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**NAME: PORTFOLIO WEBSITE** 

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#### 1. Tech Stack Selection

The **choice of technology stack** plays a vital role in ensuring the success of any software project. For our **Portfolio Website**, the stack was carefully selected to balance **scalability**, **performance**, **developer productivity**, **and industry relevance**.

### **Frontend (Client-Side)**

- React.js (preferred) or HTML, CSS, JavaScript:
  - React provides a component-based architecture, making it easier to maintain reusable UI elements such as project cards, skill progress bars, and navigation bars.
  - o If React is not used, HTML/CSS/JS ensures simplicity and fast prototyping.
- **Bootstrap** / **TailwindCSS:** For mobile-first responsive design, reducing the time required for UI styling.
- Axios / Fetch API: For communication with backend REST APIs.

### **Backend (Server-Side)**

- Node.js with Express.js Framework:
  - o Provides an **event-driven**, **non-blocking I/O model**, ideal for scalable web applications.
  - o Express.js simplifies routing, middleware, and API design.
- Nodemon (development tool): Enables auto-restarting of server during code updates.

### **Database**

- MongoDB (NoSQL):
  - o Chosen for its **flexibility** in handling unstructured or semi-structured data.
  - o Stores projects, skills, and recruiter messages in collections.
  - o No need for strict schema (easy to update content as portfolio evolves).

### **Other Tools and Services**

- **Postman:** For API testing and validation.
- Git & GitHub: For version control and collaborative development.
- **Netlify / Vercel:** For hosting frontend (React apps).
- Heroku / Render / Railway: For deploying Node.js backend.
- **JWT (JSON Web Tokens):** Optional for authentication if secure admin login is added.
- Cloudinary / Firebase Storage: Optional for hosting images such as profile picture or project thumbnails.

#### **Justification for Stack:**

This stack ensures that the project remains **lightweight**, **easy to deploy**, **scalable**, **and industry-aligned**. Many recruiters and companies already use React + Node.js + MongoDB (MERN stack), so the portfolio itself demonstrates modern web skills.

## 2. UI Structure / API Schema Design

## **UI Structure (Frontend Pages)**

The portfolio website is divided into logical sections that provide clarity and intuitive navigation.

#### 1. Home Page

- o Profile image, student's name, short tagline (e.g., "IT Student | Web Developer | Cloud Enthusiast").
- o Navigation bar for quick access to About, Projects, and Contact pages.
- o Optional banner or background animation to enhance visual appeal.

#### 2. About Page

- o Detailed introduction.
- o Education details displayed in timeline format.
- o Achievements (certifications, awards).
- Technical skills displayed in progress bars/cards (e.g., HTML 90%, Python 80%).

### 3. Projects Page

- o Projects displayed as cards with:
  - Title, description, technologies used.
  - GitHub/demo links.
  - Thumbnail image (optional).
- o Option to expand project details on click.

#### 4. Contact Page

- o Contact form (Name, Email, Message).
- o Form validation before submission.
- o Data stored in backend database for future access.

### **API Schema Design (Backend + Database)**

```
Projects Collection
{
    "id": "P001",
    "title": "Smart Attendance System",
    "description": "Face recognition-based system to automate attendance.",
    "technologies": ["Python", "OpenCV", "Flask"],
    "githubLink": "https://github.com/example",
    "demoLink": "https://example.com/demo",
    "dateAdded": "2025-09-15"
}

Skills Collection
{
    "id": "S001",
    "skillName": "JavaScript",
    "proficiency": "Intermediate",
    "category": "Programming Language"
}

Contact Collection
{
    "id": "C001",
}
```

```
"name": "John Recruiter",
"email": "john@example.com",
"message": "Interested in your profile for a frontend developer role.",
"date": "2025-09-15"
```

This schema ensures data is stored in a structured yet flexible way, suitable for quick retrieval and updates.

## 3. Data Handling Approach

The Portfolio Website will follow a **client-server architecture** with the following flow:

### 1. Frontend (React/HTML):

- o Displays user profile, skills, projects, and contact form.
- Sends API requests (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE) to backend when dynamic content is required.

### 2. Backend (Node.js + Express):

- o Handles incoming requests from the frontend.
- o Validates data before storing it in MongoDB.
- o Returns JSON responses to frontend for display.

### 3. Database (MongoDB):

- Stores all content including project details, skills, and recruiter contact submissions.
- o Provides dynamic updates without requiring changes to frontend code.

## **Data Handling Principles:**

- Validation: All contact form inputs validated to avoid spam or SQL injection.
- Error Handling: Backend includes try/catch blocks and meaningful error messages.
- Security:
  - Use of HTTPS during deployment.
  - Sanitization of inputs before storing in MongoDB.
  - Rate-limiting to prevent API abuse (optional).

#### • Performance:

- o Indexing frequently queried fields in MongoDB (like project titles).
- o Optimizing API responses to reduce latency.

## 4. Component / Module Diagram

The system can be divided into three **main modules**:

### 1. Frontend Module

- Home Component
- About Component
- o Projects Component
- o Contact Component

### 2. Backend Module

o API Router (handles endpoints /api/projects, /api/skills, /api/contact)

- o Controllers (logic for project, skill, and contact management)
- o Middleware (validation, error handling, logging)
- o Database Connector (MongoDB integration using Mongoose).

#### 3. Database Module

- o Projects Collection (stores project details).
- o Skills Collection (stores skills and proficiency).
- o Contact Collection (stores recruiter queries).

This modular design ensures scalability, maintainability, and easy debugging.

## 5. Basic Flow Diagram

The **basic flow of the system** is as follows:

- 1. A recruiter/visitor opens the portfolio website via a browser.
- 2. The **frontend (React/HTML)** requests data (e.g., projects, skills) from the backend API.
- 3. The **backend (Node.js + Express)** receives the request, validates it, and fetches the required data from MongoDB.
- 4. MongoDB returns the data in JSON format to the backend.
- 5. The backend sends the response back to the frontend.
- 6. The frontend renders the data dynamically (project cards, skills list, etc.).
- 7. If a recruiter submits the contact form, the data flows:
  - o Frontend → Backend → Database (stored in Contact Collection).

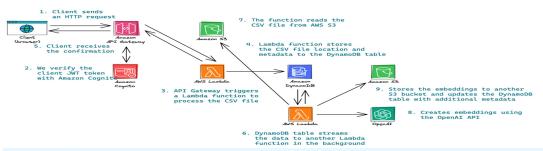
This flow ensures **real-time dynamic updates** and **smooth interaction** between user and system.

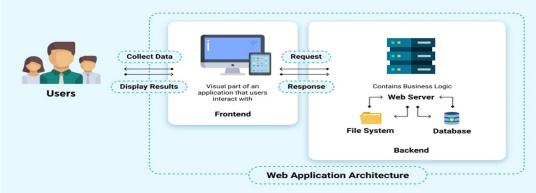
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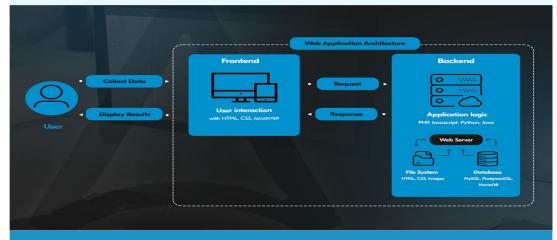
- **Scalability:** The architecture supports adding new modules (e.g., blog section, analytics) without major redesign.
- Extensibility: APIs are designed with REST principles, making future integration with mobile apps or external services possible.
- **Maintainability:** Code is divided into reusable components and modules for long-term use.
- **Industry Alignment:** The chosen MERN-like stack (React + Node.js + MongoDB) is highly demanded in the job market, so even the act of building this portfolio serves as skill demonstration.

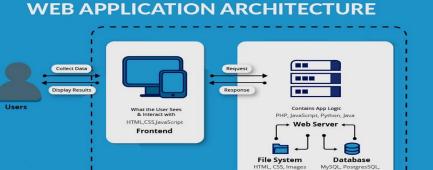
## Import CSV flow

Client uploaded a CSV file









Web Application Architecture

Backend

