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Feb 2, 2019 7:19 PM

#501

AnimeMemeDaily
Offline
Joined: Jan 2014
Posts: 6

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Feb 2, 2019 7:29 PM

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Shadow_Reaper13

Offline
Joined: May 2016
Posts: 72

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Feb 3, 2019 3:44 PM

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Offline
Joined: Feb 2010
Posts: 11569

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Well if there's no updates soon, I'm thinking to maybe organize a community effort to attempt to fix the third party aps. It's seems unlikely, and I don't know much about it, but with crowd-sourcing funds and getting some talent together who knows what possible.
 It's better than doing nothing tho and watching our friends leave while we feel abandoned by the admins on this. And we've fixed other broken MAL things before the top did (and took forever to get to).

Feb 3, 2019 11:58 PM

#504

sasalx

Offline
Joined: Sep 2012
Posts: 3600

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Feb 4, 2019 1:40 AM

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Feb 4, 2019 1:52 AM

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Feb 4, 2019 7:44 AM

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otterman965

Offline

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 Joined: Jul 2016
 Posts: 475

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Feb 4, 2019 10:42 AM

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sasalx

 Offline
 Joined: Sep 2012
 Posts: 3600

Shishio-kun said:
 What ap do u want back the most?
 Well tbh, I never used MAL on mobile so no one. I am happy with my own ext. BBCode can go to hell. However, others deserve a good mobile app for sure. Written by Flutter maybe...

Feb 6, 2019 6:00 PM

#510

Gethemalot

 Offline
 Joined: Nov 2013
 Posts: 281

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Feb 7, 2019 11:42 AM

#514

sasalx

 Offline
 Joined: Sep 2012
 Posts: 3600

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Feb 11, 2019 4:30 PM

#515

4me4u

 Offline
 Joined: May 2018
 Posts: 10

This is atrocious. I expected so much more of a website I genuinely enjoy using this much. Given I've tried alternatives and they don't match up, I'm willing to stick around, but god forbid I even show for support in anything this website does anymore after last year's catastrophe and the aftershock of it nearly an entire year later. Miserable.

Feb 11, 2019 8:17 PM #516

suebahasa
Offline
Joined: Dec 2013
Posts: 9

AzureDiamond said:
sasalx said:
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Hmm... Be my guess then. Not likely but if you can, let me know. Many would appreciate that information.

To authenticate using MAL's private API:
 1. Connect to <https://myanimelist.net/login.php>
 2. Retrieve the MALSESSIONID cookie and the CSRF token
 3. Send a POST request to the above link attaching the MALSESSIONID cookie and the following POST parameters:
`user_name=<your_username>
password=<your_password>
csrf_token=<your_token>
submit=1`

4. Retrieve the new MALSESSIONID cookie
 For further requests associated with your account, you need to attach this new MALSESSIONID cookie and the `is_logged_in=1` cookie. For requests that perform database changes, you also need to attach the CSRF token as a POST parameter like above. For requests that retrieve public information, you don't even need to authenticate.

You can also use mobile version API, <https://myanimelist.net/forum/?topicid=1740204&show=450#msg56501483>

Feb 16, 2019 1:59 PM #517

phantasia
Offline
Joined: Jan 2014
Posts: 6

I kinda gave up.
 Come here from time to time, but someone here mentioned something interesting, after all of this, who can trust these guys anymore? Who's to say that something similar or worse will not happen in the future?

The lack of updates just makes it even more worse.
 Good luck!

Feb 24, 2019 11:14 PM #518

Devindor
Offline
Joined: Jan 2014
Posts: 8

API dead until 2020 lmao

Feb 25, 2019 9:45 AM #519

pureevil4

Offline
Joined: Jan 2013
Posts: 38

Devindor said:
API dead until 2020 lmao

That seems unnecessarily ambitious, that's much too soon.

Feb 25, 2019 10:13 PM #520

ShadowedKnight
Offline
Joined: Feb 2019
Posts: 7

You really need to update your video player. Flash ain't going to be around for much longer and even Crunchyroll updated theirs.
 Might want to update that so people aren't frozen out of their hard earned anime.

Feb 26, 2019 4:38 PM #521

pickyotaku

Offline
Joined: Jul 2017
Posts: 306

MAL what are you doing...

Feb 27, 2019 9:04 PM #522

ShadowedKnight
Offline
Joined: Feb 2019
Posts: 7

pickyotaku said:
MAL what are you doing...

That's what I'm wondering too

Feb 28, 2019 1:04 PM #523

Rignak

Offline
Joined: Jun 2013
Posts: 239

pickyotaku said:
MAL what are you doing...

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Mar 1, 2019 2:20 PM #524

dadnaya

Offline
Joined: Oct 2013
Posts: 1785

Soon it'll be one full year since MAL API went down.
 I open up Taiga and see Spring2018 seasonals...



Mar 6, 2019 9:50 AM #525

Lu4n4264

Offline
Joined: May 2018
Posts: 313

OOF I NEED MY TAIGA, C'MON MAL

"No matter where you go, everyone's connected." Iwakura, Lain.



Mar 6, 2019 2:59 PM #526

SLEVIINS
???

Lu4n4264 said:
OOF I NEED MY TAIGA, C'MON MAL

I feel your pain x(



"a scattered dream that's like a far-off memory, a far-off memory that's like a scattered dream. I want to line the pieces up--yours and mine."

[dearly beloved]

Mar 10, 2019 5:47 PM #527

talisein
Offline
Joined: Apr 2009
Posts: 1

sasax said:
@AzureDiamond

Wait they didn't even try to hide it? At this point, I am not surprised just disappointed.

Authentication isn't something that needs--or even can--be 'hidden' from any client that is authenticating itself (i.e. your web browser). You can see the details of how all website authentications work, just open your browser's devtools.

Getting a MAL session id cookie is easy; parsing the HTML and posting forms to update your anime list is painstaking compared to the documented XML endpoints that existed before. Some applications had done this before to set extended attributes not supported by the prior API (like the re-watching flag). But it was not uncommon for MAL to change their HTML structure (its expected; the html is not supposed to be a stable api). When that happens, the app authors have to go through the painstaking process again.

5 years ago the only alternative was writing low level UDP code to make a client for anidb.net, so app authors were willing to jump thru MAL's hoops. Today there are alternatives that are much easier to make an app for. There is also a long established history of MAL's api being awful and neglected, so I think the only people who are going to try to scrape HTML now would be new programmers to the scene... and how many young people are going to be that attached to this website?

When I made an app for myself it was a great vehicle to take something I was passionate about and hone my programming skills on it. MAL's quirky API made me jump through a lot of hoops I wouldn't have learned about otherwise, so I have some thanks to MAL for that. But web programming has really moved on, and I think new devs would better served learning how to deal with broken 201x tech instead..

One day there will be a new API. Xini's been talking about it getting it out 'by the end of the year' since 2015. I don't doubt that Xini has been earnest in those statements. Software development at MAL scale is hard to estimate and execute. But at the same time, the history shows that no one should hold their breath; and that really means that at this point if you want to use a 3rd party application, you have to move to another platform.

Mar 10, 2019 6:54 PM #528

sasax

Offline
Joined: Sep 2012
Posts: 3600

@talisein

Thanks for the lengthy explanation however I already know the first part. Especially the dev tools since the network tab is something I use daily. However, you can create a secure API with various tools so that John Doe couldn't reach it this easily.

As for the other parts, I totally agree. This site is the epitome of "if it ain't broke, don't touch it". Well, there are some bugs of course but no software is bug-free at the end.

Tbh I didn't even bother to check the info I got. We have the solid AniList API for that. Many people already moved on from MAL to AniList as far as the development community goes. We are talking about a site that uses BBCode without proper buttons. However, I made many rants over this and other problems so not even going to repeat them.

Mar 17, 2019 12:07 PM #529

pickyotaku

Offline
Joined: Jul 2017
Posts: 306

idk for how long are we going to keep waiting for MAL to start giving us attention ...

Mar 18, 2019 5:19 PM #530

Y_T2

Offline
Joined: Jun 2016
Posts: 20

So... still no updates on the API? I guess it's just safe to assume it's as good as dead. (p.s. did they just give up or are there no competent developers working for/at MAL?)

Mar 19, 2019 2:06 AM #531

cwade12c

Offline
Joined: Dec 2015
Posts: 48

Bump. Please create a repo so devs on here can make pull requests to help you...thank you



Mar 19, 2019 8:07 AM #532

SLEVIINS
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Offline
Joined: May 2014
Posts: 90

Still waiting on that API update



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Mar 23, 2019 10:37 AM #533

Tebaldi

Offline
Joined: Feb 2013
Posts: 110

Shishio-kun said:

OppaiSugoi said:
AL and Kitsu are trash websites anyways.

Interesting, this is the first time I'm hearing someone criticize those sites. I don't hear much feedback about them at all (thank you).

A good thing to hear tho in a way because if we can get API back, community leaders and programmers can fix MAL up something nice and possibly bring many of the users who left back. From a community standpoint I believe we're in the negative right now since SO MANY people many of us knew left after the shutdown; that hit us hard. We need the API to help recover from that.

The layout of the features of these websites aren't intuitive at all... Some features as changing dates I've watched the anime on AL took me 30 min to figure out, as MAL I took 30 s. I tried to move on to AL, but I simply couldn't because it's damn hard to setup and some entries are different (as they tend to blend all together, specials with TV and stuff, so when I export, every anime with specials attached comes with episodes missing in the counting...). Kitsu is even worse than MAL in approving titles, as it's more of an ugly, useless and unpractical SNS with no users, so it's really worthless IMO.

I'm level  on mal-badges. View my badges.

Mar 25, 2019 1:36 PM #534

DesolatePsyche
Lewd Depresso

Offline
Joined: Jul 2008
Posts: 2384

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Mar 31, 2019 5:46 PM #535

Kristiwazhere

Offline
Joined: Mar 2019
Posts: 1

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Apr 1, 2019 6:43 AM #536

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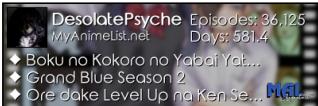
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it's been over a year.



Apr 10, 2019 6:40 AM #537

darkash
Offline
Joined: Dec 2010
Posts: 28

bedum tsss, no news at all :p
thinking back I wonder how I survived updating MAL by hand back then in 2010-2012
I hope mal get their shit together and at least tell us the progress, even if it's the cancellation or something trivial is much better than leaving everyone behind the dust with nothing but false hope

Apr 10, 2019 6:51 PM #538

CrimsonRuin

Offline
Joined: Oct 2014
Posts: 195

darkash said:

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??? I mean it's not that tedious. Takes all of 5s update/add anime.

Apr 11, 2019 4:51 PM #539

DooMWhite

Offline
Joined: Jul 2016
Posts: 363

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Apr 12, 2019 11:15 AM #540

Animekid3
Offline
Joined: May 2013
Posts: 381

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Animekid3

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Apr 13, 2019 5:55 AM #541

SteelLad
Offline
Joined: Jan 2015
Posts: 36

"Removing fansub section to help the anime industry" do you turds realize that fansubs are what made it possible for the wide-spread Anime trend we now enjoy... anyhow, glad Anids is still around for the long run

Apr 13, 2019 11:14 AM #542

Canadane

Offline
Joined: Jul 2009
Posts: 48

I migrated everything over to AL. Been using MAL for so long it's hard to let go. But sometimes you gotta keep with the times or be left behind.



Apr 15, 2019 11:56 AM #543

pureevil4

Offline
Joined: Jan 2013
Posts: 38

Animekid3 said:
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Apr 15, 2019 7:09 PM #545

nickfunius
Offline
Joined: Aug 2015
Posts: 145

Guess we'll never get to use our third party apps again.
So many boobs in fairy tail, it's crazy.

Apr 16, 2019 12:58 AM #546

removed-user
Offline
Joined: Jul 2018
Posts: 564134

Guess its time to switch over to AL or something. Its beyond me how something like this can't be fixed already. After 7~ months of scuffed anime list and no pictures its finally time to say goodbye. If they can't fix it now, they won't fix it anytime soon anyway.

Apr 16, 2019 2:59 PM #547

cwade12c

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Apr 19, 2019 12:30 AM #550

Ericc_star
Offline
Joined: Aug 2017
Posts: 30

i hope MAL can hide this 'Recent Featured Articles' in character anime's cause this is a spoiler

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