

1. Project Overview

- **Project Name:** HumanChain AI Safety Incident Log API
- **Description:** HumanChain is a deep-tech software AI startup at the forefront of AI safety, aiming to build a safer, more trustworthy, and human-centric digital world. "This assignment involves creating a backend API service with a minimal frontend for logging and managing AI safety incident."

2. Technologies & Dependencies

- **Frontend (HTML/CSS/JS)**

Purpose: Minimal UI to add, filter, and manage incidents.

Key Features:

- Form to submit new incidents (index.html).
- Dynamic rendering of incidents with filter buttons (main.js).

- **Backend (Node.js/Express.js)**

Core Dependencies:

- express: Framework for API routing and middleware.
- mongoose: MongoDB ODM for schema modeling and queries.
- cors: Enables cross-origin requests for frontend-backend communication.
- dotenv: Loads environment variables (e.g., MONGODB_URI).
- morgan: Logs HTTP requests for debugging.

- **Database (MongoDB)**

Purpose: Stores incident data with auto-generated `_id` and timestamps.

Schema: Tracks title, description, category (severity), and completed status.

Why This Stack?

- **Express.js:** Lightweight, RESTful API setup.
- **MongoDB:** NoSQL flexibility for incident logging.

- **Minimal Frontend:** Demonstrates API integration without complex frameworks.

3.Installation: (Go through ReadMe file for detailed explanation)

Github: <https://github.com/manojkadali/HumanChain---AI-Safety-Incident-Log-API>

- Prerequisites
 1. install Node.js v14 or higher(install from nodejs.org).
 2. npm usually comes with nodejs,if not install it
 3. install mongoDB Community edition with compass(GUI), or mongoDB Atlas connection string.
- Clone the repository or download the zip file.
- open terminal for that project folder ->npm install
- Configure environment variables by creating .env file
PORT=3000
MONGODB_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/incident-log
- Establish connection with mongodb compass by giving the same URI in MongoDB
- Start the server : ->npm run dev
- Open the browser and go to localhost:3000

4.Technical Architecture

Folder Structure:

project-root/

├─ config/ # Database configuration

├─ controllers/ # request handlers logic

├─ models/ # MongoDB schemas

├─ public/ # Frontend (HTML/CSS/JS)

├─ routes/ # API endpoint definitions

└─ server.js # Entry point

MVC Breakdown

- **Model:** `models/item.js` (Defines the incident schema)
- **View:** `public/index.html` (Minimal frontend)
- **Controller:** `controllers/itemController.js` (Handles CRUD operations)
- **Routes:** `routes/api.js` (Maps endpoints to controllers)

5. Data Model

Incident Schema (`models/db.js`) | Field | Type | Required | Description |

Field	Type	Required	Description
<code>id</code>	<code>ObjectId</code>	Yes	Unique identifier (auto-generated)
<code>title</code>	<code>String</code>	Yes	Short summary of the incident
<code>description</code>	<code>String</code>	Yes	Detailed description of the incident
<code>severity</code>	<code>String</code>	Yes	"Low", "Medium", or "High"
<code>created_at</code>	<code>Date</code>	Yes	Timestamp of incident creation

6. Workflow & Data Flow

1. **Client Request:** HTTP client sends request (e.g., `POST /incidents` with JSON payload).
2. **Routing:** `routes/api.js` matches the path and HTTP method, forwarding request to corresponding controller in `incidentController.js`.
3. **Controller Logic:**
 - **Validation:** Check required fields (`title`, `description`, `severity`) and that `severity` \in {"Low", "Medium", "High"}.
 - **Model Interaction:** Use Mongoose model (`Incident`) to query or mutate the MongoDB database.

4. Database: MongoDB stores incidents in the incidents collection; Mongoose handles schema enforcement and timestamps.
5. Response: Controller sends JSON response with appropriate HTTP status codes.
6. Error Handling: Errors bubble to errorHandler.js middleware, formatting a JSON error response.

7. API Endpoints

Method	Path	Description	Controller Function
GET	/items	Retrieve all incidents	getItems
POST	/items	Create a new incident	createItem
GET	/items/:id	Retrieve incident by ID	getItem
DELETE	/items/:id	Delete an incident by ID	deleteItem

8. Controller File Description (controllers/ItemController.js)

Function Name	Purpose & Logic Summary
getItems	Uses Item.find() to fetch all incidents, sorts by reported_at descending, and returns them with HTTP 200. Errors forwarded to error middleware.
createItem	Extracts title, description, severity from req.body, validates inputs (presence and allowed severity), constructs a new Incident, saves it to MongoDB (auto-assigns id and reported_at), and returns it with HTTP 201. Validation failures return HTTP 400.

getItem	Reads id from req.params, uses Item.findById(id) to retrieve the document. If found, returns it with HTTP 200; otherwise returns HTTP 404. Errors forwarded to middleware.
deleteItem	Reads id from req.params, uses Item.findByIdAndDelete(id) to remove the document. If deletion succeeds, returns HTTP 204; if no document found, returns HTTP 404. Errors forwarded onward.

9. Error Handling

- **Validation Errors:** Return 400 Bad Request with descriptive message.
- **Not Found:** Return 404 Not Found when querying or deleting non-existent IDs.
- **Server Errors:** Uncaught exceptions forwarded to errorHandler.js middleware, returning 500 Internal Server Error.

10. Environment & Configuration

- **Environment Variables (in .env):**
 - MONGODB_URI: Connection string for MongoDB Atlas or local instance.
 - PORT: Port for Express server (default: 3000).

VIDEO Explanations:

Local setup Video for HumanChain Project:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TG9c5JdXTtdS45OdyUzDqaWtIH_25ne6/view?usp=sharing

Project Overview video:

drive.google.com/file/d/1EbEbMy3MDzWL9CZGFA90halfPEIQk33k/view?usp=sharing

PostMan API Testing:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EbEbMy3MDzWL9CZGFA90halfPEIQk33k/view?usp=sharing>
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