

Backend Documentation

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1. Overview

This document describes the server-side API for the web application (TypeScript / Node.js). The backend exposes a REST API with resources for users, startups, founders, investors, events, partners, news, and messages. The app uses Prisma as the ORM to connect to a MySQL database and issues JWT tokens for authentication.

2. Tech stack

- Node.js + TypeScript
- Express
- Prisma (MySQL datasource)
- JWT for authentication
- bcrypt for password hashing
- Cors
- Nodemon / ts-node for development

3. Project structure (important files/folders)

```
Backend/
├── src/
│   ├── app.ts           # main app (start server)
│   ├── routes/          # endpoint routes
│   ├── controller/      # controllers
│   ├── middleware/      # auth middleware
│   ├── prisma/          # prisma schema and migrations
│   ├── config/          # database config, other config utilities
│   ├── utils/           # helper utilities (e.g. SyncDb.utils.ts)
│   └── apis/            # external API wrappers (JebApi)
├── .env.exemple         # example env vars (see below)
├── Dockerfile
├── package.json
└── tsconfig.json
```

4. Environment variables

See Backend/.env.exemple — these are expected (example names and meaning):

- DATABASE_URL — Prisma-compatible MySQL URL
(e.g. mysql://USER:PASSWORD@localhost:PORT/DBNAME)
- API_KEY — Jeb API key
- PORT — server port (default in repo set to 4000 in example)
- VITE_BACKEND_URL — frontend base URL (used by frontend config)

Make sure to set a production-ready DATABASE_URL and keep secrets out of source control.

5. Installation & run

Local (development)

1. Install dependencies:

```
cd Backend
npm install
```

2. Create a .env file based on .env.exemple and set DATABASE_URL.

3. Run Prisma migrations (if needed):

```
npm run migrate
```

4. Build (optional) and run (or use ts-node / nodemon for development):

```
npm run build
npm start
```

5. The server listens on `PORT` (default from `.env`), and base path.

6. Database & Prisma

The project uses Prisma with a MySQL datasource. The Prisma schema is located at `src/prisma/schema.prisma` and includes the following main models: `User`, `Message`, `Event`, `Founder`, `Investor`, `Partner`, `NewsDetail`, and `StartupDetail`.

Migrations live under `src/prisma/migrations/` and can be applied with the `migrate` script.

There is a `SyncDb.utils.ts` utility in `src/utils/` which is invoked at app startup (`syncDB()`) — review it to understand behavior for schema sync / seed.

7. Authentication & Authorization

- Authentication is implemented with JWT. Login issues a JWT (see `Auth.controller`).
- Middleware `requireAuth` protects routes that require a valid token.
- Middleware `authorizeRoles(...)` restricts endpoints to roles such as `admin` and `founder` where necessary.
- Passwords are hashed with `bcrypt` on registration (see `auth controller logic`).

Ensure you keep the JWT secret and related configuration secure (look for `process.env` usages in `src/controller/Auth.controller.ts` or `auth middleware`).

8. API endpoints (summary)

All resource routes are mounted in `app.ts`. Each listed route below is mounted at its base path. For example, the `EventRouter` is mounted at `/event`, so `POST /event/create` creates an event.

Auth (`/auth`)

- `POST /auth/register` — register a new user (public), but not used in the front
- `POST /auth/login` — login, returns JWT (public)

User (/user)

- POST /user/create — create user (requires auth and admin role)
- GET /user/get/:id — get user by id
- GET /user/get — list users
- DELETE /user/delete/:id — delete user (requires admin)
- PUT /user/update/:id — update user (requires auth)

Event (/event)

- POST /event/create — create event (requires admin or founder)
- GET /event/get/:id — fetch event by id
- GET /event/get — fetch all events
- DELETE /event/delete/:id — delete (requires admin or founder)
- PUT /event/update/:id — update (requires admin or founder)

Founder (/founder)

- POST /founder/create
- GET /founder/get/:id
- GET /founder/get
- DELETE /founder/delete/:id
- PUT /founder/update/:id

Investor (/investor)

- POST /investor/create
- GET /investor/get/:id
- GET /investor/get
- DELETE /investor/delete/:id
- PUT /investor/update/:id

Partner (/partner)

- POST /partner/create
- GET /partner/get/:id
- GET /partner/get
- DELETE /partner/delete/:id
- PUT /partner/update/:id

Startup (/startup)

- POST /startup/create — create startup (requires auth)
- GET /startup/get/:id
- GET /startup/get
- DELETE /startup/delete/:id

- PUT /startup/update/:id — update (requires admin or founder)

News (/news)

- POST /news/create
- GET /news/get/:id
- GET /news/get
- DELETE /news/delete/:id
- PUT /news/update/:id

Message (/message)

- POST /message/create
- GET /message/get/:id
- GET /message/get
- DELETE /message/delete/:id
- PUT /message/update/:id
- GET /message/received/:userId — get messages received by user
- GET /message/sent/:userId — get messages sent by user

Note: This is a summary — for full parameter lists, request/response shapes, and validation rules, see below

9. Data models (Prisma) — summary

The schema defines the following models (fields abbreviated):

- **User:** id, email (unique), password, name, role, optional relations to Founder and Investor and messages (sent/received).
- **Message:** id, sender_id, receiver_id, content, sent_at.
- **Event:** event fields (id, title, description, date/time, organizer relation, etc.).
- **Founder:** founder-specific fields and relation to StartupDetail.
- **Investor:** investor fields.
- **Partner:** partner fields.
- **NewsDetail:** news fields.
- **StartupDetail:** startup fields including name, email, website_url, project_status, sector, maturity, and relation to Founder[].

(See src/prisma/schema.prisma for complete field lists and types.)

10. Error handling & validation

- Controllers typically send standard HTTP status codes (200, 201, 401, 403, 404, 422, 500) depending on validation and authorization.

- Input sanitization and permitted fields are enforced inside controllers (there are patterns of `authorizedFields` and filtering update payloads).
 - Server-side logging is done with `console.error/console.log` in the current codebase; consider integrating a structured logger (e.g., `pino` or `winston`) for production.
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Where to look in the code for details

- `src/controller/*` — controller logic, request/response shapes
 - `src/routes/*` — route definitions and required middleware
 - `src/middleware/*` — authentication and authorization middleware
 - `src/prisma/schema.prisma` — DB models
 - `src/utils/SyncDb.utils.ts` — DB sync/seed logic
 - `src/apis/JebApi/` — external API wrappers
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