

# THE BLOG APPLICATION - GUIDE

### **BLOG APPLICATION**

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

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### **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



















