

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

## 3.2 Secondary Objectives

Objective
Customer Engagement

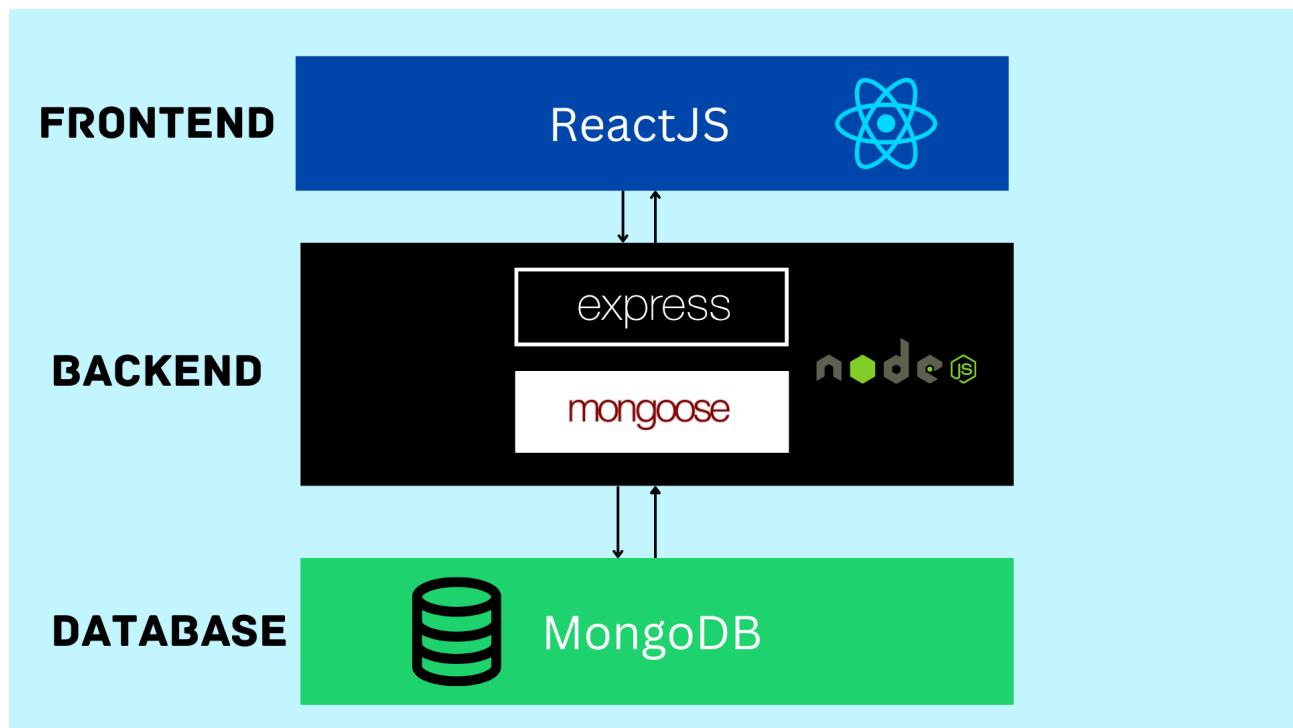
Role Based Access Control
soomthy UI
Tracking order
System Security
Scalability
Data Analytics

## 4 Technology Stack

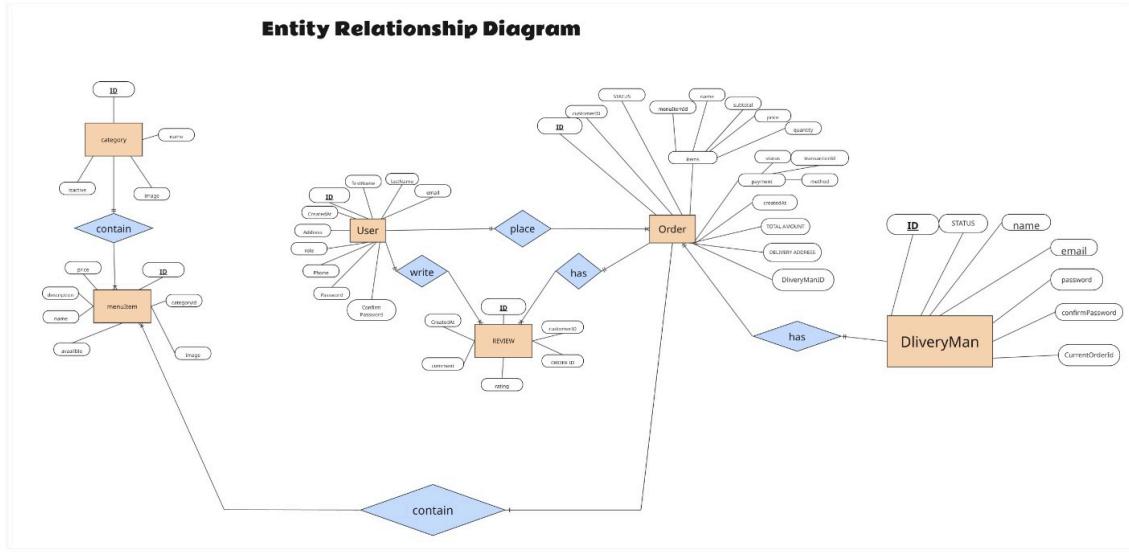
Layer	Technology	Purpose
Frontend	React 19.2.0	UI library
	Vite 7.2.4	Build tool
	React Router 7.9.6	Routing
	Axios 1.13.2	HTTP client
Backend	Node.js + Express 5.1.0	Server framework
	MongoDB + Mongoose 9.0.0	Database
	JWT 9.0.2	Authentication
	Bcryptjs 3.0.3	Password hashing
	Multer 2.0.2	File uploads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

## 5 System Architecture

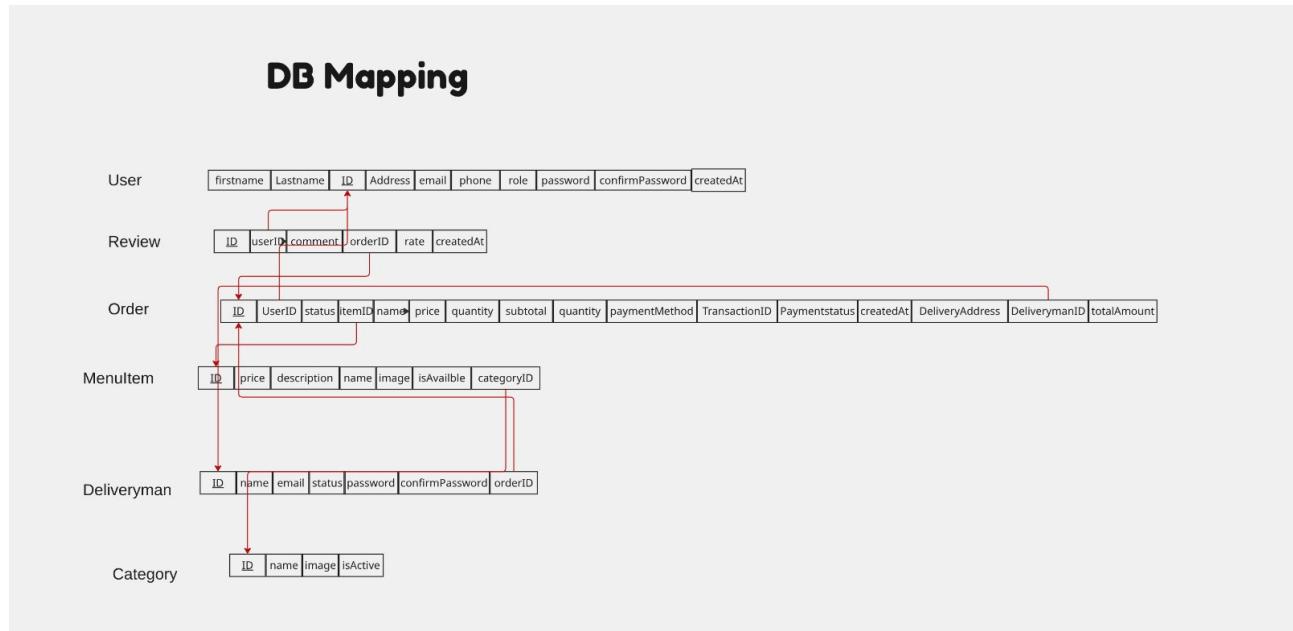
### 5.1 Three-Tier Architecture



## 6 Entity Relationship Diagram



## 7 Mapping Database



## 8 API Endpoints Summary

### 8.1 Authentication (`/api/auth`)

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

### 8.2 Menu (`/api/menu`)

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

### 8.3 Orders (`/api/orders`)

Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	<code>/</code>	Get user's orders
POST	<code>/</code>	Create new order
PUT	<code>/:id/status</code>	Update order status

### 8.4 Other Endpoints

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

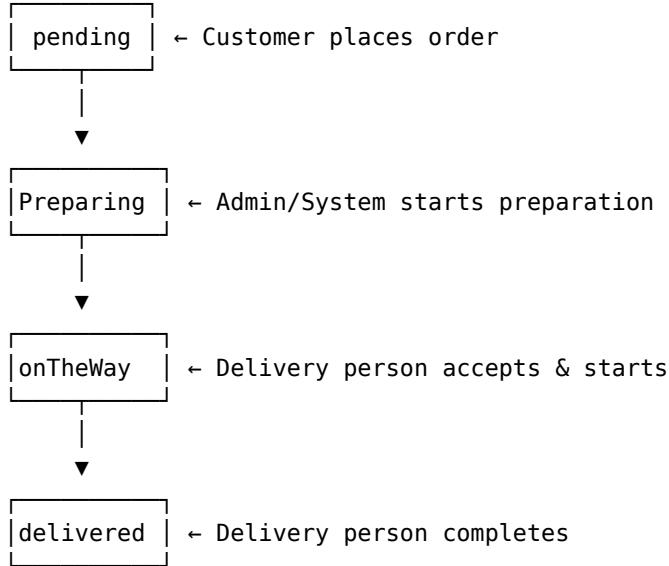
Total: 25+ API endpoints

## 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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