

Lab Exercise #6: Appendix - REST endpoint documentation

Endpoint¹	GET²	POST³	PUT⁴	DELETE⁵
/api/admin/users	<p>Description: Retrieves a paginated list of users with optional search and role filtering.</p> <p>Query Params: page (number), pageSize (number), search (string), role ("admin", "manager", "creator", "explorer")</p> <p>Success: 200 OK</p> <p>Returns: { items: UserDTO[], total: number, page:</p>	-	-	-

¹ Endpoint of the resource and/or parameters

² GET method description and returned HTTP status code with the description.

³ POST method description and returned HTTP status code with the description.

⁴ PUT method description and returned HTTP status code with the description.

⁵ DELETE method description and returned HTTP status code with the description.

REST
Web Application Development

	number, pageSize: number }			
/api/admin/users/:id	<p>Description: Retrieves the detailed profile of a specific user by ID.</p> <p>URL Params: id (numeric user ID)</p> <p>Success: 200 OK</p> <p>Returns: UserDTO { id, name, email, role, createdAt }</p>	-	-	-
/api/admin/users/:id	-	-	<p>PATCH method</p> <p>Description: Updates a user's role. Triggers a ROLE_UPDATE audit log.</p> <p>URL Params: id (numeric user ID)</p> <p>Request Body: { "role": "admin" "manager" "creator" "explorer" }</p>	-

REST
Web Application Development

			Success: 200 OK Returns: Updated UserDTO	
/api/admin/users/:id/reset-password	-	Description: Forces a password reset to a system default (or env variable). Triggers a PASSWORD_RESET audit log. URL Params: id (numeric user ID) Success: 204 No Content Returns: None	-	-
/api/recipes/:recipeid/comments	Description: Fetches all comments for a specific recipe, including the author's username. Returns: Array of comment objects. Status: 200 OK.	Description: Creates a new comment for a recipe. Expects: { body: string } or { content: string }. Returns: The created comment object. Status: 201 Created, 400 Bad Request (empty)	-	-

		content).		
/api/recipes/:recipeid/ratings/summary	Description: Gets the average rating and total count for a recipe. If logged in, includes the current user's rating. Returns: Summary object (avgRating, count, myRating). Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found (recipe missing).	-	-	-
/api/recipes/:recipeid/ratings	-	Description: Upserts (creates or updates) a user's rating for a recipe. Expects: { value: number } (1-5). Returns: Updated summary object. Status: 200 OK, 400 Bad Request (invalid value), 404 Not Found.	-	-
/api/favorites	Description: Returns a paginated list of	-	-	-

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>the user's favorited recipes, optionally filtered by text search.</p> <p>Expect: Query params: page, pageSize, textSearch.</p> <p>Returns: Object containing items array and metadata.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>			
/api/favorites/:recipId	<p>Description: Checks if a specific recipe is in the user's favorites.</p> <p>Returns: Boolean (true/false).</p> <p>Status: 200 OK</p>	<p>Description: Toggles the favorite status (adds if missing, removes if exists).</p> <p>Returns: { isFavorite: boolean }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	-	-
/api/reports	-	<p>Description: Files a report against a recipe or comment.</p> <p>Expect: { targetType, targetId, reason, details }.</p>	-	-

		<p>Returns: Formatted report object.</p> <p>Status: 201 Created, 400 Bad Request (invalid type/params), 404 Not Found.</p>		
/api/management/moderation	<p>Description: (Admins/Mods only) Paginated list of all reports, filterable by status or type.</p> <p>Expect: Query params: status, type.</p> <p>Returns: Object with items array and metadata.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	-	-	-
/api/management/moderation/:reportId/resolve	-	<p>Description: (Admins/Mods only) Marks a report as resolved without taking destructive action.</p> <p>Returns: Updated report object.</p>	-	-

REST
Web Application Development

		Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.		
/api/management/moderation/:reportId/remove	-	Description: (Admins/Mods only) Marks a report as resolved without taking destructive action. Returns: Updated report object. Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.	-	-
/api/comments/:id	Description: Fetches details for a single comment by ID. Returns: Comment object with username. Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.	-	Description: Updates the text of an existing comment. Restricted to author or moderators. Expect: { content: string }. Returns: Updated comment object. Status: 200 OK, 403 Forbidden (not owner), 404 Not Found.	Description: Deletes a comment. Allowed for author, recipe owner, or moderators. Returns: Empty body. Status: 204 No Content, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found.
/api/ratings/:id	Description: Fetches details for a single rating by ID.	-	Description: Updates a rating's numeric value. Restricted to author or moderators.	Description: Deletes a rating. Restricted to author or moderators.

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>Returns: Rating object with username.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found</p>		<p>author or moderators.</p> <p>Expects: { rating_value: number }.</p> <p>Returns: Updated rating object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 400 Bad Request, 403 Forbidden.</p>	<p>Returns: Empty body.</p> <p>Status: 204 No Content, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found.</p>
/api/categories	<p>Description: Retrieves a list of all recipe categories.</p> <p>Returns: Array of category objects { category_id, name, description }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Creates a new recipe category and logs the action.</p> <p>Expects: { name: string, description: string }.</p> <p>Returns: The created category object.</p> <p>Status: 201 Created, 400 Bad Request (duplicate name or missing fields).</p>	-	-
/api/categories/:id	Description: Fetches details for a specific category by its ID.	-	Description: (Admin/Mod only) Updates the name and description of an existing category.	Description: (Admin/Mod only) Removes a category from the database.

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>Returns: A single category object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.</p>		<p>Expects: { name: string, description: string }.</p> <p>Returns: The updated category object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.</p>	<p>Returns: Empty body.</p> <p>Status: 204 No Content, 404 Not Found.</p>
/api/tags	<p>Description: Retrieves all available recipe tags (e.g., "Vegan", "Spicy").</p> <p>Returns: Array of tag objects.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK</p>	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Adds a new tag to the system.</p> <p>Expects: { tag_name: string }.</p> <p>Returns: The created tag object.</p> <p>Status: 201 Created.</p>	-	-
/api/tags/:id	-	-	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Renames an existing tag.</p> <p>Expects: { tag_name: string }.</p>	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Deletes a tag by its ID.</p> <p>Returns: Empty body.</p> <p>Status: 204 No Content, 404</p>

REST
Web Application Development

			Returns: The updated tag object. Status: 200 OK, 400 Bad Request (missing name), 404 Not Found.	Not Found.
/api/ingredients	<p>Description: Searches for ingredients. Supports a query parameter q for partial name matching.</p> <p>Expects: Optional query string ?q=search_term.</p> <p>Returns: Array of matching ingredient objects.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Adds a new ingredient to the global list.</p> <p>Expects: { ingredient_name: string }.</p> <p>Returns: The created ingredient object.</p> <p>Status: 201 Created, 400 Bad Request.</p>	-	-
/api/ingredients/:id	<p>Description: Fetches a single ingredient's details.</p> <p>Returns: Ingredient object.</p>	-	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Updates the name of an ingredient.</p> <p>Expects: {</p>	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Deletes an ingredient. Prevents deletion if the ingredient is currently linked to any recipes.</p>

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.</p>		<p>ingredient_name: string }.</p> <p>Returns: The updated ingredient object.</p>	<p>Returns: Empty body.</p> <p>Status: 204 No Content, 404 Not Found, 409 Conflict (in use).</p>
/api/stats/categories/popular	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only)</p> <p>Returns a list of categories ranked by the number of recipes assigned to them.</p> <p>Returns: Array of objects: { categoryId, categoryName, recipeCount }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	-	-	-
/api/stats/categories/ratings	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only)</p> <p>Returns categories ranked by their average recipe ratings.</p> <p>Returns: Array of objects: {</p>	-	-	-

	<pre>categoryId, categoryName, avgRating, ratingsCount }.</pre> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>			
/api/recipes	<p>Description: A powerful search endpoint. Supports pagination and filtering by text, category, tags, ingredients, and minimum rating. Can sort by newest, rating, or popularity.</p> <p>Expects: Query params: page, pageSize, textSearch, categoryId, tags (comma-separated), ingredientSearch, minRating, sortBy, sortDir.</p> <p>Returns: Paginated object { items: Recipe[], total, page, pageSize }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	<p>Description: (Authenticated) Creates a new recipe. Automatically handles transaction logic for saving ingredients and tags. Normalizes step images and cropping data.</p> <p>Expects: { title, description, categoryId, steps: [], tags: [], ingredients: [], imageUrl, imageCrop }.</p> <p>Returns: The fully populated new recipe object.</p>	-	-

REST
Web Application Development

/api/recipes/mine	<p>Description: (Authenticated) Retrieves recipes created by the logged-in user with text search support.</p> <p>Returns: Paginated object of user-owned recipes.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 401 Unauthorized.</p>			
/api/recipes/:id	<p>Description: Fetches full details for a single recipe, including full ingredient list, tags, favorite count, and rating count.</p> <p>Returns: Detailed recipe object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found</p>	-	<p>Description: (Owner/Admin/Mod only) Updates an existing recipe. If an Admin/Mod edits someone else's recipe, an audit log is generated.</p> <p>Expect: JSON body with updated recipe fields.</p> <p>Returns: The updated detailed recipe object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found.</p>	<p>Description: (Owner/Admin/Mod only) Permanently removes a recipe and logs the action.</p> <p>Returns: Empty body.</p> <p>Status: 204 No Content, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found.</p>

REST
Web Application Development

/api/recipes/users/:userid	Description: Retrieves all recipes authored by a specific user. Returns: Array of recipe objects. Status: 200 OK.	-	-	-
/api/recipes/tags/:tagid	Description: Retrieves all recipes associated with a specific tag ID. Returns: Array of recipe objects. Status: 200 OK.	-	-	-
/api/recipes/categories/:categoryid	Description: Retrieves all recipes belonging to a specific category ID. Returns: Array of recipe objects. Status: 200 OK.	-	-	-
/api/recipes/:id/pdf	Description: Generates and streams a PDF	-	-	-

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>version of the recipe for download/printing.</p> <p>Returns: A binary PDF stream.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.</p>			
/api/users	<p>Description: (Admin/Mod only) Retrieves a list of all registered users, excluding sensitive fields like password hashes.</p> <p>Returns: Array of user objects { user_id, username, email, role_id, created_at, is_active }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	<p>Description: Registers a new user account. Passwords are automatically hashed before storage. Defaults new users to role_id: 3 (likely "Standard User").</p> <p>Expects: { username, email, password, role_id? }.</p> <p>Returns: The new user object (no password).</p>	-	-
/api/users/:id	<p>Description: Fetches profile information for a specific user.</p> <p>Returns: User object { user_id, username, email, role_id, </p>	-	<p>Description: (Admin only) Updates user details, including role and active status. Generates a descriptive audit log detailing exactly what was changed.</p>	<p>Description: (Admin only) Permanently removes a user account from the system.</p> <p>Returns: Empty body.</p>

REST
Web Application Development

	<p>is_active }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 404 Not Found.</p>		<p>Expects: { username, email, role_id, is_active }.</p> <p>Returns: The updated user object.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 400 Bad Request, 404 Not Found.</p>	<p>Status: 204 No Content, 404 Not Found.</p>
/api/auth or /api/auth/login	-	<p>Description: Authenticates a user using a username (or email) and password. On success, it establishes a persistent session via a cookie and logs a success audit event.</p> <p>Expects: { "username": "...", "password": "..." }.</p> <p>Returns: User profile and assigned role IDs.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 401 Unauthorized (invalid credentials), 400 Bad Request.</p>	-	-
/api/auth or /api/auth/logout	-	-	-	<p>Description: Terminates the current user session and</p>

REST
Web Application Development

				<p>clears the session cookie.</p> <p>Returns: { "message": "Logged out" }.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>
/api/auth or /api/auth/me	<p>Description: "Who Am I" endpoint. Checks the session cookie to see if a user is currently logged in.</p> <p>Returns: User profile and roles if logged in; { user: null, roles: null } if not.</p> <p>Status: 200 OK.</p>	-	-	-
/api/auth/register	-	<p>Description: Creates a new user account, hashes the password, and automatically logs them in immediately after successful creation.</p> <p>Expects: { username, email, password, role_id? }.</p> <p>Returns: The new user profile and a success</p>	-	-

REST
Web Application Development

		message.		
/api/upload	-	<p>Description: Uploads a single file to a specified directory. If no file is provided in the request but a name and path are, the system attempts to delete the existing file at that location.</p> <p>Auth: Requires any valid user role (1, 2, 3, or 4).</p> <p>Expects: multipart/form-data with fields: file (the binary), path (subfolder), and name (desired filename).</p> <p>Status: 200 OK, 413 Payload Too Large, 400 Bad Request.</p>	-	-