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POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media

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Abstract: *The rapid growth of modern retail systems has increased the need for intelligent, secure, and data-driven Point of Sale (POS) solutions that extend beyond traditional transaction processing. This paper presents an AI-powered POS system designed to enhance retail operations through intelligent automation, customer behavior analysis, and secure product authentication. The system integrates machine learning algorithms to analyze sales data, customer interactions, and business patterns, enabling adaptive decision-making and improved operational efficiency. Social media integration allows retailers to monitor customer feedback, analyze public sentiment, manage brand reputation, and execute targeted marketing campaigns in real time using Natural Language Processing (NLP) and sentiment analysis techniques. Additionally, blockchain technology is incorporated for product authentication, where each product is linked to a unique QR code stored on an immutable ledger, enabling customers to verify product originality and detect counterfeit items. By combining AI-driven analytics with blockchain-based security, the proposed system enhances transparency, trust, and decision-making in retail environments, providing a scalable and future-ready retail management solution.*

Index Terms: *Artificial Intelligence, Point of Sale Systems, Blockchain Technology, QR Code-Based Product Authentication, Social Media Integration, Natural Language Processing, Customer Sentiment Analysis, Retail Analytics.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The retail industry increasingly adopts digital technologies to improve operational efficiency, customer experience, and data-driven decision-making. Traditional Point of Sale (POS) systems mainly focus on billing and inventory management, offering limited analytical capabilities.

With growing competition and changing customer expectations, retailers require intelligent systems that can analyze data in real time and support strategic planning.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) enables POS systems to analyze sales data, customer behavior, and feedback using machine learning and Natural Language Processing (NLP). While social media platforms provide valuable customer sentiment data, most existing POS solutions lack effective social media integration. Additionally, counterfeit products threaten consumer trust and brand reputation. To address these challenges, the proposed system integrates AI-driven analytics with blockchain-based product authentication using QR codes stored on an immutable ledger, ensuring transparency, product authenticity, and trust in modern retail environments.

II. RELATED WORK

Existing Point of Sale (POS) systems are mainly designed for transaction processing, billing, inventory management, and basic sales reporting. Recent studies have explored the application of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning techniques in retail systems to improve demand forecasting, customer behavior analysis, and inventory optimization. Additionally, Natural Language Processing (NLP) has been widely used for sentiment analysis of customer reviews and feedback obtained from online platforms. However, many of these approaches function as independent modules and lack seamless integration with POS systems, limiting their ability to provide real-time, actionable insights within retail operations.

Blockchain technology has been proposed in several works to improve supply chain transparency and product traceability through secure and immutable data storage. While these solutions enhance trust and security, most existing implementations do not offer direct customer-level verification through POS systems. The proposed solution overcomes these limitations by combining AI-driven retail analytics, social media sentiment analysis, and blockchain-based QR code authentication into a unified POS platform.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system, POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media, is an AI-powered Point of Sale (POS) solution designed to enhance retail operations through intelligent automation and data-driven decision-making. The system integrates Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), social media analytics, and blockchain technology into a unified retail platform. It supports automated billing, inventory management, and predictive demand forecasting by learning from historical sales data and customer behavior patterns.

Social media integration enables real-time monitoring of customer feedback, while NLP-based sentiment analysis converts unstructured textual data into actionable insights for improving customer engagement and marketing strategies. To ensure product authenticity and customer trust, the system incorporates blockchain-based QR code verification, allowing secure validation of products and prevention of counterfeit items. Overall, the proposed system offers a scalable, secure, and intelligent POS solution that improves operational efficiency, transparency, and overall retail performance.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture of POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media is designed using a modular approach to ensure scalability, flexibility, and ease of integration. The architecture consists of three main layers: the POS frontend interface, the backend processing and analytics layer, and the AI and blockchain service layer. The frontend layer enables billing operations, inventory management, and customer interaction while providing real-time transaction and analytics dashboards. The backend layer handles transaction processing, data synchronization, feature coordination, and secure communication between the POS interface and intelligent service modules. The AI and analytics layer includes machine learning models for sales trend analysis, inventory optimization, and demand forecasting, along with NLP-based sentiment analysis models for processing customer feedback from social media platforms. Social media data is collected and preprocessed within this layer to extract meaningful customer insights. Blockchain services are integrated within the backend workflow to support QR-code-based product authentication and secure record storage.

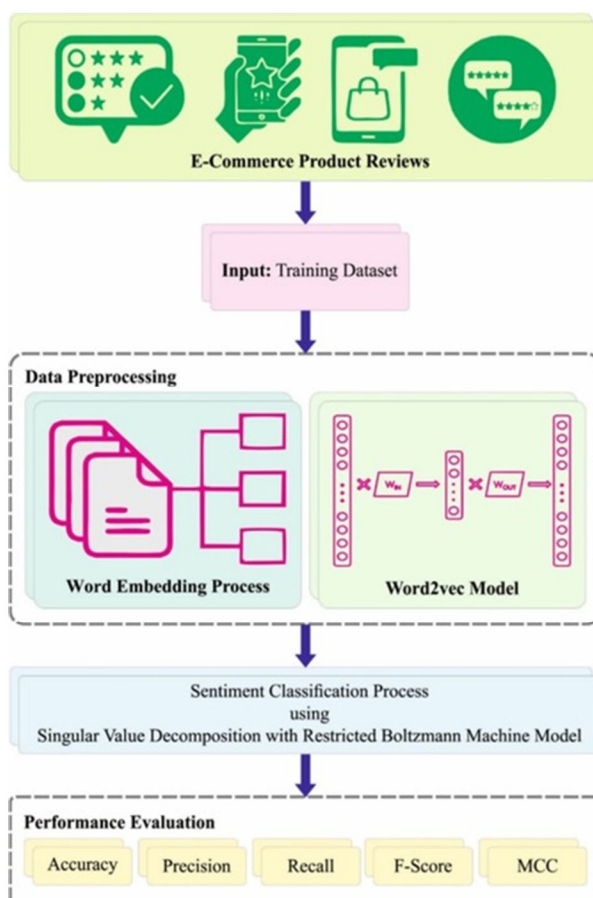


Fig.1 system architecture

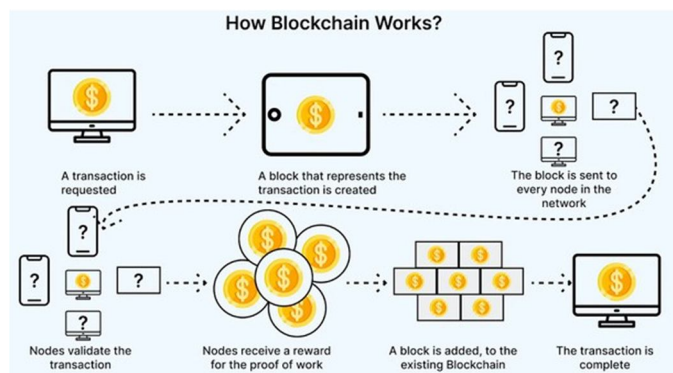


Fig 2.block chain architecture

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media system is carried out using a modular and layered approach to ensure flexibility, maintainability, and ease of integration. The backend of the system is developed using Python, which handles core business logic, Artificial Intelligence (AI) processing, and data analytics tasks. Frameworks such as FastAPI or Flask are used to build RESTful APIs that act as an interface between the POS frontend and the backend processing modules. These APIs manage transaction requests, inventory updates, customer interaction data, and communication with intelligent service components. Machine learning models are implemented to analyze sales trends, customer purchasing behavior, and inventory movement. Transactional data is first preprocessed to remove inconsistencies and normalize records before being passed to the analytics and prediction modules. Demand forecasting and sales analysis models then generate insights that support inventory optimization and decision-making. NLP-based sentiment analysis is implemented to process customer feedback and reviews collected through integrated social media platforms, enabling the system to classify opinions and extract actionable insights. Social media integration is handled through API-based data collection mechanisms that fetch customer comments, ratings, and messages in real time. This data is processed through the NLP pipeline to identify sentiment, key topics, and customer concerns. Blockchain functionality is incorporated for secure product authentication, where each product is assigned a unique QR code linked to an immutable blockchain ledger..

The inventory and data validation modules effectively detected and corrected common inconsistencies such as stock mismatches, duplicate entries, incorrect pricing records, and missing product details. Similarly, the AI-driven recommendation and analytics features provided accurate insights based on sales trends and customer behavior patterns, helping retailers optimize inventory and improve operational decisions. These features together improved data reliability, reduced manual errors, and increased managerial confidence during daily retail operations.

The integrated customer interaction and communication features also performed reliably. The social media analytics module accurately processed customer feedback and reviews, enabling retailers to understand sentiment and respond proactively. The real-time data processing and reporting modules efficiently handled transaction inputs, ensuring smooth operation and improved accessibility for staff, even during peak business hours. From a performance perspective, the system exhibited low latency and stable response times during transaction processing and analytics operations. The proposed POS Automated system is designed to operate efficiently with minimal dependency on continuous network connectivity for core POS functions, ensuring reliable performance and improved data security. The frontend interface was found to be user-friendly, supporting fast billing, easy inventory management, and clear visualization of analytics dashboards. Overall, the results demonstrate that POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media effectively integrates intelligent automation, customer sentiment analysis, and blockchain-based authentication into a single platform.

The frontend interface is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, focusing on fast billing, easy inventory management, and real-time analytics visualization. Retailers can process transactions, monitor sales performance, and access customer sentiment insights through interactive dashboards.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media system was evaluated using real-world retail transaction data, inventory records, and customer feedback collected from both in-store operations and social media platforms. The evaluation focused on the effectiveness of AI-based sales analysis, accuracy of inventory management, performance of sentiment analysis, reliability of blockchain-based product authentication, and overall system usability. The AI-based analytics module demonstrated strong performance in identifying meaningful sales patterns and trends from large volumes of transactional data. By applying machine learning techniques to historical and real-time sales records, the system was able to detect recurring purchasing behaviors, peak sales periods, fast-moving products, and seasonal demand variations. These insights were transformed into clear and actionable analytical outputs through structured reports and visual dashboards.

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper presented POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media, an AI-powered intelligent system that incorporates multiple advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence-based sales analysis, Natural Language Processing-driven sentiment analysis, social media integration, and blockchain-enabled product authentication. By combining these features into a single unified POS platform, the proposed system addresses the limitations of traditional POS solutions that provide only isolated and basic functionalities. The implementation and evaluation results demonstrate that POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media effectively improves operational efficiency, data accuracy, and customer engagement in retail environments. The AI-driven analytics module successfully identifies sales trends and optimizes inventory management, while sentiment analysis helps retailers understand customer perceptions and respond proactively. Blockchain-based QR code authentication enhances product transparency and trust, while the system's modular and efficient design ensures secure data handling, low latency, and scalable deployment, making it suitable for real-world retail applications. Although the current version of POS Automated with AI and Integrated Social Media shows promising results, there are several directions for future enhancement. Future work includes the integration of retailer-level personalization, where analytics dashboards, recommendations, and alerts can be customized based on business size, sales volume, and operational preferences. Support for multi-store and multi-branch retail chains can also be incorporated to enable centralized monitoring and control. Further improvements may include the integration of advanced deep learning models for more accurate demand forecasting, dynamic pricing strategies, and real-time fraud detection. Enhanced social media analytics with multilingual sentiment analysis and real-time customer feedback mechanisms can be added to improve customer engagement insights.

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