Music Store – MongoDB NoSQL Project Report

Course: Advanced Databases (NoSQL)
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1. Introduction

This project is a full-stack web application called Music Store, developed as part of the Advanced Databases course.

The purpose of the project is to demonstrate:

- MongoDB NoSQL data modeling
- CRUD operations
- Advanced update operators
- Aggregation framework
- Indexing and performance optimization
- RESTful API development
- Authentication and authorization
- Frontend integration

The system allows users to browse musical instruments, create orders, and analyze sales data.

2. System Architecture

The application follows a three-tier architecture:

Frontend (HTML / JavaScript / CSS)
→ Backend (Node.js + Express REST API)
→ Database (MongoDB)

JWT tokens are used for authentication between the frontend and backend.

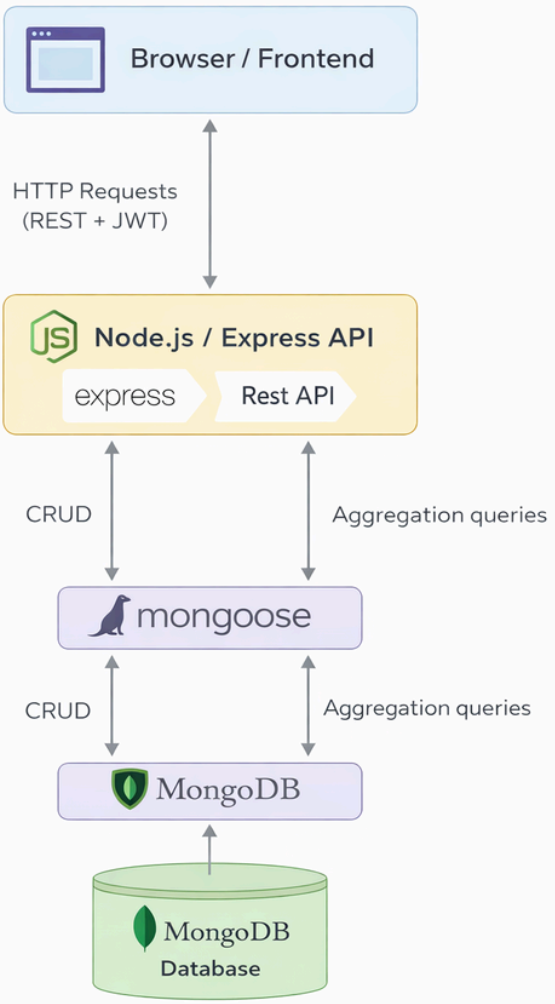


Figure 1. System architecture: the frontend communicates with the Express REST API via HTTP requests secured by JWT tokens. The backend accesses MongoDB through Mongoose ODM.

3. Technology Stack

- Node.js
- Express.js
- MongoDB
- Mongoose ODM
- JWT Authentication
- Vanilla JavaScript frontend
- HTML + CSS
- GitHub for version control

4. Database Design

4.1 Collections

The database contains three main collections:

Users

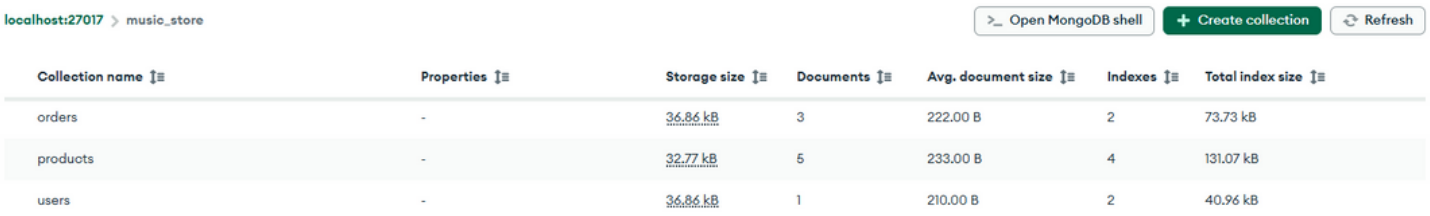
- _id
- name
- email (unique)
- passwordHash
- role

Products

- _id
- name
- category
- brand
- price
- stock
- description
- tags
- ratingAvg
- ratingCount

Orders

- _id
- userId (reference to Users)
- items (embedded array)
  - productId
  - nameSnapshot
  - priceSnapshot
  - qty
- total
- status
- createdAt



4.2 Embedded and Referenced Documents

Orders embed order items in order to preserve historical product prices.

Products and users are referenced using ObjectId relationships.

This design balances performance and data consistency.

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userId : ObjectId('6981d83174ecc59baea78f09')
▸ items : Array (1)
total : 900
status : "pending"
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__v : 0
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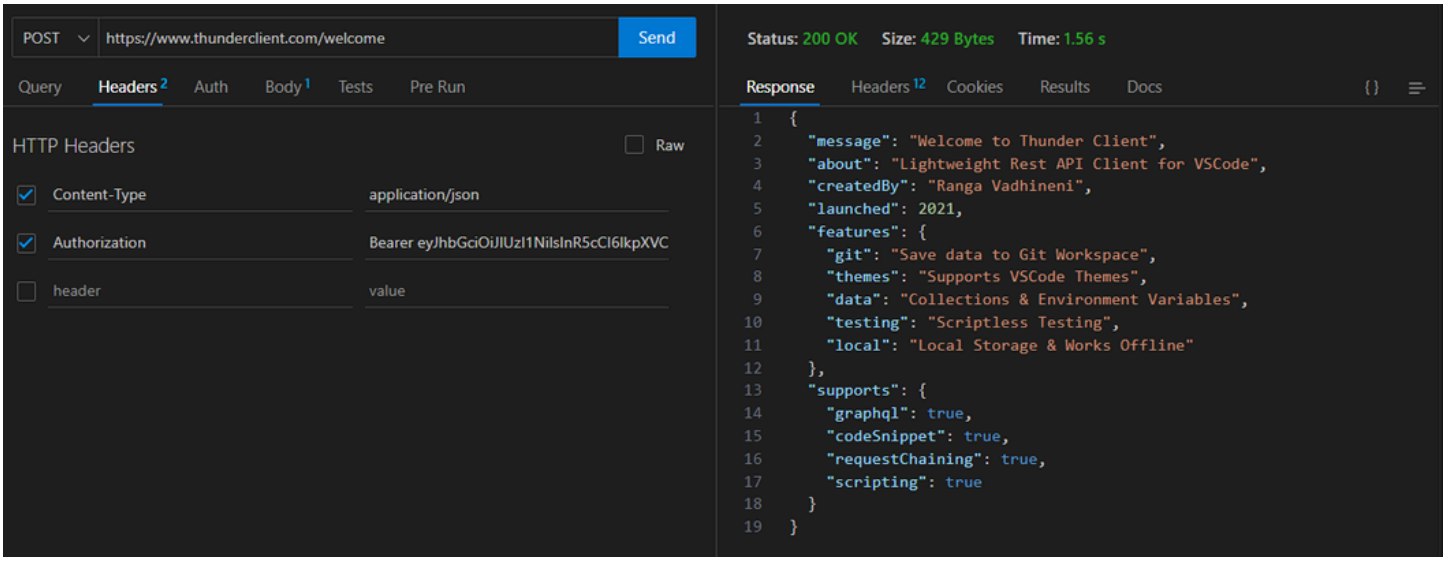
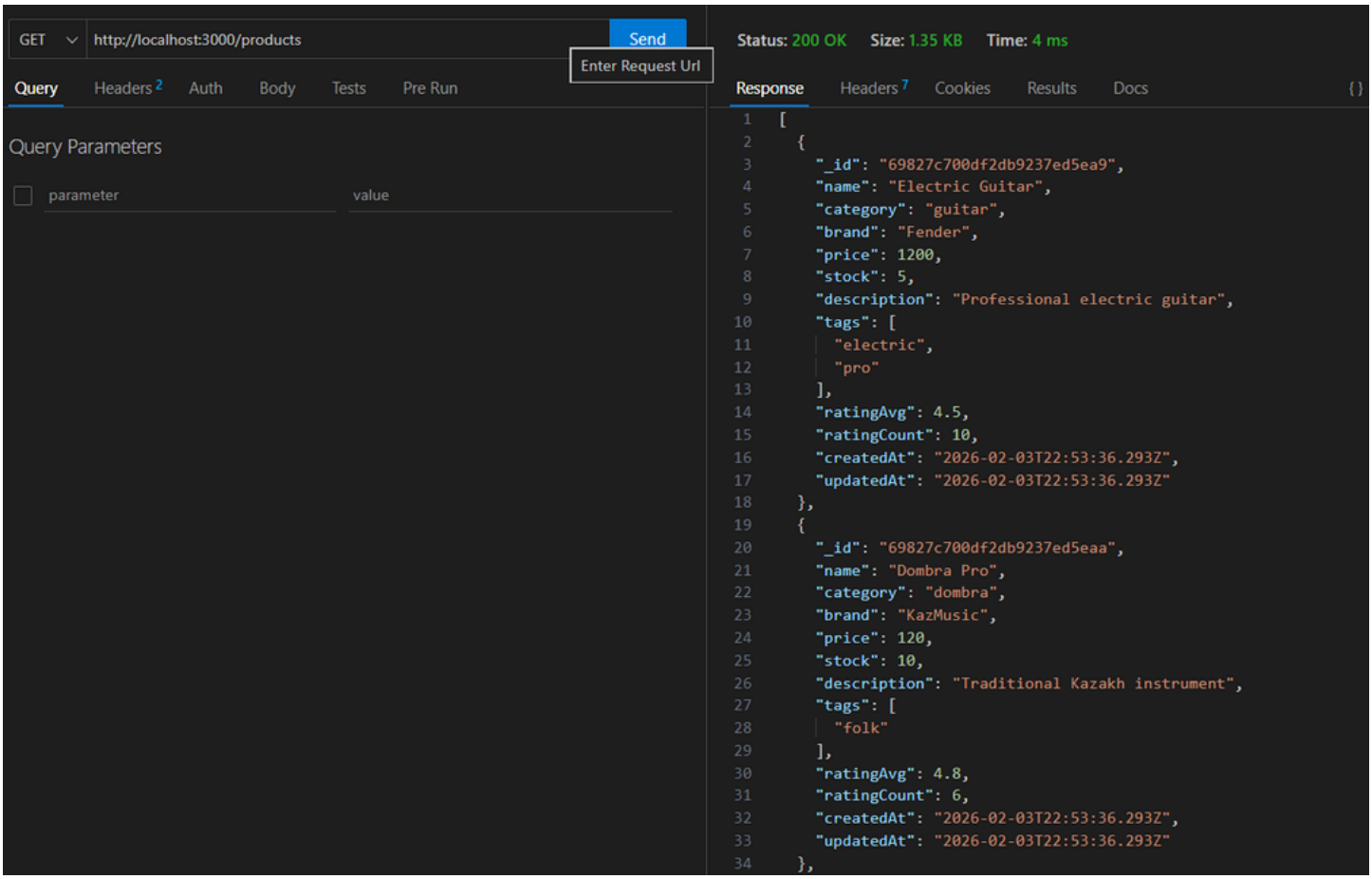
5. CRUD Operations

CRUD functionality was implemented mainly for the Product and Order entities.

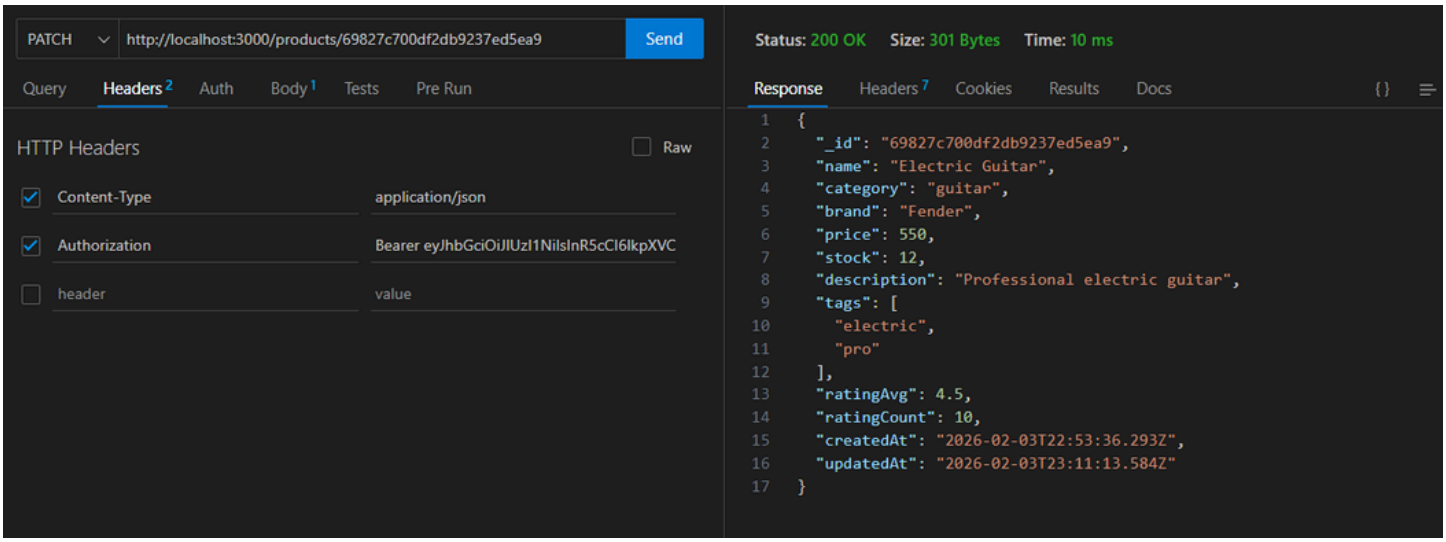
- Create: add products, create orders



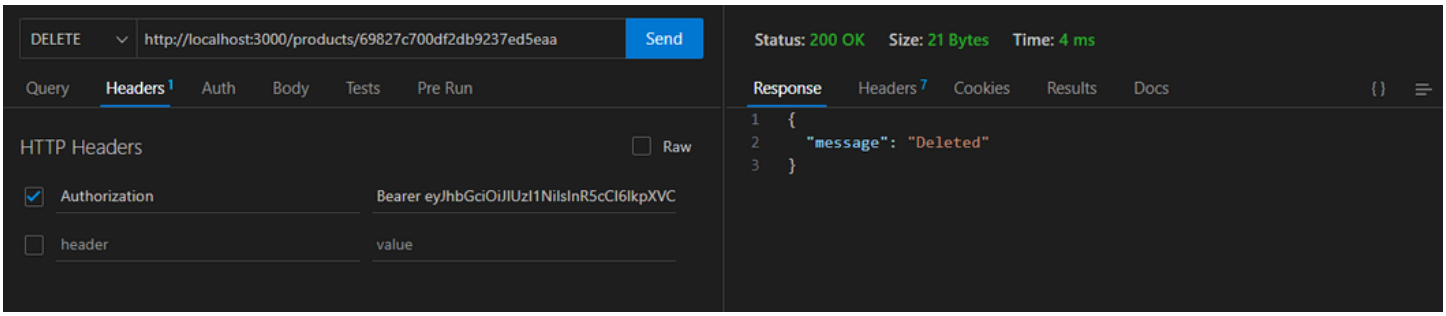
- Read: list products, view orders



- Update: modify product fields and stock



- Delete: remove products



6. Advanced MongoDB Operations

The project demonstrates several advanced update operators:

- $set – update product fields
- $inc – update stock values
- $push – add tags
- $pull – remove tags

These operators allow efficient partial document updates.

7. Aggregation Framework

MongoDB aggregation pipelines were implemented to analyze sales data.

Examples include:

- Total revenue calculation
- Number of orders
- Average order value

The pipeline uses multiple stages:

$match → $group → $unwind → $sort

This provides real business insights for the store.

{Screenshot of aggregation endpoint response}

8. Indexes and Performance

Indexes were created to improve query performance:

- Compound index on category + price
- Text index for searching products
- Compound index on userId + createdAt in orders

These indexes speed up filtering, sorting, and analytics queries.

{Screenshot from MongoDB Compass showing indexes}

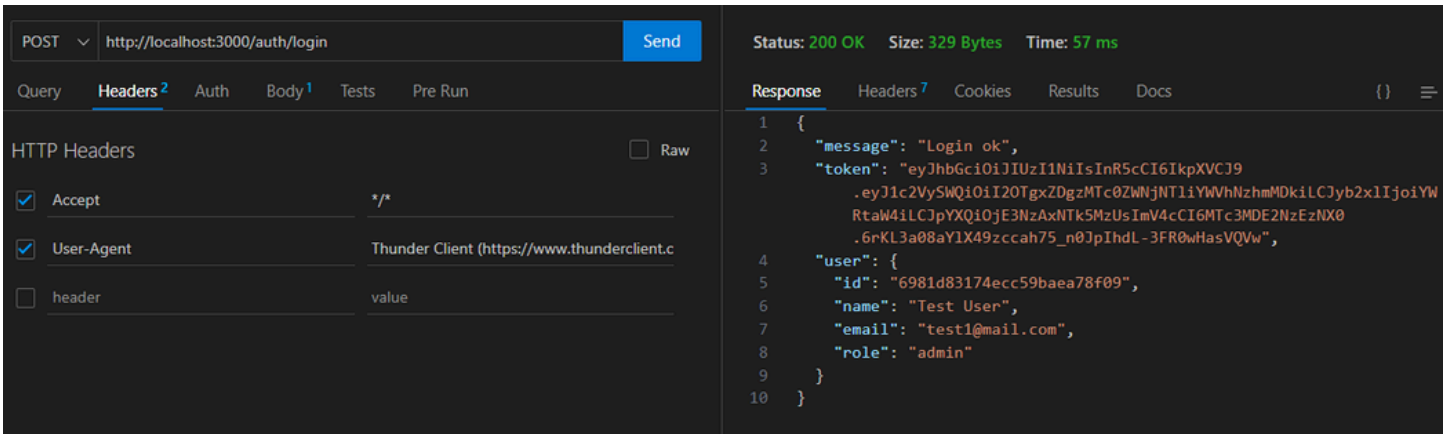
9. REST API Design

The backend follows REST principles:

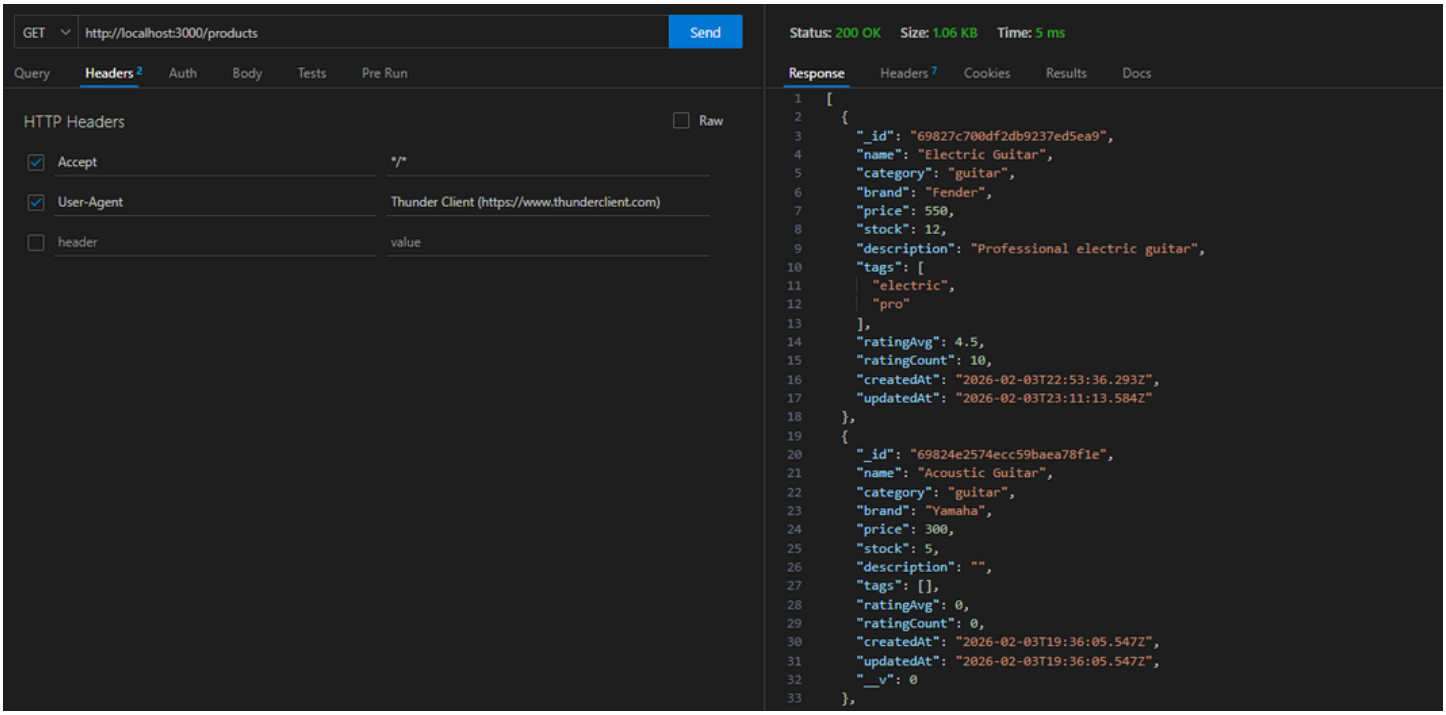
- Resource-based endpoints
- HTTP verbs for operations
- JSON request and response bodies

Main endpoints include:

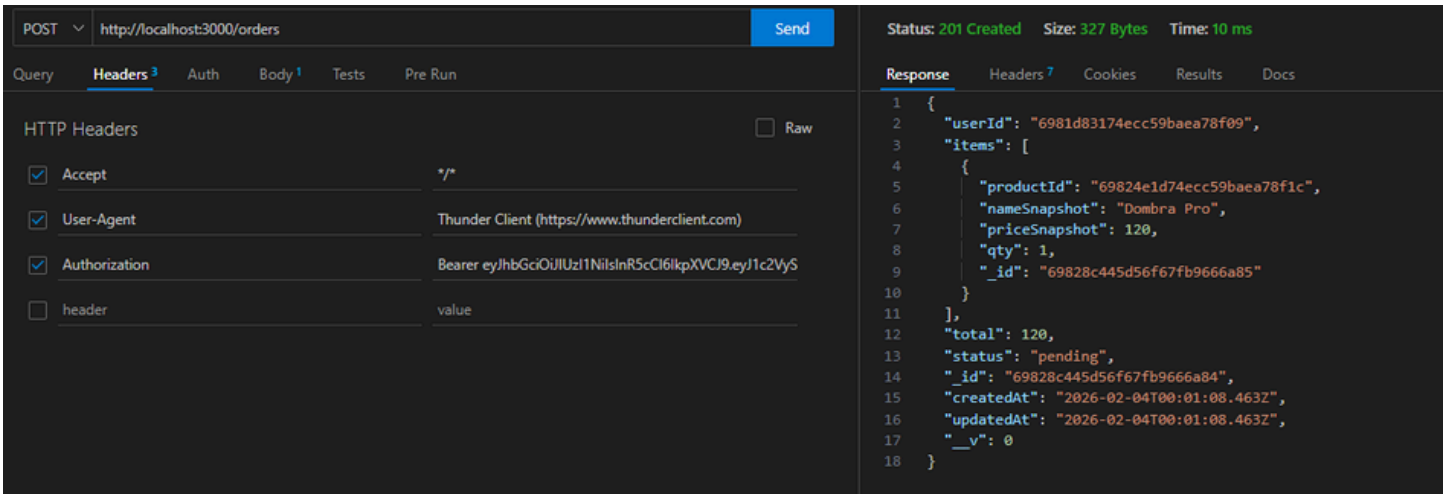
- /auth/login



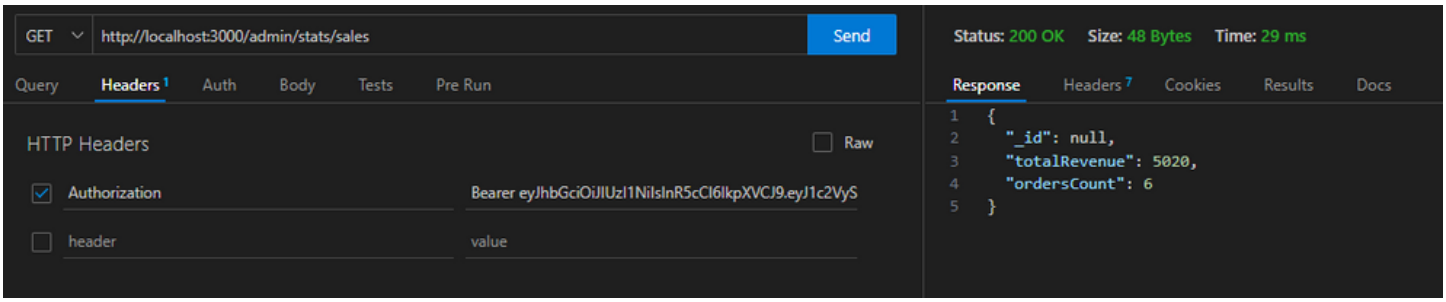
- /products



- /orders



- /orders/stats/sales



10. Security Implementation

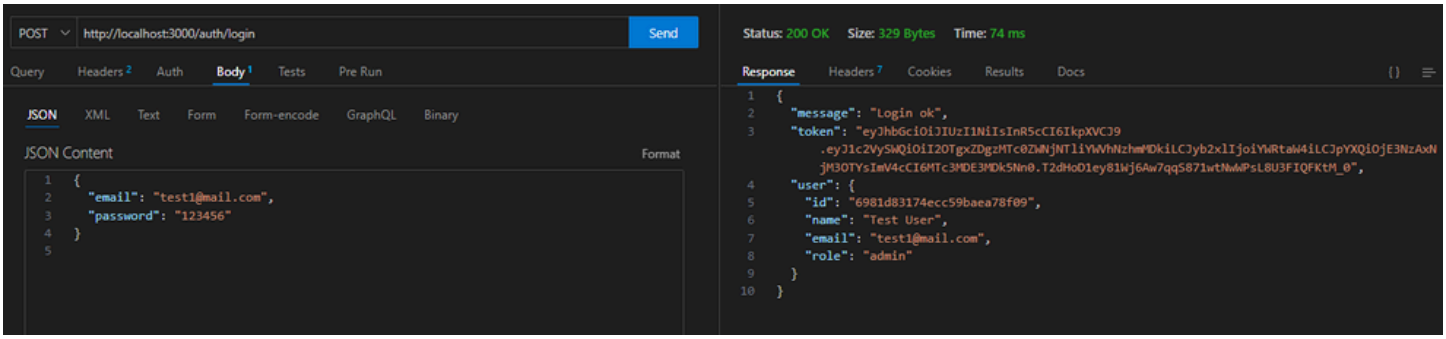
Security is handled using JWT authentication.

Protected routes require an Authorization header:

Authorization: Bearer <token>

Role-based authorization is used for admin-only operations.

Passwords are stored in hashed format using bcrypt.



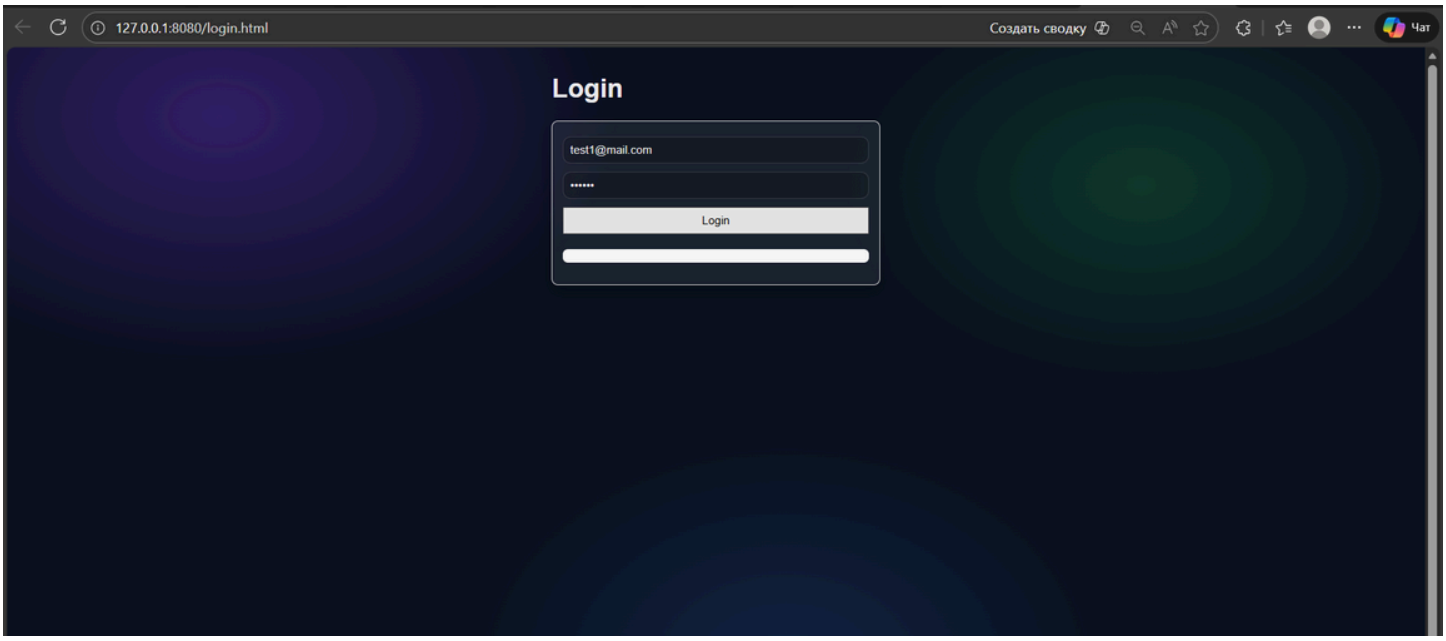
11. Frontend Implementation

The frontend consists of four pages:

- Login page
- Products list
- Create order
- My orders

Each page communicates with the backend using real HTTP requests.

CSS styling was added to create a clean and usable interface.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Чат
Login
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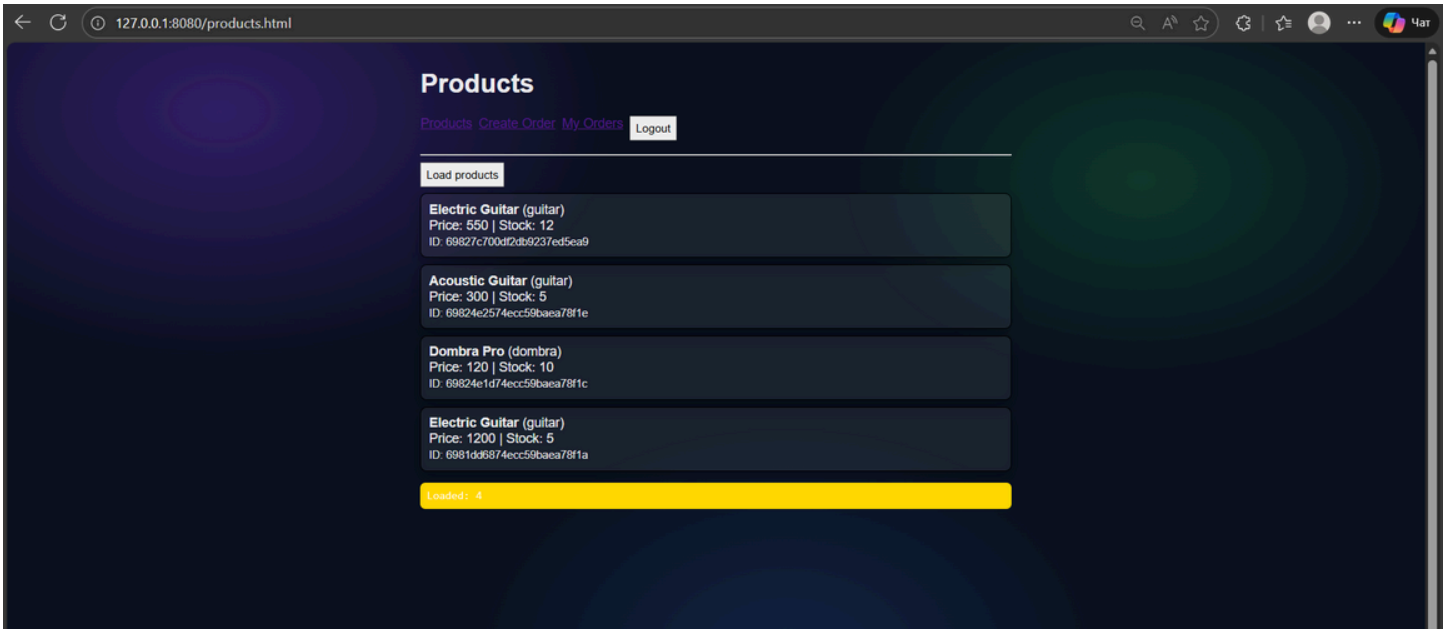
Login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Products
Products Create Order My Orders Logout
Load products
Electric Guitar (guitar)
Price: 550 | Stock: 12
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Acoustic Guitar (guitar)
Price: 300 | Stock: 5
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Dombra Pro (dombra)
Price: 120 | Stock: 10
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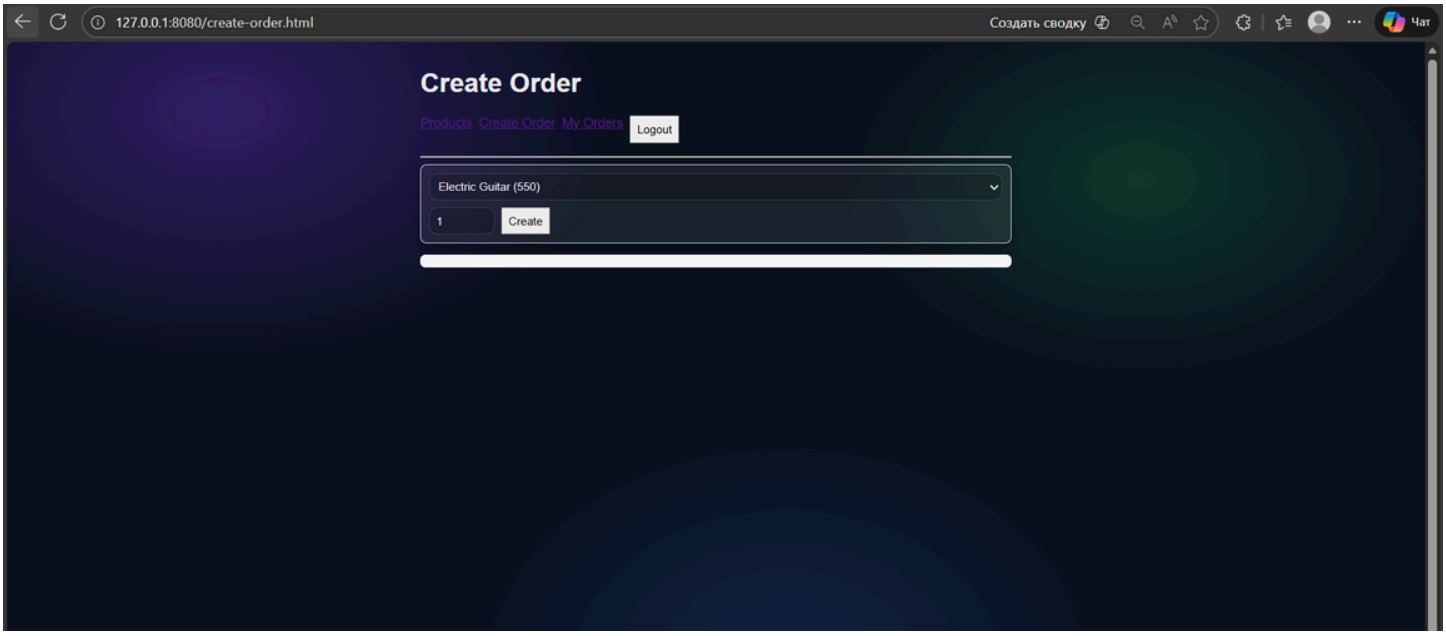
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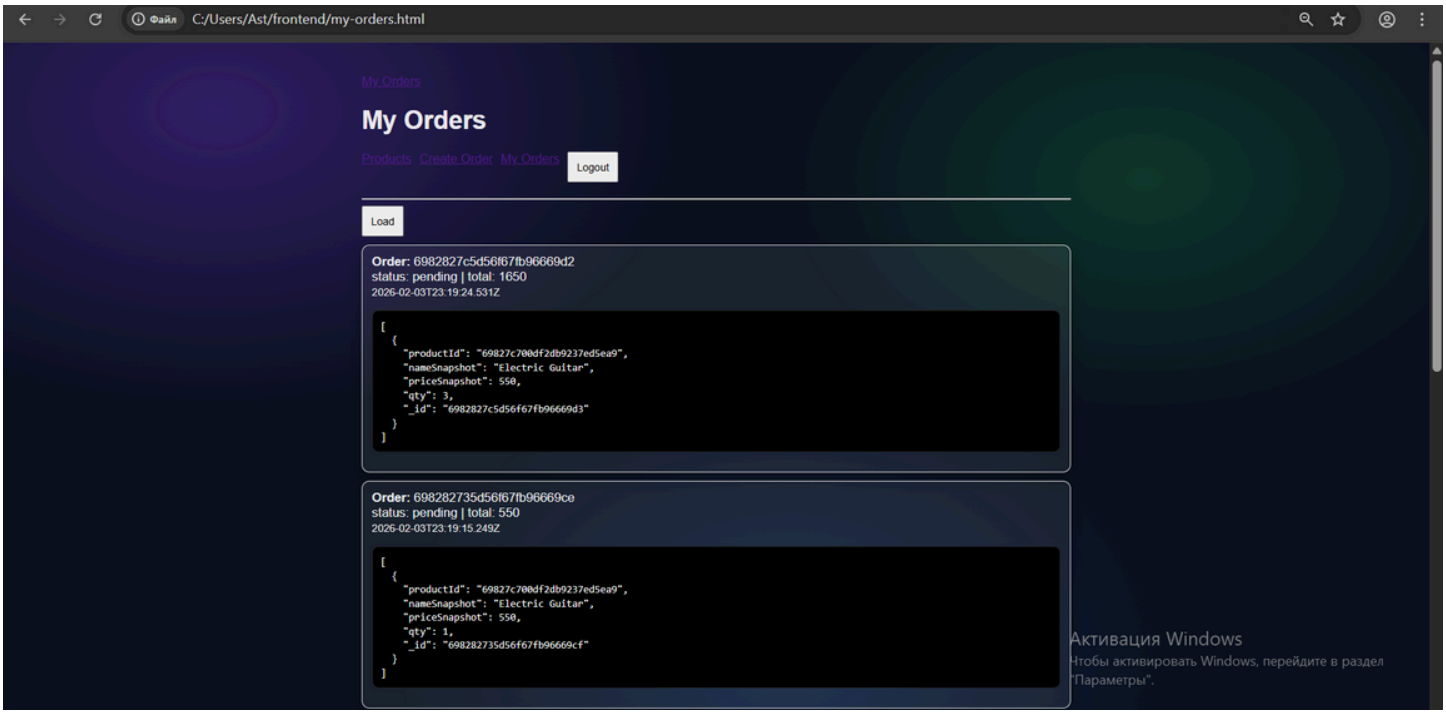
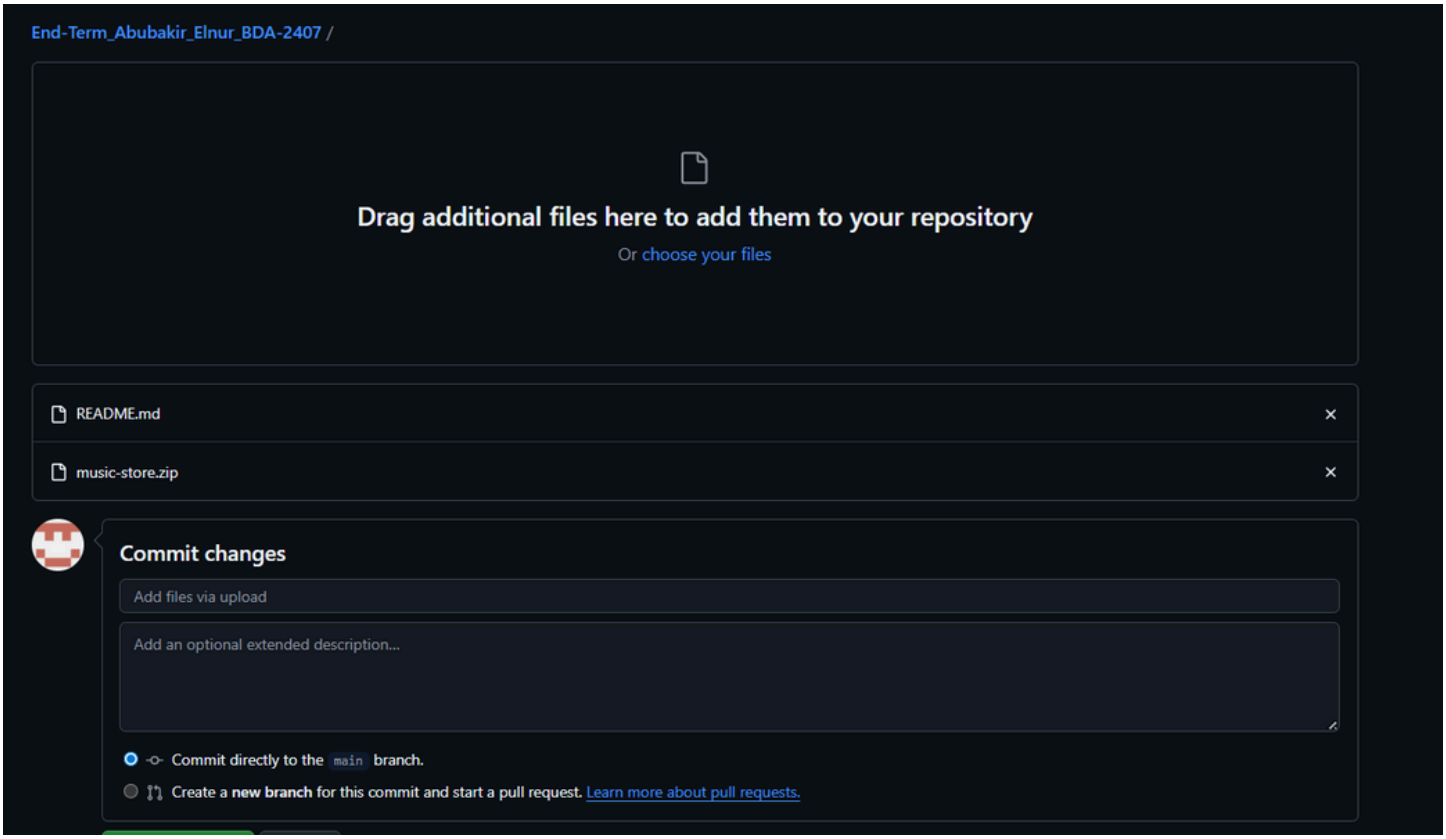


12. GitHub Repository

All project files are uploaded to GitHub, including:

- Backend source code
- Frontend files
- README documentation

Version control was used during development.



13. Challenges and Solutions

During development, several technical issues occurred, such as:

- Route configuration errors
- MongoDB connection issues
- Index duplication warnings

These problems were solved by restructuring routes, fixing schema definitions, and cleaning up indexes.

14. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates advanced MongoDB usage together with a REST API and frontend interface.

All major grading requirements were addressed, including aggregation, indexing, advanced updates, and documentation.

The Music Store system could be extended in the future with:

- Payment processing
- Admin dashboard
- Review system
- Deployment to cloud platforms

15. Appendix (Optional)

- Example API requests
- Environment variables
- Sample database records

.env

```
PORT=3000
MONGO_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/music_store
JWT_SECRET=super_secret_key_123
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