□ FreelanceFinder: DiscoveringOpportunities, Unlocking Potential□

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1. Introduction

 Project Title: FreelanceFinder – Discovering Opportunities, Unlocking Potential

2. Project Overview

Purpose:

FreelanceFinder is a web application that bridges the gap between freelancers and clients by allowing clients to post freelance projects and freelancers to find and apply for them. It fosters collaboration, boosts visibility, and creates job opportunities in a user-friendly way.

• Features:

- User Authentication (JWT-based)
- Client/Freelancer dashboards
- Project posting and application system
- o Real-time updates and messaging
- Admin control panel
- Responsive design and modular UI

3. Architecture

• Frontend:

- o Built with React.js
- React Router for navigation
- Tailored components for dashboards, profile, project posting, messaging

Backend:

- Node.js with Express.js
- o REST APIs for authentication, posting, messaging, user management

Database:

- MongoDB via Mongoose
- Schemas for users, projects, applications, messages

4. Setup Instructions

Prerequisites:

- o Node.js & npm
- MongoDB

• Installation:

- Clone the GitHub repository
- o Install dependencies:

- npm install in /client and /server
- o Create .env files:
 - MongoDB URI
 - JWT Secret

5. Folder Structure

- Client:
 - o /src: Components, Pages, Services, Routes
 - o /assets: Styles and media
- Server:
 - o /routes: API endpoints
 - o /controllers: Business logic
 - o /models: MongoDB schemas

6. Running the Application

- Frontend:
 - cd client && npm start
- Backend:
 - cd server && npm start

7. API Documentation

- POST /api/auth/register User Registration
- POST /api/auth/login Login & get token
- POST /api/projects Client posts a project
- GET /api/projects List all projects
- POST /api/apply/:projectId Freelancer applies
- POST /api/message Send a message

8. Authentication

- JWT for secure login
- Tokens stored in localStorage
- Protected routes with middleware

9. User Interface

- Responsive layout for web and mobile
- Simple UI for freelancers and clients
- Functional dashboards and clean navigation
- Tailwind CSS for styling

10. Testing

- Manual testing
- Postman for API endpoint verification
- Console logging and error handling

11. ☐ Technologies & Frameworks Used

• React.js Documentation

https://react.dev/

Official documentation for building the frontend UI of FreelanceFinder.

Node.js Documentation

https://nodejs.org/en/docs

Server-side JavaScript runtime environment used for backend development.

• Express.js Documentation

https://expressjs.com/

Web framework for creating RESTful APIs and routing logic.

MongoDB Documentation

https://www.mongodb.com/docs/

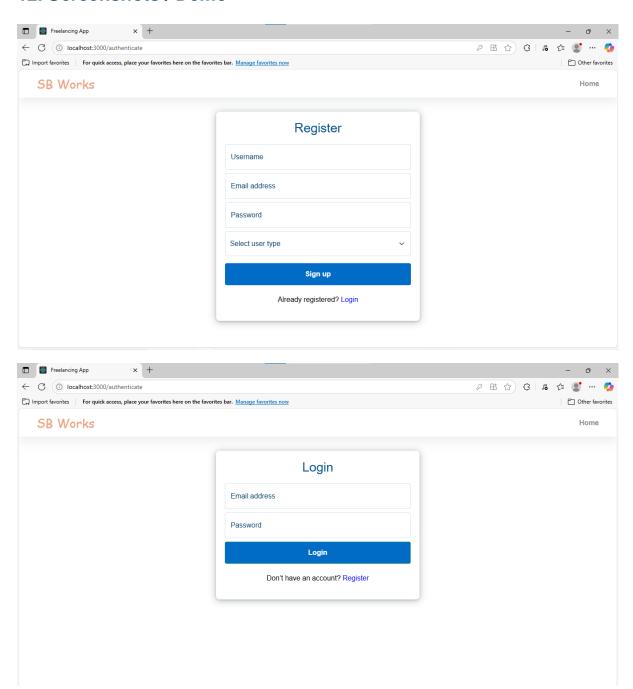
NoSQL database used for storing user, project, and application data.

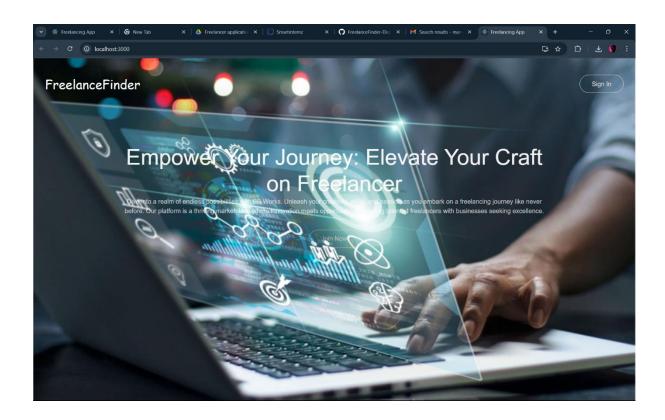
• Mongoose.js Documentation

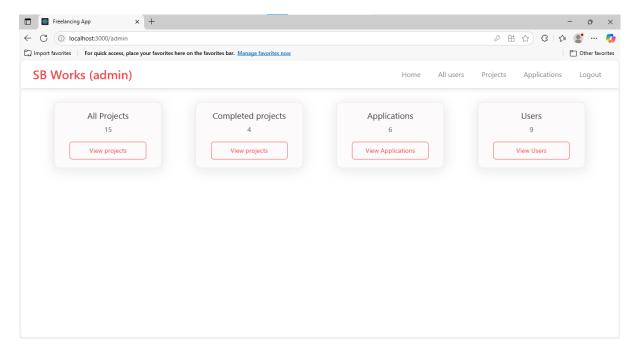
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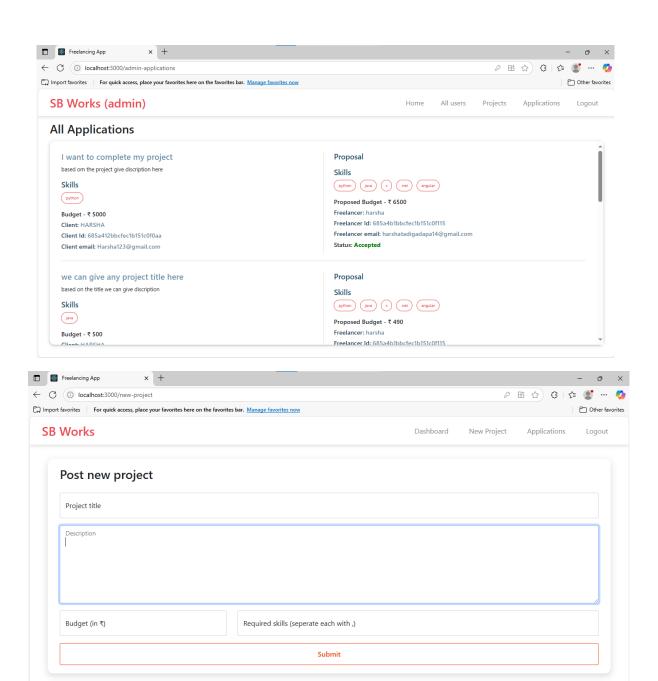
ODM library for MongoDB used to define models and interact with the database.

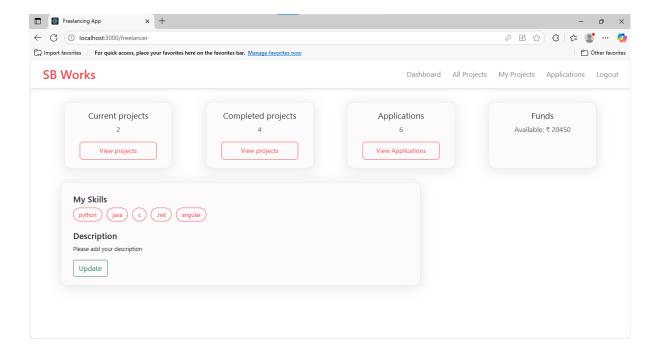
12. Screenshots / Demo











Demo video link

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GYK6uMv5pfE_faOWAQJoAKWrCSg51YvB?usp=sharing

13. Known Issues

- UI improvements needed
- No real-time chat (currently basic messaging)
- Minimal form validations

14. Future Enhancements

- Real-time messaging with Socket.io
- Skill-based project recommendations
- Email notifications
- Enhanced Admin analytics dashboard

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