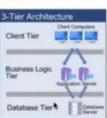
API Testing: Application Program Interface

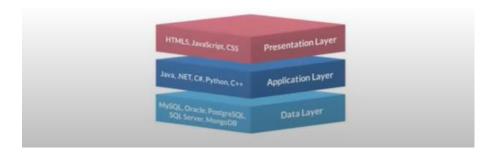
It is way of communication between 2 applications where application may differ in their platforms or in terms of technology.

Client/Server Architecture



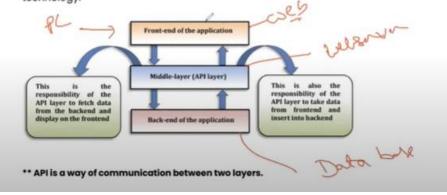




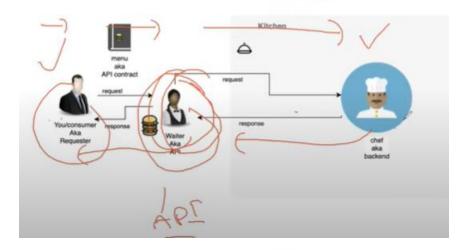


What is an API?

Application Program Interface (API): Is the way of communication between two applications where applications may differ in their platforms or in terms of technology.



API - Restaurant analogy



From: India To: Canada Date: 01/01/2026 Various Flight Details Information fetched from: Lufthansa Airlines Canada Airlines British Airways British Airways

Types of API:

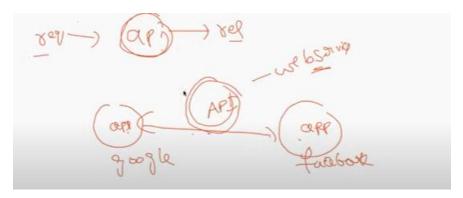
There re 2 types of API's.

- 1) Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP).
- 2) REST (Representation State Transfer).

Both are the web services.

SOAP => used by old applications.

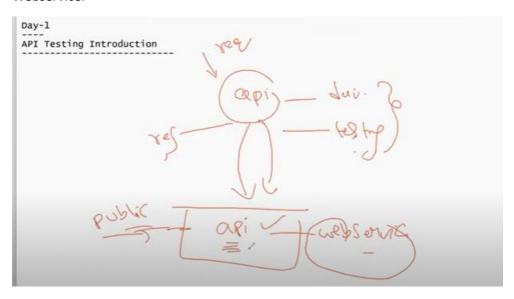
REST => used by new/current applications.



All Web Services are API. But all API are not Web Service.

When API is put in internet then it is called as Web Service.

For development & testing we use Api. And once its available to public over internet its called Webservice.



Important: API Vs Webservice

Types Of API

There are two types of API's,

- 1. Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)
- 2. REST (Representational State Transfer).

Both are the web services.

API Vs Webservice

- · Web Service is an API wrapped in HTTP.
- · All Web Services are API but APIs are not Web Services.
- A Web Service needs a network while an API doesn't need a network for its operation.

Rest API methods: http request

Get: we get data from the server.

Post: we are sending data to server to store.

Put: we can create/edit/update data in the server.

Delete: we delete the data from server.

Rest API HTTP Methods

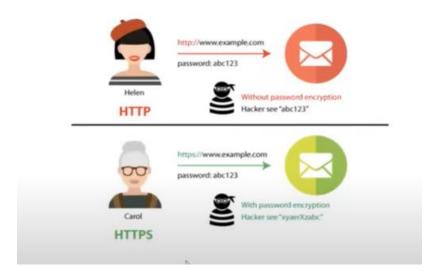


REST API Methods



HTTP Vs HTTPS

http Vs https



Terminology:

Terminologies

URL – Uniform Resource Identifier
URL – Uniform Resource Locator
URN – Uniform Resource Name



Payload:

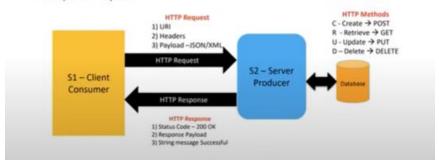
Feature & Resource

'Feature' is the term used in manual testing to test some functionality and similarly 'Resource' is the term used in API Automation testing referring some functionality.

Payload

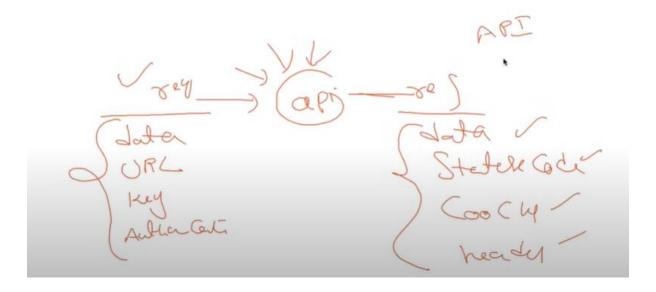
payload means body in the HTTP request and response message.

- · Request Payload
- Response Payload



Ex: https://regres.in/

Ex Get: https://reqres.in/api/users?page=2 => <a href="https://reqres.in/api/users?



Rest API Examples

- 1. Payment Gateways
- 2. Google Maps
- 3. Twitter
- 4. Facebook
- 5. Linked-In
- 6. GitHub

Postman – API testing

Desktop/web

Workspace: area where we maintain files and saved.

Workspace – create workspace, rename, delete.

Creating collection = contains number of folders and http requests. Create, rename, delete, run the collection.

We can create any number of collections under workspace.

Request ----→ API -----→ Response

http Request:

Get => retrieve the resource from database.

Post => create resource on database.

Put => update existing resource on database.

Patch => update partial details of resource.

Delete => delete existing resource from database.

Sample APIs: https://reqres.in/

	URI	Request Payload	Response Payload	Status Code
GET	https://regres.in/api/users?page=2	NA	Returns list of users in a page	200
POST	https://regres.in/api/users	{ "name": "pavan", "job": "trainer" }	{ "id": "599", "createdAt": "2018-07- 07T05:43:53.3102" }	201
PUT	https://regres.in/api/users/599	{ "name": "pavan", "job": "engineer" }	{ "updatedAt": "2022-07- 16T05:08:14.0412"	200
DELETE	https://regres.in/api/users/599	na	na	204



Validations:

- 1) Status code
- 2) Time
- 3) Size data
- 4) Response body(json/xml)
- 5) Cookies
- 6) Headers

HTTP Status code:

3 levels

- 1) 200
- 2) 400
- 3) 500



Create our own API's

Steps:

- 1) NodeJS
- Npm-node package manager node - -version npm --version
- 3) Json-server
- Install json-server:
 Run below command in cmd/terminal npm install -g json-server

```
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\Users\Rutuja> npm install -g json-server

added 57 packages in 17s

18 packages are looking for funding
    run `npm fund` for details

npm notice
npm notice New minor version of npm available! 10.7.0 -> 10.8.2

npm notice Changelog: https://github.com/npm/cli/releases/tag/v10.8.2

npm notice To update run: npm install -g npm@10.8.2

npm notice
PS C:\Users\Rutuja>
```

5) Create students.json file with following data.

```
"students":[
        "id": 1,
        "name": "John",
        "location": "India",
        "phone": "1234567890",
        "courses": [
            "Selenium"
        ]
    },
        "id": 2,
        "name": "Kim",
        "location": "US",
        "phone": "2345678901",
        "courses": [
            "Python",
            "Appium"
```

6) Run using command 'json-server students.json'

```
D:\Automation\API Testing\API_Testing>json-server students.json

JSON Server started on PORT :3000

Press CTRL-C to stop

Watching students.json...

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Index:
http://localhost:3000/

Static files:
Serving ./public directory if it exists

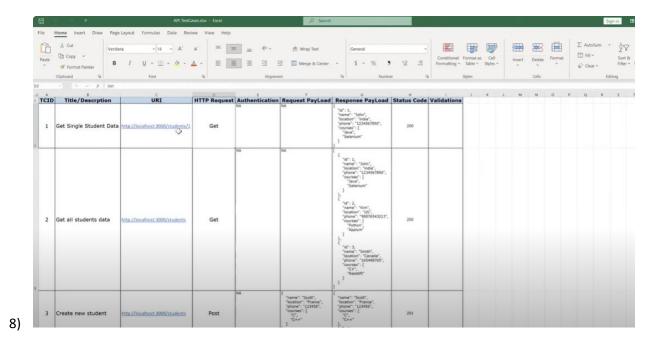
Endpoints:
http://localhost:3000/students
```

7) http://localhost:3000/students

← → C (i) localhost:3000/students

Pretty-print 🗸

```
[
  {
     "id": "1",
"name": "John",
     "location": "India",
"phone": "1234567890",
"courses": [
       "Java",
        "Selenium"
   },
   {
     "id": "2",
"name": "Kim",
"location": "US",
"phone": "2345678901",
     "courses": [
        "Python",
"Appium"
     ]
  },
     "id": "3",
     "name": "Śmith",
     "location": "Canada",
     "phone": "3456789012",
     "courses": [
        "C#",
        "RestAPI"
     ]
  }
]
```



JSON: Java Script Object Notation

Key value pair

Key: value

JSON Data Types:

- 1) Number
- 2) String
- 3) Boolean
- 4) Null
- 5) Object
- 6) Array

```
{
"name": "John"
}
```

Data Types:

```
JSON - Syntax
· Data should be in name/value pairs
                                                 {
    "student": [
· Data should be separated by commas
· Curly braces should hold objects
                                                          "id":"01",
"name": "Tom",
"lastname": "Price"
· Square brackets hold arrays
                                                           "id":"02",
"name": "Nick",
"lastname": "Thameson"
    Data Types

    String

    Strings in JSON must be written in double quotes.

    Example:

             { "name": "John" }

    Numbers

    Numbers in JSON must be an integer or a floating point.

    Example:

             { "age":30 }
```

```
**Cobject
**Values in JSON can be objects.
**Example:

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

Key is always included in " " quotations.

{

"firstname": "John",

"secondname": null,

"age": 30,

"phone": [12345,67890],

"status": true
}

Eg: Student data
```

Student - sid, sname, grad

{

{

"students":[

```
"sid"=101,
"sname"="John",
"grad"="A"
},
{
    "sid"=102,
    "sname"="Mark",
    "grad"="B"
}

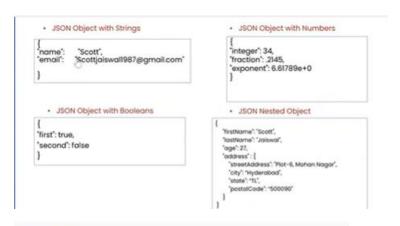
JSON Path:
students[0].sname --→ John
students[1].sid ---→102
```

Examples



JSON Object & JSON Array:

JSON Object:



JSON Array

- · JSON array represents ordered list of values.
- JSON array can store multiple values. It can store string, number, boolean or object in JSON array.
- · In JSON array, values must be separated by comma.
- · The [(square bracket) represents JSON array.

Capture & Validate JSON Path

https://jsonpathfinder.com/

https://jsonpath.com/

JSON Path Finder: https://jsonpathfinder.com/

JSON Path Verify: https://jsonpath.com/

API Response Validation | Different types of Assertions:

Response Validation:

- 1) Status code
- 2) Headers
- 3) Cookies
- 4) Response time
- 5) Response body

Assertion - validation

Postman – library

Functions: written in JavaScript

Function types/can be written in 2 ways:

- 1) Normal function: written using normal keyword i.e. function().
- 2) Arrow function: written using arrow i.e. () =>.

Library/Framework: Chai

Here pm = postman.

Testing Status Code:

```
Test for the response status code:

pm. test("Status code is 200", () => {
    pm. response.to.have.status(200);
});

If you want to test for the status code being one of a set, include them all in an array and use one of

pm. test("Successful POST request", () => {
    pm.expect(pm.response.code).to.be.oneOf([201,202]);
});

Check the status code text:

pm. test("Status code name has string", () => {
    pm.response.to.have.status("Created");
});
```

Testing status codes

Syntax:

```
pm.test("Test Name", ()=>{
//assertion;
});
Ex:
pm.test("Status code is 200", () => {
```

```
pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});
```

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3880]
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Watching students.json...

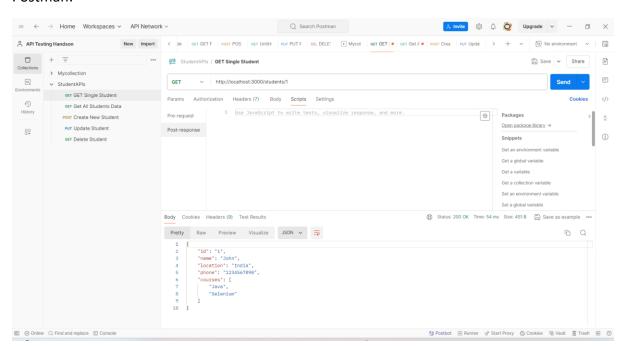
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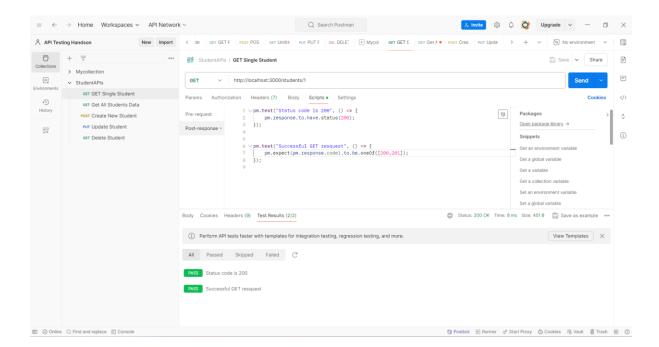
Endpoints:
http://localhost:3000/students
```

Postman:



```
pm.test("Status code is 200", () => {
   pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});
```

```
pm.test("Successful GET resquest", () => {
   pm.expect(pm.response.code).to.be.oneOf([200,201]);
});
```



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Testing headers

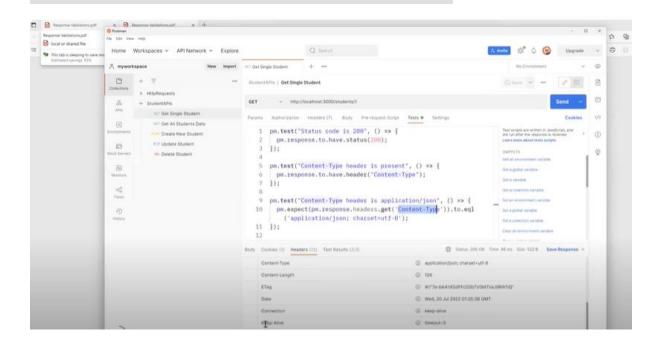
Check that a response header is present:

1);

```
pm.test("Content-Type header is present", () => {
    pm.response.to.have.header("Content-Type");
});

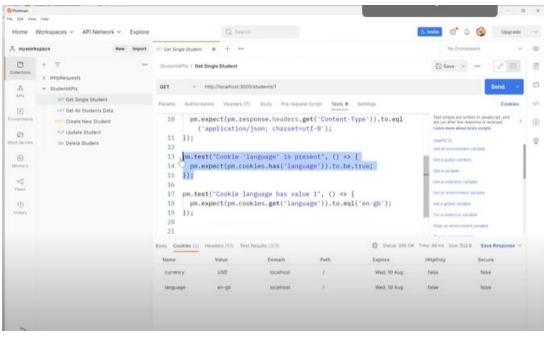
Test for a response header having a particular value:

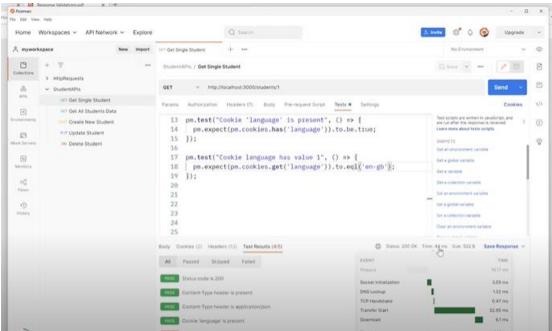
pm.test("Content-Type header is application/json", () => {
    pm.expect(pm.response.headers.get('Content-Type')).to.eql('application/json; charset=utf-8');
```

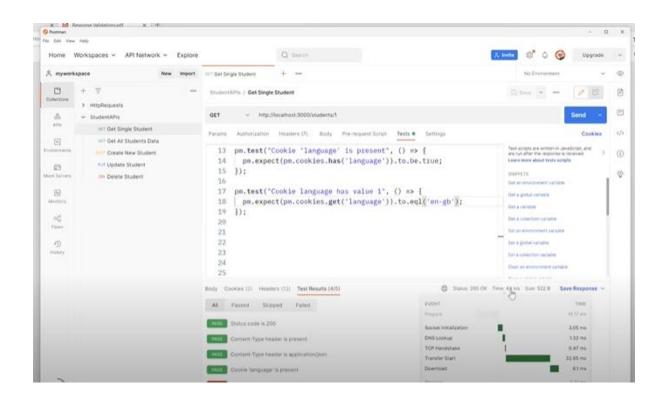


Testing cookies

Test if a cookie is present in the response:







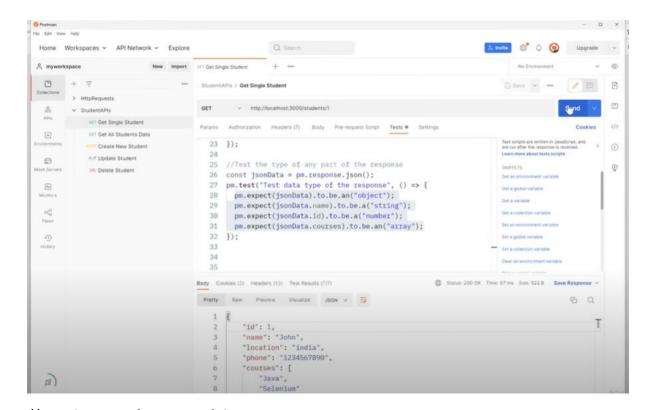
Response Body:

Asserting a value type

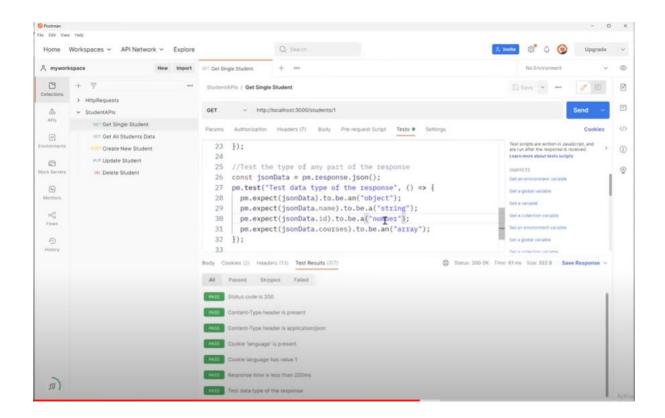
Test the type of any part of the response:

```
"id": II
    "name": "John",
    "location": "india",
    "phone": "1234567890",
    "courses": [
        "Java",
        "Selenium"
]
}

const jsonData = pm.response.json();
pm.test("Test data type of the response", () => {
    pm.expect(jsonData).to.be.an("object");
    pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.be.a("string");
    pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.be.a("number");
    pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.be.an("array");
});
```



//Test the type of any part of the response
const jsonData = pm.response.json();
pm.test("Test data type of the response", () => {
 pm.expect(jsonData).to.be.an("object");
 pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.be.a("string");
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});

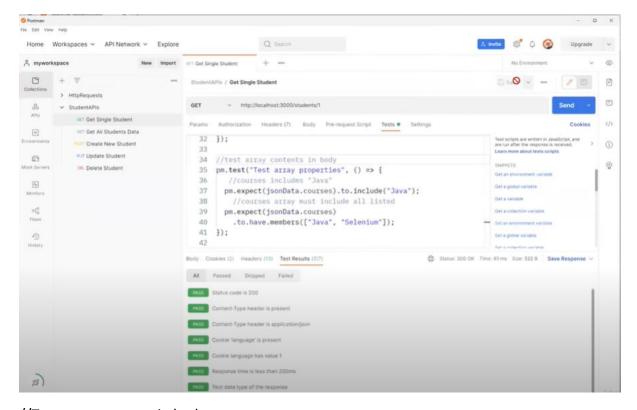


Asserting array properties

Check if an array is empty and if it contains particular items:

```
"id": 1,
    "name": "John",
    "location": "india",
    "phone": "1234567890",
    "courses": [
        "Java",
        "Selenium"
]

pm.test("Test array properties", () => {
        //courses includes "Java"
        pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.include("Java");
        //courses_garray must include all listed
        pm.expect(jsonData.courses)
        .to.have.members(["Java", "Selenium"]);
});
```



//Test array contents in body
pm.test("Test array properties", () => {
 //course includer "Java"
 pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.include("Java");
 //courses array must include all listed
 pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.have.members(["Java", "Selenium"]);
});

Validating JSON fields in Response

```
{
          "id": 1,
"name": "John",
          "location": "india", "phone": "1234567890",
           "courses": [
              "Java",
              "Selenium"
      pm.test("value of location field is India",()=> {
           var jsonData = pm.response.json();
           pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.eql(1);
           pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.eql("John");
           pm.expect(jsonData.location).to.eql("india");
           pm.expect(jsonData.phone).to.eql("1234567890");
           pm.expect(jsonData.courses[0]).to.eql("Java");
           pm.expect(jsonData.courses[1]).to.eql("Selenium");
//Validating JSON fields in Response
pm.test("value of fields in response", () => {
  var jsonData = pm.response.json();
```

pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.eql(1);

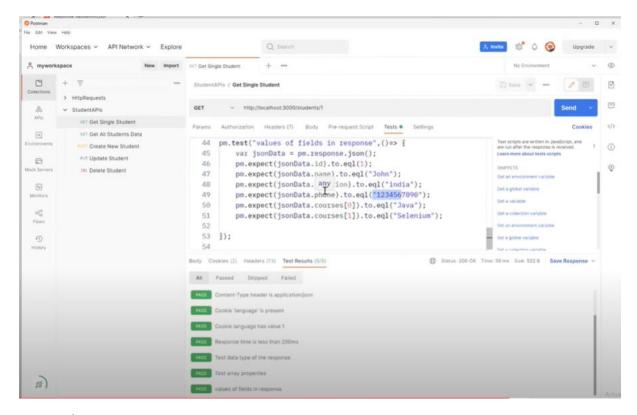
});

pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.eql("John");

pm.expect(jsonData.location).to.eql("India");

pm.expect(jsonData.courses[0]).to.eql("Java");

pm.expect(jsonData.phone).to.eql("1234567890");



JSON Schema

```
"type": "integer"
},
"name": {
  "type": "string"
},
"location": {
  "type": "string"
```

JSON Schema: https://www.liquid-technologies.com/online-json-to-schema-converter

```
{
   "id": 1,
   "name": "John",
   "location": "India",
   "phone": "1234567890",
   "courses": [
    "Java",
    "Selenium"
   ]
  }
Generate Schema:
JSON Schema:
{
 "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#",
 "type": "object",
 "properties": {
  "id": {
   "type": "integer"
  },
  "name": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "location": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "phone": {
   "type": "string"
  },
```

```
"courses": {
   "type": "array",
   "items": [
     "type": "string"
    },
     "type": "string"
    }
   ]
  }
 },
 "required": [
  "id",
  "name",
  "location",
  "phone",
  "courses"
]
}
   JSON schema Validation
   pm.test('Schema is valid', function() {
    pm.expect(tv4.validate(jsonData, schema)).to.be.true;
Ex:
//JSON Schema Validation
```

var schema = {

```
"$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#",
"type": "object",
"properties": {
"id": {
  "type": "string"
},
 "name": {
  "type": "string"
},
"location": {
  "type": "string"
},
 "phone": {
  "type": "string"
},
 "courses": {
  "type": "array",
  "items": [
   {
    "type": "string"
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  ]
}
},
"required": [
"id",
```

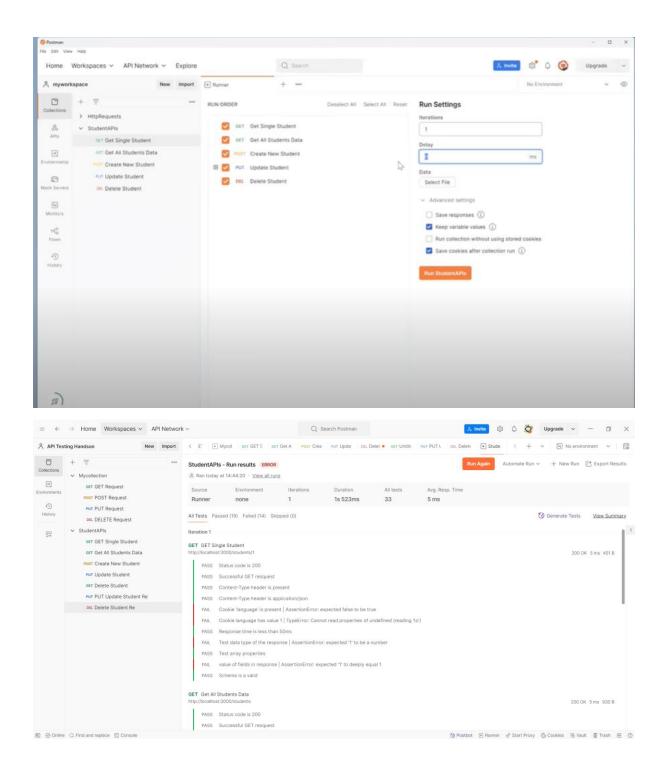
```
"name",
  "location",
  "phone",
  "courses"
]
}
pm.test('Schema is a valid', function() {
  pm.expect(tv4.validate(jsonData, schema)).to.be.true;
});
Example complete operations:
pm.test("Status code is 200", () => {
  pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});
pm.test("Successful GET resquest", () => {
  pm.expect(pm.response.code).to.be.oneOf([200,201]);
});
pm.test("Content-Type header is present", () => {
  pm.response.to.have.header("Content-Type");
});
pm.test("Content-Type header is application/json", () => {
  pm.expect(pm.response.headers.get("Content-Type")).to.eql('application/json');
  // pm.expect(pm.response.headers.get("Content-Type")).to.eql('application/json;
charset=utf-8');
});
```

```
pm.test("Cookie 'language' is present", () => {
  pm.expect(pm.cookies.has('language')).to.be.true;
});
pm.test("Cookie language has value 1", () => {
  pm.expect(pm.cookies.get('language').to.eql('en-gb'));
});
pm.test("Response time is less than 50ms", () => {
  pm.expect(pm.response.responseTime).to.be.below(50);
});
//Test the type of any part of the response
const jsonData = pm.response.json();
pm.test("Test data type of the response", () => {
  pm.expect(jsonData).to.be.an("object");
  pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.be.a("string");
  pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.be.a("number");
  pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.be.an("array");
});
//Test array contents in body
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  //course includer "Java"
  pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.include("Java");
  //courses array must include all listed
  pm.expect(jsonData.courses).to.have.members(["Java", "Selenium"]);
});
```

```
//Validating JSON fields in Response
pm.test("value of fields in response", () => {
 // var jsonData = pm.response.json();
  pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.eql(1);
  pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.eql("John");
  pm.expect(jsonData.location).to.eql("India");
  pm.expect(jsonData.phone).to.eql("1234567890");
  pm.expect(jsonData.courses[0]).to.eql("Java");
});
//JSON Schema Validation
var schema = {
 "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#",
 "type": "object",
 "properties": {
  "id": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "name": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "location": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "phone": {
   "type": "string"
  },
  "courses": {
   "type": "array",
```

```
"items": [
    {
     "type": "string"
    },
    {
     "type": "string"
    }
   ]
  }
 },
 "required": [
  "id",
  "name",
  "location",
  "phone",
  "courses"
]
}
pm.test('Schema is a valid', function() {
  pm.expect(tv4.validate(jsonData, schema)).to.be.true;
});
```

Run Collection:



Scripts and Types of variables

Scripts

Pre-request scripts

Tests

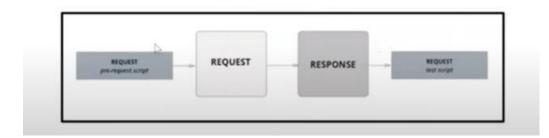
Pre-requestScript --→ Request --→ Response --→ Tests

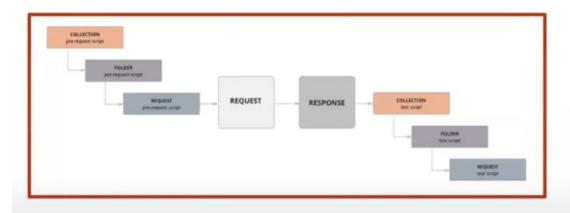
3 levels:

- 1) Collection
- 2) Folder
- 3) Request

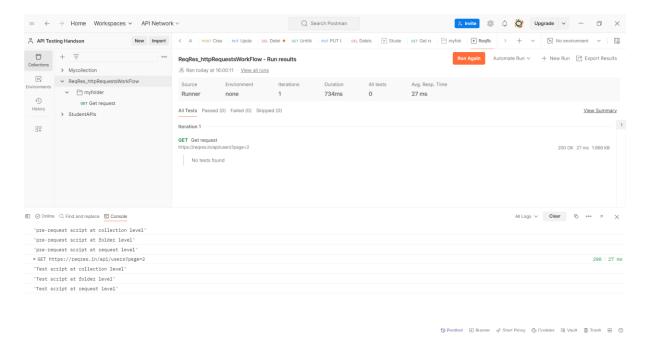
Scripts in Postman

- Pre-request Scripts
- Tests Scripts





Request response order:



Variables:

Scope:

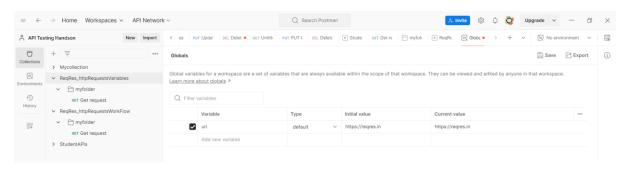
Workspace -→ Collections -→ Requests

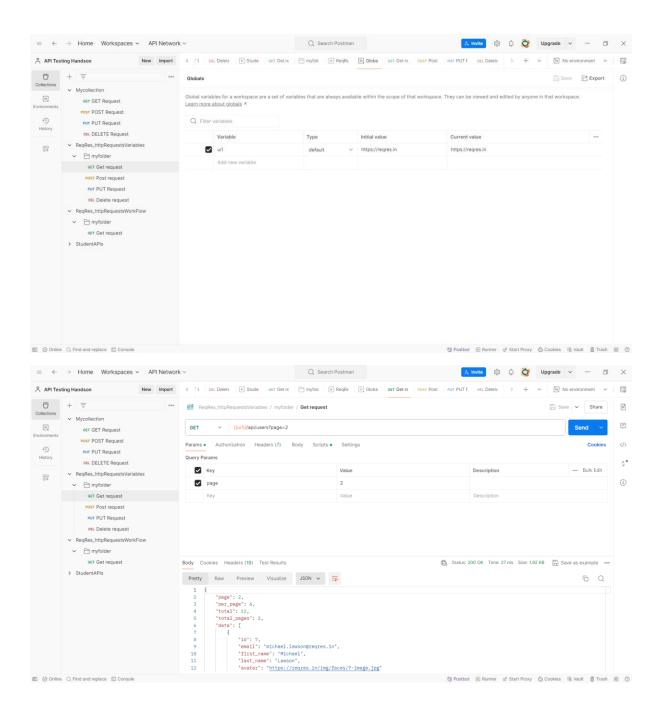
Types of variables as per Scope of access of variables:

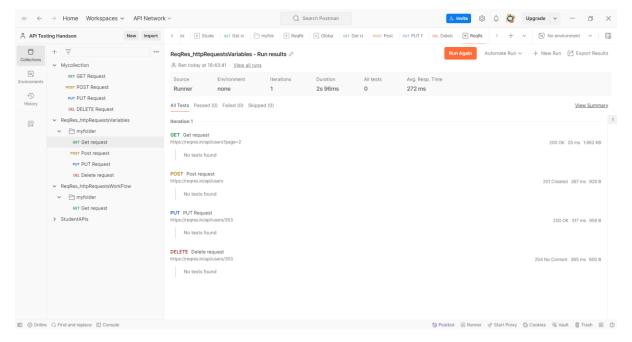
- 1) Global => accessible in workspace.
- 2) Collection => accessible within collection.
- 3) Environment => accessible in all collections, but we need to switch to environment.
- 4) Local => accessible only within request(specific to request). Declared inside Pre-request Script i.e. Request -> Scripts -> Pre-request.
- 5) Data => external files csv/text.

Referring variable: {{variable}}

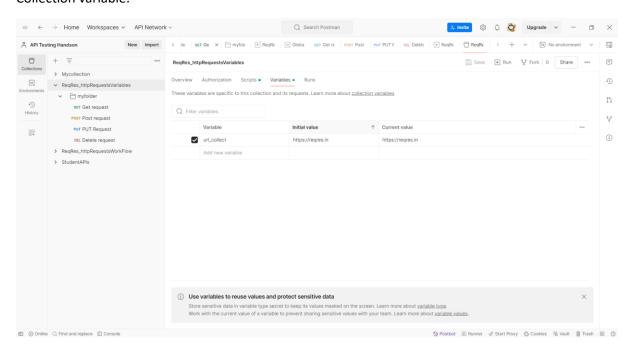
Global variables:

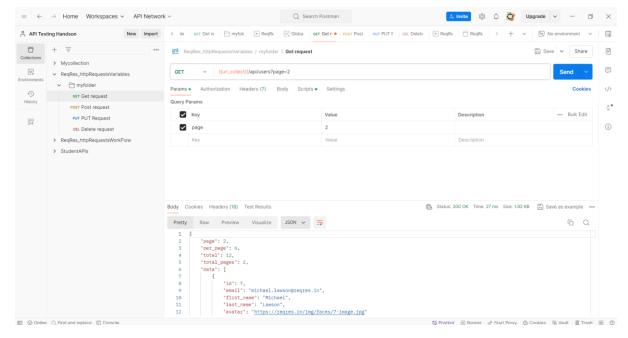




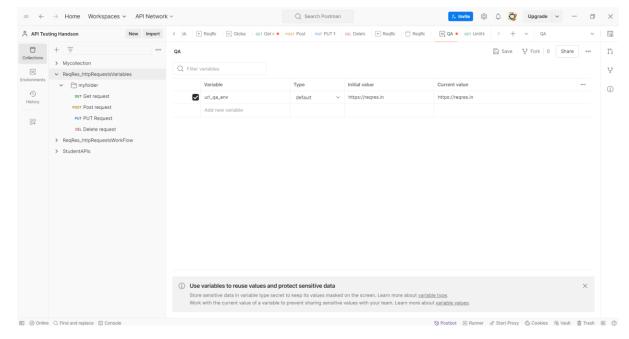


Collection variable:

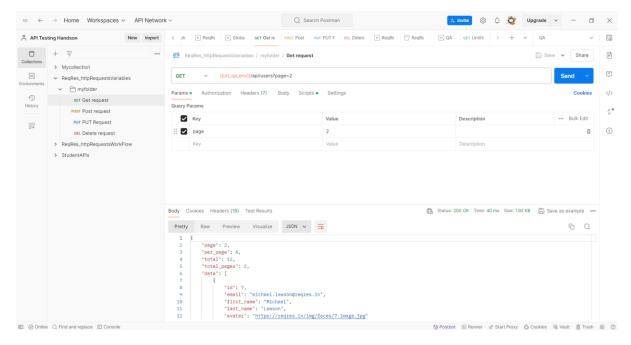




Environment variables:



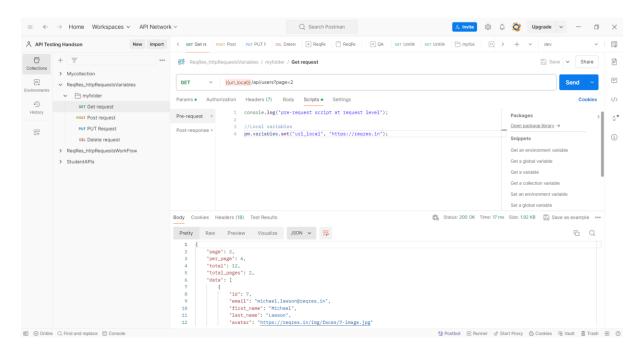
Select environment as QA.



Local Variable:

//Local variables

pm.variables.set("url_local", "https://reqres.in");



We can also initialize global variable under request

Ex:

GET => {{url_local}}/api/users?page={{userid_globals}}

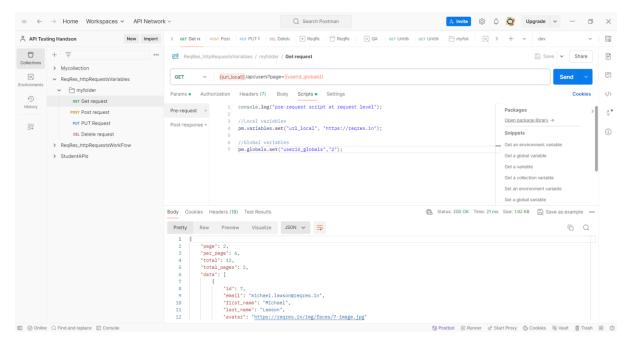
Script=>

//Local variables

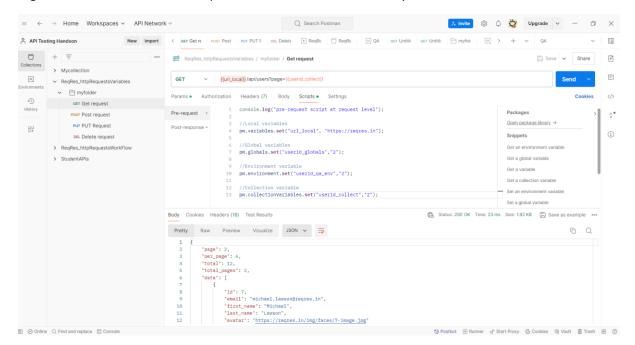
pm.variables.set("url_local", "https://reqres.in");

//Global variables

pm.globals.set("userid_globals","2");



A global variable created in a request can also be accessible everywhere.



//Local variables

pm.variables.set("url_local", "https://reqres.in");

//Global variables

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pm.globals.set("userid_globals","2");
//Environment variable
pm.environment.set("userid_qa_env","2");
//Collection variable
pm.collectionVariables.set("userid_collect","2");
Creating variables using pre-request scripts:
//Local variables
pm.variables.set("url_local", "https://reqres.in");
//Global variables
pm.globals.set("userid globals","2");
//Environment variable
pm.environment.set("userid_qa_env","2");
//Collection variable
pm.collectionVariables.set("userid_collect","2");
Unset/Delete: in Post-response Scripts
Ex:
//Global variables
pm.globals.unset("userid_globals");
Capture the values from variables:
console.log(pm.globals.get("userid_globals"));
console.log(pm.environment.get("userid_qa_env"));
console.log(pm.collectionVariables.get("userid_collect"));
console.log(pm.variables.get("url_local"));
```

Methods:

Set, unset, get => global, env, collection, local.

API Chaining

Ex: https://gorest.co.in/

GET: https://gorest.co.in/public/v2/users

GoRest API:

https://gorest.co.in/

Generate Token using github account

url: https://gorest.co.in/

endpoint: /public/v2/users

REST API Http Response Codes

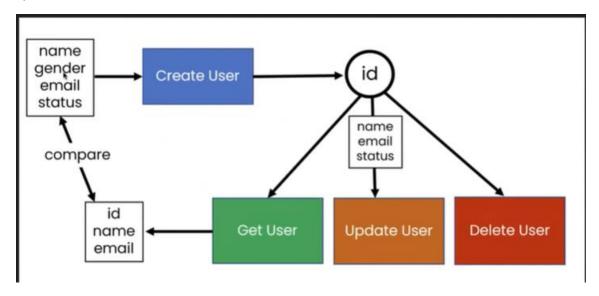
- 200: OK. Everything worked as expected.
- 201: A resource was successfully created in response to a POST request. The Location header contains the URL pointing to the newly created resource.
- 204: The request was handled successfully and the response contains no body content (like a DELETE request).
- 304: The resource was not modified. You can use the cached version.
- 400: Bad request. This could be caused by various actions by the user, such as providing invalid JSON data in the request body etc.
- 401: Authentication failed.
- 403: The authenticated user is not allowed to access the specified API endpoint.
- 404: The requested resource does not exist.
- 405: Method not allowed. Please check the Allow header for the allowed HTTP methods.
- 415: Unsupported media type. The requested content type or version number is invalid.
- 422: Data validation failed (in response to a POST request, for example). Please check the response body for detailed error messages.
- 429: Too many requests. The request was rejected due to rate limiting.
- 500: Internal server error. This could be caused by internal program errors.

Request Body:

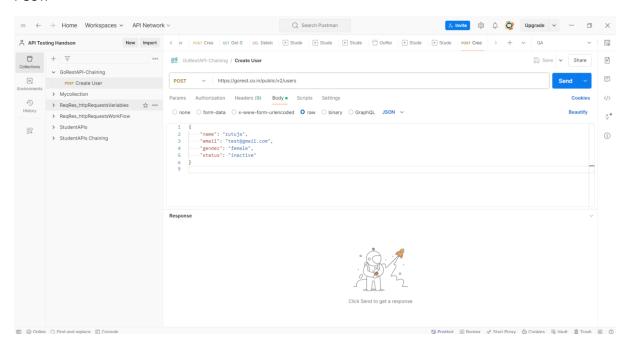
```
{
    "name": "rutuja",
    "email": "test@gmail.com",
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"gender": "female",

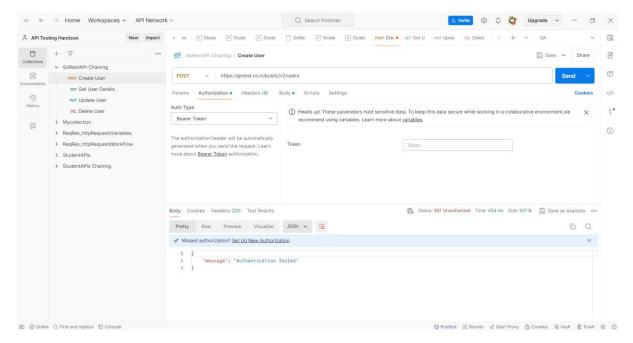
"status": "inactive"
}
```



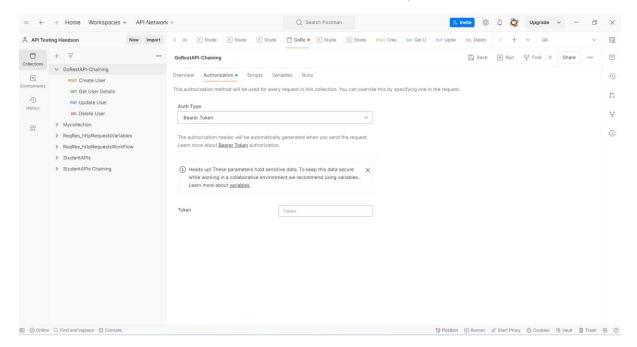
POST:



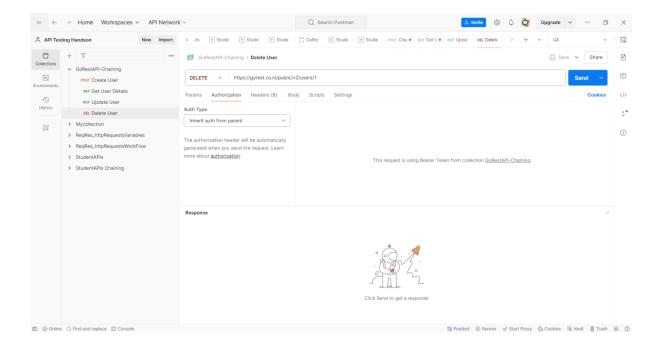
Provide Bearer Token Value.



Add Authorization i.e. Bearer Token at collection level to avoid repetitive task.



Now for Request -> under Authorization -> select Inherit Auth from Parent.



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