



BookNest Project Documentation

1. Project Overview

BookNest is a modern, scalable web application for **renting** and **purchasing** books, offering a streamlined interface for both users and administrators.

Key Objectives:

- **User-centric:** Seamless book discovery, rent/buy processes, and account management.
- **Admin-focused:** Robust control over inventory, users, and order workflows.
- **Technical:** Secure architecture, high performance, and future expansion.

Tech Stack:

- **Frontend:** React.js, HTML5, CSS3
 - **Backend:** Node.js, Express.js
 - **Database:** MongoDB
 - **Authentication:** JWT
 - **Infrastructure:** AWS (EC2, S3, MongoDB Atlas)
 - **CI/CD:** GitHub Actions
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2. Functional Specifications

2.1 User Module

- **Registration & Authentication** (Email/password, JWT tokens)

- **Browse/Search Catalog** (filters by title, author, genre, availability)
- **Rent/Buy Workflow** (rent duration selection, cart handling)
- **Dashboard** (active orders, due dates, history)
- **Profile Management** (user info, password updates)

2.2 Admin Module

- **Admin Authentication**
 - **Book Management** (Add/Edit/Delete, metadata and stock control)
 - **User Management** (list, view activities, deactivate accounts)
 - **Order Reporting** (daily/weekly metrics, analyze rentals vs purchases)
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2.3 Inventory Management & Order Lifecycle

- **Book Metadata:** title, author, ISBN, genre, cover image, inventory
 - **Statuses:** Available / Rented / Sold
 - **Order Path:** Order → Payment → Confirmation → (If Rent) Due Date → Return → Completed
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3. System Architecture & Diagrams

3.1 Architecture Overview

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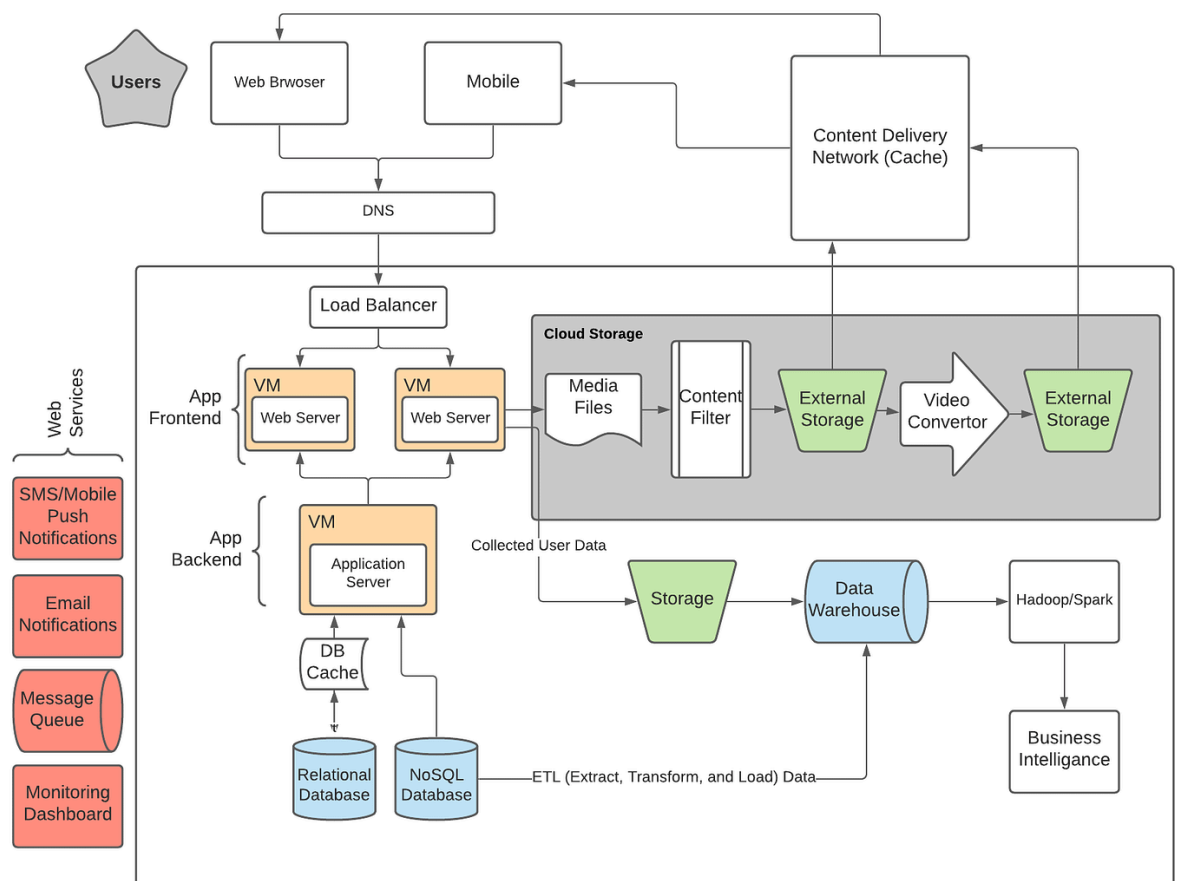
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This depicts:

- Client (React)
- API server (Express)
- MongoDB backend
- Payment gateway integration
- Cron scheduler for due-date reminders

Adapted with simplification from standard web architecture references

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3.2 Layered Layer-by-Layer Breakdown

1. **Presentation Layer** – React components, UI logic

2. **Business Layer** – API endpoints, services, validation
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 3. **Data Access Layer** – MongoDB queries, Mongoose
 4. **Database Layer** – MongoDB Atlas clusters
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3.3 Entity-Relationship Diagram

Use a drawing to illustrate:

Entities:

- **User** (userId, name, email, passwordHash, role, timestamps)
- **Book** (bookId, title, author, ISBN, genre, coverURL, totalCopies, availableCopies)
- **Order** (orderId, userId, bookId, type, duration, status, paymentStatus, dueDate, timestamps)

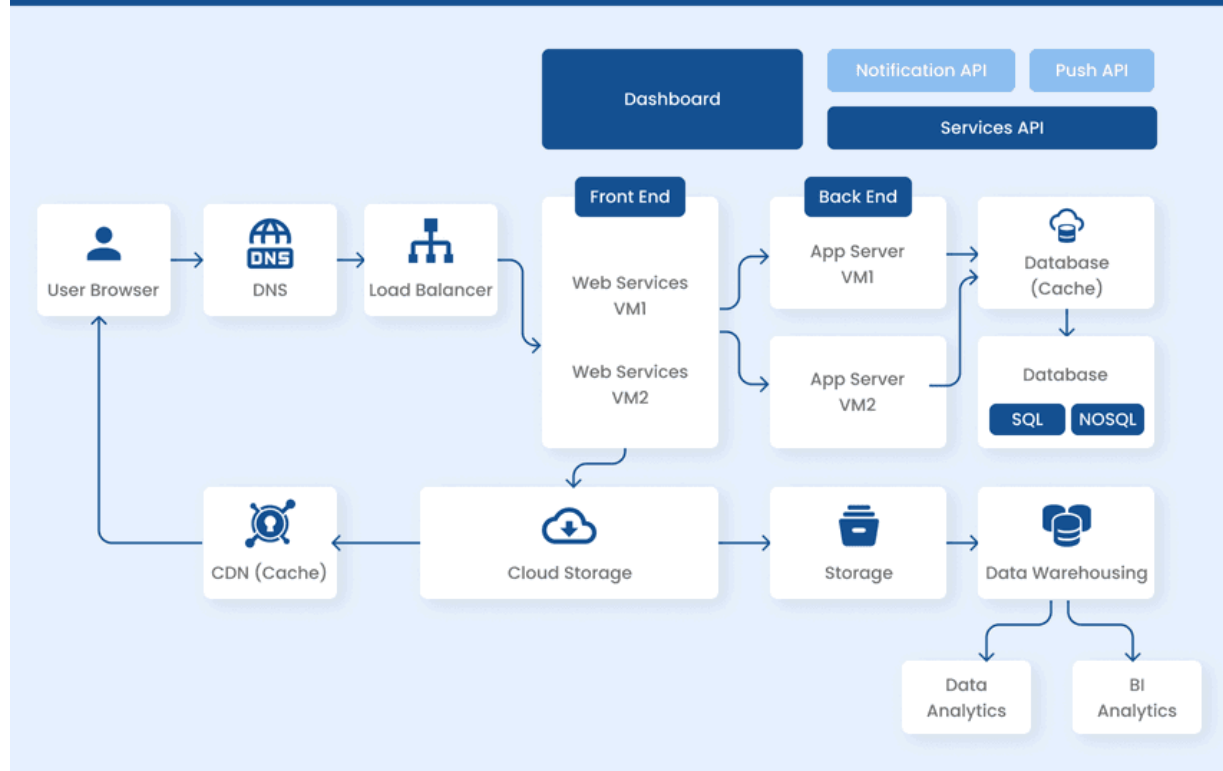
Connect **User** → **Order** → **Book**.

3.4 Architecture Alternatives Comparison

- **Monolithic**: Simpler, easy deployment, limited scalability
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- **Microservices**: Scalable, independent development; complexity overhead
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- **Serverless**: Cost-effective, scalable; debugging and vendor lock-in concerns
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Recommendation: Start monolithic; modularize critical services as needed.

Web Application Architecture and Diagram



4. Workflow & Process Flows

4.1 User Workflow Diagram

[Insert a flowchart: Browse → Detail → Order → Payment → Confirmation → (Rent) due date/crons → Return]

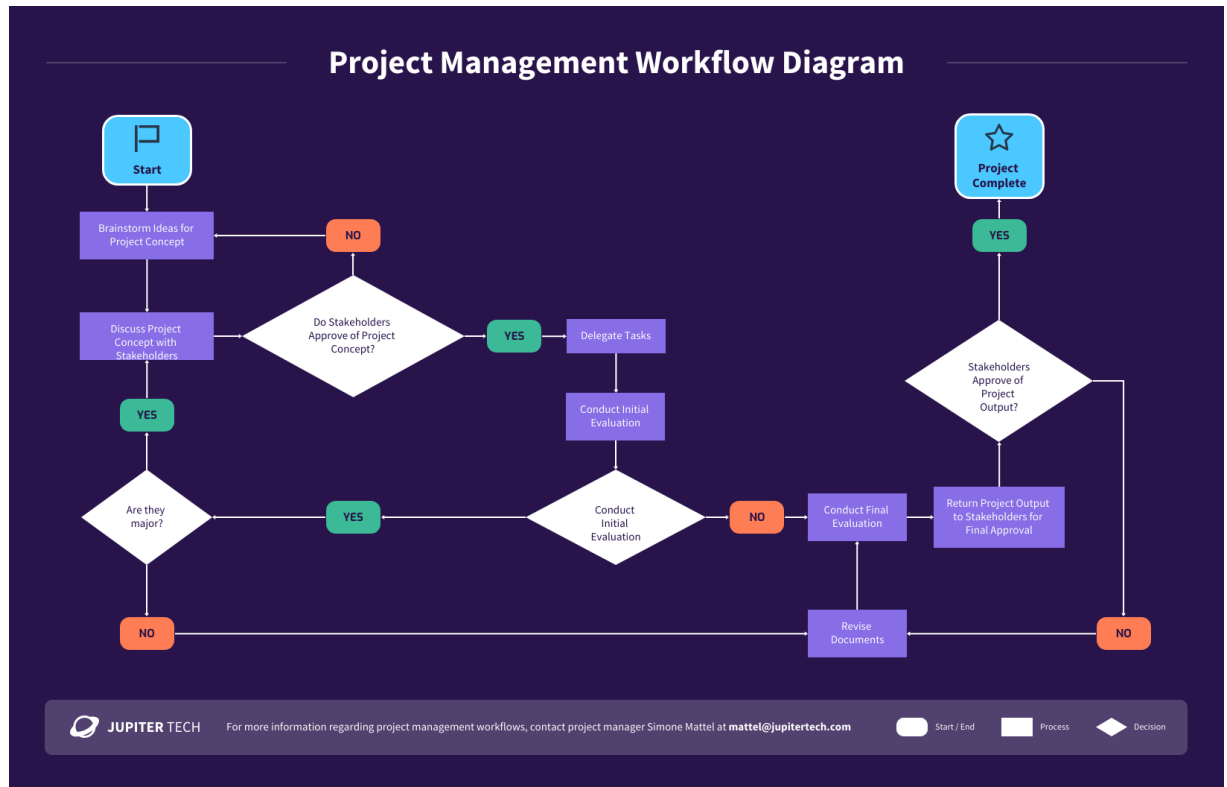
4.2 Admin Workflow Process

Flowchart: Admin login → Inventory → New book → Order view → Return processing → Reports

4.3 Component Interaction Overview

- Load Balancer → Express API → MongoDB

- Payment via gateway + webhook
- Cron scheduler for reminders/returns



5. API Specification

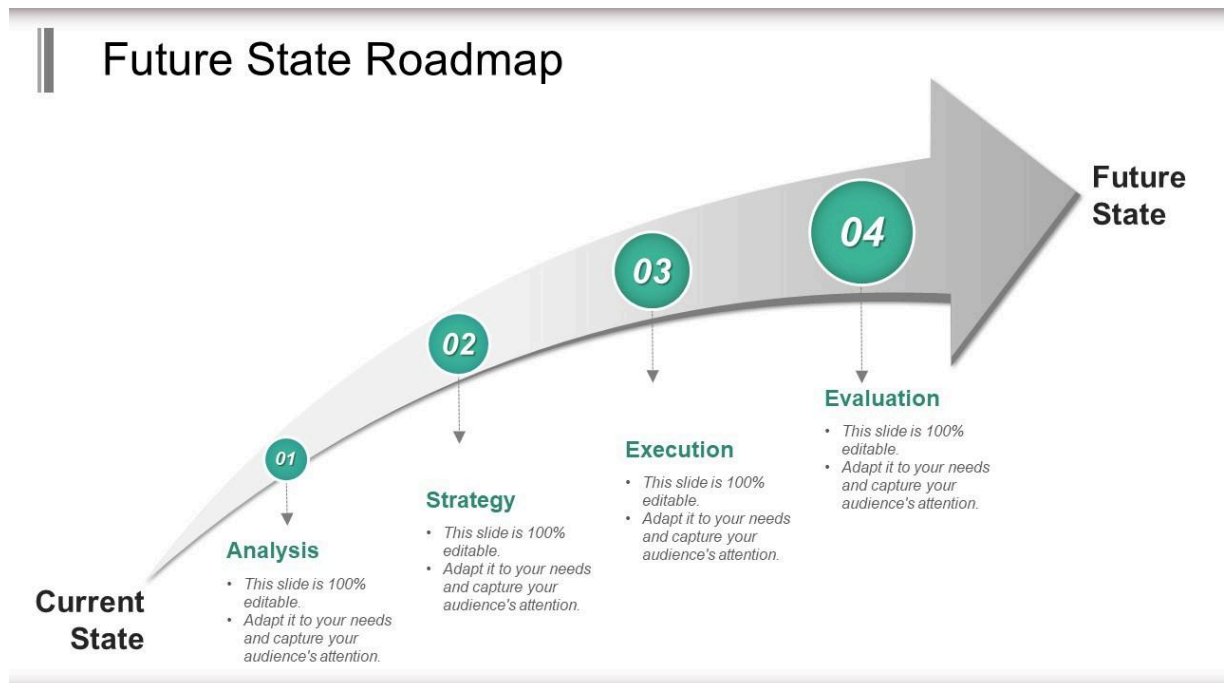
Endpoint	Method	Description	Access
<code>/api/auth/register</code>	POST	Create a new user	Public
<code>/api/auth/login</code>	POST	Authenticate and return JWT	Public

<code>/api/books</code>	GET	List all books	Auth
<code>/api/books/:id</code>	GET	Book details	Auth
<code>/api/books</code>	POST	Add a book	Admin
<code>/api/books/:id</code>	PUT	Update book	Admin
<code>/api/books/:id</code>	DELETE	Delete book	Admin
<code>/api/orders</code>	POST	Place a new order	Auth
<code>/api/orders/user/:id</code>	GET	Get user orders	Auth/Admin
<code>/api/orders</code>	GET	List all orders	Admin

Headers: All require `Authorization: Bearer <JWT>`

6. Future Roadmap & Enhancements

- **Payment Integrations** (Stripe, Razorpay with webhooks)
- **Mobile App** in React Native
- **Recommendation Engine** using collaborative filtering
- **Ratings & Reviews** feature
- **Notifications** via Email/SMS (SendGrid, Twilio)
- **Analytics Dashboard** (top genres, revenues, overdue count)
- **In-app Chat Support**



7. Tools & Diagramming Tips

- Use **draw.io** / **diagrams.net** (free, integrates with Drive)
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- Follow **C4 model** and **Clean Architecture** for structure clarity
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