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positional-iss

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Abstract

An containerized Flask webserver designed for querying ISS sightings and positions on February 13, 2022. Midterm project for COE332. R is used to produce documentation.

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0.1. Implementation / Files

0.2. Input Data

- The application queries data from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) public website, in particular ISS positional information via the **Public Distribution file** and regional sighting data for the Midwest via the **XMLsightingData_citiesUSA05** file.

Example input data is available at the above links.

1. API:

ENDPOINT: /

- Description: Get homepage HTML
- Parameters:
- N/A
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return homepage HTML
- Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/ -H "accept: application/json"`

ENDPOINT: /api/doc

- Description: Get API HTML

Parameters:

- N/A
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return API HTML
- Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/api/doc -H "accept: application/json"`

ENDPOINT: /api/save

- Description: Get API as rendered string
- Parameters:
- N/A
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return rendered API as string
- Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/api/save -H "accept: application/json"`

ENDPOINT: /country

- Description: Get all possible countries.
- Parameters:
- N/A
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return a list of countries.
- Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country -H "accept: application/json"`
yields:

```
[ "United_States" ]
```

ENDPOINT: /country/{country}

- Description: Get data for a single country.
- Parameters:
- country : Value (name) of country to be queried. An example: `United_States`
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return all matching (queried country) sightings as json.
- Example:
`curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country/United_States -H "accept: application/json"`
yields:

```
[ { "city": "Olathe", "country": "United_States", "duration_minutes": "6", "enters":  
  "10 above SSW", "exits": "10 above ENE", "max_elevation": "28", "region":  
  "Kansas", "sighting_date": "Thu Feb 17/06:13 AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date":  
  "Feb 17, 2022", "utc_offset": "-6.0", "utc_time": "12:13" }, ... { "city": "Nantucket",  
  "country": "United_States", "duration_minutes": "3", "enters": "19 above NNW",  
  "exits": "10 above NNE", "max_elevation": "19", "region": "Massachusetts",  
  "sighting_date": "Sat Feb 26/04:56 AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date": "Feb 26,  
  2022", "utc_offset": "-5.0", "utc_time": "09:56" } ]
```

ENDPOINT: /country/{country}/region

- Description: Get data for all regions of a certain country.
- Parameters:
- country : Value (name) of country to be queried. An example: United_States
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return all matching regions for the queried country as json.
- Example:

```
curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country/United_States/region -H "accept: application/json"
```

yields:

```
[ "Kansas", "Kentucky", "Louisiana", "Maine", "Mariana_Islands", "Maryland",
"Massachusetts"]
```

ENDPOINT: /country/{country}/region/{region}

- Description: Get all data for a specific region of a certain country.
- Parameters:
- country : Value (name) of country to be queried. An example: United_States
- region : Value (name) of region to be queried. An example: Kansas
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return all matching results for the queried region as json.
- Example:

```
curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country/United_States/region/Kansas -H "accept: application/json"
```

yields:

```
[ { "city": "Olathe", "country": "United_States", "duration_minutes": "6", "enters":
"10 above SSW", "exits": "10 above ENE", "max_elevation": "28", "region":
"Kansas", "sighting_date": "Thu Feb 17/06:13 AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date":
"Feb 17, 2022", "utc_offset": "-6.0", "utc_time": "12:13" }, ... { "city":
"Yates_Center", "country": "United_States", "duration_minutes": "1", "enters": "12
above N", "exits": "10 above N", "max_elevation": "12", "region": "Kansas",
"sighting_date": "Sat Feb 26/05:29 AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date": "Feb 26,
2022", "utc_offset": "-6.0", "utc_time": "11:29" } ]
```

ENDPOINT: /country/{country}/region/{region}/city

- Description: Get all cities for a specific region of a certain country.
- Parameters:
- country : Value (name) of country to be queried. An example: United_States
- region : Value (name) of region to be queried. An example: Kansas
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return all matching cities for the queried region and country as json.
- Example:

```
curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country/United_States/region/Kansas/city -H "accept: application/json"
```

yields:

```
[ "Olathe", "Osborne", "Oskaloosa", "Oswego", "Ottawa", "Paola", "Phillipsburg",
  "Pittsburg", "Pratt", "Russell", "Saint_Francis", "Saint_John", "Salina",
  "Scott_City", ... "Sublette", "Syracuse", "Tallgrass_Prairie_National_Preserve",
  "Topeka", "Tribune", "Troy", "Ulysses", "WaKeeny", "Washington", "Wellington",
  "Westmoreland", "Wichita", "Winfield", "Yates_Center"]
```

ENDPOINT: /country/{country}/region/{region}/city/{city}

- Description: Get all information for a specific city of a region of a certain country.
- Parameters:
 - country : Value (name) of country to be queried. An example: United_States
 - region : Value (name) of region to be queried. An example: Kansas
 - city : Value (name) of city to be queried. An example: Wichita
- Responses:
 - A 200 response will: Return all information for the queried city as json.
- Example:


```
curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/country/United_States/region/Kansas/city/Wichita -H "accept:
yields:
```

```
[ { "city": "Wichita", "country": "United_States", "duration_minutes": "6", "enters":
  "10 above S", "exits": "10 above ENE", "max_elevation": "25", "region": "Kansas",
  "sighting_date": "Thu Feb 17/06:12 AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date": "Feb 17,
  2022", "utc_offset": "-6.0", "utc_time": "12:12" }, ... { "city": "Wichita", "country":
  "United_States", "duration_minutes": "1", "enters": "12 above N", "exits": "10 above
  N", "max_elevation": "12", "region": "Kansas", "sighting_date": "Sat Feb 26/05:29
  AM", "spacecraft": "ISS", "utc_date": "Feb 26, 2022", "utc_offset": "-6.0",
  "utc_time": "11:29" } ]
```

ENDPOINT: /data

- Description: Updates the list of data dictionaries.
- Parameters:
 - N/A
- Responses:
 - A 201 response will: Updated data dictionary list.
- Example:

```
curl -X POST http://0.0.0.0:5026/data -H "accept: application/json"
```

 yields:


```
"Data updated."
```

ENDPOINT: /epoch

- Description: Get all possible epochs.
- Parameters:
 - N/A
- Responses:
 - A 200 response will: Return a list of epochs.

Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/epoch -H "accept: application/json"`
yields:

```
[ "2022-042T12:00:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:04:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:08:00.000Z",
  "2022-042T12:12:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:16:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:20:00.000Z",
  "2022-042T12:24:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:28:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:32:00.000Z",
  "2022-042T12:36:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:40:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:44:00.000Z",
  "2022-042T12:48:00.000Z", "2022-042T12:52:00.000Z", ..., "2022-
  057T11:08:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:12:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:16:56.869Z", "2022-
  057T11:20:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:24:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:28:56.869Z", "2022-
  057T11:32:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:36:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:40:56.869Z", "2022-
  057T11:44:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:48:56.869Z", "2022-057T11:52:56.869Z", "2022-
  057T11:56:56.869Z", "2022-057T12:00:00.000Z"]
```

ENDPOINT: /epoch/{name}

- Description: Get data for a single epoch.
- Parameters:
- name : Value of epoch to be queried. An example: 2022-042T12:04:00.000Z
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return epoch information for first matching epoch as json.
- Example:
`curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/epoch/2022-042T12:04:00.000Z -H "accept: application/json"`
yields:

```
{ "EPOCH": "2022-042T12:04:00.000Z", "X": { "#text": "-4483.2181885642003",
  "@units": "km" }, "X_DOT": { "#text": "2.63479158884966", "@units": "km/s" },
  "Y": { "#text": "-4839.4374260438099", "@units": "km" }, "Y_DOT": { "#text":
  "-4.3774148889971602", "@units": "km/s" }, "Z": { "#text": "-1653.1850590663901",
  "@units": "km" }, "Z_DOT": { "#text": "5.7014974180323597", "@units": "km/s" }
}
```

ENDPOINT: /pdf

- Description: Get writeup HTML
- Parameters:
- N/A
- Responses:
- A 200 response will: Return writeup HTML
- Example: `curl -X GET http://0.0.0.0:5026/pdf -H "accept: application/json"`