**Frontend**

* Built using **React**
* Provides a clean and interactive interface for users to:
  + **Register** with their details
  + **Log in** with existing credentials
* Includes a modal-based authentication flow that toggles between login and signup forms
* A screenshot of a computer screen

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**Backend**

* Built using **Node.js** and **Express**
* Handles the **signup functionality**:
  + Validates required fields
  + Prevents duplicate usernames (while the server is running)
  + Logs registered user data to the console (for now, using an in-memory array)
* Responds to frontend with clear success or error messages
* Uses **CORS** and **JSON middleware** to handle cross-origin requests and request bodies

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**Future Improvements**

* **User Authentication**
  + Add login functionality so users can return and contribute securely
  + Use password hashing for security
* **Case Submission**
  + Allow users to submit missing person reports with location, date, and details
  + Store and retrieve case data from a database
* **Search & Filter**
  + Let users filter cases by location (e.g., Appalachian region), date range, or name
* **Case Map Integration**
  + Display cases on an interactive map (using something like Leaflet or Google Maps API)
* **Comment or Tip Submission**
  + Allow the public to leave anonymous tips or comments on case listings
* **Photo Uploads**
  + Let users upload photos related to missing persons (with backend support)
* **Basic Admin Panel**
  + For verifying or managing submitted reports (can be password-protected)

**Example of README or About Page**

This project is a platform focused on Missing 411 cases, allowing users to register and help report or view missing persons — particularly around areas like the Appalachian Mountains.

In future updates, I plan to add secure login, case submission, search/filter functionality, and an interactive map to visualize case locations. The goal is to create a simple, open-access tool for awareness and community help.