Doctor Appointment Booking System (MERN Stack)

Final Internship Report

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1. Introduction

The “Book a Doctor Appointment” web application is an advanced healthcare solution built using the MERN (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js) stack. It enables seamless appointment booking for patients and simplifies doctor-patient communication. With a responsive frontend, secure authentication, and robust backend architecture, this platform serves patients, doctors, and administrators efficiently.

Key Technologies

- Frontend: React.js, Bootstrap, Material UI
- Backend: Node.js, Express.js, MongoDB, JWT, Bcrypt, Axios
- Scheduling: Moment.js

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2. Features

Patient Features

- Registration and profile management
- Search doctors by location, specialty, and availability
- Book, cancel, and reschedule appointments
- Receive notifications and reminders

Doctor Features

- Profile creation and availability scheduling
- View, confirm, or cancel appointments
- Access patient history and provide post-visit summaries

Admin Features

- Manage user and doctor accounts

- System monitoring and compliance
- Approve doctor registrations

Common Features

- Responsive design for mobile and desktop
- Secure authentication (JWT + Bcrypt)
- Real-time updates and notifications

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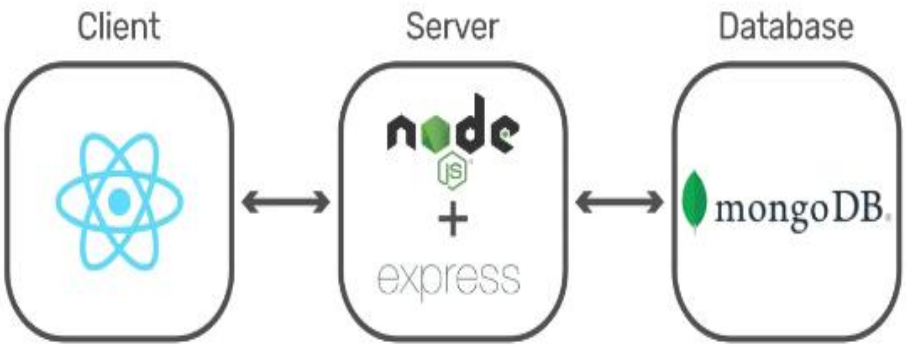
3. Technical Architecture



MERN Stack Overview

- **Frontend (React.js):** Interactive UI with React components using Material UI and Bootstrap.
- **Backend (Node.js & Express.js):** RESTful APIs, authentication, and role-based access control.
- **Database (MongoDB):** Stores users, appointments, and doctor profiles.

Deployment & Security

- Hosted on platforms like Heroku or MongoDB Atlas
- Secure user sessions using JWT
- Password hashing using Bcrypt
- Environment variables for sensitive data (.env file)

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4. Scenario-Based Case Study

1. **User Registration:** John signs up and creates a patient profile.
2. **Doctor Browsing:** Searches for family physicians nearby.

3. **Appointment Booking:** Selects date/time and uploads records.
4. **Confirmation:** Dr. Smith approves the appointment.
5. **Reminders:** John receives SMS/email notifications.
6. **Doctor Dashboard:** Manages all scheduled appointments.
7. **Admin Review:** Verifies and approves new doctor accounts.
8. **Post-Visit:** Dr. Smith uploads follow-up notes and prescriptions.

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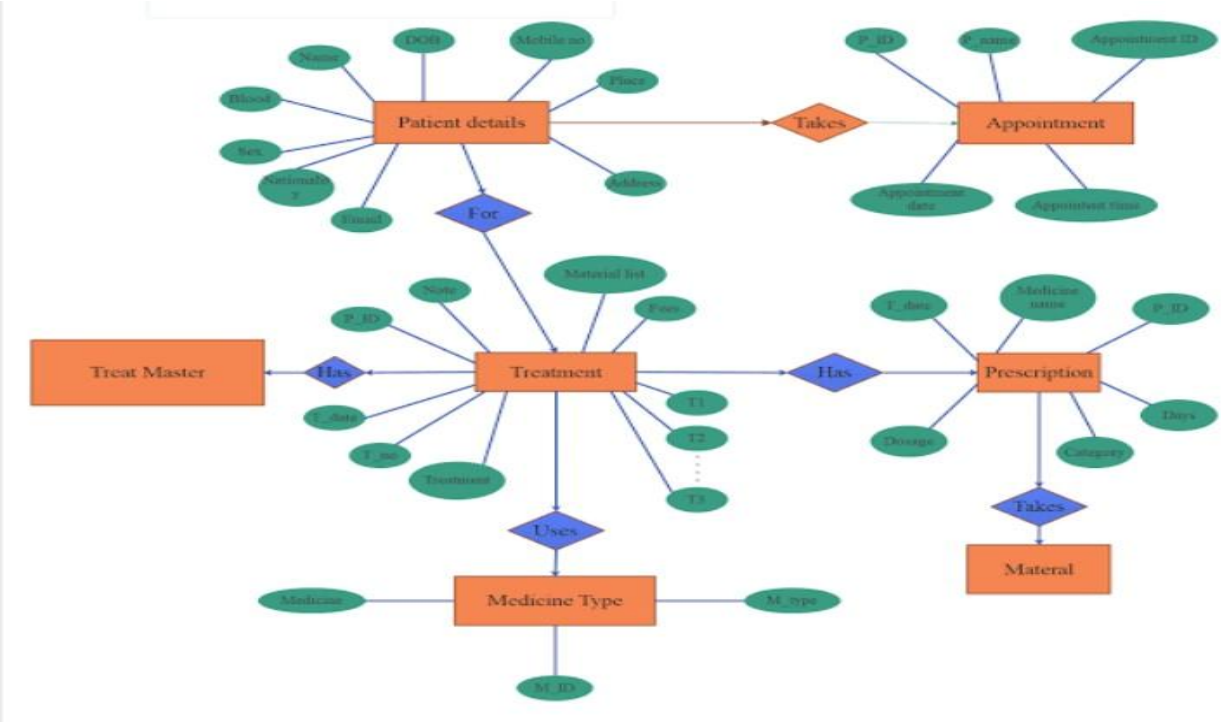
5. Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)



Entities:

- Doctor (DoctorID, Name, Specialty, Availability, etc.)
- Patient (PatientID, Name, Contact, etc.)
- Appointment (AppointmentID, DoctorID, PatientID, Status, etc.)
- Admin/User (UserID, Role)

Relationships:

- One doctor to many appointments
- One patient to many appointments
- One admin managing many doctors

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6. Project Setup & Installation

Prerequisites

- Node.js and npm
- MongoDB or MongoDB Atlas
- Code Editor (e.g., VS Code)
- Git for version control

Backend Setup

```
npm init -y
npm install express mongoose cors bcryptjs jsonwebtoken dotenv multer
```

- Create `server.js`, connect MongoDB, define models and routes.

Frontend Setup

```
npx create-react-app client
cd client
npm install axios react-router-dom
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- Develop components (Login, Register, BookAppointment, Dashboard)

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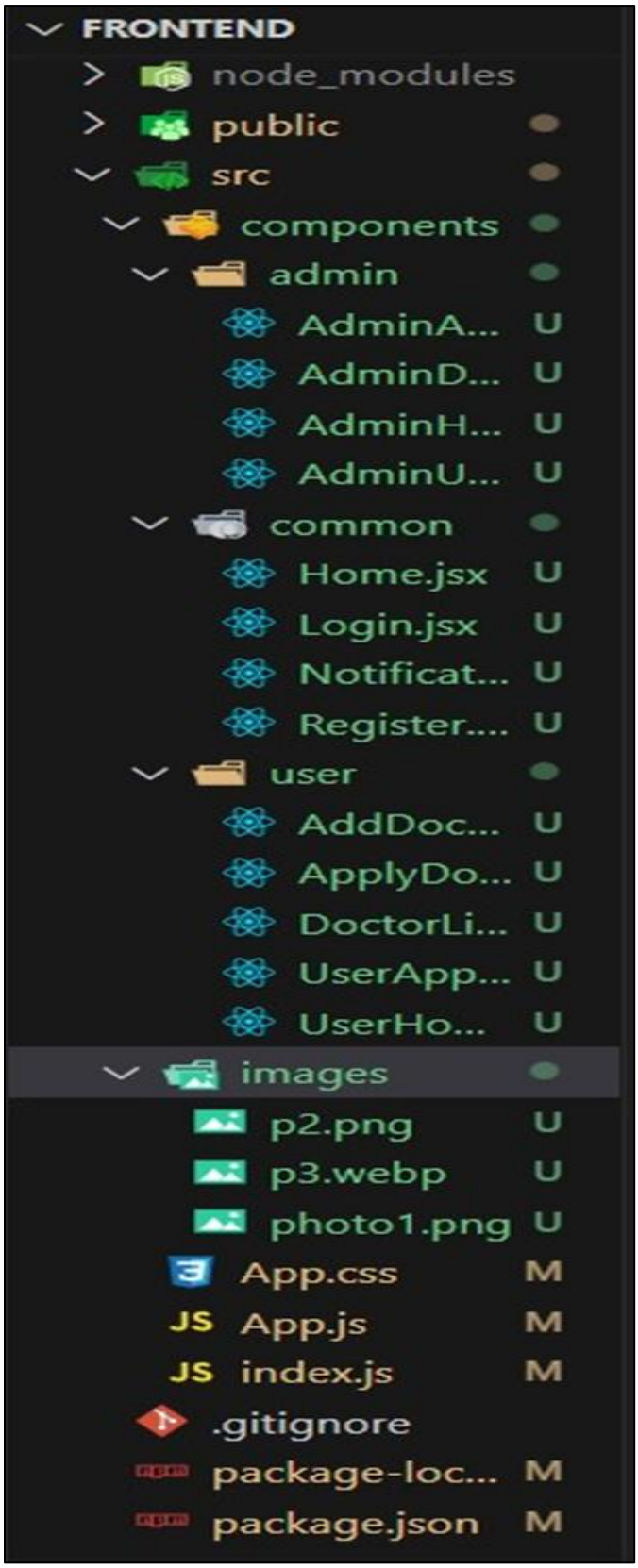
7. Folder Structure



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├── backend/
│   ├── config/
│   ├── controllers/
│   ├── models/
│   ├── routes/
│   └── server.js
├── frontend/
│   ├── src/components/
│   ├── src/pages/
│   └── App.js
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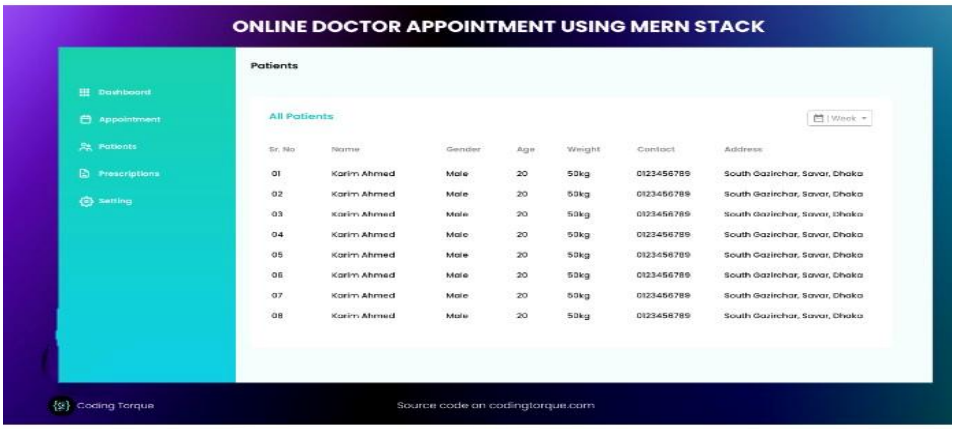
9. Application Flow



1. User registers and logs in
2. Patient browses doctors and books an appointment
3. Doctor confirms and reviews upcoming schedule
4. Admin monitors system activity and compliance
5. Post-visit summaries are recorded

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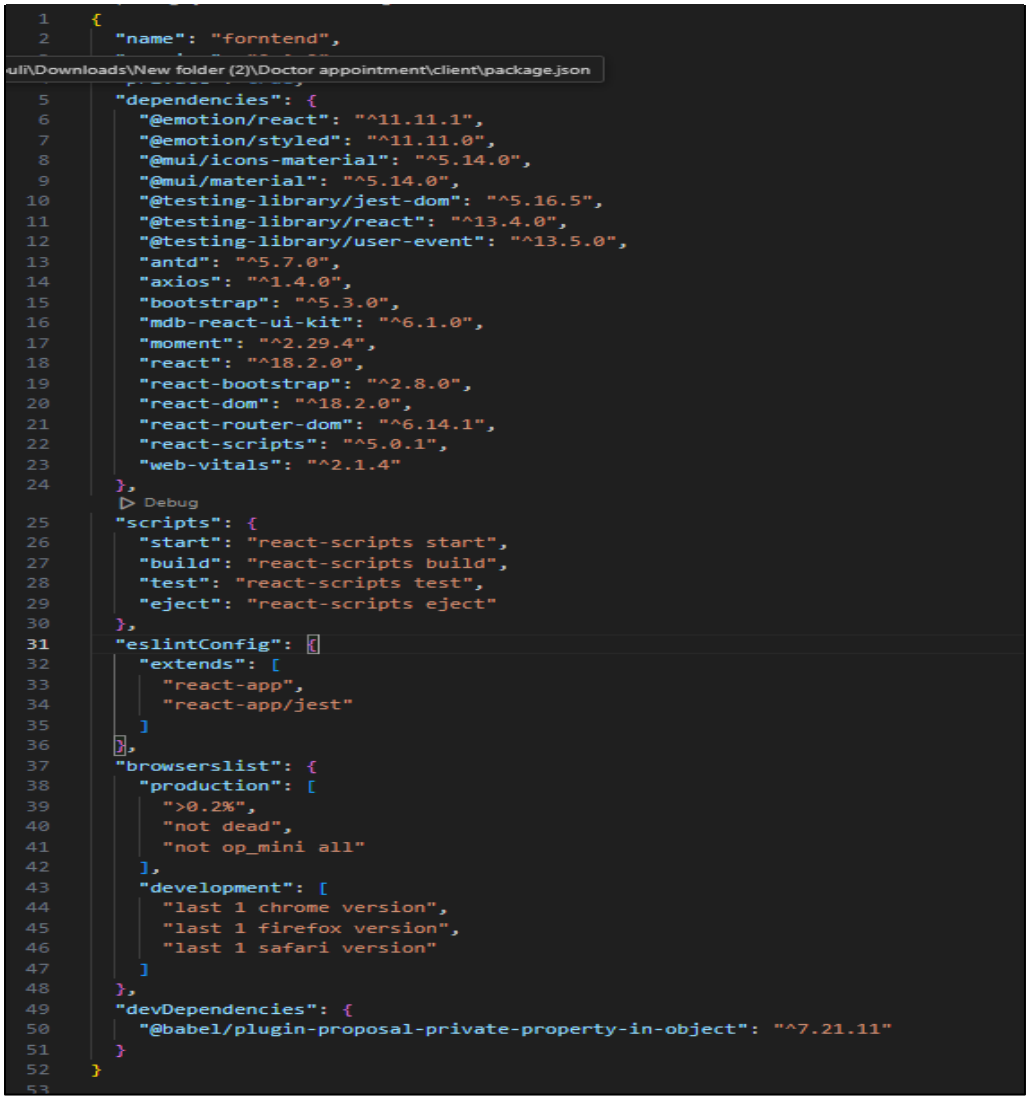


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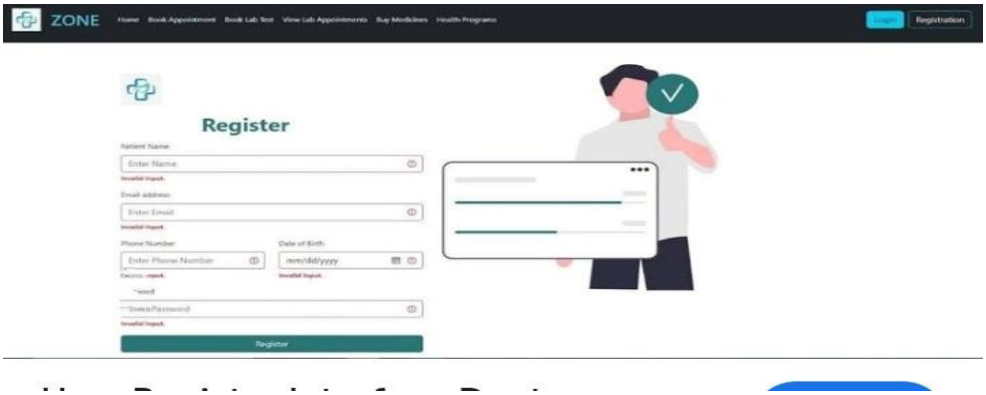
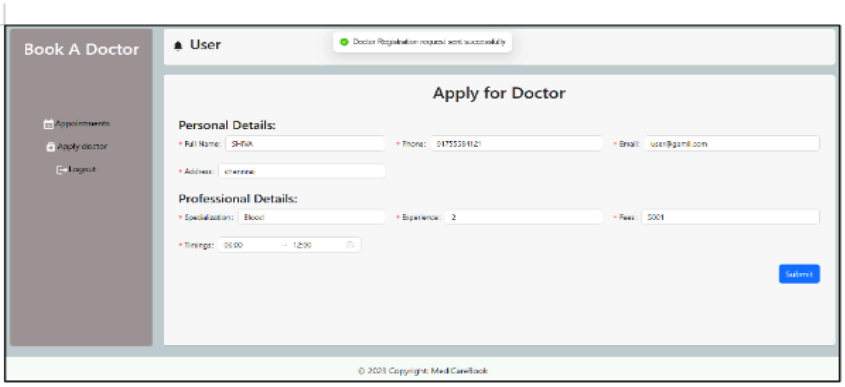
Register page:



Apply as Doctor:



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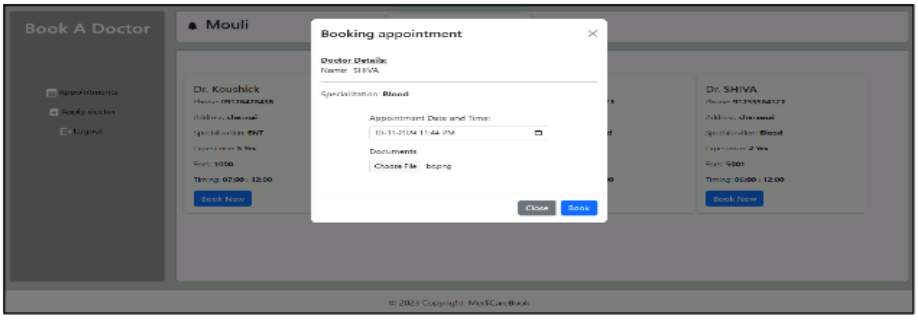
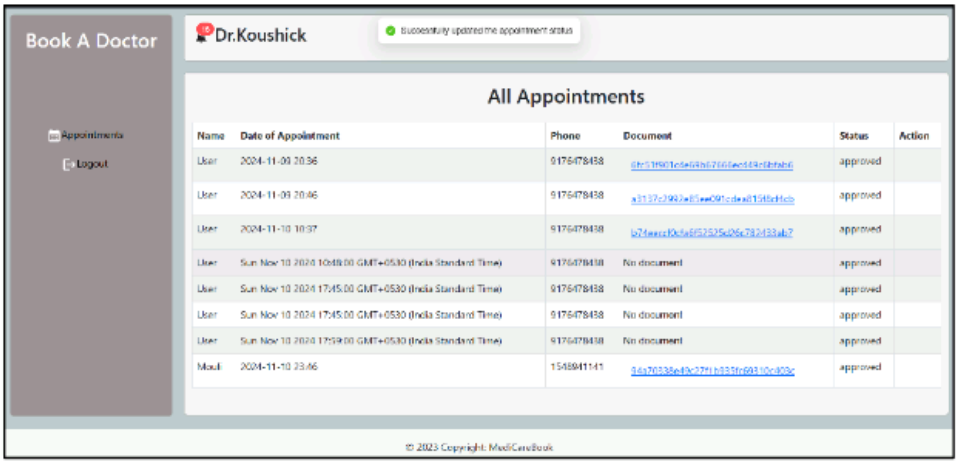


Doctor Approve User appointment :



All History:

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9. Project Demonstration & Resources

- **Source Code:** GitHub Repository

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10. Conclusion

This project demonstrates a complete, scalable, and secure medical appointment booking platform. It enables effective interactions between patients, doctors, and administrators. The MERN stack ensures performance, maintainability, and scalability, making it ideal for real-world healthcare systems.

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