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#### 1. Introduction

"Foodies" is a social media web application catering to the needs of food and beverage reviewers who want to share their dining experiences with others. The development team has majorly focused on creating an interface that is simple to use and navigate by incorporating best practices for web design and user experience making it accessible to a wide range of users, including those without technical backgrounds.

The system offers a range of features that allow users to create posts and edit or delete them as needed. Registered users have the ability to view posts made by other users on the platform. Each user has their own profile page, which displays all the posts they have made, and other users can follow them to stay updated on their latest content. The platform also includes the ability for users to like and comment on other users' posts and save any post of interest to be viewed later easily. The social media platform is flexible with the original author of the comment being able to edit or delete comments they made. The original owner of the post has the ability to delete any comment made on their posts as well. Moreover, the users of the Foodies platform can also share their favorite recipes with the other users of the platform.

Authentication and Authorization are critical components of web applications. By incorporating Spring OAuth2 technology, users are provided with a secure and reliable means of accessing the Foodies platform while ensuring that only authorized users have access to sensitive information.

## 2. Methodology

	Tools / Libraries	Reason for the selection
Client web application	React.js	<ul> <li>provides a component-based architecture, which allows us to create modular and reusable UI components</li> </ul>
	Material UI	<ul> <li>Provides customizable UI components that can be used to build responsive user interfaces.</li> <li>To ensure consistency in the design of the web application</li> </ul>
REST API	Spring Boot	Provides features such as auto-configuration, dependency injection, and embedded servers that simplify development process.
	OAuth2	Standard protocol to secure the REST API
Database	Mongo DB	<ul> <li>NoSQL database that provides scalability and flexibility to handle the frequently updating large amount of data in the social media platform</li> </ul>
Test client	Postman	To test and validate the REST API endpoints quickly and efficiently
Version Controlling	Git / GitHub	<ul> <li>Git is used to manage the source code for the project.</li> <li>GitHub provides an user friendly interface for managing Git repositories and enables collaboration between team members.</li> </ul>

# 3. Requirement Analysis

# 3.1 Functional Requirements

REST API	Client web application
The REST API should allow users to register to the system and authenticate themselves before logging in to the platform.	The application should have a user-friendly and simple interface.
The REST API should implement security measures such as password hashing and access control to protect user data and privacy.	Users should be able to create posts with multiple images and a description of their dining experience.
The REST API should allow users to manage their profiles including personal information, profile picture, and other details.	Users should be able to edit posts uploaded by themselves.
The REST API should allow users to post and share their experiences	Users should be able to delete a post uploaded by themselves.
The REST API should provide notifications to users about new comments and likes on their posts.	Users should be able to view posts from other users on their post feed.
The REST API should allow users to follow and unfollow other users.	Users should be able to like on posts uploaded by other users and remove the like if needed.
	Users should be able to comment on posts uploaded by other users.
	Users should be able to edit or delete a comment made by themselves.
	Users should be able to delete a comment made on their own post if necessary.
	Users should receive notifications for likes and comments made on their posts.
	Users should be able to manage their profile details.
	Users should be able to follow a user and unfollow them if necessary.

## 3.2 Non-functional requirements

REST API	Client web application
Security –User data must be protected via the API against unauthorized access.	Usability–Users with varying levels of technical expertise can easily understand and use the application without difficulty.
Scalability –API needs to be scalable and capable of handling users and requests.	Accessibility—The application should be accessible to users with different disabilities.
Reliability—API should maintain the consistency and integrity of the data.	Performance—The application should be responsive to user actions.
Performance—API should be able to accommodate all users and requests without substantial lag or unavailability.	Compatibility—The application should be compatible with different OS and hardware devices.

### 3.3 Technical requirements

- 1) The REST API should provide endpoints for creating, editing, and deleting posts, as well as retrieving posts and their associated images and comments. It should also implement functionality for adding and removing likes on posts.
- 2) The REST API should allow users to create, edit, and delete comments. The API should also include permission controls to ensure users can only edit or delete their own comments.
- 3) The technical requirements for implementing notifications in a REST API include setting up a notification system that can track and notify users of likes and comments made on their posts, as well as ensuring the proper authentication and authorization mechanisms are in place.
- 4) To implement the ability to follow and unfollow users, the REST API should include endpoints for users to send requests to follow another user and for users to accept or decline follow requests. Users should also be able to unfollow other users through the API.
- 5) The API should support secure authentication mechanisms such as OAuth 2.0 or JSON Web Tokens (JWT). It should also enforce password policies, use HTTPS for secure communication, and implement role-based access control to protect user data and privacy. User profile data should be stored securely and encrypted at rest.

## 4. Design and Development

## 4.1 System Architecture

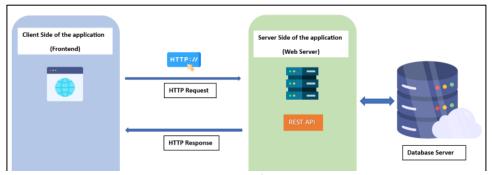


Fig.4.1 Architectural diagram for the overall system

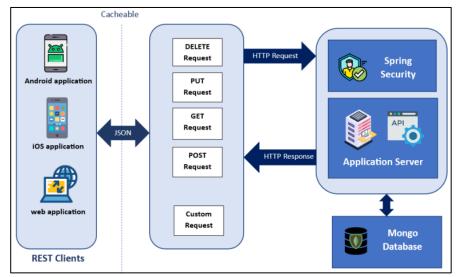


Fig.4.2 Architectural diagram for the REST API

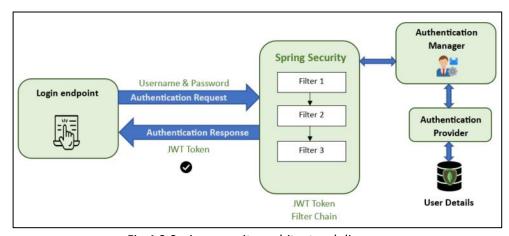


Fig.4.3 Spring security architectural diagram

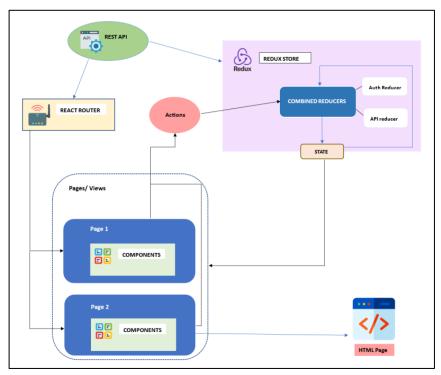
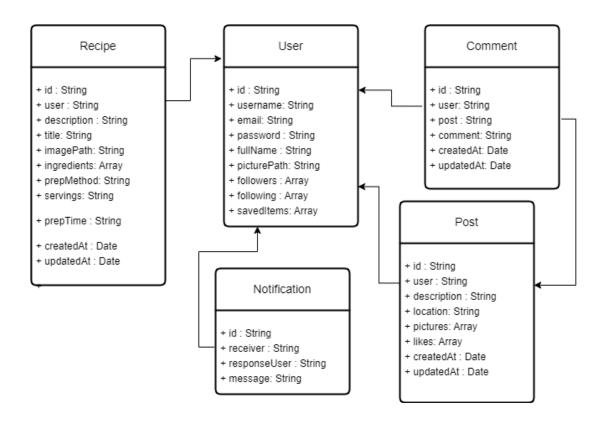


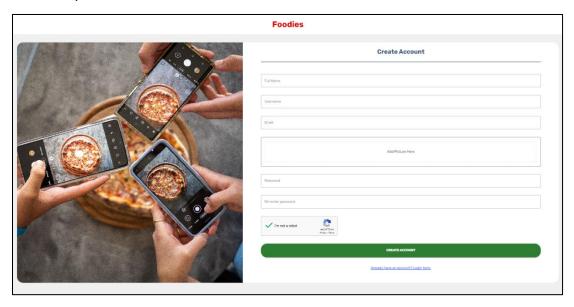
Fig. 4.4 Architectural diagram for the client application (Single Page

## 4.2 Database design

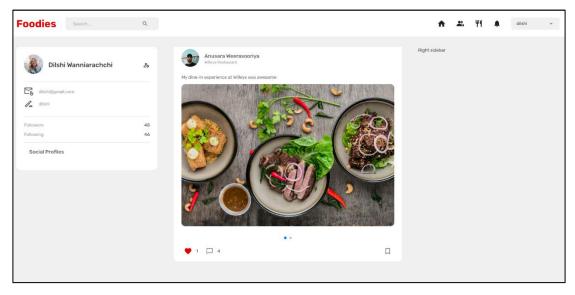


## 4.3 Frontend Development

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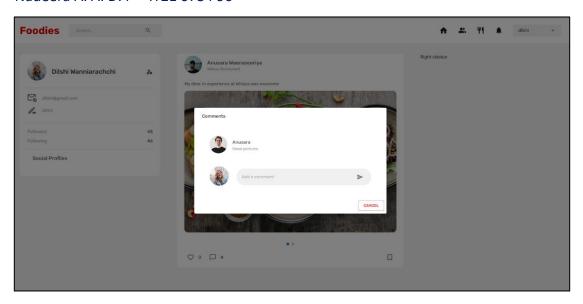


Users are initially navigated to the login screen where they can login to the "Foodies" platform by entering username and password. Un-registered users can register to the system by selecting the "Signup here" link located in the login form and fill out the registration form. After performing the ReCAPTCHA validation the user will be successfully registered in the system.



Users can upload a new post by entering a brief description, location and selecting one or more photos (maximum 4) from the device gallery. The new post will be displayed on the home feed. Users of the "Foodies" platform can also like the post by clicking on the heart icon below the post. The users will be able to view all posts made by them by navigating to user profile. Users can update the details of their posts except the photos by clicking on the more options icon and selecting the "Update Post" option. If the user intends to delete the post, he can select the "Delete Post" option.

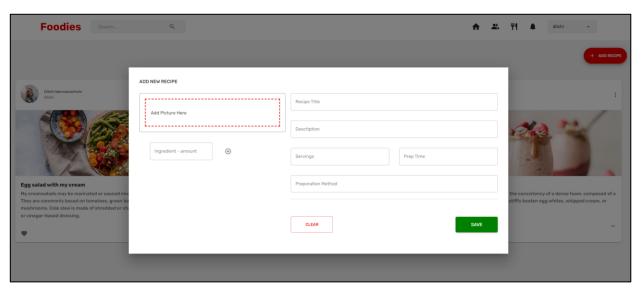
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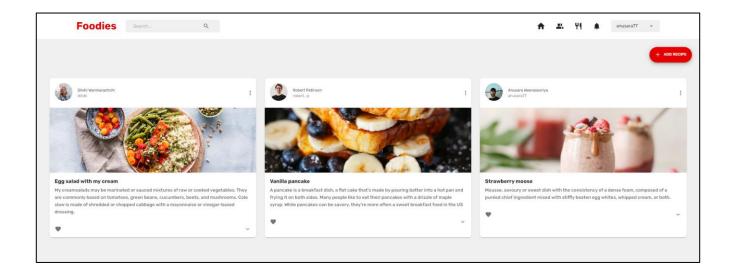


Users can view all comments made on a post by selecting the comment icon at the bottom of a post. If the user wants to add a comment, they can type a comment on the text area and click on the send icon. New comments will also be displayed for the post instantly. If the author of the comment needs to update the comment

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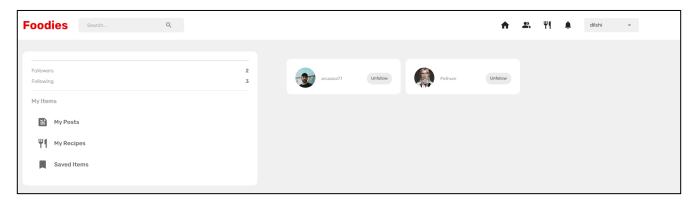
Another amazing feature of this website is to add users' own recipes. User can click on the food icon in the navbar and navigate to the Recipes page. All the recipes that are available in the website will be displayed here. User can add a new recipe by clicking on the floating action button called "ADD RCIPE". Then the Add recipe form modal will appear on the page. Users can create a new recipe by giving a title, description, preparation method, servings, and other important details. Users can also add ingredients one by one and remove them. Then the user can upload a suitable image for his/her new recipe. By clicking on the more options menu right corner user can make changes to his/her recipes and also delete them.





Also the user is provided with a feature to save posts for later use. User can get this feature by clicking on the Flag icon at the bottom left corner of the post card. When the user clicks that icon post will be saved in to saved Items for later reference.

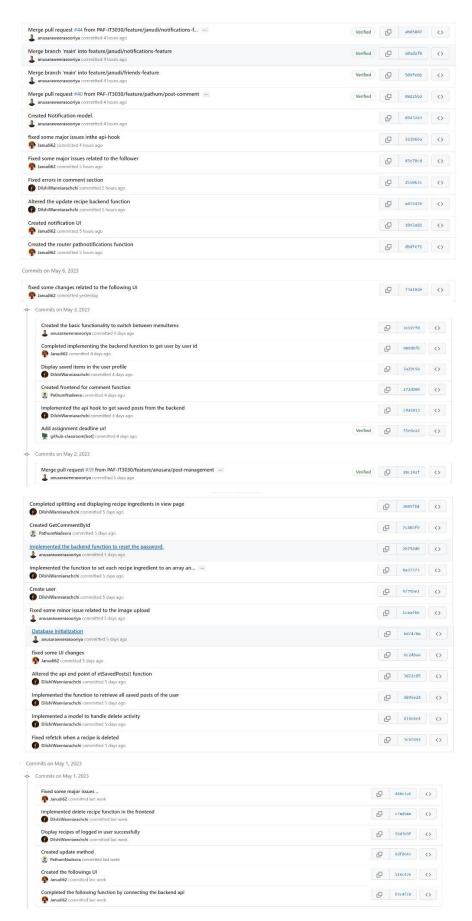
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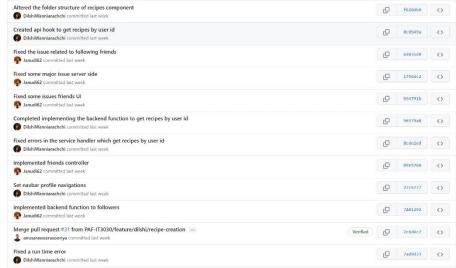
Users can follow other users to increase their connections with them on the social media platform. All the followers will display in the user profile and the user can unfollow them by clicking on the unfollow button. Also, the user's follower and following count will be displayed in the user profile widget. Users can follow other users by clicking on the follow button.

## 5. GitHub clickable link

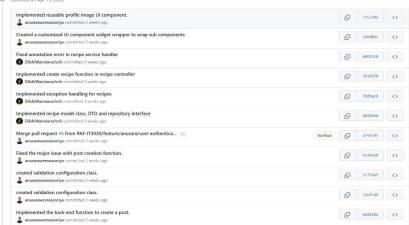
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