

Comprehensive Project Documentation: EMS (Employee Management System)

Execution Plan: This document serves as the master record for the project logic. We will systematically detail every module, class, and function below.

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1. Project Overview

The Enterprise Employee Management System (EMS) is a full-stack web application designed to streamline HR operations. It features a secure, role-based architecture capable of handling employee data, attendance tracking, leave

management, payroll processing, and recruitment (ATS).

1.1 Architecture

- **Backend:** Spring Boot (Java 21) REST API.
- **Frontend:** React (Vite) Single Page Application (SPA).
- **Database:** MySQL (Relational Data Persistence).
- **Security:** Stateless JWT (JSON Web Token) Authentication with Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).

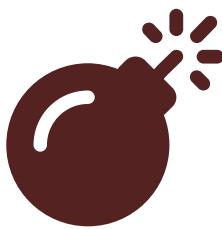
1.2 Tech Stack & Libraries

- **Backend:**
 - Spring Boot 3.2.2 : Core framework.
 - Spring Security : Authentication & Authorization.
 - Spring Data JPA : Hibernate/ORM for MySQL interactions.
 - jjwt (0.12.3) : JWT generation and validation.
 - OpenPDF (1.3.30) : PDF Generation for Payslips.
 - Apache PDFBox (3.0.0) : Resume Parsing for ATS.
 - Lombok : Boilerplate code reduction.
- **Frontend:**
 - React 19 : UI Library.
 - Vite : Build tool.
 - React Bootstrap 2.10 : UI Components & Grid System.
 - Axios : HTTP Client.
 - Chart.js 4 : Data Visualization.
 - React Router Dom 7 : Client-side routing.

1.3 Key Features

- **Role-Based Access:** Specialized views for ADMIN, HR, and EMPLOYEE.
- **Live Payroll Simulation:** Realistic mock bank transfer steps with verification.
- **PDF Payslips:** Auto-generated downloadable salary slips.
- **Smart Attendance:** Visual tracking of Present/Absent/Half-Day status.
- **Resume Parsing:** ATS scanner to extract skills and email from PDF resumes.

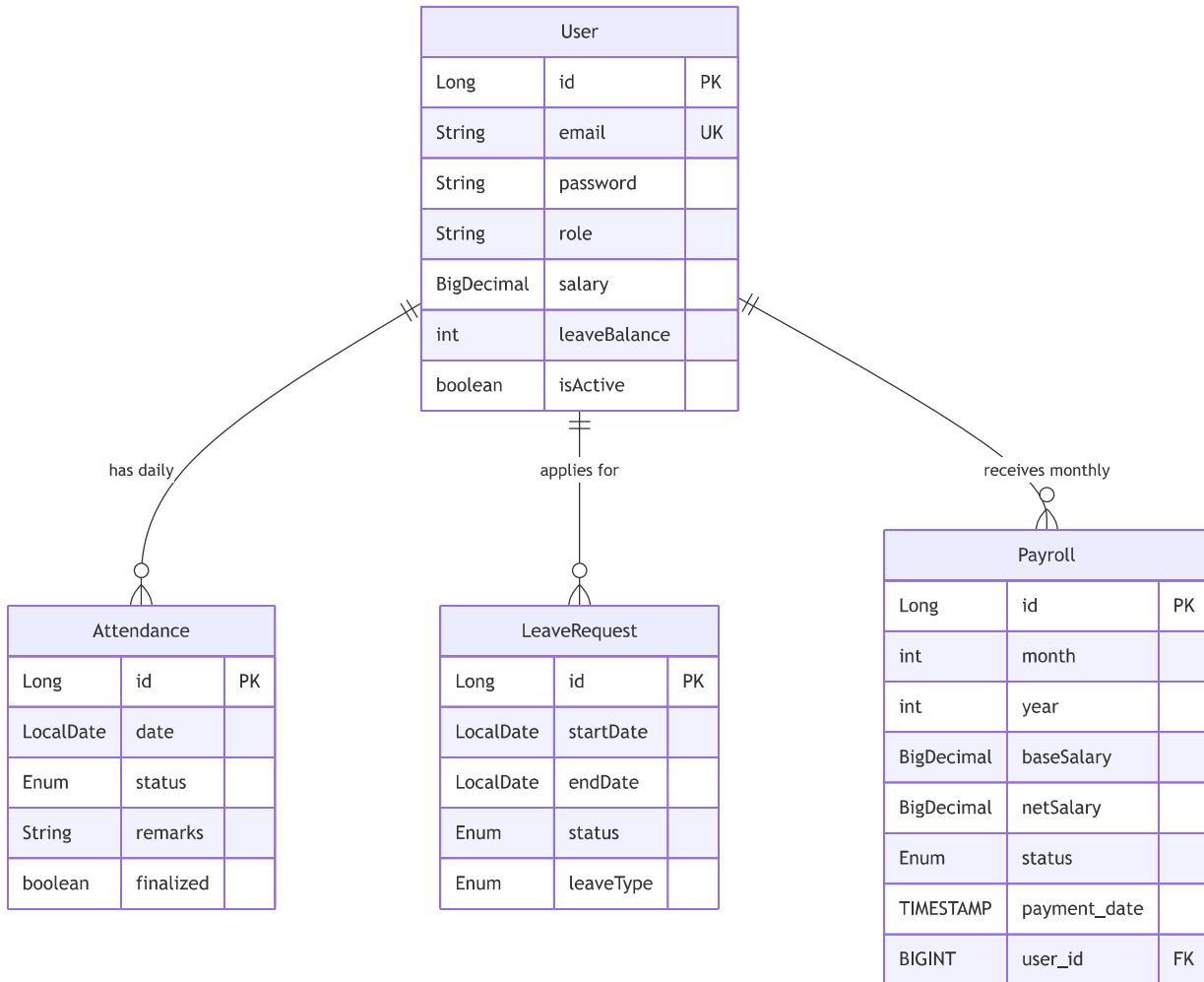
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2. Backend Logic Analysis

2.0 Database Schema (ER Diagram)



2.1 Authentication & Security

This module handles user identity verification and access control. It follows a stateless architecture using JWT.

2.1.1 Security Configuration (`SecurityConfig.java`)

- **Status:** Configuration Bean.
- **Logic:**
 - **CSRF:** Disabled (standard for stateless REST APIs).
 - **CORS:** Configured to allow requests from `http://localhost:5173` (Frontend) with all methods (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE).
 - **Session Management:** Set to `STATELESS` (Server does not store session IDs).
 - **Public Endpoints:** `/api/auth/**` (Login), `/swagger-ui/**`, `/v3/api-docs/**`.
 - **Role-Based Restrictions:**
 - `/api/admin/**` -> Requires `ROLE_ADMIN`.
 - `/api/hr/**` -> Requires `ROLE_HR`.
 - `/api/employee/**` -> Requires `ROLE_EMPLOYEE`.
 - **Filter Chain:** Adds `JwtAuthenticationFilter` before the standard `UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter`.
- **Key Beans:**

- PasswordEncoder : Uses BCryptPasswordEncoder for hashing.
- AuthenticationManager : Manages the auth process.

2.1.2 JWT Utility (`JwtUtils.java`)

- Purpose: Token Generation and Validation.
- Key Functions:
 - generateToken(UserDetails) : Creates a token with HS256 signature. Embeds the user's Role (stripped of ROLE_ prefix) into the claims.
 - extractUsername(token) : detailed parsing of the sub claim.
 - isTokenValid(token, userDetails) : Checks signature integrity and expiration time.

2.1.3 User Details Service (`CustomUserDetailsService.java`)

- Purpose: Bridges Spring Security with the Database.
- Logic:
 - Loads user by email from UserRepository .
 - Constraint: Only loads users where isActive = true .
 - Mapping: Converts our internal Role enum (ADMIN) to Spring's authority format (ROLE_ADMIN).

2.1.4 Auth Controller (`AuthController.java`)

- Endpoints:
 - POST /api/auth/login : Accepts LoginRequest (email, password). Authenticates via AuthenticationManager . Returns JWT.
 - POST /api/auth/verify-password : (New) Checks the password of the currently logged-in user. Used for confirming sensitive actions (e.g., Payroll disbursement). Uses SecurityContextHolder to get the current user, then attempts re-authentication.

2.2 Employee Management

This module handles the lifecycle of employee records, including profile management and role assignments.

2.2.1 Data Model (`User.java`)

- Key Fields:
 - email : Unique identifier for login.
 - role : Enum (ADMIN , HR , EMPLOYEE).
 - isActive : Boolean flag for soft-deletion.
 - leaveBalance : Tracks remaining leave days.
 - salary : Base salary for payroll calculations.
 - profileImage : URL path to locally stored image.
 - createdAt/updatedAt : Auto-managed audit timestamps.

2.2.2 Service Logic (`EmployeeService.java`)

- Search: searchEmployees(query) checks if the query matches the name or department. Filters out inactive users by default.
- Creation: createUser(user) verifies that the email is unique before saving. Encodes the password using BCrypt.

- **Updates:** `updateUser(id, details)` selectively updates mutable fields. Password is updated only if a non-blank value is provided.
- **Image Upload:** `uploadProfileImage` saves files to a local `uploads` directory and updates the user's `profileImage` field with the accessible URL.
- **Soft Delete:** `softDeleteEmployee` sets `isActive = false`, preserving historical data (e.g., for past payrolls) while preventing future login/processing.

2.2.3 Controller Endpoints (`EmployeeController.java`)

- `GET /api/employees` : Returns list of active employees. Supports `?search=` parameter.
- `POST /api/employees` : Creates a new user. Requires validation logic.
- `PUT /api/employees/{id}` : Updates existing user details.
- `PUT /api/employees/{id}/soft-delete` : Archive a user.
- `POST /api/employees/{id}/image` : Multipart file upload for profile pictures.

2.3 Attendance Module

This module tracks daily presence and forms the basis for payroll calculation.

2.3.1 Data Model (`Attendance.java`)

- **Composite Key:** Unique constraint on `employee_id + date`.
- **Fields:**
 - `status` : Enum (`PRESENT` , `ABSENT` , `HALF_DAY` , `LEAVE`).
 - `finalized` : Boolean. If true, the record is locked and cannot be edited.
 - `leaveRequest` : Link to the approved leave (if status is `LEAVE`).

2.3.2 Service Logic (`AttendanceService.java`)

- **Monthly Initialization:** `initializeMonth(year, month)` iterates through all days of the given month. For every Employee, it checks if a record exists. If not, it creates a default record with status `ABSENT`. This ensures no missing data points for payroll.
- **Modifications:** `updateAttendance` allows HR to manually change status (e.g., correct an Absent to Present). **Barrier:** Throws exception if record is `finalized`.
- **Leave Integration:** `handleLeaveApproval(leave)` is a listener method. When a leave is approved:
 - Calculates the date range.
 - Finds or creates attendance records for those dates.
 - Sets status to `LEAVE` and links the `LeaveRequest`.
 - Updates remarks to "Leave Approved: [Type]".
- **Finalization:** `finalizeMonth` locks all records for a specific month, signaling they are ready for Payroll processing.

2.3.3 Controller Endpoints (`AttendanceController.java`)

- `GET /api/attendance` : Fetch records for a month/year.
- `POST /api/attendance/init` : Trigger the initialization batch job.
- `PUT /api/attendance/{id}` : Modify a specific day's status.
- `POST /api/attendance/finalize` : Lock the month.

2.4 Leave Management

This module manages employee time-off requests, enforcing policy rules and balance checks.

2.4.1 Data Model (`LeaveRequest.java`)

- **Fields:**
 - `startDate` , `endDate` : Duration of the leave.
 - `leaveType` : Enum (`SICK` , `CASUAL` , `EARNED` , `UNPAID_LEAVE`).
 - `status` : Enum (`PENDING` , `APPROVED` , `REJECTED`).
 - `reason` : Text justification.

2.4.2 Service Logic (`LeaveService.java`)

- **Application (`applyLeave`):**
 - Validations: Start date must be before end date; cannot be in the past.
 - Balance Check: Ensures `user.leaveBalance >= requestedDays` . Does **not** deduct balance immediately (deduction happens on approval).
 - Result: Saves request with `PENDING` status.
- **Approval Workflow (`updateLeaveStatus`):**
 - **Logic:**
 - a. Retrieves request. Throws error if not `PENDING`.
 - b. If `APPROVED`:
 - Re-validates user balance (in case of concurrent requests).
 - **Deducts Balance:** `user.leaveBalance -= days` .
 - **Updates Attendance:** Calls `attendanceService.handleLeaveApproval` to retrospectively mark those days as on leave in the attendance system.
 - c. Updates status to `APPROVED` or `REJECTED` .

2.4.3 Controller Endpoints (`LeaveController.java`)

- `POST /api/leaves` : Apply for leave (User).
- `GET /api/leaves/my` : View personal leave history.
- `GET /api/leaves` : View all pending requests (HR).
- `PUT /api/leaves/{id}/status` : Approve or Reject a request.

2.5 Payroll & Finance

This module handles the complex logic of salary calculation, simulating banking transactions, and generating documentation.

2.5.1 Data Model (`Payroll.java`)

- **Constraint:** Unique record per Employee per Month/Year.
- **Fields:**
 - `baseSalary` : Snapshot of the user's salary at generation time.
 - `payableDays` : Calculated effective working days.
 - `netSalary` : Final amount to be paid.
 - `deductionAmount` : `baseSalary - netSalary` .

- status : GENERATED (Pending Payment) or PAID .

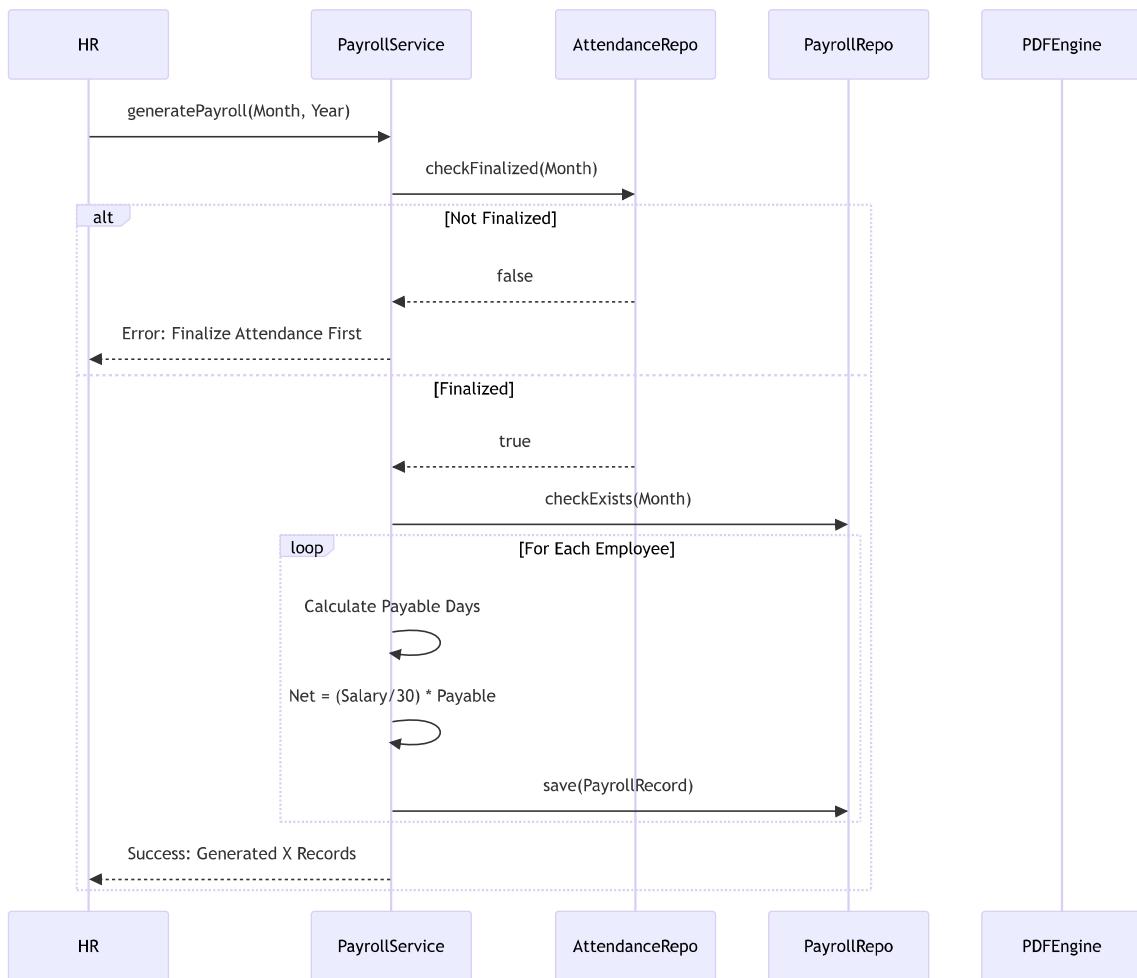
2.5.2 Service Logic (`PayrollService.java`)

- **Generation (`generatePayroll`):**
 - Prerequisite: Attendance for the month must be Finalized.
 - Calculation Algorithm:
 - a. Iterate all active employees.
 - b. Fetch attendance records for the month.
 - **Payable Days Formula:**
 - PRESENT = 1.0 day.
 - HALF_DAY = 0.5 day.
 - LEAVE = 1.0 day (Paid) or 0.0 (Unpaid).
 - ABSENT = 0.0 day.
 - **Salary Formula:**
 - PerDaySalary = BaseSalary / TotalDaysInMonth
 - NetSalary = PerDaySalary * PayableDays
 - **Result:** Creates a `Payroll` entity with status `GENERATED` .
- **Disbursement (`processPayroll`):**
 - Simulation: Uses `Thread.sleep(2000)` to mimic bank API latency.
 - Update: Sets status to `PAID` and records `paymentDate` .
- **PDF Generation (`generatePayslipPdf`):**
 - Library: Uses **OpenPDF** (iText fork).
 - Content: Generates a professional header, employee info table, and a detailed Earnings/Deductions breakdown table.

2.5.3 Controller Endpoints (`PayrollController.java`)

- `GET /api/payroll` : View payroll list.
- `POST /api/payroll/generate` : Trigger calculation engine.
- `POST /api/payroll/process` : Trigger batch payment simulation (HR Only).
- `POST /api/payroll/{id}/mark-paid` : Trigger single payment (HR Only).
- `GET /api/payroll/payslip/{id}` : Download generated PDF.

2.5.4 Payroll Calculation Workflow



2.6 Dashboard Analytics

This module aggregates system-wide data to provide real-time insights for HR administrators.

2.6.1 Service Logic (`DashboardService.java`)

- **Data Aggregation (`getStats`):**
 - **Total Staff:** Queries `UserRepository` for count of users where `isActive = true` .
 - **On Leave Today:** Queries `LeaveRepository` for approved leaves where `today` falls between `startDate` and `endDate` .
 - **Pending Requests:** Counts `LeaveRequests` with status `PENDING` .
 - **Est. Payroll Cost:** Sums the `salary` column of all active users to forecast monthly expense.
 - **Department Distribution:** Groups users by `department` and counts them (used for Pie Charts).

2.6.2 Controller Endpoints (`DashboardController.java`)

- `GET /api/dashboard/stats` : Returns a DTO containing all the above metrics. Secured for `HR` and `ADMIN` roles.

2.7 ATS & Resume Parsing

This feature introduces AI-powered recruitment capabilities, analyzing PDFs to rank candidates against job descriptions.

2.7.1 Service Logic (`ResumeService.java`)

- **Text Extraction:** Uses Apache PDFBox (`PDFTextStripper`) to read raw text from uploaded PDF files.
- **AI Analysis:**
 - **Model:** Integrates with Google Gemini 2.5 Flash (via REST API).
 - **Prompt Engineering:** Instructs the AI to act as an ATS, comparing the resume text against the target role (e.g., "Software Engineer").
 - **Output JSON:** Requests structured data including `score` (0-100), `missingKeywords`, `summary`, and `recommendation`.
- **Fallback Mechanism:** If the API Key is missing or the external service fails, a local Mock Analysis runs. It uses heuristics (checking for keywords like "Experience" or the Role name) to generate a basic score and feedback, ensuring the demo never crashes.

2.7.2 Controller Endpoints (`ResumeController.java`)

- `POST /api/ats/analyze` : Accepts `multipart/form-data` (PDF) and a query param `role`. Returns the analysis result.

2.8 Configuration & Utils

These utility classes handle cross-cutting concerns like data initialization and error handling.

2.8.1 Data Seeder (`DataSeeder.java`)

- **Purpose:** Populates the database with realistic dummy data on startup if empty.
- **Entities Created:**
 - **Admin:** `admin@ems.com` / password (Full Access).
 - **HR:** `hr@ems.com` / password (Payroll/Leave Management).
 - **Employees:** ~15 users with real names (e.g., "Alice Johnson", "Bob Smith"), varied departments, and randomized salaries (60k-150k).
 - **Leave Requests:** Mix of pending future leaves and approved past leaves to populate the dashboard metrics immediately.

2.8.2 Global Exception Handler (`GlobalExceptionHandler.java`)

- **Annotation:** `@ControllerAdvice` – intercepts exceptions from *all* controllers.
- **Handlers:**
 - `IllegalArgumentException` : Returns **400 Bad Request** with the exception message.
 - `Exception` (Generic): Returns **500 Internal Server Error**.
- **Response Format:** standardized JSON `ErrorResponse` (status, message).

3. Frontend Logic Analysis

The frontend is a React application built with functional components and hooks. It uses `react-bootstrap` for styling and layout.

3.1 Core Architecture

3.1.1 Routing & App Structure (`App.jsx`)

- **Router:** Uses `react-router-dom v6+`.

- **Routes:**
 - /login : Public access.
 - /dashboard , /employees , /payroll , etc.: Wrapped in <ProtectedRoute> .
- **Protection Logic:** Checks if user exists in AuthContext . If not, redirects to /login . If valid, renders the Layout .

3.1.2 Authentication Context (`AuthContext.jsx`)

- **State:** user object (email, role), loading boolean.
- **Initialization:** On load, checks localStorage for a JWT token. Decodes it (using jwt-decode) to restore the user session.
- **Login:** Sends generic credentials to /auth/login , saves the returned token, and updates state.
- **Logout:** Clears token and resets state.

3.1.3 API Client (`axios.js`)

- **Base URL:** `http://localhost:8081/api` .
- **Interceptor:** automatically attaches Authorization: Bearer <token> to every outgoing request, simplifying component logic.
- **Response Handling:** Global 401 handler (optional but recommended) to auto-logout on token expiration.

3.1.4 Main Layout (`Layout.jsx`)

- **Structure:** Flexbox container.
 - Sidebar: Fixed width on left (or collapsible on mobile).
 - Main Content: Scrollable area on the right (flex-grow-1).
- **Outlet:** Renders the matched child route component (e.g., Dashboard) inside the main content area.

3.2 Authentication (Login)

This module handles the entry point for all users.

3.2.1 Logic (`Login.jsx`)

- **UI:** Split-screen design (Creative Hero Image on Left, Form on Right).
- **State:** Local state for email , password , error .
- **Action (handleSubmit):**
 - Calls authContext.login(email, password) .
 - Redirect Strategy:**
 - If Role contains EMPLOYEE -> Navigate to /profile .
 - If Role contains ADMIN or HR -> Navigate to /dashboard .
- **Feedback:** Displays error alert on 401 Unauthorized.

3.3 Dashboard

The central hub for HR/Admin analytics.

3.3.1 Logic (`Dashboard.jsx`)

- **Data Loading:** Uses Promise.all to fetch /dashboard/stats and /leaves in parallel.

- **Visualizations:**
 - **KPI Cards:** Total Staff, On Leave Today, Pending Requests, Payroll Cost.
 - **Charts:** Uses `react-chartjs-2` Doughnut chart to show "Department Distribution".
 - **Recent Activity:** A table showing the 5 most recent leave requests (sliced from the full list).
- **Access:** Restricted to `ADMIN` and `HR`.

3.4 Employee Directory

A comprehensive CRUD interface for managing the workforce.

3.4.1 Logic (`EmployeeList.jsx`)

- **Features:**
 - **List View:** Table with Avatar, Name, Email, Dept, Role, Salary.
 - **Search:** Server-side filtering via `?search=` query param.
 - **CSV Export:** Client-side generation of a CSV file from the current data set.
 - **Soft Delete:** "Deactivate" button calls the `soft-delete` endpoint.
- **Modals:**
 - **Add/Edit Modal:** Shared form for creating or updating users. Handles text fields and `file` input for profile pictures.
 - **Image Upload:** uses `FormData` API to send the image as `multipart/form-data` in a separate request after the user creation.

3.5 Attendance Interface

A complex grid interface for tracking daily status.

3.5.1 Logic (`Attendance.jsx`)

- **Filters:** Month, Year, and Day (default: All Days).
- **Initialization:** "Initialize Month" button triggers backend batch creation.
- **Visual Matrix:**
 - **Dropdowns:** Each day/employee cell is editable (unless finalized).
 - **Color Coding:** Present (Green), Absent (Red), Leave (Gray - Disabled).
- **Finalization:** "Finalize Month" locks the entire grid, preventing further edits and enabling Payroll generation.

3.6 Leave Portal

Split into two views based on role.

3.6.1 Apply Leave (`LeaveApply.jsx` - Employee)

- **Form:** Start Date, End Date, Type, Reason.
- **History:** Table showing personal request status (Approved/Rejected/Pending).
- **Validation:** Frontend check to ensure Start < End.

3.6.2 Manage Leaves (`LeaveManage.jsx` - HR)

- **Inbox:** Fetches all `PENDING` requests.
- **Actions:** "Approve" (Triggers balance deduction & attendance update) or "Reject".

- **Visuals:** Shows duration in days (calculated on the fly: `end - start + 1`).

3.7 Payroll Management

The financial command center.

3.7.1 Logic (`Payroll.jsx`)

- **Workflow:**
 - Generate:** Triggers calculation engine for the selected month.
 - Review:** Table shows Base Salary, Deductions, and Net Pay.
 - Disburse:** Launch the **Payment Gateway Simulation**.
- **Simulation Modal:**
 - **Auth:** Asks for Transaction PIN (Login Password).
 - **Process:** Fake `CONNECTING` -> `PROCESSING` -> `SUCCESS` states with a terminal-style log.
- **Payslips:**
 - **View:** Modal with clean HTML layout.
 - **Download:** Hits the PDF endpoint.
 - **Print:** CSS `@media print` rules to hide UI chrome and format only the payslip content.

3.8 Profile & Settings

The personal dashboard for employees.

3.8.1 Logic (`Profile.jsx`)

- **Dual-Column Layout:** Left side for Identity/Stats, Right side for Details/Tabs.
- **Stats:** Fetches user's leave history to calculate `Remaining Balance = Quota (20) - Used` .
- **Tabs:**
 - **My Details:** Read-only view of static info.
 - **My Salary Slip:** Reuses the `<Payroll />` component but passes an `embedded` prop to simplify the view (hiding admin controls).
 - **Security:** Placeholder for password change.
- **Edit Mode:** Modal to update mutable fields (Phone, Address, Bio).

3.9 ATS Scanner

A recruiting tool for HR.

3.9.1 Logic (`AtsScan.jsx`)

- **Input:**
 - **Role Selector:** Dropdown to choose target job (Software Engineer, etc.).
 - **File Input:** Restricts to `.pdf` .
- **Analysis:** Sends `FormData` to `/api/ats/analyze` .
- **Result Display:**
 - **Score Visualization:** React Chart.js Doughnut chart showing the percentage match.
 - **Color Logic:** Green (>80), Yellow (>50), Red (<50).
 - **Skill Gaps:** Renders missing keywords as red badges to highlight deficiencies.

- **AI Summary:** Displays the text feedback returned by Gemini.

4. Setup & Installation

Follow these steps to deploy the application locally.

4.1 Prerequisites

- **Java Development Kit (JDK) 21:** Required for Spring Boot 3.2.
- **Node.js (v18+):** Required for React/Vite.
- **MySQL Server:** Ensure it's running on port 3306 .
- **Maven:** (Optional, generic wrapper included).

4.2 Database Setup

1. Open MySQL Workbench or CLI.
2. Create the database:

```
CREATE DATABASE ems_db;
```

(Tables will be auto-generated by Hibernate on first run).

4.3 Backend Setup

1. Navigate to backend/ .
2. Configure src/main/resources/application.properties :

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/ems_db
spring.datasource.username=root
spring.datasource.password=YOUR_PASSWORD
gemini.api.key=YOUR_API_KEY (Optional for ATS)
```

3. Run the application:

```
./mvnw spring-boot:run
```

4.4 Frontend Setup

1. Navigate to frontend/ .
2. Install dependencies:

```
npm install
```

3. Start the dev server:

```
npm run dev
```

4. Open <http://localhost:5173> in your browser.

4.5 Default Credentials

- Admin: admin@ems.com / password
- HR: hr@ems.com / password
- Employee: alice.johnson@ems.com / password

5. Project Directory Structure

A Roadmap to the codebase files.

5.1 Backend (/backend)

```
backend/
├── pom.xml                      # Maven Dependencies
└── src/main/java/com/ems/backend/
    ├── BackendApplication.java # Entry Point
    ├── config/
    │   ├── SecurityConfig.java # CORS, FilterChain, URL Security
    │   └── DataSeeder.java     # Default User/Data creation
    ├── controller/              # REST Endpoints
    │   ├── AuthController.java
    │   ├── EmployeeController.java
    │   └── ...
    ├── model/                    # JPA Entities (DB Tables)
    │   ├── User.java
    │   ├── Attendance.java
    │   └── ...
    ├── repository/               # DB Logic (Hibernate/SQL)
    ├── security/                 # JWT Logic
    │   ├── JwtUtils.java
    │   └── CustomUserDetailsService.java
    └── service/                  # Business Logic
        ├── AttendanceService.java
        └── ...
src/main/resources/
└── application.properties # Config (DB, JWT Secret)
```

5.2 Frontend (/frontend)

```
frontend/
├── index.html                   # Entry HTML
├── package.json                # NPM Dependencies
└── src/
    ├── main.jsx                 # React Root
    ├── App.jsx                  # Routing & Layout
    ├── api/
    │   └── axios.js             # HTTP Client + Interceptors
    ├── components/
    │   ├── Sidebar.jsx
    │   ├── MyNavbar.jsx
    │   └── UserAvatar.jsx
    ├── context/
    │   └── AuthContext.jsx      # Global User State
    └── pages/                    # Views
        ├── Login.jsx
        ├── Dashboard.jsx
        └── EmployeeList.jsx
```

```

    |
    |   ├── Attendance.jsx
    |   ├── Payroll.jsx
    |   ├── LeaveApply.jsx
    |   ...
    |
    └── public/                      # Static Assets

```

6. API Reference (Examples)

Standard JSON payloads for key operations.

6.1 Authentication

POST /api/auth/login

```

// Request
{
  "email": "admin@ems.com",
  "password": "password"
}

// Response (200 OK)
{
  "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9...",
  "role": "ADMIN",
  "expiration": 86400000
}

```

6.2 Employee Creation

POST /api/employees

```

// Request
{
  "name": "John Doe",
  "email": "john@ems.com",
  "password": "securePass123",
  "role": "EMPLOYEE",
  "department": "IT",
  "salary": 75000
}

```

6.3 Leave Application

POST /api/leaves

```

// Request
{
  "startDate": "2024-03-10",
  "endDate": "2024-03-12",
  "leaveType": "SICK_LEAVE",
  "reason": "Viral Fever"
}

```

7. Troubleshooting

Common issues and fixes.

7.1 "Permission Denied" on mvnw

- **Cause:** Script lacks execution rights.
- **Fix:**

```
chmod +x mvnw
```

7.2 CORS Errors (**Access-Control-Allow-Origin**)

- **Cause:** Frontend running on a port other than 5173 , or Backend security config mismatch.
- **Fix:** check SecurityConfig.java :

```
configuration.setAllowedOrigins(List.of("http://localhost:5173"));
```

7.3 "Unknown Database 'ems_db'"

- **Cause:** MySQL DB not created.
- **Fix:** Log into MySQL and run:

```
CREATE DATABASE ems_db;
```

8. Developer Guide: How to Add a Feature

Example: Adding a "Projects" module.

8.1 Backend Steps

1. **Entity:** Create Project.java in com.ems.backend.model .
 - Add fields (id , name , deadline).
 - Annotate with @Entity , @Data .
2. **Repository:** Create ProjectRepository.java extending JpaRepository<Project, Long> .
3. **Service:** Create ProjectService.java .
 - Add business logic (e.g., createProject , findAll).
4. **Controller:** Create ProjectController.java .
 - Define endpoints (@PostMapping , @GetMapping).
 - Annotate with @RestController , @RequestMapping("/api/projects") .

8.2 Frontend Steps

1. **API:** Add wrapper functions in api/axios.js (optional but recommended) or call directly.
2. **Component:** Create ProjectList.jsx in pages/ .
 - Use useEffect to fetch data.
 - Render a Table or Card list.

3. **Route:** Register the page in `App.jsx`.

```
<Route path="/projects" element={<ProtectedRoute><Layout><ProjectList /></Layout></ProtectedRoute>} />
```

4. **Navigation:** Add a link in `Sidebar.jsx`.

9. Future Roadmap

Potential enhancements for Version 2.0.

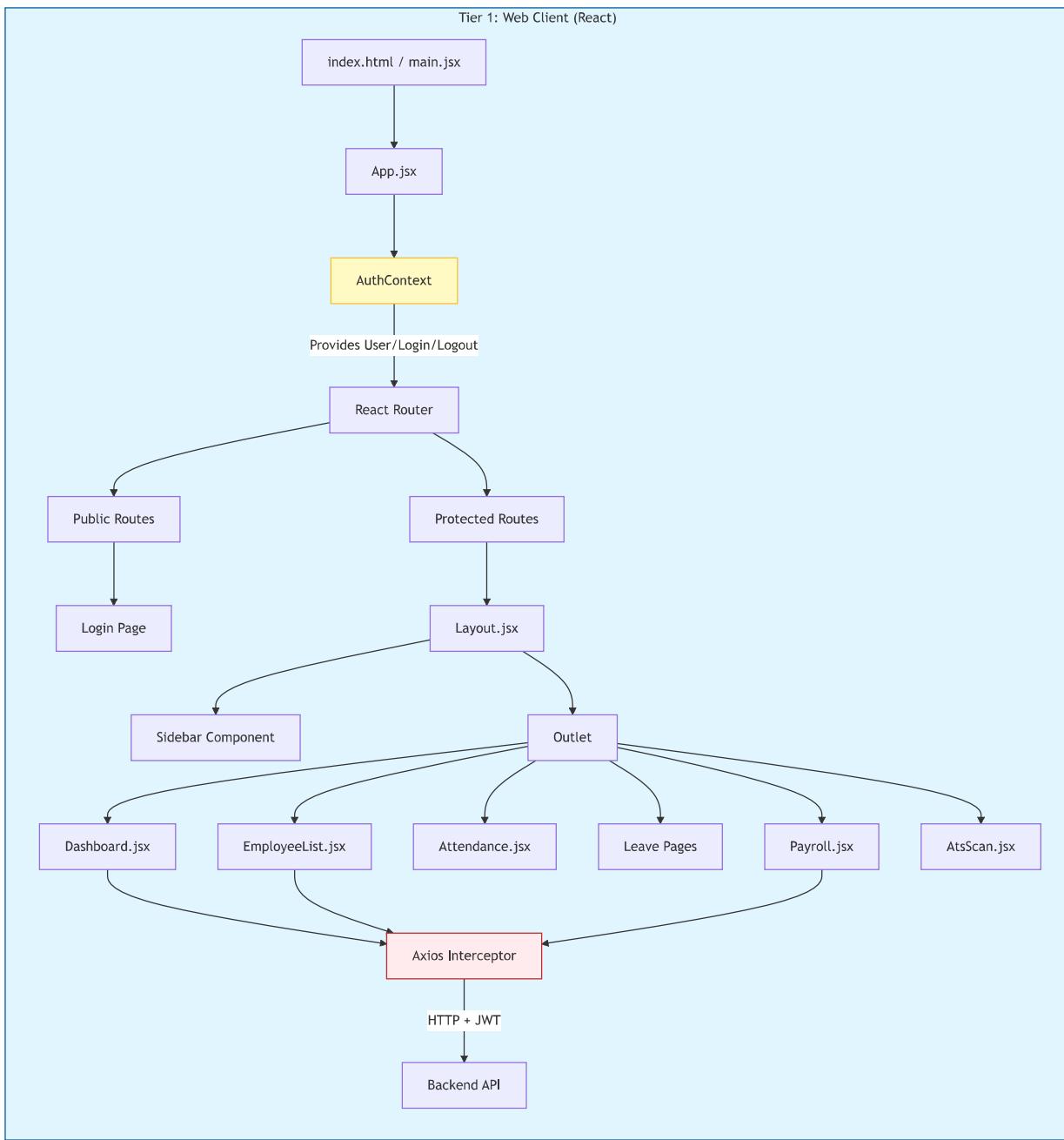
- **Dockerization:** Create `Dockerfile` and `docker-compose.yml` for one-click deployment.
- **Email Notifications:** Integration with JavaMailSender to email payslips and leave updates.
- **Mobile App:** React Native port of the frontend.
- **Redis Caching:** Cache dashboard stats for performance.
- **Unit Tests:** JUnit 5 and React Testing Library coverage.

10. Architecture Diagrams (Tier-wise)

Visualizing the system layers in detail.

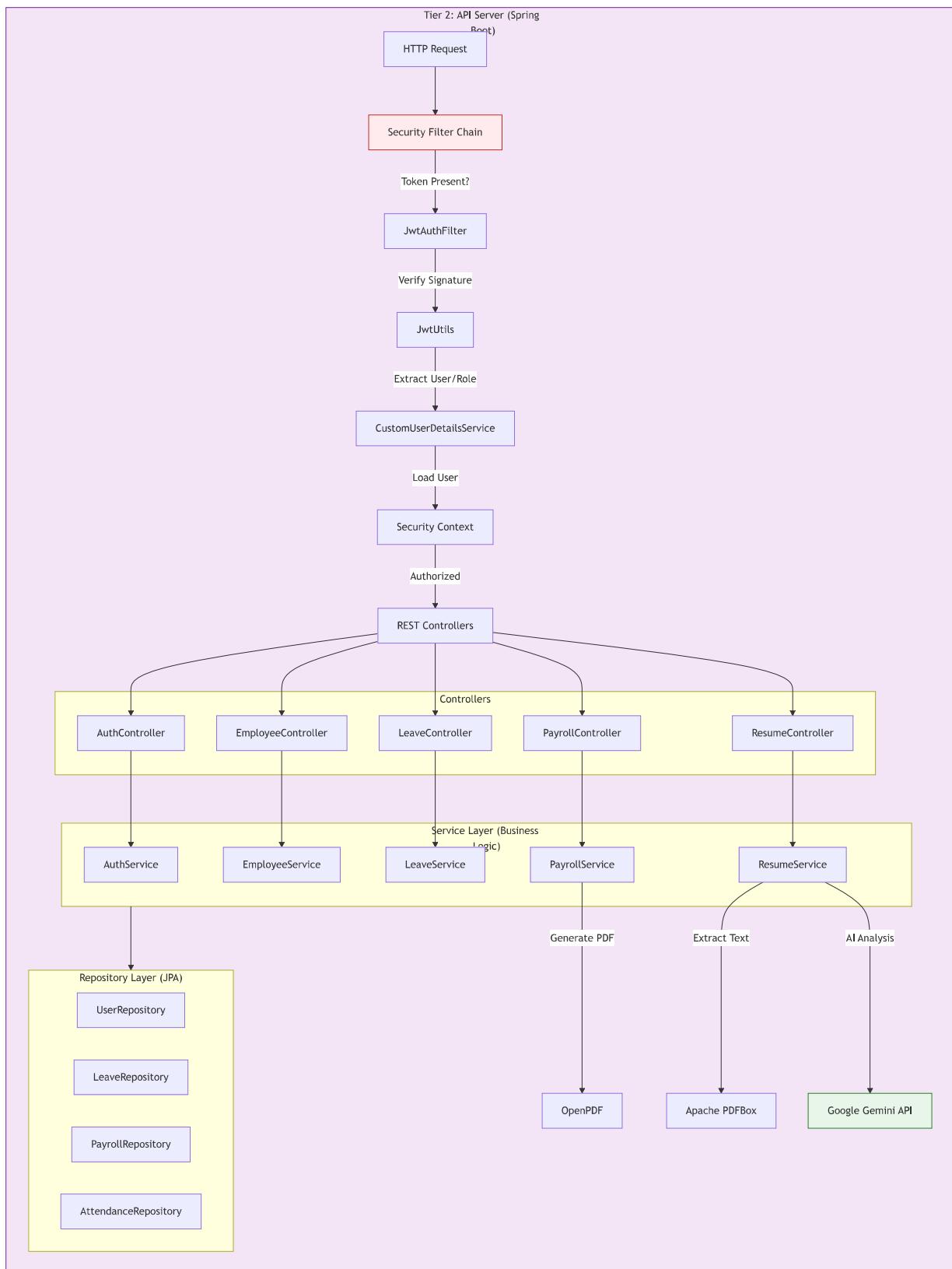
10.1 Tier 1: Presentation Layer (Frontend)

This diagram illustrates the React application structure, focusing on component hierarchy, routing, and state management.



10.2 Tier 2: Business Logic Layer (Backend)

This diagram details the Spring Boot internal architecture, showing how requests flow through Security, Controllers, Services, and Repositories.



10.3 Tier 3: Data Persistence Layer (Database)

This ER Diagram illustrates the MySQL schema, highlighting the central role of the `User` table and its one-to-many relationships with operational data.

