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MERN Stack Movie Application: Role-Based Access Control

Objective:

Develop a movie web application with the following functionality:

1. User Features:

- View movie details fetched from IMDb's Top 250 Movies.
 - **Reference URL:** https://www.imdb.com/chart/top?ref_=nv_mv_250
- Search movies by name or description.
- Sort movie details by name, rating, release date, and duration.

2. Admin Features:

- Add new movie details.
 - Edit or delete existing movies.
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Requirements:

Frontend

- **Framework:** React.js
- **Styling:** Material-UI for CSS and responsiveness
- **Features:**
 - **User Pages:**
 - Home Page: Displays all movies with pagination.
 - Search Page: Allows filtering and searching for movies by name or description.
 - **Admin Pages:**
 - Add Movie Page: Form for adding new movies.

- Edit/Delete Movie Page: Admin functionalities for modifying movie details.
- **Authentication:**
 - Implement JWT-based authentication for user login and role-based access control.
- **Routing:**
 - Use react-router-dom to protect admin routes and manage navigation.
- **State Management:**
 - Use Context API or Redux for managing application state.

Backend

- **Framework:** Node.js with Express.js
- **Database:** MongoDB
- **Features:**
 - **REST API Endpoints:**
 - GET /movies: Retrieve all movies.
 - GET /movies/sorted: Get sorted movies by name, rating, release date, or duration.
 - GET /movies/search: Search movies by name or description.
 - POST /movies: Add a new movie (admin only).
 - PUT /movies/:id: Edit movie details (admin only).
 - DELETE /movies/:id: Delete a movie (admin only).
 - **Authentication & Authorization:**
 - Secure endpoints with JWT authentication.
 - Middleware for role-based access control.
 - **Data Handling:**
 - Use a distributed queue for lazy insertion of data into the database.
 - Ensure database concurrency and performance.
 - **Error Handling:**

- Implement robust error handling for unauthorized access, invalid inputs, and crashes.
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Additional Instructions:

1. Concurrency and Performance:

- Design the system with scalability in mind.
- Optimize API calls and database queries for high performance.

2. Queue Implementation:

- Add movie data to a distributed queue and implement lazy insertion into the database.

3. Crash Recovery:

- Implement a mechanism to retrieve unprocessed messages in case of application or server crashes.
- For example, use a message broker like RabbitMQ or Kafka for message persistence.

4. Version Control:

- Commit all code to a public GitHub repository.
- Include a detailed README.md file with setup instructions, API documentation, and a live application URL.

5. Deployment:

- Deploy the frontend using platforms like Vercel or Netlify.
 - Deploy the backend using Heroku, AWS, or Railway.
 - Use MongoDB Atlas for hosting the database.
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Evaluation Criteria:

1. Authentication & Authorization:

- Secure user login and role-based access control for admin functionality.

2. Frontend Design:

- Responsive UI design using Material-UI.

3. Backend Implementation:

- Efficient and secure REST API implementation.

4. Scalability:

- Ability to handle concurrent users and large datasets.

5. Deployment:

- Fully deployed and functional application with a live URL.

6. Code Quality:

- Well-documented code with proper version control practices.