sequential phases in our Inventory Management Requirement Gathering and analysis:

All possible requirements of the system to be developed are captured in this phase and documented in a requirement specification document.

System Design: The requirement specifications from first phase are studied in this phase and the system design is prepared. This system design helps in specifying hardware and system requirements and helps in defining the overall system architecture.

Implementation: With inputs from the system design, the system is first developed in small programs called units, which are integrated in the next phase. Each unit is developed and tested for its functionality, which is referred to as Unit Testing.

Integration and Testing: All the units developed in the implementation phase are integrated into a system after testing of each unit. Post integration the entire system is tested for any faults and failures.

Deployment of system: Once the functional and non-functional testing is done; the product is deployed in the customer environment or released into the market.

Maintenance: There are some issues which come up in the client environment. To fix those issues, patches are released. Also to enhance the product some better versions are released. Maintenance is done to deliver these changes in the customer environment.

All these phases are cascaded to each other in which progress is seen as flowing steadily downwards (like a waterfall) through the phases. The next phase is started only after the defined set of goals are achieved for previous phase and it is signed off, so the name "Waterfall Model". In this model, phases do not overlap.

Waterfall Model–Application:

Every software developed is different and requires a suitable SDLC approach to be followed based on the internal and external factors.

Some situations where the use of Waterfall model is most appropriate are –

- Requirements are very well documented, clear and fixed.
- Product definition is stable.
- Technology is understood and is not dynamic.
- There are no ambiguous requirements.
- Ample resources with required expertise are available to support the product.
- The project is short.

Waterfall Model–Advantages:

The advantages of waterfall development are that it allows for departmentalization and control. A schedule can be set with deadlines for each stage of development and a product can proceed through the development process model phases one by one.

Development moves from concept, through design, implementation, testing, installation, troubleshooting, and ends up at operation and maintenance. Each phase of development proceeds in strict order.

Some of the major advantages of the Waterfall Model are as follows –

- Simple and easy to understand and use.
- Easy to manage due to the rigidity of the model. Each phase has specific deliverables and a review process.
- Phases are processed and completed one at a time.
- Works well for smaller projects where requirements are very well understood.
- Clearly defined stages.
- Easy to arrange tasks.
- Process and results are well documented.

2. Actual Implementation:

In our project we created an Inventory management system which has the complete information of products and their sales. This software, which is developed with some ideas and reusability that may help some fresher to look around it and may show some interest against the inventory management by doing some enquiry through these software.

Here the data is arranged properly by which its updating will be easier in future as the requirement or demand increases towards the software. It contains updated and useful data for the inventory management. We have used the Python platform for our Inventory management. There are 6 modules in our project:

- **First module** is login module. In that login module we have given the user name and password. When the admin enters correct username and password it will open the next window.
- **Second module** is open after the admin enters correct username and password. In that module we implement 4 buttons i.e.: Sales, Inventory, Extras, Exit. And one more button is for log out.
- **Third module** is Sales. When user clicks on sales button which is present in second module the sales window will open. In that window user can select product and add to it in the cart. After adding into the cart user will get their bill. And also user will get generated bill records after clicking on bill Records button. The bill records will be open in file explorer which is present in computer system.
- **Fourth module** is Inventory. When user clicks on Inventory button which is present in second module the Inventory window will open. In that it will show the all product list. There are 5 buttons named as Add Product, Select Product, View all Product, Update Product, Delete Product. When user clicks on add product it will add new product. When user clicks on Select Product it will select a product present in Product List. When user clicks on Delete Product it will delete a product. When user clicks on Update Product it will update the information of product.
- **Fifth module** is Extras. In that module user will change the password.
- **Sixth module** is Exit module. When user clicks on Exit button it will close the system.

3. Designs and Screenshots:



Fig1.Screenshot.



Fig2.Screenshot.



Fig3.Screenshot.



Fig7.Screenshot.

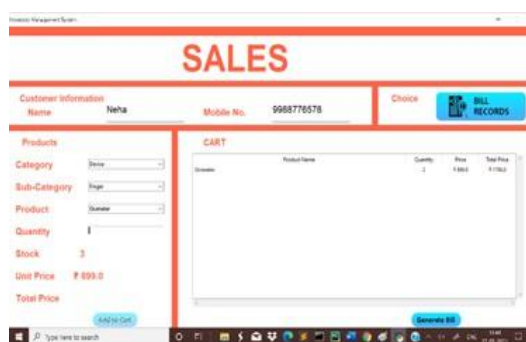


Fig 4.Screenshot.

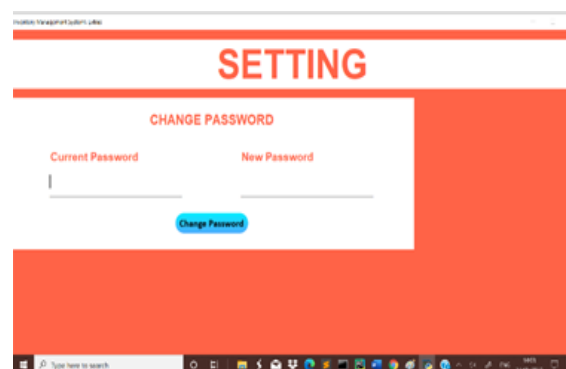


Fig8.Screenshot.



Fig5.Screenshot.

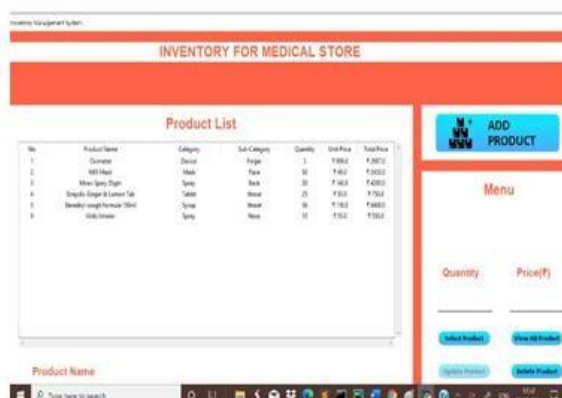


Fig 6.Screenshot.

III. FUTURES COPE AND CONCLUSION

1. Future Scope:

Determination of economic order quantity:- Economic order quantity or economic lot size refers to that number ordered in a single purchase or number of units should be manufactured in a single run, so that the total costs — ordering or set up costs and inventory carrying costs are at the minimum.

Formulation: The policies of investment procurement, storage, handling, accounting, storages and stock outs, deterioration, obsolescence etc. are to be formulated under the scientific system of inventory control. What, when and how much of purchasing and fixation of minimum and maximum levels is also to be determined for a given period of time.

Determination of lead time: By lead time is meant the time that lapses between the raising of an indent by the stores and the receipt of materials by them. Lead time is of fundamental importance in determining inventory levels.

Effectiveness towards running of store: The determination of policies of the location, layout and materials and storage handling equipments certainly help in the effective working of stores organization.

Organisations: After determining of inventory policy, the next step is to decide the location, layout and types of storehouse. It facilitates the movement of

materials and thus minimize the storage and handling cost of stores.

Safety: Safety stock is defined as the difference between the amount stocked to satisfy demand during a certain time interval and the mean expected demand for that period. It is for the purpose of providing protection against depletion.

2. Conclusion:

In our project we have updated a Inventory Management system. For creating this software we have used programming language Python. By using these language, we learned the actual implementation of these language and we learned how to apply these language in real life i.e. we learned real time applications of language and how to make a software responsive with better designs and less code entanglement.

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