Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

- Project Title: HouseHunt Finding Your Perfect Rental Home
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2. Project Overview

- Purpose: To simplify the home rental process by enabling renters to find suitable homes and property owners to list their rentals through a secure and interactive platform.
- Features: Role-based login (Renter, Owner, Admin), property listing, rental booking, approval system, and admin controls.

3. Architecture

- Frontend: Developed using React.js and Tailwind CSS.
- Backend: Node.js with Express handles APIs and server logic.
- Database: MongoDB stores application data securely.

4. Setup Instructions

- Prerequisites: Node.js, NPM, and MongoDB installed.
- Installation: Clone the repository and run `npm install` in both `/client` and `/server` directories.

5. Folder Structure

- Client: Contains the complete React frontend source code.
- Server: Contains the backend server logic using Express and MongoDB.

6. Running the Application

To start the application:

- Frontend: Run `npm start` inside the `/client` directory.

- Backend: Run `npm start` inside the `/server` directory.

7. API Documentation

Backend exposes REST APIs for key operations:

- POST /api/users/register User registration
- POST /api/users/login User login
- POST /api/properties Post a rental property (Owner)
- GET /api/properties Retrieve listed rental homes
- POST /api/bookings Book a rental home
- GET /api/bookings Retrieve booking details (Renter/Owner/Admin)

8. Authentication

- Email and password-based login for Renters, Owners, and Admins.
- JWT-based authentication planned for session management and enhanced security.

9. User Interface

Screens provided in the system include:

- Login Page
- Home/Property Listing Page
- Property Details Page
- Booking Page
- Owner Dashboard
- Admin Panel

10. Testing

- Backend: Tested using Postman for API validation.
- Frontend: Tested using Chrome DevTools and manual UI testing.

11. Screenshots or Demo

Screenshots and demo videos are provided separately in the project folder.