

Front-End Engineering Interview Challenge: Intelligent Document Viewer & Signing Flow

Overview

The goal of this challenge is to assess the candidate's ability to build a scalable, user-friendly, and visually appealing front-end application using React and TypeScript. The project should demonstrate their understanding of modern front-end development practices, state management, mock data handling, and responsiveness. Additionally, we want to see their creativity in designing an intuitive user experience for a complex AI-powered platform.

This project will test your ability to work with React (TypeScript), UI/UX design, API integration, state management, and performance optimization. The backend team handles all data storage and AI processing, so your focus is on building a robust front-end experience with mock API interactions.

Core Features

Develop a **React-based** Document Management Dashboard using **mock data** that simulates a platform that enables users to:

1. File Upload and List View:
 - a. A user can upload a file (PDF or DOCX) via a file upload component.
 - b. Uploaded files are displayed in a list view with the following details:
 - i. File Name
 - ii. Upload Date
 - iii. Status (e.g., "Pending Processing," "Processed," "Completed")
 - iv. Action buttons (e.g., "View Details," "Mark Complete," "Delete").
2. File Details and Interaction:
 - a. When a user clicks "View Details" for a file, they should see a modal or a new page displaying:
 - i. A summary of key information (mock data).
 - ii. A Q&A section where users can ask questions related to the document's content (mock responses).
3. Signature Flow:
 - a. When a user clicks "Sign Document," they should be taken through a signature flow:
 - i. A canvas where they can draw their signature or type it.
 - ii. A confirmation modal to confirm the signature.
 - iii. Once signed, the document status should update to "Signed."
 - b. The signature does not need to be saved permanently but should be displayed as part of the document details after signing.
4. User Profile Section:
 - a. A dedicated section where users can:
 - i. View and Manage Signatures: Display a list of saved signatures (mock data) with options to add, edit, or delete signatures.
 - ii. View Pending Signature Requests: Display a list of documents awaiting the user's signature (mock data).
 - iii. View Signed Documents: Display a list of all previously signed documents with details like document name, signing date, and status.
5. Responsive Design:
 - a. Ensure an excellent UI/UX experience with smooth interactions and modern design principles.
 - b. The application should be fully responsive and work seamlessly on desktop, tablet, and mobile devices.

Your primary focus should be **front-end development**, ensuring API interactions are seamless while optimizing for performance and usability.

Requirements

1. File Upload & Parsing

- Implement a file uploader that supports PDF and text formats.
- Extract and display formatted text from the uploaded document.
- Include basic file validation (e.g., format checks, file size limit).
- Add a progress indicator while processing files.

2. Document Viewer

- Display the document's text in a structured, readable format (e.g., paragraphs, headings, bold text).
- Implement a scrollable interface for better navigation.
- Support text selection and copying.
- Ensure the viewer is responsive across different devices.

3. API Integration (Mocked)

- Implement a request system to send document data to an API.
- Display AI-generated insights received from the backend.
- Ensure smooth API interactions with loading states and error handling.

4. Interactive Q&A Section

- Users should be able to ask questions about the document in a dedicated input field.
- Responses should be displayed in a conversational format.
- Ensure a clear distinction between user questions and AI-generated responses.

5. Simulated Signing Flow

- Allow users to place a signature on a document (e.g., drawing their signature or typing it in a signature field).
- Implement drag-and-drop functionality to position the signature within the document.
- The signature does not need to be saved but should persist within the current session.
- Provide a clear "Sign Document" button that triggers a mock API call and confirms completion.

6. User Profile & Signature Management

- Create a User Profile page where users can:
 - Manage their signatures (upload or create a new one).
 - View pending signature requests (mock list).
 - See previously signed documents (mock list).
- Ensure a clean and intuitive dashboard layout with tabs or sections.

7. UI/UX Enhancements

- Implement a dark mode toggle.
- Add micro-interactions and animations to improve the user experience.
- Ensure mobile responsiveness with a flexible, adaptable layout.
- Provide a floating action button (FAB) for quick access to key features.

8. Mock Data

Since no API endpoints are provided, the candidate should create mock data to simulate the following:

- A list of files with details like id, name, uploadDate, and status.
- Mock summaries for files, including key information and Q&A responses.
- Mock audio files for voice playback (can be placeholder audio files).
- Mock signature data to simulate the signing process.
- Mock user profile data, including saved signatures, pending signature requests, and signed documents.

Example of mock data structure:

JavaScript

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const mockFiles = [
  {
    id: 1,
    name: "Project Plan",
    uploadDate: "2023-10-01",
    status: "Pending Processing",
    summary: "This document outlines the project timeline...",
    qa: [
      { question: "What is the deadline?", answer: "December 2023" },
      { question: "Who is the project lead?", answer: "John Doe" },
    ],
    audioUrl: "/audio/project_plan_explanation.mp3",
  },
  {
    id: 2,
    name: "Budget Report",
    uploadDate: "2023-10-02",
    status: "Processed",
    summary: "This document details the budget allocation...",
    qa: [
      { question: "What is the total budget?", answer: "$100,000" },
      { question: "Is there a contingency?", answer: "Yes, 10%" },
    ],
  },
]
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        audioUrl: "/audio/budget_report_explanation.mp3",
    },
];

const mockUserProfile = {
  signatures: [
    { id: 1, name: "Signature 1", imageUrl: "/signatures/signature1.png" },
    { id: 2, name: "Signature 2", imageUrl: "/signatures/signature2.png" },
  ],
  pendingRequests: [
    { id: 1, documentName: "Contract A", requestedDate: "2023-10-03" },
    { id: 2, documentName: "Agreement B", requestedDate: "2023-10-04" },
  ],
  signedDocuments: [
    { id: 1, documentName: "NDA", signingDate: "2023-09-15" },
    { id: 2, documentName: "Employment Contract", signingDate: "2023-09-20" },
  ],
};

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Technical Requirements

- **React with TypeScript:** The project must be built using React and TypeScript.
- **State Management:** Use a state management library like Redux, Recoil, or Context API to manage application state (e.g., file list, selected file, signature status, user profile data).
- **Mock Data:** Create and manage mock data locally to simulate file uploads, summaries, Q&A interactions, signature workflows, and user profile data.
- **Styling:** Use a modern CSS framework or library like TailwindCSS, Material-UI, or Styled Components.
- **Accessibility:** Ensure the application is accessible (e.g., ARIA labels, keyboard navigation).
- **Error Handling:** Handle errors gracefully and display user-friendly error messages (e.g., if a file upload fails).
- **Code Quality:** Write clean, modular, and well-documented code. Include unit tests for critical components.

Creativity and Bonus Features

We encourage candidates to go beyond the core requirements and showcase their creativity. Here are some ideas (optional):

- Dark Mode: Implement a toggle for light/dark mode.
- Language Support: Add a dropdown to switch the file summary and Q&A between different languages.
- Voice Interaction: Implement a voice-based search or navigation feature.
- Animations: Add subtle animations to enhance the user experience (e.g., loading spinners, hover effects).
- Drag-and-Drop Upload: Allow users to drag and drop files for upload.
- Pagination or Search: Add pagination or a search bar to the file list view.

Deliverables

The candidate should provide the following:

- Source Code: A GitHub repository with the complete project.
- Live Demo: The candidate should be ready to present their work on a video meeting
- README File: A detailed README explaining:
 - How to set up and run the project locally.
 - Key design and technical decisions.
 - Any additional features or creative elements implemented.
- Notes on additional improvements or optimizations made.

Evaluation Criteria

- ✓ **Code Quality** – Well-structured, maintainable, and modular.
- ✓ **UI/UX Design** – Clean, intuitive, and visually appealing.
- ✓ **Performance** – Smooth interactions and optimized API handling.
- ✓ **API Integration** – Efficient request handling, error states, and UI feedback.
- ✓ **Creativity** – Thoughtful design choices, animations, or extra features.

Final Thoughts

This challenge simulates a **real-world document signing and interaction tool**. While backend processing is mocked, your implementation should demonstrate **strong front-end skills** with attention to detail, performance, and user experience.

We look forward to seeing your work! 