

Practical Task – Event Ticket Booking System (React + Node.js)

Duration: 2–3 Hours

Tech Stack: React (frontend), Node.js + Express (backend), optional MongoDB or in-memory data store

You are required to develop a **mini ticket booking system** that allows users to view events, check seat availability by section and row, and book tickets. This system should include backend APIs and a functional frontend that communicates with those APIs.

The challenge will test your skills in **data structure design, concurrency handling, and logical UI updates**.

Features to Implement

**** Backend**

Implement the following REST APIs:

1. POST /events

Create a new event with:

```
{
  "name": "Concert XYZ",
  "date": "2025-07-10T19:00:00Z",
  "sections": [
    {
      "name": "Section A",
      "rows": [
        { "name": "Row 1", "totalSeats": 10 },
        { "name": "Row 2", "totalSeats": 8 }
      ]
    },
    {
      "name": "Section B",
      "rows": [
        { "name": "Row 1", "totalSeats": 6 }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

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2. GET /events

Returns all events with basic details.

3. GET /events/:id/availability

Returns availability of each section and row:

4. POST /events/:id/purchase

Purchase tickets. Input:

Rules:

- Must validate availability and prevent overbooking
- Apply group discount if quantity ≥ 4 (respond with groupDiscount: true)
- Ensure atomic seat updates to avoid race conditions

** Frontend

1. Home Page

- Fetch and display all events
- Button/link to view individual event

2. Event Detail Page

- Show availability section-wise and row-wise
- Form to select section, row, number of tickets
- Button to submit ticket purchase
- Display success/failure message
- Show "Group Discount Applied" if 4 or more tickets booked

Rules & Constraints

- Backend can use in-memory store (like a JS object or array) or MongoDB
- Don't use large UI libraries (e.g., no Material UI); simple CSS or Bootstrap is fine
- Do not expose internal booking logic on the frontend
- Do not allow rebooking already booked seats

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Bonus Points

- Added unit tests (backend logic)
- Real-time UI update without page reload
- Dockerized app setup