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NODE.JS BACKEND FOR CONTACT FORM

1. Additional Features

Content:

Adding new functionalities to improve the backend of the contact form.

Explanation:

Beyond basic form submissions, additional features may include:

- Email notifications to admin when a new message is received.
- Storing messages in a database (MongoDB/MySQL).
- Adding spam protection with reCAPTCHA.

Example:

When a user submits a message through the contact form, an email notification is sent automatically to the admin.

Program (Node.js + Nodemailer):

```
const express = require("express");
const nodemailer = require("nodemailer");
const bodyParser = require("body-parser");
const app = express();
app.use(bodyParser.json());
app.post("/contact", async (req, res) => {
    const { name, email, message } = req.body;
    // Configure mail transporter
    let transporter = nodemailer.createTransport({
        service: "gmail",
        auth: {
            user: "yourgmail@gmail.com",
            pass: "yourpassword"
        }
    });
    // Email options
    let mailOptions = {
        from: email,
        to: "admin@gmail.com",
```

```
subject: `New Message from ${name}`,
    text: message
};

// Send email
try {
    await transporter.sendMail(mailOptions);
    res.status(200).send("Message sent successfully!");
} catch (error) {
    res.status(500).send("Error sending message");
}
});

app.listen(5000, () => console.log("Server running on port 5000"));
```

- If the user submits the form → "Message sent successfully!"
- If an error occurs → "Error sending message"

2. UI/UX Improvements

Content:

Improving user interface and experience for the contact form.

Explanation:

UI/UX focuses on making the form simple, responsive, and visually appealing. This includes:

- Adding validation (name, email, and message must be filled).
- Clear success/error messages.
- Mobile-friendly layout.

Example:

If a user tries to submit without entering an email, the form shows \rightarrow "Email is required."

Program (Frontend HTML + JavaScript):

```
</form>
<script>
document.getElementById("contactForm").addEventListen
er("submit", function(e){
    e.preventDefault();
    alert("Form submitted successfully!");
});
</script>
```

- If the form is correctly filled → Alert: "Form submitted successfully!"
- If fields are empty \rightarrow HTML5 validation error.

3. API Enhancements

Content:

Improving backend API for efficiency and security.

Explanation:

Enhancements include:

- Using validation libraries (Joi/Validator.js).
- Sanitizing inputs to prevent SQL Injection/XSS.
- Adding response formats (JSON).

Example:

```
If a user sends empty data, the API should return \rightarrow { "error": "All fields are required" }.
```

Program (Node.js + Express + Joi):

```
const Joi = require("joi");
app.post("/contact", (req, res) => {
   const schema = Joi.object({
      name: Joi.string().min(3).required(),
      email: Joi.string().email().required(),
      message: Joi.string().min(5).required()
   });

const { error } = schema.validate(req.body);
   if (error) return res.status(400).json({ error:
   error.details[0].message });
```

```
res.status(200).json({ success: "Message
received" });
});
```

- Valid input → { "success": "Message received" }
- Invalid input \rightarrow { "error": "\"email\" is required" }

4. Performance & Security Checks

Content:

Ensuring the backend is secure and optimized.

Explanation:

- Use Helmet.js to secure HTTP headers.
- Enable rate limiting to prevent spam.
- Optimize server response time with caching (Redis).

Example:

If one IP sends 100 requests in 1 minute \rightarrow Block further requests.

Program (Node.js + Helmet + Rate Limit):

```
const helmet = require("helmet");
const rateLimit = require("express-rate-limit");
app.use(helmet());

const limiter = rateLimit({
    windowMs: 1 * 60 * 1000, // 1 minute
    max: 10 // limit each IP to 10 requests per
minute
});
app.use(limiter);
```

Output:

- If user sends normal requests \rightarrow Works fine.
- If user exceeds limit → "Too many requests, please try again later."

5. Testing of Enhancements

Content:

Testing all new features before deployment.

Explanation:

- Unit testing with Jest/Mocha.
- API testing with Postman.
- UI testing on multiple devices.

Example:

Run API test with Postman → Check if /contact API returns correct JSON response.

Program (Jest test example):

```
test("Contact API should return success message",
async () => {
    const response = await
request(app).post("/contact").send({
        name: "John",
        email: "john@gmail.com",
        message: "Hello"
    });
    expect(response.status).toBe(200);
});
```

Output:

✓ Test passed – API returns success message.

6. Deployment (Netlify, Vercel, or Cloud Platform)

Content:

Hosting the project online.

Explanation:

- Frontend \rightarrow Deploy on **Netlify** or **Vercel**.
- Backend → Deploy on **Render, Railway, or AWS**.

Example:

• URL after deployment: https://mycontactform.vercel.app

Steps (Vercel Deployment):

1. Push project to GitHub.

- 2. Import repo into Vercel.
- 3. Configure environment variables.
- 4. Deploy.

Live project available at \rightarrow https://yourproject.vercel.app