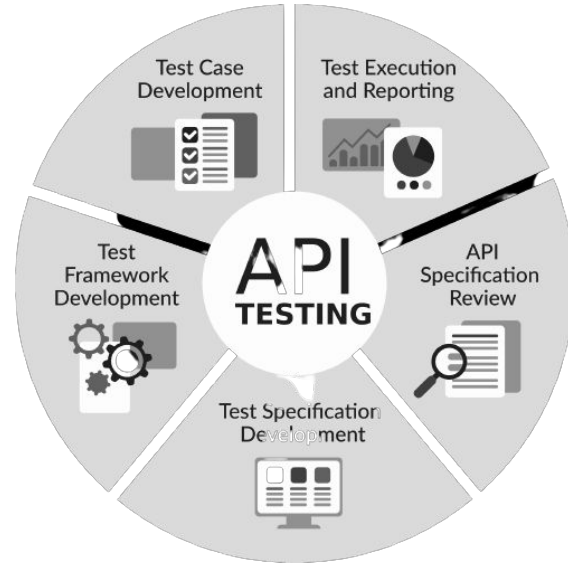


API Testing Mastery



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Web Fundamentals for API Testers



Agenda of Session

- HTTP Basics, URL Basics
- Cookie, Headers
- JSON Basics & XML Basics
- Install Tools for API Testing
- Chrome Dev Tools, Import Requests
- HTML Forms for API Testing

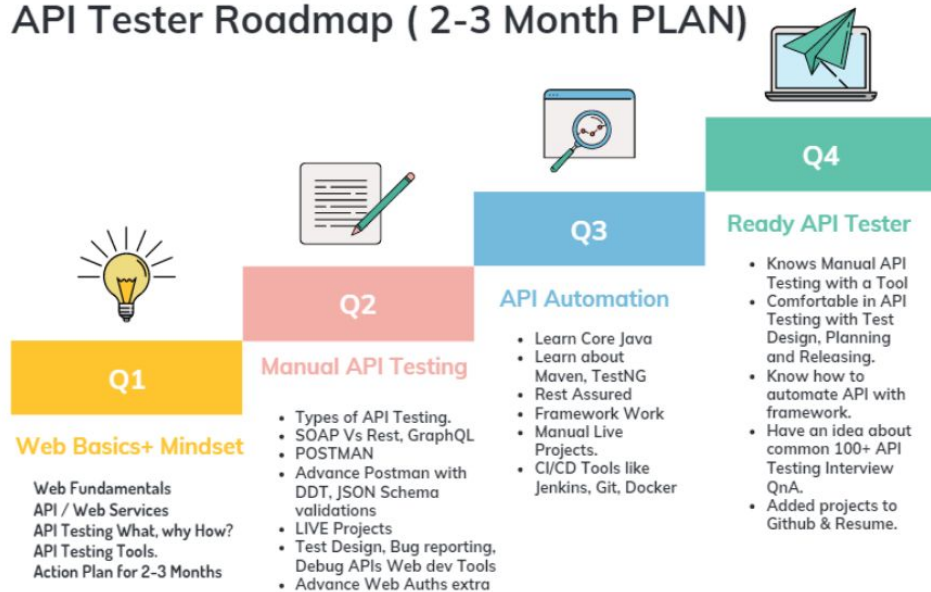
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Made by Pramod(TheTestingAcademy)

<https://apitesting.co/blueprint>

API Tester Roadmap (2-3 Month PLAN)



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API Tester ROADMAP

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Do you know What is HTTP?

Yes

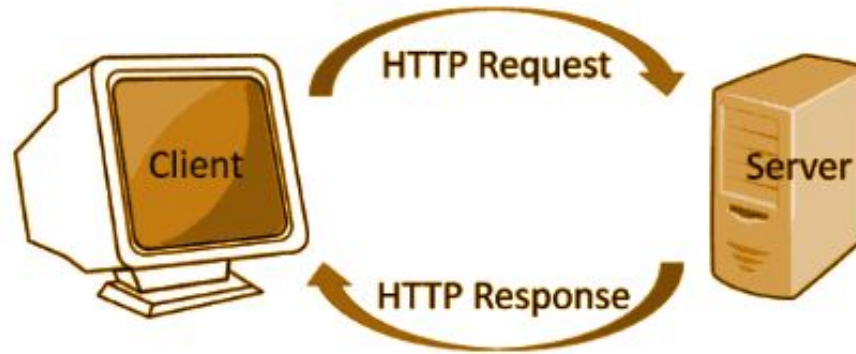
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Overview of HTTP

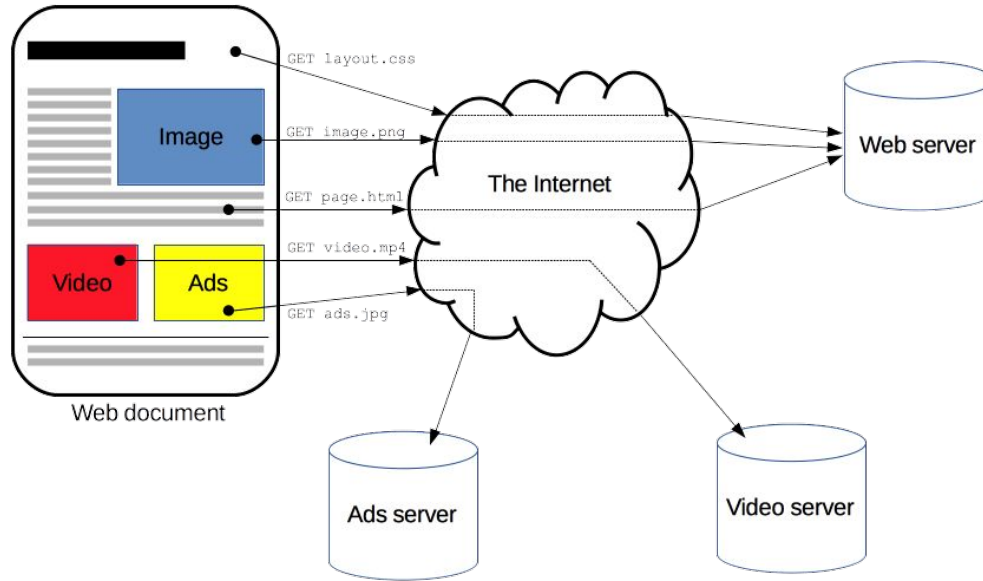
- HTTP is a [protocol](#) for fetching resources such as HTML documents.
- It is the foundation of any data exchange on the Web and it is a client-server protocol.
- HTTP is stateless: there is no link between two requests being successively carried out on the same connection
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<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP>

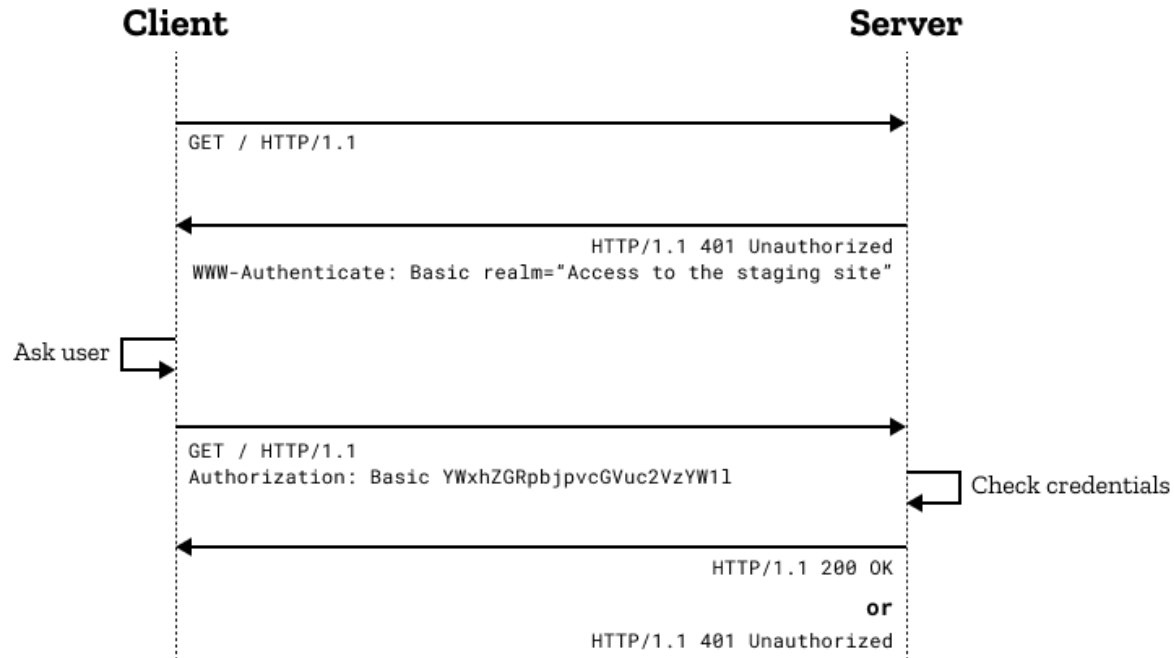


Overview of HTTP





HTTP Authentication





HTTP Cookies

An HTTP cookie (web cookie, browser cookie) is a small piece of data that a server sends to a user's web browser.

The browser may store the cookie and send it back to the same server with later requests

Cookies are mainly used for three purposes:

Session management

Logins, shopping carts, game scores, or anything else the server should remember

Personalization

User preferences, themes, and other settings

Tracking

Recording and analyzing user behavior





HTTP Cookies

app.vwo.com/#/dashboard

Dashboard

Hi Wingify, here's an overview of your experience optimization journey

Free Trial has expired.
Your VWO Free Trial has expired and all your campaigns have been paused. Purchase now to keep optimizing your website.

Latest Product Updates
Read more about the latest features in VWO

<https://app.vwo.com/#/dashboard>

Application

Name	Value	Domain	Path	Expires / Max-Age	Size	HttpO...	Secure	SameSite	SameParty	Partition Key	Priority
is-logged-in	1	.gravatar.com	/	2072-09-19T16:24:1...	13		✓	None			Medium
gravatar	sharkstone%7C1621066326%7C2QnTQxmMujyvqbwJNL94wCpg8I7iQAzH...	.gravatar.com	/	2072-09-19T16:24:1...	144	✓	✓	None			Medium
XSRF-TOKEN	8919180dc44fc768fb2805f70e45d240e494b483	app.vwo.com	/	2022-07-14T15:35:5...	50		✓	None			Medium
vwo	ey11c2VsWQIOi3MTk0NjMlCjJhY2NvdW50S05WQIOi1MzE1MTAILCj0b2t1...	app.vwo.com	/	2022-07-14T15:35:5...	299	✓	✓	None			Medium
vwo_logged_in	1	.vwo.com	/	2022-07-14T15:35:5...	14	✓					Medium
OptanonConsent	isABGlobal=false&datestamp=Wed+May+11+2022+22%3A38%3A40+G...	.vwo.com	/	2023-05-11T17:08:4...	400			Lax			Medium

Select a cookie to preview its value

Headers

The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Network tab with the 'Headers' sub-tab selected. The left pane lists network resources, with the selected request being `ae714106986fc3a5cb80e58e60fcabcb?s=24&d=https%3A%2F...Fapp.vwo.com%2Fassets%2Fimages%2F...`. The right pane displays the request details:

- General**
 - Request URL: `https://app.vwo.com/login`
 - Request Method: `POST`
 - Status Code: `200 OK`
 - Remote Address: `34.149.83.5:443`
 - Referrer Policy: `strict-origin-when-cross-origin`
- Response Headers**
 - Alt-Svc: `h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000`
 - Content-Encoding: `gzip`
 - Content-Type: `application/json`
 - Date: `Thu, 14 Jul 2022 13:35:54 GMT`
 - Server: `nginx`
 - Set-Cookie: `vwo=deleted; expires=Thu, 01-Jan-1970 00:00:01 GMT; Max-Age=0; path=/; secure; h`
 - Set-Cookie: `vwo_logged_in=deleted; expires=Thu, 01-Jan-1970 00:00:01 GMT; Max-Age=0; path=;`

Red arrows point from the 'Response Headers' section to the 'Alt-Svc' and 'Set-Cookie' headers.

Headers

HTTP headers let the client and the server pass additional information with an HTTP request or response.

- [Request headers](#) contain more information about the resource to be fetched, or about the client requesting the resource.
- [Response headers](#) hold additional information about the response, like its location or about the server providing it.
- [Representation headers](#) contain information about the body of the resource, like its [MIME type](#), or encoding/compression applied.
- [Payload headers](#) contain representation-independent information about payload data, including content length and the encoding used for transport.

Authentication

Caching

User agent client hints

Conditionals

HTTP header indicates which content types, expressed as [MIME types](#), the client is able to understand.

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers>

Headers

The Content-Type representation header is used to indicate the original [media type](#) of the resource (prior to any content encoding applied for sending).

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Type>

Tools for Cookie, Headers View

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/editthiscookie/fngmhnnpilhplaeedifhccceomclgfbg?hl=en>



URL Basics



URL BASICS

Uniform Resource Locators

It is the mechanism used by browsers to retrieve any published resource on the web.

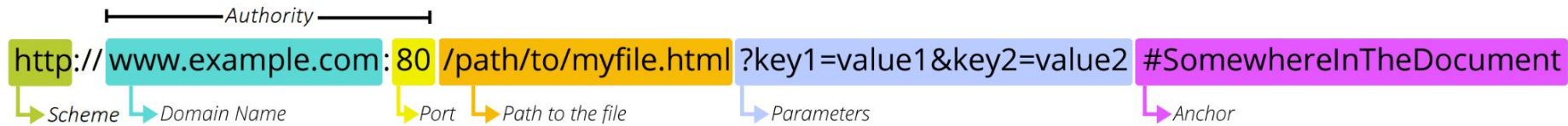
```
https://developer.mozilla.org  
https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/  
https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/search?q=URL
```

A URL is nothing more than the address of a given unique resource on the Web

Such resources can be an HTML page, a CSS document, an image, etc



URL BASICS





URL BASICS

Path to resource

http://localhost:8080/path/to/myfile.html?key1=value1



Path to resource

`/path/to/myfile.html` is the path to the resource on the Web server. In the early days of the Web, a path like this represented a physical file location on the Web server. Nowadays, it is mostly an abstraction handled by Web servers without any physical reality.

Parameters

http://localhost:8080/path/to/myfile.html?key1=value1&key2=value2#Some



Parameters



Quiz

`https://abc.com/xyz/?q=1`

Which one is path param
Which one is query param



Absolute URLs?

What are Absolute URLs?

An absolute URL contains the entire address from the protocol (HTTPS) to the domain name (www.example.com) and includes the location within your website in your folder system (/foldernameA or /foldernameB) names within the URL.

Basically, it's the full URL of the page that you link to.

An example of an absolute URL is:

```
<a href = http://www.example.com/xyz.html>
```



What are Relative URLs?

What are Relative URLs?

The relative URL, on the other hand, does not use the full web address and only contains the location following the domain. It assumes that the link you add is on the same site and is part of the same root domain.

The relative path starts with the forward slash and leads the browser to stay within the current site.

An example of a relative URL is:

```
<a href = "/xyz.html">
```



Relative VS Absolute URL

``

(Relative)

``

(Absolute)



Data URLs

A few examples:

URLs prefixed with the data: scheme, allow content creators to embed small files inline in documents.

`data:,Hello%2C%20World%21`

The text/plain data Hello, World!. Note how the comma is percent-encoded as %2C, and the space character as %20.

`data:text/plain;base64,SGVsbG8sIFdvcmxkIQ==`
base64-encoded version of the above

`data:text/html,%3Ch1%3EHello%2C%20World%21%3C%2Fh1%3E`

An HTML document with `<h1>Hello, World!</h1>`

`data:text/html,<script>alert('hi');</script>`

An HTML document that executes a JavaScript alert. Note that the closing script tag is required.



MIME types

A media type (also known as a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions or MIME type) indicates the nature and format of a document, file, or assortment of bytes.

```
application/pdf  
application/json
```

multipart/form-data

The multipart/form-data type can be used when sending the values of a completed [HTML Form](#) from browser to server.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Basics_of_HTTP/MIME_types

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Basics_of_HTTP/MIME_types#multipartform-data



MIME types

MIME type	Audio or video type
<code>audio/wave</code> <code>audio/wav</code> <code>audio/x-wav</code> <code>audio/x-pn-wav</code>	An audio file in the WAVE container format. The PCM audio codec (WAVE codec "1") is often supported, but other codecs have limited support (if any).
<code>audio/webm</code>	An audio file in the WebM container format. Vorbis and Opus are the codecs officially supported by the WebM specification.
<code>video/webm</code>	A video file, possibly with audio, in the WebM container format. VP8 and VP9 are the most common video codecs; Vorbis and Opus the most common audio codecs.
<code>audio/ogg</code>	An audio file in the Ogg container format. Vorbis is the most common audio codec used in such a container; however, Opus is now supported by Ogg as well.
<code>video/ogg</code>	A video file, possibly with audio, in the Ogg container format. Theora is the usual video codec used within it; Vorbis is the usual audio codec, although Opus is becoming more common.
<code>application/ogg</code>	An audio or video file using the Ogg container format. Theora is the usual video codec used within it; Vorbis is the usual audio codec.



HTTP request methods

GET

The `GET` method requests a representation of the specified resource. Requests using `GET` should only retrieve data.

HEAD

The `HEAD` method asks for a response identical to a `GET` request, but without the response body.

POST

The `POST` method submits an entity to the specified resource, often causing a change in state or side effects on the server.

PUT

The `PUT` method replaces all current representations of the target resource with the request payload.

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Methods>



HTTP request methods

DELETE

The `DELETE` method deletes the specified resource.

CONNECT

The `CONNECT` method establishes a tunnel to the server identified by the target resource.

OPTIONS

The `OPTIONS` method describes the communication options for the target resource.

TRACE

The `TRACE` method performs a message loop-back test along the path to the target resource.

PATCH

The `PATCH` method applies partial modifications to a resource.

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Methods>



PUT VS POST

PUT	POST
Replacing existing resource or Creating if resource is not exist <i>http://www.example.com/customer/{id}</i> <i>http://www.example.com/customer/123/orders/456</i> Identifier is chosen by the client	Creating new resources (and subordinate resources) <i>http://www.example.com/customer/</i> <i>http://www.example.com/customer/123/orders</i> Identifier is returned by server
Idempotent i.e. if you PUT a resource twice, it has no effect. Ex: Do it as many times as you want, the result will be same. $x=1$;	POST is neither safe nor idempotent. It is therefore recommended for non-idempotent resource requests. Ex: $x++$;
Works as specific	Works as abstractive
If you create or update a resource using PUT and then make that same call again, the resource is still there and still has the same state as it did with the first call.	Making two identical POST requests will most-likely result in two resources containing the same information.



Quiz

Can we use POST request to do all Request?



HTTP response status codes

HTTP response status codes indicate whether a specific HTTP request has been successfully completed. Responses are grouped in five classes:

- Informational responses (100–199)

- Successful responses (200–299)

- Redirection messages (300–399)

- Client error responses (400–499)

- Server error responses (500–599)

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Status>



User agent

A user agent is a computer program representing a person, for example, a browser in a Web context.

The user agent string can be accessed with [JavaScript](#) on the client side using the [NavigatorID.userAgent](#) property.

A typical user agent string looks like this: "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:35.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/35.0".

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Status>



HTML Elements

Tag	Description
<code><html> ... </html></code>	Declares the Web page to be written in HTML
<code><head> ... </head></code>	Delimits the page's head
<code><title> ... </title></code>	Defines the title (not displayed on the page)
<code><body> ... </body></code>	Delimits the page's body
<code><h <i>n</i>> ... </h<i>n</i>></code>	Delimits a level <i>n</i> heading
<code> ... </code>	Set ... in boldface
<code><i> ... </i></code>	Set ... in italics
<code><center> ... </center></code>	Center ... on the page horizontally
<code> ... </code>	Brackets an unordered (bulleted) list
<code> ... </code>	Brackets a numbered list
<code> ... </code>	Brackets an item in an ordered or numbered list
<code>
</code>	Forces a line break here
<code><p></code>	Starts a paragraph
<code><hr></code>	Inserts a horizontal rule
<code></code>	Displays an image here
<code> ... </code>	Defines a hyperlink



HTML Forms

Web forms — Working with user data

CONTACT

Name:

E-mail:

Message:

SEND YOUR MESSAGE

```
<form action="/my-handling-form-page"
method="post">
<ul>
<li>
  <label for="name">Name:</label>
  <input type="text" id="name" name="user_name">
</li>
<li>
  <label for="mail">E-mail:</label>
  <input type="email" id="mail" name="user_email">
</li>
<li>
  <label for="msg">Message:</label>
  <textarea id="msg"
name="user_message"></textarea>
</li>
</ul>
</form>
```



JSON Basics

Both JSON and XML can be used to receive data from a web server.

JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation

```
'{"name":"John", "age":30, "car":null}'
```

a JavaScript program can easily convert JSON data into JavaScript objects.

- JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation
- JSON is a **lightweight data-interchange** format
- JSON is plain text written in JavaScript object notation
- JSON is used to send data between computers
- JSON is language independent *

Data Types

In JSON, values must be one of the following data types:

- a string
- a number
- an object (JSON object)
- an array
- a boolean
- *null*



JSON Basics

JSON Objects

```
{  
  "employee": {"name": "John",  
    "age": 30, "city": "New York"}  
}
```

Objects as values in JSON must follow the JSON syntax.

JSON Arrays

```
{  
  "employees": ["John", "Anna",  
    "Peter"]  
}
```



JSON Path

<https://www.jsonschema2pojo.org/>

JSONPath Online Evaluator - jsonpath.com

JSONPath
\$.phoneNumbers[1].type

☐ Output paths [Expand JSONPath expressions](#)

Inputs

```
1 {
2   "firstName": "John",
3   "lastName": "doe",
4   "age": 26,
5   "address": {
6     "streetAddress": "naist street",
7     "city": "Nara",
8     "postalCode": "638-0192"
9   },
10  "phoneNumbers": [
11    {
12      "type": "iPhone",
13      "number": "0123-4567-8888"
14    },
15    {
16      "type": "home",
17      "number": "0123-4567-8910"
18    }
19  ]
20 }
```

Evaluation Results

```
1 {
2   "iPhone"
3 }
```

<https://jsonutils.com/>

<https://jsonpath.com/>

XML Basics

JSON Example

```
{ "employees": [
  { "firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe" },
  { "firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Smith" },
  { "firstName": "Peter", "lastName": "Jones" }
]}
```

XML stands for eXtensible Markup Language.

XML was designed to store and transport data.

XML was designed to be both human- and machine-readable.

XML Example

```
<employees>
  <employee>
    <firstName>John</firstName> <lastName>Doe</lastName>
  </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Anna</firstName> <lastName>Smith</lastName>
  </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Peter</firstName> <lastName>Jones</lastName>
  </employee>
</employees>
```

XML Basics

XML Example 2

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<breakfast_menu>
<food>
  <name>Belgian Waffles</name>
  <price>$5.95</price>
  <description>
    Two of our famous Belgian Waffles with plenty
    of real maple syrup
  </description>
  <calories>650</calories>
</food>
```

https://www.w3schools.com/xml/tryit.asp?filename=tryajax_first

XML Basics

JSON is Like XML Because

- Both JSON and XML are "self describing" (human readable)
- Both JSON and XML are hierarchical (values within values)
- Both JSON and XML can be parsed and used by lots of programming languages
- Both JSON and XML can be fetched with an XMLHttpRequest

For AJAX applications, JSON is faster and easier than XML:

Using XML

- Fetch an XML document
- Use the XML DOM to loop through the document
- Extract values and store in variables

JSON is Unlike XML Because

- JSON doesn't use end tag
- JSON is shorter
- JSON is quicker to read and write
- JSON can use arrays

The biggest difference is:

XML has to be parsed with an XML parser. JSON can be parsed by a standard JavaScript function.

Using JSON

- Fetch a JSON string
- JSON.Parse the JSON string

Why JSON is Better Than XML

XML is much more difficult to parse than JSON.
JSON is parsed into a ready-to-use JavaScript object.



Install Tools for API Testing

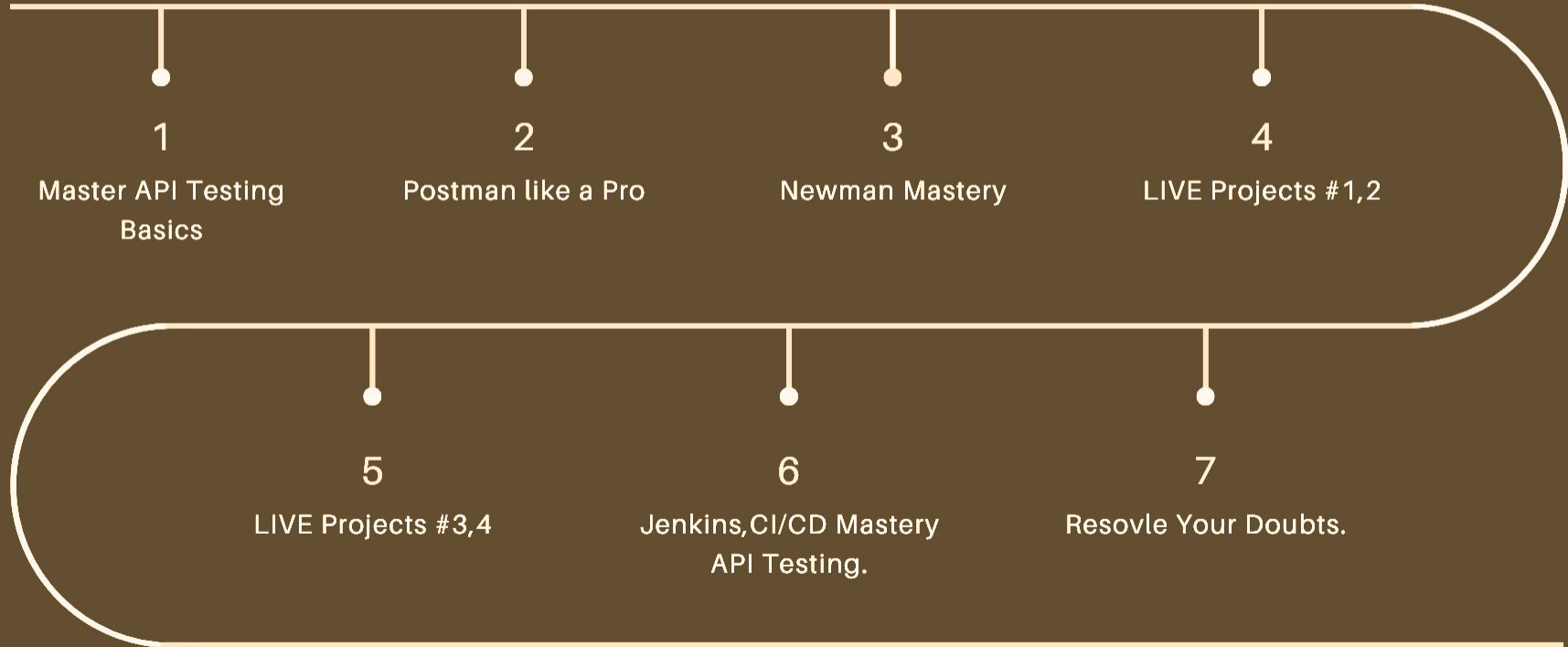


Download Postman

<https://www.postman.com/downloads/>

Mastering API Testing with Postman

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They are enough,



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Chrome Dev Tools



Quiz

Type different HTTP Methods



Import Requests



Quiz

What is 404?



Quiz

Pick the status code class used for server error

1xx

2xxx

3xx

4xx



API Testing Tools



Quiz

What are the common protocols that are testing in API testing ?

HTTP
JMS
REST
SOAP
UDDI



How do You verify the GET ALL BOOKINGS

1. Status Code
2. Headers
3. Response Data
4. JSON Schema Validation
5. Data Types
6. Pattern, Regex
7. Invalid Auths/ Permission mismatch
8. Many others....

Thanks, for attending Class

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