

API Endpoint: Forgot Password

Endpoint Details

- **URL:** `http://localhost:5000/api/user/forgotpassword`
- **Method:** POST
- **Description:** This endpoint initiates a password reset process by sending an email with a reset token and link to the provided email address. The reset token and link are valid for the next 30 minutes. Authentication is not required.

Request Parameters

| Parameter | Type | Required | Description |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| email | string | Yes | User's email address |

Test Cases

1. Successful Password Reset Request

- **Description:** Verify that the API sends a reset email when a valid email address is provided.
- **Input:**
 - email: `valid@example.com`
- **Expected Response:**
 - **Status Code:** 200 OK
 - **Body:** JSON object containing a success message (e.g., `{ "message": "Reset link sent successfully" }`)

2. Missing Email

- **Description:** Verify that the API returns an error when the email address is missing.
- **Input:**
 - None
- **Expected Response:**
 - **Status Code:** 400 Bad Request
 - **Body:** JSON object containing an error message about the missing email

3. Invalid Email Format

- **Description:** Verify that the API returns an error when the email address format is invalid.
- **Input:**
 - email: invalidemail
- **Expected Response:**
 - **Status Code:** 400 Bad Request
 - **Body:** JSON object containing an error message about the invalid email format

4. Nonexistent Email

- **Description:** Verify that the API handles the case where the email address is not associated with any account.
- **Input:**
 - email: nonexistent@example.com
- **Expected Response:**
 - **Status Code:** 404 Not found
 - **Body:** JSON object containing a message that user does not exist

Test Results

| Test Case | Status | Response Code | Response Body | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Successful Password Reset Request | Pass | 200 | { "message": "Reset link sent successfully" } | Reset email sent successfully |
| Missing Email | Pass | 400 | { "message": "User does not exist" } | Appropriate error message shown |
| Invalid Email Format | Pass | 400 | { "message": "User does not exist" } | Appropriate error message shown |
| Nonexistent Email | Pass | 404 | { "message": "User does not exist" } | Appropriate handling shown |