



Project Name - FolioHub

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Code and Deployment

- GitHub Repository URL
 - <https://github.com/Komal-7/folioHub-server> (Backend)
 - <https://github.com/Komal-7/folioHub> (Frontend)
- Live Website URL
 - <https://foliocore.netlify.app/> (INACTIVE currently)



Project Overview

- This web application enables users to **create**, **customize**, and **deploy** personal portfolio websites through a user-friendly visual editor.
- Portfolios are stored in S3 for persistence but **served through dynamic routes** on the **main application's domain** (<https://foliocore.netlify.app>), allowing users to have **custom portfolio links** like:

<https://foliocore.netlify.app/portfolio/:username>



Backend Structure

Backend Implementation

- **Framework:** Node.js + Express for backend, DynamoDB for database, and AWS S3 for storage.
- **Backend Folder Structure:** The backend is modular and divided into:
 - [routes/](#): Handles routing logic
 - [controllers/](#): Handles HTTP requests.
 - [services/](#): Contains reusable business logic.

- **repositories/**: Handles DynamoDB connection and operations.
- **s3/**: Manages interactions with AWS S3, including signed URLs.
- **middlewares/** : Handles middleware duties like authenticating users before routing.
- **AWS SDK Integration:**
 - **DynamoDB**: Connected using **AWS.DynamoDB.DocumentClient** for simplified data operations.
 - **S3**: Interfaced using **AWS.S3** for file storage and retrieval.
- **Authentication:**
 - Utilizes **JWT** for session management.
 - Tokens are stored in **HTTP-only cookies** to enhance security
- **Signed URLs:**
 - Generated for accessing private S3 buckets to ensure secure, time-limited access to resources.
- **Deployment:**
 - Instead of exposing S3 URLs, deployment metadata is saved in DynamoDB, and the backend dynamically serves HTML files from the **foliohub-user-deployments** bucket when a visitor accesses a user portfolio URL.

Database Used

- **Amazon DynamoDB** serves as the primary database, managing:
 - **Users**: Stores user credentials and profile information.
 - **Templates**: Contains metadata for global templates, including S3 keys for template JSON and preview images.
 - **User_Projects**: Holds user-specific project data, including references to S3-stored project JSON files and deployment metadata.

- **AWS S3 Buckets** - The application utilizes multiple S3 buckets for organized storage:
 - **foliohub-templates**
 - Stores global template JSON files and preview images.
 - Accessed via signed URLs for security.
 - DynamoDB stores references (S3 keys) to these files.
 - **foliohub-user-projects**
 - Stores individual user project JSON files.
 - Accessed via signed URLs for security.
 - **foliohub-user-assets**
 - Hosts user-uploaded assets (e.g., images).
 - Files are publicly accessible to enable embedding in portfolios.
 - **foliohub-user-deployments**
 - Contains deployed HTML files for user portfolios.
 - Accessed by the backend to serve content through the main application domain.

API Endpoints

The backend exposes the following RESTful API endpoints:

- **Authentication Routes**
 - **POST /register**: Register a new user.
 - **POST /login**: Authenticate user and issue JWT.
 - **GET /user**: Retrieve authenticated user's information.
 - **POST /logout**: Invalidate user session.
- **Template Routes**
 - **GET /templates**: Fetch list of global templates.
 - **GET /template/:id**: Retrieve specific template metadata to load in editor.

- **Asset Management Routes**

- **POST /assets**: Upload user assets.
- **GET /assets**: List user's uploaded assets.
- **DELETE /assets**: Delete specified user assets.

- **Project Routes**

- **GET /projects**: Retrieve all projects for the authenticated user.
- **POST /save-project**: Save or update a user project.
- **POST /deploy**: Deploy a user project to generate a public portfolio URL.

- **Portfolio Route**

- **GET /portfolio/:sitename**: Serve the deployed portfolio corresponding to the provided site name.

Core Features

- **User Authentication**: Secure registration and login system.
- **Template Browsing**: Search and preview global templates.
- **Visual Editor**: Drag-and-drop interface for customizing templates.
- **Asset Management**: Upload and manage personal assets within the editor.
- **Project Management**: Save, view, and manage multiple projects.
- **Deployment**: Publish portfolios to a public URL under the main application domain.
- **User Dashboard**: Access account details and manage deployed projects.

Feature Details

User Authentication

- **Functionality**: Allows users to create an account, log in, and maintain a secure session.

- **User Interactions:**
 - Users register with an email and password.
 - Upon login, a JWT is issued and stored in an HTTP-only cookie.
 - Authenticated users can access protected routes and features.
- **Technical Details:**
 - Passwords are hashed using `bcrypt` before storage in DynamoDB.
 - JWTs are managed using the `jsonwebtoken` library.
 - Sessions are maintained via secure, HTTP-only cookies.

Template Browsing

- **Functionality:** Enables users to explore and select from a collection of global templates.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can search templates by keywords.
 - Preview images are displayed for each template.
 - Selecting a template loads it into the editor for customization
- **Technical Details:**
 - Template metadata is stored in the DynamoDB `Templates` table.
 - Template JSON and preview images are stored in the `foliohub-templates` S3 bucket.
 - The frontend fetches template data via the `/templates` and `/template/:id` endpoints.

Visual Editor (GrapeJS Integration)

- **Functionality:** Provides a drag-and-drop interface for users to customize selected templates.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can add, remove, and modify components within the template.
 - Styles and content can be adjusted in real-time.
 - Assets can be uploaded directly into the editor.
- **Technical Details:**
 - GrapeJS is integrated into the frontend to facilitate visual editing.
 - Custom configurations are applied to support asset management and template loading.
 - Edited content is serialized into JSON for storage and deployment.

Asset Management

- **Functionality:** Allows users to upload and manage personal assets for use within their portfolios.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can upload images and other assets through the editor interface.
 - Uploaded assets are listed and can be inserted into the template.
 - Assets can be deleted when no longer needed.
- **Technical Details:**
 - Assets are uploaded to the public `foliohub-user-assets` S3 bucket.
 - Metadata and references are managed within the user's session.
 - The backend provides endpoints for uploading (`POST /assets`), listing (`GET /assets`), and deleting (`DELETE /assets`) assets.

Project Management

- **Functionality:** Enables users to save and manage multiple projects.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can save their current work as a project.
 - A list of saved projects is accessible from the dashboard.
 - Projects can be reopened for further editing or deployment.
 - Deployed Portfolio URL shown here.
- **Technical Details:**
 - Project metadata is stored in the DynamoDB `User_Projects` table.
 - Project content is saved as JSON files in the private `foliohub-user-projects` S3 bucket.
 - Access to project files is secured via signed URLs.

Deployment

- **Functionality:** Allows users to publish their customized portfolios to a public URL.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can deploy any one project at a time.
 - A unique URL is generated for the deployed portfolio.
 - Deployed portfolios are accessible to the public.
- **Technical Details:**
 - Deployed HTML files are stored in the `foliohub-user-deployments` S3 bucket.
 - The backend serves these files through the `/portfolio/:sitename` route.
 - Access to deployment files is managed via signed URLs to ensure security.

User Dashboard

- **Functionality:** Provides users with details of their account.
- **User Interactions:**
 - Users can view their account details.
- **Technical Details:**
 - Account information is retrieved from the DynamoDB **Users** table.
 - The dashboard is a protected route, accessible only to authenticated users.