Carton Caps API

Solutions Architect Challenge

Refer-a-Friend / Deferred Deep Links

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Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD)

carton_caps_api.users		
id	bigint ·	
first_name	varchar	
last_name	varchar	
birthdate	date	
referral_code	varchar	
created_at	datetime	
updated_at	datetime	

	carton_caps_api.referrals	
	id	bigint
*	referrer_id	bigint
1	referee_id	bigint
	completed_at	datetime
	updated_at	datetime
	created_at	datetime

Referrer shares their unique referral code / deferred deep link from app

Referring from Carton Caps

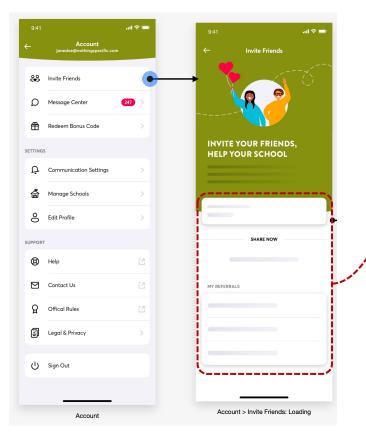
Invite Friends

- 1. Clicking on "Invite Friends" will bring you to the referrals page
- 2. On page load, an API request to

GET /api/v1/users/:id/referees

will be made in order to fetch the user's referral code and referees

- 3. A successful response with HTTP status code 200 (OK) will be returned
- 4. The body of the response will contain the user's profile information (including their own <u>referral code</u>) and an array of <u>referees</u> for completed referrals (or an empty array if they don't have any)



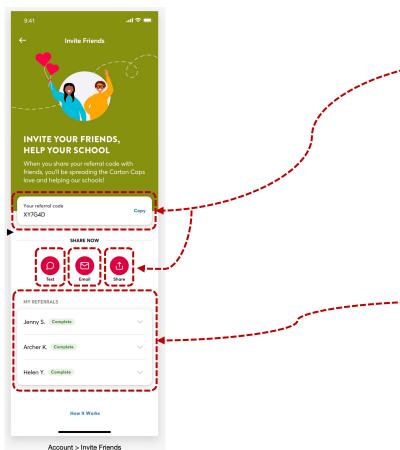
Request

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HTTP 200 (OK)
Response (JSON)
    "referrer": {
        "id": 612,
        "first name": "Jane",
        "last name": "Doe",
        "birthdate": "1983-01-01",
        "zip code": 55112,
        "referral code": "XY7G4D",
        "links": {
            "self": "https://cartoncaps.com/api/v1/users/612",
            "referrals": {
                "referred by": "https://cartoncaps.com/api/v1/users/612/referrer",
                "referees": "https://cartoncaps.com/api/v1/users/612/referees"
    },
    "referees": [
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            "first name": "Jenny",
            "last name": "Simpson",
            "birthdate": "1982-05-12",
            "zip code": 55417,
            "referral code": "R2D2SW",
            "links": {
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                    "referred by": "https://cartoncaps.com/api/v1/users/651/referrer",
                    "referees": "https://cartoncaps.com/api/v1/users/651/referees"
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Scenario #1: User has <u>completed</u> referrals (but has not reached the max)
On page load, the API response will be used to populate:

- User's referral code field
- User's referral code within the default text that's used when sharing via Text, Email, and/or the Share Sheet
- User's completed referrals (referees)



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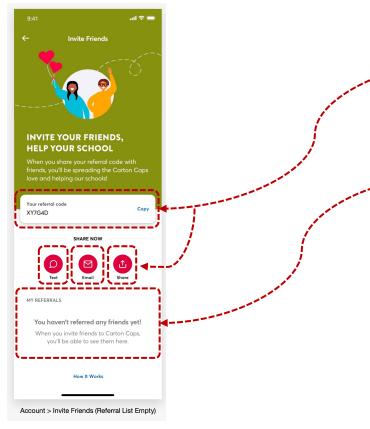
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Scenario #2: User has no completed referrals

On page load, the API response will be used to populate:

- User's referral code field
- User's referral code within the default text that's used when sharing via Text, Email, and/or the Share Sheet

The mobile app will display a message (i.e. "You haven't referred any friends yet") where completed referrals (referees) would normally be listed



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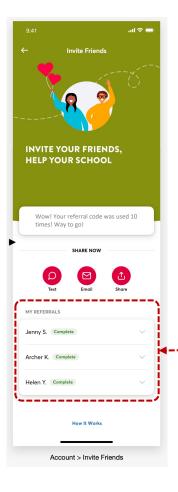
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Scenario #3: User has reached the maximum number of referrals

On page load, the API response will be used to populate:

User's completed referrals (referees)

The user's referral code will be hidden with no option to "Copy" it. Users can still invite friends with the "Text"/"Email"/"Share" buttons, but their referral code will be omitted from the default text.

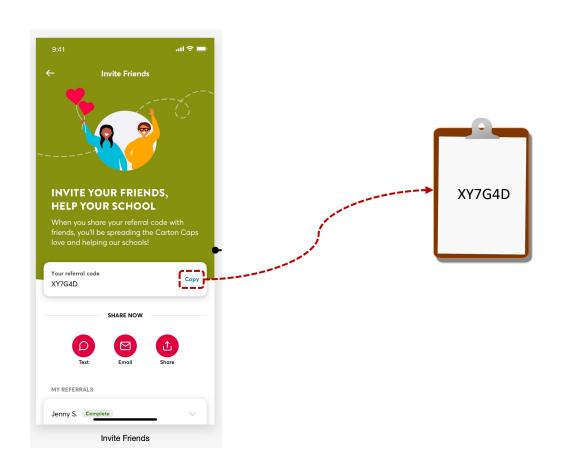


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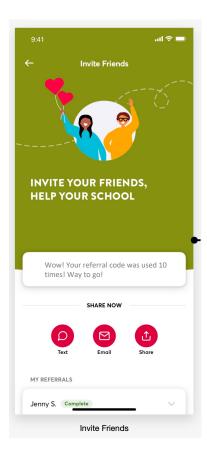
Scenarios #1 and #2: User has completed referrals (but has not reached the max) or no referrals at all Clicking "Copy" will copy the referral code to the clipboard



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Scenario #3: User has reached the maximum number of referrals

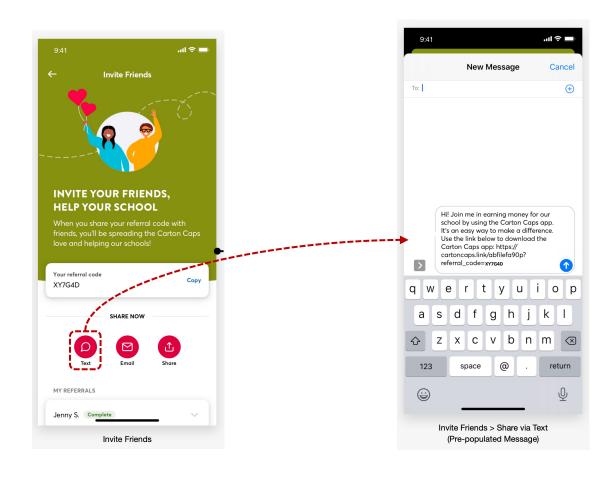
User's referral code will be hidden and the option to "Copy" it will no longer be available



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Scenarios #1 and #2: User has completed referrals (but has not reached the max) or no referrals at all

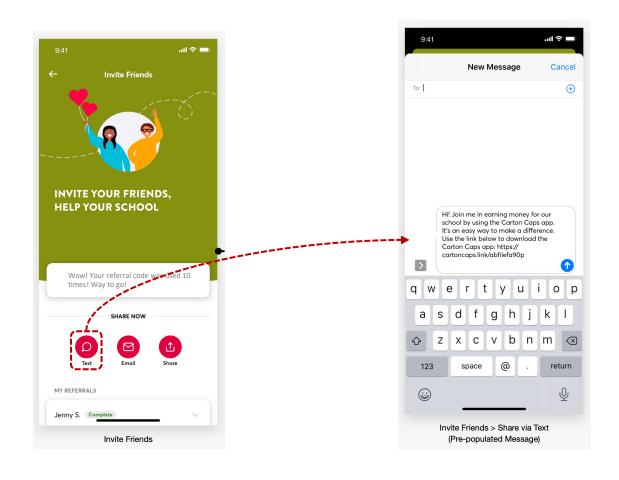
Clicking the "Text" button will bring up a new text message prompt with a pre-populated message that includes the user's referral code



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Scenario #3: User has reached the maximum number of referrals

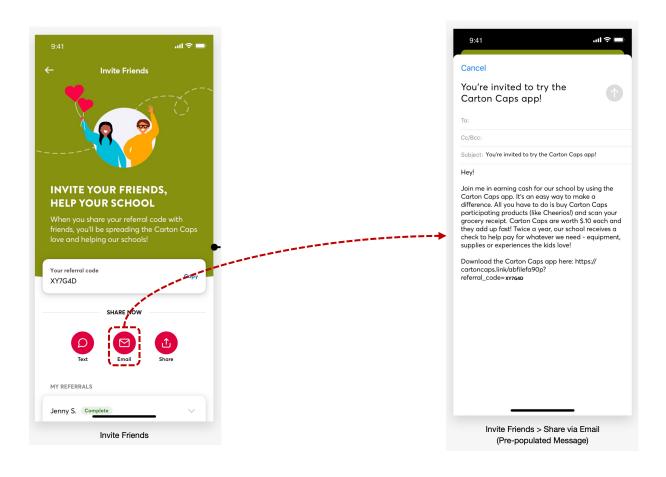
Clicking the "Text" button will bring up a new text message prompt with a pre-populated message that does <u>not</u> include the user's referral code



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Scenarios #1 and #2: User has completed referrals (but has not reached the max) or no referrals at all

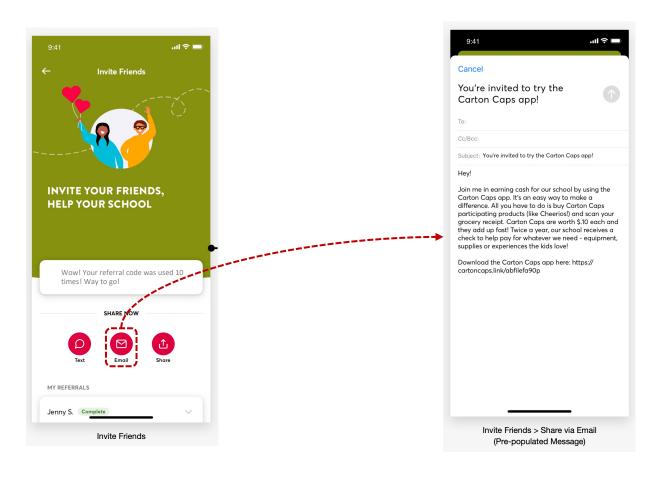
Clicking the "Email" button will bring up a new email prompt with a pre-populated message that includes the user's referral code



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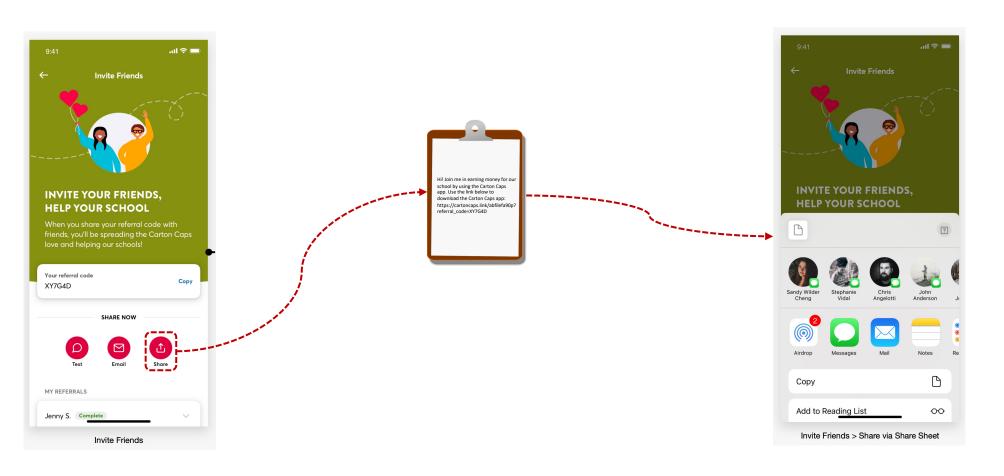
Scenario #3: User has reached the maximum number of referrals

Clicking the "Email" button will bring up a new email prompt with a pre-populated message that does <u>not</u> include the user's referral code



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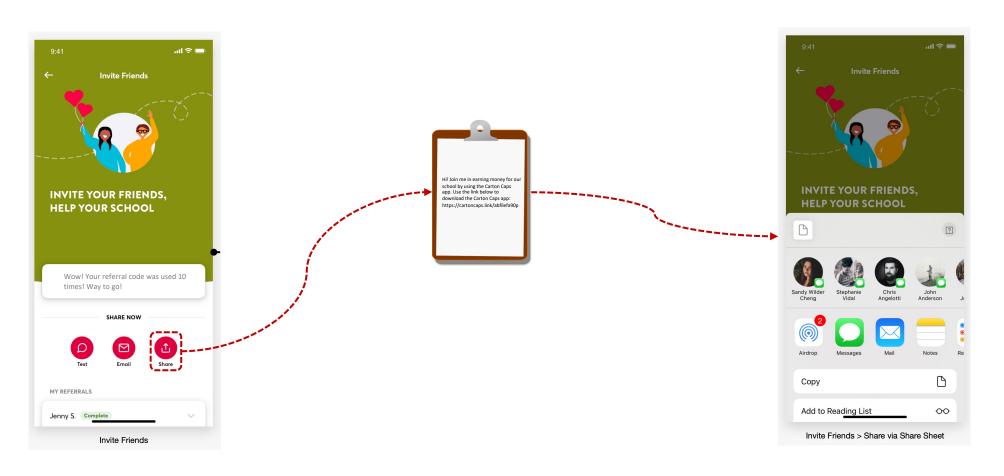
Scenarios #1 and #2: User has completed referrals (but has not reached the max) or no referrals at all Clicking the "Share" button will copy the default text (including the user's referral code) to the clipboard and bring up the Share Sheet



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Scenario #3: User has reached the <u>maximum</u> number of referrals

Clicking the "Share" button will copy the default text (<u>without</u> the user's referral code) to the clipboard and bring up the Share Sheet

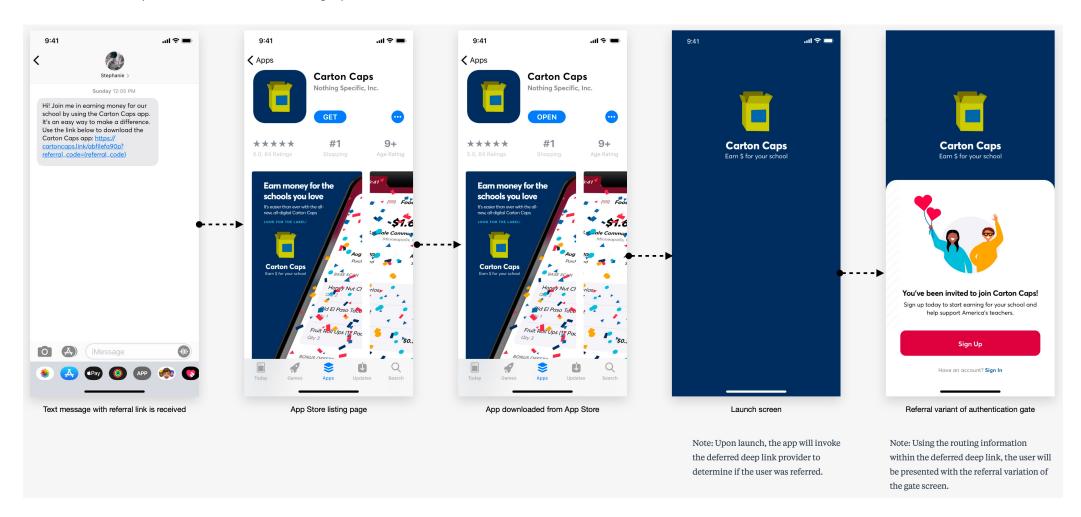


Referee taps a link within a text message sent by referrer

Referred to Carton Caps

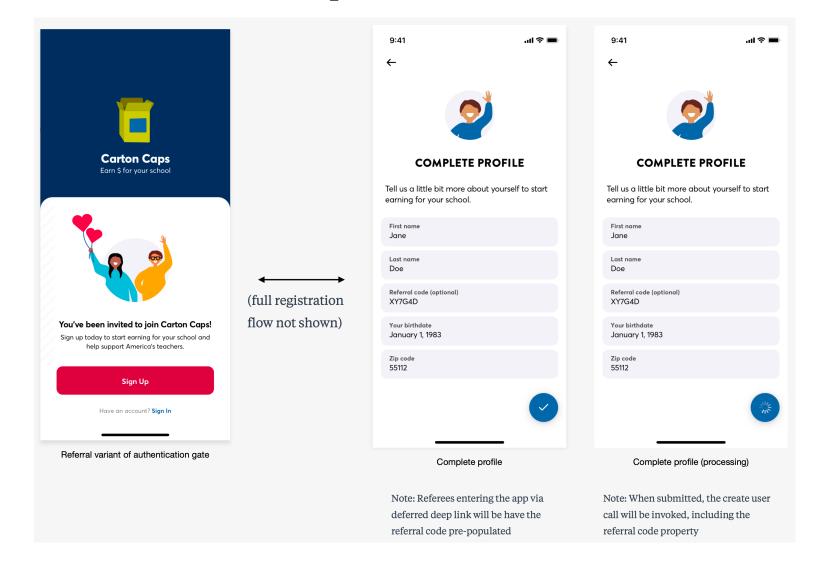
Referred with a link

 If the deferred deep link contains a ?referral_code= query string then the user will be presented with the invitational signup screen



Referred with a link

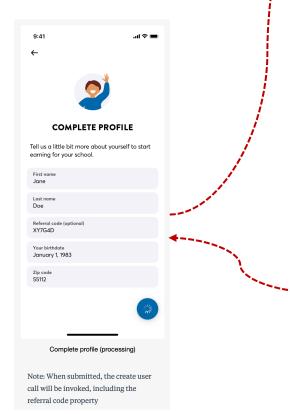
- The user will proceed with the signup process
- The referral code will be pre-populated (using the deferred deep link's ?referral_code= query string)

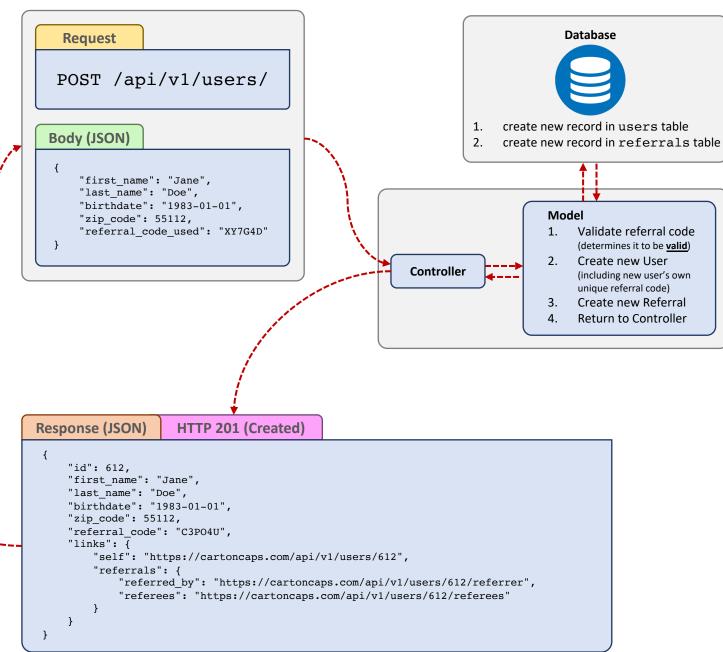


Referred with a link

Scenario #1: SUCCESSFUL user creation with a valid referral code

- 1. Upon form submission, an API request to
 - POST /api/v1/users/
 - will be made in order to create the new user and referral
- A successful response with HTTP status code 201 (Created) will be returned
- The body of the response will contain the new user's profile information

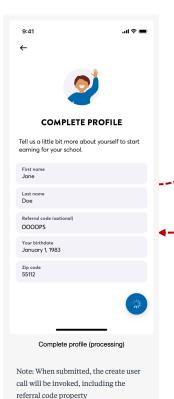


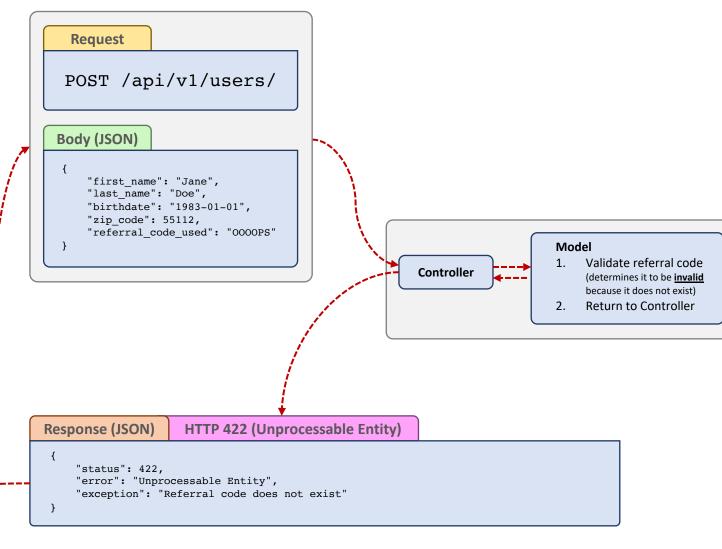


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Scenario #2: FAILED user creation due to nonexistant referral code

- Upon form submission, an API request to
 POST /api/v1/users/
 will be made in order to create the new user and referral
- An unsuccessful response with HTTP status code 422 (Unprocessable Entity) will be returned due to an invalid referral code
- 3. The body of the response will contain an error message indicating why it failed, i.e. "Referral code does not exist."
- 4. The mobile app will prompt the user with a message that the referral code does not exist



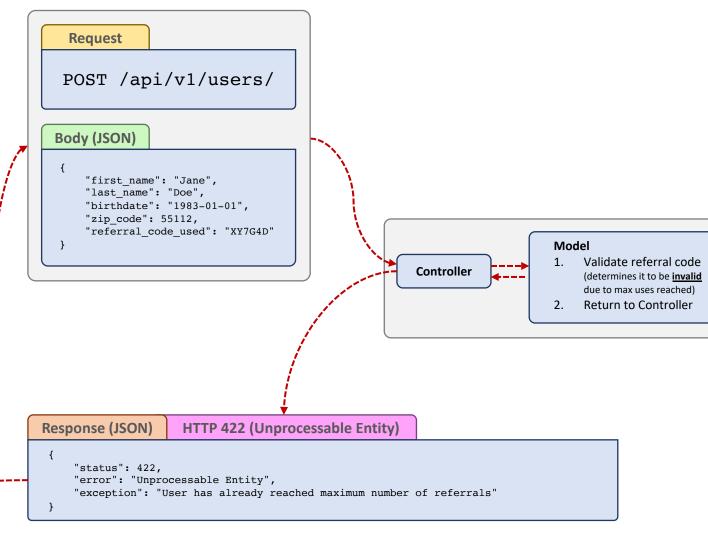


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Scenario #3: FAILED user creation due to max referrals already reached

- 1. Upon form submission, an API request to
 - POST /api/v1/users/
 - will be made in order to create the new user and referral
- An unsuccessful response with HTTP status code 422 (Unprocessable Entity) will be returned due to referral code already being redeemed the maximum number of times.
- 3. The body of the response will contain an error message indicating why it failed, i.e. "Referral code has already reached maximum number of uses."
- 4. The mobile app will prompt the user with a message that the referral code has reached its maximum number of uses





Referred with a link

Scenario #4: SUCCESSFUL user creation without a referral code

- 1. Upon form submission, an API request to
 - POST /api/v1/users/
 - will be made in order to create the new user and referral
- A successful response with HTTP status code 201 (Created) will be returned
- 3. The body of the response will contain the new user's profile information

