

HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE WEB VIA R CLIENTS FOR WEB APIs

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API

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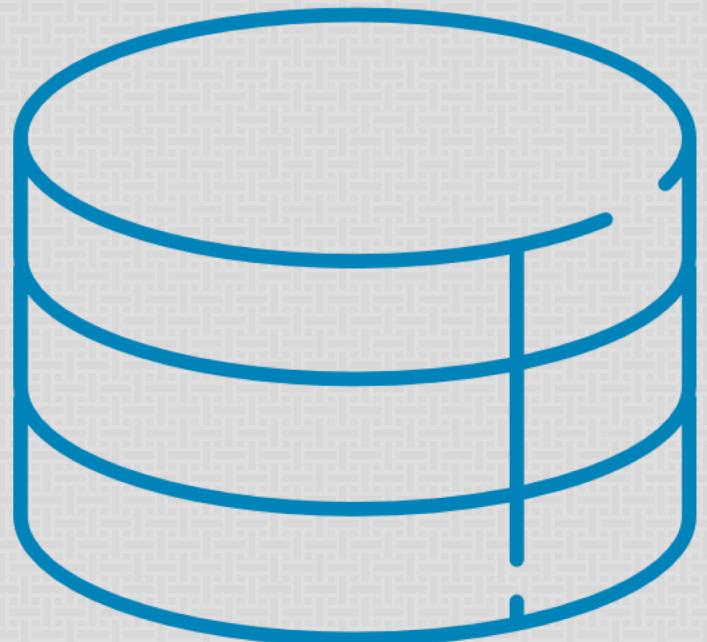
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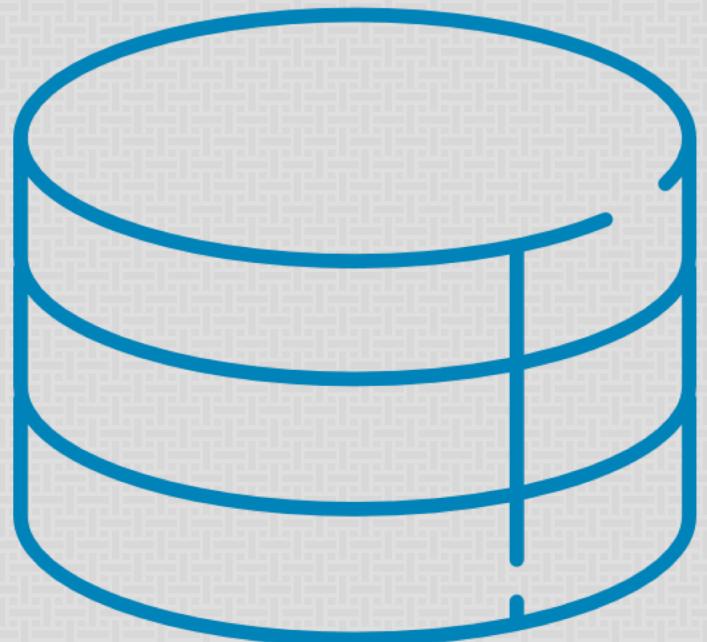
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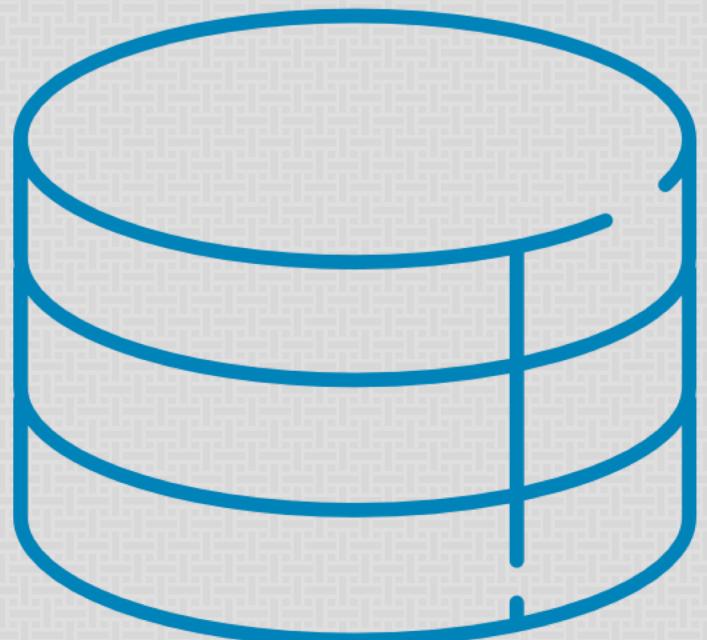
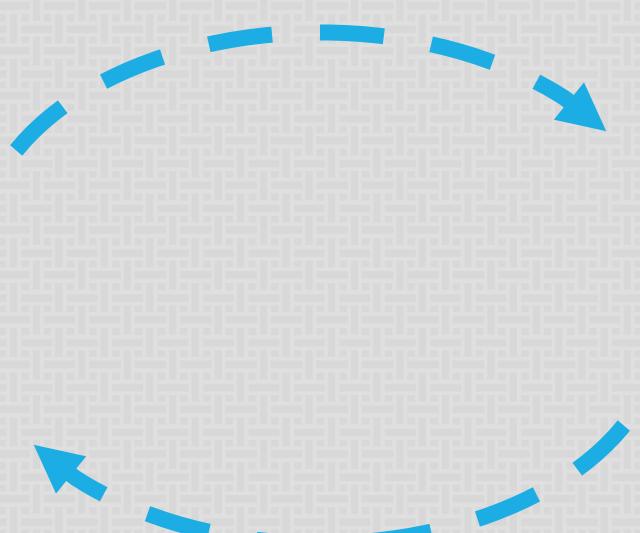
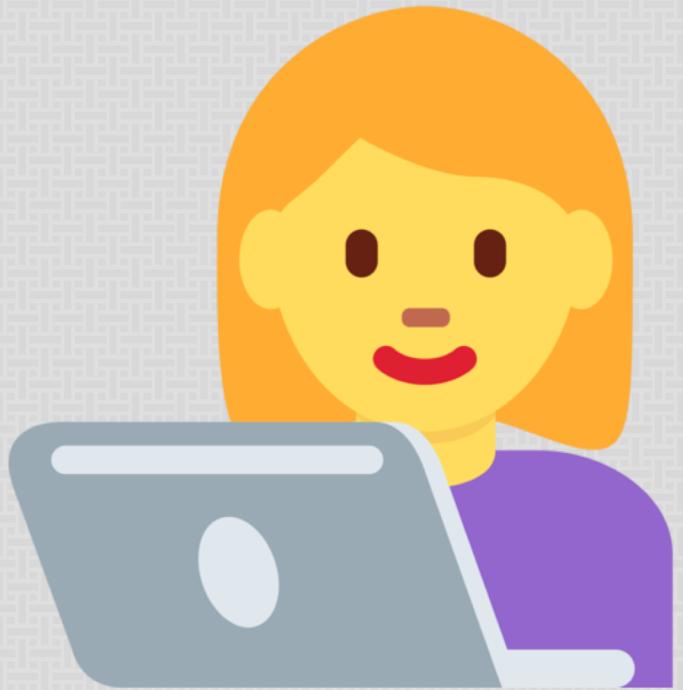
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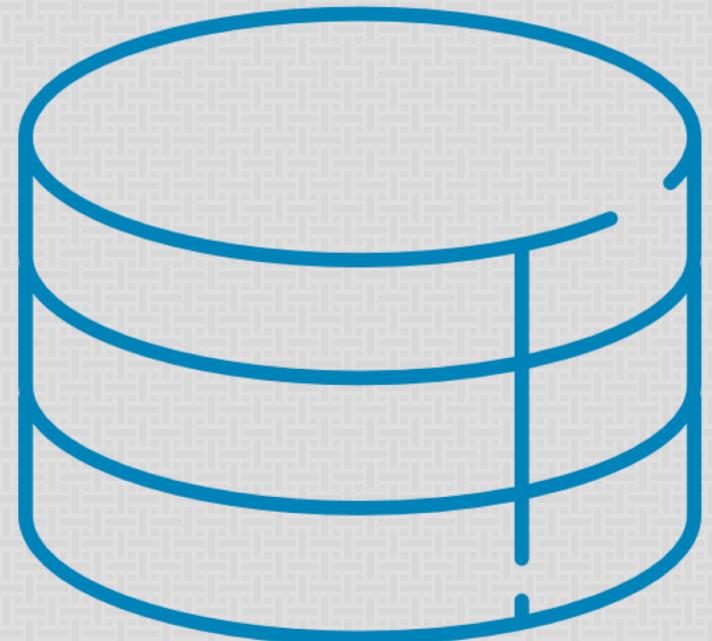
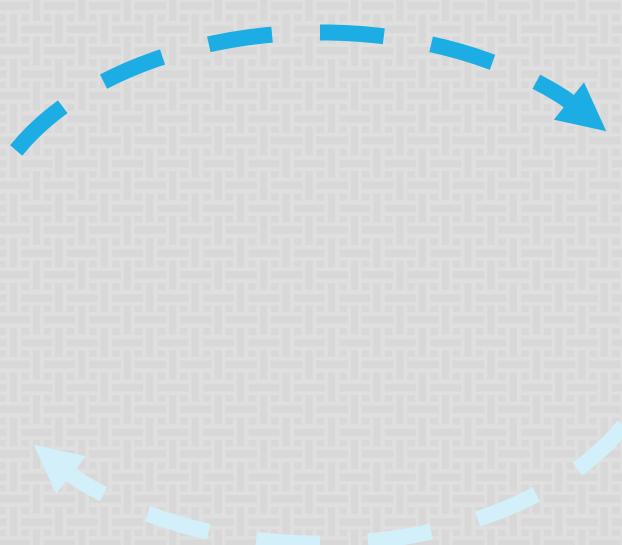
API

application programming interface









RESTful

API

REQUEST VIA HTTP METHODS

HyperText Transfer Protocol

REQUEST VIA HTTP METHODS

GET

POST

PUT

PATCH

DELETE

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REQUEST VIA HTTP METHODS

GET



POST



PUT



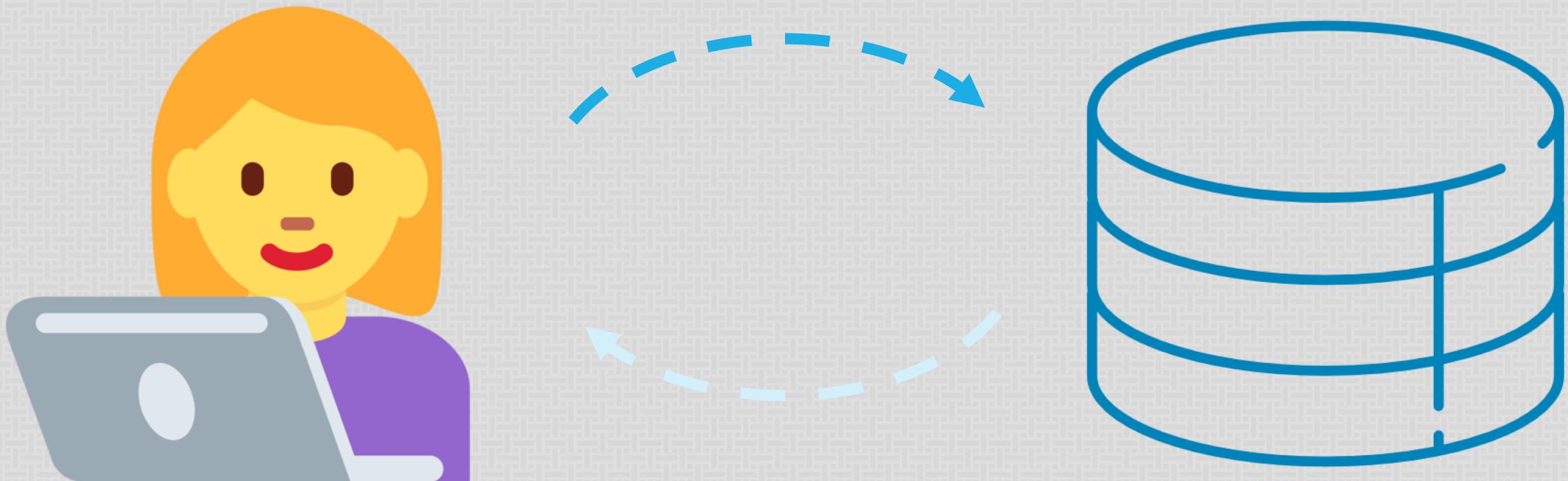
PATCH



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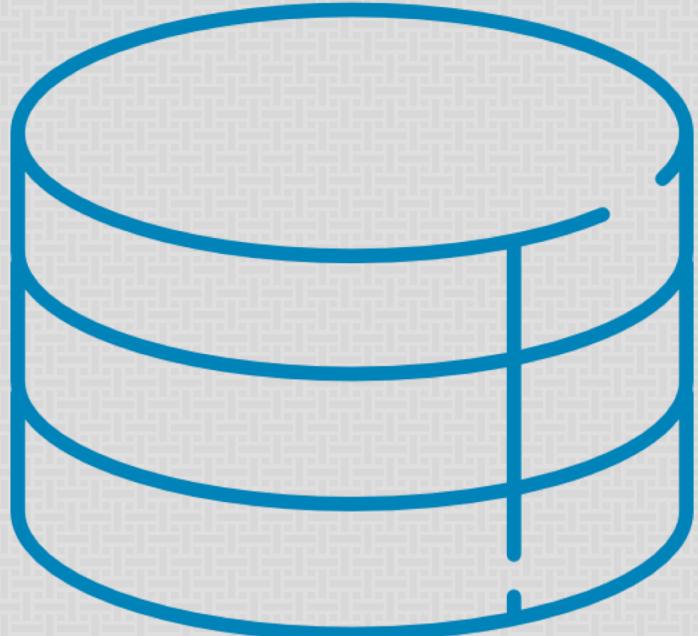


HTTP Methods

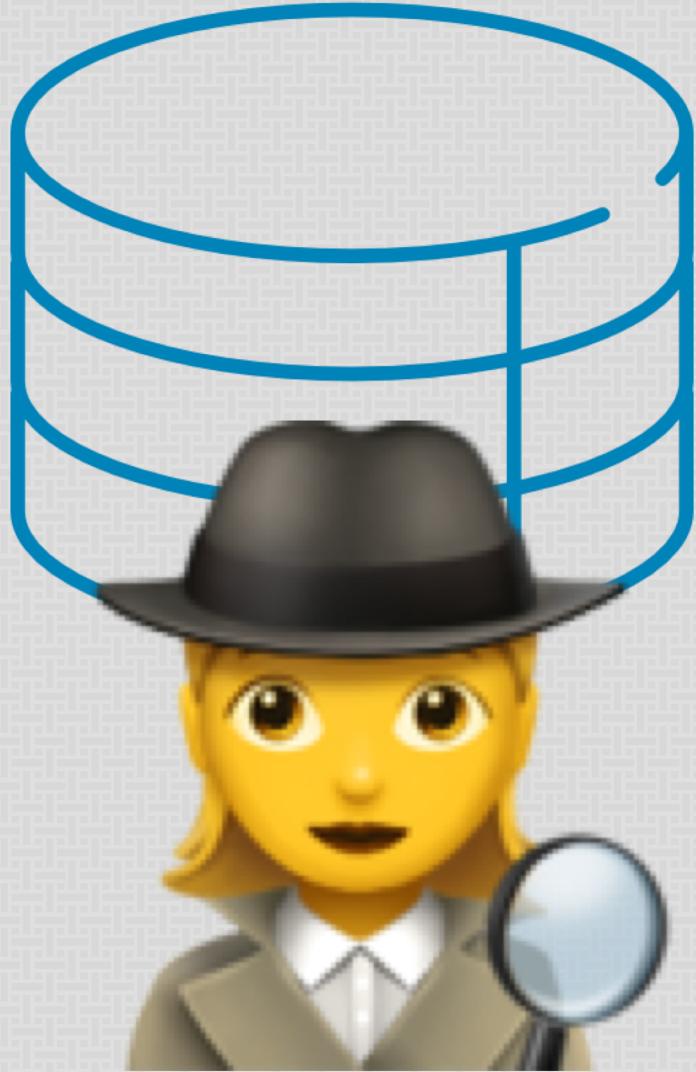




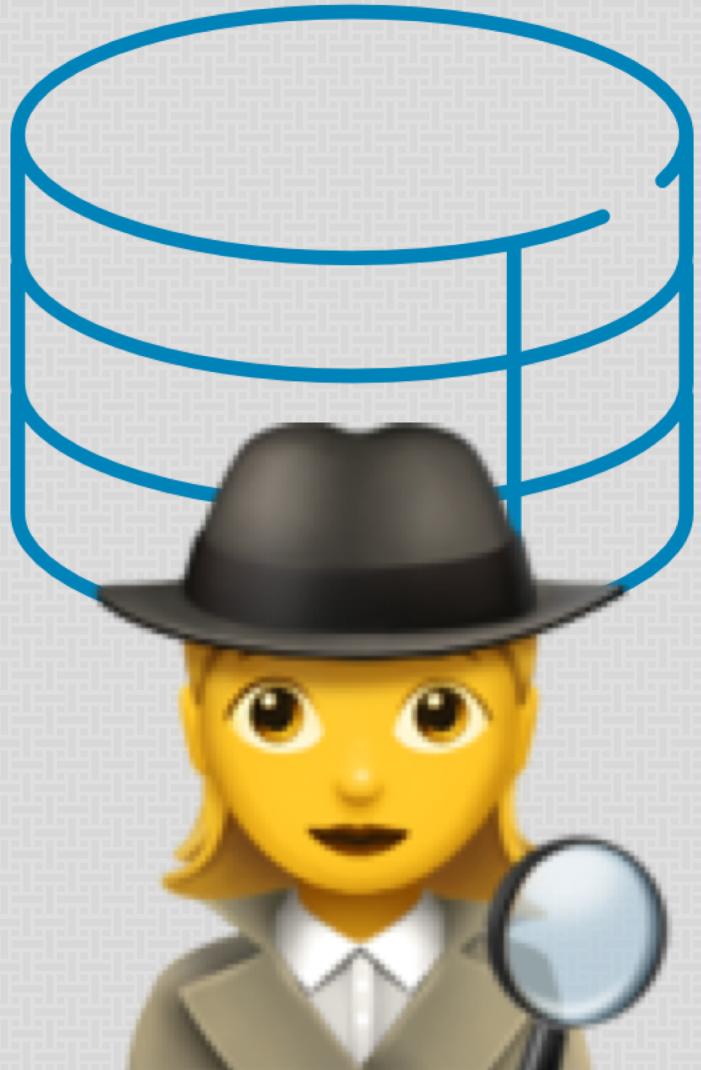
Choose Method



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that return **data**

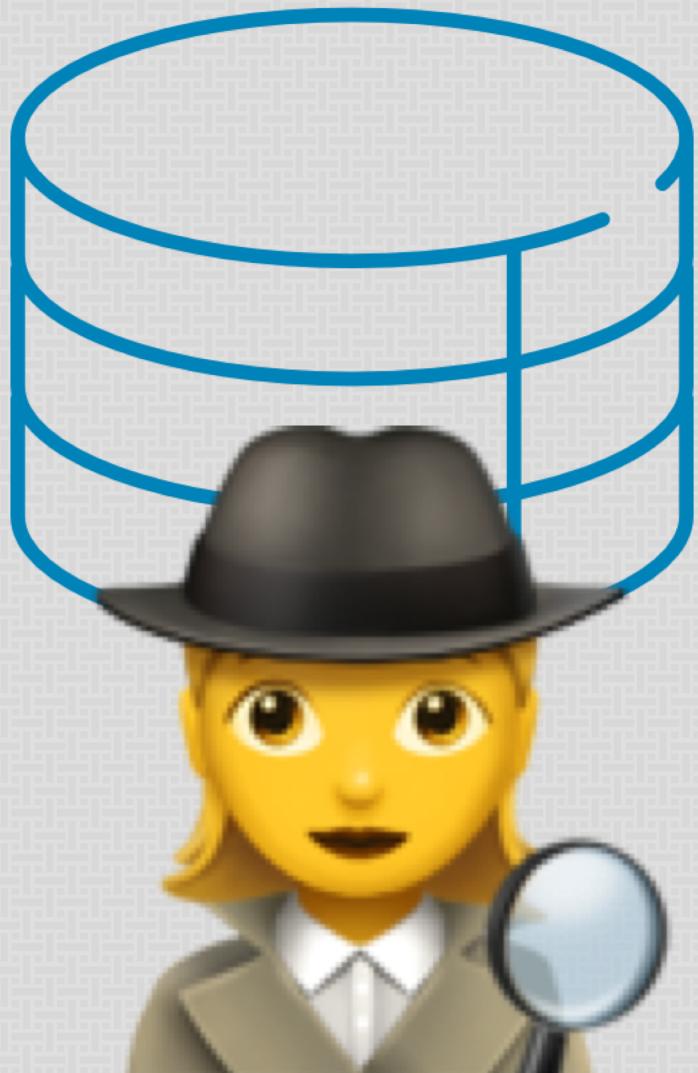


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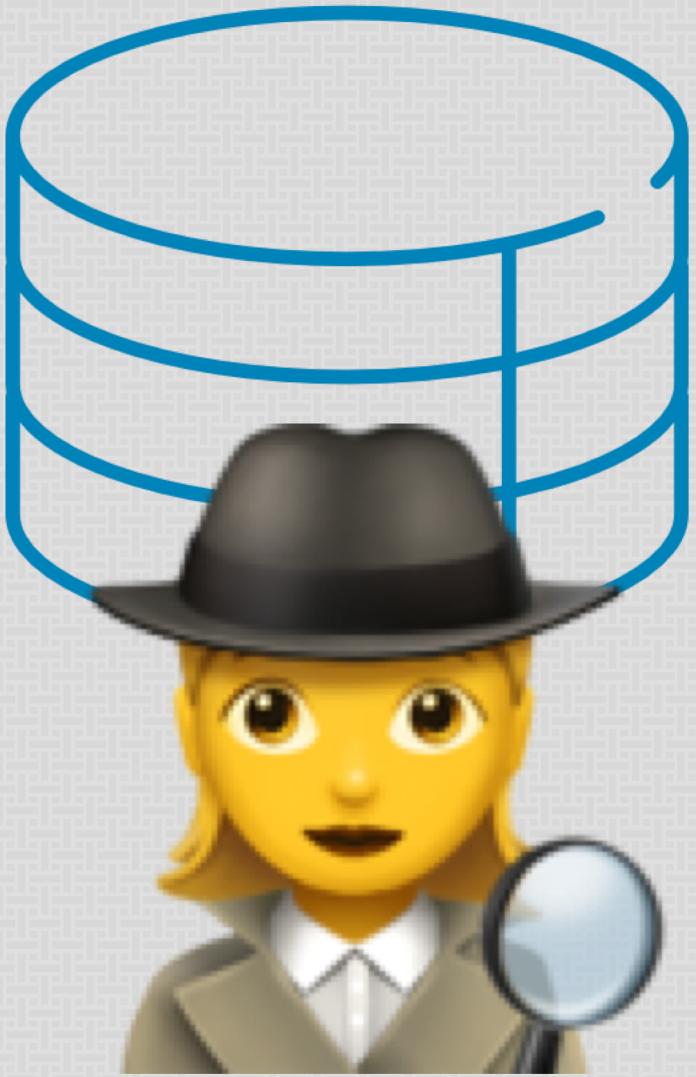
The screenshot shows the Twitter Developer Documentation website. At the top, there's a purple navigation bar with links for 'Developer', 'Use cases', 'Products', 'Docs', and 'More'. On the far right of the bar are 'Apply', a search icon, and a user profile icon. Below the bar, a search bar says 'Search all documentation...'. The main title 'Docs' is in large bold letters. Underneath it, a section titled 'Basics' lists 'Accounts and users', 'Tweets', 'Direct Messages', 'Media', 'Trends', 'Geo', and 'Ads'. To the right of these basics, a blue banner features the URL 'https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs.html' and the text 'Stay informed'. Below this, a paragraph explains the importance of staying informed about API changes, followed by a 'Learn how >' button. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Search Tweets' and 'Filter realtime Tweets'.



Built a set of urls

that return data

The screenshot shows the Google Drive APIs REST API Reference page. The top navigation bar includes links for Guides, Reference, Samples, Support, and Switch to V2, along with a search bar and user profile options. The main content area features a sidebar with a table of contents for various resources like Changes, Channels, Files, Permissions, Replies, Revisions, Teamdrives, and Standard Features. The central area displays the 'API Reference' section with a heading 'Resource types' and a table titled 'About'. The table has columns for 'Method', 'HTTP request', and 'Description'. It lists a single entry: 'get' (HTTP request) /about (Description: Gets information about the user, the user's Drive, and system capabilities). The URL <https://developers.google.com/drive/api/v3/reference/> is prominently displayed at the bottom of the main content area.



Built a set of urls

The screenshot shows the GitHub Developer REST API v3 documentation. The top navigation bar includes links for API Docs, Blog, Forum, Versions, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "REST API v3" and features a large blue header with the URL <https://developer.github.com/v3/>. Below the header, a paragraph describes the resources of the API. A sidebar on the right lists various API-related topics such as OAuth Authorizations API, Other Authentication Methods, Troubleshooting, Pre-release Program, API Previews, Versions, Activity, Checks, and Gists. At the bottom, there is a detailed description of the "/about" endpoint.

GitHub Developer

API Docs ▾ Blog Forum Versions ▾ Search...

REST API v3

Reference Guides Libraries

<https://developer.github.com/v3/>

This describes the resources that make up the official GitHub REST API v3. If you have any problems or requests please contact [GitHub support](#).

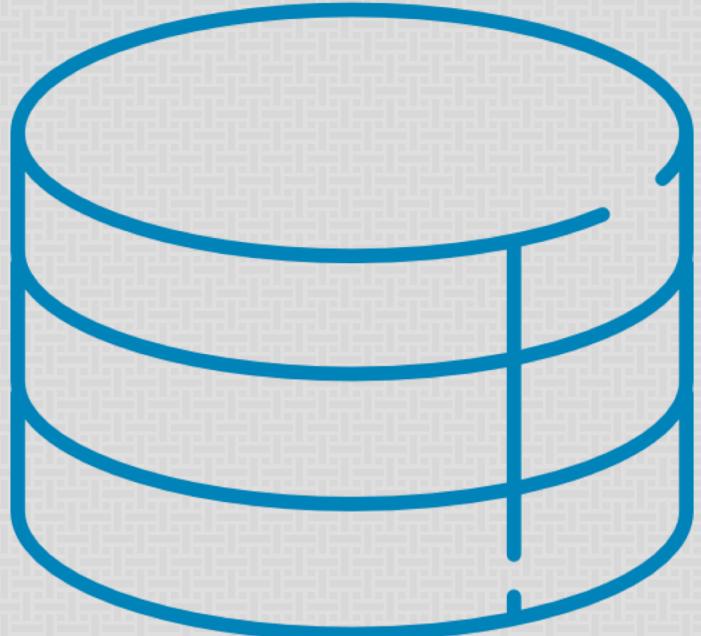
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- ii. [Schema](#)
- iii. [Authentication](#)
- iv. [Parameters](#)
- v. [Root endpoint](#)
- vi. [GraphQL global node IDs](#)
- vii. [Client errors](#)
- viii. [HTTP redirects](#)
- ix. [HTTP verbs](#)
- x. [Hypermedia](#)

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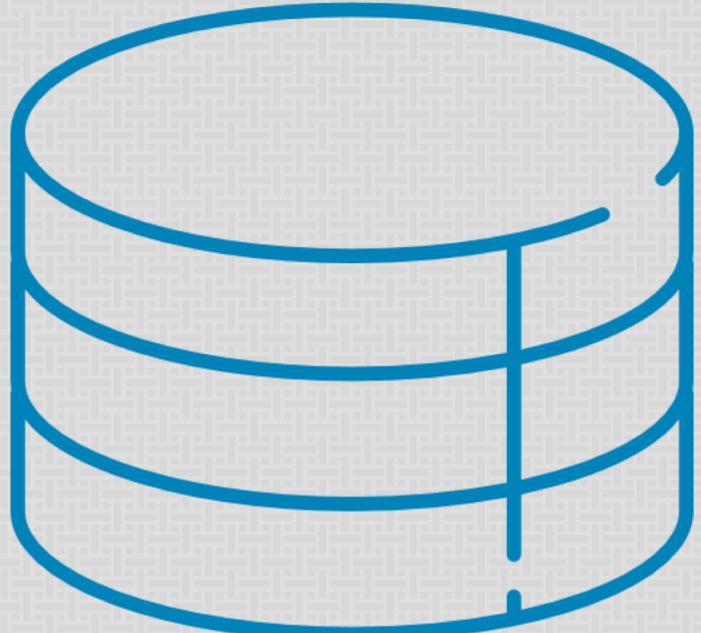
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Media Types

- OAuth Authorizations API
- Other Authentication Methods
- Troubleshooting
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Built a set of urls
that return **data**



Built a set of urls
that return **data**,
often **JSON**

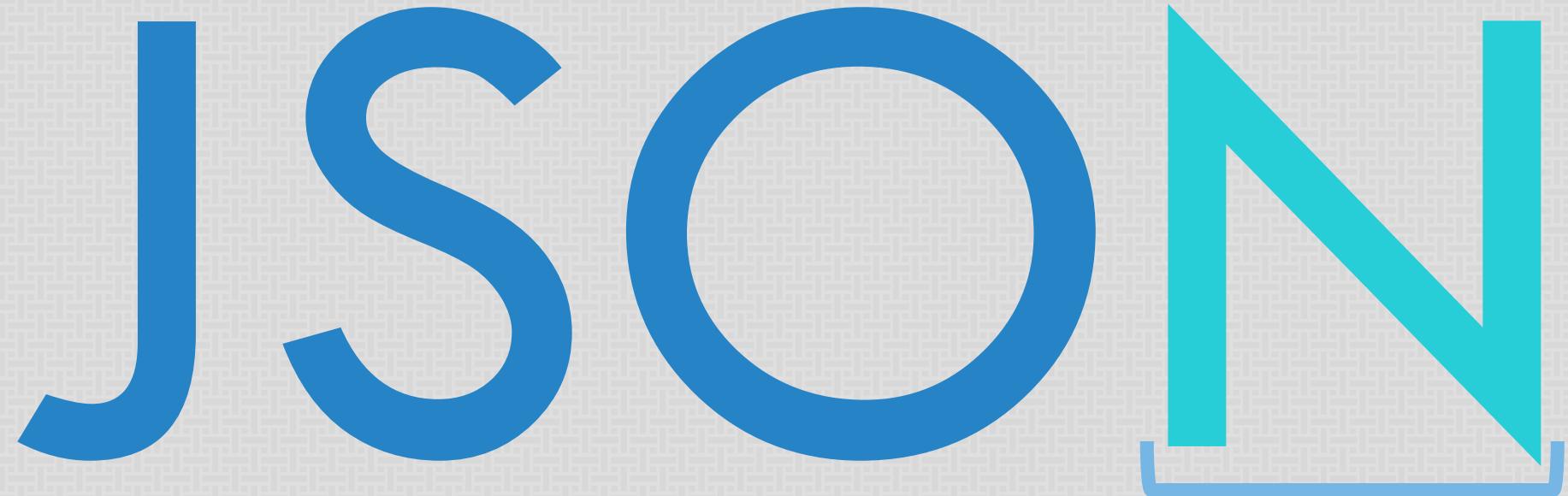
JSON

JavaScript

JSON

JavaScript Object

JSON



JavaScript Object Notation

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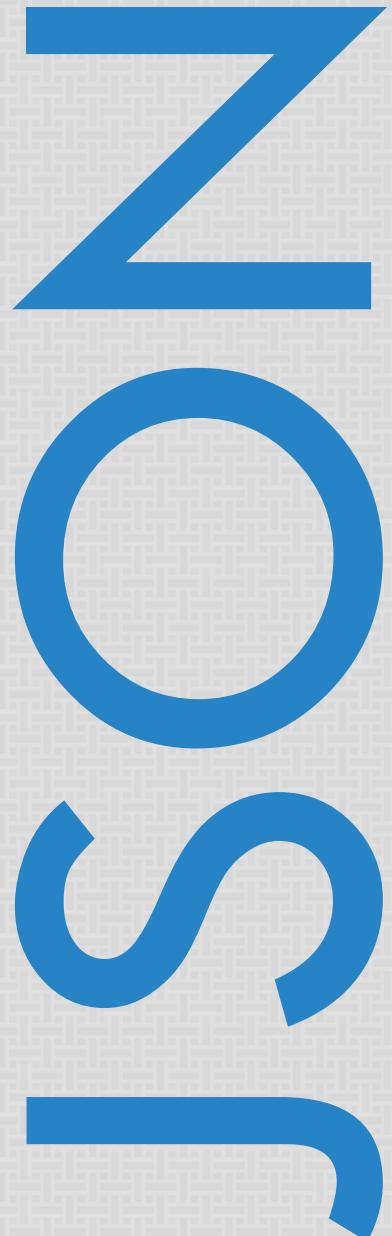
+ light weight data-interchange
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format
-  easy for humans to read /
write
-  easy for computers to parse /
generate

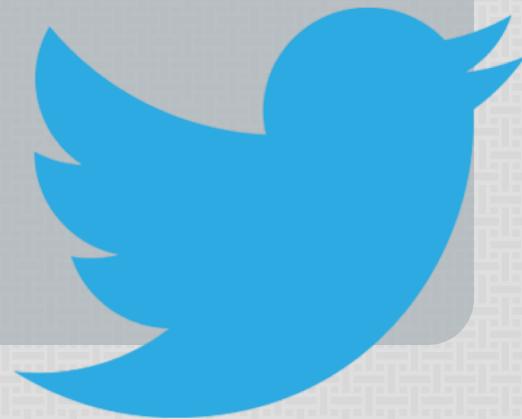


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   "statuses": {  
     "created_at": "Thu Jul 19 21:45:08 +0000 2018",  
     "id": 1020062005892470000,  
     "id_str": "1020062005892468738",  
     "full_text": "Our team are looking forward to  
     meeting all the @AmstatNews attendees in  
     Vancouver next week #JSM2018 #Vancouver  
     #Canada https://t.co/XiOrCtuUOk",  
     "..."  
   }  
 }  
 ]
```





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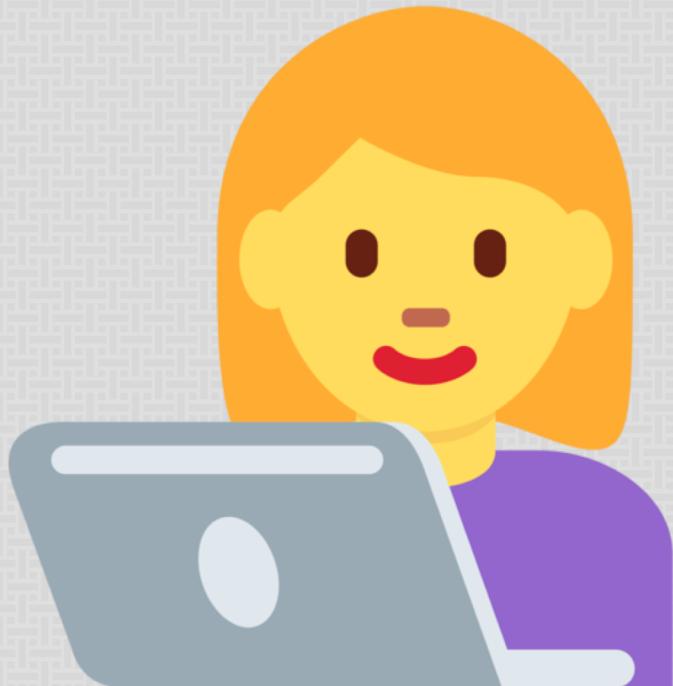




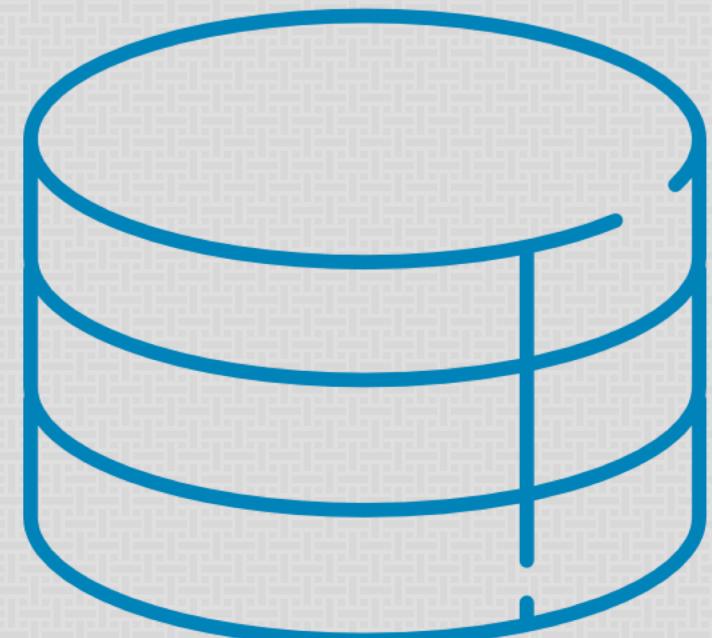
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HTTP Methods



JSON



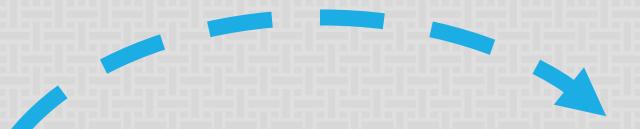


Choose Method

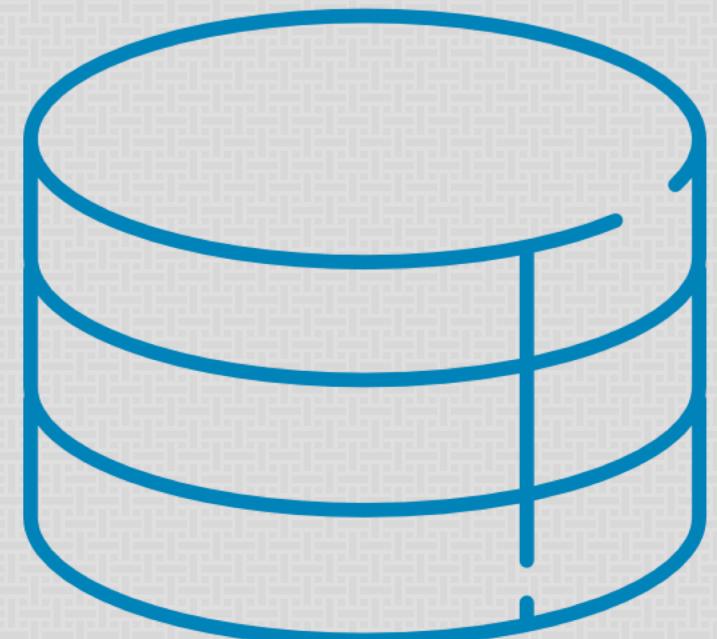


Build URL

HTTP Methods



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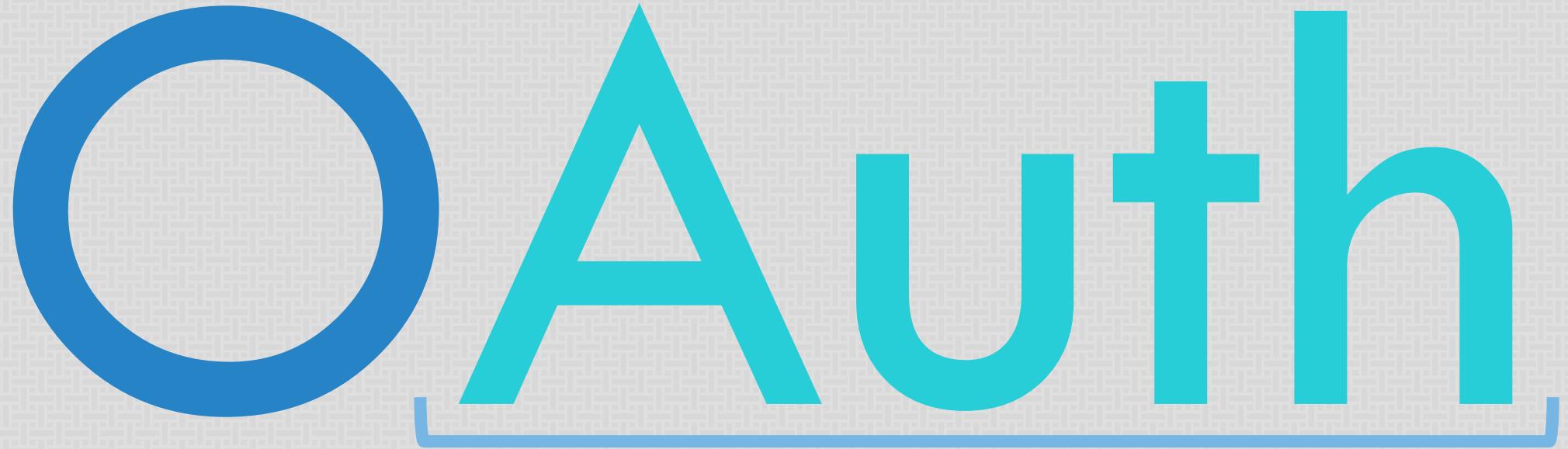
OAuth



The logo features a large teal circle on the left, with the word "Open" written in teal below it. To the right of the circle, the word "OAuth" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. A blue bracket is positioned under the "O" of "OAuth", extending from the bottom of the "O" to the top of the "A".

Open

OAuth



Open Authorization



Choose Method



Build URL



Get Authorization

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httr

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```
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httr::DELETE()
```

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#150 opened on Jul 20, 2017 by joelgombin

 Provide workflows for the "missing functions" [docs](#)

3

#123 opened on Jul 1, 2017 by jennybc

 Unable to authorize from Rstudio Server [docs](#)

3

#79 opened on Jun 7, 2017 by tiernanmartin

- Choose Method
- Build URL
- Get Authorization
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- Process Response

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<https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues?labels=docs>

```
library(httr)
```

```
url <- modify_url(  
  url = "https://api.github.com/",  
  path = "repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues",  
  query = list(labels = "docs"))  
)
```

BUILD URL

base URL

<https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues?labels=docs>

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BUILD URL

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endpoint

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BUILD URL

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AUTHENTICATION

1

Register an application

The screenshot shows the GitHub OAuth application registration interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for search, pull requests, issues, marketplace, and explore. Below the navigation, the title "Register a new OAuth application" is displayed. The form consists of several input fields:

- Application name:** A text input field with a placeholder "Something users will recognize and trust".
- Homepage URL:** A text input field with a placeholder "The full URL to your application homepage".
- Application description:** A text input field with a placeholder "Application description is optional". Below it, a note says "This is displayed to all users of your application".
- Authorization callback URL:** A text input field with a placeholder "Your application's callback URL. Read our OAuth documentation for more information.". Below it, a note says "This URL is used to receive OAuth callbacks from GitHub".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: a green "Register application" button and a "Cancel" button.

<https://github.com/settings/developers>

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AUTHENTICATION

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Register an application

A screenshot of the GitHub OAuth application registration form. The page title is "Register a new OAuth application". It has fields for "Application name" (with placeholder "Something users will recognize and trust"), "Homepage URL" (with placeholder "The full URL to your application homepage"), "Application description" (with placeholder "Application description is optional" and note "This is displayed to all users of your application"), and "Authorization callback URL" (with placeholder "Your application's callback URL. Read our OAuth documentation for more information"). At the bottom are "Register application" and "Cancel" buttons.

Search or jump to... Pull requests Issues Marketplace Explore

Register a new OAuth application

Application name

Something users will recognize and trust

Homepage URL

The full URL to your application homepage

Application description

Application description is optional

This is displayed to all users of your application

Authorization callback URL

Your application's callback URL. Read our OAuth documentation for more information.

Register application Cancel

2

Create an OAuth application

library(httr)

```
app <- oauth_app(  
  appname = "NAME",  
  key = "KEY",  
  secret = "SECRET"  
)
```

<https://github.com/settings/developers>

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AUTHENTICATION

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Register an application

The screenshot shows the 'Register a new OAuth application' form on GitHub. It includes fields for Application name, Homepage URL, Application description, and Authorization callback URL. At the bottom are 'Register application' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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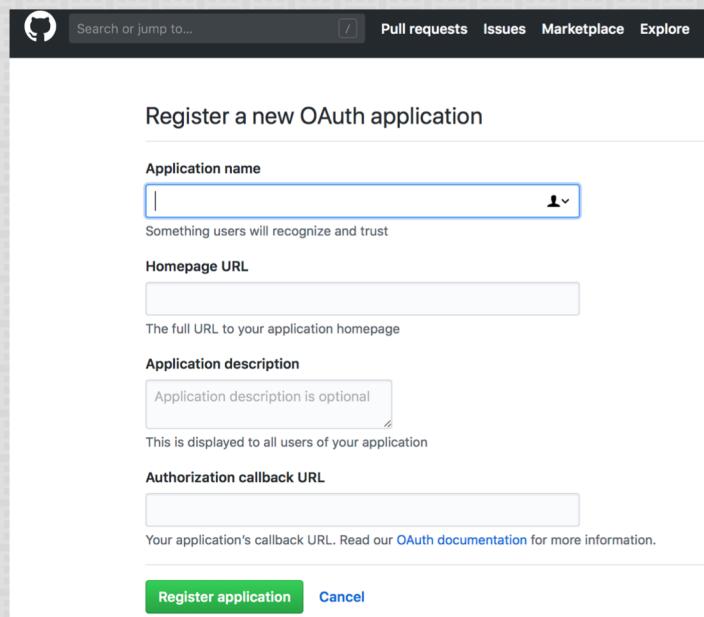
Generate a token

```
token <-  
  oauth2.0_token(  
    oauth_endpoints("github"),  
    app  
)
```

AUTHENTICATION

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Register an application



A screenshot of the GitHub developer settings page showing the "Register a new OAuth application" form. The form fields include:

- Application name: A text input field containing the placeholder "Something users will recognize and trust".
- Homepage URL: An empty text input field.
- Application description: An empty text input field with the note "Application description is optional".
- Authorization callback URL: An empty text input field with the note "This is displayed to all users of your application".
- Register application button: A green button at the bottom left.
- Cancel button: A blue button at the bottom right.

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Code demonstrations:

<u>httr::connection-sharing</u>	Demonstration of how connection sharing saves time	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::oauth1-twitter</u>	Using twitter api with OAuth 1.0	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::oauth1-vimeo</u>	Using vimeo api with OAuth 1.0	(Run demo in console)
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<u>httr::oauth2-azure</u>	Using Azure apis with OAuth 2.0	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::oauth2-facebook</u>	Using the facebook api with OAuth 2.0	(Run demo in console)
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<u>httr::oauth2-linkedin</u>	Using linkedin api with OAuth 1.0	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::oauth2-reddit</u>	Using the reddit api with OAuth 2.0	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::oauth2-yelp</u>	Using yelp api with OAuth 2.0 and Client Credentials Grant	(Run demo in console)
<u>httr::service-account</u>	Using Google service account	(Run demo in console)

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HTTP Requests

```
library(httr)  
  
req <- GET(url, config = token)
```

HTTP
REQUEST
RESPONSE

```
library(httr)

req <- GET(url, config = token)

req
#> Response
#> [https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues?labels=docs]
#>   Date: 2018-07-20 14:35
#>   Status: 200
#>   Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
#>   Size: 86.6 kB
#>   [
#>     {
#>       "url": "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/150",
#>       "repository_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive",
#>     ...
#>   ]
```

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PROCESS

```
library(httr)

req <- GET(url, config = token)

res <- content(req)
```

```
library(httr)

req <- GET(url, config = token)

res <- content(req)

res
#> [[1]]
#> [[1]]$url
#> [1] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/150"
#>
#> [[1]]$repository_url
#> [1] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive"
```

PROCESS

```
library(httr)
req <- GET("https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/150")
res <- content(req, "text")
res
#> [[1]]
#> [[1]]$url
#> [1] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/150"
#>
#> [[1]]$repository_url
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```

A hexagonal sticker with a dark green border. Inside is a black and white illustration of a cat's face, looking slightly to the left. The word "purrr" is written in a bold, sans-serif font above the cat's head. At the bottom right corner of the hexagon, the URL "www.rstudio.com" is printed vertically.

PROCESS

```
library(httr)

req <- GET(url, config = token)

res <- content(req)

purrr::map_chr(res, "url")
```

```
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req <- GET(url, config = token)

res <- content(req)

purrr::map_chr(res, "url")
#> [1] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/150"
#> [2] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/123"
#> [3] "https://api.github.com/repos/tidyverse/googledrive/issues/79"
```

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gh
rtweet
googledrive
googlesheets
yelpr
meetupr
imugR
aws.*

```
library(googledrive)
```

```
drive_ls()
```

```
library(googledrive)

drive_ls()
#> Waiting for authentication in browser...
#> Press Esc/Ctrl + C to abort
```



Sign in with Google

tidyverse api packages wants to access your Google Account



lucydagostino@gmail.com

This will allow tidyverse api packages to:



View and manage the files in your Google Drive



Allow tidyverse api packages to do this?

By clicking Allow, you allow this app to use your information in accordance to their terms of service and privacy policies. You can view or remove app access in your [Google Account](#)

CANCEL

ALLOW

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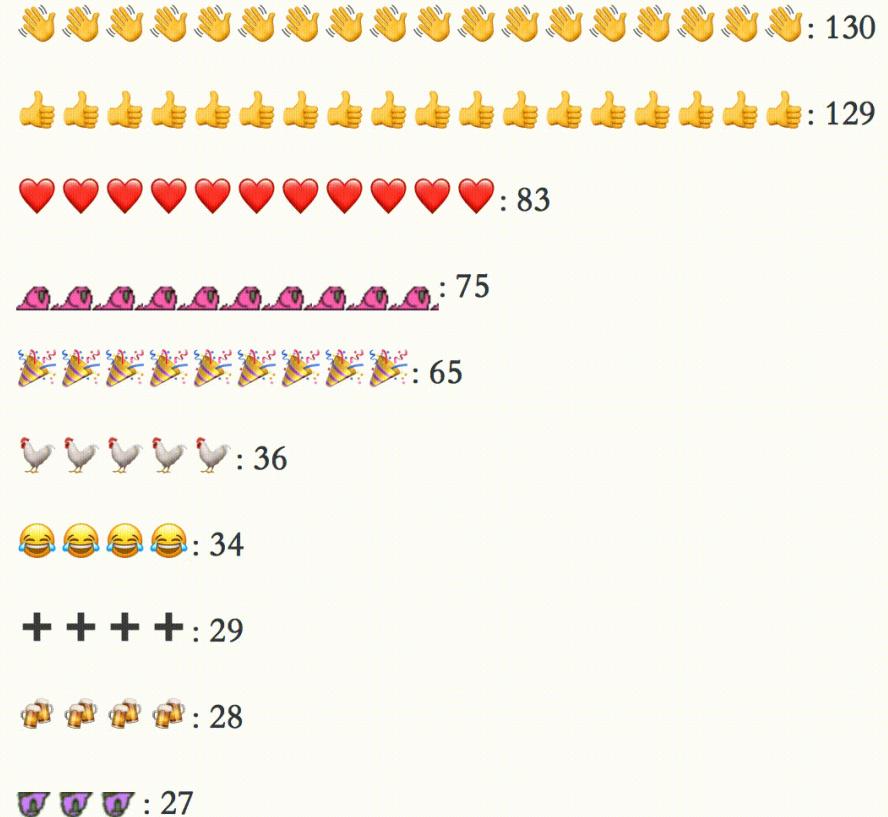
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#> Waiting for authentication in browser...
#> Press Esc/Ctrl + C to abort
#> Authentication complete.
#> Items so far:
#> 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 1670
#> # A tibble: 1,670 x 3
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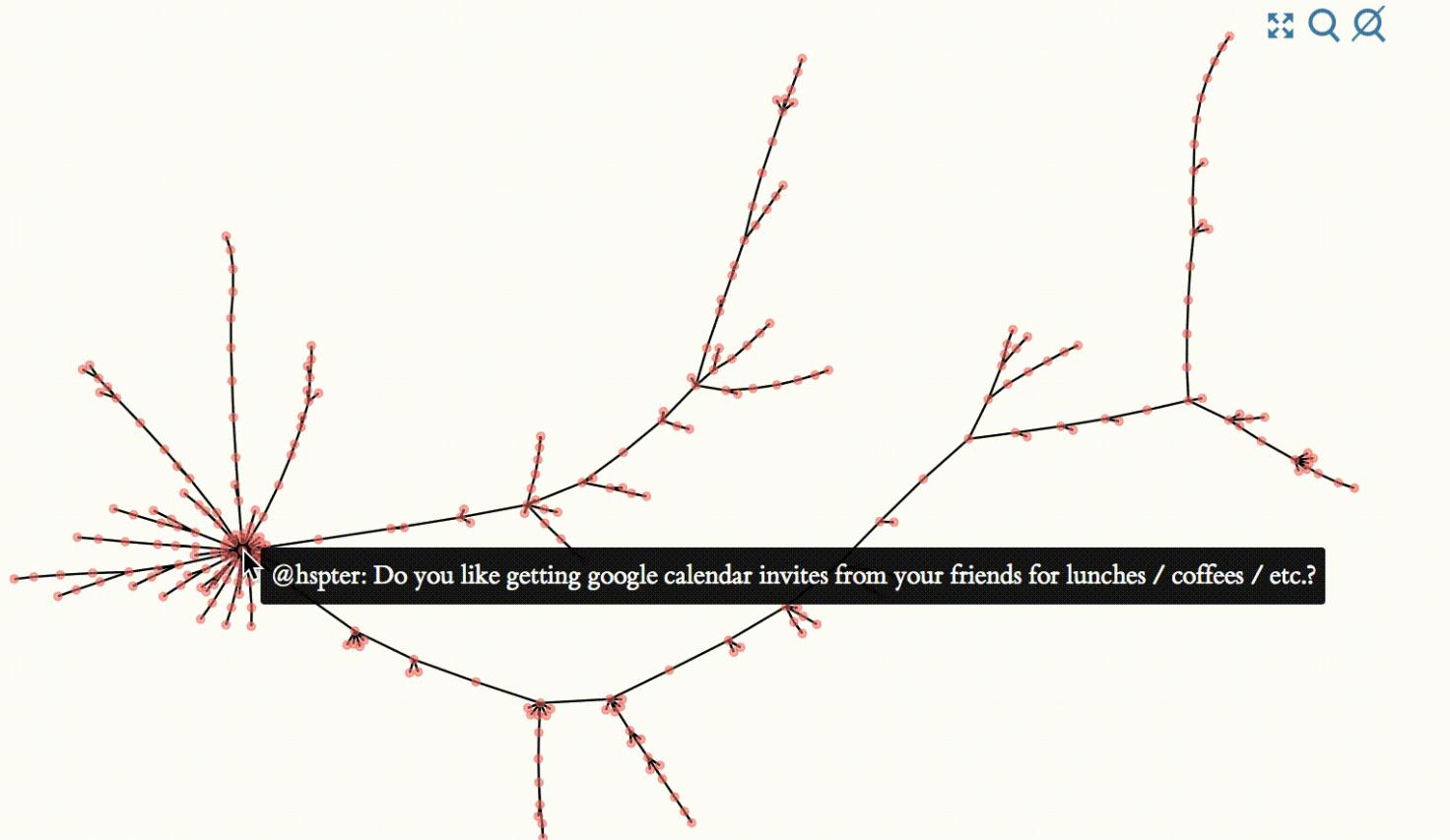
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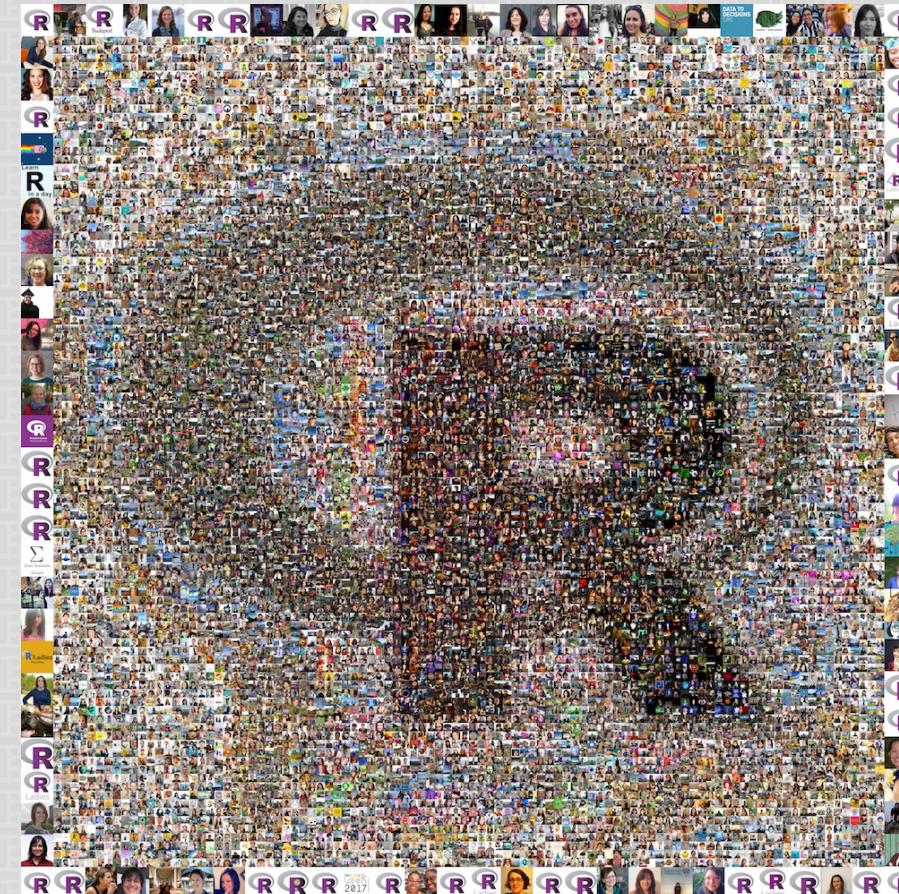
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