Graduation Project Presentation

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Introduction

- Overview of the project
- Problem statement
- Objectives
- Motivation for the project

API Testing

Overview:

This project aims to implement the technical topics learned in this course; it specifically targets the topic of API testing to a hosted website called Natours implemented as part of a popular large back-end course made by Jonas Schmedtmann.

Problem statement:

As this is a highly popular course accessed by thousands (maybe more) and it is about building API for a website, it is very beneficial to provide a decent test suite to those APIs to validate the importance of this course, also it will be used by every student who implements this project to validate their work.

Objectives:

The objectives are to ensure proper functionality of the APIs, check integrity of both request and response data, ensure high performance, also to act as a documentation of how to use those APIs and what to expect of them.

Motivation for the project:

As pointed earlier, many students interested in back-end development using node.js this is their go to course, so it would be of great help to them to validate their work and improve course validity, also help the creator of the course to improve his content and fix any issues.

Manual Testing

Overview:

This project aims to apply the manual testing techniques covered in this course. Specifically, it focuses on creating detailed test scenarios and test cases for a hosted website called Natours

Problem statement:

Given the widespread popularity of this course, which focuses on building APIs for a website, there is a clear need for a comprehensive manual test suite. With thousands of students participating, a robust test suite would not only validate the importance of the course content but also provide students with a practical tool to assess their own API implementations. By developing a structured manual test suite, students will be able to confidently verify the functionality, reliability, and quality of their APIs, ensuring they meet industry standards and reinforcing their understanding of manual testing practices in backend development.

Objectives:

The objective is to validate the functionality, usability, and performance of various features on the site through rigorous manual testing method

Motivation for the project:

This project targets the many students who rely on this popular Node.js backend course, focusing specifically on creating manual test scenarios and test cases for API validation. Providing a detailed manual test suite will enable students to thoroughly validate their implementations, ensuring functionality and helping them build confidence in their testing skills. Moreover, this suite will aid the course creator in refining content and addressing any identified issues, ultimately improving the course's quality and reliability for future students.

Testing process

- Definition of API endpoints
- Types of testing
- Tools used in testing
- Test cases design

API Testing

API endpoints:

Natours ideas is to view different tours to a variety of places and with many activities, so the endpoints focuses on providing data about:

- Tours.
- Users.
- Reviews.
- Bookings.
- Authentication (login, etc....).

Endpoints focus on providing way to do CRUD operations on this data.

Specific Endpoints can not be tested because the owner of the website blocked this functionality on demo users also you need to get an admin user which is blocked, some of these endpoints like create tour, delete tour, delete user and many more.

APIs provided are as follows: (official documentation)

1. Tours:

GETⁿ All Tours (With Query Parameters), Tour By Id, Top 5 Cheap Tours, Monthly Plan, Tour Stats, Tours Within Radius, Distances To Tours From A Certain Location.

POST Create New Tour.

DELETE Delete Tour.

PATCH Update Tour.

2. Users:

GET⁻ All Users, Single User, Current User.

POST⁻ Included In Auth APIs.

DELETE User, Current User.

PATCH⁻ Update User, Update Current User.

3. Authentication:

POST⁻ Sign Up, Login, Forgot Password.

PATCH⁻ Reset Password, Update Current User Password.

4. Reviews:

GET⁻ All Reviews, Single Review.

POST⁻ Create New Review.

DELETE Delete Review.

PATCH Update Review.

5. Write a review on a specific tour

GET⁻ All Reviews on a Tour.

POST⁻ Create New Review on a Tour.

6. Bookings:

GET⁻ All Bookings, Single Booking.

Types of testing:

Testing will be split mainly into 2 types:

- 1. Functional testing: testing the functionality if the API includes:
 - Verify response and request body structure and schema.
 - Check URL structure is as expected.
 - Check request method.
- 2. Security testing:
 - Test cookies.
 - Test heading "authorization".
 - Test "JWT" token.

► Tools used in testing:

Main tool used in API testing is Postman.

Postman is an API platform which helps with building APIs and testing them.

It provides an environment for running JavaScript code to write and execute test cases.

Test cases design:

Test cases will focus on functional testing and security testing, testing the positive test cases only (valid input, valid output).

Some endpoints were tested against negative cases.

Each test case includes:

- URL call (API call).
- Expected result.
- Actual result.
- Testing function (pm.test).

Features that will be the focus of our test cases design are outlined in the first point.

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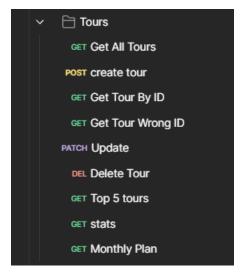
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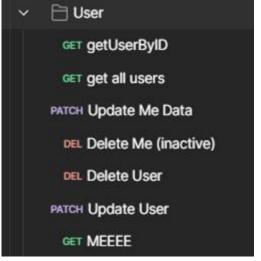
- Demonstration of the system
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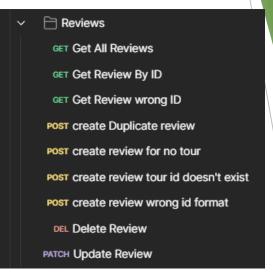
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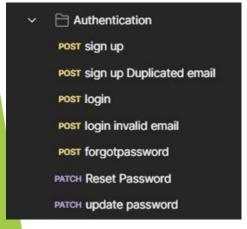
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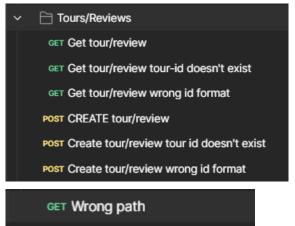
The system consists of a set of APIs to manipulate various data within the system, and they are listed as follows:











Tours calcs

GET Tour within radius

GET Tour within radius wrong unit

GET Tour within radius wrong center

GET Tours Distances To Location

GET Tours Distances To Location Copy

Examples of APIs response:

Get single tour

```
"status": "success",
         "data": {
             "data": {
                 "startLocation": { ...
5 >
                 "ratingsAverage": 4.1,
                 "ratingsQuantity": 8,
16 >
                 "images": [
                 "startDates": [ ---
21 >
                 "secretTour": false,
27 >
                 "guides": [
                 "_id": "5c88fa8cf4afda39709c2955",
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52 >
                 "locations": [ --
                 "slug": "the-sea-explorer",
                 " v": 0,
                 "durationWeeks": 1.
97 >
                 "reviews": [
                 "id": "5c88fa8cf4afda39709c2955"
```

Examples of APIs response:

Login

Get Review By ID

Code snippets (with output):

Code for API testing is repetitive, so the same code snippet that tests the Json response schema will be the same for all APIs except for the schema itself, also testing the request method, Authorization header, URL structure.

They will only differ in slight change depending on the need of each request.

Testing schema

```
const schema = {
     "type": "object",
     "properties": {
         "status": {
            "type": "string",
            "enum": ["success", "fail"]
        3,
         "results": {
            "type": "number" //or integer
        3,
         "data": {
             "type": "object",
             "properties": {
                 "data": {
                     "type": "array",
                     "items": {
                        "type": "object",
                         "properties": {
                            "_id": { "type": "string" },
                            "tour": { "type": "string" },
                            "review": { "type": "string" },
                            "createdAt": { "type": "string" },
                             "user": {
                                "type": ["object", "null"],
                                "properties": {
                                    "_id": { "type": "string" },
                                    "photo": { "type": "string" }
                                    "name": { "type": "string" },
                            3,
                        з,
             "required": ["data"]
     "required": ["status", "data"]
pm.test("Schema is valid", function () {
    pm.response.to.have.jsonSchema(schema);
});
```

Testing Response Status

Testing Response Format Is Json

Testing Request Method

```
//-----Request Method

pm.test("Testing request method",()=>{
    pm.expect(pm.request.method).to.eql("GET")
})
```

Testing Authorization header and JWT token

```
//----testing security measures exists (cookies, header)
pm.test("Authorization header is present", () => {
    pm.expect(pm.request.headers.has('Authorization')).to.be.true;
    pm.expect(pm.cookies.has('jwt')).to.be.true;
    pm.expect(pm.cookies.get('jwt')).to.eql(pm.environment.get("jwt"));
});
```

Testing URL structure

```
//------URL structure
pm.test("Testing URL stucture",()=>{
    const urlEnv=pm.environment.get("URL");
    const expectedURL= new RegExp(`^${urlEnv}api\\/v1\\/reviews\\/[a-zA-Z0-9]{24}$`);

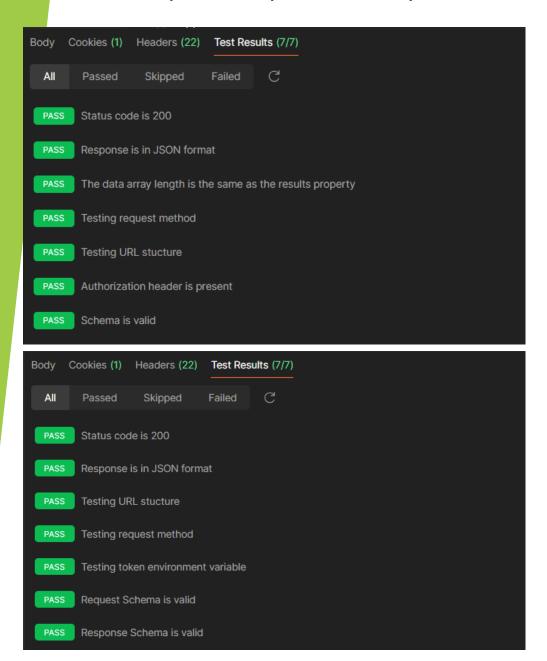
pm.expect(pm.request.url.toString()).to.match(expectedURL);
})
```

Testing Environment variable exists

```
//-----Test token env variable

vpm.test("Testing token environment variable", () => {
    pm.expect(pm.environment.get("jwt")).to.eql(jsonData.token)
})
```

Output example for 2 endpoints test



Get All Reviews

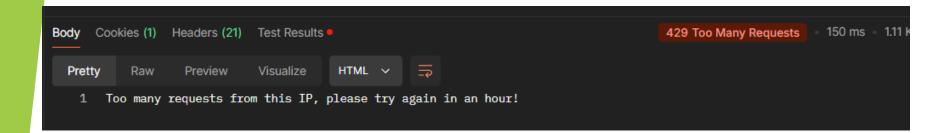
Login

Test run for all endpoints (bugs will be identified in next section)

▶ POST sign up	4 2 ×	► GET Tour within radius wrong unit	0 2 X
▶ POST sign up Duplicated email		➤ GET Tour within radius wrong center	
▶ POST login invalid email		➤ GET Tours Distances To Location	6 0
▶ POST login		➤ GET Tours Distances To Location Wrong Unit	0 2 🗙
POST forgotpassword		▶ GET getUserByID	
▶ PATCH Reset Password		▶ GET get all users	
▶ PATCH update password		▶ PATCH Update Me Data	6 0
▶ GET Get All Tours	8 0	➤ DELETE Delete Me (inactive)	
▶ GET Get All Tours with Fields Param	7 1 🔀	➤ DELETE Delete User	
▶ POST create tour	8 0	▶ PATCH Update User	8 0
▶ GET Get Tour By ID		► GET MEEEE	6 0
▶ GET Get Tour Wrong ID		▶ GET Get All Reviews	
▶ PATCH Update	8 0	▶ GET Get Review By ID	
► DELETE Delete Tour		▶ GET Get Review wrong ID	
► GET Top 5 tours	5 1 ×	▶ POST create Duplicate review	
▶ GET stats	5 0	▶ POST create review for no tour	
▶ GET Monthly Plan		▶ POST create review tour id doesn't exist	
▶ GET Tour within radius	6 0	▶ POST create review wrong id format	

► DELETE Delete Review	7 0
► PATCH Update Review	
▶ GET Get tour/review	
▶ GET Get tour/review tour-id doesn't exist	2 0
▶ GET Get tour/review wrong id format	
▶ POST CREATE tour/review	2 0
▶ POST Create tour/review tour id doesn't exist	2 0
▶ POST Create tour/review wrong id format	2 0
▶ GET Wrong path	2 0

 A stress test was done, by sending too many requests, and the test, returning status (429 Too Many Requests), passed by blocking the IP for an hour.



Bugs identified:

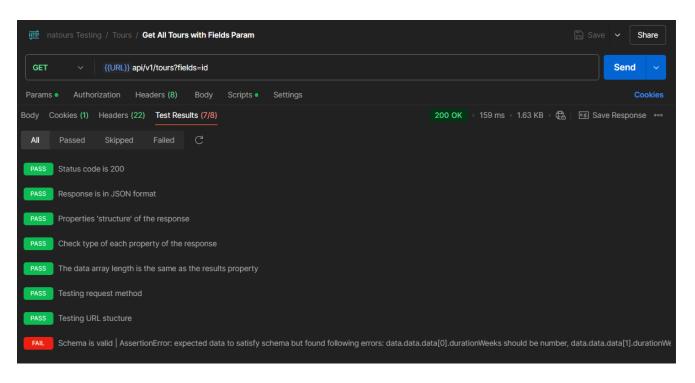
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Some bugs were due to wrong response to using the URL in wrong format (expected "bad request" but got "ok").

Examples of bugs:

1. Get all tours with fields param:

This API request should result in response body with some fields, one of them is "durationWeeks" and it should be a number, but it returned as null.

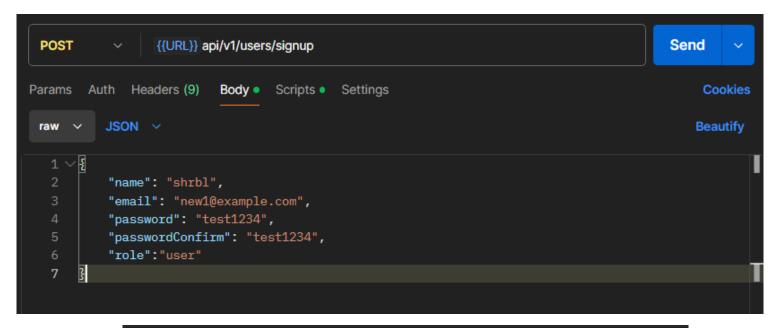


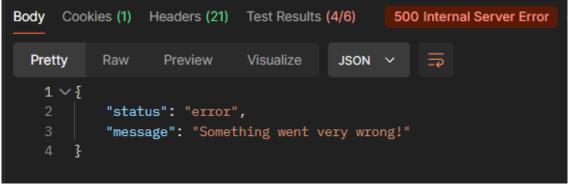
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],
"_id": "5c88fa8cf4afda39709c2955",
"durationWeeks": null,
```

2. Sign up:

This API request should result in user logged in with a token for the session, and the response be user details and the token, instead it returned 500 error code.

Yet user can log in later with these credentials.

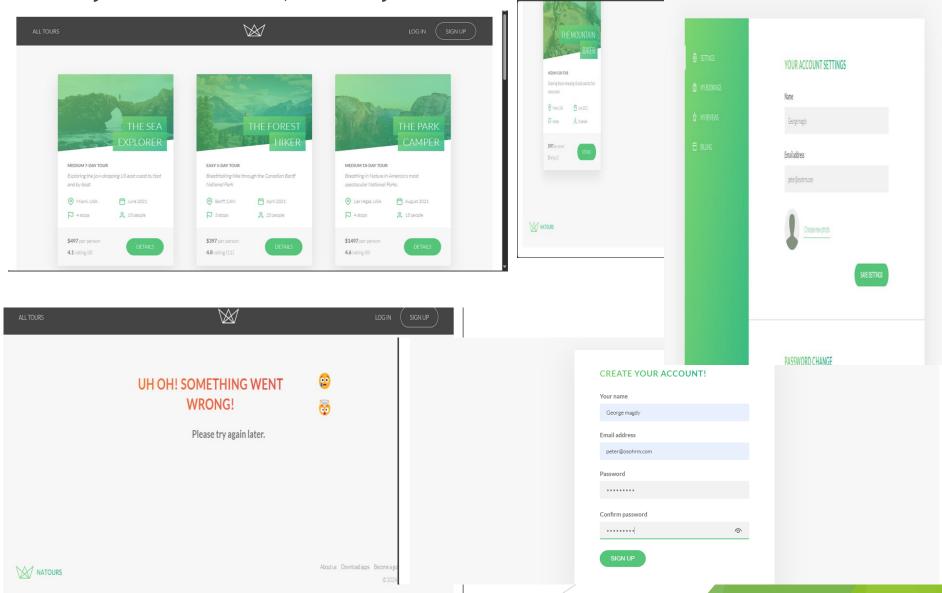




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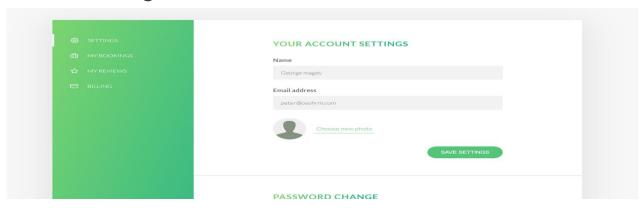
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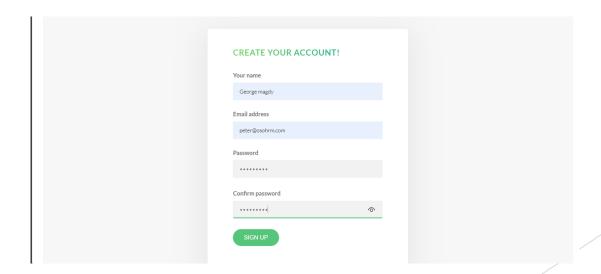


Examples of APIs response:

• Login

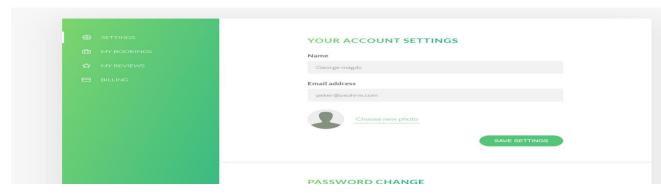


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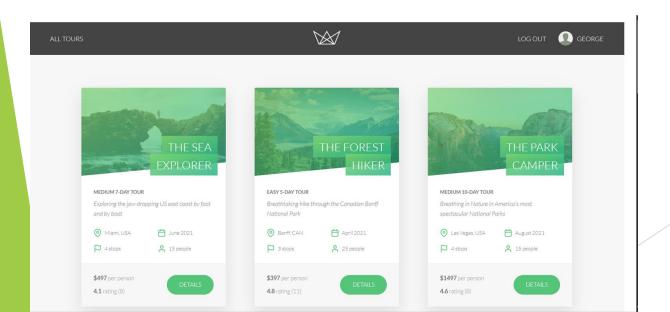


Examples of APIs response:

Profile



page after login



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Challenges and Solutions

- Challenges encountered
- Solutions implemented

API Testing

Challenges encountered:

Most of the challenges faced were easy and solvable like:

- 1. understanding the APIs responses and setting up the collection variables.
- 2. Also determining the order of running APIs so all the requests would rum smoothly with no unexpected results.
- 3. The most difficult one was some APIs required an admin email to log in which wasn't provided, also there was provided only a demo email for testing which some APIs were blocked for.

Solutions implemented:

The first 2 challenges were solvable:

- 1. Looking for API documentation and comparing the output to his course content and also to convention. (like when to use 400 or 200 as the response status).
- 2. Understanding the order was easy to solve.

The third challenge remains unsolved as it needs to contact the owner of the website to allow full access to the APIs.

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Future Work/Improvements

- Future enhancements
- Areas for expansion

API Testing

Future enhancement:

- 1. Adding a more comprehensive test suite testing real depth in the API response body.
- 2. The Json response body form a very deep tree containing image extension and real data existing in the system, such as reviews, users, tour and more.
- 3. Collecting repeating test cases as checking the request method, auth header and URL structure to the precollection script.

- Areas for expansion:
 - 1. Contacting the website owner to give access to run a more comprehensive test suite that covers 100% of the endpoints.

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Conclusion

- Summary of achievements
- Reflection on impact
- Final remarks

Summary of achievements:

The project involved developing a simple website dedicated to showcasing various products. Throughout the process, we encountered several challenges that highlighted the importance of addressing certain issues that ultimately affected the website's overall functionality and user experience.

Despite its straightforward nature, we realized that several crucial features that should have been implemented either were not functioning as intended or were overlooked entirely. This oversight hindered the potential effectiveness of the website, limiting user engagement and satisfaction

Reflection on impact:

The project involved creating a simple website dedicated to showcasing various products. While the initial goal was to provide users with an accessible and engaging platform, we encountered several challenges that significantly impacted the website's effectiveness.

Final remarks:

In conclusion, the development of this simple product showcase website has been a valuable journey filled with learning experiences and insights. While our initial goal was to create a straightforward platform for presenting products, we encountered several challenges that ultimately impacted the website's functionality and overall user experience.

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Questions

Invite questions from the audience