

Enterprise Application Development – Lab 2

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Folder Structure

Authentication – Contains All Parts (1-4)

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**Note:**

* To run this project you must enter in the following command in the **Authentication** folder: *npm install*
* After installing the required modules based on the package, run the following command: *npm start*
* Enter: *localhost:3000* into a browser for relevant links to showcase each part.

**Problem Sets**

**Part 1 – Basic Authentication**

*Implement a users table having a ​username​ and ​hashed password​ fields. Use the postgresql ​crypt()​ and ​gen\_salt()​ functions to implement the password hashing*

*Implement a protected resource table (e.g. a “products” table) to which you can use to demonstrate your authentication features.*

The user’s table was created with the following steps:

1.CREATE EXTENSION pgcrypto;

2.SELECT gen\_random\_uuid(); (To check if a random UUID is generated)

3.CREATE TABLE public.users (

id uuid NOT NULL DEFAULT gen\_random\_uuid() PRIMARY KEY,

email text NOT NULL,

username text NOT NULL,

password text NOT NULL,

***key text NOT NULL DEFAULT key\_gen(20),*** (Part 3)

***secret\_key text NOT NULL DEFAULT key\_gen(40)*** (Part 3)

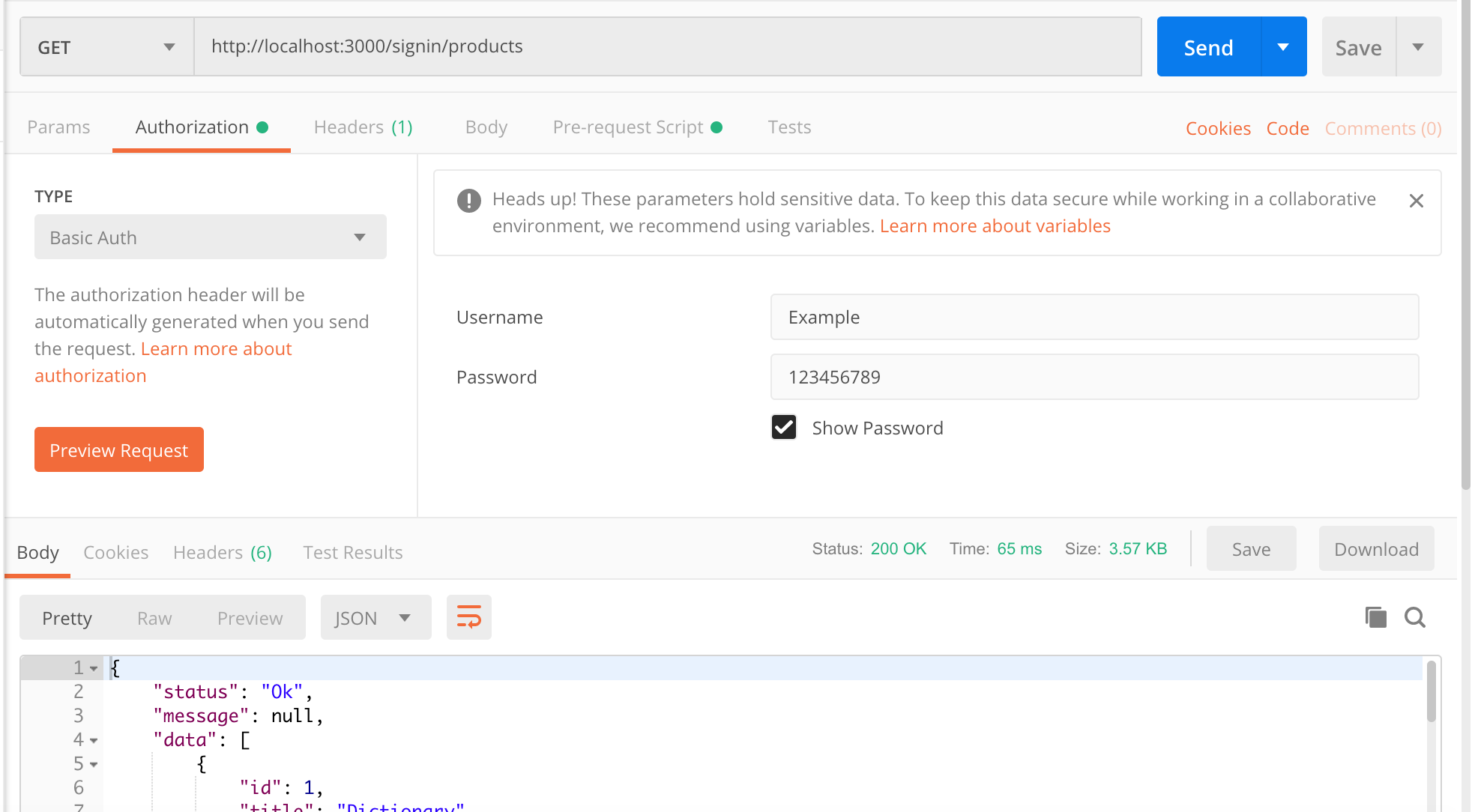
);

4. INSERT INTO users (email, username, password)

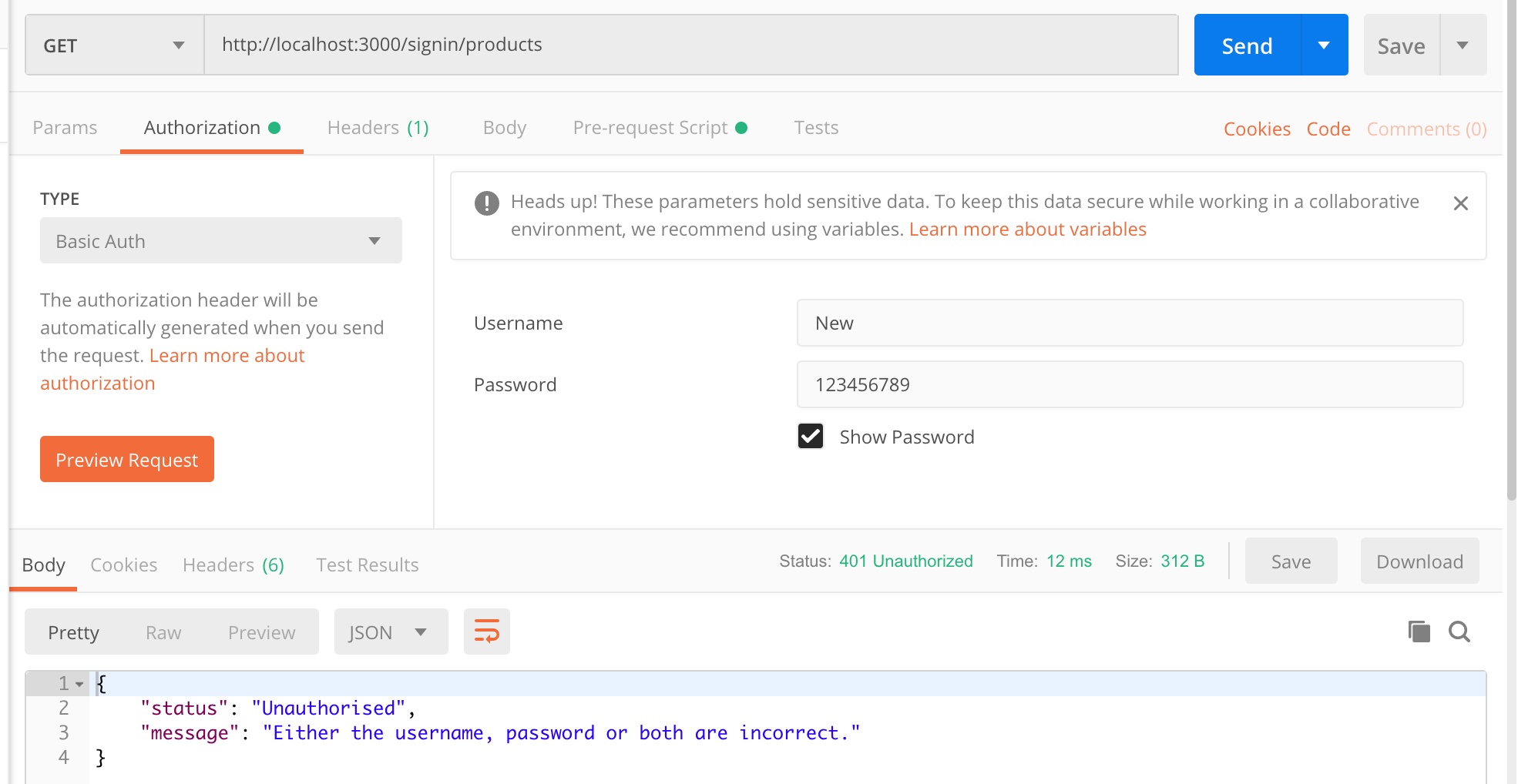
VALUES ('example@example.com', 'Example', crypt('123456789', gen\_salt('bf', 8)));

After creating the table and inserting an entry into it as we need a user to access a protected resources which in my case I have used the Products table.

Screenshot are displayed on the next page.



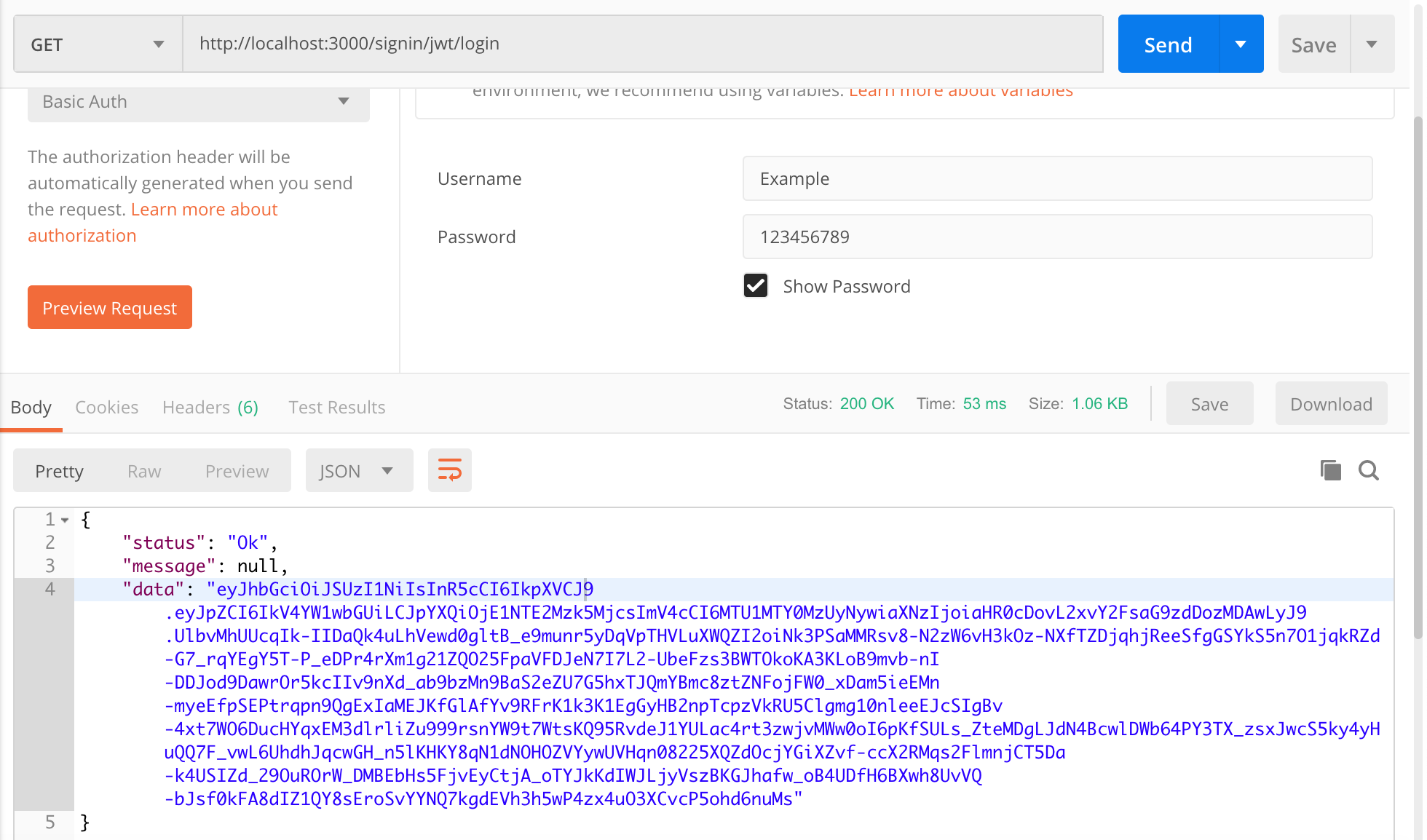
As you can see, passing in the correct username and password the contents of the Product table will be displayed.



Entering the incorrect details to access the desired resources will return a status code of 401 which is unauthorised.

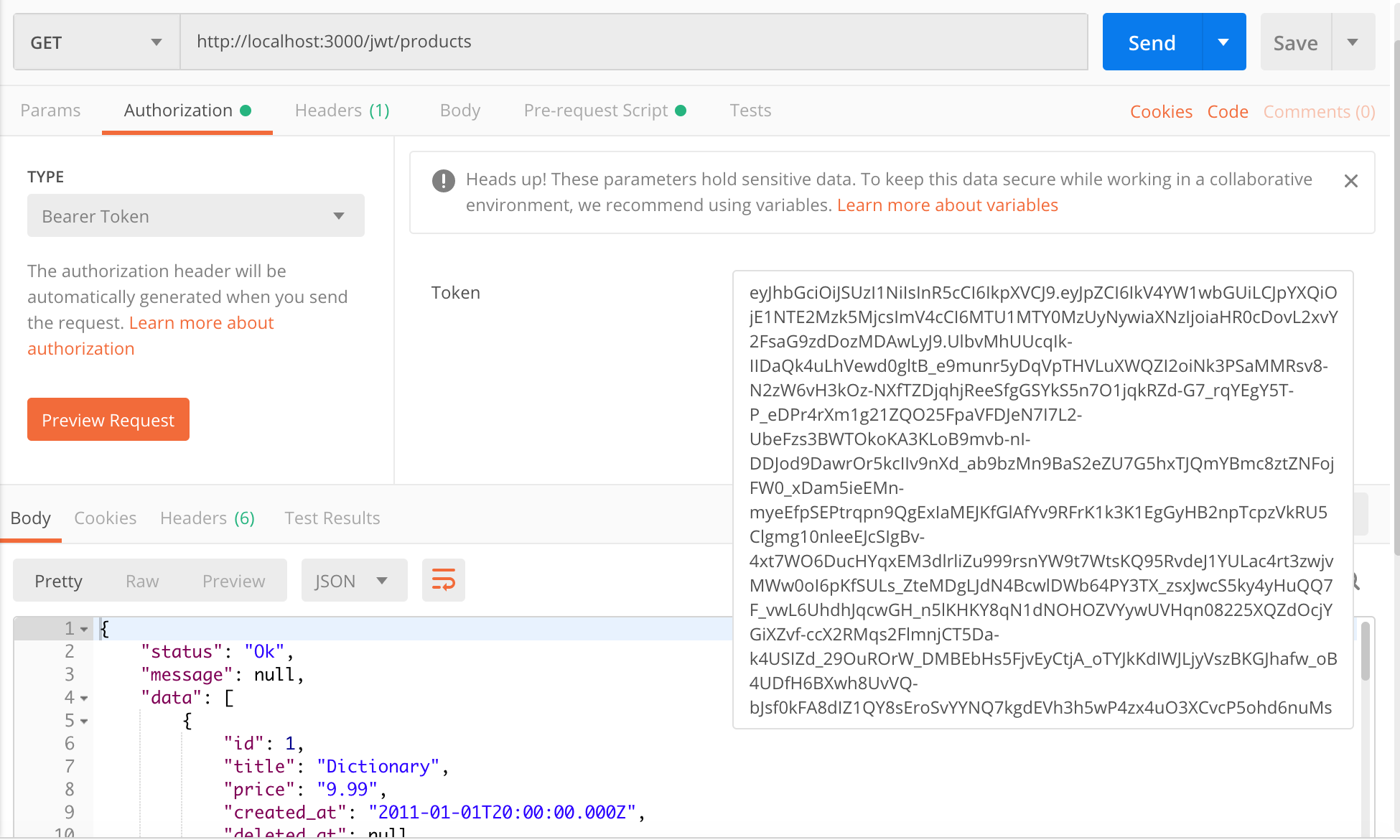
**Part 2 – JWT**

*Implement a JWT-secured version of the API based on the users table from the previous step...*

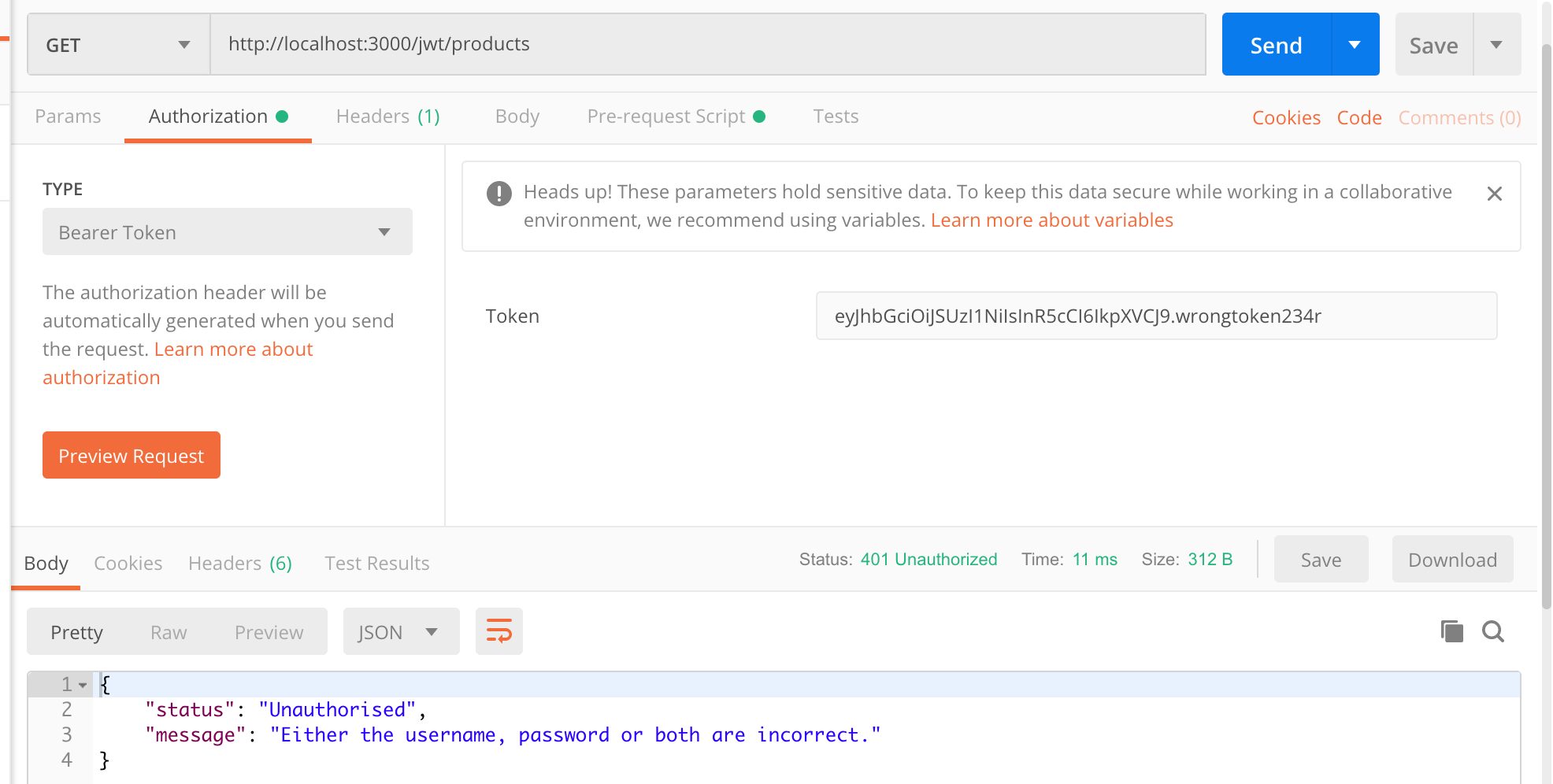


Similar to part 1 where the username and password has been supplied to view the desired resources although this time a token system is being used.

The first step is to login and retrieve a token, once the login has been a success a token will be generated, and you may use this token to access the desired resources which in my case is the contents of the Products table.



Now, the token is copied, and the type of authorization is used is the Bearer Token instead of the Basic Auth. Once the correct token has been entered and it is correct the contents of the Product table will be able to be viewed.



Entering the wrong token will return an error code of 401. Access denied.

**Part 3 – User’s Table Extended**

*Extend the users table or add another linked “apikeys” table to include an access key (160 bits) and secret key (320 bits)*

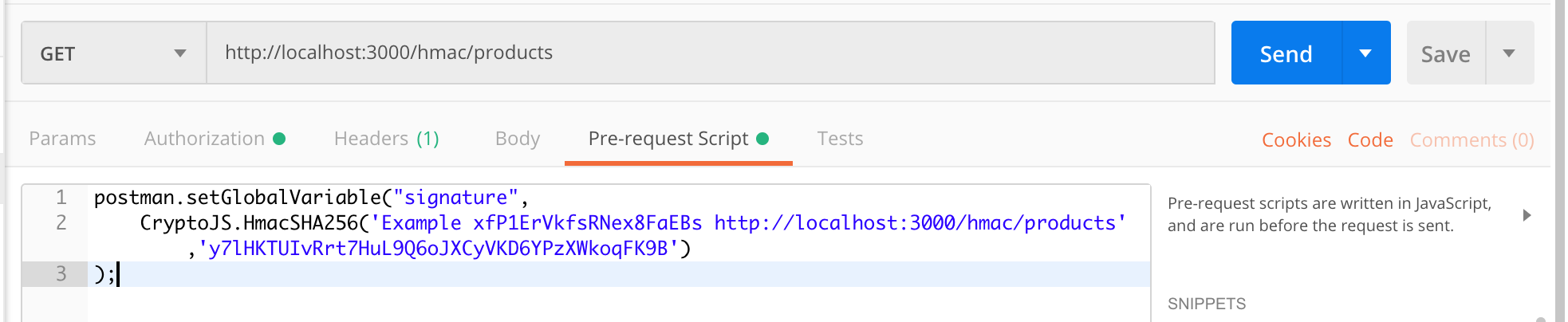
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Upon extending the user’s table, 2 new columns have been added, the key columns (160 bits) and the secret\_key (320 bits) column as instructed.

Both of these keys are auto generated upon every new entry. These keys are used for the last part. (HMAC)

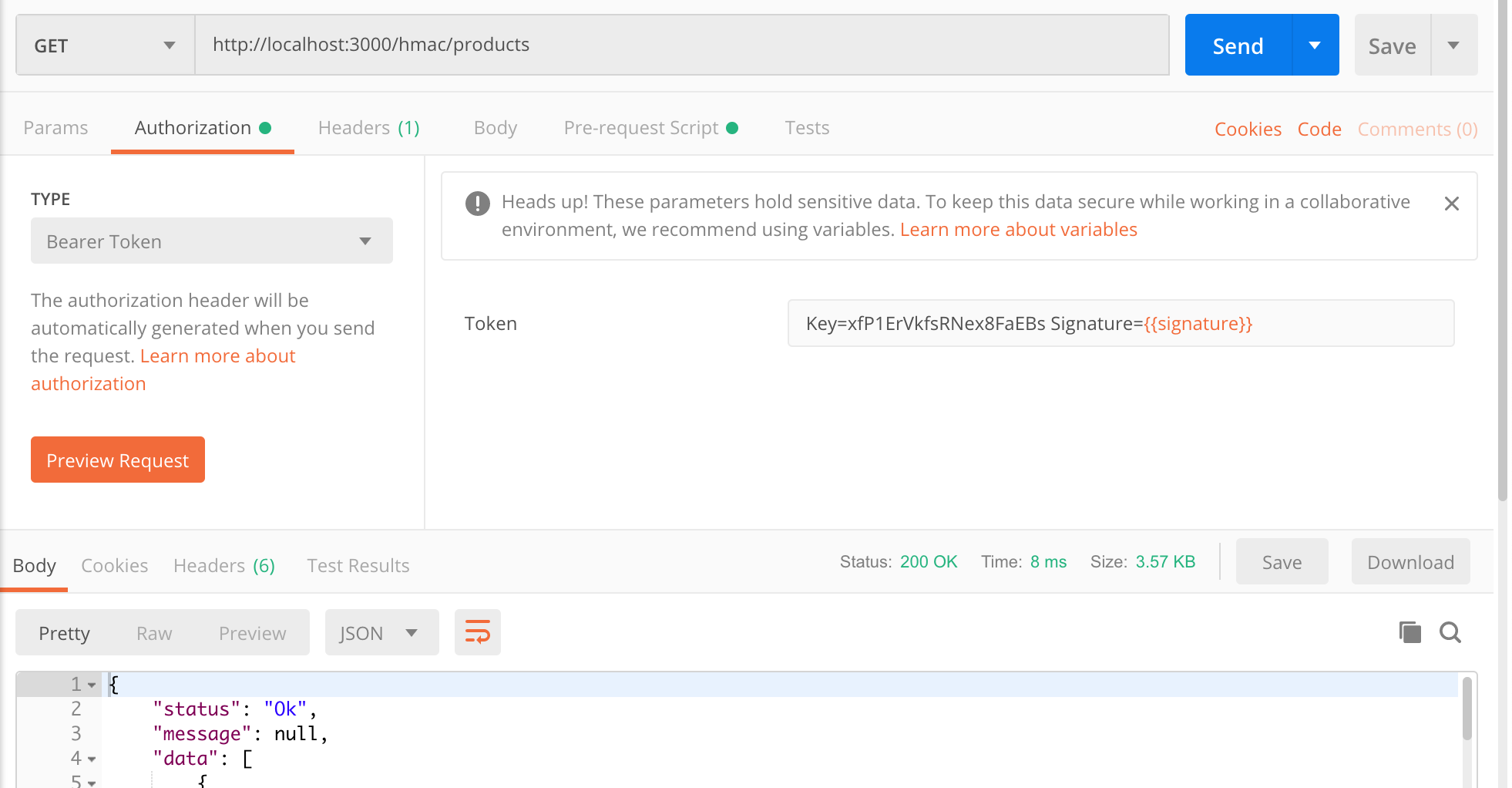
**Part 4 – HMAC**

*Implement a Hash-based message authentication (HMAC) scheme to secure the API….*

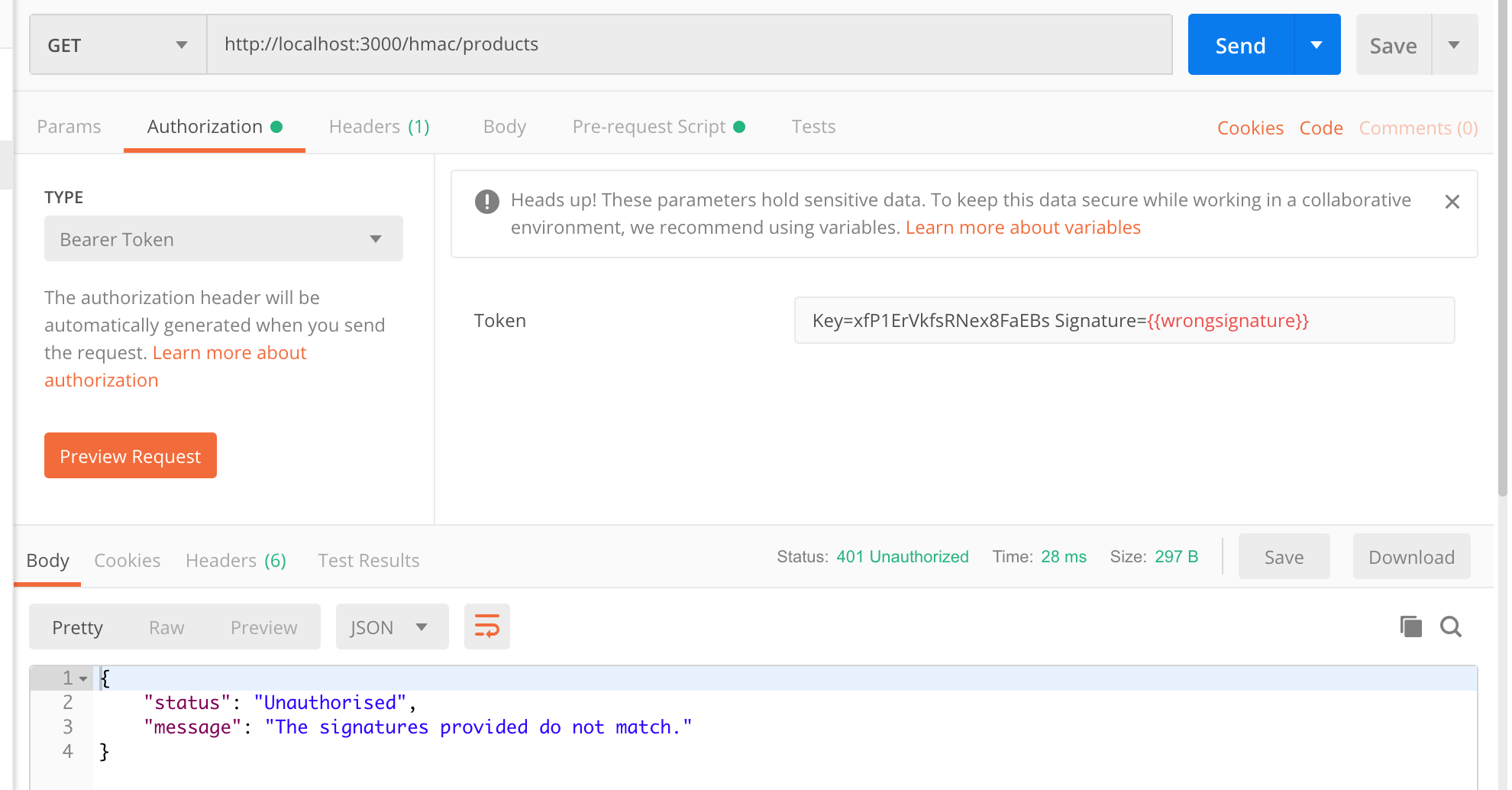
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In order to get this to work a pre-request Script must be created to create the HMAC signature as we need both the client and server signatures for comparisons to access the desired resources.

The script consists of creating a variable called **signature** as the signature must be stored somewhere and it will be stored in the global variable **signature**. Next up the username is provided, the key and the route. Lastly, the secret key would also be provided.



With the pre-request script defined a signature is created, the client will also create a signature and upon doing so the server will take the key provided by the client and it will validate if the user and the secret key exists in the database. If the secret key exists, then it will create the same signature on the server, and it will compare the two signatures to see if they match. The screenshot above displays the happy path if both of the signatures match.



Above is what happening if the signatures do not match. An error code of 401 will be returned to inform of an access issue.