

SB FOOD ORDERING APP WITH MERN

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A Project Report

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Project Overview:

Purpose of the App:

- ❖ **Convenient Meal Ordering:**

Provide users with an intuitive interface for browsing menus, selecting dishes, and placing orders without hassle.

- ❖ **Support Local Businesses:**

Empower local restaurants by offering them a digital platform to increase visibility and grow their customer base.

- ❖ **Personalized Experience:**

Leverage AI and user preferences to deliver tailored recommendations, making meal selection effortless.

- ❖ **Real-Time Tracking:**

Ensure transparency and reliability with features like live tracking of delivery and status updates.

- ❖ **Cost Savings and Deals:**

Offer exclusive discounts, loyalty programs, and promotions to give users more value with every order.

Features:

- ❖ **User-Friendly Interface:**

Intuitive design allows users to browse restaurants, view menus, and place orders effortlessly.

- ❖ **Real-Time Order Tracking:**

Provides live updates on the status of orders, from preparation to delivery, ensuring transparency and reliability.

- ❖ **Personalized Recommendations:**

AI-powered suggestions based on user preferences, past orders, and trending cuisines.

- ❖ **Multiple Payment Options:**

Supports a variety of payment methods, including credit cards, digital wallets, and cash-on-delivery, ensuring flexibility for all users.

- ❖ **Promotions and Rewards:**

Offers exclusive discounts, loyalty rewards, and special deals to enhance user engagement and satisfaction

System Architecture:

Frontend Architecture: React

The frontend of the SB Food Ordering App is designed using **React**, ensuring a dynamic and responsive user interface.

1. Component-Based Structure:

- The app uses reusable React components for modularity and maintainability.
- Key components include navigation bars, restaurant listings, menus, cart, and order tracking.

2. State Management:

- **Redux/Context API** is used for efficient state management to handle user sessions, cart data, and order status.

3. Routing:

- Implemented with **React Router** for seamless navigation between pages like Home, Menu, Cart, and Profile.

4. API Integration:

- Fetches and updates data via RESTful APIs provided by the backend.

5. Responsive Design:

- Ensures compatibility across devices using **CSS frameworks (e.g., Tailwind CSS, Material-UI)** or custom styling.

Backend Architecture: Node.js and Express.js

The backend is developed using **Node.js** for high performance and scalability, with **Express.js** as the framework.

1. API Design:

- RESTful APIs are used to handle user authentication, order management, and real-time updates.

2. Middleware:

- Middleware is implemented for authentication (e.g., JWT), request validation, and logging.

3. Error Handling:

- Centralized error-handling mechanisms ensure smooth operations and better debugging.

4. Scalability:

- Asynchronous, non-blocking architecture of Node.js allows for handling multiple requests concurrently.

Database: MongoDB

The database is designed to store and retrieve application data efficiently.

1. Schema Design:

Users Collection:

```
{ "userId": ObjectId, "name": String, "email": String, "password": String, "address": Array }
```

Restaurants Collection:

```
{ "restaurantId": ObjectId, "name": String, "menu": Array, "location": String }
```

Orders Collection:

```
{ "orderId": ObjectId, "userId": ObjectId, "restaurantId": ObjectId, "items": Array, "status": String }
```

2. Database Interactions:

- **Mongoose ODM** is used for schema validation and database interactions.
- Queries are optimized using indexing for faster performance.

3. Relationships:

- The database uses references (e.g., `userId` in Orders) to link collections, maintaining a flexible schema.

4. Data Security:

- User passwords are hashed (e.g., using **bcrypt**) and sensitive information is encrypted to protect against breaches.

Setup Instructions:

1. Prerequisites :

Before setting up the SB Food Ordering App, ensure you have the following software installed:

- **Node.js** (v.16)
- **npm** or **yarn** (Comes with Node.js)
- **MongoDB** (v4.4)
- **Git** (Latest version recommended)
- A code editor (e.g., **VS Code**)

2. Installation Steps:

1. Clone the Repository:

- ❖ Open a terminal or command prompt.
- ❖ Run the following command to clone the repository from GitHub to your local machine:

```
git clone https://github.com/username/sb-food-ordering-app.git
```

- This command creates a copy of the project on your local system.

Navigate to the project directory:

```
cd sb-food-ordering-app
```

This ensures you're inside the app's root directory, where both frontend and backend folders are located.

2. Install Dependencies:

To make sure all required packages are installed, you need to install dependencies for both the **backend** and **frontend**.

- **Backend Dependencies:**

- Go to the **backend** directory:

```
cd backend
```

Install all backend dependencies using npm (Node package manager):

```
npm install
```

This installs all required packages listed in the `package.json` file in the backend directory, such as **Express.js**, **Mongoose**, etc.

- **Frontend Dependencies:**

Navigate to the **frontend** directory:

```
cd ../frontend
```

Run the following command to install frontend dependencies:

```
npm install
```

This installs frontend packages like **React**, **React Router**, and **Axios**, which are necessary for building the user interface and interacting with the backend API.

3. Set Up Environment Variables:

- **Backend:**

In the backend directory, create a `.env` file to store sensitive information like database connection details and JWT secret. Example `.env` content:

```
PORT=5000
```

```
MONGO_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/sbfoodapp
```

```
JWT_SECRET=your_secret_key
```

- `PORT=5000` configures the backend server to run on port 5000.
- `MONGO_URI` is the MongoDB connection string. If you're using a local MongoDB setup, this will point to your local database.
- `JWT_SECRET` is used for securing user sessions and authentication tokens.

- **Frontend:**

In the **frontend** directory, create a `.env` file to configure the API URL. Example `.env` content:

```
REACT_APP_API_URL=http://localhost:5000/api
```

- This sets the base URL for API requests from the frontend to the backend.

4. Start MongoDB:

- If you are using **local MongoDB**, ensure MongoDB is running:

Run the following command in your terminal to start the MongoDB server:

```
mongod
```

- This will start the MongoDB instance on your local machine, and the app will connect to it using the `MONGO_URI` set in the `.env` file.
- If using **MongoDB Atlas**, make sure the connection string in the `.env` file reflects the cluster URI from Atlas.

5. Run the Application:

- **Backend Server:**

Navigate to the backend folder:

```
cd backend
```

Start the backend server using:

```
npm start
```

- This will start the Express.js server and begin listening for incoming API requests on `http://localhost:5000`.

- **Frontend Server:**

Now, go to the frontend folder:

```
cd ../frontend
```

Start the frontend server with:

```
npm start
```

- This will start the React development server, and the app will be accessible via `http://localhost:3000` in your browser.

6. Access the App:

- **Frontend (User Interface):**
Open a browser and navigate to:
`http://localhost:3000`
 - This is the interface where users can interact with the app, view restaurants, place orders, etc.
- **Backend API (Server):**
The backend API, where all the business logic, database queries, and user management are handled, can be accessed at:
`http://localhost:5000/api`
 - You can test the API endpoints using tools like **Postman** or through the frontend.

5. Folder Structure:

Client: React Frontend Folder Structure:

The React frontend follows a modular structure for scalability and maintainability. Here's the typical organization:

`frontend/`

```
├── public/
|   ├── index.html           # Main HTML file
|   ├── favicon.ico         # App favicon
|   └── assets/              # Static assets (images, fonts, etc.)
├── src/
|   ├── components/          # Reusable UI components
|   |   ├── Navbar.jsx       # Navigation bar component
|   |   ├── Footer.jsx       # Footer component
|   |   └── ...              # Other shared components
|   ├── pages/               # Pages representing different routes
|   |   ├── Home.jsx         # Homepage layout
|   |   ├── Menu.jsx         # Menu or restaurant listing page
|   |   └── Cart.jsx         # Shopping cart page
```

```

|   |   └─ OrderHistory.jsx    # Order history and tracking page
|   └─ context/                # State management (e.g., Context API,
Redux)
|   |   └─ CartContext.js      # Context for managing cart state
|   └─ services/              # API calls and business logic
|   |   └─ api.js              # Handles API requests to the backend
|   └─ styles/                # CSS or SCSS files for styling
|   |   └─ App.css             # Global styles
|   └─ App.js                 # Main app component
|   └─ index.js               # Entry point of the app
|   └─ .env                   # Environment variables (API endpoints,
etc.)
└─ package.json               # Project metadata and dependencies
└─ README.md                  # Project documentation

```

Explanation:

- **components/**: Houses reusable components to keep the code modular.
- **pages/**: Represents application views tied to specific routes.
- **context/**: Used for state management across components.
- **services/**: Abstracts API calls, ensuring a clean separation of concerns.
- **styles/**: Centralized styling files for consistency.

Server: Node.js Backend Folder Structure:

The Node.js backend is organized for clear separation of concerns, using modular routes, controllers, and models.

backend/

```

└─ config/
|   └─ db.js                  # MongoDB connection configuration
└─ controllers/              # Handles business logic
|   └─ userController.js      # User-related logic

```



```

|   └─ orderController.js      # Order-related logic
|   └─ restaurantController.js # Restaurant-related logic
└─ middleware/                  # Middleware for authentication, error
  handling
    |   └─ authMiddleware.js    # JWT-based authentication
    |   └─ errorMiddleware.js  # Error handling middleware
└─ models/                      # MongoDB schemas and models
    |   └─ User.js             # User model
    |   └─ Order.js           # Order model
    |   └─ Restaurant.js       # Restaurant model
└─ routes/                      # API route definitions
    |   └─ userRoutes.js       # Routes for user operations
    |   └─ orderRoutes.js      # Routes for order operations
    |   └─ restaurantRoutes.js # Routes for restaurant operations
└─ utils/                       # Utility functions
    |   └─ generateToken.js     # Helper to generate JWT tokens
└─ .env                         # Environment variables (e.g., DB URI,
  secret keys)
└─ server.js                   # Main entry point for the backend
  server
└─ package.json                # Project metadata and dependencies
└─ README.md                   # Project documentation

```

Explanation:

- **config/**: Centralizes configuration, such as database connection setup.
- **controllers/**: Contains logic for handling requests and responses for various features (e.g., users, orders, restaurants).
- **middleware/**: Includes custom middleware for authentication and error handling.
- **models/**: Defines the structure of MongoDB documents using Mongoose schemas.
- **routes/**: Manages API endpoints, separating them by functionality.
- **utils/**: Utility functions for repetitive tasks (e.g., token generation).

6. Running the Application

Frontend: Start the React App:

- ★ Navigate to the **frontend** directory:

```
cd frontend
```

- ★ Start the React development server:

```
npm start
```

- ★ The React app will now start and should automatically open in your default browser at:

plaintext

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```
http://localhost:3000
```

This is where users will interact with the app's interface.

Backend: Start the Node.js Server:

- ★ Navigate to the **backend** directory:

```
cd backend
```

- ★ Start the backend server:

```
npm start
```

- ★ The backend server will now run on port **5000** (or the port defined in your **.env** file)

and can be accessed at:

```
http://localhost:5000/api
```

This server handles API requests, database interactions, and other backend logic.

Verify Both Servers Are Running:

- Ensure both servers are running simultaneously in separate terminal windows.
- You can now use the app fully:
 - The **frontend** interacts with the user.
 - The **backend** handles requests, authentication, and database queries.

7.API Documentation:

1. User Authentication:

1.1. Register User:

- **Method:** POST
- **Endpoint:** /api/users/register
- **Description:** Registers a new user.

Request Body:

```
{  
  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  
  "password": "password123"  
}
```

Response:

```
{  
  
  "id": "641c3c",  
  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  
  "token": "JWT_TOKEN"  
}
```

1.2. Login User

- **Method:** POST
- **Endpoint:** /api/users/login
- **Description:** Logs in an existing user and returns a token.

Request Body:

```
{  
  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  
  "password": "password123"  
}
```

Response:

```
{  
  "id": "641c3c",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "email": "john@example.com",  
  "token": "JWT_TOKEN"  
}
```

2. Restaurant Management:**2.1. Get All Restaurants:**

- **Method:** GET
- **Endpoint:** /api/restaurants
- **Description:** Retrieves a list of all restaurants.

Response:

```
{  
  "id": "r1",  
  "name": "Pizza Palace",  
  "cuisine": "Italian",  
  "rating": 4.5,  
  "menu": [...]  
},  
{  
  "id": "r2",  
  "name": "Sushi World",  
  "cuisine": "Japanese",  
  "rating": 4.7,  
  "menu": [...]
```

```
}
```

2.2. Get Restaurant by ID:

- **Method:** GET
- **Endpoint:** /api/restaurants/:id
- **Description:** Retrieves details of a specific restaurant.

Response:

```
{  
  "id": "r1",  
  "name": "Pizza Palace",  
  "cuisine": "Italian",  
  "rating": 4.5,  
  "menu": [  
    { "id": "m1", "name": "Margherita Pizza", "price": 12.99 },  
    { "id": "m2", "name": "Pepperoni Pizza", "price": 14.99 }  
  ]  
}
```

3. Order Management:

3.1. Place an Order:

- **Method:** POST
- **Endpoint:** /api/orders
- **Description:** Places a new order.

Request Body:

```
{  
  "userId": "641c3c",  
  "restaurantId": "r1",  
  "items": [  
    { "menuItemId": "m1", "quantity": 2 },  
    { "menuItemId": "m2", "quantity": 1 }  
  ]  
}
```

```
],  
  "totalPrice": 40.97  
}
```

Response:

```
{  
  "orderId": "o123",  
  "status": "Order Placed",  
  "estimatedDeliveryTime": "45 mins"  
}
```

3.2. Get Order History

- **Method:** GET
- **Endpoint:** /api/orders/history/:userId
- **Description:** Retrieves the order history of a specific user.

Response:

```
[  
  {  
    "orderId": "o123",  
    "restaurantName": "Pizza Palace",  
    "items": [  
      { "name": "Margherita Pizza", "quantity": 2 },  
      { "name": "Pepperoni Pizza", "quantity": 1 }  
    ],  
    "totalPrice": 40.97,  
    "status": "Delivered"  
  },  
  {  
    "orderId": "o124",  
    "restaurantName": "Sushi World",
```

```
"items": [  
  { "name": "California Roll", "quantity": 3 }  
],  
"totalPrice": 25.50,  
"status": "In Progress"  
}
```

4. Miscellaneous:

4.1. Search Restaurants by Cuisine or Name:

- **Method:** GET
- **Endpoint:** `/api/restaurants/search`
- **Description:** Searches restaurants by name or cuisine.
- **Query Parameters:**
 - **query** (required): Search term (e.g., "Pizza", "Japanese").

Response:

```
{  
  "id": "r1",  
  "name": "Pizza Palace",  
  "cuisine": "Italian",  
  "rating": 4.5  
}
```

Authentication Note:

- Protected endpoints (e.g., placing orders, viewing order history) require a **JWT token** in the request headers:
`Authorization: Bearer <your_jwt_token>`

8. Authentication:

1. Authentication:

Authentication ensures that users are who they claim to be. It involves logging in or registering and validating credentials.

Steps for Authentication:

1. User Registration:

- A new user provides their name, email, and password via the `/api/users/register` endpoint.
- The password is hashed using **bcrypt** before being stored in the database for security.

2. User Login:

- The user provides their email and password via the `/api/users/login` endpoint.
- The system checks the email in the database and verifies the provided password against the hashed password using **bcrypt**.
- If the credentials are valid, a **JWT token** is generated and returned.

3. JWT Token:

- The token is signed using a secret key (`JWT_SECRET`) defined in the `.env` file.

Example payload of the token: {

```
"id": "user_id",  
  
"email": "john@example.com",  
  
"iat": 1686582823,  
  
"exp": 1686586423  
}
```

- The token contains user details and has an expiration time (e.g., 1 hour).

Token Storage:

- The token is sent to the client (frontend) and is typically stored in **localStorage** or **HTTP-only cookies** for subsequent requests.

2. Authorization

Authorization ensures that only authenticated users can access certain endpoints and features based on their roles or permissions.

Middleware for Authorization:

1. Auth Middleware:

- The backend includes a custom middleware (`authMiddleware.js`) to validate JWT tokens for protected routes.
- This middleware:
 - Extracts the token from the `Authorization` header (e.g., `Bearer <token>`).
 - Verifies the token using the secret key.
 - Decodes the payload and attaches the user details to the `req` object for use in the route handlers.

Example:

```
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');

const User = require('../models/User');

const protect = async (req, res, next) => {

  let token;

  if (req.headers.authorization &&
    req.headers.authorization.startsWith('Bearer')) {

    try {

      token = req.headers.authorization.split(' ')[1];

      const decoded = jwt.verify(token,
process.env.JWT_SECRET);

      req.user = await
User.findById(decoded.id).select('-password');

      next();

    } catch (error) {
```

```

        res.status(401).json({ message: 'Not authorized,
token failed' });

    }

    } else {

        res.status(401).json({ message: 'Not authorized, no
token' });

    }

};

module.exports = { protect };

```

2. Role-Based Authorization:

- For specific routes (e.g., admin-only actions), additional middleware checks the user's role in the decoded token or user record.

Protected Routes:

- Examples of protected endpoints:
 - Placing an order (`POST /api/orders`)
 - Viewing order history (`GET /api/orders/history/:userId`)

3. Password Security

- **Hashing:**
 - User passwords are hashed using **bcrypt** with a salt value to prevent storage of plaintext passwords.
- **Password Verification:**
 - At login, bcrypt compares the provided password with the hashed one in the database.

4. Benefits of JWT-Based Authentication

- **Stateless:**
 - Tokens are stateless and do not require session management on the server, making the system scalable.
- **Secure:**
 - Tokens are signed, making them tamper-proof. Sensitive information (like passwords) is never exposed.
- **Portable:**
 - Tokens can be used across domains, enabling flexibility for API integration.

5. Security Enhancements

1. HTTPS:

- Use HTTPS to encrypt all communication between the client and server.

2. HTTP-Only Cookies:

- Store tokens in HTTP-only cookies to reduce the risk of XSS attacks.

3. Token Expiry:

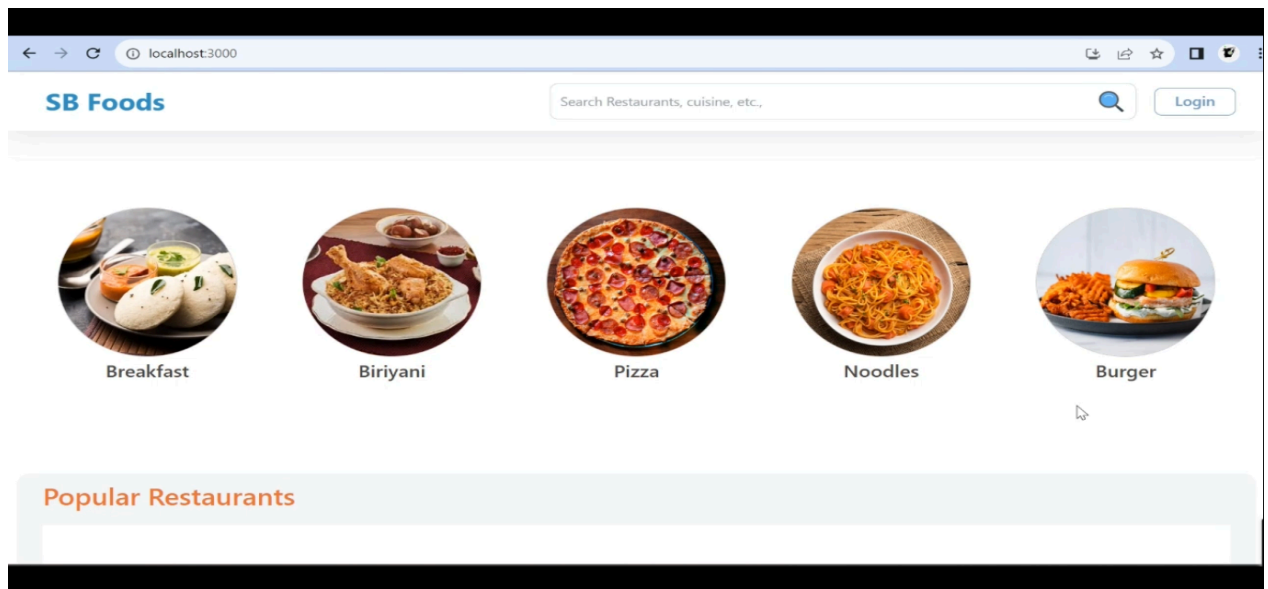
- Ensure tokens have a short expiration time and provide a mechanism to refresh them.

4. Environment Variables:

- Store sensitive keys (e.g., `JWT_SECRET`) in environment variables.

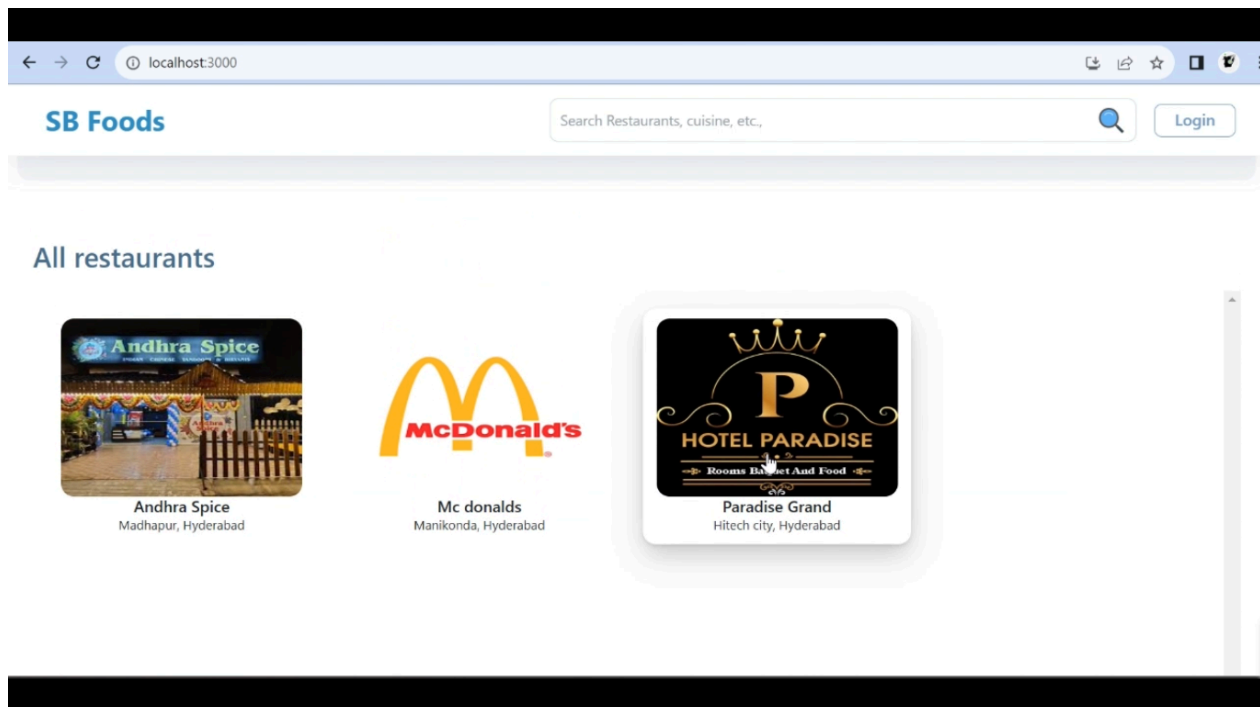
9. User Interface:

Homepage:



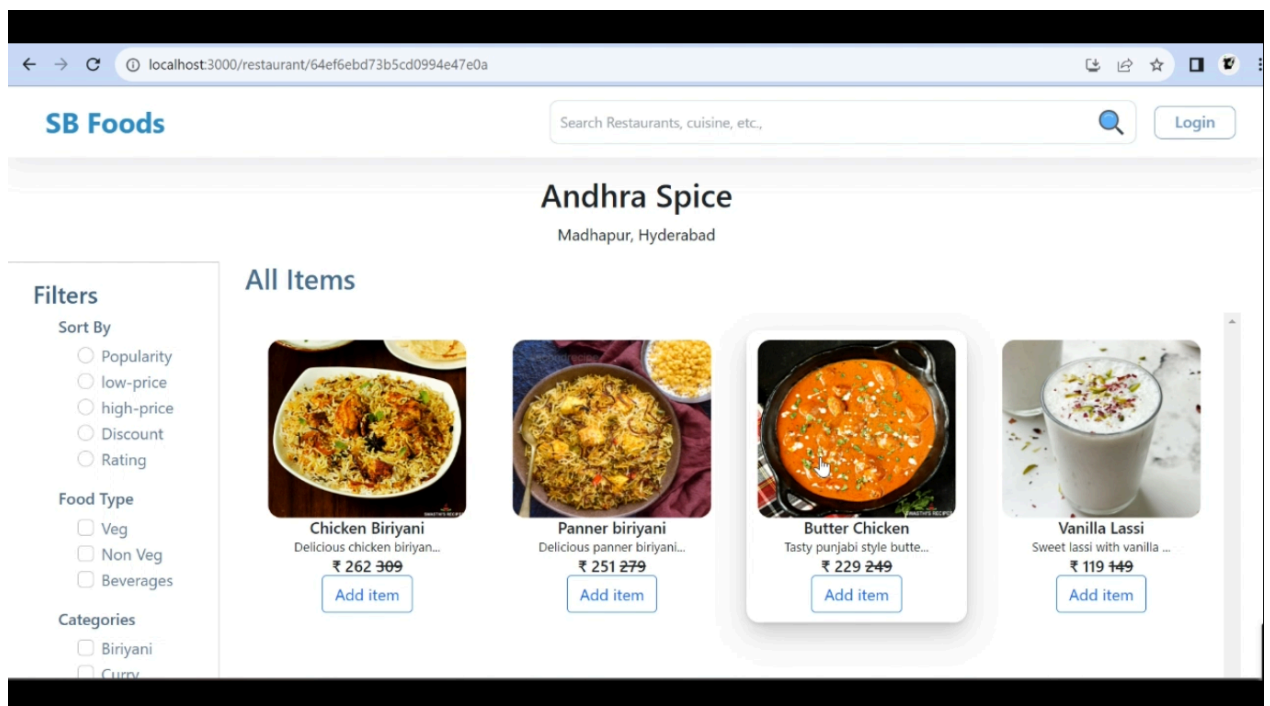
Description: A clean, user-friendly homepage with a search bar and featured items.

Restaurant List:



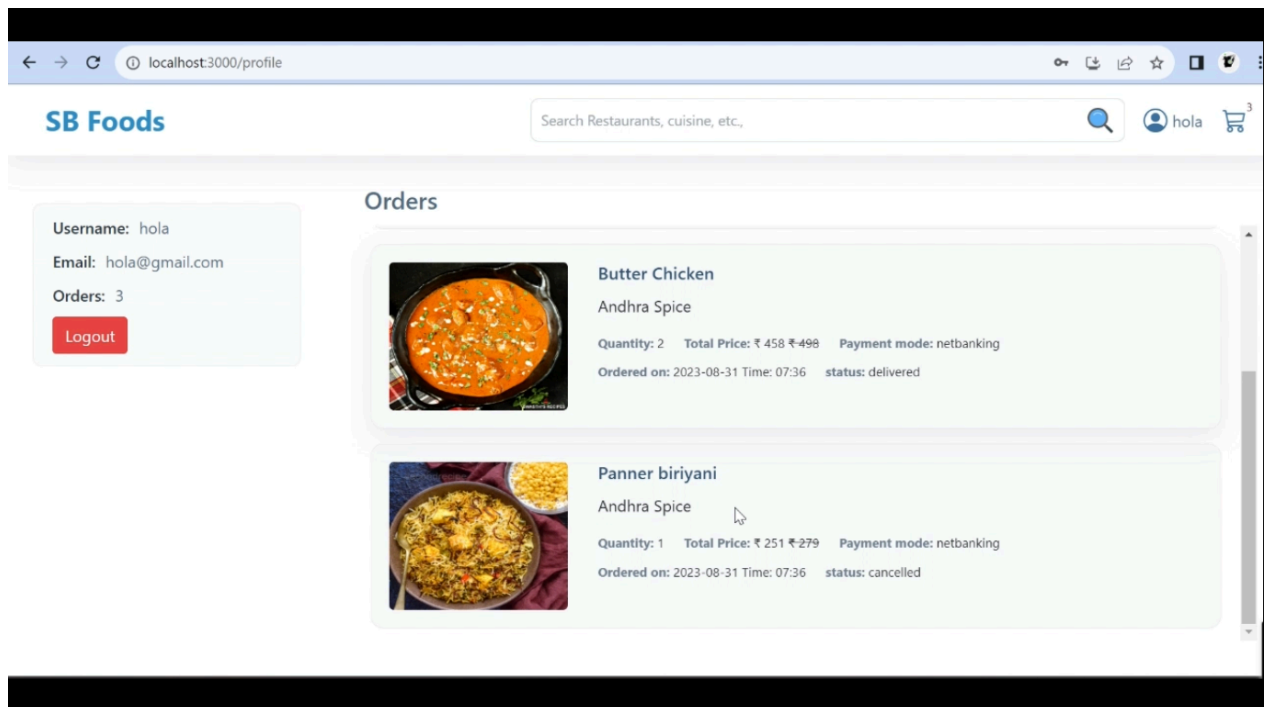
Description: Display of available restaurants with filters and ratings.

Cart:



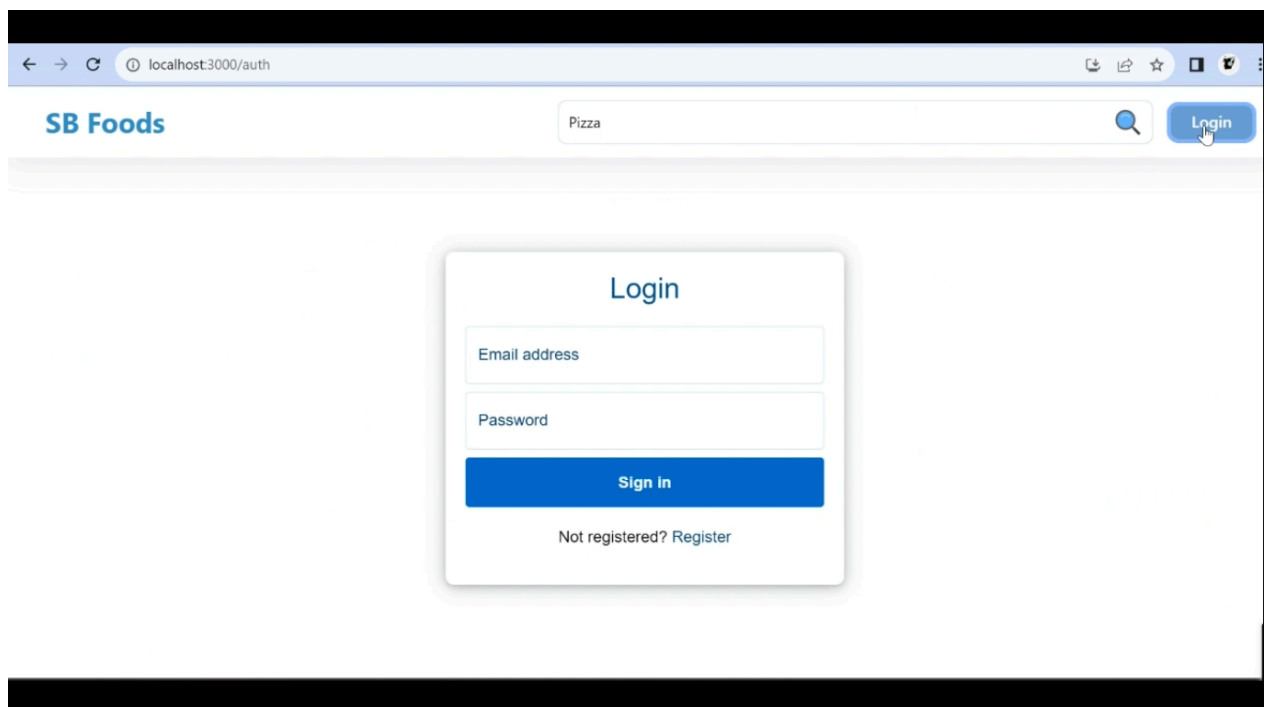
Description: A summary of selected items with options to modify or proceed to checkout.

Order Tracking:

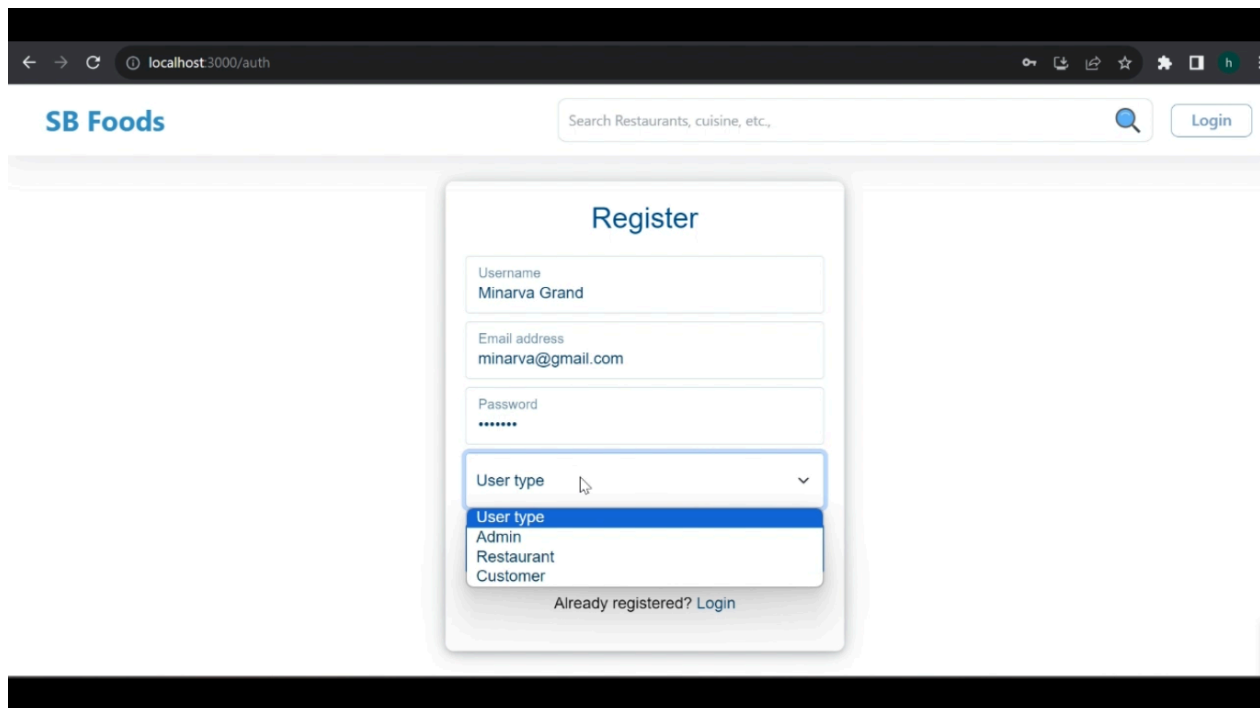


Description: A live update interface showing the status of an ongoing order.

Login page :



Register page:



The screenshot shows a web browser at localhost:3000/auth. The page has a header with the 'SB Foods' logo, a search bar with the placeholder 'Search Restaurants, cuisine, etc.', and a 'Login' button. The main content is a 'Register' form with the following fields: 'Username' (filled with 'Minarva Grand'), 'Email address' (filled with 'minarva@gmail.com'), 'Password' (masked with dots), and a 'User type' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Admin', 'Restaurant', and 'Customer'. Below the form, there is a link that says 'Already registered? Login'.

10. Testing Strategy:

a. Unit Testing:

- **Purpose:** Ensure individual components (e.g., functions, APIs, or services) perform as expected in isolation.
- **Approach:** Test the smallest units of the application, like user login, payment gateway, or cart functionality, to verify that each part works independently.

b. Integration Testing:

- **Purpose:** Verify that different modules or services work together seamlessly.
- **Approach:** Test interactions between front-end components (e.g., UI) and back-end services (e.g., database, payment processing).

c. Functional Testing:

- **Purpose:** Validate the app's core functionalities from the user's perspective, ensuring the app performs tasks like browsing menus, adding items to the cart, and completing the checkout process.

d. UI/UX Testing:

- **Purpose:** Ensure the app's interface is user-friendly and consistent across different devices and screen sizes.
- **Approach:** Test for accessibility, responsiveness, and intuitive design, ensuring a smooth experience for users on both mobile and desktop versions.

e. Security Testing:

- **Purpose:** Ensure the app is secure, protecting user data and transactions.
- **Approach:** Test encryption, authentication, and authorization protocols, and prevent SQL injections, XSS, and other vulnerabilities.

f. Load and Performance Testing:

- **Purpose:** Ensure the app can handle a large number of simultaneous users and requests without crashing or slowing down.
- **Approach:** Test the system under high loads, e.g., during a large order rush, to ensure scalability and performance.

g. Regression Testing:

- **Purpose:** Verify that new updates or features don't break existing functionalities.
- **Approach:** Re-run previously passed test cases to confirm that the system's core functions continue to work after new code is integrated.

h. Acceptance Testing:

- **Purpose:** Confirm that the app meets the business requirements and user expectations.
- **Approach:** Involves real-world scenarios, checking if the app delivers on the promises made in the requirements documentation.

2. Tools Used for Testing:

a. Unit Testing Tools

- **JUnit** (for Java): Used to test Java components.
- **Mockito:** A mock object framework used in Java to simulate interactions with external services or components.
- **Jest:** A JavaScript testing framework used for testing React components, APIs, and other JavaScript functions.

b. Integration Testing Tools

- **Postman:** Helps to test APIs and simulate how back-end services interact with the front-end.
- **Swagger:** A tool for documenting and testing APIs to ensure they are functioning properly.

c. Functional Testing Tools

- **Selenium:** Automates browsers for testing the front-end functionality, including actions like clicks, typing, and navigation.
- **Appium:** Used for automating mobile applications, both Android and iOS, for functional testing.
- **Cypress:** A testing framework focused on front-end integration testing with easy setup and fast execution.

d. UI/UX Testing Tools

- **BrowserStack:** Allows testing across different browsers and devices for cross-platform compatibility.
- **Responsinator:** Checks how the app looks across different screen sizes to ensure responsiveness.
- **UserTesting:** Provides feedback from real users for UI/UX testing and improvement.

e. Security Testing Tools

- **OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy):** A penetration testing tool to find security vulnerabilities.
- **Burp Suite:** Another tool for vulnerability scanning, particularly for web applications.

f. Load and Performance Testing Tools:

- **JMeter:** A popular tool for load testing and measuring performance under heavy usage.
- **LoadRunner:** Provides performance testing for large-scale applications.
- **New Relic:** Used for monitoring the application's performance in real-time.

g. Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD):

- **Jenkins:** Automates the testing and deployment process, integrating with various testing tools for continuous testing.
- **CircleCI:** Another CI tool used to automatically run test cases and deploy the app.

11. Known Issues:

1. Functional Issues:

- **Duplicate Orders Issue:**
On rare occasions, refreshing the order confirmation page results in duplicate orders being placed.
Status: Under investigation.
Workaround: Avoid refreshing the page after placing an order.
- **Cart Synchronization Delay:**
Changes made to the cart (e.g., adding or removing items) take several seconds to reflect

on the checkout page.

Status: Planned fix in the next release.

Workaround: Wait a few seconds before navigating to checkout.

- **Promo Code Errors:**

Some valid promo codes are not recognized by the system, especially during peak hours.

Status: Under review.

Workaround: Contact support to manually apply the discount.

2. UI/UX Issues

- **Button Overlap on Smaller Screens:**

On devices with smaller screens, the “Place Order” button partially overlaps the “Modify Order” option.

Status: Fix scheduled for next sprint.

Workaround: Use landscape mode or larger screens.

- **Slow Loading Menu Images:**

High-resolution food item images take time to load on slower networks.

Status: Optimization is in progress.

Workaround: Use Wi-Fi or a high-speed mobile connection.

3. Performance Issues

- **High Load Latency:**

During peak hours, the app experiences slow response times when loading the menu or checkout.

Status: Performance tuning underway.

Workaround: Place orders during off-peak hours if possible.

- **Push Notifications Delay:**

Notifications (e.g., order updates) are sometimes delayed by up to 10 minutes.

Status: Under investigation.

4. Security Issues

- **Payment Gateway Timeout:**

Payment processing fails intermittently when using certain third-party wallets.

Status: Ongoing discussions with the payment gateway provider.

Workaround: Retry the payment or use alternative payment methods.

- **Session Expiry Bug:**

User sessions are not consistently timing out after inactivity, posing potential security risks.

Status: Fix under testing.

5. Miscellaneous Issues

- **Order History Missing Entries:**
Some past orders are not appearing in the order history for certain users.
Status: Data migration issue identified and being resolved.
- **Location Services Accuracy:**
The app occasionally selects incorrect delivery addresses when auto-detecting locations.
Status: Enhancements planned.
Workaround: Manually enter the delivery address.

Guidance for Developers

- **Log Reports:** Enable detailed logging in the staging environment to capture real-time error data.
- **Testing Focus:** Prioritize testing on payment gateway integration and cart functionality in upcoming cycles.
- **User Feedback Monitoring:** Actively review user complaints to detect additional edge cases.

12. Screenshots or Demo:

Demo video

link:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJzLnOh63AlDz6dUwKgoZcZq9fA9gZwX/view?usp=drivesdk>

13. Future Enhancements:

1. Enhanced User Experience:

- **Personalized Recommendations:**
Use AI/ML to recommend food items based on user preferences, order history, and current trends.
Benefit: Increases user engagement and order value.
- **Voice-Assisted Ordering:**
Integrate voice assistants like Siri, Alexa, or Google Assistant to allow hands-free order placement.
Benefit: Makes the app more accessible for differently-abled users.
- **Dark Mode:**
Add a dark mode feature for users who prefer it, especially for nighttime use.
Benefit: Improves usability and reduces eye strain.

2. Improved Functionality:

- **Multi-Cart Feature:**
Allow users to place multiple orders from different restaurants simultaneously.
Benefit: Adds convenience for users ordering for groups or events.
- **Scheduled Ordering:**
Enable users to place orders in advance for a specific time and date.
Benefit: Increases flexibility for busy users or event planning.
- **In-App Wallet:**
Implement an SB wallet to store funds and provide cashback incentives.
Benefit: Improves transaction speed and enhances user loyalty.
- **Table Reservation Feature:**
Add an option for users to reserve tables at restaurants directly through the app.
Benefit: Expands app utility beyond delivery and takeout.

3. Performance and Scalability

- **Progressive Web App (PWA) Development:**
Develop a PWA version of the app to improve accessibility for users on low-end devices or unstable networks.
Benefit: Expands user base without requiring app downloads.
- **Faster Loading Times:**
Optimize backend APIs and implement CDN solutions for image and data caching.
Benefit: Reduces app latency, especially in high-traffic scenarios.
- **Offline Mode:**
Allow users to browse the menu and pre-fill orders even when offline.
Orders can sync once the user reconnects to the internet.
Benefit: Increases usability in low-connectivity areas.

4. Gamification and Rewards

- **Loyalty Program:**
Introduce a tiered rewards system where users earn points for every order, redeemable for discounts or free items.
Benefit: Boosts customer retention.
- **Challenges and Badges:**
Add fun challenges like “Order from 5 different cuisines this month” and award digital badges.
Benefit: Encourages more frequent usage.

5. Advanced Features

- **Real-Time Order Tracking:**
Enhance live tracking with a more detailed map interface and estimated delivery time updates.
Benefit: Improves transparency and user satisfaction.
- **Augmented Reality (AR) Menu:**
Allow users to view AR previews of menu items to better understand portion sizes and presentation.
Benefit: Reduces order confusion and increases satisfaction.
- **Subscription Plans:**
Offer subscription options for regular users with perks like free delivery, exclusive discounts, or premium customer support.
Benefit: Adds a recurring revenue stream.

6. Security Enhancements

- **Biometric Authentication:**
Enable fingerprint or facial recognition login for improved account security.
Benefit: Adds convenience and security for users.
- **End-to-End Encryption:**
Upgrade data transmission protocols to ensure maximum security for sensitive data, including payment information.
Benefit: Builds trust among users.

7. Partner and Vendor Features

- **Vendor Dashboard:**
Develop a comprehensive dashboard for restaurant partners to manage menus, orders, and analytics.
Benefit: Streamlines operations for vendors and improves accuracy in menu updates.
- **Driver App Enhancements:**
Add features like optimized delivery routes and earnings analytics for delivery personnel.
Benefit: Improves delivery efficiency and partner satisfaction.

8. Community and Feedback Integration

- **Customer Reviews and Ratings:**
Allow users to rate individual menu items and provide feedback directly to restaurants.
Benefit: Improves food quality and helps other customers make informed decisions.
- **Social Media Sharing:**
Enable users to share their orders or favorite meals on social platforms.
Benefit: Enhances brand visibility and engagement.