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Sure, I can guide you on how to upload a photo to a web application using the MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js) stack. Here's a basic example:

Firstly, you'll need to install `multer`, a middleware for handling `multipart/form-data`, which is primarily used for uploading files.

```
npm install multer
```

Then, in your Express.js server, you can set up a route to handle the file upload:

```
const express = require('express');
const multer = require('multer');
const app = express();

const storage = multer.diskStorage({
  destination: function(req, file, cb) {
    cb(null, 'uploads/')
  },
  filename: function(req, file, cb) {
    cb(null, file.fieldname + '-' + Date.now())
  }
});

const upload = multer({ storage: storage });

app.post('/upload', upload.single('photo'), (req, res) => {
  try {
    res.send(req.file);
  } catch(err) {
    res.send(400);
  }
});

app.listen(3000, () => console.log('Server started on port 3000'));
```

In the above code, `multer` is configured to store uploaded files in the `uploads/` directory. The `upload.single('photo')` function is a middleware that processes the file upload. The `'photo'` argument corresponds to the `name` attribute of the file input element in your form.

On the client side, you can use the `fetch` API or a library like `axios` to send a `POST` request with the file data. Here's an example using `fetch`:

```
const uploadImage = async e => {
  const file = e.target.files[0];
  const formData = new FormData();
  formData.append('photo', file);

  try {
    const res = await fetch('http://localhost:3000/upload', {
      method: 'POST',
      body: formData,
    });

    if (!res.ok) {
      throw new Error(res.statusText);
    }

    const photo = await res.json();
    console.log(photo);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error(error);
  }
};

document.querySelector('#photo-upload').addEventListener('change', uploadImage);
```

In this code, an event listener is added to a file input element with the id `photo-upload`. When a file is selected, the `uploadImage` function is called, which sends a `POST` request to the `/upload` route on the server with the file data.

Please note that this is a basic example and might need to be adjusted based on your specific application needs. For instance, you might want to add error handling, support for multiple file uploads, file type validation, etc. Also, remember to secure your file uploads as they can be a potential security risk. Always validate the file on the server and never trust the file metadata from the client. Finally, in a real-world application, you would likely want to store the uploaded files in a more persistent storage system, like a cloud storage bucket or a database, rather than the local file system.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have any other questions. 😊