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# Product Update: Create and Manage Datasets via Kaggle's API

Have you used [Kaggle's beta API](#) to download data or make a competition submission? We're pleased to announce the latest version of the API includes new features for easily managing your datasets on Kaggle from the command line. Read on to learn how to use the API to create and update datasets or check out [detailed documentation on our GitHub page](#).



## Create new datasets »



After you follow the [installation instructions](#), it's simple to create a new dataset on Kaggle from files on your local machine:



1. Create a folder containing the files you want to upload
2. Run `kaggle datasets init -p /path/to/dataset` to generate a [metadata file](#)
3. Add your dataset's metadata to the generated file, `datapackage.json`
4. Run `kaggle datasets create -p /path/to/dataset` to create the dataset

Your dataset will be private by default. You can also add a `-u` flag to make it public when you create it, or navigate to "Settings" > "Sharing" from your dataset's page to make it public or share with collaborators.



## Update datasets »

You can also create new versions of existing datasets allowing you to programmatically keep a dataset fresh with the latest data.

1. Run `kaggle datasets init -p /path/to/dataset` to generate a [metadata file](#) if you don't already have one
2. Make sure the `id` field in `datapackage.json` points to your dataset
3. Run `kaggle datasets version -p /path/to/dataset -m "Your message"`