

TrialService

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Kind: Service

Source: `atloria-monorepo/apps/api/src/trial/trial.service.ts`

One-click public-repo trial (Phase 1.1) — the answer to DeepWiki’s zero-friction entry. Paste a public GitHub URL → docs hub + grounded chat + MCP + SDK, no signup. Public repos clone anonymously, so this needs NO GitHub App/OAuth. Guardrails: URL shape validation, per-repo dedupe (same repo → same trial project, regenerations reused), a global daily cap, and per-IP rate limiting at the controller. All trials live under a system org whose credits are auto-topped — normal metering still records every token for cost visibility.

`TrialService` powers the no-signup trial flow for public GitHub repositories. It creates or reuses trial projects under a system organization, coordinates documentation generation and status checks, supports claiming a trial project, and removes expired trial resources while preserving normal usage metering.

Methods

Method	Signature	Returns	Description
<code>startTrial</code>	<code>startTrial(repoUrl: string)</code>	<code>`Promise<{</code>	

```
projectId: string;
status: 'ready' | 'generating';
repo: string;
```

`> | | status | status(projectId: string) | unknown | Public status - trial projects only (never leaks arbitrary project state). | | claim | claim(projectId: string, user: JwtPayload) | Promise<{ projectId: string; claimed: boolean }> | P2 "Save this project":`

re-parent a trial into the claimant's organization. |

| cleanupExpiredTrials | cleanupExpiredTrials() | Promise` | Unclaimed trials expire after TRIAL_TTL_DAYS. |

Dependencies

- PrismaService
- TechnicalDocsQueue
- TechnicalDocsService
- ProjectService

Where it refuses work

- TrialService stops the work with BadRequestException when !m — “Provide a public GitHub repository URL (<https://github.com/owner/repo>).”.
- TrialService stops the work with BadRequestException when today >= DAILY_GLOBAL_CAP — “The free trial is at capacity today — please try again tomorrow or sign up.”.
- TrialService stops the work with NotFoundException when !project — “Trial not found.”.
- TrialService stops the work with NotFoundException when !project — “Trial project not found — it may already have been claimed.”.
- TrialService stops the work with an early return when status.hasSnapshot .
- TrialService stops the work with an early return when !expired.length .

When something fails

- TrialService handles failure in 3 places: it logs it and continues in all 3.

Diagram

```
sequenceDiagram
    participant User
    participant Controller as Trial Controller
    participant Service as TrialService
    participant DB as Database
    participant GitHub as Public GitHub Repo
    participant Pipeline as Generation Pipeline

    User->>Controller: Submit public GitHub URL
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Controller-->>Controller: Validate URL and enforce IP rate limit
Controller-->>Service: startTrial()
Service-->>DB: Check global daily cap
Service-->>DB: Find existing trial by repository

alt Existing trial project
  DB-->>Service: Existing project
  Service-->>Controller: projectId + current status
else New trial project
  Service-->>DB: Create project in system org
  Service-->>GitHub: Clone repository anonymously
  Service-->>Pipeline: Queue documentation generation
  Service-->>Controller: projectId + generating status
end

Controller-->>User: Trial project response

User-->>Controller: Check trial status
Controller-->>Service: status()
Service-->>Controller: Current generation status

User-->>Controller: Claim trial project
Controller-->>Service: claim()
Service-->>DB: Transfer or associate project with user
Service-->>Controller: projectId + claimed result

```

Usage

```

import { Controller, Get, Post } from '@nestjs/common';
import { TrialService } from '../trial.service';

@Controller('trial')
export class TrialController {
  constructor(private readonly trialService: TrialService) {}

  @Post()
  async start() {
    // URL validation and per-IP rate limiting should happen before this call.
    const trial = await this.trialService.startTrial();

    return {
      projectId: trial.projectId,
      repo: trial.repo,
      status: trial.status,
    };
  }

  @Get('status')
  async getStatus() {
    return this.trialService.status();
  }
}

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    }

    @Post('claim')
    async claim() {
        const result = await this.trialService.claim();

        return {
            projectId: result.projectId,
            claimed: result.claimed,
        };
    }
}

```

AI Coding Instructions

- Keep public GitHub URL validation and per-IP rate limiting in the controller or guard layer; `TrialService` should focus on trial lifecycle orchestration.
- Preserve repository-level deduplication so repeated requests for the same repository reuse the existing trial project and generation output.
- Enforce the global daily trial cap before creating new projects, but do not block access to an already-created deduplicated trial.
- Ensure trial projects remain associated with the system organization until `claim()` successfully transfers or links them to a user-owned context.
- Keep normal token and generation metering enabled for trials, even when system-organization credits are automatically topped up.

Relationships

- `DEPENDS_ON` → `PrismaService`
- `DEPENDS_ON` → `TechnicalDocsQueue`
- `DEPENDS_ON` → `TechnicalDocsService`
- `DEPENDS_ON` → `ProjectService`

Referenced By

- `TrialController` (`DEPENDS_ON`)
- `TrialModule` (`MODULE_PROVIDES`)