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14. Running the App

```
# Start your server
node app.js
```

Now open <http://localhost:3000> in your browser.

- If you login with a **Superadmin**, you'll be able to see all statistics and admin pages.
 - If you login with an **Admin**, you'll be able to manage users but not see superadmin-only content.
 - If you login with a **User**, you'll only be able to access user dashboard pages.
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15. Folder Structure Recap (MVC)

```
project/
|   app.js
|   package.json
|
|---config/
|   db.js
|
|---models/
|   userModel.js
|
|---controllers/
|   authController.js
|   dashboardController.js
|
|---routes/
|   authRoutes.js
|   dashboardRoutes.js
|
|---middleware/
|   authMiddleware.js
|
|---public/
|   |---css/
|   |   styles.css
|   |---js/
|   |   scripts.js
|   |---html/
```

```
login.html
dashboard.html
admin.html
superadmin.html
```

16. How Frontend Checks Roles

You don't expose the session directly to the browser. Instead:

1. The backend (Node.js) checks the role using middleware.
2. Only if the user is authorized, you serve the requested page (HTML).
3. If the user tries to visit a restricted page directly (like `/dashboard/superadmin`), the middleware denies access and redirects them.

17. Next Steps

✓ Add **database integration** (MySQL/Postgres/Mongo) instead of in-memory `users` array. ✓ Secure session storage (use Redis or database store in production). ✓ Add CSRF protection & input sanitization. ✓ Replace plain HTML with templating (EJS, Handlebars) or even React later.

✓ Now you have a full **MVC Node.js + Sessions + Role-based Auth** system with your vanilla HTML/CSS/Bootstrap frontend.

Do you want me to extend this with a **MySQL integration example** (instead of the in-memory array) so you can store users and roles persistently?

14) Frontend (public/app.html) — full file

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
  <title>App</title>
  <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.3.3/dist/css/
bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet" />
</head>
<body>
  <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg bg-body-tertiary">
    <div class="container-fluid">
```

```

    <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">My App (MVC)</a>
    <div class="d-flex gap-2 ms-auto">
      <span id="whoami" class="navbar-text"></span>
      <button id="logoutBtn" class="btn btn-outline-secondary btn-sm">Logout</
button>
    </div>
  </div>
</nav>

<main class="container py-4">
  <div class="alert alert-info d-none" id="notAllowed">You do not have access
to this area.</div>

  <!-- Superadmin-only -->
  <section id="statistics" class="d-none">
    <h2 class="h5">Statistics (Superadmin)</h2>
    <div class="card">
      <div class="card-body">
        <p class="mb-1">Users: <strong id="usersCount">-</strong></p>
        <small class="text-muted" id="generatedAt"></small>
      </div>
    </div>
  </section>

  <!-- Staff-only example -->
  <section id="staffTools" class="d-none mt-4">
    <h2 class="h5">Staff Tools</h2>
    <div class="card"><div class="card-body">Basic staff utilities...</div></
div>
  </section>
</main>

<script src="/js/app.js"></script>
</body>
</html>

```

15) Frontend Logic (public/js/app.js) — full file

```

async function fetchMe() {
  const res = await fetch('/auth/me');
  if (!res.ok) throw new Error('Not logged in');
  return res.json();
}

```

```

function loadScript(src) {
  const s = document.createElement('script');
  s.src = src;
  document.body.appendChild(s);
}

async function init() {
  try {
    const user = await fetchMe();
    document.getElementById('whoami').textContent = `${user.email} (${user.role})`;

    if (user.role === 'superadmin') {
      document.getElementById('statistics').classList.remove('d-none');
      loadScript('/js/superadmin.js');
    } else if (user.role === 'staff') {
      document.getElementById('staffTools').classList.remove('d-none');
      loadScript('/js/staff.js');
    }
  } catch {
    window.location.href = '/login.html';
  }
}

const logoutBtn = document.getElementById('logoutBtn');
if (logoutBtn) {
  logoutBtn.addEventListener('click', async () => {
    await fetch('/auth/logout', { method: 'POST' });
    window.location.href = '/login.html';
  });
}

async function loadStatistics() {
  try {
    const res = await fetch('/admin/statistics');
    if (!res.ok) throw new Error('Forbidden');
    const data = await res.json();
    document.getElementById('usersCount').textContent = data.users;
    document.getElementById('generatedAt').textContent = new
Date(data.generatedAt).toLocaleString();
  } catch (e) {
    document.getElementById('notAllowed').classList.remove('d-none');
  }
}

window.loadStatistics = loadStatistics;
init();

```

16) Role-Specific Scripts

public/js/superadmin.js

```
console.log('Superadmin script loaded');  
if (window.loadStatistics) window.loadStatistics();
```

public/js/staff.js

```
console.log('Staff script loaded');
```

17) Run the App

```
# 1) Generate a bcrypt hash and seed your user in MySQL  
node scripts/hash-password.js Password123!  
# 2) Start the server  
node server.js  
# 3) Visit  
http://localhost:3000/login.html
```

18) Security Notes

- Cookies: `httpOnly`, `sameSite: 'lax'`, `secure: true` in production.
- Always enforce roles on the backend (`requireRole`).
- Consider CSRF protection (`csrf`) if you use many forms.
- Keep session data minimal: `{ id, email, role }` only.