Warehouse Program Documentation

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Introduction

This document provides a step-by-step guide on how to run the Warehouse Program, a Python desktop application using FastAPI as the backend. The program utilizes PostgreSQL as its database management system (DBMS).

Important Updates

1. Removal of Virtual Environments

The venv and env folder has been removed from the repository due to the following reasons:

- It contains system-specific paths and binaries that work only on the original machine.
- It is not compatible across different operating systems (Windows, macOS, Linux).
- It significantly increases the repository size, causing slow cloning and pulling from GitHub.

2. Using environment.yml for Conda Environment Setup

- The environment.yml file has been added to the repository.
- This file allows developers to create a Conda environment with all necessary dependencies.

3. The Executable Program

- The **"Runnable Warehouse Program EXE"** folder contains the executable version of the application.
- This executable **only works on computers within the Masterbatch network** and will not function on external systems.

START RUNNING THE PROGRAM

The process for running the program on your machine for the first time:

1. Setup the Database and populate default data
2. Run the API SERVER
3. Execute the main.py from the frontend folder

SETUP THE DATABASE AND POPULATE DEFAULT DATA

1. Restoring the **RMManagementSystemDB_BACKUP File**

The **RMManagementSystemDB_BACKUP** file contains all essential data, including:

- Raw materials
- Statuses
- Warehouses

This backup must be used to import the default data, such as material codes, statuses, and warehouse information.

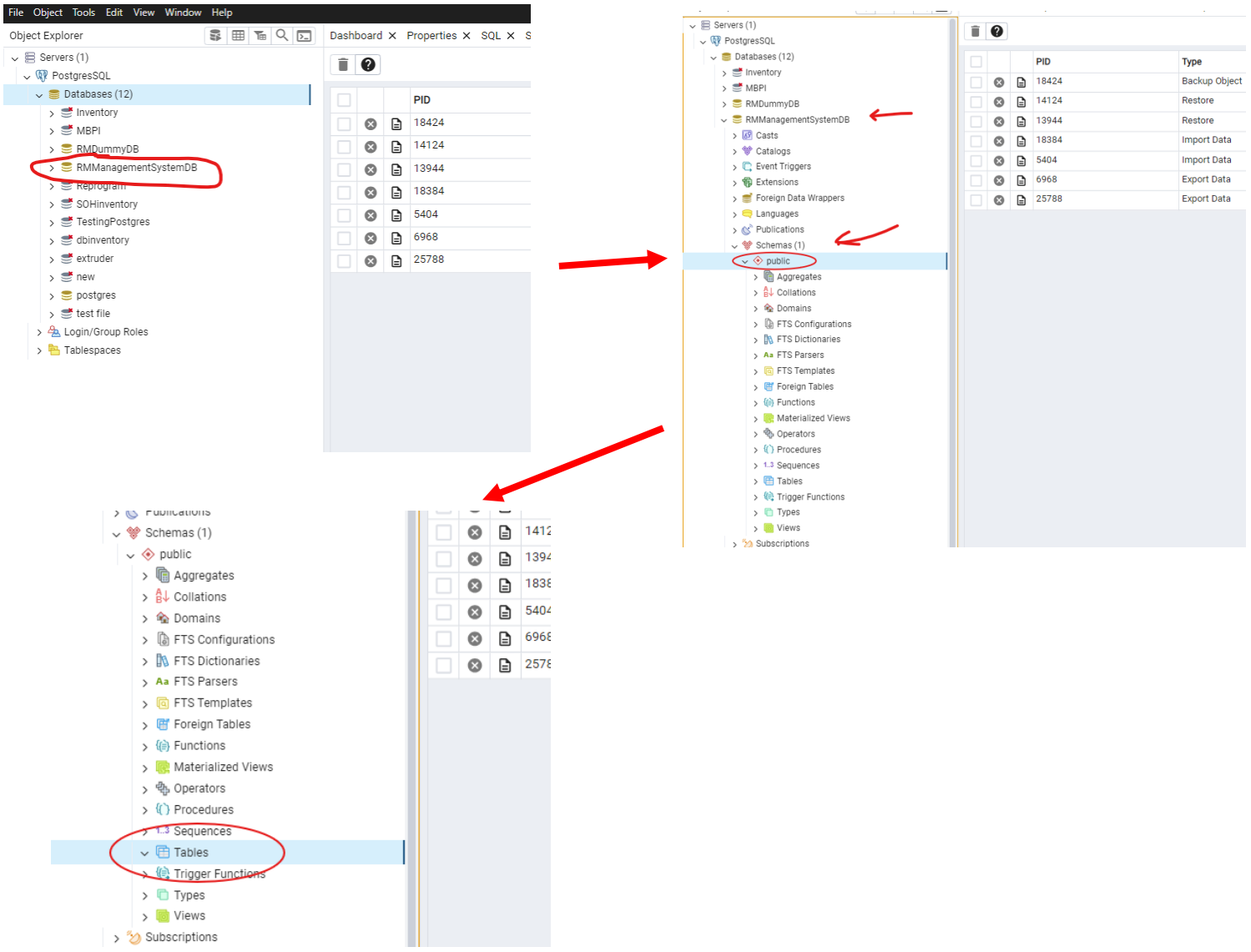
2. Steps to Restore the Database Using pgAdmin

Step 1: Ensure the public schema doesn't have any tables (Important!)

Note: If you have just created the database and have not made any changes or started the API server yet, you can skip this step.

Before restoring the database, you must first ensure the public schema tables are empty to prevent errors during the restoration process.
To do this:

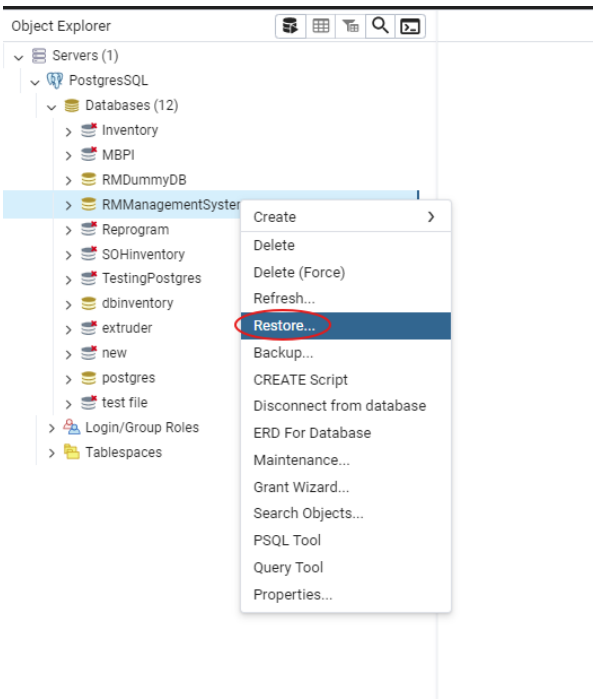
1. **Open pgAdmin 4.**
2. **Connect to your PostgreSQL server and locate the database where you will restore the backup.**
3. **Navigate to Schemas → Right-click on public → Select Delete/Delete (Cascade).**
4. **Confirm the deletion.**

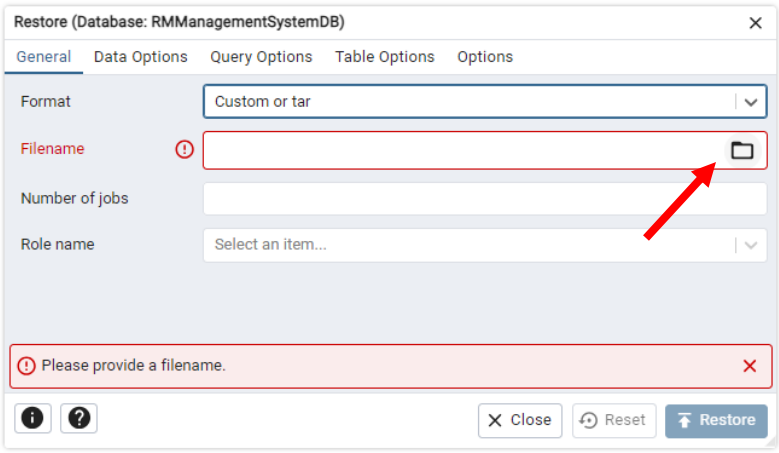


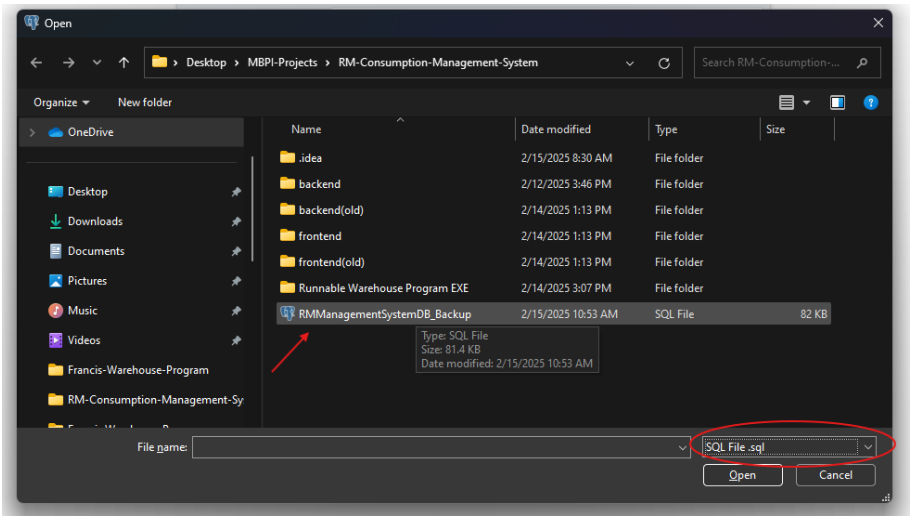
Step 2: Restore the Database

1. **In pgAdmin, right-click on the target database and select Restore.**
2. **In the Filename section, browse and select the RMManagementSystemDB_BACKUP file.**
3. **Ensure that the format is set to Custom or tar.**
4. **Click Restore to start the process.**

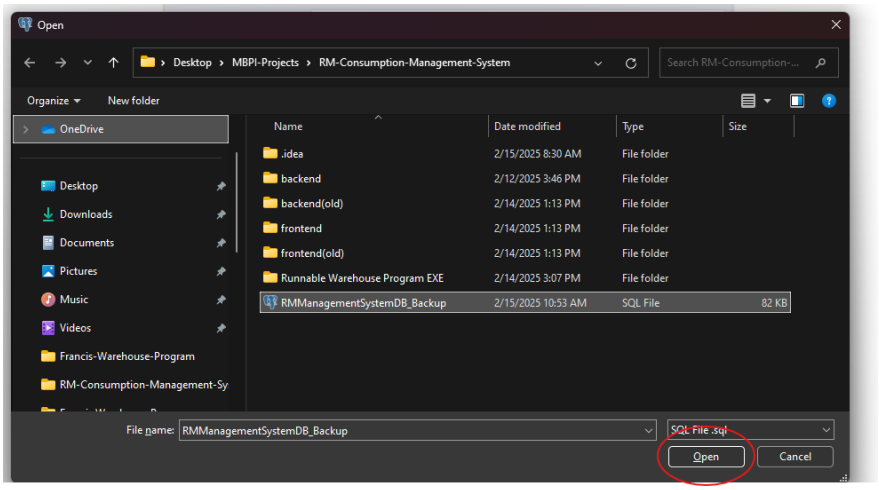
After successful restoration, the database will be populated with all necessary raw materials, statuses, and warehouse data.

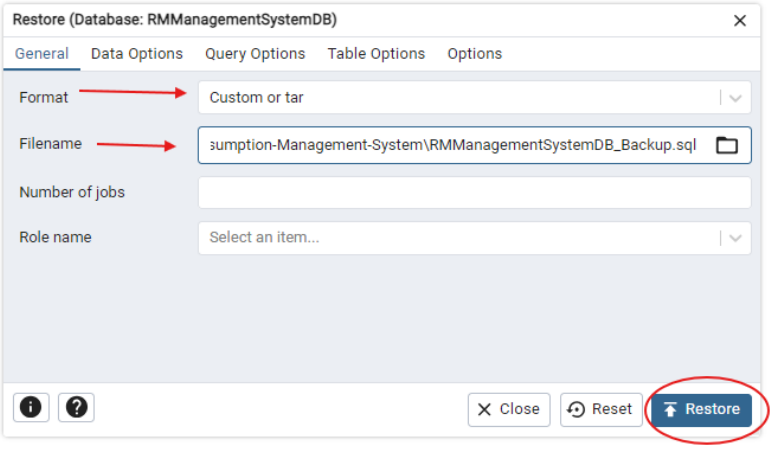




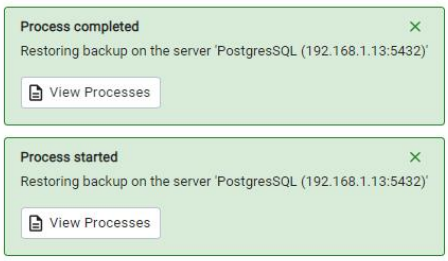


Select “All Files” or “SQL File .sql” to see the backup file



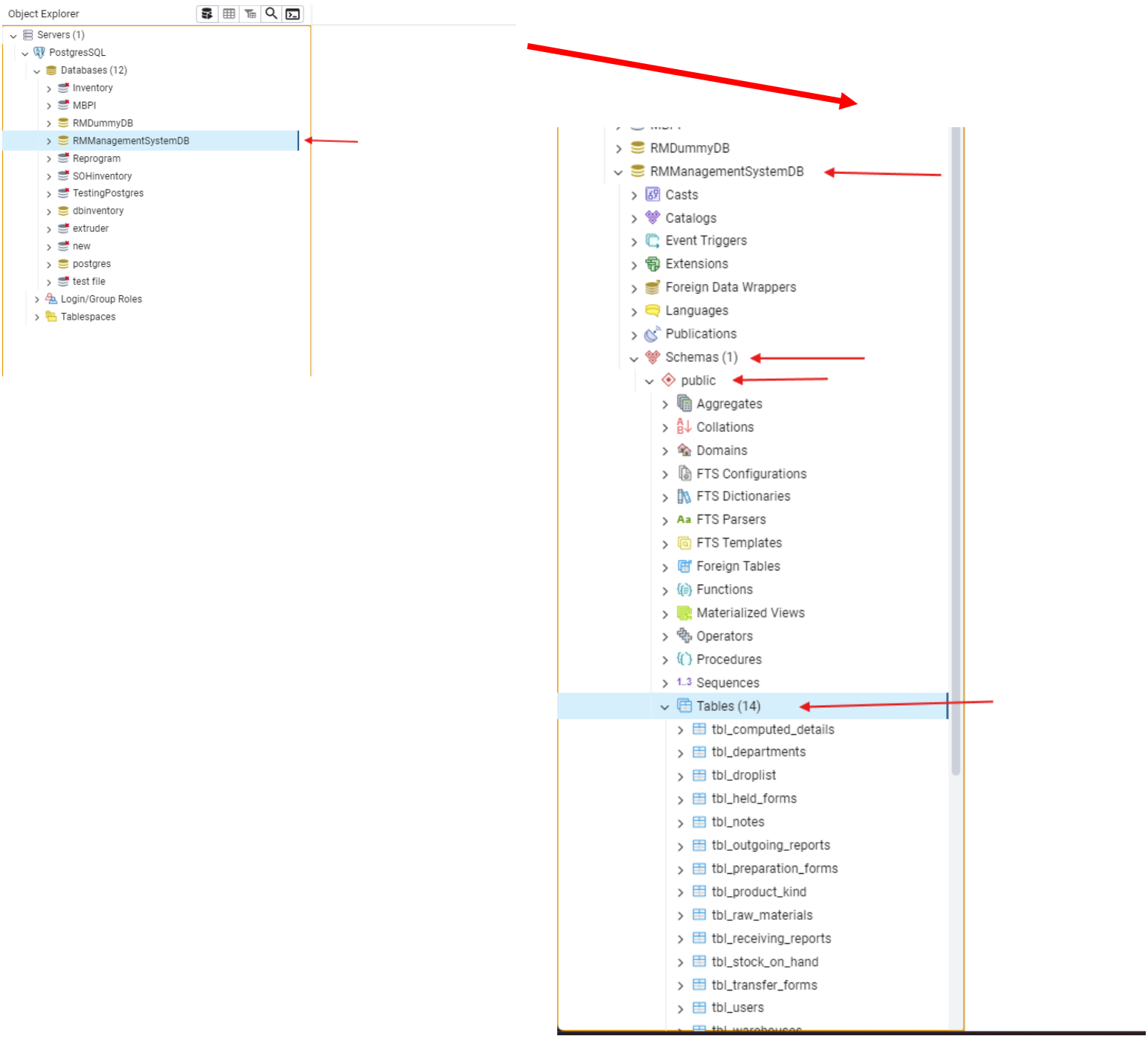


After clicking the Restore button, it should show these messages



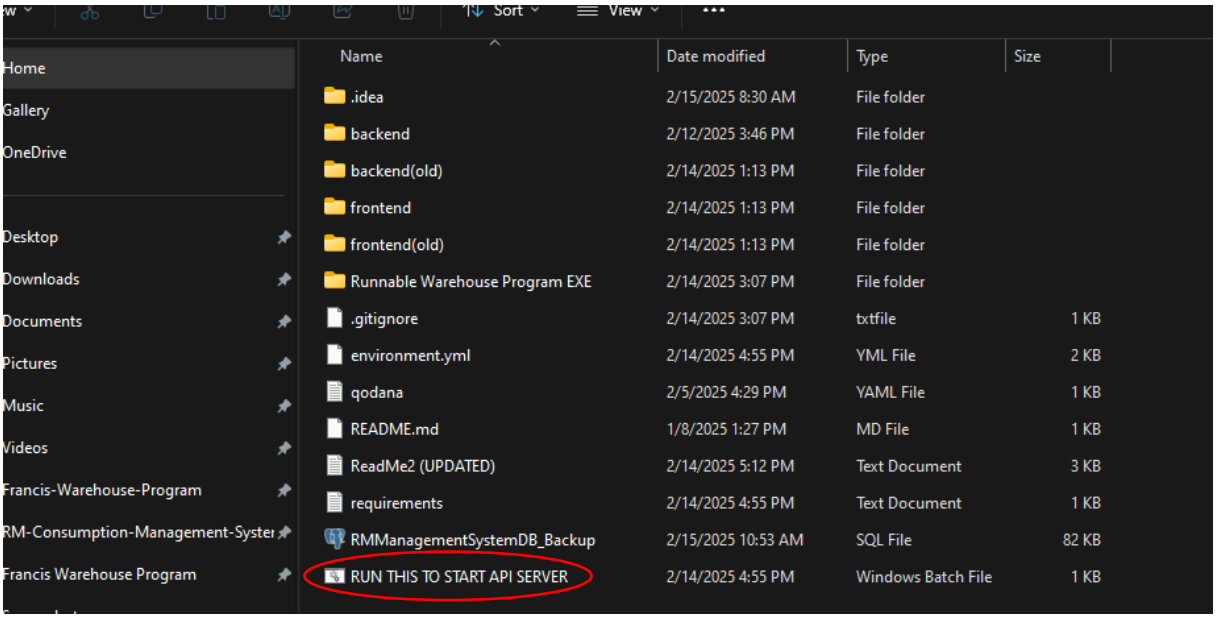
Step 3: Check the changes

1. **In pgAdmin, click on the target database > click the schemas > click the public > click the tables.**
2. **Clicking the tables should show the lists of the tables**



RUNNING THE API SERVER

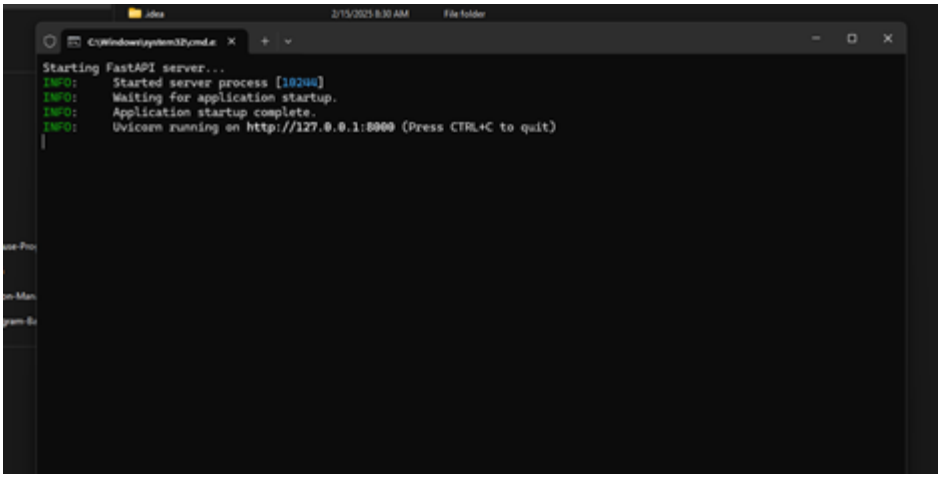
- A batch file named "RUN THIS TO START API SERVER" is provided for easy execution.
- Simply double-click the file to start the API server.



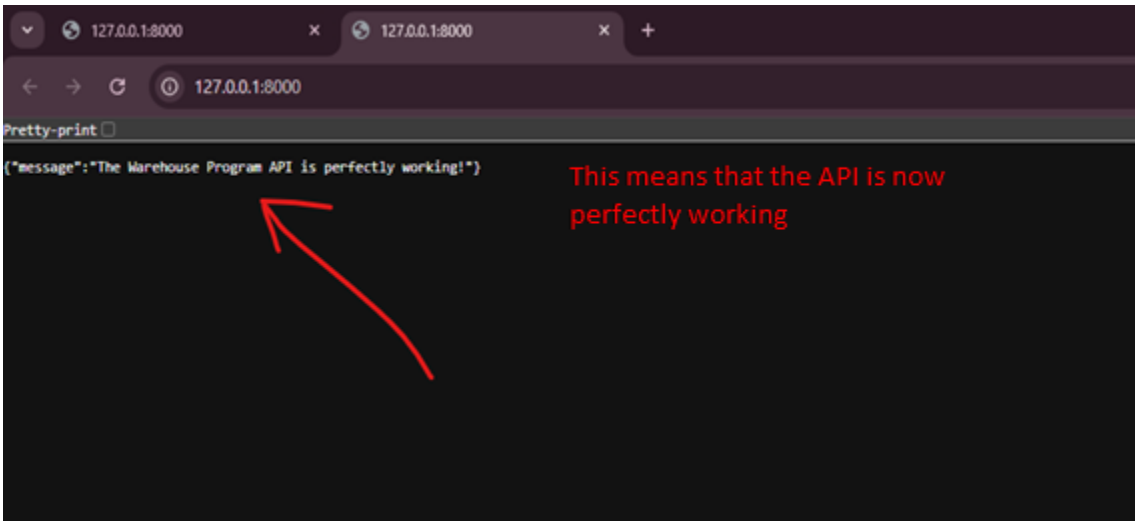
A terminal/command prompt window will open, indicating the server is running.

Important: Closing this terminal will stop the API server, which will cause the entire program to malfunction.

- Make sure that the API Server is running before running the main.py inside the frontend folder. You can see if this is running in the terminal if it looks like this:

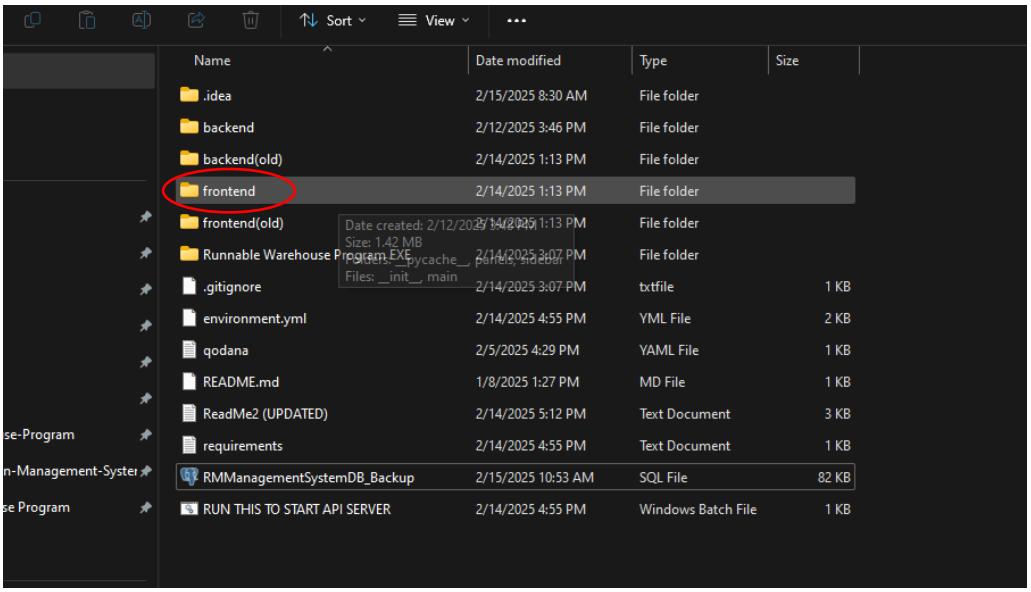


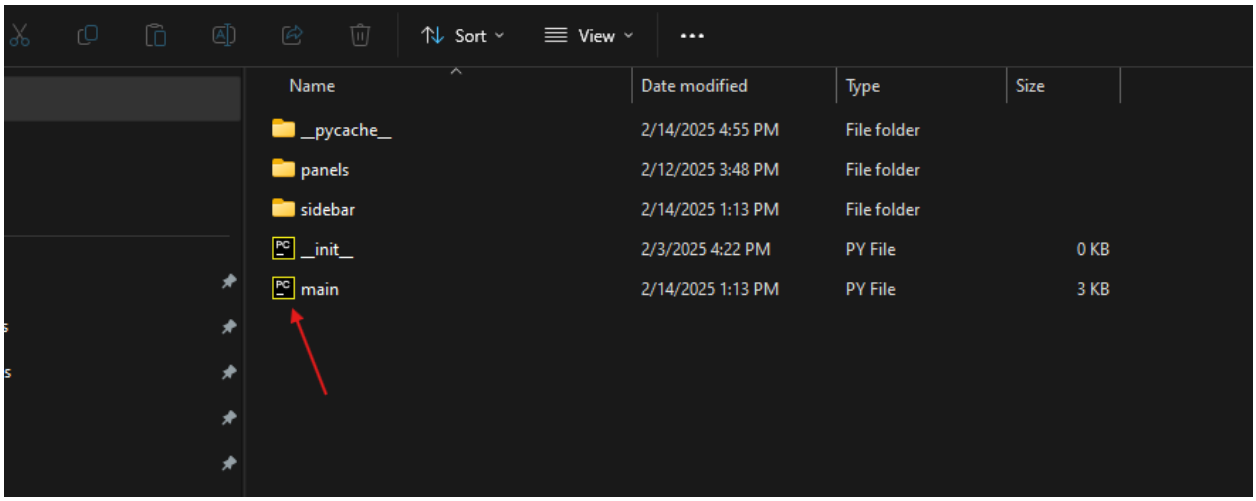
- To test the API if its working properly, enter this to your url to your browser: http://127.0.0.1:8000. The browser should return this page:



EXECUTE THE MAIN.PY FROM THE FRONTEND FOLDER

- After we are done with the API server and to manually run the program, navigate to: frontend/main.py and execute main.py using your IDE.





Project Structure

Backend Folders (API)

- backend/ → Latest version of the API (**bug-fixed and stable**)
- backend(old)/ → Older version of the API (**contains bugs but kept for reference**)

Frontend Folders (GUI)

- frontend/ → Latest version of the GUI (**bug-fixed and improved UI/UX**)
- frontend(old)/ → Older version of the GUI (**contains bugs and lacks UI/UX features**)

Executable Program Folder

- Runnable Warehouse Program EXE/ → Contains the packaged application.
- **Note:** All subfiles and subfolders inside this folder are essential for the program to function properly.

The application currently uses **backend/ and frontend/** for normal operation, while the backend(old)/ and frontend(old)/ folders are retained for reference or restoring previous features.

Troubleshooting

1. API Server Fails to Start

- Ensure you have activated the Conda environment:
- conda activate warehouse_program_env
- Check if PostgreSQL is running.

2. The Application Crashes on Startup

- Ensure the API server is running before launching the frontend application.