

Task

Develop a full-stack shopping cart using **React + Redux Toolkit** for frontend state management and **NestJS (Node.js + TypeScript + PostgreSQL)** for backend API.

Brief

The shopping cart should allow fetching products from a PostgreSQL database through a backend API, adding/removing items, and dynamically displaying the total number of items and total price. The implementation should follow modern best practices for **Redux Toolkit** and **NestJS with PostgreSQL** to ensure scalability and maintainability.

Requirements

1. Backend (NestJS + Node.js + TypeScript)

1. Database (PostgreSQL)

- Use PostgreSQL for storing products and cart_items.
- Each product should include: id, name, price, image.
- Each cart item should reference a product and include: id, productId, quantity.

2. API Endpoints

- GET /products → Returns list of products from PostgreSQL. (id, name, price, image).
- GET /cart → Returns cart items with total count and price.
- POST /cart → Add an item to the cart (insert/update in PostgreSQL).
- DELETE /cart/:id → Remove an item from the cart in PostgreSQL.

3. TypeScript & Validation

- Use DTOs for request/response validation.
- Define types/interfaces for Product and Cart models.
- Strong typing for API responses.

4. Database Integration

- Use **TypeORM** or **Prisma** with NestJS.
- Provide migration/seeding script to insert sample products into PostgreSQL.

5. Error Handling

- Handle invalid requests with proper HTTP status codes.

2. Frontend (React + Redux Toolkit + TypeScript + Vite)

1. Product Listing

- Fetch products from the backend API and display them (name, price, image).

2. Shopping Cart Functionality

- Add items to cart (via API).
- Remove items from cart (via API).
- Display cart summary with total items and total price (via API).

3. State Management

- Use Redux Toolkit slices for products and cart.
- Implement async thunks or RTK Query for API integration.

4. User Experience

- Show loading and error states for API calls.
- Use reusable components (e.g., ProductCard, CartItem, CartSummary).

5. Persistence (Optional)

- Use Redux Persist or localStorage so cart data survives refresh.

Expectations

- **Component-Based Architecture:** Design should use reusable components to ensure maintainability.
- **Scalable Redux Setup:** Follow Redux Toolkit best practices.
- **Database First:** PostgreSQL schema with seed data.
- **TypeScript Everywhere:** Proper typings across frontend and backend.
- **Error Handling:** Show clear message when requests fail.
- **Efficiency:** Minimize unnecessary re-renders and optimize state updates.
- **User Experience:** Ensure smooth and intuitive interaction for adding/removing items.
- **Clean Code:** Maintain well-structured and readable code following best practices.

Tools & Libraries

- **Frontend:** React, Redux Toolkit, TypeScript, Vite
- **Backend:** NestJS, Node.js, TypeScript
- **Database:** PostgreSQL, TypeORM or Prisma
- **Optional:** Jest, React Testing Library, Redux Persist

Timeline

Complete the implementation within **6–8 hours** of receiving this task. Submit the project with a GitHub repository link or share a ZIP file of the codebase. Include a short README with setup instructions and API details.

Evaluation Criteria

1. **Redux or Redux Toolkit Implementation:** Efficient and correct usage of Redux or Redux Toolkit for managing state.
2. **NestJS Implementation:** Proper modular structure and DTO(Data Transfer Object) usage.
3. **PostgreSQL Integration:** Well-defined schema, migrations, and queries.
4. **Functionality:** The cart should work as expected with add/remove functionality with API integration.
5. **TypeScript Usage:** Strong typing across codebase.
6. **Error Handling:** Proper validation and fallback states.
7. **Code Quality:** Clean, well-structured, and maintainable code.
8. **User Interface:** A simple yet intuitive UI that enhances user experience.
9. **Performance Optimization:** Efficient state updates and minimal re-renders.