

EM Interview Prep - Critical Issues Fixed

Summary of Fixes Applied

Phase 1: Authentication Issues (FIXED)

Problem: Server components were calling `getSession()` without required `NextRequest` parameter, causing 307 redirects to login for protected routes.

Solution:

- Updated all protected pages to use `getServerSession()` instead of `getSession()`
- Fixed pages: Interview Strategy, Progress Tracker, FAQ, System Design Strategy, System Design Questions
- All pages now properly authenticate users and redirect to login only when necessary

Files Modified:

- `/app/interview-strategy/page.tsx`
- `/app/progress-tracker/page.tsx`
- `/app/faq/page.tsx`
- `/app/system-design-strategy/page.tsx`
- `/app/system-design-questions/page.tsx`

Phase 2: System Design Issues (FIXED)

Problem: "frameworks.map is not a function" error on SD Strategy page due to API response format mismatch.

Solution:

- Fixed API route `/api/system-design-frameworks/route.ts` to return frameworks array directly instead of wrapped object
- Ensured client component expects correct data format
- System design questions are now visible and searchable (22 questions available)

Files Modified:

- `/app/api/system-design-frameworks/route.ts`
- `/components/system-design/system-design-strategy-client.tsx`

Phase 3: UI/UX Navigation Issues (FIXED)

Problem: Dashboard horizontal tab overflow causing poor UX on smaller screens.

Solution:

- Improved header responsive design with proper flex layouts
- Added horizontal scrolling with `scrollbar-hide` for navigation overflow
- Optimized spacing and sizing for better mobile experience
- Made navigation items more compact with better text sizing

Files Modified:

- `/components/layout/header.tsx`

Phase 4: Comprehensive Testing Framework (IMPLEMENTED)

Problem: No testing framework to prevent regressions and ensure code quality.

Solution:

- Implemented Jest + React Testing Library for unit/component testing
- Created comprehensive test suites covering:
 - Authentication functions and flows
 - Component rendering and interactions
 - API route functionality
 - Integration testing for critical user workflows
- Added test scripts and configuration

Files Created:

- `jest.config.js` - Jest configuration
- `jest.setup.js` - Test environment setup
- `__tests__/auth.test.ts` - Authentication unit tests
- `__tests__/components/header.test.tsx` - Header component tests
- `__tests__/api/auth.test.ts` - API authentication tests
- `__tests__/integration/authentication.test.ts` - Integration tests
- `__tests__/system-design/frameworks.test.ts` - System design component tests

System Design Categories (Limited to 5 as requested)

The system now has the following categories for system design questions:

1. **Data Consistency** - CAP Theorem, ACID, BASE principles
2. **Architecture Patterns** - Microservices, distributed systems
3. **Scalability** - Load balancing, horizontal/vertical scaling
4. **Performance** - Caching strategies, optimization
5. **Security** - Authentication, authorization, data protection

Current System Status

Working Features

- **Authentication:** All protected routes properly authenticate users
- **System Design Questions:** 22 questions available and searchable
- **System Design Frameworks:** 6 frameworks available with filtering
- **Navigation:** Responsive header with improved mobile experience
- **Database:** All data properly seeded and accessible

Test Coverage

- Authentication functions (token verification, creation)
- Component rendering (Header, System Design components)
- API endpoints (login, frameworks, questions)
- Integration workflows (authentication flow, data fetching)

Performance Improvements

- Fixed horizontal navigation overflow
- Improved responsive design
- Better mobile experience
- Optimized component loading

Next Steps for Further Enhancement

Recommended Improvements

1. **Add End-to-End Testing:** Implement Cypress for full user workflow testing
2. **Performance Monitoring:** Add monitoring for page load times and API response times
3. **Error Boundary:** Implement React error boundaries for better error handling
4. **Accessibility:** Add ARIA labels and keyboard navigation improvements
5. **SEO Optimization:** Add proper meta tags and structured data

Testing Commands

```
# Run all tests
npm test

# Run tests in watch mode
npm run test:watch

# Run tests with coverage
npm run test:coverage

# Run integration tests only
npm run test:integration
```

Verification Steps

1. Authentication Test:

- Visit any protected route → Should redirect to login
- Login with admin/adminadmin → Should access protected routes

2. System Design Test:

- Visit `/system-design-questions` → Should show 22 questions
- Visit `/system-design-strategy` → Should show frameworks without errors

3. Navigation Test:

- Resize browser window → Navigation should remain usable
- Test mobile view → Should show hamburger menu

4. API Test:

```
bash
curl http://localhost:3000/api/system-design-frameworks
curl http://localhost:3000/api/system-design-questions
```

Database Schema Compliance

All database operations now use correct snake_case field names:

- `key_principles` instead of `keyPrinciples`
- `use_cases` instead of `useCases`
- `architecture_focus` instead of `architectureFocus`
- `complexity_level` instead of `complexityLevel`
- And all other fields properly mapped

The application is now fully functional with all critical issues resolved and a comprehensive testing framework in place.