

Title: Meter Reading API

(any assumptions I have made i have marked with PO Confirmed, to show that this would be a decision from the Product Owner)

Story Points: 5 (medium complexity)

Problem statement:

As an Energy Company Account Manager,
I want to be able to load a CSV file of Customer Meter Readings
So that We can monitor their energy consumption and charge them accordingly

Acceptance Criteria:

- The url must be /meter-reading-uploads
- The endpoint must be able to process a CSV
- Valid entries must be stored in a database
- The response must contain the total of successful and failed readings
- Validation:
 - Duplicate entries are not allowed
 - The reading must have a valid AccountId
 - Reading must be numerical to 5 places NNNNN
 - Negative values are invalid

Technical details:

Csv Processing

- Additional columns should be ignored and not cause errors *(found in test data - PO confirmed)*
- The original meter reading value should be preserved and then parsed to conform to the validation rules
- CsvHelper has been identified as a library to process the CSV files for us

Validation

- The test data contains a considerable number of values that are too short and do not conform to the required format, these will be considered invalid *(PO confirmed)*
- The meter reading has a potential to loop back to zero, this was raised by the team and considered out of scope for this initial development *(PO confirmed)*

Database design

- There is potential for a foreign key constraint on accountId, the team made the decision not to tightly couple the tables at this point

Test Cases:

Given a POST request
And the csv is not present
Then return bad request

Given a POST request
And the csv is present
When the data is proceeded
And all data is correct
Then the success count equals the uploaded count

Given a POST request
And the csv is present
When the data is proceeded
And all data is incorrect
Then the failure count equals the uploaded count

Given a POST request
And the csv is present
When the data is proceeded
And some data is correct
Then the failure count equals the uploaded count

Tasks:

Bootstrapping

- ☒ ~~B1: Create skeleton Project~~
 - ☒ ~~Build project~~
 - ☒ ~~Add docker orchestration~~
 - ☒ ~~Check project loads~~
 - ☒ ~~Add testing project~~
- ☒ ~~Research and select database engine (assuming Sql Server)~~
 - ☒ ~~Install ef core~~
 - ☒ ~~Deploy database to docker compose~~
 - ☐ ~~Connect successful to the Db~~

Account Data

- ☐ ~~A1 Create database~~
- ☒ ~~A2 Create database seeding~~
- ☒ ~~A3 Create Accounts Repository~~

Meter reading Api

- ☒ M1 Create minimal Api
- ☒ M2 Create Meter Reading Service
- ☐ M3 Create Validator
 - ☒ Create basic validator skeleton
 - ☒ Create accountId validation
 - ☒ Create meter reading validation
 - ☐ Make date of meter reading validation
- ☐ M4 Create database context

Notes:

Database setup took longer than expected.

Didn't complete:

Unit of work for database saving

Returning and converting the valid collection of meter readings to the database

Adding database rollbacks

I chose to use the minimal API style because the brief was short and I knew there would be no further development, in production, I would consider and lean towards using classic controllers.