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## **1. Introduction**

* **Project Title**: Book a Doctor
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## **2. Project Overview**

* **Purpose**:

The "Book a Doctor" project aims to simplify the process of finding and scheduling appointments with doctors. It provides an intuitive interface for patients to browse doctors by specialty, location, and availability.

* **Features**:
  + User registration and login with authentication.
  + Search and filter doctors by specialization and location.
  + Appointment scheduling with calendar integration.
  + Real-time updates on appointment status.

## **3. Architecture**

* **Frontend**:

Developed using React.js for a dynamic and user-friendly interface. It includes components for registration, doctor profiles, and appointment booking.

* **Backend**:

Built with Node.js and Express.js to handle API endpoints, authentication, and business logic.

* **Database**:

MongoDB stores user data, doctor profiles, and appointment records. It utilizes schemas for structured data handling.

## **4. Setup Instructions**

* **Prerequisites**:
  + Node.js installed on your system.
  + MongoDB running locally or on a cloud provider.
* **Installation**:
  + Clone the repository: git clone [repository\_url]  
    cd book-a-doctor
  + Install dependencies for both frontend and backend: cd client  
    npm install  
    cd ../server  
    npm install
  + Set environment variables:
    - Create a .env file in the server directory with the following: PORT=5000   
      MONGO\_URI=your\_mongodb\_connection\_string   
      JWT\_SECRET=your\_secret\_key
  + Start MongoDB server and ensure it's running.

## **5. Folder Structure**

* **Client**:

The React frontend includes the following structure:

src/   
├── components/   
├── pages/   
├── services/   
├── App.js   
└── index.js

* **Server**:

The Node.js backend includes:

src/   
├── controllers/   
├── models/   
├── routes/   
├── middlewares/   
└── server.js

## **6. Running the Application**

* **Frontend**:

Run the following command in the client directory:

npm start

* **Backend**:

Run the following command in the server directory:

npm start

## **7. API Documentation**

* **Endpoints**:
  + **User Registration**:
    - POST /api/users/register
    - Parameters: { name, email, password }
    - Response: { success, userId }
  + **Login**:
    - POST /api/users/login
    - Parameters: { email, password }
    - Response: { success, token }
  + **Fetch Doctors**:
    - GET /api/doctors
    - Response: { doctors: [ { id, name, specialty, location } ] }

## **8. Authentication**

* Authentication is handled using JSON Web Tokens (JWT).
* Users receive a token upon login, which is stored in local storage and sent with requests to protected endpoints.

## **9. User Interface**

* The interface includes:
  + A homepage to search and filter doctors.
  + A profile page for doctors displaying availability and reviews.
  + A booking page with a calendar view.

*Screenshots will be added here to showcase the interface.*

## **10. Testing**

* **Testing Strategy**:

Manual and automated testing for critical components.

* **Tools Used**:
  + Postman for API testing.
  + Jest for unit tests in the backend.

## **11. Screenshots or Demo**

* Link to a live demo: https: //drive.google.com/file/d/1-RSa2yp2xc60g5JZwF6f-A63LTF0OhFP/view?usp=drive\_link
* Add images or videos of the working application.

## **12. Known Issues**

* The search functionality may take longer for large datasets.
* Email notifications for appointment confirmation are under development.

## **13. Future Enhancements**

* Implement video consultation functionality.
* Add payment integration for online booking fees.
* Optimize the search feature with caching mechanisms.