The last piece of the puzzle is the submit function:

If there's a subscriber, it will call the PUT endpoint (the update method in the controller); otherwise, it calls the POST endpoint (the store method in the controller). The this.\$inertia.post is very similar to await axios.post but it will do a page reload after getting the response. This is why it's synchronous. And it's perfect for the use case because after submitting the subscriber, I want to redirect the user back to the index page. You can see this in the controller: