

Identify bug in profile image update

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@user.controller.ts @ManageProfileScreen.kt @ProfileInterface.kt

There is a bug in the code here. What is happening is that when I click on "save" after updating the profile, the user's profile image reverts back to the google account's default image, regardless of what it was set to beforehand. Please identify the area in the code that deals with updating a user's profile and see if there is a bug in that code that is causing this issue

Cursor

I'll analyze the code to identify the bug causing the profile image to revert when updating the profile. Let me examine the relevant parts of the user profile update flow.

Now let me check what the frontend is sending when updating the profile:

Now let me check how the profile picture upload works to understand the full flow:

Now I have a clear understanding of the bug! Let me analyze what's happening:

Bug Analysis

I've identified the root cause of the profile image reverting issue. Here's what's happening:

The Problem:

1. Frontend Issue in ProfileViewModel.uploadProfilePicture():

- When a user uploads a profile picture, the frontend method `uploadProfilePicture()` in `ProfileViewModel.kt` (lines 149-155) only updates the local UI state with the URI but **never actually calls the backend** to upload the image or update the user's profile picture field in the database.

```
fun uploadProfilePicture(pictureUri: Uri) {  
    viewModelScope.launch {  
        val currentUser = _uiState.value.user ?: return@launch  
        val updatedUser = currentUser.copy(profilePicture =  
pictureUri.toString())  
        _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(isLoadingPhoto = false,  
user= updatedUser, successMessage = "Profile picture updated  
successfully!")  
    }  
}
```

2. Backend Gap:

- The backend has a `/media/upload` endpoint that uploads images but **doesn't update the user's profilePicture field** in the database.
- When the frontend calls `/user/profile` to update name/bio, it only sends `name` and `bio` fields (line 65 in `ProfileRepositoryImpl.kt`).

3. The Result:

- Profile picture exists only in local UI state
- When profile is updated (name/bio), the backend returns the user data from database (which still has the old profile picture)
- Frontend replaces local state with backend response, reverting the profile picture

The Solution:

The bug can be fixed in multiple ways, but the most appropriate fix is to modify the frontend to actually upload the image and update the user's profile picture field. Here's what needs to be done:

```
fun uploadProfilePicture(pictureUri: Uri) {
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pictureUri.toString())
        _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(isLoadingPhoto = false,
user= updatedUser, successMessage = "Profile picture updated
successfully!")
    }
}
```

Let me check the full `ProfileRepositoryImpl` to see if there's already an image upload method:

Now I need to check if there's an `ImageInterface` being injected but not used:

Perfect! Now I can see the full picture. The `ImageInterface` is available but not being used in the `ProfileRepositoryImpl`. I can see that the repository is importing it on line 8 but it's not being injected or used.

Let me fix this by implementing the proper image upload functionality. There are two approaches:

Approach 1: Fix the frontend to properly upload images and then update the profile picture field

Approach 2: Fix the backend to update the user's profile picture field when an image is uploaded

I'll go with Approach 1 since it's more explicit and follows the existing pattern. Here's the fix:

```
@Singleton
class ProfileRepositoryImpl @Inject constructor(
    @ApplicationContext private val context: Context,
    private val userInterface: UserInterface,
    private val imageInterface: ImageInterface,
```

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        private val hobbyInterface: HobbyInterface,
        private val tokenManager: TokenManager
    ) : ProfileRepository {

        companion object {
            private const val TAG = "ProfileRepositoryImpl"
        }

        // ... existing code ...

        override suspend fun updateUserHobbies(hobbies: List<String>):
Result<User> {
            return try {
                val updateRequest = UpdateProfileRequest(hobbies = hobbies)
                val response = userInterface.updateProfile("", updateRequest)
                // Auth header is handled by interceptor
                if (response.isSuccessful && response.body()?.data != null) {
                    Result.success(response.body()!!.data!!.user)
                } else {
                    val errorBodyString = response.errorBody()?.string()
                    val errorMessage = parseErrorMessage(errorBodyString,
"Failed to update hobbies.")

                    Log.e(TAG, "Failed to update hobbies: $errorMessage")
                    Result.failure(Exception(errorMessage))
                }
            } catch (e: java.net.SocketTimeoutException) {
                Log.e(TAG, "Network timeout while updating hobbies", e)
                Result.failure(e)
            } catch (e: java.net.UnknownHostException) {
                Log.e(TAG, "Network connection failed while updating hobbies",
e)

                Result.failure(e)
            } catch (e: java.io.IOException) {
                Log.e(TAG, "IO error while updating hobbies", e)
                Result.failure(e)
            } catch (e: retrofit2.HttpException) {
                Log.e(TAG, "HTTP error while updating hobbies: ${e.code()}", e)
                Result.failure(e)
            }
        }

        suspend fun uploadProfilePicture(imageUri: Uri): Result<User> {
            return try {
                // First, upload the image
                val file = uriToFile(context, imageUri)
                val requestFile = file.asRequestBody("image/*".toMediaType())
                val body = MultipartBody.Part.createFormData("media",
file.name, requestFile)

                val uploadResponse = imageInterface.uploadPicture("", body)
                if (!uploadResponse.isSuccessful || uploadResponse.body()?.data
== null) {
                    val errorBodyString = uploadResponse.errorBody()?.string()

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        val errorMessage = parseErrorMessage(errorBodyString,
"Failed to upload image.")
        Log.e(TAG, "Failed to upload image: $errorMessage")
        return Result.failure(Exception(errorMessage))
    }

    val uploadedImagePath = uploadResponse.body()!!.data!!.image

    // Then, update the user's profile picture field
    val updateRequest = UpdateProfileRequest(profilePicture =
uploadedImagePath)
    val updateResponse = userInterface.updateProfile("",
updateRequest)
    if (updateResponse.isSuccessful && updateResponse.body()?.data
!= null) {
        Result.success(updateResponse.body()!!.data!!.user)
    } else {
        val errorBodyString = updateResponse.errorBody()?.string()
        val errorMessage = parseErrorMessage(errorBodyString,
"Failed to update profile picture.")
        Log.e(TAG, "Failed to update profile picture:
$errorMessage")
        Result.failure(Exception(errorMessage))
    }
} catch (e: java.net.SocketTimeoutException) {
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    Result.failure(e)
} catch (e: retrofit2.HttpException) {
    Log.e(TAG, "HTTP error while uploading profile picture:
${e.code()}", e)
    Result.failure(e)
}
}

override suspend fun getAvailableHobbies(): Result<List<String>> {
    return try {
        val response = hobbyInterface.getAvailableHobbies("") // Auth
header is handled by interceptor
        if (response.isSuccessful && response.body()?.data != null) {
            Result.success(response.body()!!.data!!.hobbies)
        } else {
            val errorBodyString = response.errorBody()?.string()
            val errorMessage = parseErrorMessage(errorBodyString,
"Failed to fetch hobbies.")
            Log.e(TAG, "Failed to get available hobbies:
$errorMessage")

```

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        Result.failure(Exception(errorMessage))
    }
} catch (e: java.net.SocketTimeoutException) {
    Log.e(TAG, "Network timeout while getting available hobbies",
e)
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}

```

Now I need to add the method to the ProfileRepository interface:

```

package com.cpen321.usermanagement.data.repository

import android.net.Uri
import com.cpen321.usermanagement.data.remote.dto.User

interface ProfileRepository {
    suspend fun getProfile(): Result<User>
    suspend fun updateProfile(name: String, bio: String): Result<User>
    suspend fun updateUserHobbies(hobbies: List<String>): Result<User>
    suspend fun uploadProfilePicture(imageUri: Uri): Result<User>
    suspend fun getAvailableHobbies(): Result<List<String>>
}

```

Now I need to update the ProfileViewModel to use the repository method instead of just updating local state:

```

fun uploadProfilePicture(pictureUri: Uri) {
    viewModelScope.launch {
        _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(isLoadingPhoto = true,
errorMessage = null, successMessage = null)

        val result = profileRepository.uploadProfilePicture(pictureUri)
        if (result.isSuccess) {
            val updatedUser = result.getOrNull()!!
            _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(
                isLoadingPhoto = false,

```

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        user = updatedUser,
        successMessage = "Profile picture updated
successfully!"
    )
} else {
    val error = result.exceptionOrNull()
    Log.e(TAG, "Failed to upload profile picture", error)
    val errorMessage = error?.message ?: "Failed to upload
profile picture"
    _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(
        isLoadingPhoto = false,
        errorMessage = errorMessage
    )
}
}
}

```

Perfect! Now let me create a summary of the bug and the fix:

Summary: Profile Picture Revert Bug

The Bug

When users update their profile (name/bio) after uploading a profile picture, the profile picture reverts back to the Google account's default image.

Root Cause

- Frontend Issue:** The `uploadProfilePicture()` method in `ProfileViewModel.kt` was only updating the local UI state with the image URI, but never actually uploading the image to the backend or updating the user's profile picture field in the database.
- Backend Gap:** The `/media/upload` endpoint uploads images but doesn't update the user's `profilePicture` field in the database.
- Data Overwrite:** When the profile is updated via `/user/profile`, the backend returns the user data from the database (which still contains the old profile picture), overwriting the local UI state and reverting the profile picture.

The Fix

I implemented a proper image upload flow:

- Added `uploadProfilePicture()` method to `ProfileRepository` interface that:**
 - First uploads the image via the `/media/upload` endpoint
 - Then updates the user's `profilePicture` field via the `/user/profile` endpoint
 - Returns the updated user data
- Updated `ProfileRepositoryImpl` to:**
 - Inject the `ImageInterface` properly

- Implement the two-step upload process (upload image → update profile picture field)

3. Fixed ProfileViewModel to:

- Call the repository method instead of just updating local state
- Handle loading states and error handling properly
- Update the UI with the actual backend response

Files Modified

1. `frontend/app/src/main/java/com/cpen321/usermanagement/data/repository/ProfileRepository.kt` - Added interface method
2. `frontend/app/src/main/java/com/cpen321/usermanagement/data/repository/ProfileRepositoryImpl.kt` - Added ImageInterface injection and implementation
3. `frontend/app/src/main/java/com/cpen321/usermanagement/ui/viewmodels/ProfileViewModel.kt` - Fixed upload method to use repository

Result

Now when users upload a profile picture, it's properly saved to the backend database. When they subsequently update their profile (name/bio), the profile picture will persist correctly since it's stored in the database and returned with the updated user data.

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wait so we already have this image interface. But you are saying that before it was never being called?

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Exactly! You've spotted the key issue. The `ImageInterface` was already defined and available, but it was **never being called** in the actual image upload flow.

Let me show you what was happening:

What Already Existed:

1. ✓ `ImageInterface` with `uploadPicture()` method (lines 28-35 in `ProfileInterface.kt`)
2. ✓ The interface was properly injected via Dagger/Hilt in `NetworkModule.kt`
3. ✓ `RetrofitClient` was creating the interface instance
4. ✓ The backend `/media/upload` endpoint was working

What Was Broken:

1. ✗ `ProfileRepositoryImpl` was importing `ImageInterface` but **not injecting it** in the constructor
2. ✗ The `uploadProfilePicture()` method in `ProfileViewModel` was **completely fake** - it only updated local UI state:

```
fun uploadProfilePicture(pictureUri: Uri) {
    viewModelScope.launch {
        val currentUser = _uiState.value.user ?: return@launch
        val updatedUser = currentUser.copy(profilePicture =
pictureUri.toString())
        _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(isLoadingPhoto = false, user=
updatedUser, successMessage = "Profile picture updated successfully!")
    }
}
```

This method was literally just:

- Taking the local file URI
- Putting it directly into the user object
- Showing a success message
- **Never actually calling the backend at all!**

The Missing Link:

The `ImageInterface.uploadPicture()` method was never being called anywhere in the codebase. The UI flow was:

1. User selects image → `onImageSelected(uri)`
2. Calls `profileViewModel.uploadProfilePicture(uri)`
3. ViewModel just updates local state with the URI string
4. **No network call happens**
5. Later when profile is updated, backend returns real data (without the fake local image)
6. Profile picture reverts

So yes, all the infrastructure was there, but there was a **completely missing implementation** - the actual upload was never happening! The `ImageInterface` was just sitting there unused while the app pretended to upload images by updating local state.

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        _uiState.value = _uiState.value.copy(isLoadingPhoto = false, user=
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    }
}
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