Overview of Software Requirements for Online Doctor Appointment Application

. Objectives

The primary objectives of the Online Doctor Appointment Application are:

- To provide a user-friendly interface for patients to book appointments with doctors.
- To allow doctors to manage their schedules and patient appointments effectively.
- To ensure secure handling of patient data and medical records.
- To facilitate communication between patients and healthcare providers.
- To provide notifications and reminders to patients and doctors about upcoming appointments.

. Requirements

The scope of the Online Doctor Appointment Application includes:

- User Registration and Authentication: Allowing new users (patients and doctors) to sign up and existing users to log in securely.
- Profile Management: Enabling users to manage their personal and medical profiles.
- Appointment Scheduling: Providing functionality for patients to view available time slots and book appointments.
- Doctor Availability Management: Allowing doctors to set their available hours and manage their appointment slots.
- Notifications and Reminders: Sending automated notifications and reminders via email/SMS to users regarding their appointments.
- Payment Integration: Facilitating online payments for consultations where applicable.
- Search Functionality: Enabling patients to search for doctors based on specialization, location, and availability.
- Patient Feedback and Ratings: Allowing patients to rate and provide feedback on their consultations.
- Reports and Analytics: Providing doctors and administrators with insights and reports on appointment statistics and user engagement.

. Non-Functional Requirements

Usability: The system should have an intuitive interface for easy navigation by patients and doctors.

Reliability: The system must be stable and available 24/7 to accommodate appointment bookings at any time.

Security: Patient information must be securely stored and transmitted to ensure confidentiality.

Performance: The system should be able to handle multiple concurrent users without significant degradation in performance.

Scalability: The system should be scalable to accommodate future expansion and increased user load.

. User Roles

The application will cater to the following user roles:

- Patients: Individuals seeking medical consultations who can book, reschedule, and cancel appointments, manage their profiles, and provide feedback on their consultations.
- Doctors: Medical professionals who can manage their appointment schedules, view patient profiles, and receive feedback.
- Administrators: Users responsible for overseeing the system's operation, managing user accounts, handling disputes, and ensuring compliance with regulations.

. Key Features

Feature 1: Book an Appointment

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As a patient,

I want to book an appointment with a doctor,

So that I can receive medical consultation at a convenient time.

Scenario: Successfully book an appointment

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I am on the doctor's profile page

When I select an available time slot

And I click on the "Book Appointment" button

Then I should see a confirmation message

And I should receive a confirmation email with appointment details

Scenario: Attempt to book an already booked slot

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I am on the doctor's profile page

When I select a time slot that has already been booked by another patient

And I click on the "Book Appointment" button

Then I should see an error message indicating the slot is unavailable

Feature 2: Reschedule an Appointment

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As a patient,

I want to reschedule my appointment,

So that I can change my appointment to a more convenient time.

Scenario: Successfully reschedule an appointment

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I have an upcoming appointment

When I navigate to my appointments page

And I select the appointment I want to reschedule

And I choose a new available time slot

And I click on the "Reschedule" button

Then I should see a confirmation message

And I should receive an email with the updated appointment details

Scenario: Attempt to reschedule to an unavailable slot

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I have an upcoming appointment

When I navigate to my appointments page

And I select the appointment I want to reschedule

And I choose a new time slot that is already booked

And I click on the "Reschedule" button

Then I should see an error message indicating the slot is unavailable

Feature 3: Receive Appointment Notifications

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As a patient, I want to receive notifications about my appointments,

So that I am reminded of upcoming consultations.

Scenario: Receive a confirmation email upon booking an appointment

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I have successfully booked an appointment

Then I should receive an email with the appointment confirmation and details

Scenario: Receive a reminder notification for an upcoming appointment

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I have an appointment scheduled for the next day

Then I should receive a reminder email and SMS notification about the appointment

Scenario: Receive a cancellation notification

Given I am logged in as a patient

And I have canceled my appointment

Then I should receive an email confirming the cancellation and details

Feature: User Management

Scenario: User registration

Given the user is on the registration page

When the user provides valid registration details

And submits the registration form

Then the system should create a new user account

And send a verification email to the user

And redirect the user to the login page

Scenario: Email verification

Given the user receives a verification email

When the user clicks on the verification link

Then the system should verify the user's email address

And activate the user account

Scenario: User login

Given the user is on the login page

When the user enters valid login credentials

And submits the login form

Then the system should authenticate the user

And redirect the user to the dashboard

Scenario: Forgot password

Given the user is on the login page

When the user clicks on the "Forgot Password" link

And enters their email address

And submits the form

Then the system should send a password reset link to the user's email

And display a confirmation message

Scenario: Reset password

Given the user receives a password reset link

When the user clicks on the link

And enters a new password

And submits the form

Then the system should update the user's password

And redirect the user to the login page

Feature: Doctor Management

Scenario: Doctor availability management

Given the doctor is logged in

When the doctor navigates to the availability management page

And sets their working hours and availability status

Then the system should update the doctor's schedule accordingly

And notify the doctor of any appointment requests during available hours

Scenario: Search for doctors

Given the user is on the search page

When the user enters search criteria such as specialty, location, or doctor's name

And submits the search form

Then the system should display a list of matching doctors

And allow the user to view doctor profiles and schedule appointments

. Performance Requirements

The application should meet the following performance benchmarks:

- Scalability: Able to handle an increasing number of users and appointments without performance degradation.
- Reliability: High availability with minimal downtime.
- Response Time: Quick response times for booking and managing appointments, ideally within a few seconds.