**Loan Management System Documentation**

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**1. Introduction**

The Loan Management System is a web application built using Flask for the backend, and MongoDB as the database. This system allows users to register, apply for loans, check the status of their applications, and allows admins to approve or reject loan applications.

**2. Features**

* **User Registration & Login**: Secure registration and login functionality with email validation, password hashing, and session management.
* **Loan Application**: Users can apply for loans with validations on loan amount, tenure, and purpose.
* **Loan Status API**: Users can check the status of their loan applications, ensuring access to only their applications.
* **Admin Dashboard**: Admins can approve or reject loans with proper role-based access control.
* **Error Handling & Notifications**: Comprehensive error messages for both frontend and backend operations.

**3. Requirements**

**Backend Dependencies**:

1. **Flask - Core framework for building the web server.**
2. **Flask-PyMongo - Connects and interacts with MongoDB.**
3. **Flask-Login - Manages user sessions and login states.**
4. **hashlib - Used for password hashing (included in Python’s standard library).**

**MongoDB Collections:**

1. **Users Collection**
   * Fields: \_id, email, password, name, is\_admin
2. **Loans Collection**
   * Fields: \_id, user\_id, loan\_amount, tenure, purpose, status

**4. Installation**

1. **Clone the repository**:

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git clone [repository\_url]

cd loan\_management\_system

1. **Create a virtual environment** (optional but recommended):

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python -m venv venv

source venv/bin/activate # On Windows use: venv\Scripts\activate

1. **Install dependencies**:

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pip install -r requirements.txt

1. **Create the MySQL database**:
   * Follow the instructions in the backend setup section to create a database and user.
2. **Run the application**:

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python app.py

**5. Usage**

* **User Registration**: Navigate to /register to create an account.
* **User Login**: Navigate to /login to log in.
* **Apply for a Loan**: After logging in, go to /apply\_loan to submit a loan application.
* **Check Loan Status**: Users can check the status at /loan\_status.
* **Admin Actions**: Admins can approve or reject loans via /admin/loan/<loan\_id>/status

**6. API Endpoints**

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| **Endpoint** | **Method** | **Description** |
| /register | POST | Registers a new user |
| /login | POST | Authenticates a user |
| /apply\_loan | POST | Submits a loan application |
| /loan\_status | GET | Fetches loan status for the current user |
| /admin/dashboard | GET | Displays all loan applications (Admin only) |
| /admin/loan/<loan\_id>/status | POST | Updates loan status (Admin only) |

**7. Error Handling**

The system provides user-friendly error messages for:

* Invalid input during registration and login.
* Loan application errors, including duplicate applications.
* Unauthorized access to certain endpoints.

Backend logs errors for further investigation using Flask's logging system.

**8. Conclusion**

The Loan Management System provides a robust framework for managing loan applications. With proper validation, error handling, and admin functionalities, it ensures a secure and efficient process for both users and administrators.