Feast Express: Online Food Delivery Platform

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Abstract — **Feast Express is a fully functional food delivery platform developed as a mini project. Built using full-stack web development technologies such as MongoDB, ReactJS, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Local Storage, along with plugin integrations, this platform offers a seamless and user-friendly experience for ordering and enjoying meals. Key features include an intuitive interface, robust restaurant filtering options, smooth order placement and tracking, a secure payment system, and responsive design for optimal performance across all devices. This project demonstrates the application of modern web development techniques to create a reliable and engaging online food ordering experience. The platform is also fully responsive, ensuring optimal performance across all devices, whether desktop or mobile. By combining these modern web development tools and techniques, Feast Express offers a reliable, engaging, and efficient online food ordering solution that meets the growing demand for convenience in the food delivery industry.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Building modern and dynamic online apps now necessitates a strong grasp of web development. The MERN stack is a well-known and powerful mix of technologies that enables programmers to create extremely scalable and successful online applications. In this introduction, the components of the MERN stack will be covered, as well as their significance in web development. The MERN stack is comprised of MongoDB, Express, React, and Node.js. Each component is critical to the development process and aids in the overall operation and execution of the web application.

MongoDB: MongoDB is a NoSQL database that employs an adaptive document-based data model. It saves data as JSON-like documents, making it simple to integrate and alter data within the application. Because of its scalability and ability to handle massive amounts of data, MongoDB is the best solution for web applications that require dynamic data storage. React.js: React.js is a JavaScript library for developing user interfaces. It allows for the design of reusable UI components as well as their effective updating and rendering in response to data changes.

HTML, CSS, and JavaScript: These web technologies are used to structure the web pages, style the elements for visual appeal, and add interactivity. HTML defines the content, CSS adds design elements for layout and aesthetics, and JavaScript ensures interactivity on the frontend.

Local Storage: This is used to store temporary data such as user sessions, cart information, and preferences. Local storage is particularly useful for improving the user experience by allowing information to persist even when the user closes the browser or refreshes the page.

Plugin Integrations: Various plugins may be used to extend the functionality of the platform. For example, plugins for payment gateways would allow users to pay securely through the platform. Similarly, plugins for order tracking and restaurant filtering enhance the usability of the platform.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The evolution of food delivery platforms has been fueled by advancements in technology and usercentric approaches. Initial systems like "Cooked with Care," developed with the MERN stack, demonstrated the potential of scalable full-stack solutions for online food ordering [1] Ji et al. (2019) present a task grouping framework to optimize delivery efficiency in food delivery services. The method reduces wait times by leveraging dynamic order grouping and route planning. [2] [3] Similarly, personalized systems, as proposed by Reddy et al., and interactive mobile platforms like Healfit using React Native and Firebase, showcase the focus on enhancing user experiences [4]Integration of business intelligence and full-stack applications for HORECA management has further emphasized user satisfaction and operational efficiency

Ji et al. (2019) present a task grouping framework to optimize delivery efficiency in food delivery services. The method reduces wait times by leveraging dynamic order grouping and route planning. [5] The development of online food delivery services has focused on improving efficiency and customer satisfaction. Dalal [6] explored human intervention in independent food delivery services, while Vijjali [7] introduced Foodnet, which simplifies ordering through contextual food combos. Simoni and Winkenbach [8]developed an algorithm for order batching and assignment to optimize crowdsourced delivery systems.

Research on consumer behavior has highlighted key factors influencing satisfaction and loyalty. Rizvi [9]analyzed cloud hosting costs for full-stack applications, which is vital for efficient service delivery. Joshi [10] developed Parhit, a dynamicrouting platform, showcasing the impact of routing on service efficiency. Pillai et al. [11] examined consumer purchase intentions, while Adithya et al. [12] provided a framework for online food ordering systems.Logistics and sustainability innovations have further enhanced the industry. Keeble et al. [13]studied the relationship between online outlet access and delivery service use. Goffe et al. [14]focused on human-centered design in takeaway platforms, while Su et al. [15] modeled trust in mobile apps. Zhang and Kim [16] introduced a peerto-peer food delivery platform using smart contracts, and Li et al. [17] reviewed the sustainability of delivery platforms.

Research on online food delivery has explored various factors impacting consumer satisfaction. Annaraud and Berezina (2020) highlighted service quality and ease of use as key drivers for customer satisfaction [18]. Similarly, Chakraborty et al. (2022) emphasized the role of consumer values like convenience and emotional satisfaction in food delivery app usage [19]. Mohanty et al. (2024) further explored customer-brand engagement, suggesting that recovery speed and e-WoM are vital for loyalty [20].

Technologically, Ahmad et al. (2021) focused on RESTful APIs for seamless takeaway app development [21], while El-Ebiary et al. (2021) discussed the mobile commerce opportunities and challenges in food delivery, particularly in Malaysia [22]. Tsang et al. (2021) explored IoT integration for temperature-sensitive food delivery logistics [23]. Bi et al. (2023) examined meal delivery routing in ecommerce using shared logistics for more efficient operations [24].

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem with traditional food ordering methods is that they can be time-consuming, inconvenient, and limited in terms of options. Customers often face challenges such as long wait times, difficulty in locating restaurants, and lack of transparency regarding delivery status. Additionally, restaurants may struggle to reach a broader audience without significant investment in marketing and delivery infrastructure. The growing demand for convenience, especially in fast-paced urban settings, highlights the need for an efficient solution that simplifies the food ordering and delivery process for both consumers and businesses. Therefore, there is a need for an online food delivery platform that can streamline the ordering process, provide a wide variety of restaurant options, enable real-time tracking, and offer flexible payment methods, ultimately improving the customer experience while expanding the reach of local restaurants.

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

1.Frontend (React)- User Features: - Sign Up / Sign In: User registration and login, sends credentials to backend. - Browse Food Items: Displays food items fetched from backend. - Add to Cart & Place Order: Cart management and order placement. - Track Order: Real-time order status tracking.- Admin Features: - Login: Admin authentication. - Manage Food Items: Add, update, or remove food items. - View & Update Orders: Admins can view and change order statuses.

2. Backend (Node.js & Express)- Handle API Requests: Process user/admin requests.- Authentication: User and admin login with JWT tokens. Order & Payment Management: Handles orders and processes payments via Stripe. CRUD Operations: Manage food items and orders in the database.

3.Database Design:
The database schema is designed in MongoDB, where collections are created for users, restaurants, orders, and menu items. The design is optimized for

fast querying and scalability, ensuring that it can handle a growing number of users and restaurants efficiently.

4. Database (MongoDB Atlas) Store User Data: User profiles and credentials. - Store Food &

Order Data: Food items, order details, and payment info.

5. Payment Gateway (Stripe)- Process Payments: Secure transaction handling, with payment confirmation sent to the backend.
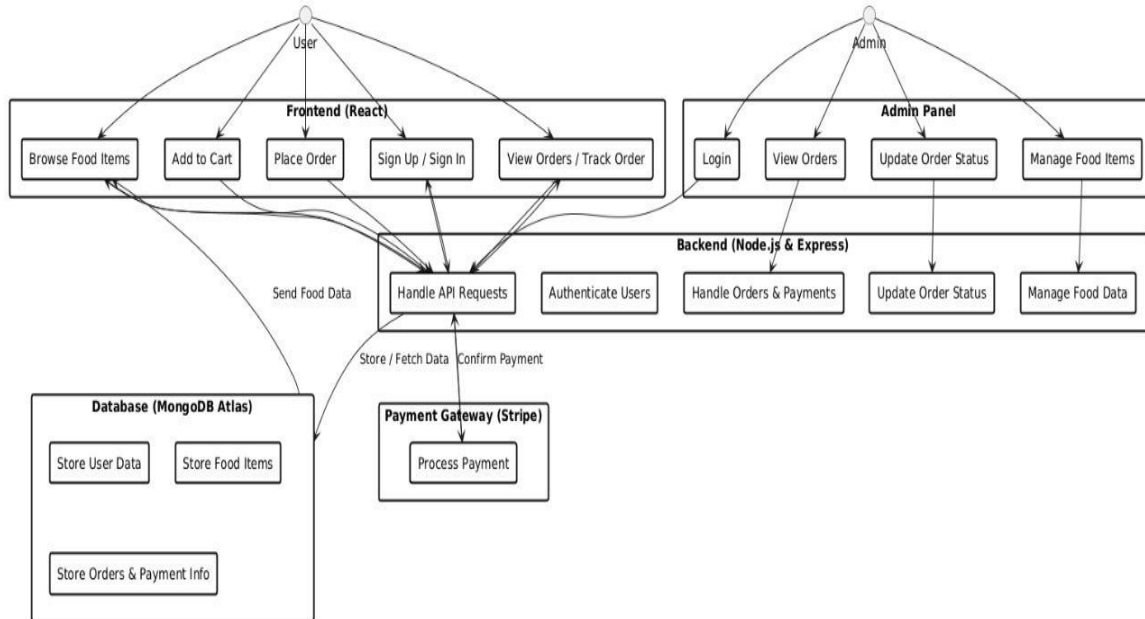

Fig 1: Block Diagram

V. CONCLUSION

Building a modern online food delivery platform necessitates a well-structured approach to web development using powerful technologies like the MERN stack. This stack, consisting of MongoDB, Express, React.js, and Node.js, enables developers to create scalable, efficient, and user-focused applications. MongoDB, as a NoSQL database, ensures flexible and dynamic data storage, making it ideal for managing real-time updates such as menu changes, order statuses, and user preferences. React.js enhances user interaction by providing reusable UI components that allow the platform to respond efficiently to user actions, such as adding items to a cart or tracking delivery progress. These tools, combined with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, provide a visually appealing, responsive, and interactive user interface, ensuring a smooth experience across different devices.

To further enhance functionality, features like local storage and plugin integrations play a vital role. Local storage allows the platform to save temporary data, such as user sessions and cart details, improving the continuity of the user experience even during browser refreshes.

Plugins can extend the platform's capabilities by integrating essential services like payment gateways, analytics tools, and customer support systems.

Together, these technologies enable the development of a robust, feature-rich platform that meets modern demands for efficiency, scalability, and usability. By leveraging the full potential of the MERN stack and complementary web tools, developers can create a cutting-edge online food delivery system that excels in both functionality and user satisfaction.

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