

Task: Interactive Product Catalog with Search, Filtering, and User Roles

Objective:

Develop an interactive product catalog application with user roles, allowing:

- Customers:
 - Browse a list of products with categories.
 - View detailed information for each product (image, title, description, price).
 - Search for products by name or category.
 - Optionally, filter products by price range (advanced).
- Administrators:
 - Add, edit, and delete products from the catalog.
 - Manage product categories (create, edit, delete).

Benefits:

- Full-Stack Development: Introduces the fresher to working on both frontend (Angular) and backend (Node.js) aspects of web development with multiple user roles.
- Database Interaction: Provides experience with storing, retrieving, and manipulating product data in a database based on user roles.
- User Interface Design: Focuses on creating an intuitive interface for product browsing, searching, and filtering, differentiated for customer and admin roles.
- User Authentication and Authorization: Emphasizes the importance of securing user data through login, password hashing, and role-based access control.
- Data Search and Filtering (Optional): Extends the previous version by introducing basic concepts of filtering based on user roles (customers can filter, admins can manage filters).

Frontend (Angular):

- Create an interface using Angular components:

Customer View:

- A product list view with thumbnails or images, titles, and optional prices.
- A product detail view displaying a larger image, title, description, and optional price.
- A search bar to allow users to search for products by name.
- Optionally, implement filter controls (dropdown or slider) to filter products by price range.
- Consider using Angular Material for pre-built UI components (optional).

Admin View: (separate components or protected routes)

- A product management section to:
 - List all products with details (editable fields).
 - Add new products with a form (image upload, title, description, price, category selection).
 - Edit existing product details.
 - Delete products.
- A category management section to:
 - List all categories (editable names).
 - Add new categories.
 - Edit existing category names.
 - Delete categories (ensure no products are linked to deleted categories).

Backend (Node.js):

- Set up a Node.js server to handle API requests from the Angular frontend.
- Integrate with a chosen database (MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL) to store product data and user information:
 - Create a schema for products (name, description, image URL, price - optional, category ID - foreign key).
 - Create a schema for users (username, password, role - customer or admin).
 - Implement user authentication using libraries like bcrypt for password hashing.
- Implement role-based authorization checks:
 - Customers can only access product data (search, filter, view details).
 - Administrators can access product data and management functionalities (add, edit, delete products and categories).
- Implement logic to:
 - Serve a list of all products with basic details (name, image, optional price) for customers.
 - Retrieve detailed product information based on product ID for customers.
 - Implement search functionality to filter products based on the search term (search product names) for customers.
 - Optionally, implement price range filtering on the backend for customers.
 - Provide product and category management functionalities for admins (CRUD operations).

Database:

- Choose a database management system (MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL) and set up a local instance.
- Create a database and tables to store product data, user information, and categories as defined in the backend schema.