

Laravel Practical Test: Twitter Feed API

Objective

The goal of this test is to evaluate your proficiency in Laravel, Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles, API development, and working with third-party APIs. You are required to create a Laravel-based API that interacts with a Twitter-like data, retrieves tweets, and processes them to return specific information.

Requirements

You need to implement the following API endpoints in a Laravel application:

1. **GET /api/tweets**
 - Returns the first 20 tweets from a specific public Twitter user's timeline.
 2. **GET /api/tweets/most-liked**
 - Returns the tweet with the highest number of likes from the user's timeline.
 3. **GET /api/tweets/most-commented**
 - Returns the tweet with the highest number of replies (comments) from the user's timeline.
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Constraints

1. **OOP Design**
 - You must adhere to OOP principles.
 - Use proper separation of concerns: Controllers should delegate logic to Services or Repositories.
 - Utilize Dependency Injection (DI) where necessary.
2. **Error Handling**
 - Handle API errors gracefully (e.g., network issues, rate limits, invalid responses).
 - Return meaningful error responses with appropriate HTTP status codes.
3. **Response Format**
 - Return the data in a well-structured JSON format.
 - Example response for GET /api/tweets:
 - {
 - "status": "success",
 - "data": [
 - {
 - "id": "123456789",
 - "text": "This is a sample tweet",
 - "likes": 100,

- "comments": 50,
- "created_at": "2025-01-06T12:00:00Z"
- },
- ...
-]
- }

4. **Testing**

- Write unit tests or feature tests for the implemented endpoints.

5. **Documentation**

- Provide brief documentation (a README file) on how to set up and run your application.

Setup Instructions

Twitter API

Use the following data file to fetch tweets: mock_tweets.json

Submission

Your submission should include:

1. A link to a Git repository (GitHub, GitLab, etc.) containing:
 - The Laravel project code.
 - A README file with setup instructions.
 2. Ensure that your repository is accessible (public or shared appropriately).
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Bonus Points

You can earn extra points by implementing:

1. **Caching**
 - Cache the response of GET /api/tweets for a specified duration (e.g., 5 minutes) to reduce the number of external API calls.
 2. **Pagination**
 - Implement pagination for the list of tweets in GET /api/tweets.
 - ate API docs.
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Evaluation Criteria

Your submission will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Code Quality**
 - Adherence to OOP principles and Laravel best practices.
 - Clean, readable, and maintainable code.
 2. **Functionality**
 - Correct implementation of the required endpoints.
 3. **Error Handling**
 - Robust error handling and meaningful error messages.
 4. **Testing**
 - Presence and quality of unit/feature tests.
 5. **Documentation**
 - Clarity and completeness of the provided documentation.
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Timeline

You have **2 days** from the date of receiving this task to complete and submit your solution.