

# CREATING FAVORITE QUESTION & ACCEPT ANSWER ENDPOINTS

In this lesson we're going to create api endpoints for favoriting question and accepting an answer as best answer. Since we've already had that logics in our existing controller, so we're gonna copy the routes as well as the controllers, then make a bit changes to them and then make some tests in postman.

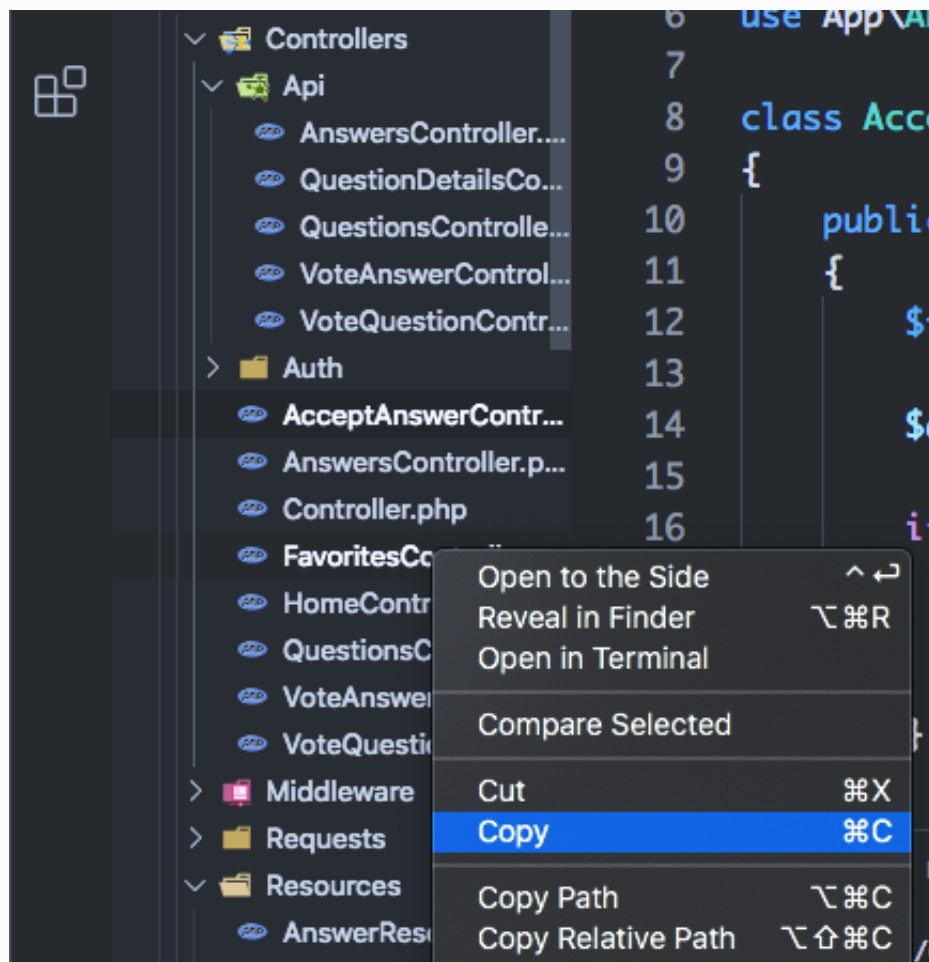
Before we begin let's go ahead and open up our terminal and create a new branch:

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git checkout -b lesson-53
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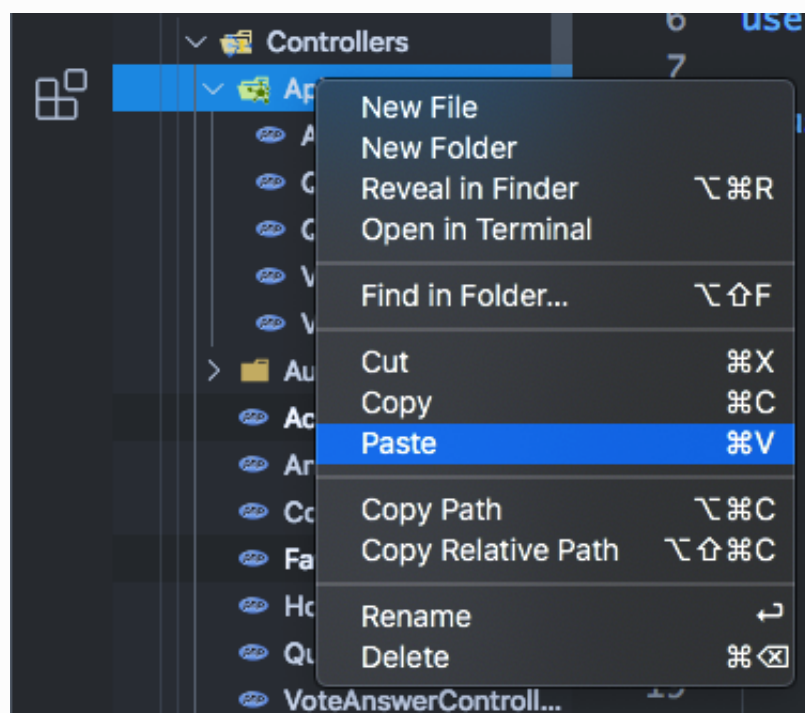
## CREATING THE ENDPOINTS

### 1. Copy-Paste the FavoriteController & AcceptAnswerController

Alright, let's navigate to `app/Http/Controller` directory. Inside this directory let's copy the `FavoriteController` and `AcceptAnswerController` files.



Go to `Api` subdirectory then paste them inside it.



Firstly, let's open the `FavoriteController` then fix the namespace stuffs. Then let's get rid of the constructor. And remove all if statements as well as the `return back()` statement on all methods.

```

# Api/FavoriteController.php
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers\Api;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Question;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;

class FavoritesController extends Controller
{
    public function store(Question $question)
    {
        $question->favorites()->attach(auth()->id());

        return response()->json(null, 204);
    }

    public function destroy(Question $question)
    {
        $question->favorites()->detach(auth()->id());

        return response()->json(null, 204);
    }
}

```

Alright, let's do almost the same thing to `AcceptAnswerController`. At the top let's add `api` in the controller namespace. Then import the base `Controller` namespace. And then remove the if statement as well as the return back.

```

# Api/AcceptAnswerController.php
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers\Api;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
use App\Answer;

class AcceptAnswerController extends Controller
{
    public function __invoke(Answer $answer)
    {
        $this->authorize('accept', $answer);

        $answer->question->acceptBestAnswer($answer);

        return response()->json([
            'message' => "You have accepted this answer as best answer"
        ]);
    }
}

```

```
}
```

## 2. copy rute dari `webp.php` ke `api.php`

Alright, Let's open up the `web.php` file. Then let's copy these three routes.

```
Route::post('/answers/{answer}/accept', 'AcceptAnswerController')->name('answers.accept');
Route::post('/questions/{question}/favorites', 'FavoritesController@store')->name('questions.favorite');
Route::delete('/questions/{question}/favorites', 'FavoritesController@destroy')->name('questions.unfavorite');
```

Let's open up the `api.php` file, then paste them inside the `auth:api` middleware group. Adjust the controller path to `Api`. Then remove all `name` from our routes since we're no longer need that for our api.

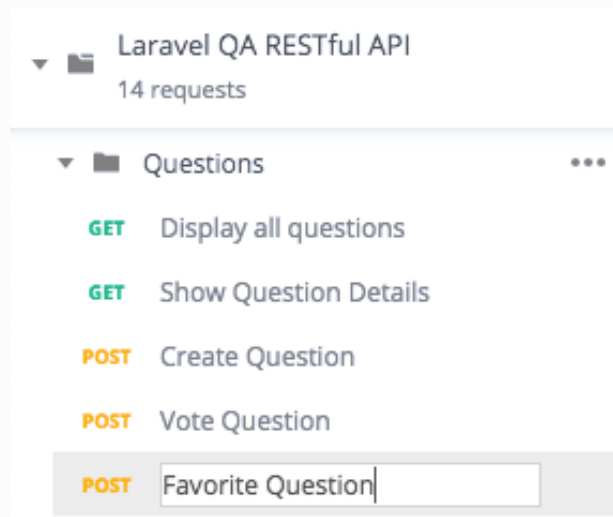
```
# routes/api.php
Route::middleware(['auth:api'])->group(function() {
    // ...
    Route::post('/answers/{answer}/accept', 'Api\AcceptAnswerController');
    Route::post('/questions/{question}/favorites', 'Api\FavoritesController@store');
    Route::delete('/questions/{question}/favorites', 'Api\FavoritesController@destroy');
});
```

Alright, let's save all changes. And now let's test these endpoints out in Postman.

# TESTING THE ENDPOINTS IN POSTMAN

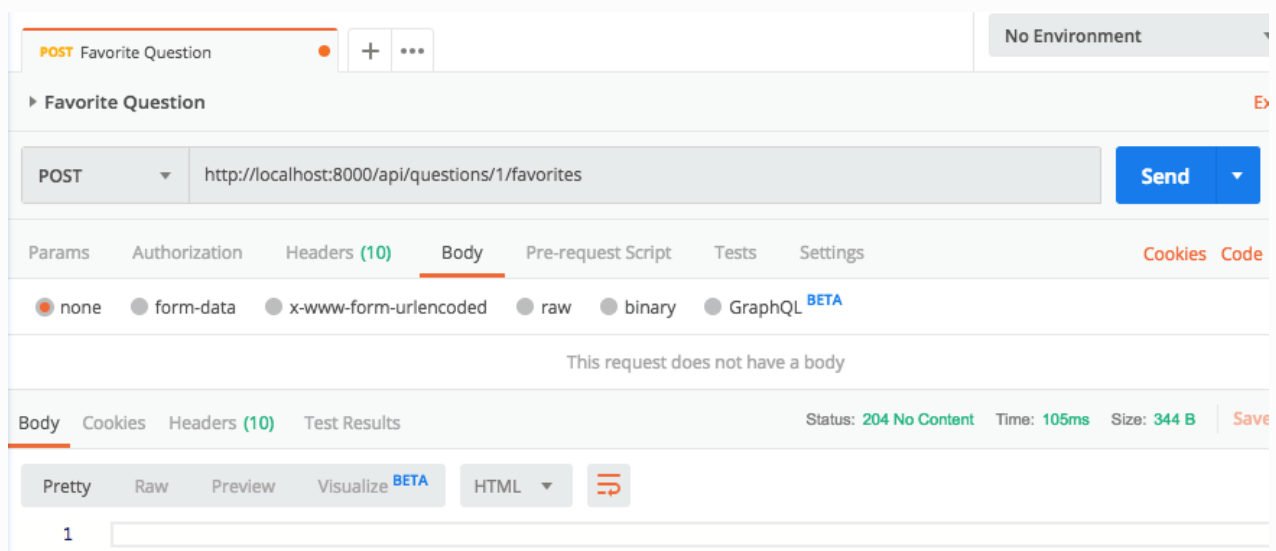
## 1. Testing the Favorite Question endpoint

Let's head over to postman. Then go to `Questions` folder. Open the `Vote question` request, then save it as `Favorite question`.



The method is gonna be `post` and the url is gonna be `~/api/questions/1/favorites`. You can change the question id to any existing number that you have. In my case I'll set it to `1`.

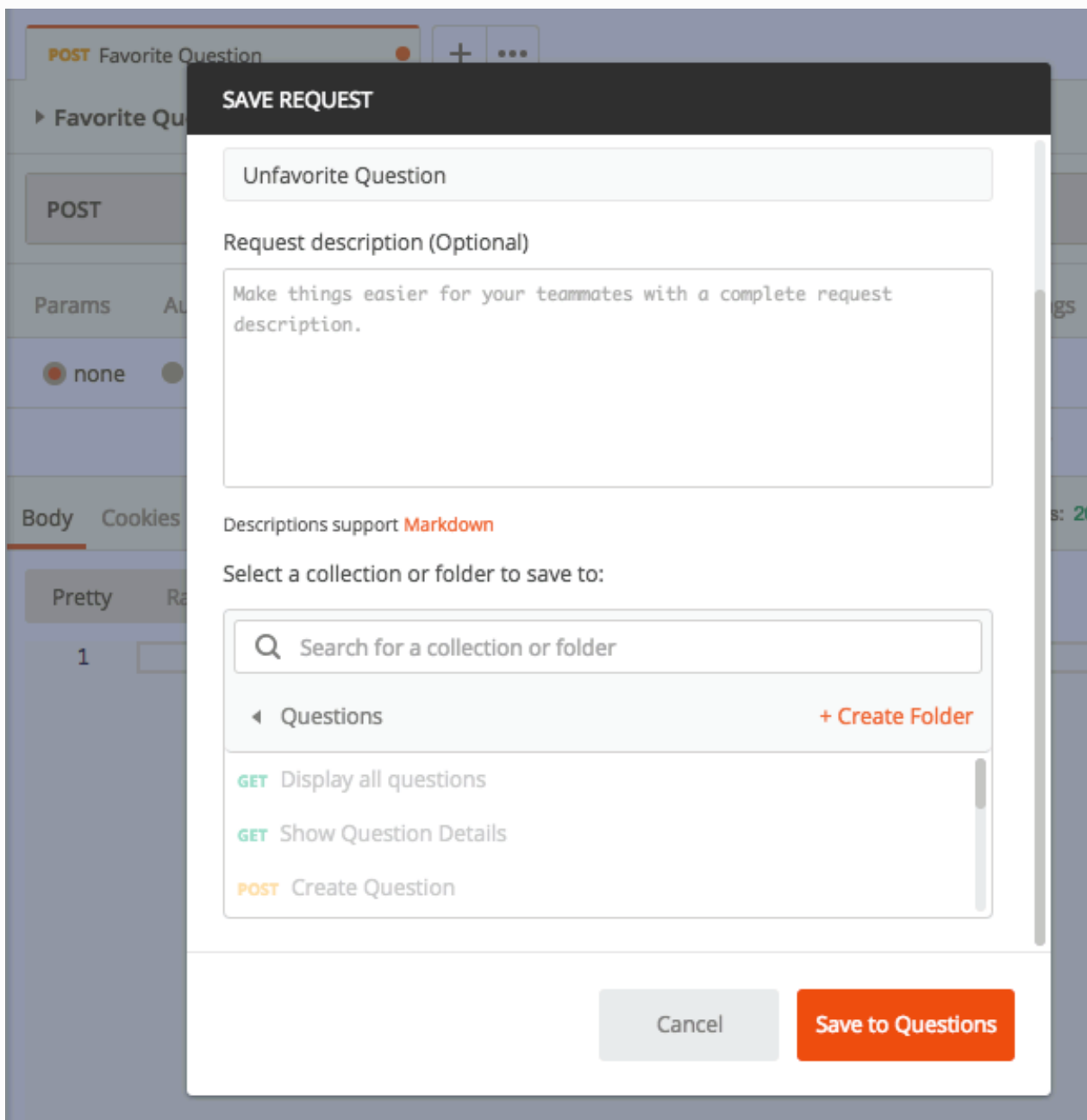
The headers will be the same, so you don't need to touch anything in there. You can optionally choose the **none** option in the **Body** section.



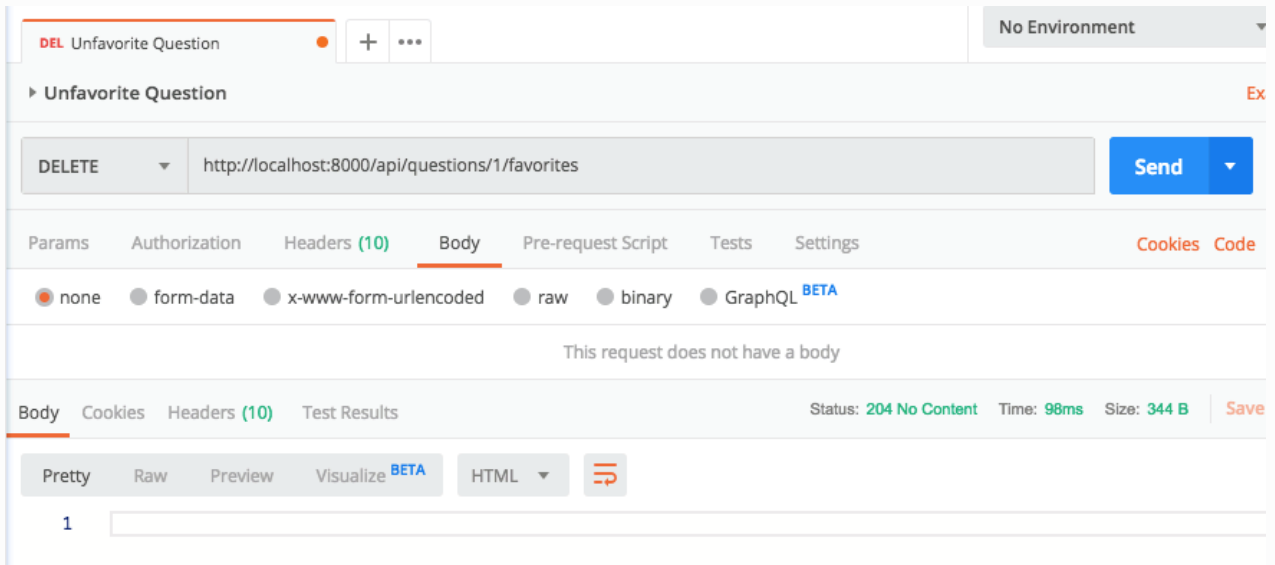
If you hit the **Send** button. Make sure you're getting back **204 No Content** response which is the expected response.

## 2. Testing the Unfavorite Question endpoint

Now let's make another request to test unfavorite question. Let's go ahead and hit the **save** button on the top right. Choose **Save as** option and save it as `Unfavorite question`. Choose the `Question` folder then hit **Save to Questions** button to save the request to `Questions` folder.

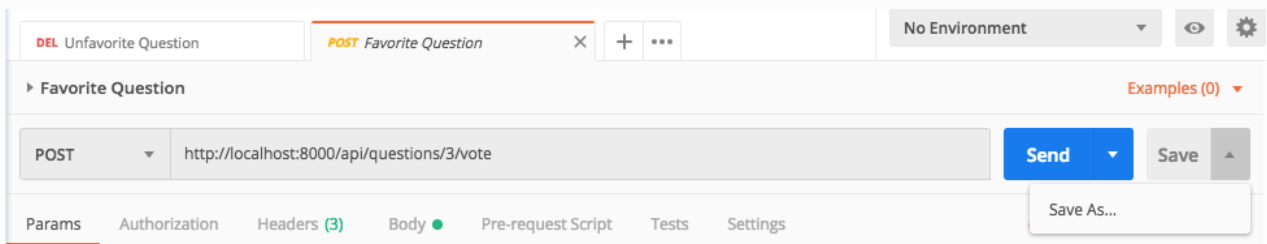


Let's change the HTTP method from `post` to `delete`. While the url and other things still the same. When you hit the **Send** button. You're getting back **204 No Content** response, awesome.



### 3. Testing the Accept Answer endpoint

Last, let's make another test for testing our accept answer endpoint. Let's reopen the `Favorite Question` request. Then go to the top right and hit the **Save** button and then choose **Save as** button.



Change the **Request Name** to `Accept answer`. Hit the `Questions` in the top of **Select a collection** section to go to the root.

Request name

Accept Answer

Request description (Optional)

Make things easier for your teammates with a complete request description.

Descriptions support **Markdown**

Select a collection or folder to save to:

Q Search for a collection or folder

◀ Questions + Create Folder

Then select the **Answers** folder to put the test request in Answers folder. Then hit the **Save to Answers** button.

Select a collection or folder to save to:

Q Search for a collection or folder

◀ Answers + Create Folder

GET Display all answers

POST Create an answer

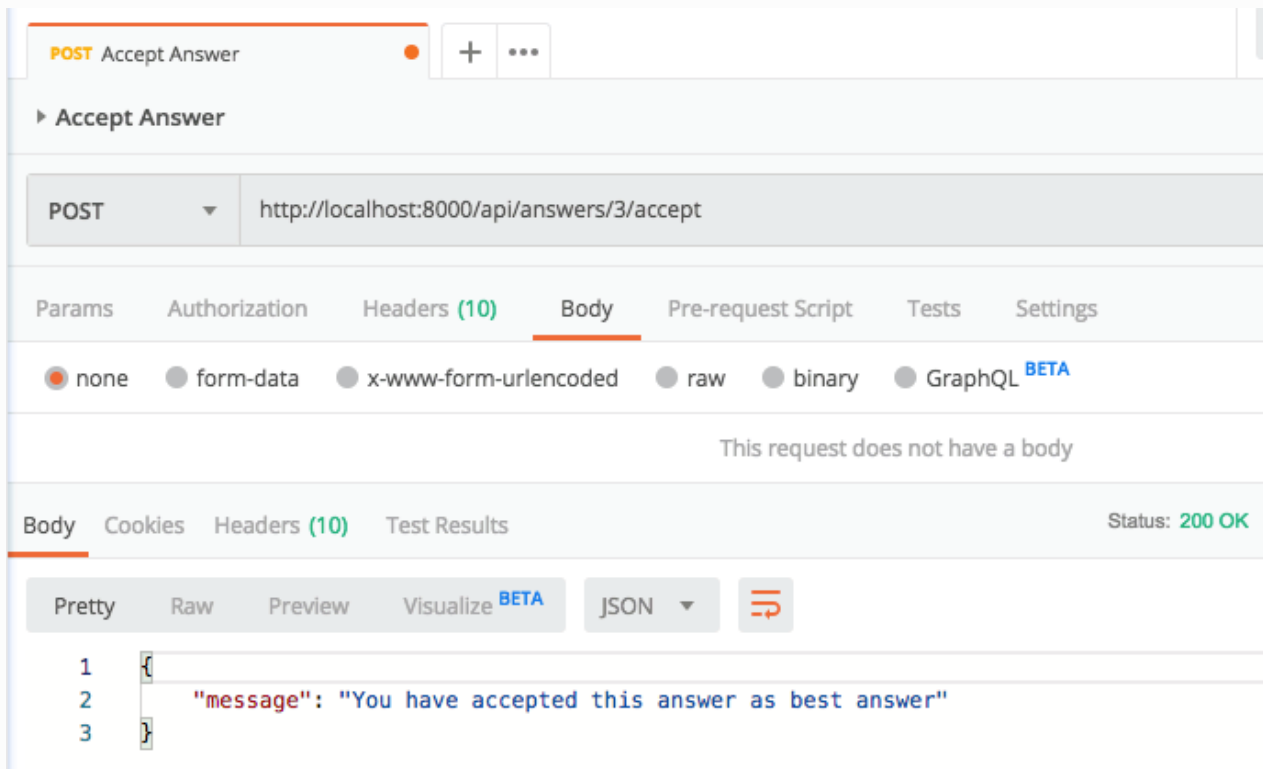
PUT Update an answer

Cancel

Save to Answers

The last thing that you need to do is to change the url to `~/api/answers/1/accept`. When you hit the **Save** button you're getting back the success message.





## SUMMARY

In this lesson, we looked at how to create an api endpoint to mark a certain question as favorite question and an api endpoint for accepting answer. In the next one we're going to create an additional endpoint which is going to be used to retrieve current user's posts. So this endpoint is kind of a summary of what questions and answers that current user's logged in have been created.

```
git add .
git commit -m "Create api endpoints for favoriting the question &
accepting answer"
git push origin lesson-53
```