

CLIMAFY WEATHER API

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A robust Weather Forecasting and Alerts REST API, built with Node.js, Express.js, TypeScript, and MongoDB, designed to deliver real-time and forecasted weather information based on user-managed locations, with options for custom weather alerts and personalized preferences.

TECH STACK

Tech	Usage
Node.js + Express.js	Backend Framework
TypeScript	Type Safety
MongoDB + Mongoose	NoSQL Database + ODM
JWT	Authentication/Authorization
OpenWeatherMap API	External Weather Data Provider
Swagger (OpenAPI)	API Documentation
Weather Provider	OpenWeatherMap API
Real time Notification	Websocket (for severe weather alerts)
Environment variables	dotenv

FEATURES

Authentication & Authorization

- **JWT-based Authentication**
- User Roles:
 - **User:** Can register, manage their locations, set preferences, and receive weather forecasts and alerts.

Location Management

- Users can **add, view, update, and delete locations**.
- Each user manages their own list of locations.
- Weather data and alerts are personalized for the user's saved locations.

Weather Forecasts

- Fetch weather information from an external provider (e.g., **OpenWeatherMap API**).
- Types of forecasts:
 - **Current Weather:** Live temperature, humidity, wind speed, condition descriptions, etc.
 - **Daily Forecasts:** Up to 7-day forecasts.
 - **Hourly Forecasts:** Hour-by-hour forecasts for the next 48 hours.

Weather Alerts

- **Severe Weather Alerts:** Automatically fetched based on user locations.
- **Custom Alerts:** Users can define their own thresholds (e.g., notify if temp > 35°C).
- Subscriber to real time weather warnings via WebSocket

User Preferences

- Users can customize:
 - **Units:** Celsius and Fahrenheit
 - **Notification Settings:** Enable/Disable severe or custom alerts

Real-Time Alerts via WebSocket

WebSocket Server Integration (using ws library or socket.io):

- When weather data changes (especially severe warnings), all connected clients get **instant notifications**.
- No need for polling.
- Example:
"Severe Thunderstorm Alert in Lagos" sent automatically to subscribed users in real time.

API DOCUMENTATION:

Use **Swagger** for full API documentation, including endpoints, request/response bodies, and authentication details.

FOLDER STRUCTURE (EXPLAINED)

src/

— controllers/	# Handle incoming requests & send responses
— auth.controller.ts	# Authentication logic (register, login)
— user.controller.ts	# User preferences management
— location.controller.ts	# Location CRUD operations
— weather.controller.ts	# Fetch weather forecasts (current/daily/hourly)
— alert.controller.ts	# Severe & Custom alert handling
— models/	# Mongoose Schemas & Models
— user.model.ts	# User schema (with preferences)
— location.model.ts	# Locations schema (linked to user)
— alert.model.ts	# Custom weather alerts schema
— preferences.model.ts	# Preferences (units, notifications) schema
— routes/	# Route Definitions (Express Router)
— auth.route.ts	# Routes: /auth/login, /auth/register
— user.route.ts	# Routes: User preference management
— location.route.ts	# Routes: Location CRUD
— weather.route.ts	# Routes: Weather fetching
— alert.route.ts	# Routes: Alerts handling
— middlewares/	# Express Middlewares
— auth.middleware.ts	# JWT Authentication middleware
— error.middleware.ts	# central error handling
— services/	# Core Business Logic
— user.service.ts	# User and preferences handling
— location.service.ts	# Location handling logic
— weather.service.ts	# External Weather API data fetching
— alert.service.ts	# Alert creation & evaluation logic
— utils/	# Utility Functions
— token.utils.ts	# JWT generation and verification
— unit.utils.ts	# Converts temperature, wind, etc. based on user preferences
— websocket.utils.ts	# Websocket Server & broadcasting
— openweather.utils.ts	# OpenWeatherMap API request helper
— docs/	# Swagger API Documentation
— swagger.ts	# OpenAPI 3.0 documentation setup
— config/	# Configuration Files
— db.config.ts	# MongoDB connection setup
— weather.config.ts	# OpenWeatherMap API configuration
— app.ts	# Express App Configuration
— server.ts	# Server Entry Point