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: https://nodejs.org/en/ - 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: https://code.visualstudio.com/ - just download and install with GUI.

Linux:

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

0.1.3 GIT

Windows: https://git-scm.com/ just download and install with GUI.

Linux: **GIT** is a basic component

0.1.4 Postman

Windows: https://www.postman.com/ - just download and install with GUI.

Linux: https://www.postman.com/downloads/ - 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 https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CoenraadS.bracket-pair-colorizer
- ES7 React/Redux/GraphQL/React-Native snippets https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items? itemName=dsznajder.es7-react-js-snippets
- Prettier Code formatter https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=esbenp.prettier-vscode

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

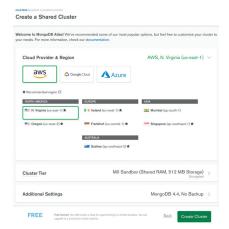
1. Express & MongoDB Setup

1.1 MongoDB (create a new cluster for project)

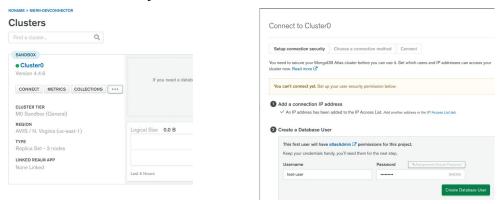
Create an account at https://www.mongodb.com/. Sign in to an account.

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

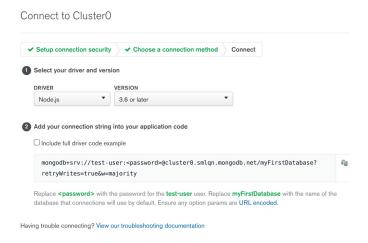
Create a new cluster - Cluster0



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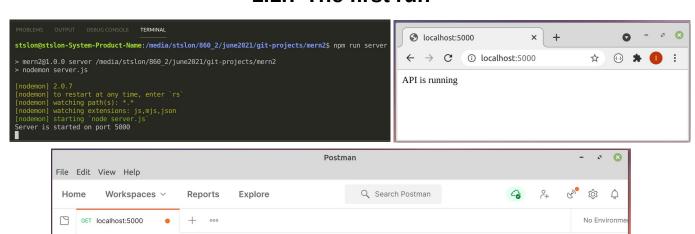
1    const express = require('express');
2
3    const app = express();
4
5    app.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('API is running'));
6
7    const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;
8
9    app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server is started on port ${PORT}`));
10
```

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



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Status: 200 OK Time: 12 ms Size: 241 B

localhost:5000

GET

Pretty

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Raw Preview Visualize

Body Cookies Headers (7) Test Results

1 API is running

Q Find and Replace Console

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings

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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 > ...

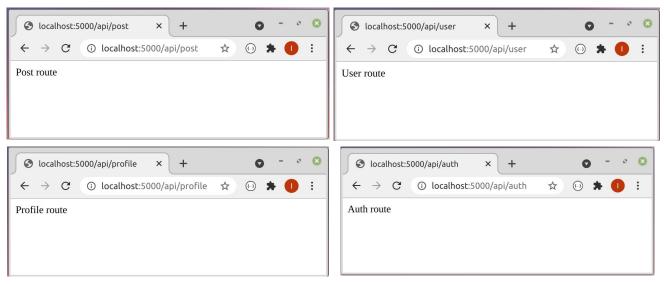
1    const express = require('express');
2    const router = express.Router();
3
4    //@route    GET api/post
5    //@desc    Test route
6    //@access    Public
7    router.get('/', (req, res) => res.send('Post route'));
8
9    module.exports = router;
10
```

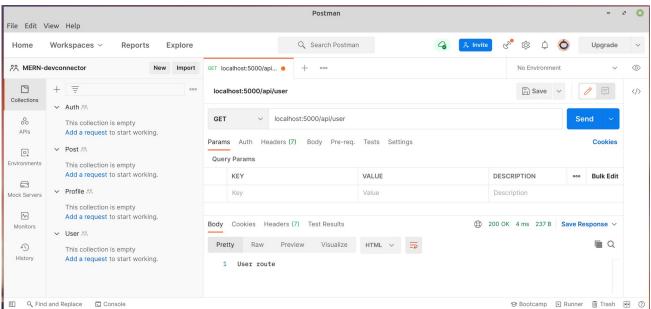
```
routes > api > Js auth.js > ...

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

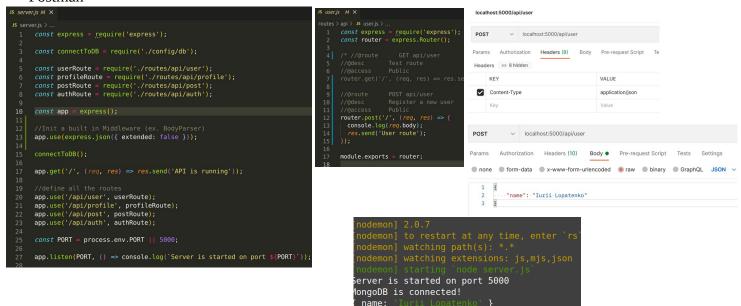
1.4.1 Create an User schema for MongoDB

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

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

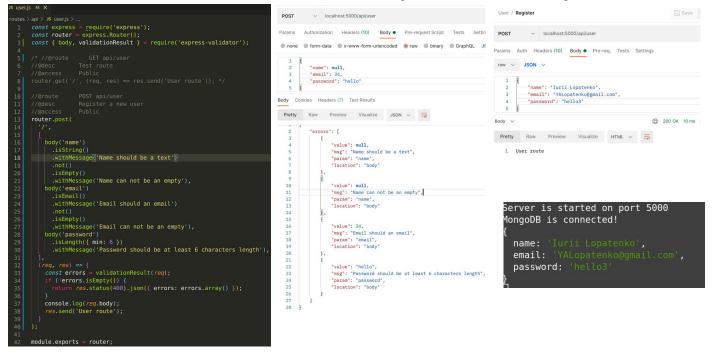
1.4.2 Edit test route to api/user endpoint

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

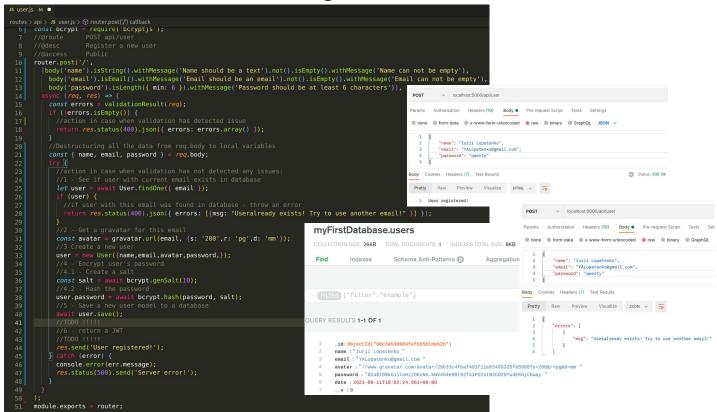


Now Postman can send a request (with some data in body) and server can receive this request and work with data (in this example server just sent an object from req.body to console.log)

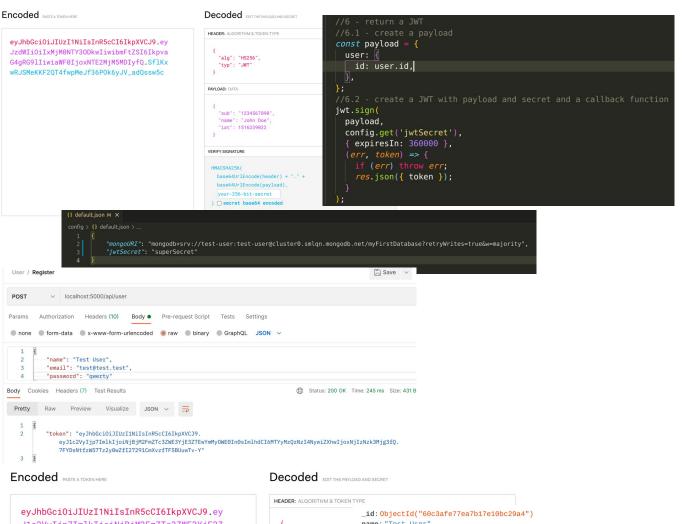
1.4.3 Add data validation with express-validate npm module



1.4.4 Register a new user.



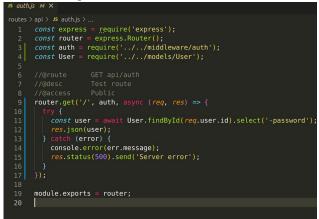
1.4.5 JWT

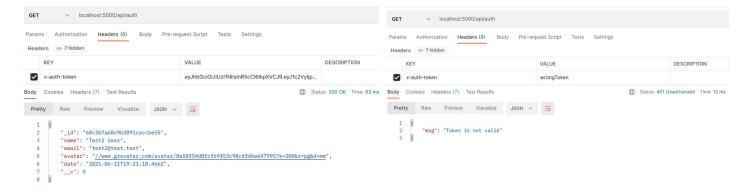


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```
name: "Test User"
   "alg": "HS256",
                       email: "test@test.test"
   "typ": "JWT"
                       avatar: "//www.gravatar.com/avatar/dd46a756faad4727fb679320751f6dea?s=200&r=pg&..."
                       password: "$2a$10$iBBLldnM4f2gUkVctSp850PktCTBRWrb3918WdPyrlxSINqiikxhu"
                       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





What was used in project?

Operating Systems: Linux Mint 20.1 and Windows 10

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