INTRO DOCUMENTATION

Welcome to the AIC app. The following text documents will brief you on how to get started with the app, including its purpose, how to create a profile (individual, company, partner), and accessing the administrative tools.

WHAT IS AIC APP?

The AIC app is intended to be a platform for upcoming African entrepreneurs to talk with other entrepreneurs, meet with companies, and become visible to investors. It allows for users to create individual, company, and partner profiles depending on their ranking (company and partner profiles will require verification). Users will be able to communicate between users. Additionally, it acts as an e-learning platform for individuals to learn more about entrepreneurship, with professional content being published by the African Impact Challenge Group.

API DOCUMENTATION

API documentation is located at localhost:5000/feat/api-docs. Created using Swagger.

USER FEATURES

HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

On the login page, click “Register” and users would be redirected to a registration page with text fields such as name, address and other general information to be filled in. After filling in all general information, email verification would be received and users should visit their inbox to confirm their email.

HOW TO SIGN UP AS A COMPANY

To sign up as a company, you will first need an individual account. From there in settings, there is an option to register a company account. After following the link, you will be redirected to the Company Registration Page where you can fill out the necessary information needed to get started as a Company on AIC App.

HOW TO SIGN UP AS AN INVESTOR

To sign up as an investor, you will first need an individual account. In settings, there is an option to register an investor account. After clicking on the button, users would be redirected to the investor registration page where they would fill in information such as investment preferences, investment range and investment industries. If necessary, company profile may also be added during the process under the investment information form, this is optional. After filling in all necessary information, an investor account would be created under the user’s individual account.

HOW TO LOGIN IN AS A USER

To login, you must first have created a user account. Once you navigate to the login page, you can enter your email and your password into the appropriate text boxes and submit your credentials. Afterwards, you will be logged in, or notified of incorrect credentials.

HOW TO LOGIN IN AS A COMPANY/INVESTOR

To login to a company/investor account, you must have first created the appropriate accounts. From the user profile page, users can click the “switch to company/investor” button and be prompted to enter the company's email and password, or the company name and password. Afterwards, you will be logged in, or notified of incorrect credentials.

SEARCHING FOR USERS
Users, companies, and investors can be searched for by entering their name in the search bar. The most likely results will be suggested.

USING FILTERED SEARCH
Users can be filtered based on tags in their profile that they can assign themselves.

MESSAGING USERS
When users are on the messaging page, they will be able to search for other users(individuals, companies, partners) that they can directly message.

EDITING PROFILE
Users can edit profiles by clicking on the 'edit' button on their profiles.

VIEW FEED
Users can view their feed once they log in, and view posts from other users.

MAKE A POST
Users can make a post through their feed section.

FOLLOW OTHER USERS
Users can follow other users to see the posts of other users on their dashboard.

INTERACTING WITH POSTS
- Users can create posts by clicking on the 'add post' button where they can create a text post on their profile, which followers of the User can see their post on their dashboard and anyone can see their post on the Users profile.
- Any user can comment underneath a post. This is sorted by most recent to first comment.
- Any user can like/unlike any post that they view.

WATCHING E-LEARNING CONTENT
Users can watch e-learning content by going to the e-learning landing page and browsing videos. Videos will be sorted based on different tags. Users can proceed to like videos by pressing the like button, or leave a comment on the video.

SUBMITTING DELIVERABLES
Users can upload deliverables to certain videos that have been tagged as an assignment. This allows them to upload a pdf file as necessary. Note that once a user has uploaded a file, they will not be able to view it. If they wish to make any changes they will have to re-upload the file.

CREATING NOTES
Users can create a note on their feed by pressing the add note button. Adding a new note will overwrite the previous note.

ADMIN FEATURES

ACCESSING ADMINISTRATOR FUNCTIONS

Administrators will have a special page that they will have access to that lets them view a full list of users, as well as pending requests for company/partner verification. When viewing the full list, administrators will be able to see every user that has an account on the database. They will also be able to view reports to ban users, as well as access the list of banned users. Administrators will also be able to unban and verify users.

UPLOADING VIDEOS AS AN ADMIN

As an administrator, you can upload videos for e-learning content to the database. This requires administrators to provide the video link (youtube, vimeo, etc), the uploader's name, and a title for the video. Optionally, they can add additional information such as the upload date, tags, and a description for the video.

SETTING DELIVERABLES AS AN ADMIN

As an administrator, you can tag certain videos to have deliverables that can be submitted as part of assignments. This will enable a button for users to upload pdf files for viewing.