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Supermarket Management System Using Python Flask and MySQL

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Abstract: The Supermarket Management System is a web-based solution designed to automate the daily operations of small and medium supermarkets. The system integrates product management, customer management, supplier tracking, billing, and reporting in a single platform. Built using Python Flask, MySQL, and Docker, it provides a secure and user- friendly interface for different user roles. The system ensures accurate billing, real-time inventorymanagement ,andefficientdatahandling, reducingmanualerrorsandimproving operational efficiency.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Supermarket Management System is a web-based software application developed to automate and simplify the daily operations of a supermarket. Traditionalsupermarketoperationsoftenrelyonmanualprocessesforbilling,stock management, and record keeping. These manual methods are time-consuming and can lead to errors in billing, inventory tracking, and data management.

To overcome these problems, a computerized system is developed using modern technologies. The Supermarket Management System helps store owners and employeesmanageproducts,customers,suppliers,salestransactions,andinventory efficiently.

ThissystemisbuiltusingPythonFlaskforthebackend,MySQLforthedatabase,and Docker for containerized deployment. The application provides a secure and user- friendly web interface that allows different types of users such as Admin, Manager, and Staff to access the system according to their roles.

Thesystemimprovesaccuracy,reducesmanualworkload,andallowsreal-time monitoring of supermarket operations.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Inthecurrentretailenvironment,manysupermarketsstillrelyonmanualorsemi- automated systems for billing, inventory management, and sales tracking. These traditional methods present several significant issues:

Inefficiency:Manualcalculationandbillingtaketime,leadingtolongqueuesand customer dissatisfaction.

HumanError:Manualdataentryispronetomistakesincalculation,stockupdates, and pricing.

InventoryTrackingIssues:Withoutacentralizeddatabase,itisdifficulttoknow real-time stock levels, leading to "out of stock" or "overstock" situations.

LackofAnalytics:Shopownerslackeasyaccesstodataregardingdailysales,most popular products, and profit margins.

The "Supermarket Management System" aims to solve these problems by automatingthebillingprocess,managinginventoryinreal-time,andgenerating accurate reports using a Python-based application backed by a robust MySQL database.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

Severalstudieshavefocusedonthedevelopmentofautomatedretailmanagementsystems to improve operational efficiency in supermarkets and retail stores. Smith et al. (2020) proposed a web-based retail management platform that integrates billing and inventory tracking features to reduce manual workload and improve transaction accuracy. Their study demonstrated that digital retail systems significantly reduce billing errors and improve inventory visibility.

Kumar and Patel (2021) developed a Point-of-Sale (POS) system integrated with a centralized database to automate product sales and stock management. Their system allowedstoreownerstomonitorproductavailabilityandgeneratesalesreportsinreal time.

Similarly,Sharmaetal.(2019)introducedaretailautomationsystemthatutilizesaweb interface and database backend for managing product inventories and customer transactions. The system improved operational efficiency but required expensive proprietary software solutions.

Although these systems provide useful automation features, many of them are costly and difficult for small-scale supermarkets to adopt.

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Therefore, there is a need for a lightweight and cost-effective solution built using open-source technologies. The proposed SupermarketManagementSystemaddressesthisproblembyimplementingascalableweb- based platform using Python Flask and MySQL.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed Supermarket Management System follows a three-layer architecture consistingofthepresentationlayer, applicationlayer,anddatabaselayer.Thisarchitecture separates the user interface, application logic, and data storage components, which improves system scalability, maintainability, and performance.

ThePresentationLayerrepresentstheuserinterfaceofthesystem.Usersinteractwiththe applicationthrough webpages such as the loginpage, productmanagementinterface, POS terminal, and reporting dashboard. This layer is responsible for displaying information to the user and collecting user input.

The Application Layer contains the backend logic of the system implemented using the Python Flask framework. This layer handles core business processes including user authentication,billingcalculations,inventoryupdates,andreportgeneration.Itactsasan intermediary between the user interface and the database.

TheDatabaseLayerisresponsibleforstoringandmanagingallsystemdata.TheMySQL database stores information related to users, products, customers, suppliers, and sales transactions. The database ensures data integrity and supports efficient retrieval of information required by the application.

V. SYSTEM MODULES

TheSupermarketManagementSystemconsistsofseveralfunctionalmodulesdesignedto automate different aspects of supermarket operations.

TheUser ManagementModuleis responsible for handlingsystem authenticationanduser accountmanagement.Itprovides secureloginfunctionalityandrole-basedaccess control.

Differentuserrolessuchasadministrator,manager,andstaffmembersaredefinedwithin the system, and each role is granted specific permissions to access system features.

The Product Management Module manages product information stored in the system database. Thismoduleallowsadministratorstoaddnewproducts,updateexistingproduct details, delete products, track product quantities, and manage pricing information.

The Inventory Management Module monitors stock levels of products available in the supermarket. Itautomaticallyupdatesproductquantitiesaftereachsalestransactionand provides alerts when product stock reaches a low level. This module also supports bulk product import using CSV files to simplify large-scale inventory updates.ThePoint-of-Sale(POS)Moduleisusedbystaffmembersduringcustomercheckout.This module allows users to select products, scan barcodes, calculate the total bill amount, process sales transactions, and generate invoices. It ensures a fast and efficient billing process.TheCustomerManagementModulestorescustomerinformationandpurchasehistory.It allows administrators to add customer details, viewcustomer purchase records, manage loyalty points, and maintain customer ledgers. This module helps improve customer relationship management.

TheSupplierManagementModulemaintainsrecordsofsupplierswhoprovideproductstothesupermarket.Itallowsuserstoaddsupplierinformation,updatesupplierdetails,track products supplied by vendors, and maintain supplier contact records.

TheReportingandAnalyticsModulegeneratesreportsthathelpadministratorsanalyze supermarket performance. The system can produce daily sales reports, monthly sales reports, product sales statistics, and inventory status reports, enabling store owners to make informed business decisions.

VI. DATA BASE DESIGN

Thesystem database is designed using arelational model implementedinMySQL. Several tablesareusedtomanagedifferenttypesofdataassociatedwithsupermarketoperations.

TheUserstablestoresinformationaboutsystemusersincludingtheiruniqueuserID,name, email address, password, and assigned role.

TheProductstablemaintainsdetailsofproductsavailableinthesupermarketsuchas product ID, product name, price, quantity, and product category.

CustomerinformationisstoredintheCustomerstable,whichincludesfieldssuchas customer ID, customer name, and phone number.

SupplierrecordsarestoredintheSupplierstable,whichcontainssupplierID,supplier name, and contact information.

SalestransactionsarerecordedintheSalestable,whichincludesfieldssuchassaleID, transaction date, customer reference, and total transaction amount.
Eachsalestransactionmaycontainmultipleproducts,whicharestoredintheSale_Items table. This table records item ID, sale ID, product ID, quantity purchased, anditem price.
Thisrelationaldatabasestructureensuresefficientorganizationofsupermarketdataand supports accurate tracking of product sales and inventory levels.

VII. METHODOLOGY

The development of the Supermarket Management System follows a modular design approachtoensureflexibility,scalability,andeaseofmaintenance.Thesystemworkflow consists of several functional steps that automate daily supermarket operations.
First, the system performs user authentication through a secure login interface. Authorized userssuchasadministratorsandstaffmemberscanaccessdifferentmodulesbasedontheir assigned roles.
After successful authentication, the product management module allows administrators to add, update, or remove product information stored in the database. The inventory managementcomponentcontinuouslymonitors stock levelsandupdates productquantities after each sales transaction.
The Point-of-Sale (POS)module enablesstaffmembers toselectproducts during customer checkout. Thesystemautomaticallycalculatesthetotalbillbasedonselectedproductsand their quantities.
Finally,alltransactiondataisrecordedinthedatabase,allowingthereportingmoduleto generate daily or monthly sales reports. This workflow ensures efficient supermarket management while minimizing human errors in billing and inventory tracking.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

TheSupermarketManagementSystemisimplementedusingacombinationofmodernweb technologies. The backend of the application is developed using the Python Flask framework, which provides a lightweight and efficient environment for handling web requests and application logic.
ThefrontendinterfaceisdesignedusingHTML,CSS,andJavaScripttoprovideaninteractive and user-friendly web interface. These technologies enable responsive design and smooth interaction with the backend services.
MySQLisusedastherelationaldatabasemanagementsystemtostoreallapplicationdata including product information, customer records, and sales transactions.
To ensure portability and simplified deployment, the application environment is containerizedusingDocker. Thisallowsthesystemtorunconsistentlyacrossdifferent server environments while maintaining all dependencies required by the application

IX. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implemented Supermarket Management System was evaluated in a simulated retail environmenttoanalyseits performanceandoperationalefficiency.Thesystemsuccessfully automated key supermarket functions including billing, inventory tracking, and report generation.
The Point-of-Sale (POS) module enabled quick product selection and automatic bill calculation,significantly reducingthetimerequiredforcustomercheckoutcomparedtomanualbillingsystems.Additionally,thesystemautomaticallyupdatedinventorylevels after each completed transaction, ensuring accurate stock management.
Thereportingmodulegeneratedusefulinsightssuchasdailysalessummariesandproduct demand trends, which can assist store administrators in making informed business decisions.
Overall,theexperimentalresultsindicatethattheproposedsystemimprovesoperational efficiency, reduces manual workload, and enhances the accuracy of retail management processes.

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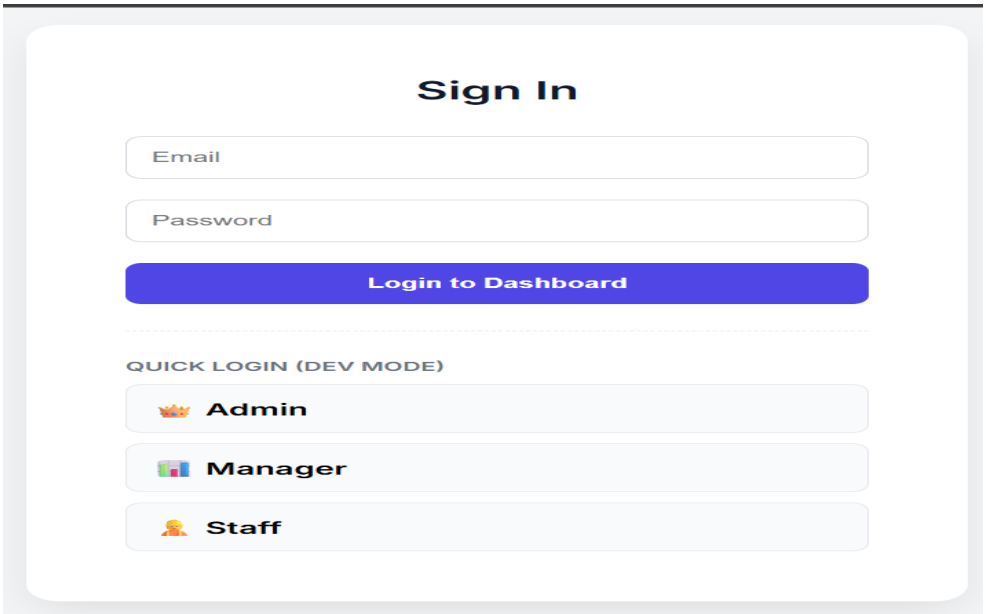


Fig.1LoginInterfaceoftheSupermarketManagementSystem

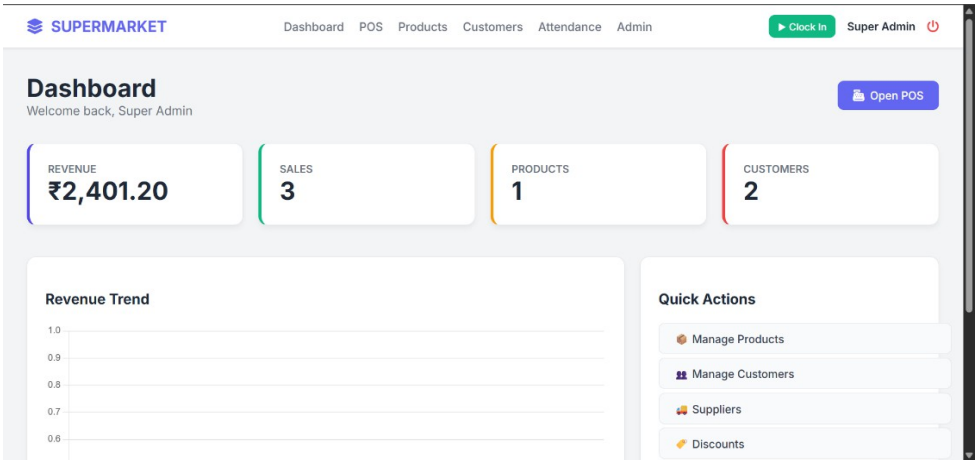


Fig.2DashboardoftheSupermarketManagementSystem

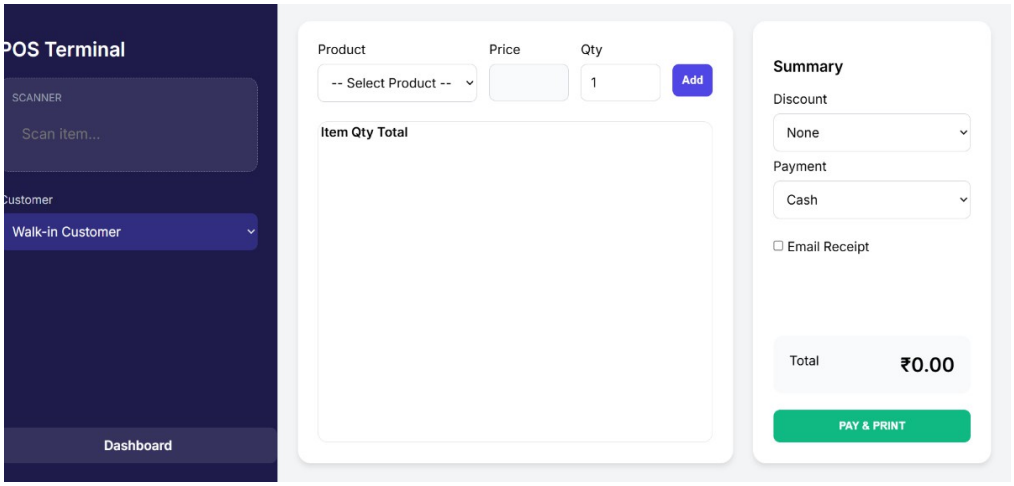


Fig.3PointofSaleBillingInterface

X. CONCLUSION

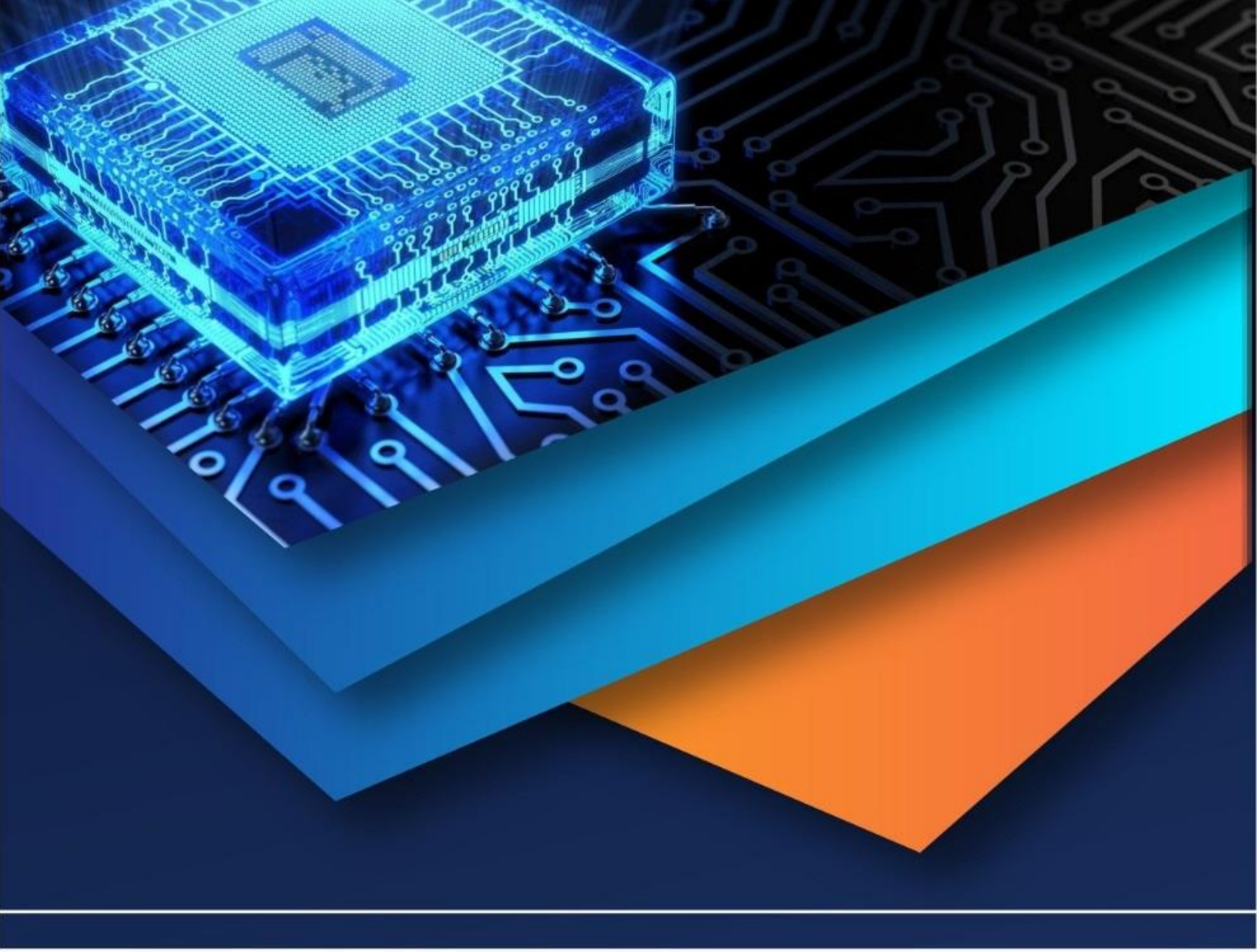
The Supermarket Management System is designed to automate and simplify the daily operations of a supermarket. The system helps in managing product details, billing processes, and inventory records in an efficient way. By implementing this system, manual work is reduced and the chances of human errors in billing and stock management are minimized.

The developed system allows the user to easily add, update, and delete product information. It also generates bills automatically and updates the inventory after each transaction. This improves the accuracy and speed of supermarket operations.

Overall, the implementation of the Supermarket Management System provides a reliable and efficient solution for managing supermarket activities. It helps store owners maintain proper records, improve productivity, and save time.

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