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AI-Based Document Verification System

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DocuDino: AI-Based Document Verification System

1. Introduction

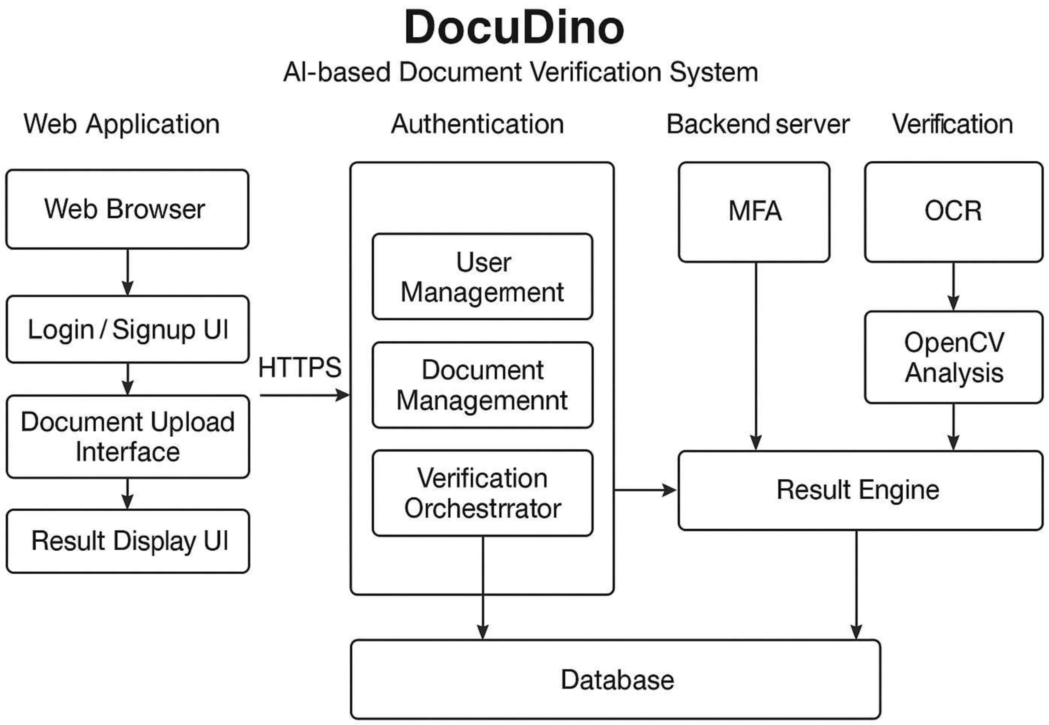
1.1 Background

In an era where identity fraud is rapidly increasing, traditional manual verification methods are no longer sufficient to ensure document authenticity. Fraudsters are leveraging sophisticated techniques and even AI-generated documents to bypass security checks. This project, titled **DocuDino**, aims to mitigate this problem by introducing an AI-powered, automated document verification system designed to detect inconsistencies and potential forgery through a web application.

1.2 Objective

To build a secure, efficient, and scalable document verification system that uses AI-based techniques for fraud detection, particularly focusing on features like holograms, QR codes, smartchips, and other security markers commonly used in national ID documents.

2. System Architecture



2.1 Technologies Used

- **Frontend:** React with TypeScript (TSX)
- **Backend:** Python (FastAPI or Flask)
- **OCR:** Tesseract
- **Computer Vision:** OpenCV
- **Authentication:** JWT, MFA
- **Testing Tools:** OWASP ZAP, Bandit, Postman

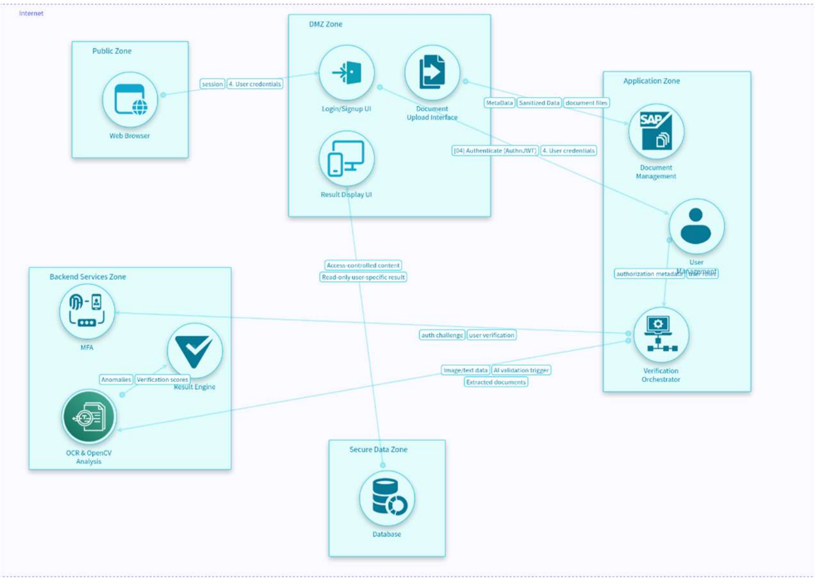
2.2 Component Overview

- **User Interface:** Document upload and result display
- **Auth System:** Secure login/signup using JWT and MFA
- **OCR Engine:** Extracts text data from uploaded documents
- **Security Feature Detector:** Uses OpenCV to analyze:
  - Holograms
  - Smartchips
  - QR Codes
  - ID Number Format
  - Reflective Monograms
- **Scoring Engine:** Assigns random but logical weights to each security feature to calculate a final authenticity score
- **Backend API:** Processes the uploaded file, applies detection models, and returns results

3. Threat Modeling

3.1 STRIDE Model

Threat	Description	Mitigation
Spoofing	Impersonating a user to access the system	JWT tokens, MFA, HTTPS enforcement
Tampering	Altering input documents or responses	Input sanitization, file integrity checks
Repudiation	Denying document upload or result generation	Audit logs, request tracing
Information Disclosure	Sensitive data leakage	TLS encryption, access control
Denial of Service (DoS)	Flooding system with requests	Rate limiting, WAF
Elevation of Privilege	Gaining unauthorized admin access	Role-based access control



3.2 Attack Surfaces

- File upload endpoint
- API authentication headers
- Public-facing API routes

4. Security Features Implemented

Feature	**Description**
JWT Auth	Secure token-based session management
MFA	Email-based or App-based multi-factor authentication
HTTPS	Enforced secure data transmission
Sanitized File Uploads	Validate MIME type and file size
Content Inspection	Rejects tampered or malformed documents
Security Score Engine	Composite scoring based on multiple validated document features

5. Fraud Detection Mechanism

5.1 Feature Detection (via OpenCV)

- **Hologram Analysis:** Reflectivity and contour detection
- **QR Code Validation:** Scanning and content pattern validation
- **Smartchip Location & Pattern Matching**
- **Reflective Monogram Detection:** Color/light variance tracking
- **ID Number Pattern Check:** Regex-based validation

5.2 Text Extraction (via Tesseract OCR)

- Extract name, ID number, issue date, and compare against expected format
- Flag inconsistencies (e.g., invalid name characters, mismatched DOBs)

5.3 Scoring Logic

Each detected feature is assigned a weight:

- Hologram: 20 pts
- Smartchip: 20 pts
- QR Code: 15 pts
- Reflective Monogram: 15 pts
- ID Number Validity: 10 pts
- OCR Text Consistency: 20 pts

Total Score = Sum of Detected Features

- 90: Likely Authentic
- 60–90: Requires Manual Review
- <60: Likely Forged

6. Testing and Analysis

6.1 Static Code Analysis

Bandit (Python Security Linter)

- Identified use of unsafe functions (e.g., eval()) – Removed
- Checked for use of hardcoded secrets – Mitigated
- Checked for directory traversal and OS command injection – Safe

OWASP ZAP

- Tested for:
  - SQL Injection: Not applicable (no SQL used)
  - XSS: No reflected/stored XSS found
  - Insecure Headers: Missing X-Content-Type-Options header (fixed)
  - CSRF: JWT prevents form-based attacks

6.2 API Testing – Postman

- Tested all major endpoints: /login, /signup, /verify-doc, /result
- Validated auth workflows with valid/invalid tokens
- Checked unauthorized access to protected routes (blocked)
- Verified response structures, status codes, and error messages

7. Results

- **Authentication System:** Fully secure with token expiry and MFA
- **Verification Engine:** Detected all manually inserted tampering attempts in test documents
- **Testing Tools:** No critical vulnerabilities found
- **System Stability:** Handled up to 100 concurrent document uploads in testing (using mock data)

8. Future Work

- Integration of an ML model for anomaly detection in document layouts
- Real-time document verification via webcam
- Federated identity support for cross-platform verification
- Report export and audit log dashboard

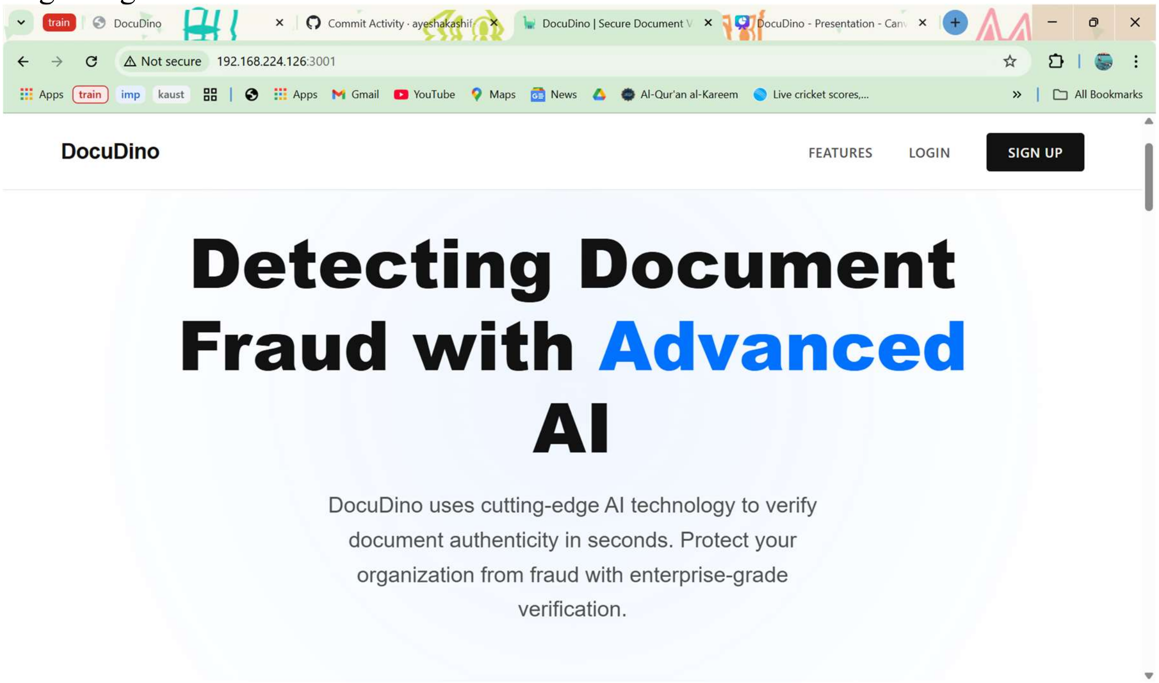
9. Conclusion

DocuDino successfully demonstrates how AI and computer vision can be used to improve the security and efficiency of document verification systems. By implementing strict access controls, automated fraud detection, and secure software engineering principles, this project provides a practical and robust solution to a growing identity fraud problem.

Appendix

- Postman Collection JSON (attached)
- Sample Test Images
- ZAP Scan Report
- Bandit
- Output Logs

Login Page:

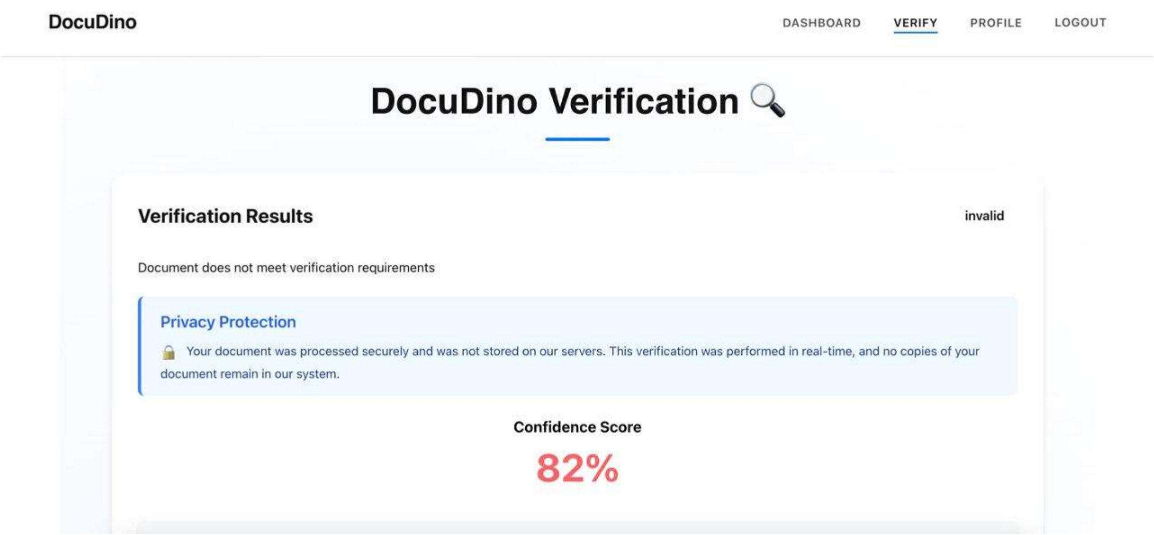


DocuDino

Detecting Document Fraud with Advanced AI

DocuDino uses cutting-edge AI technology to verify document authenticity in seconds. Protect your organization from fraud with enterprise-grade verification.

Fake Document Detected:



DocuDino Verification 🔍

Verification Results

invalid

Document does not meet verification requirements

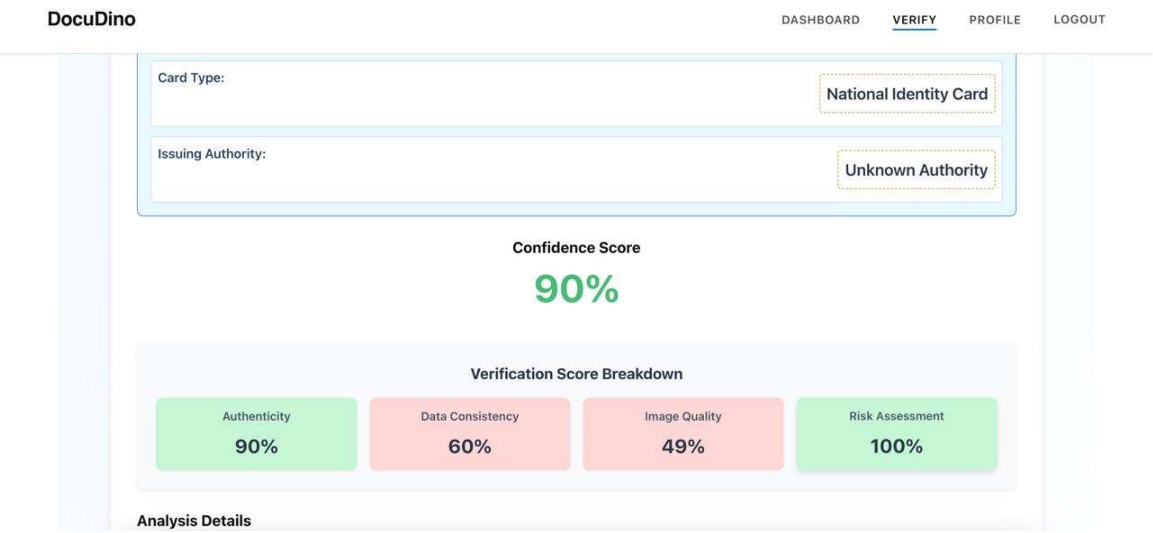
Privacy Protection

🔒 Your document was processed securely and was not stored on our servers. This verification was performed in real-time, and no copies of your document remain in our system.

Confidence Score

82%

Detected Real Document:



Card Type: National Identity Card

Issuing Authority: Unknown Authority

Confidence Score

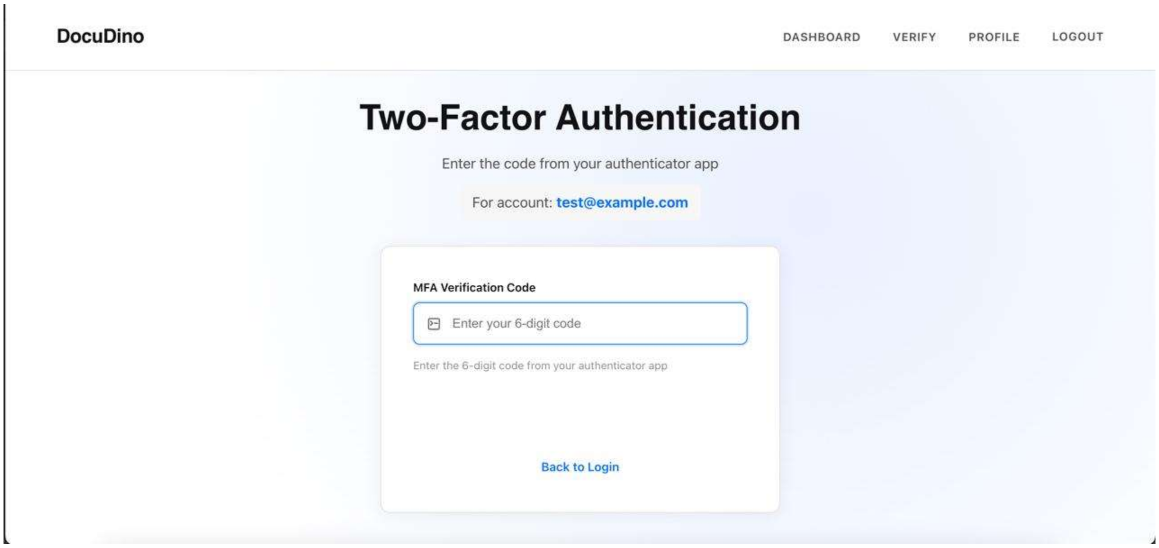
90%

Verification Score Breakdown

Authenticity	Data Consistency	Image Quality	Risk Assessment
90%	60%	49%	100%

Analysis Details

Multi Factor Authentication:



Two-Factor Authentication

Enter the code from your authenticator app

For account: test@example.com

MFA Verification Code

Enter your 6-digit code

Enter the 6-digit code from your authenticator app

Postman Testing:

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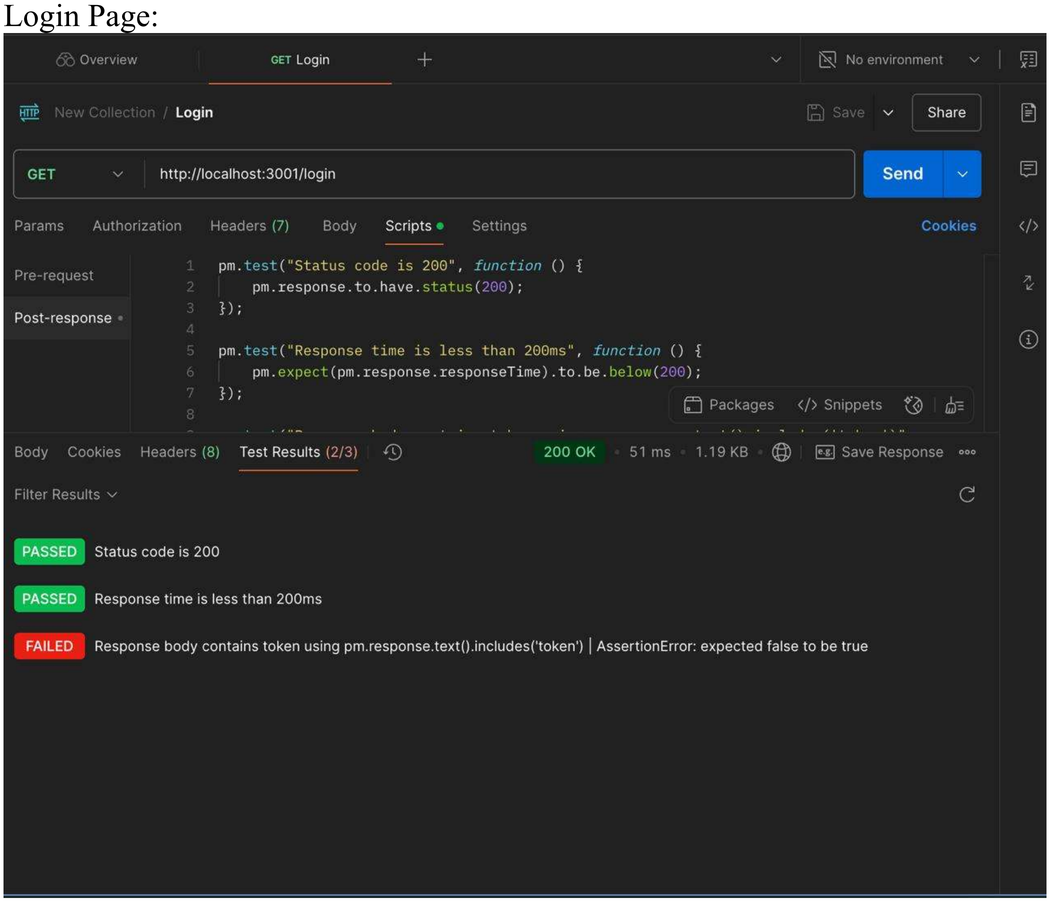


http://localhost:3001/login

```
pm.test("Status code is 200", function () {
    pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});

pm.test("Response time is less than 200ms", function () {
    pm.expect(pm.response.responseTime).to.be.below(200);
});

```

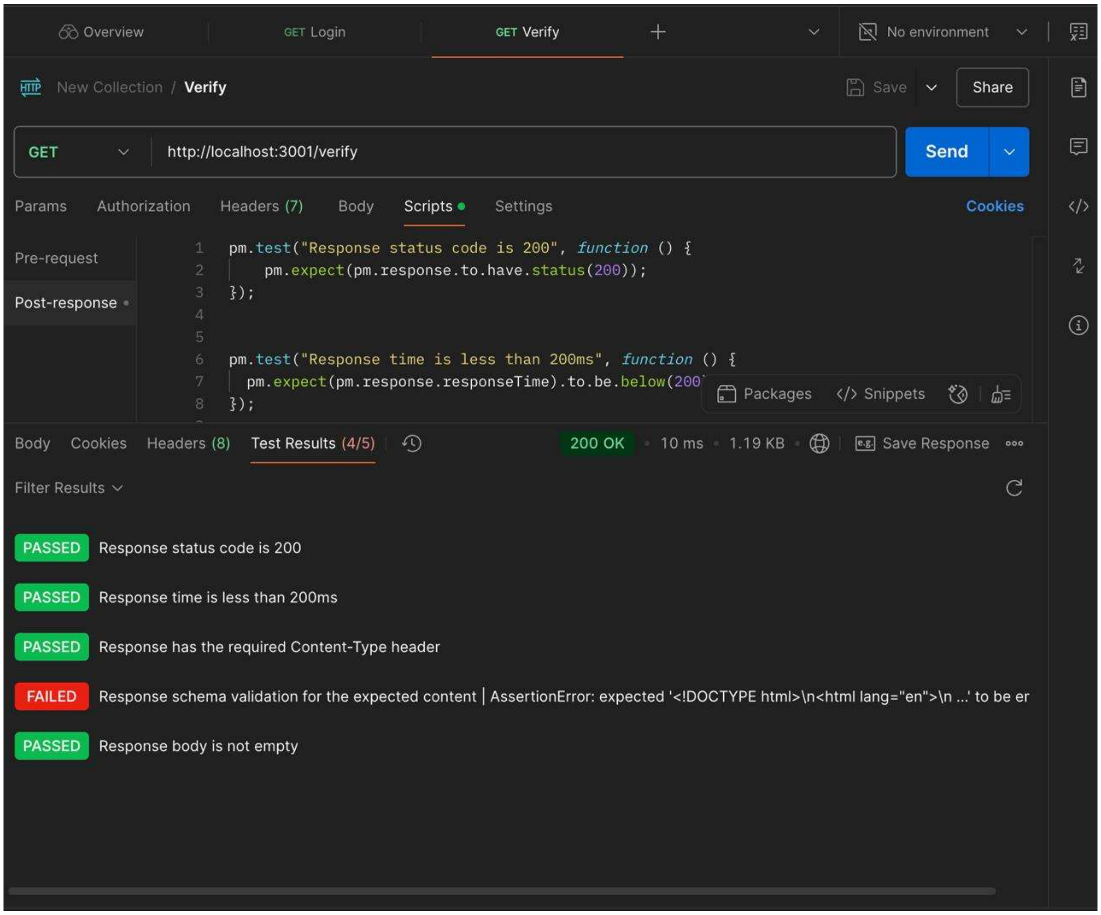
200 OK • 51 ms • 1.19 KB

PASSED Status code is 200

PASSED Response time is less than 200ms

FAILED Response body contains token using pm.response.text().includes('token') | AssertionError: expected false to be true

Verification page:



GET http://localhost:3001/verify

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pm.test("Response status code is 200", function () {
    pm.expect(pm.response.to.have.status(200));
});


pm.test("Response time is less than 200ms", function () {
  pm.expect(pm.response.responseTime).to.be.below(200
});
```

200 OK • 10 ms • 1.19 KB

PASSED Response status code is 200

PASSED Response time is less than 200ms

PASSED Response has the required Content-Type header

FAILED Response schema validation for the expected content | AssertionError: expected '<!DOCTYPE html>\n<html lang="en">\n ...' to be er

PASSED Response body is not empty