# FREELANCING APPLICATION MERN

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

**Project Title:** Freelancing Application MERN

**Team Members and Roles:** 

#### 1. MRIDULA P

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(NM Id: 45BCF039856BC93A08A4142418873FAE) - Frontend Developer – Focuses on the design and functionality of the frontend, implementing user-friendly and responsive interfaces.

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(NM Id: 4CBA483B781A78AB2A04DE123520B606) - Backend Developer — Works on server-side logic, API creation, and database integration. QA and Testing Specialist — Develops and implements testing strategies, identifies bugs, and ensures quality assurance.

### 4. SABITHA S

(NM Id: 8EC39033C632D6A8391427D9BEAD9573) - Database Administrator – Manages MongoDB structure, ensures data integrity, and optimizes database performance.

#### 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW:

**Purpose**: SB Works is designed to simplify and secure the freelancing experience by connecting clients with freelancers through a robust and intuitive platform. It enables clients to post projects and find skilled freelancers, while freelancers can bid on projects suited to their expertise.

### **Key Features:**

**Project Posting and Bidding**: Clients can post projects with specific requirements, and freelancers can submit proposals.

**Profile Management**: Freelancers can create detailed profiles, showcase their skills, and build portfolios.

**Secure Communication**: Built-in chat for clients and freelancers to discuss project specifics.

**Admin Oversight**: Platform administrators ensure security, review project activity, and maintain quality control.

### 3. ARCHITECTURE:

**Frontend:** 

**Framework**: React is used to create a dynamic and responsive interface.

**Styling Libraries**: Bootstrap and Material UI provide a polished, modern look.

**Data Fetching**: Axios library is used for seamless API requests to communicate with the backend.

User Interface Features: Includes interactive forms for project posting, a dashboard for managing bids, and notifications for realtime updates.

### **Backend:**

**Framework**: Node.js with Express.js for handling server-side processes.

**API Endpoints**: RESTful APIs to support various platform functionalities, including project posting, bidding, messaging, and profile management.

**Security Measures**: Middleware for input validation, error handling, and token-based authentication to secure API routes.

## **Database:**

**Database Management System**: MongoDB, a NoSQL database ideal for handling complex data relationships.

**Collections**: Structured data collections for users, projects, bids, and chat messages.

**Optimization**: Indexed frequently queried fields to improve retrieval speeds and overall performance.

## **4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS:**

# **Prerequisites:**

Node.js installed on your machine.

MongoDB set up and running locally or through a cloud provider (e.g., MongoDB Atlas).

## **Installation:**

**Cloning the Repository**: Run git clone <repository-url> to download the project.

# **Installing Dependencies:**

Navigate to the frontend (client) and backend (server) directories, then run npm install to install dependencies.

**Environment Variables**: Configure .env files with API keys, database URLs, and authentication secrets.

# **Configuration:**

Set up environment variables for MongoDB URI, JWT secrets, and any third-party API integrations.

### **5. FOLDER STRUCTURE:**

# **Client Directory**:

**Components Folder**: Contains React components for modular UI building.

**Pages Folder**: Individual pages such as Home, Profile, and Project Details.

Services Folder: Manages API calls via Axios for data handling.

**Server Directory**:

**Routes Folder**: Defines all API endpoints (e.g., /api/users, /api/projects).

**Models Folder**: Schema definitions for MongoDB collections (e.g., User, Project).

**Controllers Folder**: Business logic and CRUD operations for each endpoint.

# 6. Running the Application:

### **Frontend Command:**

Navigate to the client directory and run npm start to launch the frontend on a local server (typically on port 3000).

### **Backend Command:**

Navigate to the server directory and run npm start to launch the backend (usually on port 5000).

## 7. API DOCUMENTATION:

# **Endpoints**:

**Users**: /api/users – Register, authenticate, and manage user profiles.

**Projects**: /api/projects – CRUD operations for project listings.

**Bids:** /api/bids – Submit and view bids on projects.

**Chat**: /api/chat – Facilitates communication between clients and freelancers.

## **Example Request and Response:**

Detailed example showing JSON requests and responses for each endpoint.

## 8. AUTHENTICATION:

**Methodology**: JSON Web Token (JWT) is used to manage authentication and maintain secure user sessions.

**Roles**: User roles include client, freelancer, and admin, with different access levels.

**Security Protocols**: Tokens are validated on each request to secure endpoints from unauthorized access.

### 9. USER INTERFACE:

# **Core Pages**:

**Homepage**: Overview of platform features, latest projects, and quick links.

**Dashboard**: Personalized dashboard for clients and freelancers.

**Project Posting Form**: Allows clients to post projects with detailed requirements.

**Profile Page**: View and edit profile, upload portfolio items.

**Visual Examples**: Include images of the interface, showcasing essential features like project listings, bidding options, and messaging.

### 10. TESTING:

# **Testing Strategy:**

Unit Tests: Focus on individual components and backend functions.

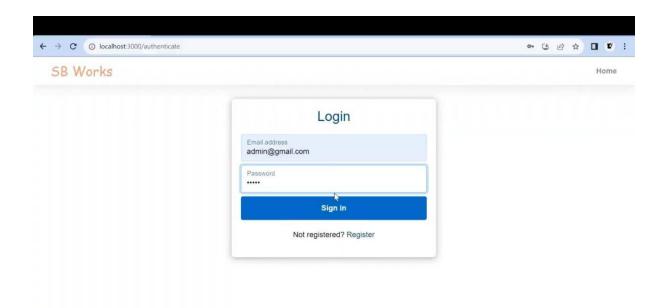
**Integration Tests**: Test API endpoints and frontend-backend interactions.

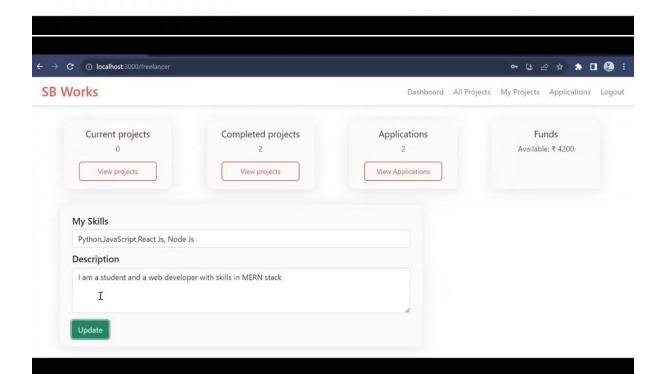
**End-to-End Testing**: Ensures user flows work as expected (e.g., logging in, posting a project, bidding).

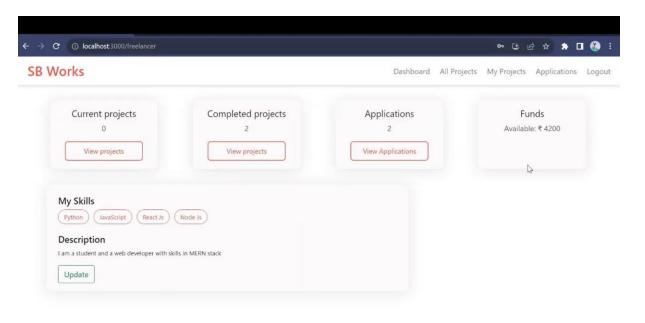


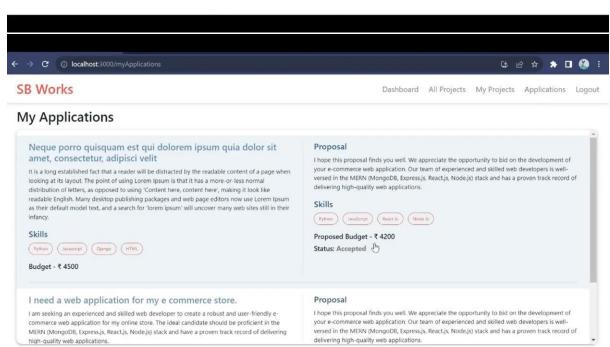
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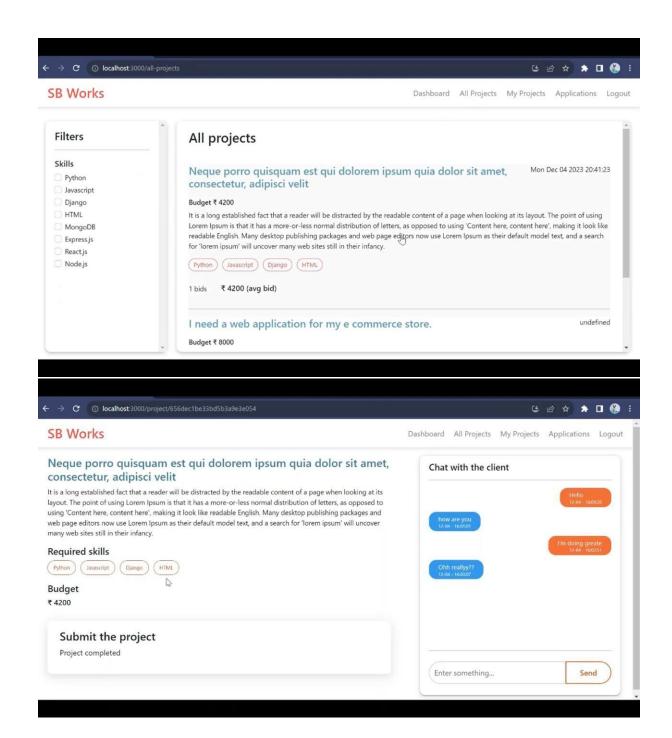


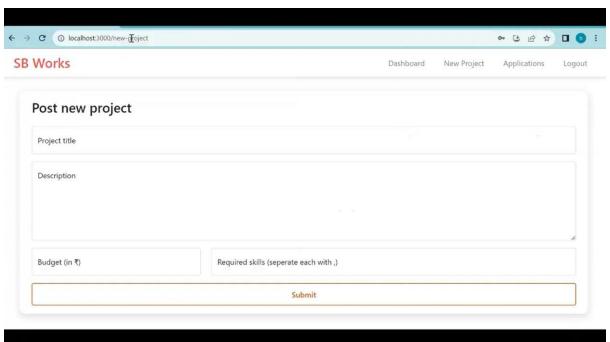


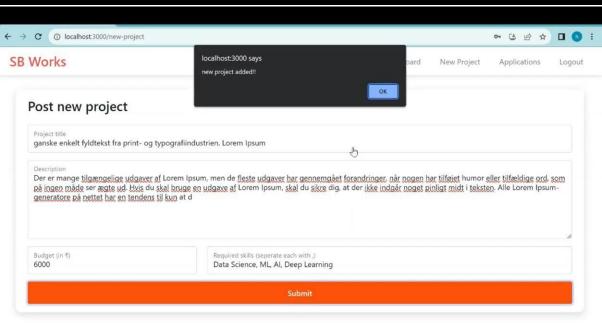


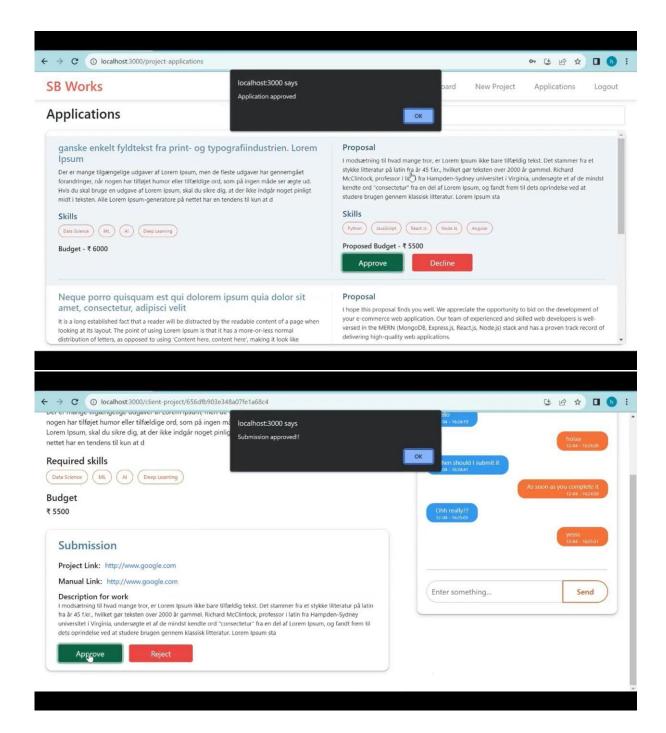












### **Demo Link:**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tSVPSpTe5Z8nJ7Lr4dcGuKEV2IYFHT9/view?usp=drivesdk

### 12. KNOWN ISSUES:

**Bug Tracking**: Current bugs documented in a bug-tracking system or as inline comments in the code.

# **Examples**:

Inconsistent layout on smaller screen sizes.

Occasional delays in real-time updates for notifications.

## 13. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS:

### **Potential Features:**

**Advanced Filtering**: Improved search and filtering options for projects and freelancers.

**Payment Integration**: Add secure payment options to streamline transactions on the platform.

**AI-Based Matching**: Integrate AI to recommend projects to freelancers based on skills and history.

**User Ratings and Reviews**: Allow clients to rate freelancers, and freelancers to provide feedback on clients.;page