

An Automated Inventory Management System

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the proposed system is to create a web based system which will contain basic modules for tracking of inventory levels, re-ordering of items, issuing and report generation of refreshment items, organizing inventory data, status alerts, and printing reports. The system analyses the total sale of menu items and proportionately deducts appropriate amount from the resource database. Then it compares the current available resource with the threshold level of each ingredient. If particular ingredients are below the threshold, It generates a purchase order(printable) for those items(s) and sends an email to the manager(admin) for approval.

It also generates and display monthly/yearly report in form of statistics and graphs. Apriori clustering algorithm is used to find frequently issued items to various units.

Keywords

Inventory, Apriori, web

1. INTRODUCTION

Inventory management is important to any business as it helps them to prevent stock-outs, manage multiple locations, and ensure accurate record-keeping. An inventory management system makes these processes easier than trying to do them manually. The existing inventory Management system uses Ms Excel to store stock data. However using Excel to track large quantities of items increases the likelihood of data entry errors, especially if your inventory moves frequently from location to location. Also having a single Excel workbook limits user access. Excel lacks real time inventory and also limits user ability to quickly analyse historical data. The proposed system is designed in a way to facilitate insertion, deletion and changes of inventory data directly using designed GUI interface without interacting with the database tables. There are several features within the approach such as statistics, search function, login details and much more.

The system displays brief instructions about using the system which user must follow before entering the login page. An admin logs in using the username and password details stored in the login database table. After successful login, he can access all the functionalities of the system. The system will

maintain detailed master list of items along with their threshold reorder levels, normal levels and opening stock data. System will have GUI to modify any of these data. Project will also inco-operate Apriori algorithm to find frequently issued to various units and analysing the items sent to various purposes and narrations.

2. TECHNOLOGY USED

a. HTML

HTML is a mark-up language used for structuring and presenting content for world wide web. It can be assisted by technologies such as Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and scripting languages such as JavaScript. The key has been to develop the language with the latest multimedia support while keeping it easy to read and understandable by computers and device(web browsers, parsers, etc.). It contains various text that are predefined and can be used at any time in association with the relative ending tag. HTML elements forms building block of all websites. HTML allows images and objects to be imported and can be used to create functional forms. It can be used to create structured documents by denoting structural semantics for texts, heading, paragraphs, lists, links, quotes and other items.

b. My SQL

Many of the world's largest and fast growing organization including Facebook, Google and adobe rely on My SQL to save time and money powering their high volume websites, business critical systems and packaged software. It is relational database system user access to a number of databases. MySQL works on many different system platforms, including aixOS, BSDi, free BSD, HP OSX, Microsoft windows, netBSD, Novell NetWare, open BSD, open Solaris, UnixWare.

c. PHP

PHP is an acronym for "PHP Hypertext Processor". PHP is a separate server-side language intended for web development but is also used as a standard programming language. PHP is now installed on over 244 million websites and 2.1 million web servers. The PHP code is interpreted by a web server with a PHP processor module, which produces the resulting web page: PHP commands can be installed directly from an HTML source document rather than calling an external file to

process data.

d. JAVASCRIPT

JavaScript(JS) is an interpreted computer programming language. The writing language developed by Netscapes to enable Web writers to design functional sites. Although it share many of the features of the full java language, it was developed independently. JavaScript can interact with HTML, source code enabling web authors to spice up their sites with dynamic contents. As part of a web browser, implementation allows client-side scripts to interact with the user, manage the browser, interact with one another, and modify the document content displayed. And it has become the norm in server-side game development and desktop applications.

e. CSS

Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) is a style sheet language used to describe the appearance and format of document restoration in embedded language. While most often used to change the style of web pages and user interfaces return in HTML and XHTML. The language can be applied to any kind of XML document, including plain XML, XUL and SVG. Along with HTML and Java Script, CSS is a corner Stone technology used by various websites to create visually using web pages, user interface for web applications, user interface for many mobile applications. CSS is designed primarily to enable the separation of documents contents from document presentation, including function such as the layout, colour and font. This classification can provide content access, provide more flexibility and control in the presentation of specification features and enable more HTML pages to share the formatting correctly CSS in a separate. CSS file, reduce complexity and repetition in the structural content, such as semantically insignificant tables that were widely used to format pages before consistent CSS rendering was available in all major browsers.

f. Bootstrap

Bootstrap is a free and open source CSS application dedicated to responsive, first-rate web development. It has a CSS and JavaScript template used for typing, forms, buttons, navigation and other interfaces.

3. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A. System Flow

a. Login Page

The first visible screen before starting the application which will take you to the home page after entering correct username and password(mandatory).

b. Home

The home page of the web application provides link to every aspect of the web application like Item list, Inventory entry, Month-wise inventory, Register a new admin, current stock status, send an email, etc.

c. Register a new admin

It displays the registration page for registering a new admin Upon entering in email id, contact number, username, password and confirm password field, the user gets notified in case the input is invalid.

d. Master Item List

This form is used to create master item list. All the fields like date, item name, opening stock, reorder level, normal level in this forms are mandatory.

e. Inventory Entries

This form is used to enter inventory details. When issue radio

button is selected stock gets deducted from available stocks and when receipt radio button is selected stock gets added to the available stocks.

f. Inventory Details

This webpage displays the inventory details of every items with its current stock status available.

B. Design Flow

a. Activity Diagram

Activity diagram is defined as a UML diagram that focuses on the execution and flow of the behaviour of a system instead of implementation. It is also called object-oriented flowchart. Activity diagrams consist of activities that are made up of actions which apply to behavioural modelling technology.

In the below activity diagram, the admin first has to login into system with username and password. The system validates the user, if confirmed he can access the commands like add, modify, delete, search, update, search and view report. The system can also get access to all the commands.

To register a new admin, he must be a super admin. Super admin must login into the account and he register a new admin.

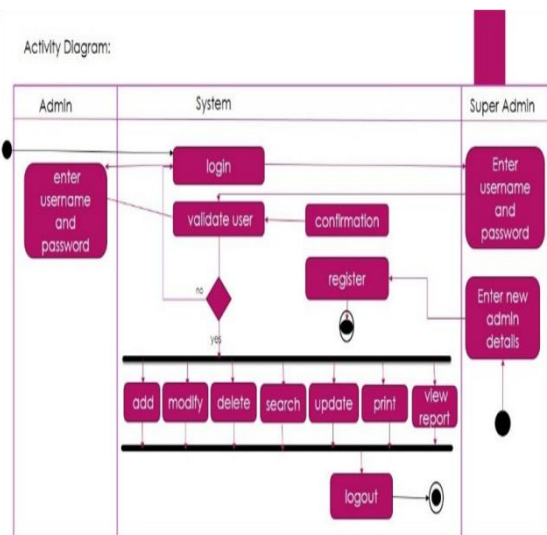


Fig. 1 : Activity Diagram

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