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1. Introduction

The **Customer Service Platform** is designed to streamline customer interactions by enabling users to submit categorized queries and seamlessly integrates with Intercom for real-time support. The solution ensures secure user authentication, efficient query management, and effective communication between users and support agents.

2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the solution are:

- Secure user authentication using Google OAuth.
- Efficient query categorization and management.
- Seamless integration with Intercom for enhanced user-agent communication.
- Persistent data storage and retrieval using MongoDB.

3. System Architecture

High-Level Architecture:

- **Frontend**: Built with **React** and **Tailwind CSS**, the frontend handles user interactions, query submissions, and displays categorized data.
- **Backend**: Developed using **Node.js** and **Express.js**, the backend manages authentication, API endpoints, and integration with Intercom.
- Database: MongoDB is used for persistent storage of user and query data.

4. Key Features

- Secure Authentication: Google OAuth ensures safe login and session management.
- Query Categorization: Organized display and retrieval of queries by category.
- **Real-Time Support**: Intercom integration facilitates instant communication between users and support agents.
- Data Persistence: MongoDB ensures reliable storage and retrieval of data.

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Solution Workflow

4.1 User Authentication

- 1. Users log in via Google OAuth.
- 2. The backend verifies the Google token and generates a session for the user.
- 3. On successful login, users are redirected to the dashboard.

4.2 Query Submission and Management

- 1. Users can create a new request by selecting a category and adding a comment.
- 2. The frontend sends the request data to the backend via the /services POST API.
- 3. The backend saves the data in **MongoDB** under the appropriate category.
- 4. Queries are displayed in their respective categories on the dashboard.

4.3 Intercom Integration

- 1. The **Intercom widget** is embedded in the frontend for direct communication with support agents.
- 2. Each query submitted by the user is also sent to **Intercom** via the backend.
- 3. Support agents can interact with users directly through Intercom.

4.4 Logout Functionality

 Users can securely log out by clicking the **Logout** button, which ends the session and redirects them to the login page.

5. Technologies Used

Component	Technology
Frontend	React, Tailwind CSS, TypeScript
Backend	Node.js, Express.js, TypeScript
Database	MongoDB
Third-Party Tools	Intercom API, Google OAuth

6. Conclusion

The proposed solution effectively addresses the challenges of managing customer queries by integrating secure authentication, query categorization, and real-time support. The system is scalable, user-friendly, and enhances the overall customer experience.