# **Grievance Web Application Documentation**

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# 1. Project Overview

The Grievance Web Application is a platform that empowers individuals to voice their concerns and grievances directly to the appropriate authorities. The platform ensures that every issue is heard and addressed promptly, fostering a transparent and responsive environment where users can submit, track, and resolve grievances with ease.

## 2. Technologies Used

#### • Frontend:

- o React.js: For building the user interface.
- o React Router: For handling navigation within the app.
- o Axios: For making HTTP requests to the backend.
- o React Icons: For incorporating icons into the interface.
- o CSS: For styling the application.

#### Backend:

- o Node.js: For running the backend server.
- o Express.js: For building RESTful APIs.
- o MongoDB: For storing user and grievance data.
- o Mongoose: For modeling the application data.
- o JSON Web Tokens (JWT): For user authentication.

#### Tools:

- Visual Studio Code: For code editing.
- o Git: For version control.
- o Postman: For API testing.

## 3. Pages and Features

## 3.1 Home Page

- **Description**: The home page provides an introduction to the platform, highlighting its purpose and how it empowers users to voice their concerns.
- Features:
  - Navigation links to other parts of the site (Login, Register, Submit Grievance, Admin Dashboard).
  - o A search bar for quick access to external articles related to grievances.

#### 3.2 Login Page

- **Description**: The login page allows existing users to access their accounts by entering their email and password.
- Features:
  - o Login form with email and password fields.
  - o Options to login via Google or Facebook.
  - o Links to the registration page for new users.

### 3.3 Register Page

- **Description**: The registration page enables new users to create an account by providing their name, email, and password.
- Features:
  - Registration form with fields for name, email, password, and password confirmation.
  - o Options to sign up via Google or Facebook.

### 3.4 Submit Grievance Page

- **Description**: This page allows authenticated users to submit their grievances, providing details like type, title, description, and an option to upload supporting documents.
- Features:
  - o Form to input grievance details.
  - o File upload functionality.

#### 3.5 Admin Dashboard

- **Description**: The admin dashboard provides an overview of all grievances submitted by users. Admins can view, track, and update the status of each grievance.
- Features:
  - o Table listing all grievances with columns for email, type, title, description, status, and action.
  - o Buttons to mark grievances as resolved.

### 3.6 Profile Page

- **Description**: The profile page displays a list of grievances submitted by the logged-in user, along with their current status.
- Features:
  - o List of user's grievances.
  - o Status of each grievance.

## 3.7 Navbar with Search Functionality

- **Description**: The navigation bar appears at the top of every page, providing easy access to the home page, grievance submission page, admin dashboard, and search functionality.
- Features:

- o Links to key pages: Home, Submit Grievance, Admin Dashboard, Profile.
- o Search bar for searching related articles on Google Scholar.
- o Logout option for authenticated users.

## 4. Setting Up and Running the Project

### **4.1 Prerequisites**

- Node.js installed on your system.
- MongoDB installed and running on your local machine or access to a MongoDB cloud instance.
- Git for version control.
- A code editor like Visual Studio Code.

### 4.2 Cloning the Repository

git clone <a href="https://github.com/meenakshi-m/grievance-web.git">https://github.com/meenakshi-m/grievance-web.git</a>

### 4.3 Setting Up the Backend

- 1. Navigate to the backend directory: cd backend
- 2. Install the dependencies: npm install
- 3. Create a <code>.env</code> file in the root of the backend directory with the following contents: MONGO\_URI=your\_mongodb\_uri JWT\_SECRET=your\_jwt\_secret
- 4. Start the backend server: node app.js

### 4.4 Setting Up the Frontend

- 1. Navigate to the frontend directory: cd frontend
- 2. Install the dependencies : npm install
- 3. Start the frontend development server: npm start

## 4.5 Accessing the Application

• Open your web browser and go to http://localhost:3000 to view the application.

## **Future Enhancements**

- Implementing role-based access control for different user types.
- Adding email notifications for grievance status updates.
- Integrating third-party authentication (Google, Facebook).

Adding a reporting feature for grievance analytics.

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The Grievance Web Application is a powerful platform designed to enable users to submit, track, and resolve grievances seamlessly. This system ensures transparency and prompt action on issues reported by users, fostering a responsive environment where concerns are handled efficiently by the appropriate authorities.

## 2. Technologies Used

#### **Frontend:**

- **React.js**: For building dynamic and interactive user interfaces.
- **React Router**: Manages navigation within the application, ensuring smooth user experience.
- Axios: Simplifies HTTP requests and handles communication between the frontend and backend.
- **React Icons**: Adds visually appealing icons to enhance user interaction.
- CSS: Custom styling to ensure a clean, user-friendly interface.

#### **Backend:**

- **Node.js**: Provides a robust runtime environment for server-side scripting.
- Express.js: Facilitates the creation of RESTful APIs and handling of HTTP requests.
- MongoDB: A NoSQL database for storing user data and grievances efficiently.
- Mongoose: An ODM library for MongoDB, simplifying data modeling.
- **JSON Web Tokens (JWT)**: Secures user authentication and session management.

#### **Tools:**

- **Visual Studio Code**: An efficient code editor with powerful extensions.
- **Git**: Version control system to manage codebase and track changes.
- **Postman**: Used for testing API endpoints and ensuring the backend functions correctly.

## 3. Pages and Features

### 3.1 Home Page

- **Description**: The landing page introduces users to the platform, highlighting its key features and benefits.
- Features:
  - Navigation links for easy access to other sections (Login, Register, Submit Grievance, Admin Dashboard).
  - o A search bar enabling quick access to external articles related to grievances.

### 3.2 Login Page

- **Description**: This page allows existing users to log in using their credentials.
- Features:
  - o Secure login form with email and password fields.
  - o Options for social login via Google or Facebook.
  - o Link to the registration page for new users.

### 3.3 Register Page

- **Description**: Enables new users to sign up by providing necessary details such as name, email, and password.
- Features:
  - o A user-friendly registration form with input validation.
  - o Options to sign up via Google or Facebook.

## 3.4 Submit Grievance Page

- **Description**: Authenticated users can submit grievances, specifying details like type, title, description, and attaching supporting documents.
- Features:
  - o A comprehensive form for submitting grievances.
  - o File upload functionality to attach relevant documents.

#### 3.5 Admin Dashboard

• **Description**: Provides administrators with a comprehensive view of all grievances, allowing them to manage and resolve issues.

#### • Features:

- o A dynamic table listing all grievances, with options to mark them as resolved.
- Real-time updates to the status of grievances.

#### 3.6 Profile Page

- **Description**: Displays the grievances submitted by the logged-in user, along with their current status.
- Features:
  - A detailed list of the user's grievances.
  - o Status indicators showing the progress of each grievance.

### 3.7 Navbar with Search Functionality

- **Description**: The navbar provides quick navigation to all key sections of the site, including a search feature to find relevant external articles.
- Features:
  - o Links to key pages: Home, Submit Grievance, Admin Dashboard, Profile.
  - o Search bar for querying Google Scholar articles related to grievances.
  - o Logout option for users to securely exit the platform.

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### **4.5 Accessing the Application**

• Open your web browser and go to http://localhost:3000 to start using the application.

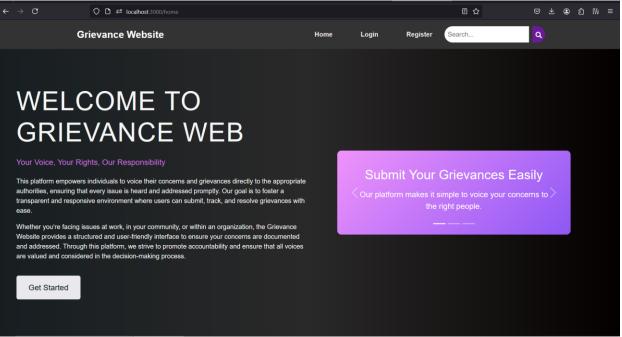
## 5. Future Enhancements

- Role-based Access Control: Implement distinct roles and permissions for different types of users.
- **Email Notifications**: Automatically notify users about the status of their grievances via email
- **Third-Party Authentication**: Integrate with popular authentication providers like Google and Facebook.
- **Analytics and Reporting**: Provide detailed reports and analytics on grievances for better decision-making.

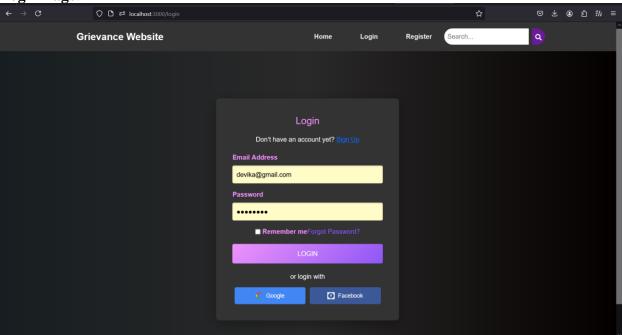
## 6. Screenshots of the Application

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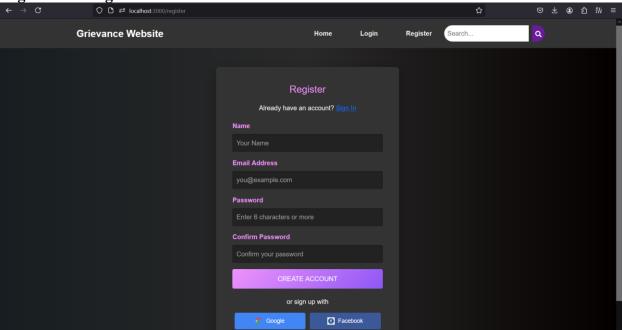




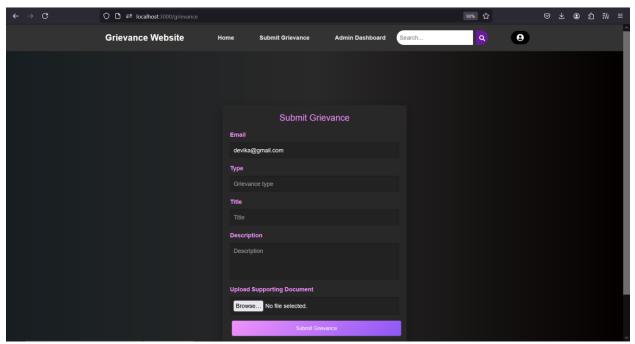
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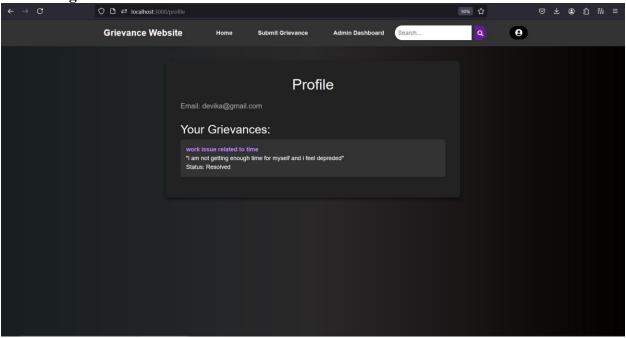
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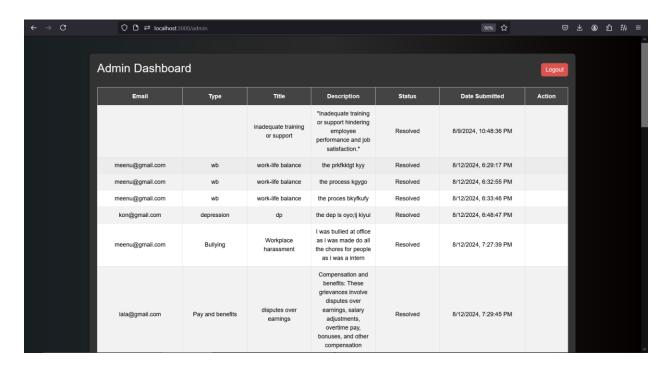
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• Profile Page:



#### • Admin Dashboard:



### • logout:

