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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

SBFoods: Your Smart Online Food Delivery Platform is a full-stack web application developed using the MERN stack, which includes React.js for the frontend, Node.js and Express.js for the backend, and MongoDB with Mongoose for the database. The application is designed to provide a seamless, fast, and user-friendly online food ordering and delivery experience.

The platform allows customers to browse restaurants and food items across various categories, view detailed descriptions, add items to a cart, customize orders, and securely complete the checkout process. Users can also track their orders in real time and view order history.

The system includes an administrative interface where admins can manage restaurants, food items, orders, delivery status, and user accounts efficiently. The application follows a structured three-tier architecture with clear separation between the frontend, backend, and database layers, ensuring scalability, maintainability, and security.

Role-based access control is implemented to differentiate between customer and admin functionalities. Authentication is handled securely using encrypted passwords and token-based authorization (JWT), ensuring protected access to sensitive operations.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the SBFoods Delivery App project is to develop a user-friendly online food ordering platform that allows customers to explore menus, manage their cart, place orders, and track deliveries securely and efficiently.

The system also provides administrative control for managing food items, users, and orders effectively. Additionally, the project demonstrates the practical implementation of full-stack web development using the MERN stack with secure authentication, structured architecture, and real-world delivery workflow integration.

Key Objectives of the System:

- To design and develop a responsive and interactive food delivery web application using React.js.
- To implement secure user authentication and role-based access control using JWT.
- To create RESTful APIs using Node.js and Express.js for handling business logic and order processing.
- To design and manage MongoDB database schemas using Mongoose for users, food items, carts, and orders.
- To implement complete food management, cart management, order placement, and order tracking features.
- To provide an admin dashboard for managing food items, users, orders, and delivery status.

2. IDEATION PHASE

2.1 Problem Statement

In today's fast-paced lifestyle, many people find it difficult to cook meals at home or visit restaurants due to busy schedules and time constraints. Traditional food ordering methods such as phone calls or visiting restaurants lack convenience, transparency, and real-time tracking. Small and medium restaurants also struggle to manage orders, delivery coordination, and customer data efficiently without a centralized digital system.

Therefore, there is a need for a secure, user-friendly, and efficient online food delivery platform that simplifies food ordering, enables real-time order tracking, and provides proper administrative control for managing menu items, customers, and delivery operations.

Problem Statement – 1

I am a food customer
I'm trying to order food online quickly and conveniently
But I cannot easily browse menus, compare items, or track my order status in real time
Because many local restaurants do not provide a proper digital platform with centralized ordering and live updates
Which makes me feel frustrated, confused, and uncertain about my order

Problem Statement – 2

I am a restaurant administrator
I'm trying to manage menu items, customer orders, and delivery status efficiently
But I struggle to track orders and coordinate deliveries manually
Because there is no centralized online management system
Which makes me feel overwhelmed and stressed

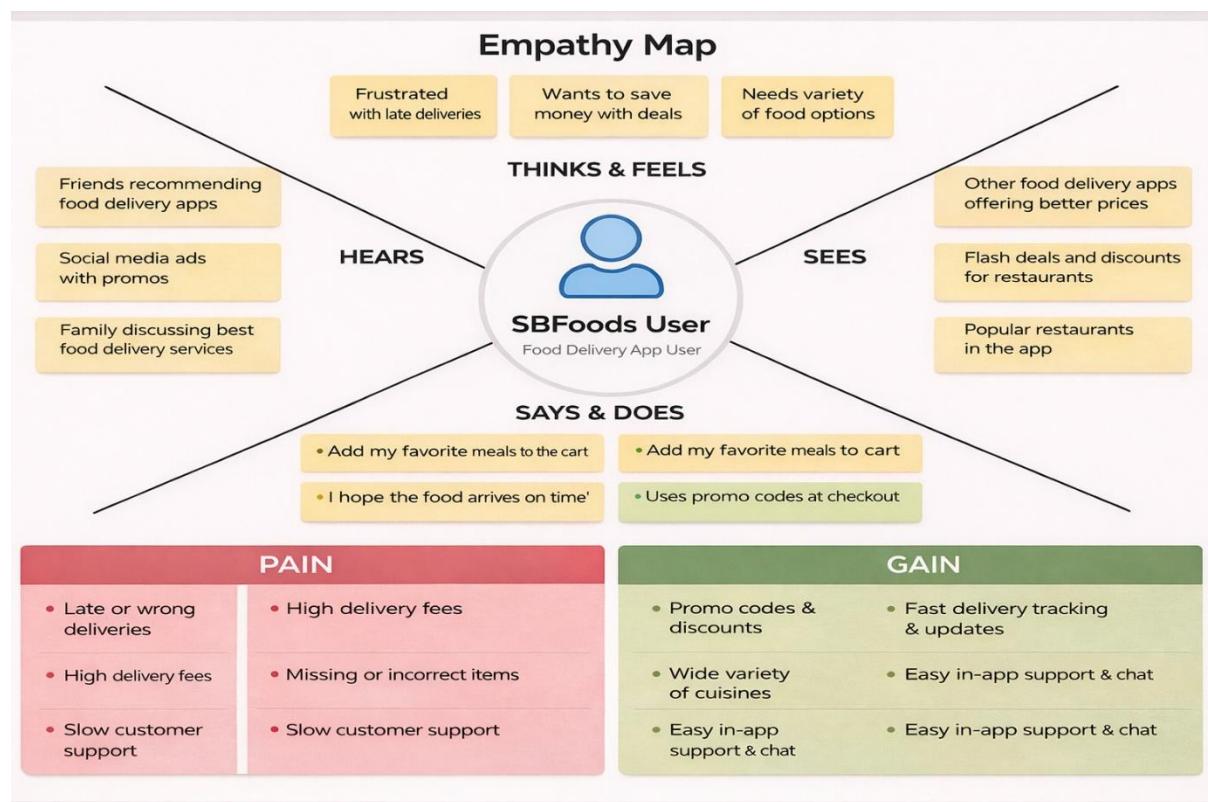
Structured Problem Statements Table Format

Problem Statement (PS)	I am	I'm trying to	But	Because	Which makes me feel
PS-1	A customer	Find and order quality food quickly at	It is hard to compare menu items and	Many restaurants do not provide real-	Confused and frustrated

Problem Statement	I am	I'm trying to	But	Because	Which makes me feel
		reasonable prices	track delivery status	time digital ordering systems	
PS-2	An admin	Monitor customer orders and manage food delivery operations	Tracking orders and updating delivery status manually is difficult	Data is not organized in one centralized system	Stressed and overburdened

2.2 Empathy Map:

User: - Naveen Lukalapu (A working professional buying groceries online.)



2.2 Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization:-

Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

1 Define your problem statement

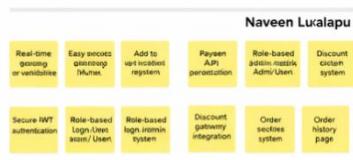
PROBLEM	PROBLEM
How might we make online grocery shopping easy and convenient for customers, allowing them to find all the products they need in one place and order them quickly?	How might we help grocery store administrators manage inventory, orders, and customer data more efficiently from a centralized platform?
How might we ensure a secure and reliable online grocery shopping platform that protects users' data and allow transactions?	How might we allow customers to track their orders in real-time, receive updates on deliveries, and easily manage their orders?
How might we support multiple user roles, such as admin and customer, ensuring that each has appropriate access and permissions?	How might we support multiple user roles, such as admin and customer, ensuring that each has appropriate access and permissions?

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

2 Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

⌚ 10 minutes



3 Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and break it up into smaller groups.

⌚ 20 minutes

TIP

Add customizable tags to sticky notes to represent items like a priority, project stage, success metric, category. Add system ideas with the note like preme rating/api etc your mean whenever they concern like.



Step-3: Idea Prioritization

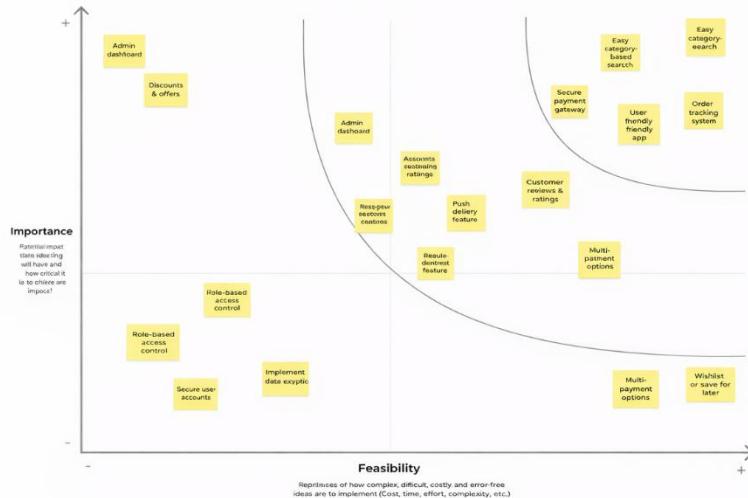
Step-3: Idea Prioritization

Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward.

TIP
Promote discussion that considers the factors of each idea so you can collectively agree on what is both high impact and easy to implement.

⌚ 20 minutes



3. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

3.1 Customer Journey map: -



3.2 Solution Requirement

Functional Requirements:

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

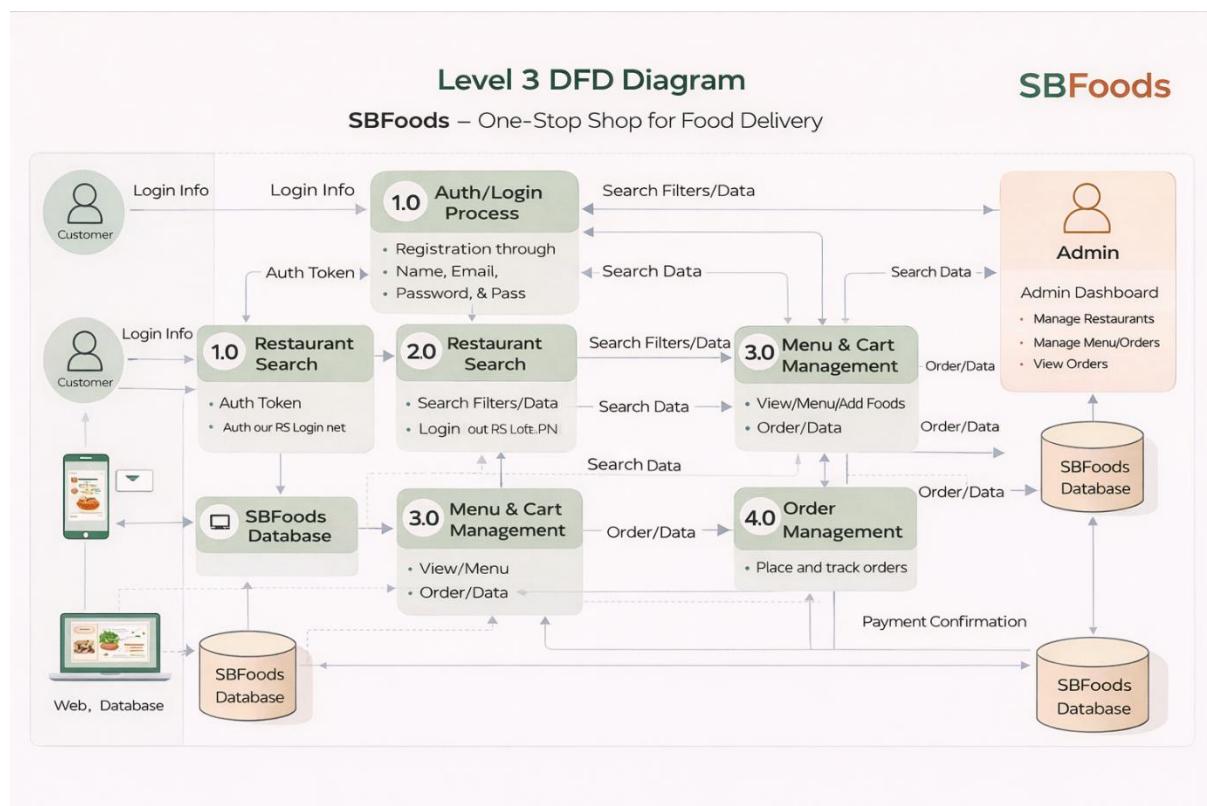
FR No.	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
FR-1	User Registration	Registration through Form (Name, Email, Password) Password Encryption (bcrypt) Validation of Email & Password
FR-2	User Login & Authentication	Login using Email & Password JWT Token Generation Role-based Login (Admin/User)
FR-3	Admin Login	Predefined Admin Credentials (Backend Only) Admin Authentication via JWT
FR-4	Product Management (Admin)	Add New Product Edit Product Details Delete Product Manage Stock Quantity
FR-5	Product Browsing (User)	View Product List Search Products Filter by Category View Product Details
FR-6	Cart Management	Add Item to Cart Update Quantity Remove Item View Cart Summary
FR-7	Order Management	Place Order Calculate Total Amount Reduce Product Stock After Order Cancel Order View Order History
FR-8	Payment Handling	Select Payment Method (COD / Online) Payment Status Update
FR-9	Review & Rating	Add Product Review View Reviews
FR-10	Admin Dashboard	View All Users View All Orders Generate Sales Report

Non-functional Requirements:

Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	The application must have a clean, responsive UI for desktop and mobile devices.
NFR-2	Security	Passwords must be encrypted; JWT authentication must secure protected routes.
NFR-3	Reliability	System should correctly process orders without data loss.
NFR-4	Performance	API response time should be less than 2 seconds under normal load.
NFR-5	Availability	Application should be accessible 24/7 with minimal downtime.
NFR-6	Scalability	System should handle increasing number of users and products efficiently.

3.3 Data Flow Diagram: -



3.4 Technology Stack: -

Technical Architecture: -

The ShopSmart application follows a 3-Tier Client–Server Architecture:

- **Presentation Layer (Frontend):** React.js provides an interactive and responsive web interface where users can browse products, manage their cart, place orders, and track purchases, while admins can manage products and monitor orders.
- **Application Layer (Backend):** Node.js and Express.js handle REST API requests, user authentication, role-based access control, product management, cart operations, and order processing logic.
- **Data Layer (Database):** MongoDB, integrated using Mongoose, stores user accounts, product details, cart data, and order records in structured collections.

The frontend communicates with backend REST APIs using Axios, and JWT-based authentication secures protected routes for both users and admins. Passwords are encrypted using bcrypt to ensure secure credential storage.

Table-1: Components & Technologies:

S. No	Component	Description	Technology
1.	User Interface	Web application where users and admin interact (Product browsing, cart, dashboard)	React.js, HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
2.	Application Logic-1	Authentication & Authorization (Login, Register, JWT validation)	Node.js, Express.js, JWT, bcrypt
3.	Application Logic-2	Product Catalog Management (CRUD operations for products)	Express.js, REST APIs, Node.js
4.	Application Logic-3	Cart & Order Processing Logic	Node.js , Express.js,
5.	Database	Stores Users, Products, Cart, Orders, Reviews	MongoDB, Mongoose
6.	Cloud Database	Database hosting in cloud	MongoDB Atlas
7.	File Storage	Product images storage	Cloudinary / Local File System
8.	External API-1	Payment Gateway Integration	Stripe API / Razorpay API
9.	External API-2	Email Notification Service	Nodemailer / SendGrid
10.	Machine Learning Model	Product Recommendation (future enhancement)	Recommendation Algorithm

11.	Infrastructure (Server / Cloud)	Application deployment	Local Server (Development), Render / Vercel / AWS (Production)
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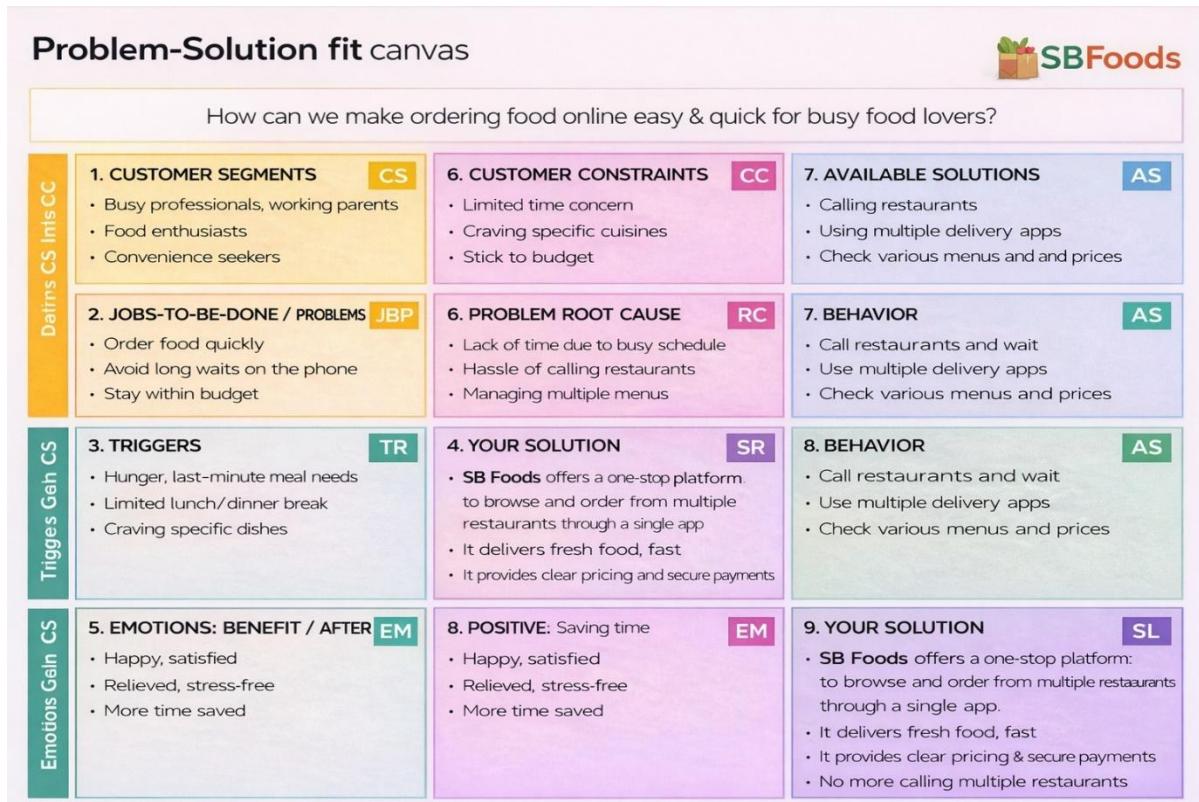
Table-2: Application Characteristics:

S. No	Characteristics	Description	Technology
1.	Open-Source Frameworks	Frontend and Backend frameworks used	React.js, Node.js, Express.js
2.	Security Implementations	Password hashing, JWT authentication, role-based access control	bcrypt, JWT, CORS, Helmet
3.	Scalable Architecture	3-Tier Architecture (Frontend – Backend – Database)	REST Architecture, MongoDB
4.	Availability	Hosted on cloud with uptime reliability	MongoDB Atlas, Cloud Hosting
5.	Performance	Fast API response and optimized queries	Express Middleware, Indexed MongoDB

4. PROJECT DESIGN

4.1 Problem Solution Fit : -

ShopSmart is designed to simplify grocery shopping for busy individuals by providing a seamless digital experience. It addresses the inefficiencies of traditional grocery shopping and fragmented online platforms by offering real-time product availability, secure payments, and centralized management for both users and admins.



4.2 Proposed Solution : -

S.No	Parameter	Description
1	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	Busy individuals and working families face difficulty in purchasing groceries due to lack of time, long queues, limited product availability visibility, and fragmented online grocery services. There is no centralized, reliable, and user-friendly platform that ensures real-time stock updates, secure payments, and smooth order management.
2	Idea / Solution Description	ShopSmart is a full-stack digital grocery web application built using MERN stack (React, Node, Express, MongoDB). It allows users to browse products, add items to cart, place orders,

		and track deliveries seamlessly. It provides real-time stock visibility, secure authentication (JWT-based), role-based access (Admin & User), centralized product management, and smooth checkout process.
3	Novelty / Uniqueness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-based access system (Admin controlled backend management) • Real-time inventory updates • Centralized product & order management • Secure JWT authentication • Clean UI with responsive design • Scalable backend architecture using REST APIs
4	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saves time for working professionals and families • Reduces crowding in physical stores • Enables convenient shopping from home • Ensures secure transactions and data privacy • Provides personalized and smooth user experience
5	Business Model (Revenue Model)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission on product sales • Delivery service charges • Featured product promotions for sellers • Subscription model for premium delivery benefits • Advertisement placements for grocery brands
6	Scalability of the Solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built on scalable MERN stack architecture • MongoDB supports large-scale data handling • Can be deployed on cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, etc.) • Supports horizontal scaling and microservice expansion • Can be expanded to mobile application in future

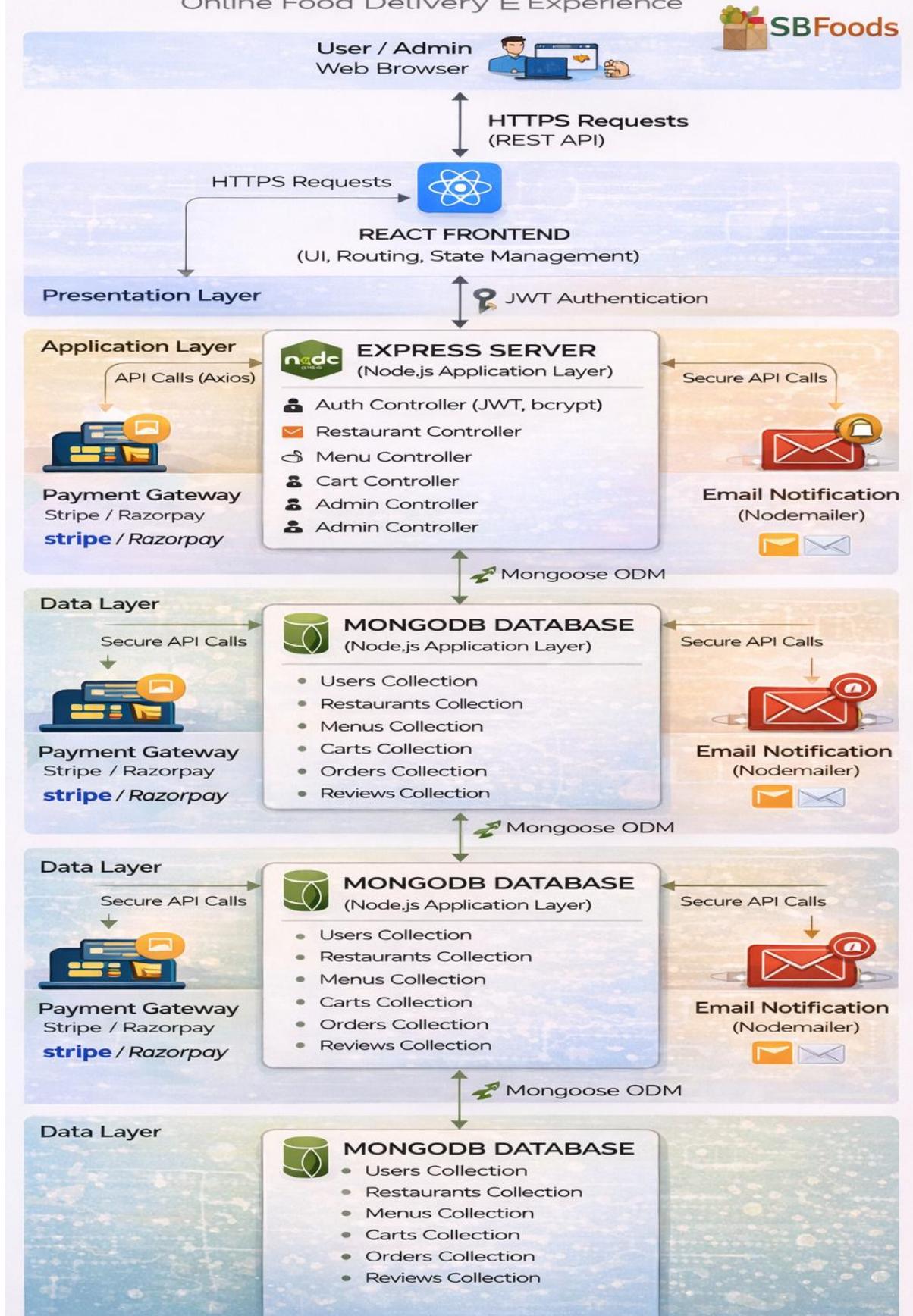
.3 Solution Architecture : -

Solution architecture defines the overall structure of the ShopSmart grocery web application and explains how different components interact with each other. It bridges the gap between business requirements and technical implementation by organizing the frontend, backend, database, and external services in a structured manner.

The architecture ensures secure communication between users and the system, manages product and order processing efficiently, and supports scalability and performance

Solution Architecture – SBfoods

Online Food Delivery E Experience



5. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

5.1 Project Planning : -

Product Backlog & Sprint Planning (ShopSmart)

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story No	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority
Sprint-1	Authentication	US-1	User can register with email & password	3	High
Sprint-1	Authentication	US-2	User can login securely	2	High
Sprint-1	Admin	US-3	Admin login with predefined credentials	2	High
Sprint-1	UI	US-4	Create homepage & navigation	3	Medium
Sprint-1	UI	US-5	Display product list	5	High
Sprint-1 Total				15	
Sprint-2	Functional Requirement	User Story No	User Story	Story Points	Priority
Sprint-2	Product	US-6	Admin add product	5	High
Sprint-2	Product	US-7	Admin edit/delete product	5	High
Sprint-2	Product	US-8	Product details page	4	Medium
Sprint-2	Search	US-9	Product search/filter	6	Medium
Sprint-2 Total				20	
Sprint-3	Functional Requirement	User Story No	User Story	Story Points	Priority
Sprint-3	Cart	US-10	Add to cart	5	High
Sprint-3	Cart	US-11	Update/remove cart items	5	High
Sprint-3	Order	US-12	Checkout process	6	High

Sprint-3	Order	US-13	Order placement	4	High
Sprint-3 Total				20	
Sprint-4	Functional Requirement	User Story No	User Story	Story Points	Priority
Sprint-4	Orders	US-14	Order history	5	Medium
Sprint-4	Orders	US-15	Admin view all orders	5	High
Sprint-4	Payment	US-16	Payment integration	6	Medium
Sprint-4	Email	US-17	Email confirmation	4	Medium
Sprint-4 Total				20	

Sprint Tracker (Velocity Table)

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Start	End (Planned)	Completed	Actual
Sprint-1	20	7 days	Day 1	Day 7	20	Day 7
Sprint-2	20	7 days	Day 8	Day 14	18	Day 14
Sprint-3	20	7 days	Day 15	Day 21	16	Day 21
Sprint-4	20	7 days	Day 22	Day 28	14	Day 28

Velocity Calculation

Total completed story points = $20 + 18 + 16 + 14 = \mathbf{68}$

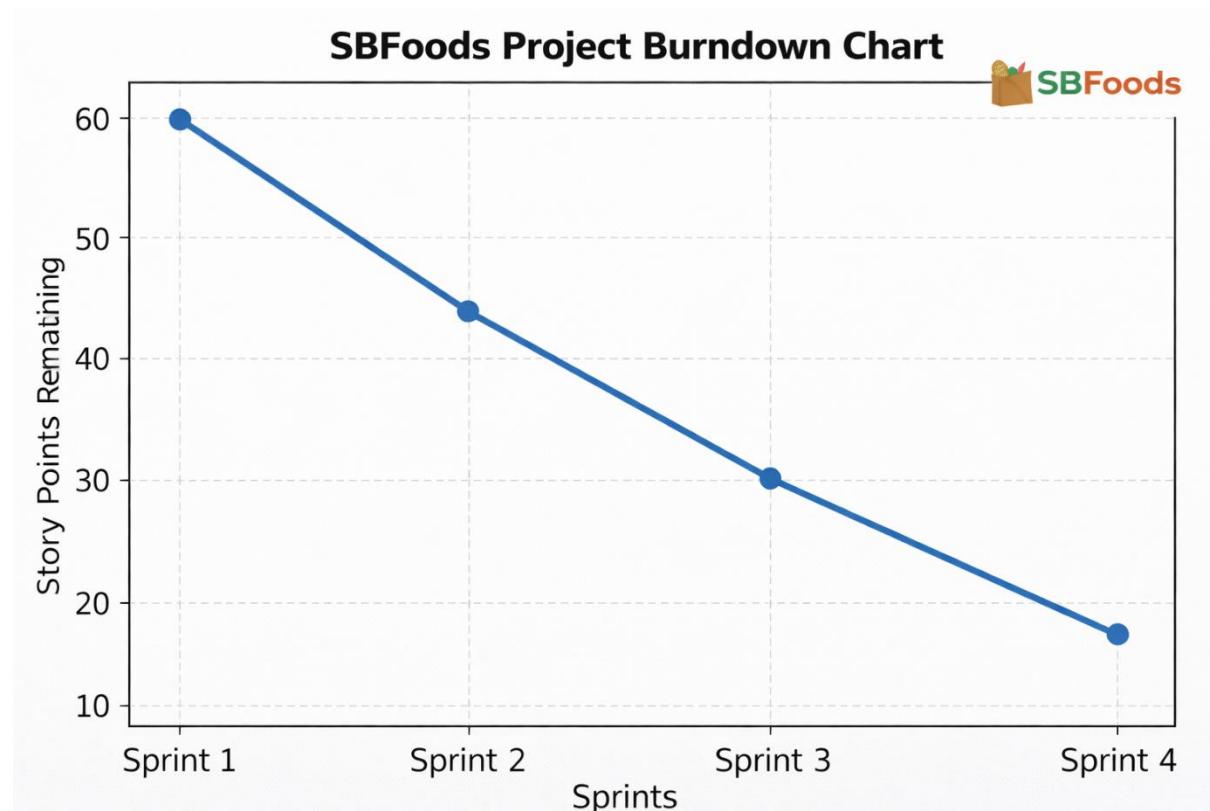
Number of sprints = 4

Average Velocity = $68 / 4 = 17$ story points per sprint

If sprint duration = 7 days:

Velocity per day = $17 / 7 \approx 2.4$ points/day

Burndown Chart :



6. FUNCTIONAL AND PERFORMANCE TESTING

6.1 Performance Testing

Test Scenarios & Results

Test Case ID	Scenario (What to test)	Test Steps (How to test)	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
FT-01	User Registration	Enter valid & invalid user details	Valid registration succeeds; errors for invalid input	Registration works correctly	Pass
FT-02	User Login	Enter correct & incorrect credentials	Login success for valid; error for invalid	Authentication works	Pass

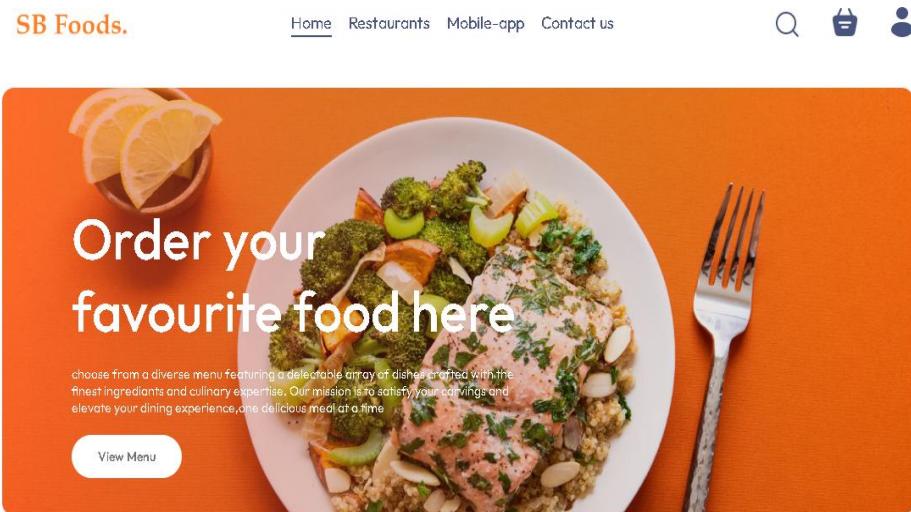
FT-03	Admin Login	Login with predefined admin credentials	Admin dashboard opens	Admin access granted	Pass
FT-04	Product Listing	Load product page	Products display from DB	Products shown correctly	Pass
FT-05	Add Product (Admin)	Add new product from admin panel	Product stored in DB & visible	Product added	Pass
FT-06	Edit/Delete Product	Modify or remove product	DB updates & UI reflects	Update successful	Pass
FT-07	Add to Cart	Click add-to-cart button	Item added to user cart	Cart updated	Pass
FT-08	Update Cart	Change quantity/remove item	Cart recalculates total	Cart updates	Pass
FT-09	Checkout Process	Place order with cart items	Order stored & cart cleared	Order placed	Pass
FT-10	Order History	View past orders	User orders displayed	Orders shown	Pass
FT-11	Payment Integration	Simulate payment selection	Payment status stored	Payment recorded	Pass

Performance Testing

Test Case ID	Scenario	Test Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
PT-01	Page Load Time	Load homepage/products	< 2 seconds	~1.5 sec	Pass
PT-02	API Response	Fetch products API	Fast response	Stable	Pass
PT-03	Concurrent Users	Multiple users add cart	No crash	Stable	Pass
PT-04	DB Query Speed	Search products	Quick retrieval	Fast	Pass
PT-05	Order Processing Load	Multiple orders placed	Orders saved correctly	Stable	Pass

7. RESULTS

7.1 Output Screenshots



Explore our Restaurants

Fig : User Home Page

Top dishes near you

A grid of four cards, each featuring a different salad dish. Each card includes a small image of the dish, the name of the dish, its rating (five stars), and its price.

Greek salad	★★★★★	\$12
Veg salad	★★★★★	\$18
Clover salad	★★★★★	\$16
Chicken salad	★★★★★	\$24

Food provides essential nutrients for overall health and well-being.



Fig : User Products Page

Items	Title	Price	Quantity	Total	Remove
	Greek salad	\$12	1	\$12	x
	Veg salad	\$18	1	\$18	x
	Chicken Rolls	\$20	1	\$20	x

Cart Totals

Subtotal	\$50
Delivery Fee	\$2
Total	\$52

If you had promocode, Enter it here

Submit

[PROCEED TO CHECKOUT](#)

Fig :User Cart Page

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Delivery Information

First Name	Last Name
Email Address	
Street	
City	State
Zip code	Country
Phone	

Cart Totals

Subtotal	\$50
Delivery Fee	\$2
Total	\$52

[PROCEED TO PAYMENT](#)

Fig : User Checkout Page

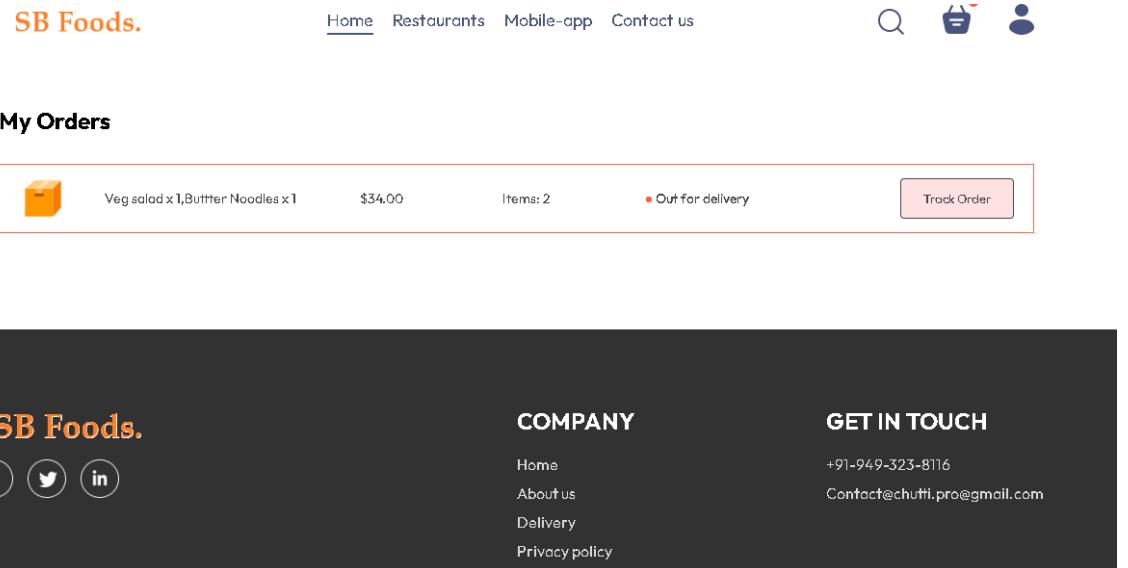


Fig : User Order Confirmation Page

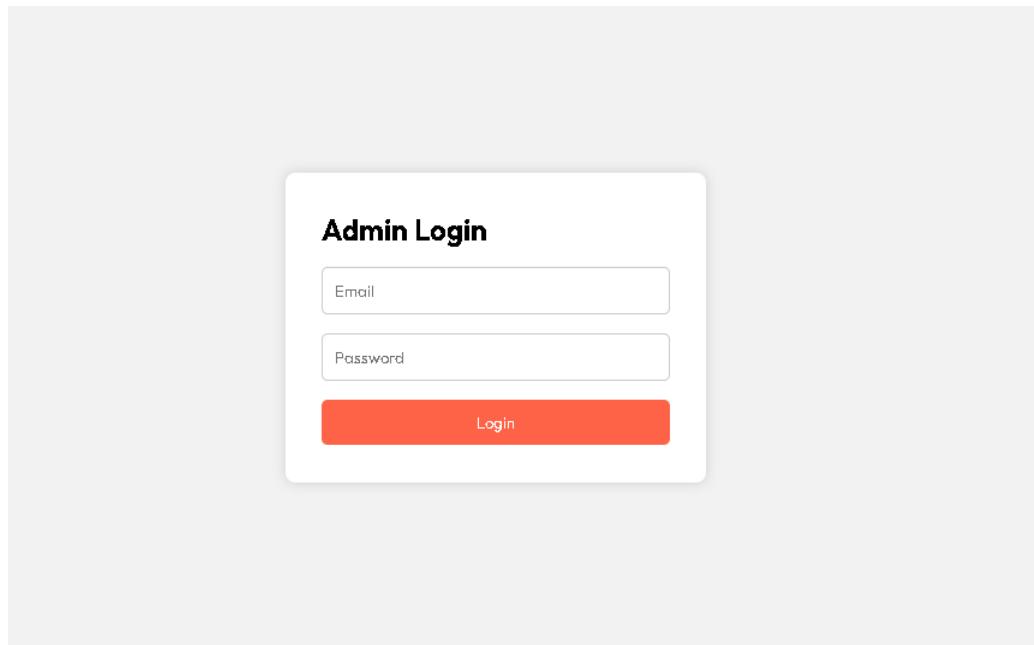


Fig : Admin Home Login Page



Upload

Product Name

Product description

Product category

Product Price

McDonald's

\$20

Fig : Admin Product Adding Page



All Foods List

Image	Name	Category	Price	Action
	Greek salad	McDonald's	\$12	X
	Veg salad	McDonald's	\$18	X
	Clover salad	McDonald's	\$16	X
	Chicken salad	McDonald's	\$24	X
	Lasagna rolls	RollsRise	\$14	X
	Peri Peri Rolls	McDonald's	\$12	X
	Chicken Rolls	RollsRise	\$20	X

Fig : Admin Products Page

SB Foods.

The screenshot shows the 'Order Page' for an admin. On the left, there's a sidebar with three buttons: 'Add Items' (with a plus icon), 'List Items' (with a list icon), and 'Orders' (with a checkmark icon). The 'Orders' button is highlighted with a red border. The main area is titled 'Order Page' and displays a single order. It includes a small orange cube icon, the order details 'Veg salad x1, Butter Noodles x1', the quantity 'Items : 2', the price '\$34', and a status box containing 'Out for delivery' with a dropdown arrow. Below the order details, it lists the customer information: 'pruchvi chutti', '9-8-32, Tirupathi, AP, India, 524002', and the phone number '9493238116'.

Fig : Admin Orders Page

8. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages of the Project

1. Full-Stack Implementation

The project demonstrates complete frontend and backend integration using the MERN stack, providing real-world development experience.

2. Role-Based Access Control

Separate user and admin roles ensure secure access and proper authorization for sensitive operations like product and order management.

3. Scalable Architecture

The modular folder structure (MVC pattern in backend) makes the project easy to maintain and extend.

4. Secure Authentication

JWT-based authentication ensures stateless, secure communication between client and server.

5. User-Friendly Shopping Flow

Features like product search, category filtering, cart management, and checkout provide a smooth user experience.

6. Admin Management System

Admin dashboard enables efficient product CRUD operations and order status tracking.

7. Academic and Practical Learning Value

Covers authentication, APIs, database design, and frontend routing, making it a strong academic project.

Disadvantages of the Project

1. No Real Payment Gateway Integration

The system does not process real online payments, limiting production-level deployment.

2. Basic UI/UX Design

The interface focuses more on functionality than advanced professional design.

3. Token Stored in Local Storage

JWT stored in local storage may pose security risks in large-scale applications.

4. Limited Scalability Optimization

No caching, load balancing, or performance optimization techniques are implemented.

5. No Real-Time Features

Order updates and notifications are not real-time and require manual refresh.

9. CONCLUSION

The **SBFoods Food Delivery App** project successfully demonstrates the design and implementation of a full-stack online food ordering and delivery system using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js). The system was developed with the objective of providing a smooth, efficient, and secure digital food ordering experience while maintaining structured architecture and role-based access control.

Throughout the development process, emphasis was placed on clean system architecture, modular coding practices, and efficient database schema design to ensure scalability, maintainability, and security. The separation of frontend, backend, and database layers enhances system clarity and future expandability.

The application enables users to register and log in securely, browse food categories, view detailed menu items, add items to the cart, place orders, and track delivery status efficiently. On the administrative side, the dashboard provides full control over food item management, order processing, delivery status updates, and user account management. JWT-based authentication ensures secure communication between client and server, while middleware-based authorization restricts access to protected resources.

The project demonstrates effective integration between frontend and backend through well-structured RESTful APIs. Proper validation, error handling, and organized folder structure contribute to the reliability and stability of the system. Testing was conducted across different modules to ensure smooth order processing, authentication security, and accurate data management.

Although advanced features such as real-time order tracking with live maps, push notifications, online payment gateway integration (Stripe/Razorpay), performance optimization, and cloud deployment can be implemented in future enhancements, the current version successfully fulfills the core requirements of a modern food delivery platform.

In conclusion, **SBFoods** stands as a scalable and practical food delivery solution that reflects a strong understanding of full-stack web development, secure authentication mechanisms, API design principles, and database management. With further improvements and feature enhancements, it has the potential to evolve into a fully production-ready commercial food delivery platform.

10. FUTURE SCOPE

The **SBFoods Food Delivery App** has a strong foundational architecture and can be further enhanced with advanced features and improvements to make it production-ready and commercially scalable. The following are potential future developments:

1. Online Payment Gateway Integration

The system can be integrated with secure online payment gateways such as credit/debit cards, UPI, net banking, and digital wallets. This will enable real-time payment processing and allow users to complete transactions seamlessly. Integration with platforms like Stripe or Razorpay can make the application suitable for real-world commercial deployment.

2. Advanced User Interface and Experience

Future improvements can focus on enhancing the UI/UX using modern design frameworks and responsive layouts. Features such as animated food cards, improved menu filtering, personalized recommendations, dark/light themes, and smoother navigation can significantly improve user engagement and overall experience.

3. Real-Time Order Tracking and Notifications

Real-time order tracking can be implemented using WebSockets or similar technologies. Users can receive live updates about order confirmation, food preparation, dispatch, and delivery status. Push notifications and SMS/email alerts can further improve communication between customers and the platform.

4. Delivery Management System

An advanced delivery management module can be added to:

- Assign delivery partners automatically
- Track delivery locations using GPS
- Optimize delivery routes
- Monitor delivery performance

This will improve operational efficiency and reduce delivery time.

11. APPENDIX

My Project Source code Files are available at :

<https://github.com/ch-prudhvi/Food-Delivery-App/tree/master>

My project Demo Video link is available at :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17b611Jx7IchesBcQkP8KSSN2S59-gzdj/view?usp=sharing>

GitHub Repository Link :

<https://github.com/padmajakaturi/Shopez-one-stop-shop-for-online-purchases>