

# GROCERY WEB APP USING MERN STACK

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# **ABSTRACT:**

Smart Grocery is a web-based application designed to facilitate online grocery shopping, leveraging the MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js) stack. This platform aims to provide a seamless and efficient shopping experience for users, while streamlining inventory management and order fulfillment for grocery stores. The grocery shopping experience has undergone significant transformations with the advent of e-commerce and digital technologies. Online grocery shopping has become increasingly popular, offering convenience, flexibility, and time-saving benefits to consumers. However, existing solutions often face challenges related to inventory management, order fulfillment, and user experience. To address these issues, this project proposes the development of Smart Grocery, a web-based application leveraging the MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js) stack. Smart Grocery aims to provide an intuitive, efficient, and scalable platform for online grocery shopping, streamlining the shopping experience for users and inventory management for store owners.

# **PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

Smart Grocery is a web-based application designed to facilitate online grocery shopping. The platform allows users to browse and purchase groceries from local stores, while providing store owners with an efficient inventory management system. The goal of this project is to design and develop an intuitive and user-friendly grocery web application that allows users to browse, search, and purchase groceries online. The app will streamline the shopping experience with features like personalized recommendations, easy checkout, and secure payment options.

## **PURPOSE:**

Develop a user-friendly web application for online grocery shopping. Implement efficient inventory management and order fulfillment. Integrate secure payment gateways. Provide real-time order tracking and status updates. Secure payment processing. Real-time order tracking and status updates.

## **FEATURES:**

### **Customer-Facing Features:**

1. User Registration and Login
2. Product Search and Filtering
3. Product Details and Reviews
4. Shopping Cart and Checkout
5. Secure Payment Processing
6. Order Tracking and Status Updates
7. Personalized Recommendations
8. Shopping Lists and Favorites
9. Ratings and Reviews
10. Customer Support

### **Admin Features:**

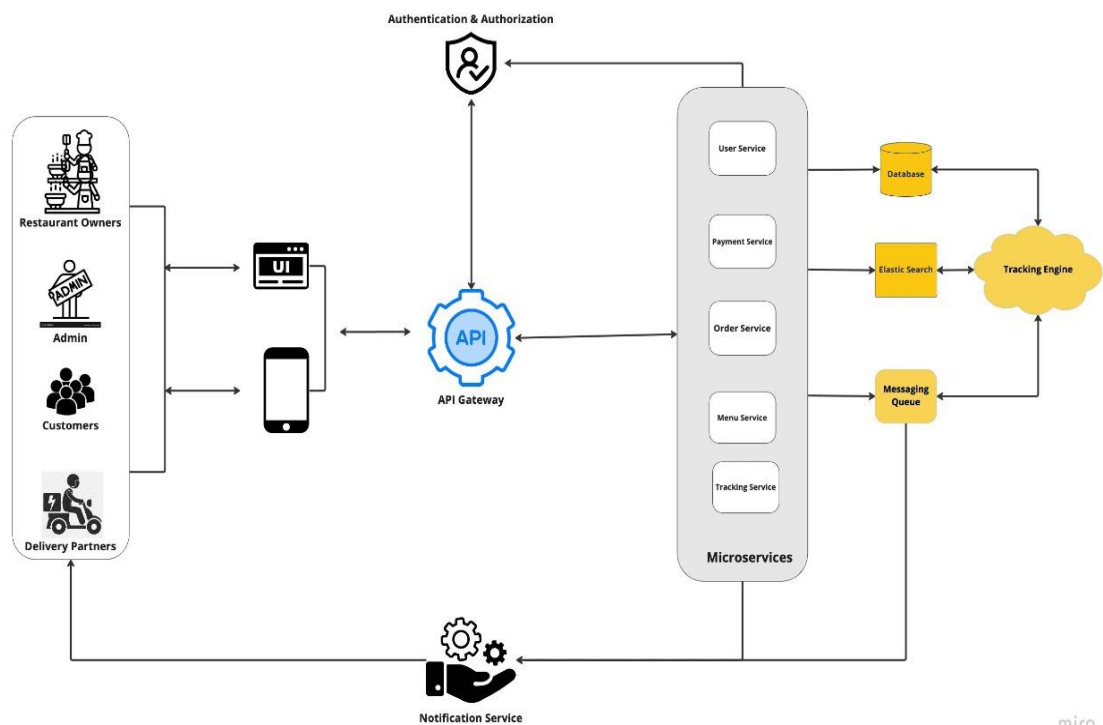
1. User Management
2. Store Management
3. Order Management
4. Product Management
5. Reporting and Analytics

6. System Configuration
7. Security and Access Control
8. Integration with third-party services
9. Content Management
10. Customer Support

## Security Features:

1. Two-Factor Authentication
2. Access Control
3. Regular Security Audits

## ARCHITECTURE:



# Database Design:



# SETUP INSTRUCTION:

## Hardware Requirements:

1. Server: Dedicated or cloud-based (e.g., AWS, Google Cloud)
2. Database Server: MySQL, MongoDB, or other NoSQL databases
3. Load Balancer: For distributing traffic across multiple servers
4. Storage: Sufficient storage for product images, videos, and documents
5. Network: Reliable internet connectivity

## Software Requirements:

1. Operating System: Linux, Windows, or macOS
2. Web Server: Apache, Nginx, or IIS
3. Programming Languages:
  - Frontend: JavaScript (React, Angular, Vue), HTML, CSS
  - Backend: Node.js, Python, Ruby, PHP
4. Frameworks:
  - Frontend: React, Angular, Vue
  - Backend: Express.js, Django, Ruby on Rails
5. Database Management System: MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL
6. Payment Gateway Integration: Stripe, PayPal, (link unavailable)
7. Security Software: SSL certificates, firewall, antivirus

## **Technical Skills:**

1. Frontend development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React, Angular, Vue
2. Backend development: Node.js, Python, Ruby, PHP, Express.js, Django
3. Database administration: MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL
4. API integration: RESTful APIs, GraphQL
5. Security: SSL, firewall, antivirus
6. Testing: Unit testing, integration testing, UI testing
7. Deployment: Cloud deployment (AWS, Google Cloud), containerization (Docker)

## **INSTALLATION:**

### **Step 1:** Install Node.js and npm

1. Download and install Node.js from the official website: (link unavailable)
2. Verify Node.js installation: `node -v`
3. Verify npm installation: `npm -v`

### **Step 2:** Install MongoDB

1. Download and install MongoDB Community Server from the official website: (link unavailable)
2. Follow the installation instructions for your operating system.
3. Verify MongoDB installation: `mongod --version`

### **Step 3:** Install Express.js

1. Create a new project directory: `mkdir grocery-web-app`



2. Navigate to the project directory: `cd grocery-web-app`
3. Initialize a new npm project: `npm init`
4. Install Express.js: `npm install express`

#### **Step 4: Install React.js**

1. Create a new React app: `npx create-react-app client`
2. Navigate to the client directory: `cd client`
3. Install required dependencies: `npm install`

#### **Step 5: Install Required Dependencies**

##### Backend (Node.js/Express.js)

1. Install mongoose (MongoDB ORM): `npm install mongoose`
2. Install bcrypt (password hashing): `npm install bcrypt`
3. Install json web token (JWT authentication): `npm install json web token`
4. Install cors (CORS middleware): `npm install cors`

##### Frontend (React.js)

1. Install axios (HTTP client): `npm install axios`
2. Install react-router-dom (client-side routing): `npm install react-router-dom`

#### **Step 6: Set up MongoDB Database**

1. Create a new MongoDB database: use `grocery-db`
2. Create collections for users, products, orders, etc.

#### **Step 7: Configure Backend (Node.js/Express.js)**

1. Create a new file `server.js`
2. Import required dependencies: `express`, `mongoose`, `bcrypt`, `jsonwebtoken`, `cors`

3. Set up Express.js app: `const app = express ()`
4. Configure MongoDB connection:  
`mongoose.connect('mongodb://localhost/grocery-db')`
5. Define API routes: `/api/users`, `/api/products`, `/api/orders`

### **Step 8: Configure Frontend (React.js)**

1. Create a new file `index.js`
2. Import required dependencies: `react`, `react-dom`, `axios`, `react-router-dom`
3. Set up React app: `ReactDOM.render(<App />, document.getElementById('root'))`
4. Define components: `App.js`, `ProductList.js`, `OrderForm.js`

### **Step 9: Implement Authentication and Authorization**

Backend (Node.js/Express.js)

1. Implement user registration: `/api/users/register`
2. Implement user login: `/api/users/login`
3. Implement JWT authentication: `json web token`

Frontend (React.js)

1. Implement login and registration forms
2. Implement JWT token storage: `local Storage`

### **Step 10: Implement Payment Gateway**

1. Choose a payment gateway (e.g., `Stripe`, `PayPal`)
2. Implement payment gateway integration

### **Step 11: Test and Deploy**

1. Test application functionality
2. Deploy application to production environment (e.g., `Heroku`, `AWS`)

# FOLDER STRUCTURE:

The root directory, grocery-web-app, contains two main folders: client and server. The client folder holds the frontend code, with subfolders including public for static assets, src for source code, components for reusable UI components, containers for container components, actions and reducers for Redux management, store for Redux store configuration, utils for utility functions, images for image assets, and styles for CSS styles. The src folder also contains the index.js entry point. The server folder holds the backend code, with subfolders including config for configuration files, controllers for API controllers, models for database models, routes for API routes, services for business logic services, and utils for utility functions. The server folder also contains the app.js entry point. The root directory also contains a package.json file for project dependencies and scripts

## Client (Frontend) Folder Structure:

client/

public/

index.html

favicon.ico

src/

components/

App.js

Header.js

Footer.js

ProductList.js

OrderForm.js

...

containers/

ProductDetails.js

OrderSummary.js

...

actions/

productActions.js

orderActions.js

...

reducers/

productReducers.js

orderReducers.js

...

store/

store.js

...

utils/

api.js

constants.js

...

images/

product-images/

...

styles/

global.css

...

index.js  
package.json

## **Server (Backend) Folder Structure:**

server/  
config/  
database.js  
auth.js  
...  
controllers/  
productController.js  
orderController.js  
...  
models/  
productModel.js  
orderModel.js  
...  
routes/  
productRoutes.js  
orderRoutes.js  
...  
services/  
productService.js  
orderService.js  
...

utils/

auth.js

errors.js

...

app.js

package.json

## **RUNNING THE APPLICATION:**

### **Frontend (Client) Server:**

1. Navigate to the client directory: `cd client`
2. Install dependencies (if not already installed): `npm install`
3. Start the frontend server: `npm start`. Default port: 3000

Access the frontend at: <http://localhost:3000>

### **Backend (Server) Server:**

1. Navigate to the server directory: `cd server`
2. Install dependencies (if not already installed): `npm install`
3. Start the backend server: `npm start`

Default port: 8080 (or configured port in `server/app.js`)

Access the backend API at: <http://localhost:8080/api>

➤ To start both frontend and backend servers concurrently

1. Install concurrently package: `npm install concurrently`
2. Add scripts to `package.json` in the root directory:

```
"scripts": {
```

```
"start:client": "npm start --prefix client",  
"start:server": "npm start --prefix server",  
"start": "concurrently \"npm run start:client\" \"npm run  
start:server\""  
}
```

3. Start both servers: `npm start`

## API DOCUMENTATION:

An **API (Application Programming Interface)** is a set of rules and tools that allows different software systems to communicate and share data or functionalities. It acts as a bridge between applications, enabling them to interact without needing to know the internal details of each other.

### Authentication Endpoints

#### 1. Register User:

- Method: POST
- Endpoint: `/api/auth/register`
- Parameters:
  - name: String (required)
  - email: String (required, unique)
  - password: String (required)

#### - Request Body:

```
{  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "email": "johndoe@example.com",  
  "password": "password123"
```

```
}
```

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "message": "User created successfully",
```

```
  "token": "jwt-token"
```

```
}
```

## 2. Login User:

- Method: POST

- Endpoint: /api/auth/login

- Parameters:

- email: String (required)

- password: String (required)

- Request Body:

```
{
```

```
  "email": "johndoe@example.com",
```

```
  "password": "password123" }
```

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "message": "Login successful",
```

```
  "token": "jwt-token"
```

```
}
```

## Product Endpoints

### 1. Get All Products

- Method: GET

- Endpoint: /api/products



- Parameters: None

- Response:

```
[  
  {  
    "_id": "product-id",  
    "name": "Product Name",  
    "price": 10.99,  
    "description": "Product description"  
  },  
  ...]
```

## 2. Get Product by ID

- Method: GET

- Endpoint: /api/products/:id

- Parameters:

- id: String (required)

- Response:

```
{  
  "_id": "product-id",  
  "name": "Product Name",  
  "price": 10.99,  
  "description": "Product description"}
```

## 3. Create Product

- Method: POST

- Endpoint: /api/products

- Parameters:

- name: String (required)
- price: Number (required)
- description: String (required)
- Request Body:

```
{  
  "name": "New Product",  
  "price": 9.99,  
  "description": "New product description"  
}
```
- Response:

```
{  
  "message": "Product created successfully",  
  "_id": "new-product-id"  
}
```

#### 4. Update Product

- Method: PUT
- Endpoint: /api/products/:id
- Parameters:
  - id: String (required)
  - name: String (optional)
  - price: Number (optional)
  - description: String (optional)
- Request Body:

```
{  
  "name": "Updated Product Name"
```

```
}
```

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "message": "Product updated successfully"
```

```
}
```

## 5. Delete Product

- Method: DELETE

- Endpoint: /api/products/:id

- Parameters:

- id: String (required)

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "message": "Product deleted successfully"
```

```
}
```

## Order Endpoints

### 1. Create Order

- Method: POST

- Endpoint: /api/orders

- Parameters:

- products: Array of product IDs (required)

- total: Number (required)

- Request Body:

```
{
```

```
  "products": ["product-id-1", "product-id-2"],
```

```
  "total": 20.98
```

```
}
```

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "message": "Order created successfully",
```

```
  "_id": "order-id"
```

```
}
```

## 2. Get Order by ID

- Method: GET

- Endpoint: /api/orders/:id

- Parameters:

- id: String (required)

- Response:

```
{
```

```
  "_id": "order-id",
```

```
  "products": ["product-id-1", "product-id-2"],
```

```
  "total": 20.98,
```

```
  "status": "pending"
```

```
}
```

## 3. Update Order Status

- Method: PUT

- Endpoint: /api/orders/:id

- Parameters:

- id: String (required)

- status: String (required, e.g., "shipped", "delivered")

- Request Body:

```
{  
  "status": "shipped"  
}
```

- Response:

```
{  
  "message": "Order status updated successfully"  
}
```

## AUTHENTICATION:

Authentication is the process of verifying the identity of users attempting to access a grocery web app, ensuring only authorized individuals can:

1. Place orders
2. Access account information
3. View order history
4. Make payments

It includes:

1. User Registration: When a user registers, their password is hashed using bcrypt and stored in the MongoDB database.
2. User Login: When a user logs in, the provided password is hashed and compared to the stored hash.
3. JWT (JSON Web Tokens) Generation: Upon successful login, a JWT is generated using the user's ID, email, and other relevant information.
4. Token Signing: The JWT is signed with a secret key using the HS256 algorithm.

## **Authorization:**

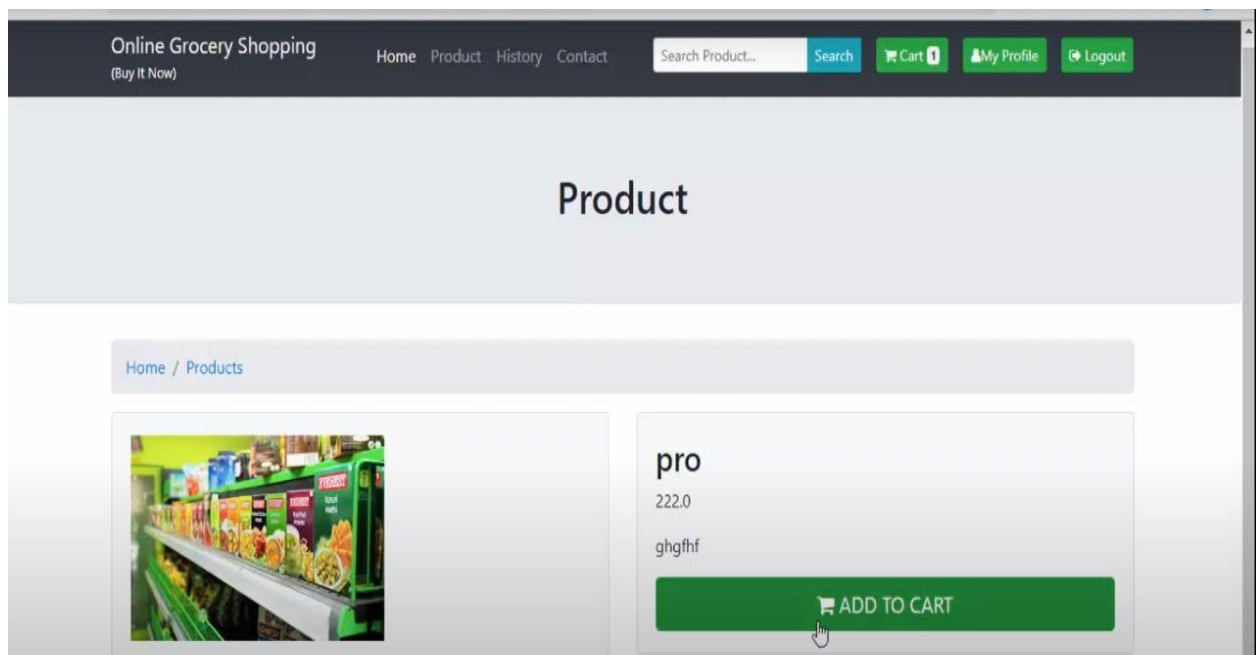
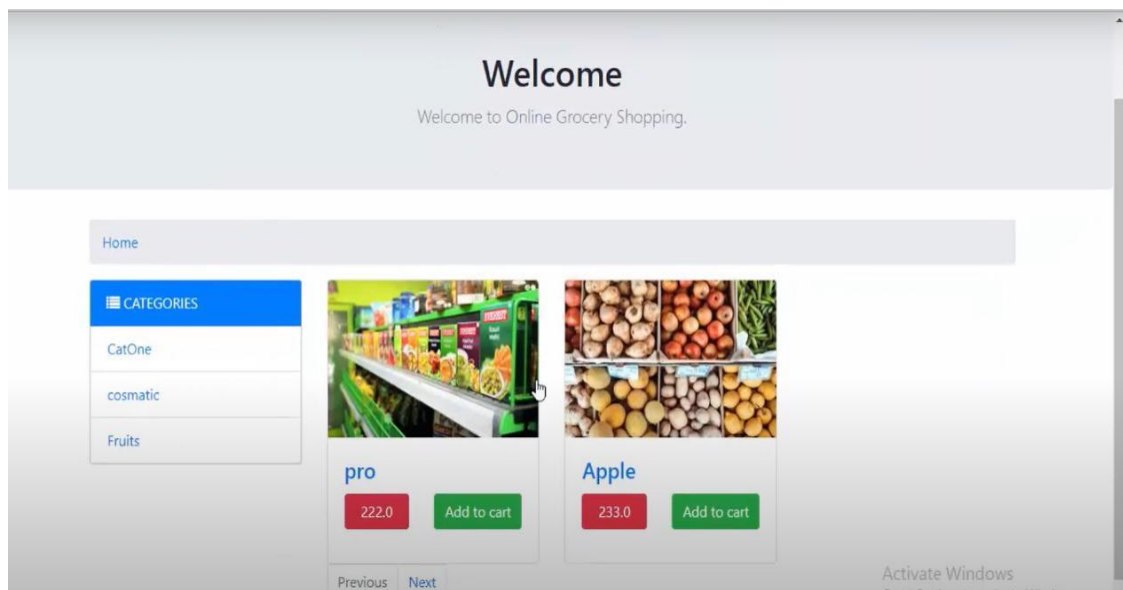
1. Token Verification: On subsequent requests, the client sends the JWT in the Authorization header.
2. Token Verification: The server verifies the token using the secret key and checks its expiration.
3. User Retrieval: If valid, the server retrieves the user's information from the database using the ID in the token.
4. Permission Checking: The server checks the user's permissions and roles to determine access to protected routes.

## **Token-Based Authentication:**

1. Token Structure: The JWT contains the following information:
  - User ID (sub)
  - Email (email)
  - Role (role)
  - Expiration Time (exp)
2. Token Storage: The client stores the JWT in local storage or cookies.
3. Token Renewal: The token is renewed upon expiration or when the user logs out.

## **USER INTERFACE DESIGN:**

User Interface (UI) Design is the process of designing the visual elements and interactive features of a digital product, such as a website, mobile app, or software. The goal of UI design is to create an interface that is intuitive, visually appealing, and user-friendly.



# TESTING:

## Test Cases

- Sample test case table:

Test cases ID	Description	Input	Expected output	Status
TC 001	Login Functionality	Valid login	Redirect to home	Pass

## Testing Tools Used:

- List tools like Selenium, Postman, etc.

# CHALLENGES:

## Technical Challenges:

1. Integration with multiple payment gateways
2. Secure payment processing
3. Real-time inventory management
4. Product information management (PIM)

## Business Challenges:

1. Competition from established players
2. Managing logistics and supply chain
3. Maintaining profit margins
4. Ensuring customer satisfaction and retention



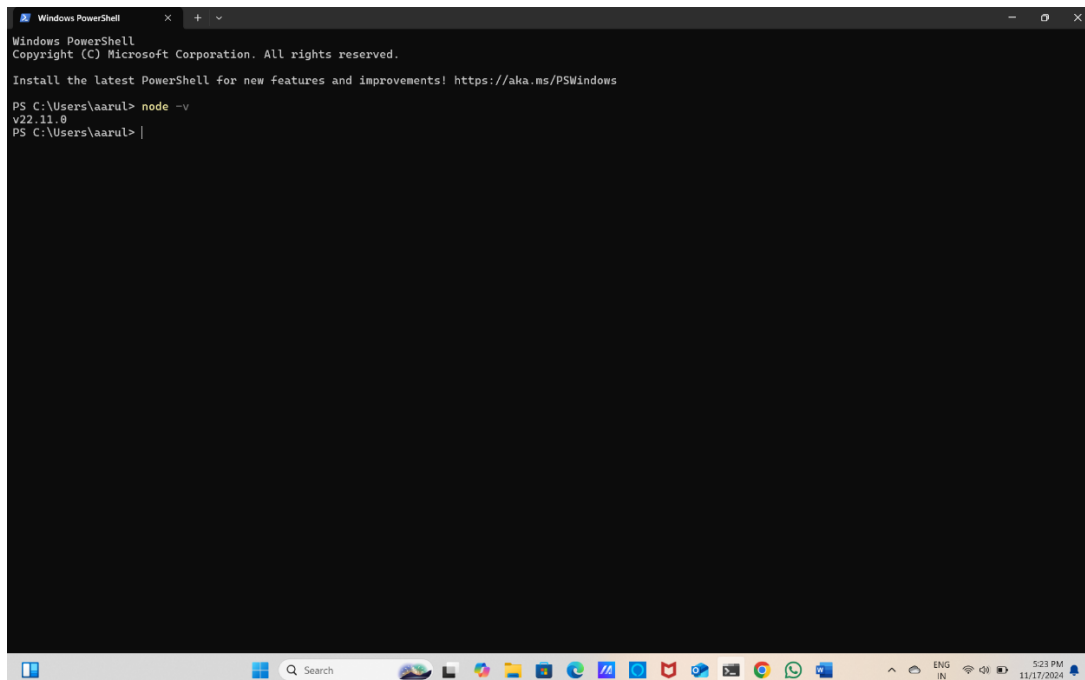
## **User Experience Challenges:**

1. Simple and intuitive user interface
2. Easy product discovery and navigation
3. Personalized recommendations
4. Streamlined checkout process

## **Security Challenges:**

1. Protecting user data and privacy
2. Preventing cyberattacks and hacking
3. Ensuring secure payment processing
4. Complying with data protection regulations

## **SCREENSHOT OR DEMO:**



```
Windows PowerShell
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Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\Users\aarul> node -v
v22.11.0
PS C:\Users\aarul> |
```

The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell terminal window. The title bar reads 'Windows PowerShell'. The terminal output shows the copyright notice for Microsoft Corporation, a link to install the latest PowerShell, and the command 'node -v' being executed, which returns the version 'v22.11.0'. The prompt 'PS C:\Users\aarul>' is visible at the bottom of the terminal window. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the search bar and various application icons.

✓ **Installation and Verification the version of .node js package**

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\sujit>npm -v
10.9.0

C:\Users\sujit>npm install -g @angular/cli
(node:21892) ExperimentalWarning: CommonJS module C:\Program Files\nodejs\node_modules\npm\node_modules\debug\src\node.js is loading ES Module C:\Program Files\nodejs\node_modules\npm\node_modules\supports-color\index.js using require().
Support for loading ES Module in require() is an experimental feature and might change at any time
(Use 'node --trace-warnings ...' to show where the warning was created)

added 266 packages in 39s

49 packages are looking for funding
  run 'npm fund' for details

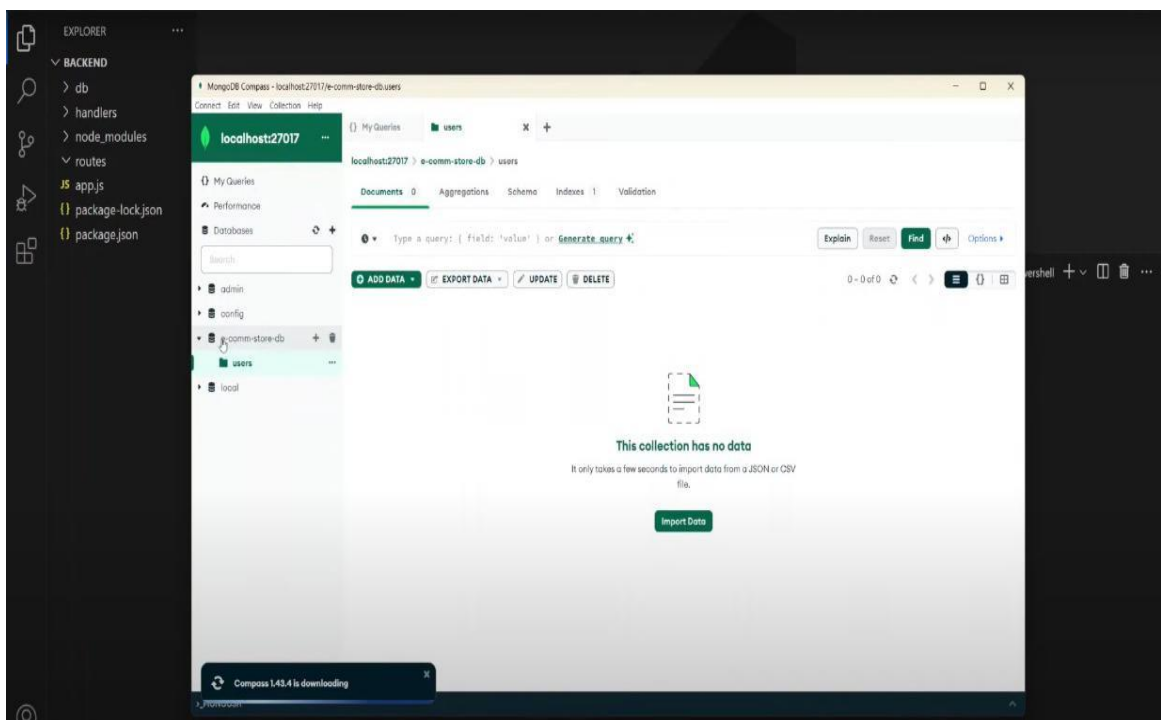
C:\Users\sujit>ng version
Node.js version v23.2.0 detected.
Odd numbered Node.js versions will not enter LTS status and should not be used for production. For more information, please see https://nodejs.org/en/about-releases/.

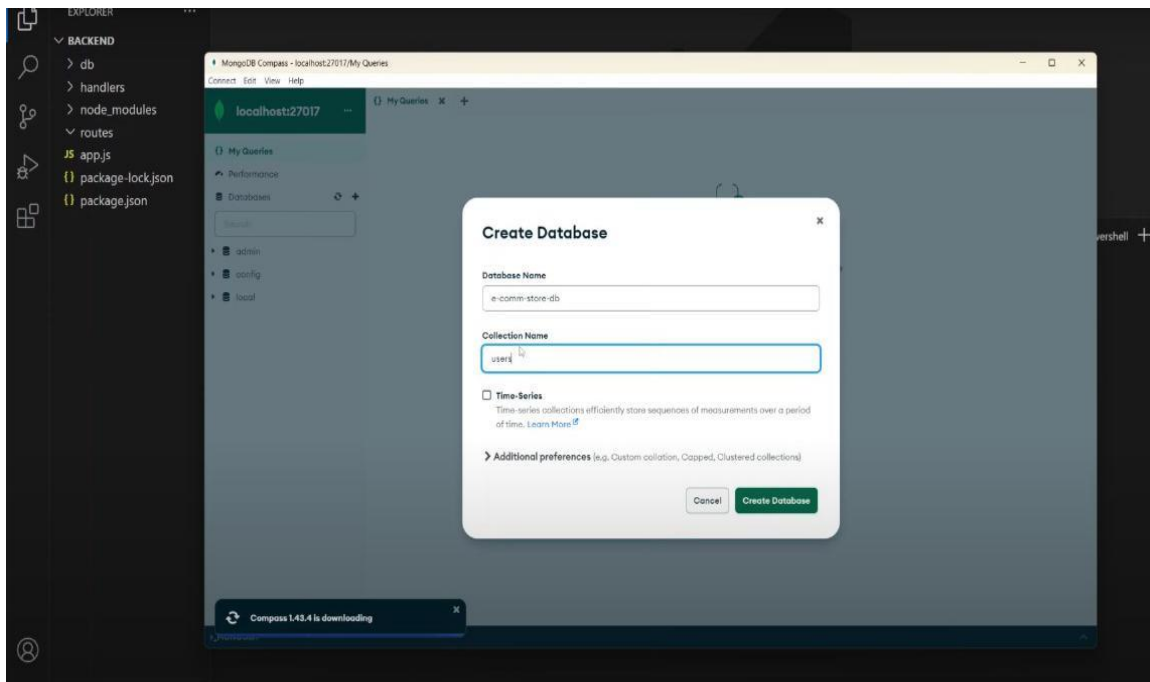
Angular CLI
Angular CLI: 18.2.12
Node: 23.2.0 (Unsupported)
Package Manager: npm 10.9.0
OS: win32 x64

Angular: undefined
...

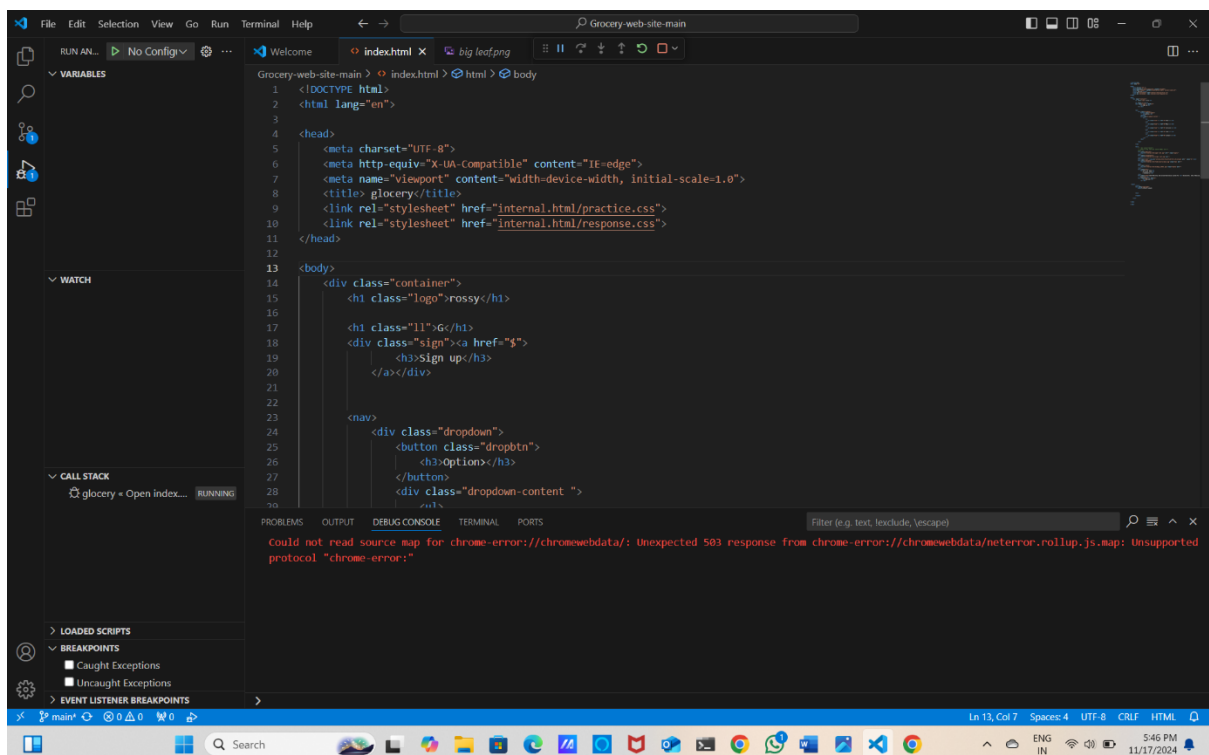
Package      Version
-----
@angular-devkit/architect 0.1802.12 (cli-only)
@angular-devkit/core      18.2.12 (cli-only)
@angular-devkit/schematics 18.2.12 (cli-only)
@schematics/angular        18.2.12 (cli-only)
```

✓ Install and verify the npm and angular CLI for further testing.





✓ Setup a mongodb (database) path for managing operations and collection.



# **FUTURE ENHANCEMENT:**

**Future enhancements for a grocery web app** to improve user experience, efficiency, and business performance:

## **1. AI-Powered Shopping List**

- Enable users to create smart shopping lists based on past purchases, seasonal trends, or recipes they are viewing.
- Automatically categorize items into sections like produce, dairy, and beverages.

## **2. Augmented Reality (AR)**

- Provide AR features to visualize product packaging or check item placement in their kitchen/pantry.

## **3. Live Order Tracking**

- Show real-time updates on order preparation and delivery, similar to food delivery apps.

## **4. Voice Search Integration**

- Allow users to search and add items to their cart using voice commands, integrating with virtual assistants like Alexa or Google Assistant.

## **5. Subscription Services**

- Introduce subscription options for frequently purchased items (e.g., weekly milk delivery or monthly rice purchase)

## **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, a grocery web app serves as a vital tool in today's digital shopping landscape, offering convenience and efficiency to consumers seeking their everyday essentials. By providing an intuitive user experience, real-time inventory management, and secure payment options, such an app can not only enhance customer satisfaction but also foster brand loyalty. As the demand for online grocery shopping continues to grow, addressing challenges such as logistics, personalization, and data security will be essential for success. Ultimately, a well-designed grocery web app can bridge the gap between traditional shopping and modern convenience, transforming the way customers engage with their local grocery stores and ensuring a seamless shopping experience that meets their evolving needs.