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PROJECT NAME: LOGIN AUTHENTICATION

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1. Login Authentication – Overview

Login authentication is a process that verifies a user's identity before granting access to a system, application, or website. It ensures that only authorized users can access protected resources. In your project, this typically involves:

- **Frontend:** Login form (username/email + password)
- **Backend:** API endpoint to validate credentials
- **Database:** Stores encrypted passwords & user details
- **Security:** Hashing (e.g., bcrypt) & session/token management (e.g., JWT)

2. Final Demo Walkthrough

When presenting during your final demo:

1. **Show Login Page** – Clean UI with fields for username/email & password.
2. **User Flow:**
 - New user → Registration → Stored in DB.
 - Existing user → Login → Verification → Redirect to dashboard.
3. **Error Handling:** Show messages for invalid login, wrong password, or unregistered user.
4. **Security Features:** Mention password hashing, session expiry, CAPTCHA, or multi-factor authentication (if implemented).
5. **Demo Flow:**
 - Step 1: Register a new account
 - Step 2: Logout & re-login with correct credential
 - Step 3: Attempt login with wrong password → show error
 - Step 4: Access dashboard only after authentication

3. Project Report Section

In your report, explain:

- **Objective:** Why authentication is necessary.
- **Architecture:**
 - Frontend → sends credentials to backend API
 - Backend → validates credentials with DB
 - JWT/Session → returned to client
 - Middleware → checks authentication for protected routes
- **Technologies Used:** (HTML/CSS/JS, React/Angular/Vue, Node.js/Flask/Django, MongoDB/MySQL, JWT, bcrypt)
- **Implementation Details:** How you encrypted passwords, handled sessions, and secured APIs.
- **Testing & Validation:** How you tested valid/invalid login cases.

4. Screenshots / API Documentation

- **Screenshots to include:**
 - Login Page (empty form)
 - Login Page (with error)
 - Successful login (redirect to dashboard)
 - Registration form (if included)
 - API testing in Postman (showing /login and /register endpoints)
- **API Documentation Example:**
 - **POST /register**
 - Request: { "username": "test", "email": "test@mail.com", "password": "1234" }
 - Response: {"message": "User registered successfully"}

- **POST /login**
 - Request: { "email": "test@mail.com", "password": "1234" }
 - Response: { "token": "JWT_TOKEN", "message": "Login successful" }
- **GET /profile** (protected)
 - Request Header: Authorization: Bearer <JWT_TOKEN>
 - Response: { "username": "test", "email": "test@mail.com" }

5. Challenges & Solutions

- **Challenge 1:** Storing passwords securely
 - *Solution:* Used hashing with bcrypt/argon2 instead of plain text.
- **Challenge 2:** Protecting routes
 - *Solution:* Added middleware to validate JWT before accessing protected APIs.
- **Challenge 3:** Session expiration / token invalidation
 - *Solution:* Set JWT expiry (e.g., 1 hour) and implemented refresh tokens.
- **Challenge 4:** Deployment issues (CORS, environment variables)
 - *Solution:* Configured CORS headers properly & used .env for secrets.

6. GitHub README & Setup Guide

Your README should include:

- **Project Title & Description**
- **Tech Stack**
- **Features (Login, Register, Authentication, Protected Routes)**
- **Setup Guide:**
 - # Clone repo
 - git clone <repo-link>
 - cd project-folder

- # Install dependencies
- npm install # or pip install -r requirements.txt
- # Setup environment variables
- # Example: create .env file with DB_URL and JWT_SECRET
- # Run project
- npm start # or python app.py
- **API Endpoints Documentation** (login/register)
- **Screenshots/GIFs** showing working demo
- **Deployed Link** (Netlify/Vercel + Render/Heroku/Railway)

7. Final Submission (Repo + Deployed Link)

- **GitHub Repo:** Should contain
 - Source code (frontend + backend)
 - README with setup guide
 - Screenshots folder
 - API docs (markdown or Postman collection)
- **Deployed Link:**
 - Frontend (Netlify/Vercel)
 - Backend (Render/Railway/Heroku)
 - Provide demo credentials (test user) for reviewers