

Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation

1. Introduction

Project Title: Learn Hub : Your Center for Skill Enhancement

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

Learn Hub is a MERN stack-based online learning platform designed to provide affordable and structured digital education. The project aims to create a scalable web application where users can register, enroll in courses, track their progress, and download certificates upon completion.

Features:

- User Registration and Login (JWT Authentication)
- Course Creation and Management
- Course Enrollment System
- Video-Based Learning Module
- Progress Tracking
- Certificate Generation using PDFKit
- Responsive User Interface

3. Architecture

Frontend:

The frontend is developed using React.js. It follows a component-based architecture where UI components are reusable and state management is handled using React hooks. Routing is managed using React Router.

Backend:

The backend is built using Node.js and Express.js. RESTful APIs handle authentication, course management, enrollment, and certificate generation. Middleware is used for authentication and error handling.

Database:

MongoDB is used as the NoSQL database. Collections include Users, Courses, and Enrollments. Mongoose is used for schema modeling and data validation.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

- Node.js (v16 or above)
- MongoDB
- Git

Installation:

1. Clone the repository: `git clone <repository-url>`
2. Navigate to project directory.
3. Install backend dependencies: `cd server && npm install`
4. Install frontend dependencies: `cd client && npm install`
5. Configure environment variables in `.env` file.
6. Start backend and frontend servers.

5. Folder Structure

Client:

```
client/  
├── src/  
│   ├── components/  
│   ├── pages/  
│   ├── App.js  
│   └── index.js
```

Server:

```
server/  
├── controllers/  
└── models/
```

```
|— routes/  
|— middleware/  
|— server.js
```

6. Running the Application

Frontend: npm start (inside client directory)

Backend: npm start (inside server directory)

7. API Documentation

POST /api/auth/register – Register new user

POST /api/auth/login – User login

GET /api/courses – Get all courses

POST /api/enroll/:id – Enroll in course

GET /api/certificate/:id – Download certificate

8. Authentication

Authentication is handled using JWT (JSON Web Token). After successful login, a token is generated and stored on the client side. Protected routes verify the token before granting access.

9. User Interface

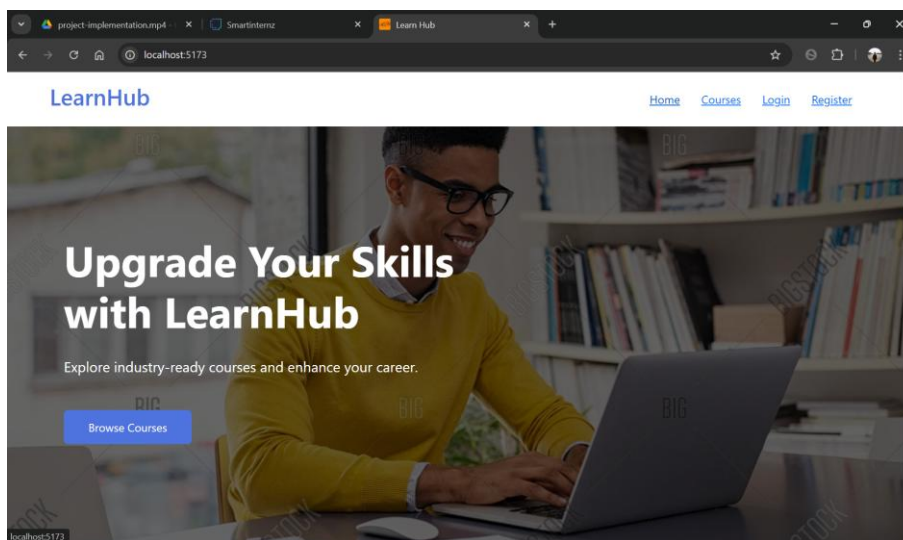


Fig 1: Home Page

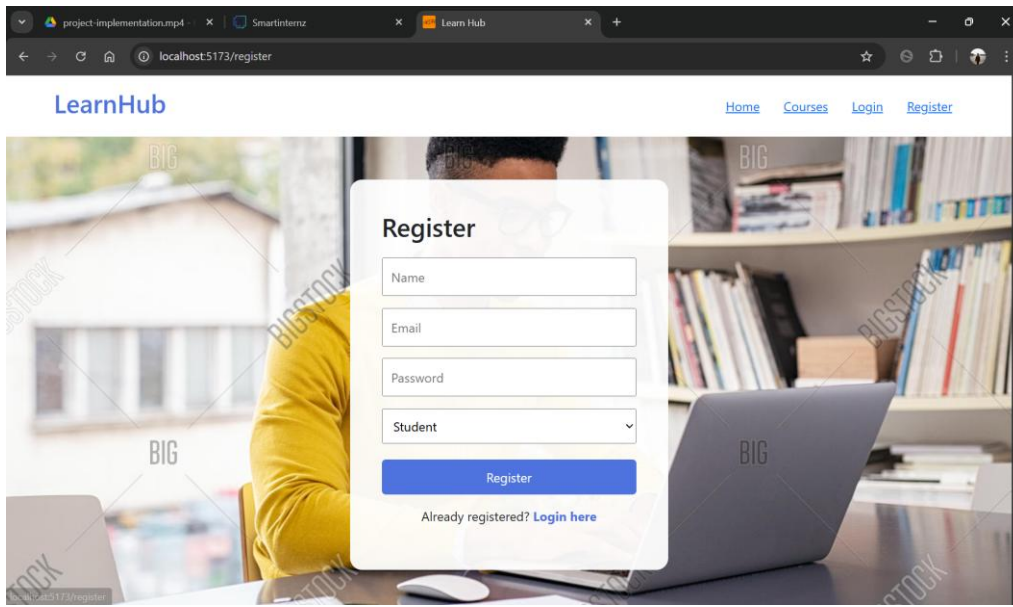


Fig 2: Registration page

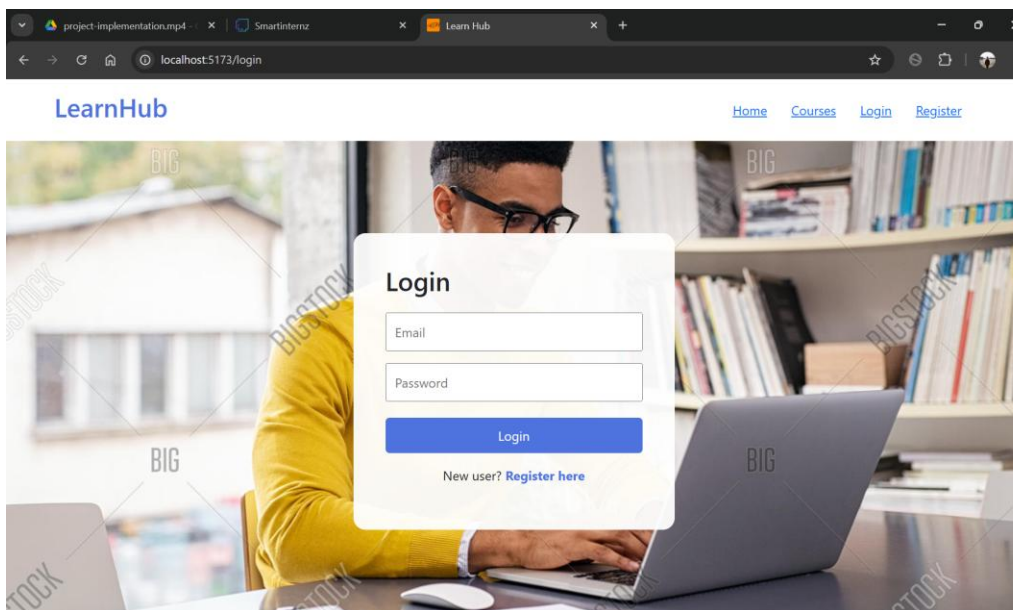


Fig 3: Login page

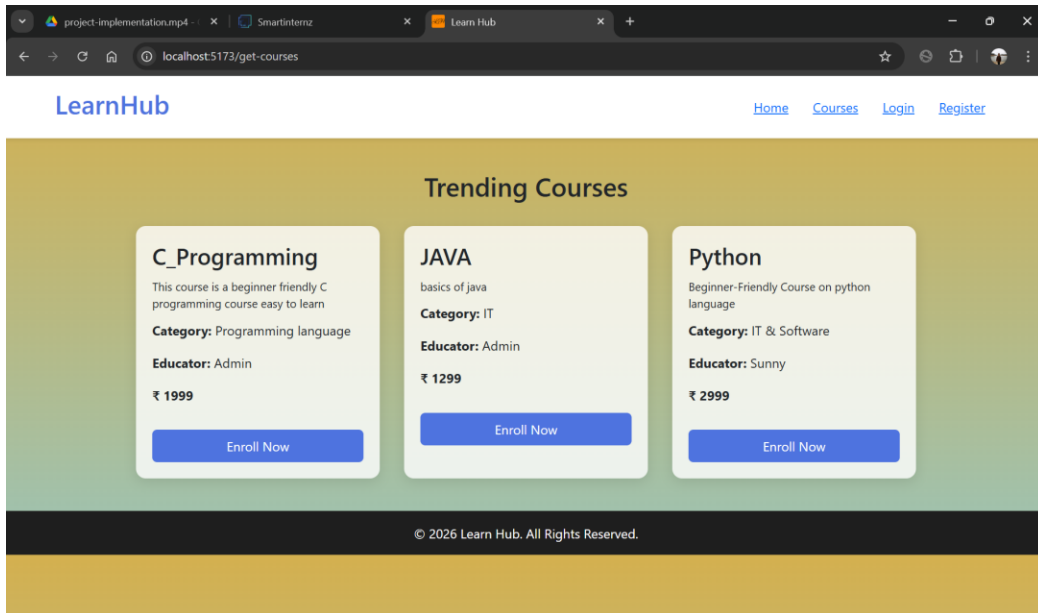


Fig 4: Course Page

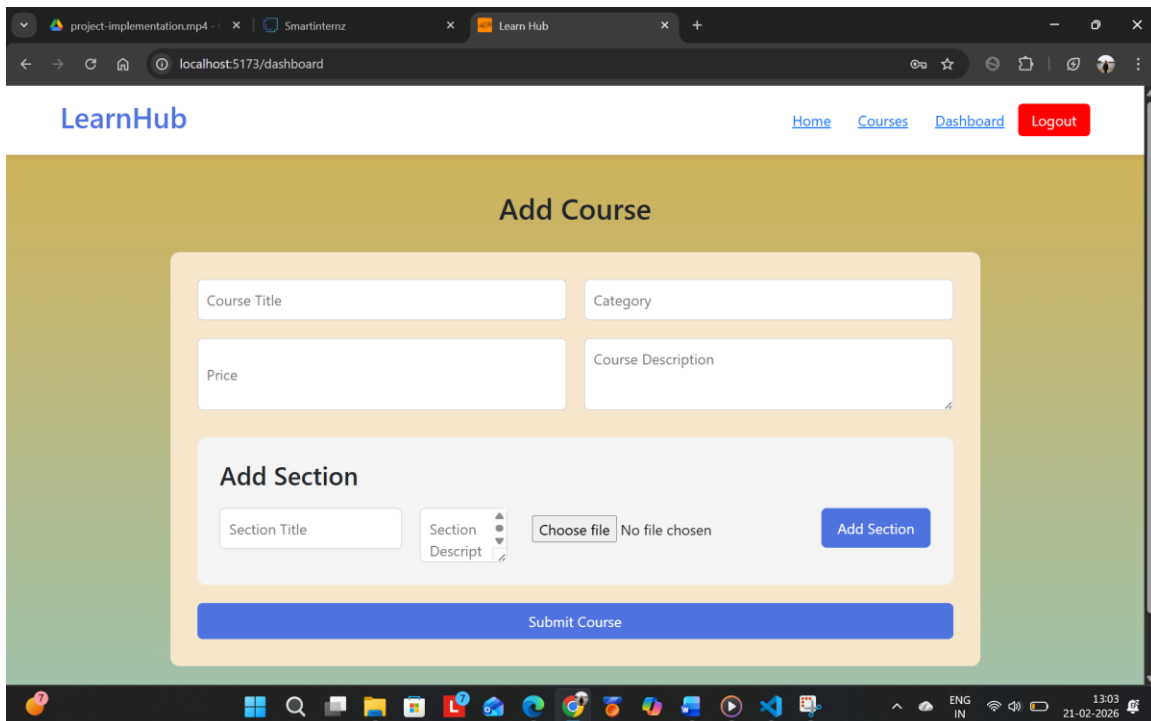


Fig 5: Add Course Page

10. Testing

Manual testing was conducted for registration, login, enrollment, progress tracking, and certificate generation. All test cases were validated successfully.

11. Screenshots or Demo

GitHub Repository: [Pranathi-collab/Learn-Hub](https://github.com/Pranathi-collab/Learn-Hub)

Project Demo Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yTByqq4RpRp6UUXlGWEZMctMLB7fDe02/view?usp=sharing>

12. Known Issues

- Application requires stable internet connection.
- No live interaction or chat functionality implemented.

13. Future Enhancements

- Mobile application support.
- AI-based course recommendations.
- Live classes and discussion forums.
- Cloud deployment and scalability improvements.