

Smart City Fans Hackathon

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Step 1: install Postman

What is Postman?

“A powerful GUI platform to make your API development faster & easier, from building API requests through testing, documentation and sharing. Postman doesn’t require learning a new language, complicated UI, or new workflows. Developers can start using Postman immediately to make API development faster & easier.”

https://www.getpostman.com/docs/postman/launching_postman/installation_and_updates

Postman recommends using Postman native apps.
I downloaded the free Postman app on a desktop macOS Sierra.

The screenshot shows the 'NATIVE APPS' section of the Postman download page. It features three cards for different operating systems:

- Postman for Mac** (for OS X Yosemite or later): Includes an Apple logo icon and a 'Download' button.
- Postman for Windows** (for Windows 7 or later): Includes a Windows logo icon and 'x64' and 'Download' buttons.
- Postman for Linux** (Currently in Beta): Includes a Linux logo icon and 'x64' and 'Download' buttons.

Postman native apps are built on Electron.

What is Electron?

Electron is a framework for creating native applications with web technologies like JavaScript, HTML, and CSS. It takes care of the hard parts so you can focus on the core of your application.

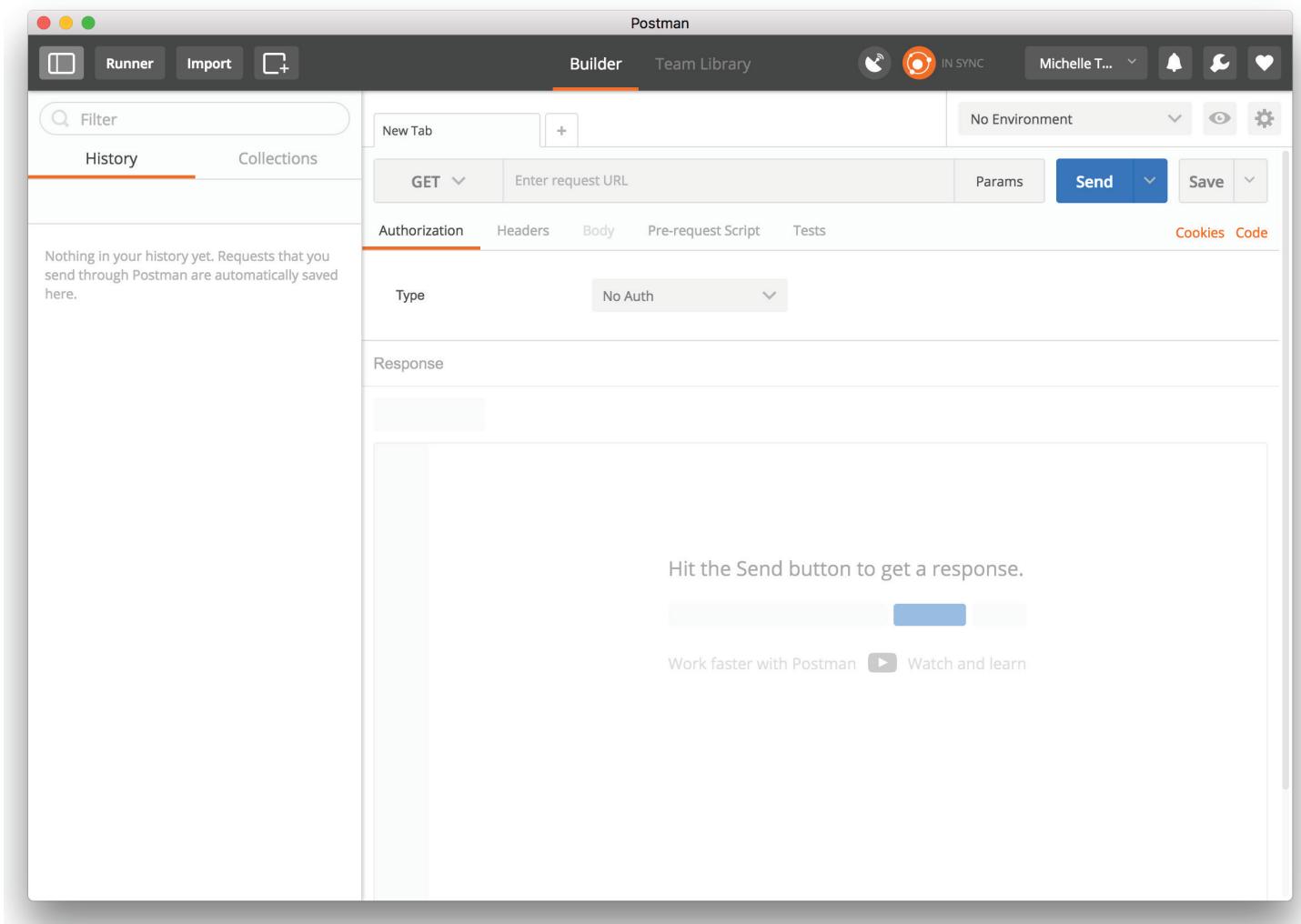
<https://electron.atom.io>

Reading about Electron didn't immediately reveal anything that wasn't already available in Postman.

When you install Postman, you "sign in". There's an option to "sign in with Google". I used my Google credentials.

Next is "Set up account" where you pick a unique username. I picked Abraxas3d and hit enter. Dialogue box with title of "Set up account" went white and stayed white for several minutes. Canceled box. Repeated Google sign-in. Re-entered credentials. It took me straight to my account on the dashboard of the Postman app instead of "Set up account".

Here's a clean dashboard view of Postman. This is what the demo last night was using to get data from the street light "box".



The Postman account page (launched from your name in upper right of Postman app) shows your Profile and your Sessions. You can terminate Sessions from this page in case they get out of hand.

The screenshot shows the Postman account interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Profile' and 'Sessions'. The 'Sessions' tab is active and highlighted in orange. Below the tabs, there is a circular profile icon with a person symbol. To its right, the text 'You have 3 active sessions.' is displayed. Underneath this, a note says 'Your sessions remain active until you have manually logged out. [Click here](#) to terminate all sessions except this one.' A horizontal line separates this from the session list. The section title 'ACTIVE SESSIONS' is in green. The first session listed is 'Safari for Mac CURRENT', with the status 'Last accessed just now'. The second session is 'Postman for Mac', with the status 'Last accessed 3 mins ago'. The third session is another 'Postman for Mac', with the status 'Last accessed 7 mins ago'.

Next step: download and install Postman collections and install the Current by GEspecified Postman environment.

Both the collections and environment are given in the links.
From the FAQ:

“You need to install collections into Postman for everything to work properly. Collections allow you to organize your calls (GET, POST, etc.) from a single location. Download the json files (Collections and Environment). OpenPostman, clickFile /Importto open the Importer. You can select thefilesfrom where you have stored them, or drag and drop the Collection and Environment files into the Importer. Postman will automatically load the files.”

These were a direct download from the Dropbox links provided. The import button is upper left. The collection imported without an error. The environment imported and declared success but also threw an error alert.

The collections showed up on the left-hand pane when

“Collections” tab was clicked. The environment showed up under the drop-down box on the upper right. It says No Environment until you select an environment.

With the collections showing up and the environment set, confidence was high that the Postman app was ready for development.

What are Collections?

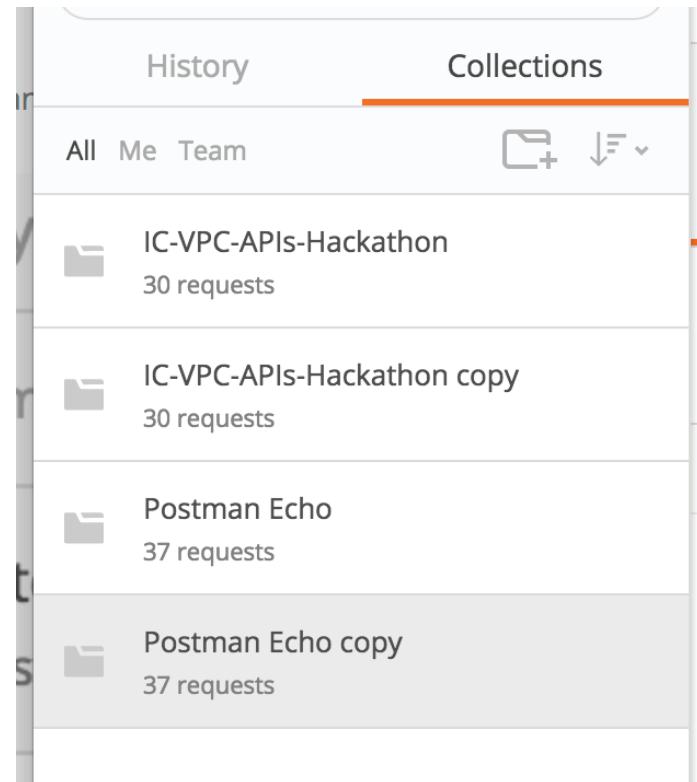
A Postman Collection lets you group individual requests together. These requests can be further organized into folders.

The point of a Collection is to organize related requests, document the API, easily attach test scripts, and have production scripting that passes data between API requests.

When you build a new API request in the builder, you can save it. You can also save API requests from the History tab by using Save to Collection. You can also duplicate an entire collection. Not a bad idea to make a duplicate of the newly-installed Collection just in case the working Collection gets bolluxed up later.

What is the Environment?

You will need to setup your environment so it can utilize variables in the API calls.



Without the Collections and the Environment, Postman will not work right for the Hackathon.

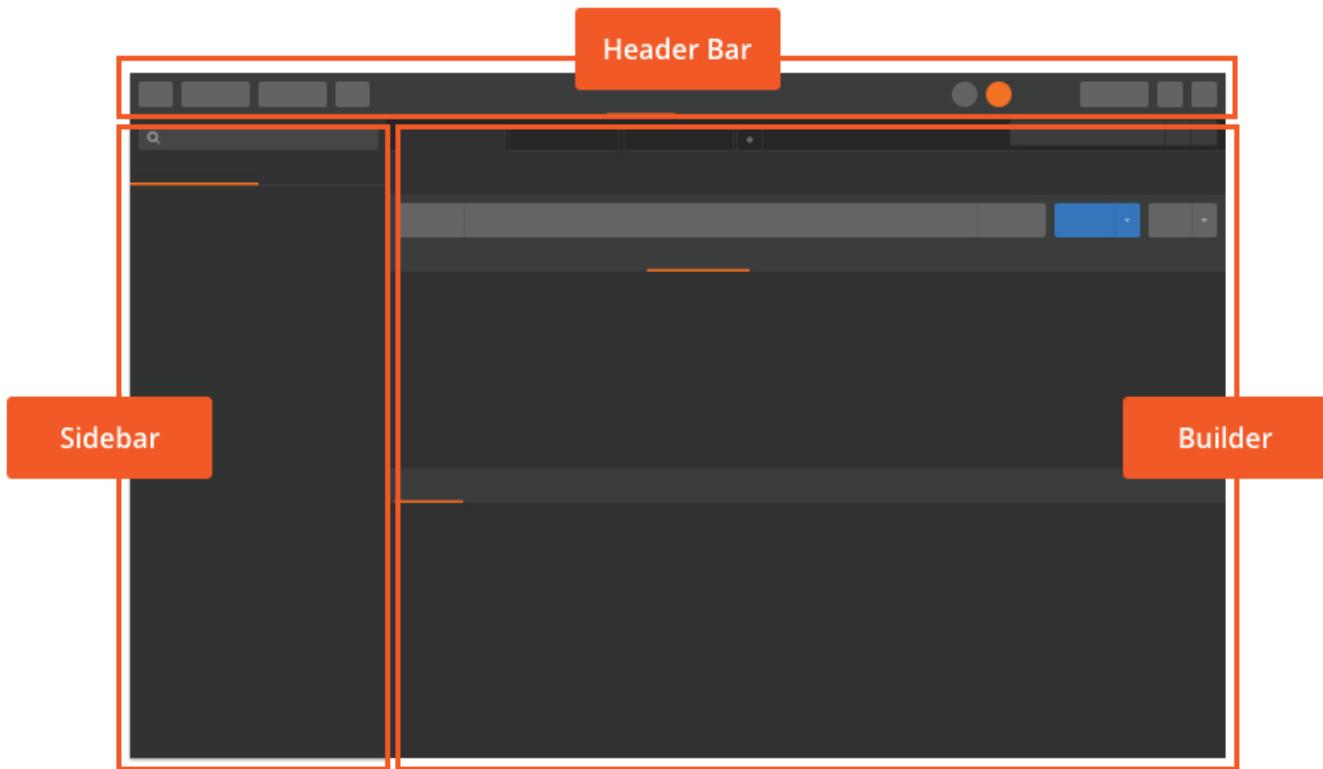
Each environment is a set of key-value pairs, with the key as the variable name. These can be edited using the data editor.

Environment and global variables will always be stored as strings. If you're storing objects/arrays, be sure to JSON.

`stringify()` them before storing, and `JSON.parse()` them while retrieving.

Environments are managed from a drop-down box in the upper right of the dashboard.

Click the Quick Look (the eyeball) icon in the upper right corner of the Postman app to display the environment and global variables. Clicking on the Edit link will open a modal for editing keys and values.



Above is the layout of the dashboard. If you have ever seen an IDE before, then this is a familiar design pattern. Sidebar pane has History and Collections. Builder pane is where editing happens. Header Bar hears the lamentations of your enemies as they fall before your mighty coding powers. In the Header are some useful things. The Runner button opens the Collection Runner. Import does file imports. Remember, we used it for environment and collection. Builder and Team Library switches between Request Builder and Team Library views. Builder pane is tabbed. Top half is Request Builder and bottom half is Response

Viewer (like a console)

There's Cookies and Generate Code Snippets. Postman's native apps provide a MANAGE COOKIES modal that lets you edit cookies that are associated with each domain. The Cookies link is under the Send button in the Request Builder. I am not sure if we need cookies at this point.

https://www.getpostman.com/docs/postman/sending_api_requests/cookies

Now for the “onboarding” document. It was one of the links.

Documentation, Security and Credentials (see postman files)

Documentation:

- <https://ie-cities-docs.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io>

Websocket URL:

- <wss://ic-websocket-server.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/events>

User Account & Authentication (UAA) Service (OAuth2):

- baseUrl = <https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io>
- Access token URI: {baseUrl}/oauth/token?grant_type=client_credentials

Client ID / Client Secret:

- hackathon / @hackathon

Simple curl command to get a token:

- Base 64 encoded hackathon:@hackathon combination → [aGFja2F0aG9uOkBoYWNrYXRob24=](#)
- curl '<https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/oauth/token>' -H 'Pragma: no-cache' -H 'content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded' -H 'Cache-Control: no-cache' -H 'authorization: Basic aGFja2F0aG9uOkBoYWNrYXRob24=' --data 'client_id=hackathon&grant_type=client_credentials'



Documentation

“The CityIQ™ IoT Platform, powered by Predix, provides APIs to facilitate application development. The CityIQ APIs are part of the Intelligent Cities product group.

The main IoT edge device on this platform is a highly connected digital fabric of LED-VLC lights. The addition of sensors and controls technologies enables the LED-VLC lighting system to become an all-sensing network, compiling data for analytics and insights to drive productivity and efficiency. It is easily

extended by adding additional BLE sensors, OTS sensors, smart phones, and other edge devices.”

This tells us who and what these APIs are designed to serve and be used by.

CityIQ is the set of APIs. Using them in the Hackathon is required to get a prize.

Predix “powers” the APIs.

What is Predix?

From Wikipedia,

“Predix is General Electric’s software platform for the collection and analysis of data from industrial machines.

General Electric plans to support the growing industrial internet of things with cloud servers and an app store. GE is a member of the Industrial Internet Consortium which works to aid the development and use of industrial internet technologies.

Predix as a cloud-based PaaS (platform as a service) is claimed to enable industrial-scale analytics for asset performance management (APM) and operations optimization by providing a standard way to connect machines, data, and people. GE expects Predix software to do for factories and plants what Apple’s iOS did for cell phones. Built on Cloud Foundry open source technology, Predix provides a microservices based delivery model with a distributed architecture (cloud, and on-machine).”

They very very much want an app store just like Apple’s.

It’s very very unclear how app developers get paid in this type of ecosystem. The data in question here is “owned” by the City of San Diego, which has an immediate effect on monetization.

The Hackathon is supposed to spark ideas and applications that can become apps. An asset is a physical object, which has the capability to collect or exchange data. An asset can be a single

device (e.g. environmental sensor, camera, microphone), or a node (parent asset), which groups together multiple devices.

OK in the Getting Started of the Documentation section, “Each of the APIs is connected to a JAVA app data simulator, which simulates Cities and Enterprises activity from the node(s). You will first need to obtain a client account before you can start developing.”

Contact your “Current, Powered by GE” representative to obtain a client account, which includes the following, before you start developing:

1) client-id and client-secret to generate client tokens

client-id is hackathon and client-secret is @hackathon

2) predix-zone-id for each service

no idea what a predix-zone-id is yet

However, this:

baseurl = <https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io>

and this:

Access token URI: {baseurl}/oauth/token?grant_type=client_credentials

Is a User Account & Authentication Service link and token.

3) service URLs

Simple curl command to get a token:
•Base 64 encodedhackathon:@
hackathoncombination àaGFja2F0aG9u0kBoYWNrYXRob24=@curl
'<https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/oauth/token>' -H 'Pragma: no-cache' -H 'content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded' -H 'Cache-Control: no-cache' -H 'authorization: Basic àaGFja2F0aG9u0kBoYWNrYXRob24=' --data 'client_id=hackathon&grant_type=client_credentials'

And... that's it for the onboarding sheet. If the information on the onboarding sheet doesn't require me to be at the Hackathon site, then today can be somewhat more productive.

Step 2: Get Up and Running with Hackathon Data

“Simulated Data Stream Information

GE Current recommends using the APIs to gather data and run the data simulator application prior to using real data.

Once you have obtained a client account, you can access the data simulator and retrieve simulated data and all relevant parameters in the Intelligent Cities APIs section: Appendix A: Simulated Data for Intelligent Cities Data Simulator.”

OK going to Appendix A. Whoa! Data! It's a test environment. They warn me again I need system access. So I am going to test that right away. Nothing looks obvious so I decided to try the Runner button. It opens up in a new window. I selected the IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon Collection and set the Environment to IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon and left everything else default. I clicked Start Run.

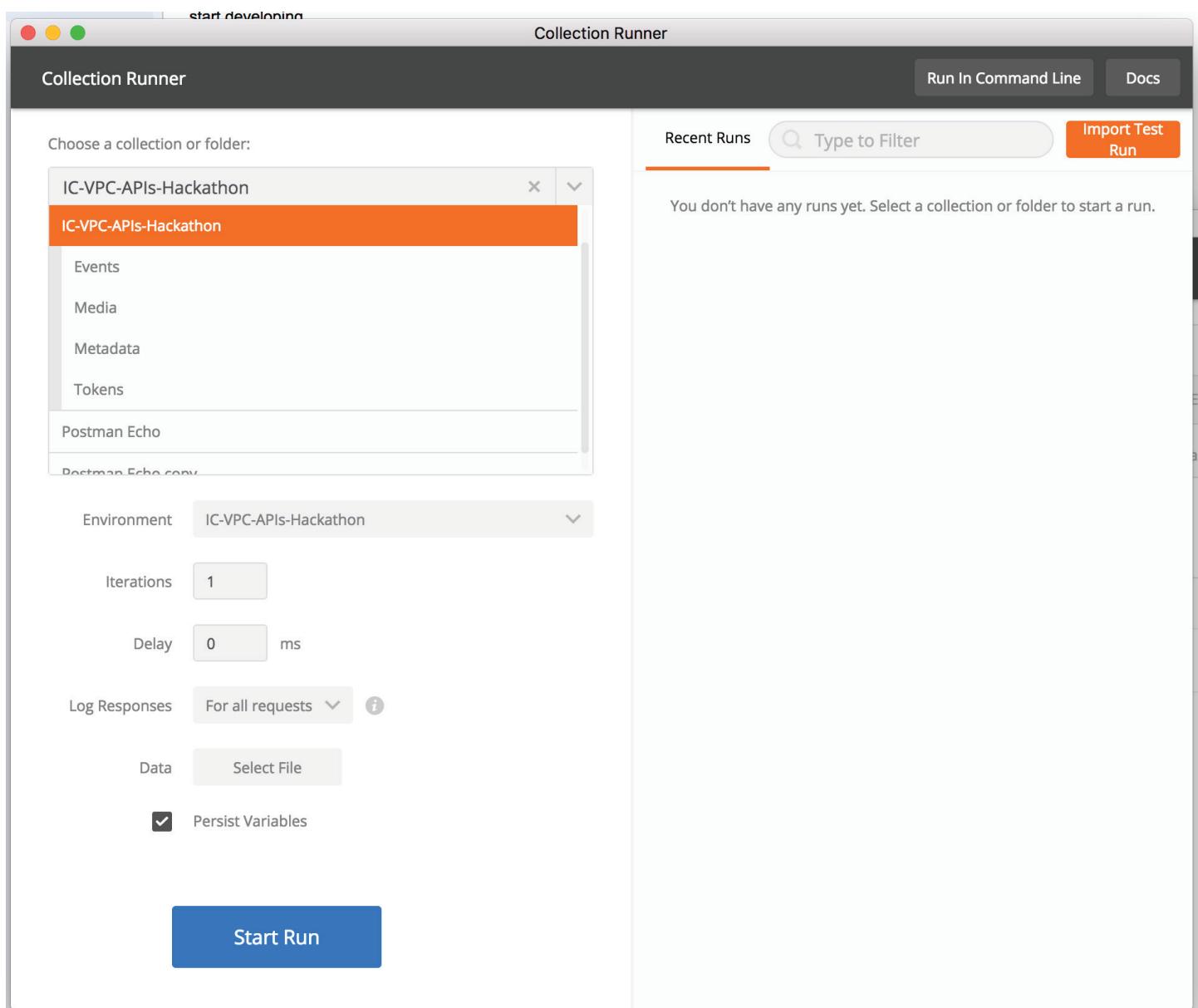
The Collection Runner seemed to work the first time. It ran the entire collection. It's probably using default or empty Events, Media, Metadata, Tokens, etc.

The other settings in Run Collection are Iterations. This is number of times the Collection will be run. Delay is the interval in milliseconds between each request. Log Response allows some granularity in logging. Data is data files supplied to the collection run. Example data file and how to use it here:

https://www.getpostman.com/docs/postman/collection_runs/working_with_data_files

Persist Variable: “By default, any environment changes in the collection runner are not reflected back in the request builder” The variables in the Environment have four scopes. Global, Environment, Local, and Data.

Data scope is only available in the Collection Runner. When you Run a Collection. This means that changes made during the test run are not made to the variable in the request builder (I assume that the request builder scope is Local Scope). If you actually do want your test run to modify data, and that modification to show up in the main Postman app request builder pane editor thing, then you check the Persist Variables check box. Note: on my Collection Runner, this box was checked by default and not unchecked. That seems backwards from the documentation. Just try and double check this.



While the Collection Runner is running, it gives you a status of the Run. There's a Run results tab as well.

I selected Events from the Collection drop down in the Collection Runner. I ran the Collection and it completed.

Collection Runner Run Results

66 %

IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon

IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon

Running 1 iteration...

Iteration 1

■ GET Get PKIN by assetId https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get PKIN by locationId https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get PKIN by bbox https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get PKOUT by assetId https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get PKOUT by bbox https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get PKOUT by locationId https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get TFEVT by assetId https://ic-event-service.r...

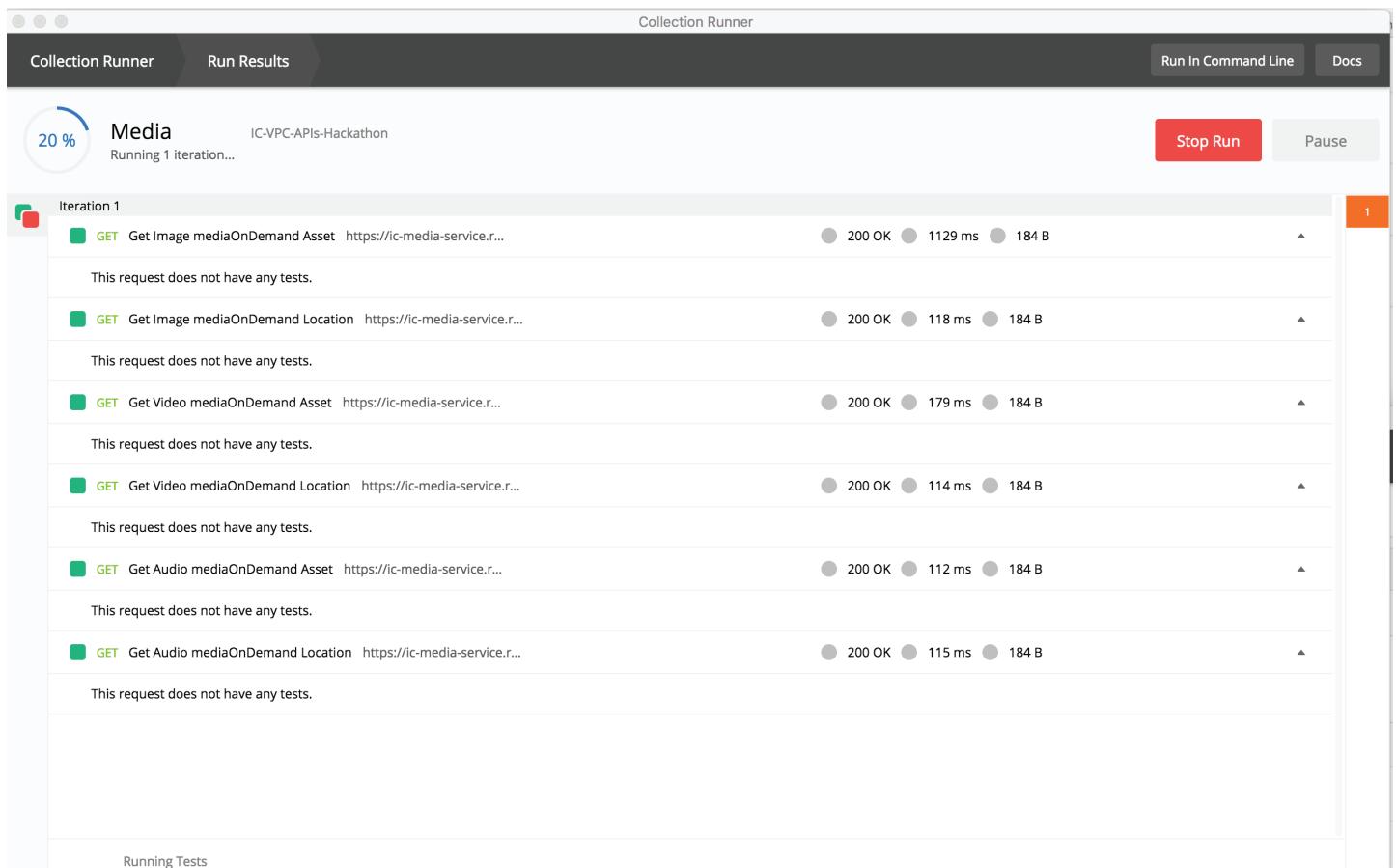
This request does not have any tests.

■ GET Get TFEVT by locationId https://ic-event-service.r...

This request does not have any tests.

I selected Media next, and it stalled at Get Audio mediaOnDemand Location. I know that there's a multi-step process for getting audio, so I suspect that the asynchronous media calling is sitting there waiting forever for the next step. I stopped the run after waiting a long time.

Next, Metadata was selected from the drop down in the Collection Runner. (don't forget to set environment as it forgets between runs which environment it was using)



The Run completed.

Finally, Tokens was selected. It had just one GET and it passed.

When you Export Results from the Run Results tab (for the Tokens Run), you get a Tokens.postman_test_run.json file that looks something like this:

```
{  
  "id": "88f559dc-076d-440d-bebb-335ad3b2086a",  
  "name": "Get Token",  
  "type": "test",  
  "request": {  
    "method": "GET",  
    "url": "https://ic-media-service.r...",  
    "headers": {}  
  },  
  "response": {  
    "status": 200,  
    "body": {},  
    "headers": {}  
  },  
  "error": null  
}
```

```
“name”: “Tokens”,
“allTests”: [],
“timestamp”: “2017-06-22T17:07:46.676Z”,
“collection_id”: “537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-c20a048e89b1”,
“folder_id”: “92d4a7b1-5817-4ab6-2333-da1b7079da34”,
“target_type”: “folder”,
“environment_id”: “a0a3bac0-8d84-433d-ad02-41584f4d2845”,
“data”: [],
“delay”: 0,
“count”: 1,
“collection”: {
    “id”: “537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-c20a048e89b1”,
    “name”: “IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon”,
    “description”: “”,
    “order”: [],
    “folders”: [
        {
            “id”: “5cb3a312-725e-3790-b34b-c3b3539a48cd”,
            “name”: “Events”,
            “description”: “”,
            “order”: [
                “53f6561f-07d8-c36f-8917-1996f05a0b2b”,
                “ca092e27-5fd0-08b3-215c-a68513eb466e”,
                “82c0ada4-7849-14d4-4daa-4b2176d2ef56”,
                “1a4f8d64-c1c1-901b-b653-878adf252e13”,
                “191379ff-ce4b-fc41-b709-b6565f36cd65”,
                “3010035a-e4d4-b4b6-5df6-b662d059e189”,
                “8cc794a2-fab0-fcbe-bb7d-a408f0bee3a0”,
                “bac031d4-38d2-7e4a-e2f1-65571a7cd3a4”,
                “2659be7c-efdd-373a-a081-50965bc1d81a”,
                “eb505c55-0776-c96e-740a-6c6a01e8c8d7”,
                “ac351531-1ba1-8c3c-2213-45dc0d21842c”,
                “6f631ce4-6521-5fb2-fef9-20cafe4734a0”,
                “9600dc80-ff5a-1b90-fd26-5e906a5cf28”,
                “ed32d2cc-05d8-7d7e-2fae-22800a92f149”
            ],
            “owner”: “2276179”,
            “collection_id”: “537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1”,
            “collection”: “537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1”
        },
        {
    
```

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        "id": "6314049d-0c1b-1215-90ca-8d07245131da",
        "name": "Media",
        "description": "",
        "order": [
            "dd658515-035e-7efa-d35e-7a51475eec5d",
            "939c9f14-b837-3689-71c0-2e396514a49f",
            "c62825c8-3083-6eeb-562b-b7a3c67e7ed2",
            "e1c53bd8-2559-2418-5ad1-355c33d1ddd2",
            "ad718c83-80a3-871a-ddcb-fcc8ec7f290a",
            "2aaa8fb3-6792-bff9-64a7-bbe1509f0fd4",
            "f44c198f-ae9f-5d1d-52bf-6fce7951718",
            "ea9b7a7d-7d0b-0898-8a41-78216d924b62"
        ],
        "owner": "2276179",
        "collectionId": "5e94bf7a-8c33-08f1-6704-
e79436b5f758",
        "collection_id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1",
        "collection": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1"
    },
    {
        "id": "16b2bd28-bb00-a52d-f962-ea499b55d1fc",
        "name": "Metadata",
        "description": "",
        "order": [
            "4573a4b2-9cfa-8029-db84-87b4a00cc22d",
            "d3e3b583-3420-8ecd-f7e0-f5452756acf5",
            "9c623125-55d4-6ca0-af55-8cc75d3dc559",
            "c5d93603-6a42-44a4-299c-8b92feb96832",
            "207af465-01e7-f61e-b14b-276d93454760",
            "77d37655-b733-60c4-db24-5376062533c8",
            "2892fa5d-d607-f6b5-83e3-955acc127362"
        ],
        "owner": "2276179",
        "collection_id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1",
        "collection": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-
c20a048e89b1"
    },
    {
        "id": "92d4a7b1-5817-4ab6-2333-da1b7079da34",
        "name": "Tokens",
        "description": ""
    }
]
```

```
        "description": "",  
        "order": [  
            "b9ff228b-61ab-e7e7-e900-af16b105a542"  
        ],  
        "owner": "2276179",  
        "collection_id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-  
c20a048e89b1",  
        "collection": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-  
c20a048e89b1"  
    }  
],  
"timestamp": 0,  
"synced": true,  
"remote_id": 0,  
"owner": "2276179",  
"sharedWithTeam": false,  
"subscribed": false,  
"remoteLink": "",  
"remoteLinkUpdatedAt": null,  
"public": false,  
"createdAt": 1498146875127,  
"updatedAt": 1498146875127,  
"write": true,  
"published": false,  
"favorite": false,  
"permissions": {},  
"syncedPermissions": {}  
},  
"folder": {  
    "id": "92d4a7b1-5817-4ab6-2333-da1b7079da34",  
    "name": "Tokens",  
    "description": "",  
    "order": [  
        "b9ff228b-61ab-e7e7-e900-af16b105a542"  
    ],  
    "owner": "2276179",  
    "collection_id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-  
c20a048e89b1",  
    "collection": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-c20a048e89b1"  
},  
"environment": null,  
"globals": [],  
"results": [
```

```
{  
    "name": "Get client Token",  
    "id": "b9ff228b-61ab-e7e7-e900-af16b105a542",  
    "url": "https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-  
01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/oauth/  
token?grant_type=client_credentials",  
    "totalTime": 0,  
    "responseCode": {  
        "code": 200,  
        "name": "OK",  
        "detail": {  
            "name": "OK",  
            "detail": "Standard response for  
successful HTTP requests. The actual response will depend on  
the request method used. In a GET request, the response will  
contain an entity corresponding to the requested resource. In a  
POST request the response will contain an entity describing or  
containing the result of the action."  
        }  
    },  
    "tests": {},  
    "testPassFailCounts": {},  
    "times": [  
        "841"  
    ],  
    "allTests": [  
        {}  
    ],  
    "time": "841",  
    "totalRequestTime": "841",  
    "iterationResults": {}  
}  
],  
"totalPass": 0,  
"totalFail": 0,  
"totalTime": 841,  
"lifecycle": "done",  
"requests": [  
    {  
        "name": "Get client Token",  
        "id": "b9ff228b-61ab-e7e7-e900-af16b105a542",  
        "url": "https://890407d7-e617-4d70-985f-  
01792d693387.predix-uaa.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/oauth/
```

```
token?grant_type=client_credentials",
    "time": "2017-06-22T17:07:46.676Z",
    "responseCode": {
        "code": 200,
        "name": "OK",
        "detail": {
            "name": "OK",
            "detail": "Standard response for
successful HTTP requests. The actual response will depend on
the request method used. In a GET request, the response will
contain an entity corresponding to the requested resource. In a
POST request the response will contain an entity describing or
containing the result of the action."
        }
    },
    "testPassFailCounts": {}
}
],
"synced": false
}
```

Well! That's a lot of JSON! Our particular run was for Tokens, but the first majority of the file is test run results for the other categories (Events, Media, and Metadata). The Run Collection seems to be picking up the right Collection and Environment information from the Collection and Environment JSON imports, and is using the settings from the Run Collection settings box. Comparing the two files shows the same folder structure (see next page).

Now we need to set up a real Token fetch. I think the Tokens are client tokens (that's what they're called) and I think they are important.

While looking for this, I found a very simple Collection and Environment that allowed for a very simple Hello World experiment that also showed the Data Scope functionality. That experiment is here:

https://www.getpostman.com/docs/postman/collection_runs/using_environments_in_collection_runs

```

{
  "id": "88f559dc-076d-440d-bebb-335ad3b2086a",
  "name": "Tokens",
  "allTests": [],
  "timestamp": "2017-06-22T17:07:46.676Z",
  "collection_id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-c20a048e89b1",
  "folder_id": "92d4a7b1-5817-4ab6-2333-dalb7079da34",
  "target_type": "folder",
  "environment_id": "a0a3bac0-8d84-433d-ad02-4158af4d2845",
  "data": [],
  "delay": 0,
  "count": 1,
  "collection": {
    "id": "537c1756-4a3a-2f0d-42eb-c20a048e89b1",
    "name": "IC-VPC-APIs-Hackathon",
    "description": "",
    "order": [],
    "folders": [
      {
        "id": "5cb3a312-725e-3790-b34b-c3b3539a48cd",
        "name": "Events",
        "description": "",
        "order": [
          {
            "id": "53f65610-07d8-c36f-8917-1996f05a0b2b",
            "ca092e27-5fd0-08b3-215c-a68513eb466e",
            "82c0ad44-7849-14d4-4daa-4b2176d2ef56",
            "1a4f8d64-c1c1-901b-b653-878adfc252e13",
            "191379ff-ce4b-fc41-b709-b6565f36cd65",
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        "name": "Events",
        "description": "",
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            "e2addc4c-4d20-403d-1b30-2de7e949535f",
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            "4de6b565-ecb7-03ec-fb6d-f67f86fea51",
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            "6310a57d-ec50-4acb-322c-98a413986307",
            "101cbff-b63a-acab-144f-f5d769073dc",
            "f2ccf211-b5eb-9416-ff5f-a00a49e25ca6",
            "81ee3827-2766-a2de-631c-bcec4fa1e88",
            "ce3b39e5-123b-1087-3562-2faf4c23d831",
            "0333c267-481d-b0b2-c31c-b8226a360e0e",
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            "27a6267d-ed97-fe8e-66f6-9d0ac75a21bc"
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        ]
      }
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    "delay(1000)",
    "delay(1000)",
    "delay(1000)",
    "delay(1000)"
  ],
  "delay(1000)",
  "delay(1000)",
  "delay(1000)",
  "delay(1000)",
  "delay(1000)"
}

```

Export of Token Test Result from the Run Collection vs Hackathon Collection definition file that we imported.

I went ahead and tried it and got the same import error as I got with the Hackathon files. This time I made a screen shot. Despite the scary Failed to import data message, the error doesn't appear to negatively affect Postman operation. Yet.

So, I ran the one pre-fabbed POST post-man-echo.com/{{path}}

Failed to import data: Could not import: TypeError: Cannot read property 'id' of null



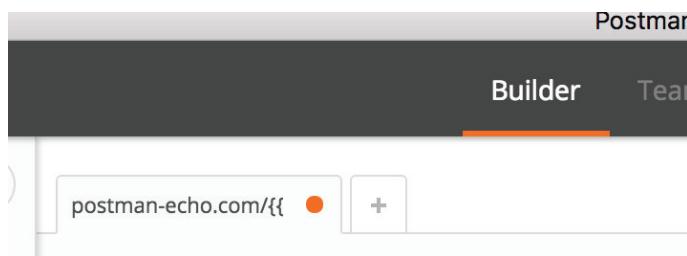
request and got the results expected. Manually modifying the modified variables in the Environment worked as expected, as well. I wasn't entirely sure what I was doing, so I read up.

Basics of POST post-man-echo.com/{{path}}

POST, etc (see at right) are HTTP “verbs”. The basic idea here is a REST API, or Representational State Transfer. REST is an architecture style for designing networked applications. “REST relies on a stateless, client-server, cacheable communications protocol.” The HTTP protocol is used.

Postman uses the {{handlebars}} format for all environment variables. You can use environment variables in any text entry field in the resource pane.

So now I could find both halves of my derriere with my hands, I tried to add a basic GET request to the Hello World test Collection and Environment from Postman. I opened up a new tab in the Builder plane by clicking the plus tab marker (above).



After that, I selected GET from the drop down and put the below URL from a tutorial in to the “Enter request URL” box

<http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts>

Hit send, and received a fun Lorem Ipsum JSON file back. OK so I can POST and GET.

I saved the new request to the Using Environments Collection and it worked. I created a folder and moved the two requests into the new folder just to make sure I knew how that worked. You can create a folder and then drag and drop. I then

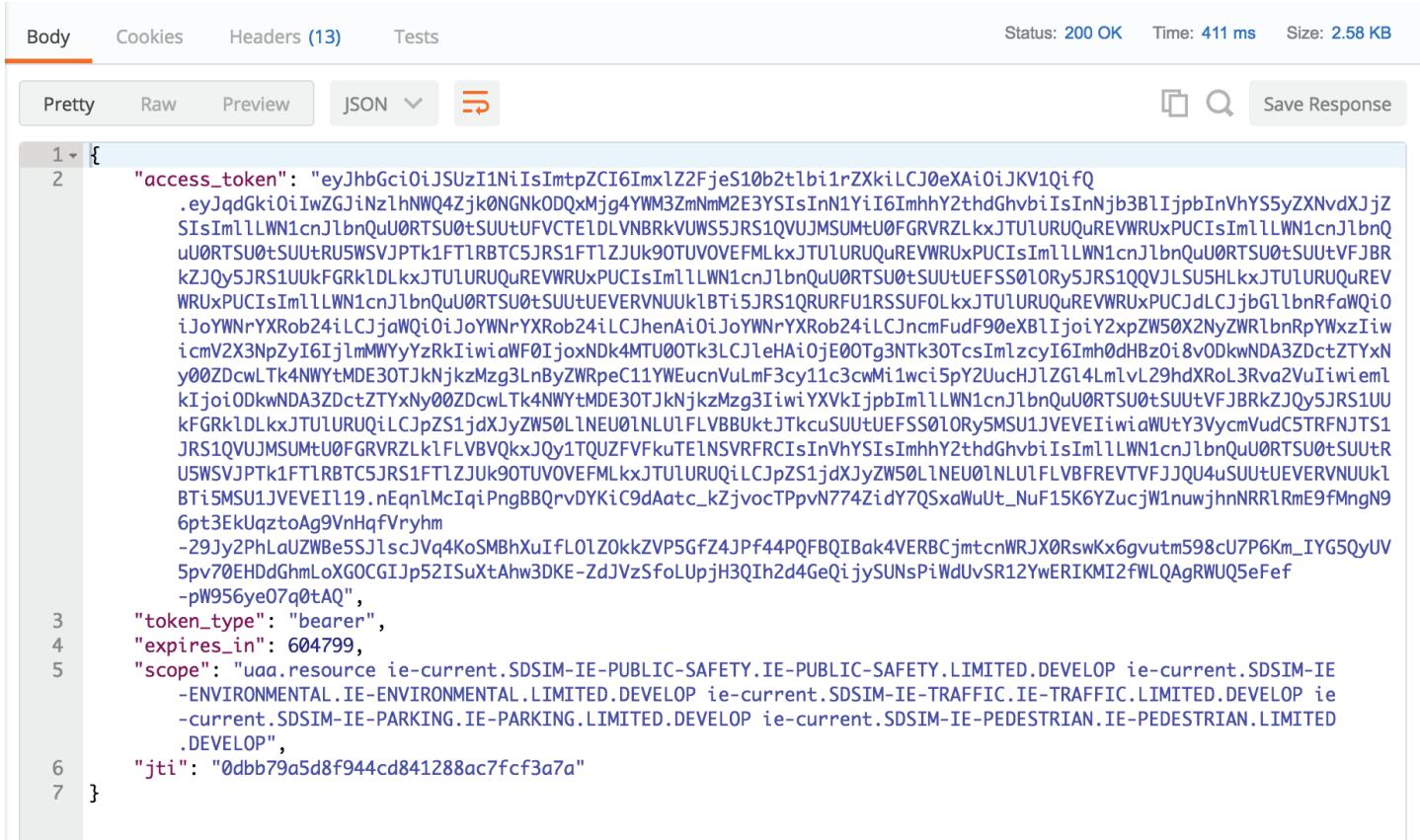
Here's all the choices for requests in the request builder.

could go to Collection Runner and select that particular folder. The power of folders in collections seems to be that you can then select a folder and run just the requests in that folder in the Collection Runner. It allows separating out requests for runs. Sure enough, turning off Persist Variables results in the POST shenanigans passing the test even though the POST test modifies the foo bar key value pair. OK!

Now what? Time to try to use the Hackathon Collection and Environment?

I tried the get client token and it seemed to work. I don't know what to do with the token, so I moved on to Get TEMPERATURE by assetid. Results from sending the get client token request are below.

The parameters associated with Get TEMPERATURE by assetid are



Body Cookies Headers (13) Tests Status: 200 OK Time: 411 ms Size: 2.58 KB

Pretty Raw Preview JSON  Save Response

```
1 {  
2   "access_token": "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6Imx1Z2FjeS10b2tibi1rZXkiLCJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiFQ  
3     .eyJqdGkiOiIwZGjiNzhNNQ4Zjk0NGNkODQxMjg4YMM3ZmNmM2E3YSIsInN1YiI6InrhY2thGhvbIIsInNjb3BLIjpBInVhYSyZXNvdXkJZ  
4     SISImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tUFVCTEiDLVNBkVUWS5JRS1QVUJMSUMtU0FGRVRZLkxJTUlURUQuREWRUxPUCIsImllWN1cnJlbnQ  
5     uU0RTSU0tSUU0tURU5WSVPTk1FTlRBTC5JRS1FTlZJuk90TUVOVFMLkxJTUlURUQuREWRUxPUCIsImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tVFJBR  
6     kZJQy5JRS1UUkFGRkldLkxJTUlURUQuREWRUxPUCIsImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tUEFSS0t0Ry5JRS1QQVJLSU5HLkxJTUlURUQuRE  
7     WRUxPUCIsImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tUEVERVNUUKLBti5JRS1QRURFU1RSSUFOLkxJTUlURUQuREWRUxPUCJdLCJjbGllbnRfaQo0  
8     iJoYWnrYXR0b24iLCJjaWQiOj0YWnrYXR0b24iLCJhenAiOj0YWnrYXR0b24iLCJncmFudF90eXB1IjoiY2xpZW50X2NyZWRLbnRpYWxzIiw  
9     icmV2X3NpZyI6IjlmMWYyYzRkIwiWF0IjoxNDk4MTU00Tk3LCJleHai0jE00Tg3NTk30TcsImlzcyI6Imh0dHz0i8v0DkwNDA3ZDctZTyxN  
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11    kIjoiODkwNDA3ZDctZTyxNy00ZDcwLTk4NWYtMDE30TjkNjkzMzg3IiwiYXVkJpbImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tVFJBRkZJQy5JRS1UU  
12    kFGRkldLkxJTUlURUq1LCJpZs1jdXJyZW50L1NEU01NLULFLVBBUktJTkcuSUU0tUEFSS0t0Ry5MSU1JVEVEIiwiawU0t3VycmVudC5TRFNTS1  
13    JRS1QVUJMSUMtU0FGRVRZLk1FLVBVQkxJQy1tQUZVFVkuTE1NSVRFCIsInVhYSIsImhY2thGhvbIIsImllWN1cnJlbnQu0RTSU0tSUU0tR  
14    U5WSVJPTk1FTlRBTC5JRS1FTlZJuk90TUVOVFMLkxJTUlURUQ1LCJpZs1jdXJyZW50L1NEU01NLULFLVBFREVTFJJQ4uSUU0tUEVERVNUUk1  
15    BTiSMSU1JVEVE119.nEqnlMcIq1PngBBQrvDYKiC9dAatc_kZjvocTPpvN774ZidY7QSxaWuUt_NuF15K6YZucjW1nuwjhnNRrlRmE9fMngN9  
16    6pt3EkUqztoAg9VnHqFvryhm  
17    -29Jy2PhLaUZWBe5SJlscJVq4KoSMBhXuIfI01Z0kkZVP5GFZ4JPf44PQFBQIBak4VERBCjmtcnWRJX0RswKx6gvutm598cU7P6Km_IYG5QyUV  
18    5pv70EHdDGHmLoXGO CGIJp52ISuXtAhw3DKE-ZdJVzSfoLUpjh3QIh2d4GeQijySUNsPiWdUvSr12YwERIKMI2fWLQAgRWUQ5eFef  
19    -pW956ye07q0tAQ",  
20    "token_type": "bearer",  
21    "expires_in": 604799,  
22    "scope": "uaa.resource ie-current.SDSIM-IE-PUBLIC-SAFETY.IE-PUBLIC-SAFETY.LIMITED.DEVELOP ie-current.SDSIM-IE  
23      -ENVIRONMENTAL.IE-ENVIRONMENTAL.LIMITED.DEVELOP ie-current.SDSIM-IE-TRAFFIC.IE-TRAFFIC.LIMITED.DEVELOP ie  
24      -current.SDSIM-IE-PARKING.IE-PARKING.LIMITED.DEVELOP ie-current.SDSIM-IE-PEDESTRIAN.IE-PEDESTRIAN.LIMITED  
25      .DEVELOP",  
26    "jti": "0dbb79a5d8f944cd841288ac7fcf3a7a"  
27 }
```

Authorization and Predix-Zone-Id. Remember that the onboarding said we needed one? It seems to me that the Zone ID is provided by the Environment file. The Authorization is I hope {{client_token}}, which I ran immediately before. Scope is also Environment. Maybe the get client token request wrote the client token to the Environment file? I went looking for it in the Environment, and sure enough - client token from the request was

saved to the Environment JSON file. client_token key and the same value from the request result was the value. OK good so far.

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with two requests. The first request has 'Authorization' set to 'Bearer {{client_token}}'. The second request has 'Predix-Zone-Id' checked, with a dropdown menu open showing 'env_zone_id' selected. The 'Value' is 'SDSIM-IE-ENVIRONMENTAL' and the 'Scope' is 'Environment'. Below the requests are tabs for 'Body', 'Cookies', 'Headers (18)', 'Pretty', 'Raw', 'Preview', and 'JSON'.

This screenshot shows the same Postman interface after the token has been generated. The 'Authorization' field now contains a long, complex token value: eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6ImxI... . The 'Predix-Zone-Id' dropdown still shows 'env_zone_id' with the same details. The 'Body' tab is selected.

env_zone_id was present in the environment as a key and the value in the environment file matched what was in the request builder. Where did the Predix-Zone-Id and Authorization come from? What are they doing? If you give the Predix-Zone-Id the right key, then things work. Predix-Zone-Id is a “parameter” in the request builder. Each API has a unique XXX_zone_id that I assume makes the Predix-Zone-Id parameter happy. So, just match the zone ID to the API when a request is made.

Authorization is Bearer {{client_token}}. If you change from No Auth to Basic Auth, there's a chance that the value in Authorization in the Header will be changed to a static value.

When this happened to me through experimenting, authorization failed, and even changing back to No Auth didn't fix it. Manually editing the Authorization field back to Bearer {{client_token}} was required.

Next I added a new key:value pair into the environment file. Start and end times were listed as variables, so I made a new time in between. Using the new time as the end time reduced the amount of data received in response. Good!

Variables

Hovering over a variable shows its current value and the scope.

Often while using variables in scripts, you will need to see the values they obtain. You can use the Postman Console to do this easily. From the application menu, select "View" and then "Show Postman Console". To log the value of a variable, you can use `console.log(foo);` in your script. When you send a request, the script will be evaluated and the value of the variable will be logged in the Postman Console.

Variables are highlighted in orange, with unresolved variables shown in red colour.

Type an open curly bracket to bring up the autocomplete menu.

The "eye" icon in the upper right opens up the environment variable file and you can edit from here too.

Postman has some dynamic variables. You can use them in your requests. You can only use them in the {{..}} format in the request URL / headers / body.

`{{$guid}}` : Adds a v4 style guid
`{{$timestamp}}`: Adds the current timestamp
`{{$randomInt}}`: Adds a random integer between 0 and 1000

Data Variables, used most often in Collection Runner, are from a data file that is imported into the Collection Runner. This data file is optional. This file is not the same as the environment variables file. Data file variables operate at the Data scope, which is below Environment. This is related to the Persist

Variables checkbox in the Collection Runner.

You can use these data variables inside Postman with the same syntax as environment or global variables, with the {{variable}} syntax.

Inside pre-request and test scripts, there is a special data object. It contains values loaded from the data file for a specific iteration.

```
data.username  
data["username"]
```

both let you access the value of the username variable from a data file, when you are in pre-request and test scripts.

Variables are often used in pre-request and test scripts. “Since these sections for scripts are written in JavaScript, you will initialize and retrieve these variables in a different manner.” You can initialize variables in the JavaScript scripts and put them in a particular scope.

Defining a variable in a script:

To set a variable in a script, use the setEnvironmentVariable() method or setGlobalVariable() method depending on the desired scope. The method requires the variable key and value as parameters to set the variable. When you send the request, the script will be evaluated and the value will be stored as the variable.

Fetching a pre-defined variable:

Once a variable has been set, use the getEnvironmentVariable() method or getGlobalVariable() method depending on the appropriate scope to fetch the variable. The method requires the variable name as a parameter to retrieve the stored value in a script.

Setting a variable in a scope:

Environment variables can be accessed with the corresponding environment template - make sure you have it loaded in the drop-down menu in the upper right. Global variables can be accessed broadly regardless of the selected environment.

Test Scripts

The Test script window lets you write JavaScript test scripts. These are automated tests that run on the requests.

<http://blog.getpostman.com/2014/03/07/writing-automated-tests-for-apis-using-postman/>

Part 2 of the above blog adds a bit more functionality.

WebSocket Service

Use the WebSocket service to receive a stream of near real-time data for an asset or assets in a location.

Access the provided URI to open a TCP connection to enable two-way communication between your client and the service, and specify the data to be received with a JSON formatted request.

“Live” functions request and receive near real-time data using WbSocket, and “filter” funtions retrieve event data using HTTPS.

You need to send the bearer token and Predix-Zone-Id while establishing the Websocket connection!

I attempted to use the Intelligent Cities API to construct a real-time WebSocket to get Temperature from a particulare asset. It's the first entry at:

https://ie-cities-docs.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/#r_get_environmental_planning_api.html

And ended up with:

```
GET {{websocketurl}}?assetUid=ENV-HYP1071&eventTypes=TEMPERATURE
```

The asset ID was from the provided historical TEMPERATURE Get by assetID, and shows up in the “get assets” results as well. So I think that the assetUid is correct. I know eventTypes = TEMPERATURE is correct. I tried with No Auth and it didn't work. I turned on Basic Auth and it didn't work. Basic Auth changed the Authorization Header (as expected) from Bearer {{client_

token}} to Basic aGFja2F0aG9u0kBoYWNrYXRob24=

I changed it back to Bearer {{client_token}} and tried OAuth2.

That didn't work either. "Could not complete oauth2 login" from popup window after "get new access token" dialogue box was filled out. Maybe the problem is OAuth2 or maybe the probe is a bad request. Not sure which!

The screenshot shows the Postman interface with the following details:

- Header Bar:** Contains buttons for "Get TEMPERATURE by X", "Get TEMPERATURE by asset", "Get All Locations", "Get All Assets", "Get Location->Asset list", and a "+" button.
- Section Header:** "► Get TEMPERATURE by WebSocket"
- Request Method:** GET
- URL:** {{websocketurl}}?assetUid=ENV-HYP1062&eventTypes=TEMPERATURE
- Headers (2):** Authorization and Headers (2)
- Body:** None
- Pre-request Script:** None
- Tests:** None
- Authorization Headers:** (2 rows)

Key	Value
assetUid	ENV-HYP1062
eventTypes	TEMPERATURE
New key	Value
- Headers (2):** (2 rows)

Key	Value
Predix-Zone-Id	SDSIM-IE-ENVIRONMENTAL
Authorization	Bearer {{client_token}}
New key	Value

Could not get any response

There was an error connecting to <wss://ic-websocket-server.run.aws-usw02-pr.ice.predix.io/v2/events?assetUid=ENV-HYP1062&eventTypes=TEMPERATURE>.

Why this might have happened:

- The server couldn't send a response:** Ensure that the backend is working properly
- Self-signed SSL certificates are being blocked:** Fix this by turning off 'SSL certificate verification' in *Settings > General*
- Client certificates are required for this server:** Fix this by adding client certificates in *Settings > Certificates*
- Request timeout:** Change request timeout in *Settings > General*

GET NEW ACCESS TOKEN

Request a new access token to add it to your list of tokens
On clicking Request Token, you will be redirected to the Auth URL where you can enter the user's credentials and request for a token

Callback URL <https://www.getpostman.com/oauth2/callback>
Set this as the callback URL in your app settings page.

Token Name

Auth URL

Access Token URL

Client ID

Client Secret

Scope (Optional)

Grant Type

Request access token locally

