

Food Ordering Web Application

Technical Documentation Summary

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1 Executive Summary

A full-stack MERN (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js) food ordering platform with role-based access control for Customers, Administrators, and Delivery Personnel.

1.1 Key Features

- **Role-Based Access:** Three user roles with specific permissions
- **Real-Time Tracking:** Live order status updates
- **Admin Dashboard:** Complete system management and analytics
- **PDF Reports:** Sales analytics and reporting
- **Review System:** Customer feedback (1-5 stars)
- **Secure Auth:** JWT-based with bcrypt hashing

2 Problem Statement

2.1 Challenges Addressed

Customer Pain Points:

- Limited accessibility (physical visit/phone required)
- No real-time order visibility
- Restricted payment options
- No structured feedback mechanism

Restaurant Challenges:

- Manual, error-prone order management
- Difficulty tracking inventory
- Inefficient delivery coordination
- Lack of business analytics

Delivery Personnel Challenges:

- Poor communication channels
- Limited order visibility
- Manual status updates

2.2 Solution

A comprehensive web platform bridging customers, restaurants, and delivery personnel with real-time tracking, analytics, and streamlined operations.

3 Project Objectives

3.1 Primary Objectives

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Objective | 1 |
| Streamline Ordering | 2 | Real-Time Tracking |
| 3 | Role-Based Access | 4 |
| Admin Dashboard | 5 | Optimize Delivery |

3.2 Secondary Objectives

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|---------------------|
| Objective |
| Customer Engagement |

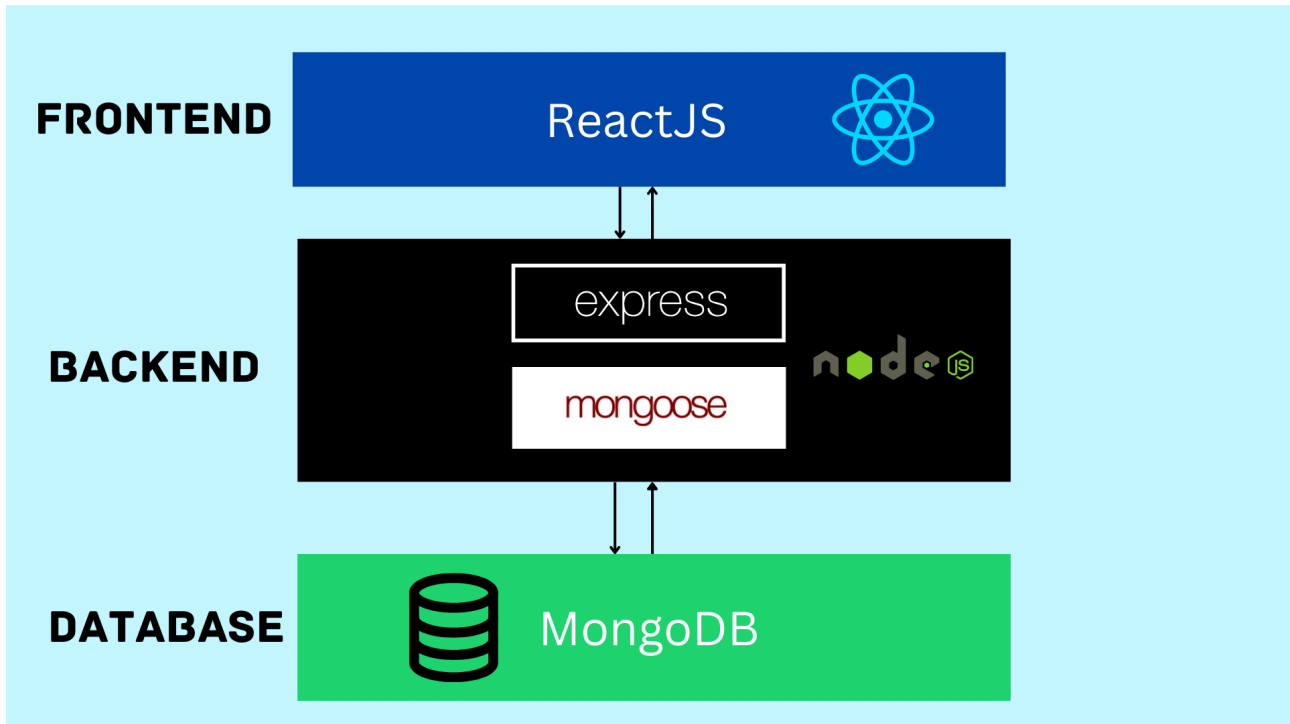
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| Role Based Access Control |
| soomthy UI |
| Tracking order |
| System Security |
| Scalability |
| Data Analytics |

4 Technology Stack

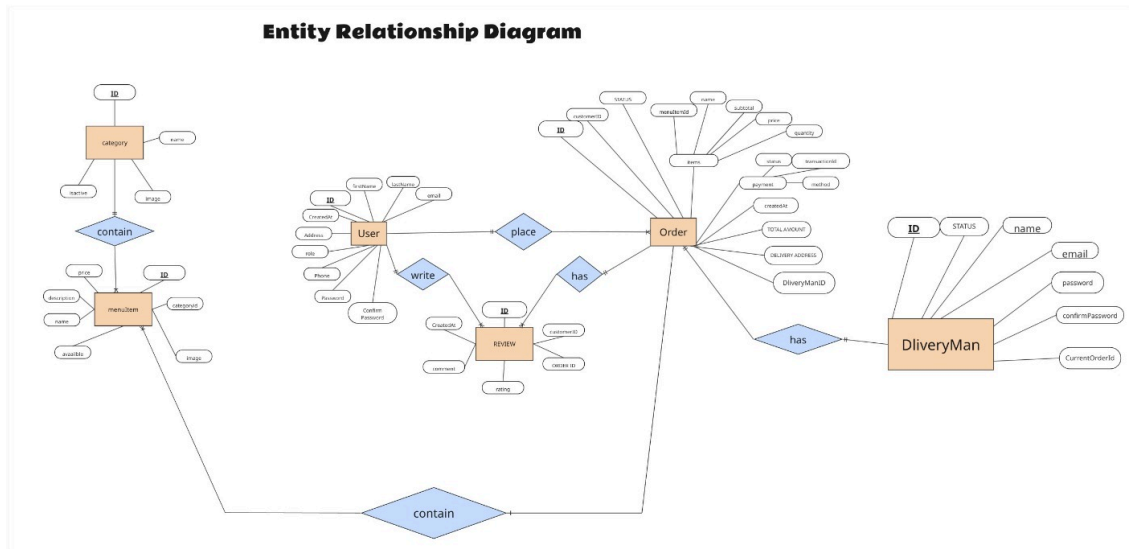
| Layer | Technology | Purpose |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Frontend | React 19.2.0 | UI library |
| | Vite 7.2.4 | Build tool |
| | React Router 7.9.6 | Routing |
| | Axios 1.13.2 | HTTP client |
| | | |
| Backend | Node.js + Express 5.1.0 | Server framework |
| | MongoDB + Mongoose 9.0.0 | Database |
| | JWT 9.0.2 | Authentication |
| | Bcryptjs 3.0.3 | Password hashing |
| | Multer 2.0.2 | File uploads |
| | PDFKit 0.17.2 | PDF generation |
| Testing | Jest 30.2.0 | Test framework |
| | Supertest 7.1.4 | HTTP testing |

5 System Architecture

5.1 Three-Tier Architecture

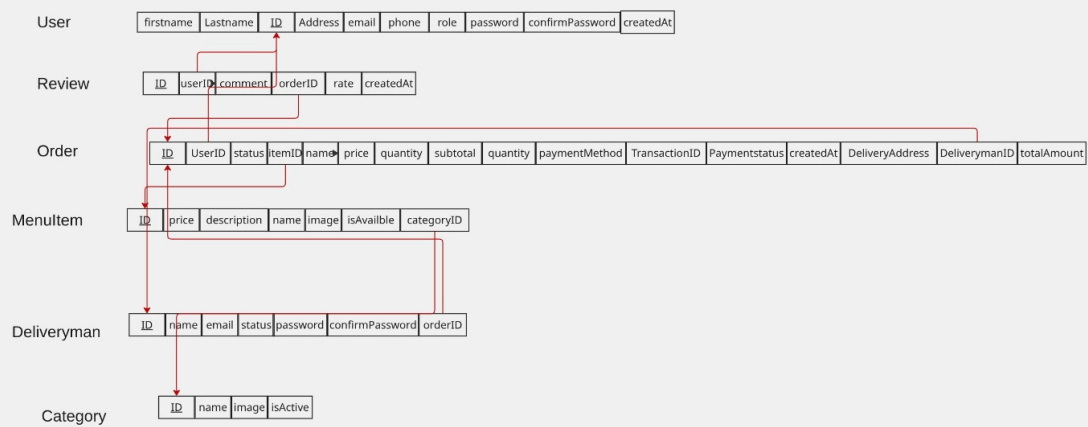


6 Entity Relationship Diagram



7 Mapping Database

DB Mapping



8 API Endpoints Summary

8.1 Authentication (/api/auth)

| Method | Endpoint | Description |
|--------|-------------|------------------------------|
| POST | /register | Register new user |
| POST | /login | Authenticate user |
| GET | /profile | Get user profile (Protected) |
| PUT | /make-admin | Promote to admin (Dev only) |

8.2 Menu (/api/menu)

| Method | Endpoint | Description |
|--------|----------|--------------------------|
| GET | / | Get all menu items |
| POST | / | Create menu item (Admin) |
| PUT | /:id | Update menu item (Admin) |
| DELETE | /:id | Delete menu item (Admin) |

8.3 Orders (/api/orders)

| Method | Endpoint | Description |
|--------|-------------|---------------------|
| GET | / | Get user's orders |
| POST | / | Create new order |
| PUT | /:id/status | Update order status |

8.4 Other Endpoints

| Route | Endpoints |
|-----------------|---|
| /api/categories | GET, POST (2 endpoints) |
| /api/reviews | GET /:menuItemId, POST (2 endpoints) |
| /api/delivery | POST /register, GET /orders, PUT /accept/:orderId (3 endpoints) |
| /api/reports | GET /dashboard, GET /sales-pdf (2 endpoints) |

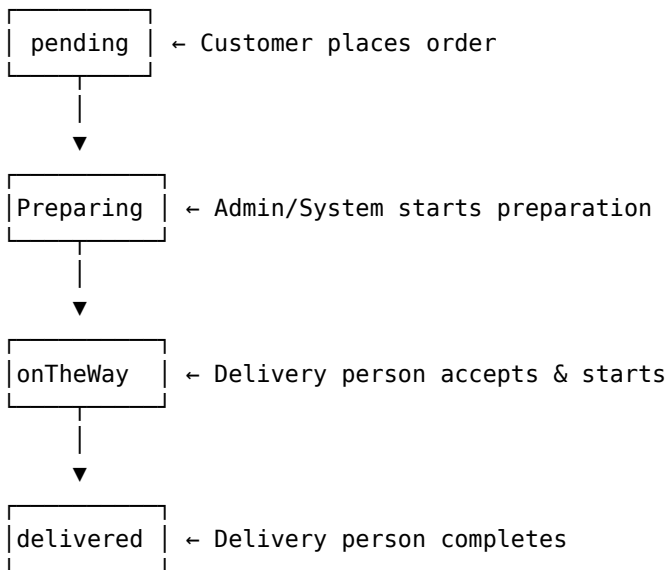
Total: 25+ API endpoints

9 User Roles & Permissions

| Feature | User | Admin | Delivery |
|---------------------------|------|-------|----------|
| Browse Menu | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| Place Orders | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| Track Orders | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| Write Reviews | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| Manage Menu Items | × | ✓ | × |
| Manage Categories | × | ✓ | × |
| View All Orders | × | ✓ | × |
| Generate Reports | × | ✓ | × |
| Manage Delivery Personnel | × | ✓ | × |
| Accept Deliveries | × | × | ✓ |
| Update Delivery Status | × | × | ✓ |

10 Order Lifecycle

10.1 Status Flow Diagram



10.2 Process Steps

| Step | Action | Status |
|------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Customer reviews cart and checks out | pending |
| 2 | Admin/System starts food preparation | Preparing |
| 3 | Delivery person accepts order | onTheWay |
| 4 | Delivery person marks as complete | delivered |

11 Authentication Flow

11.1 Registration Process

- 1- User fills form → Frontend validates → POST /api/auth/register
- 2- Backend validates → Hash password (bcrypt) → Save to DB
- 3- Generate JWT token → Return token + user data
- 4- Store in localStorage → Redirect to menu

11.2 Login Process

- 1- User enters credentials → POST /api/auth/login
- 2- Find user by email → Compare password (bcrypt)
- 3- Generate JWT token → Return token + user data
- 4- Store in localStorage → Update AuthContext
- 5- Redirect based on role:
 - User → /menu
 - Admin → /admin
 - DeliveryMan → /delivery

12 Security Features

| Feature | Implementation |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Password Security | Bcrypt hashing with salt rounds |
| Authentication | JWT tokens with secret key |
| Authorization | Role-based middleware |
| Input Validation | Mongoose schema validation |
| File Upload | Type and size restrictions (Multer) |
| CORS | Configured for cross-origin requests |
| API Protection | Token verification middleware |

13 Testing

13.1 Test Coverage

| Test Suite | Tests | Coverage |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| auth.controller.test.js | 7 | Register, Login, GetProfile |
| delivery.controller.test.js | 6 | Register, Orders, Accept |
| menu.controller.test.js | 8 | CRUD operations |
| order.controller.test.js | 7 | Create, Get, Update |
| review.controller.test.js | 5 | Create, Get Reviews |
| report.controller.test.js | 6 | Dashboard, PDF |

Total: 39 passing tests

13.2 Running Tests

```
cd backend
npm test
```

14 Installation & Deployment

14.1 Quick Setup

```
# 1. Install dependencies
npm run install-all

# 2. Configure .env (backend/)
PORT=5000
Mongo_URL=mongodb://localhost:27017/food_ordering_db
JWT_SECRET=your_secret_key

# 3. Run application
npm run dev

# Access:
# Frontend: http://localhost:5173
# Backend: http://localhost:5000
```

14.2 Deployment Options

| Option | Platform | Command |
|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Vercel (Recommended) | vercel --prod |
| 2 | Docker | Containerize and deploy |
| 3 | Traditional | Heroku, Railway, DigitalOcean |

14.3 Feature Completion

- User authentication & authorization
- Menu browsing & management
- Shopping cart functionality
- Order placement & tracking
- Review & rating system
- Admin dashboard

- Delivery management
- PDF report generation
- File upload system
- Comprehensive testing

15 Future Enhancements

15.1 Planned Features

| Phase | Features |
|---------|---|
| Phase 1 | Real-time notifications (WebSockets), Push notifications, Advanced search |
| Phase 2 | Payment integration (Stripe, PayPal), Wallet system, Promo codes |
| Phase 3 | Multi-restaurant support, Table reservations, Loyalty program |
| Phase 4 | Mobile app (React Native), GPS tracking, Offline mode |

15.2 Technical Improvements

- Redis caching
- Rate limiting
- API versioning
- Comprehensive logging
- Automated backups
- Monitoring & alerting
- CI/CD pipeline
- End-to-end testing
- GraphQL API
- Internationalization (i18n)

16 Appendices

16.1 NPM Scripts

Root Package:

- `npm run install-all` - Install all dependencies
- `npm run dev` - Run frontend + backend
- `npm run vercel-build` - Build for Vercel

Backend:

- `npm start` - Production server
- `npm run dev` - Development with watch
- `npm test` - Run tests

Frontend:

- `npm run dev` - Vite dev server
- `npm run build` - Production build
- `npm run preview` - Preview build

17 Conclusion

This Food Ordering Web Application successfully addresses traditional food ordering challenges through:

- **Modern Technology Stack:** MERN stack with best practices
- **Comprehensive Features:** Complete ordering, tracking, and management system
- **Security:** JWT authentication, bcrypt hashing, role-based access
- **Testing:** 39 passing tests ensuring reliability
- **Documentation:** Complete technical and API documentation

The platform provides an efficient, user-friendly solution for customers, restaurants, and delivery personnel, with room for future enhancements and scalability.

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