

Week 8.2 Recap Everything, Build PayTM Backend

In this lecture, Harkirat guides us through an end-to-end tutorial on building a comprehensive full-stack application resembling Paytm While there are no specific notes provided for this section, a mini guide is outlined below to assist you in navigating through each step of the tutorial. Therefore, it is strongly advised to actively follow along during the lecture for a hands-on learning experience.

It's important to note that this session primarily focuses on the backend section of the application. For the frontend portion, be sure to check out the content covered in the subsequent 8.4 lecture.

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Get balance

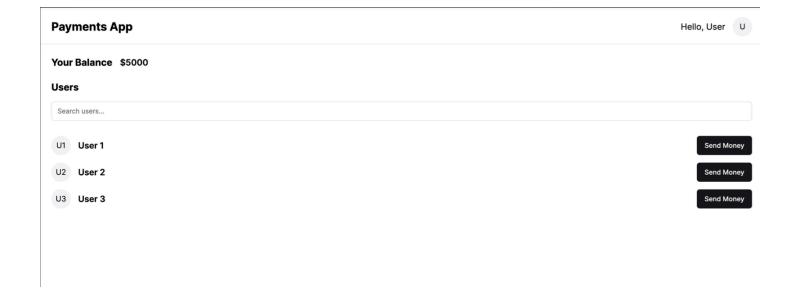
Make transfer

Get balance again (notice it went down)

Mongo should look something like this

Step 1 - What are we building, Clone the starter repo

We're building a PayTM like application that let's users send money to each other given an initial dummy balance



Things to do

Clone the 8.2 repository from https://github.com/100xdevs-cohort-2/paytm

git clone https://github.com/100xdevs-cohort-2/paytm



Please keep a MongoDB URL handy before you proceed. This will be your primary database for this assignment

- 1. Create a free one here https://www.mongodb.com/
- 2. There is a Dockerfile in the codebase, you can run mongo locally using it.

Explore the repository

The repo is a basic express + react + tailwind boilerplate

Backend

```
1. Express - HTTP Server
```

- 2. mongoose ODM to connect to MongoDB
- 3. zod Input validation

```
// index.js
const express = require("express");
const app = express();
```

Frontend

- 1. React Frontend framework
- 2. Tailwind Styling framework

Step 2 - User Mongoose schemas

We need to support 3 routes for user authentication

1. Allow user to sign up.

- 2. Allow user to sign in.
- 3. Allow user to update their information (firstName, lastName, password).

To start off, create the mongo schema for the users table

- 1. Create a new file (db.js) in the root folder
- 2. Import mongoose and connect to a database of your choice
- 3. Create the mongoose schema for the users table
- 4. Export the mongoose model from the file (call it User)

▼ Solution

Simple solution

```
// backend/db.js
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

// Create a Schema for Users
const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    username: String,
    password: String,
    firstName: String,
    lastName: String
});

// Create a model from the schema
const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);

module.exports = {
    User
};
```

Elegant Solution

```
// backend/db.js
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

// Create a Schema for Users
const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    username: {
```

```
type: String,
        required: true,
        unique: true,
        trim: true,
        lowercase: true,
        minLength: 3,
        maxLength: 30
    },
    password: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        minLength: 6
    },
    firstName: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        trim: true,
        maxLength: 50
    },
    lastName: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        trim: true,
        maxLength: 50
    }
});
// Create a model from the schema
const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
module.exports = {
    User
};
```

Step 3 - Create routing file structure

In the index.js file, route all the requests to /api/v1 to a apiRouter defined in backend/routes/index.js

Step 1

Create a new file backend/routes/index.js that exports a new express router.

(How to create a router - https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/express-js-express-router-function/)

▼ Solution

```
// backend/api/index.js
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();
module.exports = router;
```

Step 2

Import the router in index.js and route all requests from /api/v1 to it

▼ Solution

```
// backend/index.js
const express = require("express");
const rootRouter = require("./routes/index");
const app = express();
app.use("/api/v1", rootRouter);
```

Step 4 - Route user requests

1. Create a new user router

Define a new router in backend/routes/user.js and import it in the index router.

Route all requests that go to /api/v1/user to the user router.

```
// backend/routes/user.js
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();
module.exports = router;
```

2. Create a new user router

Import the userRouter in backend/routes/index.js so all requests to /api/v1/user get routed to the userRouter.

▼ Solution

```
// backend/routes/index.js
const express = require('express');
const userRouter = require("./user");

const router = express.Router();

router.use("/user", userRouter)

module.exports = router;
```

Step 5 - Add cors, body parser and jsonwebtoken

1. Add cors

Since our frontend and backend will be hosted on separate routes, add the cors middleware to backend/index.js

▼ Hint

Look at https://www.npmjs.com/package/cors

▼ Solution

```
// backend/index.js
const express = require('express');
const cors = require("cors");
app.use(cors());
const app = express();
module.exports = router;
```

2. Add body-parser

Since we have to support the JSON body in post requests, add the express body parser middleware to backend/index.js

You can use the body-parser npm library, or use express.json

▼ Hint

https://medium.com/@mmajdanski/express-body-parser-and-why-may-not-need-it-335803cd048c

```
// backend/index.js
const express = require('express');
const cors = require("cors");
const rootRouter = require("./routes/index");

const app = express();

app.use(cors());
app.use(express.json());

app.use("/api/v1", rootRouter);
```

3. Add jsonwebtoken

We will be adding authentication soon to our application, so install jsonwebtoken library. It'll be useful in the next slide

```
npm install jsonwebtoken
```

4. Export JWT_SECRET

Export a JWT_SECRET from a new file backend/config.js

▼ Solution

```
//backend/config.js
module.exports = {
    JWT_SECRET: "your-jwt-secret"
}
```

5. Listen on port 3000

Make the express app listen on PORT 3000 of your machine

```
// backend/index.js
... Existing code
app.listen(3000);
```

Step 6 - Add backend auth routes

In the user router (backend/routes/user), add 3 new routes.

1. Signup

This route needs to get user information, do input validation using zod and store the information in the database provided

- 1. Inputs are correct (validated via zod)
- 2. Database doesn't already contain another user

If all goes well, we need to return the user a jwt which has their user id encoded as follows -

```
{
    userId: "userId of newly added user"
}
```



Note - We are not hashing passwords before putting them in the database. This is standard practise that should be done, you can find more details here - https://mojoauth.com/blog/hashing-passwords-in-nodejs/

Method: POST

Route: /api/v1/user/signup

Body:

```
{
    username: "name@gmail.com",
    firstName: "name",
    lastName: "name",
    password: "123456"
}
```

Response:

Status code - 200

```
{
    message: "User created successfully",
    token: "jwt"
}
```

Status code - 411

```
{
    message: "Email already taken / Incorrect inputs"
}
```

```
const zod = require("zod");
const { User } = require("../db");
const jwt = require("jsonwebtoken");
const { JWT_SECRET } = require("../config");
const signupBody = zod.object({
    username: zod.string().email(),
    firstName: zod.string(),
    lastName: zod.string(),
    password: zod.string()
})
router.post("/signup", async (req, res) => {
    const { success } = signupBody.safeParse(req.body)
    if (!success) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Email already taken / Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const existingUser = await User.findOne({
        username: req.body.username
    })
    if (existingUser) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Email already taken/Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const user = await User.create({
        username: req.body.username,
        password: req.body.password,
        firstName: req.body.firstName,
        lastName: req.body.lastName,
    })
    const userId = user._id;
```

```
const token = jwt.sign({
    userId
}, JWT_SECRET);

res.json({
    message: "User created successfully",
    token: token
})
```

2. Route to sign in

Let's an existing user sign in to get back a token.

Method: POST

Route: /api/v1/user/signin

Body:

```
{
    username: "name@gmail.com",
    password: "123456"
}
```

Response:

Status code - 200

```
{
    token: "jwt"
}
```

Status code - 411

```
{
    message: "Error while logging in"
}
```

```
const signinBody = zod.object({
    username: zod.string().email(),
    password: zod.string()
})
router.post("/signin", async (req, res) => {
    const { success } = signinBody.safeParse(req.body)
    if (!success) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const user = await User.findOne({
        username: req.body.username,
        password: req.body.password
    });
    if (user) {
        const token = jwt.sign({
            userId: user._id
        }, JWT_SECRET);
        res.json({
            token: token
        })
        return;
    }
    res.status(411).json({
        message: "Error while logging in"
    })
})
```

By the end, routes/user.js should look like follows

```
// backend/routes/user.js
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();
const zod = require("zod");
const { User } = require("../db");
const jwt = require("jsonwebtoken");
const { JWT_SECRET } = require("../config");
const signupBody = zod.object({
    username: zod.string().email(),
    firstName: zod.string(),
    lastName: zod.string(),
    password: zod.string()
})
router.post("/signup", async (req, res) => {
    const { success } = signupBody.safeParse(req.body)
    if (!success) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Email already taken / Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const existingUser = await User.findOne({
        username: req.body.username
    })
    if (existingUser) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Email already taken/Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const user = await User.create({
        username: req.body.username,
        password: req.body.password,
        firstName: req.body.firstName,
        lastName: req.body.lastName,
    })
    const userId = user._id;
    const token = jwt.sign({
```

```
userId
    }, JWT_SECRET);
    res.json({
        message: "User created successfully",
        token: token
    })
})
const signinBody = zod.object({
    username: zod.string().email(),
    password: zod.string()
})
router.post("/signin", async (req, res) => {
    const { success } = signinBody.safeParse(req.body)
    if (!success) {
        return res.status(411).json({
            message: "Email already taken / Incorrect inputs"
        })
    }
    const user = await User.findOne({
        username: req.body.username,
        password: req.body.password
    });
    if (user) {
        const token = jwt.sign({
           userId: user._id
        }, JWT_SECRET);
        res.json({
            token: token
        })
        return;
    }
    res.status(411).json({
        message: "Error while logging in"
    })
})
module.exports = router;
```

Step 7 - Middleware

Now that we have a user account, we need to gate routes which authenticated users can hit.

For this, we need to introduce an auth middleware

Create a middleware.js file that exports an authMiddleware function

- 1. Checks the headers for an Authorization header Bearer <token>
- 2. Verifies that the token is valid
- 3. Puts the userId in the request object if the token checks out.
- 4. If not, return a 403 status back to the user

```
Header -
Authorization: Bearer <actual token>
```

```
const { JWT_SECRET } = require("./config");
const jwt = require("jsonwebtoken");

const authMiddleware = (req, res, next) => {
    const authHeader = req.headers.authorization;

    if (!authHeader || !authHeader.startsWith('Bearer ')) {
        return res.status(403).json({});
    }

    const token = authHeader.split(' ')[1];

    try {
        const decoded = jwt.verify(token, JWT_SECRET);

        req.userId = decoded.userId;

        next();
    } catch (err) {
        return res.status(403).json({});
    }
};
```

```
module.exports = {
    authMiddleware
}
```

Step 8 - User routes

1. Route to update user information

User should be allowed to optionally send either or all of

- 1. password
- 2. firstName
- 3. lastName

Whatever they send, we need to update it in the database for the user.

Use the middleware we defined in the last section to authenticate the user

```
Method: PUT
Route: /api/v1/user
Body:

{
    password: "new_password",
    firstName: "updated_first_name",
    lastName: "updated_first_name",
}
```

Response:

Status code - 200

```
{
    message: "Updated successfully"
}
```

Status code - 411 (Password is too small...)

```
{
    message: "Error while updating information"
}
```

```
const { authMiddleware } = require("../middleware");
// other auth routes
const updateBody = zod.object({
    password: zod.string().optional(),
    firstName: zod.string().optional(),
    lastName: zod.string().optional(),
})
router.put("/", authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
    const { success } = updateBody.safeParse(req.body)
    if (!success) {
        res.status(411).json({
            message: "Error while updating information"
        })
    }
    await User.updateOne(req.body, {
        _id: req.userId
    })
    res.json({
        message: "Updated successfully"
    })
})
```

2. Route to get users from the backend, filterable via firstName/lastName

This is needed so users can search for their friends and send them money

```
Method: GET
```

Route: /api/v1/user/bulk

Query Parameter: ?filter=harkirat

Response:

Status code - 200

```
{
    users: [{
        firstName: "",
        lastName: "",
        _id: "id of the user"
    }]
}
```

▼ Hints

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/7382207/mongooses-find-method-with-or-condition-does-not-work-properly

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3305561/how-to-query-mongodb-with-like

```
router.get("/bulk", async (req, res) => {
    const filter = req.query.filter || "";
    const users = await User.find({
        $or: [{
            firstName: {
                "$regex": filter
        }, {
            lastName: {
                "$regex": filter
        }]
    })
    res.json({
        user: users.map(user => ({
            username: user.username,
            firstName: user.firstName,
            lastName: user.lastName,
            _id: user._id
        }))
    })
})
```

Step 9 - Create Bank related Schema

Update the db.js file to add one new schemas and export the respective models

Accounts table

The Accounts table will store the INR balances of a user.

The schema should look something like this -

```
{
    userId: ObjectId (or string),
    balance: float/number
}

In the real world, you shouldn't store `floats` for balances in the database.
You usually store an integer which represents the INR value with
decimal places (for eg, if someone has 33.33 rs in their account,
you store 3333 in the database).

There is a certain precision that you need to support (which for india is
2/4 decimal places) and this allows you to get rid of precision
errors by storing integers in your DB
```

You should reference the users table in the schema (Hint -

https://medium.com/@mendes.develop/joining-tables-in-mongodb-with-mongoose-489d72c84b60)

```
const accountSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    userId: {
        type: mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId, // Reference to User model
        ref: 'User',
        required: true
    },
    balance: {
```

```
type: Number,
    required: true
}
});

const Account = mongoose.model('Account', accountSchema);

module.exports = {
    Account
}
```

▼ By the end of it, db.js should look lie this

```
// backend/db.js
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
mongoose.connect("mongodb://localhost:27017/paytm")
// Create a Schema for Users
const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    username: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        unique: true,
        trim: true,
        lowercase: true,
        minLength: 3,
        maxLength: 30
    },
    password: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        minLength: 6
    },
    firstName: {
        type: String,
        required: true,
        trim: true,
        maxLength: 50
    },
    lastName: {
        type: String,
```

```
required: true,
        trim: true,
        maxLength: 50
    }
});
const accountSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    userId: {
        type: mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId, // Reference to User model
        ref: 'User',
        required: true
    },
    balance: {
        type: Number,
        required: true
    }
});
const Account = mongoose.model('Account', accountSchema);
const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
module.exports = {
    User,
  Account,
};
```

Step 10 - Transactions in databases

A lot of times, you want multiple databases transactions to be atomic

Either all of them should update, or none should

This is super important in the case of a bank

Can you guess what's wrong with the following code -

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
const Account = require('./path-to-your-account-model');

const transferFunds = async (fromAccountId, toAccountId, amount) => {
    // Decrement the balance of the fromAccount
    await Account.findByIdAndUpdate(fromAccountId, { $inc: { balance: -amount } });

// Increment the balance of the toAccount
```

```
await Account.findByIdAndUpdate(toAccountId, { $inc: { balance: amount } });
}
// Example usage
transferFunds('fromAccountID', 'toAccountID', 100);
```

- 1. What if the database crashes right after the first request (only the balance is decreased for one user, and not for the second user)
- 2. What if the Node.js crashes after the first update?

It would lead to a database inconsistency. Amount would get debited from the first user, and not credited into the other users account.

If a failure ever happens, the first txn should rollback.

This is what is called a transaction in a database. We need to implement a transaction on the next set of endpoints that allow users to transfer INR

Step 11 - Initialize balances on signup

Update the signup endpoint to give the user a random balance between 1 and 10000.

This is so we don't have to integrate with banks and give them random balances to start with.

```
router.post("/signup", async (req, res) => {
  const { success } = signupBody.safeParse(req.body)
  if (!success) {
    return res.status(411).json({
        message: "Email already taken / Incorrect inputs"
      })
  }
  const existingUser = await User.findOne({
        username: req.body.username
  })
  if (existingUser) {
      return res.status(411).json({
        message: "Email already taken/Incorrect inputs"
```

```
})
}
const user = await User.create({
    username: req.body.username,
    password: req.body.password,
    firstName: req.body.firstName,
    lastName: req.body.lastName,
})
const userId = user._id;
    /// ---- Create new account -----
await Account.create({
    userId,
    balance: 1 + Math.random() * 10000
})
    /// -----
const token = jwt.sign({
   userId
}, JWT_SECRET);
res.json({
    message: "User created successfully",
    token: token
})
```

Step 12 - Create a new router for accounts

1. Create a new router

All user balances should go to a different express router (that handles all requests on /api/v1/account).

Create a new router in routes/account.js and add export it

▼ Solution

})

```
// backend/routes/account.js
const express = require('express');
const router = express.Router();
module.exports = router;
```

2. Route requests to it

Send all requests from /api/v1/account/* in routes/index.js to the router created in step 1.

▼ Solution

```
// backend/user/index.js
const express = require('express');
const userRouter = require("./user");
const accountRouter = require("./account");

const router = express.Router();

router.use("/user", userRouter);
router.use("/account", accountRouter);

module.exports = router;
```

Step 13 - Balance and transfer Endpoints

Here, you'll be writing a bunch of APIs for the core user balances. There are 2 endpoints that we need to implement

1. An endpoint for user to get their balance.

Method: GET

Route: /api/v1/account/balance

Response:

Status code - 200

```
{
    balance: 100
```

```
router.get("/balance", authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
   const account = await Account.findOne({
       userId: req.userId
   });
   res.json({
       balance: account.balance
   })
});
```

2. An endpoint for user to transfer money to another account

```
Method: POST
Route: /api/v1/account/transfer
Body

{
    to: string,
    amount: number
}

Response:
Status code - 200

{
    message: "Transfer successful"
}

Status code - 400

{
    message: "Insufficient balance"
```

```
}
```

Status code - 400

```
{
    message: "Invalid account"
}
```

▼ Bad Solution (doesn't use transactions)

```
router.post("/transfer", authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
    const { amount, to } = req.body;
   const account = await Account.findOne({
        userId: req.userId
   });
   if (account.balance < amount) {</pre>
        return res.status(400).json({
            message: "Insufficient balance"
        })
    }
   const toAccount = await Account.findOne({
        userId: to
   });
   if (!toAccount) {
        return res.status(400).json({
            message: "Invalid account"
        })
    }
   await Account.updateOne({
       userId: req.userId
   }, {
        $inc: {
            balance: -amount
        }
   })
   await Account.updateOne({
       userId: to
   }, {
        $inc: {
```

```
balance: amount
}

})

res.json({
    message: "Transfer successful"
})
});
```

▼ Good solution (uses txns in db

```
router.post("/transfer", authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
   const session = await mongoose.startSession();
   session.startTransaction();
   const { amount, to } = req.body;
   // Fetch the accounts within the transaction
   const account = await Account.findOne({ userId: req.userId }).session(session);
   if (!account | account.balance < amount) {</pre>
       await session.abortTransaction();
       return res.status(400).json({
           message: "Insufficient balance"
       });
   }
   const toAccount = await Account.findOne({ userId: to }).session(session);
   if (!toAccount) {
       await session.abortTransaction();
       return res.status(400).json({
            message: "Invalid account"
       });
   }
   // Perform the transfer
   await Account.updateOne({ userId: req.userId }, { $inc: { balance: -amount } }).session(
   await Account.updateOne({ userId: to }, { $inc: { balance: amount } }).session(session);
   // Commit the transaction
    await session.commitTransaction();
```

```
res.json({
    message: "Transfer successful"
});
});
```

▼ Problems you might run into

Problems you might run into If you run into the problem mentioned above, feel free to proceed with the bad solution

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/51461952/mongodb-v4-0-transaction-mongoerror-transaction-numbers-are-only-allowed-on-a

Final Solution

▼ Finally, the account.js file should look like this

Experiment to ensure transactions are working as expected

Try running this code locally. It calls transfer twice on the same account ~almost concurrently

▼ Code

```
// backend/routes/account.js
const express = require('express');
const { authMiddleware } = require('../middleware');
```

```
const { Account } = require('../db');
const { default: mongoose } = require('mongoose');
const router = express.Router();
router.get("/balance", authMiddleware, async (req, res) => {
    const account = await Account.findOne({
        userId: req.userId
    });
    res.json({
        balance: account.balance
   })
});
async function transfer(req) {
    const session = await mongoose.startSession();
    session.startTransaction();
    const { amount, to } = req.body;
    // Fetch the accounts within the transaction
    const account = await Account.findOne({ userId: req.userId }).session(session);
    if (!account | account.balance < amount) {</pre>
        await session.abortTransaction();
        console.log("Insufficient balance")
        return;
    }
    const toAccount = await Account.findOne({ userId: to }).session(session);
    if (!toAccount) {
        await session.abortTransaction();
        console.log("Invalid account")
        return;
    }
    // Perform the transfer
    await Account.updateOne({ userId: req.userId }, { $inc: { balance: -amount } }).session(
    await Account.updateOne({ userId: to }, { $inc: { balance: amount } }).session(session);
    // Commit the transaction
    await session.commitTransaction();
    console.log("done")
}
transfer({
```

▼ Error

```
MongoServerError: WriteConflict error: this operation conflicted with another operation. Please retry your operation or multi-docume nt transaction.

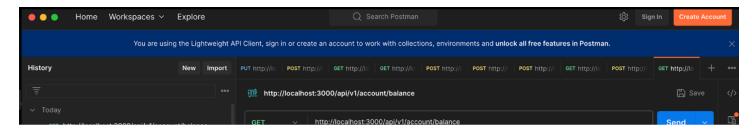
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at MessageStream.<a href="mailto:anotymous">anotymous</a> (/Users/harkiratsingh/Projects/100x/week-8.2/backend/node_modules/mongodb/lib/cmap/connection.js:64
```

Step 14 - Checkpoint your solution

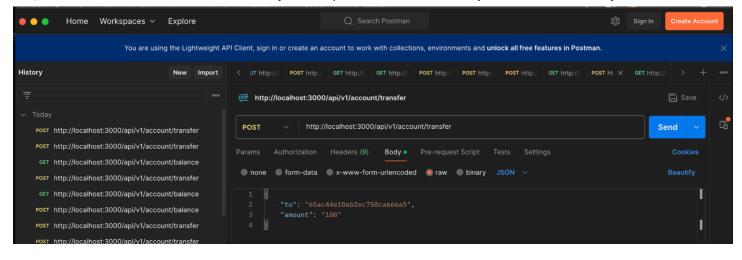
A completely working backend can be found here - https://github.com/100xdevs-cohort-2/paytm/tree/backend-solution

Try to send a few calls via postman to ensure you are able to sign up/sign in/get balance

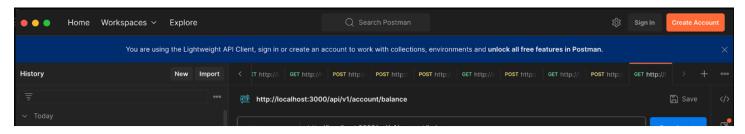
Get balance



Make transfer



Get balance again (notice it went down)



Mongo should look something like this



