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1 System Overview

The system consists of a database and a web application.

2 Client-Side Application

The client-side code of the web application is located in the frontend/formulavis/folder. It is an application built using the Angular framework (version 5) and Karma for unit testing. The code is written in TypeScript, which enables static typing and class-based object-oriented programming.

Communication with the server is carried out through HTTP POST requests sent by dedicated services. Each Angular component is divided into several parts:

- An HTML-based view,
- Component logic written in TypeScript,
- Stylesheets,
- Unit tests.

Each of these elements is stored in a separate file within the respective component's folder under the src/app directory.

3 Server-Side Application

The server is written in Python using the Django Rest Framework and JSON Web Token Authentication. It is divided into two parts:

- Application (profiles/) Contains view definitions (profiles/views.py),
 represented as classes inheriting from APIView.
- Project (formulavis/) A set of configurations for the given web service.

Implementing specific functions in a subclass allows handling HTTP requests sent to the URL associated with a given view. The mapping of views to URLs is defined in the profiles/urls.py file. The application also includes model definitions (profiles/models.py) that enable database table creation and migrations.

4 Database

The server uses a PostgreSQL database, with its configuration found in formulavis/settings.py. Communication with the database is carried out through the API provided by the framework.

5 Containerization

The application is containerized using Docker. The entire system consists of seven containers.