1. Introduction

Project Title: DocIT - Doctor Appointment Booking System

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

DocIT is a web application that allows patients to browse through a list of available doctors, view their availability, and book appointments seamlessly. It aims to streamline the appointment scheduling process for both patients and doctors. The application provides three different views: User (Patient), Doctor, and Admin, each with specific features.

Features:

- User Profile: Browse doctors, book appointments, view appointment lists, and apply as a doctor.
- Doctor Profile: Manage availability, view appointments, and approve/cancel bookings.
- Admin Profile: Manage lists of doctors and users.

3. Architecture

Frontend:

The frontend is built using React, leveraging React Router DOM for routing, React Redux for state management, Axios for API requests, and Ant Design for UI components.

Backend:

The backend is developed using Node.js with Express.js to handle RESTful APIs. Middleware such as Morgan for logging and Joi for data validation are used. JSON Web Tokens (JWT) manage authentication.

Database:

MongoDB serves as the NoSQL database for storing user information, doctor details, appointment schedules, and notifications.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

- Node.js
- MongoDB
- Git

Installation:

- Clone the repository: git clone https://github.com/ShaunSDavid/DocIT_MERN_App.git
- Install dependencies for the backend:
 npm install express joi jsonwebtoken moment mongoose morgan nodemon zxcvbn dotenv colors bcryptjs
- Navigate to the client directory and install frontend dependencies:
 cd client npm i react-router-dom react-redux axios antd @reduxjs/toolkit react-bootstrap moment
- Create a .env file in the root directory with the following environment variables: DB_URL=mongodb+srv://<user>:<userdb_password>@cluster0.mongodb.net JWT_SECRET=A_Secret_Value PORT=4000

5. Folder Structure

- **Client:** Contains the React frontend files, organized into components, pages, Redux store, and styles.
- **Server:** Houses the backend code, including models, controllers, routes, middleware, and configuration files.

6. Running the Application

To start the backend server:

npm start

To start the frontend server:

cd client npm start

Access the application at http://localhost:3000.

7. API Documentation

Endpoint	Method	Description
/api/users/register	POST	Register a new user
/api/users/login	POST	Authenticate user and return JWT
/api/doctors/apply	POST	Apply as a doctor
/api/appointments	GET	Retrieve appointments list
/api/appointments/book	POST	Book an appointment
/api/admin/users	GET	Get a list of all users (Admin)

8. Authentication

The application uses JWT for authentication. Upon login, users receive a JWT, which is stored in local storage. This token is then used to access protected routes throughout the application.

9. User Interface

The user interface is developed with Ant Design for a modern, responsive layout. Key screens include:

- Homepage for patients and doctors
- Appointment booking form
- Doctor's availability management
- Admin dashboard

10. Testing

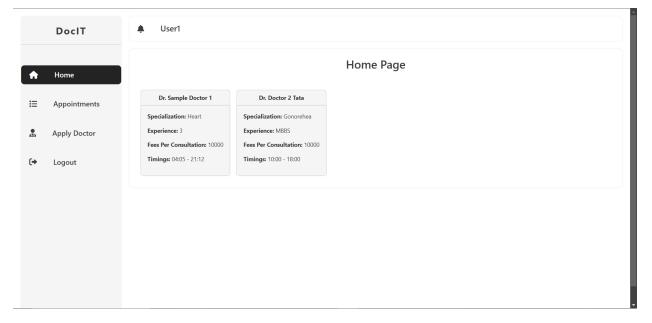
Testing is conducted using Jest and React Testing Library for frontend components, and Mocha with Chai for backend API testing.

11. Screenshots or Demo

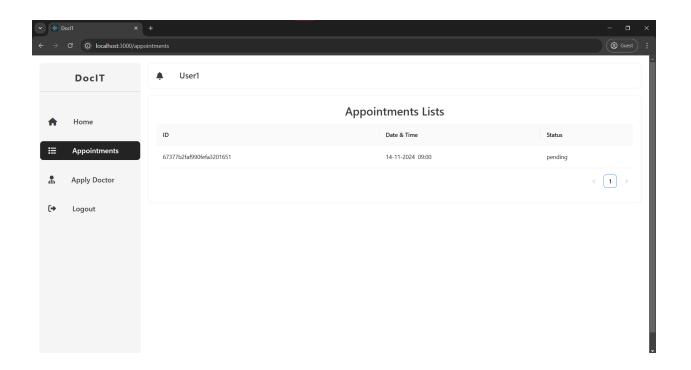
Screenshots showcasing the homepage, appointment booking form, and admin dashboard will be added.

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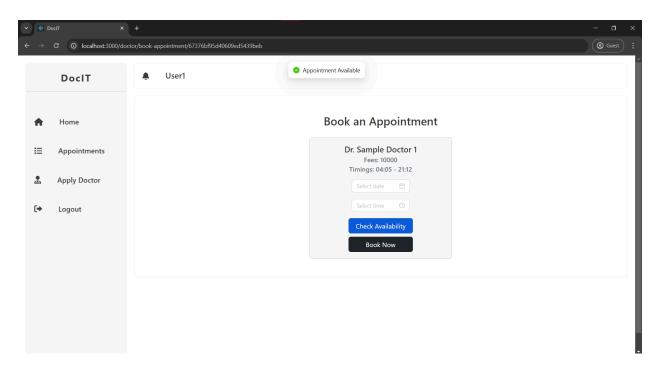
Homepage



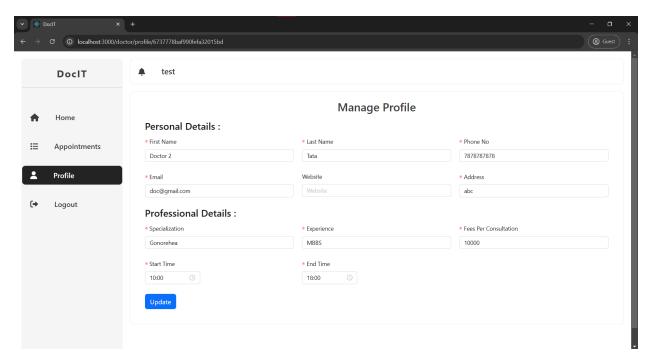
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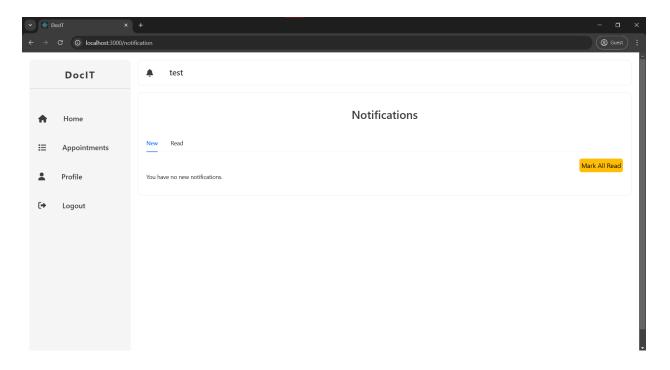
Booking Appointment



Apply As Doctor

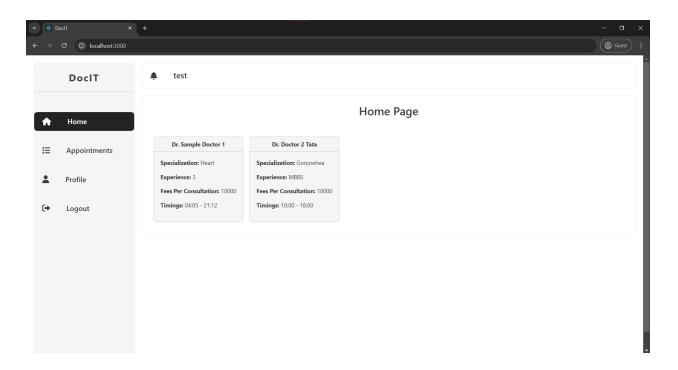


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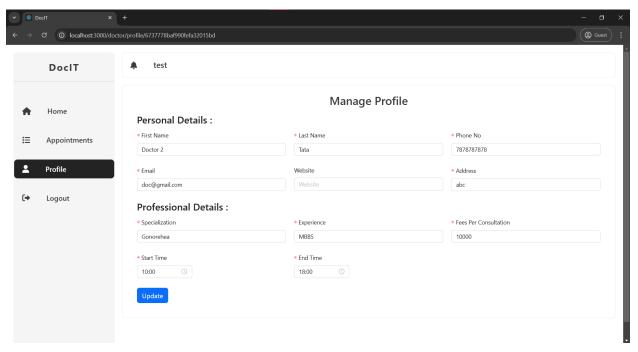


2. For Doctor Profile

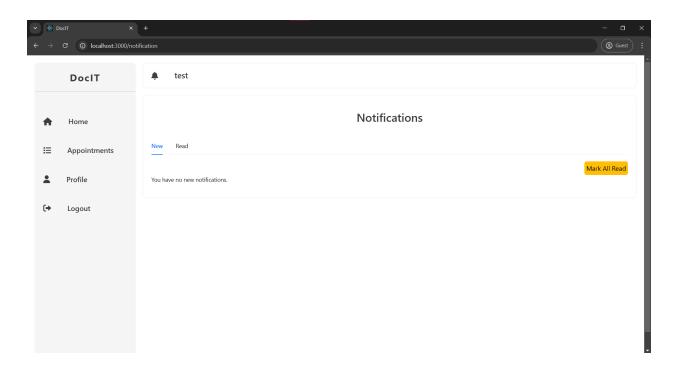
Homepage



-Manage Profile

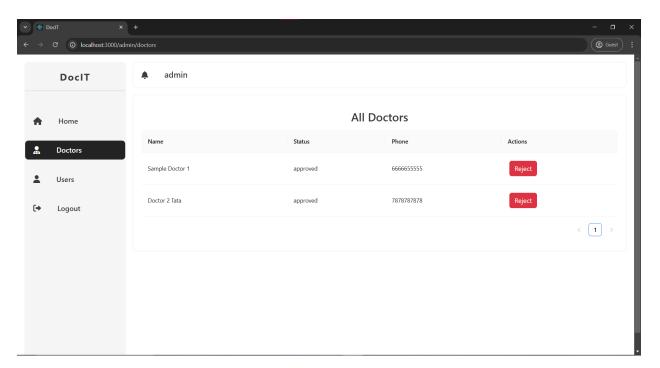


Appointment Notifications

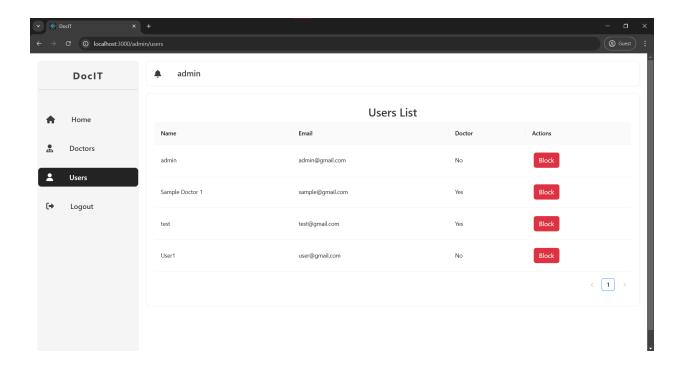


3. For Admin Profile

Doctors List



Users List



12. Known Issues

- Inconsistent date formatting across different regions
- Performance optimization required for large user data sets

13. Future Enhancements

- Implement video call feature for virtual appointments
- Add payment integration for appointment booking
- Introduce multilingual support for a broader user base