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My Credentials I used to create my user  
{

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  "password":"lionPeace123"

}

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MernStackProject2022  
This coarse project is from Udemy Course  
<https://www.udemy.com/course/mern-stack-front-to-back/>

Tools  
React Developer Tools  
<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/react-developer-tools/fmkadmapgofadopljbjfkapdkoienihi/related?hl=en>  
  
Redux Developer Tools  
<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/redux-devtools/lmhkpmbekcpmknklioeibfkpmmfibljd/related?hl=en>  
  
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Mongo DB Atlas  
<https://cloud.mongodb.com/v2/624348b28c94b80563a3c46e#clusters>  
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Mongoose Connector  
<https://mongoosejs.com/>  
<https://www.npmjs.com/package/mongoose>  
  
Git repo  
<https://github.com/lionel5116/MernStackProject2022.git>  
  
echo "# MernStackProject2022" >> README.md

git init

git add README.md

git commit -m "first commit"

git branch -M main

git remote add origin https://github.com/lionel5116/MernStackProject2022.git

git push -u origin main

git add .  
git add -A  
git commit -m "first commit"  
git push -u origin main  
  
**Dependencies**  
npm i express express-validator bcryptjs config gravatar jsonwebtoken mongoose request

Below is for allowing use to run react and express.js at the same time

npm i -D nodemon concurrently  
  
We added this to our package.json file (script)

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To run our server, type  
npm run server (as shown in our script above)  
  
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Connecting to the MongoDB Database:  
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mongodb+srv://lionel5116:<password>@cluster0.jwcnt.mongodb.net/?retryWrites=true&w=majority  
  
For special characters in your password

https://www.mongodb.com/docs/atlas/troubleshoot-connection/#special-characters-in-connection-string-password

**mongodb+srv://lionel5116:Mag17615%40@cluster0.jwcnt.mongodb.net/?retryWrites=true&w=majority**

See project for initial wireup of connection  
And run it:  
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And that’s all for the initial setup  
  
Creating the React APP  
npx create-react-app client  
  
And now we have our react app  
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**Tip**: Running both Server.js and React command with one command  
To run both the node server and react at the same time with one command:  
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In your root package.json file add:  
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Then run the following command: (at the root application folder)  
npm run dev  
  
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And it works!!!!

Next cd into your client folder and install the following dependencies  
npm i axios react-router-dom redux react-redux redux-thunk redux-devtools-extension moment react-moment  
  
**Tip**: Adding a proxy  
Add this to your package.json file in the client  
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**Tip**: Run commands using script  
Remember in our script entry in package.json  
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Our command to run our app always starts:  
npm run <script command >  
So to run our server (just the node.js)  
npm run server (as opposed to node server.js)  
Node looks at the “main”: “server.js” tag to determine node.js app’s entry point  
Running this command utilizes “nodemon” with watches for changes in our code, this way when we make a change, node recompiles

**Tip**: Setting up middleware using express.js  
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**Middleware**:

Middleware functions are functions that have access to the request object ( req ), the response object ( res ), and the next middleware function in the application's request-response cycle.  
Middleware checks for validity of a post’s payload. Normally used for authentication  
  
**Tip**: Checking for Validation of payload  
In addition to added your middleware code (shown in the tip above)  
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Then when perform a post that is invalid:  
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**Tip**: Exporting and importing modules Node.js  
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When you hover over the import using the require .. keyword

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Notice how **internally** it uses the **import** keyword (just like in react/angular)

**Tip**: Creating a new user record (document) using mongoose DB  
The standard way that most developers create documents in a mongoDB is to use mongoose. The first thing you do is create a schema:  
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Then as show below  
We get the request body from the POST  
We create an instance of the user schema, set the values  
Then to write to our database, we use the command  
<await> user.save() (user.save is a promise so we use the await keyword)

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So before saving:  
We only have one database (this was a database I created for another project)  
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After we do our post  
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MongoDb creates a database called test, then it creates create’s the user document:

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**Tip**: Using JWT for authentication  
https://jwt.io/  
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Explains what each part of the encoded parts of the token mean  
Wiring it up in our project:  
In our users route

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When we write the record, we get a token  
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To check your token, go to  
https://jwt.io/  
And paste your token and you can see the encode and decode  
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**Tip**: Creating a protected route with your JWT token (more on middleware)  
  
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Below we created a middleware folder and a .js file to handle decoding our jwt token

Then in our auth.js route, we protect the route with the auth.js middleware code  
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To test it out, we grab the token that we created when we created the first user  
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We add a header with key that we entered in our middleware and cut and paste the jwt token in the value, when we hit the URL, we get Auth route  
  
If we change the token we get:

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Getting the user information

If you change the code in the auth.js route

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Working with middleware and passing in the token in the get request, the middleware will decode the token and grab the user from the response and return the user object that is tied to the token (see the code below) …(sweeetttttt!!!). This is classic “MIDDLEWARE………….”  
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**Tip**: Logging in with email address and password an validating against our token  
In the auth.js file, we add another route (POST) to pass in a payload with our email address and password to authenticate, see the auth.js POST route  
  
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**Tip**: Using POSTMAN  
Postman is good for saving all of your previous posts / requests for testing  
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You can also use presets for things that you enter a lot

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**Tip**: When to use AUTH middleware and not use  
Whenever you are using a Token (a protected route), you have to make sure you include your “auth” middleware in your route (this is typically for what we call a “private” ->protected route  
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//For public routes (non-protected), where we are not using a token, we don’t need to pass in middleware  
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**Tip**: Getting a new token for my user (Test User – lioneljones)  
  
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}

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    "email":"ljones876@gmail.com",

    "password":"lionPeace123"

}

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It will return a token  
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To check for user with Token  
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**Tip**: Routing with Express.js  
<https://expressjs.com/en/guide/routing.html>

The way routing works in express.js  
Routing is part of the express.js package  
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First you create a .js file (i:e **Profile.js**)  
You include these require(imports)

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You create your default route:  
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Then export the route

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Notice how we don’t export the name of the file, just the convention as shown above to create the expose the .js file as a route in application. And based on the /<.js filename>, we determine how to reference the URL. /api/<.js filename>/

By default, when you browse the url, you include the /api/  
Then the name of the .js file (without the of course) to complete the route as shown below:  
<http://localhost:5000/api/profile>

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**Tip**: Registering an application on GitHub for development  
<https://github.com/settings/developers>

Go to the link above to register an application to use in your custom react app.  
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We then use this in our custom application to return all of a user’s github repos   
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**Tip**: The way routing works in this version of reactjs  
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**Tip**: How to create the (correct) functional component using react tools vs code

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**Tip**: Writing to our mongoDB database with a two project application (Reactjs and NodeExpress), using a proxy as well  
Notice how we have “2” projects

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Our Client (our React Application) and the rest is our Node.js project

In our package.json file we have a “proxy” entry

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When we run

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It fires up both projects  
So when we write the code as shown below:

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Since we have a proxy of <http://...:500>.., it knows to look at the package.json file for the endpoint

When we submit

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It wrote the record

**Tip**: Wiring up Redux and DevTools

<https://github.com/zalmoxisus/redux-devtools-extension>

We wired up REDUX devtools to work with Chrome using and npm package that we installed earlier.   
<https://www.npmjs.com/package/redux-devtools-extension>

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The way that we wired it up was when we created our store:

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Now when we look at our dev-tools and select REDUX, you see that the tools are working (It’s much cleaner than the documentation given by github). (The old way of wiring it up).  
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The way he wired up redux:  
He wired up the first part (**the same way as traditional**)  
Create a store.js file, create reducers, pass reducers to the store, in the app.js file he imports the provider and wraps all of the content inside of it and set’s the store, Then  
He created an types.js file (really for CONSTANTS)  
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Then he created a reducer  
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Then he created an actions folder, inside he creates his actions that he dispatches on the store  
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These two files work together:  
When he dispatches an action, he set’s the action type, the reducer receives the type from the dispatched action and passes along the payload to set the state.  
  
In our component(i:e register)  
We import the action (ie: setAlert)  
We pass down props to our component (the same as map state to props)

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At the export of the component, we wrap our component with connect:

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Then we dispatch an action  
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If we look at our REDUX tools:  
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It shows our global state tree and actions dispatched

The alert state you see below (is our reducer)  
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comes from (combine reducers)  
Your State shows you your reducer names (in which is your state)

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The way he wired up alert was to create an alert component that tapped into the redux store:  
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Then in our App component:  
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This alert component can be accessed from anywhere in our app, just like our navigation, and when we write to the store, it will return information from our store from the alert reducer.  
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Sweet!!!!  
He also wired up the alert to disappear after 5 seconds  
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He dispatches another action to send in a different payload ID and filters (removes) where the ids do not match in the state  
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So the alert does not need a close button.

**Tip**: Adding a section html tag to your APP.js file

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This was needed for components that you could not add a section to (Alert was erroring out with the key needed for the map function), so I added a section html tag and placed the component inside of it to get the component to render in a container.

**Tip**: state.filter() finally explained  
The filter method here is just the standard javascript.filter method  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/filter>  
The filter() method creates a new array with all elements that pass the test implemented by the provided function.  
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So here in the reducer  
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When he calls this method, it passes in the exact uuid in the payload as what is passed into state, to alert.id != payload = false , because they are the same, therefore returning an empty state.  
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The statement proves false, therefore returning an empty array.  
  
**Tip**: Client Side Validation using HTML5  
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**Tip**: Using Javascript localStorage object

You can use Javascript’s built-in localStorage object to store information

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**Tip**: How he laid out REDUX (actions,Reducers,Constants)  
The way that he laid out REDUX is the same way that our projects at HISD (the five apps) are laid out.  
The neat thing is, for each component, he named them the same in the actions,reducers and component folders.  
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This makes it easy find the appropriate reducer and action from a project standpoint.

For his actions:  
He places all of the method calls (endpoints) inside of an action and calls them from the UI component.

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Then in the action, he dispatches the payload (calls the reducer) to pass in the payload and store it into the store.  
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He also stores the payload in javascripts localStorage object as well  
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**Tip**: Working with JWT and the token (when a user logs back in after being authenticated)

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The way authorization works:  
When the user is registered, we write the token to javascript local storage in the reducer (auth reducer)  
When the application refreshes, we place a call to an action called loadUser, what loadUser does is check javascript’s local storage for a key ‘token”, if the key exists, we write it to our axios default header that we set up in a file called utils.js.

When a call to axios the /api/auth endpoint that has the token written to our header for authorization. When this happens, the user is authorized.

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One thing that I did do is place the time to expire to ‘24h’

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**Tip**: To view local storage of JavaSript  
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To clear, right click on the item and select clear.

**Tip**: Redirect (Navigate) in React router 6  
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**Tip**: Using Font-awesome  
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**Tip**: Creating a protected route (Figured it out)  
The technique below allows us to create a custom “route” that does a redirect to login if the user is not authenticated (this is how you wire up a protected route). The Private route component has a route that is created as it’s rendered content. So in our app.js file, we can use it as any regular route.  
  
This link:  
<https://www.robinwieruch.de/react-router-private-routes/>  
The way I got it work:  
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