API Documentation

An Application Programming Interface (API) is a set of abstracted rules that defines an interface to an application which enables it to communicate with other systems. Data can be sent to and received from the application through pre-defined commands. In our case we will be working with a web-based API and the commands to the application will be communicated through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs).

How to Make Requests

When a URL corresponding to our application's location with correct parameters is requested, the application will send back text formatted in JSON (<u>JavaScript Object Notation</u>). This can then be parsed as an object which can be handled and read using JavaScript.

Request Example

```
http://pub.jamaica-inn.net/fpdb/api.php?username=jorass&password=jorass&action=iou_get
```

By requesting the above URL you might receive the below response.

Response Example

```
{"type":"iou_get","payload":
[{"user_id":"2","first_name":"Jory","last_name":"Assies","assets":"-55"}]}
```

What if something goes wrong?

If the location is correct but parameters are missing or faulty, an error-object will be sent as text formatted as a JSON-object.

Error Example

```
{"type":"error","payload":[{"code":1,"msg":"Username not found"}]}
```

TIP

If you want to make sure you have got the correct parameters, you can always test your URL directly in a web browser to see if you get any results.

Application Functionality

All requests should be made to the following address:

```
http://pub.jamaica-inn.net/fpdb/api.php?username=User&password=Password
```

Username and password are required with every request. To this URL you add the parameter action. The value of this parameter tells the application which functionality you would like to use in the application. The actions are defined below. With some of them, additional parameters are required and these are specified with the action name.

So for example, if you wish to let your user buy a beer through our system, you would request the following URL:

```
http://pub.jamaica-inn.net/fpdb/api.php?
username=jorass&password=jorass&action=purchases_append&beer_id=2259
```

Disclaimer

Whenever we run this course, the database tends to get a lot of traffic and then all applications slow down. So whenever you call **inventory_get**, **iou_get_all**, or **beer_data_get** you actually get static data because these calls are heavy calculations on the database, so at the moment we just serve you with the original lists as pure JSON. This means that any amendments done to the beer list, for example, will not be visible in your system.

Action Descriptions

inventory_get

Role: admin

Gives a list of all drinks available in the system.

purchases_get

Role: user

Gives a list of all purchases made by the specified user.

purchases_get_all

Role: admin

Gives a list of all purchases made by all users.

purchases_append

Role: user

Additional parameter: beer_id

Adds a purchase of one beer to the system for the specified user. The id of the beer purchased beer is a required additional parameter.

payments_get

Role: user

Returns a list of payments made by the specified user.

payments_get_all

Role: admin

Returns a list of payments made by all users.

payments_append

Role: user

Additional parameter: amount, user_id

Adds a payment of specified amount to the system for the specified user. The amount is a required additional parameter.

iou_get

Role: user

Returns the total amount that the specified user has at his disposal for buying beer. A negative balance means that the user has a debt.

iou_get_all

Role: admin

Returns all users and amounts they have at their disposal. For users with a negative balance it means that they have a debt.

beer_data_get

Role: user

Additional parameter: beer id

Returns all information available in the system for a specified beer. This includes name, price, alcohol volume, etc. The id of the beer for inquiry is a required additional parameter.

user_edit

Role: admin

Additional parameters:

new_username, new_password, first_name, last_name, email, phone Updates user information. All user information is required as additional parameters.

user_get_all

Role: admin

Returns all users in the system.

inventory_append

Additional parameters:

beer_id, amount, price

Updates the number of bottles available in stock and the price for a particular beer. The id of the beer to be updated is required along with its price and current amount of available bottles.

User Lists

The following users are available through the system.

Administrators

First Name	Last Name	User Name & Password
Ervin	Todd	ervtod
Hiram	Christopherson	hirchr
Jory	Assies	jorass
Saša	Krüger	saskru
Svetlana	Torres	svetor

Users

First Name	Last Name	User Name & Password
Aamu	Stankic	aamsta
Andrea	Darzi	anddar
Ângela	Ková?	ankov
Aquilina	Lyndon	aqulyn
Aubrey	Blackwood	aubbla
Bento	Faucher	benfau
Branko	Tamás	bratam
Cezar	Newman	ceznew
Danna	Schermer	dansch
Dido	Waters	didwat
Domen	Olhouser	domolh
Edric	Augustin	edraug
Einarr	Yamauchi	einyam
Elektra	Pickle	elepic
Eulàlia	Coughlan	eulcou
Eustachius	Gorski	eusgor
Felix	Bartoš	felbar
Felicia	Franklin	felfra
Ferdinánd	Crncevic	fercrn
Giacinta	Mikkelsen	giamik
Golnar	Langley	gollan

Hyram Lapointe hyrlap Jacob Abbatelli jacabb Jancsi Heiman janhei Jeanne Atses jeaats Shizuka jershi Jerry Jove Sitz jovsit Karme Blythe karbly Katrien Fabre katfab Kaye Wang kaywan Kenan Olguin kenolg Krystyna Santiago krysan larsch Lara Schenck Lasse Nicholson lasnic Liam Traverso liatra livzha Livianus Zhao Maiken Honda maihon Mariana **Pugliese** marpug Marin Stieber marsti Molle Babi? molbab Muhammed Toft muhtof Nika Proulx nikpro Oliver Slusarski olislu Braun Oluwakanyinsola olubra Drake oludra Oluwatoyin Orabela Panders orapan Paula Aafjes pauaaf Pompeius Graner pomgra Prabhakar Bartos prabar Régulo Westerberg rewes Schwanhild Joubert schjou Sharma Pet?fi shapet S?d?ka Van sivan Bernard Stefan steber Pender Sulis?aw sulpen Sulayman Street sulstr Symeonu Zimmermann symzim Teodora Jensen teojen Tófa Heinrich tohei Valeria Pagani valpag Yevpraksiya Owens yevowe Zuleika Gorecki zulgor