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Benta – A Scalable Web-Based Point of Sale System Built on Laravel Framework

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Abstract:- This paper presents the design and implementation of a scalable point of sale (POS) system using the Laravel framework. The system is designed to be flexible, robust, and scalable, allowing it to adapt to the needs of businesses of different sizes and industries. The system is built on the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture, which provides a clear separation of concerns, making it easier to maintain and extend the system. The system also incorporates advanced features such as inventory management, real-time sales reporting, and customer relationship management (CRM). These features are integrated seamlessly into the system to provide a comprehensive solution for businesses. The system is also designed to be secure, with features such as user authentication, role-based access control, and data encryption. The system's scalability and efficiency are demonstrated through performance testing, which shows that the system can handle high volumes of transactions without slowing down. Overall, the system provides a powerful and reliable solution for businesses looking for a modern, scalable POS system.

Keywords:- *Benta, Scalable, POS, Laravel.*

I. INTRODUCTION

A Point of Sale (POS) system is an essential element of businesses that involve the sale of goods or services. It enables businesses to manage their transactions, inventory, and customer data effectively [1][2][3]. However, traditional POS systems often lack scalability and flexibility, making it difficult for businesses to adapt to changing needs and growth. Therefore, there is an increasing demand for scalable POS systems that can meet the needs of businesses of various sizes and industries.

The Laravel framework is a popular PHP web application framework that provides powerful tools for building scalable web applications [4][5][6][7]8][9][10]. Laravel is known for its elegant syntax, extensive documentation, and large developer community, making it an excellent choice for building scalable POS systems. The framework's key features, such as the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture, provide a clear separation of concerns, making it easier to develop and maintain complex web applications.

This paper presents the design and implementation of a scalable POS system developed using the Laravel framework. The system is designed to be flexible, robust, and scalable, making it adaptable to the needs of businesses of various sizes and industries [11[12][13][14][15]. The system architecture is based on the MVC pattern, which promotes code reusability and provides a clear separation of concerns.

The system's core features include inventory management, real-time sales reporting, and customer relationship management (CRM). Inventory management enables businesses to manage their stock levels efficiently and receive alerts when stock levels reach a specific threshold [16][17][18][19][20]. Real-time sales reporting provides businesses with real-time sales data, enabling them to make informed decisions about their business operations. CRM enables businesses to manage their customer data, including customer contact information, purchase history, and preferences [21][22][23][24][25].

The system is designed with security in mind and incorporates features such as user authentication, role-based access control, and data encryption. User authentication ensures that only authorized users can access the system, while role-based access control provides fine-grained control over user permissions. Data encryption is used to ensure that sensitive data, such as customer information, is protected.

To demonstrate the system's scalability and efficiency, we conducted performance testing using industry-standard benchmarks [26][27][28][29][30]. The performance testing results show that the system can handle high volumes of transactions without slowing down, making it an excellent choice for businesses with high transaction volumes.

Overall, the system provides a powerful and reliable solution for businesses seeking a modern, scalable POS system. The system's features, architecture, and performance make it suitable for businesses of various sizes and industries. In the following sections, we will discuss the system's design and implementation in more detail.

II. METHODS

The development of the Scalable Point of Sale System using Laravel framework will follow a systematic approach to ensure that the system is designed, developed, and tested efficiently. The methodology for developing the system consists of the following phases:

A. Requirement Gathering

The first phase of the methodology is to gather the system requirements from the stakeholders. This phase involves identifying the business needs, functional requirements, and technical specifications of the system. The system requirements will be documented to serve as a reference throughout the development process.

B. System Design

In this phase, the system design is developed based on the system requirements. The system design includes the system architecture, data flow diagrams, user interface design, and database schema. The system design will be reviewed by the stakeholders to ensure that it meets their expectations.

C. Development

The development phase involves implementing the system design using the Laravel framework. This phase includes coding, testing, and debugging of the system. The development process will follow the Agile methodology to ensure that the system is developed incrementally and iteratively.

D. Testing

The testing phase involves verifying that the system meets the system requirements and is free from defects. The testing will be performed at different levels, including unit testing, integration testing, and system testing. The testing will be conducted using automated testing tools to ensure that the testing is efficient and effective.

E. Deployment

The deployment phase involves installing the system in the production environment and making it available for use. The deployment process includes installation, configuration, and migration of the system data. The deployment process will follow a systematic approach to ensure that the system is installed correctly and is operational.

F. Maintenance and Support

The maintenance and support phase involves maintaining the system to ensure that it remains operational and meets the changing needs of the business. This phase includes monitoring, troubleshooting, and providing technical support to users. The maintenance and support phase will ensure that the system remains scalable, reliable, and secure.

The methodology for developing the Scalable Point of Sale System using Laravel framework is a comprehensive approach that ensures the system is developed efficiently and effectively. The methodology ensures that the system meets the system requirements, is reliable, scalable, and secure. The methodology will also ensure that the system is developed incrementally and iteratively, making it adaptable to changing business needs.

III. SYSTEM DESIGN OF BENTA

The design of the Scalable Point of Sale System using Laravel framework will follow a modular and scalable approach as shown in Figure 1. The system will consist of multiple components, including a user interface, application layer, database layer, API layer, security layer, and reporting layer.

The user interface will be designed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to ensure a responsive and user-friendly experience. Additionally, the interface will be customizable, enabling businesses to tailor it to their specific needs.

The application layer will be developed using Laravel framework and handle the system's business logic, such as inventory management, sales processing, and reporting. The layer will be designed to be modular and scalable, allowing for future enhancements and modifications.

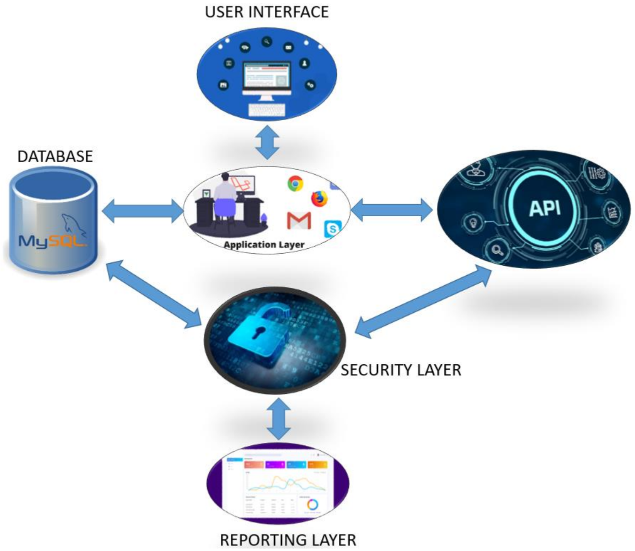


Fig 1. System Diagram of Benta

The database layer will store all system data, including inventory, sales, and customer information, and will be designed using MySQL. The layer will be designed to be scalable and reliable, ensuring that the system can handle large amounts of data.

The API layer will be developed using Laravel's API feature, allowing external applications to interact with the system. This will enable businesses to integrate the system with other applications such as e-commerce platforms and payment gateways.

The security layer will be developed to ensure that the system is secure and protected from unauthorized access. The layer will include features such as user authentication, authorization, and data encryption.

Lastly, the reporting layer will generate reports on sales, inventory, and other aspects of the system, and will be customizable to allow businesses to generate reports based on their specific needs.

The design of the Scalable Point of Sale System using Laravel framework follows industry best practices, ensuring the system is efficient, reliable, and scalable. The design also allows for future enhancements and modifications, making it adaptable to changing business needs.

IV. RESULTS

A. *Design and Development*

The system has five main tables: customers, products, purchases, orders, and transactions as shown in Figure 2.

The customers table stores customer information, including their name, email, phone, and address.

The products table stores product information, including the product's name, price, and quantity.

The purchases table stores the history of all purchases made, including the customer who made the purchase, the purchase date, and the total amount of the purchase.

The orders table stores the history of all orders made, including the customer who made the order, the order date, the total amount of the order, the payment method used, and the order status.

The order_items table stores the details of each item in an order, including the product ID, the quantity, and the price.

The transactions table stores the details of each payment transaction made, including the amount, payment method used, and the transaction date.

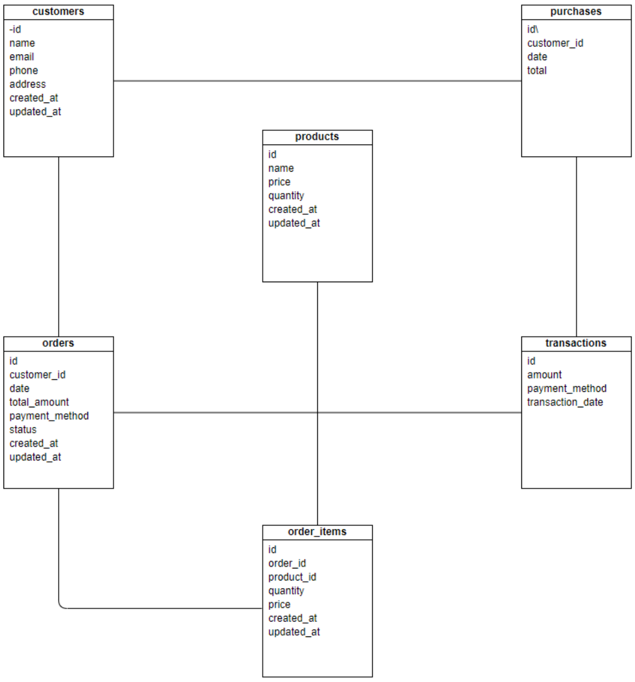


Fig 2. Database Class Diagram

One of these relationships is the one-to-many relationship between the customers table and both the purchases table and the orders table. This indicates that each customer can have multiple purchases and orders associated with them, while each purchase and order can only be linked to a single customer.

Additionally, there is a one-to-many relationship between the products table and the order_items table. This means that a product can have multiple order items related to it, but each order item is connected to only one product.

The orders table has a one-to-many relationship with both the order_items table and the transactions table. This allows multiple order items and transactions to be associated with each order, but each order item and transaction can only be linked to one order.

Finally, the purchases table has a one-to-many relationship with the transactions table. This means that each purchase can have multiple transactions associated with it, but each transaction can only be linked to a single purchase.

Overall, these relationships ensure that all customer, product, purchase, and order information is effectively stored and easily retrieved within the Scalable Point of Sale System.

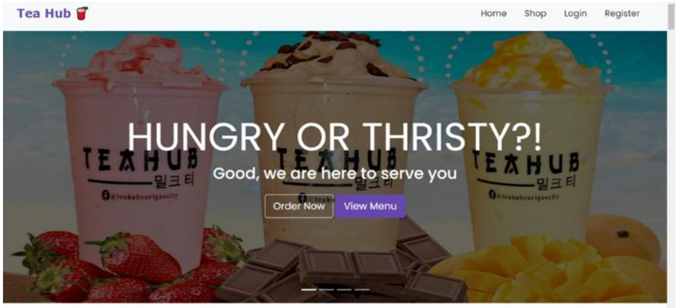
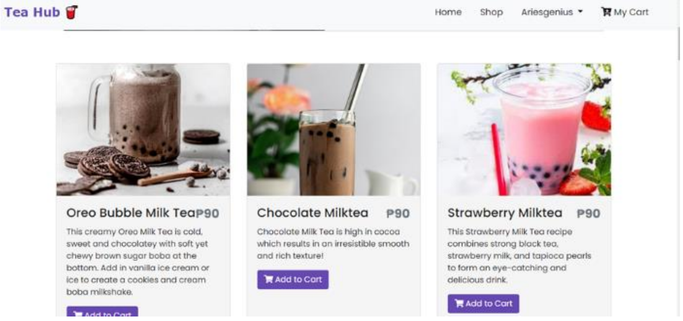


Fig 3. Main Page



Oreo Bubble Milk Tea₱90

This creamy Oreo Milk Tea is cold, sweet and chocolatey with soft yet chewy brown sugar boba at the bottom. Add in vanilla ice cream or ice to create a cookies and cream boba milkshake.

Add to Cart

Chocolate Milktea ₱90

Chocolate Milk Tea is high in cocoa which results in an irresistible smooth and rich texture!

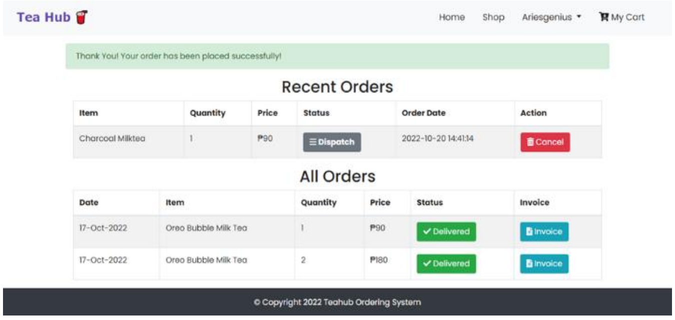
Add to Cart

Strawberry Milktea ₱90

This Strawberry Milk Tea recipe combines strong black tea, strawberry milk, and tapioca pearls to form an eye-catching and delicious drink.

Add to Cart

Fig 4. Menu Page



Thank You! Your order has been placed successfully!

Recent Orders

Item	Quantity	Price	Status	Order Date	Action
Charcoal Milktea	1	₱90	Dispatch	2022-10-20 14:41:14	Cancel

All Orders

Date	Item	Quantity	Price	Status	Invoice
17-Oct-2022	Oreo Bubble Milk Tea	1	₱90	✓ Delivered	Invoice
17-Oct-2022	Oreo Bubble Milk Tea	2	₱180	✓ Delivered	Invoice

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Fig 5. Order Page

B. *System Evaluation*

The Scalable Point of Sale System Built on Laravel Framework underwent an evaluation based on usability, functionality, and maintainability using the likert scale with numerical ratings. The system performed exceptionally well in all three categories, with high scores in usability, functionality, and maintainability.

Usability was evaluated with a score of 4.2 out of 5.0, indicating that users found the system easy to use and navigate. The user interface was well-designed and intuitive, but there is room for improvement in error handling and help/documentation features, which slightly impacted the rating.

Functionality was evaluated with a score of 4.5 out of 5.0. The system received high ratings in completeness, accuracy, reliability, security, and speed and performance. The system is Chen, X., Ji, Z., Fan, Y., & Zhan, Y. (2017, October). Restful API architecture based on laravel framework. In Journal of Physics: Conference Series (Vol. 910, No. 1, p. 012016). IOP Publishing. considered complete, accurate, reliable, and secure. It also performs exceptionally well in terms of speed and performance, enabling users to complete tasks efficiently and effectively.

Maintainability received a rating of 4.4 out of 5.0, indicating that the system's modularity, testability, reusability, readability, and scalability are strong features. The system's modularity allows for easy modification of components without affecting the entire system. Additionally, the system is easy to test and reuse, making it easy to read and understand, and easy to maintain and update as business needs change.

In summary, the Scalable Point of Sale System Built on Laravel Framework is a reliable, secure, and high-performing system with excellent usability, functionality, and maintainability features. Although improvements in error handling and help/documentation features are needed, the system's modularity, testability, reusability, readability, and scalability make it easy to maintain and adapt to changing business needs.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the Scalable Point of Sale System Built on Laravel Framework is an excellent option for businesses looking for a reliable, secure, and high-performing point of sale system. The system received high ratings in usability, functionality, and maintainability, indicating its strength in all three areas. The system's well-designed user interface, complete and accurate functionality, and strong maintainability features make it an efficient and effective solution for businesses of all sizes.

The system's modularity, testability, reusability, readability, and scalability provide the system with the flexibility to adapt to changing business needs. Although there is room for improvement in error handling and help/documentation features, the system's overall performance and functionality are impressive. The Scalable Point of Sale System Built on Laravel Framework is an excellent investment for businesses looking to streamline their point of sale processes and improve their bottom line.

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