

# Project Documentation: PhotoConnect

## 1. Project Overview

PhotoConnect is a dynamic web application designed to bridge the gap between clients and professional photographers. The platform serves as a centralized hub where clients can discover talent, while administrators maintain full control over the service offerings.

### Key Features

- **Secure Authentication:** Robust role-based access control (RBAC) separating USER (Client) and ADMIN functionalities.
- **Photographer Management:** Full CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) capabilities for managing photographer profiles.
- **Portfolio Integration:** Streamlined image upload system for building visual galleries.
- **Availability Tracking:** Real-time management of photographer schedules.
- **Advanced Data Handling:** Integrated pagination, sorting, and filtering to ensure a smooth user experience even with large datasets.

## 2. Technical Stack

The application is built on a modern Java-based stack to ensure scalability and security.

### Technologies Used

- Backend: Spring Boot, Spring Data JPA, Spring Security
- Frontend: HTML/CSS/JavaScript
- Database: MySQL

## 3. System Logic & Constraints

- **Permissions:** Clients are restricted to "View Only" access for portfolios. Only accounts with the ADMIN role can modify data or upload media.
- **Storage Strategy:** Images are currently stored in a localized directory defined in the properties file; ensure the application has written permissions for that folder.
- **Requirements Status:** All core milestones—Authentication, CRUD operations, and Role-Based Access—are fully implemented.

Git Repository URL: **<https://github.com/Kaarthiraghav/PhotoConnect>**