

Full Stack Development with MERN

Project Documentation: GreenCart – Online Grocery Web Application

1. Introduction

- Project Title: GreenCart – Online Grocery Web Application

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2. Project Overview

- Purpose: To provide users with a seamless online platform to browse, add, and purchase groceries.
- Features: Product listing, search/filter, cart, user authentication, admin product management.

3. Architecture

- Frontend: Built using Angular with Bootstrap for responsive design.
- Backend: Developed using Node.js and Express.js to handle business logic and APIs.
- Database: MongoDB is used for storing product, user, and cart information.

4. Setup Instructions

- Prerequisites: Node.js, MongoDB, Angular CLI.
- Installation:
 1. Clone the repository.
 2. Run `npm install` in both frontend and backend folders.
 3. Setup environment variables.
 4. Run the servers.

5. Folder Structure

- Client: Angular frontend organized into components, services, and routes.
- Server: Node.js backend with separate routes, controllers, and models.

6. Running the Application

- Frontend: `npm run dev` in the client directory.
- Backend: `npm run server` in the server directory.

7. API Documentation

- Document all endpoints exposed by the backend.
- Include request methods, parameters, and example responses.

Frontend: <http://localhost:5173>

Backend: <http://localhost:4000>

8. Authentication

- Authentication is handled using JWT (JSON Web Tokens).
- After login, a token is issued and stored in the browser (typically in localStorage).
- Protected backend routes require the token in the Authorization header.
- The server validates the token before processing the request.

9. User Interface

- Built with Angular and styled using Bootstrap for responsiveness.
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- Includes:
 - Product grid with categories and prices
 - Login/Signup pages
 - Cart preview and checkout button

10. Testing

- Manual testing was performed for all workflows:
 - User registration
 - Login
 - Adding/removing from cart
 - Product navigation
 - Postman was used to validate backend API endpoints.
 - Unit testing can be enhanced using Jasmine and Karma (Angular default).

11. Screenshots or Demo

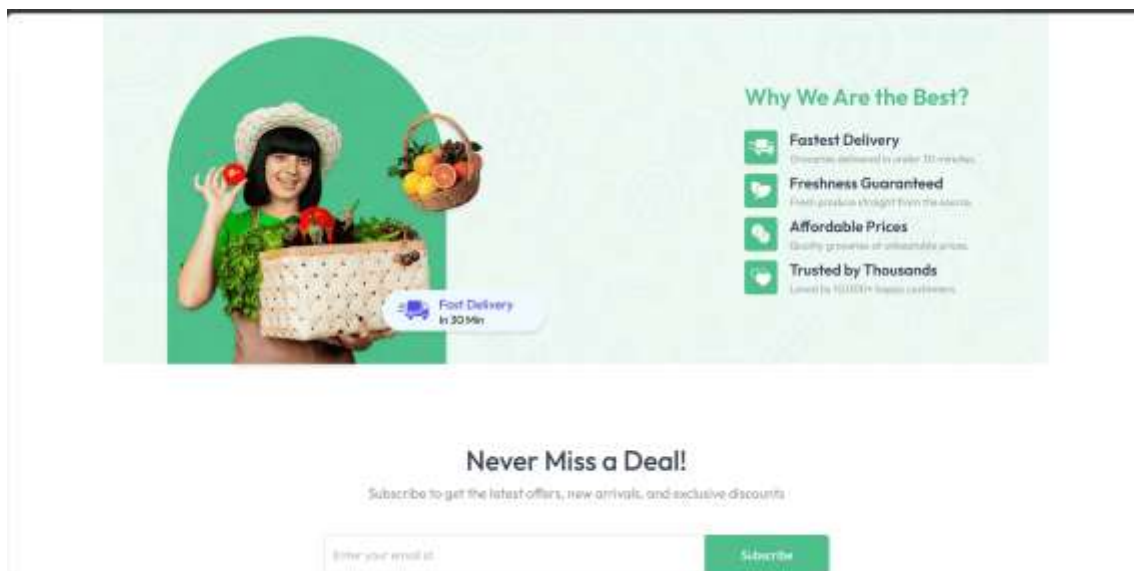
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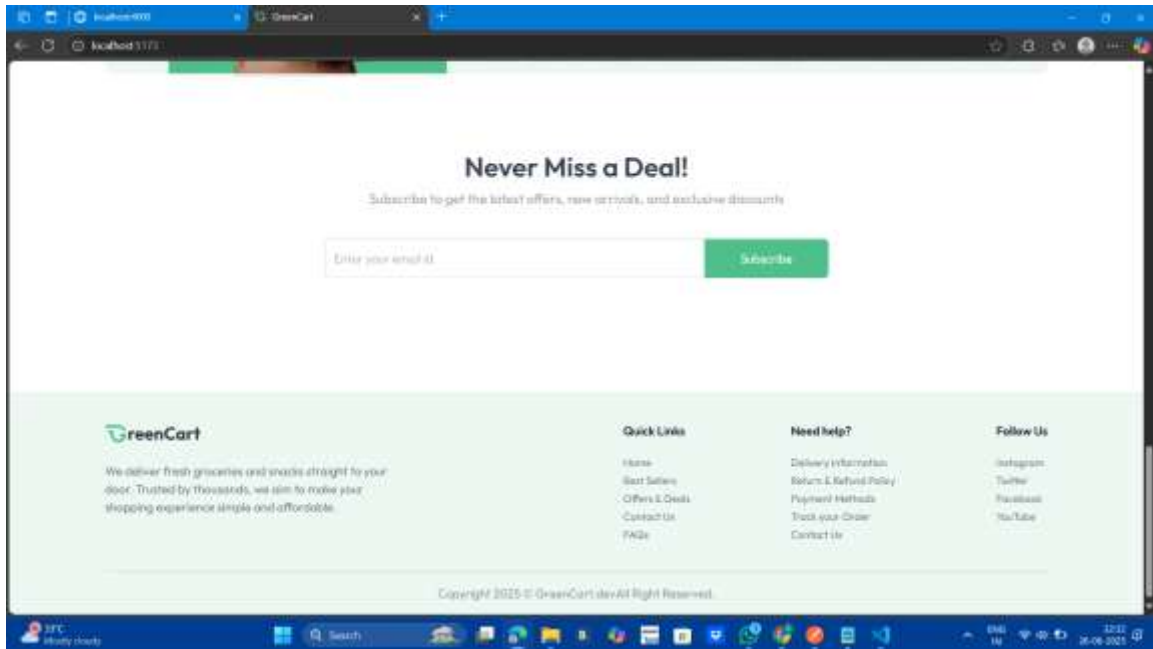


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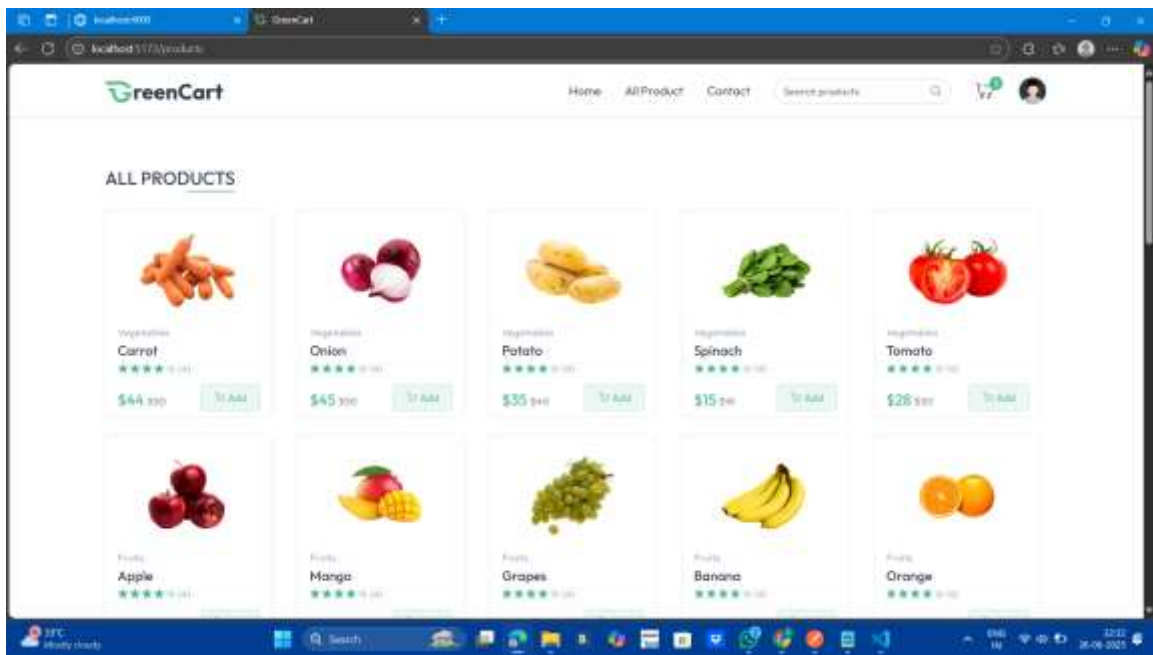


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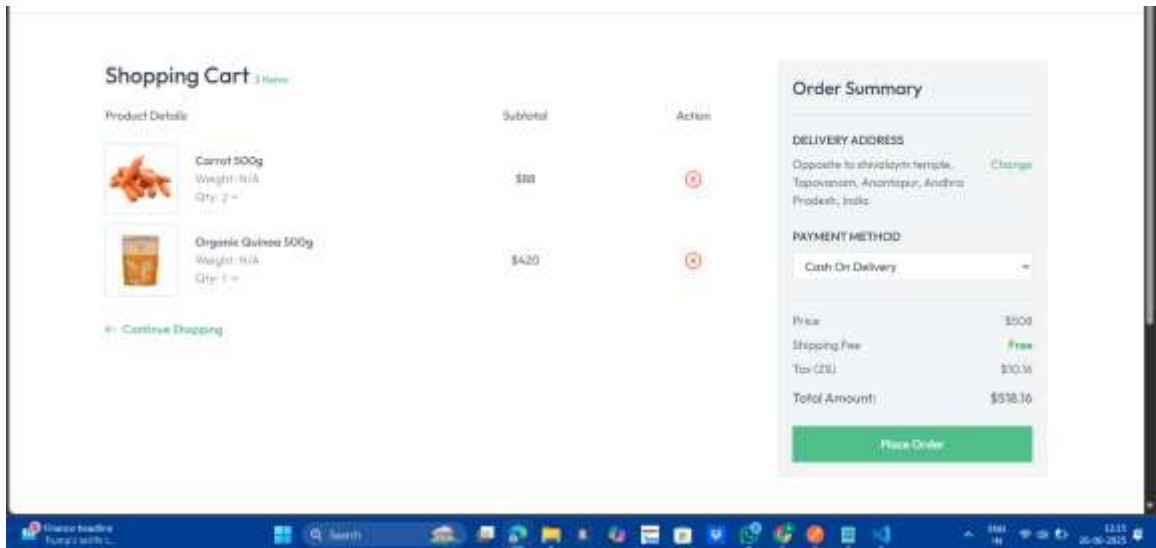




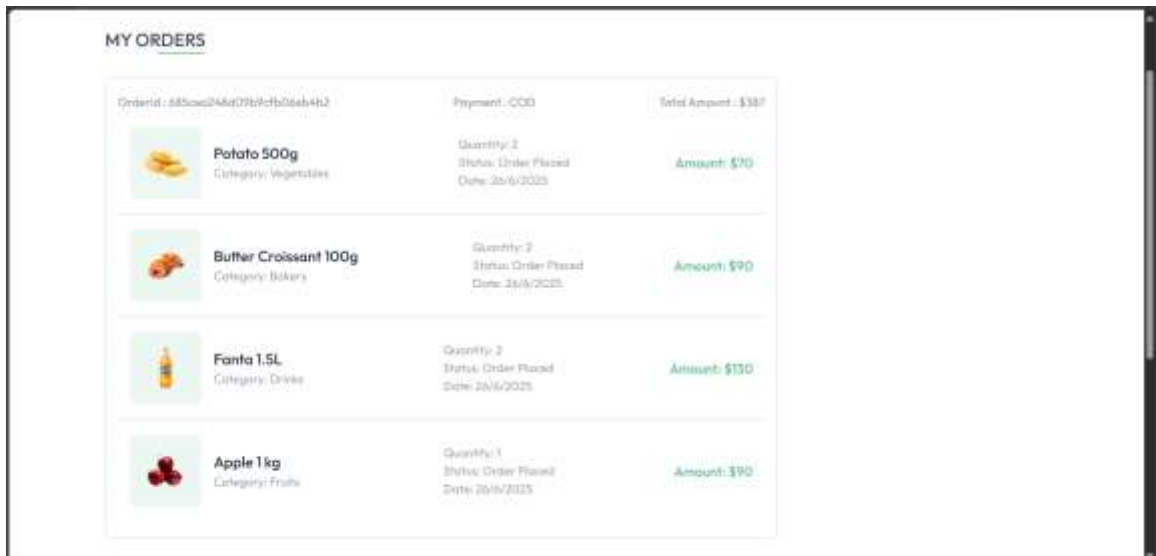
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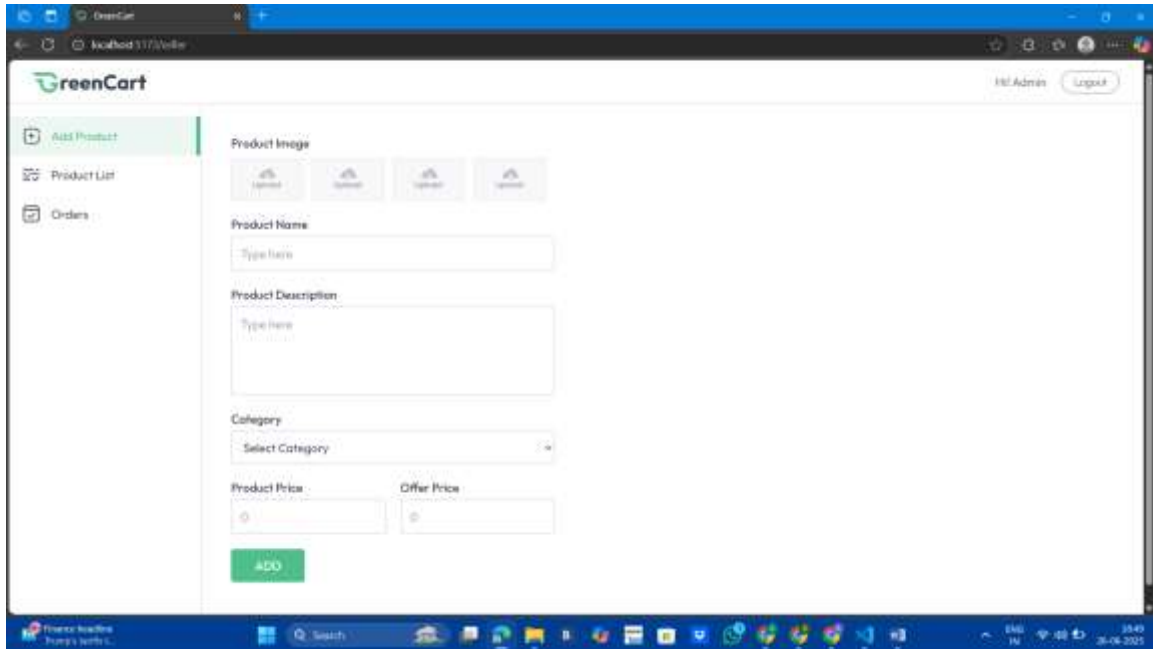
Cart



MyOrders



Admin:



12. Known Issues

- Payment gateway is not live – only simulated.
- No image upload or file storage functionality.
- No user role separation for admin tasks (if admin panel exists).
- No validation for duplicate products.

13. Future Enhancements

- Integrate real payment gateways like Razorpay or Stripe.
- Implement role-based access (admin/user).
- Enable product image uploads using Cloudinary or AWS S3.
- Add product reviews, ratings, and feedback.
- Improve search functionality with filters and suggestions.
- Enable order tracking and invoice generation.