

## Honors- Internal Assessment

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Phase 1: Environment Setup

Phase 2: Backend Development ([Express.js](#))

Phase 3: MongoDB Atlas Integration

Phase 4: Email Registration Flow (Nodemailer + Gmail)

Phase 5: JWT Authentication Mechanism

Phase 6: Login Functionality

Phase 7: Protected Route Access Using JWT

Phase 8: Deployment (Nginx + HTTPS via Let's Encrypt)

Phase 9: Final Testing & Demo with Postman

1. Install WSL Ubuntu Terminal-

Install nginx

Create a directory for your project-

**mkdir secure-backend-app**

**cd secure-backend-app**

2. In the directory-

**npm init -y**

**Install express mongoose nodemailer jsonwebtoken bcrypt dotenv**

In the directory have the folder structure as -

**secure-backend-app/**

```
|— controllers/
|   |— authController.js
|— models/
|   |— User.js
|— routes/
|   |— authRoutes.js
|— middlewares/
|   |— authMiddleware.js
|— .env
|— server.js
|— package.json
```

To open the folder in VS code, install WSL Remote and open it using the command-code .

3. MongoDB Atlas -

Create cluster and connect string-

Save the following details in the .env file as-

**# MongoDB Atlas Connection String**

**MONGO\_URI=mongodb+srv://<yourMongoUser>:<yourMongoPassword>@cluster0.mongodb.net/secureApp**

**# JWT Secret Key for Token Generation**

**JWT\_SECRET=yourStrongJwtSecretKey**

**# Gmail Credentials for Nodemailer (Use App Password here)**

**EMAIL\_USER=yourEmail@gmail.com**

**EMAIL\_PASS=your16CharAppPassword**

Select the option Allow Access from Anywhere

Generate the JWT\_Secret key by running the command-

**openssl rand -base64 32**

4. Run the command -

**npm start**

Key challenges-

-Configure the Code of the [server.js](#)

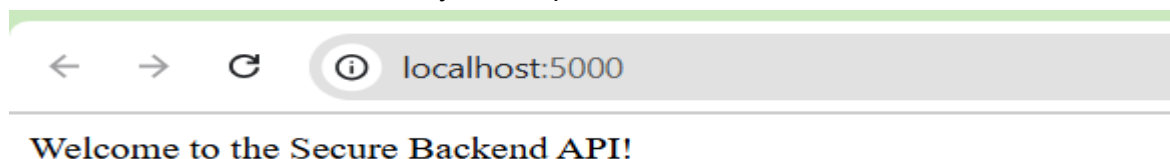
-Check the package.json file for the start script and the "main"

-Make sure to install all the dependencies such as node in the Ubuntu terminal path not in the Windows, also install dotenv, express, etc.

5. I configure an error first the server run on port 3000



After all issues are solved it finally run on port 5000



This is the initial step to successfully run the server by Express.js server.

6. Install Nodemailer -  
**npm install nodemailer**

Add code for the folders-  
controllers, middlewares, models, routes with the files as [authController.js](#),  
authMiddleware.js, [User.js](#), [authRoutes.js](#)

[authController.js](#)

```
const User = require('../models/User');
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
const bcrypt = require('bcryptjs');
const nodemailer = require('nodemailer');

const JWT_SECRET = process.env.JWT_SECRET;

// Nodemailer transporter (Gmail / SMTP setup)
const transporter = nodemailer.createTransport({
  service: 'Gmail', // OR use 'smtp.ethereal.email' / custom
  SMTP settings
  auth: {
    user: process.env.EMAIL_USER, // Your Gmail address
    pass: process.env.EMAIL_PASS // App password (not your
    real password)
  }
});

console.log('EMAIL_USER:', process.env.EMAIL_USER);
console.log('EMAIL_PASS:', process.env.EMAIL_PASS ? 'Loaded' :
'Missing');

// Register User
exports.registerUser = async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const { email, password } = req.body;
```

```

    const existingUser = await User.findOne({ email });
    if (existingUser) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: 'User already
exists' });
    }

    const hashedPassword = await bcrypt.hash(password, 10);
    const newUser = new User({ email, password:
hashedPassword, verified: false });

    await newUser.save();

    // console.log('JWT_SECRET:', JWT_SECRET);
    const token = jwt.sign({ userId: newUser._id },
JWT_SECRET, { expiresIn: '1h' });
    // console.log("Verification Token:", token);
    console.log('Verification Token:', token);

    const verificationLink =
`${process.env.BASE_URL}/api/auth/verify-registration?token=${tok
en}`;

    // Send verification email
    try{
        await transporter.sendMail({
            from: `"Secure Backend App"
<${process.env.EMAIL_USER}>`,
            to: newUser.email,
            subject: 'Verify your Email',
            html: `

### Email Verification</h3><p>Click <a href="${verificationLink}">here</a> to verify your email.</p>` }); console.log("Verification email sent"); } catch(err) { console.error("Error sending email:", err); } res.status(201).json({ message: 'User registered. Please verify your email.' }); } catch (error) { console.error('Registration error:', error); res.status(500).json({ message: 'Registration failed.' }); }


```

```

    }
  };

  // Verify Registration
  exports.verifyRegistration = async (req, res) => {
    try {
      const { token } = req.query;

      const decoded = jwt.verify(token, JWT_SECRET);
      const user = await User.findById(decoded.userId);

      if (!user) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Invalid token' });
      }

      if (user.verified) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: 'User already verified' });
      }

      user.verified = true;
      await user.save();

      res.status(200).json({ message: 'Email verified successfully' });
    } catch (error) {
      console.error('Verification error:', error);
      res.status(500).json({ message: 'Email verification failed.' });
    }
  };

  // Login User
  exports.loginUser = async (req, res) => {
    try {
      const { email, password } = req.body;

      const user = await User.findOne({ email });
      if (!user) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Invalid credentials' });
      }
    }
  };

```

```

        if (!user.verified) {
            return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Please verify
your email before logging in' });
        }

        const isPasswordValid = await bcrypt.compare(password,
user.password);
        if (!isPasswordValid) {
            return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Invalid
credentials' });
        }

        const token = jwt.sign({ userId: user._id }, JWT_SECRET,
{ expiresIn: '1h' });

        res.status(200).json({ token });
    } catch (error) {
        console.error('Login error:', error);
        res.status(500).json({ message: 'Login failed.' });
    }
};

// Protected Route
exports.protected = (req, res) => {
    res.status(200).json({ message: 'Protected route accessed
successfully' });
};

exports.generateTokenForUser = async (req, res) => {
    const { userId } = req.params;

    try {
        const token = jwt.sign({ userId },
process.env.JWT_SECRET, { expiresIn: '1h' });
        console.log('Generated Token:', token);

        res.status(200).json({ token });
    } catch (error) {
        console.error('Token Generation Error:', error);
        res.status(500).json({ message: 'Failed to generate
token.' });
    }
}

```

```
};
```

### [authMiddleware.js](#)

```
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');

const authenticateToken = (req, res, next) => {
  const authHeader = req.headers.authorization;
  if (!authHeader) {
    return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Authorization header is missing' });
  }

  const token = authHeader.split(' ')[1]; // Bearer <token>
  if (!token) {
    return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Token is missing' });
  }

  jwt.verify(token, process.env.JWT_SECRET, (err, user) => {
    if (err) {
      console.log(err)
      return res.status(403).json({ message: 'Invalid token' });
    }
    req.user = user; // Store the user data from the token in the request
    next(); // Pass control to the next middleware or route handler
  });
};

module.exports = authenticateToken;
```

### [User.js](#)

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

const userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  email: { type: String, required: true, unique: true },
```

```

    password: { type: String, required: true },
    verified: { type: Boolean, default: false },
    verificationToken: {type:String},
    tokenExpiry: Date
  });

module.exports = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);

```

### [authRoutes.js](#)

```

const express = require('express');
const { registerUser, verifyRegistration, loginUser, protected,
generateTokenForUser } = require('../controllers/authController');
// const { registerUser, loginUser } =
require('../controllers/authController');
const authMiddleware = require('../middlewares/authMiddleware');

const router = express.Router();

router.post('/register', registerUser);
router.get('/verify-registration', verifyRegistration);
router.post('/login', loginUser);
router.get('/protected', authMiddleware, protected);
router.get('/generate-token/:userId', generateTokenForUser);

module.exports = router;

```

### [server.js](#)

```

require('dotenv').config();
const express = require('express');
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
// const dotenv = require('dotenv');
const authRoutes = require('./routes/authRoutes'); // Assuming you have
this

// dotenv.config();

const app = express();
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5001;

```



```

// app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server running on port
${PORT}`));

// Connect to MongoDB
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGODB_URI, {
  useNewUrlParser: true,
  useUnifiedTopology: true,
}).then(() => {
  console.log('Connected to MongoDB');
}).catch(err => {
  console.error('Error connecting to MongoDB:', err);
});

const user = require('./models/User');

// Middleware
app.use(express.json());

// Routes
app.use('/api/auth', authRoutes);

// *** ADD THIS ROUTE HANDLER ***
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Welcome to the Secure Backend API!'); // Or any other
response
});

app.listen(PORT, () => {
  console.log(`Server is running on port ${PORT}`);
});

const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');

app.post('/api/login', (req, res) => {
  const user = { id: 1, username: 'testuser' }; // Simulated user data
  const token = jwt.sign(user, process.env.JWT_SECRET, { expiresIn:
'1h' });
  res.json({ token });
});

```

## 7. JWT Authentication Mechanism:

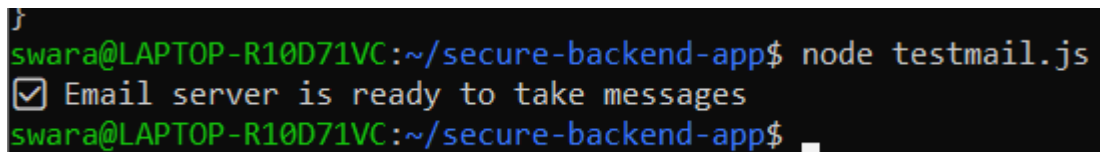
secure-backend-app@1.0.0 /home/swara/secure-backend-app

```
|— bcrypt@5.1.1
|— dotenv@16.5.0
|— express@4.21.2
|— jsonwebtoken@9.0.2
|— mongoose@8.14.2
|— nodemailer@6.10.1
|— nodemon@3.1.10
```

This is the installed dependencies on the directory by running the command-  
**npm list**

As, we will require jsonwebtoken for the JWT Authentication

8. I have created a test file to check the nodemailer so I have run it and the output is as follows-



```
}
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$ node testmail.js
[✓] Email server is ready to take messages
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$
```

9. The mail is successfully sent to the recipient-

3:26

6.00 KB 50% 80%



Search in emails

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## Spam



Items that have been in Spam for more than 30 days will be automatically deleted.

Empty Spam now

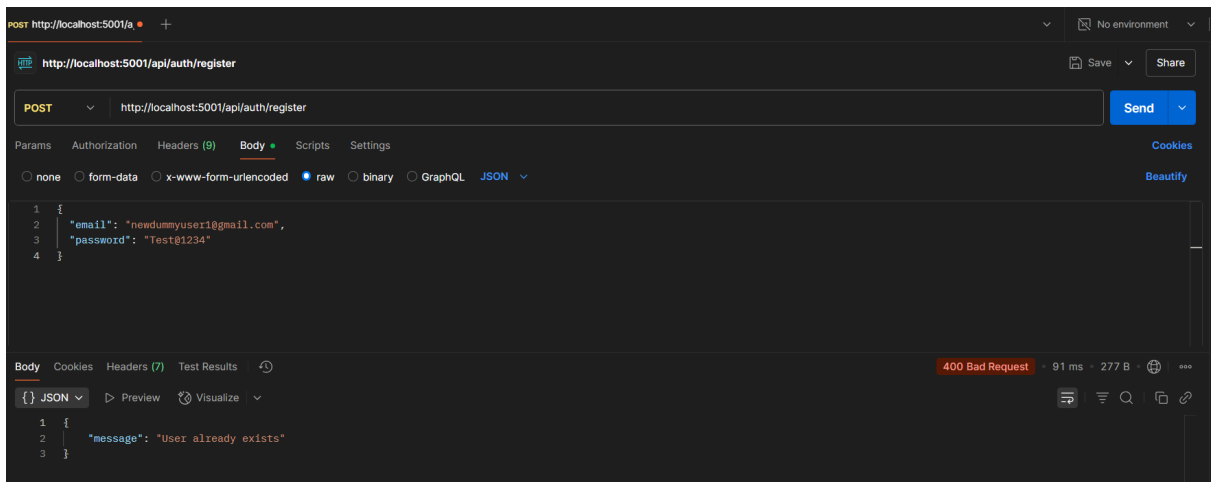
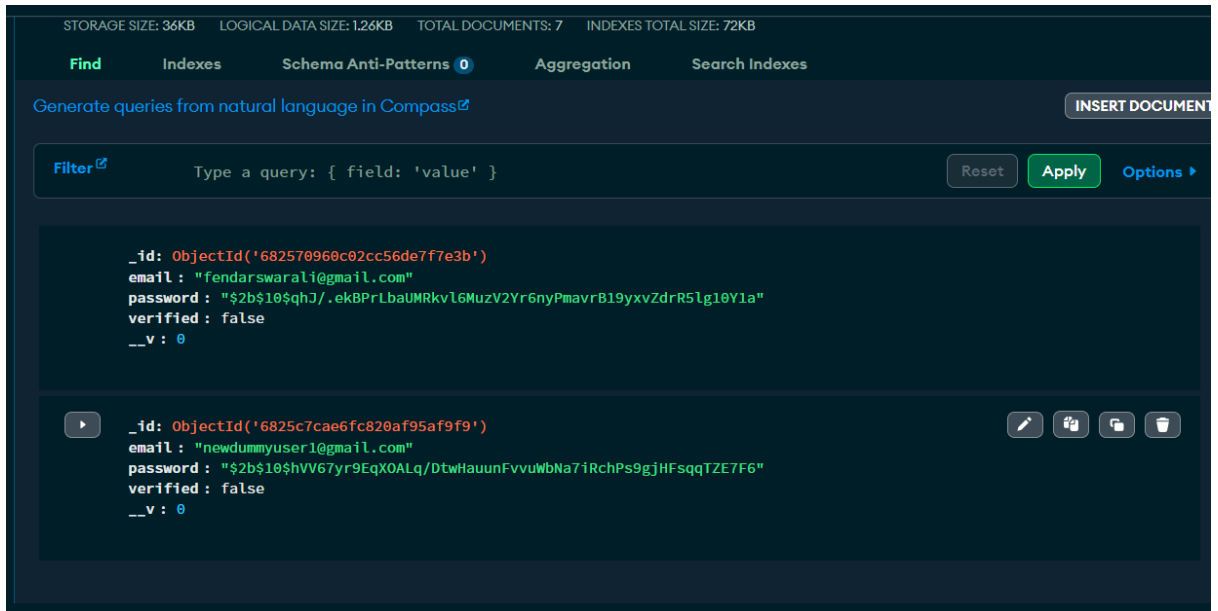
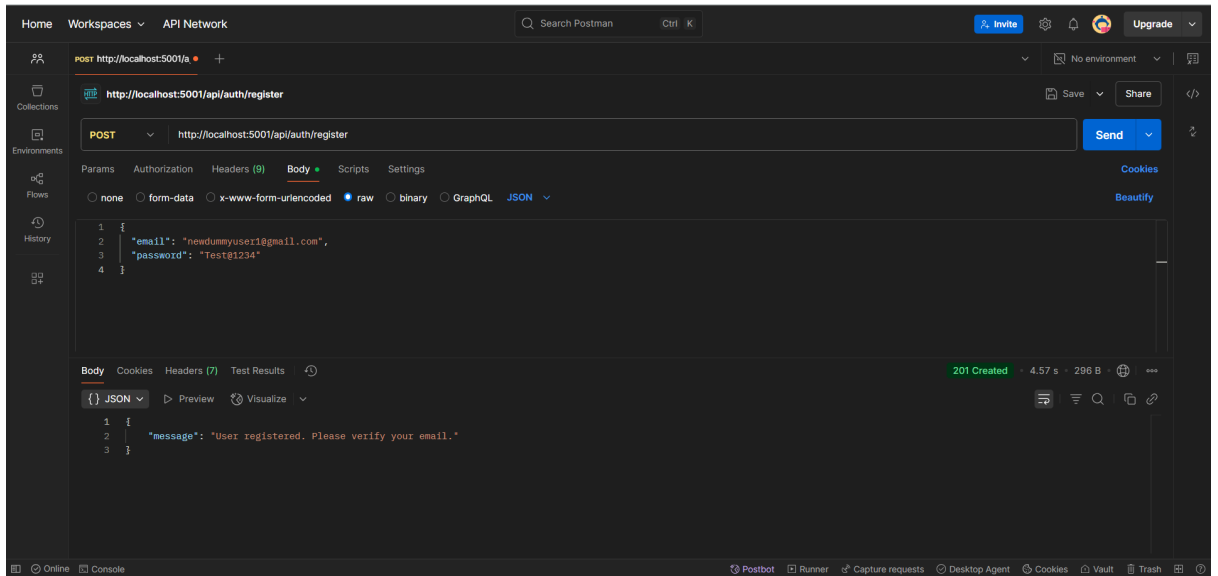


swaralifendar

3:25 pm

Test Email from Nodemailer

Hello! This is a test email sent using... ☆



```

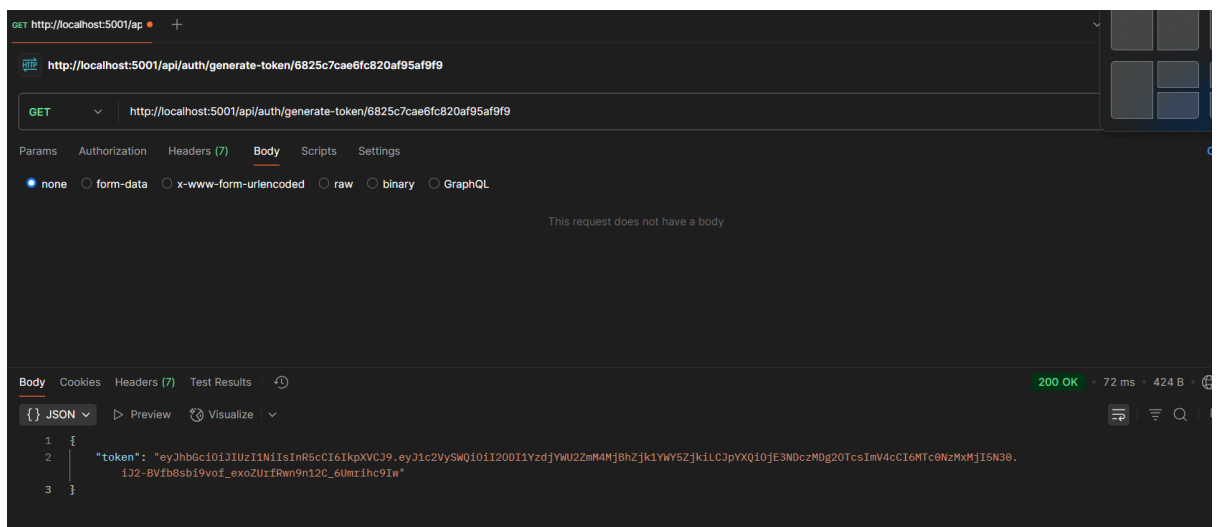
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$ npm start

> secure-backend-app@1.0.0 start
> node server.js

EMAIL_USER: swaralifendar@gmail.com
EMAIL_PASS: Loaded
(node:13297) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useNewUrlParser is a deprecated option: useNewUrlParser has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
(Use `node --trace-warnings ...` to show where the warning was created)
(node:13297) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useUnifiedTopology is a deprecated option: useUnifiedTopology has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
Server is running on port 5001
Connected to MongoDB
Verification email sent

```

Token generation-



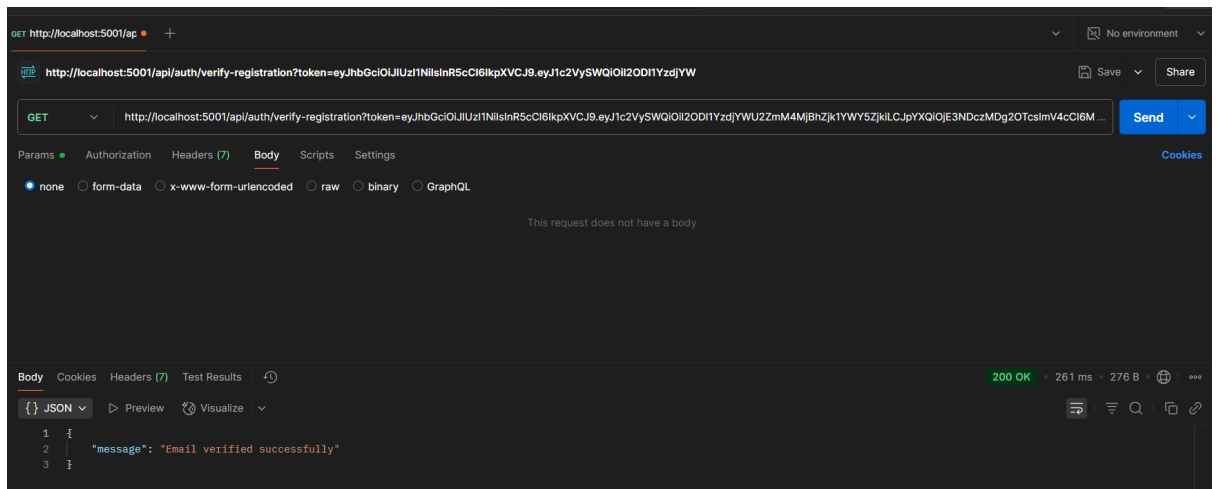
```

> secure-backend-app@1.0.0 start
> node server.js

EMAIL_USER: swaralifendar@gmail.com
EMAIL_PASS: Loaded
(node:13649) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useNewUrlParser is a deprecated option: useNewUrlParser has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
(Use `node --trace-warnings ...` to show where the warning was created)
(node:13649) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useUnifiedTopology is a deprecated option: useUnifiedTopology has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
Server is running on port 5001
Connected to MongoDB
Generated Token: eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ1c2VySWQiOiI2ODI1YzdjYWU2ZmM4MjBhZjZkIiwiaWF0IjE3NDczMDg2OTcsImV4cCI6MTc0NzIxMjC_6Umrhc9Iw

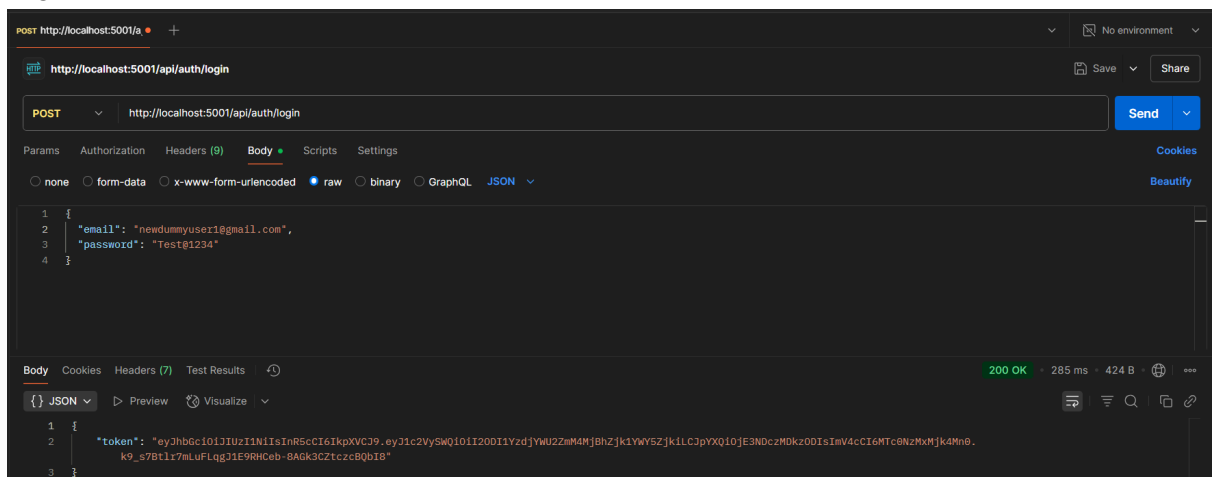
```

### Verification by token-

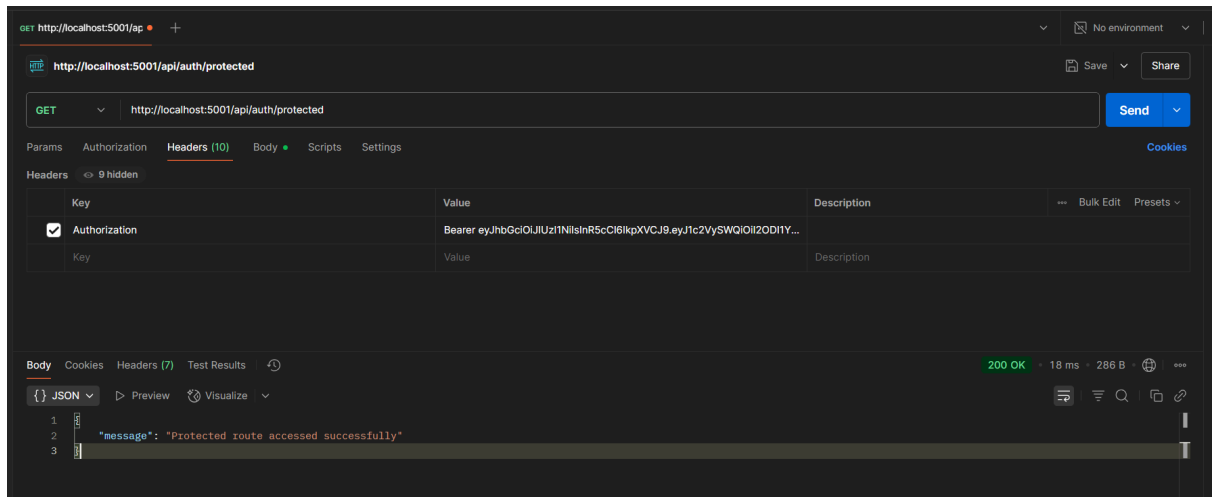


```
_id: ObjectId('6825c7cae6fc820af95af9f9')
email: "newdummyuser1@gmail.com"
password: "$2b$10$hVV67yr9EqX0ALq/DtwHauunFvvuWbNa7iRchPs9gjHFsqqTZE7F6"
verified: true
__v: 0
```

Login -



## Protected - Route -



This is the summary-

[POST] /api/auth/register → User created



[GET] /api/auth/verify-registration?token=... → User verified



[POST] /api/auth/login → Get JWT Token



[GET] /api/auth/protected with Bearer Token → Access granted

Ngrok installation and configuring the auth token -

```
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC: ~  
ngrok (Ctrl+C to quit)  
♥ ngrok? We're hiring https://ngrok.com/careers  
  
Session Status      online  
Account             Swarali Fendar (Plan: Free)  
Version             3.22.1  
Region              India (in)  
Web Interface        http://127.0.0.1:4040  
Forwarding           https://6f88-152-58-21-193.ngrok-free.app -> h  
  
Connections          ttl      opn      rt1      rt5      p50      p90  
                     0        0        0.00     0.00     0.00     0.00
```

```
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC: ~/t  Ubuntu  
ngrok (Ctrl+C to quit)  
🚗 Want to hang with ngrokkers on our new Discord? http://ngrok.com/discord  
  
Session Status      online  
Account             Swarali Fendar (Plan: Free)  
Version             3.22.1  
Region              India (in)  
Latency              185ms  
Web Interface        http://127.0.0.1:4040  
Forwarding           https://b2cb-152-58-21-193.ngrok-free.app -> h  
  
Connections          ttl      opn      rt1      rt5      p50      p90  
                     0        0        0.00     0.00     0.00     0.00
```

swaralifendar.postman.co/workspace/aa210004-495f-430c-890e-83...

Home Workspaces API Network Upgrade

POST https://b2cb-152-58-21-193.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/register

Params Auth Headers (10) Body Scripts Settings

raw JSON

```
1 {  
2   "email": "next2@gmail.com",  
3   "password": "abc@1234"  
4 }
```

Body 201 Created 6.51 s 281 B

JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 {  
2   "message": "User registered. Please verify your email."  
3 }
```

```
ngrok (Ctrl+C to quit)  
🚗 Want to hang with ngrokkers on our new Discord? http://ngrok.com/discord  
  
Session Status      online  
Account             Swarali Fendar (Plan: Free)  
Version             3.22.1  
Region              India (in)  
Latency              93ms  
Web Interface        http://127.0.0.1:4040  
Forwarding           https://b2cb-152-58-21-193.ngrok-free.app -> h  
  
Connections          ttl      opn      rt1      rt5      p50      p90  
                     1        0        0.00     0.00     11.97    11.97  
  
HTTP Requests  
-----  
16:41:05.041 UTC POST /api/auth/register 201 Created
```



```
_id: ObjectId('68261921961638a68f68c2d2')
email: "next2@gmail.com"
password: "$2b$10$t/bZCIHGEzpRc5Lh6GUP8unKxDGEv2jpxwFzWSuXrodz4lD0XymPS"
verified: false
__v: 0
```

Phase : 1 - Email-Based Password Reset Flow  
 Phase : 2 - Rate Limiting with express-rate-limit  
 Phase : 3 - CLI Testing Tool  
 Phase : 4 - Unit Testing with Jest or Mocha  
 Phase : 5 - Demonstration using Postman & CLI Tool

Folder Structure -

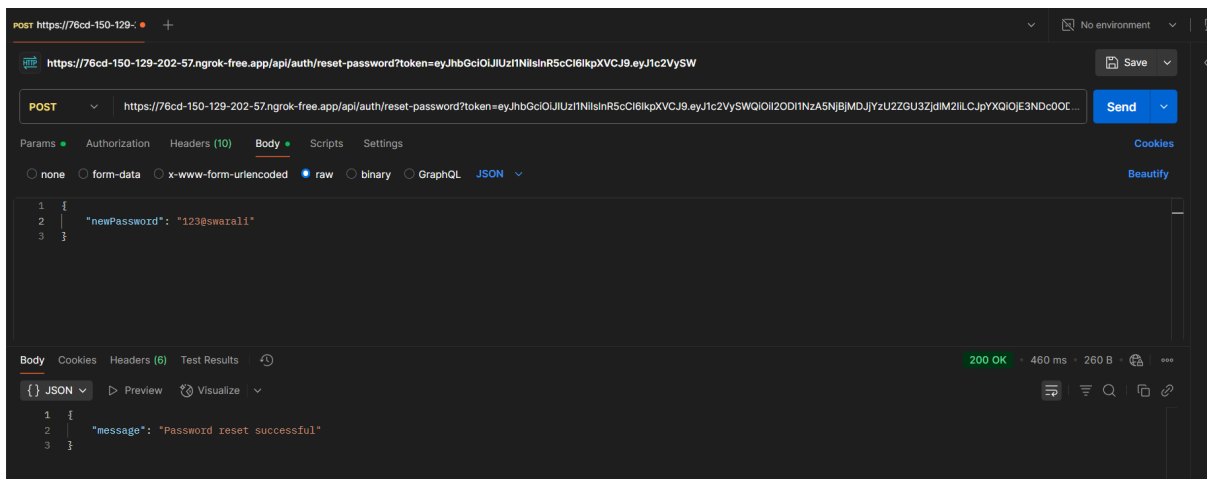
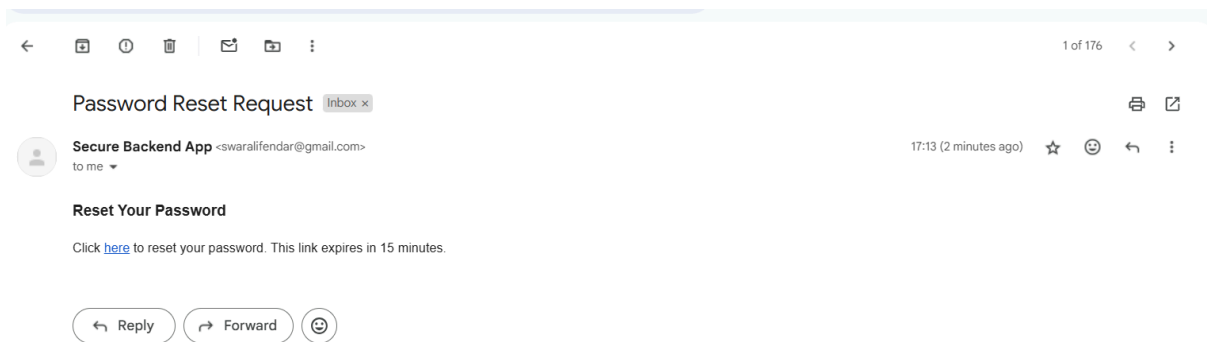
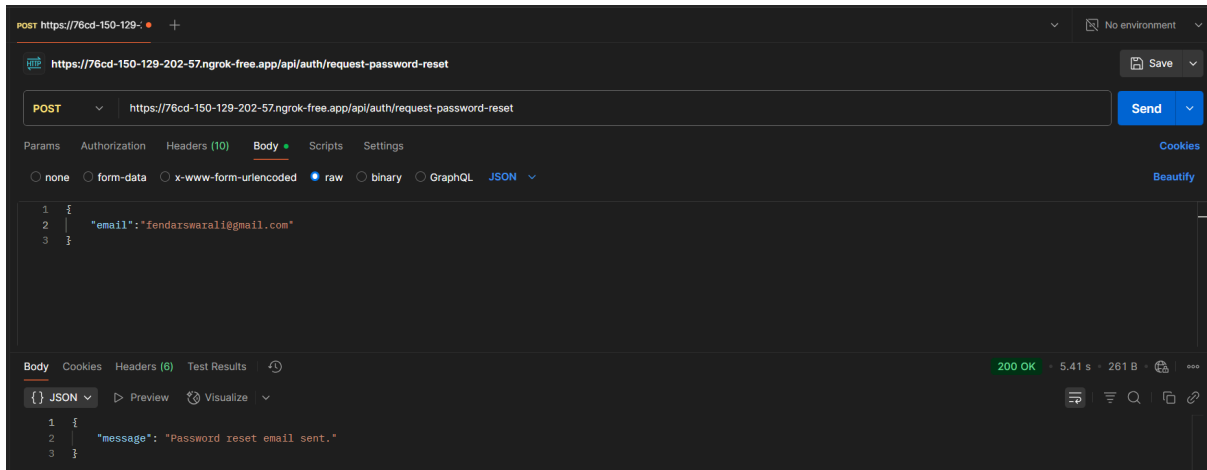
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/secure-backend-app
├── controllers/
│   ├── authController.js
│   └── rateLimitController.js (optional)
├── middlewares/
│   ├── authMiddleware.js
│   └── rateLimitMiddleware.js
├── models/
│   ├── User.js
│   └── LoginAttempt.js (if storing in DB)
├── routes/
│   └── authRoutes.js
├── cli-tool.js <-- CLI script for rate limit testing
├── tests/ <-- For Jest & Supertest tests
│   └── auth.test.js
├── .env
└── server.js
  
```

Flow -

Feature	How to Demo
Password Reset	Use Postman → Request reset → Get email → Use token to reset password
Rate Limiting	Use Postman → Try rapid requests → See 429 error
Block Multiple Logins	Login → Try new login → Show token invalidation
CLI tool	Run CLI → Show failed login flooding simulation
Unit Tests	<code>npm test</code> → Show test pass/fail status

## Register-password



```
_id: ObjectId('682570960c02cc56de7f7e3b')
email: "fendarswarali@gmail.com"
password: "$2b$10$akZXWoObj6ZhNObRtXSbVu8pA8eyhBpn0H0bSzvulHmtTGWpIp7nu"
verified: false
__v: 0
```

Rate - limit :

A screenshot of a REST client interface showing a POST request to `https://6fdb-150-129-202-57.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/register`. The request body is a JSON object: `{ "email": "next2@gmail.com", "password": "abc@1234" }`. The response is a 400 Bad Request with a status bar indicating 325 ms and 355 B. The response body is a JSON object: `{ "message": "User already exists" }`.

A screenshot of a REST client interface showing a POST request to `https://6fdb-150-129-202-57.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/register`. The request body is a JSON object: `{ "email": "next2@gmail.com", "password": "abc@123" }`. The response is a 429 Too Many Requests with a status bar indicating 96 ms and 412 B. The response body is a JSON object: `{ "message": "Too many requests, please try again after 15 minutes." }`.

## HTTP Requests

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12:44:10.204	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	429	Too Many Requests
12:44:09.994	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request
12:44:08.515	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request
12:44:07.003	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request
12:44:04.582	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request
12:44:01.950	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request
12:36:15.323	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	429	Too Many Requests
12:35:22.804	UTC	POST	/api/auth/register	400	Bad Request

```
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$ node server.js
```

```
EMAIL_USER: swaralifendar@gmail.com
```

```
EMAIL_PASS: Loaded
```

```
Server is running on port 5001
```

```
Connected to MongoDB
```

```
Rate Limit Check IP: 150.129.202.57
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Reset Rate Limit

POST https://93bf-150-129-202-57.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/reset-rate-limit

Save

POST https://93bf-150-129-202-57.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/reset-rate-limit Send

Params Auth Headers (8) Body Scripts Settings Cookies

none

This request does not have a body

Body 200 OK • 183 ms • 281 B

{ } JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 {
2   "message": "Rate limit cleared for your IP: 150.129.202.57"
3 }
```

```
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$ node cli-tool.js
Starting brute force simulation on https://5c4a-150-129-202-57.ngrok-free.app/api/auth/login
Attempt 1: Status 400 - Invalid credentials
Attempt 2: Status 400 - Invalid credentials
Attempt 3: Status 400 - Invalid credentials
Attempt 4: Status 400 - Invalid credentials
Attempt 5: Status 400 - Invalid credentials
Attempt 6: Status 429 - Too many requests, please try again after 15 minutes
.
Attempt 7: Status 429 - Too many requests, please try again after 15 minutes
.
Attempt 8: Status 429 - Too many requests, please try again after 15 minutes
.
Attempt 9: Status 429 - Too many requests, please try again after 15 minutes
.
Attempt 10: Status 429 - Too many requests, please try again after 15 minute
S.
```

[illegible]

```
swara@LAPTOP-R10D71VC:~/secure-backend-app$ npm test
> secure-backend-app@1.0.0 test
> jest

console.log
  EMAIL_USER: swaralifendar@gmail.com

    at Object.log (controllers/authController.js:17:9)

console.log
  EMAIL_PASS: Loaded

    at Object.log (controllers/authController.js:18:9)

console.log
  Server is running on port 5001

    at Server.log (server.js:37:11)

console.log
  Rate Limit Check IP: ::ffff:127.0.0.1

    at Object.log [as keyGenerator] (middlewares/rateLimitMiddleware.js:18:17)

console.log
  Connected to MongoDB

    at log (server.js:19:23)

PASS tests/auth.test.js
  Auth API Tests
    ✓ Should fail login with invalid credentials (694 ms)

Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total
Tests:       1 passed, 1 total
Snapshots:   0 total
Time:        1.734 s
Ran all test suites.
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