

# SERVICENOW OVERVIEW





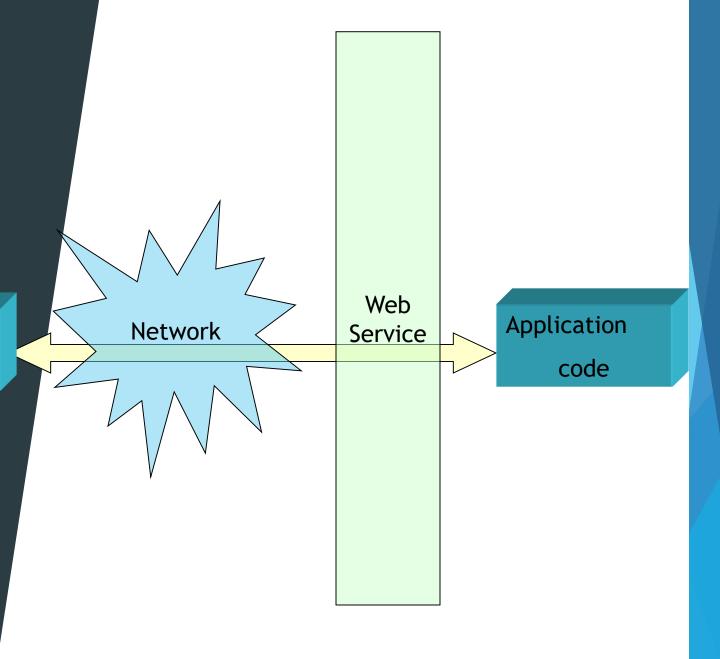
### ServiceNow – Webservices



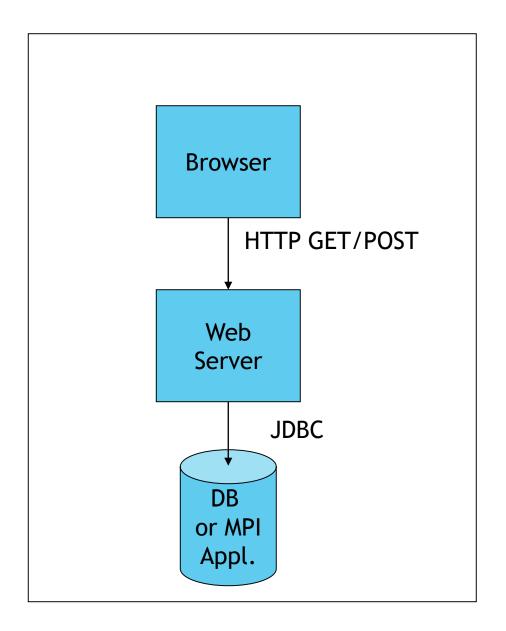
A web service is a network accessible interface to application functionality, built using standard Internet technologies.

Application client

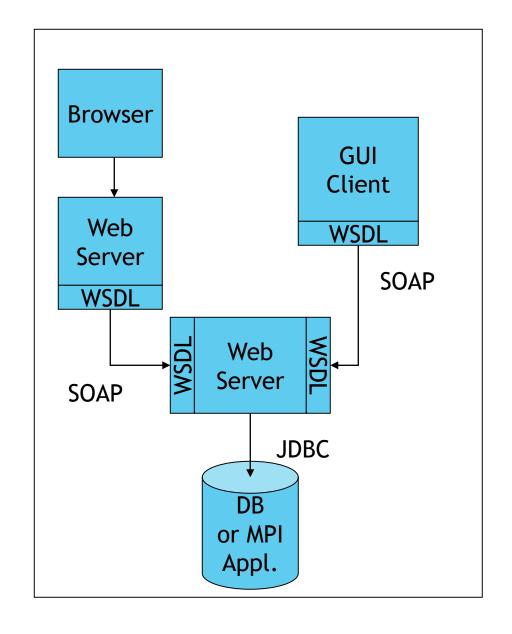
- Clients of web services do NOT need to know how it is implemented.
- Web services are XML-based information exchange systems that use the Internet for direct application-to-application interaction. These systems can include programs, objects, messages, or documents. A web service is a collection of open protocols and standards used for exchanging data between applications or systems.



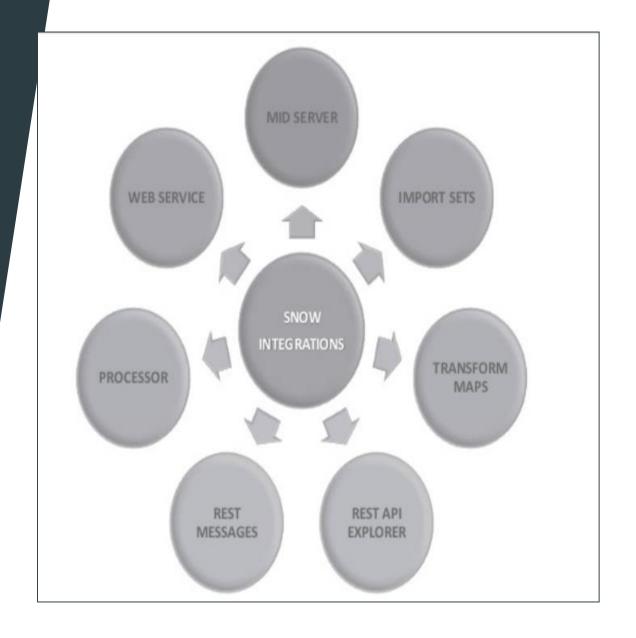
- Client/server system -Standard web application.
  - Browsers converse with web servers using HTTP GET/POST methods.
  - Servlets or CGI scripts process the parameters and take action, like connect to a DB.
  - Examples: Google, Amazon



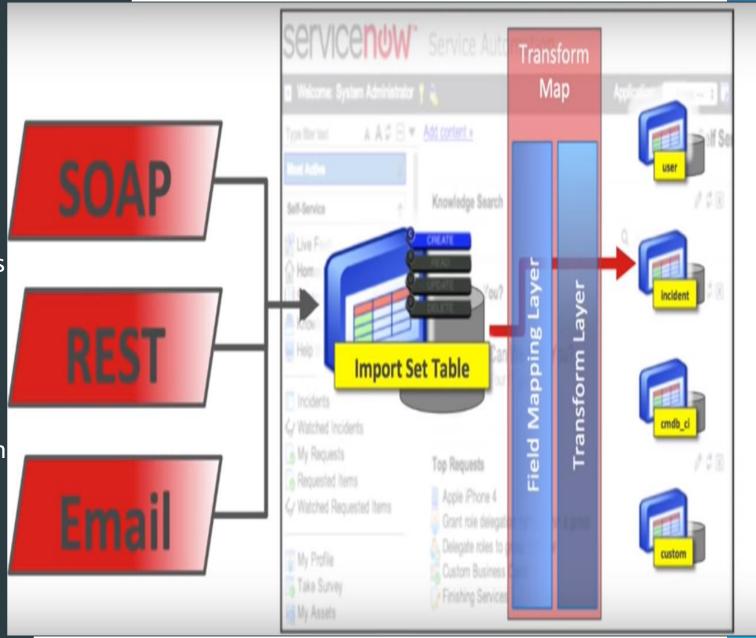
- Multi-tiered architecture -Web services system.
  - Interactions may be either through the browser or through a desktop client (ServiceNow, Java Swing, Python, Windows, etc.)
  - Examples: Google, Amazon



ServiceNow supports standard protocols such as SOAP and REST, which can be understandable by any other technology(C#, Java, Python) and third party applications such as Remedy, HP CSA and JIRA etc. So technology agnostic API facilitates user to integrate their applications seamlessly with ServiceNow.



- HTTP-based web services allow diverse applications to talk to each other. ServiceNow supports both inbound (provider) and outbound (consumer) web services.
- Inbound webservices Third party system is quering SNOW tables i.e getting resources from SNOW
- Outbound webservices SNOW queries third party tables or databases and gets information from third party systems



Inbound web services allow you to access and modify ServiceNow data using a client application.

**REST API** 

**Scripted REST APIs** 

SOAP web service

Scripted Web service SOAP

Excel web service

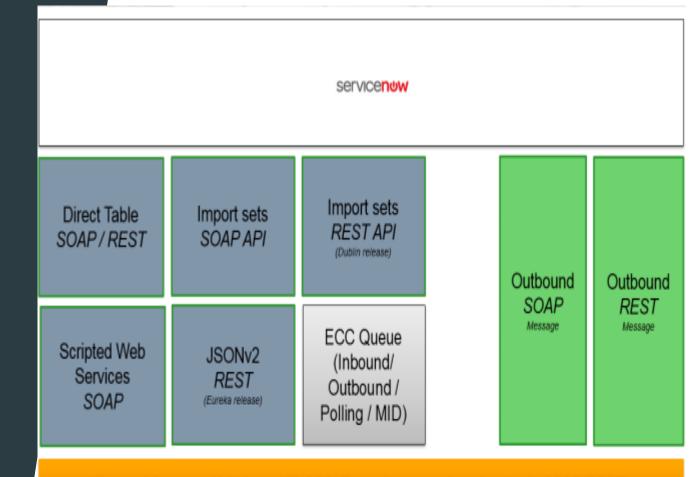
JSONv2 Web Service

Import sets SOAP API

ECC Queue(Inbound/Outbound/Polling/MID)

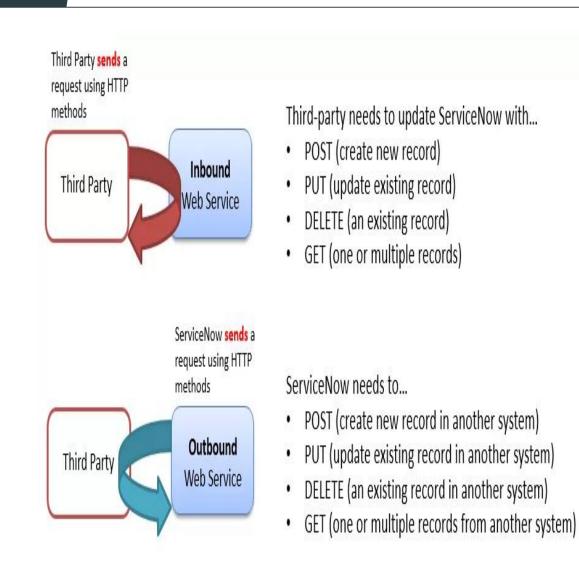
XML web service

Inbound web services are designed to provide third parties with the ability to retrieve (GET) or update (POST) data in ServiceNow, while outbound web services allow ServiceNow to initiate a transaction with a third party (also using either GET or POST, etc.)



External Systems (C#, Java, HP CSA, Remedy, any tech understands SOAP/REST)

- Outbound web services Outbound web services allow you to send SOAP and REST messages to external web service providers.
- ServiceNow can communicate to the external systems SOAP or REST end points with API blocks called SOAP Message and REST Messages.
- We can configure these features according to the client's WSDL and data structures and trigger from Work flows, Business Rules by sending the required parameters to call the client's webservices.
- Types
  - Outbound SOAP web service
  - Outbound REST web service



Direct Webservices - It directly exposes SNOW target tables to third party applications. It allows query of tables and records directly using SOAP, REST, or other web service formats.

Ex: <a href="https://dev55187.service-now.com/incident.do?WSDL">https://dev55187.service-now.com/incident.do?WSDL</a>

This generates Webservices descriptive language for this incident table and gets information and actions available related to Incident

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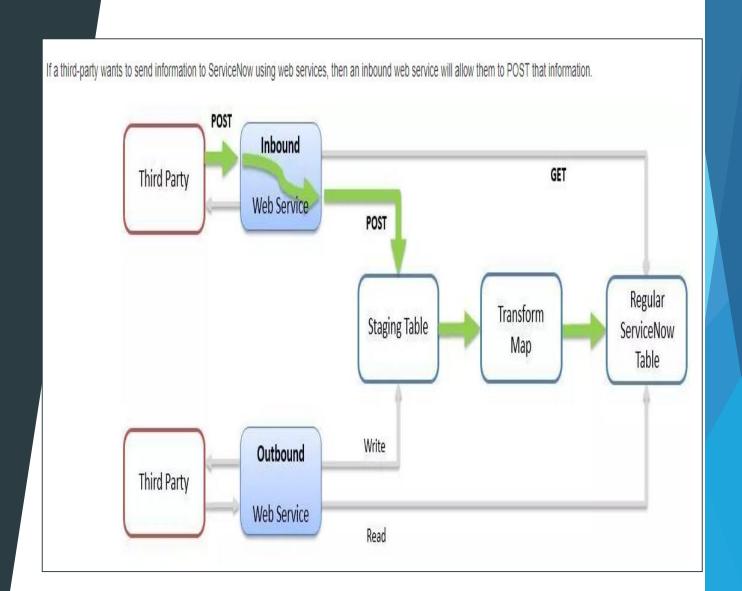
- Actions include get Method,getResponse,getRecord,get RecordsResponse,update, updateResponse, insert, insertResponse, deleteMultiple.
- ► It also exposes fields of Incident table through this methods.
- Thus we are exposing these fields and webmethods and third party tools can consume these tables data.
- Thus these type of webservices where we are directly exposing tables are Direct Webservices
- http://wiki.servicenow.com/index.p hp?title=Web\_Service\_Import\_Sets

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- Indirect /Import Set webservices -Lets take use case where instead of directly exposing SNOW tables we would exposing staging table or import set table where there would be transformation map which will pull data and push into target SNOW tables.
- It can be both SOAP type or REST type and Supports JSON, CSV, Excel, and XML as input formats.
- http://wiki.servicenow.com/index.p hp?title=Web\_Service\_Import\_Sets



- SOAP Webservices SOAP are simple object access Protocol and is older
- REST Representative State
  Transfer is rather new
- Advantages of SOAP over REST
  - SOAP is language, platform and transport independent while REST relies on HTTP
  - SOAP can communicate on Distributed Enterprise Environments REST is more of direct point to point communication

	SOAP	REST
Bandwith usage	Uses more bandwith over the internet	Uses less bandwith
Client-server coupling	Tighter client-server coupling	Looserclientservercoupling
Security	Built in mechanism for security	No built in security
Data formats	Supports only XML	Supports multiple formats
Exposing business logic	Service interfaces	URIs
Failure handling	Retry logic built-in	Expects clients to retry
Caching data	Cannot be cached	Can be cached
Java API	JAX-WS	JAX-RS

- ► SOAP is more standardized and provides pre-build extensibility, built in Error handling and Automation in case of certain language products.
- Advantages of REST over SOAP
  - It is more easier and flexible
  - No expensive tools required to interact with web services
  - Smaller learning curve
  - Efficient (SOAP uses XML and REST uses smaller message formats

#	SOAP	REST
1	A XML-based message protocol	An architectural style protocol
2	Uses WSDL for communication between consumer and provider	Uses XML or JSON to send and receive data
3	Invokes services by calling RPC method	Simply calls services via URL path
4	Does not return human readable result	Result is readable which is just plain XML or JSON
5	Transfer is over HTTP. Also uses other protocols such as SMTP, FTP, etc.	Transfer is over HTTP only
6	JavaScript can call SOAP, but it is difficult to implement	Easy to call from JavaScript
7	Performance is not great compared to REST	Performance is much better compared to SOAP - less CPU intensive, leaner code etc.

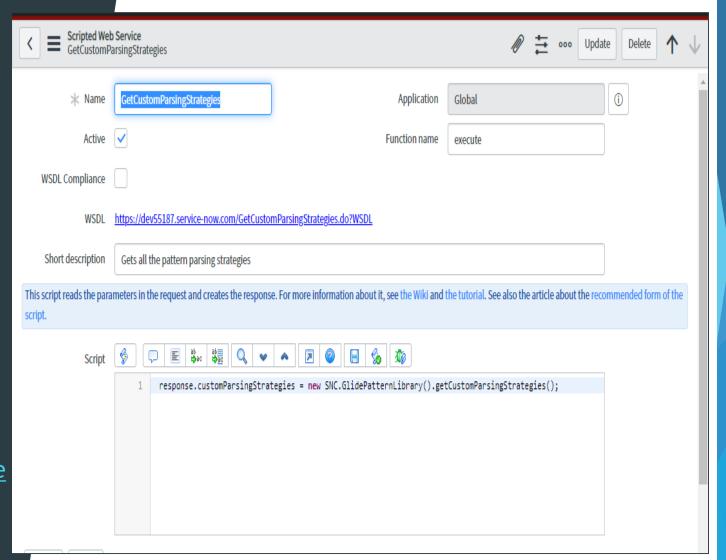
- It is fast and does not require extensive processing required
- Closer to other web technologies
- ► REST <a href="http://wiki.servicenow.com/in">http://wiki.servicenow.com/in</a>
  <a href="dex.php?title=REST\_API\_Explorer">dex.php?title=REST\_API\_Explorer</a>
- SOAP

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SOAP	REST	
SOAP is a protocol.	REST is an architectural style.	
SOAP stands for Simple Object Access Protocol.	REST stands for REpresentational State Transfer.	
SOAP can't use REST because it is a protocol.	REST can use SOAP web services because it is a concept and can use any protocol like HTTP, SOAP.	
SOAP uses services interfaces to expose the business logic.	REST uses URI to expose business logic.	
JAX-WS is the java API for SOAP web services.	JAX-RS is the java API for RESTful web services.	
SOAP defines standards to be strictly followed.	REST does not define too much standards like SOAP.	
SOAP requires more bandwidth and resource than REST.	REST requires less bandwidth and resource than SOAP.	
SOAP defines its own security.	RESTful web services inherits security measures from the underlying transport.	
SOAP permits XML data format only.	REST permits different data format such as Plain text, HTML, XML, JSON etc.	
SOAP is less preferred than REST.	REST more preferred than SOAP.	

#### Types of Webservices

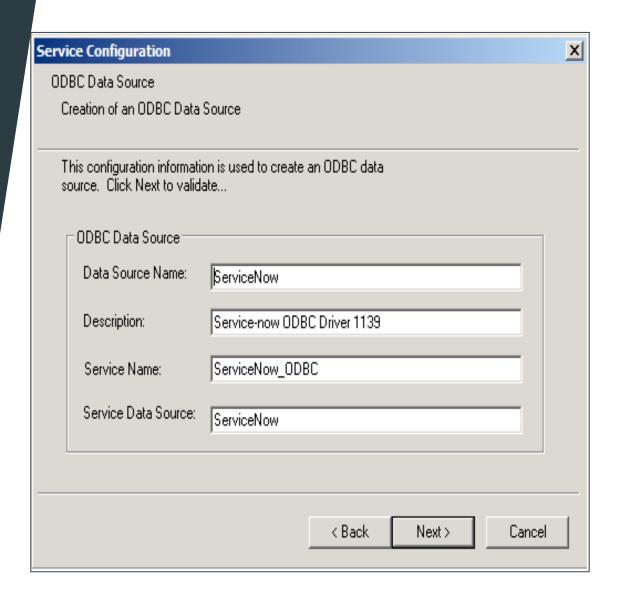
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- It can be both REST as well as SOAP Scripted web service
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- JSONV2 Inbound Webservices This exposes SNOW table data in JSON format
- https://dev55187.servicenow.com/incident.do?JSONv2 Install JSON formatter extension for chrome
- ► This data can be parsed and used with third party application providing Action Parameters and Basic Authentication.
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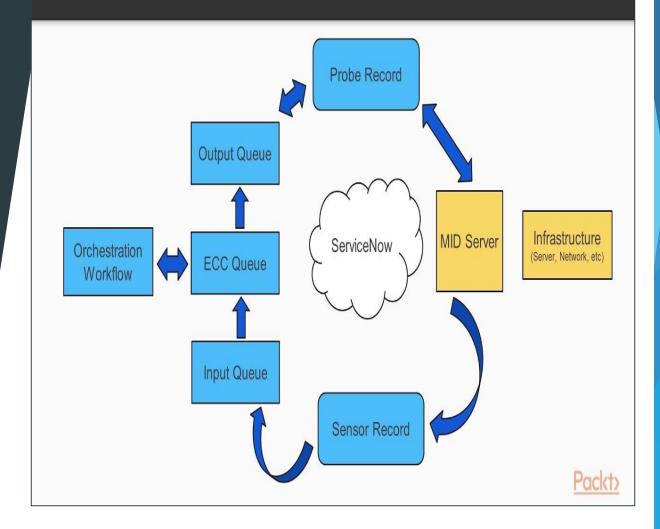
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             "sys created by": "pat",
             "knowledge": "false",
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- ODBC driver Webservice This is another type of Inbound web service which helps in connecting to databases like Microsoft SQL server using DSN and ODBC driver set in system environment.
- We can create direct link by creating link server as SNOW table in Microsoft SQL server DB
- https://docs.servicenow.com/bundle /london-applicationdevelopment/page/integrate/odbcdriver/task/t\_DownloadAndInstallThe ODBCDriver.html

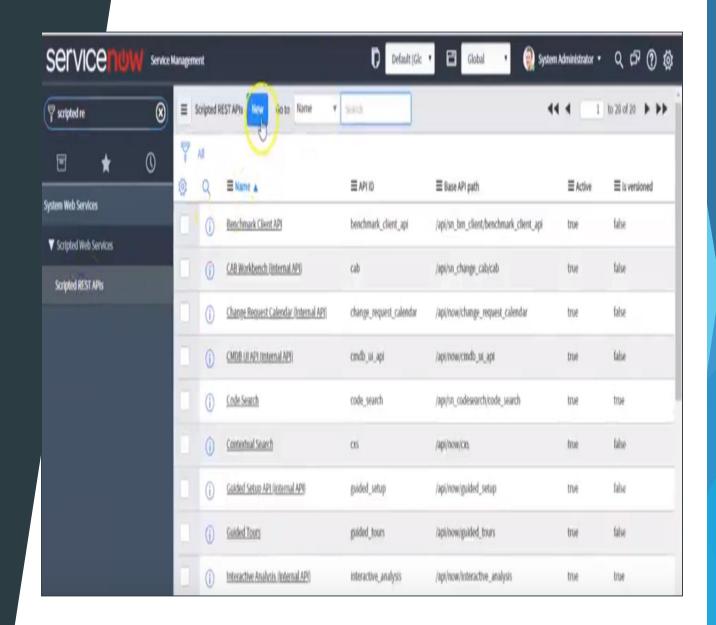


- ECC Queue It's a External Communication Channel and is queue based (actually a table acts like a queue in SNOW).
- Both Inbound and outbound but Asynchronous
- Supported with SOAP, REST and JSONv2 APIs
- Business Rules can trigger on this queue to fire the events or SOAP or REST Messages (outbound) to update client systems
- MID Server (small java agents) can be used if you have the external system behind the firewalls.
- Payload can be arbitrary (JSON, XML, CSV, text)

#### Orchestration Workflow



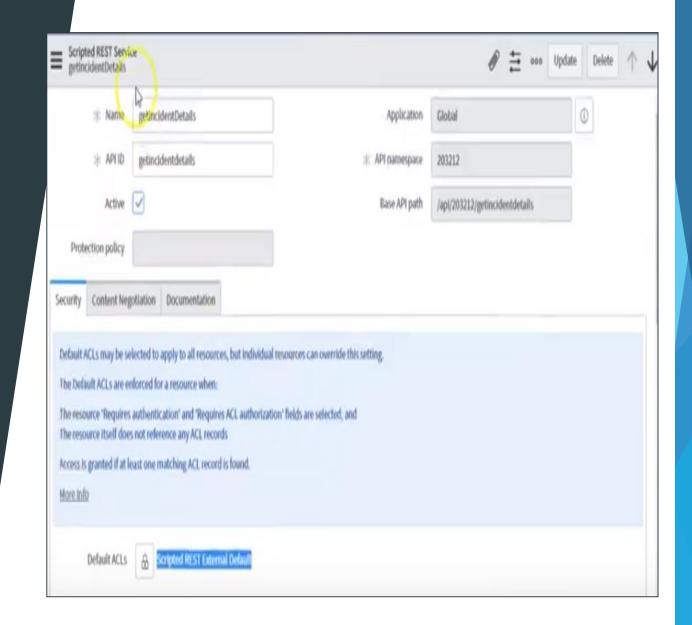
- Scripted Webservices When creating webservices we can apply our custom scripts where we can define parameters to webservice through Java scripts
- Go to Navigator and type scripted REST APIs
- Create new Scripted REST API



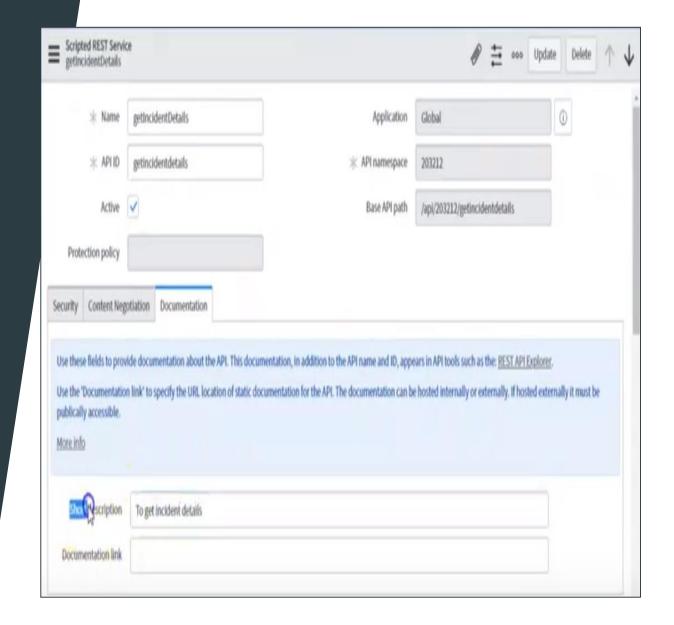
- Use case requirement is to retrieve Incident tickets details from SNOW instance. Hence we would create custom scripted rest API
- Name: getIncidentDetailsAPI id can be modified as per requirement
- Click Submit button



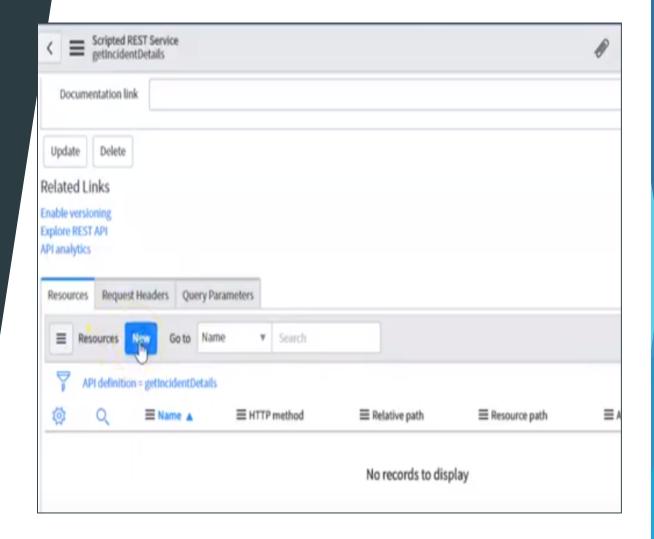
We can observe default ACL are created for scripted REST API service



- On Documentation tab
  - Short Description: To get Incident details
- Update the record



Create resources under related links.Click on new button



Name: incidentDetails

HTTP method:GET(As per reqt. We need to retreive information from SNOW instance)

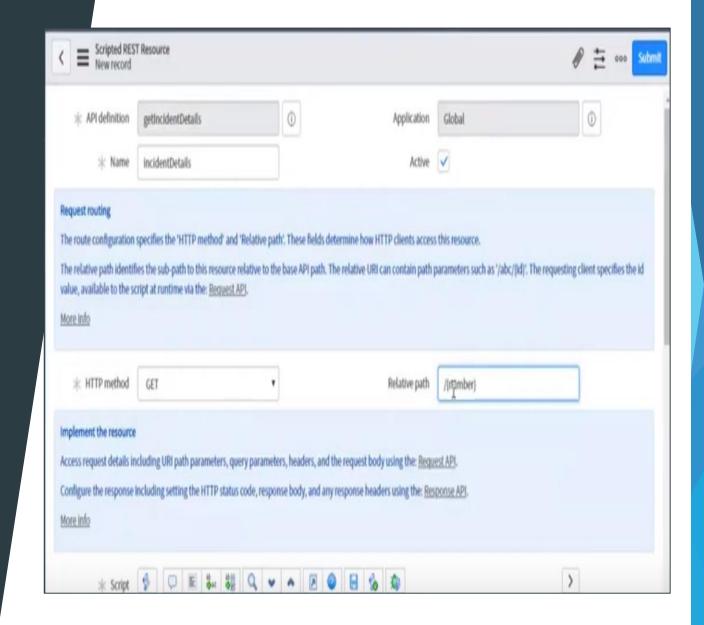
POST - to create a record

PUT/PATCH - Update a record

DELETE - to remove a record

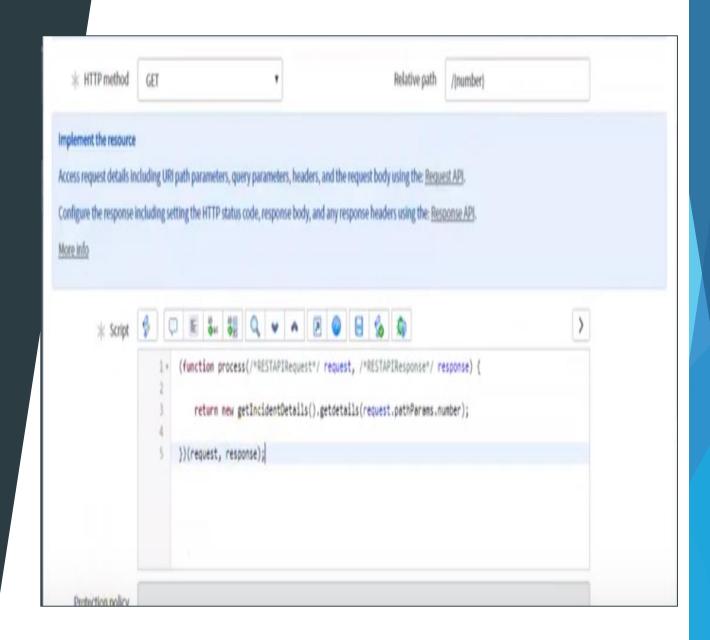
Select method as GET

Relative path:/{number} //on the basis of this number we will fetch all incident details



- Request and Response are objects to retrieve data from instance
- We will write script include to fetch incident details on the basis of number mentioned in relative path

return new getIncidentDetails().getdetails(r equest.pathParams.number);



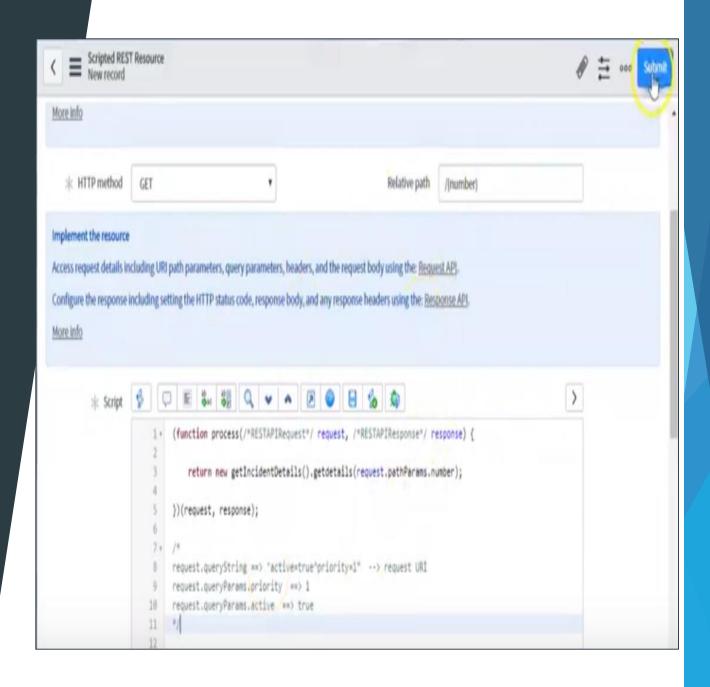
When we are passing parameters for the function getdetails() we can pass different variables like

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request.querystring ==
"active=true^priority=1"
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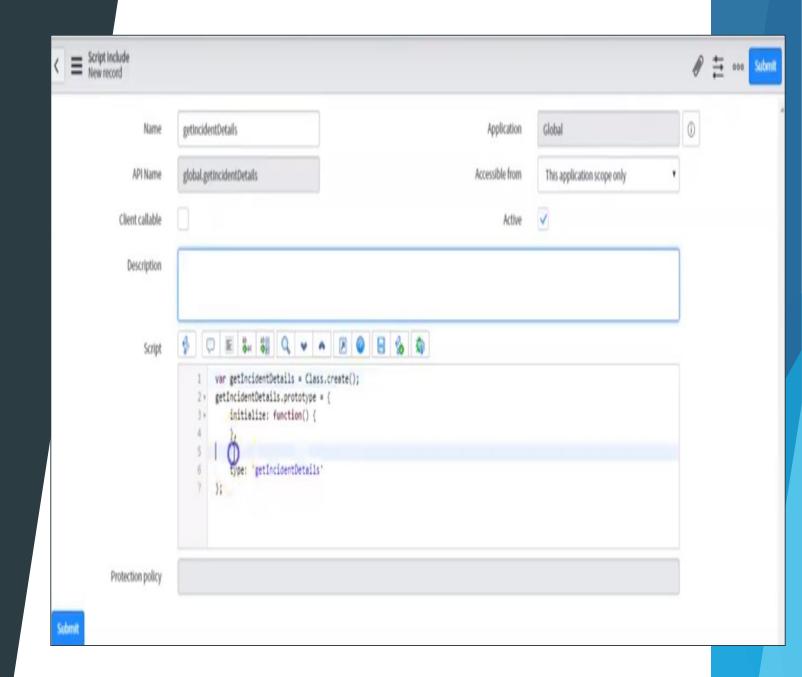
//querystring uses entire string which is coming from requested URI

request.queryParams.active request.queryParams.priority

Click Submit



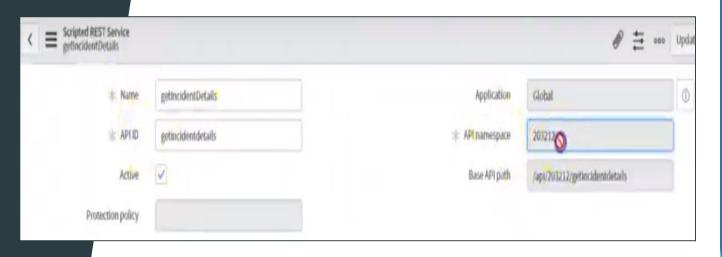
- Lets now create the scriptInclude with the same name copied from scripted REST API i.e getIncidentDetails
- Now write the function getdetails we defined in scripted REST API

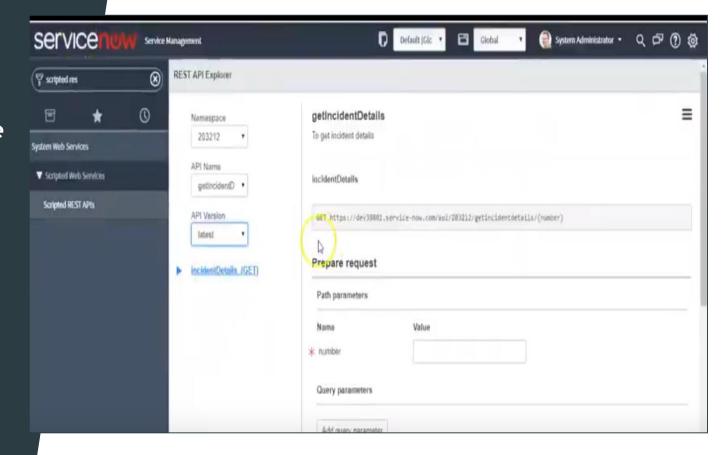


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getdetails; function (number) {
        try {
                     var inc = [];
                     var gr = new GlideRecord("incident");
gr.addQuery("number",number);
gr.query();
If (gr.next())
        inc.push((
        'Number': gr.number + '',
        'State': gr.state.getDisplayValue() + '',
'Short Description': gr.short_description + '',
'Assignment Group': gr.assignment_group.getDisplayValue()
});
Return inc;
} catch (e)
gs.error("error=",e);
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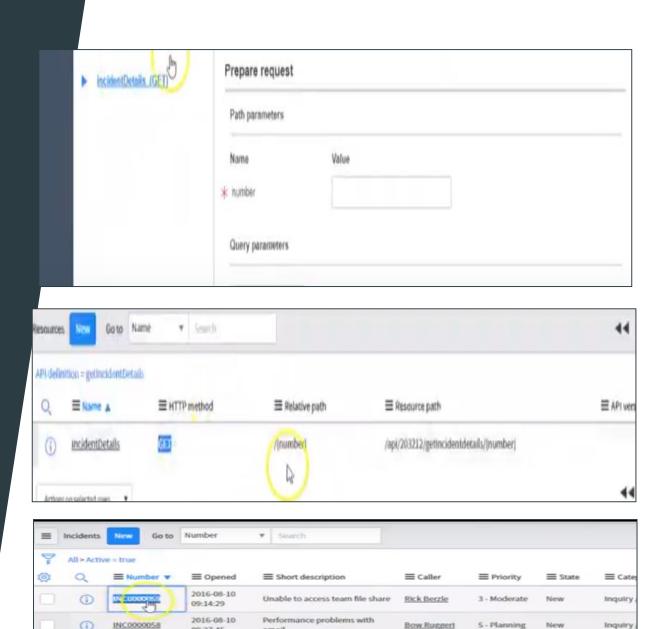
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- Lets use now REST API Explorer
- Navigate to System Web Services → REST API Explorer
- Use the same Namespace we used in Scripted REST Service





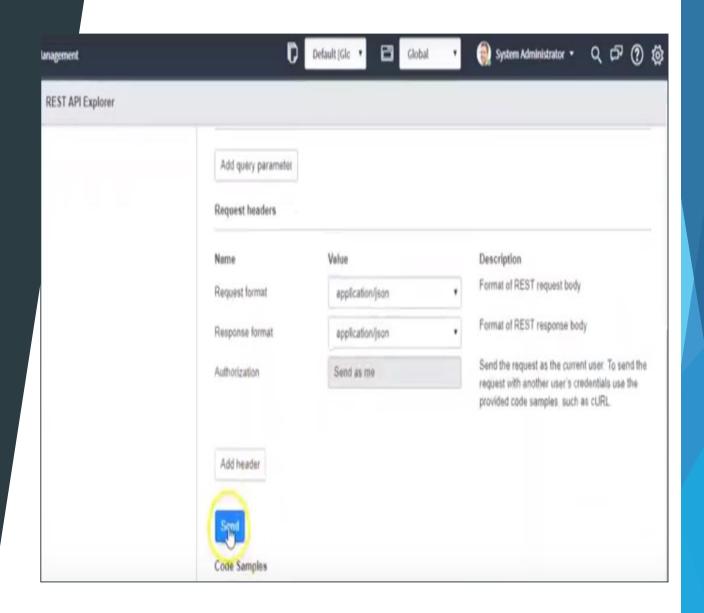
- We can also observe the resource we defined i.e GET method of incidentDetails.
- Lets pass the incident number we referred in relative path
- Open Incident table and copy any number and pass the number in REST API Explorer



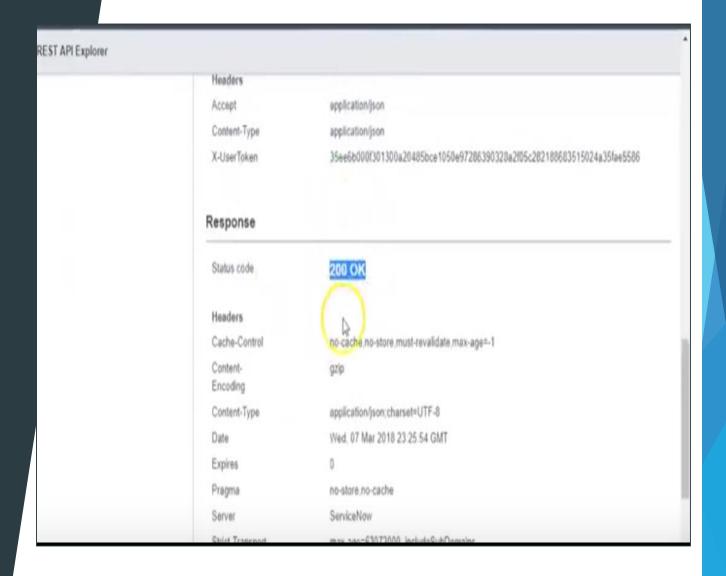
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Paste in the Explorer and click Send button.



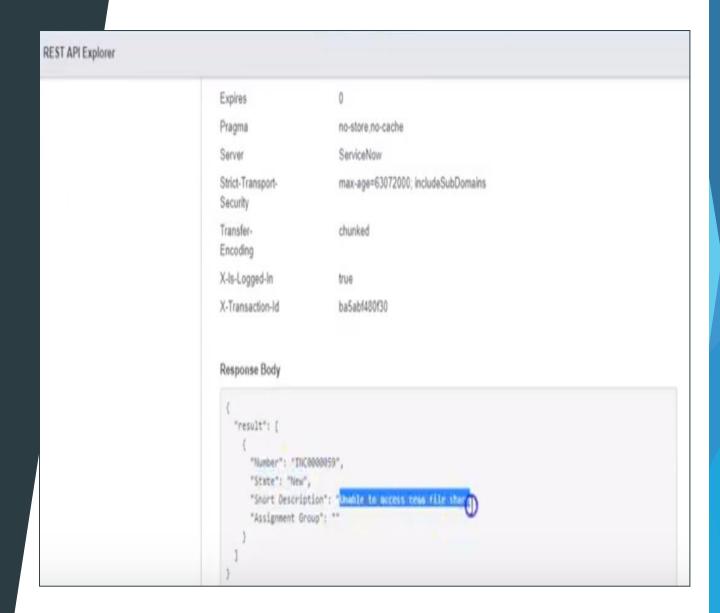
We can observe success message with status code 200 OK



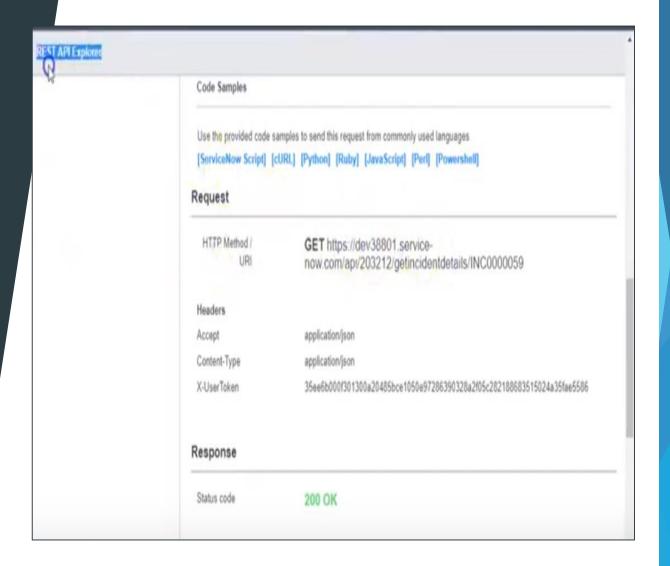
REST Messages sent to a ServiceNow instance return a specific HTTP response code.

Status Code	Message	Details
200	Success	Success with response body.
201	Created	Success with response body.
204	Success	Success with no response body.
400	Bad Request	The request URI does not match the APIs in the system, or the operation failed for unknown reasons. Invalid headers can also cause this error.
401	Unauthorized	The user is not authorized to use the API.
403	Forbidden	The requested operation is not permitted for the user. This error can also be caused by ACL failures, or business rule or data policy constraints.
404	Not found	The requested resource was not found. This can be caused by an ACL constraint or if the resource does not exist.
405	Method not allowed	The HTTP action is not allowed for the requested REST API, or it is not supported by any API.
406	Not acceptable	The endpoint does not support the response format specified in the request Accept header.
415	Unsupported media type	The endpoint does not support the format of the request body.

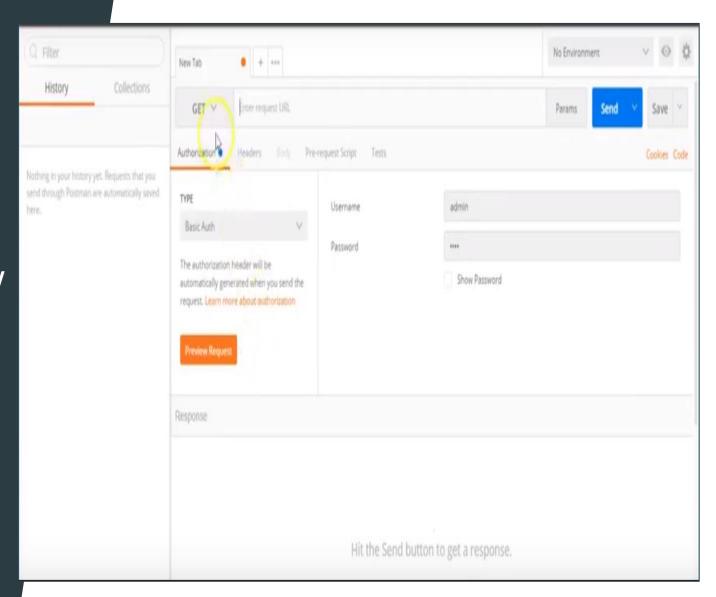
We can observe details of incident ticket in Response received



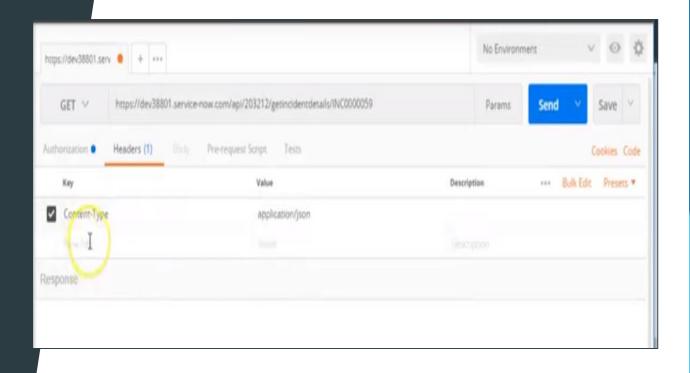
- We tested the functionality of REST API on the instance we are working on.
- We can also test the functionality of this REST API defined in the instance through tools for particular browser
- For Firefox browser there is RESTClient tool for testing functionality and for Chrome there is POSTMAN to test the functionality



- Download https://www.getpostman.com/d ownloads/ for Chrome.
- Use the Username and Password we used for the SNOW instance with admin and password
- Select the method we used in scripted web method API

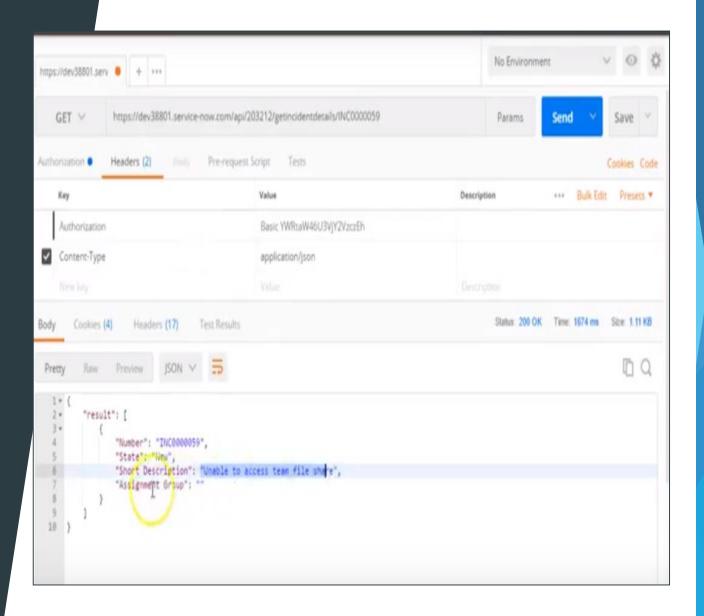


- Pass the URL which we observed in REST API Explorer
- ► Type as Basic Auth and give admin access to the instance
- In the header pass Content-Type as application/json
- Click on Send button.

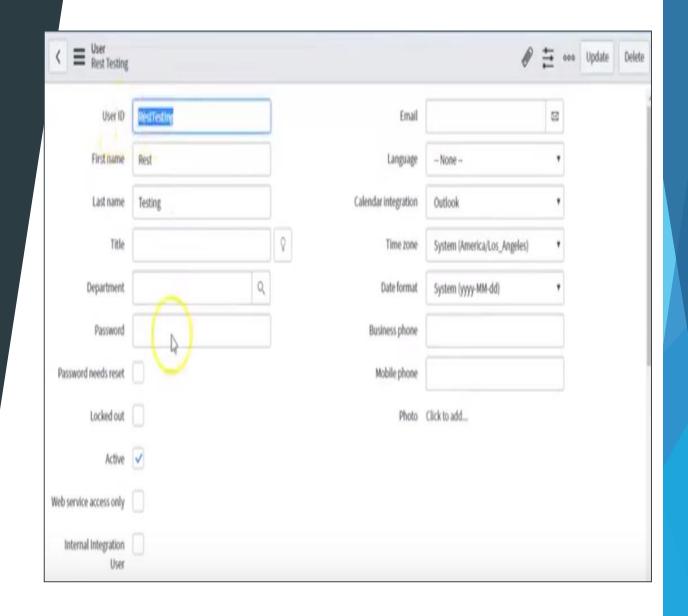




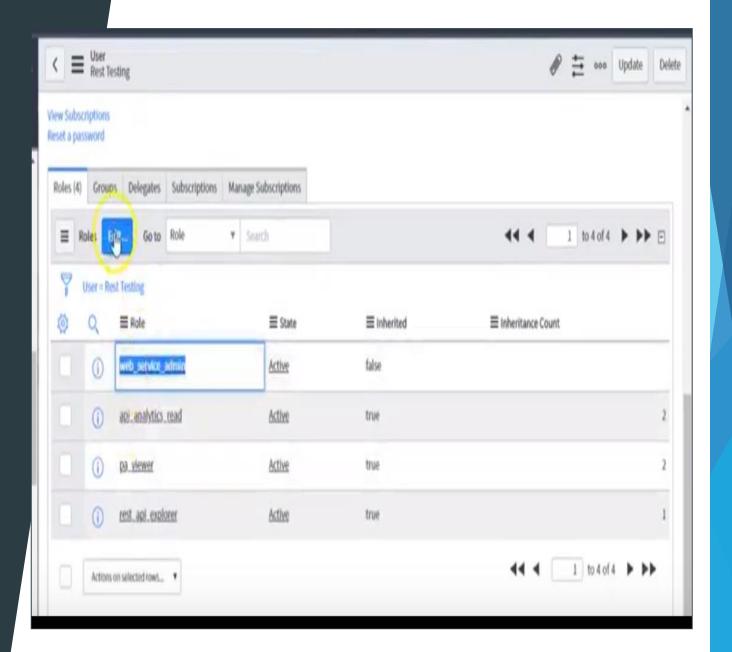
- We can retrieve all the details regarding incident tickets
- Thus this is the method to use Postman to test the scripted REST API functionality



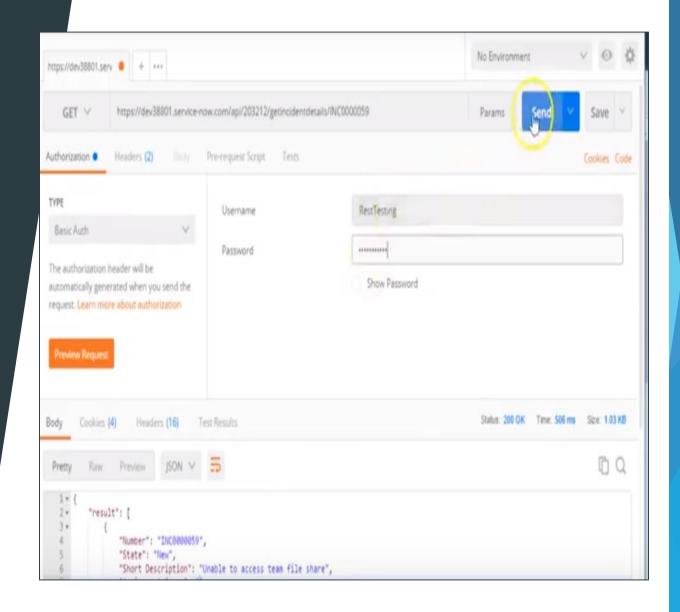
- Its important we must not give admin credentials to test REST API functionality for POSTMAN tool as it is exposing entire instance.
- Create a user for REST Testing having Web service access



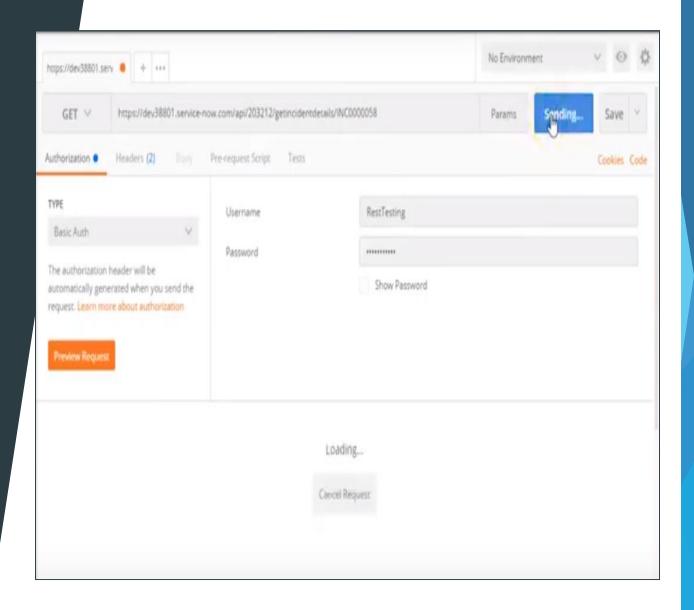
Give the role of web\_service\_admin to the user.



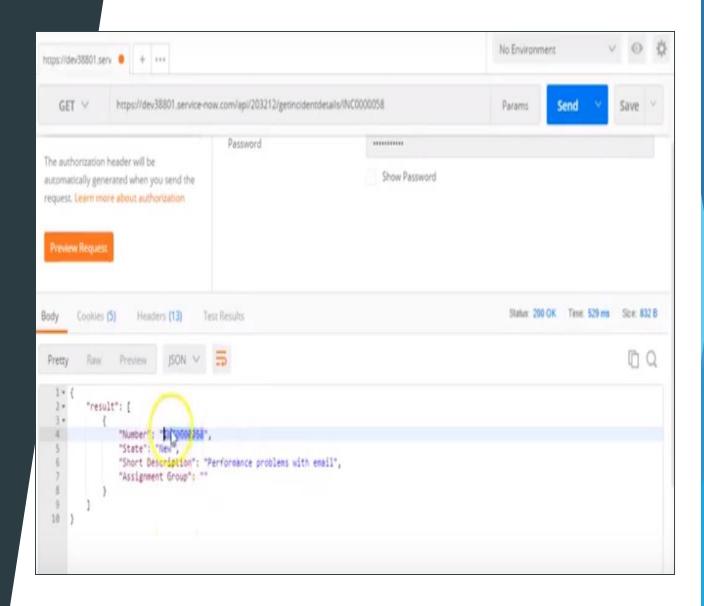
Use that Username and Password updated as part of that user



Now change the incident number and click send button



We would be getting all details w.r.t to incident mentioned using the REST testing user credentials.



# Thankyou