

Node.JS + MySQL - Boilerplate API with Email Sign Up & Verification, Authentication & Forgot Password

## Objectives

The project aims to build a boilerplate sign up and authentication API with Node.js and MySQL that includes:

- Email sign up and verification
- JWT authentication with refresh tokens
- Role based authorization with support for two roles (User & Admin)
- Forgot password and reset password functionality
- Account management (CRUD) routes with role based access control
- Swagger api documentation route

## Required Tools

- NodeJS - an open source server environment. It allows us to run JavaScript on the server.
- Visual Studio Code -A code editor to view and edit the API code
- MySQL - an instance for the API to connect to and store data.
- Ethereal - a fake SMTP service, mostly aimed at Nodemailer and EmailEngine users. We're using it to randomly generate emails and test our API's authentication capability.
- Git and GitHub - to initialize and save our API project remotely.

## Initializing the Project

- Create a new folder from your local machine and name it however you want.
- Within the folder directory run the terminal and initialize the node package manager by typing in `npm init`
- Then after that follow the rest of the process below to install the required dependencies.

```
C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm init -y
Wrote to C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api\package.json:

{
  "name": "nodejs-boilerplate-api",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "server.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1",
    "start": "node server.js"
  },
  "keywords": [],
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC"
}

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm i express --save

added 64 packages, and audited 65 packages in 5s

12 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities
```

```
C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm i bcryptjs body-parser cookie-parser cors

added 5 packages, and audited 70 packages in 3s

12 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm i express-jwt joi jsonwebtoken mysql2 nodemailer

added 39 packages, and audited 109 packages in 10s

12 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>
```

```
C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm i rootpath sequelize swagger-ui-express yamls

added 34 packages, and audited 143 packages in 13s

14 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm i -D nodemon

added 26 packages, and audited 169 packages in 6s

18 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

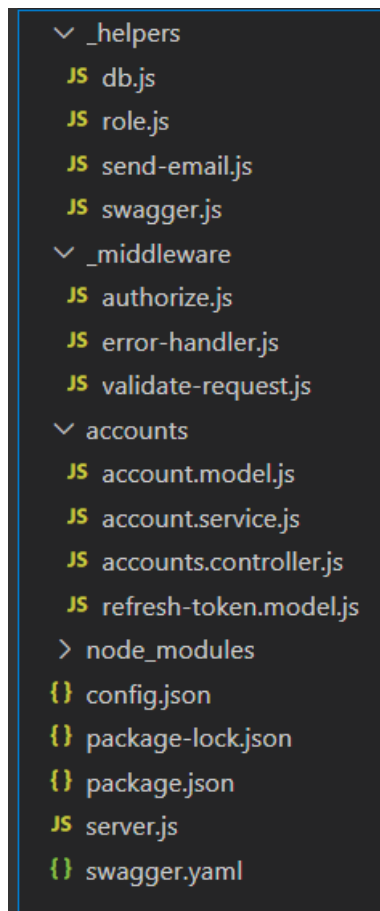
found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>
```

## Project Structure

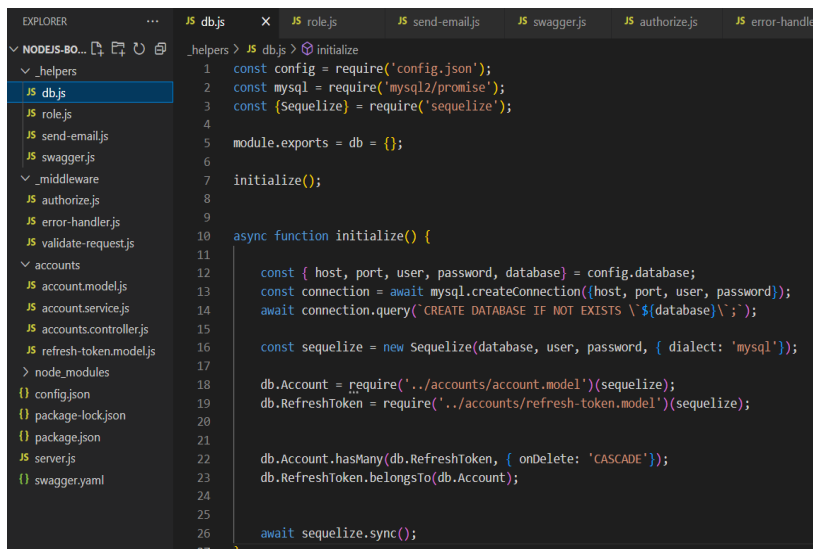
The Project is composed of multiple files and directories, each serving their own purpose.

- Feature folders (accounts)
- Non-feature/Shared Component folders (\_helpers, \_middleware)
- Config.json
- Server.js
- Swagger.yaml



```
-Path: /_helpers Contents :
• db.js
• role.js
• send-email.js
• swagger.js
-Path: /_middleware Contents :
• authorize.js
• error-handler.js
• validate-request.js
-Path: /_accounts Contents :
• account.model.js
• account.service.js
• accounts.controller.js
• refresh-token.model.js
-Config.json
-Package.json
-server.js
-swagger.yaml
```

## MySQL Database Wrapper (*Path: /\_helpers/db.js*)



Connects to MySQL using Sequelize to handle functions like handling database records by representing the data as objects.

## Role Object / Enum (Path: */\_helpers/role.js*)

```
helpers > JS role.js > <unknown>
1  module.exports = {
2    Admin: 'Admin',
3    User: 'User'
4  }
```

Defines all the roles in the project application. Using it as an enum to avoid passing roles as strings. Therefore we use it as Role.Admin or Role.User

## Send Email Helper (Path: */\_helpers/send-email.js*)

```
_helpers > JS send-email.js > sendEmail
1  const nodemailer = require('nodemailer');
2  const config = require('config.json');
3
4
5  module.exports = sendEmail;
6
7
8  async function sendEmail({ to, subject, html, from = config.emailFrom }) {
9    const transporter = nodemailer.createTransport(config.smtpOptions);
10    await transporter.sendMail({ from, to, subject, html });
11  }
```

Simplifies sending emails in the application. Used by the account service to send account verification and password reset emails.

## Swagger API Docs Route Handler (Path: */\_helpers/swagger.js*)

Auto-generates Swagger UI documentation based on the swagger.yaml file from the /api-docs path of the api.

```
_helpers > JS swagger.js > ...
1  const express = require('express');
2  const router = express.Router();
3  const YAML = require('yamljs');
4  const swaggerUi = require('swagger-ui-express');
5
6  const swaggerDocument = YAML.load('./swagger.yaml');
7
8
9  module.exports = router; {
10    router.use('/', swaggerUi.serve, swaggerUi.setup(swaggerDocument))
11  };
```

## Authorize Middleware (Path: `/_middleware/authorize.js`)

```
_middleware > JS authorize.js > authorize > <function>
1
2 const jwt = require('express-jwt');
3 const { secret } = require('config.json');
4 const db = require('_helpers/db');
5
6 module.exports = authorize;
7
8 function authorize(roles = []) {
9   if (typeof roles === 'string') {
10     roles = [roles];
11   }
12   return [
13     jwt.expressjwt({ secret, algorithms: ['HS256'] }),
14     async (req, res, next) => {
15       const account = await db.Account.findById(req.auth.id);
16
17       if (!account || (roles.length && !roles.includes(account.role))) {
18         return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
19       }
20
21       req.auth.role = account.role;
22       const refreshTokens = await account.getRefreshTokens();
23       req.auth.ownToken = token => !refreshTokens.find(x => x.token === token);
24       next();
25     }
26   ];
27 }
28
29
30
```

Added to restrict access to any route which only authenticated users with specified roles can access. It is used by the accounts controller to handle authorization to CRUD routes as well as revoke token routes.

## Global Error Handler Middleware (Path: `/_middleware/error-handler.js`)

```
_middleware > JS error-handler.js > errorHandler
1 module.exports = errorHandler;
2
3 function errorHandler(err, req, res, next){
4   switch (true) {
5     case typeof err === 'string':
6       const is404 = err.toLowerCase().endsWith('not found');
7       const statusCode = is404 ? 404 : 400;
8       return res.status(statusCode).json({ message: err });
9
10    case err.name === 'UnauthorizedError':
11      return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
12
13    default:
14      return res.status(500).json({ message: err.message });
15  }
16 }
17
```

Catches all errors and removes the need for duplicated error handling code throughout the boilerplate application.

## Validate Request Middleware (Path: /\_middleware/validate-request.js)

```
middleware > JS validate-request.js > ...
1  module.exports = validateRequest;
2
3  function validateRequest(req, next, schema){
4    const options = {
5      abortEarly: false,
6      allowUnknown: true,
7      stripUnknown: true
8    };
9    const { error, value } = schema.validate(req.body, options);
10   if (error) {
11     next(`Validation error: ${error.details.map(x => x.message).join(', ')}');
12   } else {
13     req.body = value;
14     next();
15   }
16 }
17
18
```

Validates the body of a request against a Joi schema object. Used by the accounts controller.

## Sequelize Account Model (Path: /accounts/account.model.js)

```
accounts > JS account.model.js > model > attributes
1  const { DataTypes } = require('sequelize');
2
3  module.exports = model;
4
5  function model(sequelize){
6    const attributes = {
7      email: { type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
8      passwordHash: { type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
9      title: { type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
10     firstName: {type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
11     lastName: {type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
12     acceptTerms: {type: DataTypes.BOOLEAN},
13     role: {type: DataTypes.STRING, allowNull: false},
14     verificationToken: {type: DataTypes.STRING},
15     verified: {type: DataTypes.DATE},
16     resetToken: {type: DataTypes.STRING},
17     resetTokenExpires: {type: DataTypes.DATE},
18     passwordReset: {type: DataTypes.DATE},
19     created: {type: DataTypes.DATE, allowNull: false, defaultValue: DataTypes.NOW},
20     updated: {type: DataTypes.DATE},
21     isVerified: {
22       type: DataTypes.VIRTUAL,
23       get() { return !(this.verified || this.passwordReset);}
24     }
25   };
26
27   const options = {
28     timestamps: false,
29     defaultScope: {
30       attributes: {exclude: ['passwordHash']}
31     },
32     scopes: {
33       withHash: {attributes: {},}
34     }
35   };
36
37
```

Uses Sequelize to define the schema for the accounts table in the MySQL database. The exported Sequelize model object gives full access to perform CRUD operations on accounts in MySQL.

```
38   };
39
40   return sequelize.define('account', attributes, options);
41
42 }
```

## Sequelize Refresh Token Model

(Path: /accounts/refresh-token.model.js)

```
1  const { DataTypes } = require('sequelize');
2
3  module.exports = model;
4
5
6  function model(sequelize) {
7    const attributes = {
8      token: { type: DataTypes.STRING },
9      expires: { type: DataTypes.DATE },
10     created: { type: DataTypes.DATE, allowNull: false, defaultValue: DataTypes.NOW },
11     createdById: { type: DataTypes.STRING },
12     revoked: { type: DataTypes.DATE },
13     revokedById: { type: DataTypes.STRING },
14     replacedByToken: { type: DataTypes.STRING },
15     isExpired: {
16       type: DataTypes.VIRTUAL,
17       get() { return Date.now() >= this.expires }
18     },
19     isActive: {
20       type: DataTypes.VIRTUAL,
21       get() { return !this.revoked && !this.isExpired; }
22     }
23   };
24
25   const options = {
26     timestamps: false
27   };
28
29   return sequelize.define('refreshToken', attributes, options);
30 }
31
```

Uses Sequelize to define the schema for the refreshTokens table in the MySQL database. The exported Sequelize model object gives full access to perform CRUD operations on refresh tokens in MySQL

## Account Service (Path: /accounts/account.service.js)

The service encapsulates all interaction with the Sequelize account models and exposes a simple set of methods which are used by the accounts controller.

```
accounts > .js account.service.js > @ authenticate > .js jwtToken
1  const config = require('config.json');
2  const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
3  const bcrypt = require('bcryptjs');
4  const crypto = require('crypto');
5  const { Op } = require('sequelize');
6  const sendEmail = require('helpers/send-email');
7  const db = require('helpers/db');
8  const Role = require('helpers/role');
9
10 module.exports = {
11   authenticate,
12   refreshToken,
13   revokeToken,
14   register,
15   verifyEmail,
16   forgotPassword,
17   validateResetToken,
18   resetPassword,
19   getAll,
20   getById,
21   create,
22   update,
23   delete: _delete
24 };
25
26 async function authenticate({ email, password, ipAddress }) {
27   const account = await db.Account.scope('withHash').findOne({ where: { email } });
28
29   if (!account || !account.isVerified || !(await bcrypt.compare(password, account.passwordHash))) {
30     throw 'Email or password is incorrect';
31   }
32
33   const jwtToken = generateJwtToken(account);
34   const refreshToken = generateRefreshToken(account, ipAddress);
35
36   await refreshToken.save();
37 }

```

```

37
38     return {
39         ...basicDetails(account),
40         jwtToken,
41         refreshToken: refreshToken.token
42     };
43 }
44
45 async function refreshToken({ token, ipAddress }) {
46     const refreshToken = await getRefreshToken(token);
47     const account = await refreshToken.getAccount();
48
49     const newRefreshToken = generateRefreshToken(account, ipAddress);
50     refreshToken.revoked = Date.now();
51     refreshToken.revokedByIp = ipAddress;
52     refreshToken.replacedByToken = newRefreshToken.token;
53     await refreshToken.save();
54     await newRefreshToken.save();
55
56     const jwtToken = generateJwtToken(account);
57
58     return {
59         ...basicDetails(account),
60         jwtToken,
61         refreshToken: newRefreshToken.token
62     };
63 }
64
65 async function revokeToken({ token, ipAddress }) {
66     const refreshToken = await getRefreshToken(token);
67
68     refreshToken.revoked = Date.now();
69     refreshToken.revokedByIp = ipAddress;
70     await refreshToken.save();
71 }

```

```

72
73 async function register(params, origin) {
74     if (await db.Account.findOne({ where: { email: params.email } })) {
75         return await sendAlreadyRegisteredEmail(params.email, origin);
76     }
77
78     const account = new db.Account(params);
79
80     const isFirstAccount = (await db.Account.count()) === 0;
81     account.role = isFirstAccount ? Role.Admin : Role.User;
82     account.verificationToken = randomTokenString();
83
84     account.passwordHash = await hash(params.password);
85
86     await account.save();
87
88     await sendVerificationEmail(account, origin);
89 }
90
91 async function verifyEmail({ token }) {
92     const account = await db.Account.findOne({ where: { verificationToken: token } });
93
94     if (!account) throw 'Verification failed';
95
96     account.verified = Date.now();
97     account.verificationToken = null;
98     await account.save();
99 }
100
101 async function forgotPassword({ email }, origin) {
102     const account = await db.Account.findOne({ where: { email } });
103
104     if (!account) return;

```



```

106     account.resetToken = randomTokenString();
107     account.resetTokenExpires = new Date(Date.now() + 24*60*60*1000);
108     await account.save();
109
110     await sendPasswordResetEmail(account, origin);
111 }
112
113 async function validateResetToken({ token }) {
114     const account = await db.Account.findOne({
115         where: {
116             resetToken: token,
117             resetTokenExpires: { [Op.gt]: Date.now() }
118         }
119     });
120
121     if (!account) throw 'Invalid token';
122
123     return account;
124 }
125
126 async function resetPassword({ token, password }) {
127     const account = await validateResetToken({ token });
128
129     account.passwordHash = await hash(password);
130     account.passwordReset = Date.now();
131     account.resetToken = null;
132     await account.save();
133 }
134
135 async function getAll() {
136     const accounts = await db.Account.findAll();
137     return accounts.map(x => basicDetails(x));
138 }

```

```

139
140 async function getById(id) {
141     const account = await getAccount(id);
142     return basicDetails(account);
143 }
144
145 async function create(params) {
146     if (await db.Account.findOne({ where: { email: params.email } })) {
147         throw 'Email "' + params.email + '" is already registered';
148     }
149
150     const account = new db.Account(params);
151     account.verified = Date.now();
152
153     account.passwordHash = await hash(params.password);
154
155     await account.save();
156
157     return basicDetails(account);
158 }
159
160 async function update(id, params) {
161     const account = await getAccount(id);
162
163     if (params.email && account.email !== params.email && await db.Account.findOne({ where: { email: params.email } })) {
164         throw 'Email "' + params.email + '" is already taken';
165     }

```

```

166
167     if (params.password) {
168         params.passwordHash = await hash(params.password);
169     }
170
171     Object.assign(account, params);
172     account.updated = Date.now();
173     await account.save();
174
175     return basicDetails(account);
176 }
177
178 async function _delete(id) {
179     const account = await getAccount(id);
180     await account.destroy();
181 }
182
183 async function getAccount(id) {
184     const account = await db.Account.findPk(id);
185     if (!account) throw 'Account not found';
186     return account;
187 }
188
189 async function getRefreshToken(token) {
190     const refreshToken = await db.RefreshToken.findOne({ where: { token } });
191     if (!refreshToken || !refreshToken.isActive) throw 'Invalid token';
192     return refreshToken;
193 }
194
195 async function hash(password) {
196     return await bcrypt.hash(password, 10);
197 }

```

```

198
199 function generateJwtToken(account) {
200     return jwt.sign({ sub: account.id, id: account.id }, config.secret, { expiresIn: '15m' });
201 }
202
203 function generateRefreshToken(account, ipAddress) {
204     return new db.RefreshToken({
205         accountId: account.id,
206         token: randomTokenString(),
207         expires: new Date(Date.now() + 7*24*60*60*1000),
208         createdByIp: ipAddress
209     });
210 }
211
212 function randomTokenString() {
213     return crypto.randomBytes(40).toString('hex');
214 }
215
216 function basicDetails(account) {
217     const { id, title, firstName, lastName, email, role, created, updated, isVerified } = account;
218     return { id, title, firstName, lastName, email, role, created, updated, isVerified };
219 }
220
221 async function sendVerificationEmail(account, origin) {
222     let message;
223     if (origin) {
224         const verifyUrl = `${origin}/account/verify-email?token=${account.verificationToken}`;
225         message = `<p>Please click the below link to verify your email address:</p>
226         <p><a href="${verifyUrl}">${verifyUrl}</a></p>`;
227     } else {
228         message = `<p>Please use the below token to verify your email address with the <code>/account/verify-email</code> api route:</p>
229         <p><code>${account.verificationToken}</code></p>`;
230     }
231 }

```

```

231
232     await sendEmail({
233         to: account.email,
234         subject: 'Sign-up Verification API - Verify Email',
235         html: `<h4>Verify Email</h4>
236         <p>Thanks for registering!</p>
237         ${message}`
238     });
239 }
240
241 async function sendAlreadyRegisteredEmail(email, origin) {
242     let message;
243     if (origin) {
244         message = `<p>If you don't know your password please visit the <a href="${origin}/account/forgot-password">forgot password</a> page.</p>`;
245     } else {
246         message = `<p>If you don't know your password you can reset it via the <code>/account/forgot-password</code> api route.</p>`;
247     }
248 }

```

```

248
249     await sendEmail({
250       to: email,
251       subject: 'Sign-up Verification API - Email Already Registered',
252       html: `<h4>Email Already Registered</h4>
253         <p>Your email <strong>${email}</strong> is already registered.</p>
254         ${message}`
255     });
256   }
257
258   async function sendPasswordResetEmail(account, origin) {
259     let message;
260     if (origin) {
261       const resetUrl = `${origin}/account/reset-password?token=${account.resetToken}`;
262       message = `<p>Please click the below link to reset your password, the link will be valid for 1 day:</p>
263         <p><a href="${resetUrl}">${resetUrl}</a></p>`;
264     } else {
265       message = `<p>Please use the below token to reset your password with the <code>/account/reset-password</code> api route:</p>
266         <p><code>${account.resetToken}</code></p>`;
267     }
268
269     await sendEmail({
270       to: account.email,
271       subject: 'Sign-up Verification API - Reset Password',
272       html: `<h4>Reset Password Email</h4>
273         ${message}`
274     });
275   }

```

## Accounts Controller (*Path:/accounts/accounts.controller.js*)

Defines all /accounts routes for the Node.js + MySQL boilerplate api, the route definitions are grouped together at the top of the file and the implementation functions are below, followed by local helper functions. The controller is bound to the /accounts path in the main server.js file.

```

accounts > JS accounts.controller.js > update
1  const express = require('express');
2  const router = express.Router();
3  const Joi = require('joi');
4  const validateRequest = require('_middleware/validate-request');
5  const authorize = require('_middleware/authorize');
6  const Role = require('_helpers/role');
7  const accountService = require('./account.service');
8
9  router.post('/authenticate', authenticateSchema, authenticate);
10 router.post('/refresh-token', refreshToken);
11 router.post('/revoke-token', authorize(), revokeTokenSchema, revokeToken);
12 router.post('/register', registerSchema, register);
13 router.post('/verify-email', verifyEmailSchema, verifyEmail);
14 router.post('/forgot-password', forgotPasswordSchema, forgotPassword);
15 router.post('/validate-reset-token', validateResetTokenSchema, validateResetToken);
16 router.post('/reset-password', resetPasswordSchema, resetPassword);
17 router.get('/', authorize(Role.Admin), getAll);
18 router.get('/:id', authorize(), getById);
19 router.post('/', authorize(Role.Admin), createSchema, create);
20 router.put('/:id', authorize(), updateSchema, update);
21 router.delete('/:id', authorize(), _delete);

```

```

accounts > JS accounts.controller.js > update
22
23   module.exports = router;
24
25   function authenticateSchema(req, res, next) {
26     const schema = Joi.object({
27       email: Joi.string().required(),
28       password: Joi.string().required()
29     });
30     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
31   }
32
33   function authenticate (req, res, next) {
34     const { email, password } = req.body;
35     const ipAddress = req.ip;
36     accountService.authenticate({ email, password, ipAddress })
37       .then(({ refreshToken, ...account }) => {
38         setTokenCookie(res, refreshToken);
39         res.json(account);
40       })
41       .catch(next);
42   }
43
44   function refreshToken(req, res, next) {
45     const token = req.cookies.refreshToken;
46     const ipAddress = req.ip;
47     accountService.refreshToken({ token, ipAddress })
48       .then(({ refreshToken, ...account }) => {
49         setTokenCookie(res, refreshToken);
50         res.json(account);
51       })
52       .catch(next);
53   }

```

```

accounts > JS accounts.controller.js > update
55   function revokeTokenSchema(req, res, next) {
56     const schema = Joi.object({
57       token: Joi.string().required()
58     });
59     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
60   }
61
62   function revokeToken (req, res, next) {
63     const token = req.body.token || req.cookies.refreshToken;
64     const ipAddress = req.ip;
65     if (!token) return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Token is required' });
66
67     if (!req.auth.ownsToken(token) && req.auth.role !== Role.Admin) {
68       return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
69     }
70
71     accountService.revokeToken({ token, ipAddress })
72       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Token revoked' }))
73       .catch(next);
74   }
75
76
77   function registerSchema(req, res, next) {
78     const schema = Joi.object({
79       title: Joi.string().required(),
80       firstName: Joi.string().required(),
81       lastName: Joi.string().required(),
82       email: Joi.string().email().required(),
83       password: Joi.string().min(6).required(),
84       confirmPassword: Joi.string().valid(Joi.ref('password')).required(),
85       acceptTerms: Joi.boolean().valid(true).required()
86     });
87     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
88   }

```

```

accounts > JS accounts_controller.js > update
88   }
89
90   function register(req, res, next) {
91     accountService.register(req.body, req.get('origin'))
92       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Registration successful, please check your email for verification instructions' })))
93       .catch(next);
94   }
95
96   function verifyEmailSchema(req, res, next) {
97     const schema = Joi.object({
98       token: Joi.string().required()
99     });
100    validateRequest(req, next, schema);
101  }
102
103   function verifyEmail(req, res, next) {
104     accountService.verifyEmail(req.body)
105       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Verification successful, you can now login' })))
106       .catch(next);
107   }
108
109   function forgotPasswordSchema(req, res, next) {
110     const schema = Joi.object({
111       email: Joi.string().email().required()
112     });
113     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
114   }
115
116   function forgotPassword(req, res, next) {
117     accountService.forgotPassword(req.body, req.get('origin'))
118       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Please check your email for password reset instructions' })))
119       .catch(next);
120   }

```

```

121
122   function validateResetTokenSchema(req, res, next) {
123     const schema = Joi.object({
124       token: Joi.string().required()
125     });
126     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
127   }
128
129   function validateResetToken(req, res, next) {
130     accountService.validateResetToken(req.body)
131       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Token is valid' })))
132       .catch(next);
133   }
134
135   function resetPasswordSchema(req, res, next) {
136     const schema = Joi.object({
137       token: Joi.string().required(),
138       password: Joi.string().min(6).required(),
139       confirmPassword: Joi.string().valid(Joi.ref('password')).required()
140     });
141     validateRequest(req, next, schema);
142   }
143
144   function resetPassword(req, res, next) {
145     accountService.resetPassword(req.body)
146       .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Password reset successful, you can now login' })))
147       .catch(next);
148   }
149
150   function getAll(req, res, next) {
151     accountService.getAll()
152       .then(accounts => res.json(accounts))
153       .catch(next);
154   }

```

```

155
156 function getById(req, res, next) {
157   if (Number(req.params.id) !== req.auth.id && req.auth.role !== Role.Admin) {
158     return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
159   }
160
161   accountService.getById(req.params.id)
162     .then(account => account ? res.json(account) : res.sendStatus(404))
163     .catch(next);
164 }
165
166 function createSchema(req, res, next) {
167   const schema = Joi.object({
168     title: Joi.string().required(),
169     firstName: Joi.string().required(),
170     lastName: Joi.string().required(),
171     email: Joi.string().email().required(),
172     password: Joi.string().min(6).required(),
173     confirmPassword: Joi.string().valid(Joi.ref('password')).required(),
174     role: Joi.string().valid(Role.Admin, Role.User).required()
175   });
176   validateRequest(req, next, schema);
177 }
178
179 function create(req, res, next) {
180   accountService.create(req.body)
181     .then(account => res.json(account))
182     .catch(next);
183 }

```

```

184
185 function updateSchema(req, res, next) {
186   const schemaRules = {
187     title: Joi.string().empty(''),
188     firstName: Joi.string().empty(''),
189     lastName: Joi.string().empty(''),
190     email: Joi.string().email().empty(''),
191     password: Joi.string().min(6).empty(''),
192     confirmPassword: Joi.string().valid(Joi.ref('password')).empty(''),
193   };
194
195   if (req.auth.role === Role.Admin) {
196     schemaRules.role = Joi.string().valid(Role.Admin, Role.User).empty('');
197   }
198
199   const schema = Joi.object(schemaRules).with('password', 'confirmPassword');
200   validateRequest(req, next, schema);
201 }
202
203
204 function update(req, res, next) {
205   if (Number(req.params.id) !== req.auth.id && req.auth.role !== Role.Admin) {
206     return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
207   }
208
209   accountService.update(req.params.id, req.body)
210     .then(account => res.json(account))
211     .catch(next);
212 }
213

```

```

213
214 function _delete(req, res, next) {
215   if (Number(req.params.id) !== req.auth.id && req.auth.role !== Role.Admin) {
216     return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Unauthorized' });
217   }
218
219   accountService.delete(req.params.id)
220     .then(() => res.json({ message: 'Account deleted successfully' }))
221     .catch(next);
222 }
223
224 function setTokenCookie(res, token) {
225   const cookieOptions = {
226     httpOnly: true,
227     expires: new Date(Date.now() + 7*24*60*60*1000 )
228   };
229   res.cookie('refreshToken', token, cookieOptions);
230 }

```

## API Config (Path:/config.json)

Contains configuration data for the boilerplate api, it includes the database connection options for the MySQL database, the secret used for signing and verifying JWT tokens, the emailFrom address used to send emails, and the smtpOptions used to connect and authenticate with an email server.

```
{  
  "database": {  
    "host": "localhost",  
    "port": 3306,  
    "user": "root",  
    "password": "",  
    "database": "node-mysql-signup-verification-api"  
  },  
  "secret": "THIS IS USED TO SIGN AND VERIFY JWT, TOKENS, REPLACE IT WITH YOUR OWN SECRET, IT CAN BE ANY STRING",  
  "emailFrom": "info@node-mysql-signup-verification-api.com",  
  "smtpOptions": {  
    "host": "[ENTER YOUR OWN SMTP OPTIONS OR CREATE FREE TEST ACCOUNT AT https://ethereal.email]",  
    "port": 587,  
    "auth": {  
      "user": "",  
      "pass": ""  
    }  
  }  
}
```

## Package.json (Path:/package.json)

The package.json file contains project configuration information including package dependencies which get installed when you run npm install.

```
{  
  "name": "nodejs-boilerplate-api",  
  "version": "1.0.0",  
  "description": "",  
  "main": "server.js",  
  "scripts": {  
    "test": "echo \\\"Error: no test specified\\\" && exit 1",  
    "start": "node server.js"  
  },  
  "keywords": [],  
  "author": "",  
  "license": "ISC",  
  "dependencies": {  
    "bcryptjs": "^2.4.3",  
    "body-parser": "^1.20.2",  
    "cookie-parser": "^1.4.6",  
    "cors": "^2.8.5",  
    "express": "^4.19.2",  
    "express-jwt": "^8.4.1",  
    "joi": "^17.12.3",  
    "jsonwebtoken": "^9.0.2",  
    "mysql2": "^3.9.3",  
    "nodemailer": "^6.9.13",  
    "rootpath": "^0.1.2",  
    "sequelize": "^6.37.2",  
    "swagger-ui-express": "^5.0.0",  
    "yamljs": "^0.3.0"  
  },  
  "devDependencies": {  
    "nodemon": "^3.1.0"  
  }  
}
```

## Server Startup File (Path:/server.js)

The server.js file is the entry point into the boilerplate Node.js api, it configures application middleware, binds controllers to routes and starts the Express web server for the api

```
JS server.js > ...
1  require('./rootpath')();
2  const express = require('express');
3  const app = express();
4  const bodyParser = require('body-parser');
5  const cookieParser = require('cookie-parser');
6  const cors = require('cors');
7  const errorHandler = require('_middleware/error-handler');
8
9
10 app.use(bodyParser.urlencoded({ extended: false }));
11 app.use(bodyParser.json());
12 app.use(cookieParser());
13
14 app.use(cors({ origin: (origin, callback) => callback(null, true), credentials: true }));
15
16 app.use('/accounts', var require: NodeRequire (id: string) => any ts.controller));
17
18 app.use('/api-docs', require('_helpers/swagger'));
19
20 app.use(errorHandler);
21
22 const port = process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production' ? (process.env.PORT || 80) : 4000;
23 app.listen(port, () => console.log('Server listening on port ' + port));
```

## Swagger API Documentation (Path:/swagger.yaml)

The YAML documentation is used by the swagger.js helper to automatically generate and serve interactive Swagger UI documentation on the /api-docs route of the boilerplate api. To preview the Swagger UI documentation without running the api simply copy and paste the below YAML into the swagger editor at [Swagger Editor](#).

```
openapi: 3.0.0
info:
  title: Node.js Sign-up and Verification API
  description: Node.js and MySQL - API with email sign-up, verification, authentication and forgot password
  version: 1.0.0

servers:
  - url: http://localhost:4000
    description: Local development server

paths:
```



```
/accounts/authenticate:
  post:
    summary: Authenticate account credentials and return a JWT token and
a cookie with a refresh token
    description: Accounts must be verified before authenticating.
    operationId: authenticate
    requestBody:
      required: true
      content:
        application/json:
          schema:
            type: object
            properties:
              email:
                type: string
                example: "jason@example.com"
              password:
                type: string
                example: "pass123"
            required:
              - email
              - password
    responses:
      "200":
        description: Account details, a JWT access token and a refresh
token cookie
        headers:
          Set-Cookie:
            description: "`refreshToken`"
            schema:
              type: string
              example:
refreshToken=51872eca5efedcf424db4cf5afd16a9d00ad25b743a034c9c221afc85d18d
cd5e4ad6e3f08607550; Path=/; Expires=Tue, 16 Jun 2020 09:14:17 GMT;
HttpOnly
        content:
          application/json:
            schema:
              type: object
              properties:
                id:
                  type: string
                  example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
                title:
                  type: string
                  example: "Mr"
                firstName:
```

```

        type: string
        example: "Jason"
    lastName:
        type: string
        example: "Watmore"
    email:
        type: string
        example: "jason@example.com"
    role:
        type: string
        example: "Admin"
    created:
        type: string
        example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
    isVerified:
        type: boolean
        example: true
    jwtToken:
        type: string
        example:
"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiI1ZWlzMmUxOTdlMDZhNzZjY2RlZmMxMjEiLCJpZCI6IjVlYjEyZTE5N2UwNmE3NmNjZGVmYzEyMSIsImhhdCI6MTU4ODc1ODE1N3O.xR9H0STbF0pSkuGA9jHNZOJ6eS7umHHqKRhI807YT1Y"
    "400":
        description: The email or password is incorrect
        content:
            application/json:
                schema:
                    type: object
                    properties:
                        message:
                            type: string
                            example: "Email or password is incorrect"
/accounts/refresh-token:
    post:
        summary: Use a refresh token to generate a new JWT token and a new
refresh token
        description: The refresh token is sent and returned via cookies.
        operationId: refreshToken
        parameters:
            - in: cookie
              name: refreshToken
              description: The `refreshToken` cookie
              schema:
                  type: string

```

```
example:
51872eca5efedcf424db4cf5afd16a9d00ad25b743a034c9c221afc85d18dcd5e4ad6e3f08
607550
```

```
responses:
  "200":
    description: Account details, a JWT access token and a new
refresh token cookie
    headers:
      Set-Cookie:
        description: "`refreshToken`"
        schema:
          type: string
          example:
refreshToken=51872eca5efedcf424db4cf5afd16a9d00ad25b743a034c9c221afc85d18d
cd5e4ad6e3f08607550; Path=/; Expires=Tue, 16 Jun 2020 09:14:17 GMT;
HttpOnly
```

```
content:
  application/json:
    schema:
      type: object
      properties:
        id:
          type: string
          example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
        title:
          type: string
          example: "Mr"
        firstName:
          type: string
          example: "Jason"
        lastName:
          type: string
          example: "Watmore"
        email:
          type: string
          example: "jason@example.com"
        role:
          type: string
          example: "Admin"
        created:
          type: string
          example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
        isVerified:
          type: boolean
          example: true
        jwtToken:
          type: string
```

```

        example:
"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiI1ZWlzMmUxOTdlMDZhbnZjY2RlZmMxMjEiLCJpZCI6IjVlYjEjZTE5N2UwNmE3NmNjZGVmYzEyMSIsImhhdCI6MTU4ODc1ODE1N3O.xR9H0STbFOpSkuGA9jHNZOJ6eS7umHHqKRhI807YTlY"
    "400":
        description: The refresh token is invalid, revoked or expired
        content:
            application/json:
                schema:
                    type: object
                    properties:
                        message:
                            type: string
                            example: "Invalid token"
/accounts/revoke-token:
    post:
        summary: Revoke a refresh token
        description: Admin users can revoke the tokens of any account,
        regular users can only revoke their own tokens.
        operationId: revokeToken
        security:
            - bearerAuth: []
        parameters:
            - in: cookie
              name: refreshToken
              description: The refresh token can be sent in a cookie or the
        post body, if both are sent the token in the body is used.
        schema:
            type: string
            example:
51872eca5efedcf424db4cf5afd16a9d00ad25b743a034c9c221afc85d18dcd5e4ad6e3f08
607550
        requestBody:
            content:
                application/json:
                    schema:
                        type: object
                        properties:
                            token:
                                type: string
                                example:
"51872eca5efedcf424db4cf5afd16a9d00ad25b743a034c9c221afc85d18dcd5e4ad6e3f0
8607550"
        responses:
            "200":
                description: The refresh token was successfully revoked
                content:

```

```

    application/json:
      schema:
        type: object
        properties:
          message:
            type: string
            example: "Token revoked"
  "400":
    description: The refresh token is invalid
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            message:
              type: string
              example: "Invalid token"
  "401":
    $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"
/accounts/register:
  post:
    summary: Register a new user account and send a verification email
    description: The first account registered in the system is assigned
the `Admin` role, other accounts are assigned the `User` role.
    operationId: register
    requestBody:
      required: true
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            title:
              type: string
              example: "Mr"
            firstName:
              type: string
              example: "Jason"
            lastName:
              type: string
              example: "Watmore"
            email:
              type: string
              example: "jason@example.com"
            password:
              type: string
              example: "pass123"

```

```

        confirmPassword:
          type: string
          example: "pass123"
        acceptTerms:
          type: boolean
      required:
        - title
        - firstName
        - lastName
        - email
        - password
        - confirmPassword
        - acceptTerms
    responses:
      "200":
        description: The registration request was successful and a
        verification email has been sent to the specified email address
        content:
          application/json:
            schema:
              type: object
              properties:
                message:
                  type: string
                  example: "Registration successful, please check your
email for verification instructions"
            /accounts/verify-email:
              post:
                summary: Verify a new account with a verification token received by
                email after registration
                operationId: verifyEmail
                requestBody:
                  required: true
                  content:
                    application/json:
                      schema:
                        type: object
                        properties:
                          token:
                            type: string
                            example:
"3c7f8d9c4cb348ff95a0b74a1452aa24fc9611bb76768bb9eafeeb826ddae2935f1880bc7
713318f"
                      required:
                        - token
                responses:
                  "200":

```

description: Verification was successful so you can now login to the account

content:  
 application/json:  
 schema:  
 type: object  
 properties:  
 message:  
 type: string  
 example: "Verification successful, you can now login"

"400":  
 description: Verification failed due to an invalid token  
 content:  
 application/json:  
 schema:  
 type: object  
 properties:  
 message:  
 type: string  
 example: "Verification failed"

/accounts/forgot-password:

post:

summary: Submit email address to reset the password on an account

operationId: forgotPassword

requestBody:

required: true

content:

application/json:  
 schema:  
 type: object  
 properties:  
 email:  
 type: string  
 example: "jason@example.com"  
 required:  
 - email

responses:

"200":

description: The request was received and an email has been sent to the specified address with password reset instructions (if the email address is associated with an account)

content:  
 application/json:  
 schema:  
 type: object  
 properties:  
 message:

```

        type: string
        example: "Please check your email for password reset
instructions"

/accounts/validate-reset-token:
  post:
    summary: Validate the reset password token received by email after
submitting to the /accounts/forgot-password route
    operationId: validateResetToken
    requestBody:
      required: true
      content:
        application/json:
          schema:
            type: object
            properties:
              token:
                type: string
                example:
"3c7f8d9c4cb348ff95a0b74a1452aa24fc9611bb76768bb9eafeeb826ddae2935f1880bc7
713318f"
            required:
              - token
    responses:
      "200":
        description: Token is valid
        content:
          application/json:
            schema:
              type: object
              properties:
                message:
                  type: string
                  example: "Token is valid"
      "400":
        description: Token is invalid
        content:
          application/json:
            schema:
              type: object
              properties:
                message:
                  type: string
                  example: "Invalid token"
/accounts/reset-password:
  post:
    summary: Reset the password for an account
    operationId: resetPassword

```



```
requestBody:
  required: true
  content:
    application/json:
      schema:
        type: object
        properties:
          token:
            type: string
            example: "3c7f8d9c4cb348ff95a0b74a1452aa24fc9611bb76768bb9eafeeb826ddae2935f1880bc7713318f"
          password:
            type: string
            example: "newPass123"
          confirmPassword:
            type: string
            example: "newPass123"
        required:
          - token
          - password
          - confirmPassword
responses:
  "200":
    description: Password reset was successful so you can now login
    to the account with the new password
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            message:
              type: string
              example: "Password reset successful, you can now
login"
  "400":
    description: Password reset failed due to an invalid token
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            message:
              type: string
              example: "Invalid token"
/accounts:
  get:
```

```

summary: Get a list of all accounts
description: Restricted to admin users.
operationId: getAllAccounts
security:
  - bearerAuth: []
responses:
  "200":
    description: An array of all accounts
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: array
          items:
            type: object
            properties:
              id:
                type: string
                example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
              title:
                type: string
                example: "Mr"
              firstName:
                type: string
                example: "Jason"
              lastName:
                type: string
                example: "Watmore"
              email:
                type: string
                example: "jason@example.com"
              role:
                type: string
                example: "Admin"
              created:
                type: string
                example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
              updated:
                type: string
                example: "2020-05-08T03:11:21.553Z"
  "401":
    $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"
post:
  summary: Create a new account
  description: Restricted to admin users.
  operationId: createAccount
  security:
    - bearerAuth: []

```

```
requestBody:
  required: true
  content:
    application/json:
      schema:
        type: object
        properties:
          title:
            type: string
            example: "Mr"
          firstName:
            type: string
            example: "Jason"
          lastName:
            type: string
            example: "Watmore"
          email:
            type: string
            example: "jason@example.com"
          password:
            type: string
            example: "pass123"
          confirmPassword:
            type: string
            example: "pass123"
          role:
            type: string
            enum: [Admin, User]
        required:
          - title
          - firstName
          - lastName
          - email
          - password
          - confirmPassword
          - role
responses:
  "200":
    description: Account created successfully, verification is not
    required for accounts created with this endpoint. The details of the new
    account are returned.
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            id:
```

```

        type: string
        example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
    title:
        type: string
        example: "Mr"
    firstName:
        type: string
        example: "Jason"
    lastName:
        type: string
        example: "Watmore"
    email:
        type: string
        example: "jason@example.com"
    role:
        type: string
        example: "Admin"
    created:
        type: string
        example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
"400":
    description: Email is already registered
    content:
        application/json:
            schema:
                type: object
                properties:
                    message:
                        type: string
                        example: "Email 'jason@example.com' is already
registered"
    "401":
        $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"
/accounts/{id}:
    parameters:
        - in: path
          name: id
          description: Account id
          required: true
          example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
          schema:
              type: string
    get:
        summary: Get a single account by id
        description: Admin users can access any account, regular users are
restricted to their own account.
        operationId: getAccountById

```

```

security:
  - bearerAuth: []
responses:
  "200":
    description: Details of the specified account
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            id:
              type: string
              example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
            title:
              type: string
              example: "Mr"
            firstName:
              type: string
              example: "Jason"
            lastName:
              type: string
              example: "Watmore"
            email:
              type: string
              example: "jason@example.com"
            role:
              type: string
              example: "Admin"
            created:
              type: string
              example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
            updated:
              type: string
              example: "2020-05-08T03:11:21.553Z"
  "404":
    $ref: "#/components/responses/NotFoundError"
  "401":
    $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"
put:
  summary: Update an account
  description: Admin users can update any account including role,
  regular users are restricted to their own account and cannot update role.
  operationId: updateAccount
  security:
    - bearerAuth: []
  requestBody:
    required: true

```

```
content:
  application/json:
    schema:
      type: object
      properties:
        title:
          type: string
          example: "Mr"
        firstName:
          type: string
          example: "Jason"
        lastName:
          type: string
          example: "Watmore"
        email:
          type: string
          example: "jason@example.com"
        password:
          type: string
          example: "pass123"
        confirmPassword:
          type: string
          example: "pass123"
        role:
          type: string
          enum: [Admin, User]
responses:
  "200":
    description: Account updated successfully. The details of the
updated account are returned.
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            id:
              type: string
              example: "5eb12e197e06a76ccdefc121"
            title:
              type: string
              example: "Mr"
            firstName:
              type: string
              example: "Jason"
            lastName:
              type: string
              example: "Watmore"
```

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        email:
          type: string
          example: "jason@example.com"
        role:
          type: string
          example: "Admin"
        created:
          type: string
          example: "2020-05-05T09:12:57.848Z"
        updated:
          type: string
          example: "2020-05-08T03:11:21.553Z"
      "404":
        $ref: "#/components/responses/NotFoundError"
      "401":
        $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"
    delete:
      summary: Delete an account
      description: Admin users can delete any account, regular users are
restricted to their own account.
      operationId: deleteAccount
      security:
        - bearerAuth: []
      responses:
        "200":
          description: Account deleted successfully
          content:
            application/json:
              schema:
                type: object
                properties:
                  message:
                    type: string
                    example: "Account deleted successfully"
        "404":
          $ref: "#/components/responses/NotFoundError"
        "401":
          $ref: "#/components/responses/UnauthorizedError"

components:
  securitySchemes:
    bearerAuth:
      type: http
      scheme: bearer
      bearerFormat: JWT
  responses:
    UnauthorizedError:

```

```

    description: Access token is missing or invalid, or the user does
not have access to perform the action
    content:
      application/json:
        schema:
          type: object
          properties:
            message:
              type: string
              example: "Unauthorized"
NotFoundError:
  description: Not Found
  content:
    application/json:
      schema:
        type: object
        properties:
          message:
            type: string
            example: "Not Found"

```

## Preparations

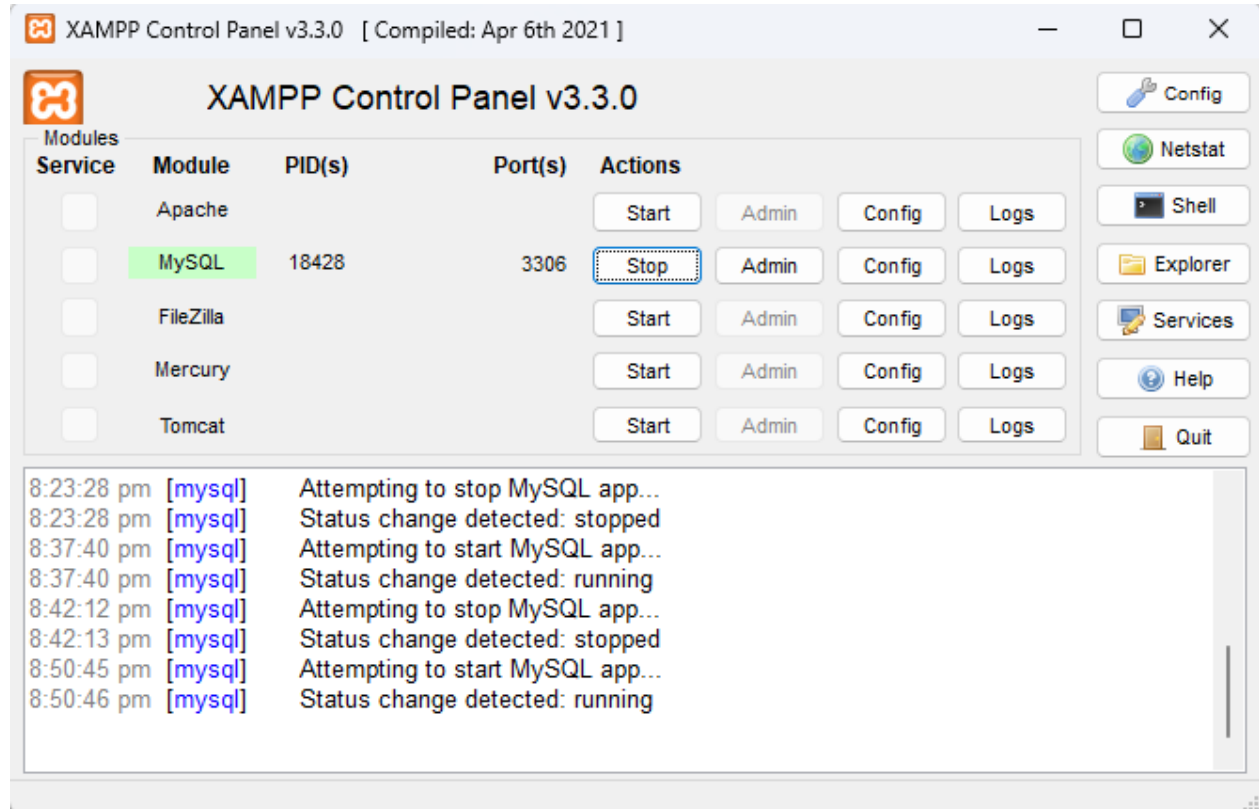
Before the test, Ensure that you have followed the following guidelines:

- Installed NodeJS from their official website [Download Node.js](#)
- Installed MySQL from their website [Download MySQL Community Server](#). Or use the XAMPP installer [Apache Friends](#) to run MySQL(MariaDB) on the XAMPP Control Panel.
- Prepared the API project source code.
- Installed the required npm packages by running the command `npm i` or `npm install` in the command-line within the root folder of the project.
- Configured the SMTP setting for email within the `smtpOptions` property in the `/src/config.json` file. We use [Ethereal Email](#) for testing.
- Updated the secret property in the `config.json` file as it is used for signing and verifying JWT tokens for authentication. We use [GUID Generator](#) to join a couple of GUIDs together and make a long random string.
- And finally start the API by running `npm start` (or `npm run start:dev` to start with nodemon) from the command line in the project root folder, you should see the message Server listening on port 4000, and you can view the Swagger API documentation at <http://localhost:4000/api-docs>.



## npTesting the API Locally using NodeJS

First thing to do is run an instance of your MySQL Server

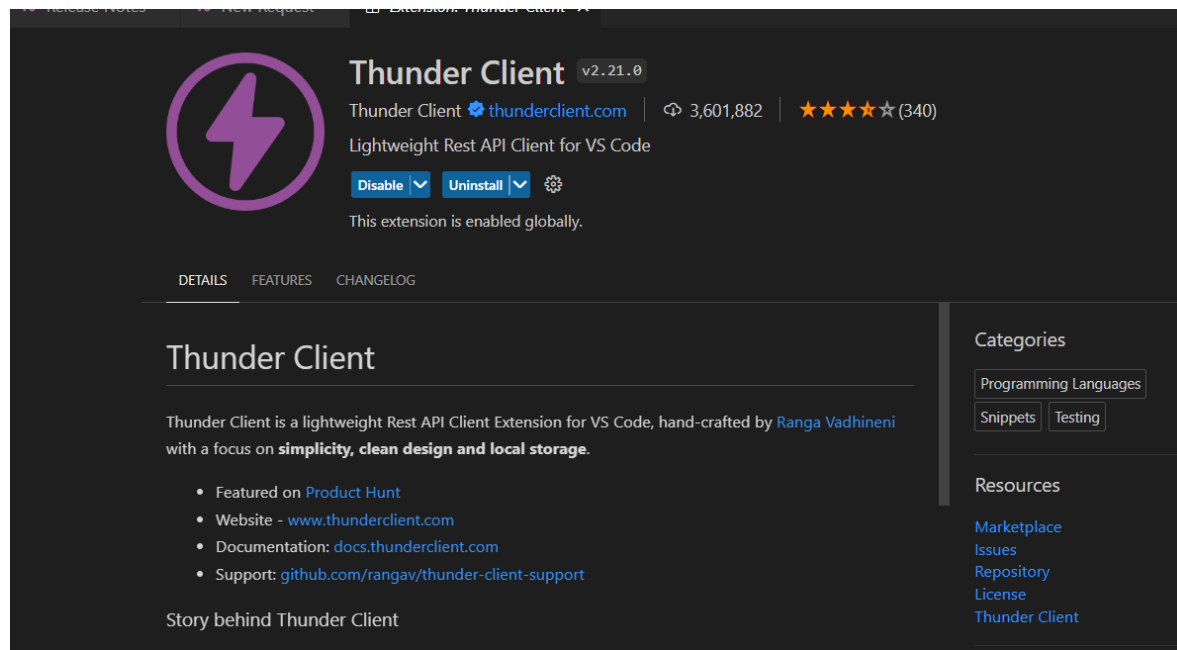


Then type 'npm start' or 'npm run start:dev' in the terminal within your project folder's root directory to start the server. It should show the Sequelize taking action.

```
C:\Users\krist\Desktop\nodejs-boilerplate-api>npm run start
> nodejs-boilerplate-api@1.0.0 start
> node server.js

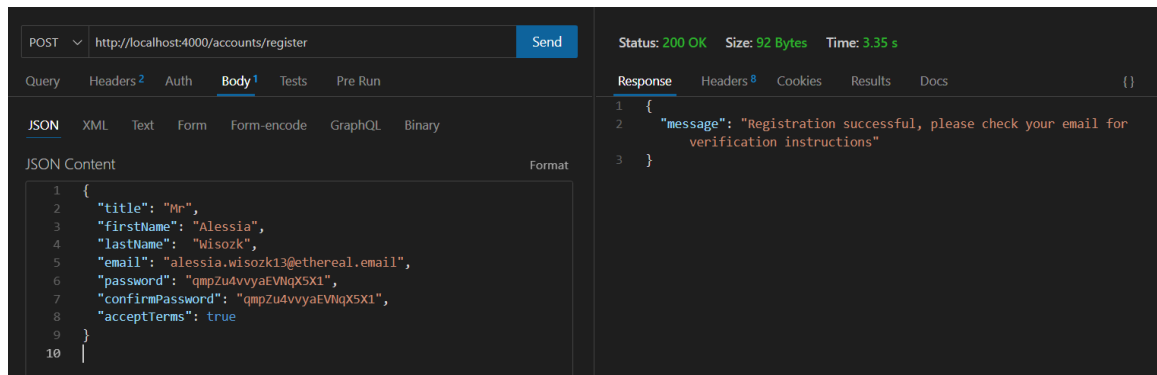
Server listening on port 4000
Executing (default): SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_TYPE = 'BASE TABLE' AND TAB
LE_NAME = 'accounts' AND TABLE_SCHEMA = 'node-mysql-signup-verification-api'
Executing (default): CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `accounts` (`id` INTEGER NOT NULL auto_increment, `email` VA
RCHAR(255) NOT NULL, `passwordHash` VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL, `title` VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL, `firstName` VARCHAR
(255) NOT NULL, `lastName` VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL, `acceptTerms` TINYINT(1), `role` VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL, `ve
rificationToken` VARCHAR(255), `verified` DATETIME, `resetToken` VARCHAR(255), `resetTokenExpires` DATETIME,
`passwordReset` DATETIME, `created` DATETIME NOT NULL, `updated` DATETIME, PRIMARY KEY (`id`)) ENGINE=InnoDB;
Executing (default): SHOW INDEX FROM `accounts`
Executing (default): SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_TYPE = 'BASE TABLE' AND TAB
LE_NAME = 'refreshTokens' AND TABLE_SCHEMA = 'node-mysql-signup-verification-api'
Executing (default): CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS `refreshTokens` (`id` INTEGER NOT NULL auto_increment, `toke
n` VARCHAR(255), `expires` DATETIME, `created` DATETIME NOT NULL, `createdByIp` VARCHAR(255), `revoked` DATET
IME, `revokedByIp` VARCHAR(255), `replacedByToken` VARCHAR(255), `accountId` INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY (`id`), FOR
EIGN KEY (`accountId`) REFERENCES `accounts` (`id`) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE) ENGINE=InnoDB;
Executing (default): SHOW INDEX FROM `refreshTokens`
```

You can test the API directly with a tool such as Postman or VSCode extension ThunderClient. This time around we use Thunder Client.

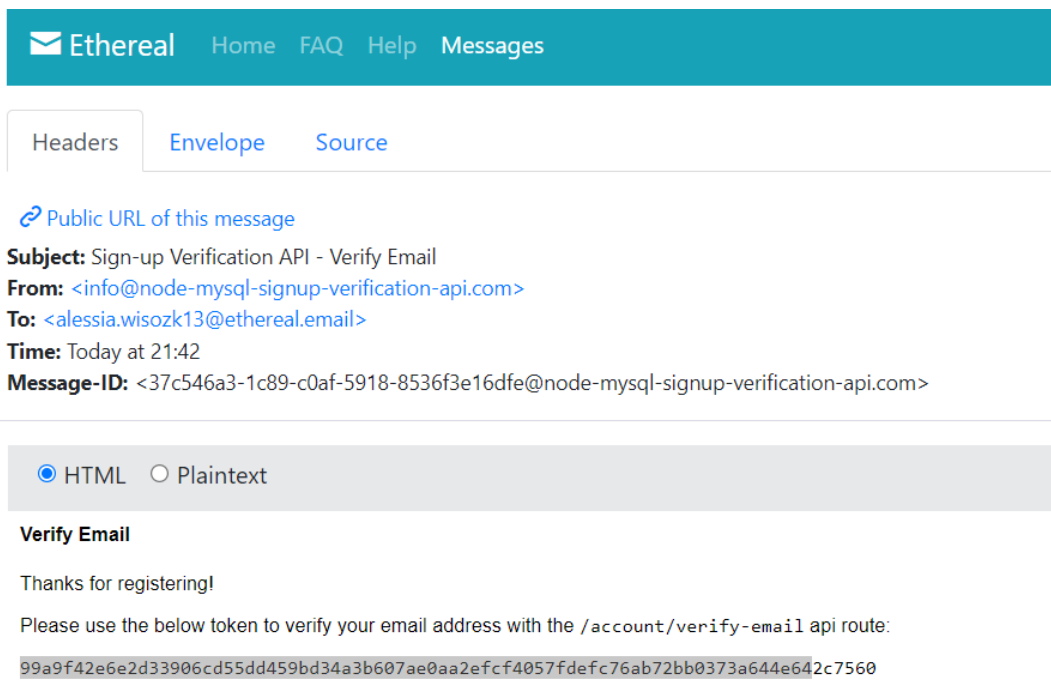


**To register a new account with the Node.js boilerplate api follow these steps:**

- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the register route of your local API - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/register`
- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object containing the required user properties in the "Body" textarea, e.g:
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with a "registration successful" message in the response body.



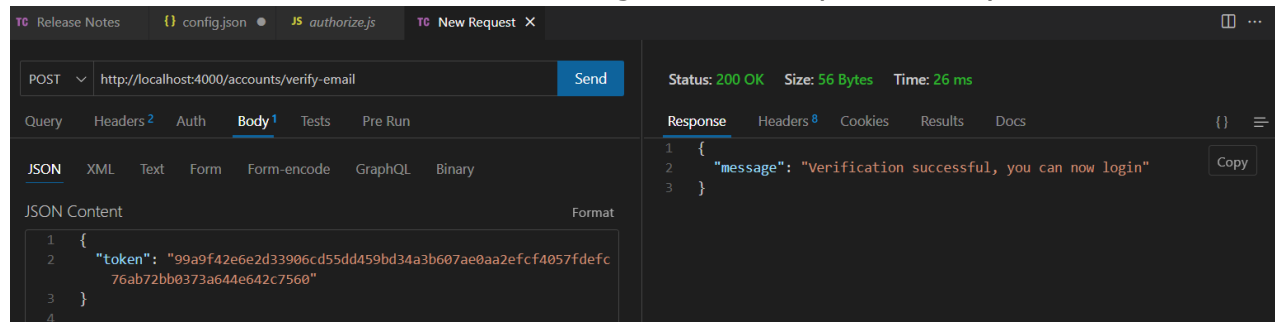
Received a verification email with the token to verify the newly created account.



**To verify an account with the Node api follow these steps:**

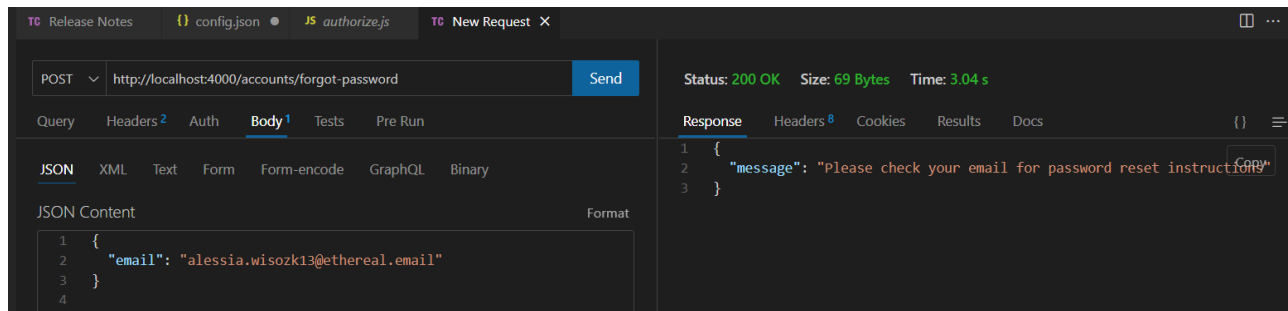
- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the authenticate route of your local API - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/verify-email`

- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object containing the token received in the verification email (in the previous step) in the "Body" textarea, e.g:
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with a "verification successful" message in the response body.

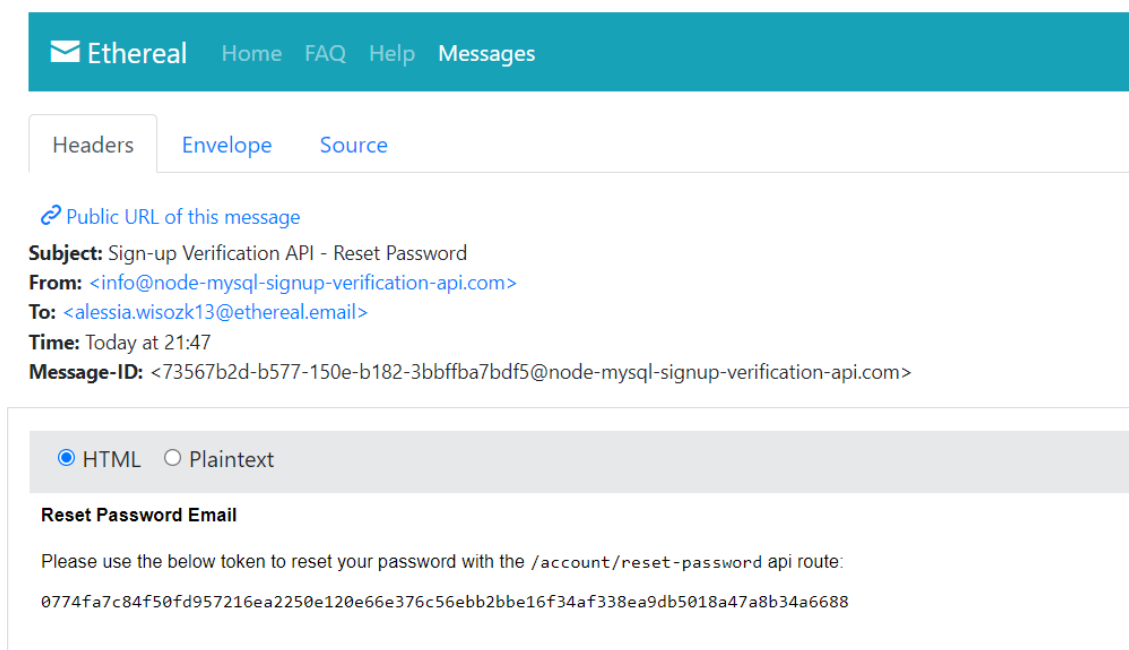


### Follow these steps in ThunderClient if you forgot the password for an account:

- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the authenticate route of your local API - http://localhost:4000/accounts/forgot-password
- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object containing the email of the account with the forgotten password in the "Body" textarea, e.g:
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with the message "Please check your email for password reset instructions" in the response body.



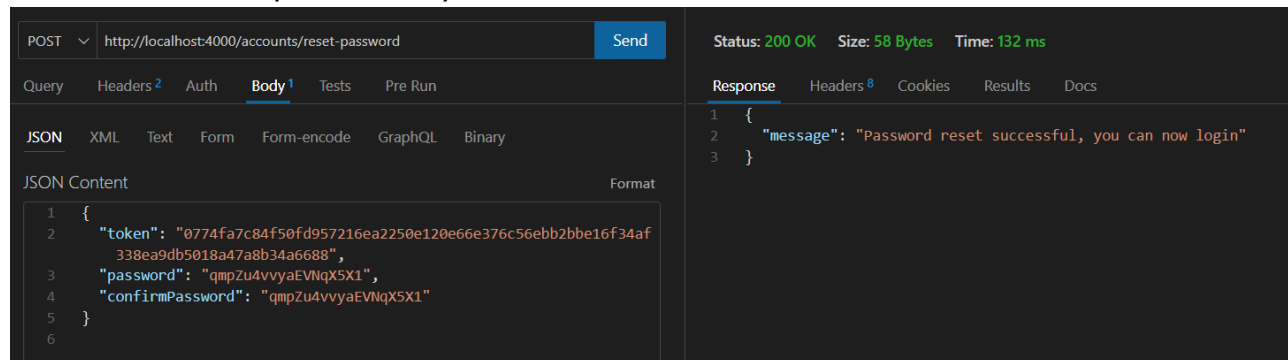
Received a verification email with the token to reset the password of the account.



**To reset the password of an account with the api follow these steps:**

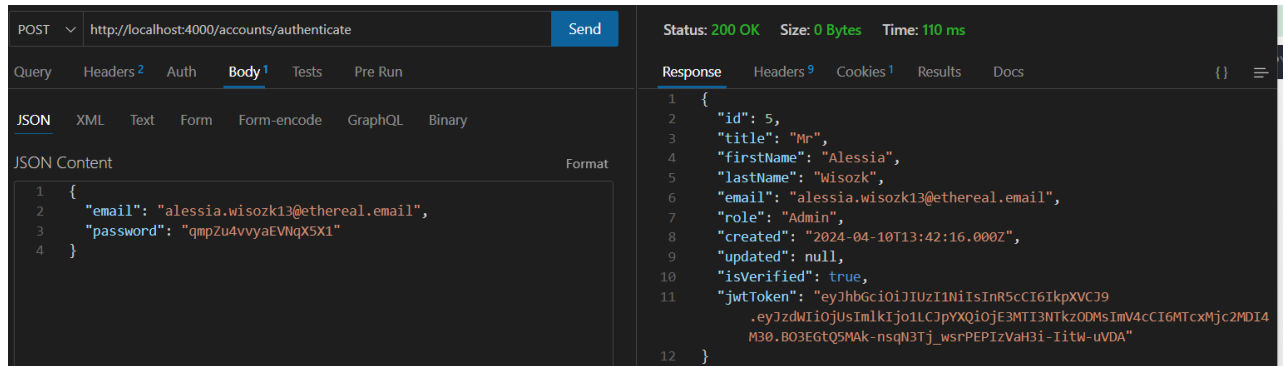
- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the authenticate route of your local API - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/reset-password`
- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object containing the password reset token received in the email from the forgot password step, along with a new password and matching confirmPassword, into the "Body" textarea, e.g:

- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with the message "Please check your email for password reset instructions" in the response body.



**To authenticate an account with the api and get a JWT token follow these steps:**

- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the authenticate route of your local API - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/authenticate`
- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object containing the account email and password in the "Body" textarea:
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with a "password reset successful" message in the response body.
- Copy the JWT token value because we'll be using it in the next steps to make authenticated requests.



### Response from the Headers and Cookies tab with the refresh token

Status: 200 OK    Size: 0 Bytes    Time: 131 ms

Response

Headers 9

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Response Headers

| Header                           | Value  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| x-powered-by                     | Express  |
| vary                             | Origin   |
| access-control-allow-credentials | true   |
| set-cookie                       | refreshToken=ea00189f8bd9b9bb741e25e0556a0d1c39ca88fde204b880c09d4d857b381df863c76e0215778d34; Path=/; Expires=Wed, 17 Apr 2024 13:52:55 GMT; HttpOnly |
| content-type                     | application/json; charset=utf-8  |
| content-length                   | 351  |
| etag                             | W/"15f-/NMvLHSj/yFaqDOww3xFEaMK0qE"  |
| date                             | Wed, 10 Apr 2024 13:52:55 GMT  |
| connection                       | close  |

Status: 200 OK   Size: 0 Bytes   Time: 131 ms

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Request Url

http://localhost:4000/accounts/authenticate

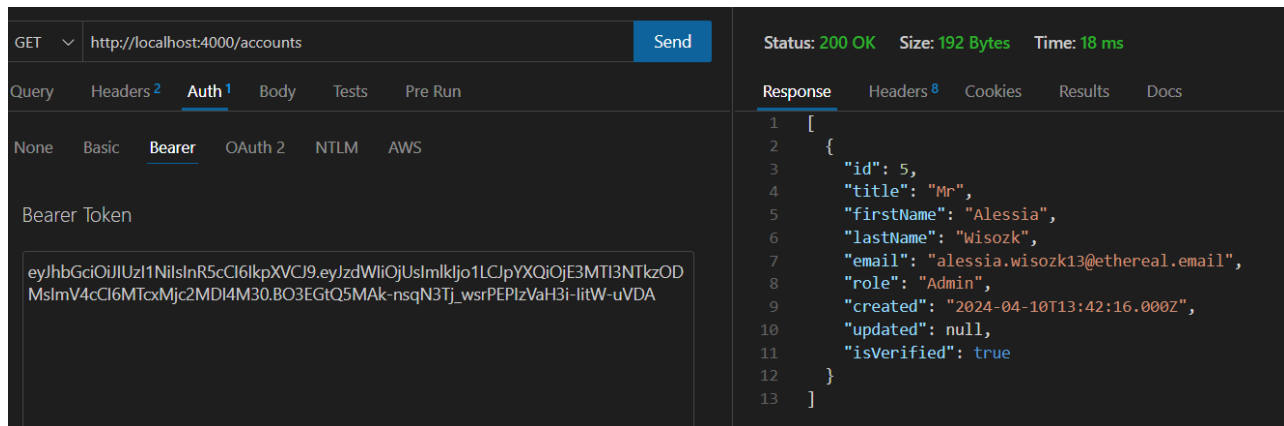
Response Cookies Manage Cookies

| Name         | Value  |
|--------------|--|
| refreshtoken | ea00189f8bd9b9bb741e25e0556a0d1c39ca88fde204b880c09d4d857b381df863c76e0215778d34 |

**To get a list of all accounts from the Node boilerplate api follow these steps:**

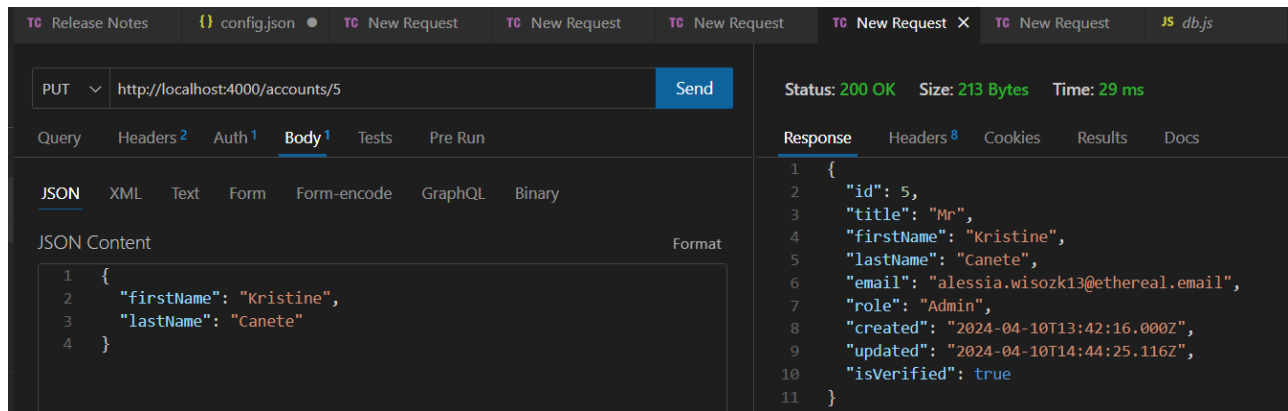
- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "GET" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the users route of your local API - http://localhost:4000/accounts
- Select the "Authorization" tab below the URL field, change the type to "Bearer Token" in the type dropdown selector, and paste the JWT token from the previous authenticate step into the "Token" field.
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response containing a JSON array with all of the account records in the system.





### To update an account with the api follow these steps:

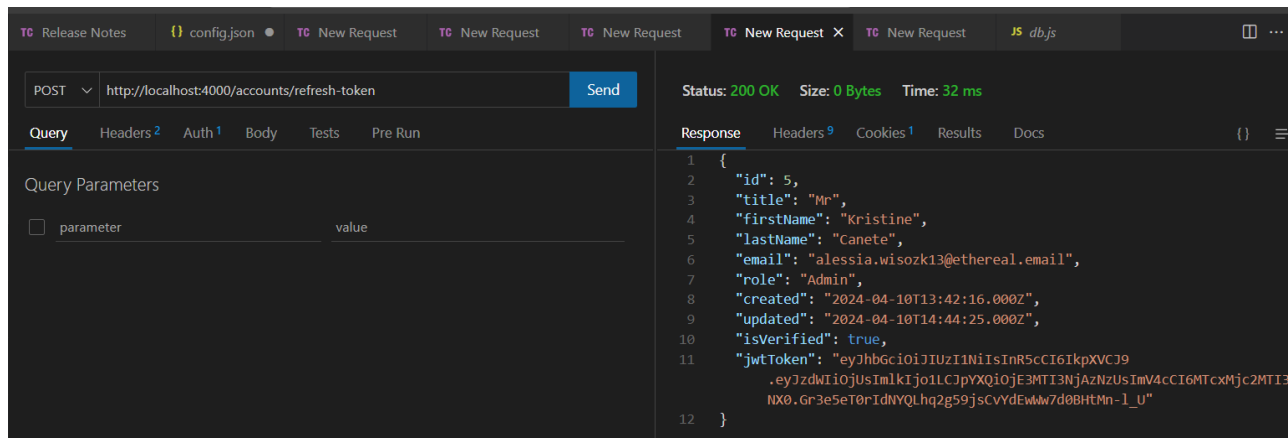
- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "PUT" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the /accounts/{id} route with the id of the account you want to update, e.g - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/1`
- Select the "Authorization" tab below the URL field, change the type to "Bearer Token" in the type dropdown selector, and paste the JWT token from the previous authenticate step into the "Token" field.
- Select the "Body" tab below the URL field, change the body type radio button to "raw", and change the format dropdown selector to "JSON".
- Enter a JSON object in the "Body" textarea containing the properties you want to update, for example to update the first and last names:
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with the updated account details in the response body.



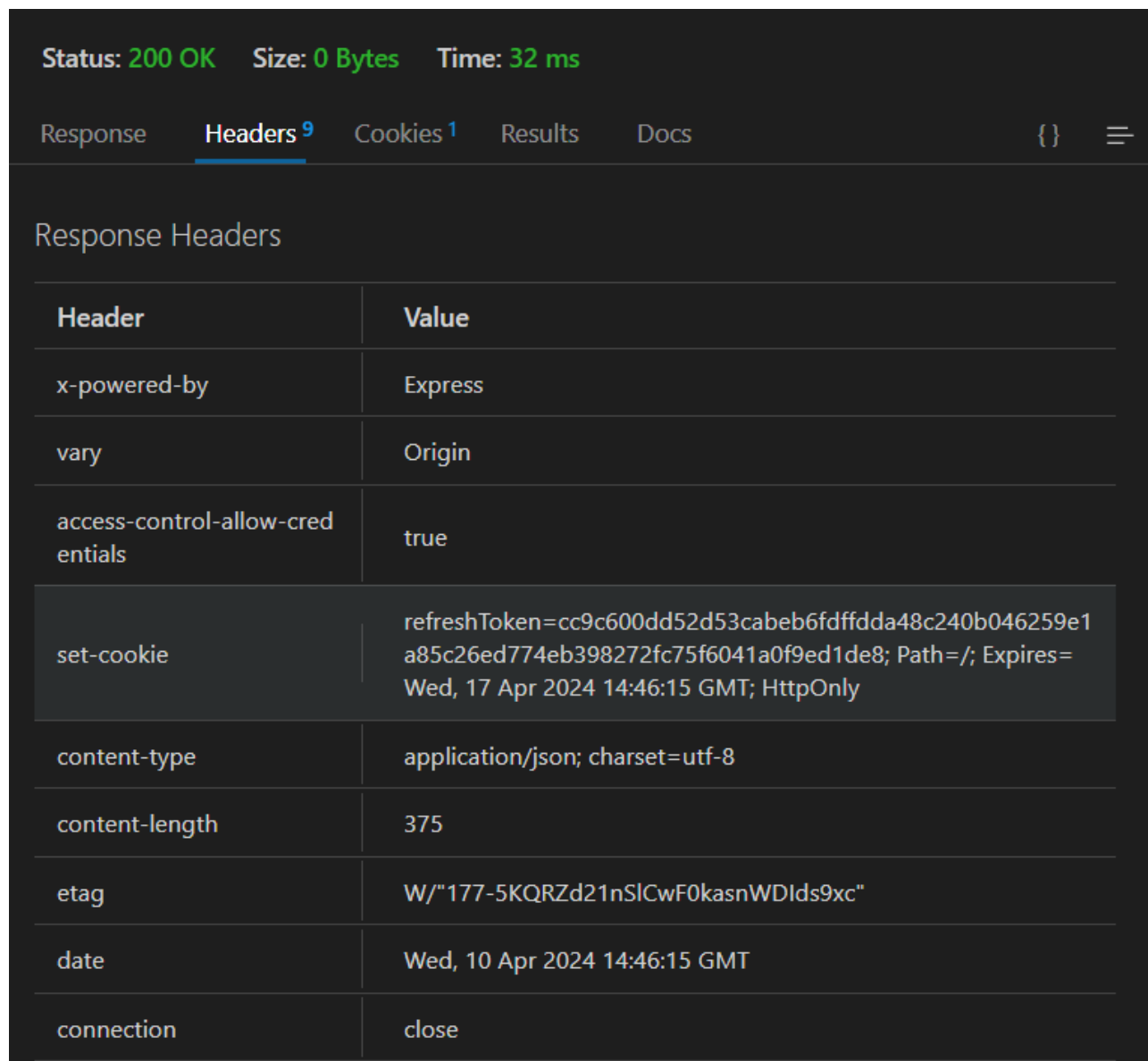
**To use a refresh token cookie to get a new JWT token and a new refresh token follow these steps:**

- Open a new request tab by clicking the plus (+) button at the end of the tabs.
- Change the http request method to "POST" with the dropdown selector on the left of the URL input field.
- In the URL field enter the address to the refresh token route of your local API - `http://localhost:4000/accounts/refresh-token`
- Click the "Send" button, you should receive a "200 OK" response with the account details including a new JWT token in the response body and a new refresh token in the response cookies.
- Copy the JWT token value because we'll be using it in the next steps to make authenticated requests.

Response after the request is sent and the token has been refreshed



Response from the Headers and Cookies tab with the newly refreshed token



Status: 200 OK   Size: 0 Bytes   Time: 32 ms

Response

Headers <sup>9</sup>

Cookies <sup>1</sup>

Results

Docs

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## Request Url

http://localhost:4000/accounts/refresh-token

## Response Cookies

Manage Cookies

| Name         | Value  |
|--------------|--|
| refreshtoken | cc9c600dd52d53cabeb6fdffdda48c240b046259e1a85c26ed774<br>eb398272fc75f6041a0f9ed1de8 |