

# Create Entity

## Endpoint

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**URL:** /:projectId/entities/

**Method:** POST

**Authentication Required:** Optional

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## Description

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Creates a new entity. Can be used with or without authentication. When authenticated, author gains reputation.

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## Request

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### Headers

Header	Type	Required	Description
Authorization	string	No	Bearer token for authenticated users.

### Body Parameters

Field	Type	Required	Description
userId	string	No	Optional ID of the user creating the entity. Must match the authenticated user.
foreignId	string	No	External reference ID.

Field	Type	Required	Description
sourceId	string	No	Optional origin identifier.
title	string	No	Title of the entity.
content	string	No	Content body of the entity.
attachments	array	No	Array of attachment objects.
keywords	array	No	Array of keywords associated with the entity.
mentions	array	No	List of mentioned users with <code>{ id: string }</code> format.
location	object	No	Location object <code>{ longitude: number, latitude: number }</code> .
metadata	object	No	Optional custom metadata object.
excludeUserId	boolean	No	If true, excludes assigning a user ID.

## Example Request

```
{
  "userId": "user_123",
  "foreignId": "external_456",
  "title": "Interesting Thought",
  "content": "Here's something I've been thinking about...",
  "mentions": [{ "id": "user_789", "username": "ben_322" }],
  "location": { "longitude": -73.935242, "latitude": 40.73061 },
  "metadata": { "mood": "reflective" }
}
```

## Response

### Success Response (200 OK)

Returns the created and fully populated entity object:

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{
  "id": "entity_abc",
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"userId": "user_123",
"shortId": "abc123",
"title": "Interesting Thought",
"content": "Here's something I've been thinking about...",
"mentions": [ { "id": "user_789", "username": "ben_322" } ],
...
}
```

## Error Responses

### Unauthorized (403 Forbidden)

```
{
  "error": "User is not authorized to create this entity.",
  "code": "entity/unauthorized"
}
```

### Invalid Project ID (400 Bad Request)

```
{
  "error": "Invalid projectId, project does not exist.",
  "code": "report/invalid-foreign-key"
}
```

### Server Error (500 Internal Server Error)

```
{
  "error": "Internal server error.",
  "code": "entity/server-error",
  "details": "<Error message>"
}
```

## Notes

- If `userId` is provided, it must match the logged-in user unless the request is from a master key.
- Mentions will trigger a notification if the mentioned user is not the creator.
- User reputation is updated if an authenticated user creates the entity.

