

1. Introduction

Project Title: ShopEZ: One-Stop Shop For Online Purchases

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

ShopEZ is designed to offer users a seamless and efficient online shopping experience. It acts as a one-stop destination for purchasing various categories of products, providing a user-friendly interface for customers and an administrative portal for sellers.

Features:

- User registration and login with secure authentication
- Browsing and searching products by category
- Wishlist and cart management
- Order placement and history tracking
- Admin panel for managing inventory and users

3. Architecture

Frontend:

The frontend is built using React.js with a component-based architecture. It manages routing, product display, form validation, and state management using React Hooks.

Backend:

Backend is built with Node.js and Express.js. It exposes RESTful APIs for authentication, product

management, cart operations, and orders.

Database:

MongoDB is used for data storage. Mongoose is used for schema design and managing database queries. Collections include Users, Products, Cart, and Orders.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

- Node.js (v16+ recommended)
- MongoDB (Local or Atlas)

Installation:

Clone the repository

```
$ git clone <your-repo-url>
```

Install server dependencies

```
$ cd server
```

```
$ npm install
```

Set up environment variables in a .env file

```
MONGO_URI=<your-mongo-uri>
```

```
JWT_SECRET=<your-secret>
```

Install client dependencies

```
$ cd ../client
```

```
$ npm install
```

5. Folder Structure

Client:

- /client
- /src
 - /components
 - /pages
 - /context
 - /utils
 - App.js, index.js

Server:

- /server
 - /controllers
 - /routes
 - /models
 - /middleware
 - server.js, .env

6. Running the Application

Frontend:

```
cd client
```

```
npm start
```

Backend:

```
cd server
```

```
npm start
```

7. API Documentation

Auth APIs:

- POST /api/auth/register: Register a new user
- POST /api/auth/login: Login and receive JWT

Product APIs:

- GET /api/products: Get all products
- GET /api/products/:id: Get product by ID

Cart APIs:

- POST /api/cart: Add to cart
- GET /api/cart: Get user cart

Order APIs:

- POST /api/orders: Place order
- GET /api/orders: View user orders

8. Authentication

Authentication is handled using JWT tokens. On login, users receive a token stored in local storage and passed via headers for protected routes. Middleware on the backend validates the token for authorization.

9. User Interface

The UI is responsive and includes:

- Navigation bar with login/logout, cart, wishlist
- Category-wise product browsing
- Admin login panel
- Product cards with add-to-cart and wishlist options

10. Testing

Testing is done manually using Postman for APIs and through end-user testing on the UI. Integration testing is applied to verify frontend and backend flow.

11. Screenshots or Demo

Screenshot included below.

12. Known Issues

- Mobile responsiveness can be further improved
- Admin login does not have role-based routing yet
- Error messages need enhancement for failed operations

13. Future Enhancements

- Integrate payment gateway like Razorpay or Stripe
- Add product ratings and reviews
- Enable multi-language support
- Add stock notifications and shipping status tracking

UI Screenshot

