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1. Introduction

This report describes the specifications and documentation of the UI/UX redesign project for the MealSwift food delivery website. The main aim of this project was to resolve the current usability issues and improve the overall user experience to ensure higher order completion rates, customer satisfaction, and brand loyalty. The project involved a systematic user-centered design process from visual design to interactive prototyping.

The report begins with an analysis of the current problems faced by the MealSwift website, such as inefficient navigation, the absence of responsive design, limited information architecture, and poor interaction design. The report also discusses the proposed design solutions to improve usability, accessibility, and interaction. In addition, the report discusses the importance of responsive design in the context of e-commerce and its effect on mobile user experience and sales performance [1].

The implementation section records the design outputs that have been generated as a result of the project, such as the mood board, low-fidelity wireframes, and high-fidelity interactive prototype. The design artefacts provide evidence of the design process and confirm the design decisions that have been made. Finally, the report ends with a conclusion regarding the results and the importance of the structured UI/UX design processes in the delivery of effective digital solutions.

2. MealSwift Website Redesign

2.1 Current Website Problems

The current MealSwift website has several usability and design problems that negatively impact user experience and business results. One of the most important issues is the lack of clear navigation, where users can struggle to find restaurants, menu items, or critical account functionality in an efficient manner. A poor information architecture increases user cognitive load and could potentially prevent users from completing purchases. Moreover, the design looks outdated and inconsistent, with poor branding and low-quality images, which negatively impacts on perceptions of professionalism and trustworthiness. In the competitive online industry of food delivery, visual trustworthiness plays a critical role in shaping consumer decision-making [2].

Another important issue is the lack of responsive optimization. Since a large number of food delivery transactions are completed through mobile devices, the lack of responsive design creates usability problems, such as misaligned content, poor navigation, and poor readability. The poor ordering and checkout experience is also a problem, where unnecessary steps or confusing cart summaries could potentially cause users to abandon their carts. The lack of critical restaurant information, poor filtering options, and poor call-to-action buttons also negatively impact interaction clarity. Moreover, the lack of real-time order tracking and personalized recommendations makes it difficult for the website to address modern user expectations for transparency and engagement [3].

2.2 Proposed Design Improvements

In order to overcome these issues, a redesign strategy was adopted that incorporated user-centered design. The navigation system was made simpler by incorporating a hierarchical design with a prominent search function and organized categories for restaurants. This makes tasks easier to accomplish and enables users to quickly find the desired options. A strong visual identity was also established by incorporating warm, food-related colors, clean sans-serif fonts, and professional images. These features improve brand recognition and user trust.

The ordering process was also redesigned to reduce friction by incorporating a streamlined, step-by-step checkout process with prominent call-to-action buttons such as “Order Now” and “Place Order” [4]. Organized restaurant cards were also designed to include important details such as ratings, delivery time, and price, which enables users to make informed decisions. Filtering and sorting options were also included to give users more control and personalization options while browsing. A separate order tracking page was also included to give users real-time status updates.

2.3 Expected Impact of the Redesign

The proposed redesign will improve the usability, consistency, and interaction efficiency of the platform. By minimizing cognitive overload, improving the clarity of navigation, and incorporating responsive design principles, the new design will facilitate faster task completion and improved user engagement. The addition of effective call-to-action features and simplified checkout procedures will help minimize cart abandonment rates and improve order conversion rates. Additionally, increased transparency from order tracking and improved information delivery will help improve customer trust and loyalty [5]. In summary, the redesign will help MealSwift achieve its strategic plan of providing a modern and user-friendly online experience that will facilitate business growth.

3. Responsive Design Implementation

3.1 Why Responsive Design Is Important for E-Commerce

Responsive design is the process of creating websites that can change their layout depending on the size of the screen they are being viewed on, whether it is a computer, tablet, or mobile device [6]. For the online food delivery business, responsive design is critical because most customers use mobile devices to make their purchases. If the website is not mobile-friendly, it can display products in the wrong orientation, be difficult to navigate, or take a long time to load. This will make customers unhappy and more likely to abandon their carts. Therefore, responsive design enhances the usability and accessibility of a website [7].

3.2 Impact on The User Experience

A responsive e-commerce website maintains a consistent layout, uses readable text, resizes images, and incorporates touch-friendly features. Using flexible grids, responsive menus, and properly sized call-to-action buttons eliminate confusion and errors. When customers can easily search, browse, and purchase from any device, they are generally happy with the experience [8]. Usability also increases trust because an optimized website appears professional and trustworthy [2].

3.3 Impact on Mobile Sales and Conversion Rates

From a business perspective, responsive design has a direct impact on sales. Mobile-optimized checkout processes minimize friction, lower cart abandonment, and increase the likelihood of a sale. Quick loading and simple designs may also promote impulse buying, which is prevalent on food delivery apps. Additionally, search engines rank mobile-optimized websites higher, increasing traffic and visibility. Therefore, responsive design enhances the user experience and results in increased mobile engagement, completed sales, and steady revenue growth [9].

4. Responsive Design Implementation

4.1 Importance of Responsive Design in E-Commerce

One of the most essential requirements in contemporary e-commerce solutions, especially in sectors like food delivery, where mobile usage is the most prominent aspect of consumer behavior, is responsive design. Responsive design is essentially the capacity of a website to change its layout and functionality based on the dimensions of the screen, whether it is a desktop computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. In the case of MealSwift, responsive design is not merely a technical upgrade, but a business move that seeks to maximize accessibility and customer satisfaction.

In an e-commerce setting, consumers demand seamless experience, regardless of the device they use. A non-responsive design may lead to a distorted layout, illegible text, misplaced buttons, and confusing navigation. Such issues can be a major source of frustration and can easily lead to abandoning a purchase. A responsive design, on the other hand, uses a flexible grid system, scalable images, and adaptive typography to provide consistent experience across devices [10].

4.2 Impact on User Experience and Mobile Sales

The application of responsive design has a direct impact on user experience, as it reduces cognitive overload and interaction friction. In the mobile environment, users prefer simplified navigation, prominent call-to-action buttons, and streamlined checkout procedures. If the design is optimized for touch interaction, with properly sized buttons, well-organized spacing, and clear content hierarchy, users are more likely to successfully complete transactions. Faster page loads,

enabled by optimized responsive design frameworks, also help to improve user experience and lower bounce rates [11].

From a business standpoint, responsive design is an important factor in improving mobile sales. The mobile commerce (m-commerce) market is steadily expanding worldwide, and companies that do not adapt their websites to mobile devices risk missing out on significant revenue streams. With a responsive website, companies no longer need to maintain dedicated mobile platforms and can maintain a consistent brand identity and user experience. When users can easily navigate restaurants, filter choices, add items to their cart, and make payments on their mobile devices, the chances of successful conversion are higher. Furthermore, improved usability also leads to repeat business, which helps to build customer loyalty and retention [12].

In the context of MealSwift, the application of responsive design ensures that the new design is optimized for dynamic user behavior in various scenarios, such as ordering from home using a desktop computer or making quick orders using mobile devices. By integrating technical flexibility with user-centric design, responsive design applications help to improve both efficiency and revenue-generating capabilities. Ultimately, it leads to not only improved user satisfaction but also increased business success, as measured by increased mobile conversion rates and enhanced brand credibility [13].

5. Implementation Section

5.1 Mood Board Implementation

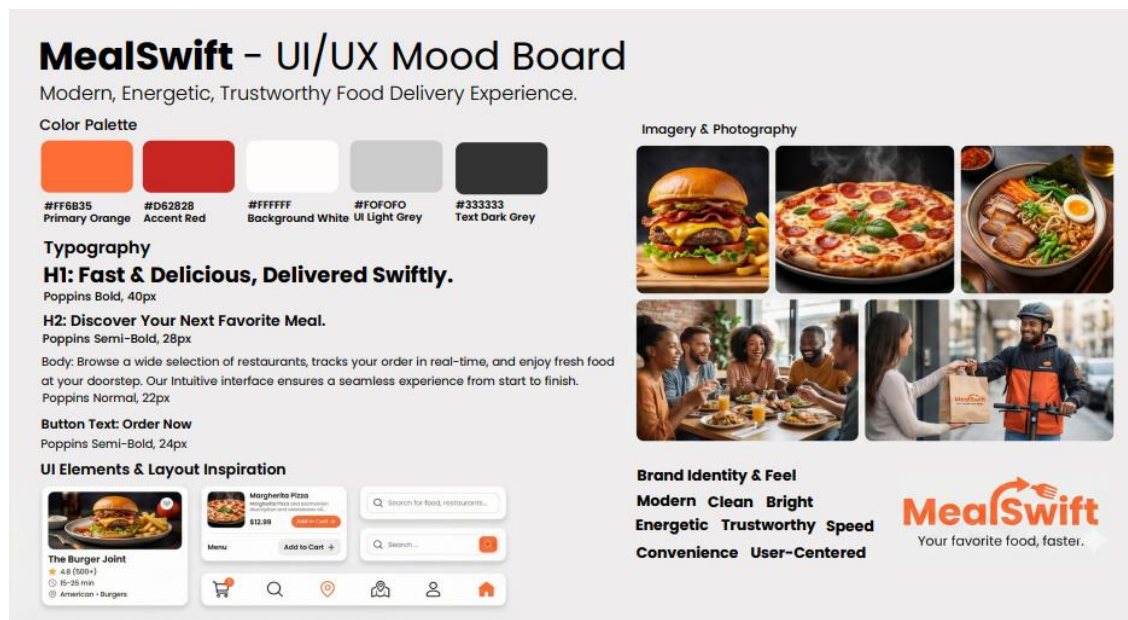


Figure (1) : MealSwift - UI/UX Mood Board

This section will show the outputs created in Task 1, which include the Mood Board, Wireframes, and High-Fidelity Interactive Prototype. Below are some screenshots showing the progression from visual concept creation to interface design.

The mood board helped set the visual direction and brand identity for the new MealSwift website design. The choice of warm colors, including primary orange and accent red with neutral greys and white background colors, had an effect on the visual hierarchy of the final design prototype. These colors were carefully utilized to draw attention to call-to-action buttons, highlights, and navigation [14].

Typography decisions made in the mood board, including the decision to use a clean sans-serif font (Poppins), had an effect on the readability and consistency of the design across all screens. The imagery style, which emphasized high-quality food images and a card-based design approach, had an effect on the structure of restaurant listings and menus in later design stages.

5.2 Wireframe Design Implementation

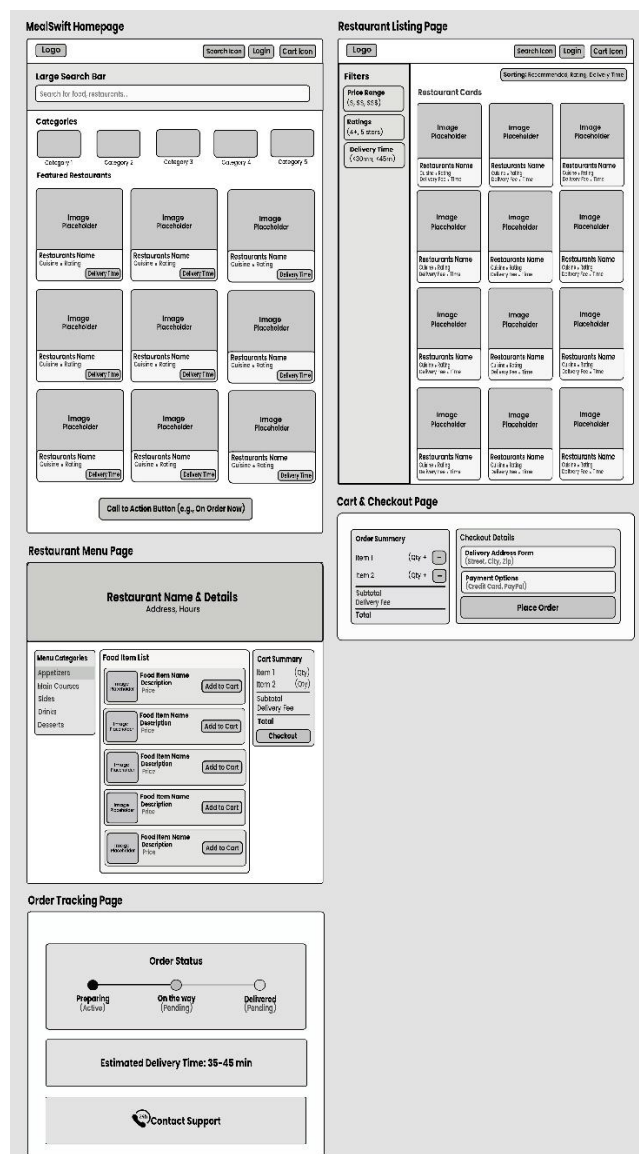


Figure (2) : MealSwift - Wireframe

The wireframes were used to implement the visual design direction in structured layouts that were functional and user-flow oriented. At this stage, it was important to focus on information hierarchy, navigation, and task-oriented efficiency, which was free from visual design distractions.

The homepage wireframe started with a focus on a search bar and a section for featured restaurants. The restaurant listing wireframe added filtering and sorting options to make the process more user-friendly and efficient. The menu page layout was designed to ensure that food categories were logically grouped, with “Add to Cart” options visible. The cart and checkout wireframe made the transaction process more structured and less friction prone. Finally, the order tracking wireframe added a status indicator that was progress-based to make the process more transparent.

The wireframe phase had a major impact on the final prototype, as it helped to ensure that the layout structure was valid and that user flows were intuitive before adding high-fidelity design elements [8].

5.3 High-Fidelity Interactive Prototype

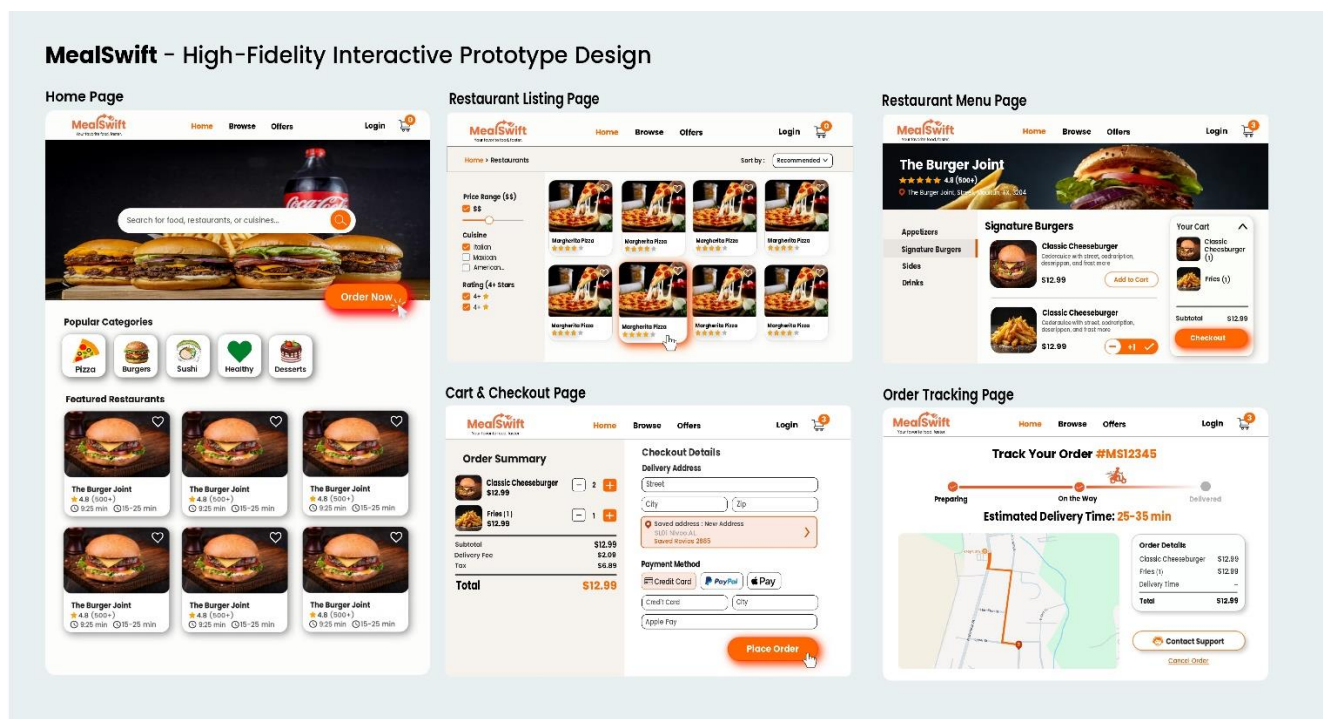


Figure (3) : MealSwift - Prototype

The high-fidelity interactive prototype represents the final result of the design process in terms of visual and functional aspects. The color scheme and typography, as identified in the mood board, were incorporated in fully to ensure consistency in branding. The call-to-action buttons, such as “Order Now,” “Add to Cart,” and “Place Order,” were also highlighted to facilitate user interaction.

The organized layout, which was validated in the wireframing process, was further enhanced with visual hierarchy, images, and interactive elements. The prototype provides a realistic navigation experience between pages, enabling users to easily transition from viewing the homepage to selecting a restaurant, viewing menus, completing the checkout process, and tracking orders. The addition of a progress bar on the tracking page enhances transparency and user trust.

In conclusion, the implementation stage clearly illustrates how the early design stages (mood board) and structural designs (wireframes) have directly contributed to the final interactive design process. The transition from low-fidelity design to high-fidelity simulation has ensured usability, consistency, and alignment with the strategic goal of MealSwift to enhance user experience and optimize order completion rates.

6. Conclusion

The MealSwift website redesign project proves the significance of a systematic UI/UX design process for the creation of a functional and user-friendly e-commerce website. By methodically moving through the essential steps of the design process, including research, mood board development, wireframing, and high-fidelity prototyping, the project ensured that both aesthetic and functional aspects of the website were addressed.

The mood board was an essential component of the design process, which helped to establish a consistent visual identity with a harmonious color scheme, typography, and visual style that matched the contemporary and convenience-oriented brand positioning of MealSwift. This early design phase ensured that the design was consistent throughout all pages. The wireframing phase enabled the design team to work on the layout, navigation, and user flow without being concerned with the visual details. By prioritizing user-friendliness, the project was able to identify and address potential usability problems before fully implementing the design.

The final interactive design prototype successfully combined the visual design and functionality, which demonstrated a seamless user experience from browsing the homepage to tracking orders. The use of prominent call-to-action buttons, intuitive content hierarchy, and streamlined checkout procedures directly addresses MealSwift’s business needs of enhancing user experience, engagement, and maximizing mobile conversions.

In conclusion, this project exemplifies that a high-quality website is more than just a visually appealing design but the outcome of a systematic design process that addresses both user and business needs. The design implementation is based on industry-standard design best practices and provides a flexible platform for future development, such as responsive optimization and advanced user personalization functionality.

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