

# REST API package

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## Introduction

Project NRP-API's purpose is to provide a database system management software that is accessible through the web. The interface is provided by a frontend layer implemented in React and using the bootstrap framework. The backend is created with Node.js (Express.js) and uses MySQL as the database management system.

In this project we provide a tool with a defined set of operations that can be applied to a dataset. Our app provides an interface to the data contained in the Netherlands Rental Properties dataset.

Naming convention: We will interchangeably refer to a database **entry** which contains fields from a Kamernet post as an **article** .

Supported operations:

- Create & store new entries in the database
- Retrieve (and list), delete, update entries by quarrying the ID / Location (Lat-Long) / [...]
- Retrieve (and list) entries by applying filters : City, Active / Non-active , Cost (Interval) , CPSM (Cost per square meter)
- Retrieve statistical data (mean , median, sd) of : rental cost / deposit
- Customize number entries to be retrieved
- Customize pagination

## API Design

API endpoints use the following header fields:

- (Default) *Content-Type* : **application\json**
- *Content-Type* : **text\csv**

The API allows specifying in the query parameters the response's Content-Type. The parameter is optional and hence - if missing, the default format will be used. The response's header specification for Content-Type will be configured (based on the request) and the appropriate response body will be generated in the backend. The browser will display the converted response body into formatted HTML labels. For GET requests an export option will be provided to download the response's body ( JSON or CSV ).

## HTTP status code summary

200 - OK : Returns expected value.

400 - Bad Request : Wrong request syntax

403 - Forbidden : Unauthorized request header for the request one.

404 - Not Found : Requested resource doesn't exist

500 - Method Error : Error caught during method execution; *!Note:* This error indicates that the backend layer method is not handling the request correctly.

## Resource usage

<b>POST</b>	<b>/api/nrp/new</b> <i>Create a new article entry in the database</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header Parameters</b> <i>no header parameters</i>	
<b>Body Parameters</b>	
externalId	: article external id
address	: property address
postalCode	: property postalCode
city	: property city
areaSqm	: property area size in square meters
rent	: property monthly rent
deposit	: property deposit
isRoomActive	: property true if not occupied
latitude	: property location latitude
longitude	: property location longitude
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b> ok	<pre>{   "externalId": "apartment-1775319",   "address": "Dr. Benthemstraat",   "postalCode": "7514CL",   "city": "Enschede",   "areaSqm": 125,   "rent": 995,   "deposit": 0,   "isRoomActive": true,   "latitude": "52.2255530000",   "longitude": "6.8971690000",   "createdAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z",   "updatedAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z" }</pre>
<b>400</b> error: bad syntax (missing primary key JSON field	<pre>{"message": "Missing External ID is a primary key !"}</pre>

500	error: method exception	<pre>{   "message": "An error occurred while creating               new rental post" }</pre>
GET	/api/nrp/id/{id}	<p><i>Get specific article* with external id or a "not-found error" if the article is with the requested is missing</i></p> <p><b>Parameter</b></p> <p><b>Header Parameters</b></p> <p>id : <i>externalId</i> value of the Kamernet article</p> <p><b>Quarry Parameters</b></p> <p>format : json or csv response format ; default = json ; optional parameter</p> <p><b>Response</b> application/json</p>
200	ok	<pre>{   "externalId": "apartment-1775319",   "address": "Dr. Benthemstraat",   "postalCode": "7514CL",   "city": "Enschede",   "areaSqm": 125,   "rent": 995,   "deposit": 0,   "isRoomActive": true,   "latitude": "52.2255530000",   "longitude": "6.8971690000",   "createdAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z",   "updatedAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z" }</pre>
404	error: article not found	<pre>{  "message": "Article with id '11' not found!"}</pre>
500	error: method exception	<pre>{  "message": "An error occurred while               retrieving article."}</pre>



<b>GET</b>	<b>/api/nrp/location?latitude={lat}&amp;longitude={long}</b> <i>get the article(s) at the provided latitude-longitude location</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header Parameters</b> <i>no header parameters</i>	
<b>Quarry String Parameters</b>	
latitude	: the latitude specified in the article
longitude	: the longitude specified in the article
format	: json or csv response format ; default = json ; optional parameter
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b> ok	<pre>[   {     "externalId": "apartment-1750096",     "address": "West-Varkenoordseweg",     "postalCode": "3074HN",     "city": "Rotterdam",     "areaSqm": 80,     "rent": 1100,     "deposit": 1100,     "isRoomActive": true,     "latitude": "51.8966010000",     "longitude": "4.5149930000",     "createdAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z",     "updatedAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z"   },   ... ]</pre>
<b>404</b> error: 0 matches	<pre>{   "message": "0 properties found at the provided location" }</pre>
<b>500</b> error: method exception	<pre>{   "message": "Some error occurred while retrieving property." }</pre>

<b>GET</b>	<b>/api/nrp/search-budget?{options}</b> <i>Get all articles with rent price between the requested min-max bounds</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header parameters</b> <i>no header parameters</i>	
<b>Quarry Parameters</b>	
min	: minimum rent price
max	: maximum rent price
format	: json or csv response format ; default = json ; optional parameter
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b> ok	<pre>[   {     "externalId": "apartment-1619636",     "address": "Erve Kloppe",     "postalCode": "7577SR",     "city": "Oldenzaal",     "areaSqm": 76,     "rent": 901,     "deposit": 0,     "isRoomActive": 1,     "latitude": "52.3250610000",     "longitude": "6.9008880000",     "createdAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z",     "updatedAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z"   },   ... ]</pre>
<b>404</b> error: 0 matches	<pre>{ "message": "0 Articles found for the specified quarry" }</pre>
<b>500</b> error: method exception	<pre>{ "message": "Some error occurred while retrieving property." }</pre>

<b>GET</b>	<b>/api/nrp/top-list/{city}?options</b> <i>Get N or all articles specifying active rentals sorted in either ascending or descending order and ordered by a specified options parameter (which must be numerical)</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header parameters</b>	
city	: filter the search list by city; optional parameter; if absent, use all cities
<b>Quarry Parameters</b>	
amount	: top N articles to be retrieved from the search
ascending	: = true if response should be in ascending order; optional parameter; default = false
format	: json or csv response format ; default = json ; optional parameter
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b> ok	<pre>[   {     "externalId": "room-1702909",     "address": "Spilsluizen",     "postalCode": "9712NT",     "city": "Groningen",     "areaSqm": 9,     "rent": 50,     "deposit": 50,     "isRoomActive": true,     "latitude": "53.2212490000",     "longitude": "6.5636370000",     "createdAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z",     "updatedAt": "2021-11-29T11:29:13.000Z"   },   ... ]</pre>
<b>404</b> error: 0 matches	<pre>{   "message": "0 Articles found for the specified quarry" }</pre>



500 error: method exception

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{  "message": "Some error occurred while
    retrieving property." }
```

**GET** /api/nrp/statistics/{city}?{options}

*Get statistical data (entry count, mean, median, standard-deviation) for rent and deposit values for a specific city or all cities*

#### Parameter

##### Header parameters

city : filter the search list by city; optional parameter; if absent, use all cities

##### Quarry Parameters

format : json or csv response format ; default = json ; optional parameter

#### Response

application/json

200 ok

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{
  "entries_n": 5084,
  "mean_cost": "531.0334",
  "sd_cost": 276.75173793908016,
  "mean_deposit": "358.5024",
  "sd_deposit": 415.3804553576052,
  "median_cost": 410,
  "median_deposit": 320,
  "city": "Groningen"
}
```

404 error: 0 matches

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{  "message": "The quarried city name was not
    found in the database" }
```

500 error: method exception

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{  "message": "Failed to fetch database
    statistics." }
```

<b>PUT</b>	<b>/api/nrp/id/id</b> <i>Update the article entry with the provided externalId by supplying a json/csv request body with new data</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header parameters</b>	
id	article's externalId
<b>Body parameters</b>	
*	all parameters specified in the database model section below
<b>Body</b>	application/json
<pre> {   "externalId": "apartment-1775319",   "address": "API Doc Example Request",   "areaSqm": "999",   "postalCode": "2021WE",   "rent": "0" } </pre>	
<b>Response</b>	
application/json	
<b>200</b>	ok
<pre> { "message": "Article was updated successfully." } </pre>	
<b>404</b>	error: article not found
<pre> { "message": "\"Cannot update property with id= apartment.Property not found or input is empty !\"" } </pre>	
<b>500</b>	method exception
<pre> { "message": "Error updating property with id= apartment" } </pre>	

<b>PUT</b>	<b>/api/nrp/location?latitude={lat}&amp;longitude={long}</b> <i>Update the article entries with the provided location in latitude and longitude by supplying a json/csv request body with new data</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header Parameters</b> <i>no header parameters</i>	
<b>Quarry String Parameters</b> latitude : the latitude specified in the article longitude : the longitude specified in the article	
<b>Body Parameters</b> <i>(* : mandatory fields)</i>	
*externalId	: article external id
address	: property address
postalCode	: property postalCode
city	: property city
areaSqm	: property area size in square meters
rent	: property monthly rent
deposit	: property deposit
isRoomActive	: property true if not occupied
latitude	: property location latitude
longitude	: property location longitude
<b>Body</b>	application/json
<pre>{   "externalId": "apartment-1775319",   "address": "API Doc Example #2 Request",   "areaSqm": "303",   "postalCode": "2021WE",   "rent": "0" }</pre>	
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b> ok	
<pre>{   "message": "Updated 20 properties with lat=51.1066010000 &amp; long= 4.5149930000"</pre>	

	<pre>} }</pre>
<b>500</b>	error: storage not found
	<pre>{   "message": "Encountered an error while updating               articles by location" }</pre>

<b>DELETE</b>	<b>/api/nrp/{id}</b> <i>remove article with external id</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header Parameters</b>	
id	: external Id of article
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b>	ok
	<pre>{   "message": "Article was deleted successfully               !" }</pre>
<b>404</b>	error: storage not found
	<pre>{   "message": "Cannot delete article with id=               apartment. Article not found!" }</pre>
<b>500</b>	error: method exception
	<pre>{   "message": "An error occurred while deleting               article with id=apartment" }</pre>

<b>DELETE</b>	<b>/api/nrp/location?latitude={lat}&amp;longitude={long}</b> <i>remove article with specified location options latitude and longitude</i>
<b>Parameter</b>	
<b>Header Parameters</b> <i>no header parameters</i>	
<b>Quarry String Parameters</b>	
latitude	: the latitude specified in the article
longitude	: the longitude specified in the article
<b>Response</b>	application/json
<b>200</b>	ok
	<pre>{   "message": "Deleted 20 properties with lat=51.1066010000 &amp; long= 4.5149930000." }</pre>
<b>404</b>	error: 0 matches
	<pre>{   "message": "Could not find any articles to delete." }</pre>
<b>500</b>	error: method exception
	<pre>{   "message": "Error occurred while deleting articles with lat=51.1066010000 &amp; long= 4.5149930000." }</pre>