



List of implemented security measures

- Password strength check (Frontend + API)
- Making use of React's default dynamic content escaping to prevent XSS and don't use dangerouslySetInnerHTML
- As strict as possible Content-Security-Policy
 - Check CSP with tools like <https://observatory.mozilla.org/> and <https://csp-evaluator.withgoogle.com/>

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form-action 'self';
frame-ancestors 'none';
base-uri 'self';
default-src 'none';
manifest-src 'self';
script-src 'self' https://unpkg.com/pdfjs-dist@2.8.335/build/pdf.worker.min.js blob;;
connect-src https://*.tulip.florist/ blob;;
img-src 'self' blob: data;;
style-src 'self' blob: data;;
worker-src 'self' blob;;
font-src 'self' blob;;
child-src 'self' blob;;
```

- HTTP security headers
 - Check headers with tools like <https://observatory.mozilla.org/>
 - **Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000** → ensure the use of HTTPS
 - **X-Frame-Options: DENY** → protect against clickjacking attacks
 - **X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff** → tell browser stop automatically detecting contents of files → protect against being tricked into incorrectly interpreting files as JavaScript
 - **Referrer-Policy: no-referrer** → protect the privacy of the user by restricting the data that the browser provides when accessing another site
- HTTPS only (Frontend + Backend)

- Properly configured HTTPS → only allow strong ciphers and protocols
- Check configurations with tools like Qualys sslabs.com
- Authentication + Authorisation (email + password)
 - Implemented entire auth logic/flow without pre-build auth services/libraries for educational purposes (therefore probably not as secure as with pre-build solutions)
 - JWT based
 - Stored in “secure” cookies
 - `secure: true`
 - `httpOnly: true`
 - `sameSite: strict`
 - `expires: 10min / 1day`
 - Short lived access_token & long lived refresh_token
 - access_token valid for 10 min
 - refresh_token valid for 1 day
 - refresh_token rotation
 - refresh_token re-use detection
 - if the system detects a reuse of a refresh_token, it invalidates all active refresh_tokens of that user
 - Possibility to invalidate refresh_tokens
- Validate + sanitise input
 - mongoSanitize middleware → prevent noSQL injections
 - validate emails
 - validate passwords (strength check)
- Use of `sameSite` cookies → protect against CSRF attacks
- Usage of argon2
 - hashing + salting passwords
 - configured argon2 parameters to be “slow enough”
- Properly configured CORS

- Allow only required origins, methods and headers
- Don't disclose information via API
 - Proper error handling
 - Generic errors
- Rate / Size limiting API endpoints / HTTP requests
- Encrypt database and database connections
- Canary users + detection
 - Detect compromised emails / passwords
 - Shut down entire system if canary user activity gets detected
- Monitoring via Sentry & AWS
 - different logging levels + (email) notifications
- Scan application vulnerabilities with Synk, OWASP-ZAP, Mozilla Observatory, Google CSP evaluator
- Strong passwords and 2-factor auth (Yubikeys) for accounts like AWS, MongoDB Atlas, ...