Running my project

uvicorn src.main:app --reload

https://eventilly.onrender.com/redoc

Assessment Instructions

1. Design a functioning web server:

I chose FastAPI for my "API Overview", " **Eventilly**

2. The relevant programming language**: Python**

Starting the API :

Project requirements:

● Complete a planning stage before developing the application, which requires the development of these items:

1. An entity relationship diagram (ERD) that represents the database & data structures planned to be used with the web server

2. **An explanation of the chosen database system, including comparisons to other types of database systems:**

Explanation

I chose PostgreSQL or this project due to its robust relational capabilities, ACID compliance, and extensibility (PostgreSQL Global Development Group, 2024).

As an open-source object-relational database, it outperforms MySQL in handling complex queries and concurrent transactions, while offering greater scalability than SQLite for web applications.

Unlike NoSQL databases (e.g., MongoDB), PostgreSQL it maintains strict data integrity through relational constraints and JSON support, making it ideal for structured API data management.

Its advanced features—including full-text search, geospatial indexing, and procedural language support—provide flexibility absent in comparable systems while remaining cost-effective through open-source licensing. Neon PostgreSQL was selected as the database system for its modern serverless architecture, which enhances traditional PostgreSQL deployments by separating storage and compute layers. Unlike conventional PostgreSQL, Neon simplifies horizontal scalability and reduces operational overhead, making it ideal for cloud-native applications like FastAPI-based web servers.

3. **Seek feedback from at least two others, and describe how you appropriately responded to feedback:**

Feedback Response & Justification

Two peers suggested normalizing event statuses via a Status_Types table and enforcing end_date > start_date validation. These were implemented to strengthen data integrity and avoid invalid scheduling. A third recommendation to add a Venue table was partially rejected to prioritize simplicity, as venue redundancy was deemed minimal for current use cases. By selectively adopting feedback, the design balances normalization with practicality, aligning with instructions emphasis on scalability without over-engineering.

Justification:

- *Implemented*: Status normalization and DateTime validation address critical integrity gaps.
- *Rejected*: Avoiding a Venue table reduces complexity for initial deployment, matching project scope.

4. **Design requirements:**

The database tables or documents must be normalised to third normal form (3NF) or higher, or other suitably-complex & optimised normalisation forms.

Tables use atomic columns (store indivisible, smallest units of data, ensuring consistency, integrity, and efficient querying in relational databases and structured storage.**), foreign keys, and normalized status enums, eliminating transitive dependencies and redundancy (3NF)**

Programming requirements:

The src/main.py file proves it is the web server because it:

1. Uses FastAPI, Uvicorn, and middleware for core functionality.
2. Handles errors gracefully using @app.exception_handler for validation and unexpected errors.
3. Implements error handling via structured responses (RequestValidationError, Exception).

4. Uses Pydantic models for data validation.
5. Follows D.R.Y principles, classes, and functions e.g reusing routers and middleware efficiently.

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src

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├── config.py ├── database.py
├── db
│   ├── base.py
│   ├── init_db.py
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── main.py
│   ├── __pycache__
│   │   ├── base.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── __init__.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── init_db.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── main.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   └── seed.cpython-312.pyc
│   └── seed.py
├── main.py
├── models
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── models.py
│   └── __pycache__
│       ├── __init__.cpython-312.pyc
│       └── models.cpython-312.pyc
├── __pycache__
│   ├── config.cpython-312.pyc
│   ├── database.cpython-312.pyc
│   └── main.cpython-312.pyc
├── routers
│   ├── attendees.py
│   ├── categories.py
│   ├── events.py
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── __pycache__
│   │   ├── attendees.cpython-312.pyc
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│   │   ├── categories.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── events.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── __init__.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   └── registrations.cpython-312.pyc
│   └── registrations.py
├── schemas
│   ├── attendee.py
│   ├── category.py
│   ├── event.py
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── __pycache__
│   │   ├── attendee.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── category.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── event.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   ├── __init__.cpython-312.pyc
│   │   └── registration.cpython-312.pyc
│   └── registration.py
└── static
        └── favicon.ico
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ERD

Event Management System API Reference ENDPOINTS

ENDPOINT	HTTP METHOD	DESCRIPTION
/categories	GET	List all event categories
/categories	POST	Create new category (name, description)
/categories/:category_id	GET	Get specific category details
/categories/:category_id	PUT	Update category details
/categories/:category_id	DELETE	Delete category (cascade to events if relationship exists)
/events	GET	List all events (filter by ?category_id=&is_active=&date_range=)
/events	POST	Create new event (title, description, dates, location, capacity, category)

/events/:event_id	GET	Get specific event details with current registrations
/events/:event_id	PUT	Update event details (e.g., max_capacity, is_active)
/events/:event_id/attendees	GET	List all attendees for event (filter by ?status=)
/attendees	GET	List all attendees (filter by ?email=&phone=)
/attendees	POST	Create new attendee (first_name, last_name, email, phone)
/attendees/:attendee_id	GET	Get attendee profile with event history
/registrations	POST	Register attendee to event (event_id, attendee_id, status=registered)
/registrations/:id	PATCH	Update registration status (status=cancelled/confirmed/waitlisted)
/registrations/:id	DELETE	Remove attendee from event

Test Results

1. All Tests Passed Successfully:
   - All 13 tests in `test_api.py` passed without any failures.
   - This confirms that the API endpoints are functioning as expected and meet the defined requirements.

2. Test Coverage:
   - The tests cover a wide range of functionalities, including:
     - Root endpoint (`/`)
     - Category management (create, read, update, delete)
     - Event management (create, read, update)
     - Attendee management (create, read)
     - Registration management (create, update, delete)
     - Event attendee listing

3. Performance:

- The entire test suite ran in 1.32 seconds, indicating efficient execution and minimal overhead.

4. Validation and Error Handling:
- The tests validate both successful operations (e.g., `PASSED`) and edge cases (e.g., invalid inputs, missing resources).
- Error handling (e.g., `404 Not Found`, `400 Bad Request`) is properly tested and confirmed to work.

5. Data Integrity:
- The tests ensure that data is correctly created, updated, and deleted across all entities (categories, events, attendees, registrations).

Key Features of the Project

1. API Structure:
- Built using FastAPI, a modern Python web framework.
- Includes endpoints for managing categories, events, attendees, and registrations.

2. Data Models:
- Uses Pydantic for data validation and serialization.
- Models include:
    - `CategoryBase`, `CategoryCreate`, `Category`
    - `EventBase`, `EventCreate`, `Event`
    - `AttendeeBase`, `AttendeeCreate`, `Attendee`
    - `RegistrationBase`, `RegistrationCreate`, `Registration`

3. In-Memory Database:
- Uses a Python dictionary (`db`) to store data temporarily.
- Contains pre-populated data for testing and demonstration purposes.

4. Error Handling:
- Custom exception handlers for `HTTPException` and `RequestValidationError`.
- Provides meaningful error messages and status codes (e.g., `404 Not Found`, `422 Unprocessable Entity`).

5. CORS Configuration:
- Enabled for development purposes (`allow_origins=["*"]`), with options to restrict in production.

6. Pagination Support:
- Includes `X-Total-Count` headers in list responses for client-side pagination.

7. Validation Rules:

- Enforces constraints such as:
    - Phone number format (`+<country code> <digits>`).
    - Email format (`EmailStr`).
    - Date and time formats (`datetime`).
    - Numeric ranges (e.g., `max_capacity`, `region_code`).

8. Testing Framework:
- Uses pytest for unit and integration testing.
- Includes fixtures for reusable test data (e.g., `test_category`, `test_attendee`, `test_event`).

Implications for the Project

1. Readiness for Deployment:
- The API is well-tested and ready for deployment in a development or production environment.
- The use of FastAPI ensures high performance and scalability.

2. Extensibility:
- The modular structure makes it easy to add new features or endpoints.
- For example, additional filters for events or attendees can be added without breaking existing functionality.

3. Documentation:
- FastAPI automatically generates interactive API documentation

4. Use Cases:
- Suitable for event management systems, conference organizers, or any application requiring event scheduling and attendee tracking.

Summary

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1. Project Overview

Web Server: FastAPI (Python)
Deployment: Hosted publicly on Render.com
Database: Neon PostgreSQL (serverless architecture)
Core Features: CRUD operations, RESTful endpoints, ACID compliance, 3NF normalization.

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2. Planning Stage

Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

- **Tables**: categories, events, attendees, registrations (resolves many-to-many relationships).
- **Relationships**:
  - One-to-many: Categories → Events.
  - Many-to-many: Events ↔ Attendees (via registrations).
- **3NF Compliance**:
  - Atomic columns (e.g., email enforced as unique, status normalized via RegistrationStatus enum).
  - Foreign keys (category_id, event_id, attendee_id) ensure referential integrity.

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3. Database System

PostgreSQL (Neon)

- **Selection Justification**:
  - ACID compliance, JSON support, and scalability outperform MySQL/SQLite (PostgreSQL Global Development Group, 2024).
  - Neon's serverless architecture simplifies cloud deployment (Zhang et al., 2023).
- **vs. NoSQL**: Relational constraints ensure data integrity, unlike MongoDB's eventual consistency.

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4. Feedback Response

Implemented Feedback:

- Added Status_Types enum for registration status normalization.
- Enforced end_date > start_date validation.
- Made category_id and location nullable.

Rejected Feedback:

- Omitted Venue table to minimize complexity (venue redundancy deemed low-priority).

Justification:

- Balances normalization with practicality (Smith, 2022).

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5. Design Requirements

- **Deployment**: Accessible via Render.com; runs locally via uvicorn src.main:app --reload.
- **Data Persistence**: Neon PostgreSQL.
- **Validation/Sanitization**:
  - Pydantic models enforce email format, date ranges, and uniqueness.
  - Error handling via @app.exception_handler.
- **CRUD Operations**:
  - Endpoints: GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE (e.g., /events, /registrations).

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6. Programming Requirements

- **Libraries**: FastAPI, SQLAlchemy, Pydantic.
- **Error Handling**: Structured responses for RequestValidationError, HTTPException.
- **DRY Principles**: Reusable routers (e.g., routers/events.py), middleware, and Pydantic schemas.

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7. Testing & Validation

- **Test Results**:
  - 13/13 tests passed (1.32s runtime).

    - Coverage: CRUD operations, edge cases (e.g., invalid inputs).
- **Key Features**:
    - Pagination (X-Total-Count headers).
    - Automated attendee limits via max_capacity checks.

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8. Project Structure

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event_management_api/
├── src/
│   ├── db/             # Database models, migrations
│   ├── routers/        # API endpoints
│   ├── schemas/        # Pydantic validation
│   └── main.py         # FastAPI app setup
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9. Conclusion

The API adheres to RESTful standards, achieves 3NF normalization, and integrates peer feedback for improved data integrity. Successful testing confirms readiness for deployment, with scalability for future enhancements (e.g., payments, waitlists).