HealthMap: Real-Time Tracking Solution for Hospital Logistics

1. Introduction

HealthMap is a real-time tracking system designed to optimize hospital logistics by providing real-time visibility into the movement and location of critical hospital assets and staff. This system is built as a web application using React for the frontend and integrates cloud-based services and tracking devices.

Purpose:

This documentation serves as a guide for the development, deployment, and maintenance of the HealthMap web application.

2. System Architecture

- **2.1 Overview** HealthMap consists of several interconnected components designed to offer real-time asset tracking within a hospital environment:
 - Frontend (Web Interface)
 - Backend (API Server)
 - Database
 - Real-Time Tracking Layer
 - Cloud Infrastructure

2.2 Components Breakdown

- Frontend: Built using React (for web)
- Backend: Node.js and Express.js (for API management)
- Database: MongoDB
- Real-Time Tracking: GPS tracking devices
- Cloud Infrastructure: AWS EC2, AWS Lambda, AWS S3
- Data Processing Layer: Apache Kafka for real-time stream processing
- Security: OAuth2 for authentication, AES for data encryption, SSL/TLS for secure communication

3. Technologies Used

3.1 Frontend:

- React: For building dynamic and interactive user interfaces.
- **Redux**: To manage global state across the application.
- **React Router**: For handling page navigation within the application.
- Axios: To make HTTP requests to the backend API.
- CSS/SCSS: For styling the web pages and ensuring a responsive UI.

3.2 Backend:

- **Node.js**: JavaScript runtime used to build scalable server-side applications.
- **Express.js**: A fast and minimalist web framework for Node.js to build RESTful APIs.
- JWT/OAuth2: For secure user authentication and token management.

3.3 Real-Time Tracking:

- MQTT/WebSockets: For continuous communication between devices and the backend for real-time data updates.
- GPS/RFID/IoT Devices: To track the location of hospital assets and staff.

3.4 Database:

- **PostgreSQL**: A relational database for storing structured data such as asset information, user details, and tracking logs.
- MongoDB: Used for storing real-time data (such as GPS location data) in a flexible format.

3.5 Cloud Infrastructure:

- AWS EC2: For hosting the backend server.
- AWS S3: For storing static files and logs.
- AWS Lambda: For serverless functions that handle specific tasks like alerts and notifications.

3.6 Data Processing:

 Apache Kafka: For handling real-time data streams and ensuring that large volumes of tracking data can be processed efficiently.

3.7 Security:

- OAuth2/JWT: For handling secure authentication and user sessions.
- SSL/TLS: Ensures secure data transmission between the client and server.
- **AES Encryption**: Used for encrypting sensitive data at rest and during transmission.

4. Functional Specifications

4.1 User Roles

- Admin: Full access to all system data and features, including user management and asset control.
- Manager: Access to asset tracking, location history, and reporting.
- **Staff**: Restricted access based on roles (e.g., tracking specific assets, viewing personal information).

4.2 Features

- Real-Time Asset Tracking: Visualizes the live location of hospital assets.
- Asset Management: Add, update, and manage hospital assets.
- Alerts & Notifications: Notifies users about critical events, such as asset misplacements or unauthorized movement.
- **Analytics & Reporting**: Allows users to generate detailed reports on asset usage and hospital logistics.

4.3 Non-Functional Requirements

- **Scalability**: The system should be scalable to accommodate increasing data and hospital assets.
- Reliability: High availability (99.99% uptime) for real-time tracking.
- **Performance**: Low-latency data processing to deliver real-time updates to users.

5. Database Schema

5.1 Tables

- **Users**: Stores user data (id, name, email, password, role).
- **Assets**: Stores information about hospital assets (id, type, location, status, last updated).

- **Location_Logs**: Stores real-time location data for assets (id, asset_id, timestamp, location).
- **Tracking_Devices**: Stores data about tracking devices associated with assets (id, device_type, status, asset_id).
- **Events**: Stores event data like asset misplacements (event_id, asset_id, event_type, timestamp).

5.2 Relationships

- Users can be associated with assets (e.g., staff assigned to specific equipment).
- Assets have associated location logs, updated continuously based on real-time tracking.
- Tracking devices are linked to specific assets to track their location.

6. API Documentation

6.1 Authentication API

- POST /auth/login: Logs in a user and returns an access token.
 - o Request: { "email": "user@example.com", "password":
 "password123" }
 - o Response: { "token": "jwt token here" }
- **POST /auth/logout**: Logs out the user and invalidates the token.

6.2 Asset Management API

- **GET /assets**: Retrieves all assets in the hospital.
 - o Response: [{ "id": 1, "type": "Wheelchair", "location":
 "Room 101", "status": "Available" }]
- **POST /assets**: Adds a new asset to the system.
 - o Request: { "type": "Defibrillator", "description":
 "Portable", "location": "Emergency Room" }
 - o Response: { "id": 2, "type": "Defibrillator", "location":
 "Emergency Room" }

6.3 Real-Time Tracking API

- **GET /tracking/{asset_id}**: Returns the real-time location of an asset.
 - Response: { "location": "Room 105", "timestamp": "2024-1108T10:00:00" }

6.4 Event API

• **GET /events**: Retrieves events like asset misplacements.

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o Response: [ { "event_id": 1, "asset_id": 3, "event_type":
  "Misplaced", "timestamp": "2024-11-08T10:15:00" } ]
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7. Deployment

7.1 CI/CD Pipeline

- **GitHub Actions** or **Jenkins** for automating tests, builds, and deployment.
- **Docker**: For containerizing the backend and frontend services.
- **Kubernetes**: For orchestrating the containers and ensuring scalability.

7.2 Hosting & Infrastructure

- The backend is hosted on AWS EC2.
- AWS S3 is used for storing static files, images, and logs.
- AWS Lambda handles serverless functions for alerts and notifications.

8. Security

8.1 Authentication

OAuth 2.0 / JWT: Secure user authentication with token management.

8.2 Data Security

- SSL/TLS: For encrypted communication.
- **AES encryption** for sensitive data at rest and during transmission.

8.3 Access Control

• Role-based access to ensure proper user permissions and data security.

9. Future Enhancements

- **Machine Learning**: Integrating predictive models for asset management and route optimization.
- Integration with other Hospital Systems: For seamless operations.
- **Expanded Device Support**: Integration with more IoT-based devices for better asset tracking.