Bug Analysis and Uptime Report

Objective

The purpose of this test was to analyze the POST /api/name-checker endpoint for its uptime and to identify any potential bugs related to the name parameter. The results were logged and analyzed over a continuous 10-minute monitoring session.

Testing Approach

- 1. Endpoint Monitored:
 - o POST /api/name-checker
- 2. Methodology:
 - o Requests were sent with various name values every second.
 - Responses were logged into a SQLite database (request_logs_post.db).
- 3. Test Inputs:
 - o "John": Valid name.
 - o "Alice": Another valid name.
 - o "": Empty string.
 - o "1234": Numeric string.
 - "!@#\$%": Special characters.
 - "中文测试": Non-ASCII characters.
- 4. Duration:
 - o Monitoring was performed continuously for **10 minutes**.

Results

Total Requests: 432

Successful Requests (200): 390

Failed Requests (500): 42

Uptime Percentage:

(390 / 432) * 100 = 90.28%

Bug Observed

1. Error Details:

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Occasionally, the service returned a 500 Internal Server Error with the response: {

"message": "System is down"
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o }

2. Trigger Patterns:

- The 500 errors were sporadic but correlated with repeated or rapid requests.
- The issue seemed to occur more frequently with edge-case inputs like:
 - Empty names: ""
 - Non-ASCII characters: "中文测试"

Steps to Reproduce

- 1. Use the monitor_post.rb script to send requests with the test inputs. ruby scripts/monitor_post.rb
- 2. Monitor the database (request_logs_post.db) for entries with a 500 status code.
- 3. Alternatively, observe the console logs for: Logged POST response for name '<name>': 500

Recommendations

1. Server-Side Improvements:

- Analyze server logs for underlying causes of the 500 errors.
- o Implement rate-limiting or caching to better handle high-frequency requests.

2. Input Validation:

 Enhance input validation to handle edge cases like empty strings or special characters gracefully.

3. Monitoring and Metrics:

Continue monitoring to ensure uptime improvements after any fixes.

Conclusion

The service maintains a decent uptime of **90.28%** but struggles under prolonged or edge-case conditions. The sporadic 500 errors indicate a need for better load handling and validation mechanisms.