# **Key JWT Enhancements Added**

## 1. JWT Manager Class

- Token Storage & Retrieval: Securely manages JWT tokens in localStorage
- Token Validation: Decodes JWT payload to check expiration client-side
- Automatic Expiry Monitoring: Sets up timers to warn users and handle token expiration
- Token Display: Shows token status, expiry time, and countdown in the dashboard

## 2. Enhanced Security Features

- Automatic Logout: Logs out users when tokens expire
- Session Warnings: Alerts users 5 minutes before token expiration
- Refresh Token Support: Framework for token refresh (if your backend supports it)
- Page Visibility Checks: Validates token when user returns to the page

# 3. Improved API Integration

- Automatic Token Headers: Adds (Authorization: Bearer) headers to authenticated requests
- Token Expiry Handling: Automatically attempts token refresh before API calls
- Better Error Handling: Proper 401/403 error handling with automatic logout

# 4. Visual Improvements

- Token Information Panel: Shows current token status in the dashboard
- Warning Alerts: Visual indicators for token expiry warnings
- Session Management: Clear feedback on token refresh and expiry

## 5. Backend Requirements

Your backend needs these endpoints to work with this enhanced JWT implementation:

javascript			

```
// Required backend endpoints:

POST /api/auth/login // Returns { token, refreshToken?, user }

POST /api/auth/logout // Invalidates token

POST /api/auth/refresh // Optional: Refreshes expired tokens

GET /api/users/:id // Protected: Requires valid JWT

PUT /api/users/:id // Protected: Requires valid JWT
```

#### 6. JWT Token Format

Your backend should create JWT tokens with this payload structure:

```
javascript
{
  userId: 123,
  username: "user@example.com",
  exp: 1640995200, // Expiration timestamp
  iat: 1640991600 // Issued at timestamp
}
```

# **Implementation Benefits**

- Comprehensive JWT token management with automatic expiry handling
- Security monitoring and session validation
- Enhanced user experience around session management
- Automatic token refresh capabilities
- Visual feedback for token status and expiry warnings