

PRACTICAL 10

Designing RESTful API and building front-end application that consumes it

RESTful API for thread-like service

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const express = require('express');
const cors = require('cors');
const app = express();
const PORT = 5001;

app.use(cors());
app.use(express.json());

let db = {
  communities: [
    { id: 1, name: 'General', description: 'A place for general discussion.' },
    { id: 2, name: 'React Developers', description: 'All about React.js.' },
  ],
  posts: [
    { id: 101, communityId: 1, title: 'Welcome!', content: 'Welcome to the general forum.' },
    { id: 102, communityId: 2, title: 'What are React Hooks?', content: 'Can someone explain useEffect?' },
  ],
};

let nextCommunityId = 3;
let nextPostId = 103;

// Route: GET /api/communities
app.get('/api/communities', (req, res) => {
  console.log('GET /api/communities');
  res.json(db.communities);
});

// Route: POST /api/communities
app.post('/api/communities', (req, res) => {
  const { name, description } = req.body;
  if (!name || !description) {
    return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Name and description are required.' });
  }
  const newCommunity = {
    id: nextCommunityId++,
    name,
    description,
  };
  db.communities.push(newCommunity);
  console.log('POST /api/communities -> Created:', newCommunity);
  res.status(201).json(newCommunity);
});

// Route: GET /api/communities/:id/posts
app.get('/api/communities/:id/posts', (req, res) => {
  const communityId = parseInt(req.params.id, 10);
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    const communityPosts = db.posts.filter(post => post.communityId ===
communityId);
    console.log(`GET /api/communities/${communityId}/posts -> Found
${communityPosts.length} posts`);
    res.json(communityPosts);
  });

// Route: POST /api/communities/:id/posts
app.post('/api/communities/:id/posts', (req, res) => {
  const communityId = parseInt(req.params.id, 10);
  const { title, content } = req.body;
  if (!title || !content) {
    return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Title and content are required.'
});
  }
  const newPost = {
    id: nextPostId++,
    communityId,
    title,
    content,
  };
  db.posts.push(newPost);
  console.log(`POST /api/communities/${communityId}/posts -> Created`,
newPost);
  res.status(201).json(newPost);
});

app.listen(PORT, () => {
  console.log(`Simple API server running on http://localhost:${PORT}`);
  console.log('--- Mock Database Initial State ---');
  console.log(db);
  console.log('-----');
});

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Frontend.jsx → React Component

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import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

const API_URL = 'http://localhost:5001/api';

export default function CommunityApp() {
  const [communities, setCommunities] = useState([]);
  const [posts, setPosts] = useState([]);
  const [view, setView] = useState('communities'); // 'communities' or 'posts'
  const [selectedCommunity, setSelectedCommunity] = useState(null);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);
  const [newCommName, setNewCommName] = useState('');
  const [newCommDesc, setNewCommDesc] = useState('');
  const [newPostTitle, setNewPostTitle] = useState('');
  const [newPostContent, setNewPostContent] = useState('');

  useEffect(() => {
    fetchCommunities();
  }, []);

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const fetchCommunities = async () => {
  setLoading(true);
  try {
    const response = await fetch(`${API_URL}/communities`);
    const data = await response.json();
    setCommunities(data);
  } catch (err) {
    setError('Failed to fetch communities.');
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  }
  setLoading(false);
};

const fetchPosts = async (communityId) => {
  setLoading(true);
  try {
    const response = await
fetch(`${API_URL}/communities/${communityId}/posts`);
    const data = await response.json();
    setPosts(data);
  } catch (err) {
    setError('Failed to fetch posts.');
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  }
  setLoading(false);
};

const handleCreateCommunity = async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  try {
    const response = await fetch(`${API_URL}/communities`, {
      method: 'POST',
      headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
      body: JSON.stringify({ name: newCommName, description: newCommDesc }),
    });
    const newCommunity = await response.json();
    setCommunities([...communities, newCommunity]);
    setNewCommName('');
    setNewCommDesc('');
  } catch (err) {
    setError('Failed to create community.');
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  }
};

const handleCreatePost = async (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  try {
    const response = await
fetch(`${API_URL}/communities/${selectedCommunity.id}/posts`, {
      method: 'POST',
      headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
      body: JSON.stringify({ title: newPostTitle, content: newPostContent
}),
    });
    const newPost = await response.json();
    setPosts([...posts, newPost]);
    setNewPostTitle('');
    setNewPostContent('');
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    } catch (err) {
      setError('Failed to create post.');
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    }
  };

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const handleSelectCommunity = (community) => {
  setSelectedCommunity(community);
  setView('posts');
  fetchPosts(community.id);
};

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const handleGoBack = () => {
  setView('communities');
  setSelectedCommunity(null);
  setPosts([]);
};

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if (loading) return <div className="p-8">Loading...</div>;
if (error) return <div className="p-8 text-red-600">Error: {error}</div>;

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return (
  <div className="max-w-4xl mx-auto p-8 font-sans">
    {view === 'communities' && (
      <div>
        <h1 className="text-3xl font-bold mb-6">Communities</h1>

        <form onSubmit={handleCreateCommunity} className="bg-white p-6
rounded-lg shadow-md mb-8">
          <h2 className="text-xl font-semibold mb-4">Create New
Community</h2>

          <div className="mb-4">
            <label className="block text-sm font-medium
text-gray-700">Name</label>
            <input
              type="text"
              value={newCommName}
              onChange={(e) => setNewCommName(e.target.value)}
              className="mt-1 block w-full px-3 py-2 border border-gray-300
rounded-md shadow-sm"
              placeholder="React Developers"
            />
          </div>

          <div className="mb-4">
            <label className="block text-sm font-medium
text-gray-700">Description</label>
            <input
              type="text"
              value={newCommDesc}
              onChange={(e) => setNewCommDesc(e.target.value)}
              className="mt-1 block w-full px-3 py-2 border border-gray-300
rounded-md shadow-sm"
              placeholder="A place to discuss React"
            />
          </div>

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        <button
          type="submit"
          className="py-2 px-4 bg-blue-600 text-white rounded-lg
font-semibold hover:bg-blue-700"
        >
          Create
        </button>
      </form>

      <div className="space-y-4">
        {communities.map((community) => (
          <div
            key={community.id}
            className="bg-white p-6 rounded-lg shadow-md cursor-pointer
hover:shadow-lg transition-shadow"
            onClick={() => handleSelectCommunity(community)}
          >
            <h3 className="text-xl font-semibold
text-blue-700">{community.name}</h3>
            <p className="text-gray-600">{community.description}</p>
          </div>
        ))}
      </div>
    </div>
  )}

  {view === 'posts' && selectedCommunity && (
    <div>
      <button onClick={handleGoBack} className="mb-4 text-blue-600
hover:underline">
        &larr; Back to Communities
      </button>

      <h1 className="text-3xl font-bold mb-6">
        Posts in {selectedCommunity.name}
      </h1>

      <form onSubmit={handleCreatePost} className="bg-white p-6 rounded-lg
shadow-md mb-8">
        <h2 className="text-xl font-semibold mb-4">Create New Post</h2>

        <div className="mb-4">
          <label className="block text-sm font-medium
text-gray-700">Title</label>
          <input
            type="text"
            value={newPostTitle}
            onChange={(e) => setNewPostTitle(e.target.value)}
            className="mt-1 block w-full px-3 py-2 border border-gray-300
rounded-md shadow-sm"
            placeholder="My first post"
          />
        </div>

        <div className="mb-4">
          <label className="block text-sm font-medium
text-gray-700">Content</label>

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        <textarea
          value={newPostContent}
          onChange={(e) => setNewPostContent(e.target.value)}
          rows="3"
          className="mt-1 block w-full px-3 py-2 border border-gray-300
rounded-md shadow-sm"
          placeholder="What's on your mind?"
        />
      </div>

      <button
        type="submit"
        className="py-2 px-4 bg-blue-600 text-white rounded-lg
font-semibold hover:bg-blue-700"
      >
        Post
      </button>
    </form>

    { /* Posts List */ }
    <div className="space-y-4">
      {posts.length === 0 ? (
        <p className="text-gray-500">No posts in this community yet.</p>
      ) : (
        posts.map((post) => (
          <div key={post.id} className="bg-white p-6 rounded-lg
shadow-md">
            <h3 className="text-xl font-semibold">{post.title}</h3>
            <p className="text-gray-600">{post.content}</p>
          </div>
        ))
      )}
    </div>
  </div>
);
}
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