

1. API specsheet

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2. Overview

DB: sqlite

API: C#

env: Bare metal

Dedicated com-port for API: 5000

3. Database Schema

3.1 Community

Column name	Type	Constraints	
Description		Note	

ID	INT	PRIMARY KEY	Unique
Identifier			
NAME	TEXT	UNIQUE. NOT NULL. CHECK (LENGTH(NAME) \< 100)	Community
Name			
Description	TEXT	CHECK (LENGTH(description) \< 500)	Community
description			
IMG_PATH	TEXT		URL to
community image		UNUSED	
MEMBER_COUNT	INT	DEFAULT 0. NOT NULL	Number of
members			
TAGS	STR\[CSV\]	NOT NULL	Content
tags		UNUSED	
POST_IDS	STR\[CSV\]		Array of
post ID\'s (FK to posts.id)			

3.2 User

Column Name	Type	Constraints	
Description			
Note			

ID	INT	PRIMARY KEY	
Unique Identifier			
EMAIL	TEXT	UNIQUE. NOT NULL	

User\'s Email			
USERNAME	TEXT	UNIQUE. NOT NULL. CHECK (LENGTH(USERNAME) \< 100)	
Unique Username			
PASSWORD	TEXT	NOT NULL. CHECK (LENGTH(PASSWORD) \< 1000)	
Hashed password (argon2)			
SALT	TEXT	NOT NULL	
Hashing salt (argon2)			
IMG_PATH	TEXT		URL
TO PP			
UNUSED			
POST_IDs	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of post IDs (FK to posts.id)			
LIKE_IDs	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of post IDs (FK to posts.id)			
DISLIKE_IDs	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of post IDs (FK to posts.id)			
COMMENT_IDs	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of post IDs (FK to posts.id)			
UNUSED			
COMMUNITY_IDs	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of community IDs and names \[id. name. id. name.\] (FK to communities.id) (FK to communities.name)	UNUSED		
ADMIN	INT	NOT NULL. DEFAULT FALSE	ADMIN
FLAG			
TAGS	STR\[CSV\]		Array
of tags for content recommendation			
UNUSED			

3.3 Posts

Column Name	Type	Constraints	Description
Notes			
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POST_ID	INT	UNIQUE. NOT NULL	Unique Identifier
TITLE	TEXT	NOT NULL. CHECK (LENGHT \< 100)	Post title
MAIN_TEXT	TEXT	CHECK (LENGTH \< 10k)	Post body
AUTH_ID	INT	NOT NULL	Author ID (FK. User.ID)
COM_ID	INT	NOT NULL	Community ID (FK. Community.ID)
TIMESTAMP	INT	NOT NULL	Time of post
LIKES	INT	NOT NULL. DEFAULT 0	Likes on post
DISLIKES	INT	NOT NULL. DEFAULT 0	Dislikes on post
POST_ID_REF	INT		Reference to original post (for reposts) (FK. Post.ID)
COMMENT_FLAG	INT	NOT NULL	Indicates comment instead of post
COMMENT_CNT	INT	NOT NULL. DEFAULT 0	Comment count
Comments	STR\[CSV\]		Array of post id\'s for comments (FK. Post.ID)
IMG_PATH	TEXT		URL to post image

TAGS	STR\[CSV\]		Array of tags for
content recommendation		UNUSED	

3.4 Feedback

Column name	Type	Constraints	Description
id	INT	PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT	Unique identifier for each feedback entry
worked	STRING	NOT NULL	what worked
didnt	STRING	NOT NULL	what didnt work
Other	STRING		additional feedback
rating	INT	NOT NULL	rating from 1 to 5
timestamp	INT	NOT NULL	timestamp of feedback entry

if POST_ID_REF is set, this indicates repost by default UNLESS COMMENT_FLAG is set too. COMMENT_FLAG cannot be set without POST_ID_REF

4. API Endpoints

4.1 Authentication

4.1.1 User Login

Endpoint: POST /api/auth/login

Desc: Auth user and return access token (image_path can be undefined)

Request body:

```
{
  "username": "string",
  "password": "string"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "user_id": "INT",
  "username": "string",
  "email": "string",
  "image_path": "string",
  "token": "string"
}
```

if user not found, refer to "5.1 HTTP codes"

4.1.2 User Registration

Endpoint: POST /api/auth/register

Desc. Register a new user; and return access token

Request body:

```
{
  "email": "string",
  "username": "string",
  "password": "string"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "user_id": "INT"
}
```

4.2 User Management

4.2.1 Get User Profile

Endpoint: GET /api/user/profile/{user_id}

Desc: Retrieve user data. `img_path`, `post_ids`, `community_ids`, `display_name` and `description` are optional

Response:

```
{
  "id": "UUID",
  "email": "string",
  "username": "string",
  "img_path": "string",
  "post_ids": ["UUID"],
  "like_ids": ["UUID"],
  "dislike_ids": ["UUID"],
  "comment_ids": ["UUID"],
  "community_ids": ["UUID"],
  "tags": ["UUID"],
  "admin": "boolean"
}
```

4.2.2 Delete User Account

Endpoint: DELETE /api/user/remove/{user_id}

desc: Deletes the account

Note: **Unused**

Response: 200 (ok)

4.2.3 Update User Profile (user)

Endpoint: PUT /api/user/update/user/{user_id}

desc: Updates user profile

Note: **Not Implemented**

Request body:

```
{
  "img_path": "string",
  "password": "string",
}
```

Response: 200 (OK)

4.2.4 Update User Profile (backend)

Endpoint: PUT /api/user/update/backend/{user_id}

desc: update backend parameters

Request body:

```
{
  "post_ids": ["UUID"],
  "like_ids": ["UUID"],
  "dislike_ids": ["UUID"],
  "comment_ids": ["UUID"],
  "community_ids": ["UUID"],
  "tags": ["UUID"],
  "admin": "boolean"
}
```

Response: 200 (OK)

4.3 Community management

4.3.1 Create community

Endpoint: POST /api/community/create

desc: Creates a community

Request body:

```
{
  "name": "string",
  "description": "string",
  "img_path": "string",
  "tags": ["INT"]
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "community_id": "INT"
}
```

4.3.2 Get community

Endpoint: GET /api/community/details/{community_id}

desc: Fetches details of community

Response:

```
{
  "id": "INT",
  "name": "string",
  "description": "string",
  "img_path": "string",
  "member_count": "int",
  "tags": ["INT"],
  "post_ids": ["INT"]
}
```

4.3.3 Update community (user)

Endpoint: PUT /api/community/update/details/{community_id}

desc: updates details and image of community (not membercount)

request body:

```
{
  "name": "string",
  "description": "string",
  "img_path": "string"
}
```

Response: 200 (ok)

4.3.4 Update community (backend)

Endpoint: PUT /api/community/update/backend

desc: Updates member count, tags and post_ids of community

Query parameters:

```
member_count: "int" // required
TAGS: ["INT"]
postID: int
```

Response: 200 (ok)

Notes:

- All query parameters ecepe from id are optional
- postID values will be appended to existing post IDs (if any).
- tags should be passed as a single string (e.g., "tech,science").

Examples for using it:

- update POST_IDS: /api/community/update/backend?id=123&PostID=1234

- update member count: `/api/community/update/backend?id=123&member_count=1234568`

4.3.5 Delete community

Endpoint: `DELETE /api/community/remove/{community_id}`

desc: deletes the community

Response: `200 (ok)`

4.3.6 Get All Communities

Endpoint: `GET /api/community/all`

desc: fetches ID and name of all communities

response:

```
{
  "id": ["int"],
  "name": ["string"]
  "description": ["string"]
}
```

4.4 Post management

4.4.1 Create post

Endpoint: `POST /api/post/create`

desc: Create a new post

Request body:

```
{
  "title": "string",
  "main_text": "string",
  "auth_id": "INT",
  "com_id": "INT",
  "post_id_ref": "INT", //optional
  "comment_flag": "boolean"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "post_id": "INT"
}
```

4.4.2 Get post

Endpoint: `GET /api/post/view/{post_id}`

desc: fetch all details about post

Response:

```
{
  "id": "INT",
  "title": "string",
  "main_text": "string",
  "timestamp": "timestamp",
  "likes": "INT",
  "dislikes": "INT",
  "post_id_ref": "INT",
  "comment_flag": "boolean",
  "comment_count": "INT",
  "comments": ["INT"],
  "author": {
    "auth_id": "INT",
    "username": "string",
    "imagePath": "string",
    "isAdmin": "INT",
  },
  "community": {
    "com_id": "INT",
    "name": "string",
  }
}
```

4.4.3 Update post (user)

Endpoint: PUT /api/post/update/user/{post_id}

desc: Edits post

Note: **Unused**

Request:

```
{
  "title": "string",
  "main_text": "string",
}
```

4.4.4 Update Post (backend)

Endpoint: PUT /api/post/update/backend/{post_id}

desc: Update backend post descriptors

Request body:

```
{
  "COMMENT_CNT": "INT",
  "LIKES": "INT",
  "DISLIKES": "INT",
  "COMMENTS": "[string]"
}
```

Response: 200 (ok)

4.4.5 Delete post

Endpoint: DELETE /api/post/remove/{post_id}

Desc: Deletes post

Note: **Unused**

Response: 200 (ok)

4.4.6 Get Multiple Posts

Endpoint: GET /api/posts

Desc: Fetch multiple posts based on various filter parameters

Query parameters:

```
communityId: INT           // Filter by community
userId: INT                 // Filter by author
timestampStart: INT         // Filter by post time (start)
timestampEnd: INT           // Filter by post time (end)
limit: INT                  // Max number of posts to return (default: 20, max: 100)
offset: INT                 // Pagination offset (default: 0)
sortBy: string              // Options: "timestamp", "likes", "comments"
                             (default: "timestamp")
sortOrder: string           // Options: "asc", "desc" (default: "desc")
tags: [INT]                 // Filter by specific tags (optional)
getComments: boolean        // If true, get comments (default: false)
parentPostId: INT           // If used, only get comments from this parent post.
                             Only does something if get_comments is true.
getPosts: boolean           // If true, get posts (default: true)
```

Response:

```
{
  "posts": [
    {
      "post_id": "INT",
      "title": "string",
      "main_text": "string",
      "auth_id": "INT",
      "com_id": "INT",
      "timestamp": "INT",
      "likes": "INT",
      "dislikes": "INT",
      "post_id_ref": "INT",
      "comment_flag": "boolean",
      "comment_count": "INT"
    }
  ],
  "total_count": "INT",
  "next_offset": "INT"
}
```

Notes:

- All query parameters are optional
- The response includes a `total_count` field indicating the total number of posts matching the filters
- The response includes a `next_offset` field for scrolling/pagination (null if no more results)

Examples for using it:

- Get top posts from community: `/api/posts?community_id=123&sort_by=likes&sort_order=desc`
- User profile posts: `/api/posts?user_id=45`
- Recent popular posts: `/api/posts?sort_by=likes×tamp_start=1714503600`

4.4.7 Get Multiple posts by id

Endpoint: GET `/api/post/postsids`

Desc: Fetch multiple posts based on various filter parameters

Query parameters:

```
ids:    string           // filter by a csv string of post_ids
```

Response:

```
{
  "posts": [
    {
      "post_id": "INT",
      "title": "string",
      "main_text": "string",
      "auth_id": "INT",
      "com_id": "INT",
      "timestamp": "INT",
      "likes": "INT",
      "dislikes": "INT",
      "post_id_ref": "INT",
      "comment_flag": "boolean",
      "comment_count": "INT"
    }
  ]
}
```

Examples for using it:

- Get posts by the id 1,2,3 and 4: `/api/post/postsids?ids=1,2,3,4`

4.4.8 Upload Image

Endpoint `POST `/api/upload/image`

Request body:

```
{
  "file": "FILE",
```

```
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "imageUrl": "string"
}
```

4.5 Interactions

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4.5.1 Like / Dislike

Endpoint `PUT /api/post/vote/{post_id}`

Request body:

```
{
  "user_id": "INT",
  "vote_type": "string" // "like", "dislike", or "none" ("none" removes the vote
for the user)
}
```

Response: `200 (ok)`

4.5.2 Get User Vote Status

Endpoint: `GET /api/post/{post_id}/vote/{user_id}`

Description: Check if a user has liked/disliked a post

Note: **Not implemented**

Response:

```
{
  "vote_type": "string" // "like", "dislike", or "none"
}
```

4.5.3 Create Comment

Endpoint `POST /api/post/comments/{post_id}`

Desc: Create a comment on a post

Request body:

```
{
  "user_id": "INT",
  "text": "string"
}
```

Response: `200 (ok)`

4.6 Search

Search flags and filters are handled backend

4.6.1 Search Posts

Endpoint: GET /api/search/posts

Desc: searches accross all posts

Note: **Not implemented**

Query parameter: ?q={keywords}

Response:

```
{
  "results": [
    {
      "post_id": "INT",
      "title": "string",
      "main_text": "string",
      "timestamp": "timestamp"
    }
  ]
}
```

4.6.2 Search Communities

Endpoint: GET /api/search/communities

Desc: searches accross all communities

Note: **Not implemented**

Query parameter: q?={keywords}

Response:

```
{
  "results": [
    {
      "community_id": "INT",
      "name": "string",
      "description": "string",
      "IMG_PATH": "string"
    }
  ]
}
```

4.6.3 Search user

Endpoint: GET /api/search/users

Desc: Searches across all users

Note: **Not implemented**

Query parameter: q?={keywords}

Response:

```
{
  "results": [
    {
      "user_id": "INT",
      "username": "string",
      "IMG_PATH": "string"
    }
  ]
}
```

4.7 Feedback

4.7.1 Create feedback

Endpoint: POST: /api/feedback/submit

Desc: creates a feedback entrance

Request:

```
{
  "worked": "string",
  "didnt": "string",
  "feedback": "string?",
  "rating": "int",
  "timestamp": "int"
}
```

4.7.2 Retrieve feedback

Endpoint: GET: /api/feedback/all

Desc: Retrieve all feedback

Note: **Unused**

Response:

```
{
  "results": [
    {
      "worked": "string",
      "didnt": "string",
      "feedback": "string?",
      "rating": "int",
      "timestamp": "int"
    }
  ]
}
```

5. Error handling

5.1 HTTP codes used

- 200 (ok) | generic response when no response body is required
- 400 (bad request) | use when request body is malformed
- 401 (unauthorised) | use when user is a) not found, or b) does not have privilege to perform action
- 404 (not found) | use when data entry not found