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Overview

Developing a full-stack application means building a comprehensive software system that includes both the **frontend**—the part users see and interact with—and the **backend**, which manages data, server logic, and communication with databases and APIs.

Objective

The goal of this lab is to design and implement a fully functional full-stack application. This involves:

- Crafting an intuitive and responsive **user interface** using frontend technologies
- Building robust **server-side logic** to handle requests, process data, and manage interactions with a database
- Ensuring seamless **API communication** between the frontend and backend components

Tools & Environment Setup

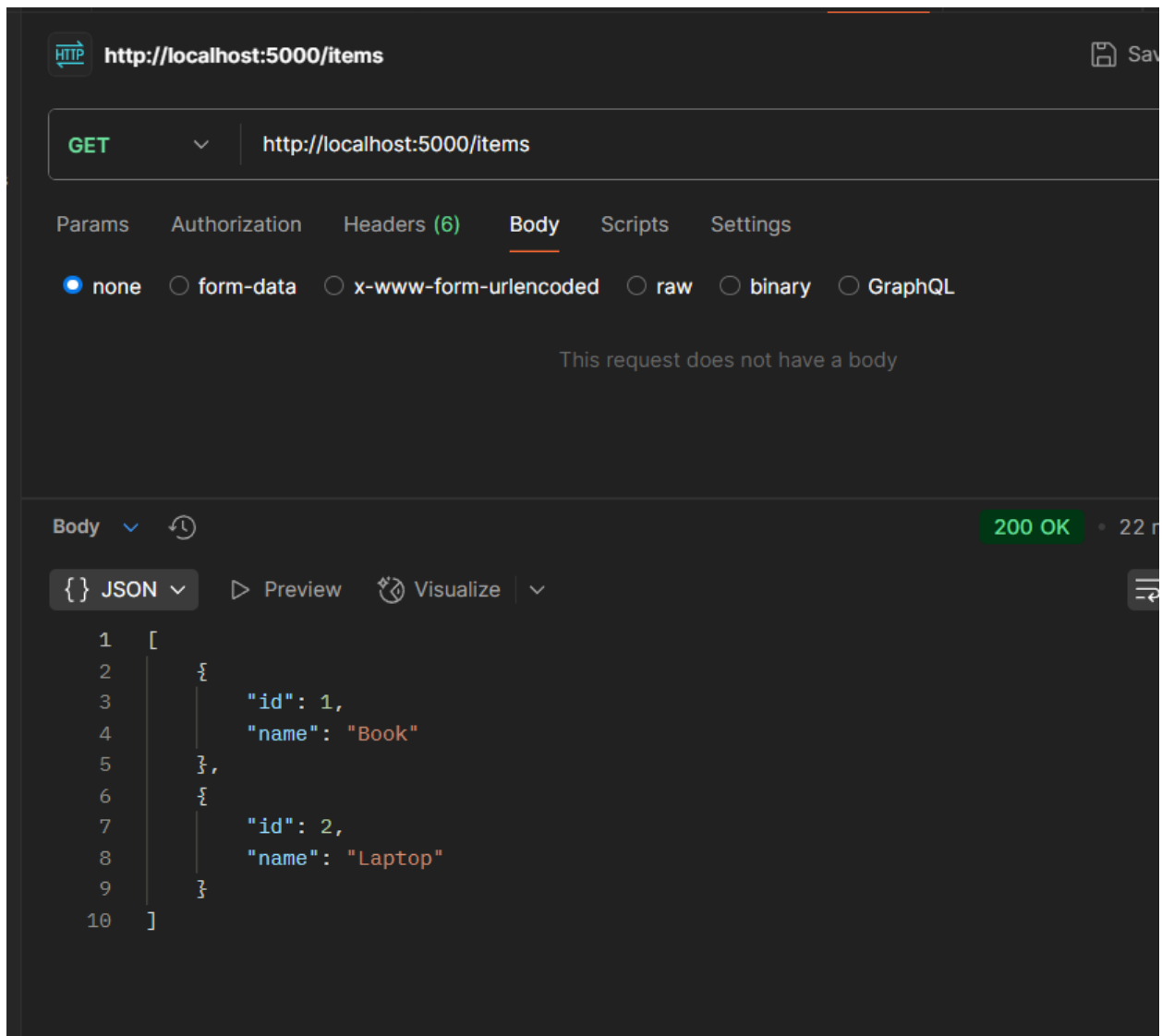
To successfully build and test the application, you'll use the following tools:

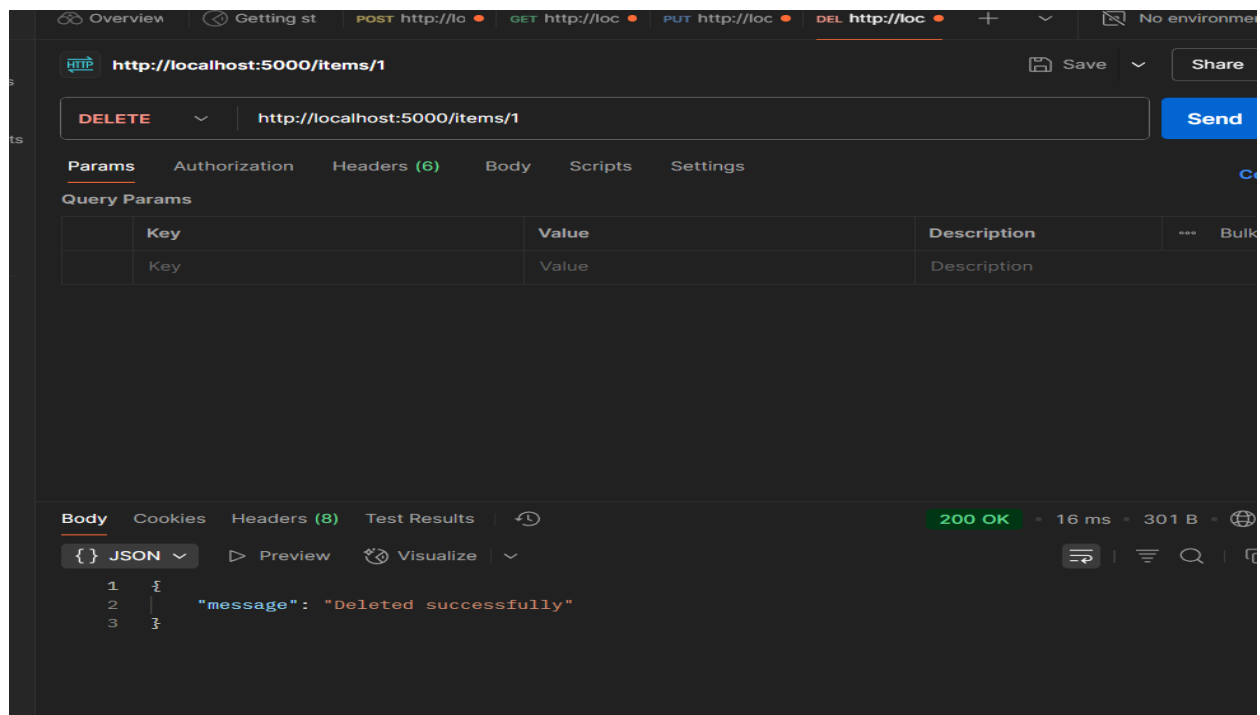
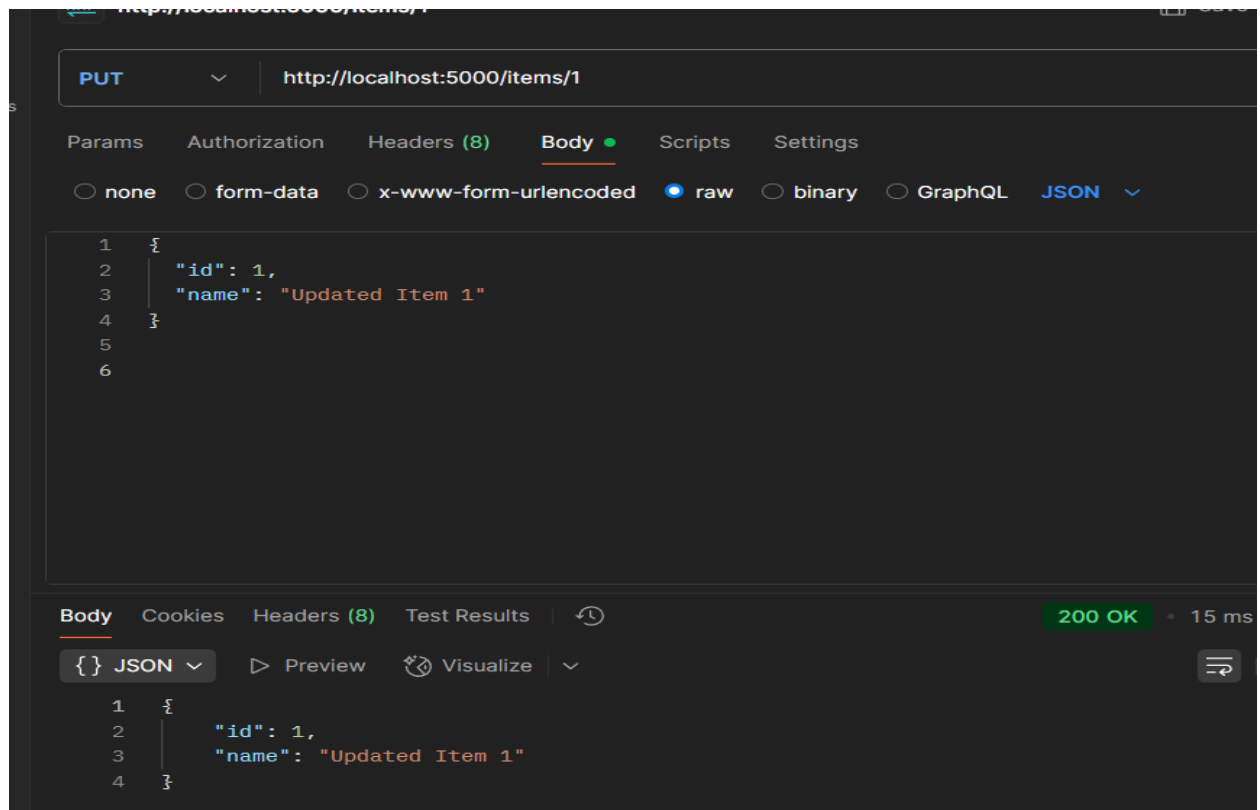
- **Backend Framework:** Express.js for creating the server and handling API routes
- **Frontend Framework:** React (initialized with Vite for fast development and optimized builds)
- **API Testing:** Tools like Postman or browser console to test endpoints and debug requests
- **Code Editor:** Visual Studio Code (VS Code) for writing and managing your codebase efficiently

Lab Tasks:

1. Backend API (Reuse Previous Work or Use a Sample)

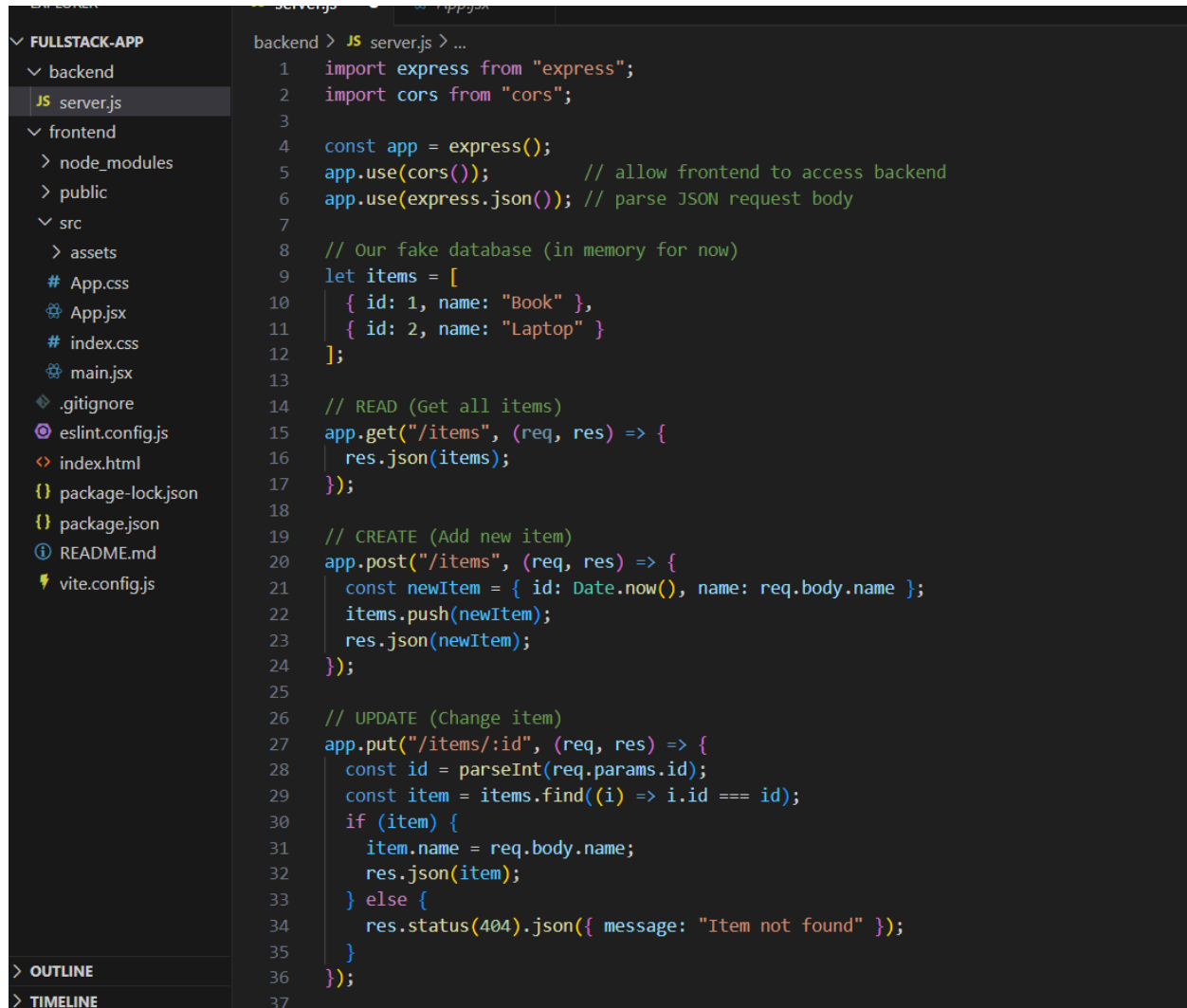
- Ensure your backend is running and exposes basic CRUD routes (e.g., `/items`, `/items/:id`)
- Test the API endpoints using Postman or browser





2. Connect React Frontend to API

- In your React project:
 - Use `fetch` or `axios` to call backend API endpoints
 - Use `useEffect` to fetch data when the component loads
 - Store and manage data using `useState`



The screenshot shows a code editor with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer shows a project structure for 'FULLSTACK-APP' with folders for 'backend' and 'frontend'. The 'backend' folder is expanded, showing 'server.js'. The 'frontend' folder is also expanded, showing various files like 'App.css', 'App.jsx', 'index.css', 'main.jsx', '.gitignore', 'eslint.config.js', 'index.html', 'package-lock.json', 'package.json', 'README.md', and 'vite.config.js'. The 'server.js' file is open in the code editor, showing the following code:

```
1 import express from "express";
2 import cors from "cors";
3
4 const app = express();
5 app.use(cors()); // allow frontend to access backend
6 app.use(express.json()); // parse JSON request body
7
8 // Our fake database (in memory for now)
9 let items = [
10   { id: 1, name: "Book" },
11   { id: 2, name: "Laptop" }
12 ];
13
14 // READ (Get all items)
15 app.get("/items", (req, res) => {
16   res.json(items);
17 });
18
19 // CREATE (Add new item)
20 app.post("/items", (req, res) => {
21   const newItem = { id: Date.now(), name: req.body.name };
22   items.push(newItem);
23   res.json(newItem);
24 });
25
26 // UPDATE (Change item)
27 app.put("/items/:id", (req, res) => {
28   const id = parseInt(req.params.id);
29   const item = items.find(i => i.id === id);
30   if (item) {
31     item.name = req.body.name;
32     res.json(item);
33   } else {
34     res.status(404).json({ message: "Item not found" });
35   }
36 });
37
```

EXPLORER

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JS server.js

package.json

App.js

ItemTable.js

main.js

FULLSTACK-APP

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vite.svg

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README.md

vite.config.js

frontend > src > App.js > App > addItem

1 import React, { useEffect, useState } from "react";

2 import axios from 'axios';

3 import ItemTable from './ItemTable';

4

5 const API_BASE = "http://localhost:5000";

6 function App() {

7 // States

8 const [items, setItems] = useState([]); // All items

9 const [newItem, setNewItem] = useState(""); // Input value

10 const [editItem, setEditItem] = useState(null); // Item being edited

11

12 // READ: fetch items from backend

13 useEffect(() => {

14 fetch("http://localhost:5000/items")

15 .then((res) => res.json())

16 .then((data) => setItems(data));

17 }, []);

18

19 // CREATE: add new item

20 function addItem(e) {

21 e.preventDefault();

22 fetch("http://localhost:5000/items", {

23 method: "POST",

24 headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },

25 body: JSON.stringify({ name: newItem })

26 })

27 .then((res) => res.json())

28 .then((data) => {

29 setItems([...items, data]);

30 ...

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→ Local: http://localhost:5173/

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frontend > src > ItemTable.js > ItemTable > items.map() callback

1 // src/ItemTable.js

2 import React from "react";

3

4 function ItemTable({ items, onEdit, onDelete }) {

5 return (

6 <table border="1" cellPadding="10" style={{ marginTop: "20px", width: "100%" }}>

7 <thead>

8 <tr>

9 <th>ID</th>

10 <th>Item Name</th>

11 <th>Actions</th>

12 </tr>

13 </thead>

14 <tbody>

15 {items.length === 0 ? (

16 <tr>

17 <td colSpan="3" align="center">No items found</td>

18 </tr>

19) : (

20 items.map((item, index) => (

21 <tr key={item.id}>

22 <td>{index + 1}</td> { /* Serial number starts from 1 */}

23 <td>{item.name}</td>

24 <td>

25 <button onClick={() => onEdit(item)}> Edit</button>

26 <button onClick={() => onDelete(item.id)}> Delete</button>

27 </td>

28 </tr>

29 </tbody>

30 </table>

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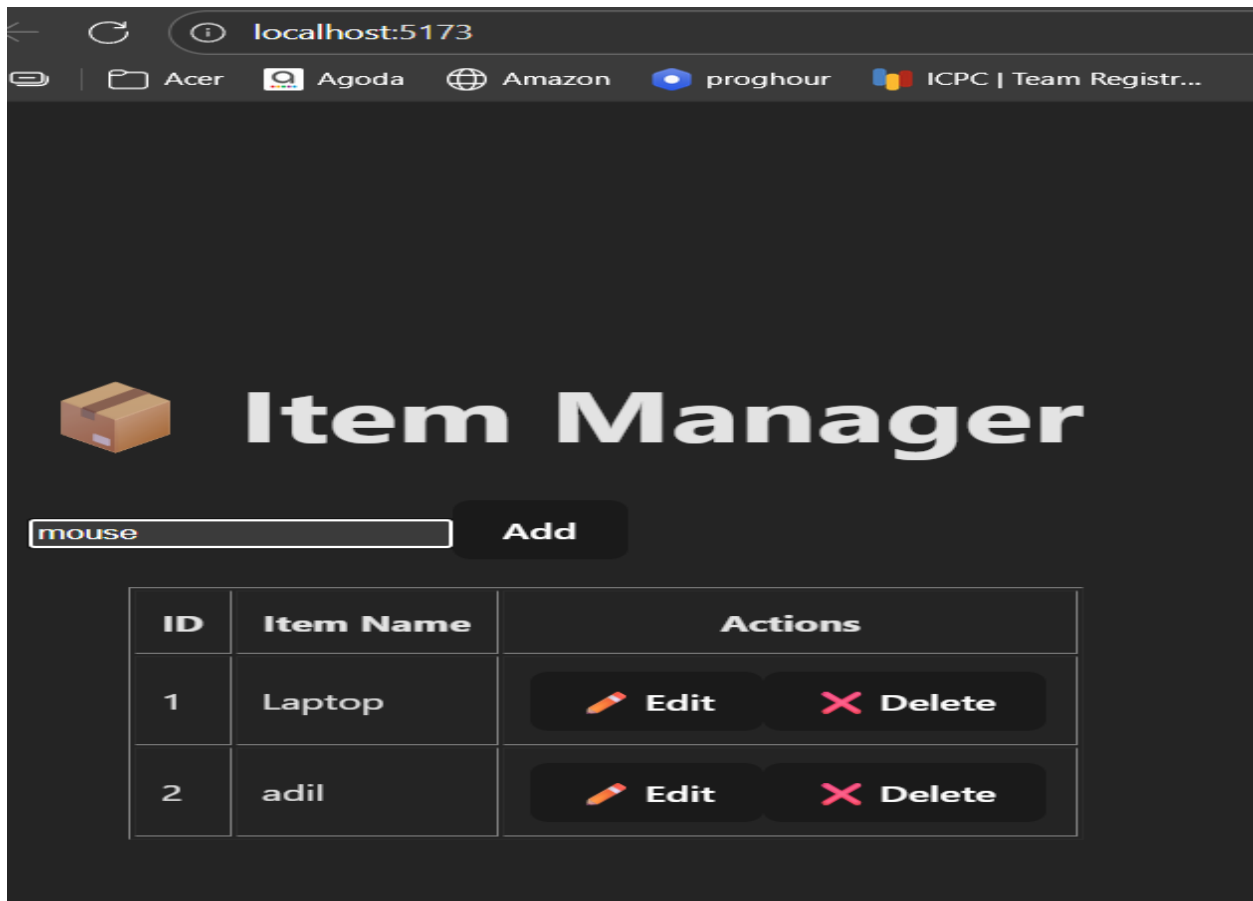
3. Display Data in React

- Create a UI component to list the data items (e.g., a table or cards)
- Display at least one field from each item

4. Implement CRUD Operations

- **Create:** Add a form that submits new data to the backend
- **Read:** Automatically or manually refresh the data after create/update/delete
- **Update:** Add a button to edit an item, update it via an API call
- **Delete:** Add a delete button for each item that triggers an API call







Ensure the UI updates correctly after each operation





Item Manager

Add

| ID | Item Name | Actions | |
|----|-----------|--|--|
| 1 | Laptop |  Edit |  Delete |
| 2 | adil |  Edit |  Delete |
| 3 | mouse |  Edit |  Delete |