Frontend Development with React.js

Project Documentation for NewsApp

1. Introduction

Project Title: NewsApp

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2. Project Overview

Purpose:

The NewsApp is a web application designed to provide users with the latest news articles from various categories such as technology, sports, business, and entertainment. The app fetches news data from a third-party API and displays it in a user-friendly interface.

Features:

- o Fetch and display news articles from a news API.
- Categorize news into sections (e.g., Technology, Sports, Business).
- Search functionality to find specific news articles.
- Responsive design for mobile and desktop devices.
- o Pagination or infinite scroll for browsing articles.

3. Architecture

Component Structure:

The app is built using React components. The main components include:

- App: The root component that manages routing and global state.
- o Navbar: A navigation bar for switching between categories and searching.
- NewsList: Displays a list of news articles.
- NewsItem: Represents a single news article with a title, description, and image.

- SearchBar: Allows users to search for specific news articles.
- o **Footer**: Displays additional information or links.

State Management:

- Context API: Used for managing global state, such as the selected news category or search query.
- Local State: Each component manages its own local state (e.g., loading states, error messages).

Routing:

 React Router: Used for navigating between different categories of news (e.g., /technology, /sports).

4. Setup Instructions

- Prerequisites:
 - Node.js (v16 or higher)
 - o npm (v8 or higher)
 - A news API key (e.g., from NewsAPI)

• Installation:

- 1. Clone the repository: git clone: https://github.com/unm12911749/news-app.gits
- 2. Navigate to the project directory: cd newsapp
- 3. Install dependencies: npm install
- 4. Create a .env file in the root directory and add your API key:

REACT_APP_NEWS_API_KEY = react-scripts start

5. Start the development server: npm start

5. Folder Structure

Client:

- src/ components Reusable components (e.g., Navbar, NewsItem)
- **src/ pages** Page components (e.g., Home, CategoryPage)
- src/ assets Images, icons, and other static files
- src/context Context API for global state management
- **src/hooks** Custom hooks (e.g., useFetchNews)
- src/utils Utility functions (e.g., API fetch functions)
- src/ App.js Main application component
- **src/ index.js** Entry point of the application
- src/ styles CSS or SCSS files

• Utilities:

- Use Fetch News: A custom hook to fetch news data from the API.
- o **Format Date**: A utility function to format the date of news articles.

6. Running the Application

• Frontend:

Run the following command in the project directory: npm start

The app will be available at http://localhost:3000

7. Component Documentation

• Key Components:

- o **App**: Manages routing and global state.
- Navbar: Displays navigation links and a search bar.
- News List: Fetches and displays a list of news articles based on the selected category or search query.
- News Item: Represents a single news article with a title, description, image, and publication date.

• Reusable Components:

- o **Button**: A reusable button component for actions like "Load More" or "Search".
- o **Loading Spinner**: Displays a loading spinner while fetching data.

8. State Management

• Global State:

- The News Context (created using Context API) manages the selected news category and search query.
- The use Fetch News custom hook fetches news data based on the global state.

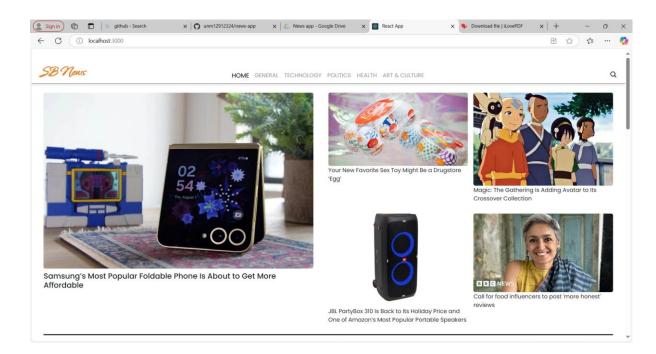
Local State:

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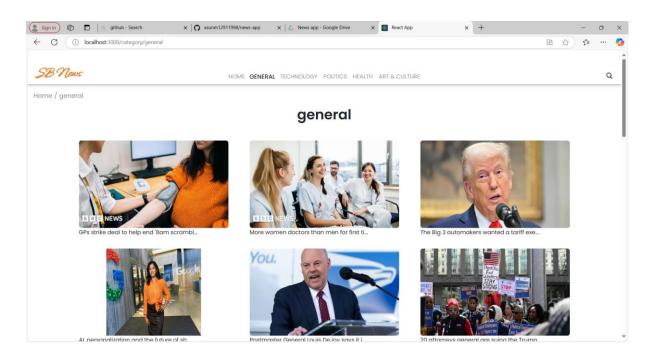
9. User Interface

• Screenshots:

• DASHBOARD:



• SEARCH PAGE:



10. Styling

• CSS Frameworks/Libraries:

- o **Bootstrap**: Used for responsive design and pre-styled components.
- o **Styled-Components**: Used for custom styling and theming.

• Theming:

o A light and dark theme is implemented using Styled-Components.

11. Testing

• Testing Strategy:

- o **Unit Testing**: Jest and React Testing Library are used to test individual components.
- o **Integration Testing**: Ensures that components work together as expected.
- o **End-to-End Testing**: Cypress is used for testing user flows.

• Code Coverage:

o Jest is configured to generate a code coverage report.

12. Screenshots or Demo

• Live Demo:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1E9QxUsJfs W1pTK3qt8lB yWaYAecCWd?usp=sharing

• Screenshots: See Screenshot 9 for UI Screenshot

13. Known Issues

• Issues:

- o The API has a rate limit, which may cause delays in fetching data.
- o The search functionality may not return results for very specific queries.

14. Future Enhancements

Future Features:

- o Add user authentication to save favorite articles.
- o Implement infinite scroll for a smoother browsing experience.
- Add support for multiple languages.
- o Integrate a comments section for each article.

This documentation provides a comprehensive overview of the **NewsApp** project, including its architecture, setup instructions, and future enhancements. Let me know if you need further details or adjustments!