

Getting Started with FastAPI

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Introduction to FastAPI

- What is FastAPI?
 - A modern, high-performance Python framework for building REST APIs
 - Core of the FARM stack (FastAPI, React, MongoDB)
 - Acts as the "brain" of the system, managing business logic and data flow
- Why FastAPI?
 - Fast development, clean code, easy debugging
 - Built on Starlette (ASGI) and Pydantic (data validation)
- Topics Covered Today:
 - Overview, setup, Python features, REST API tasks, forms, project structure

Technical Requirements

- Prerequisites:
 - Python 3.11.7 or later (<https://www.python.org/downloads/>)
 - Virtual environments (using [virtualenv](#))
 - Code editor (e.g., VS Code)
 - REST client (e.g., HTTPie, Postman)
- Checking Python Version:
 - Command: `python --version`
 - Use [pyenv](#) for multiple versions
- Why Virtual Environments?
 - Isolates project dependencies
 - Avoids conflicts between package versions

Setting Up a Virtual Environment

- Command to Create:
`python -m venv venv`
- Activation:
 - Windows: `venv\Scripts\activate`
 - Linux/macOS: `source venv/bin/activate`
- Key Notes:
 - Deactivate with: `deactivate`
 - Store in project folder (e.g., `venv/`)
 - Save dependencies: `pip freeze > requirements.txt`
- Alternatives: Poetry, virtualenvwrapper, pyenv

pip freeze > requirements

- Lists all the Python packages installed in your current environment (along with their versions) in the format `package==version`.
- This includes packages installed via pip, whether they were installed directly or as dependencies of other packages.
- The > operator redirects the output of pip freeze and writes it to a file named requirements.txt.

Purpose:

- The `requirements.txt` file is commonly used to document dependencies for a Python project.
- Others can use `pip install -r requirements.txt` to install the exact same versions of the packages in their environment, ensuring consistency.

Tools for Development

- Code Editor: **Visual Studio Code**
 - Cross-platform, lightweight, plugins (e.g., MongoDB for VS Code)
- Terminal:
 - Linux/macOS: Built-in shell
 - Windows: PowerShell or **Cmdr** (<https://cmdr.app>)
- REST Clients:
 - **HTTPIe**: pip install httpie
 - **Postman**: GUI-based (<https://www.postman.com/>)
 - **Insomnia**: Simple GUI (<https://insomnia.rest/>)

Installing FastAPI and Uvicorn

- Activate Virtual Environment:
`venv\Scripts\activate`
- Install Packages:
`pip install fastapi uvicorn`
- What is **Uvicorn**?
 - ASGI server for running FastAPI apps
 - High performance, widely used
- Test HTTPie:
`http GET "http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/todos/1"`
- Expected: HTTP/1.1 200 OK

FastAPI in a Nutshell

- Key Features:
 - Fast coding, clean syntax, leverages Python type hints
 - Built on Starlette (ASGI framework) and Pydantic (validation)
- **Starlette:**
 - Provides WebSocket support, middleware, templates
(<https://www.starlette.io/>)
- **Pydantic:**
 - a powerful feature for data validation and conversion.
 - They allow you to define the structure, type, and constraints of the data your application handles, both for incoming requests and outgoing responses

Asynchronous Programming

- Allows applications to handle more requests **simultaneously**, making them more efficient.
- Asynchronous programming is a style of concurrent programming in which tasks are executed **without blocking** the execution of other tasks, improving the overall performance of your application.
- To integrate asynchronous programming smoothly, **FastAPI** leverages the **async/await** syntax (<https://fastapi.tiangolo.com/async/>) and automatically integrates asynchronous functions.

Creating APIs

- **@app.get**, **@app.post**, etc. - Decorators to define HTTP methods and endpoints.
- **FastAPI** - The main class to create the API application.
- FastAPI automatically generates interactive API documentation (Swagger UI) at **/docs**.

Endpoints

- Endpoints are the points at which API interactions happen.
- In FastAPI, an endpoint is created by decorating a function with an HTTP method, such as `@app.get("/")`.
- This signifies a GET request to the root of your application
- Unlike Spring Boot's `@RestController`, FastAPI uses **function-based routing with decorators**.
- The `async` keyword enables asynchronous request handling, improving performance for I/O-bound operations.

Hello World Example

- Code (`chapter4_01.py`):

```
from fastapi import FastAPI
app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/")
async def root():
    return {"message": "Hello FastAPI"}
```

- Run with Uvicorn - manually:

```
uvicorn chapter4_01:app --reload
```

- Test with HTTPie:

```
http http://localhost:8000/
```

- Output: `{"message": "Hello FastAPI"}` (HTTP 200 OK)

Adding a POST Endpoint

- Updated Code (chapter4_01.py):

```
@app.post("/")
async def post_root():
    return {"message": "Post request success!"}
```

- Test POST:

[http](http://localhost:8000) **POST** <http://localhost:8000>

- Output: {"message": "Post request success!"}

Note: GET and POST handled separately;

If an endpoint is only decorated with `@app.post`, FastAPI won't register a handler for GET.

Attempting GET / on a POST-only endpoint triggers FastAPI's built-in HTTP method validation.

```
http GET http://localhost:8000/
```

```
HTTP/1.1 405 Method Not Allowed
```

Automatic Documentation

- Feature: Interactive API docs
 - URL: <http://localhost:8000/docs>
 - Based on OpenAPI and Pydantic
- Benefits:
 - Test endpoints directly in browser
 - Shows inputs, responses, errors
- Comparison:
 - vs. Postman/Insomnia: Built-in, no extra tools needed

Handling HTTP Requests

- Path Parameters
 - Type Hinting with Path Parameters
 - Path Order
 - Path Values Restriction
- Query Parameters
 - Optional Query Parameters
 - Type Hinting with Query Parameters
- Request Headers
- Request Body

Path Parameters

- Basic Example (chapter4_02.py):

```
@app.get("/car/{id}")
async def root(id):
    return {"car_id": id}
```

- Test:

<http://localhost:8000/car/1>

<http://localhost:8000/car/billy>

- Outputs: `{"car_id": "1"}`, `{"car_id": "billy"}`
- Note: No type enforcement by default (strings)
- Path parameters extract values from the URL **using Python type hints**.

Type Hinting with Path Parameters

- Typed Example (chapter4_02.py):

```
@app.get("/carh/{id}")
async def hinted_car_id(id: int):
    return {"car_id": id}
```

- Test:

`/carh/1` # Works: {"car_id": 1}

`/carh/billy` # Fails: 422 Unprocessable Entity

- Benefit: Automatic validation and error handling

Path Order Matters

- Incorrect Order (chapter4_03.py):

```
@app.get("/user/{id}")
async def user(id: int):
    return {"user_id": id}

@app.get("/user/me")
async def me_user():
    return {"user_id": "This is me!"}
```

- Test:

`/user/me` # Fails: 422 (tries to parse "me" as int)

- Fix: Define `/user/me` before `/user/{id}`

Restricting Path Values

how it limits the path to a specific set of values?

- Enum Example (chapter4_04.py):

```
from enum import Enum
from fastapi import FastAPI, Path
app = FastAPI()
```

```
class AccountType(str, Enum):
    FREE = "free"
    PRO = "pro"
```

```
@app.get("/account/{acc_type}/{months}")
async def account(acc_type: AccountType, months: int =
    Path(..., ge=3, le=12)):
    return {"message": "Account created", "account_type":
acc_type, "months": months}
```

- Test: Only **free** or **pro** for acc_type, **3-12** for months
- Path(...) is used to define metadata and validation rules for path parameters in an API endpoint.
- This path parameter is **required** (because of ...)

Optional Path Parameter

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, Path
from typing import Optional
```

```
app = FastAPI()
```

```
@app.get("/items/{item_id}")
async def read_item(item_id: Optional[int] =
    Path(None, ge=3, le=12)):
    if item_id is None:
        return {"message": "No item_id provided"}
    return {"item_id": item_id}
```

Testing - 1

GET /account/free/3

Response (200 OK):

```
{  
  "message": "Account created",  
  "account_type": "free",  
  "months": 3  
}
```

Testing - 2

GET /account/pro/12

Response (200 OK):

```
{  
  "message": "Account created",  
  "account_type": "pro",  
  "months": 12  
}
```

Testing - 3

GET /account/premium/6

Response (422 Unprocessable Entity):

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "enum",
      "loc": ["path", "acc_type"],
      "msg": "Input should be 'free' or 'pro'",
      "input": "premium",
      "ctx": {"expected": "'free' or 'pro'"}
    }
  ]
}
```

Testing - 4

GET /account/pro/2

Response (422 Unprocessable Entity):

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "greater_than_equal",
      "loc": ["path", "months"],
      "msg": "Input should be greater than or equal to 3",
      "input": 2,
      "ctx": {"ge": 3}
    }
  ]
}
```

Query Parameters

- Extract query parameters with **optional defaults** and **validation**.
- Example (chapter4_05.py):

```
@app.get("/cars/price")
async def cars_by_price(min_price: int = 0,
max_price: int = 100000):
    return {"message": f"Listing cars with prices
between {min_price} and {max_price}"}
```
- Test:
/cars/price?**min_price=2000&max_price=4000**
 - Output: {"message": "Listing cars with prices between 2000 and 4000"}
 - Note: Defaults to 0 and 100000 if omitted

Testing 1

GET /cars/price

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": "Listing cars with
prices between 0 and 100000"
}
```

Testing 2

GET /cars/price?min_price=5000&max_price=20000

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": "Listing cars with prices
between 5000 and 20000"
}
```

Testing 3

GET /cars/price?min_price=hello&max_price=20000

Response (422 Unprocessable Entity):

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "int_parsing",
      "loc": ["query", "min_price"],
      "msg": "Input should be a valid integer, unable to parse
string as an integer",
      "input": "hello"
    }
  ]
}
```

Testing 4

GET /cars/price?min_price=30000&max_price=10000

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": "Listing cars with prices between 30000
and 10000"
}
```

FastAPI won't reject this because it doesn't validate logical relationships between parameters.
To fix this, add manual validation in the function:

```
if min_price > max_price:
    raise HTTPException(status_code=400,
detail="min_price cannot exceed max_price")
```

Query Parameters – example2

```
from fastapi import FastAPI

app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/products")
async def get_products(category_id: int | None = None,
sort_by: str = "name"):
    return {"category_id": category_id, "sort_by": sort_by}
```

This endpoint supports two optional query parameters:

- **category_id**: `int` or `None` with `None` as default value
- **sort_by**: `str` with default value `"name"`

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Test Calls

Purpose	Command	Response
Fetch all products	/products	{"category_id": null, "sort_by": "name"}
Fetch products by category ID	/products?category_id=5	{"category_id": 5, "sort_by": "name"}
Fetch products sorted by price	/product? sort_by=="price"	{"category_id": null, "sort_by": "price"}
Fetch products by category ID and sort by "raing"	/products?category_id==10 &sort_by="rating"	{"category_id": 10, "sort_by": "rating"}
Invalid query parameter	/products?category_id==3 &invalid_param="test"	{"category_id": 3, "sort_by": "name"} (ignores invalid_param)
same parameters twice	/products?category_id=5&category_id=6	{"category_id":6,"sort_by": "name"}

Request Body

- Post
- Post with Type Validation
- Control Required/Optional Fields
- Complex Request Body

Request Body

- Basic Example (chapter4_06.py):

```
from typing import Dict
from fastapi import FastAPI, Body
app = FastAPI()

@app.post("/cars")
async def new_car(data: Dict = Body(...)):
    return {"message": data}
```

data: Dict = Body(...) means:

- The endpoint expects a JSON body (automatically parsed by FastAPI).
- ... (Ellipsis) indicates the body is **required** (cannot be empty).
- The parsed JSON will be passed as a dictionary (Dict) to the data parameter.

Test 1

POST /cars

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "make": "Toyota",
  "model": "Camry",
  "year": 2022
}
```

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": {
    "make": "Toyota",
    "model": "Camry",
    "year": 2022
  }
}
```

Test 2

POST /cars

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "make": "Tesla",
  "model": "Model S",
  "specs": {
    "range": "370 miles",
    "autopilot": true
  }
}
```

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": {
    "make": "Tesla",
    "model": "Model S",
    "specs": {
      "range": "370 miles",
      "autopilot": true
    }
  }
},
```

Test 3

POST /cars

Content-Type: application/json

{ } --- nothing

Response (422 Unprocessable Entity):

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "missing",
      "loc": ["body"],
      "msg": "Field required",
      "input": null
    }
  ]
}
```

Key points

- **Requires JSON Body:** The endpoint expects a JSON payload (enforced by `Body(...)`).
- **No Schema Validation:** Your current implementation accepts any dictionary (even invalid car data).
- To validate fields, use a **Pydantic** mode

Pydantic Models for Request Body

- Typed Example (chapter4_07.py):
`from pydantic import BaseModel`

```
class InsertCar(BaseModel):  
    brand: str  
    model: str  
    year: int  
  
    @app.post("/cars")  
    async def new_car(data: InsertCar):  
        return {"message": data}
```

- Test: Enforces structure; extra fields ignored, invalid types rejected

Test 4 – with validation

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/cars \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{"brand": "Honda", "model": "Civic", "year": 2023}'
```

Response (200 OK):

```
{
  "message": {
    "brand": "Honda",
    "model": "Civic",
    "year": 2023
  }
}
```

Test 5– with validation

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/cars \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{"brand": "Honda", "model": "Civic"}'
```

422 Unprocessable Entity

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "missing",
      "loc": ["body", "year"],
      "msg": "Field required",
      "input": {"make": "Honda", "model": "Civic"}
    }
  ]
}
```

Control Required/Optional Fields

Field Definition	Required?	Behaviour
year: int	☑ Required	Fails if missing in request.
year: Optional[int]	✗ Optional	Defaults to None if missing.
year: int = 2023	✗ Optional	Defaults to 2023 if missing.

Example:

```
class Car(BaseModel):
    make: str
    model: str
    year: Optional[int] = None # Optional field (defaults to None)
```

Complex GET Request

- Path parameters can be used to express relation between entities

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException, Path
from typing import Dict

app = FastAPI()

# Mock data
users = {
    1: {"name": "Alice"},
    2: {"name": "Bob"}
}

cars = {
    1: [{"car_id": 101, "model": "Toyota"}, {"car_id": 102, "model": "Tesla"}],
    2: [{"car_id": 201, "model": "BMW"}]
}
```

Complex GET Request – cont.

```
@app.get("/users/{user_id}/cars/{car_id}")
def get_user_car(
    user_id: int = Path(..., gt=0),
    car_id: int = Path(..., gt=0)
):
    if user_id not in users:
        raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="User not found")

    user_cars = cars.get(user_id, [])
    for car in user_cars:
        if car["car_id"] == car_id:
            return {"user": users[user_id], "car": car}
    raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Car not found for this
user")
```

Test 1 – Existing user and car

- Request: GET /users/1/cars/101
- Response: 200 OK

```
{ "user": {"name": "Alice"},
  "car": {"car_id": 101, "model": "Toyota"}}
```

Test2: Car does not belong to the user

- Request: GET /users/1/cars/201
- Response: 404 Not Found

```
{
  "detail": "Car not found for this user"
}
```

Complex POST Request Body

- Example (chapter4_08.py):

```
class UserModel(BaseModel):
    username: str
    name: str

@app.post("/car/user")
async def new_car_model(car: InsertCar, user:
UserModel, code: int = Body(None)):
    return {"car": car, "user": user, "code":
code}
```

- Uses **Pydantic models** (`InsertCar`, `UserModel`) for structured data validation.
- `code` is optional (defaults to None if not provided).
- Test: Use GUI client (e.g., Insomnia) for complex JSON
- Extra Fields in JSON Body will be Ignored by FastAPI

Test1 - Successful Request (All Fields Provided)

- <http://127.0.0.1:8000/car/user>

```
{
  "car": {
    "brand": "Toyota",
    "model": "Corolla",
    "year": 2022
  },
  "user": {
    "username": "john_doe",
    "name": "John Doe"
  },
  "code": 1001
}
```

/ Cookies Headers (4) Test Results | 200 OK

JSON ▾ ▷ Preview Visualize ▾

```
1 {
2   "car": {
3     "brand": "Toyota",
4     "model": "Corolla",
5     "year": 2022
6   },
7   "user": {
8     "username": "john_doe",
9     "name": "John Doe"
10  },
11  "code": 1001
12 }
```

Test2 - Successful Request (Optional code **Omitted**)

- <http://127.0.0.1:8000/car/user>

```
{
  "car": {
    "brand": "Toyota",
    "model": "Corolla",
    "year": 2022
  },
  "user": {
    "username": "john_doe",
    "name": "John Doe"
  }
}
```

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JSON ▾ ▷ Preview Visualization

```
1 {
2   "car": {
3     "brand": "Toyota",
4     "model": "Corolla",
5     "year": 2022
6   },
7   "user": {
8     "username": "john_doe",
9     "name": "John Doe"
10  },
11  "code": null
12 }
```


Test3 - Missing Required Field (**brand** in car)

- <http://127.0.0.1:8000/car/user>

```

{
  "car": {
    "model": "Camry",
    "year": 2021
  },
  "user": {
    "username": "alice",
    "name": "Alice"
  }
}
  
```

422 Unprocessable Content

```

1  {
2      "detail": [
3          {
4              "type": "missing",
5              "loc": [
6                  "body",
7                  "car",
8                  "brand"
9              ],
10             "msg": "Field required",
11             "input": {
12                 "model": "Camry",
13                 "year": 2021
14             }
15         }
16     ]
17 }
  
```

Raw Request Object

- Example (chapter4_09.py):

```

from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/cars")
async def raw_request(request: Request):
    return {"message": str(request.base_url), "all":
dir(request)}
  
```

This FastAPI endpoint (/cars) is a GET endpoint that:

- Takes a Request object as a parameter (provided by FastAPI)
- Returns a JSON response containing:
 - The **base URL** of the request (request.base_url)
 - **All attributes/methods available on the Request object** (dir(request))

Test1 - GET http://localhost:8000/cars

```

▼ message:
  _url: "http://127.0.0.1:8000/"
▼ all:
  0: "__abstractmethods__"
  1: "__annotations__"
  2: "__class__"
  3: "__class_getitem__"
  4: "__contains__"
  5: "__delattr__"
  6: "__dict__"
  7: "__dir__"
  8: "__doc__"
  9: "__eq__"
  10: "__firstlineno__"
  11: "__format__"
  12: "__ge__"
  13: "__getattribute__"
  14: "__getitem__"
  15: "__getstate__"
  16: "__gt__"
  17: "__hash__"
  18: "__init__"
  19: "__init_subclass__"
  20: "__iter__"
  21: "__le__"
  22: "__len__"
  23: "__lt__"
  24: "__module__"
  25: "__ne__"
  26: "__new__"
  27: "__orig_bases__"
  28: "__parameters__"
  29: "__reduce__"
  31: "__repr__"
  32: "__reversed__"
  33: "__setattr__"
  34: "__sizeof__"
  35: "__slots__"
  36: "__static_attributes__"
  37: "__str__"
  38: "__subclasshook__"
  39: "__weakref__"
  40: "__abc_impl__"
  41: "__base_url__"
  42: "__cookies__"
  43: "__form__"
  44: "__get_form__"
  45: "__headers__"
  46: "__is_disconnected__"
  74: "url"
  75: "url_for"
  76: "user"
  77: "values"

```

Raw Request Object – be careful

- From the all list, these are particularly useful:
 - **request.headers** - Access request headers
 - **request.cookies** - Access cookies
 - **request.query_params** - Access query parameters
 - **request.client** - Get client (host, port) information
 - **request.method** - Get HTTP method used
- Using the **raw request** **bypasses** FastAPI's key features like Pydantic parsing, validation, and self-documentation
- but may be necessary in specific cases (debugging, ...)

Request Headers 1 - Access headers using the Header parameter

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, Header

app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/products")
async def get_products(x_auth_token: str = Header()):
    return {"token": x_auth_token}
```

- **Purpose** : The endpoint retrieves the value of the **x-auth-token** header and returns it in the response.
- **Key Behaviour** :
 1. If the x-auth-token header is not provided, FastAPI will automatically return a **422 Unprocessable Entity error** because the Header() parameter is required by default.
 2. If the header is provided, its value is returned in the response.

Examples: Request Headers

- **Valid header:**

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/products" -H "x-auth-token: my-secret-token"
{"token": "my-secret-token"}
```
- **Missing header:**

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/products"
{"detail": [{"loc": ["header", "x-auth-token"], "msg": "field required", ...}]}
```
- **Empty header:**

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/products" -H "x-auth-token:"
{"token": ""}
```
- **Incorrect header name:**

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/products" -H "auth-token: my-secret-token"
{"detail": [{"loc": ["header", "x-auth-token"], "msg": "field required", ...}]}
```

Request Headers 2- header parameter

```
from typing import Annotated
from fastapi import FastAPI, Header

app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/info")
async def read_headers(user_agent: Annotated[str | None,
Header()] = None):
    return {"User-Agent": user_agent}
```

- **Annotated[...]:** A way to attach extra information (like metadata) to the type hint — here it's saying: "this parameter is a string or None, and it comes from a header".
- **Header()** :Tells FastAPI: "This value should be taken from an HTTP header", not from a path, query, or body.

Test 1 – With User-Agent header

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/info" -H
"User-Agent: MyCustomAgent/1.0"
```

```
{
  "user_agent": "MyCustomAgent/1.0"
}
```

Test 2: Without User-Agent header

```
curl -X GET http://localhost:8000/info
```

```
{  
  "user_agent": null  
}
```

Dependency Injection Overview

- FastAPI has a built-in dependency injection system
- Helps in reusing code and handling authentication, logging, DB connections
- How it works?

Dependencies are declared using the `Depends()` function, allowing FastAPI to manage and *inject external logic or objects into your path operations*.

What is Dependency Injection?

- A design pattern where dependencies (e.g., classes, functions, objects) **are provided to a component** rather than being created by the component itself.
- Goal: Improve modularity, reusability, and testability.
- In FastAPI: You can declare **dependencies in path operation functions**, and FastAPI will automatically resolve and inject them.
- **Example:** we want inject the following function:

```
def get_db():  
    db = "Database session"  
    return db
```

Using Dependencies in FastAPI

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, Depends
```

```
app = FastAPI()
```

```
@app.get("/items/")  
def read_items(db=Depends(get_db)):  
    return {"db": db}
```

- Inject via **Depends()** in function parameters.
- FastAPI calls `get_db()`, gets the return value, and passes it to `read_items()`.

Dependency Injection - common

```
from fastapi import Depends

def common_parameters(q: str | None = None):
    return {"q": q}

@app.get("/items/")
def read_items(common: dict=Depends(common_parameters)):
    return common
```

Dependency Injection - Pagination

- Example (chapter4_15.py):

```
from typing import Annotated
from fastapi import Depends, FastAPI

async def pagination(q: str | None = None, skip: int = 0,
limit: int = 100):
    return {"q": q, "skip": skip, "limit": limit}

@app.get("/cars/")
async def read_item(common: Annotated[dict,
Depends(pagination)]):
    return common
```

- The code showing a **pagination injected**

Notice: (**q: str | None = None**) means:
q can be either a string (str) or None (i.e., optional).

1. Basic call with default pagination

- `curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/cars/"`
- Response:

```
{"q": null, "skip": 0, "limit": 100}
```

2. Call with search query and custom pagination

- `curl -X GET
"/cars/?q=toyota&skip=10&limit=5"`
- Response:

```
{"q": "toyota", "skip": 10, "limit": 5}
```


3. Call with just a search query (using default pagination)

- `curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/cars/?q=ford"`

- Response:

```
{"q": "ford", "skip": 0, "limit": 100}
```

4. Invalid skip parameter

- `curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/cars/?skip=ten"`
- Expected error response (422 Unprocessable Entity):

```
{
  "detail": [
    {
      "type": "int_parsing",
      "loc": ["query", "skip"],
      "msg": "Input should be a valid integer, unable to parse string as an integer",
      "input": "ten",
      "url": "https://errors.pydantic.dev/2.5/v/int_parsing"
    }
  ]
}
```

Routers

- When we need to handle multiple endpoints that are in different files, we can benefit from using routers.
- Routers assist us in **grouping** our endpoints into different modules, which makes our code base easier to maintain and understand.
- For example, we could use one router for operations related to users and another for operations related to products.

Routers

- Main File (chapter4_16.py):

```
from fastapi import FastAPI
from routers.cars import router as cars_router
from routers.user import router as users_router
app = FastAPI()
app.include_router(cars_router, prefix="/cars", tags=["cars"])
app.include_router(users_router, prefix="/users", tags=["users"])
```

- cars.py:

```
from fastapi import APIRouter
router = APIRouter()
@router.get("/")
async def get_cars():
    return {"message": "All cars here"}
```

```
project/
├── main.py           # Main FastAPI app (entry point)
├── routers/
│   ├── __init__.py  # Optional: Makes 'routers' a Python package
│   ├── cars.py      # Defines the cars_router
│   └── users.py      # Defines the users_router
```

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:8000/cars/"
Response: {"message": "All cars here"}
```

```
app.include_router(cars_router,
                   prefix="/cars", tags=["cars"])
```

a) `cars_router`

- Defined in cars.py as `router = APIRouter()`.
- Contains route definitions (e.g., `@router.get("/")`).

b) `prefix="/cars"`

- Prepends `/cars` to all routes in `cars_router`.
- Example: The route `@router.get("/")` becomes `/cars/` in the main app.
- Without prefix, the endpoint would just be `/`.

c) `tags=["cars"]`

Groups routes under the "cars" tag in FastAPI's Swagger/OpenAPI docs.

Form Data and File Upload

- Install: `pip install python-multipart`

- Example (chapter4_11.py):

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, Form, File, UploadFile
app = FastAPI()
```

```
@app.post("/upload")
async def upload(file: UploadFile = File(...),
                 brand: str = Form(...), model: str = Form(...)):
    return {"brand": brand, "model": model,
            "file_name": file.filename}
```

- Test:

```
http -f POST localhost:8000/upload brand="Ferrari"
model="Testarossa" file@car.jpeg
```

Saving Uploaded Files

- Example (chapter4_12.py):

```
import shutil
@app.post("/upload")
async def upload(picture: UploadFile = File(...),
brand: str = Form(...), model: str = Form(...)):
    with open("saved_file.png", "wb") as buffer:
        shutil.copyfileobj(picture.file, buffer)
    return {"brand": brand, "model": model,
"file_name": picture.filename}
```

- Note: Overwrites file; use UUID for unique names

Customizing Responses

- Status Code Example (chapter4_13.py):

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, status
@app.get("/",
status_code=status.HTTP_208_ALREADY_REPORTED)
async def raw_fa_response():
    return {"message": "fastapi response"}
```

- Test: Returns 208 Already Reported

HTTP Errors

- Example (chapter4_14.py):


```
from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException, status
@app.post("/carsmodel")
async def new_car_model(car: InsertCar):
    if car.year > 2022:
        raise
    HTTPException(status.HTTP_406_NOT_ACCEPTABLE
    , detail="The car doesn't exist yet!")
    return {"message": car}
```
- Test: year=2023 → 406 Not Acceptable

Summary

- Key Takeaways:
 - FastAPI: Fast, modern, Pythonic REST API framework
 - Features: Type hints, async, Pydantic, auto-docs
 - Tools: Virtual env, Uvicorn, HTTPie, VS Code
 - Topics: Paths, queries, bodies, forms, routers, middleware

References

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Q&A

- Questions?
- Let's discuss your first FastAPI apps!