

Full Stack Development with MERN Project

1. Introduction

Project Title: ResolveNow - An Online Complaint Registration and Management System

Team Members:

- **Team Leader :** Yadlapalli Bhuvana Priya
 - Role: Backend Developer
 - Responsibilities: Builds RESTful APIs using Node.js and Express.js, manages authentication and server logic.
- **Team member :** Vijaya Naga Varshitha Kammali
 - Role: Frontend Developer
 - Responsibilities: Works on the React-based UI, handles component design, page routing, and user interactions.
- **Team member :** Vidya Rani Elchuri
 - Role: Database Administrator
 - Responsibilities: Designs and manages MongoDB schemas, handles CRUD operations and ensures data consistency.
- **Team member :** Vemula ManjuSri
 - Role: Project Coordinator
 - Responsibilities: Responsible for overall planning, coordination, GitHub management, and integration of frontend and backend.

2. Project Overview

Purpose: The purpose of the ResolveNow project is to develop a full-stack web application that simplifies the process of registering and managing complaints online. It aims to provide users with a seamless experience through a modern and responsive web interface.

- Enable users to register complaints anytime.
- Allow users to track their complaints in real-time.
- Facilitate communication between users and agents assigned to handle their complaints.
- Provide an admin system to manage complaints and assign them to appropriate personnel.

Features: For Users:

- ✓ Sign Up / Log In – Create an account and access your complaint history.
- ✓ Submit Complaints – Enter details of complaints including name, description, address, etc.
- ✓ Track Complaints – View updates and receive notifications via email or SMS.
- ✓ Communicate with Agents – Interact with assigned agents for issue resolution..
- ✓ Order Confirmation – Get a message when your order is successfully placed.

For Admin (Future Scope):

- Assign Complaints – Route complaints to the appropriate department or personnel.
- Manage Complaints – View and update the status of all complaints.
- Monitor System – Ensure compliance with platform policies and regulations.

3. Architecture

Frontend (React.js)

- Built using React with multiple pages (Home, Dashboard, Complaint Submission, etc.)
- Uses React Router for navigation and Context API for managing state.
- Axios is used for API calls to the backend.
- User information and complaint status are stored in localStorage for persistence.

Backend (Node.js + Express.js)

- Handles API routes like registration, login, submitting complaints, and tracking.
- Uses Express middleware for JSON handling and CORS.
- Connects to MongoDB using Mongoose for database operations.

Database (MongoDB)

- Stores user, complaint, and agent data.
- Collections:
 - users : name, email, password, contact details.
 - complaints : user ID, description, images, date submitted, status, assigned agent.
 - agents : name, department, assigned complaints.

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites

- **Node.js & npm** – For running frontend and backend
- **MongoDB** – Local database (use Compass or terminal)
- **Git** – To clone the project
- **VS Code** – Recommended editor

Installation Steps:

Clone the Project

<https://github.com/manjuvemula/ComplaintCare-System.git>

```
cd ComplaintCare System
```

1. Install & Run Backend

```
cd server
npm install
node server.js
```

2. Install & Run Frontend

Open a new terminal:

```
cd client
npm install
npm start
```

3. Start MongoDB

- Use MongoDB Compass or run mongod in terminal.

Your app will run at:

- Frontend: <http://localhost:3000>
- Backend API: <http://localhost:5000>

5. Folder Structure

Client (React frontend)

```
client/
├── public/           → Static assets
├── src /
│   ├── components/
│   │   └── pages/    → All page components (Home, Dashboard, Login, etc.)
│   ├── context/      → State management (global state)
│   ├── App.jsx        → Main component with routes
│   └── index.js       → Entry point of the app
```

Server (Node.js backend)

```
server/
├── models/           → Mongoose schemas (User, Complaint, Agent)
├── routes/            → API route handlers
├── controllers/       → Business logic for routes
└── server.js         → Main Express server file
```

Running the Application

Frontend :

```
cd client
npm start
```

Runs the chrome or React app at: <http://localhost:3000>

Backend :

```
cd server
npm start # Or use: node server.js
```

Runs the Node.js server at: <http://localhost:5000>

6. API Documentation

- POST /api/register : Registers a new user.
- POST /api/login : Logs in an existing user.
- GET /api/complaints : Retrieves a list of complaints for the logged-in user.
- POST /api/complaints : Submits a new complaint.
- PUT /api/complaints/:id : Updates the status of a complaint (Admin only).

7. Authentication

How Authentication Works:

- Users register by providing their name, email, password, and contact details using the endpoint: POST /api/register.
- They log in with their email and password using: POST /api/login.

Method Used:

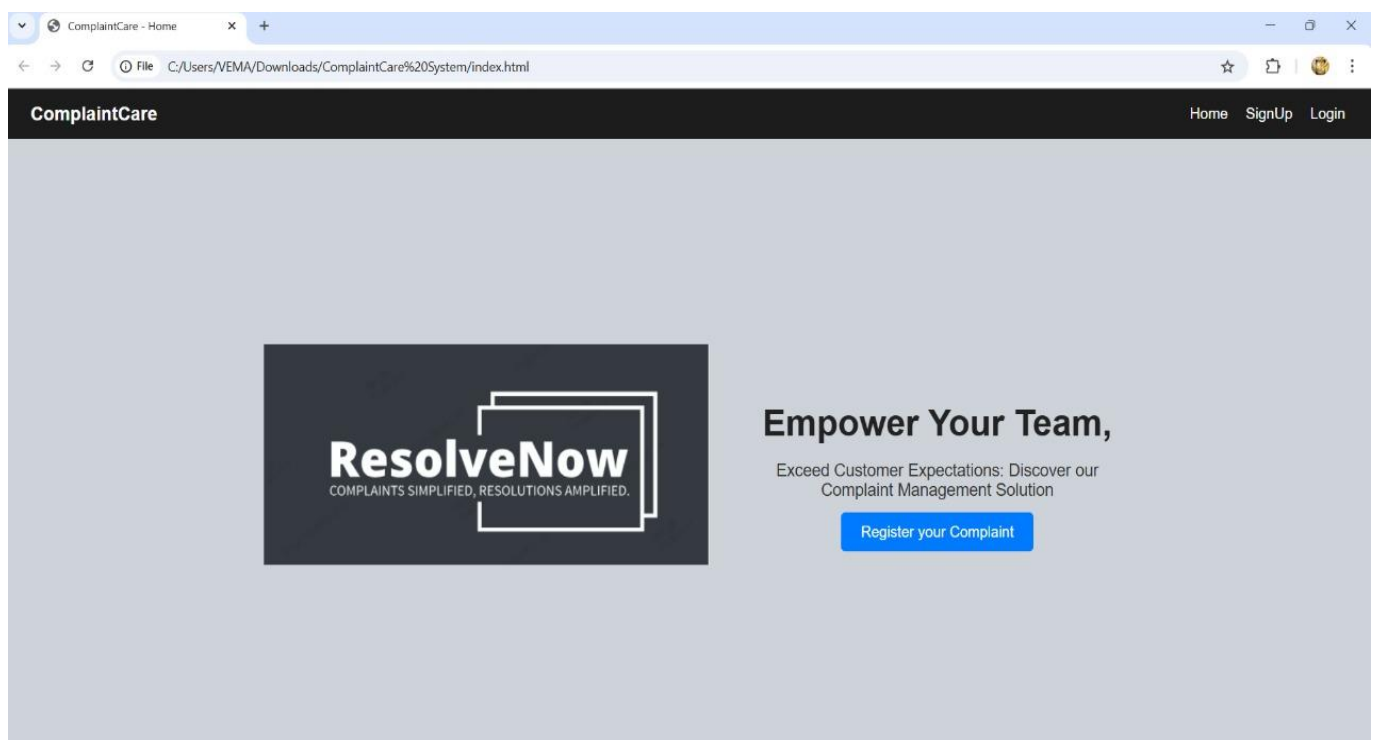
- The current setup uses basic email and password matching.
 - There is no token-based authentication or sessions implemented at this stage.
 - After login, the user's details can be stored on the frontend (e.g., in localStorage) to maintain the login state.
- Recommendations for Improvement:

To enhance security in the future, it is recommended to:

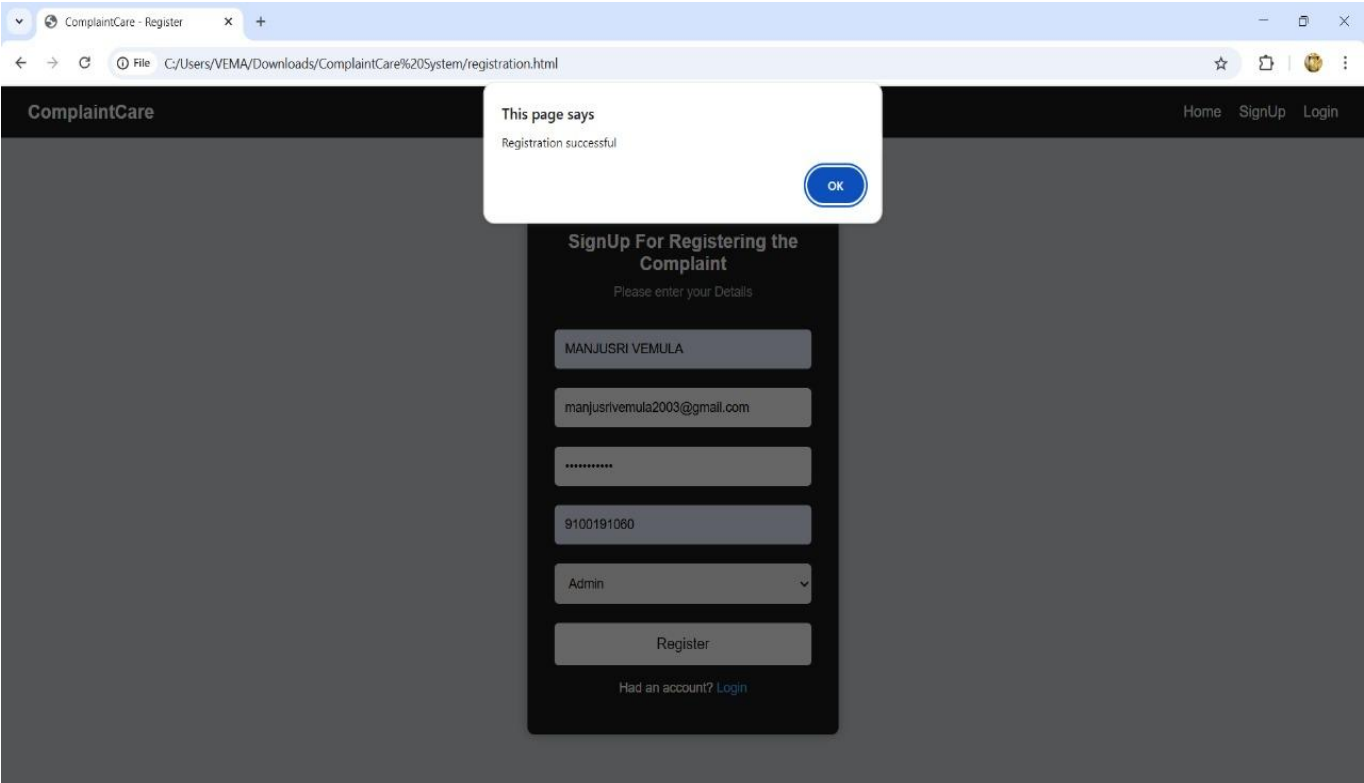
- Implement JWT (JSON Web Token) authentication.
- Use middleware to protect private API routes.
- Store tokens securely (e.g., in localStorage or HTTP-only cookies).

8. User Interface

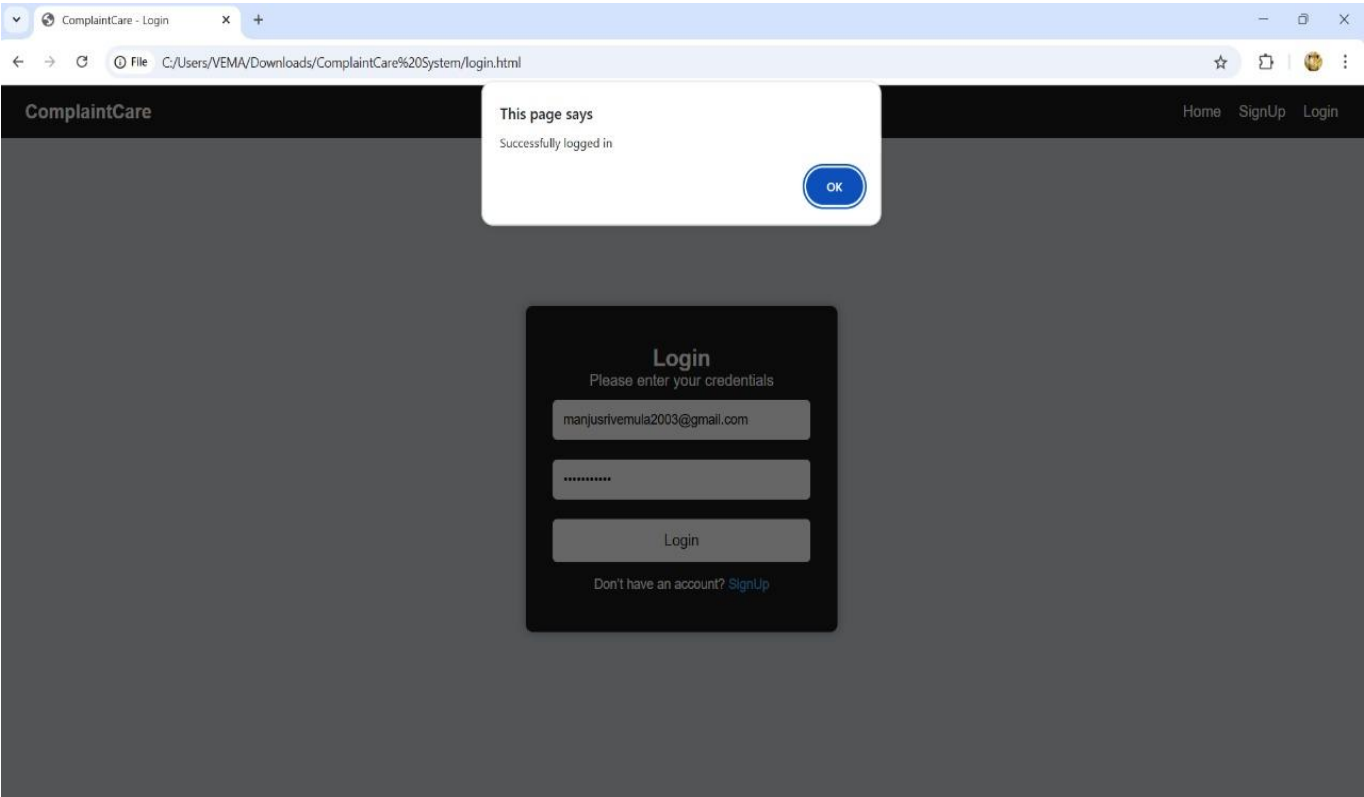
Home page:



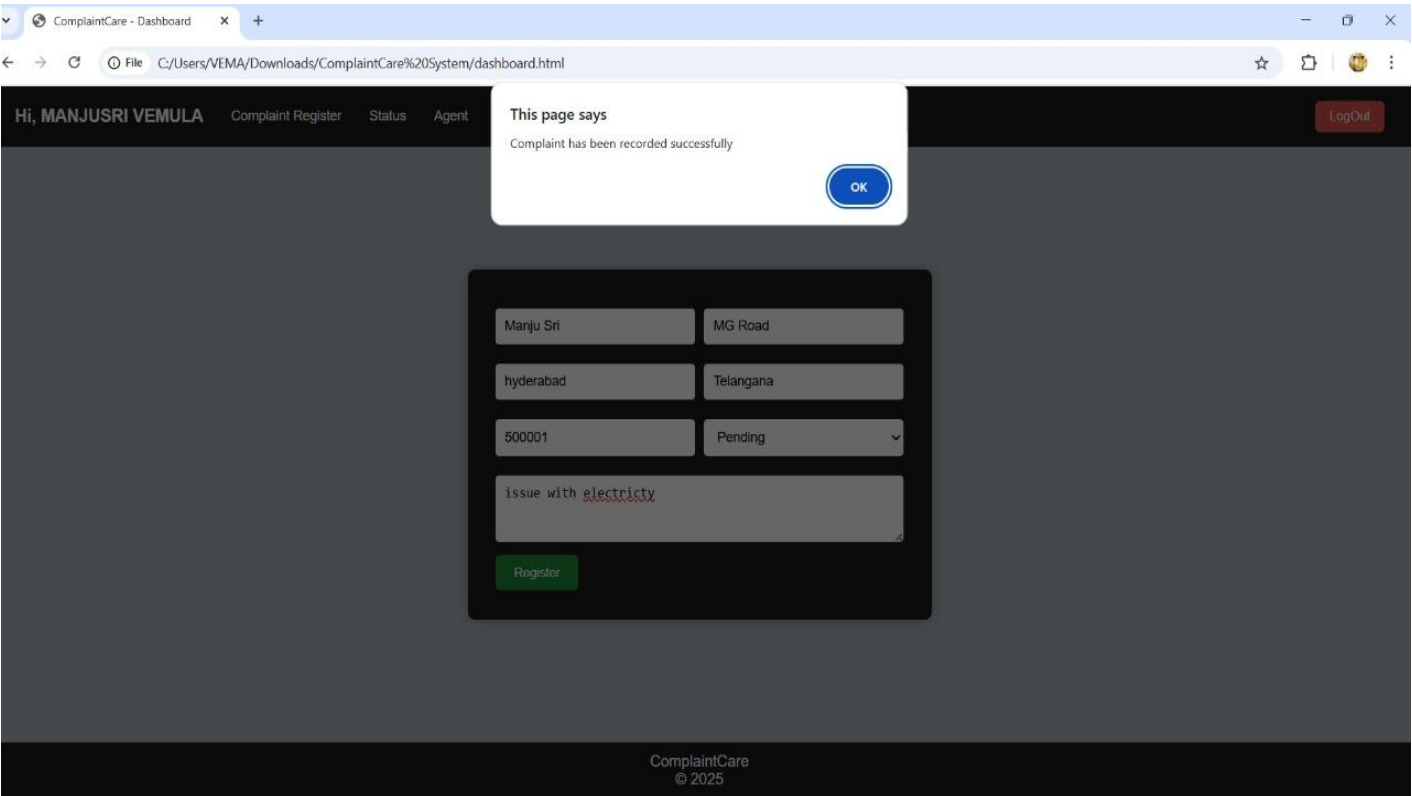
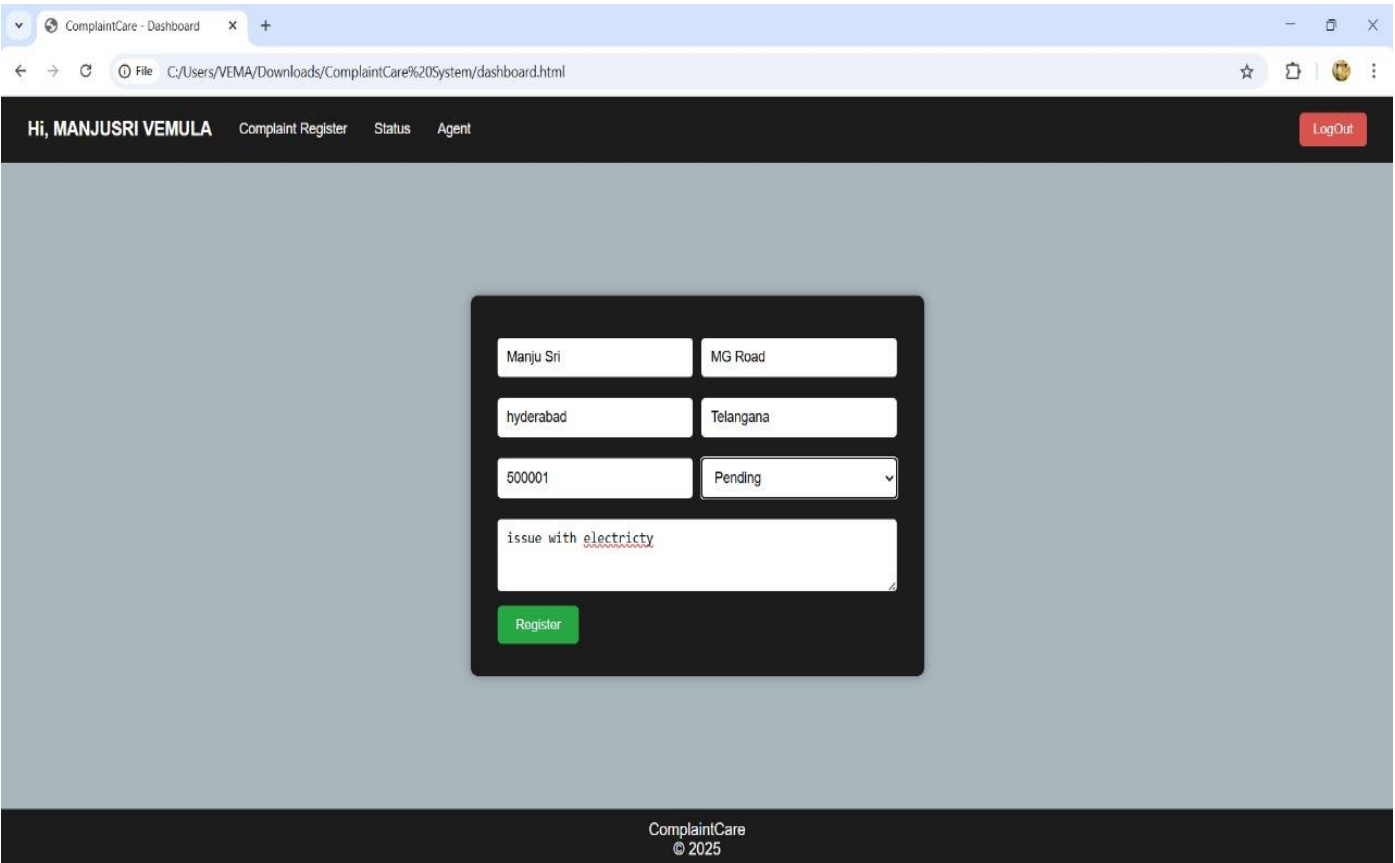
Registration Page:



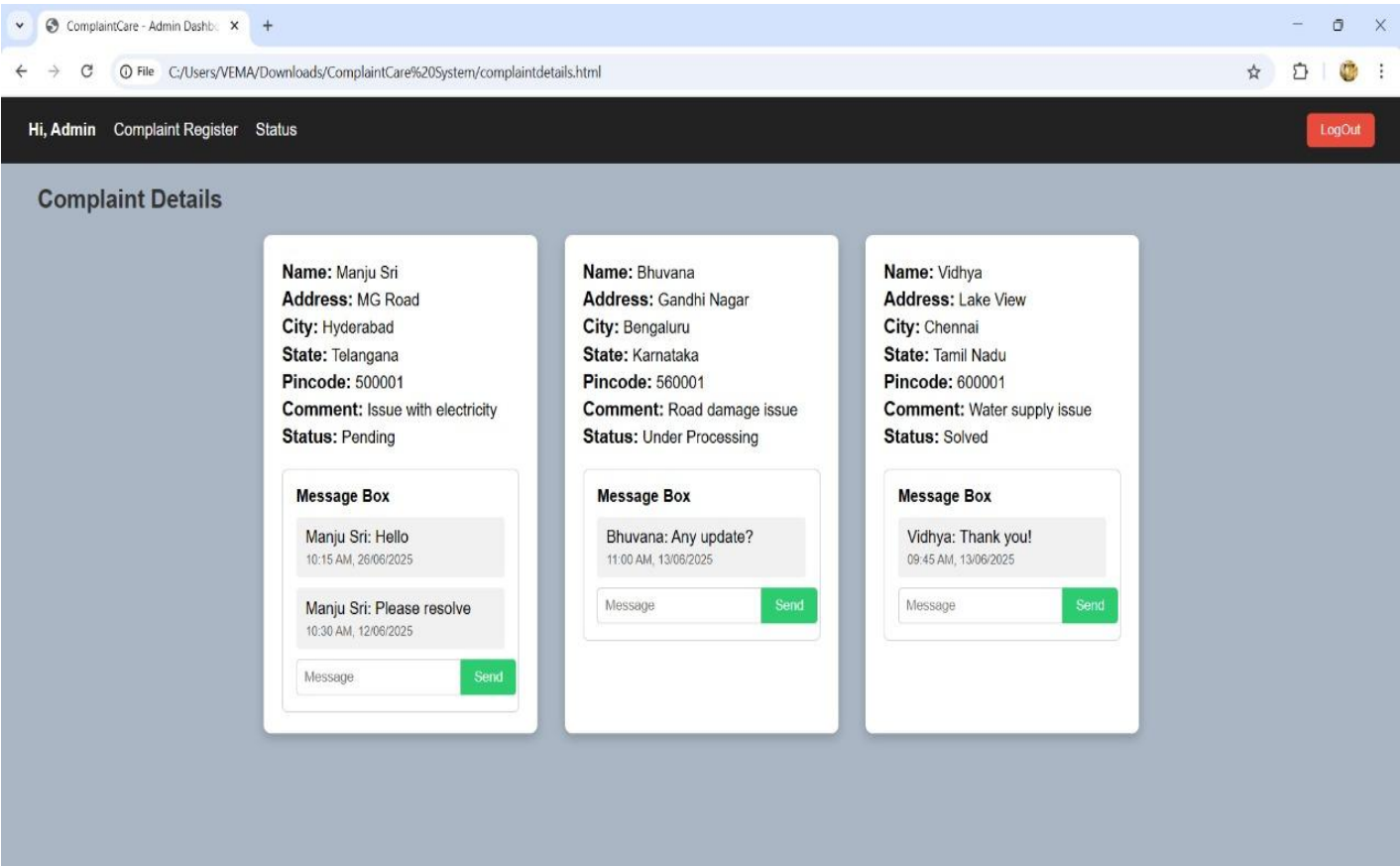
Login Page:



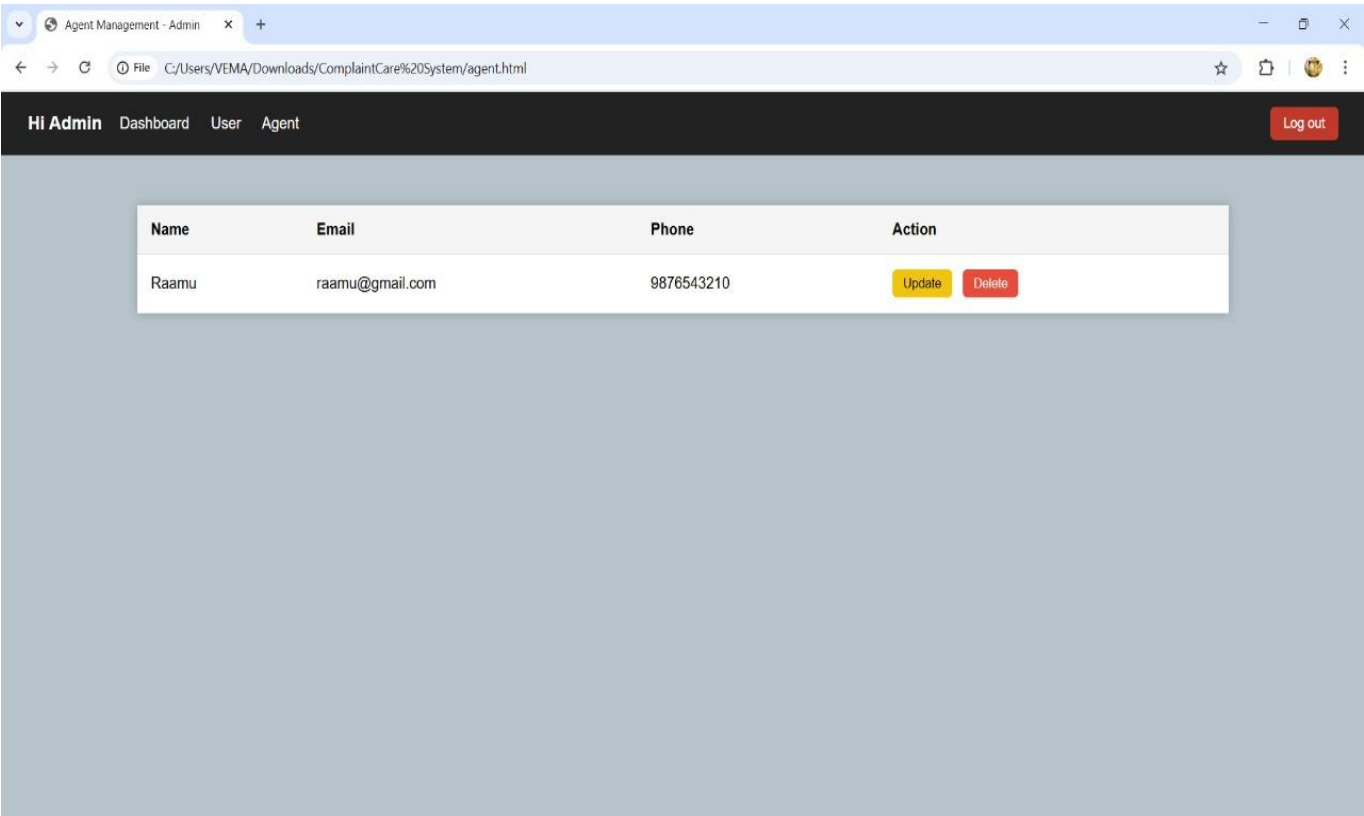
Dashboard Page(To register Complaints):



ComplaintDetails Page:



Agent Page:



9. Testing

- Manual testing was done by using the app (register, login, complaint submission, tracking flow).
- Postman was used to test backend APIs.
- Browser DevTools helped inspect React components and API requests.

10. Screenshots or Demo

Demo Video: Check out a quick demo of ResolveNow in action:

<https://youtu.be/tDJkiZ6lpwc>

11. Known Issues

- No authentication tokens – Login does not use JWT or sessions, so user sessions are not fully secure.
- No complaint history – Users cannot view past complaints after resolving them.
- Data loss on logout – Complaint drafts or progress may reset when browser data is cleared or user logs out.
- No automated testing – All testing is manual; no test scripts are in place.
- No real-time updates – Status changes aren't reflected instantly on the user side without refreshing the page.

12. Future Enhancements

- Use Jest for frontend tests.
- Use Supertest for backend API testing.
- Integrate video conferencing features using WebRTC API.
- Implement role-based access control for different user types (agent, admin, user).
- Enhance notification system with SMS and in-app alerts.