



## THE BLOG APPLICATION - GUIDE

# BLOG APPLICATION

Let's develop a Blogging Application using the MERN stack.

## Functionalities

- **User Authentication:** Users can create an account, log in, and log out. Passwords are hashed and stored securely.
- **Blog Post Creation:** Users can create, edit, and delete their own blog posts. Blog posts have a title, body, and optional image.
- **Blog Post Listing:** Users can view a list of all blog posts created by all users. Each post displays the author's name, post title, post body, and date created.
- **Blog Post Viewing:** Users can click on a blog post to view its full content. Users can add like to the posts.
- **Blog Post Search:** Users can search for blog posts by title.
- **Security:** Implemented Authentication and Authorization

## Technologies

### Frontend

- **ReactJS** - JavaScript library that is used for building user interfaces specifically for single-page applications.
- **React Hooks** - To manage and centralize application state.
- **react-router-dom** - Handle routing.
- **Axios** - For making API calls.
- **CSS** - For User Interface
- **Font awesome** – User interactive icons
- **Toastify** – Show toast messages for relevant validations.

### Backend

- **NodeJS** - A runtime environment to help build fast server applications using JS
- **ExpressJS** - The server for handling and routing HTTP requests
- **Mongoose** - For modeling and mapping MongoDB data to JavaScript
- **express-async-handler** - Simple middleware for handling exceptions inside of async express routes and passing them to your express error handlers
- **JSON web token** - For authentication

- [Bcrypt](#) - For data encryption
- [Dotenv](#) - Zero Dependency module that loads environment variables
- [multer](#) - Node.js middleware for uploading files
- [cors](#) - Provides a Connect/Express middleware

## Database

- [MongoDB](#) - It provides a free cloud service to store MongoDB collections.

## Configuration and Setup

In order to run this project locally, simply fork and clone the repository or download as zip and unzip on your machine.

- Open the project in your preferred code editor.
- Go to terminal -> New terminal (If you are using VS code)
- Split your terminal into two (run the Frontend on one terminal and the Backend on the other terminal)

### In the first terminal

```
$ cd Frontend
$ npm install (to install frontend-side dependencies)
$ npm run start (to start the frontend)
```

### In the second terminal

- cd Backend and set environment variables in .env file
- Create your Mongo DB connection URL, which you'll use as your MONGO\_URL
- Supply the following credentials.

```
# --- .env ---
```

```
PORT =5000
MONGO_URL =
JWT_SECRET =
```

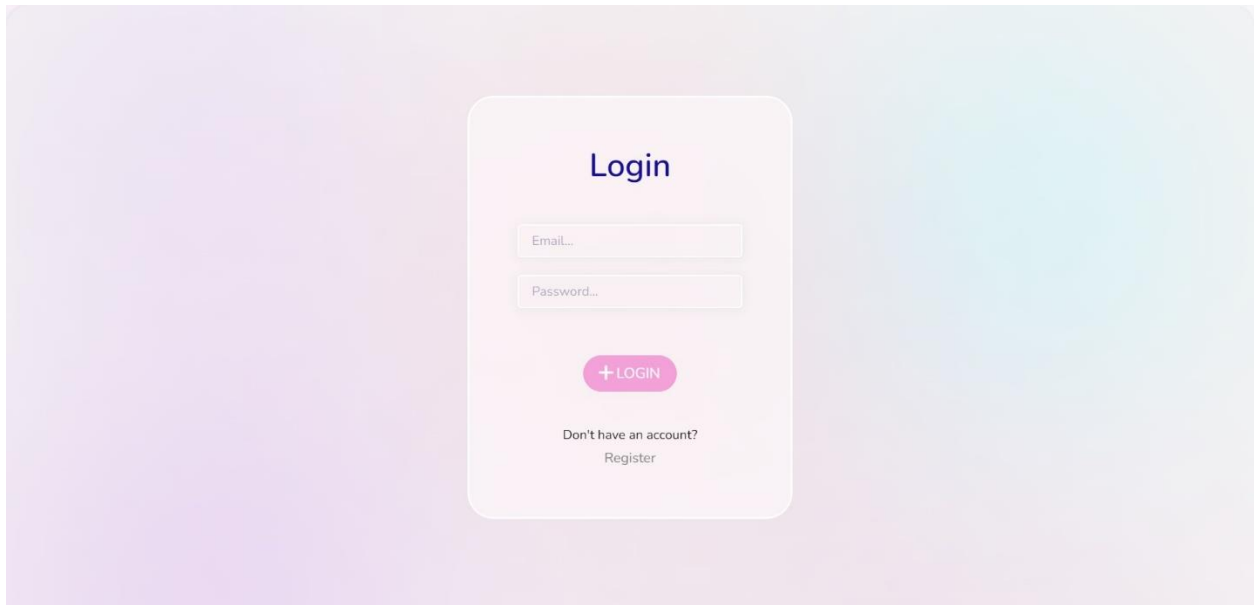
```
# --- Terminal ---
```

```
$ npm install (to install backend-side dependencies)
$ npm start (to start the backend)
```

If the terminal shows as below, then your backend is up and running

```
Listening to port : 5000
DB connect
```

## Screenshots of the Blog Application



A screenshot of a login form centered on a light purple and blue gradient background. The form is a white rounded rectangle with a purple title 'Login'. It contains two input fields for 'Email...' and 'Password...', a purple '+ LOGIN' button, and a link 'Don't have an account? Register'.

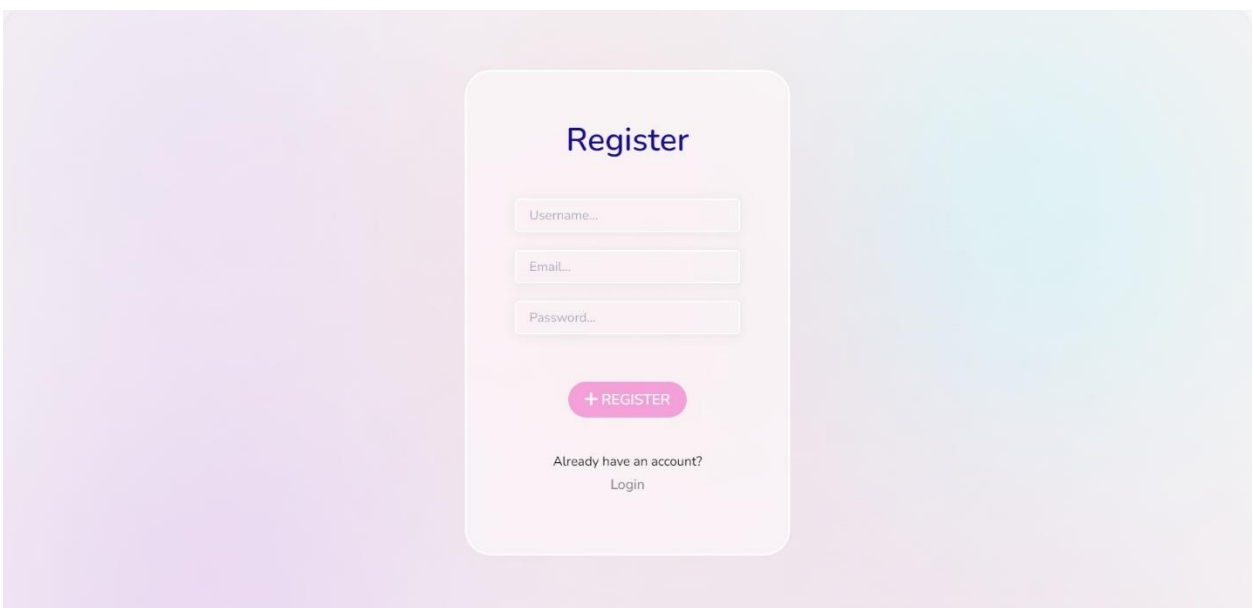
Login

Email...

Password...

+ LOGIN

Don't have an account?  
Register



A screenshot of a register form centered on a light purple and blue gradient background. The form is a white rounded rectangle with a purple title 'Register'. It contains three input fields for 'Username...', 'Email...', and 'Password...', a purple '+ REGISTER' button, and a link 'Already have an account? Login'.

Register

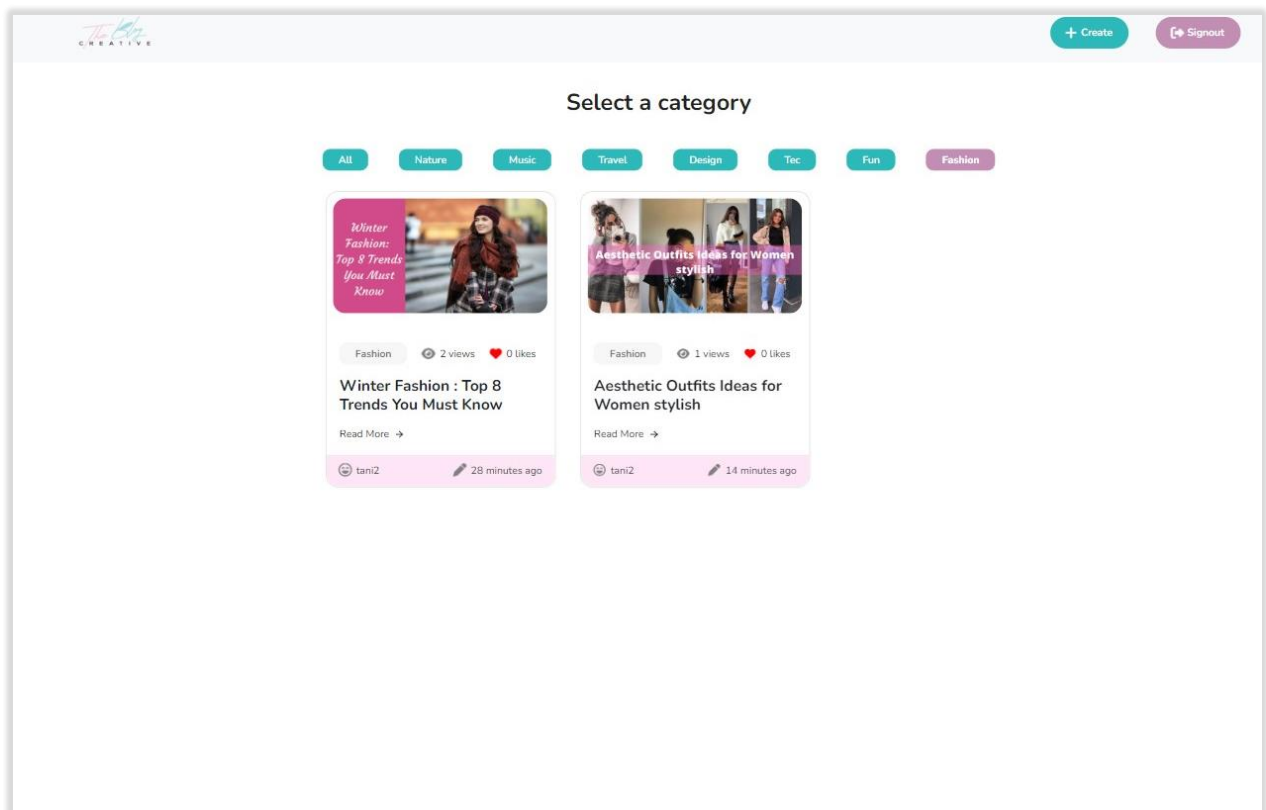
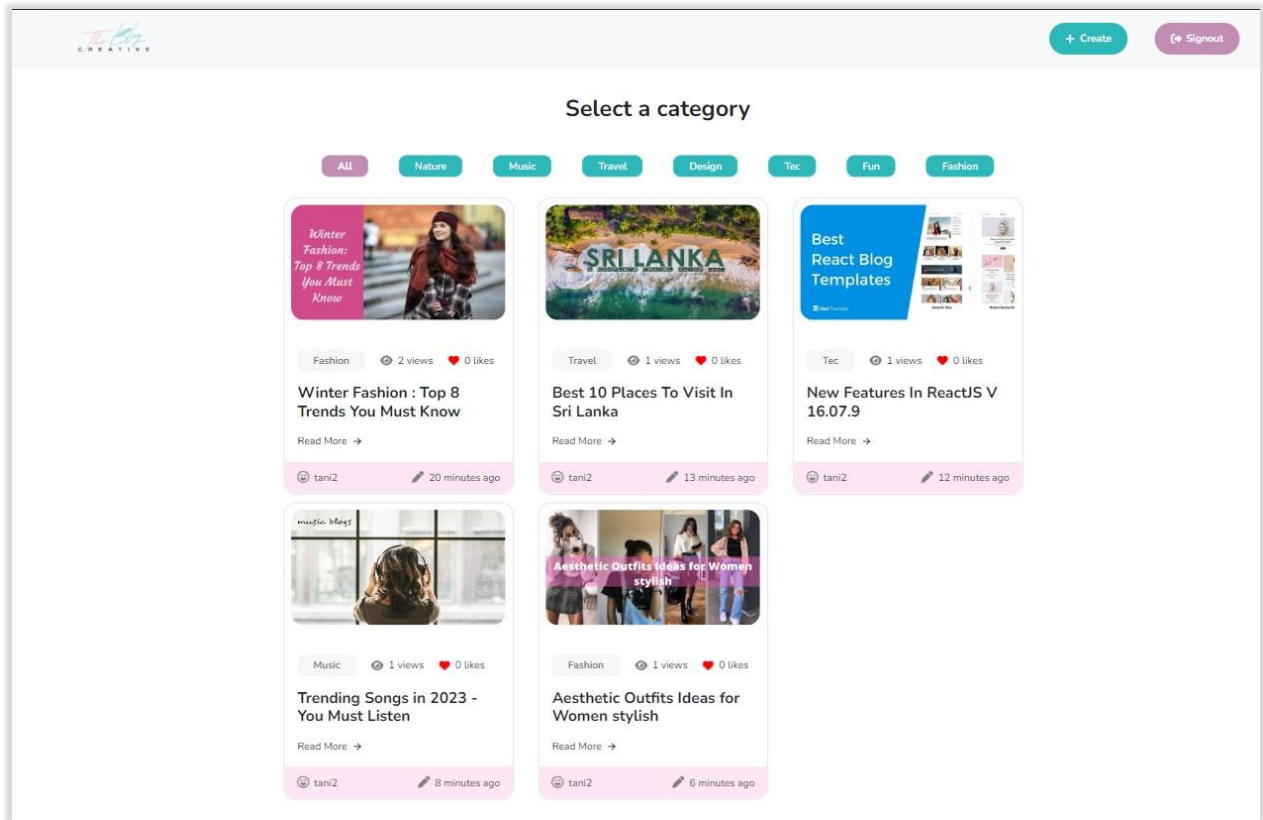
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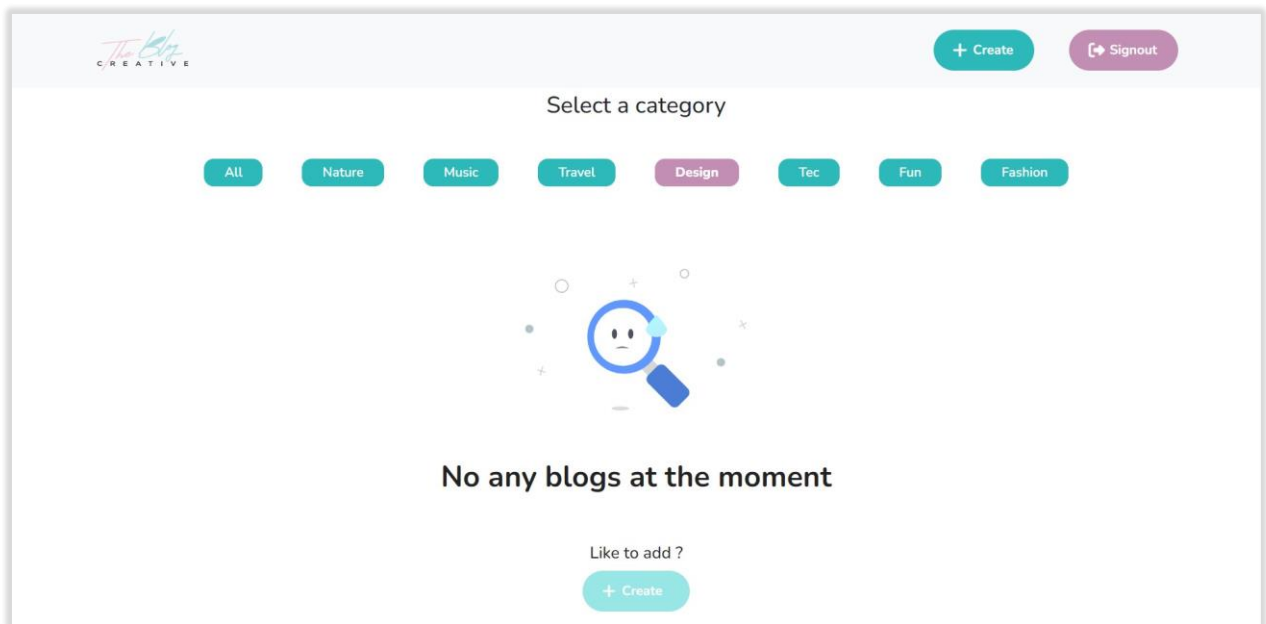
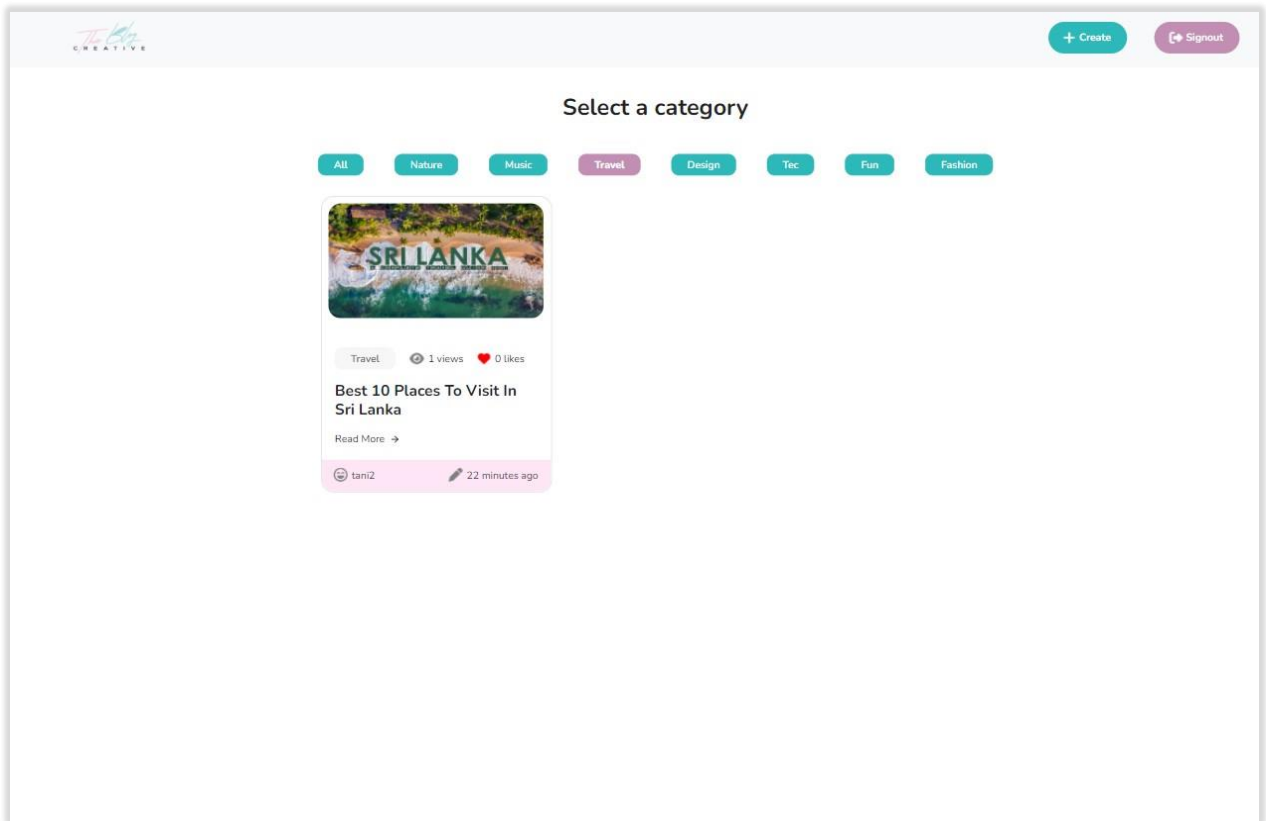
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Where does it come from?

Contrary to popular belief, Lorem Ipsum is not simply random text. It has roots in a piece of classical Latin literature from 45 BC, making it over 2000 years old. Richard McClintock, a Latin professor at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, looked up one of the more obscure Latin words, consectetur, from a Lorem Ipsum passage, and going through the cites of the word in classical literature, discovered the undoubtable source. Lorem Ipsum comes from sections 1.10.32 and 1.10.33 of "de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum" by Cicero.

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