# MERN Stack Front To Back: Full Stack React, Redux & Node.js (2020)



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#### 0. Introduction

### Modern Technologies Used

- VSCode Editor
- ES6+ Syntax
- Async / Await
- React Hooks
- Redux With DevTools

- JWT (JSON Web Tokens)
- Postman HTTP Client
- Mongoose / MongoDB / Atlas
- Bcrypt Password Hashing
- Heroku & Git Deployment

#### 0.1 Environment & Setup

#### **0.1.1 Node.js**

Windows: <a href="https://nodejs.org/en/">https://nodejs.org/en/</a> - just download and install with GUI.

Linux:

CLI=> sudo apt-get update

CLI=> sudo apt install curl build-essential

CLI=> curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup\_14.x | sudo -E bash -

CLI=> sudo apt install -y nodejs

CLI=> node -v [=> v14.16.1]

#### 0.1.2 Visual Studio Code (VSC)

Windows: <a href="https://code.visualstudio.com/">https://code.visualstudio.com/</a> - just download and install with GUI.

Linux:

CLI=> sudo apt-get update CLI=> sudo apt install code

0.1.3 GIT

Windows: <a href="https://git-scm.com/">https://git-scm.com/</a> just download and install with GUI.

Linux: **GIT** is a basic component

#### 0.1.4 Postman

Windows: <a href="https://www.postman.com/">https://www.postman.com/</a> - just download and install with GUI.

Linux: <a href="https://www.postman.com/downloads/">https://www.postman.com/downloads/</a> - download archive tar.gz

https://dl.pstmn.io/download/latest/linux64

go to download folder and unpack that file with command *tar xvzf* [PACKAGENAME].tar.gz

CLI=> tar xvzf Postman-linux-x64-8.6.1.tar.qz

go to folder and use shortcut

#### 0.1.5 React Developer Tools chrome extension

#### 0.1.6 Redux DevTools chrome extension

#### 0.1.7 VSC extensions

- Bracket Pair Colorizer <a href="https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CoenraadS.bracket-pair-colorizer">https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CoenraadS.bracket-pair-colorizer</a>
- ES7 React/Redux/GraphQL/React-Native snippets <a href="https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?">https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?</a> <a href="mailto:itemName=dsznajder.es7-react-js-snippets">itemName=dsznajder.es7-react-js-snippets</a>
- Prettier Code formatter <a href="https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=esbenp.prettier-vscode">https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=esbenp.prettier-vscode</a>

VSC=>Manage=>Settings=> "format on save" should be enable

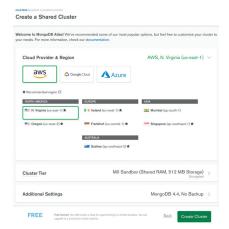
#### 1. Express & MongoDB Setup

#### 1.1 MongoDB (create a new cluster for project)

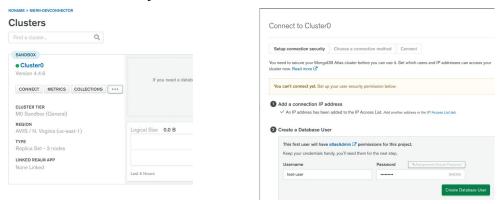
Create an account at <a href="https://www.mongodb.com/">https://www.mongodb.com/</a>. Sign in to an account.

Create a new project – **MERN-devconnector** 

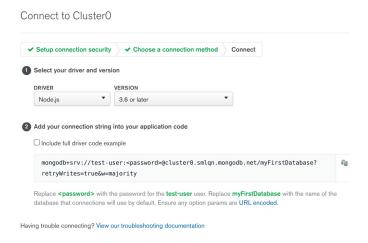
Create a new cluster - Cluster0



Push button "CONNECT" and add your IP adress and create a new database user to connect to a DB.



Push button "Choose a connection methood" and "connect your application" and save that link



## 1.1 Express (install a package and setup a server) 1.1.1 Create a .gitignore file

It is a file with list of files/folders witch will be ignored by GIT. Add **node\_modules** folder

#### 1.1.2 Initialize an NMP project and setup entry point

**CLI=>** *npm init* -*y* 

```
stslon@stslon-System-Product-Name:/media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2$ npm init -y
Wrote to /media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2/package.json:

{
    "name": "mern2",
    "version": "1.0.0",
    "description": "",
    "main": "index.js",
    "scripts": {
        "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
    },
    "repository": {
        "type": "git",
        "url": "git+https://github.com/ILopatenko/mern2.git"
    },
    "keywords": [],
    "author": "",
    "license": "ISC",
    "bugs": {
        "url": "https://github.com/ILopatenko/mern2/issues"
    },
    "homepage": "https://github.com/ILopatenko/mern2#readme"
}
```

This command creates a new file package.json with basic information about project and all the dependencies. I'm going to change entry point ("main": "server.js") for this project to **server.js** 

#### 1.1.3 Install all the packages as regular dependencies

I'am going to use in this project next packages:

- **express** backend server;
- **express-validator** for validation data;
- **bcryptjs** for making hash for passwords;
- config for making global variables;
- gravatar for working with user's avatars;
- **isonwebtoken** for working with JWT;
- **mongoose** for working with mongoDB database;
- **request** for working with another API based services;

CLI=> npm install express express-validator bcryptjs config gravatar jsonwebtoken mongoose request

#### 1.1.4 Install all the packages as DEV dependencies

DEV dependencies will be installed without direct reference to a project (npm will add them to package.json file as a devDependencies)

- **nodemon** will track all the changes and make a restart server automatically;
- **concurrently** allows me to run few scripts at the same time with a single command;

**CLI=>** npm install **-D nodemon concurrently** 

#### 1.1.5 Create an express server

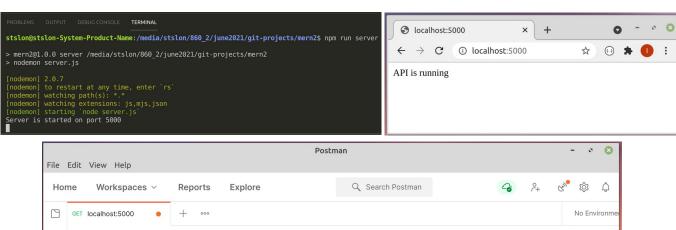
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_docs > Js server.js > ...
1    const express = require('express');
2
3    const app = express();
4
5    app.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('API is running'));
6
7    const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
8
9    app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server is started on port ${PORT}`));
10
```

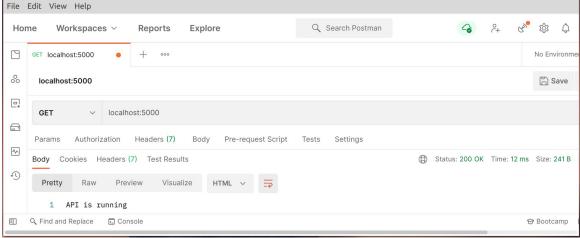
#### 1.1.6 Change run script at package.json

```
"scripts": {
    "start": "node server.js",
    "server": "nodemon server.js"
},
```

Now command "npm run start" will run server.js with node.js and command "npm run server" will run server.js with nodemon

#### 1.1.7 The first run





#### 1.2 Create a connection with mongoDB.

Create a new folder **config**. Inside this folder create a new file – **default.json** – with information to connect with a database

Create a new file – **db.js** – with connection logic

```
config > Js db.js > ...

1    const mongoose = require('mongoose');

2    a   const config = require('config');

4    5   const db = config.get('mongoURI');

6    7   const connectDB = async () => {
        try {
            await mongoose.connect(db);
            console.log('MongoDB is connected!');
        } catch (error) {
            console.error(err.message);
            process.exit(1);
        };
        for module.exports = connectDB;
}
```

Add **db.js** to a **server.js** 

```
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Js server.js > ...

1   const express = require('express');
2   const connectToDB = require('./config/db');
3
4   const app = express();
5   connectToDB();
6
7   app.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('API is running'));
8
9   const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
10
11   app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server is started on port ${PORT}`));
12
```

```
stslon@stslon-System-Product-Name:/media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2$ npm run server
> mern2@1.0.0 server /media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2
> nodemon server.js

[nodemon] 2.0.7
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching path(s): *.*
[nodemon] watching path(s): *.*
[nodemon] watching extensions: js,mjs,json
[nodemon] starting `node server.js`
(node:49585) DeprecationWarning: current URL string parser is deprecated, and will be removed in a futur onnect.
(Use `node --trace-deprecation ...` to show where the warning was created)
Server is started on port 5000
(node:49585) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: Top-level use of w, wtimeout, j, and fsync is deprecated. Use wri (node:49585) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: Current Server Discovery and Monitoring engine is deprecated, and ne, pass option { useUnifiedTopology: true } to the MongoClient constructor.
MongoDB is connected!
```

Fix all the warnings and run a server again:

```
config > Js db.js > ...

const mongoose = require('mongoose');

const config = require('config');

const db = config.get('mongoURI');

const connectDB = async () => {

try {
    await mongoose.connect(db, {
    useNewUrlParser: true,
    useUnifiedTopology: true,
    });
    console.log('MongoDB is connected!');

console.error(err.message);
    process.exit(1);

module.exports = connectDB;

module.exports = connectDB;
```

```
stslon@stslon-System-Product-Name:/media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2$ npm run server

> mern2@1.0.0 server /media/stslon/860_2/june2021/git-projects/mern2
> nodemon server.js

[nodemon] 2.0.7
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching path(s): *.*
[nodemon] watching extensions: js,mjs,json
[nodemon] starting `node server.js`
Server is started on port 5000
MongoDB is connected!
```

#### 1.3 Create routes.

Create a new folder – **routes/api** – to store and work with all the routes.

Inside this folder create new files – user.js, profile.js, post.js and auth.js

```
Js user.js U x

routes > api > Js user.js > ...

1    const express = require('express');
2    const router = express.Router();
3

4    //@route    GET api/user
5    //@desc    Test route
6    //@access    Public
7    router.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('User route'));
8
9    module.exports = router;
```

```
Js post.js U X

routes > api > Js post.js > ...

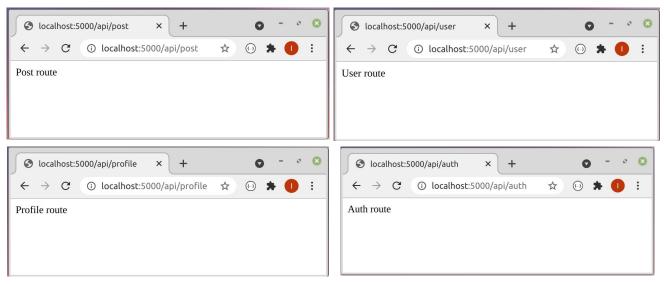
1    const express = require('express');
2    const router = express.Router();
3
4    //@route    GET api/post
5    //@desc    Test route
6    //@access    Public
7    router.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('Post route'));
8
9    module.exports = router;
10
```

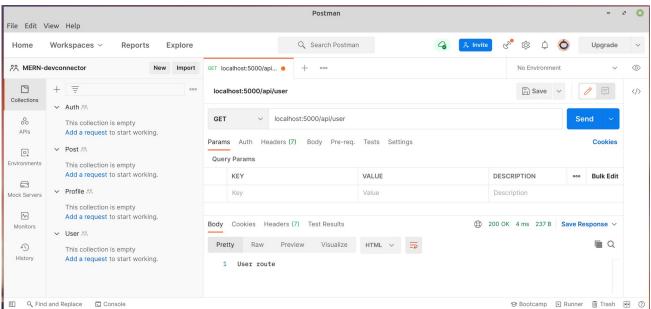
```
routes > api > Js auth.js > ...

1    const express = require('express');
2    const router = express.Router();
3
4    //@route    GET api/auth
5    //@desc    Test route
6    //@access    Public
7    router.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('Auth route'));
8
9    module.exports = router;
10
```

#### Add all these routes to **server.js**

```
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JS server.js > ...
      const express = require('express');
  2
      const connectToDB = require('./config/db');
      const userRoute = require('./routes/api/user');
      const profileRoute = require('./routes/api/profile');
      const postRoute = require('./routes/api/post');
      const authRoute = require('./routes/api/auth');
  9
      const app = express();
      connectToDB();
      app.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('API is running'));
      app.use('/api/user', userRoute);
      app.use('/api/profile', profileRoute);
      app.use('/api/post', postRoute);
      app.use('/api/auth', authRoute);
      const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
      app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server is started on port ${PORT}`));
 24
```





#### 1.4 User API Routes & JWT Authentication

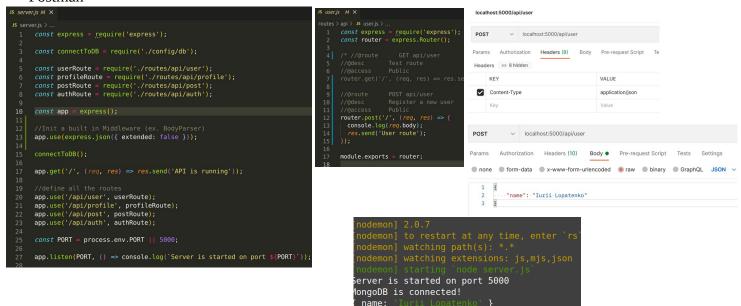
#### 1.4.1 Create an User schema for MongoDB

Create a new folder – **models** – to store all the schemas.

Create a new file – **User.js** – inside this folder.

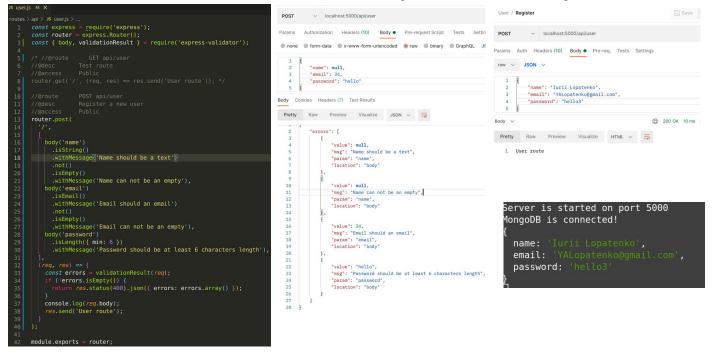
#### 1.4.2 Edit test route to api/user endpoint

Add Middleware (ex. bodyParser) to work with request object. Change user.js route. Change request in Postman

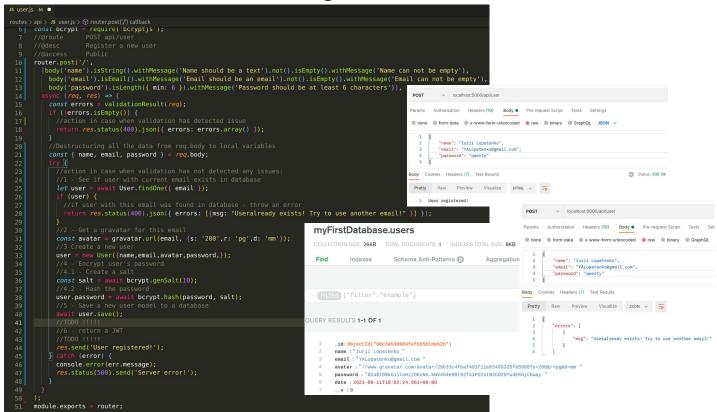


Now Postman can send a request (with some data in body) and server can receive this request and work with data (in this example server just sent an object from req.body to console.log)

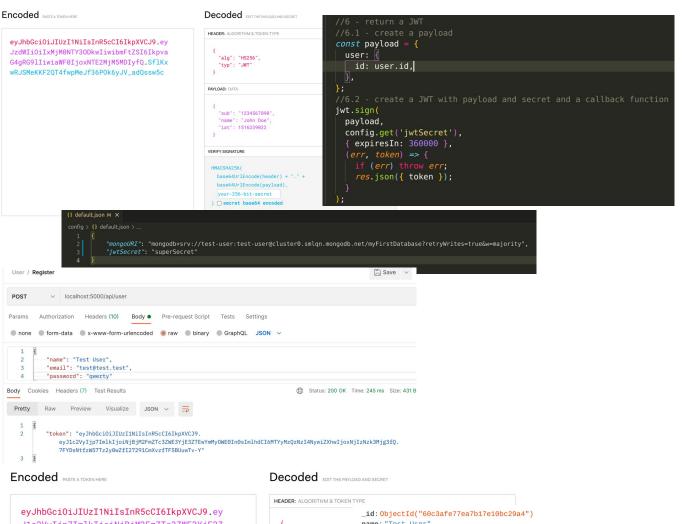
#### 1.4.3 Add data validation with express-validate npm module



#### 1.4.4 Register a new user.



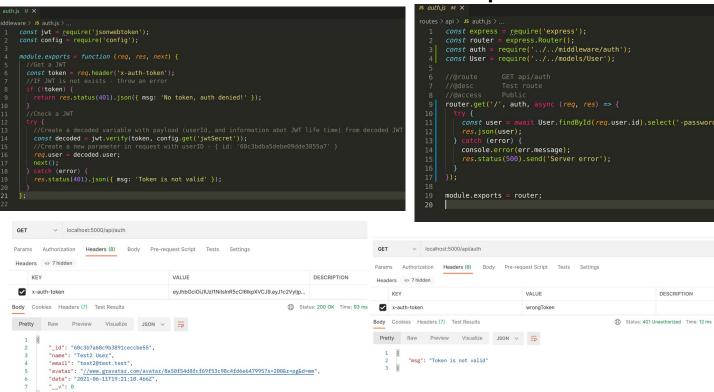
#### 1.4.5 JWT



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```
name: "Test User"
   "alg": "HS256",
                       email: "test@test.test"
   "typ": "JWT"
                       avatar: "//www.gravatar.com/avatar/dd46a756faad4727fb679320751f6dea?s=200&r=pg&..."
                       password: "$2a$10$iBBLldnM4f2gUkVctSp850PktCTBRWrb3918WdPyrlxSINqiikxhu"
                       date: 2021-06-11T18:48:07.420+00:00
PAYLOAD: DATA
                       v: 0
   "user": {
    "id": "60c3afe77ea7b17e10bc29a4"
   },
"iat": 1623437287,
   "exp": 1623797287
VERIEV SIGNATURE
HMACSHA256(
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
  base64UrlEncode(payload),
   your-256-bit-secret
 ) secret base64 enc
```

#### 1.4.6 Build a custom middleware to work with protected routes



#### 1.4.7 User authentication



### What was used in project?

**Operating Systems:** Linux Mint 20.1 and Windows 10

<b>Node.js</b> – javascript runtime enviroment.
NPM
GIT -
express
express-validator
MongoDB
Mongoose
jwt
nodemon
postman
VSCode
Chrome