

BRAD Developer Guide - *Updated 2025/06/20*

- A **NestJS API** (backend)
 - A **React + Vite frontend** (user interface)
 - A **Python bot** (Puppeteer-based domain scanner)
 - A **MongoDB** database(Local)
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System Requirements

Before running any commands, make sure the following are installed globally:

Tool	Version	Why
Node.js	18.x or higher	Required for backend, frontend, bot
npm	Comes with Node	Installs dependencies
Git	Any version	For cloning & collaboration
MongoDB	Local or remote	Required for persistent storage

MongoDB Setup (Optional for local dev)

Use MongoDB Compass to connect to: `mongodb://localhost:27017`

Create:

- Database: `brad_db`
 - Collections: `users`, `reports`
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Folder Structure (Monorepo Style)

```
brad/
├── api/      # NestJS Backend API
├── frontend/ # React + Vite UI
├── bot/      # Python
├── docs/     # Internal documentation (this file)
├── Makefile  # Helper commands for devs
└── docker-compose.yml # Multi-service orchestration
```

1. api/ - NestJS Backend

Folder Structure

```
api/
├── dist/                # Auto-generated compiled JS (ignored)
├── node_modules/        # Dependencies
├── src/                 # Application source code
│   ├── admin/           # Admin functionality (promote, demote, create
users)
│   │   ├── dto/         # Data Transfer Objects (AddAdminDto,
CreateUserDto)
│   │   ├── admin.controller.ts
│   │   ├── admin.module.ts
│   │   └── admin.service.ts
│   │
│   ├── auth/            # Auth logic: login, register, guards
│   │   ├── dto/         # LoginDto, RegisterDto
│   │   ├── decorators/  # Role-based & public route decorators
│   │   ├── guards/      # Guards (JWT, BotAccessKey, Roles)
│   │   ├── interfaces/  # Auth-related interfaces
│   │   ├── auth.controller.ts
│   │   ├── auth.module.ts
│   │   ├── auth.service.ts
│   │   └── jwt.strategy.ts
│   │
│   ├── report/          # Report submission + analysis results
│   │   ├── report.controller.ts
│   │   ├── report.module.ts
│   │   ├── report.service.ts
│   │   └── *.spec.ts    # Unit tests
│   │
│   ├── schemas/         # Mongoose schemas (MongoDB models)
│   │   ├── user.schema.ts
│   │   ├── report.schema.ts
│   │   └── refresh-token.schema.ts
│   │
│   ├── services/        # Extra services like forensic analysis
│   │   └── forensic.service.ts
│   │
│   ├── users/           # Base user module for global auth
│   │   └── user.module.ts
│   │
│   ├── app.controller.ts # Health check, root routes
│   ├── app.module.ts     # App-wide module import config
│   ├── app.service.ts
│   └── main.ts           # Entrypoint (starts the NestJS app)
```

```
|— test/                # e2e tests (can add)
|— .env                 # Secrets and Mongo URI
|— Dockerfile           # Backend Docker config
|— jest.config.ts       # Test config
|— tsconfig*.json       # TypeScript settings
|— README.md            # Project guide
```

Authentication System

- **Login/Register** handled in `auth.controller.ts`
 - **Guards:**
 - `AuthGuard`: checks JWT
 - `RolesGuard`: checks role (admin/general/investigator)
 - `BotGuard`: checks for Bot Access Key (BAK)
 - **Decorators:**
 - `@Roles('admin')` to restrict routes
 - `@Public()` to allow unauthenticated access
 - JWT Strategy is defined in `jwt.strategy.ts`
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Admin System

- Only users with role `admin` can:
 - Create other users
 - Promote/demote roles
 - All logic in:
 - `admin.controller.ts`
 - `admin.service.ts`
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Report Module

- `report.controller.ts`: handles endpoints for:
 - Submitting a report
 - Fetching reports
 - Investigator verdicts
 - `report.service.ts`: logic to save/retrieve reports from DB
 - Connected to Mongoose via `report.schema.ts`
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Add new files

You can now **add new backend files** easily using:

```
nest g module <name>
nest g controller <name>
nest g service <name>
```

Mongoose Schemas

Defined under `src/schemas/`:

File	Purpose
<code>user.schema.ts</code>	Stores user info, hashed passwords, roles
<code>report.schema.ts</code>	Stores submitted reports with optional verdict
<code>refresh-token.schema.ts</code>	(Optional for future) if adding token refresh

Testing

- Unit tests using **Jest**
- Files like `*.spec.ts` next to services/controllers

Run:

```
npm run test
```

Running Locally

Step 1: Install

```
cd api  
npm install
```

Step 2: Copy and Edit Environment Variables

```
cp .env  
MONGO_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/brad_db  
JWT_SECRET=brad_super_secret_2025  
BOT_ACCESS_KEY=secret-bot-key-123  
PORT=3000  
EMAIL_USER=cos301.cap2@gmail.com  
EMAIL_PASS=cmzu mhnu dvds sadx
```

Step 3: Run in Dev Mode

```
npm run start:dev
```

Step 4: Open API Docs

Visit:

```
http://localhost:3000/api-docs
```

2. frontend/ - React + Vite

Project Structure

```
frontend/
├── _mocks_/                # File mocks for Jest testing
│   └── fileMock.js
├── node_modules/          # Installed dependencies (auto-generated)
├── public/                # Static public assets (served as-is)
│   └── vite.svg
├── src/                   # Main frontend source code
│   ├── _tests_/          # Frontend unit/integration tests
│   ├── api/              # Axios or API wrapper files
│   ├── assets/           # Static assets (images, logos, icons)
│   ├── components/       # Reusable UI components (e.g. buttons, navbars)
│   ├── pages/            # Route-based views (e.g. LoginPage, Dashboard)
│   ├── styles/           # CSS or Sass modules (e.g. variables, base styles)
│   ├── App.css           # Main app-wide styling
│   ├── App.jsx           # Main app component (route wrapper)
│   ├── index.css         # Global styles
│   └── main.jsx          # React entry point (used by Vite)
├── .gitignore             # Ignore files for Git
├── babel.config.cjs       # Babel config (if needed for Jest/React)
├── Dockerfile             # Docker container config for frontend
├── index.html             # Main HTML file used by Vite
├── jest.config.js         # Jest test runner configuration
├── jest.setup.js         # Jest setup script (e.g., mocks, globals)
├── package.json           # Project scripts and dependencies
└── package-lock.json     # Dependency lockfile
```

Key Files Explained

main.jsx

- React's entry point
- Mounts `<App />` to the DOM

App.jsx

- Root component
- Typically contains your route layout (e.g. React Router)

api/

- Axios wrapper (e.g. `axios.create(...)`) and API calls to the backend
- Often contains `index.js`, `auth.js`, `report.js` for cleaner API code

components/

- Reusable UI elements:
 - Buttons
 - Navbar
 - Cards
 - Inputs
 - etc.

pages/

- Full page components used in routing:
 - Login page
 - Dashboard page
 - Report submission
 - etc.

styles/

- App-wide style files (e.g. `variables.css`, `layout.css`)

Development Commands

Install dependencies

```
npm install
```

Start dev server

```
npm run dev
```

Build for production

```
npm run build
```

Preview production build

```
npm run preview
```

Run frontend tests

```
npm run test
```

Testing

- Jest + React Testing Library
- `_mocks_/fileMock.js` handles static asset mocks
- `jest.setup.js` initializes test globals
- Test files live under `src/_tests_/` or next to components using `.test.jsx`

3. bot/ - Python

Folder Structure

```
bot/
├── .pytest_cache/      # Pytest cache directory (auto-generated)
├── src/                # Main bot logic lives here
│   └── bot.py          # Core script that analyzes domains and
submits to backend
│
├── tests/              # Unit tests for bot
│   └── test_bot.py     # Sample tests (pytest)
│
├── .env                # Local environment configuration (ignored
in Git)
├── .env.example        # Sample env file (copy → .env and edit)
├── Dockerfile          # Docker setup for running bot
└── requirements.txt     # Python dependencies
```

What Each File Does

File/Folder	Purpose
src/bot.py	Core Python script to receive/report domains, uses Puppeteer (headless)
tests/test_bot.py	Test file to validate scraping + submission logic via <code>pytest</code>
.env.example	Template with placeholders for API URL and keys
requirements.txt	Lists all Python dependencies needed to run
Dockerfile	Runs bot in a Python 3.10 container, installs deps + starts script

Running the Bot Locally

1. Set up Python venv (recommended):

```
cd bot
python -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate # or venv\Scripts\activate on Windows
```

2. Install dependencies:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```


3. Configure environment:

```
cp .env.example .env
API_URL=http://localhost:3000
BOT_ACCESS_KEY=secret-bot-key-123
```

4. Run the bot:

```
python src/bot.py
```

5. Run tests:

```
pytest src tests/unit
pytest --cov=src tests/unit
```

Bot Authentication

The bot communicates securely with the backend using a **Bot Access Key (BAK)** via:

```
headers = {
    "X-Bot-Key": os.getenv("BOT_ACCESS_KEY")
}
```

Make sure your NestJS backend has a corresponding `BotGuard` and `@Headers('X-Bot-Key')` check.

Developer Workflow

First-Time Setup

make dev-init

Installs dependencies in `api/`, `frontend/`, and `bot/`.

Running the System (Dev Mode)

Open 3 terminals:

Terminal 1 – Backend

make api
make run-api

Terminal 2 – Frontend

make frontend
make run-frontend

Terminal 3 – Bot

make bot
make run-bot

Test That It Works

- API: <http://localhost:3000>
 - Frontend: <http://localhost:5173/>
 - Swagger API: <http://localhost:3000/api-docs>
 - MongoDB: `mongodb://localhost:27017`
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Cleaning the Project

make clean

Removes all `node_modules/`. Run `make dev-init` again afterward.

Environment Variables

Set up like this:

```
cp api/.env
```

```
MONGO_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/brad_db
```

```
JWT_SECRET=brad_super_secret_2025
```

```
BOT_ACCESS_KEY=secret-bot-key-123
```

```
PORT=3000
```

```
EMAIL_USER=cos301.cap2@gmail.com
```

```
EMAIL_PASS=cmzu mhnu dvds sadx
```

```
cp bot/.env
```

```
API_URL=http://localhost:3000
```

```
BOT_ACCESS_KEY=secret-bot-key-123
```

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Project Structure

```
brad/
├── backend/    → Node.js + Express API
├── frontend/   → React + Vite UI
├── bot/        → Puppeteer bot
├── Makefile    → Developer command shortcuts
└── docs/      → Documentation like this
```

System Requirements (Must Be Pre-installed)

Before running any commands, make sure you have these installed globally:

Tool	Minimum Version	Why
Node.js	18.x or higher	Required for all folders
npm	Comes with Node	Installs dependencies
Git	Any	Clone repo and collaborate
MongoDB	Local	Needed for backend DB

You can check:

```
node -v
npm -v
git --version
```

MongoDB can be:

- [Local install](#)

Using MongoDB Compass

1. Open Compass
2. Connect to: `mongodb://localhost:27017`
3. Click “Create Database”
 - **Database Name:** `brad_db`
 - **Collection Name:** `submissions`
4. Optionally, create another collection:
 - **Collection Name:** `domain_reports`

First-Time Setup

Open your terminal and run:

```
make dev-init
```

This installs all dependencies for:

- backend
- frontend
- bot

Running Each Service (In Separate Terminals)

Open a **separate terminal tab or window** for each of the following:

Service	Install Command	Run Command
Backend	<code>make backend</code>	<code>make run-backend</code>
Frontend	<code>make frontend</code>	<code>make run-frontend</code>
Bot	<code>make bot</code>	<code>make run-bot</code>

🔴 Use **Ctrl + C** to stop any service. Each must run in its own terminal.

Cleaning the Project (Optional)

If things break or you want to reset your environment:

```
make clean
```

This will delete all `node_modules` folders.

After cleaning, you must run `make dev-init` again to reinstall everything.

Environment Variables Setup

Each service has a `.env.example` file. Copy and rename it to `.env` in each folder:

```
cp backend/.env.example backend/.env
cp bot/.env.example bot/.env
```

Edit values as needed (e.g., MongoDB URI, API URLs).

API docs:

Swagger: <http://localhost:3000/api-docs>

Test That Everything Works

- Open <http://localhost:3000> — should load the React app.
- Visit <http://localhost:3000/health> — should return a JSON status.

```
{  
  
  "status": "Backend running with MongoDB"  
}
```

- The bot should run once and print out a bit of website HTML.
- Visit <http://localhost:3000/test-db> — should return

```
{  
  
  "message": "MongoDB connected",  
  
  "inserted": {  
  
    "message": "MongoDB is working!",  
  
    "_id": "6831b31fb0e6ef8db5dafd70",  
  
    "createdAt": "2025-05-24T11:53:03.977Z",  
  
    "__v": 0  
  }  
}
```

Project Folder Structure & Requirements

1. backend/ – Express API Server

Structure

```
backend/
├── src/
│   ├── config/      # MongoDB connection logic
│   ├── controllers/ # Business logic (e.g. submitReport, getReports)
│   ├── models/      # Mongoose schemas (Submission, Report)
│   ├── routes/      # API route definitions
│   ├── utils/       # Helpers, formatters
│   └── index.js     # Main entry point
├── .env.example     # Environment config template
└── package.json     # Defines dependencies and scripts
```

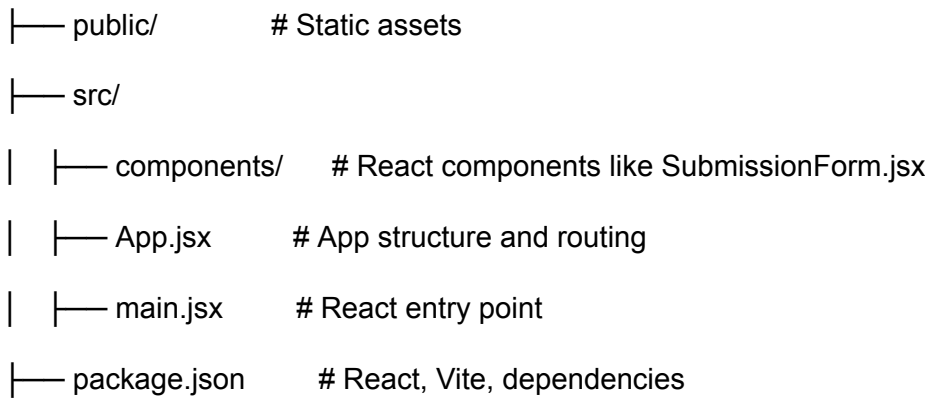
What Goes Where

Folder/File	Purpose
src/index.js	Starts the Express server
src/config/db.js	Connects to MongoDB
src/routes/	Handles /api/submit, etc.
src/models/	Defines Mongoose schemas
.env.example	Stores MONGO_URI and PORT

2. frontend/ – React + Vite Web UI

Structure

frontend/



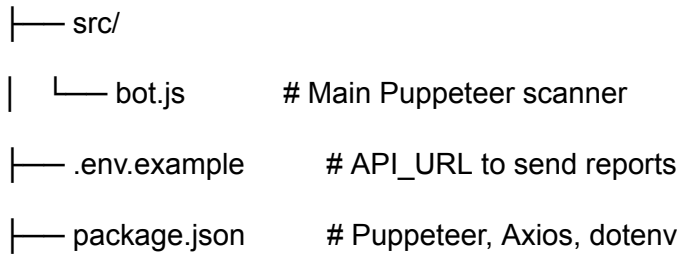
What Goes Where

Folder/File	Purpose
src/components/	UI components
App.jsx	Main React layout + routes

3. **bot/** – Puppeteer Domain Scanner

Structure

bot/



What Goes Where

Folder/File	Purpose
<code>src/bot.js</code>	Connects to reported domain and sends result
<code>.env.example</code>	Stores backend API base URL