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FOOD ORDERING APP

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The **FOOD ORDERING APP** is an innovative platform designed to make food ordering a seamless and enjoyable experience for users, while also providing restaurants with tools to manage their operations efficiently. This app allows customers to easily browse through menus, place orders, customize their meals, and have them delivered to their location. It also offers secure payment options, real-time order tracking, and the ability to rate and review restaurants, ensuring both quality service and a high level of customer satisfaction.

Designed for simplicity and speed, the app integrates a wide range of features that meet the needs of both consumers and restaurant owners. Customers can search for restaurants based on location, cuisine, and ratings, and can filter options to find exactly what they're looking for. Once an order is placed, users receive instant updates on the status of their order, including preparation and delivery times, so they know exactly when to expect their food. The app also offers multiple payment methods, including credit cards, digital wallets, and cash on delivery, ensuring flexibility and convenience for users.

For restaurants, the app provides an easy-to-use admin panel to manage their menu, track orders, and engage with customers. It allows restaurant owners to update their menu items, prices, and promotions in real time, ensuring that customers always have access to the latest offerings. The app also provides valuable customer feedback through reviews and ratings, helping restaurants understand their customer base better and improve their service.

The Food Ordering App is built with modern technologies to provide a smooth and responsive experience. It uses a combination of mobile and web platforms to ensure accessibility, with a backend system that supports real-time data processing, secure payment systems, and seamless order management. Push notifications keep users updated on the status of their orders, while geolocation features allow for precise delivery tracking.

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Additionally, the app supports several advanced features that enhance both the user and restaurant experience. It includes multi-language support, allowing users to navigate the app in their preferred language, making it more accessible to a diverse audience. Real-time push notifications keep users informed about order status, special promotions, and new restaurants, while integrated customer support options—such as live chat, email, and phone support—ensure users can quickly resolve any issues.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Our basic food ordering app! Our app is designed to provide a seamless online shopping experience for customers, making it convenient for them to explore and purchase a wide range of food items. It simplifies the dining experience by offering easy navigation, secure payments, real-time order tracking, and multiple delivery options. The app also provides restaurant owners with tools to manage menus, track orders, and engage with customers efficiently, making it a comprehensive solution for both customers and businesses.

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of the Food Ordering App is to offer a simple, convenient, and efficient way for users to discover and order food from local restaurants while providing restaurant owners with a comprehensive platform to manage their operations. The app aims to enhance the overall customer experience by making food ordering faster, more accessible, and more enjoyable. It seeks to bridge the gap between customers and restaurants, enabling easy communication, smooth transactions, and reliable delivery services.

The goals of the app are to simplify the ordering process for users, making it quick and easy to browse menus, customize orders, and complete purchases. It aims to provide flexibility by offering various payment and delivery options, catering to different user preferences. The app also strives to support restaurant owners by giving them the tools to manage their menus, track orders, and gain valuable insights into customer preferences.

For restaurant owners, the app provides an intuitive admin panel to manage their operations efficiently. Restaurants can update their menus, set pricing, and manage promotional offers in real time. Additionally, the app offers real-time order tracking, allowing restaurant owners to keep customers updated on the status of their orders. Customers, in turn, can track their deliveries and receive push notifications about order updates, ensuring transparency and reducing uncertainty.

The app further enhances the user experience with features like saved preferences, loyalty programs, and the ability to reorder favorite meals with a

single tap. Reviews and ratings allow users to provide feedback, helping other customers make informed decisions while enabling restaurant owners to improve their offerings..

In summary, Additionally, the app seeks to improve customer engagement and loyalty through features like order history, reviews, ratings, and rewards programs, fostering long-term relationships between users and restaurants. Ultimately, the goal is to create a seamless, efficient, and enjoyable food ordering experience for everyone involved.

FEATURES

1. User Registration and Authentication:

- Secure sign-up and login process using JWT authentication.
- Social media login options for faster onboarding.

2. Product Browsing and Search:

- Explore food items by category, such as Biryani, Dosa, Idly, Mutton chukka and more
- Advanced search functionality with filters for price range, ratings, and brands.

3. Cart and Wishlist:

- Add items to the shopping cart for immediate purchase.
- Save favorite items to the wishlist for future purchases.

4. Checkout and Payments:

- Multiple payment options, including credit/debit cards, UPI, and digital wallets.
- Integration with payment gateways like PayPal and Razorpay for secure transactions.

5. Order Management:

- Real-time order tracking from placement to delivery.
- Notifications for order status updates.

6. Admin Dashboard:

- Tools for adding, updating, or removing products.
- Monitor user activity and manage orders effectively.

7. Data Analytics:

- Visual insights for admins, including sales trends, inventory usage, and customer preferences.

8. Mobile Responsiveness:

- Fully responsive design, ensuring seamless usability across desktops, tablets, and smartphones.

Unique Selling Points:

- **Personalized Experience:** AI-based recommendation engine for suggesting products based on user behavior.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Intuitive design with easy navigation for all age groups.
- **Efficiency:** Swift loading times and minimal latency to enhance user experience.
- **Security:** End-to-end encryption for secure user data handling and payment processing.

Target Audience:

- Busy professionals seeking convenience in Food Ordering.
- Retail grocery stores aiming to digitize their business operations. Customers in urban and semi-urban areas with internet access and mobile devices

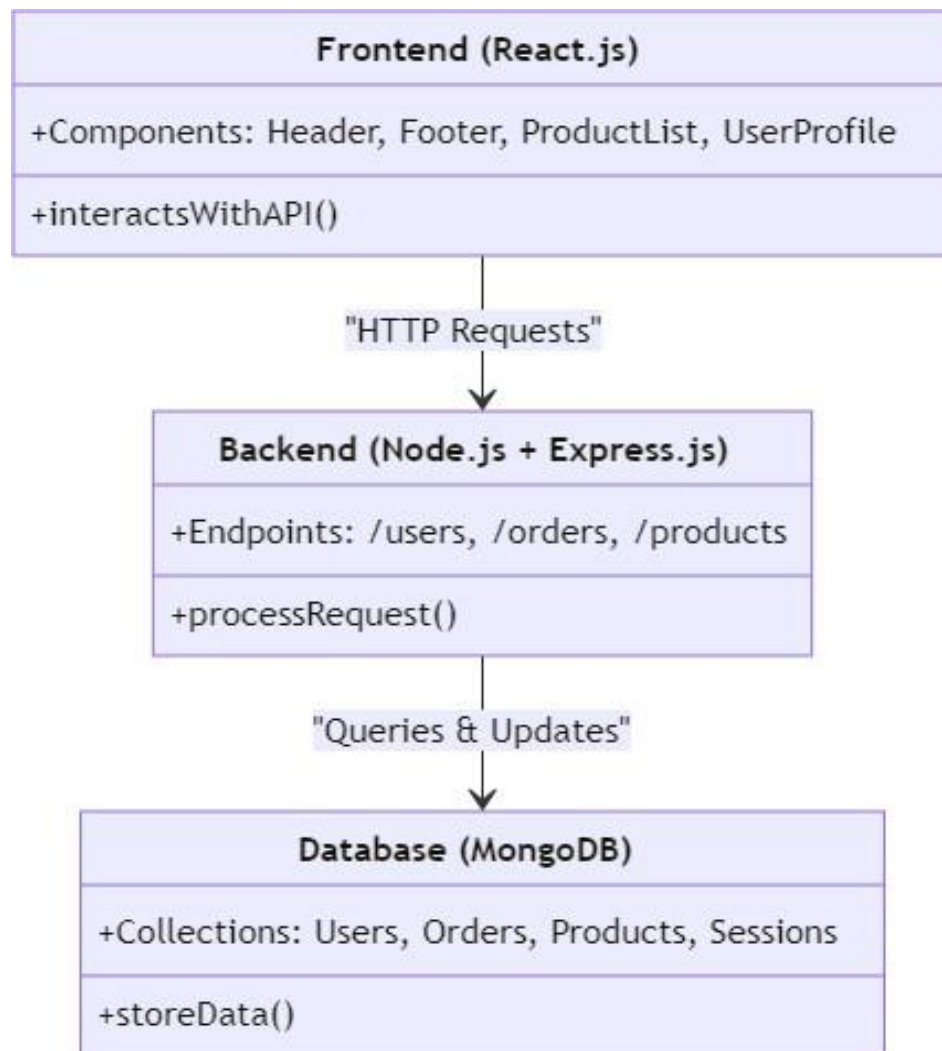
Business Benefits:

- Expanded market reach for Food Ordering App.
- Improved inventory and order management through centralized dashboards.
- Enhanced customer satisfaction leading to repeat business.

CHAPTER 3

ARCHITECTURE

The architecture of the Food Ordering App is designed to be scalable, efficient, and user-friendly. It follows a **MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js)** stack to create a full-stack application with a focus on modularity and performance. The architecture is divided into three main components: **Frontend**, **Backend**, and **Database**, with seamless communication between them.



FRONT END

The frontend is built using **React.js**, a JavaScript library known for its high performance and reusable components. The design emphasizes a responsive and intuitive user interface for easy navigation

Key Features:

- **Component-Based Design:**

Each UI element, such as the product list, shopping cart, and user profile, is implemented as an independent, reusable component.

- Example Components:

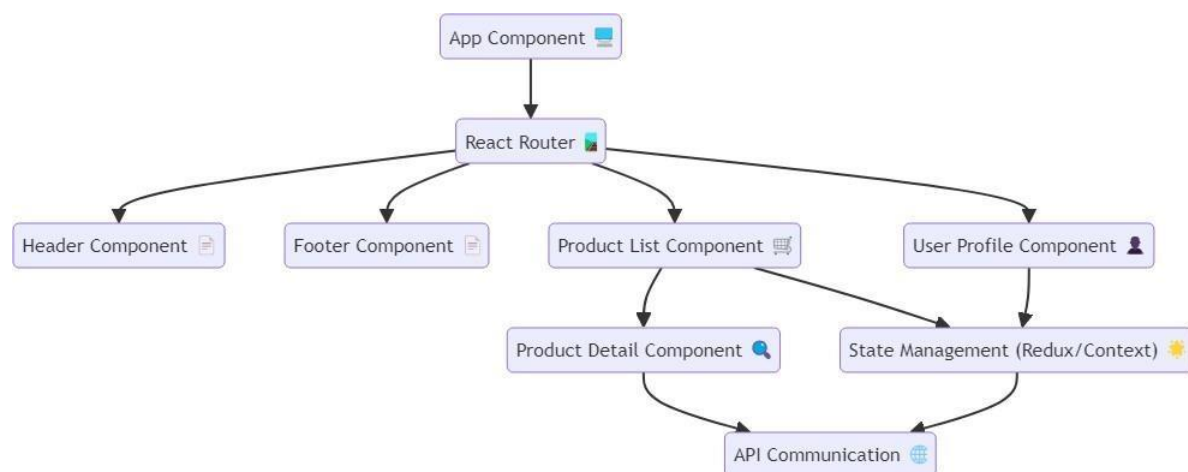
- **ProductCard** for displaying individual products.
 - **Cart** for managing items added by users.
 - **Navbar** for seamless navigation across pages.

- **Routing:**

- **React Router** is used for efficient navigation between pages (e.g., Home, Product Details, Checkout).
 - Implements dynamic routes for viewing individual product details.

- **Styling and Responsiveness:**

- CSS frameworks like **Bootstrap** and custom SCSS are used for styling.
 - Ensures mobile-first design for optimal performance across devices.



BACK END

The backend is powered by **Node.js** and **Express.js**, providing a robust server-side framework to handle business logic, data management, and communication with the frontend.

Key Features:

- **API-Driven Design:**

RESTful APIs are designed for each functionality, enabling seamless interaction between the frontend and backend.

- Example Endpoints:

- **POST /api/register** for user registration.
 - **GET /api/products** for fetching all products.
 - **POST /api/orders** for placing an order.

- **Middleware:**

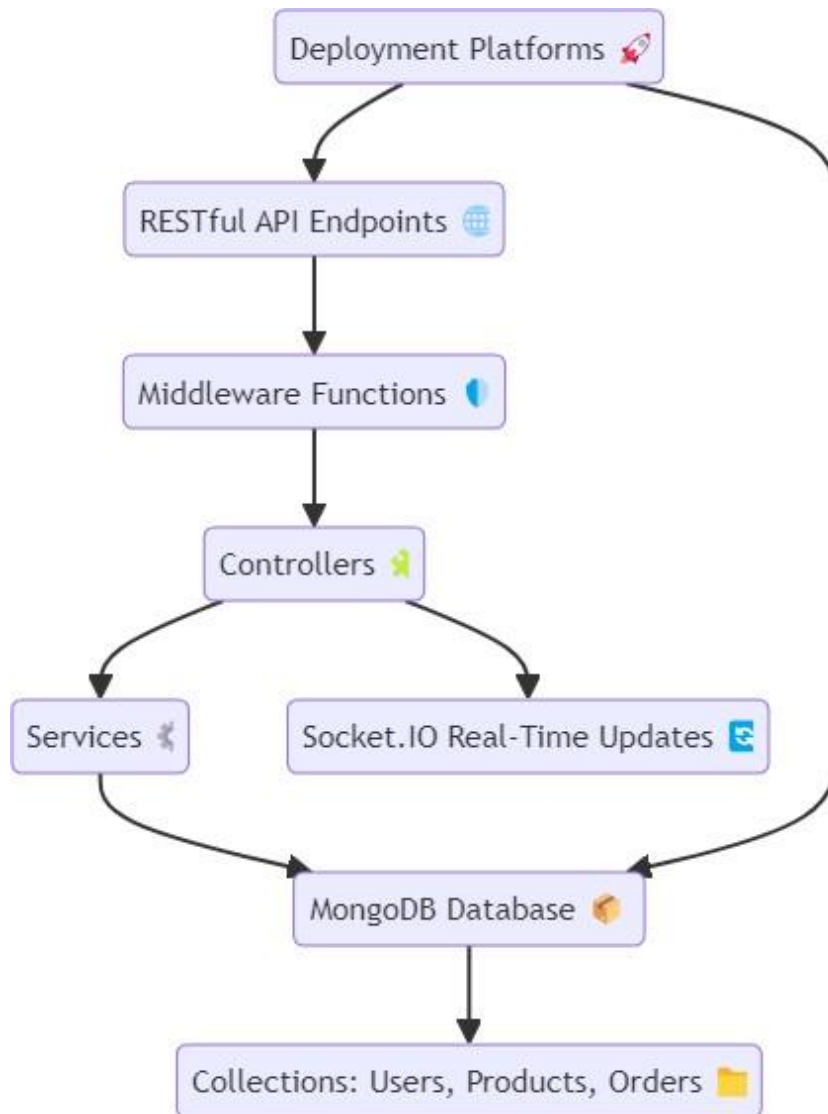
- Middleware functions are used to handle tasks like authentication, request validation, and error handling.
 - Example: A JWT-based middleware ensures that only authenticated users can access protected routes.

- **Scalability:**

- Modular structure with separate folders for routes, controllers, and services.
 - This separation of concerns makes it easy to scale the application by adding new features.

- **Real-Time Updates:**

- Integrates **Socket.IO** for real-time notifications, such as order status changes or inventory updates



DATABASE

The database layer uses **MongoDB**, a NoSQL database known for its flexibility and scalability, to store and manage application data.

Key Features:

- **Schema Design:**

MongoDB's flexible schema design allows for quick adjustments as new requirements emerge. The main collections include:

- **Users:** Stores user profiles, authentication details, and order history.
- **Products:** Stores product details, stock levels, and pricing.
- **Orders:** Tracks order placement, status, and payment information.

- **Relationships:**
 - Logical relationships between collections (e.g., linking orders to users and products using ObjectIDs).
- **Indexing:**

Indexes are created on fields like `productName` and `category` to optimize search queries.
- **Scalability:**
 - MongoDB's sharding feature can be leveraged to handle large datasets and concurrent users.

Integration and Communication

- **Frontend-Backend Communication:**
 - The frontend communicates with the backend through RESTful APIs.
 - Asynchronous requests are handled using **Axios** or **Fetch API**, ensuring non-blocking operations.
- **Backend-Database Communication:**
 - The backend uses **Mongoose**, an Object Data Modeling (ODM) library for MongoDB, to interact with the database.
 - Mongoose schemas enforce data consistency and validation at the application level.

Security

Security measures are implemented at every layer of the architecture to ensure the safety of user data and transactions:

- **Frontend:**
 - Input validation using React hooks and libraries like Formik or Yup.
- **Backend:**
 - JWT-based authentication and role-based access control.
 - Rate-limiting middleware to prevent brute force attacks.
- **Database:**
 - Data encryption for sensitive fields like passwords (hashed using bcrypt).

Deployment

The architecture supports smooth deployment to cloud platforms like **AWS**, **Heroku**, or **Vercel**. Key components:

- **Frontend:** Deployed on **Netlify** or **Vercel**.
 - **Backend:** Deployed on **AWS EC2** or **Heroku**.
- Database:** Hosted on **MongoDB Atlas**, a fully managed cloud database service

Technology Stack:

Layer	Technology
Frontend	React.js, Redux, Bootstrap
Backend	Node.js, Express.js
Database	MongoDB, Mongoose

State Management	Redux or Context API
Authentication	JWT
Deployment	AWS, Heroku, MongoDB Atlas

CHAPTER 4

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

The following detailed setup instructions will guide you through the process of installing and running the Food Ordering App locally on your system.

PREREQUISITIES

1. **Node.js** (v14 or later):

- Download and install from [Node.js Official Website](#).
- Verify installation by running:

```
node -v
```

```
npm -v
```

2. **MongoDB** (v4.4 or later):

- Download and install MongoDB from [MongoDB Official Website](#).
- Start MongoDB service:

```
mongodb
```

3. **Git**:

- Download and install Git from [Git Official Website](#).
- Verify installation by running:

```
git --version
```

4. **Code Editor**: ○ Use a code editor such as **Visual Studio Code** (recommended).

5. **Browser**:

- A modern browser like Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

Cloning the Repository

1. Open a terminal and navigate to the directory where you want to clone the project.

2. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/Keerthika-12345678/Food\_ordering.git
```

3. Navigate to the project directory:

```
Cd food_orderingapp
```

Environment Variables

1. Create a `.env` file in both the **backend** and **frontend** directories.

2. Add the following environment variables in the respective `.env` files:

INSTALLATION

Install the required dependencies for both the client (frontend) and server (backend).

1. Frontend:

Navigate to the client directory:

```
cd frontend
```

Install dependencies using npm:

```
npm install
```

2. Backend:

Navigate to the server directory:

```
cd ../backend
```

Install dependencies using npm:

```
npm install
```

CHAPTER 5

RUNNING THE APPLICATION

1. Start the MongoDB Service:

- Ensure the MongoDB service is running before starting the application.

```
mongodb
```

2. Start the Backend Server:

Navigate to the `backend` directory:

```
Cd backend
```

Start the backend server:

```
npm run start
```

- The backend server will run at <http://localhost:5173>.

3. Start the Frontend Server:

Open a new terminal and navigate to the `client` directory:

```
cd frontend
```

Start the frontend development server:

```
npm run dev
```

The frontend will run at <http://localhost:5173>.

Verify the Setup

1. Open a browser and navigate to <http://localhost:5173> to access the frontend of the Food Ordering App.
2. Test key functionalities:
 - User registration and login.
 - Product browsing and adding items to the cart.

Admin functionalities if applicable .

ADDITIONAL NOTES :

Data Seeding:

If the application requires initial data for products or users, run a seed script (if provided) in the backend directory: `npm run seed`

1. Using External APIs:

If the project integrates external APIs (e.g., payment gateways), ensure their keys are added to the `.env` file.

2. Debugging:

- Use the terminal to monitor logs from the frontend and backend for troubleshooting errors.

Use browser developer tools for inspecting frontend issues

1. **Product Catalog:** Pre-load a diverse range of food items, categorized by type (e.g., Biryani, Dosa, Idly, etc.), along with essential attributes like product name, description, price, SKU, and stock status. This ensures users have a rich selection when they first interact with the app.
2. **User Accounts:** Seed sample user data for testing purposes, including user profiles, account details, and order history. This helps ensure that user authentication and account management features are functioning correctly.
3. **Promotions and Offers:** Include default promotional offers, discounts, and loyalty points information so users can access deals immediately upon signup. This is essential for testing notification systems and discount applications.
4. **Categories and Subcategories:** Populate predefined categories (e.g. Biryani, Dosa, Idly, Mutton chukka and more) with relevant products. This allows users to filter and search effectively from day one.
5. **Stock Levels and Availability:** Seed data reflecting initial stock levels for products, enabling real-time updates for users and testing the stock tracking and notification system.
6. **Payment Methods:** Configure a set of sample payment methods and payment gateway test data for the initial stages of development and testing.

CHAPTER 6

API DOCUMENTATION

This document outlines the key API endpoints for the **Food Ordering App**, which allows users to browse products, manage their cart, place orders, and track delivery. The API is RESTful, with JSON responses.

Base URL arduino

<https://api.foodorderingapp.com/v1>

Running the Application

Frontend

- In a new terminal window, navigate to the client directory: `cd client`
- Start the client:
`npm start`

Backend

- Start the server:
`npm start`

Authentication

All requests require an authentication token. The token is provided upon successful login and should be included in the Authorization header for every request.

Authorization Header

makefile

Authorization: Bearer <access_token>

CHAPTER 7

AUTHENTICATION & AUTHORIZATION

Authentication is a critical feature in the Food Ordering App as it ensures secure and personalized access to the platform. Here's a detailed breakdown of the authentication process:

1. User Registration (Sign-Up):

- Users are required to create an account with personal details such as name, email, phone number, and a secure password.
- Validation checks should be in place to ensure the email is unique and the password meets security requirements (e.g., minimum length, special characters).
- An email verification process can be implemented to ensure the legitimacy of the user's email address.

2. Login:

- Users can log in using their registered email and password. ○ A "Remember Me" feature can be added for a more convenient login experience on returning visits.
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) can be integrated for enhanced security, prompting users for an additional verification step (e.g., SMS code or email link).

3. Password Recovery:

- A "Forgot Password" option allows users to reset their password through a secure process, typically involving sending a password reset link to the registered email.
- Security questions or additional identity verification can be added to ensure the user is the rightful account holder.

4. Session Management:

- After successful login, users are assigned a session token, stored securely (e.g., in cookies or local storage), allowing them to remain logged in while browsing the site. ○ Session expiry should be managed to automatically log out inactive users, improving security.

5. Profile Management:

- Users can update their personal details, such as name, address, phone number, and payment information through their account settings.

- Password changes can also be handled through this section with re-authentication for security.

6. Role-Based Authentication:

- Different user roles, such as **Admin**, **Customer**, or **Seller**, can be defined with varying levels of access.
 - ▢ **Admins** manage the backend, approve listings, handle inventory, and monitor orders.
 - ▢ **Customers** can browse products, place orders, and view order history.
 - ▢ **Sellers** can add products, track orders, and manage their inventory.

7. Social Media Login:

- Integrating options like Google, Facebook, or other OAuth-based login methods can provide an easier and faster authentication process for users.

8. Security Measures:

- Use encryption protocols like HTTPS to ensure the security of user credentials and sensitive information.
- Implement rate limiting, CAPTCHA, and other mechanisms to prevent brute-force attacks and unauthorized access.

CHAPTER 8

TESTING

1. Cypress (End-to-End Testing)

Running Unit Tests with Jest

Cypress is a popular tool for end-to-end testing. It allows you to simulate real user interactions with your app in a real browser environment. It's especially useful for testing full user flows (e.g., login, booking an appointment).

Features:

- o Test the entire booking workflow, including login, flight search, and reservation. Installation

Install jest

```
npm install --save-dev jest
```

2. Jest

Jest is the most widely used testing framework for JavaScript applications, especially with React. It's fast, reliable, and comes with built-in test runners, assertions, and mocking capabilities.

- Purpose:

- o Test React components and utility functions

Installation

```
npm install --save-dev jest
```

3. Supertest

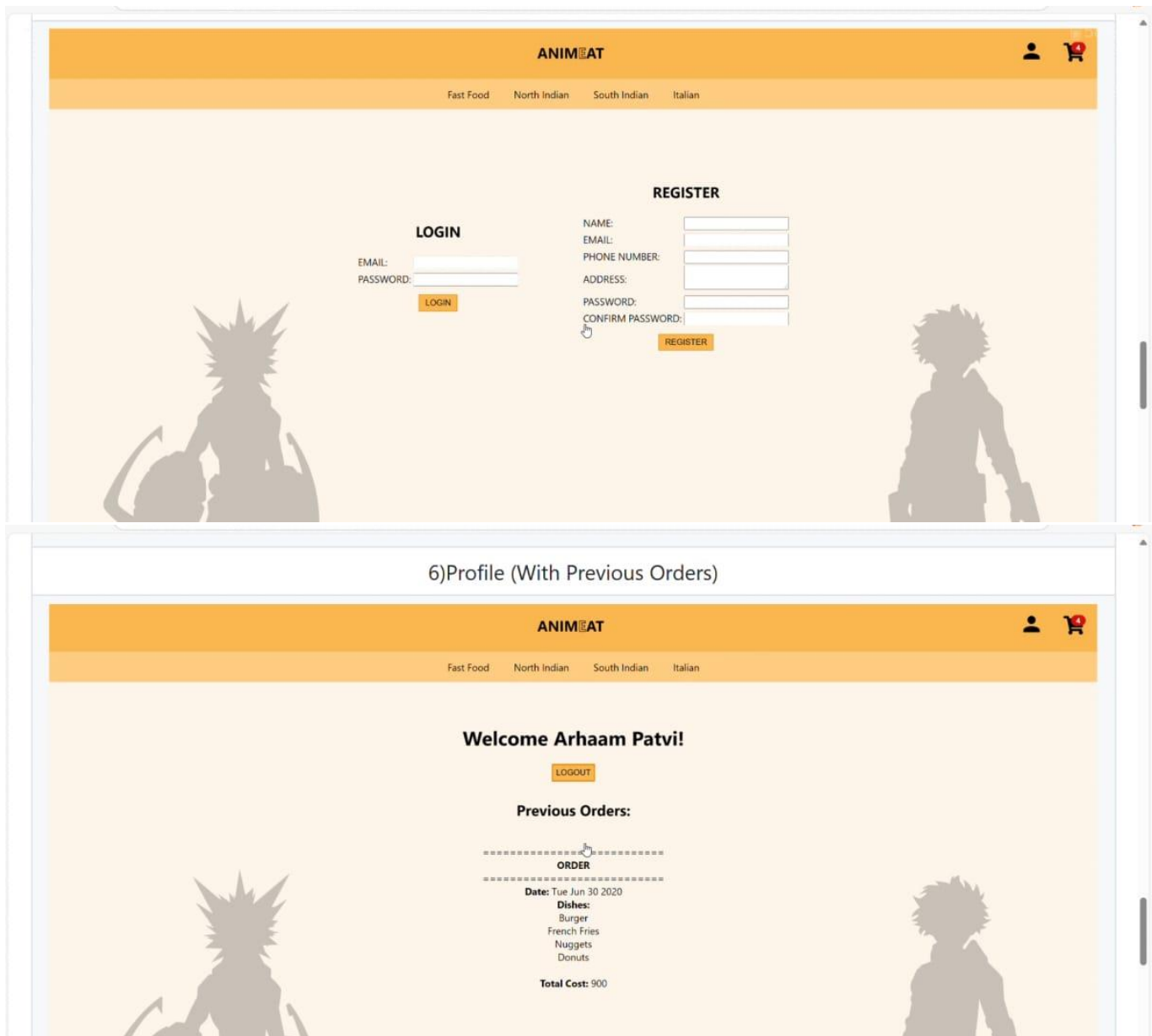
Supertest is used for testing RESTful APIs. It allows you to make HTTP requests to your Express app and test the responses (status codes, body content, etc.).

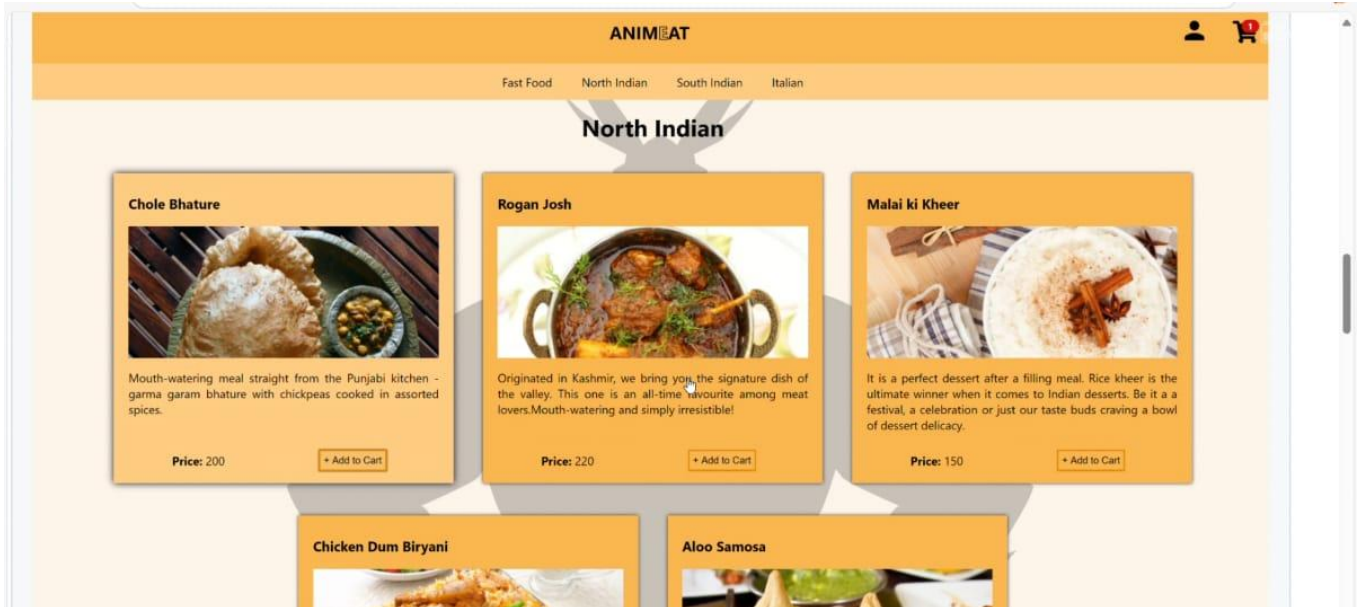
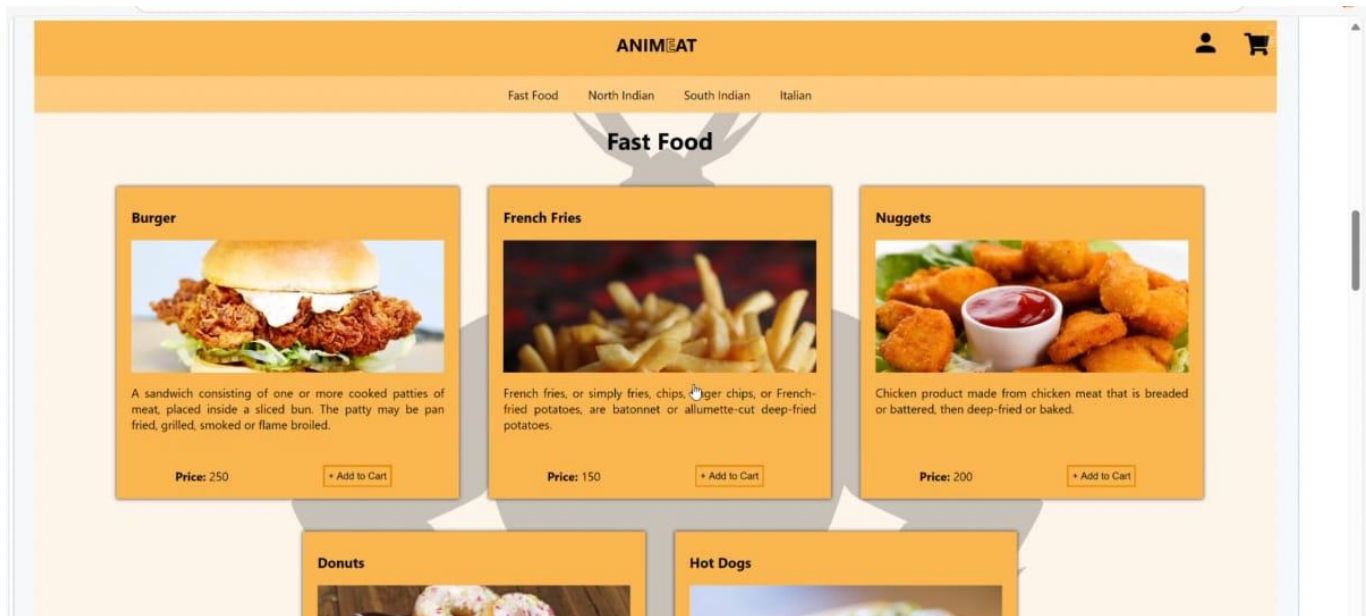
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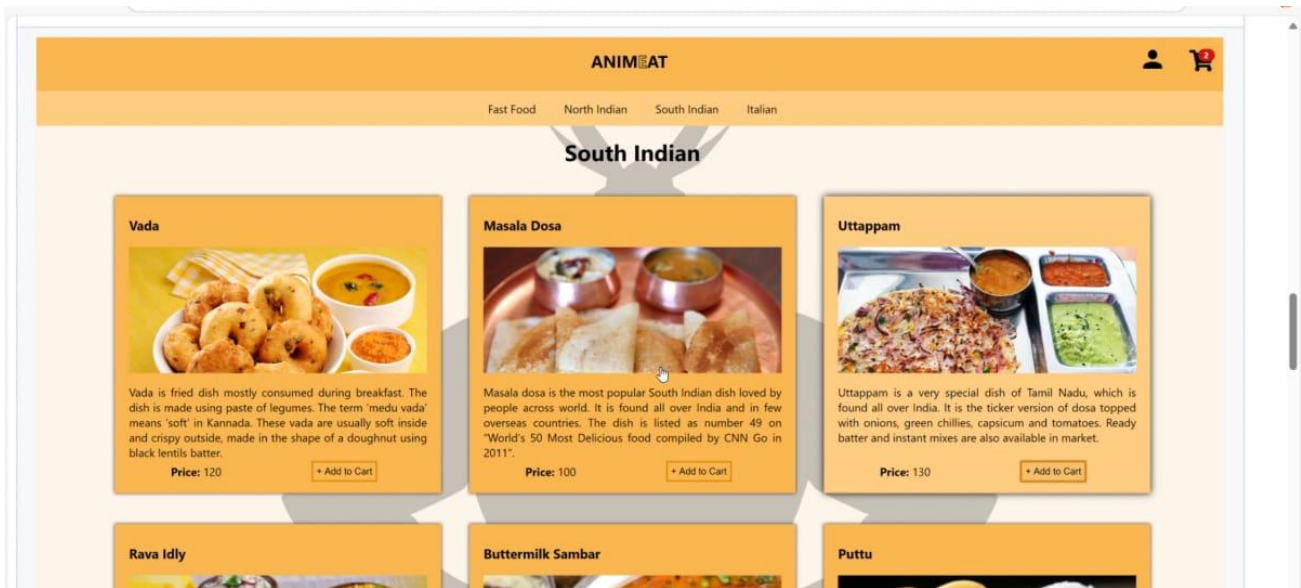
```
npm install --save-dev supertest
```

CHAPTER 9

SCREENSHOTS







DEMO:

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CHAPTER 10

KNOWN ISSUES

While developing the Food Ordering App, there are several potential or known issues that might arise. These can range from UI glitches to functionality problems. Below are common issues and challenges that may need to be addressed during development, testing, or post-launch.

1. Slow Page Load Times

- **Issue:** The web app may experience slow loading times due to heavy images, inefficient JavaScript, or unoptimized assets.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Large image sizes or uncompressed assets.
 - JavaScript that is not optimized for performance.
 - Lack of lazy loading for images or asynchronous loading for resources.
- **Solution:**
 - Use image compression and optimize assets for the web.
 - Implement lazy loading for images and resources.
 - Leverage browser caching and content delivery networks (CDNs).

2. Authentication Errors

- **Issue:** Users may face login or sign-up issues, especially if credentials are not correctly validated or there is a session timeout issue.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Improper session management or token expiration.
 - Errors in the login API or user authentication flow.
- **Solution:**
 - Ensure session tokens are securely stored and have appropriate expiration times.
 - Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA) if necessary.
 - Provide clear error messages for login failures and password resets.

3. Cart Synchronization Across Devices

- **Issue:** The cart may not be synced correctly across different devices or browsers.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Lack of real-time data sync or improper session management.
 - Cart data is not saved in the cloud or is stored locally only.
- **Solution:**
 - Use cloud storage (e.g., Firebase, AWS) to save cart data and sync it across devices.
 - Implement WebSockets or other real-time synchronization methods to keep the cart updated across sessions.

4. Payment Gateway Failures

- **Issue:** Users may face errors during checkout, such as failed payment transactions or incorrect billing details.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Misconfigured payment gateway API.
 - Invalid data being sent (e.g., incorrect card details or expired token).
- **Solution:**
 - Test payment APIs thoroughly in sandbox mode before production.
 - Handle errors gracefully with user-friendly messages and fallback options (e.g., alternative payment methods).

5. Order Status Updates Delay

- **Issue:** There might be delays in order status updates (e.g., "Shipped" or "Delivered").
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Backend services might not update the status immediately after processing.
 - Integration issues between the front-end and backend systems.
- **Solution:**
 - Set up real-time updates for order statuses.
 - Implement background jobs to track order status and send notifications.

6. Stock Availability Issues

- **Issue:** The app may show incorrect stock availability, leading to errors when users attempt to purchase out-of-stock items.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Incorrect stock data in the database or errors in syncing between the frontend and backend.
 - Lack of proper inventory management.
- **Solution:**
 - Implement real-time stock checks and update inventory status frequently.
 - Show accurate product availability on the product page, and notify users if stock runs low.

7. Broken Links or Navigation Issues

- **Issue:** Some links or navigation buttons may not work, leading to dead ends or broken pages.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Incorrect URL routing or outdated links.
 - Missing pages or resources on the server.
- **Solution:**
 - Use proper URL routing with a framework like React Router or Vue Router.
 - Implement 404 pages with helpful navigation suggestions when users hit broken links.

8. User Interface (UI) Bugs

- **Issue:** The UI might not be responsive, with elements overlapping or misaligned, particularly on mobile devices.
- **Possible Causes:**
 - Inconsistent CSS styles or media queries not covering all screen sizes.
 - Overuse of fixed-width elements or poorly implemented responsive design.
- **Solution:**
 - Use CSS frameworks like Bootstrap or Tailwind CSS for better responsiveness.

CHAPTER 11

FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

1. Personalized Recommendations

- **Enhancement:** Implement a recommendation engine that suggests products based on user behavior, preferences, or purchase history.
- **Benefit:** Increases customer engagement by providing tailored product suggestions, boosting sales and user satisfaction.
- **Technology:** Machine learning algorithms, collaborative filtering, and recommendation systems.

2. Subscription and Auto-Replenishment Service

- **Enhancement:** Allow users to subscribe to regular deliveries for frequently purchased items (e.g., Biryani, Dosa).
- **Benefit:** Encourages repeat business and improves convenience for users who need regular restocks.
- **Technology:** Subscription management system, recurring billing, and automated notifications.

3. Advanced Search Functionality

- **Enhancement:** Implement an advanced search with filters like price range, brand, dietary preferences (e.g., gluten-free), and delivery time slots.
- **Benefit:** Enhances user experience by making it easier to find specific products, improving overall shopping efficiency.
- **Technology:** ElasticSearch or Algolia for fast and customizable search.

4. Mobile App Development

- **Enhancement:** Launch a mobile app for iOS and Android to provide a more optimized, native experience for users.
- **Benefit:** Mobile apps offer a faster, more responsive interface, and are more accessible for on-the-go users.

- **Technology:** React Native or Flutter for cross-platform mobile app development.

5. Voice Command Integration

- **Enhancement:** Integrate voice recognition for hands-free shopping. Users can add items to their cart or search for products via voice commands.
- **Benefit:** Improves accessibility, convenience, and user experience, particularly for visually impaired users.
- **Technology:** Voice assistants like Google Assistant, Amazon Alexa, or built-in speech-to-text APIs.

6. AI-Powered Customer Support (Chatbot)

- **Enhancement:** Implement an AI-driven chatbot to assist customers in real-time with order tracking, product information, and general inquiries.
- **Benefit:** Provides 24/7 support and reduces the load on human customer service representatives.
- **Technology:** Natural Language Processing (NLP) with tools like Dialogflow, Microsoft Bot Framework, or IBM Watson.

7. Dynamic Pricing and Discounts

- **Enhancement:** Implement dynamic pricing where prices change based on demand, stock levels, or promotional periods (e.g., flash sales).
- **Benefit:** Maximizes revenue by adjusting prices based on real-time market conditions and customer demand.
- **Technology:** Pricing algorithms and integration with backend systems for real-time price updates.

8. Augmented Reality (AR) for Product Visualization

- **Enhancement:** Integrate AR technology to allow customers to visualize certain products (e.g., food items packaging) in their own environment.
- **Benefit:** Helps users make better purchase decisions by seeing how products will look in real life before buying.
- **Technology:** AR libraries such as ARKit (iOS), ARCore (Android), or WebXR for web-based AR.

9. Delivery Scheduling and Real-Time Tracking

- **Enhancement:** Allow users to schedule deliveries at their preferred time slots and provide real-time tracking for deliveries.
- **Benefit:** Increases customer satisfaction by offering more control over delivery timing and improving transparency.
- **Technology:** GPS and real-time tracking systems integrated with a delivery management platform.

10. Blockchain for Transparent Supply Chain

- **Enhancement:** Utilize blockchain to track the entire supply chain of products (from farm to table), providing transparency to customers about the origin and quality of the products.
- **Benefit:** Builds trust with customers, especially those concerned about product sourcing, sustainability, and ethical practices.
- **Technology:** Blockchain platforms like Ethereum or Hyperledger for supply chain management.