
Implementation Document

for

College PathFinder

Version 1.0

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1 Implementation Details

| | Back end | Benefits | Front end | Benefits |
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| Programming Language | JavaScript | JavaScript is a highly versatile and powerful programming language that offers numerous benefits. It's swift to develop applications with, as it's executed directly within the client's browser, which makes it very efficient. One of the most significant advantages of JavaScript is its interoperability. It can be inserted into any web page and used in many different applications because of support in other languages. JavaScript is also client-side, reducing the demand on servers overall, and simple applications may not need a server at all. It can be used to create rich interfaces, greatly enhancing the user interface and experience of a site. | JavaScript | JavaScript is a cornerstone of front-end development, providing dynamic and interactive web experiences. It enables the creation of rich, responsive user interfaces, enhancing user engagement and satisfaction. With its ability to manipulate the Document Object Model (DOM), it offers real-time content updates, improving website performance. Thus, JavaScript is instrumental in crafting superior, user-centric digital experiences. |
| | | | HTML | HTML, or Hypertext Markup Language, is the backbone of web development, providing structure to web content. Its simplicity and ease of learning make it accessible to developers at all levels. Being lightweight, it ensures fast loading of web pages, enhancing user experience. HTML's compatibility with all browsers enhances its universality. Moreover, its integration with other languages like CSS and JavaScript |

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| | | | | allows for the creating of dynamic, interactive websites. |
| | | | CSS | Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) is a vital tool in frontend development, offering many benefits. It provides developers with control over the visual aspects of a webpage, enabling the creation of aesthetically pleasing and consistent designs. CSS enhances user experience by allowing for responsive design, ensuring that webpages look good on devices of all sizes. Furthermore, it improves website performance by separating the presentation of content from the content itself, leading to faster loading. |
| Frameworks | NodeJS | Node.js is a robust framework renowned for its speed and efficiency, courtesy of Chrome's V8 engine. Its event-driven, non-blocking architecture makes it ideal for real-time applications. The scalability of Node.js caters to modern applications' growth needs. Its use of JavaScript reduces the learning curve and boosts productivity. Lastly, its extensibility allows customization to meet specific requirements, enhancing its utility in web development. | Bootstrap | Bootstrap is a robust frontend framework that speeds up the development process with its ready-to-use components. It provides a responsive grid system, ensuring optimal viewing on various devices. Bootstrap's extensive library of customizable themes enhances the visual appeal. Its compatibility with all modern browsers ensures a consistent user experience. Lastly, Bootstrap's active community provides a wealth of resources and support, making it a popular choice among developers. |

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| Libraries | Express | Express.js is a fast, unopinionated web framework that accelerates the development process with its minimalist approach. It provides a robust set of features for web and mobile applications. Express.js facilitates the rapid setup of routes to send/receive requests between the frontend and the backend. Its middleware modules allow developers to perform additional tasks on request and response objects. Lastly, Express.js integrates seamlessly with other libraries and tools in the Node.js ecosystem. | React.JS | A powerful JavaScript library that enhances frontend development with its component-based architecture, promoting code reusability and readability. Its implementation of a virtual DOM ensures efficient updates and rendering, improving application performance. React.js's flexibility allows seamless integration with other libraries. Its large community provides a wealth of resources and support. Overall, React.js is instrumental in crafting superior, user-centric digital experiences. |
| DBMS | MongoDB | MongoDB is a flexible, scalable, and high-performance NoSQL database that supports a wide range of data models and provides a rich query language ¹²³ . It's used in diverse real-world applications such as product data management, operational intelligence, customer analytics, and real-time data integration. | NA | |
| Build System | Node.js & npm | Node.js and npm offer several advantages for backend development. First, Node.js delivers high performance due to its event-driven, non-blocking architecture, resulting in faster response times. Second, it's highly scalable, making it suitable for building applications that can handle concurrent connections. Third, the extensive npm library provides access to a wide | Vite | Vite is an advanced build tool that revolutionizes web development. It comprises a powerful development server with Hot Module Replacement (HMR) for native ES modules. When integrating Vite with a backend framework (e.g., Rails or Laravel), you can serve HTML traditionally while |

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| | | range of open-source packages, simplifying third-party integrations. Lastly, Node.js benefits from an active community, ensuring continuous improvement and support . | | leveraging Vite for efficient asset delivery. Configure your Vite entry point, ensure proper asset serving, and benefit from faster development cycles and optimized production builds |
| Packages | bcrypt | This is a library to help you hash passwords in Node.js. It's handy when you need to store user passwords securely. | React Router DOM | A dynamic routing library for React, React Router DOM enables the creation of single-page applications with navigation without the page being refreshed. |
| | Cookie-Parser | This is a middleware that parses the Cookie header and populates <code>req.cookies</code> with an object keyed by the cookie names. It's used in Express applications to help manage cookies. | Axios: | A promise-based HTTP client for JavaScript, Axios simplifies making asynchronous HTTP requests to REST endpoints and performing CRUD operations. |
| | CORS | This is a Node.js package for providing a middleware that can be used to enable Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) with various options. | Redux | Redux is a predictable state container for JavaScript applications. It centralizes the application state, making it easier to trace and debug state changes. Redux also improves performance by minimizing unnecessary component re-renders. |

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| | JWT | This is a package that implements JSON Web Tokens functionality. It's used for securely transmitting information between parties as a JSON object. | | |
| | Mongoose | This is an Object Data Modelling (ODM) library for MongoDB and Node.js. It manages relationships between data, provides schema validation, and is used to translate between objects in code and the representation of those objects in MongoDB. | | |

2 Codebase

GitHub Repository-

https://github.com/AYushM25/College-Pathfinder_1.git

About the Web Apps

As of now, the frontend and the backend are complete and deployed on the website .

For Back-end Part,

We have deployed it using render.com and can be accessed anywhere in this world .

For the Front-end Part,

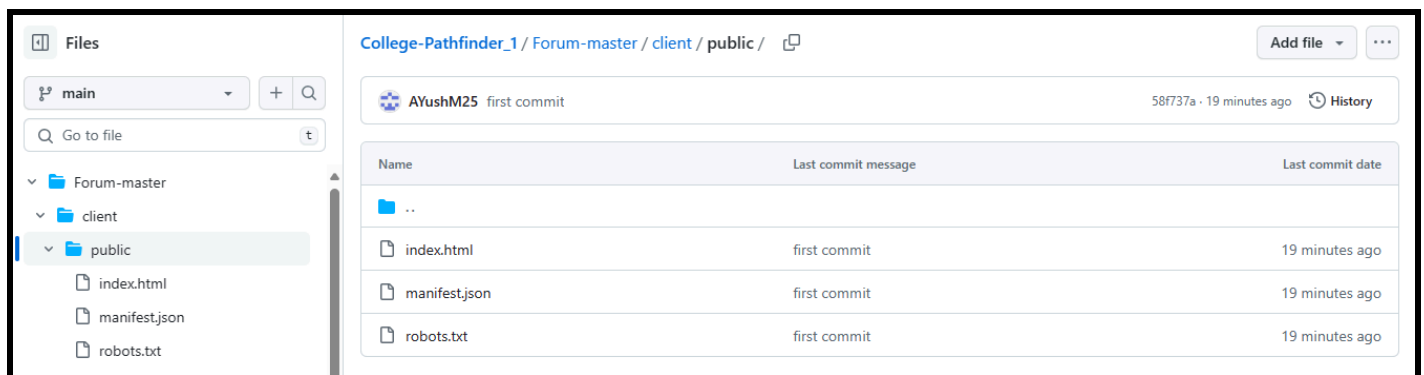
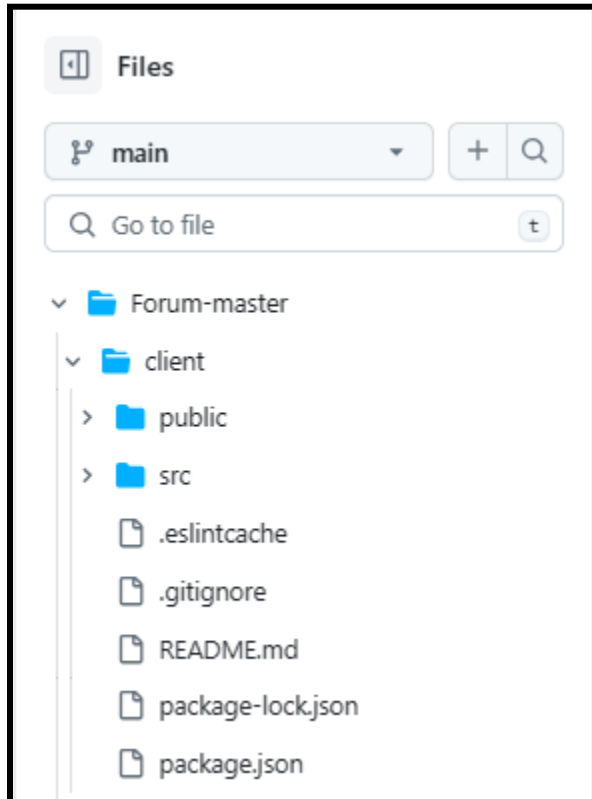
The frontend part has been deployed using vercel.com , and could be accessed anywhere

For the Database-part , we have deployed it using MongoDB

Codebase Navigation

FrontEnd

The Front-end codebase is structured as follows: the "src" directory houses all React source code files, while the "public" directory contains assets and files that are directly rendered within the web browser interface. The [client](#) directory serves as the root directory encompassing all frontend development components and assets within the project structure.



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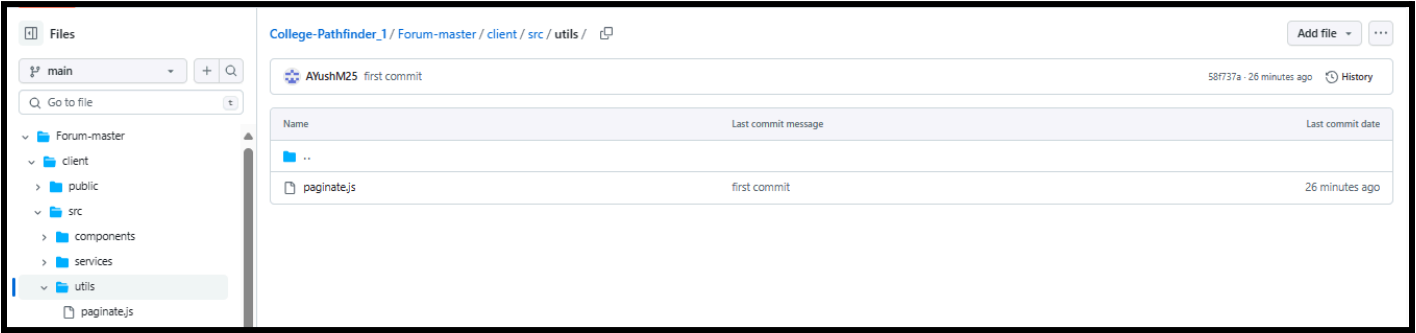
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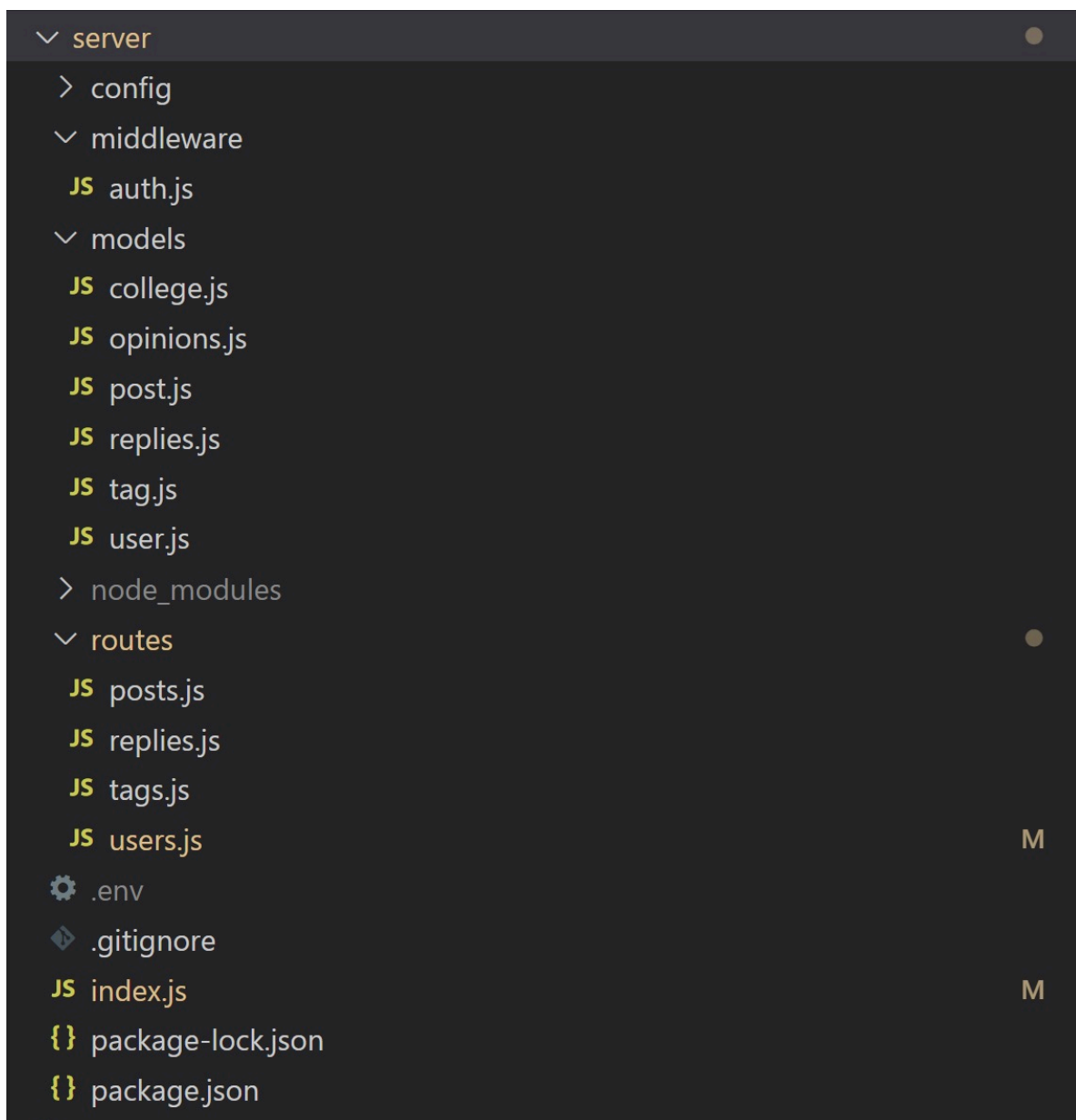
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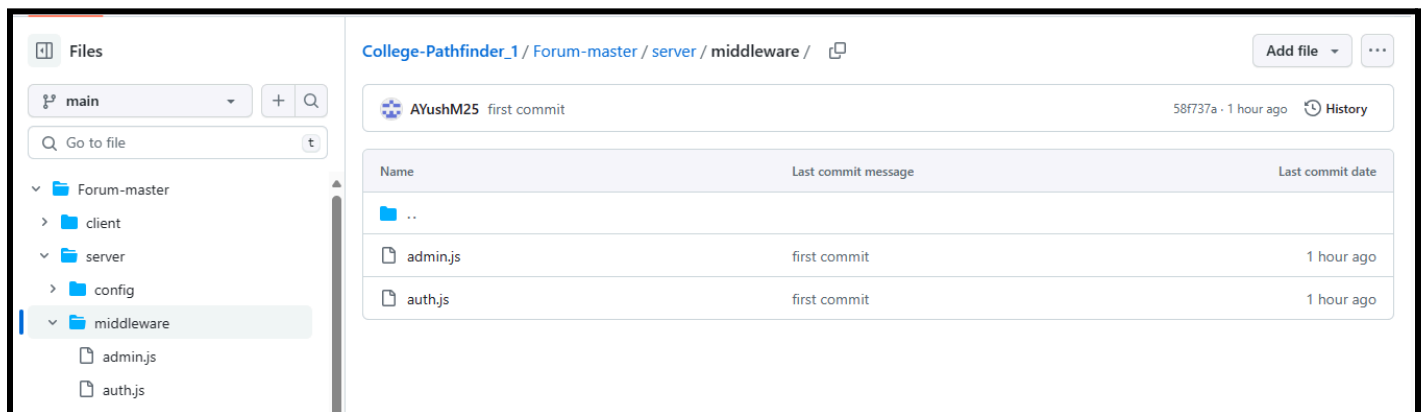
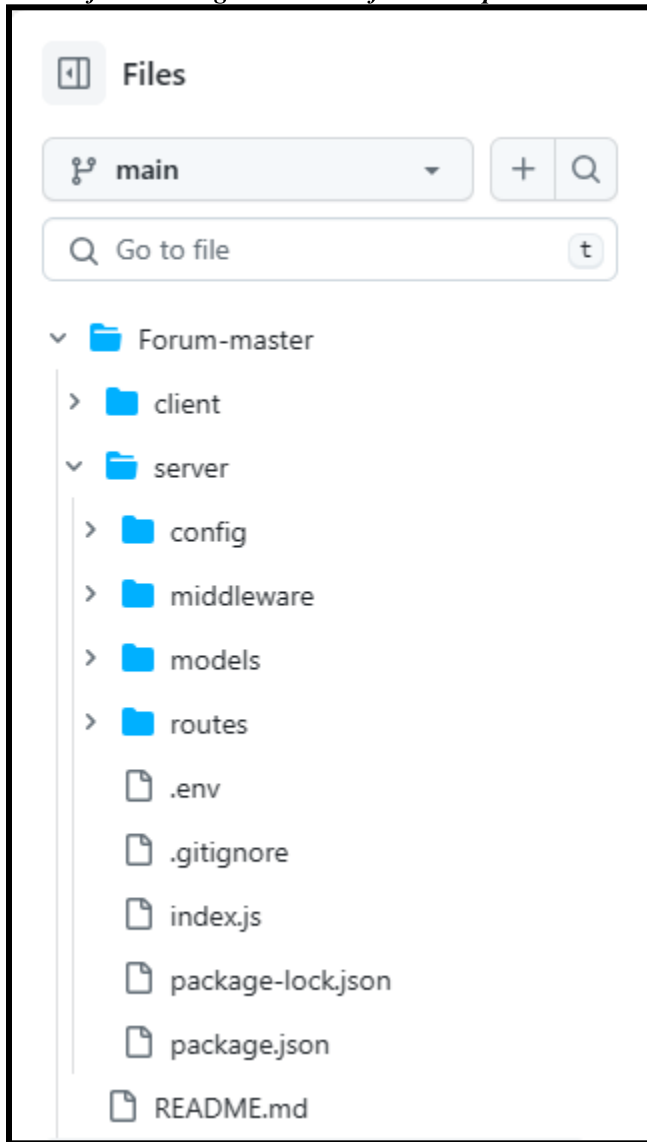
BackEnd

The backend codebase resides within the "/server" directory. It comprises various individual units, each housed within their respective folders. The "index.js" unit serves as the integration point for combining these units into a cohesive whole. The "models" directory encapsulates database schemas, while the "routes" directory hosts controllers responsible for managing interface logic transitions. Authorization functionalities are implemented within the "middleware" directory.

Below is the organization of the backend components within the [server](#) directory.



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We have deployed our website on the web; please click the link below:

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<https://college-frontend-vert.vercel.app/>

<<please use the above link to visit the website deployed>>

If you want to host the website on a local system, please follow these procedures

Installation Requirements

1. Web Browser
2. Node.js
3. npm
4. express
5. mongoose
6. mern stack
7. react
8. bcrypt

Installation

For Frontend, i.e., website,

1. Navigate to "/client".
2. Open the Command Line Terminal in this folder.
3. Run the following commands one by one -
4. npm install --force
5. npm start

The webpage will automatically open in localhost:3000.

If it doesn't automatically open, the user can open it manually.

For the Back-end part,

1. Navigate to "/server."
2. Open the Command Line Terminal in this folder.
3. Run the following commands one by one.
4. npm install --force
5. npm start
(if there is some error after running npm start, then type npm uninstall bcrypt and then npm install bcrypt)

3 Completeness

SRS Features for College Searching :

| SRS features | Status | Future development plan/Current working |
|----------------------------|------------|---|
| Profile login/registration | Completed | Provide users with the option to log in or register as individuals searching for colleges. In the future, we plan to add the ability for users to edit their profiles. |
| College predictor | Completed | The feature is functioning smoothly; design can be improved if needed in future. This tool enables users to predict their college based on their JEE Advanced ranks. |
| College Search | Completed | The working of this functionality is complete and running fine. Allow users to search for different college programs according to their interest and JEE ranks. |
| College Compare | Completed | The feature is completed and working as specified. It allows users to compare colleges, based on multiple factors. |
| Forum | Completed | We've established a forum, and moving forward, we plan to expand the available tags. The forum provides users a platform to discuss their doubts, and clarify any information regarding the colleges they are targeting. Since we are using free deployment, it takes some time for the forum to Load(2 sec approximately). |
| College Review | Complete | Search for the reviews of the desired colleges according to academics, non academics, location, and other crucial factors. Functionality is working well and is complete. |
| Bookmarks | Incomplete | We've right now not completed it; therefore it is a part of our future plan to implement it. It can be easily implemented in future and will be a part of the final product. |

SRS Features for College Going :

| SRS features | Status | Future development plan/Current working |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| Profile login/registration | Completed | It lets College going students to register and login in the platform. Further we wish to add the functionality to edit the profiles |
| College predictor | Completed | The college students can also use the functionality of predicting colleges for giving reviews on the forum of different queries. |
| College Search | Completed | The working is complete and furthermore the design can be made better. |
| College Compare | Completed | The working of this functionality is complete and running fine. Allow users to search for different college programs according to their interest and JEE ranks. |
| Forum | Completed | College going students can answer queries on the Forum. The functionality is smoothly running and is complete. |
| College Review | Complete | They can provide reviews for specific colleges. |
| On call Advice | Complete | Personalized Advice can be provided to college seeking student by giving contact details on Forum. |

Appendix A - Group Log

| Sl. no. | Date | Timings | Venue | Description |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| 1 | 04/03/24 | 4 pm - 5 pm | RM building | Discussed regarding the structure of the website, initiation of the website frontend development |
| 2 | 08/03/24 | 11 am- 12 pm | RM building | Completed the website frontend and distributed the responsibility of backend to the teammates |
| 3 | 10/03/24 | 4 pm - 6 pm | RM building | Met to track the progress of the members |
| 4 | 11/03/24 | 6 pm - 8 pm | RM building | Met to track the progress of the members. |
| 5 | 12/03/24- 14/03/24 | 2:30 pm - 9 pm | RM building | Integrated the website's frontend and backend, with just one functionality left, and planned to implement it. |
| 6 | 15/03/24 | 5 pm - 7 pm | RM building | There was discussion regarding the construction of the forum |
| 7 | 16/03/24 | 2:30 pm - 9 pm | RM building | The forum construction is done. |
| 8 | 17/03/24 | 4 pm - 6 pm | RM building | Forum integrated with the main website |
| 9 | 18/03/24 | 5 pm - 8 pm | RM building | Final review of the implementation document and other tasks. |