

# Collection Space Stuff

## REST API

### intro

How CSpace works,

Use HTTP requests to connect with the server and PUT, DELETE, GET, etc those pages

URLs should follow this format: **https://<your-cspace-domain>/cspace-services/<authorityType>/<authorityRecordCSID>/items?pgSz=<pageSize>**

### Base URL/CSpace Domain

The base URL connects to an individual CSpace instance. Our base URL is,

[https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace – services](https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services)

### Authority Type

Then, in addition to the base URL, make a request from a specific source e.g.

*orgauthorities*

The following is a complete(?) list of authority types ([source](#)):

citationauthorities, conceptauthorities, locationauthorities, orgauthorities, personauthorities, placeauthorities, taxonomyauthority, workauthorities

Append the authority type to the end of the base URL e.g.

[https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace – services/orgauthorities/](https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/orgauthorities/)

### CSID/UUID

Then, add the CSID, a unique identifier assigned to every assigned to every authority record in CSpace. If you type the above URL into your browser, you will be greeted with this page. The CSID can be found between the <csid> markers. In the screenshot below, I've highlighted where the CSID can be found.

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes" ?>
<ns2:abstract-common-list xmlns:ns2="http://collectionspace.org/services/jaxb">
  <pageNum>0</pageNum>
  <pageSize>40</pageSize>
  <itemsInPage>3</itemsInPage>
  <totalItems>3</totalItems>
  <fieldsReturned>csid|uri|refName|updatedAt|workflowState|rev|shortIdentifier|sas|displayName|vocabType</fieldsReturned>
  <list-item>
    <csid>47c2a276-868b-482d-888d</csid>
    <uri>/taxonomyauthority/47c2a276-868b-482d-888d</uri>
    <refName>urn:cspace:botgarden.cspace.berkeley.edu:taxonomyauthority:name(common)'Common Taxonomy Authority'</refName>
    <updatedAt>2013-04-24T01:52:06.000Z</updatedAt>
    <workflowState>project</workflowState>
    <rev>277</rev>
    <shortIdentifier>common</shortIdentifier>
    <displayName>Common Taxonomy Authority</displayName>
  </list-item>
  <list-item>
    <csid>e773d53a-d65b-4b6a-bd2c</csid>
    <uri>/taxonomyauthority/e773d53a-d65b-4b6a-bd2c</uri>
    <refName>urn:cspace:botgarden.cspace.berkeley.edu:taxonomyauthority:name(plantsales)'Plant Sale Taxonomy Authority'</refName>
    <updatedAt>2013-04-24T01:52:07.000Z</updatedAt>
    <workflowState>project</workflowState>
    <rev>9</rev>
    <shortIdentifier>plantsales</shortIdentifier>
    <displayName>Plant Sale Taxonomy Authority</displayName>
  </list-item>
  <list-item>
    <csid>c1662cc5-d458-4788-96ed</csid>
    <uri>/taxonomyauthority/c1662cc5-d458-4788-96ed</uri>
    <refName>urn:cspace:botgarden.cspace.berkeley.edu:taxonomyauthority:name(taxon)'Default Scientific Taxonomy Authority'</refName>
    <updatedAt>2013-04-24T01:52:06.000Z</updatedAt>
    <workflowState>project</workflowState>
    <rev>10066</rev>
    <shortIdentifier>taxon</shortIdentifier>
    <displayName>Default Scientific Taxonomy Authority</displayName>
  </list-item>
</ns2:abstract-common-list>
```

If you have access to a python interpreter, you can use this code to find the CSID. Simply replace the url with the url of interest and fill in your username and password.

```
import requests

from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth

import re

url = "https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/taxonomyauthority"

username = "<Your prod username>"

password = "<Your prod password>"

response = requests.get(url, auth=HTTPBasicAuth(username, password))

csid = re.search('<csid>(.*?)</csid>', response.text)

print(csid.group(1))
```

```
test.py > ...
1 import requests
2 from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth
3 import re
4
5 url = "https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/taxonomyauthority"
6 username = "<Username>"
7 password = "<Password>"
8
9
10 response = requests.get(url, auth=HTTPBasicAuth(username, password))
11
12 csid = re.search('<csid>(.*?)</csid>', response.text)
13 print(csid.group(1))
14
```

## Items and page size

Finally, append the items and page size variable to your url

*items?pgSize =< number of entries to display >*

Your final URL should look like this

*<https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/taxonomyauthority/47c2a276-868b-482d-888d/items?pgSize=100>*

## Doing Stuff

### Example

The following is an example of a python program which utilizes URL construction to return all the determinations in the database

```
HTTPRequests.py > ...
1  import requests
2  from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth
3  import pandas as pd
4  import numpy as np
5
6
7
8  url = "https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/taxonomyauthority/c1662cc5-d458-4788-96ed/items?pgSz=3000"
9  username = "<username>"
10 password = "<password>"
11
12 output = []
13
14 for i in range(30):
15     url = f"https://ucbg.collectionspace.org/cspace-services/taxonomyauthority/c1662cc5-d458-4788-96ed/items?pgSz=3000&pgNum={i}"
16     response = requests.get(url, auth=HTTPBasicAuth(username, password))
17     if response.status_code == 200:
18         output.append(response.text)
19         i += 1
20     else:
21         print(f"Failed to fetch page {i}: {response.status_code}")
22         break
23
24
25
26 Df = pd.DataFrame(output, columns=["Response"])
27 X = Df['Response'].str.extractall(r"<termDisplayName>(.*?)</termDisplayName>")
28 X[0].to_csv("Determinations.csv", index=False)
```