## **Authentication Middleware**

Middleware verifies the validity of the JWT token.

Allows access to protected routes only if the token is valid.

## **Protected Routes**

Can only be accessed by verified users.

Example: "Profile" or "Dashboard" route.

## SAMPLE CODE

```
// server.js
Const express = require('express');
Const mongoose = require('mongoose');
Const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
Const bcrypt = require('bcryptjs');
Const User = require('./models/User');
Const app = express();
App.use(express.json());
// Register route
App.post('/register', async (req, res) => {
 Const { name, email, password } = req.body;
 Const hashedPassword = await bcrypt.hash(password, 10);
 Const user = new User({ name, email, password: hashedPassword });
 Await user.save();
 Res.json({ message: 'User Registered Successfully' });
});
// Login route
App.post('/login', async (req, res) => {
```