Project Report Outline

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1. Requirements

1.1. Overview

To simplify patient management, The Patient Tracker is a digital platform designed for the contemporary healthcare environment. This system is made to lessen the laborious manual paperwork and provide an integrated solution that guarantees accuracy, efficiency, and convenience in response to the increasing demand for effective and real-time medical record management.

Objectives:

User Authentication: Provide a safe and secure login process for doctors and hospitals to protect patient information and health records.

Profile Management: Give the doctors and hospitals the ability to easily update the personal and medical information of patients so that the system is always in possession of the most recent data.

Data Visualization: Give patient data a graphical representation to help medical practitioners see trends and patterns and make well-informed judgments.

Appointment Management: Provide doctors with a feature to add, update, or remove an appointment to a specific patient.

Intended Audience:

Doctors and hospitals that are looking for efficient ways to manage patient data.

Primary Goals and Motivations:

In today's fast-paced world, the healthcare sector is no exception to the demands for rapid, accurate, and efficient services. The primary goals behind the Patient Tracker include:

Reducing Inefficiencies: This digital platform aims to improve patient management efficiency by moving away from manual documentation, which is frequently prone to errors and mismanagement.

Encouraging Real-time Updates: A system that supports real-time updates is necessary to ensure that no vital information is overlooked or out-of-date due to the dynamic nature of health indicators and medical histories.

Facilitating Informed Decision Making: Through effective data visualization, healthcare professionals can quickly comprehend patient data, leading to better-informed clinical decisions.

The Healthcare Industry's Need for Digitalization

The current healthcare environment is changing quickly due to growing patient numbers and technological developments in medicine. However, this expansion presents significant challenges for manually maintaining enormous volumes of patient data. In addition to taking up important time, manual documentation is prone to mistakes, delays, and misplacements. The proposed Patient Tracker system takes on these difficulties head-on. It guarantees real-time changes in medical records, so when doctors make critical choices about their patient's health, they always have the most up-to-date and correct information. Furthermore, this solution provides a smooth and effective experience for all parties involved while raising the bar for patient care.

1.2. Features

User Authentication:

Functionality: Ensures that only authorized doctors can access the platform, providing a secure environment for medical data. Benefits: Safeguards patient data and medical records, preventing unauthorized access and potential breaches.

Profile Management:

Functionality: Allows doctors to update and maintain their personal and medical details within the system.

Benefits: Keeps patient data current, ensuring doctors have the most recent and accurate information, which is crucial for effective treatment.

Data Visualization:

Functionality: Graphical representation of patient data, metrics, and trends over specified periods.

Benefits: Helps healthcare professionals to quickly discern patterns, understand patient progress, and make more informed decisions.

Customizable Dashboard:

Functionality: Provides a tailored user interface for doctors to navigate and filter patient data, schedules, and other necessary functionalities.

Benefits: Enhances the user experience by presenting the most relevant information in an organized manner, allowing doctors to manage their time and tasks efficiently.

Appointment Scheduling:

Functionality: This enables doctors to view, set, modify, or cancel patient appointments within the platform.

Benefits: Streamlines the patient consultation process, reducing scheduling conflicts and ensuring optimal time management for doctors and patients. This further enhances the platform's utility, making it a one-stop solution for patient management.

1.3. Functional Requirements

Doctor's Dashboard Viewing:

UI Interaction: I will access the dashboard displaying a daily schedule with a listview. Each appointment is clickable for more details.

Error Handling: If no appointments are scheduled, display a message "No appointments today".

Patient's Profile Update:

UI Interaction: I want to update patient profiles using a form with fields for medications and allergies. Each field includes validation to ensure accurate data entry.

Error Handling: On No data entry, display specific error messages (e.g., "Form not filled"). For update failures, show "Failed to update patient information".

Doctor's Data Visualization:

UI Interaction: I want to view patient health trends via interactive charts within the patient's profile.

Error Handling: If data is missing, display "Data not available". For retrieval errors, show "Unable to load health trends".

Patient's Appointment Booking:

UI Interaction: I want to view and manage appointment requests through an interactive list. I want to delete or edit appointments with a few clicks.

Error Handling: In case of booking errors, display "Unable to process the appointment request".

Doctor's Patient Search:

UI Interaction: I want to use a search bar to find patients by name or ID. Search results should be presented in a list, with options to view full profiles.

Error Handling: For no results, display "No patients found".

Doctor's Treatment Notes:

UI Interaction: After consultations, I want to add notes to patient profiles via a text editor. Options to edit or delete notes are available.

Doctor's Prescription Management:

UI Interaction: I want to prescribe medications along with instructions to the patient.

Patient's Historical Data Viewing:

UI Interaction: I want to access a comprehensive history of patient appointments, prescriptions, and notes in the patient profile. Error Handling: For missing data, display "Data not available". If data loading fails, show "Error loading historical data".

Patient's Medical History Management:

UI Interaction: I want to update a patient's medical history, including "Allergies" (with an option for 'None'), "Chronic Conditions" (e.g., Asthma), and "Surgeries" (e.g., Knee Replacement), through a structured and editable section in the patient's profile.

Error Handling: The system validates entries for completeness and correctness, displaying error messages like "Invalid input" or "Incomplete data" when necessary, and alerts on system failures with "Update failed, try again later".

Billing Invoice and Insurance Claims Management:

UI Interaction: I want to generate and manage billing invoices using a digital form. I want to submit insurance claims directly through the system.

1.4. Non-Functional Requirements

Performance:

Load Time: Quick loading within seconds.

Response Time: Instantaneous system feedback for user actions.

Capacity: Handles thousands of concurrent users.

Reliability:

Uptime: At least 99.5% system availability. Data Accuracy: Error-free data display and storage.

Backup & Recovery: Scheduled data backups with a recovery plan.

Security:

Data Encryption: Secure patient data during storage and transmission.

Access Control: Role-based data access.

Audit Trails: Logged user interactions for accountability.

User Experience (UX):

Intuitive Design: Easy navigation and understanding of system features.

Database Scalability:

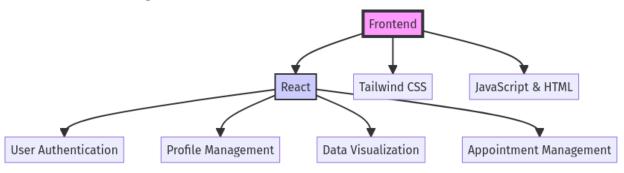
Handles growing data without performance drops.

Maintainability:

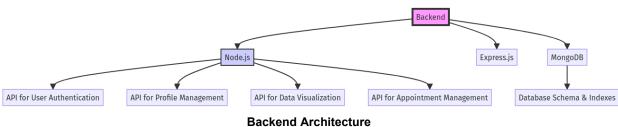
Modular Design: Independent system modules for easy updates. Documentation: Clear instructions for future development.

2. Design

2.1. Architecture Diagram



Frontend Architecture



Using JavaScript as an Object-Oriented programming language is vital for the following reasons:

Interactivity & Dynamics: JavaScript allows for creating interactive and dynamic user interfaces, which is crucial for real-time medical record management.

Unified Language: With both frontend (React) and backend (Node & Express) technologies using JavaScript, there is a consistent language throughout the stack, simplifying development and maintenance.

Object-Oriented Approach: JavaScript's ability to model and manage data using objects aligns with the need to represent complex entities such as patients, their medical records, and other related healthcare entities.

Scalability & Flexibility: JavaScript frameworks like React and Node are designed for scalability, catering to the ever-growing data and demands of a contemporary healthcare environment.

Seamless Integration: The combination of these JavaScript-based tools ensures smooth and seamless integration between frontend and backend, ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and convenience in patient management.

2.2. Technology Stack with Justification

Frontend

React

Advantages: React's component-based architecture makes it highly suitable for building a complex and interactive Patient Tracker system. It allows for the creation of reusable UI components, which enhances code maintainability and efficiency. React's virtual DOM ensures better performance compared to traditional full DOM manipulations, making it ideal for dynamic and real-time data updates in the application.

Tailwind CSS

Advantages: Tailwind CSS offers a utility-first approach, which is beneficial for rapidly developing custom designs without the overhead of writing a lot of custom CSS. It provides a wide range of predefined classes that can be composed to build any design directly in the markup. This results in a faster development process and reduces the CSS file size, leading to quicker load times.

- JavaScript & HTML

Advantages: JavaScript, combined with HTML, forms the backbone of interactive web applications. JavaScript's wide range of libraries and frameworks (including React) makes it versatile for various features and functionalities. HTML provides the structure of the web page, while JavaScript adds interactive elements, essential for creating a responsive and user-friendly interface in the Patient Tracker system.

Backend

Node.js

Advantages: Node.js is ideal for building scalable network applications, crucial for the Patient Tracker system's need for handling numerous patient records and interactions concurrently. Its non-blocking, event-driven architecture handles multiple connections simultaneously without straining the server, making it suitable for real-time applications.

- Express.js

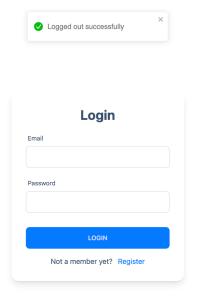
Advantages: Express.js simplifies the development of Node.js applications by providing a robust set of features to handle routing, middleware, and server-side logic. It's lightweight and flexible, allowing the creation of an API that is both scalable and maintainable, which is essential for the Patient Tracker system's backend.

Database

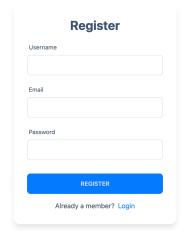
MongoDB

Advantages: MongoDB, a NoSQL database, is well-suited for handling diverse and complex data structures found in medical records. Its schema-less nature allows for flexibility in storing different types of data without the need for a predefined schema. This is particularly advantageous in healthcare applications where patient records can vary greatly. MongoDB's scalability and performance in handling large volumes of data make it an excellent choice for the Patient Tracker system. MongoDB is well-suited for storing unstructured or semi-structured data. This makes it a good choice for applications dealing with diverse data types, such as JSON, BSON, or even text documents. Hence we chose MongoDB over relational databases.

2.3. UI Mockup



Login page



Register page



Welcome to our Patient Tracker Portal

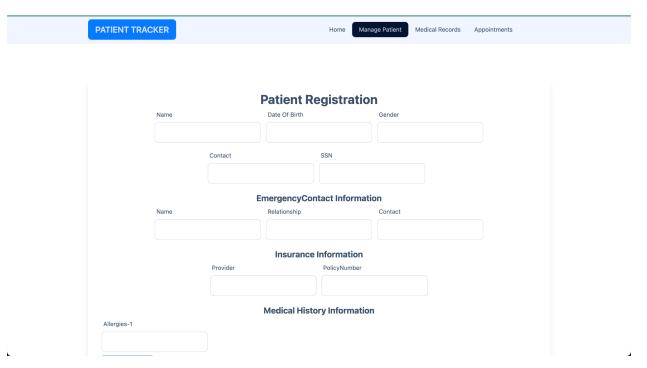
Revolutionize your healthcare practice with our patient tracker system. Effortlessly manage patient information, streamline appointments, and gain insights for personalized care. Experience a comprehensive solution that enhances efficiency and ensures top-notch patient experiences.



Home page



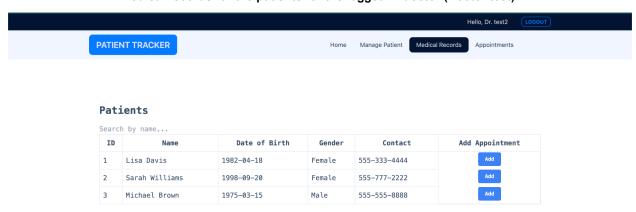
Navigation bar



Patient registration with multiple fields



Medical records for the patients for the logged in doctor (Doctor test)



Medical records for patients for another logged in doctor (Doctor test2)

Go Back Edit Patient Details View Patient Health Metrics

Patient Details

John Doe

Date of Birth: 1985-07-12

Gender: Male Contact: 555-123-4567

Emergency Contact: Jane Doe (Spouse), 555-987-6543

SSN: 123-45-6789

Insurance Provider: BlueCross BlueShield Policy Number: BCBS12345

Medical History

Allergies: Penicillin, Peanuts Chronic Conditions: Hypertension Surgeries: Appendectomy

Medications

Name: Lisinopril

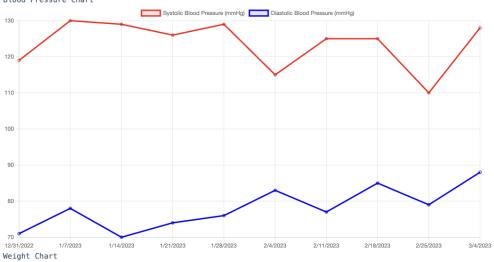
Dosage: 10mg Frequency: Once daily Name: Aspirin Dosage: 81mg Frequency: Once daily

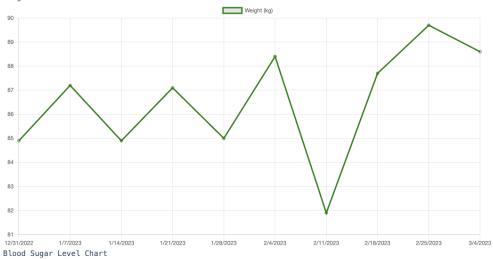
Vaccinations Name: Flu Shot Date: 2022-09-25 Name: Tetanus Booster Date: 2021-05-10 Primary Care Physician

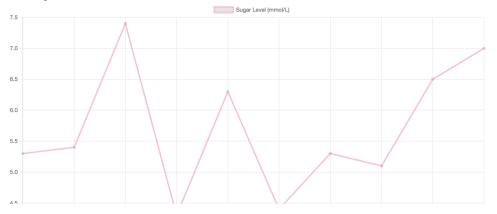
Name: Dr. Sarah Johnson

Clicking on the particular patient for more details

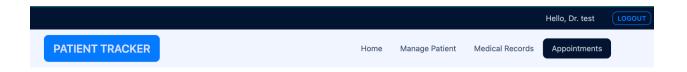
Patient Health Metrics Blood Pressure Chart







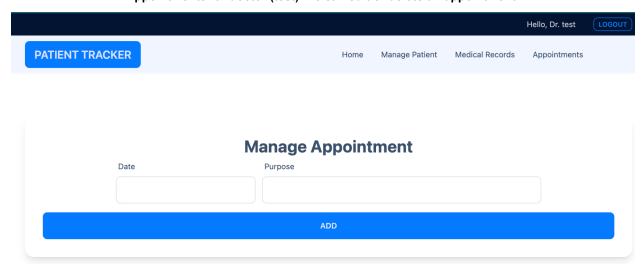
Viewing patient's health metrics



Patients

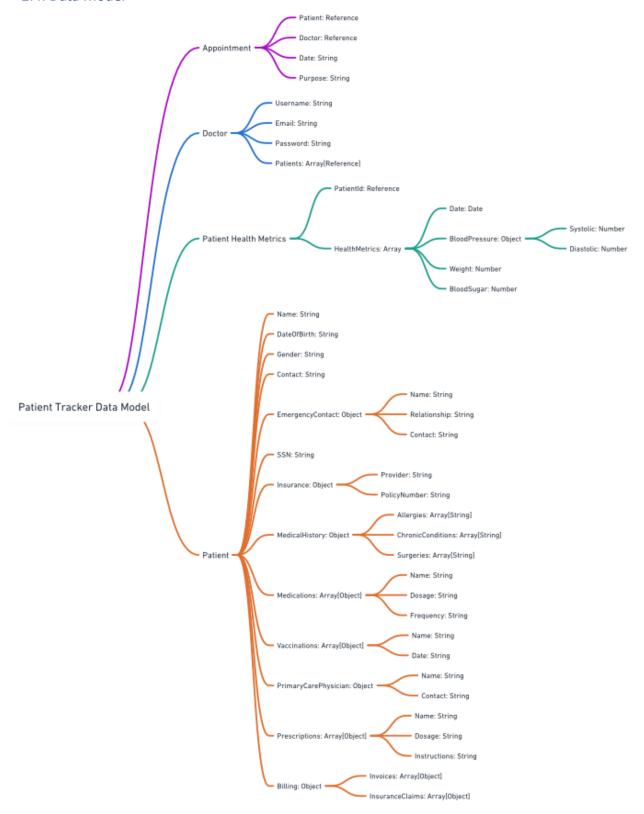
ID	Patient Name	Date of Birth	Patient Contact	Date of visit	Purpose of visit	Manage Appointment
1	John Doe	1985-07-12	555-123-4567	05/12/2023	Severe Head ache	Edit Delete
2	David Johnson	1990-10-05	555-888-9999	12/15/2023	Leg pain	Edit Delete

Appointments for doctor (test). He can edit or delete an appointment



Add appointment for a patient

2.4. Data Model



1. Appointment Model

patient: Reference to Patient (ObjectId) doctor: Reference to Doctor (ObjectId)

date: String purpose: String

2. Doctor Model

username: String

email: String (unique, required) password: String (required)

patients: Array of references to Patients (ObjectId)

3. Patient Health Metrics Model

patientId: Reference to Patient (ObjectId, required) healthMetrics: Array of Health Metric objects

date: Date (required)

bloodPressure: Object (systolic: Number, diastolic: Number)

weight: Number bloodSugar: Number

4. Patient Model

name: String dateOfBirth: String gender: String contact: String

emergencyContact: Object (name, relationship, contact)

ssn: String

insurance: Object (provider, policyNumber)

medicalHistory: Object (allergies: Array, chronicConditions: Array, surgeries: Array)

medications: Array of medication objects (name, dosage, frequency)

vaccinations: Array of vaccination objects (name, date)

primaryCarePhysician: Object (name, contact)

prescriptions: Array of prescription objects (name, dosage, instructions)

billing: Object (invoices: Array, insuranceClaims: Array)

The diagram illustrates the following entities and their relationships:

Doctor: Manages the patient profiles. They also can customize their dashboard to tailor the user experience.

Patient Profile: Central entity that contains both personal and medical details of the patient. It's also linked to the data

visualization component.

Personal Details: Information such as name, age, contact details, etc.

Medical Details: Information about a patient's health, medical history, medications, treatments, etc.

Data Visualization: This component is linked to the patient profile and displays patient data and health trends. **Authentication Details**: Contains login credentials and authentication-related information for the patient. **Authentication Module**: Ensures authentication details are secured and manages the log in process.

3. Implementation

In the development of the Patient Tracker system, we adhered to a set of coding methodologies, standards, and best practices to ensure a robust, maintainable, and scalable application. This section outlines the key aspects of our implementation process.

3.1. Version Control and Collaboration

Our team used Git for version control, with a centralized workflow approach. This method involved all team members working directly on the main branch, which facilitated a straightforward and collaborative development process.

Centralized Workflow: Instead of creating separate branches for each feature, our team worked directly on the main branch. Each team member was responsible for developing a specific feature, after which they committed their changes directly to the main branch. This approach was chosen for its simplicity and effectiveness in a small team setting.

Commit Practices: We adopted a practice of frequent commits with clear and descriptive commit messages. This practice helped in keeping track of changes and understanding the development history of the project.

Conflict Resolution: Conflicts were resolved as they occurred, with the responsible developer taking charge of reconciling any discrepancies. Regular communication and coordination among team members were crucial in swiftly addressing and resolving these conflicts.

3.2. Coding Standards and Practices

To ensure consistency and quality in our codebase, we followed a set of coding standards and best practices.

Code Organization: The codebase was organized logically, with clear separation of concerns. Frontend code was divided into components, services, and utilities, while backend code was organized into controllers, models, and routes.

Naming Conventions: We adhered to common naming conventions for clarity and consistency. In the React frontend, components were named using PascalCase, while functions and variables used camelCase. The Node.js backend followed similar conventions, emphasizing descriptive names for variables and functions.

Documentation: Thorough documentation was a priority. This included inline comments for complex logic, README files for setup and deployment, and detailed comments for API endpoints to ensure code clarity and maintainability.

Linting and Formatting: ESLint and Prettier were used to maintain code quality and consistency in style. ESLint enforces coding standards, while Prettier ensures uniform formatting.

Testing: Our testing strategy included unit and integration tests, utilizing Jest for backend testing and React Testing Library for frontend testing. These tests ensured the reliability of individual components and the system as a whole.

Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD):

We leveraged GitHub Actions for CI/CD, automating testing and deployment processes. This setup meant that new commits and pull requests were automatically tested, and successful builds were deployed to a staging environment for further verification.

3.3. Security and Risks

Data Breach

- Threats may arise from external sources, such as hackers or malicious software, and internal risks, such as employee error or intentional misconduct.
- We utilize JWT (JSON Web Tokens) for secure authorization, ensuring that only authenticated and authorized users can access sensitive information. This token-based authentication adds an extra layer of security by providing a verifiable and time-limited access token after successful login, further enhancing the protection of user data.

- HIPAA Compliance

- HIPAA establishes guidelines for the management and exchange of patient data, guaranteeing the protection of
 individuals' right to privacy while permitting the exchange of data required for patient treatment and billing.
 Because it plays a crucial role in protecting patient privacy and guaranteeing the security of their sensitive
 medical information, HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) is extremely important to the
 Patient Tracker project. The project entails managing and storing patient records, which contain private
 information, including medical histories, diagnoses, treatment plans, and other particulars.
- With MongoDB as our backend, we bolster HIPAA compliance. It encrypts data at rest, fortifying against
 unauthorized access. Access controls, auditing, and logging provide transparency and accountability. Features like
 data masking and encryption add layers of security. Validation checks maintain data accuracy. High availability
 and scalability ensure accessibility even under high loads. MongoDB's support and documentation streamline
 security implementation. Compliance remains a joint effort, requiring vigilance at both database and application
 levels.

4. Evaluation

4.1 Evaluation of Functional Requirements

We carefully developed detailed test cases for each of the front-end essential components, concentrating on crucial functions like the Patients List, Appointments List, and Login, in order to evaluate the system's compliance with our functional requirements. Vitest, a cutting-edge testing framework designed specifically for these kinds of assessments, was used to carefully create these tests. We were able to verify the integrity and operation of each module due to this thorough testing process, which also made sure that our application functions as planned and closely adheres to our defined requirements. Using Vitest made it easier to analyze every part in detail, giving us the knowledge we needed to improve and expand the functionality of our system.

Using v8 and vitest packages, we found that our code coverage for the test cases is 75.16%.

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patient-tracker-front/src	75.16	0	0	75.16	
SubmitBtn.jsx	100	75	100	100	19
index.js	100	100	100	100	
<pre>patient-tracker-front/src/features</pre>	92.1	100	66.66	92.1	
userSlice.js	92.1	100	66.66	92.1	27-29
Navbar.jsx	100	100	100	100	
PatientList.jsx	96.2	83.33	60	96.2	15–17
AppointmentsList.jsx	91.89	88.88	58.33	91.89	25-30
FormInput.jsx	76.47	33.33	100	76.47	12-19
Header.jsx	54.16	33.33	50	54.16	15-18,25-

We wrote 9 test cases across 3 main components:

For the patient's list we wrote test cases such as:

- 1. it should render the component with initial patients
- 2. it should filter patients based on search term
- 3. it should navigate to patient's medical history on row click
- 4. it should navigate to manage appointments on add appointment button click

For the appointments' list we wrote test cases such as:

- 1. should render the component with appointments.
- 2. it should navigate to medical history on row click.
- 3. it should call the edit and delete functions when buttons are clicked.

For the Login page we wrote test cases such as:

- 1. it submits the form and navigates on successful login.
- 2. it displays an error message on login failure

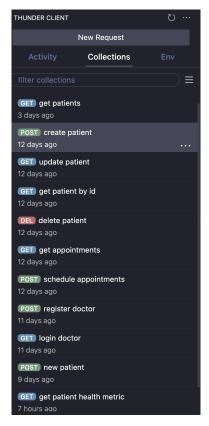
In our backend development process, we rigorously tested all our APIs using Thunder Client, a tool akin to Postman. The accompanying screenshot demonstrates how we meticulously crafted numerous API requests in Thunder Client, including operations like 'get patients' and 'create patient'. Our testing encompassed a broad spectrum of HTTP methods such as GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE, which are fundamental for the development of RESTful APIs.

A critical aspect of our testing involved authentication. Our APIs are secured with JWT (JSON Web Token) authentication, necessitating the inclusion of bearer tokens in our requests. Any request lacking a valid bearer token was rightly met with an 'unauthorized' error response, ensuring robust security measures.

This comprehensive testing process was pivotal in validating the functionality and security of our APIs. We thoroughly examined each API for correct responses, status codes, and error handling capabilities. Testing for edge cases and handling potential exceptions was an integral part of our process. We also paid close attention to the response time and data integrity in each request, ensuring that our APIs performed efficiently and reliably.

Furthermore, our testing included validation of the JWT implementation. We ensured that each token was correctly issued, had a valid format, and was appropriately validated on the server side. This was crucial to confirm that our security measures were effectively protecting the APIs against unauthorized access.

By meticulously testing our APIs in this manner, we were able to confidently ascertain their reliability and robustness. This pre-merging validation was essential in ensuring seamless integration with the frontend components of our project, thereby significantly reducing the likelihood of encountering integration-related issues downstream. Our frontend development teams could then proceed with their tasks, assured that the backend APIs were functioning optimally and securely.



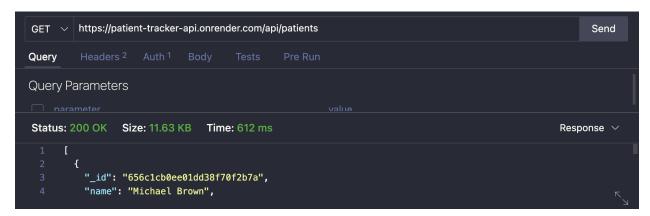
Requests written in ThunderClient

4.2 Evaluation of Non-functional Requirements

In the development of the Patient Tracker project, a robust approach to quality assurance and system reliability was adopted, incorporating Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD), regression testing, unit testing, and stress testing.

The CI/CD pipeline played a crucial role in maintaining code quality and ensuring seamless deployment. Every code commit triggered an automated process where the code was built, tested, and deployed to a staging environment. This approach enabled rapid detection and resolution of integration issues. Regression testing was an integral part of this pipeline. It ensured that new changes did not adversely affect existing functionalities. Automated regression tests were run against every build, providing confidence that new code submissions were not introducing bugs into the system.

Unit testing was another cornerstone of our testing strategy. Each component of the Patient Tracker system was rigorously tested in isolation to ensure that individual units functioned correctly. This granular level of testing helped in quickly pinpointing defects and facilitated easier maintenance of the codebase. Furthermore, stress testing was conducted to evaluate the system's performance under extreme conditions. By simulating high traffic scenarios and heavy data loads, we were able to identify and address potential bottlenecks, ensuring that the system remained stable and responsive even under duress. This comprehensive testing approach not only enhanced the system's reliability but also significantly improved the overall user experience.



Our APIs worked exceptionally well, as we can see, our get api took only 612 ms to get back the data from our MongoDB.

5. Discussion [Limitations & Future Plans]

5.1. Challenges and Limitations

The development of the Patient Tracker system has been a significant endeavor, and while we have achieved many of our initial goals, we encountered several challenges and limitations:

Time Constraints: The ambitious scope of the project, coupled with strict deadlines, led to time constraints that impacted our ability to implement all desired features. This limitation necessitated prioritizing certain functionalities over others.

Integration Challenges: Integrating various technologies (React, Node, Express, MongoDB) posed challenges, particularly in ensuring seamless communication between the frontend and backend.

Debugging and Quality Assurance: Given the complexity of the system, debugging was a time-intensive process. We encountered issues related to data consistency and user interface bugs that required significant effort to resolve.

Scalability in High-Volume Environments: While the system is designed for efficiency, handling an extremely high volume of patient data and concurrent users (such as in large hospitals) could challenge its scalability and performance.

Designed the interface to be user-friendly and accessible, catering to users with varying degrees of tech-savviness. A specific limitation we faced was the need to ensure that all patient data stored in the system was anonymized and de-identified in compliance with data privacy regulations. Implementing strong anonymization techniques while still maintaining data utility proved to be a complex task, requiring careful planning and testing.

5.2. Future Development Plans

Our vision for the future of the Patient Tracker system is expansive and includes several enhancements:

Advanced Data Analytics: We plan to integrate machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics, which can aid in early diagnosis and patient risk assessment.

User Experience Enhancements: Based on user feedback, we aim to improve the user interface for easier navigation and better accessibility.

Mobile Application Development: Developing a mobile version of the Patient Tracker will allow for greater accessibility and convenience for users on the go.

Interoperability with Other Systems: We aim to enhance the system's capability to integrate with other healthcare platforms and electronic health record systems for a more unified healthcare experience.

Lessons and SE Skills Learned: This project has been instrumental in enhancing our software engineering skills, particularly in agile development, cross-technology integration, and user-centered design.

5.3. Ethical and Societal Implications

Throughout the development of the Patient Tracker, we remained acutely aware of the ethical and societal implications:

Data Privacy and Security: We ensured that all patient data is handled with the utmost privacy and security, adhering to legal standards such as HIPAA in the United States.



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HIPAA

For organizations in healthcare and related fields subject to the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), MongoDB Cloud is HIPAA-ready and enables covered entities and their business associates to use a secure cloud database environment to process, maintain, and store protected health information (PHI).

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Handling of Sensitive Health Data: The nature of health data makes it extremely sensitive. Any breach can have serious implications for patient confidentiality and trust in the healthcare system.

In handling patient data, we consistently prioritized maintaining privacy and confidentiality, understanding the sensitive nature of health records and the ethical obligation to protect this information. Developing robust data synchronization protocols and consistency checks to ensure data integrity across all platforms. Creating comprehensive but user-friendly training modules to facilitate smooth transition and adaptation for healthcare staff. Establishing strong security measures and encryption protocols to safeguard sensitive health data.