

ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL (RBAC) IN A MERN APPLICATION

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PROJECT TITLE

ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL (RBAC) IN A MERN APPLICATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to design and implement a fine-grained Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) system within a MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js) application. The RBAC model defines permissions based on roles such as Admin, Editor, and Viewer, controlling access to both UI components and backend APIs.

The Node.js backend enforces security through JWT-based authentication, encoding role and ownership claims. Middleware ensures authorization checks for routes and query-level filters in MongoDB to enforce data scoping. On the React frontend, UI elements are dynamically rendered based on the user's role, ensuring consistent security between client and server.

This system demonstrates row-level ownership control, where Editors can modify only their own content, while Admins have global privileges. Additionally, it integrates secure authentication, structured logging, and observability to monitor authorization events.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Hardware:

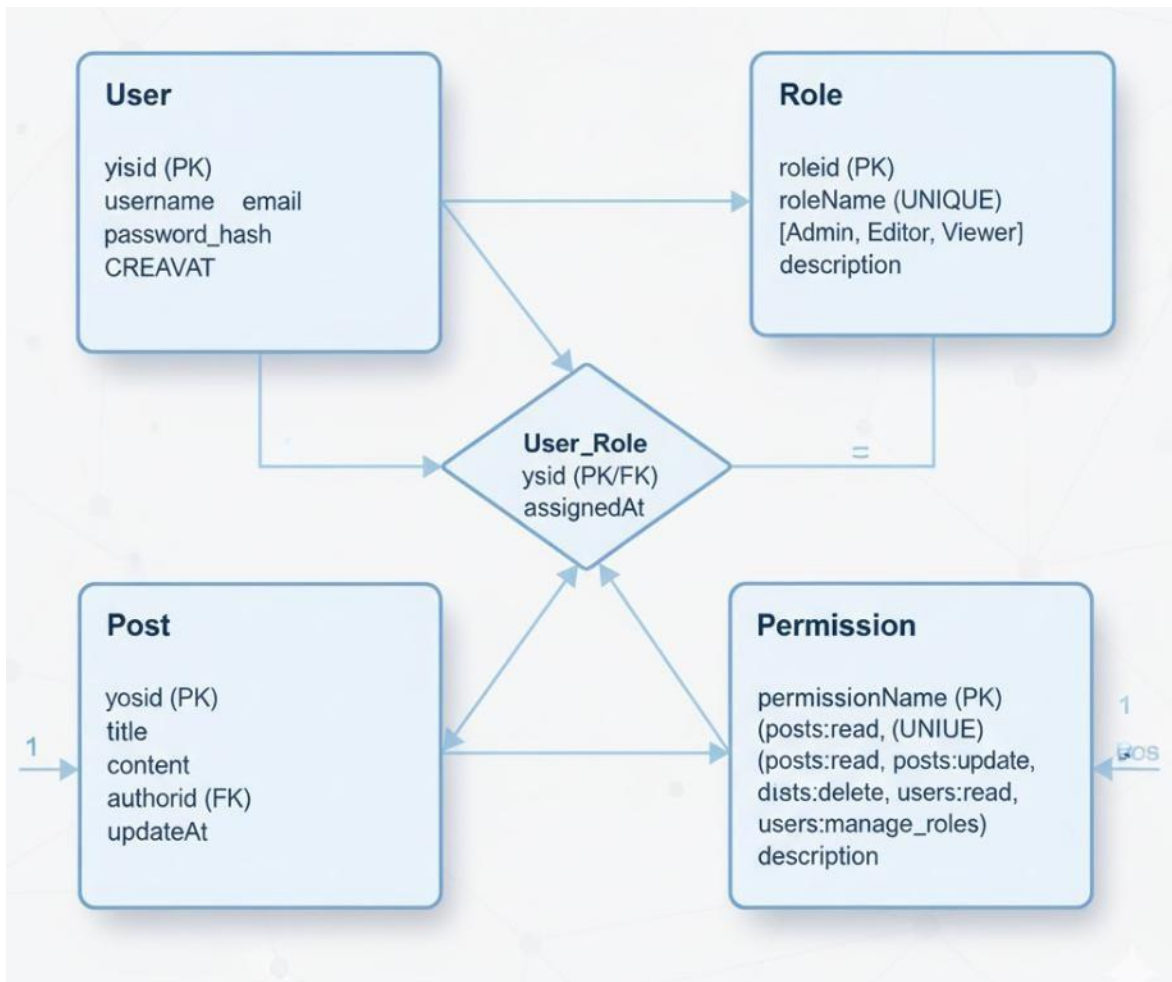
- Processor: Intel i5 or higher
- RAM: 8 GB minimum
- Hard Disk: 500 GB or higher
- Monitor: 15" color monitor
- Keyboard and Mouse

Software:

- Operating System: Windows 10 / Ubuntu 22.04
- Backend: Node.js (Express.js)
- Frontend: React.js
- Database: MongoDB
- Tools: Visual Studio Code, Postman, Git, Docker
- Browser: Google Chrome or Firefox

ER DIAGRAM

The ER diagram consists of the following main entities: User, Role, Permission, and Post. Their relationships define which roles can perform actions on posts and manage other users.



DATABASE SCHEMA

The database uses **MongoDB** with three main collections — **users**, **roles**, and **posts** — to implement fine-grained Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).

1. users Collection

Field	Type	Description
_id	ObjectId	Unique user ID
username	String	Login name (unique)
password	String	Encrypted password
email	String	Optional user email
roleId	ObjectId → roles._id	Assigned role
createdAt, updatedAt	Date	Timestamps

➡ Each user is linked to one role.

2. roles Collection

Field	Type	Description
_id	ObjectId	Role ID
name	String	Role name (Admin, Editor, Viewer)
permissions	Array	Allowed actions
description	String	Role summary

➡ Defines access levels and permissions.

3. posts Collection

Field	Type	Description
_id	ObjectId	Post ID
title, content	String	Post details
authorId	ObjectId → users._id	Post owner
status	String	Draft/Published
createdAt, updatedAt	Date	Timestamps

➡ Each post belongs to one user; Editors can modify only their own posts.

Relationships:

- User ↔ Role → One-to-One
- Role ↔ Permissions → One-to-Many
- User ↔ Post → One-to-Many

FRONT-END SCREENS

The frontend contains the following UI components:

1. Login Page – Secure authentication with JWT
2. Dashboard – Displays user's accessible data
3. Admin Panel – Role management and audit logs

Nimbus RBAC Demo Not Logged In


Sign In

Test Credentials: admin/admin123, editor1/editor123, viewer/viewer123.

Login

[Need an account? Register Here](#)

Nimbus RBAC Demo Dashboard Admin Panel Role: ADMIN Logout

 **Welcome, admin**
Role: ADMIN | User ID: 1

TOKEN: eyJhbGciOi0...

Content Dashboard

+ Publish New Content

Content Body (Row-level ownership will be applied here)

Publish Post



Welcome, admin

Role: ADMIN | User ID: 1

TOKEN: eyJhbGciOi...



User Management

admin

ID: 1 | Email: admin@example.com

Current Role: ADMIN

You Are Here

editor1

ID: 2 | Email: editor1@example.com

Current Role: EDITOR

EDITOR

Change Role

editor2

ID: 3 | Email: editor2@example.com

Current Role: EDITOR

EDITOR

Change Role

viewer

ID: 4 | Email: viewer@example.com

Current Role: VIEWER

VIEWER

Change Role

OUTPUT SCREENS

Nimbus RBAC Demo

DashboardAdmin Panel

Role: ADMINLogout

Welcome, admin
Role: ADMIN | User ID: 1

TOKEN: eyJ2bGciOi...

Content Dashboard

+ Publish New Content

Content Title

Content Body (Row-level ownership will be applied here)

Publish Post

Available Posts (5)

Refresh

Admin Global News

This is global content.

YOUR CONTENT

Admin

Delete

Author: admin (ID: 1)

Editor 1 Private Draft

Content only Editor 1 can modify.

External Content

Admin

Delete

Author: editor1 (ID: 2)

Editor 2 Public Article

A public facing article by Editor 2.

External Content

Admin

Delete

Author: editor2 (ID: 3)

General Info for Viewers

Everyone can read this.

External Content

Admin

Delete

Author: editor1 (ID: 2)

FULL STACK

MY PROJECT NAME IS ROLE BASED ACCESS CONTROL USING MERN

YOUR CONTENT

Admin

Delete

Author: admin (ID: 1)

Nimbus RBAC Demo

Dashboard

Role: VIEWERLogout

Welcome, 23BDA70011
Role: VIEWER | User ID: 5

TOKEN: eyJhbGciOi...

Content Dashboard

Available Posts (5)

Refresh

Admin Global News

This is global content.

External Content

Author: admin (ID: 1)

LIMITATIONS & FUTURE SCOPE

LIMITATIONS

1. Static role structure with no dynamic updates.
2. Limited flexibility in permission management.
3. Basic audit logging without detailed tracking.
4. No support for external authentication systems.
5. Limited scalability for large-scale deployments.

FUTURE SCOPE

1. Add dynamic role and permission management.
2. Implement advanced audit logging and analytics.
3. Integrate OAuth2.0 and LDAP for enterprise SSO.
4. Include AI-based anomaly and threat detection.
5. Develop a comprehensive admin analytics dashboard.

GITHUB URL

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/arunkumarbhagat/my-project/tree/main/rbac-project>

PPT SLIDES

Slide 1: Title and Introduction

Title & Introduction

- ▶ **Project Title: Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)**
- ▶ This project focuses on implementing fine-grained access control using Node.js, Express, React, and MongoDB with JWT authentication.
- ▶ Prepared By: Arun Kumar Bhagat (23BAI70142), Asmit Kumar (23BAI70229)
- ▶ GitHub: <https://github.com/arunkumarbhagat/my-project/tree/main/rbac-project>

Slide 2: Problem Statement

Problem Statement

- ▶ • Traditional applications lack proper access segregation.
- ▶ • Need to implement secure and fine-grained Role-Based Access Control.
- ▶ • Different users (Admin, Editor, Viewer) require specific permissions.
- ▶ • Ensure data privacy and authorization consistency between backend and frontend.

Slide 3: Project Objectives

Project Objectives

- ▶ • Implement role-based access using MERN stack.
- ▶ • Enforce API and UI restrictions based on user roles.
- ▶ • Secure authentication with JWT and password hashing.
- ▶ • Provide admin control for managing users and permissions.

slide 4: Proposed Solution

Proposed Solution

- ▶ • JWT-based authentication carrying userId and role.
- ▶ • Express middleware for route-level authorization.
- ▶ • MongoDB filters for role and ownership checks.
- ▶ • React route guards for UI-level access control.
- ▶ • Docker-based setup for easy deployment.

slide 5: System Architecture

System Architecture

- ▶ Frontend: React.js (role-aware UI)
- ▶ Backend: Node.js + Express (JWT auth + middleware)
- ▶ Database: MongoDB (users, roles, posts)
- ▶ Token Management: Access & Refresh JWT tokens
- ▶ Data Flow: User → React → Express → MongoDB

Slide 6: Security & Validation

Security & Validation

- ▶ • Input validation and sanitization.
- ▶ • Rate limiting and CORS configuration.
- ▶ • CSRF protection for cookie-based auth.
- ▶ • Password hashing using bcrypt.
- ▶ • Tokens stored securely with expiry.

Slide 7: Authentication Workflow

Authentication Workflow

- ▶ 1. User logs in using email and password.
- ▶ 2. Server verifies credentials.
- ▶ 3. JWT issued containing role & userId.
- ▶ 4. Middleware validates token before each request.
- ▶ 5. UI updates visibility based on user role.

Slide 8: Implementation and Demo

Implementation and Demo

- ▶ • Implemented APIs for user registration, login, and CRUD operations.
- ▶ • Middleware enforces permissions (can('posts:update')).
- ▶ • React UI hides restricted elements.
- ▶ • Demo includes seeded users: Admin, Editor, Viewer.
- ▶ • Docker Compose used for deployment with MongoDB.

Real Life Use Cases

- ▶ • **Banking Systems:** Restrict customer, teller, and admin operations.
- ▶ • **Healthcare:** Doctors access patient records; receptionists manage appointments.
- ▶ • **Education Portals:** Students view marks, teachers update grades, admins manage accounts.
- ▶ • **Corporate Systems:** Employees, managers, and HR have separate dashboards.

Real Life Use Cases

- ▶ • **E-commerce Platforms:** Customers place orders, sellers manage listings, admins oversee transactions.
- ▶ • **Social Media:** Regular users post content, moderators review, admins manage reports.
- ▶ • **Government Portals:** Citizens view services, officials process applications, super-admins manage departments.

Limitations and Future Enhancements

- ▶ • Limited to predefined roles (Admin, Editor, Viewer).
- ▶ • Role changes require redeployment.
- ▶ • Future Improvements:
 - ▶ - Add dynamic policy management.
 - ▶ - Multi-factor authentication (MFA).
 - ▶ - Advanced audit dashboard.
 - ▶ - Centralized access logs.

Conclusion

- ▶ Implemented fine-grained RBAC successfully.
- ▶ Enforced role-based access in both backend and frontend.
- ▶ Secured API endpoints and UI interactions.
- ▶ Achieved scalable and maintainable architecture.
- ▶ Project demonstrates practical RBAC using the MERN stack.

Slide 13: Thank You

Thank You

- ▶ Thank you for your attention!
- ▶ Presented By: Arun Kumar Bhagat
- ▶ GitHub:
<https://github.com/arunkumarbhagat/my-project/tree/main/rbac-project>
- ▶ Q&A



PROJECT CODE

BACKEND (SERVER.JS)

```
const express = require('express');
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
const bcrypt = require('bcryptjs');
const cors = require('cors');

// --- Configuration ---
const JWT_SECRET =
'supersecurejwtsecret'; // In a real app,
use environment variables!
const JWT_EXPIRATION = '1h';
const PORT = 3001;

// --- Mock Database (Simulating
mongoose/MongoDB) ---
let users = [];
let posts = [];
let nextUserId = 1;
let nextPostId = 1;

// --- RBAC Permission Matrix (Core
Feature) ---
const PERMISSIONS = {
  ADMIN: {
    'users': ['create', 'read', 'update',
'delete'],
    'posts': ['create', 'read', 'update',
'delete'],
    'admin': ['manage_roles']
  },
  EDITOR: {
    'posts': ['create', 'read'],
    'self_posts': ['update', 'delete'], //
Can update/delete only their own posts
    'users': ['read']
```

```
  },
  VIEWER: {
    'posts': ['read']
  }
};

// --- Security Helpers ---
const hashPassword = (password) =>
bcrypt.hashSync(password, 10);

// --- Seeding Data (Key Feature: Seed &
Dev Setup) ---
const seedDatabase = () => {
  // 1. Create Users
  users = [
    { id: nextUserId++, username:
'admin', password:
hashPassword('admin123'), role:
'ADMIN', email: 'admin@example.com'
  },
    { id: nextUserId++, username:
'editor1', password:
hashPassword('editor123'), role:
'EDITOR', email:
'editor1@example.com' },
    { id: nextUserId++, username:
'editor2', password:
hashPassword('editor123'), role:
'EDITOR', email:
'editor2@example.com' },
    { id: nextUserId++, username:
'viewer', password:
hashPassword('viewer123'), role:
'VIEWER', email:
'viewer@example.com' },
```



```

];

// 2. Create Posts
const editor1Id = users.find(u =>
u.username === 'editor1').id;
const editor2Id = users.find(u =>
u.username === 'editor2').id;

posts = [
  { id: nextPostId++, title: 'Admin
Global News', content: 'This is global
content.', authorId: users.find(u =>
u.username === 'admin').id, author:
'admin', createdAt: new Date() },
  { id: nextPostId++, title: 'Editor 1
Private Draft', content: 'Content only
Editor 1 can modify.', authorId:
editor1Id, author: 'editor1', createdAt:
new Date() },
  { id: nextPostId++, title: 'Editor 2
Public Article', content: 'A public facing
article by Editor 2.', authorId: editor2Id,
author: 'editor2', createdAt: new Date()
},
  { id: nextPostId++, title: 'General
Info for Viewers', content: 'Everyone can
read this.', authorId: editor1Id, author:
'editor1', createdAt: new Date() },
];

console.log(`Database seeded with
${users.length} users and
${posts.length} posts.`);
};
seedDatabase();

// --- Express App Setup ---
const app = express();
app.use(express.json());

```

```

// CORS setup for frontend (Key
Feature: Security)
app.use(cors({
  origin: 'http://localhost:5173', //
  Replace with your React app URL if
  needed
  methods: ['GET', 'POST', 'PUT',
'DELETE'],
  allowedHeaders: ['Content-Type',
'Authorization'],
}));

// --- Middleware: Authentication (Auth
Tokens) ---
const authMiddleware = (req, res, next)
=> {
  const authHeader =
req.headers.authorization;
  if (!authHeader ||
!authHeader.startsWith('Bearer ')) {
    console.log('Authorization check
failed: Missing or invalid header.');
```

return res.status(401).send({ error:
'Access Denied. No token provided.' });

```

  }

  const token = authHeader.split(' ')[1];

  try {
    const decoded = jwt.verify(token,
JWT_SECRET);
    // Attach user info (including role
and userId) to the request
    req.user = {
      id: decoded.userId,
      role: decoded.role,
      username: decoded.username //
Used for logging
    };
  }

```



```

    next();
  } catch (ex) {
    console.log('JWT verification
failed:', ex.message);
    return res.status(400).send({ error:
'Invalid token.' });
  }
};

// --- Middleware: Authorization (API
Enforcement) ---
/**
 * Express middleware to check if the
authenticated user has the required
permission.
 * @param {string} resource - e.g.,
'posts', 'users', 'admin'
 * @param {string} action - e.g., 'create',
'read', 'update', 'delete', 'manage_roles'
 * @param {boolean}
[isOwnerCheck=false] - If true, checks
for 'self_' permission or relies on logic
below.
 */
const authorize = (resource, action,
isOwnerCheck = false) => {
  return (req, res, next) => {
    const role = req.user.role;
    const rolePermissions =
PERMISSIONS[role];

    if (!rolePermissions) {
      console.warn(` Attempted access
by user ${req.user.id} with invalid role:
${role} `);
      return res.status(403).send({
error: 'Forbidden. Invalid Role
Configuration.' });
    }

```

```

    let hasPermission = false;

    // 1. Standard Check (e.g., ADMIN
can 'posts:delete')
    if (rolePermissions[resource] &&
rolePermissions[resource].includes(action)) {
      hasPermission = true;
    }

    // 2. Ownership Check (Key
Feature: Row-level Security)
    if (isOwnerCheck) {
      // Check for explicit 'self'
permission (e.g., EDITOR's
'self_posts:update')
      const selfResource =
`self_${resource}`;
      if (rolePermissions[selfResource]
&&
rolePermissions[selfResource].includes(
action)) {
        // Permission granted, now the
route handler must check the authorId
        hasPermission = true;
        req.isOwnerCheckRequired =
true; // Flag for route handler
      }
    }

    if (hasPermission) {
      next();
    } else {
      console.log(` Authorization
Denial (403): User ${req.user.username}
(Role: ${role}) failed check for
${resource}:${action} `);

```



```

        // Structured Log for
        Observability
        console.error(JSON.stringify({
            level: 'error',
            message:
'AuthorizationDenied',
            userId: req.user.id,
            username: req.user.username,
            role: role,
            requiredPermission:
`${resource}:${action}`,
            timestamp: new
Date().toISOString(),
            correlationId: req.headers['x-
request-id'] || 'N/A'
        }));
        res.status(403).send({ error:
'Forbidden. Role '${role}' cannot
perform '${action}' on '${resource}'` });
    }
};
};
};

```

```

// --- Route: Authentication ---
app.post('/api/auth/register', async (req,
res) => {
    const { username, password, email,
role } = req.body;
    // Input validation/sanitization
(minimal check)
    if (!username || !password) return
res.status(400).send('Username and
password are required. ');
    if (users.some(u => u.username ===
username)) return
res.status(400).send('User already
exists. ');

    const newUser = {

```

```

        id: nextUserId++,
        username,
        password:
hashPassword(password),
        email: email ||
`${username}@example.com`,
        // Default role is VIEWER unless
Admin is registering them (Admin path
is below)
        role: ['ADMIN', 'EDITOR',
'VIEWER'].includes(role) ? role :
'VIEWER',
    };
    users.push(newUser);

    const token = jwt.sign(
        { userId: newUser.id, role:
newUser.role, username:
newUser.username },
        JWT_SECRET,
        { expiresIn: JWT_EXPIRATION }
    );

    res.send({ token, role: newUser.role,
userId: newUser.id, username:
newUser.username });
});

app.post('/api/auth/login', async (req,
res) => {
    const { username, password } =
req.body;
    const user = users.find(u =>
u.username === username);

    if (!user ||
!bcrypt.compareSync(password,
user.password)) {

```



```

    return res.status(400).send('Invalid
    username or password.');
```

```

    // Key Feature: Auth Tokens (JWT
    with role, userId)
    const token = jwt.sign(
      { userId: user.id, role: user.role,
        username: user.username },
      JWT_SECRET,
      { expiresIn: JWT_EXPIRATION }
    );
```

```

    res.send({
      token,
      role: user.role,
      userId: user.id,
      username: user.username,
      message: `Welcome,
    ${user.username} (${user.role})!`
    });
  });
```

```

// --- Route: Posts API (Data Scoping /
// CRUD) ---
```

```

// CREATE Post
app.post('/api/posts', authMiddleware,
  authorize('posts', 'create'), (req, res) => {
    const { title, content } = req.body;
    const newPost = {
      id: nextPostId++,
      title,
      content,
      authorId: req.user.id,
      author: req.user.username,
      createdAt: new Date()
    };
  });
```

```

    posts.push(newPost);
    res.status(201).send(newPost);
  });
```

```

// READ Posts (Key Feature: Data
// Scoping)
app.get('/api/posts', authMiddleware,
  authorize('posts', 'read'), (req, res) => {
    const userRole = req.user.role;
    let filteredPosts = [...posts];
```

```

    // This is the core Data Scoping /
    Query-level Filter logic
    if (userRole === 'VIEWER' ||
    userRole === 'EDITOR') {
      // In a real MongoDB query:
      Post.find({ isPublic: true }) or similar.
      // Mock: Assume all posts are
      visible for demonstration of the READ
      permission.
      // If we wanted to restrict access,
      we would filter here.
      // For simplicity, READ is global
      access for all authenticated users who
      pass authorize.
    }
  });
```

```

    res.send(filteredPosts.map(p => ({
      id: p.id,
      title: p.title,
      content: p.content,
      author: p.author,
      authorId: p.authorId,
      createdAt: p.createdAt
    })));
  });
```

```

// UPDATE Post (Key Feature:
// Ownership Predicates)
```



```

app.put('/api/posts/:id', authMiddleware,
authorize('posts', 'update', true), (req, res)
=> {
    const postId =
parseInt(req.params.id);
    const postIndex = posts.findIndex(p
=> p.id === postId);

    if (postIndex === -1) return
res.status(404).send('Post not found.');
```

const post = posts[postIndex];

// Check 1: Did the authorize
middleware flag an ownership
requirement? (i.e., user is an Editor)
if (req.isOwnerCheckRequired) {
 // Check 2: Actual row-level
security check (authorId === userId)
 if (post.authorId !== req.user.id) {
 console.log(' Authorization
Denial (403): User \${req.user.username}
attempted to update post \${postId}
belonging to \${post.authorId} ');
 return res.status(403).send({
error: 'Forbidden. You can only update
your own posts.' });
 }
}

// Admin, who doesn't trigger
req.isOwnerCheckRequired for
'posts:update', bypasses this check.

// Update the post
posts[postIndex] = {
 ...post,
 title: req.body.title || post.title,
 content: req.body.content ||
post.content,

```

    updatedAt: new Date()
};

res.send(posts[postIndex]);
});

// DELETE Post (Ownership Predicates)
app.delete('/api/posts/:id',
authMiddleware, authorize('posts',
'delete', true), (req, res) => {
    const postId =
parseInt(req.params.id);
    const postIndex = posts.findIndex(p
=> p.id === postId);
    app.put('/api/admin/users/:id/role',
authMiddleware, authorize('admin',
'manage_roles'), (req, res) => {
        const userId =
parseInt(req.params.id);
        const { newRole } = req.body;

        if (!['ADMIN', 'EDITOR',
'VIEWER'].includes(newRole)) {
            return res.status(400).send('Invalid
role provided.');
```

}

const userIndex = users.findIndex(u
=> u.id === userId);
 if (userIndex === -1) return
res.status(404).send('User not found.');

const oldRole = users[userIndex].role;
users[userIndex].role = newRole;

// Audit Log example (Key Feature:
Administration/Observability)
 console.log(`[AUDIT] Role changed
for User ID \${userId}


```
($ {users[userIndex].username}) by  
Admin ID ${req.user.id}. Old Role:  
${oldRole}, New Role: ${newRole}`);
```

```
res.send({ message: `Role updated to  
${newRole} for user  
${users[userIndex].username}.` });  
});
```

```
// --- Server Start ---  
app.listen(PORT, () => {
```

```
console.log(` ⚡ [Server] Running on  
http://localhost:${PORT}`);  
console.log('--- Test Users ---');  
console.log('Admin: admin /  
admin123');  
console.log('Editor: editor1 /  
editor123');  
console.log('Viewer: viewer /  
viewer123');  
});
```

PACKAGE.JSON

```
{  
  "name": "server",  
  "version": "1.0.0",  
  "description": "",  
  "main": "server.js",  
  "scripts": {  
    "start": "node server.js",  
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"  
  },  
  "keywords": [],  
  "author": "",  
  "license": "ISC",  
  "dependencies": {  
    "bcryptjs": "^2.4.3",  
    "cors": "^2.8.5",  
    "express": "^4.18.2",  
    "jsonwebtoken": "^9.0.2"  
  }  
}
```


React (Frontend of MERN RBAC System)

```
import React, { useState,
useEffect, useCallback, useMemo
} from 'react';
import { LogIn, User, Edit,
Trash2, Plus, Users, Shield } from
' lucide-react';

const API_BASE_URL =
'http://localhost:3001/api';

// --- Permission Matrix ---
const PERMISSIONS = {
  ADMIN: { users:
['create','read','update','delete'],
posts:
['create','read','update','delete'],
admin: ['manage_roles'] },
EDITOR: { posts: ['create','read'],
self_posts: ['update','delete'], users:
['read'] },
VIEWER: { posts: ['read'] }
};

// --- Auth Hook ---
const useAuth = () => {
const [user, setUser] =
useState(null);
useEffect(() => { const stored =
localStorage.getItem('rbacUser'); if
(stored)
setUser(JSON.parse(stored)); },
[]);
```

```
const login = useCallback((data)
=> { setUser(data);
localStorage.setItem('rbacUser',
JSON.stringify(data)); }, []);
const logout = useCallback(() =>
{ setUser(null);
localStorage.removeItem('rbacUse
r'); }, []);
const can =
useCallback((resource, action,
ownerId=null) => {
if (!user?.role) return false;
const rolePerms =
PERMISSIONS[user.role];
if
(rolePerms[resource]?.includes(act
ion)) return true;
if (ownerId &&
rolePerms['self_${resource}']?.inc
ludes(action)) return user.userId
=== ownerId;
return false;
}, [user]);
return { user, login, logout, can };
};

// --- UI Components ---
const LoadingSpinner = () => <div
className="text-center p-
10">Loading...</div>;

const AuthView = ({ login }) => {
```



```
// Login/Register Form + Role-
based demo credentials
};
```

```
const PostForm = ({ can,
refreshPosts }) => {
  // Post creation form, allowed
  only for users with `posts:create`
};
```

```
const PostItem = ({ post, user, can,
refreshPosts }) => {
  // Displays post content with
  Edit/Delete buttons conditionally
  rendered via `can()`
};
```

```
const Dashboard = ({ user, can,
refreshPosts, posts }) => {
  // Fetch and display posts;
  enforce read permissions via
  `can('posts','read')`
};
```

```
const AdminPanel = ({ user, can })
=> {
  // User management + Role
  assignment; accessible only to
  ADMIN via
  `can('admin','manage_roles')`
};
```

```
// --- Main Application ---
const App = () => {
```

```
  const { user, login, logout, can }
  = useAuth();
  const [posts, setPosts] =
  useState([]);
  const [currentView,
  setCurrentView] =
  useState('dashboard');

  const refreshPosts =
  useCallback((p) => setPosts(p),
  []);
  const navItems = useMemo(() => [
    { name: 'Dashboard', view:
    'dashboard', show: true },
    { name: 'Admin Panel', view:
    'admin', show: can('users','read') },
  ], [can]);

  if (!user) return <AuthView
  login={login} />;

  return (
    <div className="app">
      <header>
        <h1>RBAC Demo</h1>
        <button
        onClick={logout}>Logout</button
        >
      </header>
      <main>
        {currentView === 'admin'
        ? <AdminPanel user={user}
        can={can} />

```



```

      : <Dashboard user={user}
can={can}
refreshPosts={refreshPosts}
posts={posts} />
    </main>

```

```

    </div>
  );
};

export default App;

```

INDEX.CSS (FOR STYLING)

```

:
root {
  font-family: system-ui, Avenir,
Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
  line-height: 1.5;
  font-weight: 400;

  color-scheme: light dark;
  color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.87);
  background-color: #242424;

  font-synthesis: none;
  text-rendering: optimizeLegibility;
  -webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
  -moz-osx-font-smoothing: grayscale;
}

a {
  font-weight: 500;
  color: #646cff;
  text-decoration: inherit;
}
a:hover {
  color: #535bf2;
}

body {
  margin: 0;
  display: flex;
  place-items: center;
  min-width: 320px;

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  min-height: 100vh;
}

h1 {
  font-size: 3.2em;
  line-height: 1.1;
}

button {
  border-radius: 8px;
  border: 1px solid transparent;
  padding: 0.6em 1.2em;
  font-size: 1em;
  font-weight: 500;
  font-family: inherit;
  background-color: #1a1a1a;
  cursor: pointer;
  transition: border-color 0.25s;
}
button:hover {
  border-color: #646cff;
}
button:focus,
button:focus-visible {
  outline: 4px auto -webkit-focus-ring-
color;
}

@media (prefers-color-scheme: light) {
  :root {

```



```

    color: #213547;
    background-color: #ffffff;
}
a:hover {
    color: #747bff;

```

```

}
button {
    background-color: #f9f9f9;
}
}

```

INDEX.HTML (FOR WEB)

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <title>Nimbus RBAC Demo</title>
  <!-- Tailwind CSS CDN -->
  <script
src="https://cdn.tailwindcss.com"></scri
pt>
  <link
href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?
family=Inter:wght@100..900&display=s
wap" rel="stylesheet">
</head>

<body class="font-sans bg-gray-50 min-
h-screen">
  <div id="app-root" class="flex justify-
center items-center h-screen">
    <div class="animate-spin h-12 w-12
border-b-4 border-indigo-500 rounded-
full"></div>
  </div>

  <script type="module">
    /* ----- Core RBAC Logic ---
----- */

    const API_BASE_URL =
"http://localhost:3001/api";
    const PERMISSIONS = {
      ADMIN: { users:
['create','read','update','delete'], posts:

```

```

['create','read','update','delete'], admin:
['manage_roles'] },
      EDITOR: { posts: ['create','read'],
self_posts: ['update','delete'], users:
['read'] },
      VIEWER: { posts: ['read'] }
    };

    let user = null, posts = [], currentView
= 'dashboard', theme = 'light';

    function can(resource, action,
ownerId=null) {
      if (!user) return false;
      const rolePerms =
PERMISSIONS[user.role];
      if
(rolePerms[resource]?.includes(action))
return true;
      if (ownerId &&
rolePerms[`self_${resource}`]?.includes
(action))
        return user.userId === ownerId;
      return false;
    }

    /* ----- Authentication -----
----- */

    async function login(username,
password) {

```



```

    const res = await
    fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/auth/login`,
    {
        method: 'POST', headers:
    {'Content-Type': 'application/json'},
        body: JSON.stringify({ username,
    password })
    });
    const data = await res.json();
    if (!res.ok) throw new
    Error(data.message);
    localStorage.setItem('rbacUser',
    JSON.stringify(data));
    user = data;
    renderApp();
    }

    function logout() { user = null;
    localStorage.removeItem('rbacUser');
    renderApp(); }

    /* ----- Theme Toggle -----
    ----- */
    function toggleTheme() {
        theme = theme === 'light' ? 'dark' :
    'light';

    document.documentElement.classList.to
    ggle('dark');
    }

    /* ----- Rendering -----
    --- */
    function renderHeader() {
        return `
        <header class="bg-white shadow-
    md p-4 flex justify-between">
            <h1 class="text-2xl font-bold text-
    indigo-600">Nimbus RBAC
    Demo</h1>

```

```

    ${user ? `<button
    onclick="logout()" class="bg-red-600
    text-white px-4 py-2 rounded-
    lg">Logout</button>` : ""}
    </header>
    `;
    }

    function renderAuth() {
        document.getElementById("app-
    root").innerHTML = `
        ${renderHeader()}
        <div class="max-w-md mx-auto
    mt-20 bg-white p-8 rounded-xl
    shadow">
            <h2 class="text-3xl font-bold mb-
    4">Sign In</h2>
            <input id="username"
    class="border p-2 w-full mb-3"
    placeholder="Username" />
            <input id="password"
    type="password" class="border p-2 w-
    full mb-3" placeholder="Password" />
            <button
    onclick="login(username.value,
    password.value)" class="bg-indigo-600
    text-white px-4 py-2 rounded w-
    full">Login</button>
        </div>
        `;
    }

    function renderDashboard() {
        document.getElementById("app-
    root").innerHTML = `
        ${renderHeader()}
        <main class="max-w-4xl mx-auto
    p-6">
            <h2 class="text-3xl font-bold mb-
    6">Dashboard</h2>

```



```

    <p>Welcome,
<strong>${user.username}</strong>
(${user.role})</p>
    <div class="mt-4 p-4 bg-gray-100
rounded-lg">Posts list will appear
here...</div>
    </main>
`;
}

function renderApp() {
    user ? renderDashboard() :
renderAuth();
}

```

```

document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', () => {
    const stored =
localStorage.getItem('rbacUser');
    if (stored) user =
JSON.parse(stored);
    renderApp();
});
</script>
</body>
</html>

```


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