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One Click Buy E-commerce Application

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1 OVERVIEW

The project aims to build an e-commerce application which allows users to make online purchases at the ease of their comfort. Besides providing the main functionality the project aims to demonstrate the accepted development procedures and structures for project development.

The source code of the project is available on GitHub at: https://github.com/anantshukla/One-Click-E-Commerce-MarketplaceApp . Please mail anant.shukla@mail.concordia.ca if there are issues accessing the repository.

1.1 Project Description

E-commerce is fast gaining its popularity as the accepted way of most of the business paradigms. The objective of the project is to develop a general-purpose e-commerce website where a user can buy products from multiple categories at the comfort of their home via internet. However, for the purpose of simplicity we mainly aim to achieve the same task with few categories.

An online store is a virtual store where a user can buy products online by going through the available catalog. The user will have to first create his account via signup page. And then he will have to login with username and password selected while creating the account in order to access the catalog of the available products.

Therefore, the major functionalities of the project are:

- Any user can register/ create a new account.
- Registered users can only login with username and password given while creating their accounts.
- Only registered users can access the available product catalog.
- Only registered users can access the details of a particular product.

The major components of the projects are:

- Demonstrating usage of proper design patterns and object-relational structures.
- Implement refactoring strategies on the code.
- Performing unit testing.
- Populating the database via an API.
- Parameterized Queries.

1.2 Technology Stack Used

Tech Stack	Description
NodeJS - ExpressJS	Backend – REST API
REACT JS	Frontend
SQLite	Database
Jest, Supertest and Istanbul for Test Reporting	Testing Framework/Reporting

1.3 Development Tools

For development of the application, we used the following development tools:

• Visual Studio Code: IDE for code development.

• DBeaver: For running SQL Scripts

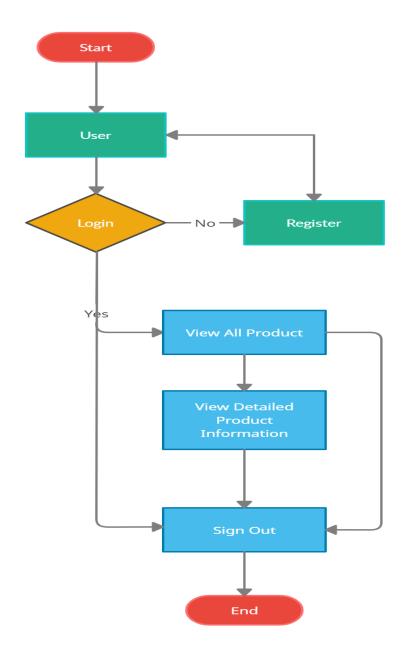
• Git for Windows: Source Code Management

• GitHub: Remote Source Control Management

• Postman: Testing tool for API's

1.4 Data Model

1.4.1 FLOW CHART

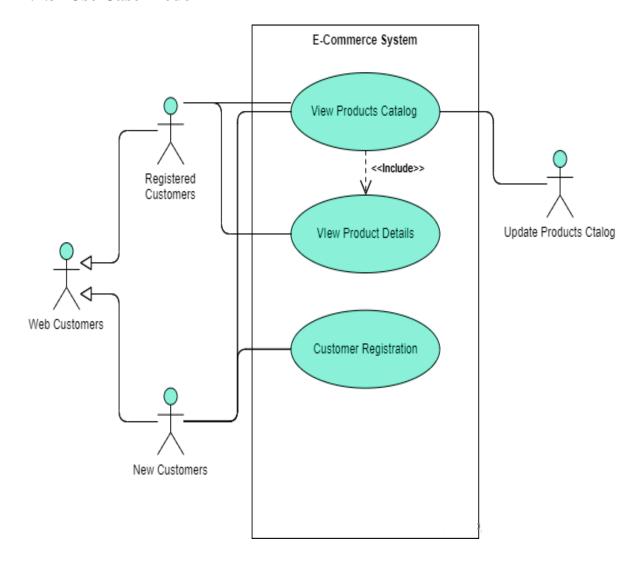


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1.4.2 Entity Relationship Diagram



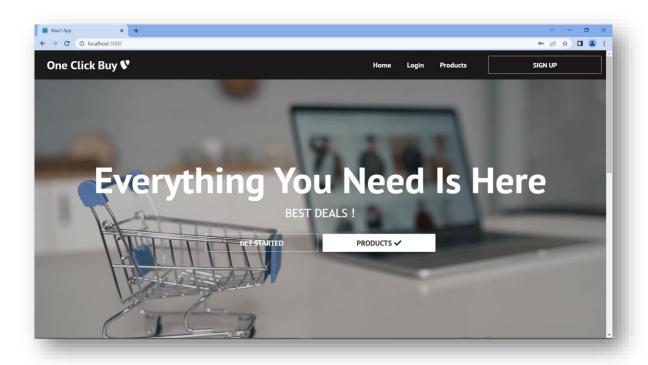
1.4.3 Use Case Model

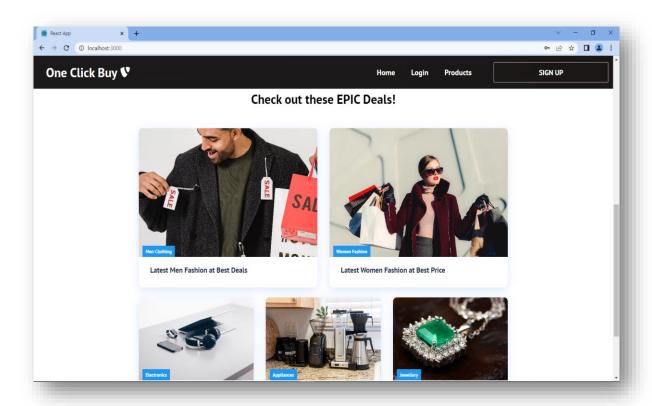


2 APPLICATION SNAPSHOTS

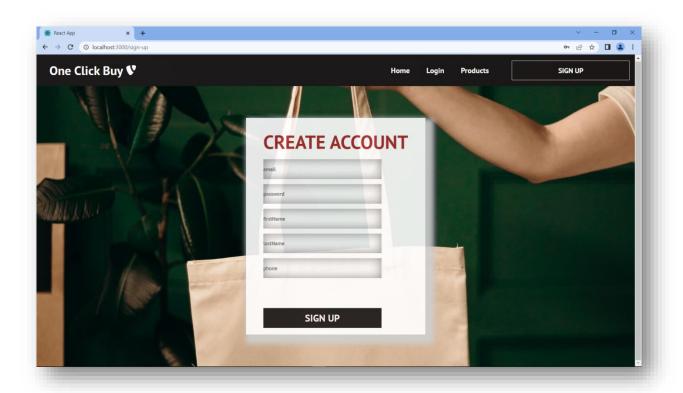
This section contains screenshots of the application with which the user interacts. The UI is build using React.js mainly.

HOME PAGE

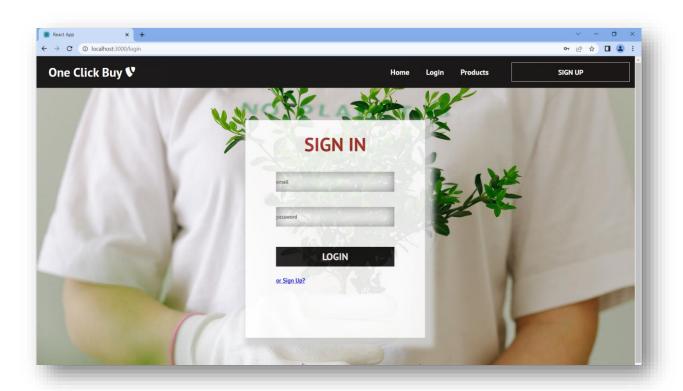




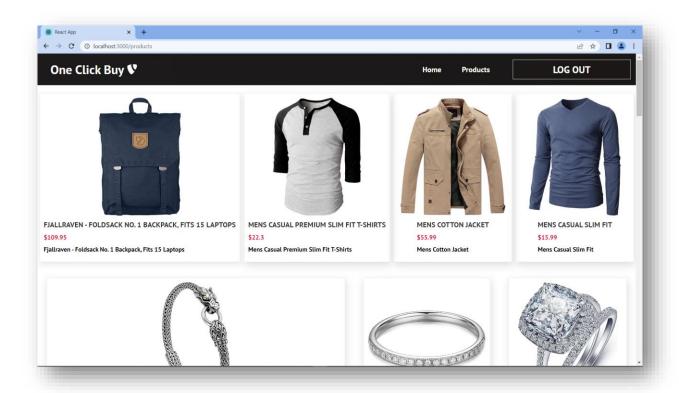
• SIGN UP PAGE



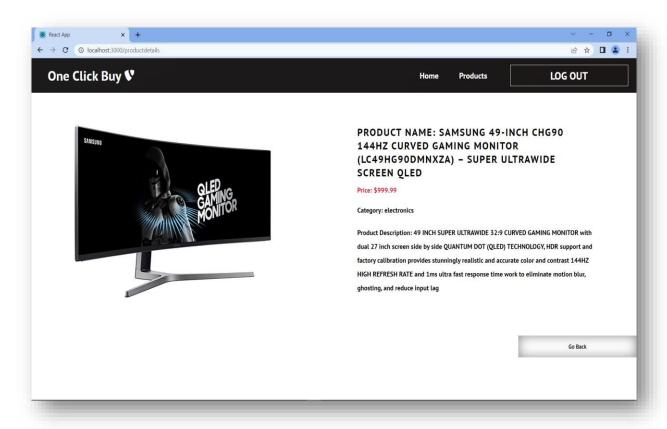
• SIGN IN PAGE



• PRODUCT CATALOG PAGE



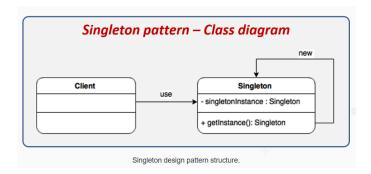
• PRODUCT DETAILS PAGE



3 DESIGN PATTERN

3.1 Singleton Design Pattern

Singleton design pattern is used for creating only one instance of an object no matter how many times the object is instantiated while providing a global access point to this instance.



Here we have db.js file where we add a constructor to our singleton class to ensure single instantiation. We record the creation we have logger.js.

This logger saves information about all the logs that are sent to it and it also logs each message with a timestamp. So, once we create an instance of this object we can use the log method, send it a message, and it will log the timestamp and the message to the terminal as well as save information about that log.

3.2 Router Design Pattern

No matter how many routes a backend API supports, every single request needs to be processed by a single request handler function and this is a router design design pattern. We have kept all the routes together in app.js. We have achieved the same pattern in front end side with React where we are handling multiple routes via single file.

3.3 Protected Routes

Protected routes pattern allows us to make sure that a user can access certain functionalities only when he logs into the application. Also, it allows us to make sure that user once logged in

cannot login again to have another session. We have maintained this with user Session which gets removed when user logs off.

4 Refactoring

The goal of refactoring is to make sure that the code developed is maintainable and that multiple developers working on the project can simultaneously work on the code without creating conflicts. By refactoring, we can improve the structure, design and implementation of software. Refactoring helps improves code readability too.

4.1 Extract Method

With the help of this refactoring technique can can move code that is reused across multiple functions to a separate new method which passes variables as parameters.

This has the following advantages:

- Reuse code across multiple methods
- Help reduce function length
- Helps maintain common output patterns. This can be seen in the screenshot below, where we have created common interfaces for successAPIResponse and failureAPIResponse which is used by all REST APIs to send a response. This way we always maintain a common structure, as seen in successMessageStructure.

4.2 Replacing Nested Conditions with Guard Clauses

In order to avoid a huge nest of if-else conditions, we have replaced these with Guard Clauses. Doing so helps make the code significantly easier to read.

```
// Validate and make sure that phoneNumber, lastName, firstName, password, email are not empty
if (noFieldsAreEmptyOrNull([email, password, firstName, lastName, phoneNumber])) {
    failureAPIResponse(req, res, "Input Fields Cannot be empty");
    logger.createExceptionLog(req, res, "Input Fields Cannot be empty");
    return;
}

// Validate whether Email or Phone Number exists
if (anyofTheListIsNotEmpty([emailList, phoneList])) {
    failureAPIResponse(req, res, "Phone number or email address already exists");
    logger.createExceptionLog("Phone number or email address already exists");
    return;
}
```

4.3 Replace Magic Number with Symbolic Constants

Magic Numbers should never be used in the code. Magic Numbers are numbers that are used in the code without any explanation. These cause confusion to people who are reading the code, as it might not make sense to the reader that what is the significance of the number.

In order to prevent this confusion, we should use constants with proper naming conventions to define such variables.

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```
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∨ backend-ecommerce_marketplace

                                                const API_PORT = 3001;
                                                const defaultErrorStatusCode = 400;
                                                const defaultSuccessStatusCode = 200;
 JS commonUtilityFunctions.js
                                                const productImagesLocation = "assets/images";
 JS logger.js
                                                module.exports = {
                                                    API_PORT,
 JS responseInterface.js
                                                    defaultErrorStatusCode,
 > DB
                                                    defaultSuccessStatusCode,
                                                    productImagesLocation,
 > Routes
 > Test Results
```

```
34
35  // Server hosted on port 3001
36  vapp.listen(API_PORT, () => {
37  logger.createLog(`E-Commerce Marketplace Rest API is listening on port ${API_PORT}`);
38  });
39
```

4.4 Consolidate Conditional Expression

This refactoring technique is used to consolidate multiple conditional statements that produce the same result. This helps make the code more readable.

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// Validate and make sure that phoneNumber, lastName, firstName, password, email are not empty
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    return;
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    return;

40  }
41
```

4.5 Consolidate Duplicate Conditional Fragments

This refactoring is important when we have similar conditional statements repeating over a span of multiple function, this repetition of code is not a good practice, because if due to a design changes, a certain field has some changes, then this conditional change will have to be cascaded to all the functions.

In order to prevent this code reputation, we can have consolidated conditional fragments of the code to a common function.

```
// API to Create User
userRouter.post("/createUser", async (req, res) => {
    try {
        email = req.body.email;
        password = req.body.password;
        firstName = req.body.firstName;
        lastName = req.body.lastName;
        phoneNumber = req.body.phoneNumber;

        const hashedPassword = SHA256(password).toString(CryptoJS.enc.Base64);

        // Validate and make sure that phoneNumber, lastName, firstName, password, email are not empty
        if (noFieldsAreEmptyOrNull([email, password, firstName, lastName, phoneNumber])) {
            failureAPIResponse(req, res, "Input Fields Cannot be empty");
            logger.createExceptionLog(req, res, "Input Fields Cannot be empty");
            return;
        }
}
```

4.6 Divide Methods into Smaller Computational Blocks

This refactoring technique involves Dividing Methods into smaller blocks of code. This has the following advantages:

- Increases Re-usability of the code: smaller blocks of code can be re-used for by other methods too. Even if the code is not re-used now. It is better to divide code into smaller blocks as this may be used later and helps prevent duplicate code later.
- Increases Code-Readability: Helps the reader understand what is the purpose of each block of code (method).
- Prevents increasing of code size to uncontrollable size that leads to tangled local variables that are hard to isolate at a later stage.

5 Parameterized Database Queries

A parameterized query is a query in which we use placeholders for parameters and then the parameter values are supplied at execution time. Parameterized Queries are written to prevent SQL Injection and provide flexibility to the developer as we can develop these queries in advance and re-use them as per the requirement.

Also, depending upon the flavor of SQL used, some databases also provide caching for parameterized queries (example: SQL Server's plan cache).

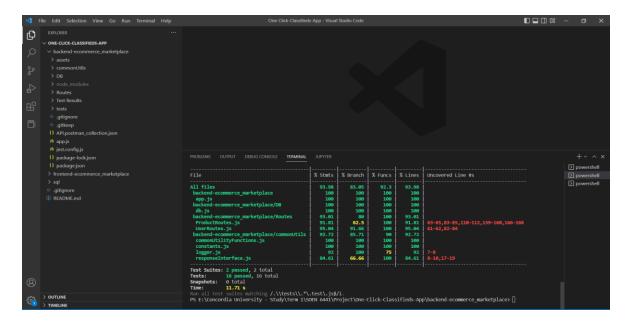
All database queries in our codebase are parameterized.

6 Testing

For the purpose of testing, we have used unit testing to test our API endpoints. We have used the jest and supertest to test the functionality of the code and Istanbul for reporting the test results in an html format.

Following are the screenshots of the testing results:

6.1 Testing Results



One-Click-Classified-Backend Test Report







6.2 Unit Test - Code Coverage Information



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