HouseHunt: Finding Your Perfect Rental Home

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Q Project Overview

HouseHunt is a web-based rental platform built using the MERN stack. It facilitates end-to-end rental workflows between property owners and renters. The platform includes features like account management, property browsing with filters, secure bookings, and communication—all under a well-governed, responsive, and secure framework.

☐ Skills Required

- HTML5, CSS3
- JavaScript (ES6)
- Bootstrap & Material UI
- React.js (Frontend)
- Node.js & Express.js (Backend)
- MongoDB (Database)

W Key Features

- User Roles: Renter, Owner, Admin
- Secure Login/Registration
- Property Listings: with dynamic filters
- Real-Time Inquiry & Messaging
- Booking & Lease Flow: managed entirely within the platform
- Admin Controls: user verification, content moderation
- Responsive UI using Bootstrap and Material UI

Scenario-Based Flow

User: Alice - a Renter

- 1. Registers and logs in
- 2. Browses properties using filters (location, price, rooms, etc.)

- 3. Sends an inquiry for a selected apartment
- 4. Receives booking approval & negotiates lease with the owner
- 5. Confirms rental and moves in

User: Bob – a Property Owner

- 1. Registers and requests approval
- 2. Admin reviews and approves ownership
- 3. Bob adds and manages properties
- 4. Accepts/declines rental requests

Admin Role

- Approves new owners and monitors user activity
- Ensures compliance with platform policies

Technical Architecture

Frontend

- Built with React.js
- Styled with Bootstrap & Material UI
- Uses **Axios** for HTTP communication
- Fully responsive across devices

Backend

- Node.js with Express.js for RESTful APIs
- Modular route and controller architecture
- Implements business logic and authorization layers

Database

- MongoDB: stores user info, listings, transactions, and communication logs
- Mongoose ODM for schema design and validation

Security & Governance

- Token-based authentication (JWT or similar)
- Form validation & role-based access control
- Admin interface for oversight and moderation
- Data encryption and secure messaging

✓ Future Enhancements

• Integration with **Google Maps** for location visualization

- Image upload support for property listings
- Payment gateway for online rental processing
- Mobile app version using **React Native**
- Smart suggestions with **ML/AI** (e.g. best-match listings)