API Specification Web Engineering, 2019

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1 Requirements

The requirements for this API specification, as described in the Web Engineering Project Description found on Nestor are as follows:

Design a RESTful API that allows for accessing the following data:

- 1. all airports available in the USA
- 2. all carriers operating in US airports
- 3. all carriers operating at a specific US airport
- 4. all statistics about flights of a carrier from / to a US airport for a given month or all months available ()
- 5. number of on-time, delayed, and cancelled flights of a carrier from / to a US airport for a given month or all months available.
- 6. number of minutes of delay per carrier attributed to carrier-specific reasons (i.e. attributes carrier and late aircraft in the dataset) /all reasons, for a given month or all months available and for a specific airport / across all US airports
- 7. descriptive statistics (mean, median, standard deviation) for carrier-specific delays (as above) for a flight between any two airports in the USA for a specific carrier / all carriers serving this route.

Entries marked with () require support for both retrieval and manipulation (addition, update, deletion) of data through the API; otherwise only retrieval is to be supported. Each API endpoint should support both JSON and CSV representations of the resources (i.e.Content-Type is application/json and text/csv) available at least by an appropriate query parameter. JSON is the default option if none is specified.

2 Introduction

In this API specification document, you'll find REST endpoints which cover all of the requirements listed above in section 1. For those endpoints which return a collection of objects, it is implied that the following two parameters may be provided:

- page The current page of results.
- limit The number of results to return on the given page.

Additionally, it is assumed that all GET requests follow standard HTTP convention in which response codes they produce, such as 404 when a specified resource does not exist, etc.

Regarding the final endpoint, which is responsible for giving aggregate statistics, we believe that such statistics are meaningless given the fact that we have no way of determining what flight certain numbers come from, but we have implemented it regardless.

3 Specification

3.1 Airports

- URL: /airports
- Description: This endpoint supplies a collection of all US airports. Each airport has a code and name. A url to the airport is given as well.
- Supported request types: GET
- Example response:

```
'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports'
}
```

3.2 Airport Entity

- URL: /airports/<code>
- Description: This endpoint supplies information about a single airport specified in the url.
- Supported request types: GET
- Example response:

```
{
    'content': {
        'code': 'ORD',
        'name': 'O'Hare International Airport'
},
    'links': {
        'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ORD',
        'carriers': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ORD/
        carriers'
}
```

3.3 Carriers at an Airport

- URL: /airports/<code>/carriers
- Description: This endpoint supplies a collection of all carriers operating in a specific USA airport. The code and name of the carriers are provided, as well as a link to each carrier.
- Supported request types: GET
- Example response:

3.4 Carriers

- URL: /carriers
- Description: This endpoint supplies a collection of all carriers operating in the USA. Each carrier has a code and name. A url to the carrier is given as well.
- Supported request types: GET
- Additional parameters:
 - airport_code: Airport code specifying all carriers operating at that airport
- Example response:

3.5 Carrier entity

- URL: /carrier/<code>
- Description: This endpoint supplies information pertaining to a specific carrier specified in the url.
- Supported request types: GET
- Example response:

```
{
    'content': {
       'code': 'LH',
       'name': 'Lufthansa'
},
    'links': {
          'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/LH'
      }
}
```

3.6 All Flight Statistics for a Carrier at an Airport

- URL: /carriers/<code>/flights/<airport_code>/all
- This endpoint supplies data about flight statistics for a specific pairing of a carrier with an airport, and also supports creation of new data and updating of existing resources. A delete request is also supplied, however it is not guaranteed that the resource will be deleted immediately, or even in the near future.
- Supported request types: GET, POST, PATCH, DELETE
- Example response for GET request:

• Example response for DELETE request: 200 OK if successful 404 NOT FOUND if resource does not exist. • Example payload for POST request: 'cancelled': 5, 'on time': 561, 'total': 752, 'delayed': 186, 'diverted': 0 } Responses for POST request: 201 CREATED if successful { 'content': { 'cancelled': 5, 'on time': 561, 'total': 752, 'delayed': 186, 'diverted': 0 'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/AA/flights/ ${\rm ATL}/\,{\rm all}$ ', 'carrier': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/AA', 'airport': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ATL' } } 404 NOT FOUND if either carrier or airport does not exist 409 CONFLICT if flights already exist for this carrier/ airport combination. • Example payload for a PATCH request: 'cancelled': 5, 'on time': 561, 'total': 752, 'delayed': 186, 'diverted': 0 }

Example response for a PATCH request:

3.7 Statistics for On-time, Delayed, and Cancelled Flights

- URL: /carriers/<code>/flights/<airport_code>
- Description: This endpoint supplies data pertaining to on-time, delayed, and cancelled flight statistics belonging to a carrier in a specific airport,
- Supported request types: GET
- Example response for GET request:

3.8 Statistics for Reasons of Delay

- URL: /carriers/<code>/minutes_delay
- Description: This endpoint supplies a count of the reasons why a flight was delayed for a specific carrier. The default call with no additional parameters will return the count of all delays(late aircraft, carrier, security, weather, and national aviation system) for the carrier specified. A link to the carrier is provided as well and a link to an airport, if an airport was specified.
- Supported request types: GET
- Additional parameters:
 - all: Specifies all reasons for delay or carrier specific delays, true for all reasons and false for carrier specific. The default is set to true.
 - year: Integer specifying a year.
 - month: Integer specifying a month/
 - airport_code: Code corresponding to an airport. If nothing is specified, return all airports.
- Example response for GET request:

```
{
    'content':{
        'late aircraft': 1269,
        'carrier': 1367
}
'links':{
    'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/AA/
        minutes_delay?all=false&year=2003&month=6&
        airport_code=ATL',
    'carrier': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/AA',
    'airport': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ATL'
}
```

3.9 Descriptive Statistics for Carrier-Specific Delays Between Two Airports in the USA.

- URL: /airports/<airport_code_1>/<airport_code_2>/flights
- Description: This endpoint supplies descriptive statistics on carrier-specific delays for two requested airports.
- Supported request types: GET
- Additional parameters:
 - carrier_code: Code corresponding to an carrier. If nothing is specified, return stats for all carriers.
- Example response for GET request:

```
'content':{
    'delayed_statistics_ATL':{
        'mean': 2578,
        'median': 2681,
        'stdDev': 42
}
    'delayed_statistics_TPA':{
        'mean': 1842,
        'median': 1789,
        'stdDev': 36
}
},
'links':{
    'self': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ATL/TPA/
        flights?&carrier_code=AA'
    'carrier': 'https://DOMAIN/api/carriers/AA'
    'airport': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/ATL'
    'airport': 'https://DOMAIN/api/airports/TPA'
```

}