

THE BLOG APPLICATION - GUIDE

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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)
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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



















