Sprint 1 - DoConnect Capstone Documentation

1. Introduction

The DoConnect platform is a Q&A web application that allows users to post questions, provide answers, and attach images. This document summarizes the Sprint 1 deliverables, including the database design, MVC setup, and placeholder pages.

2. Objectives

- Set up ASP.NET Core MVC Project
- Implement Database Schema using EF Core + SQL Server
- Generate Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)
- Create initial Controllers & Views (placeholders)
- Integrate Swagger for API documentation
- Prepare foundation for authentication in later sprints

3. Deliverables

Database Schema:

The database schema includes 4 core tables:

- Users (stores user credentials & roles)
- Questions (contains questions posted by users)
- Answers (answers linked to questions and users)
- Images (optional images linked to questions/answers)

See attached SQL file: DoConnectSchema.sql

```
IF OBJECT_ID(N'[_EFMigrationsHistory]') IS NULL

BEGIN

CREATE TABLE [_EFMigrationsHistory] (

[MigrationId] nvarchar(150) NOT NULL,

[ProductVersion] nvarchar(32) NOT NULL,

CONSTRAINT [PK__EFMigrationsHistory] PRIMARY KEY ([MigrationId])

);
```

```
END;
GO
BEGIN TRANSACTION;
CREATE TABLE [Users] (
  [UserId] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
  [Username] nvarchar(100) NOT NULL,
  [Password] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [Role] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  CONSTRAINT [PK_Users] PRIMARY KEY ([UserId])
);
CREATE TABLE [Questions] (
  [QuestionId] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
  [UserId] int NOT NULL,
  [QuestionTitle] nvarchar(255) NOT NULL,
  [QuestionText] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [Status] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [CreatedAt] datetime2 NOT NULL,
  CONSTRAINT [PK_Questions] PRIMARY KEY ([QuestionId]),
  CONSTRAINT [FK_Questions_Users_UserId] FOREIGN KEY ([UserId]) REFERENCES [Users] ([UserId]) ON
DELETE CASCADE
);
CREATE TABLE [Answers] (
 [AnswerId] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
  [QuestionId] int NOT NULL,
```

```
[UserId] int NOT NULL,
  [AnswerText] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [Status] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [CreatedAt] datetime2 NOT NULL,
  CONSTRAINT [PK_Answers] PRIMARY KEY ([Answerld]),
  CONSTRAINT [FK_Answers_Questions_QuestionId] FOREIGN KEY ([QuestionId]) REFERENCES [Questions]
([QuestionId]) ON DELETE CASCADE,
 CONSTRAINT [FK_Answers_Users_UserId] FOREIGN KEY ([UserId]) REFERENCES [Users] ([UserId]) ON DELETE
NO ACTION
);
CREATE TABLE [Images] (
 [ImageId] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
  [ImagePath] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
  [QuestionId] int NULL,
  [AnswerId] int NULL,
  [UploadedAt] datetime2 NOT NULL,
 CONSTRAINT [PK_Images] PRIMARY KEY ([ImageId]),
  CONSTRAINT [FK_Images_Answers_AnswerId] FOREIGN KEY ([AnswerId]) REFERENCES [Answers]
([AnswerId]),
 CONSTRAINT [FK_Images_Questions_QuestionId] FOREIGN KEY ([QuestionId]) REFERENCES [Questions]
([QuestionId])
CREATE INDEX [IX_Answers_QuestionId] ON [Answers] ([QuestionId]);
CREATE INDEX [IX_Answers_UserId] ON [Answers] ([UserId]);
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CREATE INDEX [IX_Images_AnswerId] ON [Images] ([AnswerId]);
CREATE INDEX [IX_Images_QuestionId] ON [Images] ([QuestionId]);
CREATE INDEX [IX_Questions_UserId] ON [Questions] ([UserId]);
INSERT INTO [_EFMigrationsHistory] ([MigrationId], [ProductVersion])
VALUES (N'20250902062142_Initial', N'9.0.8');
COMMIT;
GO

Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD):

The ERD describes the relationship between Users, Questions, Answers, and Images. One-to-Many between Users and Questions, Questions and Answers

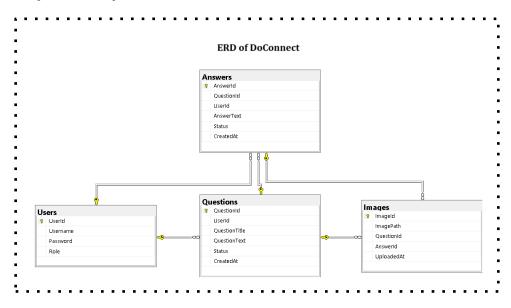


Fig - Entity Relationship Diagram of DoConnect

Static view in MVC for Question, Answer, Authentication:

Controllers:

- UserController
- QuestionController
- AnswerController
- ImageController

Views (Placeholders):

Each controller has an Index.cshtml file with a placeholder message:

For QuestionController:

```
@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Questions";
}
<h2>Questions - Placeholder</h2>
```

This is the Questions page

Output (Only Placeholder message):



Fig - Placeholder image of QuestionController

For AnswerController:

```
@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Answers";
}
<h2>Answers - Placeholder</h2>
This is the Answers page
```

Output (Only Placeholder message):



Fig - Placeholder image of AnswerController

For UserController:

```
@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Users";
}
<h2>Users - Placeholder</h2>
This is the Users page
```

Output (Only Placeholder message):



Fig - Placeholder image of UserController

6. Use Cases

- User Management: Database schema for users with role support
- Question Management: Create, Read, Update, Delete (CRUD) placeholder views only
- Answer Management: Database schema for answers linked to users and questions
- Image Management: Image records linked to questions/answers

8. Conclusion

Sprint 1 successfully established the foundation of the DoConnect application, including database schema, ERD, basic MVC setup, and Swagger integration. Future sprints will build on this foundation to add authentication and frontend integration.

Sprint 2 - DoConnect Capstone Documentation

1. Introduction

Sprint 2 focused on implementing core functionality to enable end-to-end integration of the frontend and backend of the DoConnect platform. This included building Angular components, backend APIs, authentication mechanisms, and connecting both layers through RESTful endpoints.

2. Objectives

Frontend Setup (Angular)

- Initialized Angular app with separate modules for user and admin.
- Implemented routing for Login, Register, Ask Question, Answer Question, and Admin Approval pages.

Backend Implementation (ASP.NET Core MVC)

- Developed CRUD operations for Users (Register, Login, Logout).
- Implemented user authentication using JWT Tokens.
- Configured **ApplicationDbContext** with Entity Framework Core and SQL Server.

API for Questions & Answers

- Created Web API endpoints for CRUD operations on Questions and Answers.
- Implemented image upload functionality (for both questions and answers) using **IFormFile** and stored paths in the database.

Admin and User Pages

- Built Angular components for User (Ask Question, Answer Question) and Admin (Approve/Reject Questions, Approve/Reject Answers).
- Connected Angular frontend to backend Web API using Axios for HTTP requests.

3. Deliverables

Angular Components for User and Admin

Angular components were built to provide a clear separation of functionality between users and administrators. User components included login, register, ask question, answer question, and question list pages, while admin components covered approval of questions, approval of answers, and content management. This ensured smooth navigation and role-specific access within the DoConnect platform.

User Components:

- Login, Register, User Dashboard, Ask Question, Answer Question, Question List

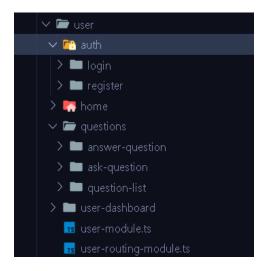


Fig: User Components

Admin Components:

- ApproveQuestions, ApproveAnswers, ManageContent, AdminDashboard

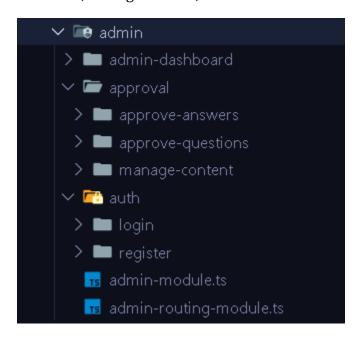


Fig: User Components

Backend Web API Endpoints for Question, Answer, User -

ASP.NET Core Web APIs were implemented to handle CRUD operations for questions and answers, as well as image uploads. Endpoints were created for posting, retrieving, approving, and rejecting content. Image handling was supported through IFormFile to allow users to attach images with their questions and answers, with paths stored in the database for retrieval.

Authentication Endpoints

- POST /api/Auth/register Register User/Admin
- POST /api/Auth/login Login User/Admin (returns JWT token)
- POST /api/Auth/logout Logout (invalidate session/token)

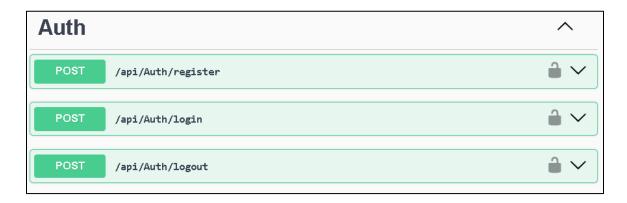


Fig: Authentication Endpoint

Question Endpoints

User

- GET /api/QuestionApi Get all questions
- GET /api/QuestionApi/{id} Get question by ID
- POST /api/QuestionApi Create a new question
- POST /api/QuestionApi/with-image Create a new question with image

Admin

- PUT /api/QuestionApi/{id} Update question
- PUT /api/QuestionApi/{id}/approve Approve a question
- PUT /api/QuestionApi/{id}/reject Reject a question
- GET /api/QuestionApi/all-including-deleted Get all questions including deleted
- GET /api/QuestionApi/search Search questions
- DELETE /api/QuestionApi/{id} Soft delete question (owner/admin)

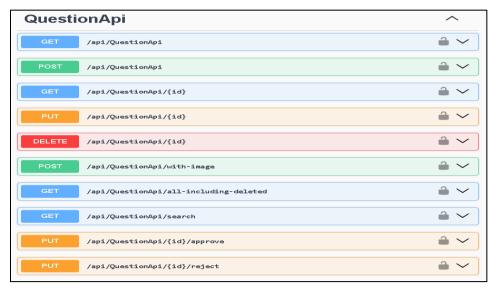


Fig: Question Endpoints

Answer Endpoints-

User

- POST /api/AnswerApi Create answer
- GET /api/AnswerApi/question/{questionId} Get answers for a question
- GET /api/AnswerApi/{id} Get answer by ID
- PUT /api/AnswerApi/{id}/approve Approve answer (Admin)
- PUT /api/AnswerApi/{id}/reject Reject answer (Admin)

Admin

- PUT /api/AnswerApi/{id}/approve Approve an answer
- PUT /api/AnswerApi/{id}/reject Reject an answer
- GET /api/AnswerApi/answers/all-including-deleted Get all answers including deleted
- DELETE /api/AnswerApi/{id} Delete (soft delete)

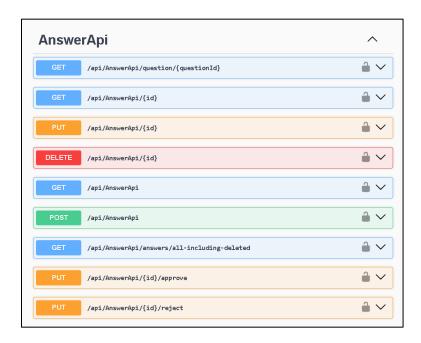


Fig: Answer Endpoints

Image Endpoints

- POST /api/ImageApi/upload/question/{questionId} Upload image for a question
- POST /api/ImageApi/upload/answer/{answerId} Upload image for an answer
- GET /api/ImageApi/question/{questionId} Get images for a question
- GET /api/ImageApi/answer/{answerId} Get images for an answer

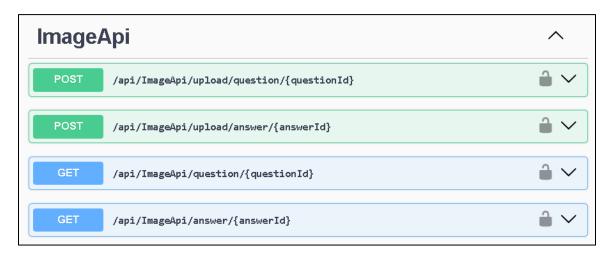


Fig: Image Endpoints

Working authentication with Admin and User-

JWT-based authentication was introduced to secure access across the application. Users and admins could log in to receive a token, which was then required for accessing protected endpoints. Role-based authorization ensured that only admins could perform actions like approving, rejecting, or deleting content, while users were restricted to posting and viewing approved content.

Implemented token generation upon login-

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Curl -X 'POST' \

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Fig: Token generated while Login as a User



Fig: Token generated while Login as an Admin

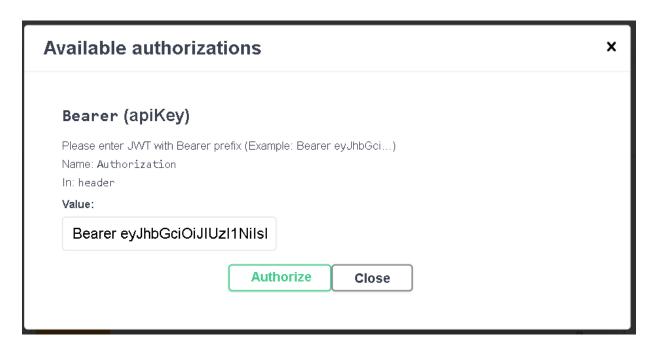


Fig: Authorization as User/Admin



Fig: Deletion unsuccessful because Authorize happens as User



Fig: Deletion successful because Authorize happens as Admin

Secured protected endpoints with [Authorize] attribute

Fig: Authorize attribute implemented for secure endpoint

Added role-based access for Admin-specific actions (approve/reject, delete)

```
[Authorize(Roles = "Admin")]
[HttpPut("{id}/approve")]
public async Task<IActionResult> ApproveQuestion(int id)
    var question = await _context.Questions.FindAsync(id);
   if (question == null) return NotFound();
    question.Status = "Approved";
    await _context SaveChangesAsync();
   return Ok(new { message = "Question approved successfully" });
[Authorize(Roles = "Admin")]
[HttpPut("{id}/reject")]
public async Task<IActionResult> RejectQuestion(int id)
    var question = await _context.Questions.FindAsync(id);
    if (question == null) return NotFound();
    question.Status = "Rejected";
    await _context SaveChangesAsync();
   return Ok(new { message = "Question rejected successfully" });
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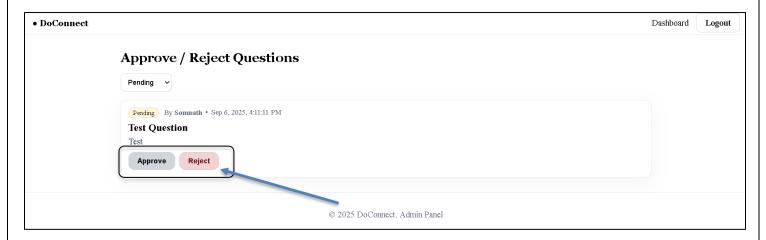


Fig: Role-based actions for admin specific actions (Backend + UI)

4. Use Cases

User Workflow:

- Register/Login, Post questions with/without images, Answer approved questions, Upload images with answers.

Admin Workflow:

- Approve/Reject questions and answers.
- View/manage content via dashboard.

5. Conclusion

Sprint 2 successfully integrated the front-end Angular app with the backend Web API. Authentication was implemented with JWT, and core CRUD functionality for questions, answers, and images was completed. Admin approval workflows were introduced, setting the stage for advanced features in Sprint 3 such as notifications and content management.

Sprint 3 - DoConnect Capstone Documentation

1. Introduction

Sprint 3 focused on enhancing the DoConnect platform with advanced functionalities, including search integration, notifications, admin approval workflows, and final system testing. The goal was to complete all core features and ensure smooth integration between the Angular frontend and the ASP.NET Core backend.

2. Objectives

A. Search Functionality (API + Frontend)

- Developed a search API for questions based on query strings.
 - Integrated search functionality into the Angular frontend.

B. Admin Notifications

- Implemented a notification system to alert admins when a question or answer is added.
 - Displayed notifications on the admin dashboard.

C. Admin Approval Workflow

- Implemented workflows for admins to approve or reject questions and answers.
 - Ensured that only approved content is visible to users.

D. Swagger API Testing

- Integrated Swagger UI for API documentation and testing.
 - Verified endpoints for authentication, questions, answers, and images.

E. Final Integration

- Ensured complete integration of Angular frontend with backend API.
 - Performed full system testing to identify and fix bugs.

3. Deliverables

Search functionality implemented in both API and frontend -

A search API was added in the backend to filter questions by query strings. On the frontend, search bars were integrated in the Question List and Answer Question pages to let users quickly find relevant approved questions.

Fig - Controller Endpoint implemented

```
namespace Backend.DTOS You, 42 minutes ago * DoConnect Update.

{
    Oreferences | You, 42 minutes ago | 1 author (You)
    public class QuestionDto
    {
        Oreferences
        public string QuestionTitle { get; set; } = string.Empty;
        Oreferences
        public string QuestionText { get; set; } = string.Empty;
        Oreferences
        public string Status { get; set; } = string.Empty;
        Oreferences
        public DateTime CreatedAt { get; set; }
        Oreferences
        public String Username { get; set; } = string.Empty;

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        public Ist<string Username { get; set; } = new();
        Oreferences
        public List<AnswerDto> Answers { get; set; } = new();
    }
}
```

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```
searchQuestions: async (query: string): Promise<QuestionDto[]> => {
   const res = await api.get('/QuestionApi/search', {
     params: { q: query }
   });
   return res.data;
},
```

```
onSearchChange() {
    const q = this.search.trim();
    if (lq) {
        // reset to original tist or reload:
        this.loadApprovedQuestions();
        return;
    }

    if (this.searchTimer) clearTimeout(this.searchTimer);
    this.searchTimer = setTimeout(async () => {
        try {
            const results = await Question.searchQuestions(q);
            // keep only approved if desired:
            this.filteredQuestions = (results || []).filter(r => r.status?.toLowerCase() === 'approved');
        } catch (err) {
            console.error('Search failed', err);
        }
        },[]350);
}
```



Fig - Search Functionalities in Frontend

> Admin approval module with notifications -

Approval workflows for questions and answers were completed. Admins can approve/reject pending items, and buttons are only shown for Pending status. A notification system was added to alert admins whenever new questions or answers are submitted.

```
[Authorize(Roles = "Admin")]
[HttpPut("{id}/approve")]
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public async Task<IActionResult> ApproveQuestion(int id)
{
    var question = await _context.Questions.FindAsync(id);
    if (question == null) return NotFound();

    question.Status = "Approved";
    await _context.SaveChangesAsync();

    return Ok(new { message = "Question approved successfully" });
}

[Authorize(Roles = "Admin")]
[HttpPut("{id}/reject")]
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public async Task<IActionResult> RejectQuestion(int id)
{
    var question = await _context.Questions.FindAsync(id);
    if (question == null) return NotFound();

    question.Status = "Rejected";
    await _context.SaveChangesAsync();

    return Ok(new { message = "Question rejected successfully" });
}
```

Fig- Approve/Reject Endpoints

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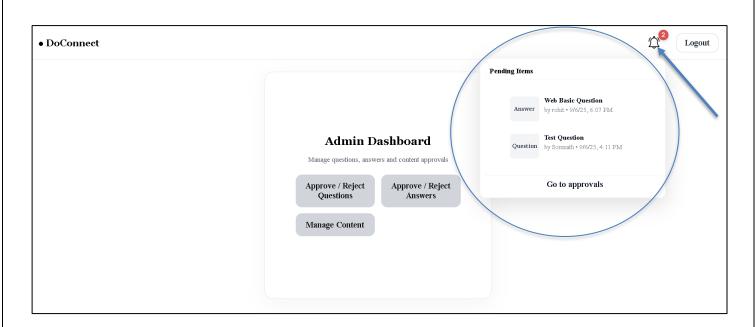


Fig - Admin gets notified while a User request a question/answer for approval

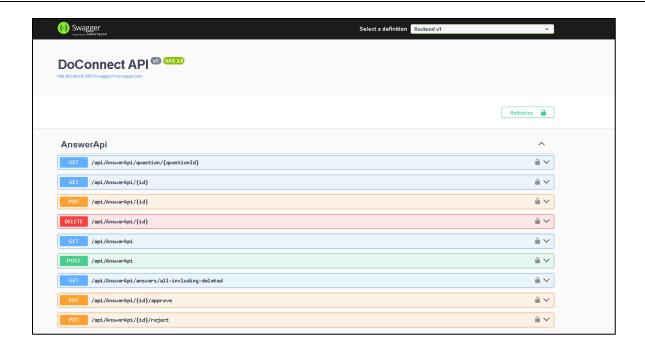


Fig - Approve/Reject operations by Admin

> Swagger UI documentation for all Web API endpoints-

Swagger was configured to document and test all Web API endpoints, including authentication, CRUD operations, and image uploads, with support for JWT authorization.

Fig - Swagger Setup (Program.cs)



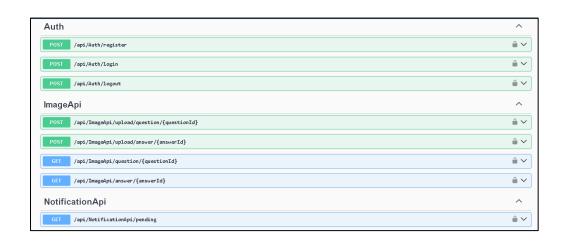




Fig - Swagger UI

Fully functional Angular frontend consuming ASP.NET Core MVC backend API – Swagger was configured to document and test all Web API endpoints, including authentication, CRUD operations, and image uploads, with support for JWT authorization.

```
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      const api = axios.create({
        baseURL: 'http://localhost:5081/api'
    > api.interceptors.request.use((comfig: Internal@xiosRequestComfig) => {
      const API_HOST = 'http://localhost:5081';
       export interface CreateQuestionPayload {
        questionTitle: string;
        questionText: string;
      export interface CreateAnswerPayload [ You, 3 hours ago = DoConnect Updated
       questionId: number;
        answerText: string;
      %u, 4seconds.ago | Lautron(%u)
export interface QuestionDto {
        questionId: number,
        questionTitle: string
        questionText: string;
        status: string;
        createdAt: string
        username?: string;
        imagePaths?: string[];
        answers9: any[];
      export const Question = {
        createQuestion: asymc (data: CreateQuestionPayload) => {
        | searchQuestions: async (query: string): Promise(QuestionDto[]> => {
        uploadQuestionImage: async (questionId: number, file: File) => { -
        createQuestionWithImage: asymc (title: string, text: string, file?: File) \Rightarrow {
        get#11Questions: async (): Promise(QuestionDto[]> => {
    // Get single question by id (networks full 070)
> getQuestionById: async (id: number): Promise(QuestionDto | null> => {:
        createAnswer: async (payload: CreateAnswerPayload) => {
          const res = await api post('/AnswerApi', payload);
           return residata;
        uploadAnswerImage: async (answerId: number, file: File) => {
        getImageUrl: (path2: string | null) ⇒ {-
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Fig - Question Service Methods

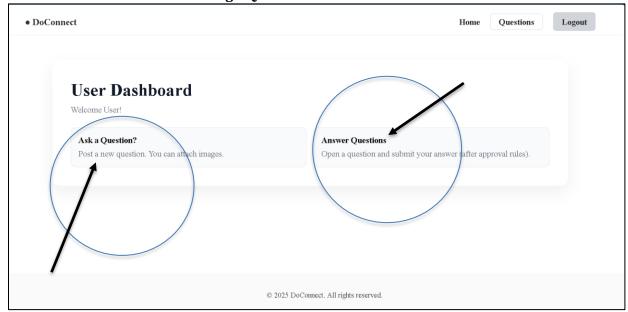


Fig- User Workflow Components

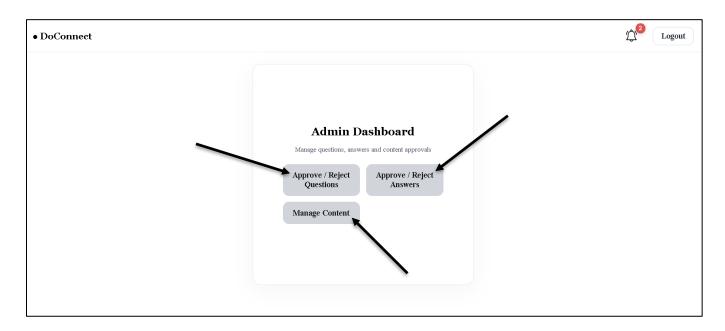


Fig- Admin Workflow Components

4. Use Cases

User Workflow:

- Search and view approved questions and answers.
- Continue posting questions/answers with images (pending approval).

Admin Workflow:

- Receive notifications when new questions/answers are submitted.
- Approve/Reject submitted content.
- Manage content visibility across the platform.

5. Conclusion

Sprint 3 successfully completed the DoConnect project by integrating all modules, enhancing admin workflows with notifications, and ensuring robust testing. With search, approval, and notification features in place, the system is fully functional and ready for deployment.