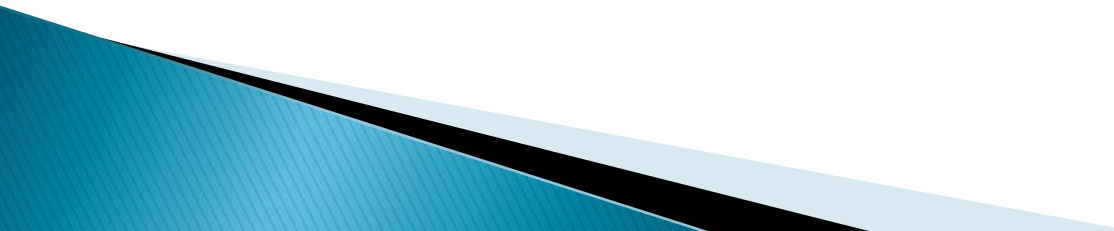


Research on Information Management System of Skywheel Corporation

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Company background

- **Company name: Skywheel**
 - **Location: Markham**
 - **Website: www.skywheel101.com**
 - **Medium size automobile tire shop**
 - **Twenty-one years of experience in wheel and tire service industry**
 - **Service provided:**
 - installing wheels and tires**
 - selling new and used tires**
 - selling all sizes of wheels**
 - wheel balancing**
 - wheels and tires maintaining**
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Problems of Skywheel

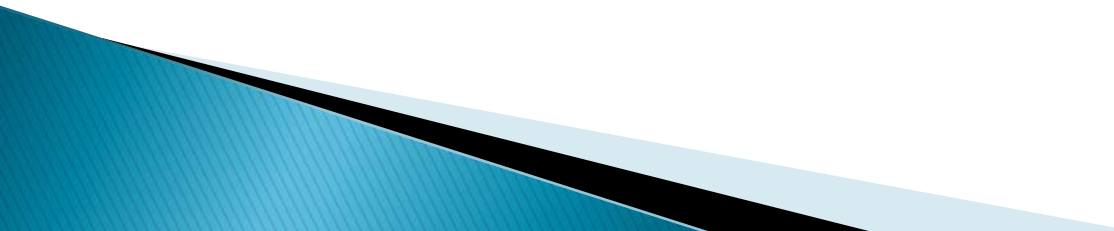
Generally, the problem this company has is the old-fashion garage management which is very inefficient comparing to the modern information system management.

In order to solve the problem, we can divide it into the following aspects:

- **No inventory control system**
- **No computerized bookkeeping system**
- **No customer information system**
- **No computerized task assigning system**
- **No machinery and tools management system**
- **No employee sign-in system**
- **Weak security system**

Proposed alternatives

During the research, we came up with several alternatives. The best one amount them is to build a comprehensive system which includes the following subsystems:

- **Inventory control system**
 - *Bookkeeping system*
 - *Customer information system*
 - *Task assigning system*
 - *Machinery and tools management system*
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Proposed alternatives

--hardware

The hardware required for our alternative is very easy to satisfy.

- **Computers**

One or more are used for all the proposed systems

- **Screens**

Several screens are designed for displaying information in task assigning system

- **Scanners**

One scanner is used for barcode input in inventory system

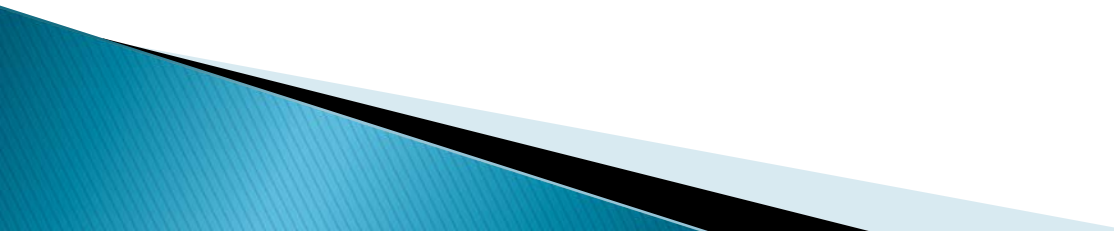
- **Printer**

A printer is used for printing invoice out in bookkeeping system

Functional requirements

-----Inventory System

A user must be able to:

- Search the databases according to the request by the customer and the matches to the screen will be returned to the screen
 - *Obtain detailed information about every set of rim and tire through the search process*
 - *Locate every set of rim and tire in the storage*
 - *Add new arrival of merchandise to the system and place them in the storage according to the arrangement in the storages*
 - *Remove any merchandise from the system when sales take place.*
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Functional requirements

-----Customer information System

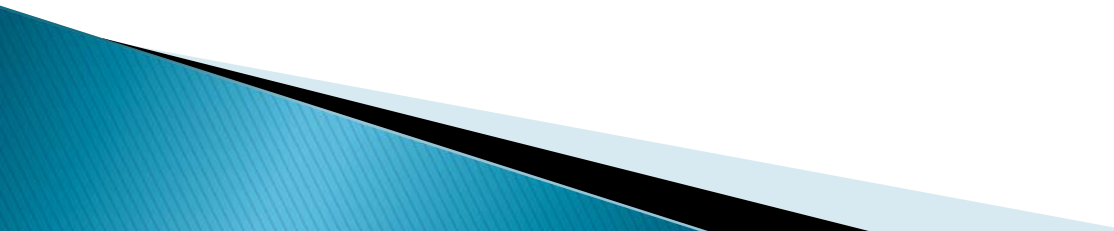
A user must be able to:

- Construct a profile for every customer including their personal information
- Search the database to obtain the corresponding customer profile
- Search the database by transferring the incoming number of the telephone to the system connected to it

Functional requirements

-----Bookkeeping System

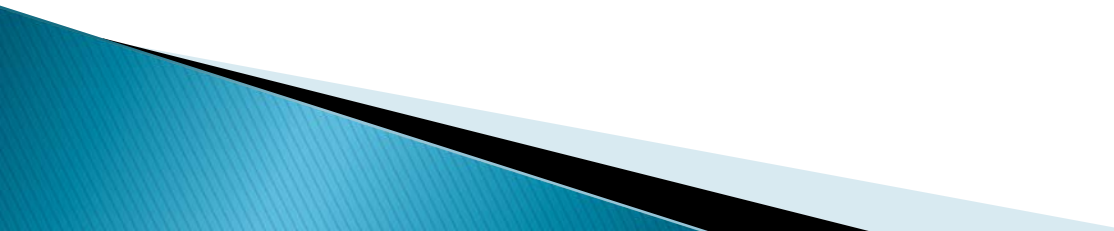
A user must be able to:

- Generate copies of invoice through this system
 - Store the invoices of past transaction into a designate file
 - Keep track of the daily transaction by checking the copies of the invoices from past transactions
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Functional requirements

-----Task assigning System

A user must be able to:

- Generate a template containing the specific procedures
 - Assign different jobs to a group of workers against the procedures included by the template
 - Check the status of each ongoing missions
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Functional requirements

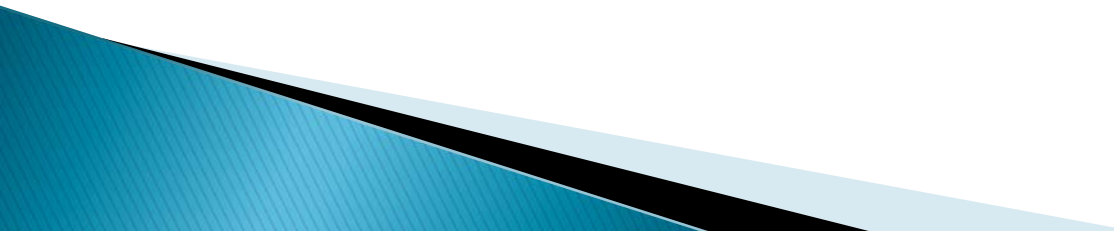
-----Machinery & Tools System

A user must be able to:

- Find the working status of each machine and tool
- Be notified if there is an error happened to any machine and tool

Non-functional Requirements

The system must:

- Be user-friendly
 - Be able to run at least 50 transactions in the meantime
 - Have less than 30 minutes down time in 3 months
 - Have backups to survive any unexpected accidents or natural disasters
 - Be designed in a way that new employees are capable to learn to use it in less than 2 days
 - Have been examined once every half year for maintenance purposes
 - Be capable interacting with other systems
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Break-even analysis

- Cost (hardware)**

1. Already have enough computers and printer in the store, need no more
2. Need to purchase several screens
3. Need to purchase a barcode scanner

- Cost (software)**

The only cost on the company is purchasing the software

- Benefit**

The company will gain benefit on increasing efficiency and better management system