

Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation format

1. Introduction

- **Project Title:** DocSpot
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2. Project Overview

Purpose: The purpose of this app is to modernize healthcare access by automating the scheduling process, thereby increasing convenience for patients and efficiency for clinics.

Features:

- 24/7 self-service booking
- Lowering administrative costs
- Expanding access
- Organizing the patient history

3. Architecture

• 3.1 Frontend Architecture – React

The frontend of DocSpot is developed using React, following a modular and component-based architecture. Each UI feature is split into reusable components to ensure scalability and easy maintenance.

• 3.2 Backend Architecture – Node.js & Express.js

The backend uses Node.js with Express.js to build a lightweight and scalable REST API.

.3.3 Database Architecture – MongoDB

MongoDB is used as the database for its flexibility and document-based data structure. Mongoose ODM is used for schema management and queries.

4. Setup Instructions

- **Prerequisites:** List software dependencies.

Requirement	Version (recommended)
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Node.js	v16+
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npm	v8+ (comes with Node.js)
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MongoDB	v5+ (Local or Cloud — e.g., MongoDB Atlas)
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Git	Latest version
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Code Editor	Visual Studio Code (recommended)
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Installation: Step-by-step guide to clone, install dependencies, and set up the environment variables.

Step 1: Install Frontend Dependencies

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Cd frontend
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npm install
```

Step 2: Install Backend Dependencies

```
cd backend
```

```
npm install
```

5. Folder Structure

- Client:

```
frontend/
|—— node_modules/
|—— public/
|—— src/
|   |—— components/
|   |   |—— admin/
|   |   |—— common/
|   |   |—— user/
|   |—— images/
|   |—— App.css
|   |—— App.js
|   |—— index.js
|   |—— style.css
|—— .gitignore
|—— package-lock.json
```

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|—— package.json  
|—— README.md
```

- **Server:**

```
backend/  
|—— config/  
|—— controllers/  
|—— middlewares/  
|—— node_modules/  
|—— routes/  
|—— schemas/  
|—— uploads/  
|—— .env  
|—— .gitignore  
|—— index.js  
|—— package-lock.json  
|—— package.json
```

6. Running the Application

- commands to start the frontend and backend servers locally.
 - **Frontend:** `npm start` in the client directory.
 - **Backend:** `nodemon index.js` in the server directory.

7. API Documentation

- Document all endpoints exposed by the backend.

GET /api/admin/getallusers → Returns all registered users (JWT required)

GET /api/admin/getalldoctors → Returns all doctor accounts (JWT required)

POST /api/admin/getapprove → Approves doctor request using doctorId in body (JWT required)

POST /api/admin/getreject → Rejects doctor request using doctorId in body (JWT required)

GET /api/admin/getallAppointmentsAdmin → Returns all appointments for admin panel (JWT required)

8. Authentication

DocSpot uses JWT (JSON Web Token) for authentication.

When a user logs in, the backend generates a token.

The token contains the user ID and user role.

The frontend stores the token in localStorage/sessionStorage.

For protected APIs, the token is sent in the Authorization header.

Format: "Authorization: Bearer <token>".

A middleware checks if the token is valid.

If valid, the request is allowed to continue.

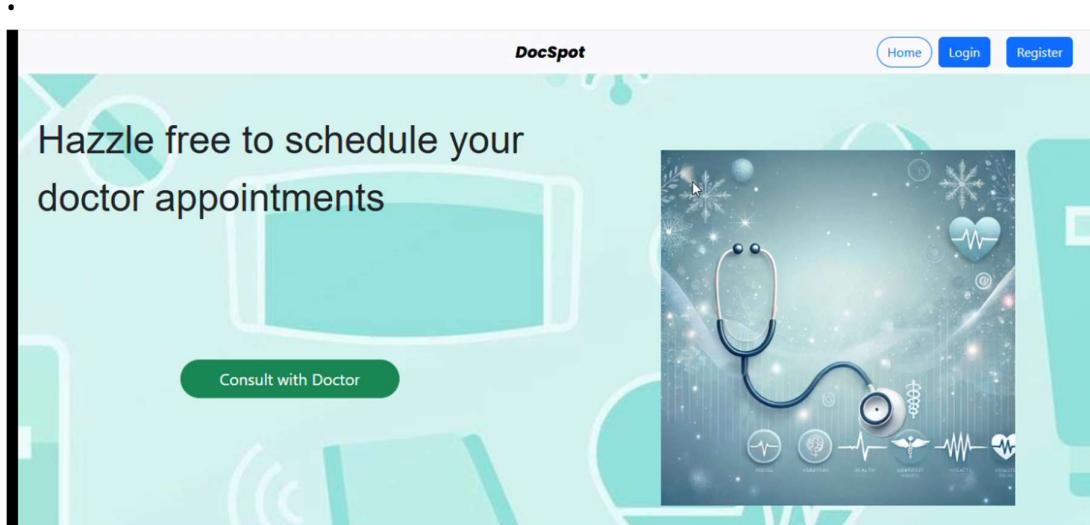
If not valid or missing, access is denied.

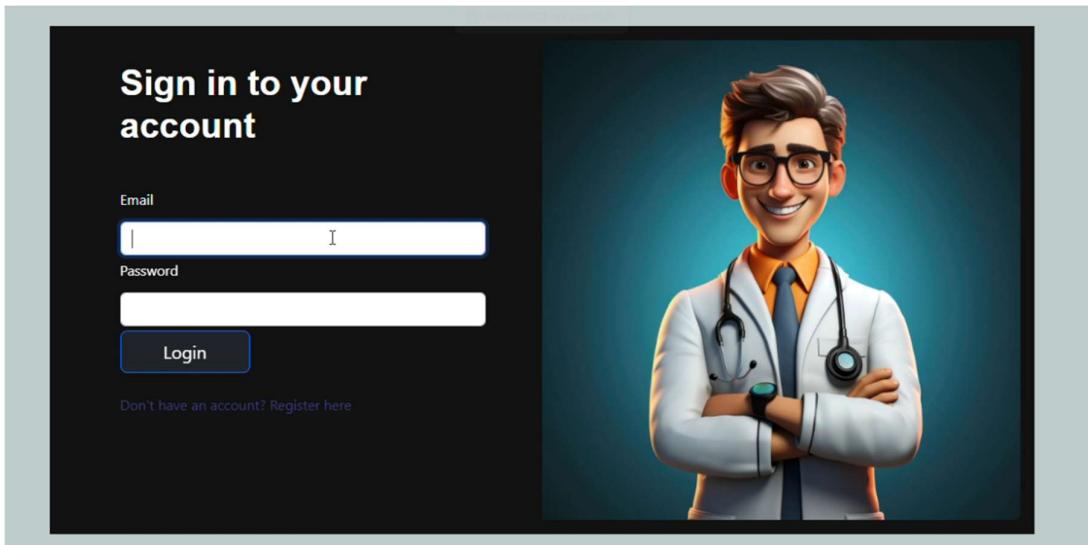
Authorization is role-based (user / doctor / admin).

Users can book appointments, doctors manage requests, admins handle approvals.

No sessions are stored on the server — authentication is completely token-based.

9. User Interface





MediCareBook

Ajith

Apply for Doctor

Personal Details:

* Full Name: dhoni * Phone: 1234577865 * Email: dhoni@gmail.com

* Address: Your address

Professional Details:

* Specialization: Your specialization * Experience: Your experience * Fees: Your fees

* Timings: Start time → End time

Submit

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10. Testing

- Manual testing was carried out on both the frontend and backend.

Postman was used to test backend APIs like authentication, doctor approval, and appointments.

Each API was tested with valid, invalid, and missing token scenarios to verify authorization.

Frontend pages were tested by navigating through all user roles (user, doctor, admin) to ensure proper access control.

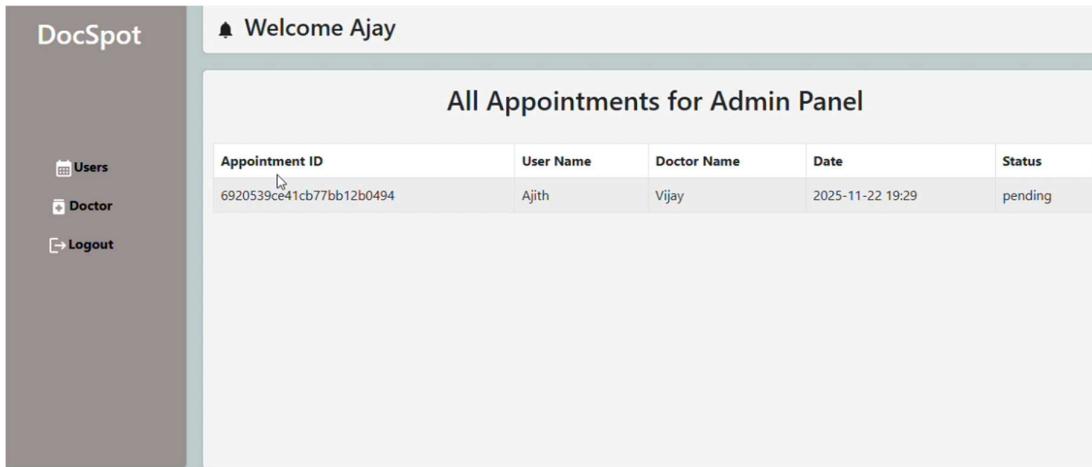
Form validation was checked by entering correct and incorrect inputs.

All routes and buttons were tested to confirm smooth navigation and error-free UI flow.

MongoDB was monitored to verify database updates after each action.

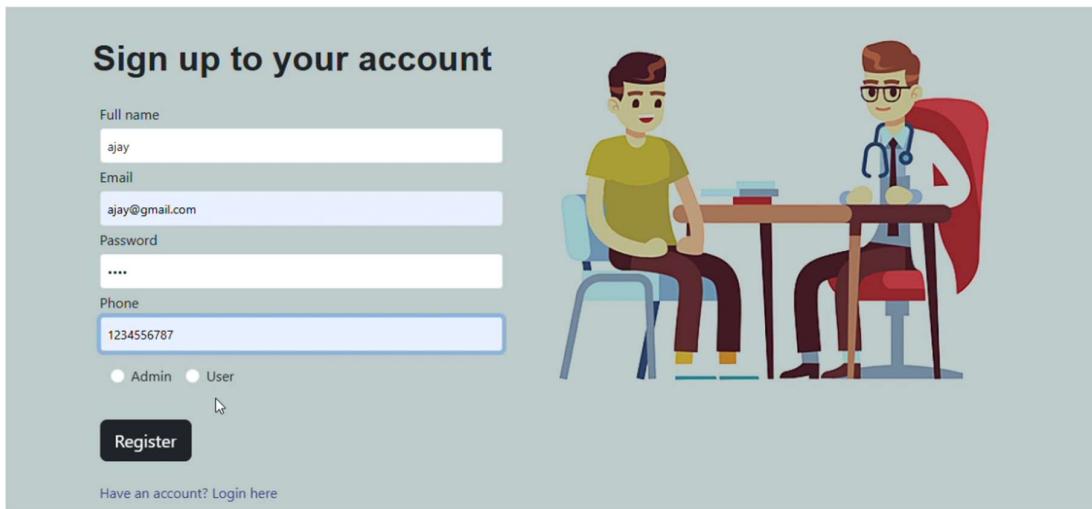
Testing focused on functionality, performance, and error handling rather than automation.

11. Screenshots or Demo



The screenshot shows the 'All Appointments for Admin Panel' page. On the left is a sidebar with 'DocSpot' logo and links for 'Users', 'Doctor', and 'Logout'. The main area has a header 'Welcome Ajay' with a bell icon. Below it is a table with columns: Appointment ID, User Name, Doctor Name, Date, and Status. One row is visible: Appointment ID 6920539ce41cb77bb12b0494, User Name Ajith, Doctor Name Vijay, Date 2025-11-22 19:29, and Status pending.

Appointment ID	User Name	Doctor Name	Date	Status
6920539ce41cb77bb12b0494	Ajith	Vijay	2025-11-22 19:29	pending



The screenshot shows the 'Sign up to your account' page. It features a form with fields for Full name (ajay), Email (ajay@gmail.com), Password (****), and Phone (1234556787). There are radio buttons for Admin (selected) and User. A 'Register' button is at the bottom. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a patient sitting in a chair and a doctor sitting behind a desk. Below the form is a link 'Have an account? Login here'.

12. Known Issues

Sometimes API requests take longer depending on network speed.

Email notifications may not be sent if SMTP credentials are not configured correctly.

Admin dashboard may require page refresh to reflect updated doctor status.

If MongoDB connection is unstable, the server may restart automatically.

Token expiration can log out users unexpectedly if they remain inactive for a long time.

Uploading large files in the uploads folder may increase backend memory usage.

UI alignment may vary slightly on different screen sizes.

13. Future Enhancements

- Add online payment gateway for appointment billing.
- Integrate video consultation feature for remote doctor visits.
- Implement AI-based doctor recommendations based on symptoms.
- Enable prescription uploads and downloadable e-prescriptions.
- Introduce multilingual support for regional language accessibility.
- Create mobile app version for Android and iOS.
- Add push notifications for appointment reminders and status updates.
- Provide analytics dashboard for doctors and admin.