

# GroupChatManager Module Documentation

## 1. Introduction

The **GroupChatManager** module is responsible for handling group chat messages in the messaging application. Its main functionalities include:

- Sending messages to a group
- Retrieving group messages
- Editing messages
- Deleting messages
- Pinning/unpinning messages
- Retrieving pinned messages
- Logging message-related actions

This module interacts with the **Database** and **GroupManager** modules to ensure secure and consistent message management.

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## 2. Dependencies

- **Database:** Executes SQL queries for message storage and retrieval.
  - **GroupManager:** Validates group existence and user membership.
  - **Message:** Data structure representing a chat message (ID, sender, content, timestamps, status).
  - **Boost.UUID:** Generates unique identifiers for log entries.
  - **ctime:** Handles timestamps for message creation and editing.
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## 3. Public Interface

```
bool sendGroupMessage(const std::string& group_id, const Message& message)
```

- **Input:** Group ID, message object (id, sender\_id, content, timestamps).
  - **Process:**
    1. Verify that the group exists.
    2. Verify that the sender is a group member.
    3. Insert the message into the database.
    4. Log the "send" action.
  - **Output:** `true` if successful, otherwise `false`.
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```
std::vector<Message> getGroupMessages(const std::string& group_id, int limit = 100)
```

- **Input:** Group ID, maximum number of messages (default = 100).
  - **Process:** Fetches the most recent non-deleted messages for the specified group.
  - **Output:** A list of `Message` objects ordered by timestamp (descending).
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```
bool deleteGroupMessage(const std::string& message_id, const std::string& requester_id)
```

- **Input:** Message ID, requester's user ID.
  - **Process:**
    - Only the message sender or the group creator can delete a message.
    - Updates the database to mark the message as `deleted=1`.
    - Logs the "delete" action.
  - **Output:** `true` if successful, otherwise `false`.
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```
bool editGroupMessage(const std::string& message_id, const std::string& new_content,  
const std::string& requester_id)
```

- **Input:** Message ID, new message content, requester's user ID.
  - **Process:**
    - Only the original sender can edit their message.
    - Updates the message content and `edited_timestamp` in the database.
    - Logs the "edit" action.
  - **Output:** `true` if successful, otherwise `false`.
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```
Message getGroupMessageById(const std::string& message_id)
```

- **Input:** Message ID.
  - **Process:** Retrieves the message record from the database.
  - **Output:** Returns a `Message` object, or an empty object if not found.
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```
bool pinGroupMessage(const std::string& message_id, const std::string& requester_id,  
bool pin = true)
```

- **Input:** Message ID, requester's user ID, pin flag (`true` = pin, `false` = unpin).
  - **Process:**
    - Only the group creator can pin or unpin messages.
    - Updates the `pinned` field in the database.
    - Logs "pin" or "unpin" action.
  - **Output:** `true` if successful, otherwise `false`.
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```
std::vector<Message> getPinnedMessages(const std::string& group_id)
```

- **Input:** Group ID.
  - **Process:** Retrieves all pinned, non-deleted messages for the given group.
  - **Output:** A list of pinned `Message` objects.
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## 4. Private Methods

```
void logAction(const std::string& message_id, const std::string& group_id, const  
std::string& user_id, const std::string& action)
```

- **Process:** Records actions (send, edit, delete, pin, unpin) in the `group_message_logs` table with a unique ID and timestamp.
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## 5. Rules and Constraints

- A user must be a group member to send messages.
- Only the sender can edit their own messages.
- Messages can only be deleted by the sender or the group creator.
- Only the group creator can pin/unpin messages.
- Deleted messages are not returned by `getGroupMessages` or `getPinnedMessages`.