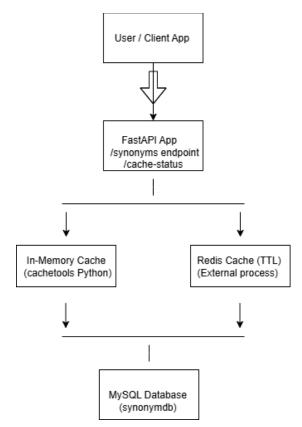
The Data Engine Synonym System is a FastAPI-based web service that retrieves synonym information from a MySQL database, using an efficient dual-layer caching mechanism (Redis + in-memory) with TTL and automatic expiration.

# === Folder Structure ===

## === Architecture Overview ===



## === Features ===

- Bulk retrieval of synonyms from a MySQL database
- Dual caching system: Redis (distributed) + in-memory
- Configurable TTL for cache entries
- Secured via API key header (`X-API-KEY`)
- Swagger-based interactive documentation
- Simple to run and test locally using VSCode and virtual environment

## === Tech Stack ===

- FastAPI (web framework)
- -SQLModel (DB ORM layer using SQLAlchemy)
- MySQL (via MySQL Workbench)
- Redis (optional for distributed caching)
- In-memory caching (via `cachetools`)
- Environment management ('python-dotenv')

## === Setup Instructions (Windows / VSCode / CMD) ===

# Clone and navigate

cd synonym\_api

# Create virtual environment

python -m venv venv

.\venv\Scripts\activate

# Install dependencies

```
pip install fastapi uvicorn sqlmodel pymysql cachetools redis python-dotenv cryptography
# My SQL Setup in mysql workbench
CREATE DATABASE synonymdb;
USE synonymdb;
CREATE TABLE synonym (
id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
word VARCHAR(255),
synonyms TEXT
);
INSERT INTO synonym (word, synonyms)
VALUES
('fast', 'quick, rapid, speedy'),
('smart', 'intelligent, clever, bright');
=== Redis Setup (Windows) ===
# Navigate to the Redis installation folder, where you have installed
cd C:\redis
# Start the Redis server with config
redis-server.exe redis.windows.conf
=== Security ===
This API requires a custom header for authentication:
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Header Name: X-API-KEY

Header Value: wbcache

# === Running the App ===

In vs code:

uvicorn main:app -reload

The app will run at:

http://127.0.0.1:8000

Interactive Swagger docs (auto-generated):

http://127.0.0.1:8000/docs

You must set X-API-KEY (use: wbcache) in the Swagger UI to authorize requests.

## **API Endpoints**

GET /synonyms

Returns all synonym records

Checks Redis/in-memory cache first

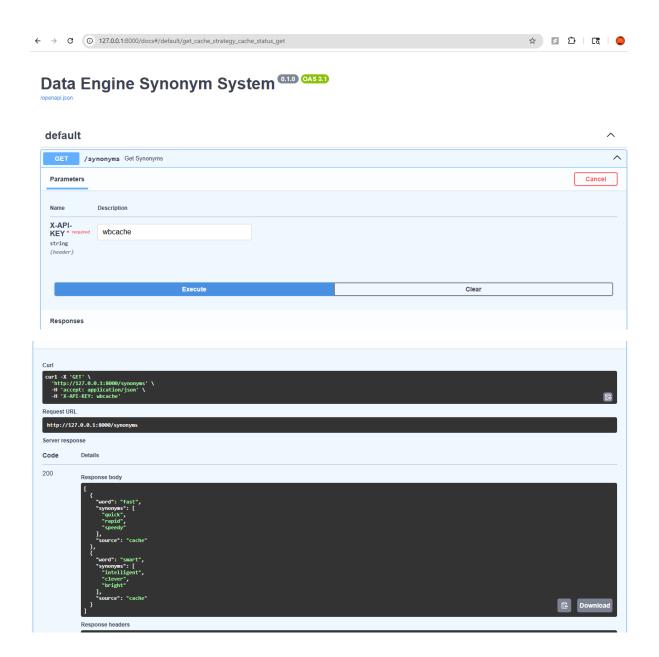
Adds "source": "cache" or "source": "database" in response

GET /cache-status

Returns current cache backend in use (redis or in\_memory)

# === Caching Logic ===

- Client hits /synonyms API with API key.
- System first checks in-memory cache.
- If not found and Redis is enabled, it checks Redis cache.
- If still not found, it queries the MySQL database.
- Retrieved data is cached in both Redis and memory (with TTL).
- Response includes metadata: "source": "cache" or "database".



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