Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation format

1. Introduction

- Project Title: "BookEase: A Book Store Application"
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2. Project Overview

- **Purpose:** BookEase provides readers with an intuitive platform to explore and buy books online. It bridges the gap between digital convenience and the charm of traditional book shopping by offering curated recommendations, personalized services, and secure transactions.
- Features:
 - ★ User Accounts: Allow users to register, log in, and manage their profiles.
 - ★ Search Functionality: Users can search for books by title, author, genre, or keyword.
 - ★ Cart System: Enables users to add books to their cart for easy checkout.
 - ★ Order Management: Tracks the purchase history and provides status updates for orders.
 - ★ Admin Dashboard: Allows admin users to manage inventory, view sales analytics, and handle customer queries.

3. Architecture

- Frontend:
 - ★ Technology Used: React.js for building reusable components and dynamic UI.
 - ★ State Management: React Context API or Redux for managing application state.
 - ★ Routing: React Router for navigating between pages (e.g., Home, Book Details, Cart, etc.).
 - ★ Styling: Styled-components or CSS frameworks like Bootstrap or Material-UI
- Backend:
 - ★ Node.js: JavaScript runtime for server-side logic.
 - ★ Express.js: Lightweight framework to create RESTful APIs.
 - **★** Middleware:
 - Authentication middleware (JWT verification).
 - Error-handling middleware to catch and display errors gracefully.

• Database:

Schema Design:

Users Collection: Stores user profiles, hashed passwords, and purchase history.

Books Collection: Contains book details such as title, author, price, stock, and genre.

Orders Collection: Tracks user orders with timestamps and status.

Third-Party Tools and Libraries:

- Frontend: Axios for API calls, React Query for caching data.
- **Backend:** Mongoose for MongoDB interaction, bcrypt for password hashing.
- Others: Payment gateways like Stripe for secure transactions.

4. Setup Instructions

- Prerequisites:
 - o **Node.js and npm:** Ensure you have Node.js (v16+) installed.
 - o **MongoDB:** Set up a local or cloud-based MongoDB database.
 - o **Git:** Required for version control and cloning the repository.
- **Installation:** Step-by-step guide to clone, install dependencies, and set up the environment variables.
 - 1) Clone the repository:

git clone https://github.com/your-repo/bookease.git

cd bookease

2) Backend Setup:

- i) Navigate to the server directory.
- ii) Install dependencies:

npm install

iii) Create .env file for environment variables:

PORT=5000

MONGO_URI=<your_mongodb_connection_string>

JWT_SECRET=<your_jwt_secret_key>

iv) Start the backend server:

npm start

3) Frontend Setup:

- i) Navigate to the client directory.
- ii) Install dependencies:

npm install

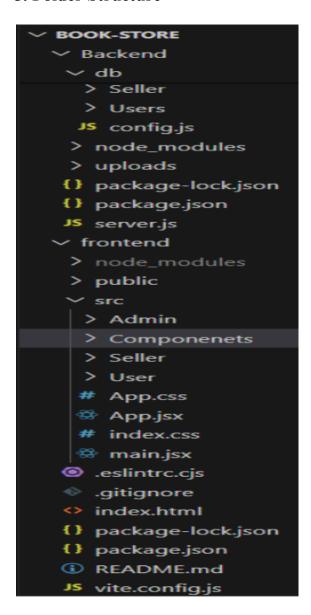
iii) Create . env file:

REACT_APP_API_URL=http://localhost:5000/api

iv) Start the frontend development server:

npm start

5. Folder Structure



6. Running the Application

Run backend:
 cd server
 npm start
 Run frontend:
 cd client
 npm start

• Open the application in your browser at http://localhost:3000.

7. API Documentation

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POST /api/users/login

Request Body:json

{
    "email": "user@example.com",
    "password": "password123"

}

Response:json

{
    "token": "jwt_token",
    "user": {
    "id": "user_id",
    "name": "John Doe"

}
```

8. Authentication

Signup: Securely stores hashed passwords.

Login: Issues a JWT for authenticated sessions.

Middleware: Protects routes like /api/orders and /api/books.

9. User Interface

Homepage: Featured books and recommendations.

Book Details Page: Information about a specific book with an "Add to Cart" button.

Cart Page: Displays items added for checkout.

Profile Page: Allows users to view and edit account details.

10. Testing

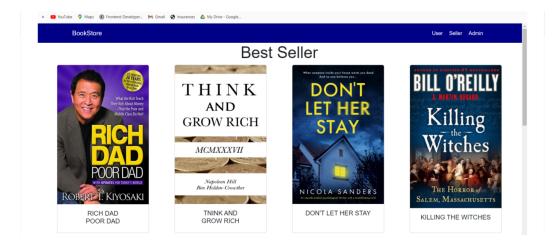
Unit Testing:

• Use Jest for testing React components and business logic.

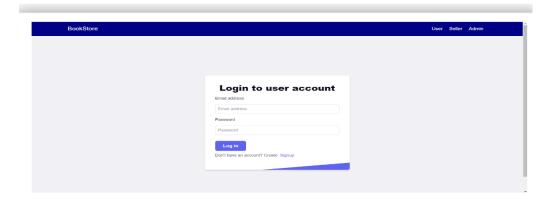
• Use Postman for API testing (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE requests).

11. Screenshots or Demo

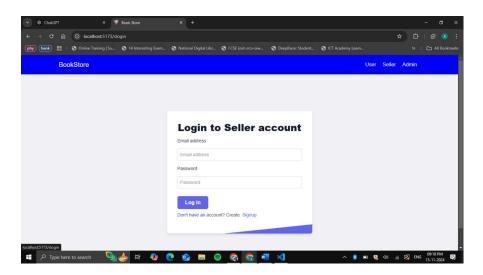
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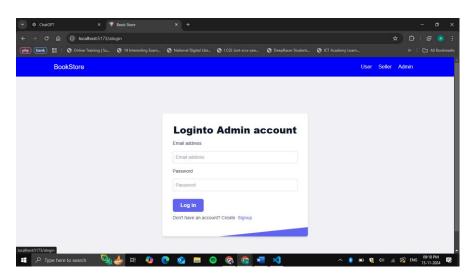
User's Login Page:



Seller's Login Page:



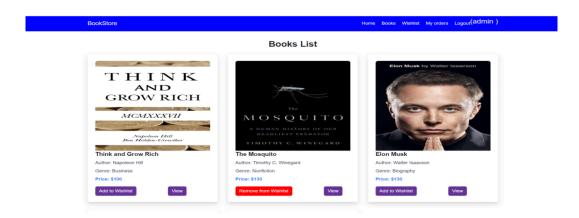
Admin's Login Page:



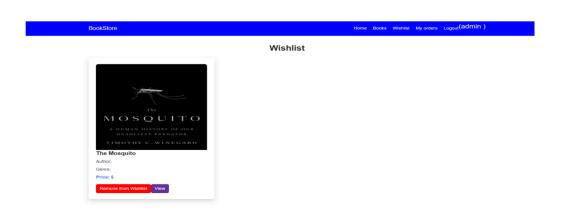
Home Page:



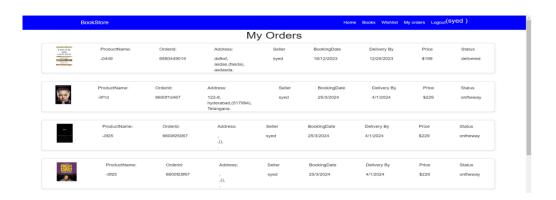
Books Page:



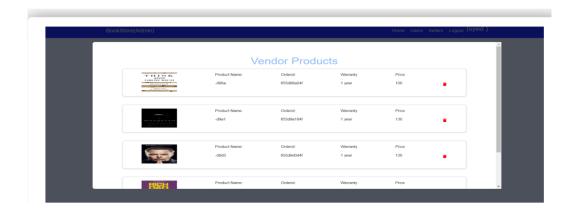
WishList Page:



My Bookings Page:



Seller Items:



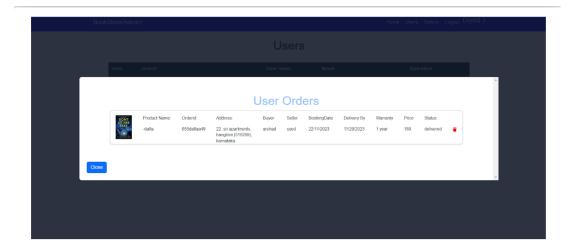
Admin Dashboard:



Users Page:



User Orders:



Sellers Page:



12. Known Issues

- Pagination may be slow for a large number of books.
- Sorting functionality does not persist across sessions.

13. Future Enhancements

★ Features:

- o Add wishlist functionality.
- Enable real-time chat for customer support.

★ Performance:

- o Implement caching mechanisms using Redis.
- o Optimize database queries with indexes.