Project Report and output

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Project Title: E-Commerce Application

Project Summary

This project is a frontend implementation of an e-commerce platform, built using **React** and **React Router** for routing, along with several additional libraries to enhance functionality and improve the user experience. This platform allows customers to browse products, manage their shopping carts, view individual product details, and manage their profiles. It also includes an **Admin** interface for product, user, and order management.

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1. Project Setup

Ensure that you have **Node.js** installed (version 14+ is recommended).

Steps to Install

- 1. Clone the repository: git clone
- 2. Navigate to the project folder: cd frontend
- 3. Install all dependencies: npm install
- 4. Start the development server: npm start

This will start the application on http://localhost:3000.

2. Libraries Used

This project leverages the following libraries, along with their installation commands:

- 1. **React** Core framework. npx create-react-app
- 2. **React Router** For routing and navigation. npm install react-router-dom
- 3. **Axios** For API requests. npm install axios
- 4. **Context API** Used for global state management, no additional installation needed as it is included in React.
- 5. **React Testing Library and Jest** For testing components. npm install --save-dev @testing-library/react @testing-library/jest-dom
- 6. Web Vitals For measuring performance. npm install web-vitals
- 7. **dotenv** Used for managing environment variables. npm install dotenv

3. Folder Structure and Overview

frontend/	└─ Navbar.jsx	$\mid - \mid$ context/
# Context for global state GeneralContext.js — pages/ #	Main page comp	onents
├— Home.jsx	tomer-specific p	ages
Profile.jsx — Cart.jsx — admin/ # Admin-specific pages	│	sx
AllProducts.jsx - App.js # Main app component - index.js	# Entry point L	— index.css #
Global styles └─ public/ └─ index.html	·	

- components/ Contains reusable components like Navbar.
- context/ Contains global state management using React's Context API.
- pages/ Contains main pages for the app, divided into customer and admin functionalities.

4. Component Documentation

Navbar.jsx

This component is a reusable navigation bar. It utilizes useNavigate from React Router for navigation to different routes such as /profile, /cart, and /admin.

Home.jsx

Displays the homepage with general product categories or featured products. Links to different product categories using the router.

Authentication.jsx

Handles user authentication (login and registration).

Profile.jsx (Customer)

Displays the customer's profile, including order history and personal information. Integrates with useContext for accessing global user data.

Cart.jsx (Customer)

Allows users to view items in their cart and proceed to checkout. Uses Context API for cart state management.

Admin.jsx

Admin dashboard that links to all administrative functionalities.

AllProducts.jsx (Admin)

Displays all products in the database with options to edit or delete each product.

5. Context and State Management

GeneralContext.js

This file in the context folder creates a React Context to manage global states, such as:

- User authentication state
- Cart items
- Any other global settings or data

Usage

Wrap the App component in GeneralContextProvider (in index.js) to make the global state accessible across the application.

6. API Integration

APIs are managed using axios. The base URL is defined in each component where it's used, making it possible to switch between development and production URLs if needed.

Example

In Product.js:

useEffect(() => { axios.get('http://localhost:6001/api/products') .then(response =>
{ setProducts(response.data); }) .catch(error => { console.error('Error fetching products:',
error); }); }, []);

7. Testing

Tests are written using Jest and React Testing Library.

- App.test.js A basic test to check that the app renders.
- setupTests.js Configures Jest with DOM matchers from @testing-library/jest-dom.

To run tests: npm test

8. Potential Improvements

- **Error handling**: Add comprehensive error handling to provide feedback to users during API failures.
- **User roles and permissions**: Improve the admin and user separation, with more robust access controls.
- **Styling**: Use a CSS preprocessor like SASS or a library like Tailwind CSS for better style management and design consistency.

• **Environment Variables**: Use .env files to manage API URLs and other configurations more effectively.

9. Conclusion

This report should serve as a useful guide to setting up, understanding, and maintaining the frontend of this e-commerce web application. Each library and component is listed with its purpose and installation, creating a strong foundation for further development and enhancement.











