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Project Title: Todo List Web App

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3. Project Overview

The Todo List Web Application is a productivity-focused platform developed using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, and Node.js). Its primary goal is to enable users to efficiently manage their daily tasks and responsibilities by providing a structured environment for creating, viewing, updating, and deleting todo items.

This application supports user authentication and authorization through JWT-based login, ensuring that each user's data is private and securely managed. Upon successful registration and login, users can access a personalized dashboard to manage their todos.

Each todo item consists of a title, an optional description, and a completion status. Todos are timestamped upon creation and are only accessible to the user who created them, enabling a secure and user-specific experience.

This first release focuses primarily on the backend infrastructure, providing a robust RESTful API that supports full CRUD operations on the todo items. The backend is built with Express.js and Mongoose, connecting seamlessly with MongoDB Atlas for data storage. All endpoints have been thoroughly tested using Postman, and user access to routes is protected by authentication middleware.

This project lays the groundwork for a scalable and modular system, with frontend features to be expanded in later releases. The current milestone demonstrates our team's ability to build a secure, maintainable, and functional backend as part of a modern full-stack application.

4. Core Features

- User registration and login
- JWT-based authentication
- Create, read, update, and delete todo items
- Each user can only access their own todos

5. Wireframes (Kunj)

Home Wireframe



Signup Wireframe



Login Wireframe



Add Todo wireframe

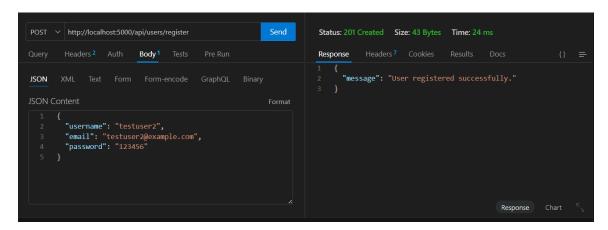


View Todo Wireframe

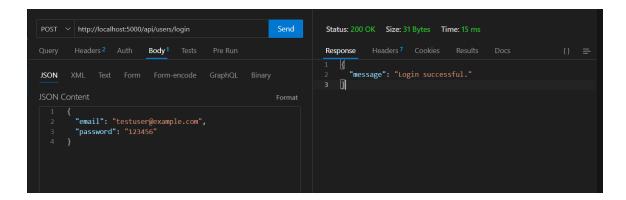


6. Screenshots of First Release

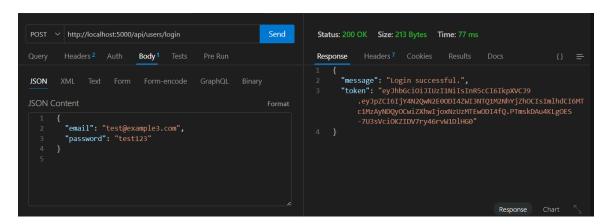
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 - a. Register user



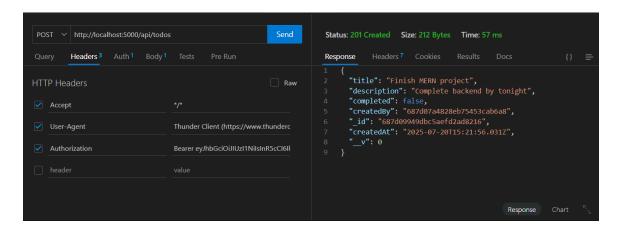
b. Login



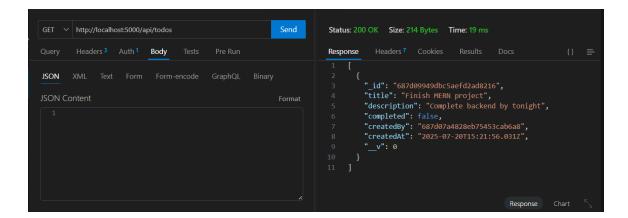
c. Login with token



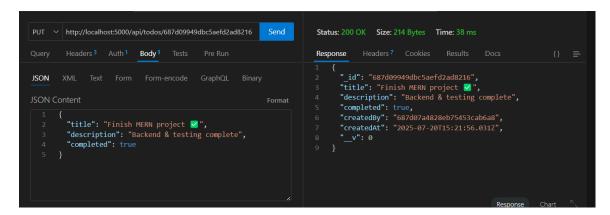
d. POST /api/todos



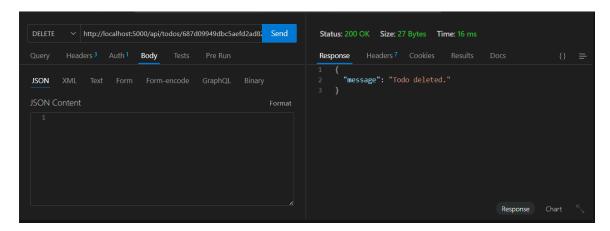
e. GET /api/todos



f. PUT /api/todos

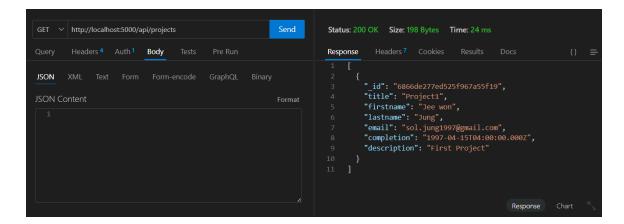


g. DELETE /api/todos

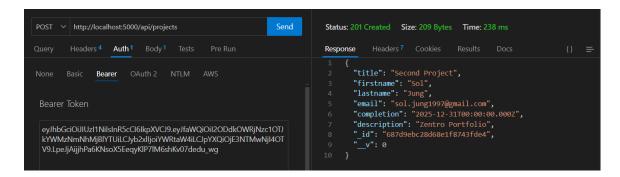


B. Admin protected CRUD

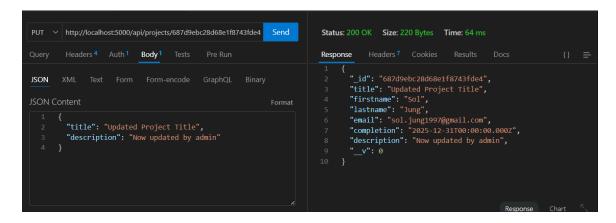
a. GET



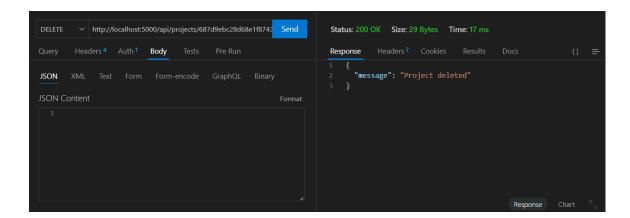
b. POST



c. PUT



d. DELETE



C. Server running

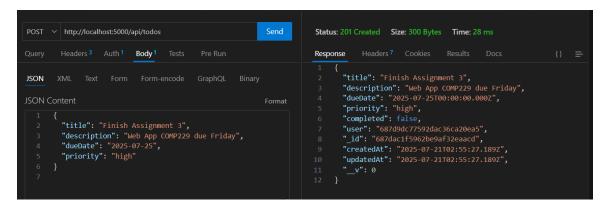
a. On Terminal

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PS C:\xampp\htdocs\COMP229\Zentro\zentro-todo-list-app> node server.js
[dotenv@17.2.0] injecting env (3) from .env (tip: @ enable debug logging with { debug: true })
(node:4312) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useNewUrlParser is a deprecated option: useNewUrlParser has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
(Use `node --trace-warnings ... to show where the warning was created)
(node:4312) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useUnifiedTopology is a deprecated option: useUnifiedTopology has no effect since Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version

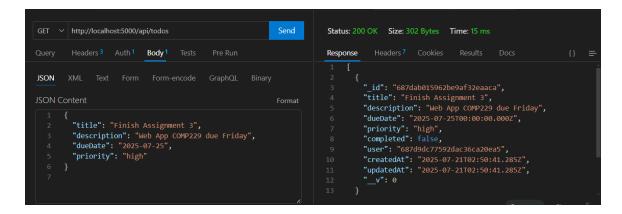
Server running on port 5000
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D. To do CRUD

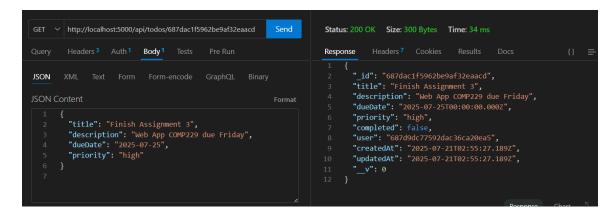
a. POST



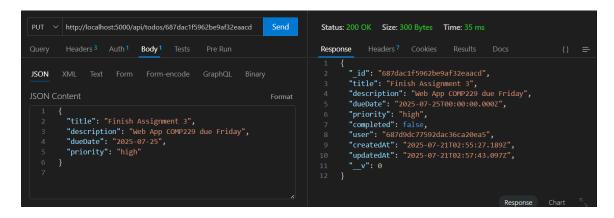
b. GET



c. GET single Todo by ID



d. PUT Todo by ID



e. DELETE todo

7. API Routes Summary

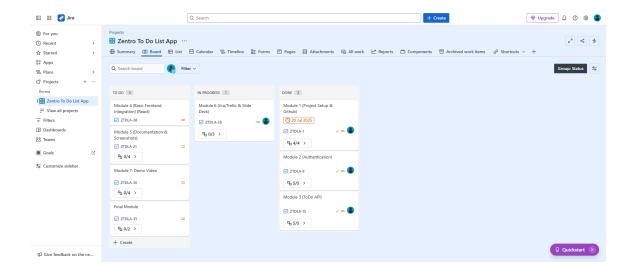
Method	Endpoint	Description
POST	/api/users/register	Register a new user
POST	/api/users/login	User login and JWT generation
POST	/api/todos	Create a new todo item
GET	/api/todos	Get all todos for logged-in user
GET	/api/todos/:id	Get specific todo by ID
PUT	/api/todos/:id	Update a specific todo
DELETE	/api/todos/:id	Delete a specific todo

8. GitHub Link

https://github.com/soljung1997/zentro-todo-list-app

9. Agile Tool Snapshot

Link: https://zentrocentennial. at lass ian.net/jira/core/projects/ZTDLA/board? group By=status



10. Notes / Limitations

- Frontend is minimal or not included in Part 2
- Additional features like due dates, labels, or filtering may be added in future versions
- Currently focused on API functionality and backend stability

11. Youtube Link

https://youtu.be/-2ZGQnohyko