



MEC EVERYAPI TEST SUITE – USER MANUAL



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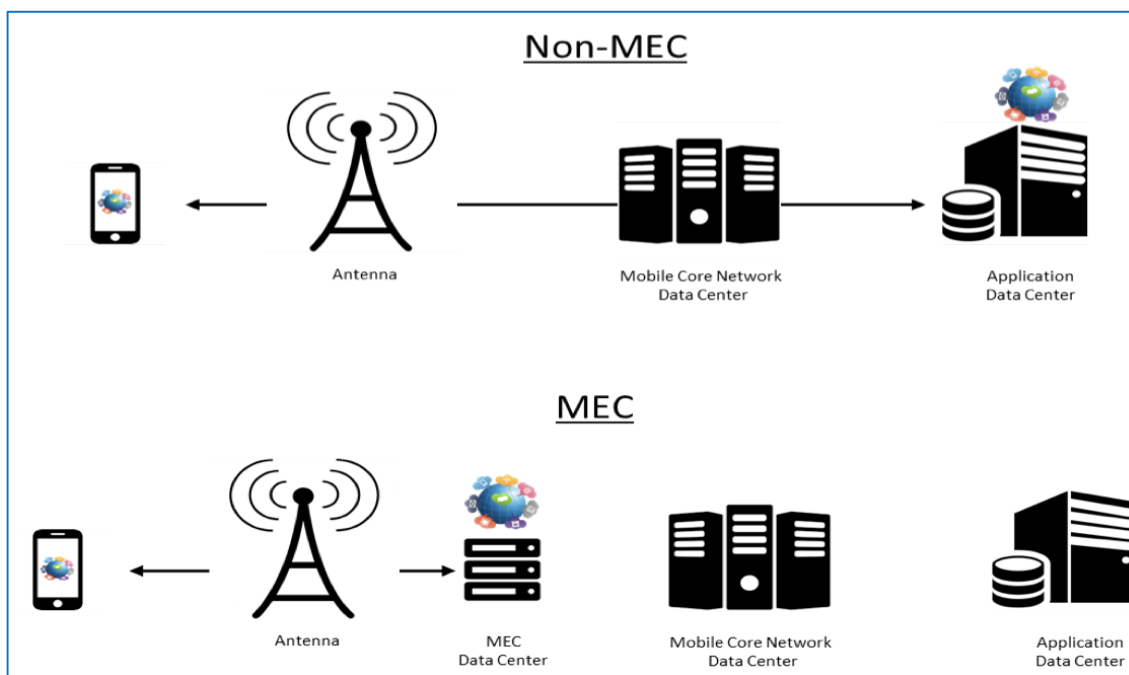
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1. INTRODUCTION TO MEC

Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC), also described as a Mobile Edge Computing is an industry innovation that improves the performance and intelligence of the software application that deliver services such as IoT (Internet-of-Things) to end customers.

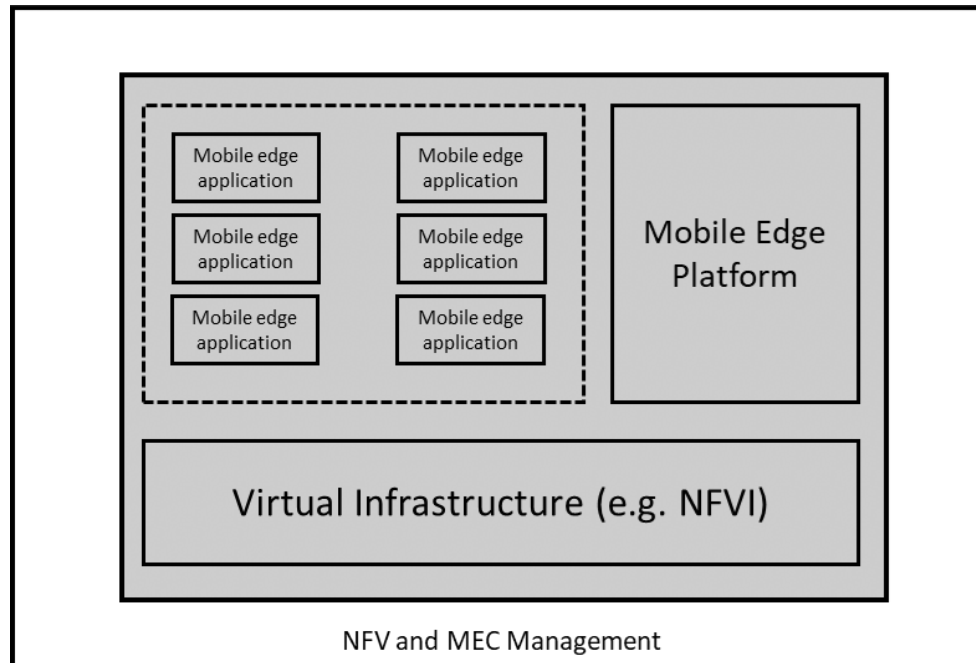
The improved ultra-low latency and high bandwidth performance are made possible by the deploying applications in the data center at the edge of the network closer to the customer. The improved intelligence by real-time access to radio network information that can be leveraged by applications.

The picture below shows the architecture of the systems in action. The sole intention of the MEC architecture is to provide the best experience for the user by removing the latency as much as possible thus getting the applications closer to the user so the user does not need to connect to the server which will take a lot of time.



2. ARCHITECTURE OF MEC

The MEC technology is supported by the edge data centers and the deployments are achieved as defined by European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) in standard specifications ETSI GS MEC 003 V1.1.1 (2016-03). The implementation requires the MEC platform that hosts and manages MEC applications on Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) infrastructure. The MEC and NFV management manages its respective domains as shown in the picture below.



The next generation technology such as MEC and NFV requires protocols to communicate between antenna (eNodeB), MEC platform, MEC applications, NFVI and management entities. The connectivity among these entities is called “Reference Points”.

ETSI defines the API, data model and data format in the specification for these reference points.

3. CHALLENGES IN MEC TESTING

In today's world, testing is an integral aspect as the customers are conscious about the quality of the product that is being used. The MEC server and the applications on the MEC server needs to be tested for the applications to behave in the expected way.

The testers today have to go through the specifications documents from the standard bodies and graph out the test cases for testing the applications and the server. For a company which is developing the MEC server, it is a mandatory and a resource consuming task for them to create the test cases reading the standard and deriving the test cases. The greater challenge in testing is the test management which includes the creation, execution and reporting.

This process is a high resource consuming process which needs to be addressed and in the world of automation, machine learning where applications are becoming more intelligent and becoming capable to performing tasks themselves, we need to find a solution and get higher return with minimum investment.

This is what, TestOnNeed specializes in and here we are to offer the Test Engine solution to our customers which is all about the automation of test management.

4. SOLUTION TO THE CHALLENGES

“What if testers have a solution that provides lot of test cases to ready- to-go client and server side API conformance test cases?”

TestOnNeed offers precisely such a solution to our customers who are ready to test at client side and server side.

We provide a ready to use solution to the customers which help them to achieve quick results for testing the client side. This solution will help to detect problems at an early stage which will reduce the cost of the product development cycle.

This solution is concentrated on the creation of new APIs using the engine which can be used by the customer to create the Client and Server code for any MEC specification using a YAML file of a particular specification of MEC. This then validates the queries sent from the client to the database and checks the expected response to the actual response.

In this document we will describe in details about the Test Engine solution and how it will help the customers to gain from the solution.

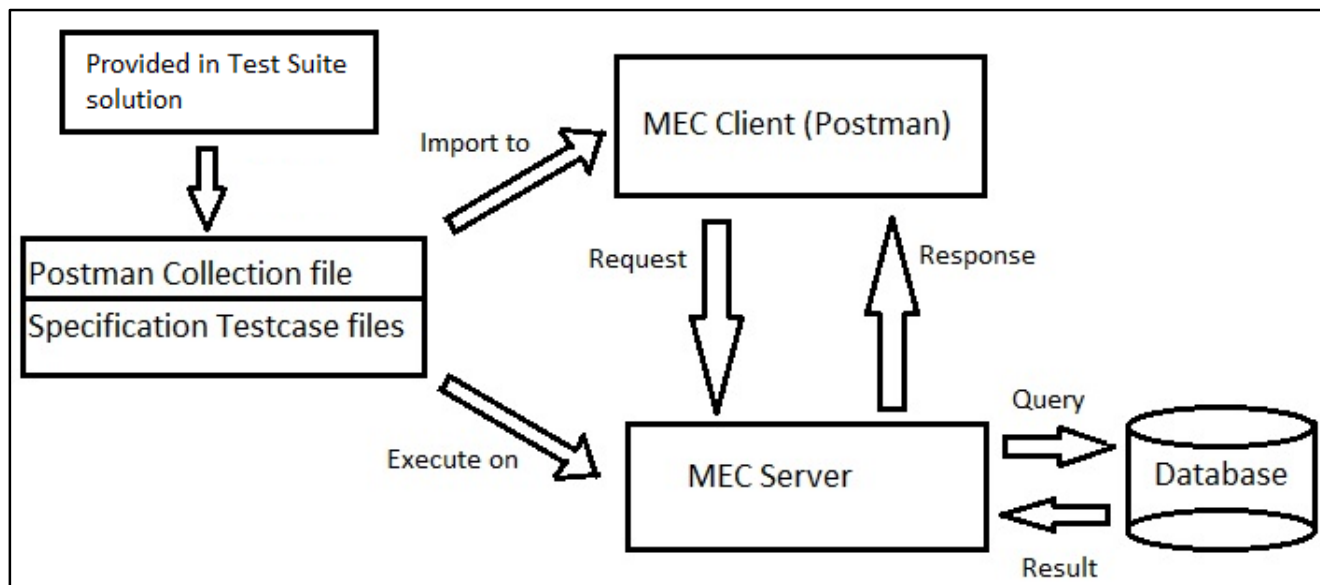
You can also link of the following link and check the channel for all the videos which will help get a clear idea on how TestOnNeed can help you achieve the perfect MEC Client or Server application by helping you to detect the shortcomings in the application. The ready to use test cases have been built following the standard solution document created by ETSI.

Channel for MEC Conformance Testing -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfDSBK5ZoW6SK0wCQnvkZ3hLM9ELjeJX5>

5. ARCHITECTURE OF TEST SUITE SOLUTION

The Test Suite solution is aimed at automating the tasks executed by functional and conformance testers to determine the quality of the MEC server and the applications which are using the MEC server, which are the clients of MEC server.



Postman Collection File – This file will be formed automatically by the EveryAPI server which will take care of the request body, response validation. This file is meant to be used for MEC client.

Specification Test case Files – This is the server code which will be generated automatically by the EveryAPI Test Engine which will be working on the MEC server. This file contains the test cases broken down after parsing the input YAML file based on parameters, request type and response code. This file will be capturing the response for each test case execution.

MEC Client (Postman) – Here Postman Application is being used as client application which will be able to fire the queries to the server based on the test case. Here the response validation, request validation is being validated.

MEC Server – This is the engine which will be responsible to respond to the requests sent from client end. This MEC will be validating the authentication of the requests, the structure of the requests, the parameters being passed and will respond accordingly. The server will be fetching and inserting data in to the database.

Database – This is the container for the test data being generated by the EveryAPI engine to be stored, inserted and to be used by the MEC server. This server will also be recording the test case execution status after each execution.

6. PREREQUISITES FOR TEST SUITE SOLUTION

The installation of the application and setup which have been used are being described in the following videos. Please refer to the installation video links below.

To install on Windows: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJIOaAMAPWU>

To install on Linux: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXRJ4VG4HAK>

Listed below are the required software applications and all are open source. Please click on the name of the application which will then redirect to the web link from where it can be downloaded.

- **Postman**

This is used to record and automate the process of posting requests to server and fetching the corresponding responses back while the user will be executing the actions.

- **NodeJs**

This will be used by the solution for the generating the requests which will be used by the solution for execution of test cases.

- **Test Link**

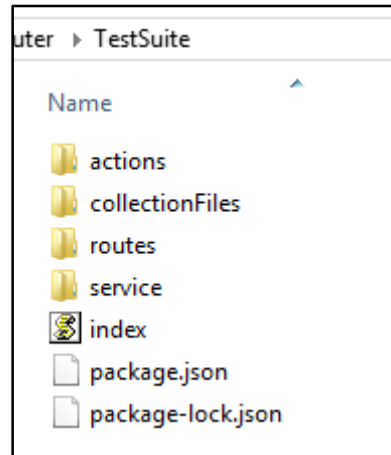
This will be used by the testing professional to keep a track of the test cases and specification document. The test plan will be provided to the customer and can be imported to the application after installation.

- **Sublime Text**

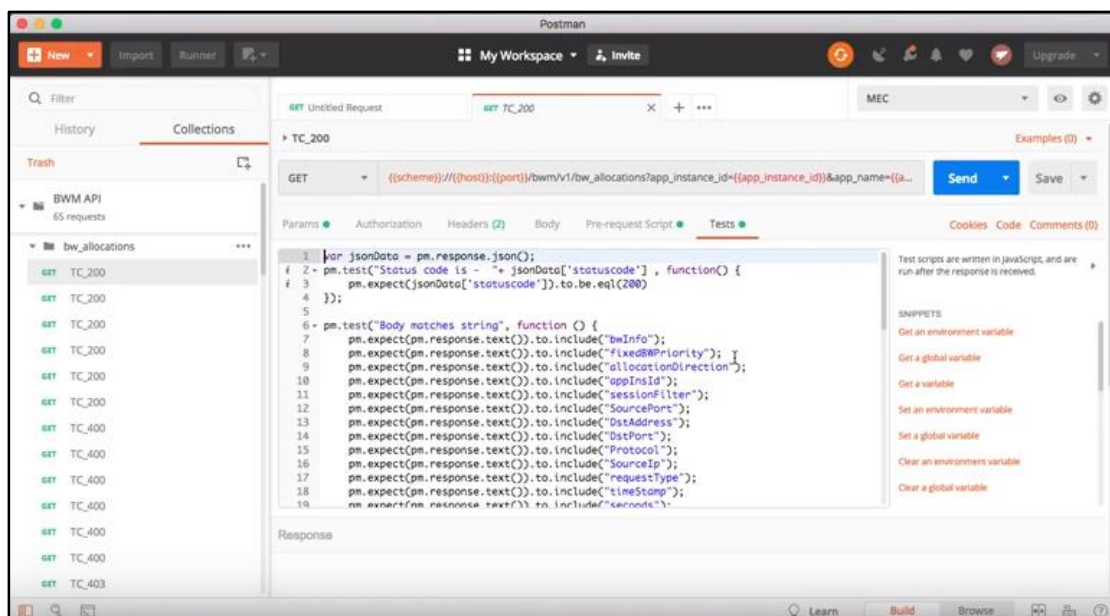
This will be used as an editor to view the test data by the test professional.

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE SOLUTION

The deliverable package contains a set of a “Postman collection JSON files” which are to be loaded to Postman application and executed. During the execution the requests will be generated from the Postman application which will act as a MEC client application and will be executing the test cases one by one or as a whole set as mentioned in the test suite document.



During the execution, the Postman Application will use the database to extract the data to be used for each test case execution. The data base files will be provided to the customer as a part of the deliverable package.



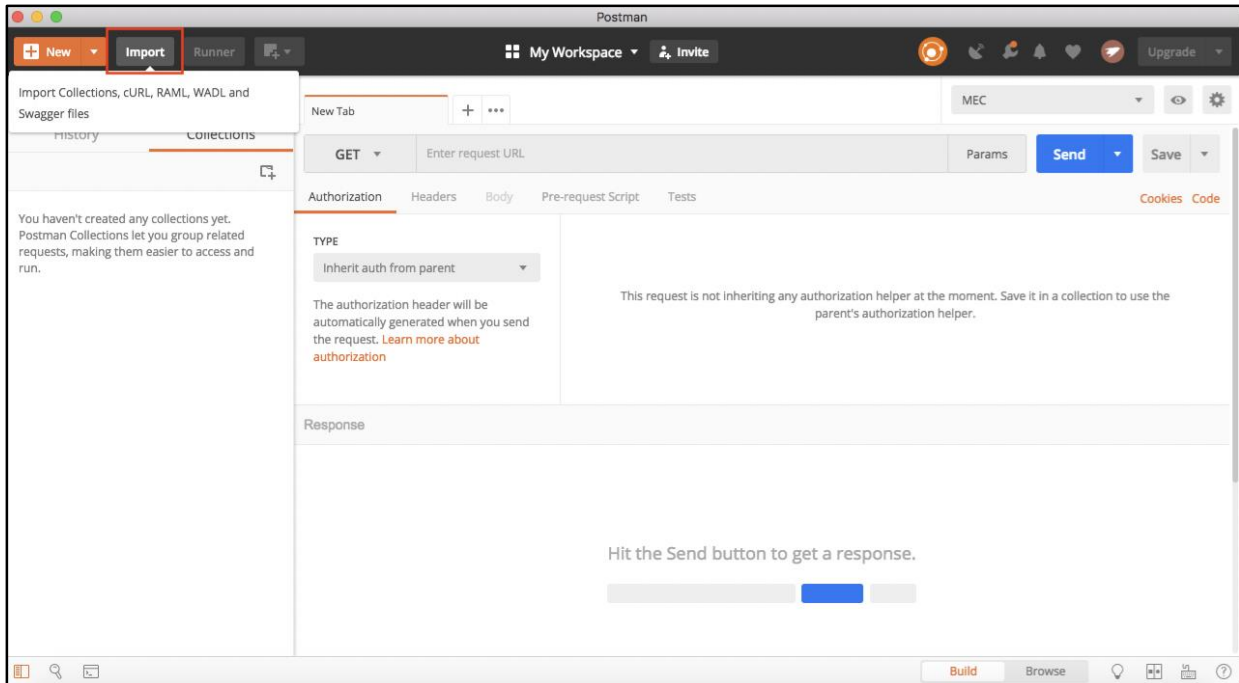
The data from the database will be fed to the MEC client application which in turn will be pass on to the MEC server application for execution of the test cases. The solution will be able to take the requests mentioned in the collection file which will be imported to postman. Here the collection files as already mentioned will be provided to the customer by TestOnNeed based on the package paid for.

The customer will also get a set of links of videos along with this user manual which they can follow and execute the test cases with ease and reach the market quickly with a quality product. The videos will cover all the steps starting from installation to execution and exporting the report.

8. PERFORMING CONFORMANCE TESTING

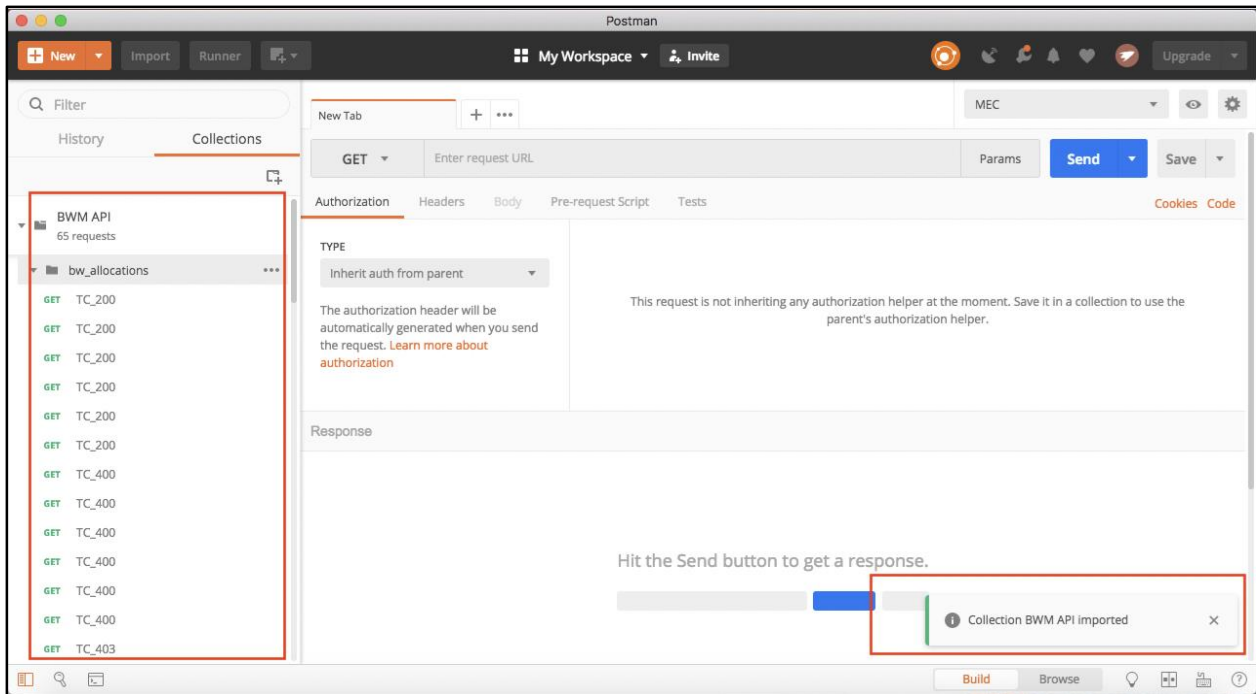
a. The deliverable package will contain the set of ready-made postman collection file ready which can be used by the user without any modifications required to be made.

The collection file will then be required to be imported to Postman application.



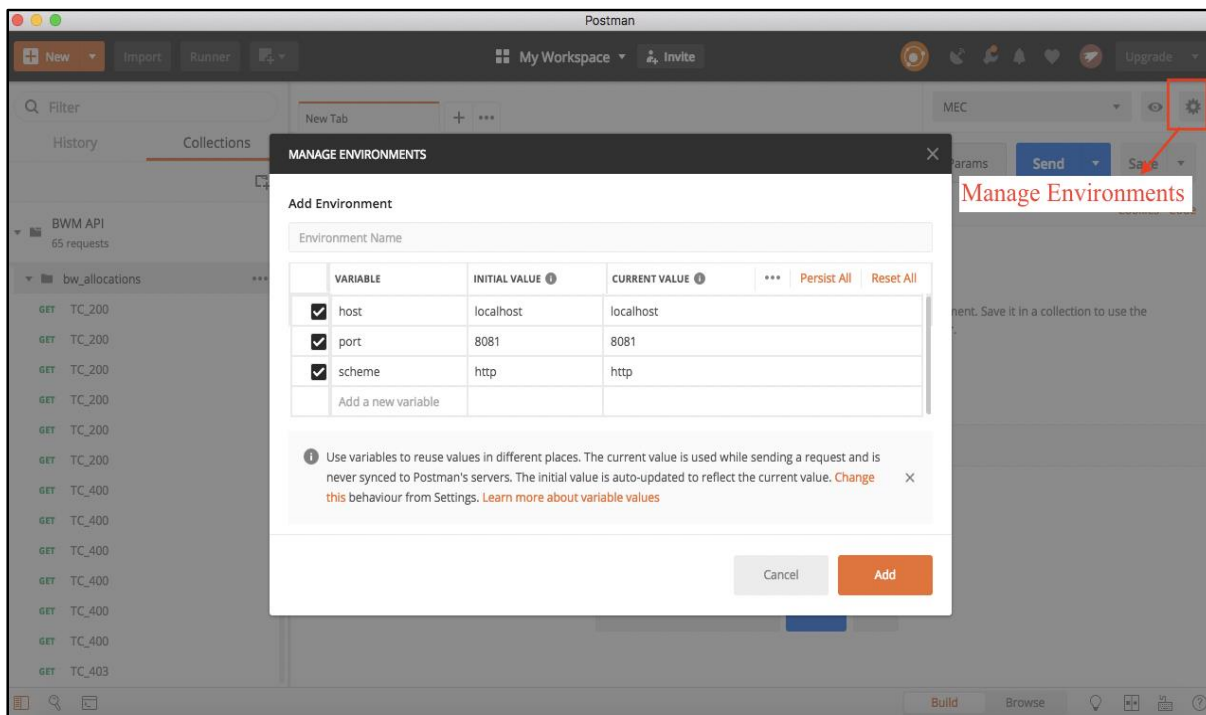
b. After importing the Postman collection JSON file in to the Postman Application then left side section one folder will add automatically and user can see the message as imported successfully.

On expanding the view folder, the user will be able to view the entire set of test cases which are built based on the input file specifications. The user here will be able to only execute the ready-made test cases and cannot build any test cases from any test specification document.



c. The user will have the option to choose the environment to run the test cases on. On each test cases the user can provide the Environment global variables and the respective values for the application environment on the Postman application.

The below image depicts how to set up the Global Param's and values in the Postman Application.



d. After Adding the Global Variables and Values, user have to select the Environment Name in the Dropdown from the right side of Postman Application.

After setup Global Values in the Postman Application, during the execution, the Postman will use the database to extract the data to be used for each test case execution.

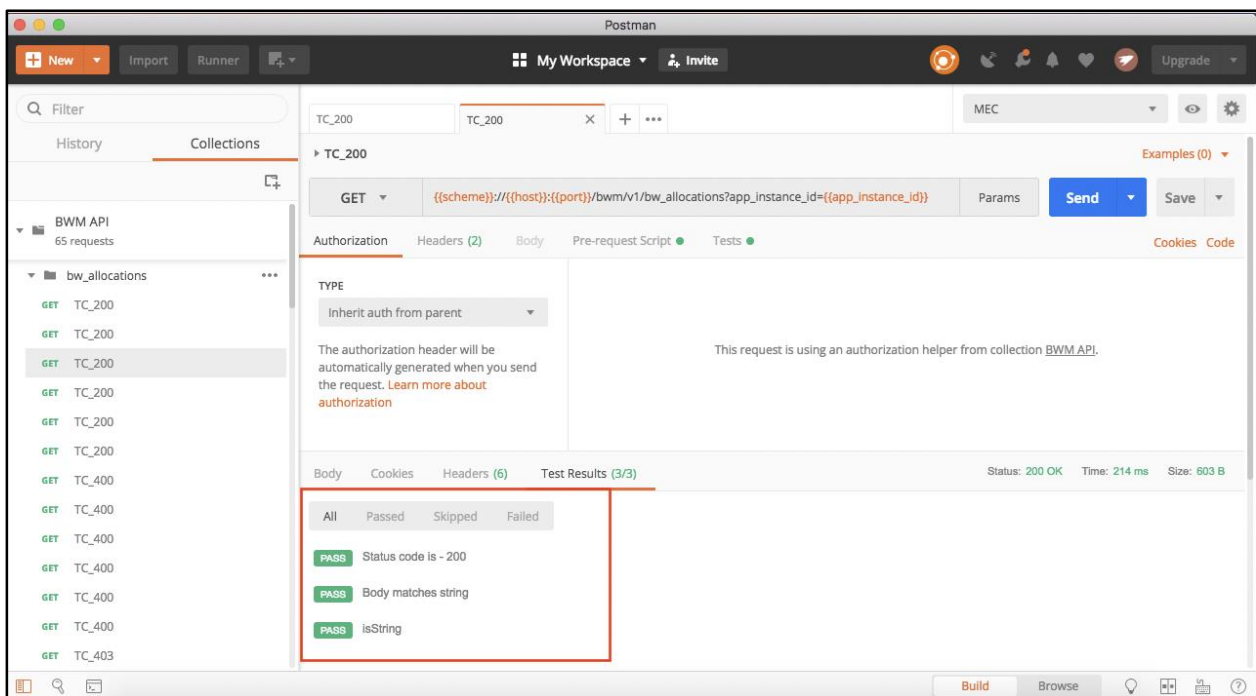
e. During execution the Postman Application will execute the test cases mentioned in serial order. The data for the execution will be taken from the data sheet which will be provided to the user in the deliverable package. The data will be prefilled has a specific order too. The automation solution will be able to extract the data only if the order is not changed.

The user will be able to add to existing set of data as per their requirement and execute the test cases. Here the user will be able to access the database provided by TestOnNeed and add to the existing dataset.

f. After execution of the test cases the user will be able to view the result of the test execution. The user can execute the test cases in two ways:

1. A single request can be executed by clicking on the “Send” button. The user will be able to view the response in the response section on the Postman application.
2. The user will be able to execute the entire set of test cases by clicking on the “Runner” button and then setting the environment, choosing the collection to execute (in case of multiple collections imported to Postman) and then will be able to view the results in the results section.

The picture below shows Test Results in Postman Application.



Please click on the Below YouTube Link for Video: -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P_LVIdGZNc&feature=youtu.be&list=PLfDSBK5ZoW6SK0wCQnvkZ3hLM9%20ELjeJX5

9. ABOUT US

TestOnNeed is an on-need open source test automation and DevOps solution provider which aims to better the speed, scale, coverage, and quality of software application products. We live only to help businesses seeking the winning formula to bring their products, and services to the market fast to beat the slow. We do this by helping our customers to create flawless, high quality, high-performance Block chain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Thing (IoT), Multi-Edge (Mobile) Edge Computing (MEC), 5G, Cloud, Micro services, Augmented Reality (AR), and Virtual Reality (VR) software application products. Moreover, we make it all happen with open sources using an open source testing ecosystem.

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