

Auction House System Software Architecture and Design Report

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AUCTION HOUSE SYSTEM

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Abstract

This report describes the design and development of the **Auction House System**, an online platform that enables users to participate in real-time auctions. The system was built using **ASP.NET Core** for the backend and **React with Vite** for the frontend. It supports secure authentication, auction listing management, and instant bid updates through **SignalR, and payment integrations using Stripe** . The following sections discuss the system's architecture, applied design patterns, architectural decisions, and working interfaces.

1. Introduction

The **Auction House System** provides a web-based environment for users to create auctions, place bids, and track live updates in real time. The system is designed to be scalable, maintainable, and secure. It follows a **layered architecture** approach, separating the presentation, business logic, data access, and database layers to improve modularity and performance. Communication between the frontend and backend occurs through RESTful APIs and WebSockets.

Github link - <https://github.com/AnuhasK/auction-management-system>

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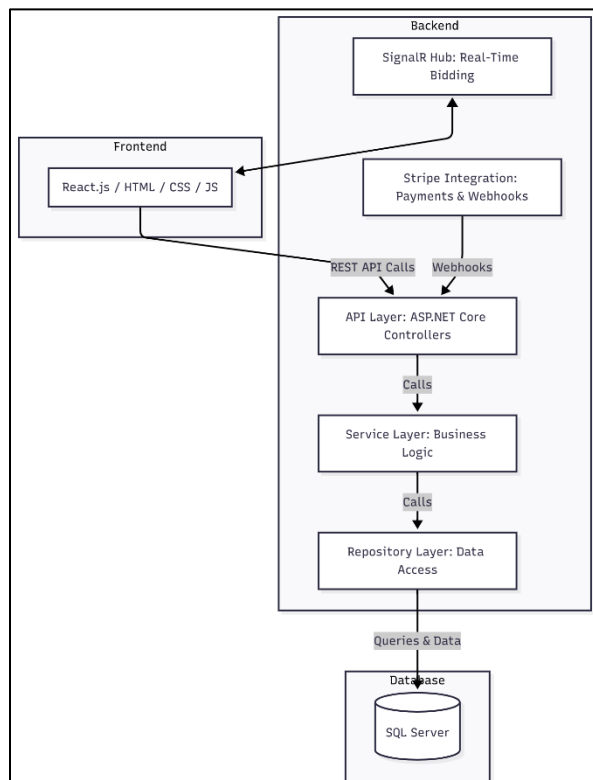
2. Objectives

The main objectives of the Auction House System are:

- To develop a modern, full-stack auction platform.
- To enable **real-time bid updates** using **SignalR**.
- To ensure **secure user authentication and authorization** through **JWT**.
- To allow users to securely make payments to won auctions.
- To apply software design patterns that enhance maintainability and scalability.
- To deploy the system in a **production-ready environment**.

3. System Architecture

The system follows a four-layered architecture, each responsible for specific operations:



Presentation Layer: Built using React (Vite + Tailwind CSS), this layer handles user interactions and displays real-time data updates.

Business Logic Layer: Implemented in ASP.NET Core, this layer manages application logic through controllers and services.

Data Access Layer: Uses Entity Framework Core and the Repository Pattern to manage data transactions.

Database Layer: Stores persistent data in an SQL Server database.

This structure ensures a clean separation of concerns, making the system easier to maintain, test, and scale.

4. Design Patterns Used

Several software design patterns were applied throughout the project to improve structure and maintainability:

- **Repository Pattern:** Separates database logic from business logic, allowing easy database management.
- **Unit of Work Pattern:** Ensures all database transactions are handled efficiently and consistently.
- **Singleton Pattern:** Used for registering key services such as the SignalR Hub to maintain a single instance across the application.
- **Strategy Pattern:** Allows flexible implementation of authentication and bidding logic.
- **Observer Pattern:** Facilitates real-time bid updates through **SignalR**, ensuring all users see the latest bid instantly.

5. Architectural Decisions

To ensure scalability, security, and modularity, the following architectural decisions were made:

- **RESTful API** structure for efficient communication between frontend and backend.
- **JWT Authentication** for secure session management.
- **SignalR** integration to provide real-time synchronization of bids.
- **Stripe Payment Integration** to enable secure, reliable processing of user transactions, with webhook support for real-time payment status updates.
- **Entity Framework Core** for data management and migration handling.
- **Cloud Deployment Configuration** for flexible hosting options on Azure or similar platforms.

Assumptions:

- ✓ Users have stable internet connection.
- ✓ Application will handle a moderate initial user base (~500 users).
- ✓ Further load balance will be added in future iterations.

6. Sequence Flow – Place Bid

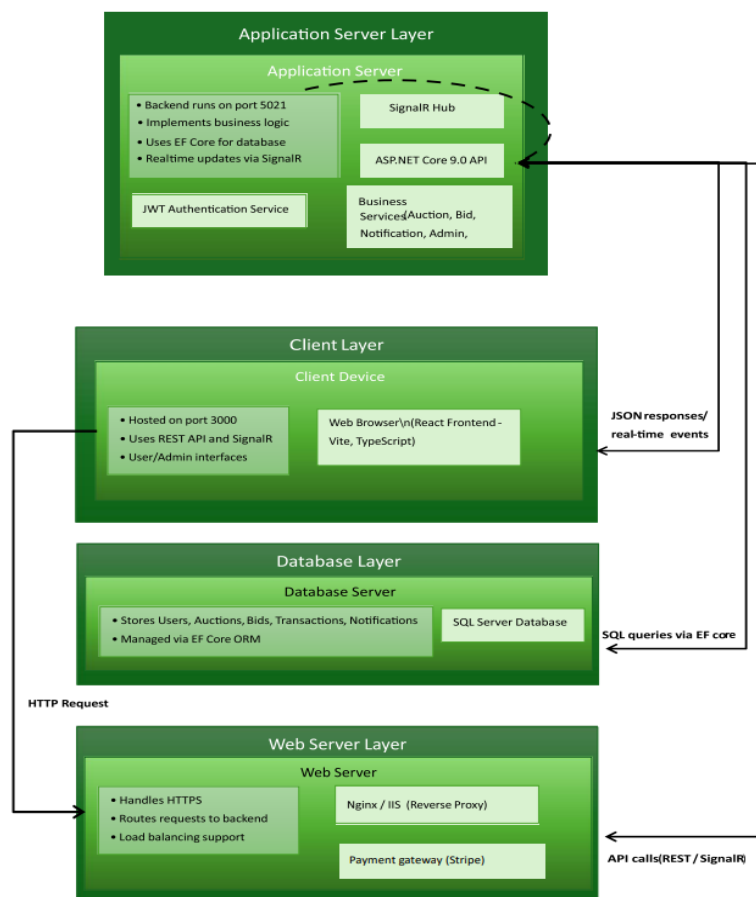
- The user places a bid via the frontend interface.
- The request is sent to the backend endpoint (/api/bids).
- The backend validates and records the bid in the database.
- SignalR broadcasts the new bid to all connected clients.
- The frontend updates the bidding interface in real time.

7. Deployment Architecture

The deployment consists of two main services:

- **Backend:** Hosted on Azure App Service or IIS, running the ASP.NET Core application.
- **Frontend:** Deployed using Vercel for global accessibility.
- The backend communicates with SQL Server or Azure SQL Database for data persistence.

This setup ensures both scalability and fault tolerance in a live environment.



Development diagram

8. Design and Implementation

This section illustrates the structural and behavioral design of the Online Auction Website System. The system was designed using object-oriented programming (OOP) concepts such as encapsulation, inheritance, and abstraction to ensure modularity, reusability, and scalability. Each component of the system works together to provide smooth user experience for both buyers and sellers.

8.1. Class Diagram

The **Class Diagram** represents the core structure and interactions within the **Online Auction Website System**. It outlines the main entities **User**, **Auction**, **Bid**, **Transaction**, **Notification**, **AuctionImage**, and **ClarevokedToken** along with their attributes, methods, and relationships. This model defines how data flows between users, auctions, and system services.

Key Classes Explained:

- **User Class**

Manages all user-related information such as username, email, password hash, role, and account status. It includes methods for registration, authentication, profile management, and deactivation. The User class is central, linking with auctions, bids, notifications, and revoked tokens.

- **Auction Class**

Represents an auction listing with attributes like title, description, start price, current price, status, seller ID, and winner ID. It includes methods to start or close an auction, update the current price, and retrieve bids or associated images.

- **Bid Class**

Records each user's bid activity. Attributes include bid ID, auction ID, user ID, amount, and timestamp. Methods such as placeBid() and

validateBid() ensure valid and competitive bidding, while getBidHistory() retrieves all bids for a given auction.

- **Transaction Class**

Handles payment and transaction details after an auction ends. It stores buyer/seller IDs, auction ID, amount, transaction date, status, and payment method. The createTransaction() and updateStatus() methods manage financial processes and confirm transactions.

- **Notification Class**

Manages system notifications sent to users for updates such as successful bids, auction results, or payment confirmations. Methods like sendNotification() and markAsRead() enhance real-time user interaction and system communication.

- **AuctionImage Class**

Handles image uploads for auction items. Each image is linked to an auction and includes methods for uploading and setting the primary display image.

- **ClarevokedToken Class**

Tracks and manages revoked authentication tokens for enhanced security. It ensures that expired or invalid JWT tokens are properly handled, maintaining safe user sessions.

OOP Concept Application:

- **Encapsulation:**

Each class maintains private or protected attributes with public methods for controlled access. For instance, user credentials are never directly exposed, preserving system integrity.

- **Abstraction:**

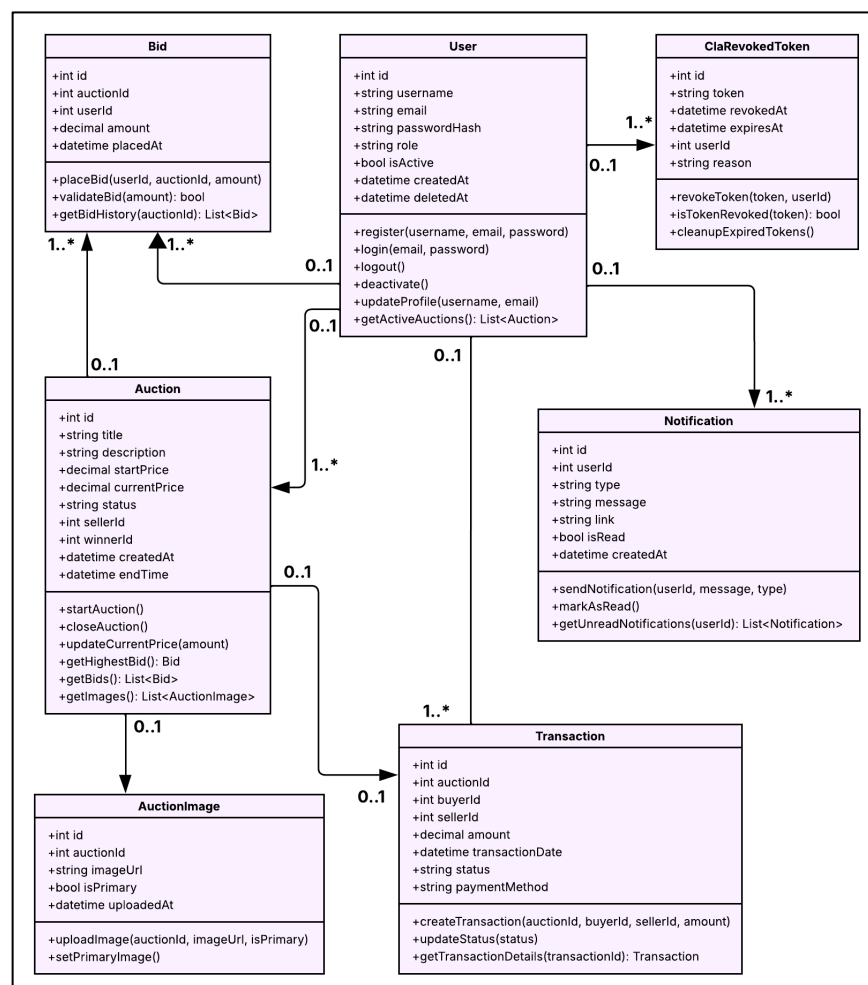
Complex processes like bidding validation and transaction updates are encapsulated within methods, hiding unnecessary implementation details from the user interface.

- **Association and Aggregation:**

Classes are interlinked logically—one user can have multiple bids, notifications, and transactions; one auction can include multiple images and bids.

- **Polymorphism:**

Functions such as `sendNotification()` or `createTransaction()` adapt behavior based on parameters passed, allowing flexibility in system operations.



8.2. ER Diagram

The Flow Diagram illustrates how data and control move through the Auction Website System. It defines the logical relationships between entities User, Bid, Transaction, Notification, and RevokedToken showing how each component interacts during the auction process.

The diagram shows that users are at the core of the system. They can create auctions, place bids, and receive updates in real time. The flow ensures smooth communication between all modules, maintaining data consistency and traceability across every operation.

Key Data Flows Explained:

- **User → Auction**

In our auction system, users place bids until the auction closes, and the highest bidder automatically becomes the winner. The winner receives a notification to proceed with payment via Stripe's test payment portal. Once the payment is successful, the admin is notified, reviews the transaction in the admin panel, and approves it for shipping.

- **User ↔ Bid**

Users place bids on active auctions. Each bid contains information about the auction, the bidder, the amount, and the time placed. Multiple bids can belong to the same auction, allowing competitive bidding.

- **User ↔ Transaction**

Once an auction ends, the winning bidder and the seller are linked through a transaction record. This transaction includes buyer ID, seller ID, amount, auction ID, and date, ensuring that payment and delivery are traceable.

- **User ↔ Notification**

Users receive system notifications for actions such as new bids, auction

wins, and payment confirmations. Each notification includes the user ID, message, and reading status to improve communication and engagement.

- **User ↔ RevokedToken**

For security purposes, revoked tokens are tracked to prevent unauthorized access. Each token includes the user ID, reason, and expiration details.

System Logic Flow Summary:

- 1. Auction Creation:**

A seller logs in and creates an auction with details such as title, description, start price, and duration.

- 2. Bidding Phase:**

Buyer's place bids on active auctions. The system validates each bid and updates the current price dynamically.

- 3. Auction Closure:**

When the auction ends, the highest bid is identified as the winner.

- 4. Transaction Handling:**

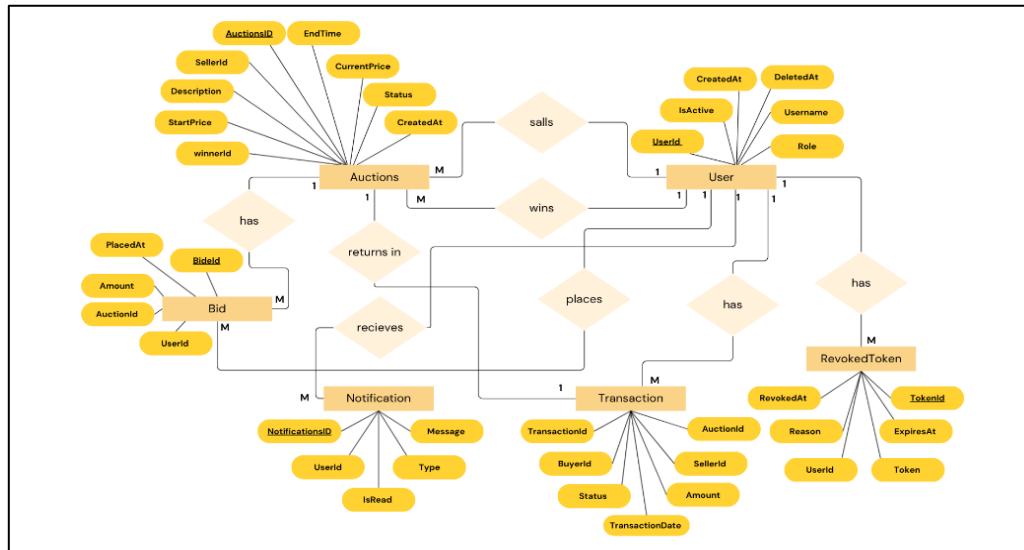
When the auction ends, the highest bidder is notified to pay via Stripe's test portal, and once payment succeeds, the admin verifies it and approves the order for shipping

- 5. Notification Trigger:**

Both parties receive real-time notifications confirming auction results and transaction updates.

- 6. Security & Session Control:**

Revoked tokens are logged to manage secure authentication and prevent token reuse.



8.3. Use Case Diagram

Description:

The use case diagram illustrates the primary interactions between actors and the system.

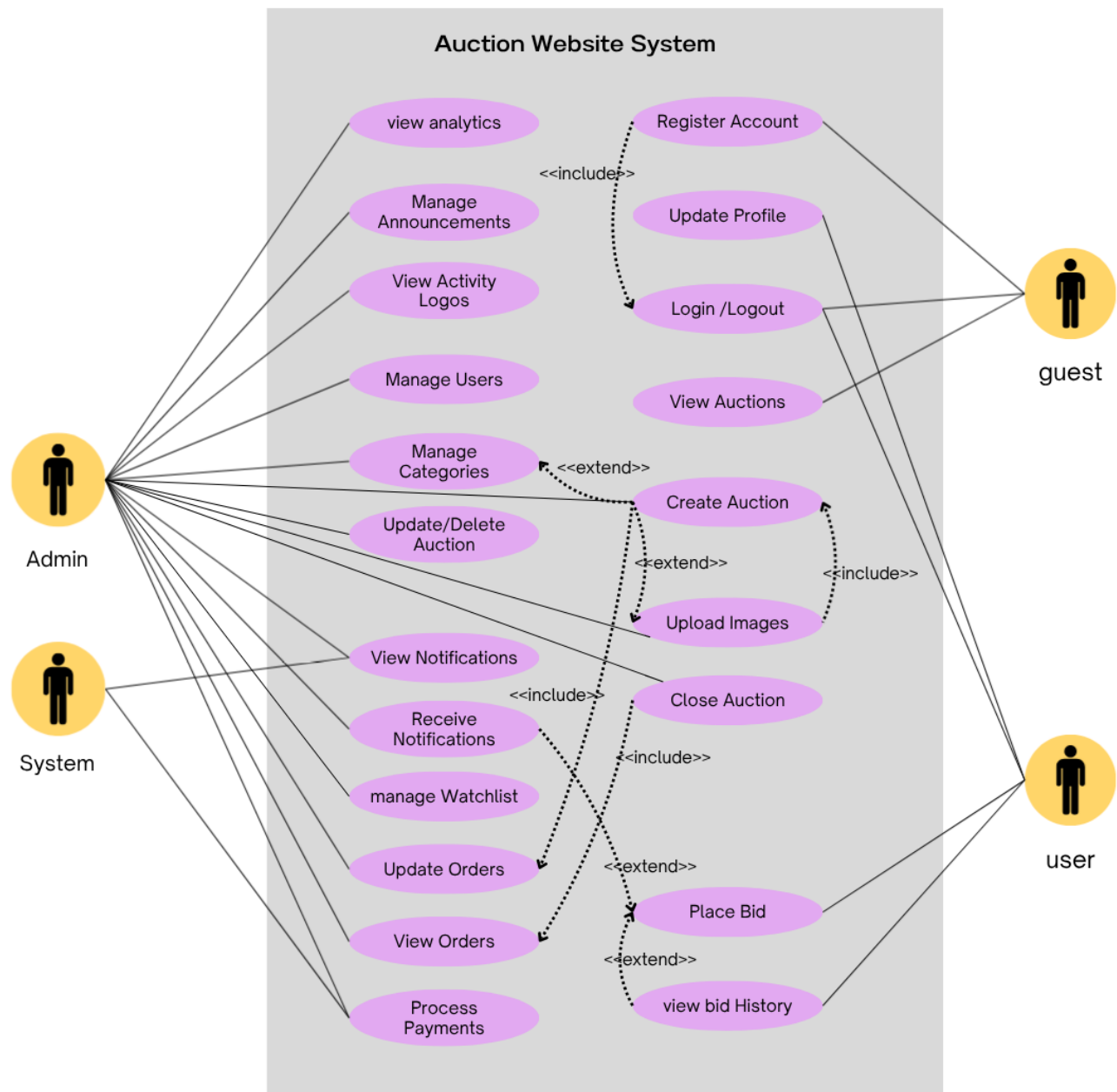
There are three main actors: User, Admin, and System.

- User can register, log in, create auctions, place bids, make payments, view transactions, and receive notifications.
- Admin manages users and auctions, views reports, sends notifications, and handles token revocation.
- System automatically handles notifications and token revocations in the background.

Includes/Extends Relationships:

- The PlaceBid, CreateAuction, and MakePayment actions include Login, meaning authentication is required for these operations.
- The ViewTransaction use case extends MakePayment, since transactions appear after payments.

- The ManageAuctions use case extends RevokeTokens, showing administrative control dependencies.



Purpose:

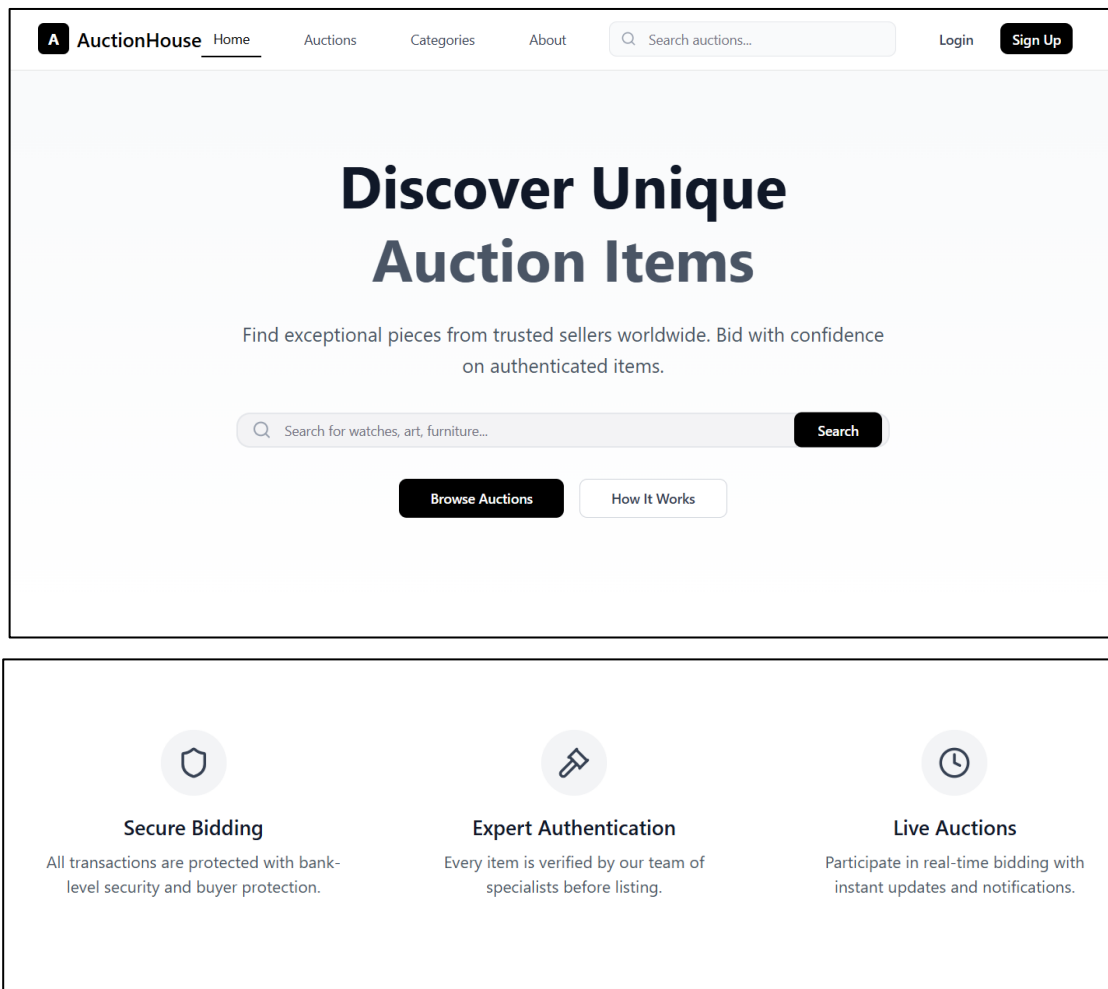
This diagram provides a high-level view of system functionality, showing how different users interact with system features and how use cases are related.

9. System Interfaces

The Auction House System includes several key interfaces:

- **Home Page:** Displays active and upcoming auctions.
- **Login/Register Page:** Allows user authentication and account creation.
- **Dashboard:** Displays the user's auctions and bidding history.
- **Auction Details Page:** Shows auction details, bid history, and a live bidding interface.
- **Bidding Interface:** Real-time updates of the highest bid using SignalR.

Home page



Featured Auctions

Handpicked items ending soon

View All →



342

Watches

Vintage Omega Speedmaster Professional

Current Bid **\$2,850**

2d 14h 32m

View Details



189

Furniture

Mid-Century Modern Lounge Chair

Current Bid **\$1,250**

5h 42m

View Details



256

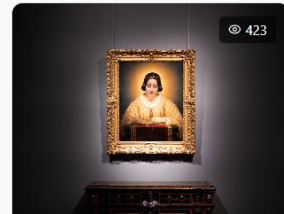
Electronics

Leica M3 35mm Film Camera

Current Bid **\$890**

1d 8h 15m

View Details



423

Art

Original Oil Painting - Abstract Landscape

Current Bid **\$1,680**

3d 2h 8m

View Details

Login and register pages

← Back to Home



Welcome Back

Sign in to your account to start bidding

Email Address

anuhas@gmail.com

Password

.....

☐ Remember me

[Forgot password?](#)

Sign In

Don't have an account? [Sign up](#)

← Back to Home



Create Account

Join our community of collectors and bidders

Username

Email Address

Enter your email

Password

Enter your password

Password must be at least 4 characters long

Confirm Password


Confirm your password

☐ I agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)


Create Account

[Already have an account? Sign in](#)


User Dashboard - Overview




anuhas
anuhas@gmail.com
Member since 2025




10
Total Bids



3
Won Auctions



\$6,500
Total Spent



5
Saved Items

Overview

My Bids


Won Items

Transactions

Notifications

Active Bids


View All →




Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar
Your bid: \$4000 outbid
14h 15m left

Recently Watched


View All →



shoes
Current bid: \$3000
2d 8h 51m left



test23q232
Current bid: \$600
1d 5h 55m left



IPHONE 17 PRO MAX
Current bid: \$5000
4d 15h 53m left

User Dashboard – My bids (Current bids user placed)

Overview


My Bids

Won Items

Transactions

Notifications

Active Bids



Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar
Your bid: \$4000 Current: \$5000
14h 15m remaining

outbid Bid Again

User Dashboard – Won Items

Overview

My Bids


Won Items

Transactions

Notifications


Won Auctions & Orders

Track your winning bids and payment status



shoes
Final bid: \$3000.00
Won 7 hours ago
Order #1005

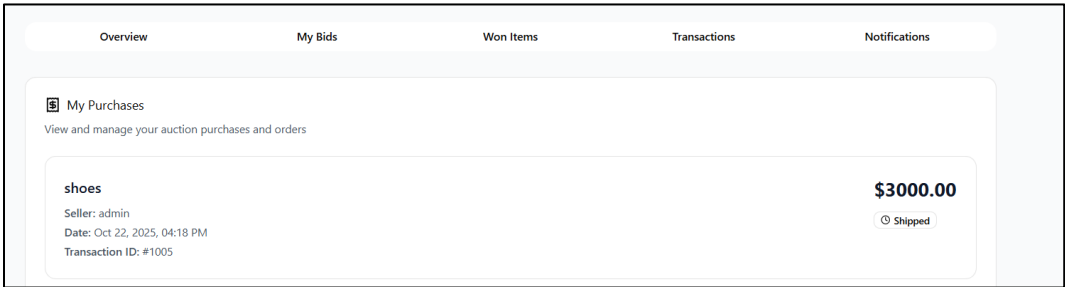
Shipped



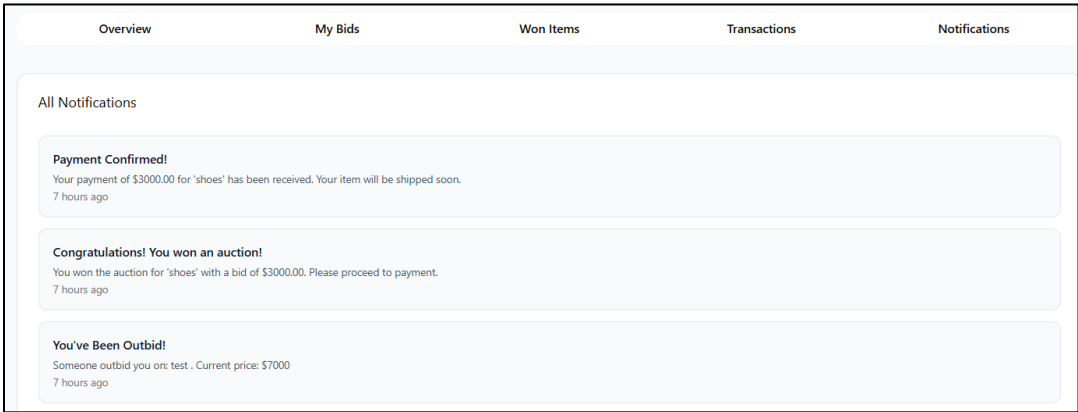
Item Shipped!
Your item is on the way!

View Auction

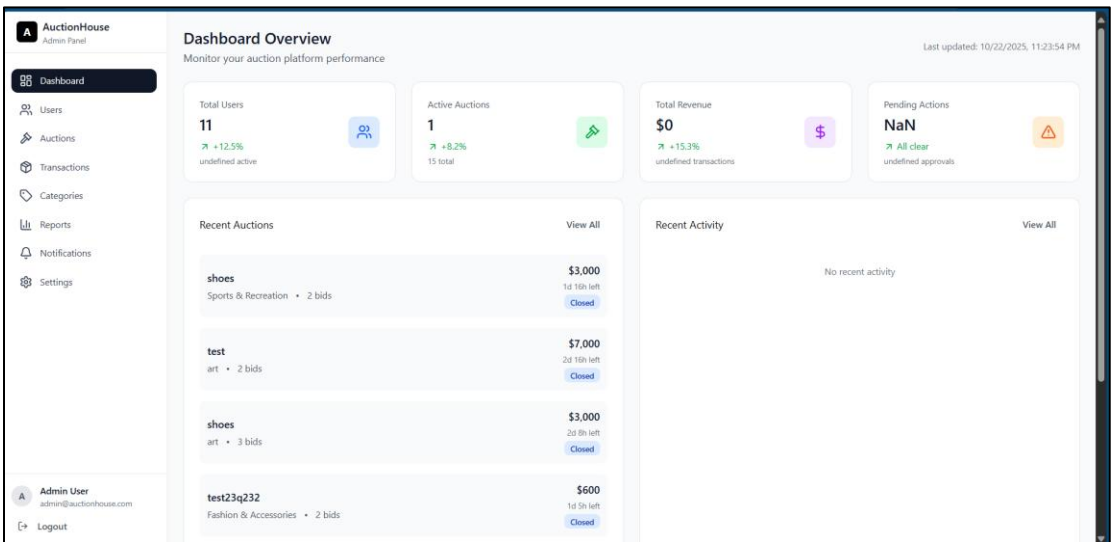
User Dashboard - Transactions



User Dashboard - Notifications



Admin Dashboard – Overview page



Admin Dashboard – User Management page

AuctionHouse
Admin Panel

Dashboard
Users
Auctions
Transactions
Categories
Reports
Notifications
Settings

User Management
Manage user accounts and permissions

Export Users

11 Total Users
10 Active Users
1 Inactive
0 Suspended

User Directory

Search users... All Status Newest First

User	Status	Role	Joined Date	Actions
P presha presha@gmail.com	Active	User	10/22/2025	...
K kasuntha kasuntha@gmail.com	Active	User	10/22/2025	...
N nipuna nipuna@gmail.com	Active	User	10/22/2025	...
D dinitha dinitha@gmail.com	Active	User	10/22/2025	...
A anuhas anuhas@gmail.com	Active	User	10/21/2025	...
T testuser testuser@example.com	Suspended	User	10/21/2025	...
C collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	Active	User	10/21/2025	...
J jane_smith jane.smith@gmail.com	Active	Admin	10/21/2025	...

Admin User
admin@auctionhouse.com
Logout

Actions on users

View Profile

Change Role

Set as Admin

Suspend User

Delete User

Admin Dashboard – Auctions management page

Create New Auction

Title * (5-100 characters)

Enter auction title

0/100 characters

Description * (20-1000 characters)

Describe the item in detail (minimum 20 characters)

0/1000 characters (20 more needed)

Category *

Select a category

Starting Price * (\$)

0.00


Start Time *

mm/dd/yyyy --:-- --

End Time *

mm/dd/yyyy --:-- --

Images



Click to upload or drag and drop

PNG, JPG, GIF up to 5MB (0/5)

Select Images

Cancel

Create Auction

Admin Dashboard - Create new auction page

A

AuctionHouse

Admin Panel

Dashboard

Users

Auctions

Transactions

Categories

Reports

Notifications

Settings

A

Admin User

admin@auctionhouse.com

Logout

Auction Management

Monitor and manage all auction listings

+ Create New Auction

14

Total Auctions

1

Open

2

Pending Approval

10

Closed/Sold

Auction Directory

Search auctions...

All Categories

All Status

All

Open

Pending

Closed/Sold

Flagged

Auction	Category	Status	Current Price	Start Time	End Time	Actions
shoes ID: 1014	Sports & Recreation	Closed	\$3,000 2 bids	10/22/2025	10/24/2025	...
test ID: 1013	art	Closed	\$7,000 2 bids	10/22/2025	10/25/2025	...
shoes ID: 13	art	Closed	\$3,000 3 bids	10/22/2025	10/25/2025	...
test23q232 ID: 12	Fashion & Accessories	Closed	\$600 2 bids	10/22/2025	10/24/2025	...
Ja 3 "Spooky Season" ID: 11	Sports & Recreation	Closed	\$500 3 bids	10/21/2025	10/24/2025	...
Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG "Pro Green" ID: 9	Sports & Recreation	Pending	\$150 0 bids	10/21/2025	10/30/2025	...
IPHONE 17 PRO MAX ID: 8	Electronics	Closed	\$5,000 4 bids	10/21/2025	10/27/2025	...

Admin Dashboard – Transactions Management page

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Admin Panel

Dashboard

Users

Auctions

Transactions

Categories

Reports

Notifications

Settings

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Admin User

admin@auctionhouse.com

Logout

Transaction Management

Manage payments, shipping, and order fulfillment

Pending (1)

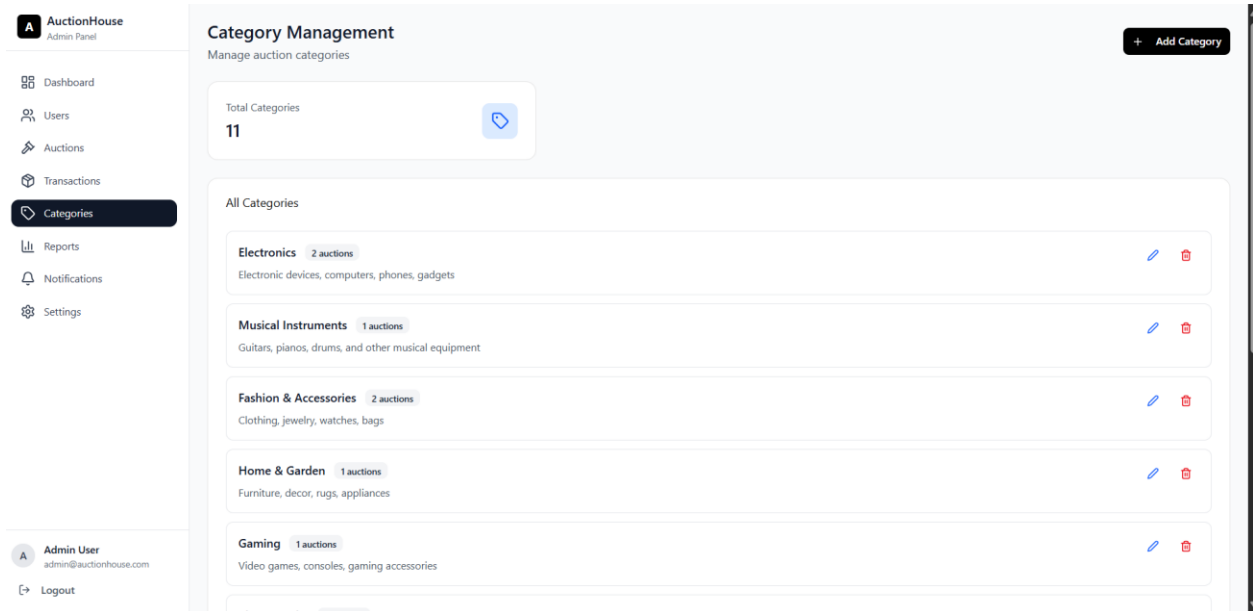
Paid (0)

Shipped (6)

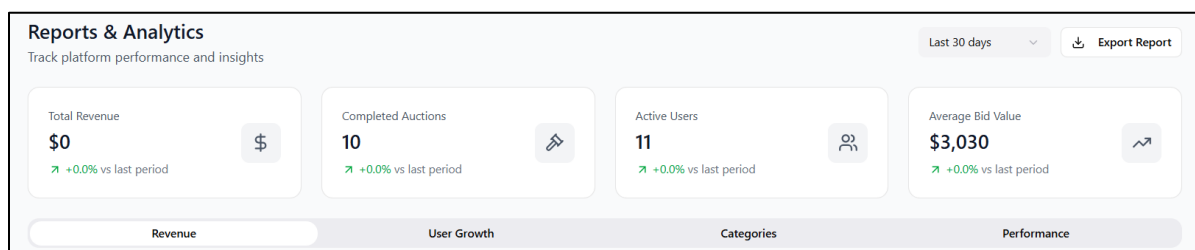
Completed (0)

ID	Auction	Buyer	Amount	Status	Date	Actions
#1005	shoes Auction #1014	anuhass anuhass@gmail.com	\$3000.00	Shipped	10/22/2025	Shipped Tracking: test
#1004	test Auction #1013	nipuna nipuna@gmail.com	\$7000.00	Shipped	10/22/2025	Shipped Tracking: test
#5	shoes Auction #13	anuhass anuhass@gmail.com	\$3000.00	Shipped	10/22/2025	Shipped Tracking: test
#4	IPHONE 17 PRO MAX Auction #8	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$5000.00	Pending	10/22/2025	Waiting for payment...
#3	test23q232 Auction #12	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$600.00	Shipped	10/22/2025	Shipped Tracking: rug2232
#2	Ja 3 "Spooky Season" Auction #11	anuhass anuhass@gmail.com	\$500.00	Shipped	10/21/2025	Shipped Tracking: rug23121
#1	Rolex Submariner Date - 2023 Model Auction #3	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$9500.00	Shipped	10/21/2025	Shipped Tracking: 2wqwe22

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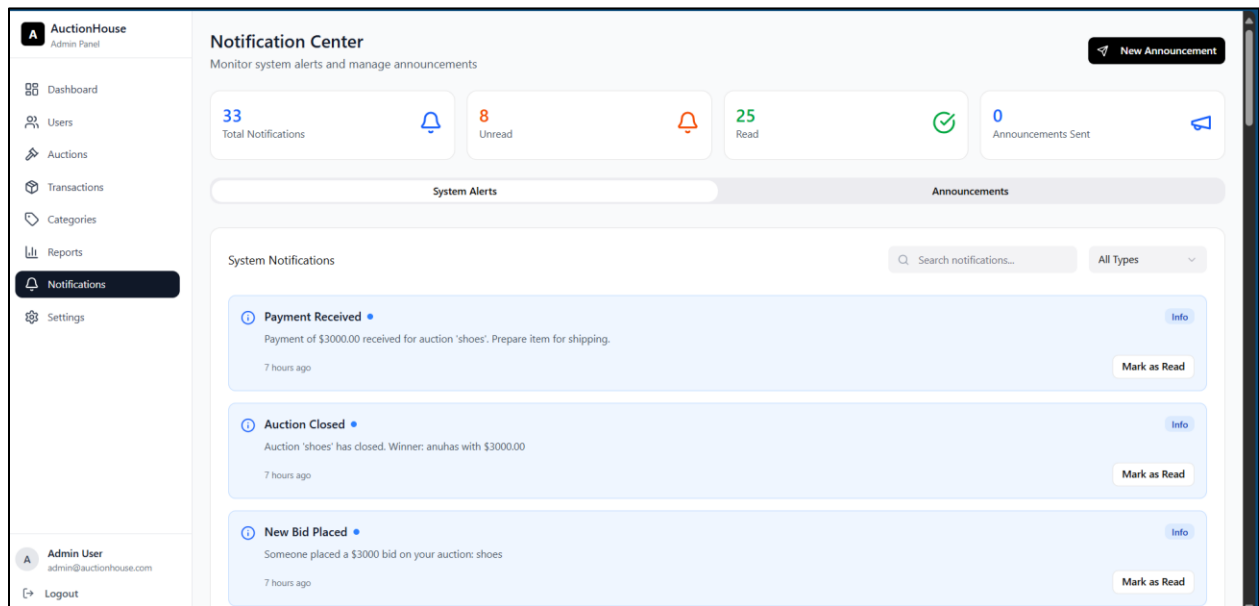
Admin Dashboard – Analytics page



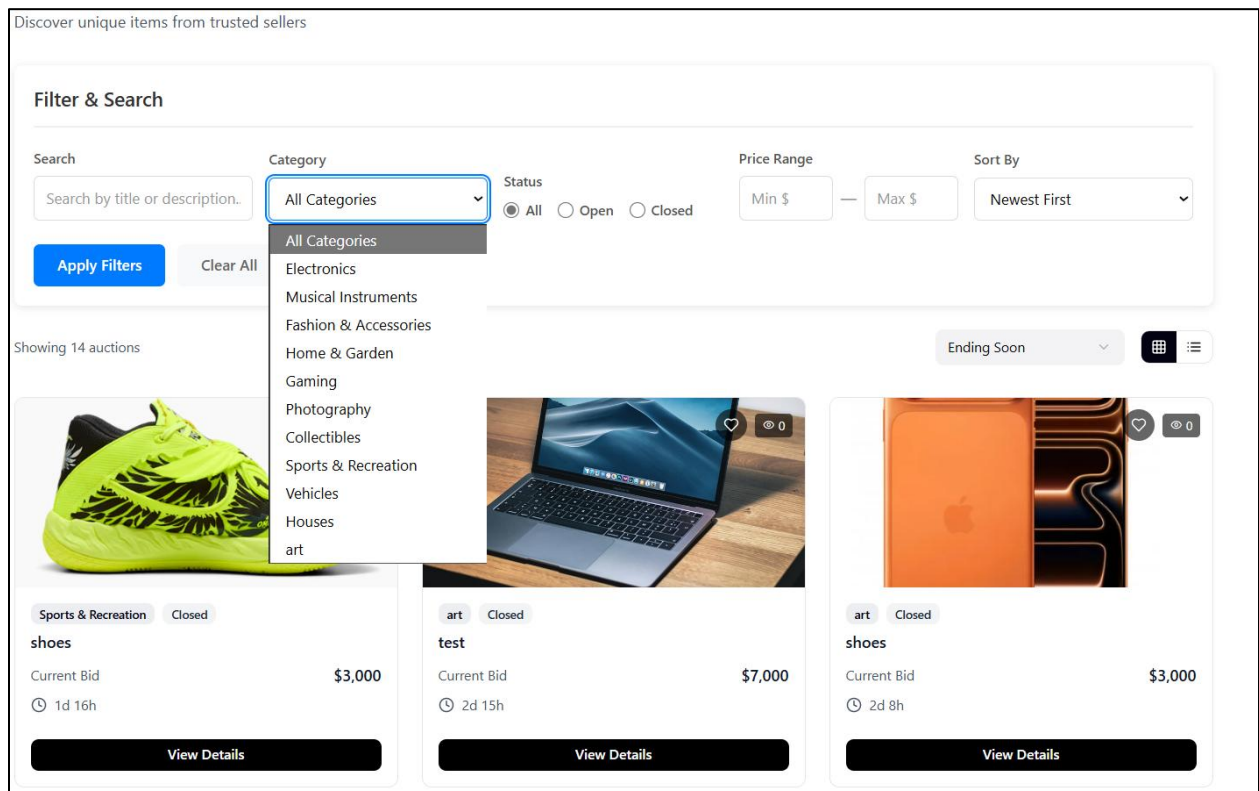
Admin Dashboard – Auction Category management page

This screenshot shows the 'Category Management' page with a 'Create New Category' modal open. The modal has a title bar with a close button (X). It contains two input fields: 'Category Name *' with a placeholder 'e.g., Electronics, Jewelry, Art' and 'Description' with a placeholder 'Brief description of this category'. At the bottom of the modal are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create Category'.

Admin Dashboard – Notifications center






Auction pages



Bids page

[← Back to Auctions](#)





Description

Rare vintage Gibson Les Paul Standard in excellent condition. Cherry sunburst finish with original hardware. Perfect for collectors and professional musicians.

Musical Instruments

Open

Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar

0 views

1 watching

Current Bid

\$5,000

6 bids

Time Remaining

14

Hours

07

Min

54

Sec

Minimum bid:

\$5,050

Enter \$5050 or more

Place Bid

Secure bidding with buyer protection

Bid History

C	c***e	3 hours ago	\$5,000
A	a***s		\$4,000

User got outbid notification

Notifications

1 new

✓ Mark all read

×

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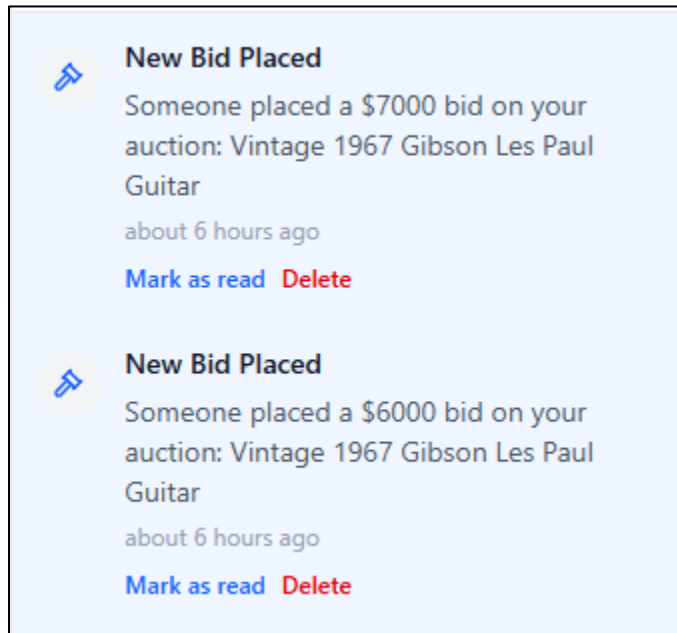
You've Been Outbid!

Someone outbid you on: Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar. Current price: \$7000

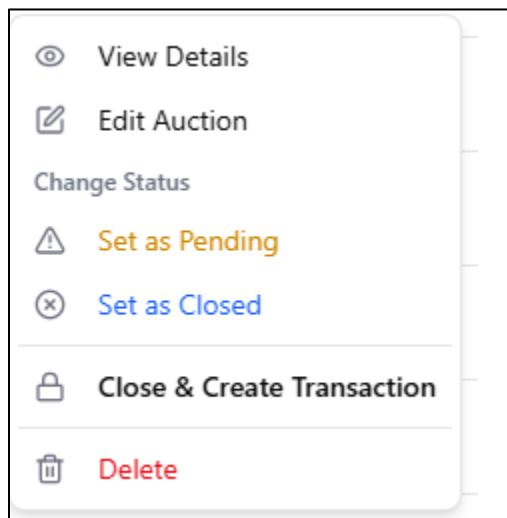
about 6 hours ago

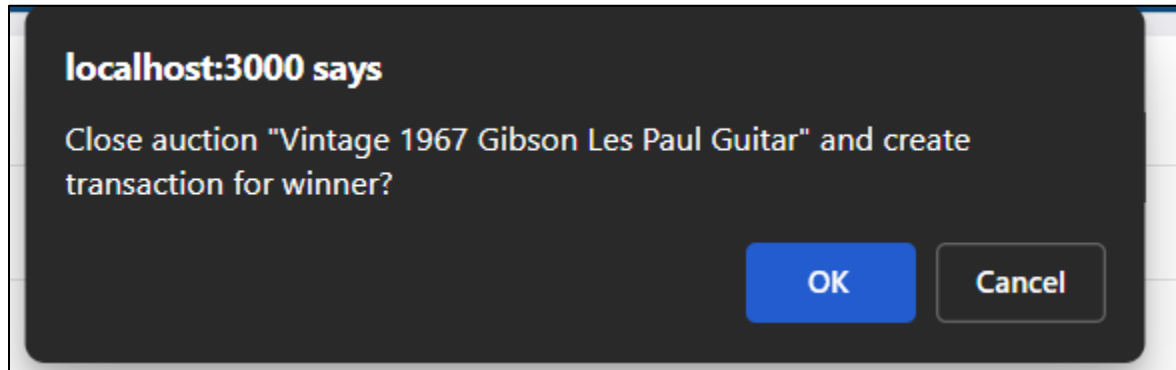
[Mark as read](#) [Delete](#)

Admin notification



Admin closing auction (can be triggered by time limit as well)





New transaction logged

ID	Auction	Buyer	Amount	Status	Date	Actions
#1006	Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar Auction #1	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$7000.00	Pending	10/22/2025	Waiting for payment...

User notification of winning and payment





TEST MODE

Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar

\$7,000.00

Auction #1 - Won Item



Pay with  link

Or

Email

mike.collector@gmail.com

Payment method


Card information

4242 4242 4242 4242

VISA

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Cardholder name

dav


Country or region


Sri Lanka

☐ Save my information for faster checkout

Pay securely on this site and everywhere Link is accepted.

Pay

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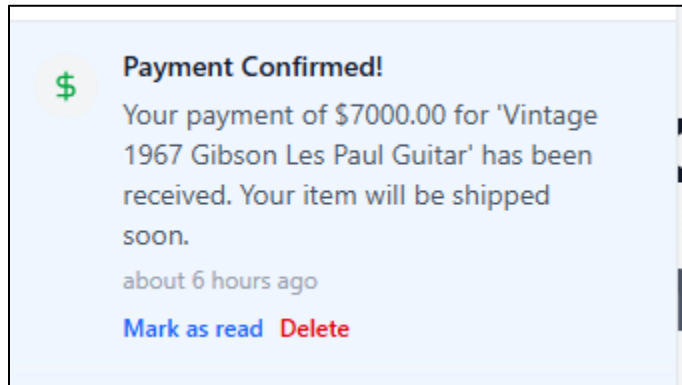
Payment Successful!

Thank you for your payment. Your transaction has been completed successfully. You will receive a confirmation email shortly.

The seller will prepare your item for shipping. You'll be notified once your item has been shipped.

View My Dashboard

Browse More Auctions



```
C:\Program Files>stripe listen --forward-to http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook
> Ready! You are using Stripe API Version [2025-09-30.clover]. Your webhook signing secret is whsec_d529b1e0c2ee9911c71e
c9561823e9ace9b3d1c1d965a7505765dc1dbd57d33a (^C to quit)
2025-10-22 23:37:52 --> payment_intent.succeeded [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1N4H0b5e]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 <-- [200] POST http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1N4H0b5e]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 --> checkout.session.completed [evt_1SL6RtBUCSMAUiMu0JKwdW8L]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 <-- [200] POST http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook [evt_1SL6RtBUCSMAUiMu0JKwdW8L]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 --> charge.succeeded [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1aK8uz1Q]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 --> payment_intent.created [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1NY2ktZ6]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 <-- [200] POST http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1NY2ktZ6]
2025-10-22 23:37:52 <-- [200] POST http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1aK8uz1Q]
2025-10-22 23:37:56 --> charge.updated [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1rGprL9A]
2025-10-22 23:37:56 <-- [200] POST http://localhost:5021/api/payments/webhook [evt_3SL6RsBUCSMAUiMu1rGprL9A]
```

Admin shipping confirmation after successful payment

ID	Auction	Buyer	Amount	Status	Date	Actions
#1006	Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar Auction #1	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$7000.00	Paid	10/22/2025	Add Shipping Mark Shipped

Update Shipping Info

Transaction #1006 - Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar

Shipping Address

8.park lane, nugegoda

Tracking Number

nuge23232

Shipping Method

ups

Admin Notes

packed securely

Save Shipping Info

Cancel

ID	Auction	Buyer	Amount	Status	Date	Actions
#1006	Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar Auction #1	collector_mike mike.collector@gmail.com	\$7000.00	Shipped	10/22/2025	Shipped Tracking: nuge23232

My Purchases

View and manage your auction purchases and orders

Vintage 1967 Gibson Les Paul Guitar

Seller: admin
Date: Oct 22, 2025, 06:03 PM
Transaction ID: #1006

\$7000.00

Shipped

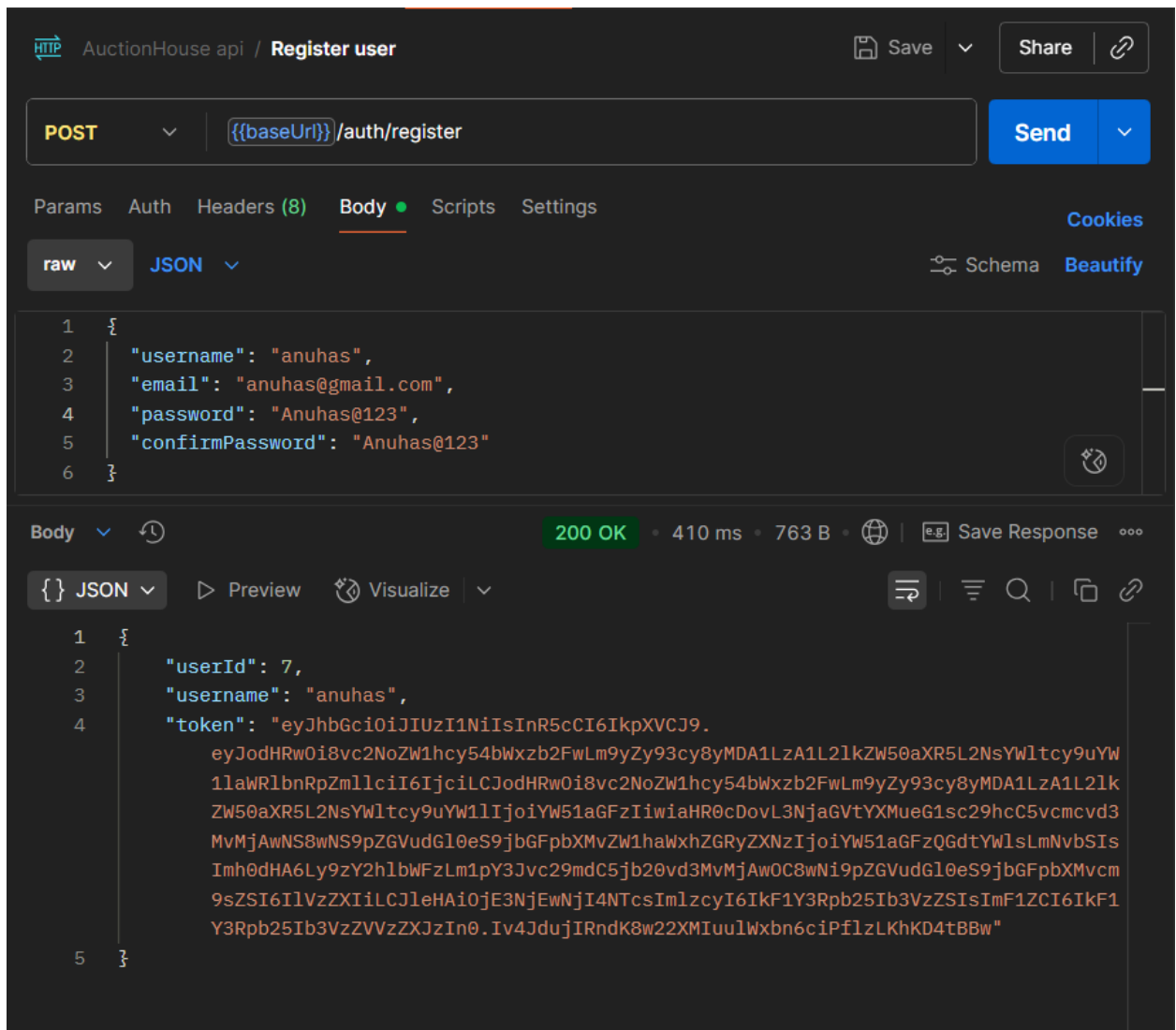
10. Testing and Evaluation

Multiple testing methods were applied during the development phase:

- **Unit Testing:** Conducted with xUnit for backend functions.
- **Integration Testing:** Verified data flow between frontend and backend using Postman.
- **Manual Testing:** Ensured the UI was responsive and user-friendly.

Post man testing screenshots

1. User registration



2. User login

The screenshot displays a REST client interface with a POST request to `{{baseUrl}}/auth/login`. The request body is a JSON object containing email and password. The response is a 200 OK status with a JSON body containing user details and a token.

Request:

```
POST {{baseUrl}}/auth/login
```

Params Auth Headers (8) **Body** Scripts Settings

raw JSON Schema Beautify

```
1 {
2   "email": "anuhas@gmail.com",
3   "password": "Anuhas@123"
4 }
```

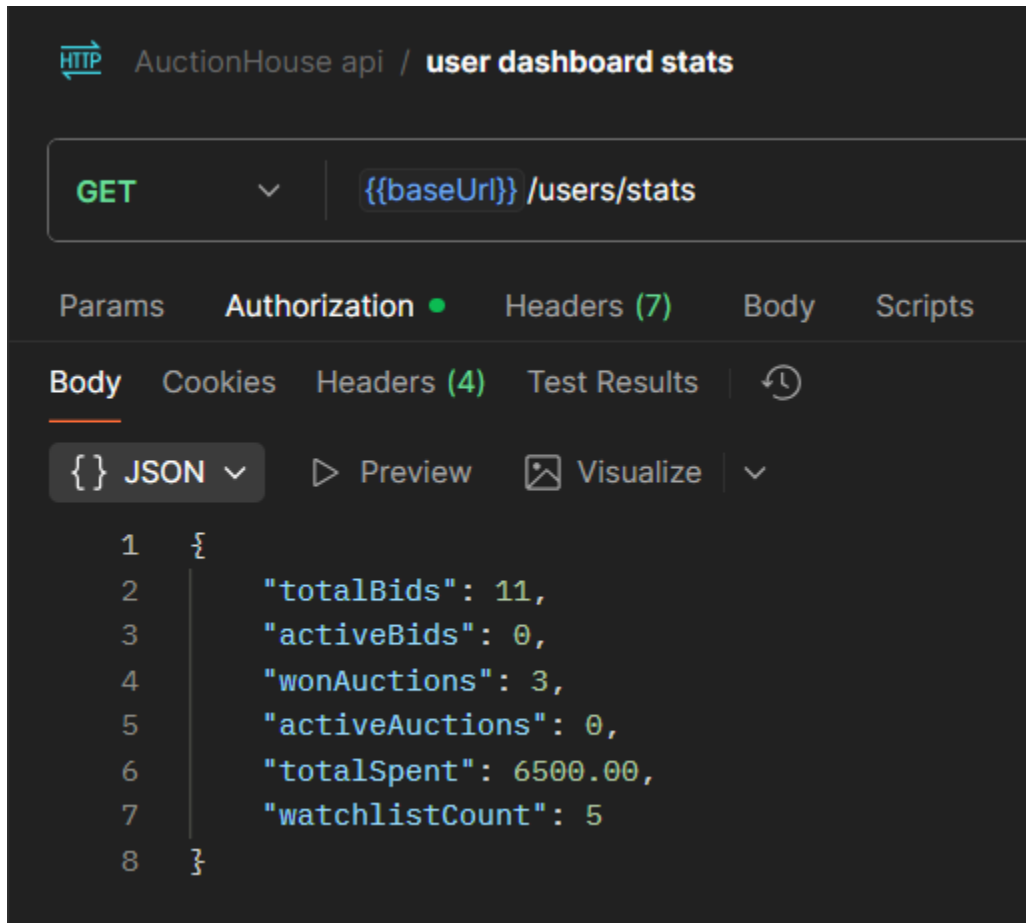
Response:

```
200 OK • 201 ms • 763 B • Save Response
```

JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 {
2   "userId": 7,
3   "username": "anuhas",
4   "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJodHRwOi8vc2NoZW1hcy54bWxzbnR5Zy93cy8yMDA1LzA1L2lkZW50aXR5L2NsYWltcy9uYW1laWRLbnRpbmllciI6IjciLCJodHRwOi8vc2NoZW1hcy54bWxzbnR5Zy93cy8yMDA1LzA1L2lkZW50aXR5L2NsYWltcy9uYW1lIjoieW51aGFzIiwiaHR0cDovL3NjaGVtYXMuG1sc29hcC5vcmcvd3MvMjAwNS8wNS9pZGVudG10eS9jbGFpbXMvZW1haWxhZGRyZXNzIjoieW51aGFzQGdtYWlsLmNvbSIsImh0dHA6Ly9zY2hlbWVzLm1pY3Jvc29mdC5jb20vd3MvMjAwOC8wNi9pZGVudG10eS9jbGFpbXMvcm9sZSI6IiVzZXIiLCJleHAiOjE3NjEwNjE5OTYsImZlcyI6IjY3Rpb25Ib3VzZSI6ImF1ZCI6IjY3Rpb25Ib3VzZVZzZXJzIn0.0KXmvo7k3EAShFGMzdB6EN4hDSjvkewg_7z2LJtniqQ"
5 }
```

2. User stats



The screenshot shows a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api'. The selected endpoint is 'user dashboard stats' with a GET method. The URL is '{{baseUrl}}/users/stats'. The 'Body' tab is active, displaying a JSON response with the following data:

```
1  {
2    "totalBids": 11,
3    "activeBids": 0,
4    "wonAuctions": 3,
5    "activeAuctions": 0,
6    "totalSpent": 6500.00,
7    "watchlistCount": 5
8  }
```


3. User bio update

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with a PUT request to `{{baseUrl}}/auth/profile`. The request body is a JSON object with the following fields: `bio`, `phoneNumber`, and `address`. The response body is a JSON object with the following fields: `id`, `username`, `email`, `role`, `profileImageUrl`, `phoneNumber`, `address`, `bio`, and `createdAt`.

```
PUT {{baseUrl}}/auth/profile
```

Params Authorization Headers (9) **Body** Scripts Settings

☐ none ☐ form-data ☐ x-www-form-urlencoded ☒ raw ☐ binary

```
1 {
2   "bio": "Passionate collector of vintage items",
3   "phoneNumber": "+94 77 458 25252",
4   "address": "8 ,park lane, nugegoda"
5 }
```

Body Cookies Headers (4) Test Results

{ } JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 {
2   "id": 7,
3   "username": "anuhas",
4   "email": "anuhas@gmail.com",
5   "role": "User",
6   "profileImageUrl": null,
7   "phoneNumber": "+94 77 458 25252",
8   "address": "8 ,park lane, nugegoda",
9   "bio": "Passionate collector of vintage items",
10  "createdAt": "2025-10-21T14:07:37.5417651"
11 }
```

4. Create auction

The screenshot displays a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api' with the endpoint 'create auction'. The request is a POST to '{{baseUrl}} /auctions' with a JSON body. The response is a 201 Created status, indicating the auction was successfully created. The response body contains detailed information about the new auction, including its ID, title, description, prices, and timestamps.

Request:

```
POST {{baseUrl}} /auctions
```

```
{
  "title": "Antique Pocket Watch Collection",
  "description": "Beautiful collection of 5 antique pocket watches from the early 1900s. All in working condition with original cases.",
  "startPrice": 500.00,
  "categoryId": 7,
}
```

Response: 201 Created • 198 ms • 656 B

```
{
  "id": 10,
  "title": "Antique Pocket Watch Collection",
  "description": "Beautiful collection of 5 antique pocket watches from the early 1900s. All in working condition with original cases.",
  "startPrice": 500.00,
  "currentPrice": 500.00,
  "startTime": "2025-10-21T17:00:00Z",
  "endTime": "2025-10-28T15:00:00Z",
  "createdAt": "2025-10-21T15:39:42.1877724Z",
  "sellerId": 1,
  "seller": null,
  "categoryId": 7,
  "category": null,
  "status": "Pending",
  "bids": [],
  "images": [],
  "transactions": []
}
```

5. Place bid

The screenshot shows a REST client interface for an API named "AuctionHouse api". The endpoint is `add bid` with a method of `POST` and a URL template `{{baseUrl}}/bids`. The request body is a JSON object with `"auctionId": 1` and `"amount": 4000.00`. The response is a `200 OK` status with a response time of `435 ms` and a body size of `244 B`. The response body is a JSON object containing `"id": 15`, `"auctionId": 1`, `"bidderId": 7`, `"amount": 4000.00`, and `"timestamp": "2025-10-21T16:11:43.3301754Z"`.

HTTP AuctionHouse api / add bid

Save Share

POST {{baseUrl}}/bids Send

Params Auth Headers (9) Body Scripts Settings

raw JSON Schema Beautify

```
1 {
2   "auctionId": 1,
3   "amount": 4000.00
4 }
```

Body 200 OK • 435 ms • 244 B • Save Response

{ JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 {
2   "id": 15,
3   "auctionId": 1,
4   "bidderId": 7,
5   "amount": 4000.00,
6   "timestamp": "2025-10-21T16:11:43.3301754Z"
7 }
```

6. Update auction

The screenshot shows a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api' with the endpoint 'update auction'. The request is a PUT to '{{baseUrl}} /auctions/10'. The request body is a JSON object with 'title', 'description', and 'startPrice' fields. The response is a 200 OK status with a JSON object containing 'id', 'title', 'description', 'startPrice', 'currentPrice', 'startTime', 'endTime', 'sellerId', 'status', 'categoryName', 'categoryId', 'imageUrls', and 'bidCount'.

Request:

```
PUT {{baseUrl}} /auctions/10
```

Body (JSON):

```
{
  "title": "Antique Pocket Watch Collection - UPDATED",
  "description": "Updated description with more details...",
  "startPrice": 550.00
}
```

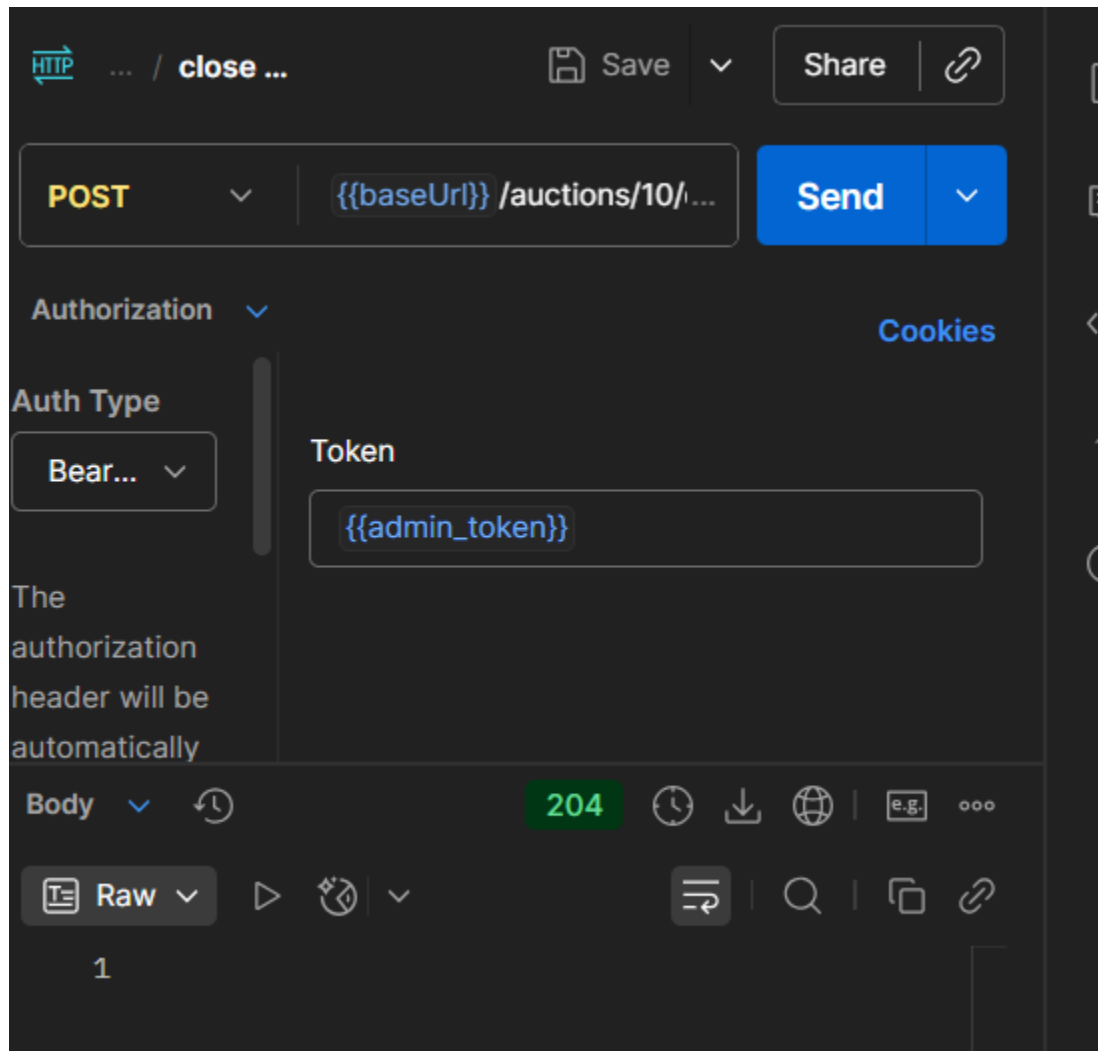
Response:

```
200 OK • 15 ms • 480 B
```

Body (JSON):

```
{
  "id": 10,
  "title": "Antique Pocket Watch Collection - UPDATED",
  "description": "Updated description with more details...",
  "startPrice": 500.00,
  "currentPrice": 500.00,
  "startTime": "2025-10-21T17:00:00",
  "endTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00",
  "sellerId": 1,
  "status": "Pending",
  "categoryName": "Uncategorized",
  "categoryId": 0,
  "imageUrls": [],
  "bidCount": 0
}
```

7. Close auction



The screenshot shows a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api' with the endpoint 'auction details'. The request is a GET to '{{baseUrl}}/auctions/10'. The authentication is set to 'Bearer...' with a token '{{user_token}}'. The response is a 200 OK status with a 21 ms response time and 479 B of data. The response body is a JSON object with the following details:

```
1  {
2    "id": 10,
3    "title": "Antique Pocket Watch Collection - UPDATED",
4    "description": "Updated description with more details...",
5    "startPrice": 500.00,
6    "currentPrice": 500.00,
7    "startTime": "2025-10-21T17:00:00",
8    "endTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00",
9    "sellerId": 1,
10   "status": "Closed",
11   "categoryName": "Uncategorized",
12   "categoryId": 0,
13   "imageUrls": [],
14   "bidCount": 0
15 }
```

8. Auction details

The screenshot shows a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api'. The request is a GET to `{{baseUrl}}/auctions/9` with a Bearer Token `{{user_token}}`. The response is a 200 OK status with a 215 ms latency and 956 B body. The JSON response is as follows:

```
1  {
2    "id": 9,
3    "title": "Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG \"Pro Green\"",
4    "description": "This iteration of the AJ1 reimagines Mike's first
                    signature model with a fresh mix of colors. Premium materials, soft
                    cushioning and a padded ankle collar offer total support and
                    celebrate the shoe that started it all.\n\nShown: Pale Ivory/Fir/
                    Coconut Milk/Pro Green\nStyle: FD2596-101",
5    "startPrice": 150.00,
6    "currentPrice": 150.00,
7    "startTime": "2025-10-21T15:22:00",
8    "endTime": "2025-10-30T15:18:00",
9    "sellerId": 1,
10   "status": "Pending",
11   "categoryName": "Sports & Recreation",
12   "categoryId": 8,
13   "imageUrls": [
14     "http://localhost:5021/api/images/
        dd7d1bc0-a716-4500-94b8-db4bd8943c4a.png",
15     "http://localhost:5021/api/images/
        4f9eef1f-953a-4b5b-9bee-d56605255af1.png",
16     "http://localhost:5021/api/images/
```

9. All auctions

The screenshot shows a REST client interface for the 'AuctionHouse api' with the endpoint 'get all auctions'. The request is a GET method to '{{baseUrl}} /auctions'. The response is a 200 OK status with a 31 ms response time and 4.75 KB of data. The response body is displayed in JSON format, showing a list of two auction items.

HTTP AuctionHouse api / get all auctions

GET {{baseUrl}} /auctions

Send

Params Auth Headers (6) Body Scripts Settings Cookies

Headers 6 hidden

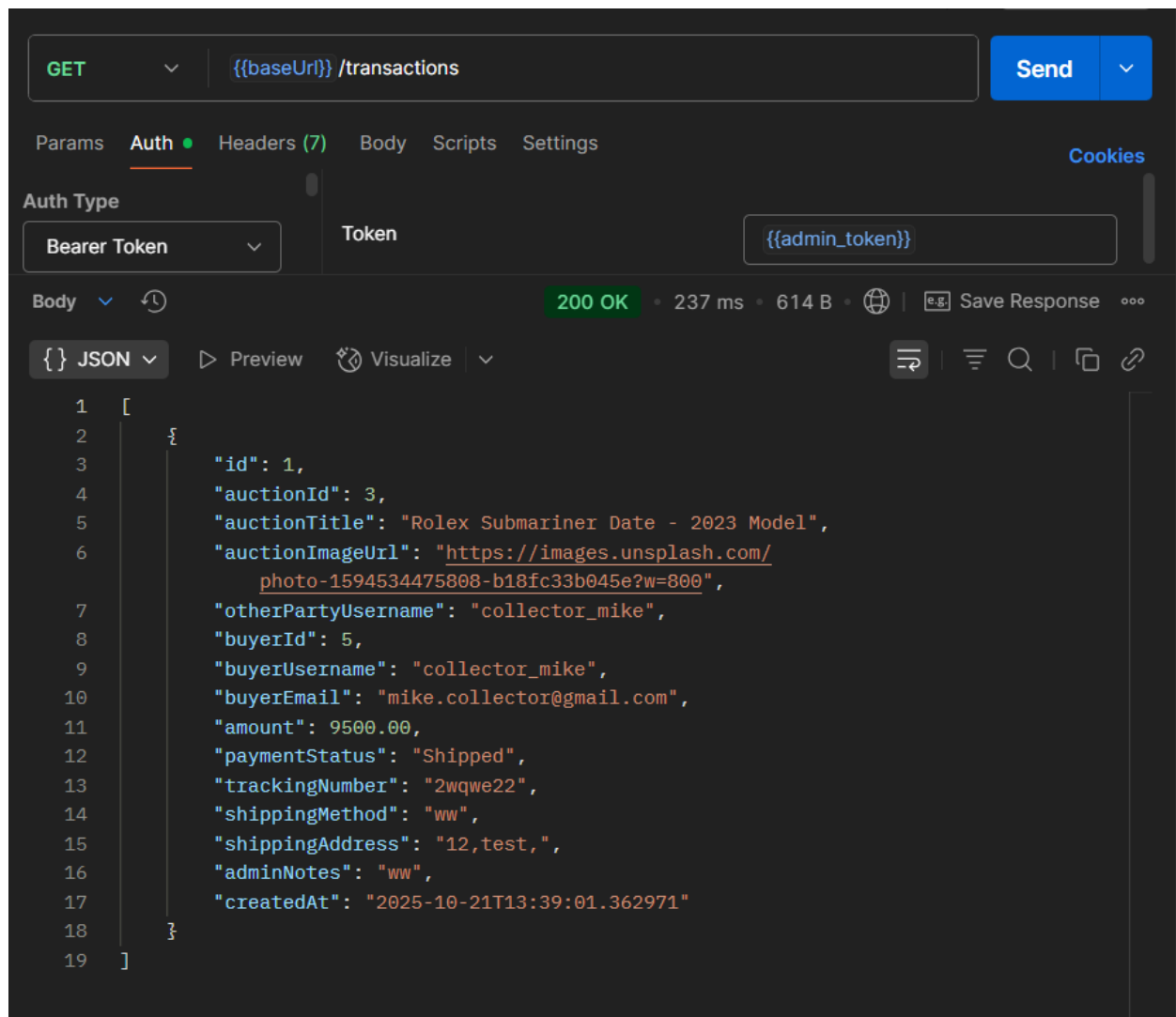
Key	Value
-----	-------

Body 200 OK • 31 ms • 4.75 KB • Save Response

{ } JSON Preview Visualize

```
1  [
2    {
3      "id": 9,
4      "title": "Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG \"Pro Green\"",
5      "description": "This iteration of the AJ1 reimagines Mike's first
        signature model with a fresh mix of colors. Premium materials,
        soft cushioning and a padded ankle collar offer total support and
        celebrate the shoe that started it all.\n\nShown: Pale Ivory/Fir/
        Coconut Milk/Pro Green\nStyle: FD2596-101",
6      "currentPrice": 150.00,
7      "startTime": "2025-10-21T15:22:00",
8      "endTime": "2025-10-30T15:18:00",
9      "status": "Pending",
10     "categoryName": "Sports & Recreation",
11     "categoryId": 8,
12     "primaryImageUrl": "http://localhost:5021/api/images/
        dd7d1bc0-a716-4500-94b8-db4bd8943c4a.png",
13     "bidCount": 0
14   },
15   {
16     "id": 8,
17     "title": "IPHONE 17 PRO MAX",
18     "description": "iPhone 17 Pro Max smartphone delivers exceptional
```


10. All transactions



All tests confirmed that the application's functionality, including real-time updates and data consistency, worked as expected.

11. Results and Discussion

The Auction House System successfully achieved its primary goal providing a **real-time, secure, and scalable auction platform**.

The use of layered architecture improved maintainability, while SignalR enabled smooth real-time communication. Applying design patterns helped maintain clean code organization and reduced technical complexity.

12. Conclusion

The developed system demonstrates the effective combination of **modern web technologies** and **solid architectural principles**. It provides users with efficient and engaging auction experience.

Future enhancements could include **AI-based analytics**, and **mobile application extensions** to improve user accessibility and engagement.

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