Full Stack Development with MERN Project

Documentation format

1. Introduction

• Project Title: OrderOnTheGo - SB Foods

• Team Members:

1.Team Leader: Bhavya Tatineni

Coordinator

Builds RESTful APIs using Node.js and Express.js, manages authentication and server logic.

2.Team member: Bande Raveendra

Works on the React-based UI, handles component design, page routing, and user interactions.

3. Team member: Bandreddi Mahitha

Designs and manages MongoDB schemas, handles CRUD operations and ensures data consistency.

4.Team member : Banala Lahari

Responsible for overall planning, coordination, GitHub management, and integration of frontend and backend.

2. Project Overview

Project Purpose: OrderOnTheGo – SB Foods

The OrderOnTheGo – SB Foods project is a full-stack web application developed to streamline and enhance the online food ordering experience. The primary objective is to deliver a modern, user-friendly platform that allows customers to conveniently browse, select, and order food items from various restaurants through a responsive web interface.

Key goals of the application include:

Enabling users to access and explore food menus at any time.

Allowing customers to add items to a cart and place orders efficiently.

Reducing the dependency on physical visits or phone calls to restaurants.

Providing a robust backend system for managing products, orders, and user data.

The project aims to emulate the essential functionalities of popular food delivery platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, and Uber Eats, utilizing open-source technologies to ensure flexibility, scalability, and ease of deployment.

Features: For Users:

- **Sign Up / Log In** Create an account and access your orders.
- **Browse Food Items** View a list of available dishes with images, prices, and descriptions.
- Add to Cart Add favorite food items to your cart.
- Cart Storage Your cart items are saved even if you refresh the page.
- Place Orders Enter your address and choose payment method to place an order.
- Order Confirmation Get a message when your order is successfully placed.

For Admin (Future Scope):

- Add or Update Products Admin can manage food items.
- **View Orders** Admin can see orders placed by users.

3. Architecture

Frontend (React.js)

- Built using React with multiple pages (Home, Products, Cart, etc.)
- Uses React Router for navigation and Context API for managing the cart
- Axios is used for API calls to the backend
- Cart and user info are stored in localStorage

Backend (Node.js + Express.js)

- Handles API routes like register, login, get products, and place orders
- Uses Express middleware for JSON handling and CORS
- Connects to MongoDB using Mongoose

Database (MongoDB)

- Stores user, product, and order data
- Collections:
 - o users: name, email, password, address
 - o products: name, description, price, image
 - o orders: userId, items, address, payment method

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites

- Node.js & npm For running frontend and backend
- MongoDB Local database (use Compass or terminal)
- **Git** To clone the project
- VS Code Recommended editor

Installation Steps

Clone the Project

git clone https://github.com/srikanthramagani/OrderGo.git cd OrderGo

1. Install & Run Backend

cd server npm install node server.js

2. Install & Run Frontend

Open a new terminal:

cd client npm install npm start

3. Start MongoDB

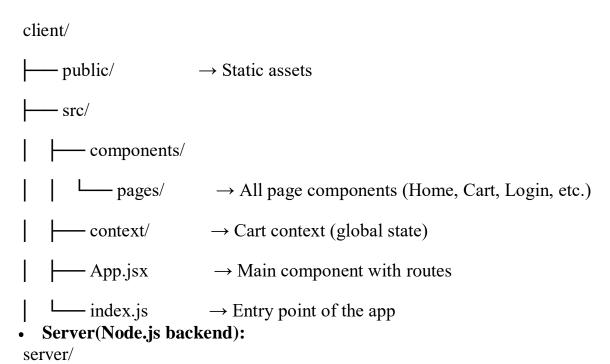
Use MongoDB Compass or run mongod in terminal.

Your app will run at:

- Frontend: http://localhost:3000
- Backend API: http://localhost:5000

5. Folder Structure

• Client(React frontend):



— models/ → Mongoose schemas (User, Product, Order) → server.js → Main Express server file

6. Running the Application

Frontend:

cd client npm start

Runs the React app at: http://localhost:3000

Backend:

cd server

npm start # Or use: node server.js

Runs the Node.js server at: http://localhost:5000

7. API Documentation

• **POST /api/register :** Registers a new user.

• **POST /api/login**: Logs in an existing user.

• **GET /api/products**: Retrieves a list of available food products.

• **POST /api/orders** : Places a new order.

8. Authentication

How Authentication Works:

• Users register by providing their name, email, password, and address using the endpoint:

POST /api/register

• They log in with their email and password using:

POST /api/login

Method Used:

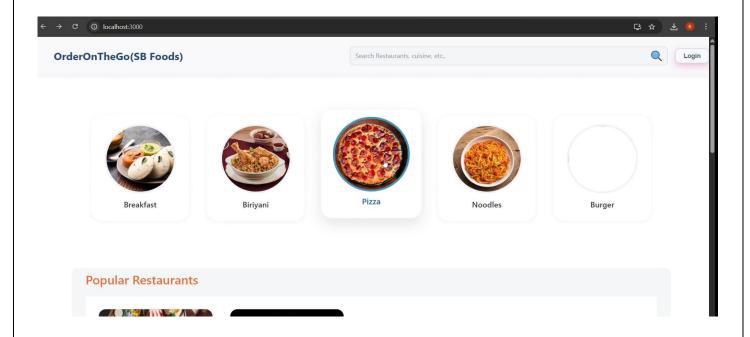
- The current setup uses **basic email and password matching**.
- There is **no token-based authentication** or sessions implemented at this stage.
- After login, the user's details can be stored on the frontend (e.g., in localStorage) to maintain the login state.

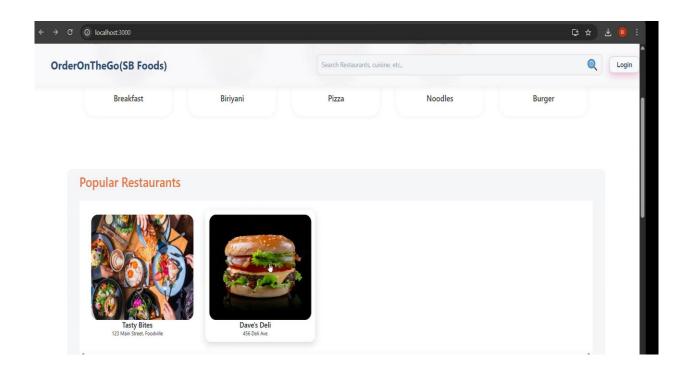
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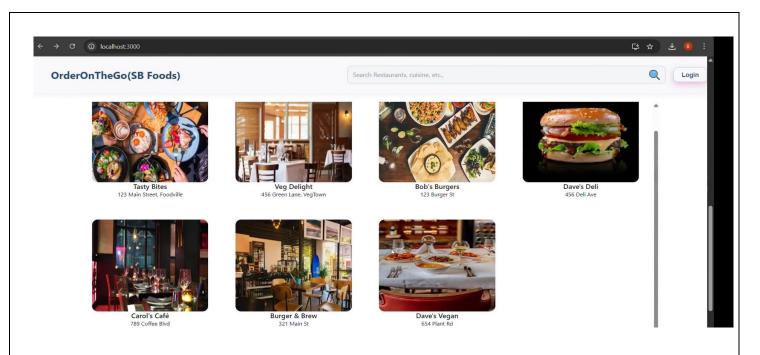
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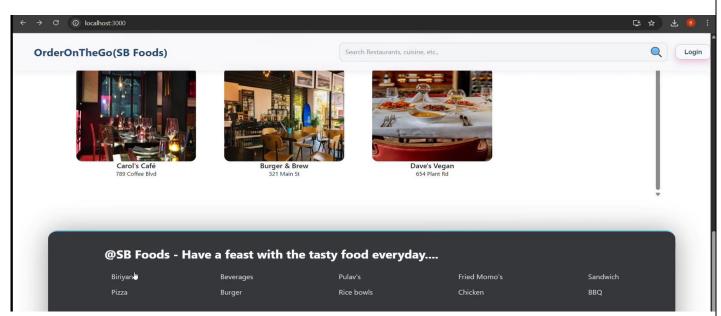
- Implement JWT (JSON Web Token) authentication.
- Use **middleware** to protect private API routes.
- Store tokens securely (e.g., in localStorage or HTTP-only cookies).

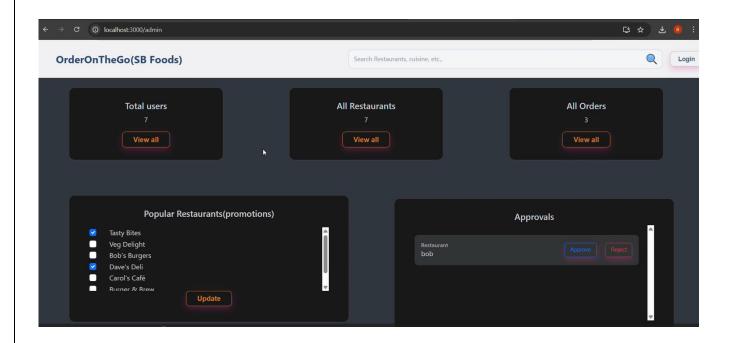
9. User Interface

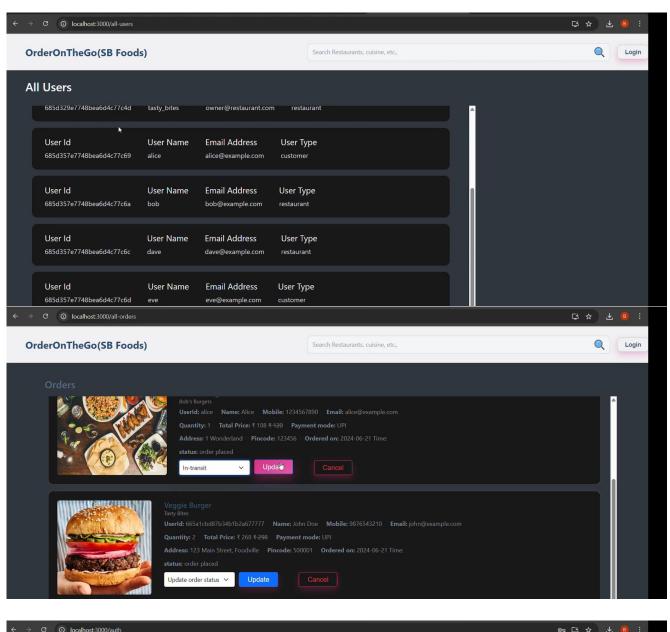


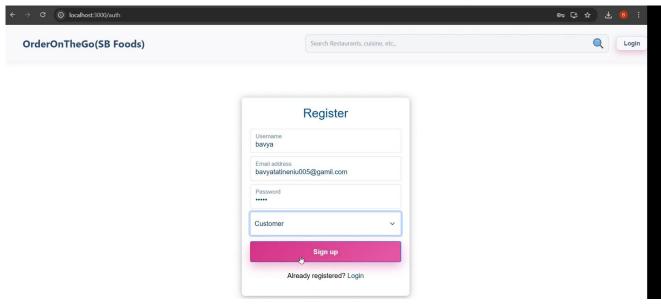


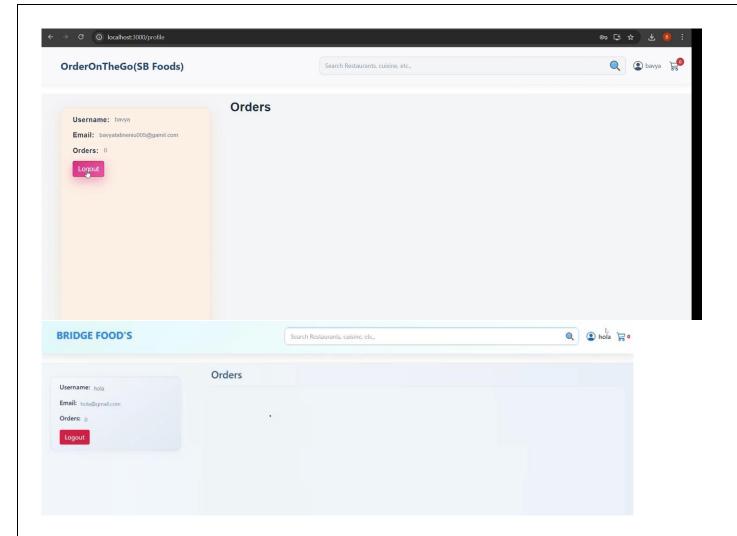












10. Testing

- Manual testing was done by using the app (register, login, cart, order flow).
- Postman was used to test backend APIs.
- Browser DevTools helped inspect React components and API requests.

11. Screenshots or Demo

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12. Known Issues

- Lack of Authentication Tokens: The login system does not implement JWT (JSON Web Tokens) or session-based authentication, resulting in less secure user sessions.
- No Order History Feature: Users are currently unable to view a history of their past orders after placing them.
- Cart Volatility: The shopping cart is stored in the browser's localStorage, which means it resets when the user logs out or clears browser data.
- Absence of Automated Testing: The application lacks automated testing

frameworks; all testing is performed manually.

• No Real-Time Order Updates: Changes made by the admin, such as order status updates, are not reflected in real-time on the user interface.

13. Future Enhancements

- Frontend Testing with Jest: Integrate the Jest testing framework to automate unit and component testing for frontend code.
- Backend API Testing with Supertest: Implement Supertest for comprehensive backend API testing.
- Payment Gateway Integration: Add secure payment processing using platforms such as Razorpay or Stripe.
- Role-Based Admin Access: Introduce role-based access control (RBAC) to manage admin permissions and enhance backend security.