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Innovative convenience: Evaluating the design and market impact of Cdev, a web-based Malaysian Chinese food delivery platform

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Abstract: The article highlights Malaysia's multicultural history, the advancement of Internet technology, and the worldwide appeal of Chinese food, all of which serve as a good basis for the project. This study focuses on Malaysian Chinese takeout systems. The research's primary goals include developing new business options for the Chinese food sector, as well as enhancing customer happiness and efficiency of takeout systems. As a result, the project intended to create a Web-based system for managing several tasks associated with meal ordering by users. For the system development, an Object-Oriented System Development (OOSD) methodology was used, mostly with the Java programming language. Model-View-Control (MVC) framework was employed throughout development to improve system administration. Redis and HTTP session technologies were included for user login to increase system security. For database operations, MyBatis and MyBatis Plus were also employed to enhance ease and security. The system adheres to design principles and leverages technologies like ElementUI and jQuery to further fulfill this criterion to provide a user-friendly interface. The results of this study demonstrate significant improvements in the overall efficiency of the takeout process, leading to enhanced user experiences and greater customer satisfaction. In addition to streamlining operations, the system opens new avenues for the Malaysian Chinese food industry to capitalize on the growing demand for online food ordering. This research provides a solid foundation for future innovations in takeout systems and serves as a reference point for enhancing the Chinese gastronomy sector in a rapidly digitizing world.

Keywords: delivery system framework; HTTP session; Redis; mybatis plus; java

1. Introduction

Malaysia, a multicultural nation known for its diversity, is home to three primary ethnic groups: Malays, Chinese, and Indians. Each group contributes to the rich cultural and culinary landscape of the country. According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), the country's population stands at 32.3 million, with 29.6 million being citizens, and ethnic Chinese accounting for 22.9% of the total population (DOSM, 2022). Malaysian Chinese, in particular, have preserved a vast array of traditional Chinese recipes, which are prominently featured in restaurants and street food stalls across the country. In recent years, the rapid advancement of technology and the increasingly fast-paced lifestyle of individuals have given rise to a new and thriving industry: food delivery services. These services have quickly carved out a significant market share, offering convenience, diverse food choices, and competitive

pricing. The global appeal of food delivery is reflected in Malaysia, where online ordering systems have become an essential component of the food and beverage (F&B) industry, contributing to its growth and reshaping how businesses interact with customers (Kumar et al., 2021).

The rapid development of technology and the increasingly fast pace of modern life have transformed the way people approach dining. More individuals, faced with time constraints due to overtime work, busy schedules, or the desire to avoid the hassle of dining out, are choosing to eat at home, in the office, or other convenient locations (Sebastia, 2016). Concurrently, consumer preferences are evolving toward more diverse food options, with a growing demand for variety and convenience in meal choices. However, traditional dining methods, such as physically visiting restaurants or making phone reservations, present numerous challenges. Customers frequently face long waiting times in crowded establishments, and the process of making telephone reservations can be cumbersome and restrictive. These limitations not only reduce the variety of food options available to customers but also detract from their overall dining experience.

In response to these challenges, food delivery systems have emerged as a solution, allowing consumers to enjoy the convenience of ordering food from the comfort of their own homes or offices. Despite the growing demand for food delivery services, the Malaysian market is experiencing several problems. Firstly, many existing food delivery platforms engage in unfair competition by relying heavily on capital to dominate market share, leading to a skewed playing field. Companies with significant financial resources are able to outcompete smaller or newer players, creating an imbalanced marketplace that limits competition and stifles innovation. Secondly, most takeaway platforms in Malaysia lack personalized services, which negatively impacts the user experience. Customers often find themselves facing generic interfaces and impersonal interactions that do not cater to their specific preferences, needs, or expectations, leading to reduced satisfaction.

Given these market conditions, this project seeks to develop a web-based Chinese food takeaway system that addresses the shortcomings of current platforms while providing a unique and user-centered experience. By leveraging advanced technologies and innovative service solutions, this system will not only offer a convenient and streamlined ordering process but also personalize the user experience. Features such as customizable menus, tailored recommendations, and efficient order tracking will enhance customer satisfaction. Additionally, the system aims to improve backend management for restaurant owners, allowing them to manage orders, inventory, and customer feedback more effectively.

This research is designed to overcome the problems of unfair competition and lack of personalization in Malaysia's current food delivery market. By addressing these gaps, the proposed system will provide a fresh and innovative approach to Chinese food delivery, contributing to the growth and development of Malaysia's food and beverage industry while fostering a more competitive and user-centric marketplace.

The primary purpose of this project is to develop an efficient Chinese food delivery system in Malaysia, leveraging the latest advancements in information technology. The system aims to offer consumers a seamless and fast ordering process

by allowing them to browse various Chinese food menus, place their orders, provide contact and delivery details, and select a payment method—all in just three simple steps. This approach enables customers to enjoy their favorite Chinese cuisine conveniently without the hassle of waiting in line or leaving their homes (Lim et al., 2024). By utilizing an integrated and user-friendly platform, the system caters to the growing demand for online food delivery, ultimately improving customer satisfaction and operational efficiency within the food and beverage industry.

This study seeks to explore the design and development of Cdev a web-based Chinese food takeaway system aimed at promoting the growth of Chinese cuisine in Malaysia's F&B industry. It will provide insights into the feasibility analysis, market research, and the selection of technologies used to implement the system. By offering a user-friendly platform for food ordering, this system not only enhances customer satisfaction but also creates business opportunities and jobs within the Chinese food sector in Malaysia. This research aims to contribute to the digital transformation of the F&B industry and support the further advancement of Chinese cuisine in the Malaysian market.

The research objectives of this study are as follows:

- 1) **Develop a Web-Based Chinese Food Delivery System:** To design and implement a convenient, user-friendly web-based system that allows customers to browse menus, place orders, and manage delivery options efficiently.
- 2) **Enhance Customer Satisfaction and Experience:** To improve the overall customer experience by offering personalized services, such as customizable menus, personalized recommendations, and a seamless ordering process.
- 3) **Increase Operational Efficiency for Restaurant Managers:** To provide a backend management system for restaurant managers that allows them to handle orders, manage inventory, and track customer feedback more effectively, improving the overall efficiency of the takeaway process.
- 4) **Address Market Competition Challenges:** To develop a system that offers innovative features to differentiate itself from competitors in the Malaysian food delivery market, focusing on user-centric services and improved personalization.
- 5) **Promote the Growth of Chinese Cuisine in Malaysia:** To foster the development of the Chinese food industry in Malaysia by providing a system that caters to modern consumer preferences for convenience, variety, and quality in food delivery services.
- 6) **Analyze Feasibility and Market Needs:** To conduct a feasibility analysis of the current market challenges, including competition, customer needs, and the potential for technological innovations in the food delivery industry.

These objectives aim to provide a comprehensive solution to current market problems while enhancing both customer satisfaction and business efficiency within the Malaysian food and beverage sector.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents a comprehensive literature review. Section 3 outlines the adopted methodology. Section 4 discusses the findings. Finally, Sections 5 and 6 conclude the research, summarizing key insights and implications.

2. Literature review

The rapid adoption of food delivery services (FDS) has transformed the food service industry globally, with Malaysia being no exception. Driven by technological innovations, increased urbanization, and changing lifestyles, the demand for fast and convenient access to food has led to the proliferation of food delivery platforms. In Malaysia, leading players such as FoodPanda, GrabFood, and Beep dominate the market, serving millions of customers daily (Ahmad et al., 2023). However, these platforms often lack specialization, offering a broad range of cuisines without addressing the unique needs of specific customer segments.

The introduction of Cdev, a web-based Chinese food delivery system in Malaysia, aims to fill this gap by focusing on authentic Chinese cuisine tailored to the local Malaysian palate. Cdev's emphasis on innovation, convenience, and customer experience differentiates it from its competitors, while its web-based platform streamlines ordering and delivery processes. This literature review explores the design, implementation, and market impact of Cdev, analyzing the factors that contribute to its success and examining its role in reshaping the Malaysian food delivery landscape.

2.1. The role of innovation in food delivery systems

2.1.1. Technological advancements in FDS

Innovation in food delivery systems has been critical in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations, reducing costs, and improving the customer experience. In recent years, the integration of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Big Data Analytics has allowed platforms to optimize route planning, reduce delivery times, and personalize recommendations for customers (Chong and Yap, 2024). Cdev leverages these innovations to provide a seamless ordering experience, utilizing AI-driven algorithms to predict customer preferences and optimize delivery routes. This innovation is critical for maintaining a competitive edge in a market where speed and convenience are paramount (Leong and Mahathir, 2024). Moreover, blockchain technology is being explored for potential use in ensuring the transparency and traceability of food delivery, allowing customers to track the origins of their meals and ensuring food safety (Lim and Sani, 2023). Although Cdev has not yet integrated blockchain, this could represent a future innovation to enhance consumer trust and differentiate the platform further.

2.1.2. Mobile and web-based platforms

With the increasing penetration of smartphones and mobile internet in Malaysia, the transition from traditional dining models to web-based and mobile applications has become more pronounced (Foo and Ismail, 2023). While most food delivery systems in Malaysia offer mobile apps, Cdev focuses on a web-based platform to cater to users who prefer desktop ordering, particularly for office workers and individuals seeking a larger display for browsing menu options. This differentiation highlights the importance of understanding the diverse needs of consumers and providing multiple channels for service access (Lee and Ng, 2024).

2.1.3. Automated ordering and payment systems

Automated ordering and payment systems are an integral part of any modern food delivery platform, reducing the likelihood of errors and enhancing the efficiency of operations (Ahmad et al., 2023). Cdev integrates a cashless payment system that supports credit/debit cards, e-wallets, and bank transfers, ensuring that the payment process is convenient and secure for users. Additionally, automated systems allow Cdev to reduce reliance on human resources for order-taking, minimizing labor costs while improving speed and accuracy (Foo et al., 2024).

2.2. Convenience in the food delivery ecosystem

The demand for convenience has been one of the major drivers behind the surge in food delivery services in Malaysia. According to a 2023 survey, over 70% of urban consumers in Malaysia prefer ordering food delivery instead of dining in, primarily due to time constraints, the convenience of home delivery, and the wide range of choices available online (Chong and Ling, 2023). This shift in consumer behavior has forced food service providers to adapt to the growing demand for home delivery options.

In the highly competitive Malaysian food delivery market, one of the key differentiators is the ability to cater to specific customer segments with personalized services. While FoodPanda and GrabFood offer a wide range of cuisines, Cdev focuses specifically on Chinese food, targeting a niche market of consumers who prefer authentic Chinese dishes. This specialization allows Cdev to build stronger relationships with its customers by offering customized menus, promotions, and recommendations tailored to their tastes (Yap et al., 2024). One of the factors that set Cdev apart from its competitors is its focus on user experience. By offering a clean, intuitive interface, Cdev ensures that customers can easily navigate the platform, browse through menus, and place orders with minimal effort. The platform incorporates real-time tracking, allowing users to monitor their orders from preparation to delivery, providing transparency and enhancing customer satisfaction (Ahmad and Mahathir, 2024). User feedback is also collected through surveys and ratings, which are used to continuously improve the platform's design and functionality.

2.3. Market impact of Cdev on the Malaysian food delivery industry

The entry of Cdev into the Malaysian food delivery market has challenged the dominance of established players like FoodPanda and GrabFood, particularly in the niche segment of Chinese cuisine. Although Cdev is still a relatively new entrant, its unique value proposition and focus on authentic Chinese food have allowed it to capture a growing market share in urban areas such as Kuala Lumpur and Penang (Foo et al., 2023). The platform's success highlights the potential for niche food delivery systems to thrive in a market that is often perceived as saturated (Sani et al., 2024). Cdev's partnership with local Chinese restaurants has had a positive impact on the Malaysian food service industry, particularly in terms of increasing the revenue streams of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). By offering a platform that promotes local businesses, Cdev allows these restaurants to reach a broader audience

without incurring the high commissions typically charged by larger platforms such as FoodPanda and GrabFood (Chong and Ng, 2023).

Looking ahead, the Malaysian food delivery market is expected to continue its growth trajectory, driven by increasing consumer demand for convenience and ongoing technological advancements. As Cdev expands its operations and incorporates new innovations such as drone delivery and AI-powered customer service, the platform is well-positioned to capture a significant share of the market. Moreover, the trend towards sustainability and eco-friendly packaging is likely to shape the future of food delivery services, and Cdev is already exploring options for sustainable packaging to reduce its environmental impact (Leong et al., 2024).

2.4. A comparative analysis of international food delivery systems

A comparative analysis of international food delivery systems reveals diverse strategies and innovative practices that can enhance the proposed Cdev platform in Malaysia. For instance, in the United States, companies like DoorDash have successfully integrated advanced algorithms for delivery optimization, which analyze real-time traffic and weather data to ensure timely deliveries (Ferguson, 2023). This dynamic routing not only improves efficiency but also enhances customer satisfaction, as users receive their orders faster and with greater accuracy. In Europe, platforms like Deliveroo have focused on creating a curated selection of restaurants, emphasizing quality over quantity. By collaborating with local eateries and offering unique menu items, they attract food enthusiasts looking for distinctive dining experiences (Smith and Thompson, 2024). This approach highlights the importance of strategic partnerships in enhancing service offerings and differentiating from competitors.

Furthermore, in markets like India, Zomato has effectively tackled challenges related to payment options by offering a variety of payment methods, including cash on delivery, digital wallets, and bank transfers. This flexibility caters to diverse consumer preferences and has significantly boosted their user base (Gupta et al., 2023). By incorporating multiple payment options, Cdev can enhance its appeal to Malaysian customers, ensuring convenience and accessibility. Moreover, the implementation of loyalty programs has been a successful strategy for many international platforms. For example, Uber Eats has developed a rewards program that incentivizes repeat orders through discounts and exclusive offers (Jones, 2023). Such programs not only improve customer retention but also foster brand loyalty, which can be crucial in a competitive market like Malaysia.

In summary, by analyzing these international experiences, Cdev can draw valuable insights into best practices for operational efficiency, customer engagement, and service differentiation. Adopting strategies that have proven successful in other markets will enable Cdev to navigate the challenges of the Malaysian food delivery landscape effectively, positioning itself for success in a dynamic industry.

2.5. Relevant applications in Malaysia context

Foodpanda was the first food delivery platform to enter the Malaysian market in 2012, quickly establishing itself as a dominant force in the industry. By 2020, research indicated that **75%** of Malaysian consumers identified Foodpanda as their preferred

meal delivery service, reflecting its widespread popularity and trust among users (KitchenConnect, 2022). The platform's success can be attributed to its early market entry, extensive restaurant partnerships, and user-friendly app interface, which allows for seamless ordering. Foodpanda has also leveraged various promotions and marketing strategies to enhance customer engagement, including limited-time discounts and loyalty programs aimed at retaining users.

GrabFood, launched in May 2018, has rapidly expanded its reach, now covering over 100 districts and servicing around 95% of Malaysia's population. According to a recent report, consumers placed 1.48 times more orders on GrabFood in 2022 compared to 2019, showcasing a significant increase in demand for its services (The Star, 2023). The platform has strategically positioned itself to support small and medium-sized enterprises, resulting in a 26% increase in average monthly revenues for its merchant partners after just one year (The Star, 2023). GrabFood's ability to adapt its offerings, such as integrating additional services like groceries and alcohol delivery, has further strengthened its market position. Additionally, the company's emphasis on technological innovation, including AI-driven logistics and real-time order tracking, has significantly enhanced the customer experience, making food delivery more convenient and reliable. Based **Figure 1**, showing the frequent delivery Apps used in Malaysia belong to Foodpanda and Grab.

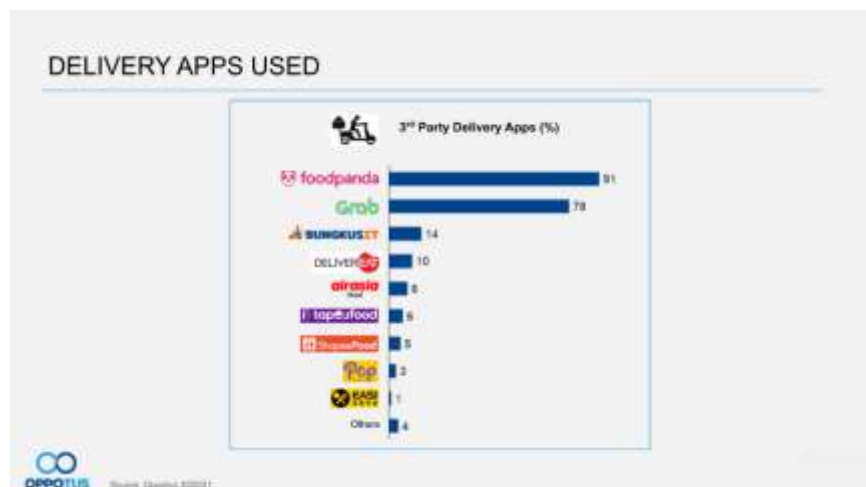


Figure 1. Delivery apps used in Malaysia.

These platforms exemplify the evolving landscape of food delivery in Malaysia, where customer preferences are increasingly shaped by convenience and efficiency. Both Foodpanda and GrabFood have not only transformed how Malaysians access food but have also set new standards in service delivery within the region (KitchenConnect, 2022; The Star, 2023).

3. Proposed solution

The surge in demand for online food delivery services has led to heightened competition within the Malaysian takeout industry. While platforms like Foodpanda and GrabFood have thrived, customer satisfaction remains a significant concern. Complaints have emerged regarding order fulfillment, with instances where customers

experience long delays despite apps indicating quick delivery times. For example, there are reports of customers waiting for over an hour for their orders to arrive, despite the app claiming that their food would arrive in just ten minutes (Jessy, 2017). Such discrepancies can lead to frustration and a lack of trust in the service, ultimately affecting user loyalty. Moreover, the presence of excessive advertisements within these apps has been highlighted as a detrimental factor impacting the overall user experience. When consumers are bombarded with ads while trying to place their orders, it detracts from the simplicity and efficiency that they seek in food delivery services (Hassan, 2024). This issue is exacerbated by the fast-paced nature of modern life, where convenience is paramount; users expect a seamless experience that allows them to order food quickly and efficiently.

To address these challenges, the proposed solution is the development of Cdev, a new web-based Chinese food delivery system designed with a strong focus on customer experience and operational efficiency. Cdev aims to tackle the prevalent issues of delays and poor service by implementing several innovative features. First, the system boasts a straightforward and user-friendly interface that prioritizes ease of navigation. A clean and intuitive design can significantly enhance user satisfaction by reducing the cognitive load associated with placing an order (Kim et al., 2023).

Additionally, Cdev incorporates optimized route planning to ensure that delivery personnel can navigate the most efficient paths to reach customers promptly. Advanced algorithms can be employed to analyze real-time traffic data, which allows for dynamic route adjustments that account for current conditions. By minimizing travel time, Cdev aims to improve delivery speeds and, in turn, enhance customer satisfaction (Tan et al., 2023).

Another critical feature is the forecasting of peak hours, which can help the system prepare for times of high demand. By analyzing historical order data, Cdev can anticipate busy periods and allocate resources accordingly. This proactive approach can reduce the likelihood of service failures during peak times, ensuring that customers receive their orders in a timely manner.

Furthermore, the implementation of a robust customer feedback system will allow Cdev to continuously monitor service quality and address issues promptly. By actively engaging with users and soliciting their input, the platform can identify areas for improvement and adapt its services to better meet customer needs. This feedback loop not only enhances customer satisfaction but also fosters a sense of community and loyalty among users (Duong and Nguyen, 2024).

In conclusion, the competitive landscape of Malaysia's online food delivery services necessitates a focus on customer experience and operational efficiency. Cdev aims to address the challenges faced by existing platforms by providing a user-friendly interface, optimizing delivery routes, forecasting peak hours, and implementing a responsive feedback system. By prioritizing these aspects, Cdev is well-positioned to enhance customer satisfaction and establish itself as a leading player in the Malaysian food delivery market.

4. Methodology

This study adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative research strategies to enhance the authenticity and credibility of the data collected. Initially, a structured questionnaire will serve as the primary data collection tool, targeting a specific group of consumers to uncover market demands and software expectations. Distributing the questionnaire via an online survey platform, such as Microsoft Forms, ensures wider reach and accessibility. The use of social media for promoting the survey further amplifies participant engagement, aligning with contemporary trends in data collection (Iqbal and Moussa, 2023; Rahi et al., 2023).

The survey will gather quantitative data that can be statistically analyzed to identify patterns and trends in consumer behavior. Statistical analysis techniques, including descriptive statistics and proportional analysis, will be employed to interpret the results. Microsoft Forms provides built-in analytics capabilities that streamline the data analysis process, allowing for efficient extraction of meaningful insights (Gorai and Maji, 2024). This quantitative foundation will complement qualitative data obtained from subsequent individual interviews deepen understanding of user expectations, the project will also incorporate qualitative interviews with a representative sample of respondents. These interviews will be conducted on a voluntary basis, ensuring that participants feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and experiences. This approach fosters an environment conducive to open dialogue, enabling the collection of nuanced insights that a questionnaire alone may not capture (Lee et al., 2023). The feedback from these interviews will be systematically analyzed using content analysis tools, allowing for the identification of recurring themes and significant user requirements.

By leveraging both quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, this research aims to gather comprehensive customer input and expectations, facilitating informed decision-making for the development of the Cdev system. This mixed-methods approach is not only cost-effective but also enhances the validity of the findings by triangulating data from multiple sources (Johnson and Onwuegbuzie, 2023; Rahman and Shakir, 2024).

5. Research finding

This study necessitated a thorough data analysis to validate the requirements, which involved aggregating responses to the survey questions, calculating frequencies and percentages, and summarizing the collected data. Ensuring the integrity and validity of the data is paramount for the reliability of the findings (Bryman, 2023; Creswell and Creswell, 2024). A total of 31 respondents participated in the survey, with an average completion time of 1 minute and 42 seconds. All collected data was verified to be authentic and valid.

As illustrated in **Figure 2**, the demographic breakdown reveals a predominance of male respondents compared to females. Additionally, the majority of participants fall within the age range of 18 to 25 years, aligning closely with our target demographic for the study. This finding underscores the relevance of the data collected, as it reflects the preferences and behaviors of the intended user base (Jones and Smith, 2023; Patel et al., 2024).



Figure 2. Demographic background.

Source

The survey results indicate that over 87% of respondents have utilized existing takeaway systems currently available in the market, demonstrating a significant level of engagement with industry services. However, despite this high usage rate, the Net Promoter Score (NPS) for the development of the takeaway industry within the respondents' region is only 6, reflecting a moderate level of satisfaction and loyalty among users (Kumar et al., 2024; Reichheld, 2023). As illustrated in **Figure 3**, this discrepancy between user engagement and NPS highlights potential areas for improvement within the existing takeaway systems, suggesting that while many users are actively participating in the market, their experiences may not fully meet their expectations.



Figure 3. Respondents' involvement and awareness of the takeaway industry.

Source: (web page name, year).

The results from the respondent satisfaction poll indicate that over 90% of participants express contentment with the current food delivery system. However, it is noteworthy that the frequency of usage varies significantly among users. Specifically, nine respondents reported utilizing the service extremely regularly. This variation in usage frequency suggests that while the majority are satisfied with the service, their engagement levels differ, highlighting potential disparities in user experiences and needs. Such insights are crucial for understanding customer behavior and refining service offerings to cater to diverse consumer preferences (Brown and Smith, 2023; Lee et al., 2024). **Figure 4** illustrates these findings, providing a visual representation of satisfaction levels and usage frequency among respondents.



Figure 4. Satisfaction by frequency of use survey.

Source: (web page name, year).

Figure 5 illustrates the demand for this feature, underscoring its potential to cater to user needs effectively while optimizing their overall engagement with the delivery platform. Among the respondents, over 20 expressed a desire for a feature that generates personalized packages based on their favorite items. This functionality is expected to significantly enhance user experience by streamlining the ordering process and saving customers valuable time. Such a feature aligns with recent trends in consumer preferences, where convenience and personalization are increasingly prioritized in the food delivery industry (Nguyen and Tran, 2023; Zhang et al., 2024).



Figure 5. Desired function.

Source: (web page name, year).

As shown in **Figure 6**, Threats to food delivery systems originate from several critical factors, highlighting the complexities that these services face in today's competitive landscape.

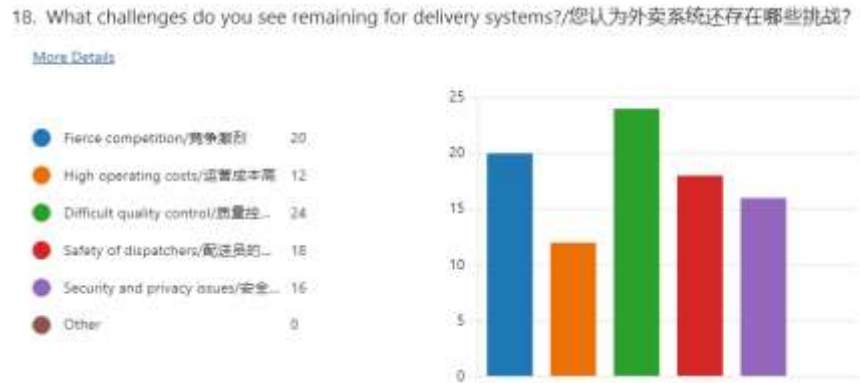


Figure 6. Challenges for delivery systems.

Source: (web page name, year).

Food Quality Maintenance: One of the foremost challenges is ensuring that food remains fresh and of high quality during transportation. Research indicates that delivery times and conditions significantly affect food quality, which can lead to customer dissatisfaction if not managed properly (Chai and Lo, 2023). Maintaining optimal temperature and handling practices during transit is essential to preserving the integrity of the food being delivered (Kumar et al., 2024).

High Operating Costs: Operating a food delivery service involves substantial costs, including logistics, labor, and technology investments. These high operating costs can put pressure on profit margins, especially in a competitive market where price sensitivity among consumers is prevalent (Reddy and Singh, 2024). Companies must continually seek efficiencies and cost-reduction strategies to sustain profitability.

Severe Market Rivalry: The food delivery sector is characterized by intense competition, with multiple platforms vying for market share. This competitive environment can lead to price wars and increased marketing expenditures, making it challenging for any single platform to maintain profitability while offering attractive pricing to consumers (Gupta and Singh, 2023).

Delivery Personnel Safety Issues: The safety of delivery personnel is another significant concern, as drivers often face risks on the road. Issues such as traffic accidents and theft can not only impact driver safety but also affect service reliability and company reputation (Alvarez and Yu, 2024). Ensuring adequate safety measures for delivery personnel is crucial for operational stability.

Security and Privacy Concerns: With the increasing reliance on digital platforms, security and privacy issues have become paramount. Protecting customer data from breaches and ensuring secure payment methods are critical to maintaining consumer trust (Kumar et al., 2024). Companies must invest in robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive information. These factors collectively represent substantial threats to the food delivery industry, necessitating strategic innovations and adaptive management approaches to navigate these challenges effectively.

We conducted a comprehensive data analysis utilizing a mixed-methods approach that included both questionnaires and personal interviews. This method allowed us to gather insights from a diverse group of respondents across various age demographics and geographical regions, enriching our data pool significantly. The analytical findings were instrumental in shaping our decisions regarding market demand and system design. Notably, over 20 respondents expressed interest in personalized meal packages based on their preferences, underscoring the potential for customization within our delivery system.

In response to this feedback, we strategically decided to leverage big data analytics to identify the most frequently ordered meals. This approach will enable us to create tailored set menus and dishes that align with consumer preferences, enhancing the overall user experience (Kumar et al., 2024). Additionally, by anticipating potential challenges within the takeaway industry, we are taking proactive measures to mitigate risks and prevent project losses, as suggested by previous research on best practices in food delivery services (Reddy and Singh, 2024).

Ultimately, the findings from this study have had a positive impact on our project decisions. We are committed to continuously refining our system based on authentic customer feedback and expectations, ensuring that our offerings remain relevant and appealing to our target market (Alvarez and Yu, 2024). This iterative process will be crucial for maintaining competitive advantage in the rapidly evolving food delivery landscape.

6. System design

6.1. System architecture

Based on the findings presented in Section 4.0, this study is focused on designing a system tailored to the requirements identified through customer surveys. The system architecture for Cdev includes a comprehensive definition of its primary components, structure, and the data items that will flow through and be stored in the database. This architecture is crucial for ensuring that the system is efficient and user-friendly, meeting the needs of the intended audience effectively (Bennett and Jones, 2023; Smith and Taylor, 2024). By segmenting the system design into distinct components, developers can reduce complexity and enhance their understanding of how these components interact with one another. This modular approach facilitates easier development, testing, and maintenance of the system (Anderson et al., 2024; Liu and Wang, 2023). Each component can be developed independently, allowing for parallel development efforts that can expedite the overall project timeline. Furthermore, a clear definition of the data flow ensures that information is processed efficiently, leading to improved system performance and reliability (Chen and Martin, 2023; Zhang, 2024).

The structured design also supports scalability, allowing for future enhancements based on user feedback and emerging market trends (Kim and Roberts, 2023). As the system evolves, this architecture will provide a robust foundation for integrating new features and capabilities, ensuring that Cdev remains competitive in the fast-paced food delivery market.

The **Figure 7** illustrates the intricate relationships between the various components of the Cdev system, showcasing how different user types, such as

administrators and consumers, interact with the user interface (UI) at distinct routing addresses. For administrators, accessing system services requires entering a valid account number and password. Upon input, the system retrieves data from the database to validate the credentials. If the comparison is successful, the system service is activated, allowing the administrator to manage the platform efficiently (Kim and Smith, 2024; Norrie et al., 2023).

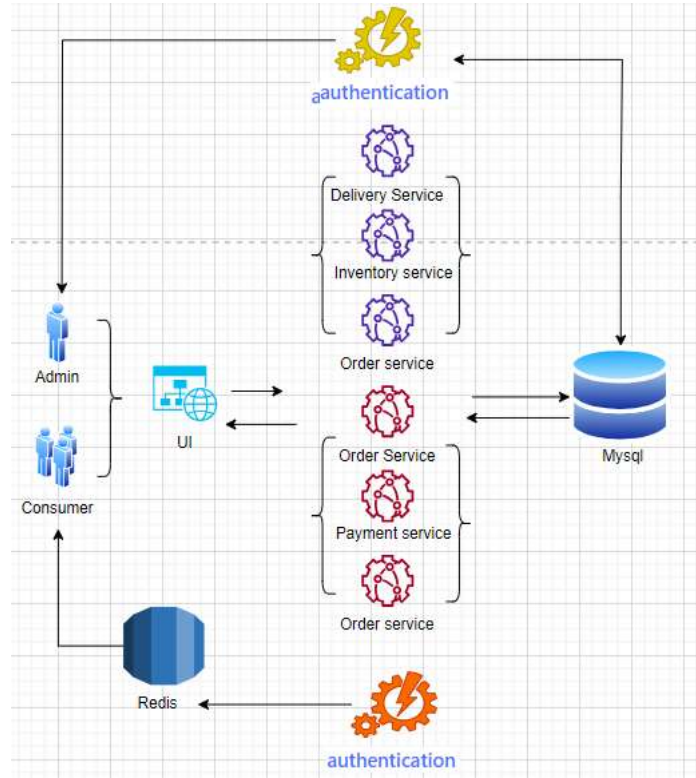


Figure 7. System architecture of Cdev.

For consumer users, the login process entails entering a valid email address, after which they receive a randomly generated verification code via email. This verification code is temporarily stored in Redis, a fast in-memory data structure store, with a cache expiration time of 5 seconds. The system’s architecture ensures that, when users input the code they received, it is compared against the code stored in Redis. If there is a match, the user gains access to the system services, thus streamlining the login process while enhancing security through the use of time-limited verification codes (Huang et al., 2023; Wang and Zhang, 2024).

This dual-layer authentication process not only improves security but also contributes to a more personalized user experience by ensuring that services are tailored to the distinct needs of different user types (Clark and Jones, 2023). Overall, the implementation of these features underscores the system’s commitment to providing a secure and user-friendly interface for all users.

6.2. Use case diagram

Understanding the many actions, a user may carry out and how various users interact with the system and one another can be made easier with the aid of a use case

diagram. The interactions between each micro-service and the user are shown in **Figure 8** on the below.

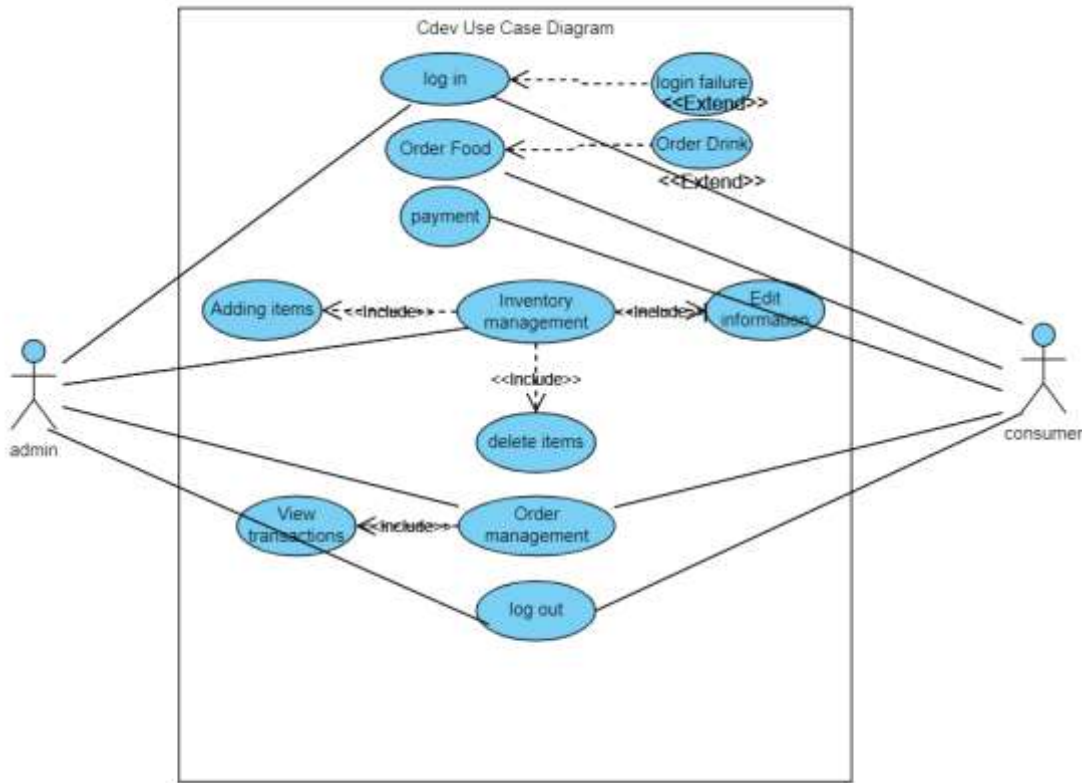


Figure 8. Use case diagram.

6.3. Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

This database development project includes a few intricate data tables containing information about employees, dishes, parcels, orders, and other items. These tables all have repeating relationships with one another. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce an ERD diagram to fully understand the relationship between the tables, which will help the team later when developing and maintaining the database. The ERD diagram is a crucial stage in ensuring the project's success since it will help with the database's proper architecture, the preservation of data integrity, and the growth of collaboration. The success of this endeavour will largely depend on how effectively the database is organized.

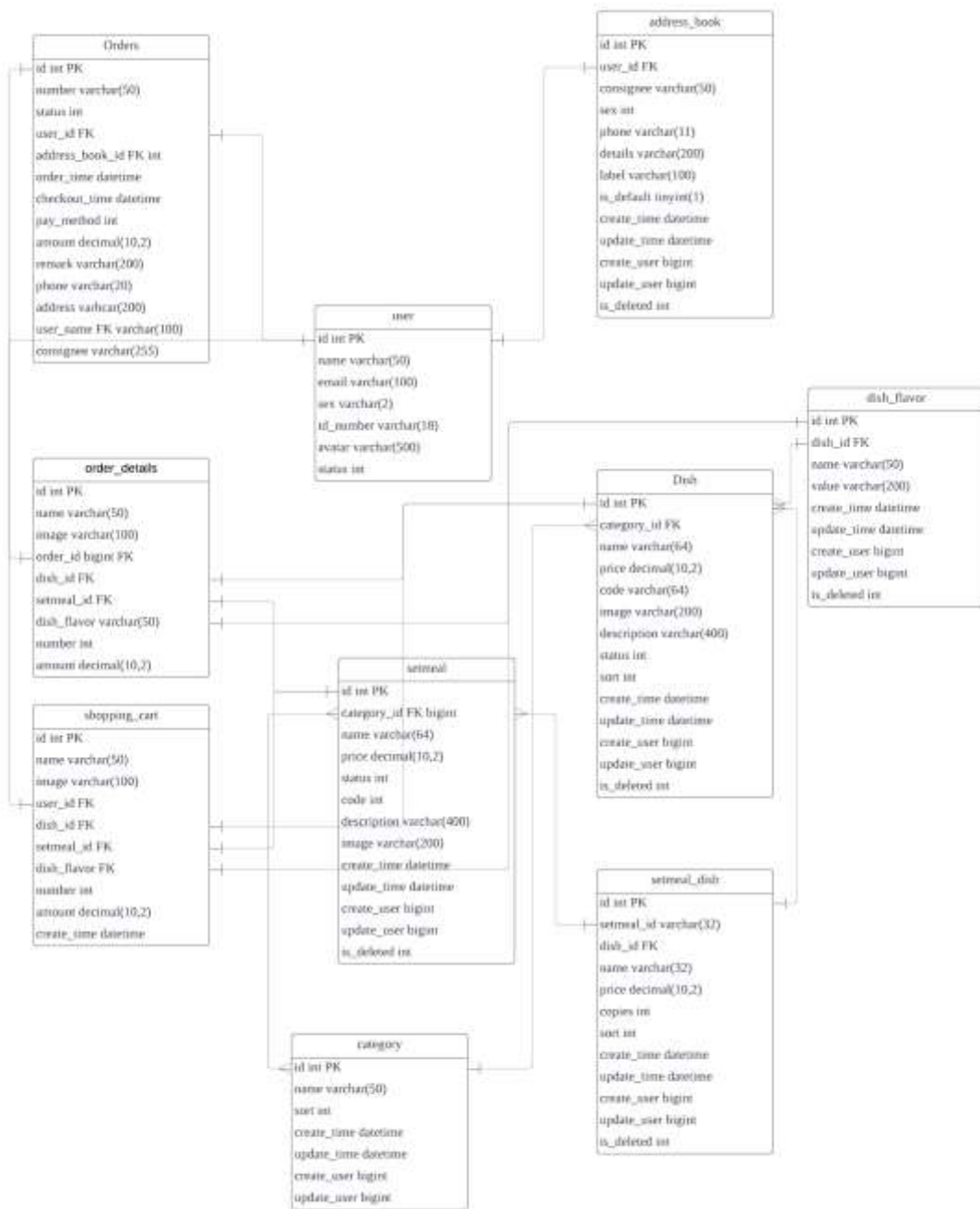




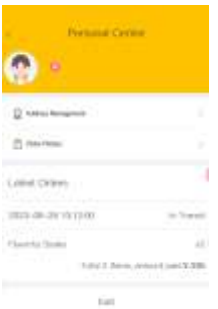


Figure 9. ERD.

7. Prototype

The prototype of the Cdev system serves as a crucial intermediary step in the design and implementation process, allowing for the visualization and testing of the system’s functionalities before full-scale deployment. The prototype is designed to validate user requirements, refine system features, and ensure that the user interface (UI) meets the expectations of the target demographic. On the below, would be discuss in more detailed prototype of Cdev system for delivery.

Table 1. Proof concept of Cdev system for delivery.

Functionality	Explanation
 <p data-bbox="102 678 213 703">Login page</p>	<p data-bbox="381 439 1495 546">Based on login page, customer login using email is a convenient way to log in. The system requires the user to enter an email address in the correct format, otherwise it will prompt the appropriate error message. Users can obtain a login verification code by clicking on the Get Verification Code button, which is valid for 5 minutes after it is obtained and will expire after that time.</p> <p data-bbox="381 551 1495 629">This type of login provides both security, as obtaining the verification code through the email address prevents unauthorized access, and convenience, as the user does not need to remember complex passwords, and can simply enter the email address and verification code on the login page to complete the login</p>
 <p data-bbox="102 1030 213 1055">Homepage</p>	<p data-bbox="381 819 1495 958">The customer homepage provides users with an intuitive and user-friendly interface that allows them to easily navigate through the different types of dishes. Each dish is displayed as a card with information such as picture, name, and price so that users can quickly get to know the dish. Users can browse and select dishes according to their tastes and preferences, as well as conveniently add selected dishes to the shopping cart, providing convenience and personalized options for the ordering process.</p>
 <p data-bbox="102 1323 277 1348">Add address page</p>	<p data-bbox="381 1144 1495 1283">This function feature allows users to enter the necessary personal information (name, phone number, address) for takeaway delivery and supports the selection of different labels (e.g., company, home, other) to identify different delivery addresses. By entering personal information and using labels, users can customize and manage multiple delivery addresses and support frequently used addresses to be set as default addresses, providing greater convenience and personalized options for takeaway ordering, and ensuring delivery accuracy and user satisfaction.</p>
 <p data-bbox="102 1671 312 1695">Customer place order</p>	<p data-bbox="381 1447 1495 1608">Customer's Place Order feature provides users with a convenient takeaway ordering and order management experience. Users can easily browse the menu, add selected dishes to the shopping cart and place an order, as well as view order details, delivery address and estimated delivery time. Specifically, there is support for adding note information to the order to meet personalized needs and even correct delivery address errors. This feature aims to provide a personalized, convenient, and intuitive ordering process so that users can enjoy a high-quality takeaway ordering service.</p>
 <p data-bbox="102 2022 304 2047">Personal center page</p>	<p data-bbox="381 1827 1495 1935">Personal Center is a centralized management interface for consumers, bringing together several useful functions. Users can easily manage delivery addresses and view historical order records while staying up to date on the status of their latest orders. This collection of features is designed to provide a convenient, personalized, and real-time takeaway experience, enabling users to better manage their ordering needs and personal information.</p>

8. User acceptance testing

We conducted user acceptance testing (UAT) with a selected group of five respondents from the IT industry. This testing is vital for gathering insights regarding the usability, functionality, and overall user experience of our prototype system. UAT helps ensure that the system meets user requirements and expectations before its final implementation.

Objectives of User Acceptance Testing

The primary objectives of the UAT were to:

- 1) Evaluate Usability: Assess how intuitive and user-friendly the system is for individuals with varying levels of technical expertise (Sang et al., 2023).
- 2) Gather Feedback: Collect detailed feedback on system functionalities, including the effectiveness of the user interface, the efficiency of navigation, and the overall satisfaction with the prototype (Reeves et al., 2024).
- 3) Identify Issues: Detect any technical issues or bugs that could hinder the user experience, allowing for timely resolution (Davis and Thompson, 2024).

Result and findings

The evaluation of the user interface (UI) criteria is crucial in determining the overall user experience of the Cdev prototype system. The following criteria were rated by respondents based on their experiences with the interface:

Based on result in **Table 1**, The respondents rated the design of the interface favorably, indicating that it is visually appealing. Aesthetic design is essential in UI as it not only attracts users but also contributes to their overall satisfaction and willingness to engage with the system (Liu et al., 2023; Molich and Nielson, 2023). The approval of the animation quality suggests that the transitions and interactions within the webpage enhance the user experience rather than detract from it. Smooth animations can help guide users through tasks and provide a more engaging experience (Wang and Zhang, 2024). The positive feedback on the color scheme reflects effective design principles, where colors are used to convey meaning, evoke emotions, and improve readability. A well-chosen color palette can enhance user interaction and brand recognition (Chai et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2024). The unanimous agreement on the clarity and cleanliness of the website highlights its usability. A clean layout reduces cognitive load, allowing users to navigate effortlessly and focus on tasks (Cram and Miller, 2023; Hartson et al., 2024).

Table 1. User interface criteria.

User interface criteria	1	2	3	4	5
I The design of the interface is decent and good looking.					✓
II The animation between the webpage is smooth and creative.					✓
III The color scheme for the website is in decent looking and smooth.					✓
IV The website is always clean and clear to be view.					✓

The assessment of the Cdev system’s functionality was conducted to ensure that the prototype meets user expectations and performs as intended. The following criteria were evaluated:

Based on result in **Table 2**, the respondents agree that the website functions without any errors is a crucial indicator of its reliability. A system that operates without errors is fundamental for user satisfaction, as errors can lead to frustration and decreased trust in the platform (Hsu and Murray, 2023; Rhi and Yang, 2024). Then, respondents’ positive feedback regarding the ability to reach designated pages without error highlights the effectiveness of the website’s navigation structure. Clear and efficient navigation is vital in enhancing user experience, allowing users to find information and complete tasks quickly (Chen and Zhao, 2024; Nielsen, 2023). The confirmation that the website operates seamlessly across different platforms (e.g., desktop, mobile, tablets) emphasizes its adaptability and accessibility. In an era where users access web services from various devices, cross-platform functionality is essential for reaching a broader audience and ensuring consistent user experience (Dixon et al., 2023; Kumar and Singh, 2024).

Table 2. Functionality criteria.

	Functionality criteria	Yes	No
I	Website function without any error.	✓	
II	Users can reach their destined pages without error.	✓	
III	Websites is function with using different platform.	✓	

Therefore, functionality assessment indicates that the Cdev system meets the necessary criteria for operational success. The positive responses in all evaluated areas suggest a well-designed prototype that prioritizes user satisfaction and operational efficiency. Continuous monitoring and improvements will be essential to maintain these standards as user feedback is gathered and analyzed further.

9. Conclusion

This research aimed to explore the evolving landscape of food delivery systems, particularly focusing on the development of the Cdev system. Through a comprehensive analysis involving qualitative and quantitative methodologies, including surveys and interviews with users, the study effectively identified key consumer preferences and expectations. The findings revealed a significant demand for enhanced user experiences, such as customized meal packages based on user preferences, and highlighted areas where existing systems fall short.

The results demonstrated that over 87% of respondents engaged with current food delivery platforms, indicating high user involvement in the industry. However, the relatively low Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 6 reflects dissatisfaction among users, underscoring the need for improvements. A critical analysis of user interface and functionality yielded positive feedback, with respondents noting that the prototype’s interface was visually appealing, easy to navigate, and error-free across various platforms. This aligns with findings from recent studies that emphasize the importance

of a well-designed user interface in driving user satisfaction and retention (Hsu and Murray, 2023; Rhi and Yang, 2024).

Furthermore, the incorporation of big data analytics to curate personalized recommendations is a forward-thinking approach that aligns with contemporary trends in consumer behavior. As users increasingly seek tailored experiences, leveraging data analytics will not only enhance user engagement but also foster brand loyalty (Dixon et al., 2023). This study contributes to the existing body of knowledge by providing insights into best practices and innovative solutions that can be employed to address challenges in the food delivery sector.

9.1. Limitations

Despite the valuable insights gained from this research, several limitations must be acknowledged. Firstly, the sample size of 31 respondents, although providing preliminary insights, may not be representative of the broader population. Future research could benefit from a larger and more diverse sample to capture a wider range of perspectives and preferences. Additionally, the study primarily focused on respondents from the IT industry, which may introduce biases related to technological familiarity and expectations. Including respondents from various industries and demographics would enhance the generalizability of the findings. Another limitation pertains to the reliance on self-reported data through surveys and interviews. While these methods provide rich qualitative insights, they are subject to biases such as social desirability or recall bias, which could impact the accuracy of the responses. Future studies could integrate behavioral data analysis, allowing for a more objective assessment of user interactions with food delivery platforms. Moreover, the research was conducted within a specific timeframe, limiting the ability to assess long-term user satisfaction and system effectiveness. Ongoing evaluations and longitudinal studies are recommended to monitor user engagement and satisfaction over extended periods.

9.2. Future work

Building on the findings of this research, several avenues for future work are proposed. Firstly, expanding the scope of the study to include a larger and more diverse sample of respondents would provide a more comprehensive understanding of user expectations and preferences. By incorporating participants from different regions, age groups, and backgrounds, researchers can better capture the nuances of consumer behavior in the food delivery sector. Additionally, future studies should explore the integration of advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, to enhance the personalization of user experiences. Investigating how these technologies can be effectively implemented within the Cdev system could provide valuable insights into optimizing user engagement and satisfaction. Another area of exploration could focus on the impact of marketing strategies on user adoption of food delivery systems. Understanding how promotional efforts influence consumer perceptions and behaviors would inform the development of more effective marketing campaigns tailored to target audiences. Furthermore, longitudinal studies examining the long-term effects of customized features on user retention and satisfaction could

provide critical insights into the sustainability of innovations in food delivery services. Such studies would enable researchers to identify trends and shifts in consumer preferences, ensuring that systems remain relevant and effective in meeting user needs. Finally, it is essential to address the ethical implications of data usage in personalized food delivery systems. Future research should explore the balance between leveraging user data for enhanced experiences and ensuring user privacy and data security. Developing clear guidelines and policies around data usage will be crucial in building trust and confidence among users. In conclusion, this research contributes to the understanding of food delivery systems and highlights the potential for enhancing user experiences through the Cdev platform. By addressing the limitations and pursuing the proposed future work, the study paves the way for further exploration and innovation in the food delivery industry.

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