



CSW 303: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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I. Objectives

1) Enable Efficient Communication Between Patients and Doctors

Provide a platform where patients can quickly send consultant requests and messages to their assigned doctors for timely support and care.

2) Facilitate Health Data Management

Allow users (both patients and doctors) to track, access, and update health-related information such as symptoms, statuses, or treatments securely.

3) Support Role-Based Access and Personalization

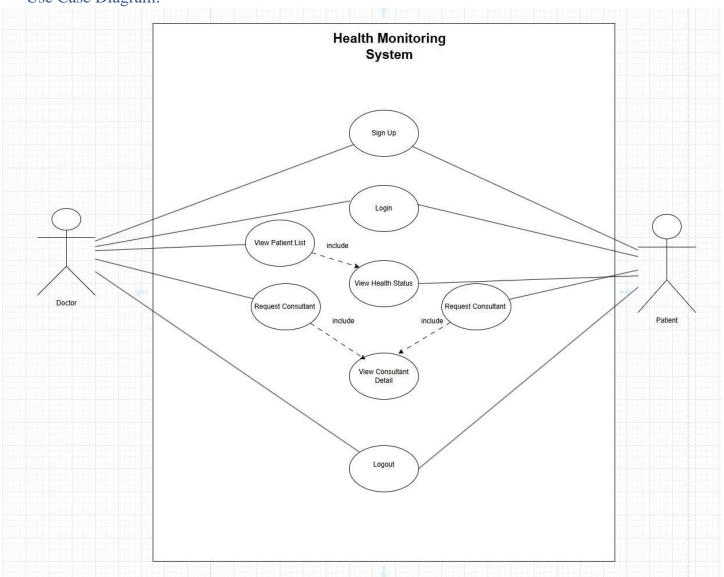
Differentiate functionalities and dashboards based on the user's role (e.g., patient or doctor), ensuring relevant features and data are shown to each.

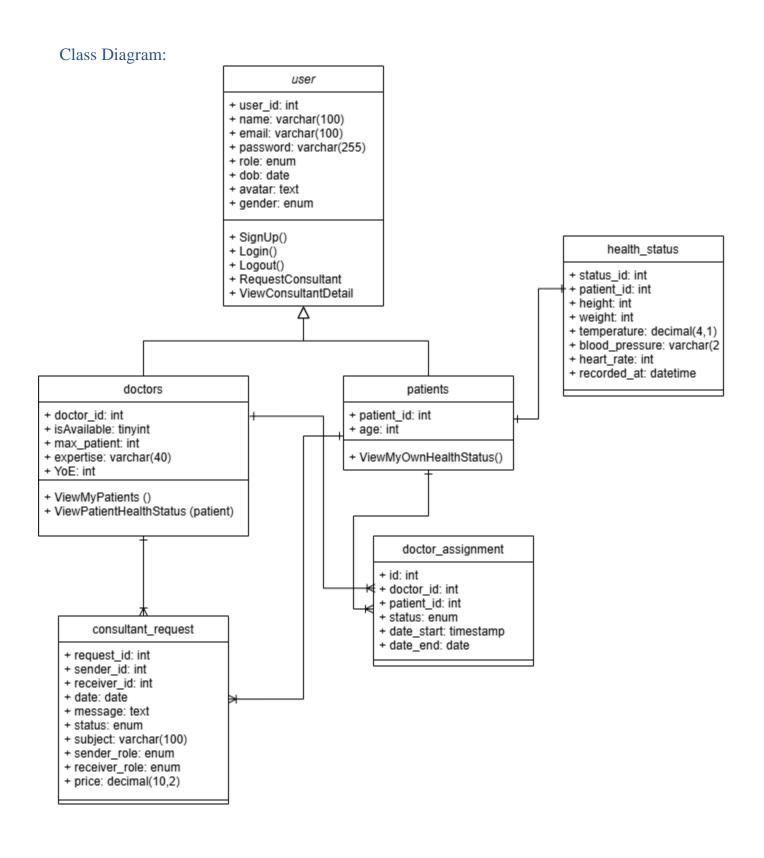
4) Ensure Secure Authentication and Session Management

Implement secure login and user session tracking using JWT and cookies to protect sensitive health and personal data.

II. System Modeling Diagram

Use Case Diagram:





III. Functional & Non-Functional

1) Functional

User Authentication and Role-Based Access

- o Users (patients/doctors) can log in securely.
- o Role-based redirection and dashboard customization based on user type.

Health Status Dashboard

- o Patients and doctors can view or update health-related information.
- o Each role has access to different views/data depending on permissions.

• Consultant Request System

- o Patients can send consultation requests to their assigned doctors with date, subject, and message.
- o Doctors can view and respond to these requests.

• My Doctor / My Patient View

- o Patients can view information about their assigned doctors.
- o Doctors can see a list of patients they're responsible for.

• Logout and Session Handling

o logout function that clears authentication cookies.

• Responsive Sidebar and Navigation

- o Dynamic menu items change based on role (doctor or patient).
- Active state management for current pages (in progress).

2) Non-Functional

Reliability

o Error handling for both frontend (try-catch) and backend (status codes, custom error messages).

• User-friendly UI

O Notifications / Alert for every user's actions (confirm, delete, success alert,...).

• Reusable Components

o Try to create components that can be reuse many times.

IV. Programming Languages, Software Tools, and Databases Used

- 1) Programming Languages:
 - Javascript
 - HTML
 - CSS
 - SQL: For interacting with the MySQL database

2) Software Tools & Frameworks:

- **React.js**: Frontend framework for building interactive UIs.
- Next.js (App Router): Provides structure, routing, and server-side rendering.
- Express.js: Backend framework for handling API requests.
- **Axios**: For making HTTP requests between frontend and backend.
- **bcrypt**: For password hashing and security.
- **jsonwebtoken** (**JWT**): For user authentication and session handling.
- **draw.io**: For creating class diagrams and other software models.
- **VS Code**: Development environment.

IV. Software Architecture

Architecture Type: Multi-Tier (Three-Tier Architecture)

This project follows a Three-Tier Architecture, which separates concerns into:

- 1. Presentation Layer (Frontend/UI)
 - o Built using **React.js** with Next.js.
 - o Handles user interaction and displays data from the backend.

2. Application Layer (Backend/API)

- o Built using **Node.js with Express.js**.
- o Manages business logic, user sessions, and communication between frontend and database.
- 3. Data Layer (Database)
 - Uses MySQL for storing persistent data (users, roles, consultant records).
 - o Interacts with backend through SQL queries.