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Assignment 4

1 Refined Project Architecture (MVC)

Code is cleanly separated into Models, Routes, Controllers, Middleware

The project follows the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern.

Models are responsible for defining the database structure using Mongoose schemas.

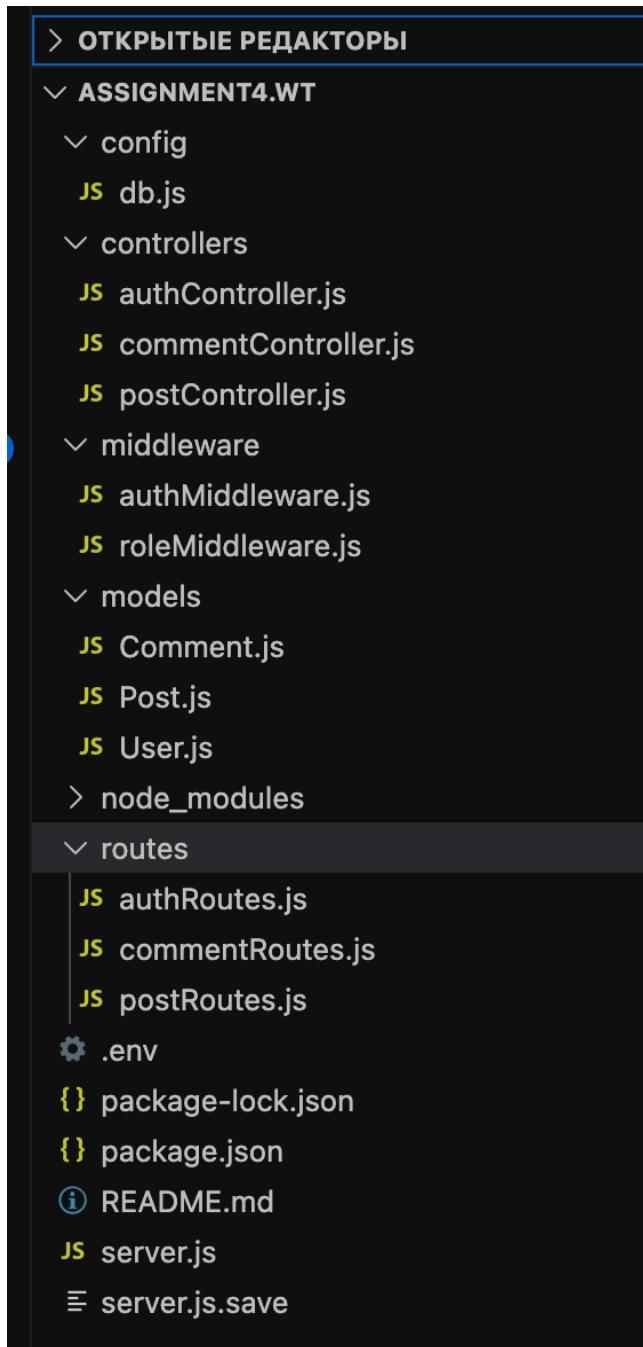
Routes define the available API endpoints.

Controllers contain the business logic and database operations.

Middleware is used for authentication, authorization, and request validation.

The server.js file is kept minimal and is only responsible for initializing the server, connecting to the database, and registering routes.

This structure improves code readability, maintainability, and scalability.



The application uses three main models.

User model:

The User model contains email, password, and role fields.

Passwords are hashed using bcrypt before being stored in the database.

The role field is used for role-based access control and can be either "user" or "admin".

Post model:

The Post model represents the primary object of the application.

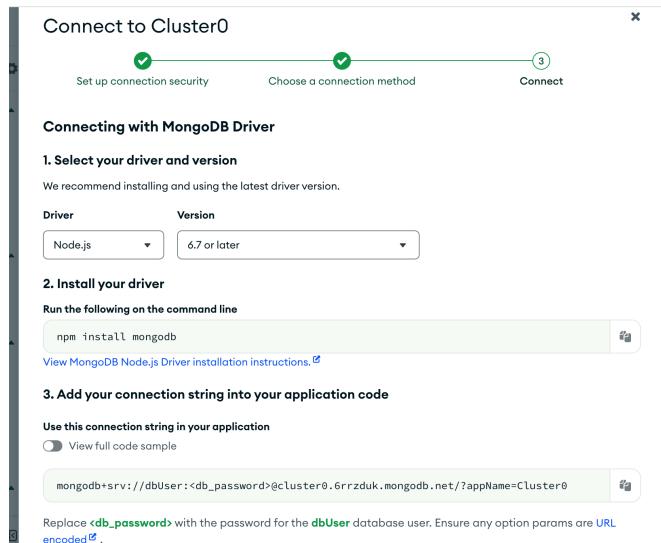
It contains a title and content.

Comment model:

The Comment model represents the secondary object.

Each comment contains text and a reference to a Post using MongoDB ObjectId.

This creates a relationship between posts and comments.



2 Multi-Object CRUD (Primary + Secondary)

At least two related objects with full CRUD

Primary Object — Post

- Create → **POST /api/posts** (admin)
- Read → **GET /api/posts** (public)
- Update → **PUT /api/posts/:id** (admin)
- Delete → **DELETE /api/posts/:id** (admin)

Secondary Object — Comment

- Create → `POST /api/comments` (admin)
- Read → `GET /api/comments` (public)
- Update → `PUT /api/comments/:id` (admin)
- Delete → `DELETE /api/comments/:id` (admin)

3 Authentication & RBAC

Role-based access control is implemented using middleware.

There are two roles in the system:

```
* user  
* admin
```

Public access:

`GET` (read) requests are publicly accessible to all users.

Protected access:

`POST`, `PUT`, and `DELETE` requests require authentication.

Admin-only access:

Only users with the "admin" role can create, update, or delete posts and comments.

If a regular user attempts to access admin-only routes, the server responds with a 403 Forbidden error.

This behavior was verified and tested using Postman.

Authentication is implemented using JSON Web Tokens (JWT).

Users can register and log in using email and password.

After successful login, the server returns a JWT token.

This token must be included in the Authorization header when accessing protected routes.

Passwords are never stored in plain text.

They are hashed using bcrypt to ensure security.

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the following details:

- File Explorer:** Shows the project structure for "assignment4.wt". It includes files like `server.js`, `db.js`, `.env`, `authRoutes.js`, `postController.js`, `authMiddleware.js`, `roleMiddleware.js`, `postRoutes.js`, and `commentController.js`.
- Code Editor:** The `server.js` file is open, displaying the following code:

```
10
11 app.use('/api/auth', require('../routes/authRoutes'));
12 app.use('/api/posts', require('../routes/postRoutes'));
13 app.use('/api/comments', require('../routes/commentRoutes'));
14
15 const PORT = process.env.PORT || 3001;
16 app.listen(PORT, () => {
17   console.log(`Server running on port ${PORT}`);
18 });
```
- Terminal:** Shows the output of the command `node server.js` using nodemon. The logs indicate the server is running on port 3001 and MongoDB is connected.
- Bottom Status Bar:** Displays the message "Перезапустите Visual Studio Code, чтобы применить последнее обновление." (Restart Visual Studio Code to apply the latest update.)

Server is running

4Postman Collection

```
Both Post and Comment objects support full CRUD operations.
```

```
Posts:
```

- * Create post (admin only)
- * Read posts (public)
- * Update post (admin only)
- * Delete post (admin only)

```
Comments:
```

- * Create comment (admin only)
- * Read comments (public)
- * Update comment (admin only)
- * Delete comment (admin only)

```
Comments are linked to posts through ObjectId references, ensuring relational behavior  
within MongoDB.
```

API TESTING WITH POSTMAN

```
All API endpoints were tested using Postman.
```

```
The Postman collection includes:
```

- * User registration
- * User login and JWT generation
- * Failed requests from users without admin role (403 Forbidden)
- * Successful requests from admin users (200 OK)

```
* CRUD operations for posts and comments
```

```
This confirms that authentication and role-based access control are working correctly.
```

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a POST request to `http://localhost:3005/api/auth/register`. The request body is JSON with fields: `"email": "user@test.com"`, `"password": "123456"`, and `"role": "user"`. The response status is 200 OK, and the response body is a JSON object with an `"id"` field containing a generated UUID and the user details.

```
POST http://localhost:3005/api/auth/register
{
  "email": "user@test.com",
  "password": "123456",
  "role": "user"
}
{
  "id": "697c93859fbf71664a2006fc",
  "email": "user@test.com",
  "role": "user"
}
```

Post

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a POST request to `http://localhost:3005/api/posts`. The request body is JSON with fields: `"title": "User post"` and `"content": "This should NOT be allowed"`. The response status is 403 Forbidden, and the response body is a JSON object with a `"message"` field indicating the user lacks permission.

```
POST http://localhost:3005/api/posts
{
  "title": "User post",
  "content": "This should NOT be allowed"
}
{
  "message": "Admin only (from roleMiddleware)"
}
```

Correct answer because Only users with the "admin" role can access POST / PUT / DELETE endpoints, and i prove it

When a regular user attempts to create a post, the request is rejected with a 403 status by the role-based middleware, which enforces admin-only access."

POST http://localhost:3005/api/auth/login

Headers (8)

Key	Value	Description
Key	Value	Description

Body { } JSON

```
{
  "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpZCI6IjY5N2I5NDM3NjQ5M2JiZTljOGE0ZWU5MCIsInJvbGUiOjJhZGlpbiIsImhdCI6MTc2OTc3MzI5NH0.gvbCJzdl8mkcoQbnBI01W2tDrhR87cwGbKxJFG6pidc"
}
```

200 OK | 332 ms | 416 B |

ADMIN LOGIN

Admin token

```
{
  "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpZCI6IjY5N2I5NDM3NjQ5M2JiZTljOGE0ZWU5MCIsInJvbGUiOjJhZGlpbiIsImhdCI6MTc2OTc3MzI5NH0.gvbCJzdl8mkcoQbnBI01W2tDrhR87cwGbKxJFG6pidc"
```

POST http://localhost:3005/api/posts

Body raw JSON

```
{
  "title": "Admin post",
  "content": "This IS allowed"
}
```

200 OK | 209 ms | 405 B |

```
{
  "id": "607cd6aaaf9e53dbbfdf5d0",
  "createdAt": "2026-01-30T16:04:58.420Z",
  "updatedAt": "2026-01-30T16:04:58.420Z",
  "_v": 0
}
```

ADMIN create POST

```

1 {
2   "title": "Admin post",
3   "content": "This IS allowed"
4 }
5

```

Body Cookies Headers (7) Test Results ⚡

200 OK 207 ms 407 B ⚡ ***

{ } JSON ▾ ▶ Preview ▶ Visualization

```

1 [
2   {
3     "_id": "697cd6aafc99c53dbbf5d0",
4     "title": "Admin post",
5     "content": "This IS allowed",
6     "createdAt": "2026-01-30T16:04:58.420Z",
7     "updatedAt": "2026-01-30T16:04:58.420Z",
8     "__v": 0
9   }
10 ]

```

GET POSTS (ПУБЛИЧНЫЙ ДОСТУП)

```

1 {
2   "text": "Admin comment",
3   "post": "697cd6aafc99c53dbbf5d0"
4 }

```

Body Cookies Headers (7) Test Results ⚡

200 OK 201 ms 413 B ⚡ ***

{ } JSON ▾ ▶ Preview ▶ Visualization

```

1 {
2   "text": "Admin comment",
3   "post": "697cd6aafc99c53dbbf5d0",
4   "_id": "697cd6aafc99c53dbbf5d0",
5   "createdAt": "2026-01-30T16:14:36.410Z",
6   "updatedAt": "2026-01-30T16:14:36.410Z",
7   "__v": 0
8 }

```

- MVC структура
- User / Admin
- JWT
- RBAC (403 для user, 200 для admin)
- Two related objects (Post ↔ Comment)

- CRUD
- Postman tests