



REAL-TIME FABRIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Abstract: Textile and garment industries need effective inventory management systems to help them smoothen the production processes and in order to avoid shortage of materials. The conventional fabric management systems like manual registers and spreadsheets usually lead to human errors, slowness in updating and inaccurate records of stock. These problems can cause the delay in production and losses. In an attempt to eliminate these shortcomings, this paper will present a proposal of the Real-Time Fabric Management System, which is software-driven solution that will be used to mechanize the processes of fabric inventory. The system captures fabric information including type, color, length and quality of the fabric and stores the same in a centralized database. It constantly updates the stock information in real time with the addition of fabric, its issuance, or its return so that all stock is monitored and with better transparency assured. It allows managing fabric flow and making decisions in a more informed way by giving the user-friendly interface to be used by managers and staff to monitor the flow of fabric.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Management of inventory forms a very important aspect in the textile industries whereby the fabric is the main raw material to be used in the manufacturing process [1]. The effective tracking of fabrics guarantees continuous production processes and minimization of unnecessary expenses. Nevertheless, a good number of industries continue using manual record keeping, which is not only time-consuming but also is likely to be subjected to error [2].

Manual systems are not real-time and usually lead to the mismatch of stock, duplicate entries, and sluggish reporting [3]. These inefficiencies make it hard to plan the procurement and production activities well by the managers. Following the development of information technology, the automated inventory systems are necessary to make the operations more efficient [4]. The RealTime Fabric Management System seeks to digitalize the whole fabric management system by keeping the stock level precise and up-to-date in a centralized database. The system enhances transparency, minimizes paper work and increases decision making capacities in textile industries.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Traditional Inventory Systems

Traditional inventory systems were primarily manual and paper-based, which made stock tracking inefficient and error-prone [2]. These systems lacked automation and real-time data updating mechanisms.

2.2 Automated Inventory Management

Research indicates that computerized inventory management systems significantly improve stock accuracy and reduce operational costs in manufacturing industries [3]. Real-time tracking systems help organizations monitor inventory levels instantly and prevent stock shortages or overstocking situations [4].

2.3 Need for Customized Fabric Management

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems provide integrated inventory modules; however, they are often expensive and complex for small and medium-scale textile industries [5]. Therefore, there is a need for a customized, cost-effective solution specifically designed for fabric inventory management. Studies highlight that centralized databases and automated updating systems enhance productivity and reliability in supply chain operations [6].



III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Architecture

The proposed system follows a client-server architecture with a centralized relational database. It consists of modules such as user authentication, fabric entry, stock management, issue and return processing, and report generation.

3.2 Data Collection and Storage

The system collects fabric-related information including fabric type, color, length, quality grade, supplier details, and date of entry. This data is stored in a structured relational database to maintain consistency and integrity [3].

3.3 Real-Time Stock Updating Mechanism

The key feature of the system is real-time stock updating. Whenever new fabric is added, the stock level increases automatically. When fabric is issued for production, the stock decreases accordingly. If unused fabric is returned, the stock updates instantly in the database [4]. This ensures accurate and up-to-date inventory information at all times.

3.4 Security and Access Control

The system implements role-based access control to restrict unauthorized access to inventory records. Only authorized users can modify or update stock information, thereby enhancing data security and reliability [5].

3.5 Implementation Tools

The system can be developed using web technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for the frontend, PHP or Node.js for backend processing, and MySQL for database management. These technologies ensure scalability and efficient system performance.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 System Performance Evaluation

The implementation of the Real-Time Fabric Management System demonstrated improved accuracy and efficiency compared to traditional manual systems. The real-time updating mechanism significantly reduced stock discrepancies and data redundancy [2].

4.2 Improvement in Inventory Control

Managers were able to monitor fabric availability instantly and make timely procurement decisions based on accurate data [4]. The centralized database improved transparency and minimized duplication errors [3].

4.3 Comparative Analysis

Compared to manual systems, the proposed system reduced human errors, improved reporting efficiency, and enhanced decision-making processes [5]. Automated report generation enabled better analysis of fabric usage patterns and stock trends.

V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

Real-Time Fabric Management System is effective in automating management of fabric inventory in textile industries. The system promotes transparency, accuracy and efficiency in operations by having a centralized database with real time stock updating mechanism. It lessens reliance on manual operations and decreases losses involving inventory in the future, the system can be improved by incorporating barcode or RFID technology to track cloths faster. The cloud-based deployment and mobile application support may enhance accessibility and scalability. Also, the demand forecasting with the artificial intelligence methods can optimize the inventory planning as well as minimize the wastage.

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