

Project Management System

Business Objective:

To design and develop a scalable project management application that enables teams to efficiently plan, track, and execute projects by centralizing user authentication, project creation, task assignment, progress tracking, and collaboration within a single platform. The system aims to improve productivity, accountability, and visibility across projects while supporting integrations with developer tools and document management workflows.

Core Features:

1. Authentication
 - User registration and secure login (use JWT - sign and verify)
 - Role-based access control (Admin, Manager, Member)
 - Team and workspace support
2. Project Management
 - Create, update, archive projects
 - Project members and permissions
 - Project timelines and milestones
3. Task Management
 - Create, update, delete tasks
 - Task assignment to users
 - Task status workflow (Todo, In Progress, Review, Done)
 - Priority levels and deadlines
4. Collaboration
 - Comments and activity logs on tasks/projects
 - @mentions and notifications
 - File uploads for tasks/projects (docs, images, PDFs)
5. Developer Focused Features
 - GitHub/GitLab integration
6. Productivity & Tracking
 - Task search and filters
 - Due-date reminders and email notifications
 - Time tracking per task (manual start/stop)

Backend Requirements (C# .NET 8):

- Build a REST API with .NET 8Core and Entity Framework Core
- Use PostgreSQL
- Implement authentication using JWT
- Use DataAnnotations for input validation
- Apply separation of concerns(e.g., DTOs, services, models)

API Endpoints:

1. Authentication & User Management
 - a. Auth
 - i. POST /api/auth/register - Register a new user
 - ii. POST /api/auth/login - Authenticate user and issue JWT
 - iii. GET /api/auth/me - Get logged-in user profile (JWT required)
 - b. Roles & Workspaces
 - i. POST /api/workspaces - Create a workspace/team
 - ii. GET /api/workspaces - List workspaces user belongs to
 - iii. POST /api/workspaces/{workspaceId}/members - Add member to workspace (Admin only)
 - iv. PUT /api/workspaces/{workspaceId}/members/{userId} - Update role
 - v. DELETE /api/workspaces/{workspaceId}/members/{userId} - Remove member
2. Project Management
 - a. Projects
 - i. GET /api/projects - Get all projects
 - ii. POST /api/projects - Create a project
 - iii. GET /api/projects/{projectId} - Get project details
 - iv. PUT /api/projects/{projectId} - Update project
 - v. PATCH /api/projects/{projectId}/archive - Archive project
 - vi. DELETE /api/projects/{projectId} - Delete project
 - b. Project Members
 - i. POST /api/projects/{projectId}/members

- ii. GET /api/projects/{projectId}/members
 - iii. PUT /api/projects/{projectId}/members/{userId}
 - iv. DELETE /api/projects/{projectId}/members/{userId}
- c. Milestones
 - i. POST /api/projects/{projectId}/milestones
 - ii. GET /api/projects/{projectId}/milestones
 - iii. PUT /api/milestones/{milestoneId}
 - iv. DELETE /api/milestones/{milestoneId}

3. Task Management

- a. Tasks
 - i. POST /api/projects/{projectId}/tasks
 - ii. GET /api/projects/{projectId}/tasks
 - iii. GET /api/tasks/{taskId}
 - iv. PUT /api/tasks/{taskId}
 - v. DELETE /api/tasks/{taskId}
- b. Workflow
 - i. PATCH /api/tasks/{taskId}/assign
 - ii. PATCH /api/tasks/{taskId}/status
 - iii. PATCH /api/tasks/{taskId}/priority
 - iv. PATCH /api/tasks/{taskId}/deadline

4. Collaboration

- a. Comments
 - i. POST /api/tasks/{taskId}/comments
 - ii. GET /api/tasks/{taskId}/comments
- b. Activity
 - i. GET /api/projects/{projectId}/activity
- c. Notifications
 - i. GET /api/notifications
 - ii. PATCH /api/notifications/{notificationId}/read
- d. Files
 - i. POST /api/projects/{projectId}/files
 - ii. POST /api/tasks/{taskId}/files
 - iii. GET /api/files/{fileId}
 - iv. DELETE /api/files/{fileId}

5. Developer Features
 - a. Git Integration
 - i. POST /api/projects/{projectId}/integrations/git
 - ii. GET /api/projects/{projectId}/integrations/git
6. Productivity
 - a. Search
 - i. GET /api/tasks/search
 - b. Time Tracking
 - i. POST /api/tasks/{taskId}/time/start
 - ii. POST /api/tasks/{taskId}/time/stop
 - iii. GET /api/tasks/{taskId}/time
 - c. Reminders
 - i. POST /api/tasks/{taskId}/reminders

Frontend Requirements:

1. Technology Stack Requirements:
 - a. **Framework:** React
 - b. **Language:** TypeScript
 - c. **Styling:** Tailwind CSS
 - d. **State Management:** Redux Toolkit
 - e. **Routing:** React Router
 - f. **API Communication:** Axios
 - g. **Auth Handling:** JWT stored securely (HttpOnly cookie or memory)
 - h. **Build Tooling:** Vite
 - i. **Linting & Formatting:** ESLint + Prettier
2. Authentication & Authorization UI
 - a. Features
 - i. User **Register** and **Login** screens
 - ii. JWT-based session handling
 - iii. Protected routes (no token = no entry)
 - iv. Auto logout on token expiry
 - v. Role-based UI rendering:
 1. **Admin:** full access
 2. **Manager:** project & task control

- 3. **Member:** task execution only
 - b. Screens
 - i. Login Page
 - ii. Register Page
 - iii. Unauthorized / Access Denied Page
- 3. Workspace & Team Management
 - a. Features
 - i. Create and switch between workspaces
 - ii. View workspace members with roles
 - iii. Add / remove members (Admin only)
 - iv. Update member roles dynamically
 - b. Screens
 - i. Workspace Selector
 - ii. Workspace Settings
 - iii. Members Management Panel
- 4. Project Management UI
 - a. Features
 - i. Create, edit, archive, and delete projects
 - ii. Assign members to projects
 - iii. View project timeline and milestones
 - iv. Project-level permissions
 - b. Screens
 - i. Project Dashboard (list + status)
 - ii. Project Detail Page
 - iii. Project Settings Page
 - iv. Milestones View (timeline style)
- 5. Task Management Interface
 - a. Features
 - i. Create, update, delete tasks
 - ii. Assign tasks to users
 - iii. Priority levels (Low, Medium, High)
 - iv. Deadline picker
 - v. Status workflow: Todo → In Progress → Review → Done

- b. Screens
 - i. Task List View
 - ii. Task Detail Drawer / Page

6. Collaboration & Communication

- a. Features
 - i. Comment system on tasks
 - ii. Real-time activity logs
 - iii. @mentions highlighting users
 - iv. File uploads (docs, images, PDFs)
 - v. File preview & download support
- b. Screens
 - i. Task Comments Panel
 - ii. Project Activity Feed
 - iii. File Manager Section

7. Notifications System

- a. Features
 - i. In-app notifications list
 - ii. Mark notifications as read
 - iii. Due-date reminders
 - iv. Role-based notification filtering
- b. UI Components
 - i. Notification Bell
 - ii. Notification Drawer / Page

8. Developer Integrations

- a. Features
 - i. GitHub/GitLab integration UI
 - ii. Connect repository to project
 - iii. Display commit history & links
- b. Screens
 - i. Integrations Page
 - ii. Repo Connection Modal

9. Productivity & Tracking

- a. Features
 - i. Time tracking (start/stop per task)

- ii. Time summary per task
 - iii. Global task search
 - iv. Filters by:
 - 1. Status
 - 2. Priority
 - 3. Deadline
 - 4. Assignee
- b. Screens
 - i. Search Results Page
 - ii. Time Tracking Panel

10. Error Handling & UX Standards

- a. Global error boundary
- b. API error messages mapped cleanly to UI
- c. Loading skeletons (not spinners everywhere)
- d. Empty states with guidance
- e. Responsive design (desktop-first, tablet-ready)

11. Non-Functional Frontend Requirements

- a. Modular component structure
- b. Reusable UI components
- c. Accessibility (ARIA labels, keyboard navigation)
- d. Optimized API calls (debounce search, pagination)
- e. Environment-based configs (dev/prod)

12. Folder Structure

a. Frontend

```
src/
  └── api/
  └── components/
  └── pages/
  └── hooks/
  └── store/
  └── routes/
  └── utils/
  └── styles/
  └── assets/
```

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b. Backend

```
backend/
    └── Controllers/
    └── Services/
    └── Models/
    └── DTOs/
    └── Program.cs
        └── appsettings.json
```

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13. Security Requirements

- a. No sensitive data in localStorage
- b. JWT refreshed securely
- c. Input validation on frontend (basic sanity checks)
- d. XSS-safe rendering for comments