Project Title: Food Ordering System

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# Introduction

## Project Overview

The Food Ordering System is a fully interactive web application designed to simulate the user experience of browsing, ordering, and discovering food through a modern, dynamic website. Developed using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, and AJAX, the application focuses on delivering a seamless, mobile-responsive interface with real-time content updates. The project includes a category-based menu system, user authentication (login/register), and a recipe discovery feature using an external API.

## Problem Statement

With the rising demand for digital food services, the challenge was to develop a frontend-only system that could imitate a complete ordering platform using only static technologies. This project needed to showcase advanced JavaScript/jQuery capabilities while maintaining a clean user experience. Emphasis was placed on dynamic interactions such as login/logout state management, AJAX-powered menu data, and API-driven recipe exploration.

## Technologies Used

* **HTML5**: Markup structure for the website.
* **CSS3**: Styling and responsive design.
* **JavaScript**: Core scripting for interactivity.
* **jQuery**: Simplified DOM manipulation and event handling.
* **jQuery UI**: UI widgets and effects like accordion and datepicker.
* **AJAX**: Asynchronous requests for JSON and API data.
* **JSON**: Simulated backend for menu items and user storage.

# Features and Functionality

1. **Category-Based Menu Filtering**
   * Users can filter food items by clicking category buttons or via URL query strings.
   * Menu items are dynamically loaded from a local menu.json file using AJAX.
2. **Login and Registration System**
   * Registration form stores new users in localStorage.
   * Login validates against users.json and newly registered users.
   * Logged-in users see dynamic UI changes and a logout option.
3. **Recipe Discovery Page**
   * recipes.html uses TheMealDB API to fetch and display random recipe suggestions.
   * A "Load Random Recipes" button fetches a new batch without reloading the page.
4. **Dynamic Animations**
   * Menu and recipe items fade in on load using jQuery animations.
   * Mobile navbar toggles with slide effect.
5. **Theme Toggle**
   * Light/Dark mode toggle available on every page.
   * State saved in localStorage.
6. **Form Validation**
   * Contact, login, and register forms are validated using the jQuery Validation Plugin.
7. **jQuery UI Integration**
   * Accordion widget used in the About page FAQ section.
   * Datepicker widget integrated into the login form.\

# Implementation Details

# Conclusion

This project demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of modern frontend development techniques using JavaScript and jQuery. Despite the absence of a backend, realistic features such as login/logout state, menu filtering, and API interaction were successfully implemented. The food ordering system meets the requirements of a dynamic, single-page application and provides a solid foundation for future enhancements such as a cart system or admin dashboard.

# References

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* Font Awesome: <https://fontawesome.com/>
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