Backend Developer assignment

Every enterprise software has a built-in support for organizational charts, in order to represent hierarchies and roles inside a company. A common and convenient way to persist tree-like structures in relational databases is the "Nested Set" model (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nested_set_model for further details).

Database structure

The following MYSQL tables contain an organizational chart, along with the role names in various languages, flattened as per the Nested Set model.

Table "node_tree"

idNode level iLeft iRight

idNode	level	iLeft	iRight
1	2	2	3
2	2	4	5
3	2	6	7
4	2	8	9
5	1	1	24
6	2	10	11
7	2	12	19
8	3	15	16
9	3	17	18
10	2	20	21
11	3	13	14
12	2	22	23

Table "node_tree_names" ("idNode" is Foreign Key referencing "node_tree.idNode")

idNode	language	nodeName
1	english	Marketing
1	italian	Marketing
2	english	Helpdesk
2	italian	Supporto tecnico
3	english	Managers
3	italian	Managers

4	english	Customer Account
4	italian	Assistenza Cliente
5	english	Docebo
5	italian	Docebo
6	english	Accounting
6	italian	Amministrazione
7	english	Sales
7	italian	Supporto Vendite
8	english	Italy
8	italian	Italia
9	english	Europe
9	italian	Europa
10	english	Developers
10	italian	Sviluppatori
11	english	North America
11	italian	Nord America
12	english	Quality Assurance
12	italian	Controllo Qualità

Requirements Specification

A frontend application needs to fetch organizational chart nodes and display them as a *tree of folders* and, therefore, depends on a backend API to efficiently obtain such data. The candidate is asked to implement a PHP script **api.php** to return organizational chart nodes under a certain parent and support pagination.

The script will be called via HTTP (method GET) through an Apache web server and it will receive the following input params:

- node_id (integer, required): the unique ID of the selected node.
- language (enum, required): language identifier. Possible values: "english", "italian".
- search_keyword (string, optional): a search term used to filter results. If provided, restricts the results to "all children nodes under node_id whose nodeName in the given language contains search_keyword (case insensitive)".
- page_num (integer, optional): the 0-based identifier of the page to retrieve. If not provided, defaults to "0".
- page_size (integer, optional): the size of the page to retrieve, ranging from 0 to 1000. If not provided, defaults to "100".

The API should return a JSON with the following fields:

- nodes (array, required): 0 or more nodes matching the given conditions. Each node contains:
  - node_id (integer, required): the unique ID of the child node.
  - name (string, required): the node name translated in the requested language.
  - children_count (integer, required): the number of child nodes of this node.
- error (string, optional): If there was an error, return the generated message.

Constraints

- The proposed solution should properly check that all required params are passed and valid and return the following error messages:
  - "Invalid node id" (if node_id is not found).
  - "Missing mandatory params" (if any required input param is not passed or has empty value).
  - "Invalid page number requested" (if page_num is not a valid 0-based index).
  - "Invalid page size requested" (if page_size is outside the validity range).
- No framework is allowed (Lavarel, Yii, Zend..).
- The provided code should be PHP 5.6.x compliant and use the "mysqli" extension to query the DB.
- Code quality is not optional: comments, clear and meaningful variable names and well designed PHP code will be highly considered in the final evaluation of this test.
- Object-Oriented Programming is mandatory

Deliverables

The candidate should deliver a zipped archive with the following "minimum" structure:
- api.php (*entry point*)
- config.php (*configuration file containing DB access credentials*)
- tables.sql (*table definition SQL script*)
- data.sql (*data insertion SQL script*)