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Final Project Report

on

Build a Scalable File Processing System

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SUMMARY

Project Title:

Build a Scalable File Processing System

Domain:

Cloud Computing & Virtualization

Objective:

The objective of this project is to design and implement a serverless, scalable, and efficient file processing and management system using Amazon Web Services (AWS). The system ensures secure user authentication, automatic file handling via AWS Lambda, and metadata storage in DynamoDB, eliminating the need for traditional server management.

Description:

The project utilizes **AWS S3** for file storage, **AWS Lambda** for serverless file processing, and **DynamoDB** for fast and scalable metadata storage. A responsive **React.js** frontend allows users to upload, download, view, and manage their files.

The backend is developed using **Node.js** and **Express.js**, ensuring secure authentication and seamless integration with AWS services.

Files uploaded by users automatically trigger Lambda functions to process and store metadata, creating an **event-driven**, **serverless architecture**.

Technologies Used:

• Frontend: React.js, Tailwind CSS, Axios

• Backend: Node.js, Express.js

• Cloud Services: AWS Lambda, AWS S3, AWS DynamoDB

• Database: MongoDB Atlas (for user management)

• Authentication: JWT Tokens, HTTP-only Cookies

• APIs Testing Tools: Postman

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Serverless Architecture, AWS Lambda, AWS S3,

DynamoDB, React.js, Node.js, Scalable File Management, Event-Driven Systems



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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Aim

To build a fully serverless and scalable file management system using AWS Lambda, S3, and DynamoDB, integrated through a responsive frontend and secure backend APIs.

1.2 Technologies

Frontend: React.js, Tailwind CSS

• Backend: Node.js, Express.js

• Cloud Services: AWS Lambda, AWS S3, AWS DynamoDB

• **Database**: MongoDB Atlas (for user management)

• Authentication: JWT Tokens, HTTP-only Cookies

• APIs Testing Tools: Postman

1.3 Hardware Architecture

- Client devices (Laptop/Desktop/Mobile) → Internet → Cloud-hosted React app
- AWS cloud handles backend processing and storage.

1.4 Software Architecture

- Event-driven serverless model with React frontend and Node.js API backend.
- Backend connects with AWS Lambda (processing), S3 (storage), DynamoDB (metadata).





2. SYSTEM

2.1 Requirements

2.1.1 Functional Requirements

- User authentication (Login/Register)
- File upload, download, preview
- Metadata storage and retrieval
- · File starring and un-starring

2.1.2 User Requirements

- Clean, intuitive UI
- Secure and responsive operations
- · Quick access to uploaded files

2.1.3 Environmental Requirements

- AWS account for cloud service access
- Modern browser with JavaScript support

2.2 Design and Architecture

- DFD Level 0 and 1: show user interaction, backend processing, cloud services
- ERD: Users → Files → StarredFiles
- Class Diagram: AuthController, FileController, React Components

2.3 Implementation

- React frontend with protected routes and components
- Express.js API server with JWT-based auth
- AWS Lambda function triggered by S3 upload
- Metadata stored in DynamoDB, files in S3





2.4 Test Cases

Here are some important test cases:

Test Case ID	Description	Input	Expected Output
TC001	User Login	Valid credentia ls	Dashboard page loads
TC002	User Login	Invalid credentials	Show error toast
TC003	Upload File	Select valid file	File saved to \$3 metadata saved
TC004	Download File	Click download on file	File downloade d successfully
TC005	Star a File	Click star button	File added to starred list
TC006	Delete File	Click delete button	File removed from S3 and dashboard
TC007	Unauthorized Access	No token provided	Redirect to login page





3. SNAPSHOTS OF THE PROJECT

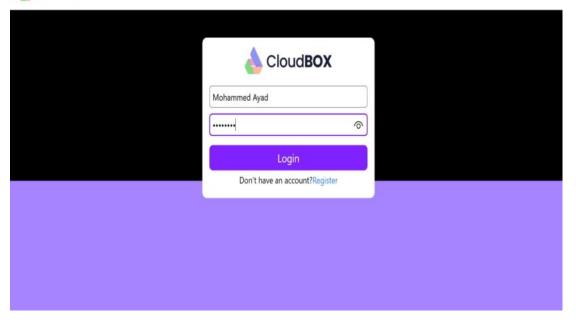
10.1 User Interface Design

Home Page



Login Page

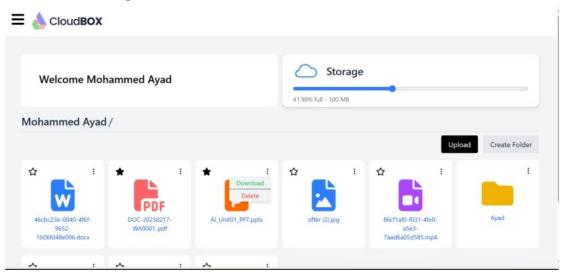




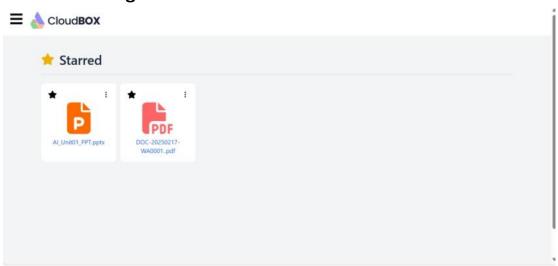
SignUp Page



• Dashboard Page



Starred File Page



Preview File Page



10.2Backend Interface Design

File Routes

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                                                         JS AuthMiddleware.js
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    const upload = multer({
        storage: multerS3({
          s3: s3Client,
          bucket: BUCKET_NAME,
          metadata: (req, file, cb) => {
           cb(null, { fieldName: file.fieldname });
          key: (req, file, cb) => {
            const folderPath = req.params[0]; // Folder where the file will be stored
            const filePath = ${folderPath}/${file.originalname};
            cb(null, filePath);
    router.post('/*',upload.single('file'),FileUpload)//checks file existence in req.file and
    router.get('/download/*',downloadFile)//download file using file path recieved from fronte
    router.get('/list',listAllFiles)// to list all files in s3 bucket
    router.delete('/delete',deleteFile)//to delete file based on file path
    router.get('/signed-url/*',SignedUrl)//t
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    module.exports=router
```

• File Upload

```
onst FileUpload = async (req, res) => (
 const folderPath = req.params(0);
  const { userName } = req.body;
 // 1. Check if file already exists in DB const existingFile = await DirectoryModel.FindOne({
  type: file.minetype,
parentPath: folderPath,
  if (existingFile) (
   return res.status(409).json({
    message: "File already exists in this folder",
    success: false,
  const folderSizeMB = await fetchFolderSize(userName); // Ensure you await async call
  const fileSizeM6 = file.size / (1824 * 1824); // Convert file size from bytes to M8
 if (folderSizeM8 + fileSizeM8 >= 100) (
   const deleteCommand = new DeleteObjectCommand{{
   Bucket: BuckET_NAME,
     Key: ${folderPath}/5{file.originalname},
    return res.status(489).json((
     message: "Upload exceeds 100 MB limit.",
success: false,
   name: file.originalname,
   path: '${folderPath}/${file.originalname}',
   parentPath: folderPath,
   type: file.minetype,
  const updatedFolderData = await DirectoryModel.find({
   parentPath: folderPath,
  message: "File uploaded successfully",
success: true,
  data: updatedFolderOata,
 console.error("File upload error:", err);
return res.status(500).json({
  message: "Internal server error",
success: false,
```

Download File

Delete File

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Signed Url

```
const SignedUrl = async (req, res) => (
    try {
        const path = req.params[0]; // if your route is router.get("/*", SignedUrl)

    if (lpath) {
        return res.status(400).json({
            message: "Missing file path in request",
            success: false,
        });
    }

    const command = new GetObjectCommand({
        Bucket: BUCKET_NAME,
        Key: path,
    });

    const signedUrl = await getSignedUrl(s3Client, command, {
        expiresIn: 3600,
        }); // 1 hour expiry

    res.status(200).json({
        success: true,
        message: "Signed URL generated",
        url: signedUrl,
        ));
    catch (error) {
        console.error("Error generating signed URL:", error);
        return res.status(500).json({
            success: false,
            message: "Internal server error",
            error: error.message,
        });
    }
};
```

Folder Routes

```
const { DownloadFolder } = require('../Controller/DownloadFolder')
const { FetchFolder, CreateFolder, DeleteFolder, getFolderSizeInMB } = require('../Controller/FolderController')

const router=require('express').Router()

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router.get('/fetch/*',FetchFolder)//to fetch folder and list all files and folder under path
router.post('/*',CreateFolder)//to create new folder
router.delete('/',DeleteFolder)//delete folder and files under folder path
router.get('/download/*',DownloadFolder)//to download folder and files under folder path
mouter.get('/size/*',getFolderSizeInMB)//to get of folder path

module.exports=router
```

Fetch Folder

Create Folder

Delete Folder

Download Folder

• Get Folder Size

Auth Routes

```
const { SignUp, Login, verifyToken, SignOut } = require('../Controller/AuthController')
const { LoginValidation, SignUpValidation } = require('../Middlewares/AuthMiddleware')

const router=require('express').Router()

router.post('/login',LoginValidation,Login)//for login validation middleware and login and passing jwtToken through router.post('/signup',SignUpValidation,SignUp)//for Sign Up validation middleware and login
router.get('/verify-token',verifyToken)//to verify user and pass userName
router.post('/logout',SignOut)//to logout

module.exports=router
```

• Login

SignUp

Verify Token

```
const verifyToken = async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const token = req.cookies.token;

    if (!token) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: "Access Denied", success: false });
    }
    const key = process.env.JWT_SECRET_KEY;
    const verify = jwt.verify(token, key);
    if (verify) {
        res.status(200).json({ message: "", success: true, user: verify });
    } else {
        res.status(400).json({ message: "Access denied", success: false });
    }
} catch (error) {
    res
        .status(500)
        .json({ message: "Internal sever error ", success: false, error });
}
};
```

• Sign Out

```
const verifyToken = async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const token = req.cookies.token;

    if (!token) {
        return res.status(400).json({ message: "Access Denied", success: false });
    }
    const key = process.env.JWT_SECRET_KEY;
    const verify = jwt.verify(token, key);
    if (verify) {
        res.status(200).json({ message: "", success: true, user: verify });
    } else {
        res.status(400).json({ message: "Access denied", success: false });
    }
} catch (error) {
    res
        .status(500)
        .json({ message: "Internal sever error ", success: false, error });
}
};
```

• Starred Routes

```
const { addToStarred, getStarredFiles, removeFromStarred } = require('../Controller/StarredContoller')

const router=require('express').Router()

router.post('/',addToStarred)//put to starred
router.get('/:userName',getStarredFiles)//fetch starred
router.delete('/:id',removeFromStarred)//remove from starred

module.exports=router
```

Add to Starred

```
const | addToStarred = async (req, res) => {
    try {
    const { _id, name, path, parentPath, type, userName } = req.body;
    const newStarredFile = new StarredModel({
        name,
        path,
        parentPath,
        type,
        fileId: _id,
        userName,
    });
    await newStarredFile.save();
    const data = await StarredModel.find({ userName });
    res
        .status(200)
        .json({ message: "File added to starred", success: true, data });
    } catch (error) {
    res
        .status(500)
        .json({ message: "Internal server error", success: false, error });
}
};
```

Get from Starred

```
const getStarredFiles = async (req, res) => {
   try {
     const { userName } = req.params;
     // If userId is stored in the model, consider using req.user.id
     const data = await StarredModel.find({ userName });
     res
          .status(200)
          .json({ message: "Fetched starred files", success: true, data });
} catch (error) {
     res
          .status(500)
          .json({ message: "Internal server error", success: false, error });
}
};
```

Remove from Starred

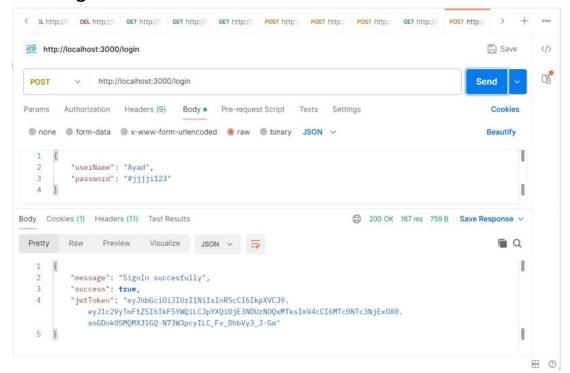
```
const removeFromStarred = async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const { id } = req.params;
    const { userName } = req.query;

    await StarredModel.findOneAndDelete({ fileId: id });

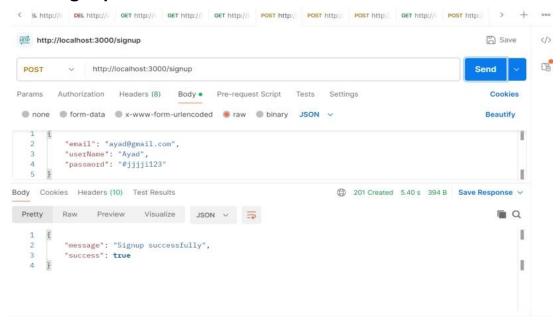
    const data = await StarredModel.find({userName});
    res
        .status(200)
        .json({ message: "File removed from starred", success: true, data });
    } catch (error) {
    res
        .status(500)
        .json({ message: "Internal server error", success: false, error });
    }
};
```

Backend API Testing Screenshots

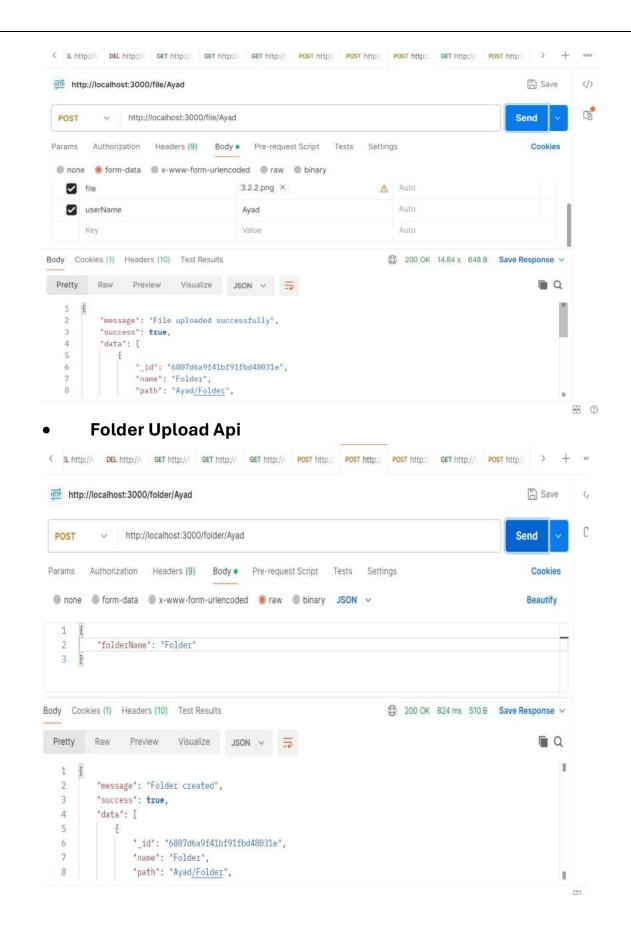
User Login API



User SignUp API

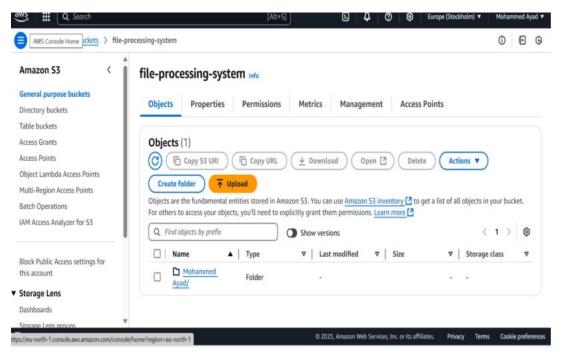


File Upload API

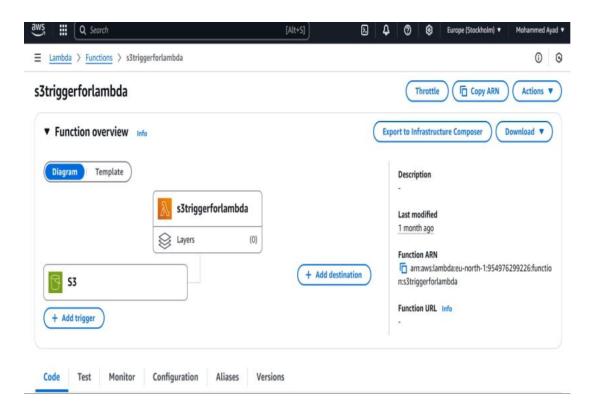


AWS Console Screenshots

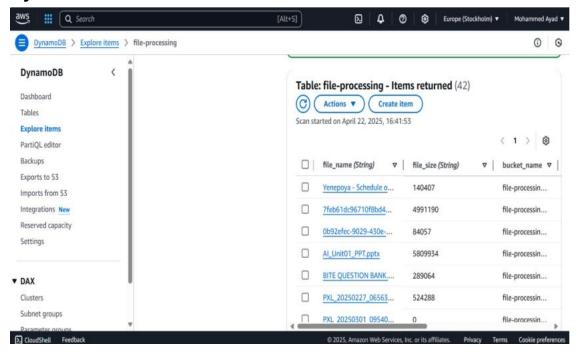
S3 buckets



Lambda triggers



DynamoDB tables.



MongoDB Model Screenshot

Directory

```
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      const mongoose=require('mongoose')
      const DirectorySchema=new mongoose.Schema({
           name:{
               required: true,
               type:String,
           path:
               required: true,
               type:String,
 12
           parentPath:{
               required:true,
               type:String,
               default: "Users"
           type:{
               required:true,
               type:String
 20
      })
      const DirectoryModel=mongoose.model('Directory', DirectorySchema)
```

Users

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      const mongoose=require('mongoose')
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          userName:{
               required: true,
               type:String,
               unique:true
          email:{
               required:true,
               type:String,
               unique:true
          password:{
               required: true,
               type:String,
      const UserModel=mongoose.model('users',UserSchema)
      module.exports=UserModel
```

Starred Files

```
const StarredSchema=new mongoose.Schema({
         fileId:{
              type:mongoose.Schema.Types.ObjectId,
              ref: 'Directory',
              required: true
         name:{
              required: true,
              type:String,
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         path:{
              required: true,
             type:String,
         parentPath:{
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             required:true,
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              type:String
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4. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Introduction

The project titled "Build a Scalable File Processing System" was undertaken with the goal of designing a cloud-native, serverless file management solution using AWS technologies. Throughout the project, an emphasis was placed on building a system that is scalable, secure, costefficient, and highly available.

6.2 Achievements

- The main objectives of the project were successfully achieved:
- Developed a fully serverless backend using AWS Lambda, S3, and DynamoDB.
- Implemented a **responsive**, **user-friendly frontend** with React.js and Tailwind CSS and TypeScript.
- Enabled **secure user authentication** using JWT tokens and HTTP-only cookies.
- Built **REST APIs** for handling file operations such as upload, download, delete, and star.
- Implemented **robust security measures** across all components.

Additionally, a strong understanding of event-driven architectures, cloud-based file management, and serverless computing models was developed, fulfilling the learning objectives of the project.

6.3 Key Outcomes

- 1. **Efficiency**: Files are processed instantly with event triggers.
- 2. **Scalability**: No need to worry about server load AWS services scale automatically.
- 3. Reliability: S3 provides 99.99999999% (11 nines) durability.
- 4. **Security**: The system enforces authentication, authorization, and secure data storage.

6.4 Conclusion Statement

In conclusion, the project successfully demonstrates how modern cloud services and serverless architectures can be utilized to build powerful, scalable, and cost-effective file management systems without managing traditional servers. The skills learned during this project are highly relevant to today's cloud computing industry.





5. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT / RESEARCH

5.1 Introduction

Although the system in its current form meets the basic requirements, there are several ways it could be extended and enhanced in the future to add more features and scalability.

5.2 Suggested Future Enhancements

5.2.1 Multi-User Role Management

• Admin, Editor, and Viewer roles can be added to provide controlled access based on user types.

5.2. 2 File Sharing Functionality

• Enable secure sharing links so that users can share uploaded files with others externally.

5.2. 3 Version Control

• Implement file versioning using AWS S3 so that users can retrieve older versions of a file.

5.2.4 Multi-File and Folder Upload

• Allow users to upload multiple files and even full folders in a single action, enhancing usability.

5.2.5 File Compression and Optimization

• Integrate functionality where large files are automatically compressed before upload to save storage space.

5.2.6 AI-based File Tagging (Advanced Feature)

• Implement machine learning models to automatically classify and tag uploaded files based on content (e.g., images, documents).

5.2. 7 Mobile App Development

• Build a mobile application using React Native or Flutter to allow users to manage files directly from smartphones.

5.3 Conclusion

Future enhancements can greatly increase the functionality, usability, and value of the system. Incorporating advanced features like AI tagging, mobile access, and role-based security would further modernize the platform and make it suitable for large-scale deployment in production environments





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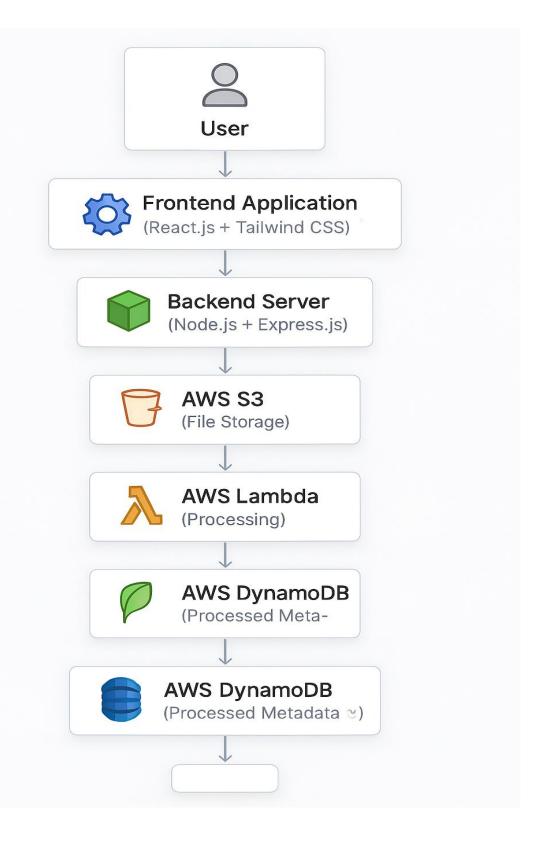
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7. APPENDIX

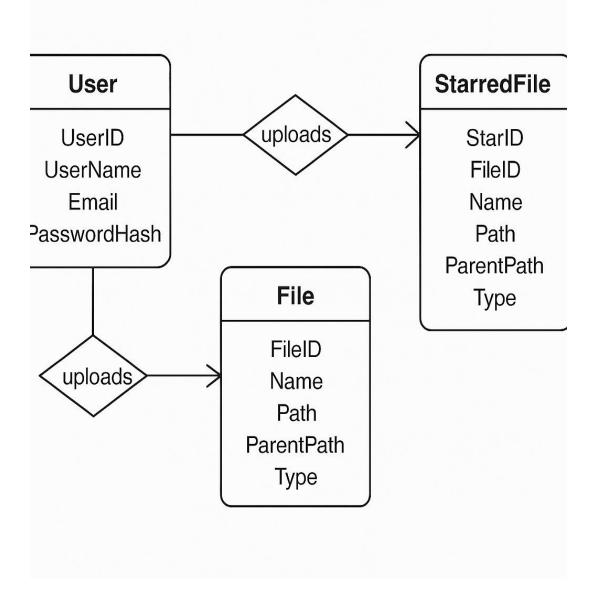
DFD Diagrams







Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)





Class Diagram

AuthController

- +login()
- +register()
- +verifyToken()
- +logout()

FileController

- +uploadFile()
- +downloadFile)
- +listFiles()
- +deleteFile()

StarredController

- +starFile()
- +unstarFile()
- +listStarredFiles()

FolderController

- + createFolder()
- +downloadFolder()
- +listFolders()
- + deleteFolder()





Test Case Sheets

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Weekly Progress Table

Build a Scalable File Processing System

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Week	Activities/Work Completed
Week 1	Project planning: selected technologies: AWS Lambda, S3, DynamoDB, React.js, Node.js
Week 2	Frontend design using React.js and Tailwind CSS
Week 3	Backend API development for file handling and user authentication
Week 4	Configured AWS Lambda functions and DynamoDB integration
Week 5	System testing, bug fixing, optimization; project documentation