

Get Help

Open Postman

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Path Variable

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Task: Get a book by id

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Quiz #4: Query vs. path parameters

Sending data with POST

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Task: Add a book

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Task: Add an authorization header

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Task: Use Postman Auth instead!

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Quiz #5: Sending Data With Postman

Introduction to variables and scripting

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Variables in Postman (Continued)

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Setting variables programmatically

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Task: Your first script

Task: Grab the new book id

Halfway Test

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Quiz #6: Intro to Variables

PATCH and DELETE

Task: Checkout your book

Task: Delete your book

Generating code

Postman's codegen feature

Wrapping Up

Skillcheck (required)

Recap

Submit your Postman collection

Claim your badge!

Task: Your first script

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If you are new to JavaScript - have no fear! Here are some basics.

Logging data

In JavaScript, you can print data for a value to the console using this syntax:

```
console.log("Hello world!")
// => Hello world!
```

Comments

In JavaScript you can add comments to your code. Comments are skipped by the interpreter, so you can use them to explain things in your code if you like.

```
// Single line comments start with two slashes. I am not code!

/* You can write multi-line comments by
opening and closing with slash and asterisk.
I am not code!
*/
```

Add a script to your request

1. In your "add a book" request, change the book data in your **Body** to a new book you like.

2. From the **Scripts** tab of your request, open the **Post-res** tab (short for Post-response)

3. Inside the Script editor, **add this JavaScript code** to log the JSON response from the API:

```
console.log(pm.response.json())
```

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The screenshot shows the Postman interface. On the left, a collection named 'Postman Library API v2' is expanded, showing several GET requests and one POST request named 'add book'. The 'add book' request is selected, and its 'Scripts' tab is active. The script contains the code `console.log(pm.response.json())`. Below the script editor, the 'Post-res' tab is also visible. At the bottom of the window, the Postman Console is open, showing a log entry for the POST request to `https://library-api.postmanlabs.com/books`. The log entry is expanded, showing the JSON response: `{id: "1d398565-255b-4a79-a94e-b8578950e274", title: "On the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are", author: "Alan Watts", genre: "philosophy", yearPublished: 1960, checkedOut: false, isPermanentCollection: false, createdAt: "2024-06-28T14:49:34.804Z"}`.

The response data from the API is logged in the console because of the code in our **Scripts** tab! You can **expand the data** by clicking on the small arrow to the left

This screenshot is a close-up of the Postman Console. It shows the log entry for the POST request, which has been expanded by clicking the small arrow to the left of the log entry. The expanded JSON response is visible, showing the book's details: `{id: "1d398565-255b-4a79-a94e-b8578950e274", title: "On the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are", author: "Alan Watts", genre: "philosophy", yearPublished: 1960, checkedOut: false, isPermanentCollection: false, createdAt: "2024-06-28T14:49:34.804Z"}`.

Congratulations!

You've written your first script. Next, you'll learn how to grab the automatically **id** of your new book and save it as a collection variable.... using code!