



Mock-API Manager: Complete Documentation

The Mock-API Manager is a powerful yet simple tool designed to create, manage, and monitor mock API endpoints for testing and development environments.

1. Core Architecture & Technology Stack

Component	Technology/Tool	Role
Backend	Node.js with Express	Handles all API logic, data persistence, and dynamic routing for mock endpoints.
Database	PostgreSQL (Inferred)	Stores all configuration data (Environments, Endpoints, Responses) and request logs.
Frontend	PHP & JavaScript	Provides the user interface for managing configurations and viewing monitoring data.
Security	Helmet	Secures the Express app by setting various HTTP headers.
Logging	Morgan	Logs HTTP requests to the console.
Utilities	CORS, Body-Parser, Dotenv	Standard middleware for security, cross-origin requests, parsing bodies, and environment variables.

2. Key Features

The manager provides a comprehensive set of features across API configuration and live monitoring.

A. API Configuration (api.js, index.php, script.js)

The manager offers full **CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete)** functionality for the core entities: **Environments**, **Endpoints**, and **Responses**.

Feature	Description	API Routes (/api/...)
Environments	Grouping for mock APIs. Can be configured with a port , prefix , latency , and CORS/HTTPS settings.	GET, POST, PUT, DELETE /environments
Endpoints	Defines a specific mock route using a path (e.g., /users/:id) and HTTP method (GET, POST, etc.). Can have an optional default status code and headers .	GET, POST /environments/:id/endpoints GET, PUT, DELETE /endpoints/:id
Responses	Defines the actual data returned by an Endpoint. Includes status code , body (JSON), headers , optional latency , and can be configured with rules (for dynamic mocking) and a probability (for testing randomness/failures).	GET, POST /endpoints/:id/responses GET, PUT, DELETE /responses/:id
Dynamic Mocking	A special route (/api/mock/:environmentId/*) is dedicated to serving the mock responses based on the configuration of the corresponding environment and endpoint, enabling dynamic behavior.	ALL /mock/:environmentId/*

B. Data & Utility Management (api.js, monitoring.php)

Feature	Description	API Routes (/api/...)
Request Logging	Every request to the management API routes and the dynamic mock routes is logged to the database, capturing method , path , headers , body , status , latency , and more.	GET /environments/:id/logs GET /logs/:id
Settings	Provides persistent storage for key/value application settings.	GET /settings, GET /settings/:key, POST /settings
Health Check	Verifies the status of the server and the PostgreSQL database connection .	GET /health (in server.js and api.js)
System Info	Gathers counts of environments, endpoints, responses, and request logs for dashboard display. Also provides server details like Node version and uptime.	GET /info

3. Ease of Use & Simplicity (Dashboard Frontend)

The application provides a two-page web interface designed for simplicity: the **Dashboard** (index.php) for management and the **Monitoring page** (monitoring.php) for live insights.

A. Management Dashboard (index.php, script.js)

The dashboard is structured around **Environments**, **Endpoints**, and **Responses**, with a clear sidebar for quick actions.

- **Scannable Stats:** The top of the page immediately displays **total counts** for environments, endpoints, responses, and request logs.
- **Environment-First Design:** The workflow guides the user to **select an environment** first, then view and manage its specific endpoints.
- **Simplified Forms:** Dedicated, straightforward forms for creating **Endpoints** and **Responses** streamline the process.
 - **Endpoint Form:** Requires Path, Method, Name, and Status Code.

- **Response Form:** Requires Name, Status Code, and the Response Body (JSON).
- **Integrated Testing:** A dedicated "Test Endpoint" form in the sidebar allows users to immediately test a mock API call with a specified **path**, **method**, and **request body**, with the results displayed directly on the page.
- **One-Click Actions:** Buttons are provided for **refreshing** data and **deleting** items directly within the environment and endpoint lists.

B. Live Monitoring Page (`monitoring.php`)

The monitoring page focuses on providing a "**100% Real Data**" view of the mock API traffic, leveraging the request logs.

- **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** Displays crucial metrics based on **total request logs**:
 - **Configured Endpoints vs. Active Endpoints**
 - **Total Requests** and **Total Errors**
 - Overall **Error Rate**
 - **Requests Per Minute** (calculated from the last hour of logs)
- **Endpoint Health Status:** This section is the core of the monitoring. For every *configured* endpoint, it calculates:
 - **Total Requests**
 - **Error Rate**
 - **Average Response Time (Latency)**
 - **Health Status** badge: HEALTHY, SOME ERRORS (Error Rate > 5%), HIGH ERRORS (Error Rate > 10%), or NO DATA.
- **Recent Activity Feed:** A live-style feed that scrolls through the **most recent 50 requests**, displaying the **Method**, **Path**, **Status**, **Latency**, and **Log Type** (API route vs. Mock route). This offers an immediate look at traffic.
- **System Overview:** Provides a summary card of the overall API and data status.

4. Technical Simplicity & Extensibility

- **Modular Routing:** The server.js (main application) and api.js (API routes) clearly separate the concerns of application setup, middleware, and route handling.
- **Clear Error Handling:** The application includes explicit **404 handlers** for both the main app and API routes, as well as a general **500 error handler** in server.js, improving robustness and debugging.
- **Non-Blocking Logging:** The logApiRequest function in api.js is designed to be efficient by intentionally **not awaiting** the database insert for logging, ensuring the actual API response is not delayed by disk I/O.
- **PostgreSQL Support:** The use of PostgreSQL provides a **robust and scalable** database for handling configuration and potentially millions of request logs.