

Below are the **key issues identified in your entire backend system**, each with its likely consequence and how to fix it. You can download the full report as a PDF [here](#):

Issues Summary

Issue	Likely Consequence	How to Fix
1. sender not serialized in MessageSerializer	Messages will get created without a sender, breaking display and permissions.	Override <code>create()</code> in serializer or set <code>sender</code> in <code>perform_create()</code> in view.
2. validate_message_body returns an error instead of raising it	Empty messages may slip through or cause cryptic errors.	Change <code>return serializers.ValidationError(...)</code> to <code>raise serializers.ValidationError(...)</code> .
3. conversation field incorrectly using CharField	Data mismatch, missing lookup, or broken filtering logic.	Use <code>PrimaryKeyRelatedField</code> or <code>SlugRelatedField</code> linked to <code>Conversation</code> .
4. Commented-out create() in both viewsets	Conversations or messages may not save participants or proper linkage.	Implement and enable <code>create()</code> for <code>ConversationViewSet</code> and <code>MessageViewSet</code> to assign participants/sender.
5. Wrong viewset registered in routers	Misrouted endpoints like <code>/user/{id}/conversations/</code> will break or return wrong data.	Update nested router to use <code>ConversationViewSet</code> for <code>user/conversations/</code> .
6. updated_at using auto_now=True	Overwrites timestamp on each save — unintended updates.	Use <code>auto_now_add=True</code> or manage manually.
7. email field not unique	Duplicate emails can lead to account confusion or auth issues.	Set <code>unique=True</code> for <code>email</code> field.

8. Hardcoded SECRET_KEY default	Might leak insecure key in production.	Remove default fallback, require it in <code>.env</code> .
9. Depth in serializers (nested users)	Excessive response size, data leaks.	Limit depth or selectively use nested serializers.
10. Permission class only checks conversation, not message-level	Could allow insecure message actions.	Add <code>perform_create()</code> and validate that <code>sender</code> belongs to conversation participants.
11. No media file settings setup for <code>profile_image</code>	Image upload/download failures.	Set <code>MEDIA_URL</code> , <code>MEDIA_ROOT</code> and serve via <code>urlpatterns += static(...)</code> .
12. JWT token override using <code>@classmethod</code>	May not work as expected; possible misuse.	Use instance methods or proper override pattern per DRF docs.
13. <code>__str__</code> in <code>Conversation</code> may error on unsaved participants	Breaks admin or string conversions.	Safely check <code>.pk</code> or catch exceptions if no participants.
