

Objective:

Build a basic REST API to manage employees in a company, focusing on CRUD operations, RESTful principles, and authentication.

Requirements

- **Create an Employee:** POST /api/employees/
- **List all Employees:** GET /api/employees/
- **Retrieve a Single Employee:** GET /api/employees/{id}/
- **Update an Employee:** PUT /api/employees/{id}/
- **Delete an Employee:** DELETE /api/employees/{id}/

Employee Model:

- **id:** Unique identifier (auto-generated)
- **name:** String, required
- **email:** Email field, required and unique
- **department:** String, optional (e.g., "HR", "Engineering", "Sales")
- **role:** String, optional (e.g., "Manager", "Developer", "Analyst")
- **date_joined:** Date, auto-generated on creation

Additional Requirements:

- **Validation:** Ensure email is unique and valid. name should not be empty.
- **Error Handling:** Return appropriate HTTP status codes for different responses:

- ■ 201 Created for successful creation.
- ■ 404 Not Found for invalid employee IDs.
- ■ 400 Bad Request for validation errors.
- ■ 204 No Content for successful deletion.

○ **Filtering:** Allow filtering of employees by department and role (e.g., GET /api/employees/?department=HR).

○ **Pagination:** Limit results per page to 10 employees with pagination support (e.g., GET /api/employees/?page=2).

○ **Authentication:** Use token-based authentication (JWT or simple token) to secure the endpoints. Only authenticated users should access these endpoints.

Summary:

- Brief recap of the CRUD operations.
- Highlight RESTful practices, error handling, and Postman's ease for testing.

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