Full Stack Development with MERN: Project Documentation

1. Introduction

Project Title: DocSpot: Seamless Appointment Booking for Health

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2.Project Overview

Purpose:

DocSpot is a MERN-based health-tech platform that simplifies appointment booking, doctor discovery, and virtual consultation management for patients, doctors, and admins...

Key Features:

- Secure JWT-based login/signup for Patient, Doctor, Admin roles
- Doctor profile listing with specialization, timings, fees, and reviews
- Advanced search with filters (e.g., location, availability, ratings)
- Appointment requests, approvals, and rescheduling
- Admin dashboard for verification and platform governance
- In-app messaging/reminders for confirmed consultations

3.Architecture

Frontend:

- ☐ Built using React.js
- ☐ Styled with Tailwind CSS and Bootstrap
- Utilizes Axios for API communication

Backend:

- □ Node.js + Express.js based RESTful API
- ☐ **JWT** authentication
- Modular routing and middleware-based access control

Database:

- ☐ MongoDB with Mongoose ODM
- ☐ Collections: Users, Doctors, Appointments, Admin Logs

4.Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

- Node.js (>=14.x)
- MongoDB

Installation:

- 1. Clone the repo
- 2. Run "npm install" in both "/client" and "/server"
- 3. Set environment variables (`.env ' file) for MongoDB URI and JWT secret
- 4. Start servers using npm Start

5.Folder Structure

O Client (React Frontend):

```
/client
/src
/components
/pages
/assets
```

```
/services
App.js
O Server (Node Backend):
/server
/controllers
/models
/routes
server.js
```

6.Running the Application

Frontend:

cd client npm start

Backend:

cd server npm start

7.API Documentation

Sample Endpoints:

- POST `/api/auth/register` User registration (Patient/Doctor/Admin)
- POST \api/auth/login \api User login
- GET `/api/doctors ` Browse all doctor profiles
- POST `/api/appointments ` Book an appointment
- PUT '/api/ appointments/:id Reschedule or cancel

8. Authentication

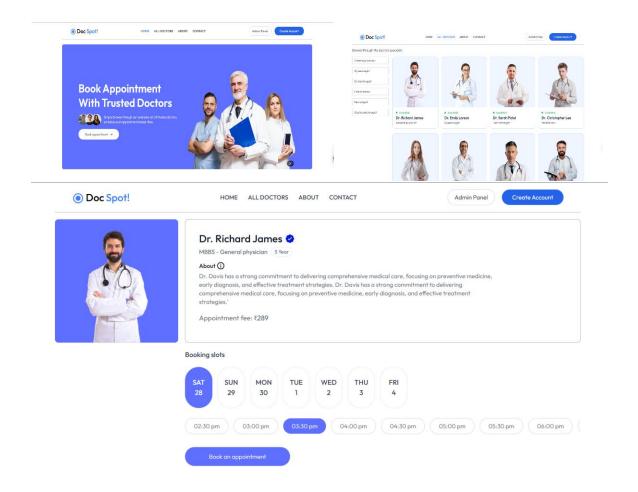
- JWT-based token system in localStorage
- Role-based access (Patient / Doctor / Admin)
- Protected routes via Express middleware

9.User Interface

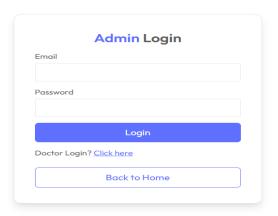
Responsive, role-based UI with tailored dashboards for:

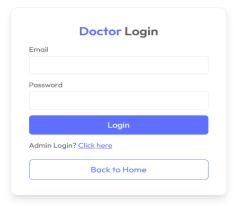
- Patients → Bookings & Health History
- Doctors → Appointment Management
- Admins → Verification & Analytics

10.Screenshots:









11.Testing

Manual testing with demo credentials:

- Patient: : https://docspot-com.vercel.app/
- Doctor & Admin: https://docspots-admins.vercel.app/

12.Known Issues

- No integrated payment gateway
- Limited responsiveness on older mobile devices
- No real time chat yet

13.Future Enhancements

- Calendar-based booking conflict resolution
- Stripe/PayPal payment integration
- Real-time chat using WebSocket or Firebase
- Convert to PWA for offline support