API Testing using Postman V1

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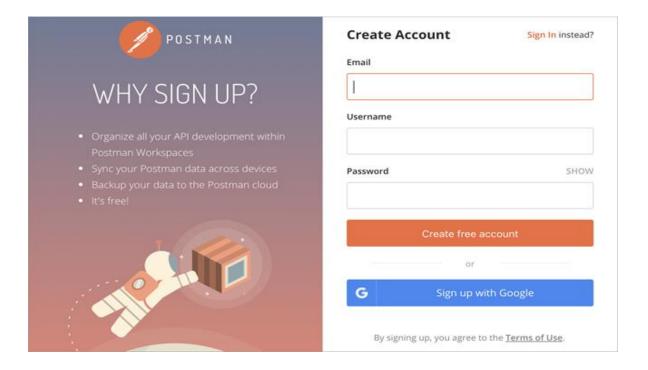
Bonus: FAQs

1. Postman Setup:

Step 1 --- Download and Install postman (https://www.postman.com/downloads/)

Step 2 --- Signup with required information.

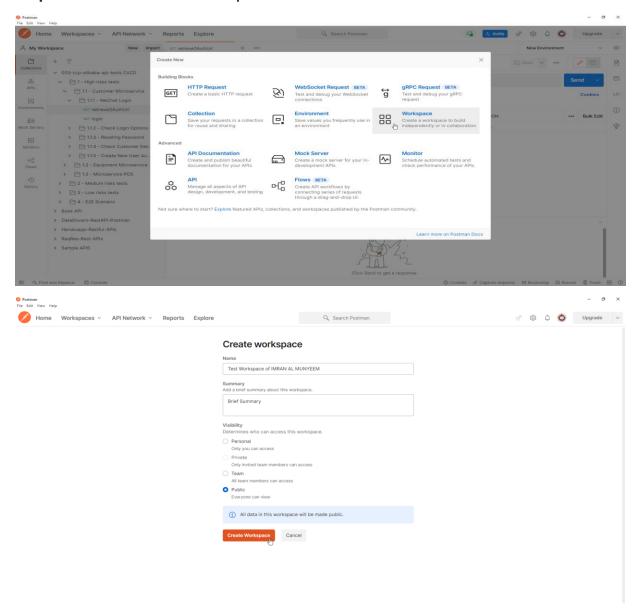
Step 2 --- Login to Postman.



2. Create Workspace:

Step 1 --- From workspace menu, click on "New Workspace" and give workspace name.

Step 2 --- Click on Create workspace button.



3. Create Collection:

Step 1 --- Select workspace from list.

Step 2 --- Click on the "Create Collection" button.

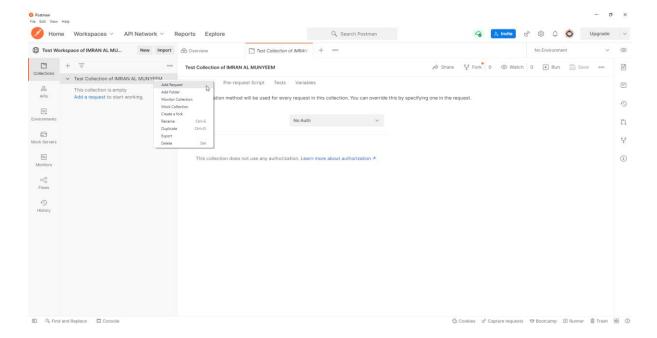
Step 3 --- Give the collection name and press enter.



4. Add Request

Step 1 — Click on "Add a request" link or right click on the collection or Click on Add request.

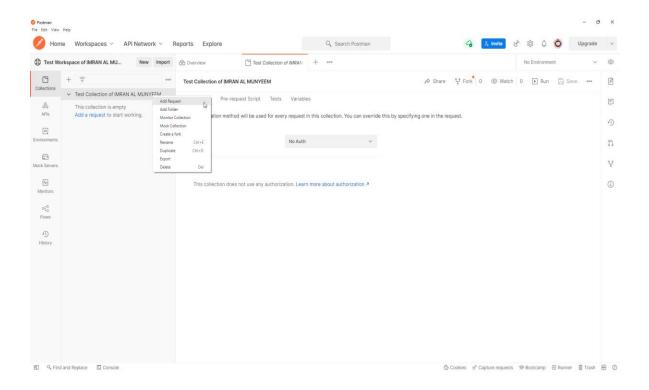
Step 2--- Give name for the request.



5. Create Requests, Analyse & Write Tests to Validate Responses:

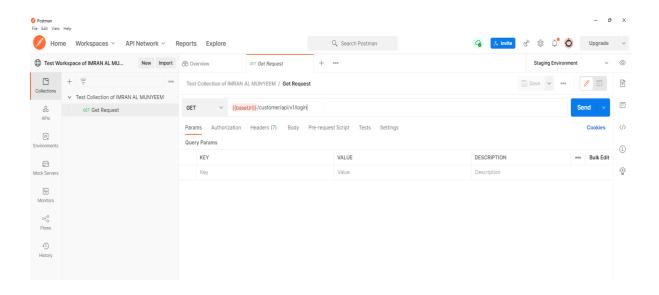
Send Get Requests:

Step 1: Click a new tab to add a new request.



Step 2: Creating a GET request for a REST API end point

- Set your HTTP request to GET
- Input the link in request URL.
- Click on SEND to execute.

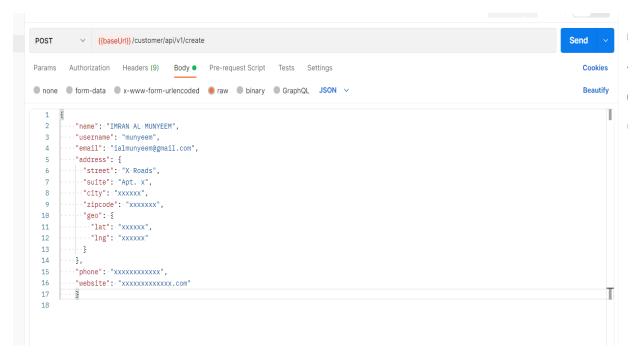


Send Post Requests:

Post requests are used to do data manipulation by adding data to the endpoint. Now, let's add a user into the application. To do this, we need to send data to the application. We use POST request to send data. In POST request we send data in the body of the request and API returns some data in response to the POST request to us which validates the user has been created. We use the same data which we used in GET request to add a new user.

Steps:

- Set your HTTP request to POST
- Input the link in request URL
- Click on Body Tab and select "Raw" radio button Select JSON Copy and
 paste just one user result from the previous get request as shown in the below
 screenshot.



Likewise, we will test other requests PUT, PATCH, DELETE, and others.

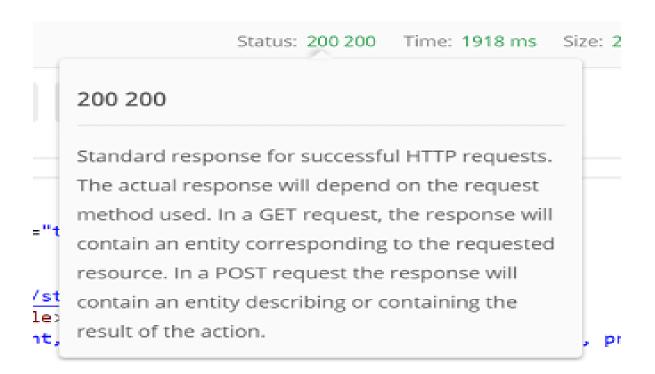
Analyse Responses:

You should be able to see various data around the response after the server responds in the Body section.

In the above screenshot under the request headers, we can see response status code, time taken for the request to complete, the size of the payload

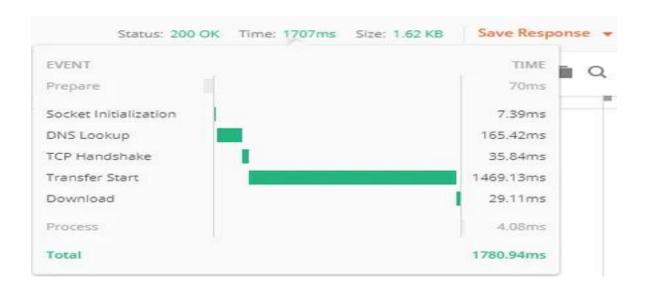
We can find the details about the response time and response size by hover over them.

Response code for GET: You can see 200 OK message in the screenshot below because our request is successful. In some cases, GET requests may be unsuccessful due to an invalid request URL or incorrect authentication.

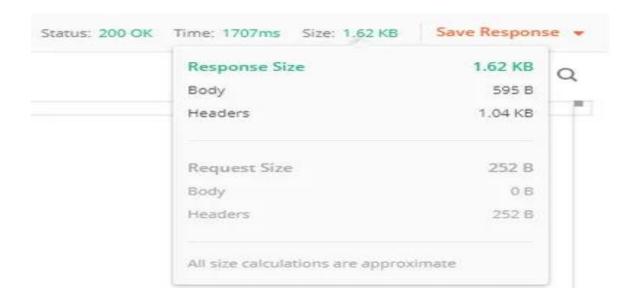


Response code for POST: You will see 201 OK message for successful POST request. In some cases, POSTrequests may be unsuccessful due to an invalid request URL or incorrect data

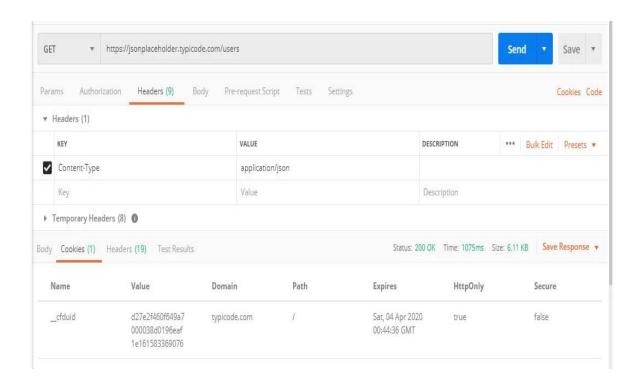
Response time: We can see individual components like Connect time, Socket time, DNS lookup, etc.



Response size: We can see individual components like actual response size, how much size the headers are constituted etc.

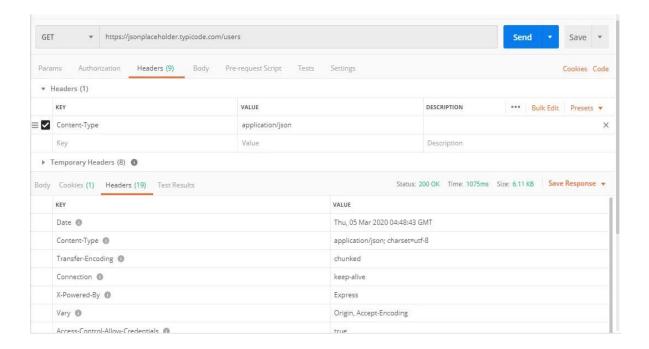


Cookies: We can find session related information in the cookies that were returned from the server.



Response header:

Here we can find information about the request that got processed.



Once you click on header you can see different information such as below. Although, every entry in the Headers tab is a header item we will just take a look at the most important ones.

- Content-Type: The content type is given as text/HTML because the response is being sent in the HTML which is one of the options.
- Date: This option shows the date, day and time of the response along with the time zone.
- **Server:** This option tells the name of the server which has responded to the request.
- Cookie expires time: As the name suggests, this option tells the expire time of the cookie that has been sent along with the response.

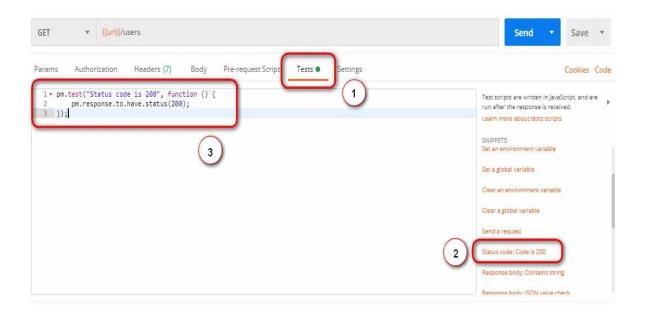
Write Tests in Postman:

Postman Tests allow you to ensure that your API is working as expected. It is to establish integrations between services are functioning reliably, and to verify that new developments haven't broken any existing functionality. It helps you verify results such as successful or failed status, comparison of expected results etc.

Let's start with some basic tests.

Step 1:

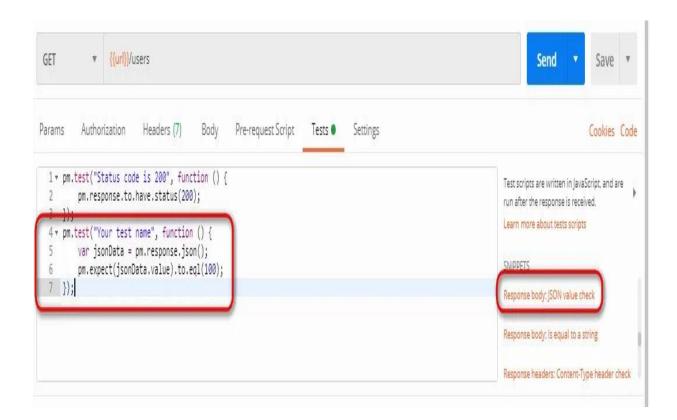
- Go to the GET request which we created earlier.
- Switch to the tests tab.
- From the snippets section, click on "Status code: Code is 200". Script will be auto-populated.
- Click on Send.



Let's add another test. In this test, we do compare the expected result to the actual result. To do this,

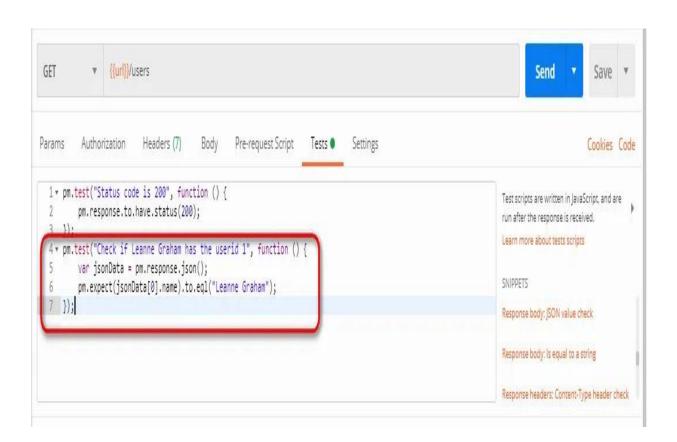
Step 1:

- Click on "Response body:JSON value check" from the snippets section.
- Let's check if Leanne Graham has the userid 1.



Step 2:

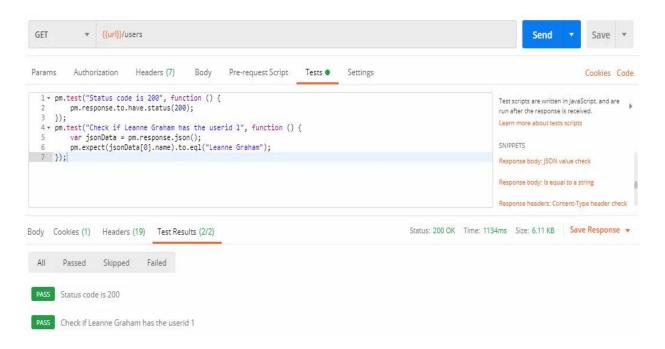
- To specify the test name exactly what we want to test, simply replace "Your Test
 Name" from the code with "Check if Leanne Graham has the userid 1".
- Also replace jsonData.value with jsonData[0].name. To get the path (It is there in the body of earlier GET result).
- Since "Leanne Graham" is userid 1, jsonData is in the first result which should start with 0. To get the second result, use jsonData[1] and so on for succeeding results.



Step 3: Click send.

You can see the test result below in the screenshot.

N.B: They are passed. Can be failed if the test scripts are not correct, or network issues, or for changing or moving anything.



We can create more tests depending on our requirement. Explore the tools by trying different tests.

To get more ideas about Snippets you can visit the following link below:

https://learning.postman.com/docs/sending-requests/generate-codesnippets/#generating-code-snippets-in-postman

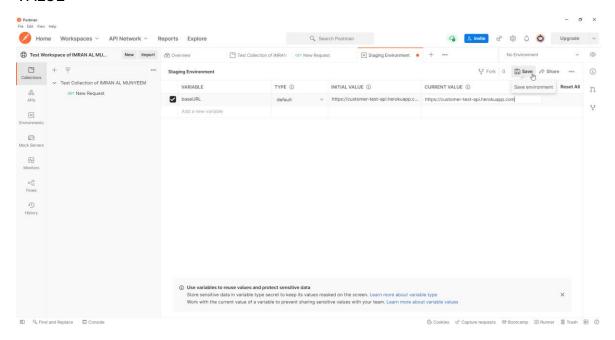
6. Create environment variable:

Step 1 --- Click on the eye icon

Step --- 2: Click on "Add" button and give Environment name

Step --- 3: Now set VARIABLE as baseUrl and INITIAL VALUE for example https://customer-test-api.herokuapp.com

N.B: You will see that CURRENT VALUE will be set automatically after you set INITIAL VALUE



Step 4 --- Now go to the collection again and replace the base url "https://customer-test-api.herokuapp.com" With {{baseUrl}}.

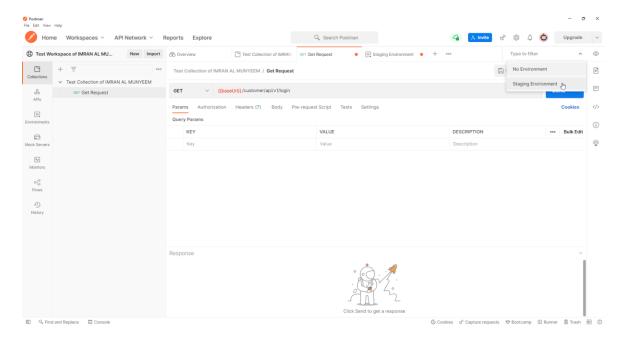
Step 5 --- Don't forget to click on Save button after adding url and variables.

Important notes: When you save something in an environment variable, then while using it, you have to put the variable name within a curly bracket.

Then, you will see the {{baseUrl}} color gets orange. If the color is not orange, there some spelling mistake or you don't set the environment from the environment list.



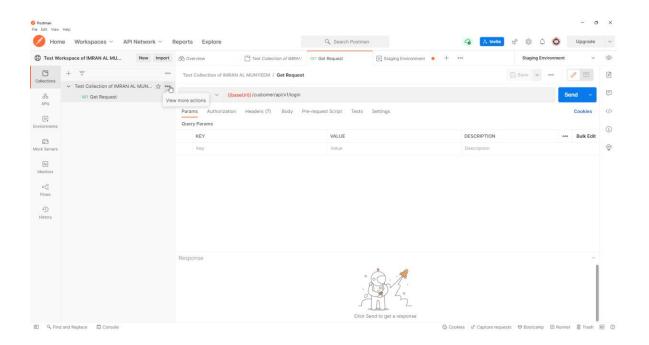
Step 6 --- Don't forget to set the environment from the environment list.



7. Export Collection: Export in 2 ways

------Way 1------

Step 1 --- click on the [...] button besides your collection

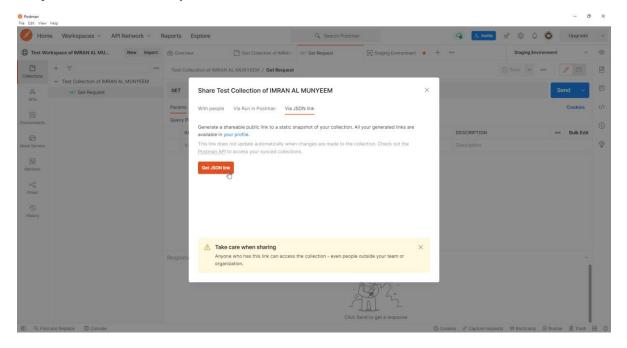


Step 2 --- Click on Share collection

Click Send to get a response

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Step 3 --- Click on "Get public link" button



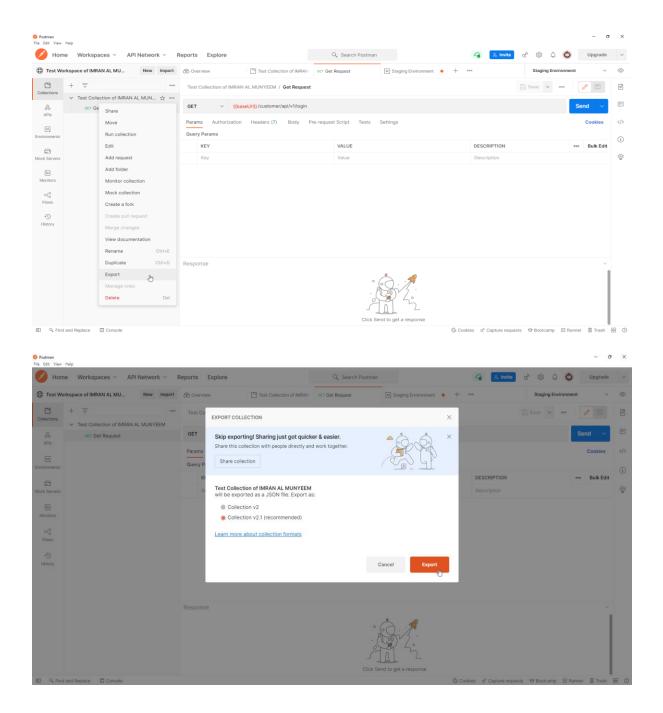
Step 4 --- Then you will get a link. This link you can share with anybody and h/she can import the collection

Export Collection:

------Way 2------

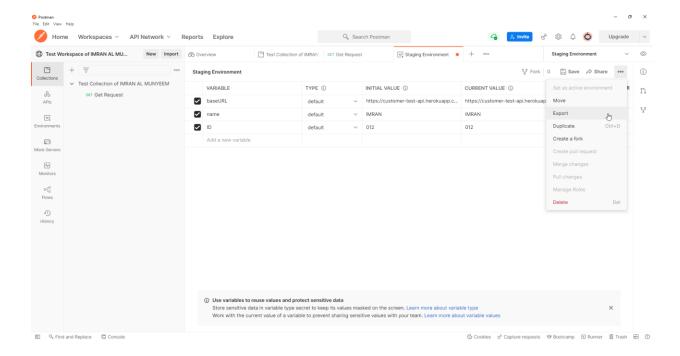
Step 1 --- Click on the [...] button besides your collection like before.

Step 2 --- Click on Export button and save to your local disk. Now anybody can import the collection



8. Export Environment

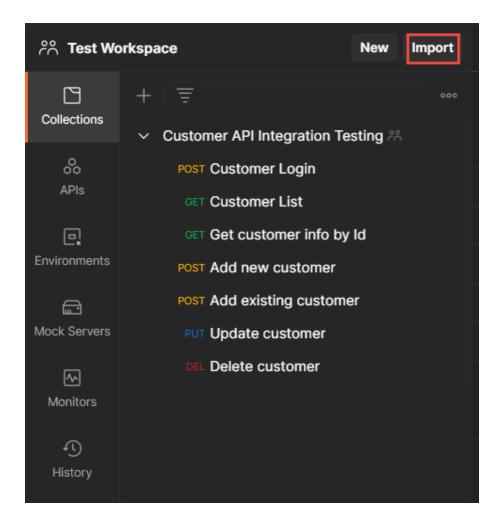
Step: Same way, you can export the environment and then save to your local disk where you saved the collection.



9. Import Collection

Step 1 --- Go to collection tab.

Step 2 --- Click on Import button.



You'll be able to import as link and files.

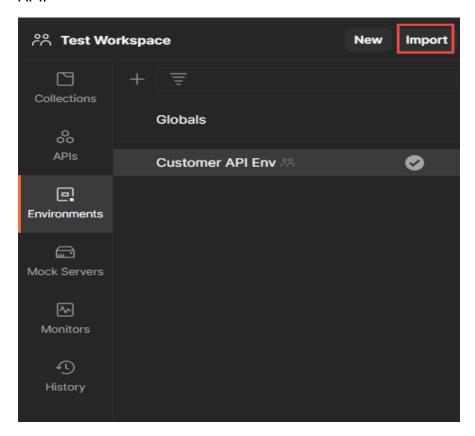
You will see the whole collection has been imported. Anybody can import your collection this way.

10. Import Environment

Step 1 --- Go to Environment tab.

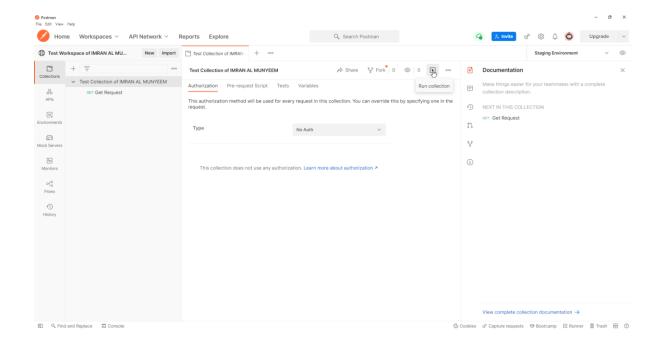
Step 2 --- Click on Import button.

Step 3 --- Locate the environment file you just exported. Now the importer can call any API.

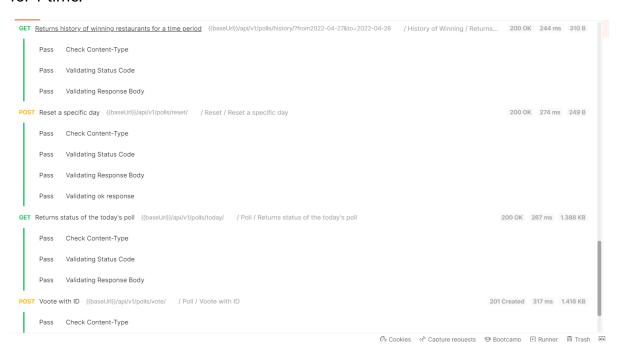


-----One way-----

Step 1 --- Select your collection and you will see a tab named Run. Click on there.



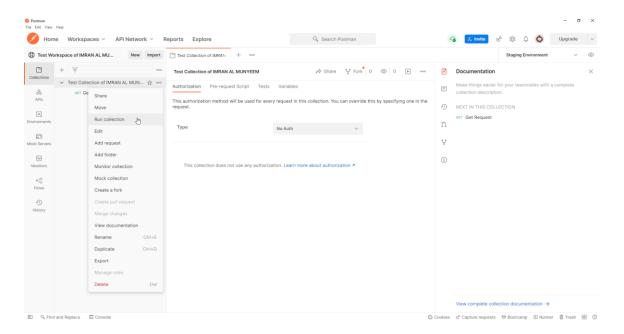
Step 2 — You will see Iteration is set by default 1 which means the whole test will run for 1 time.



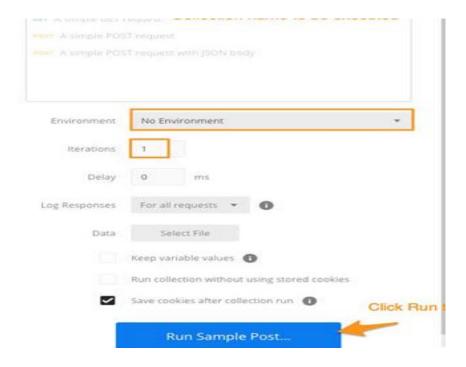
Run Collection

------Another way------

Step 1 --- Click on Run from [...]



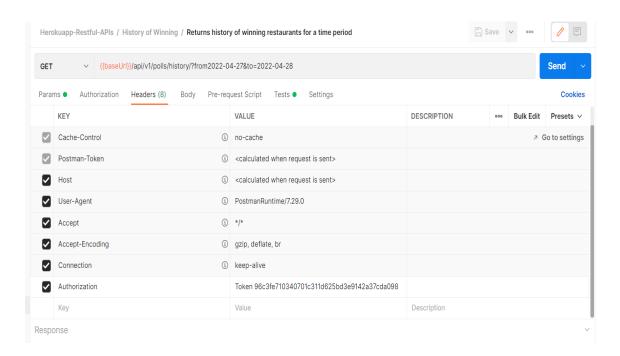
Step 2 --- Set Environment, iteration, data if needed.



12. Add authorization if available:

Steps:

- Click on Headers
- put an authorization name
- Put authorization key in the 'Value' field if you have.



13. Newman Guide - Report Generation

Step 1 --- check if node and npm is already installed: Open cmd and write

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C:\Users\ialmu>node -v
v14.17.6

C:\Users\ialmu>npm -v
6.14.15

C:\Users\ialmu>
```

Step 2 --- Install nodejs from (https://nodejs.org/en/download/)

Step 3 --- Install npm from (https://www.npmjs.com/package/download)

Step 4 --- Run this command on windows cmd to install newman (npm install –g newman)

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Command Prompt
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C:\Users\ialmu>npm install -g newman
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Step 5 --- Run this command on windows cmd to install newman htmlextra reporter (npm install –g newman-reporter-htmlextra)

Command Prompt Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.613] (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\Users\ialmu>npm install -g newman-reporter-htmlextra

Step 6 — Run this command on windows cmd to run the collection and make html report (newman run "collectionname" -r htmlextra)

Command Prompt Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.613] (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\Users\ialmu>newman run "C:\Imran\Fiverr\HerokuApp-API-Test-Postman\Collection\Postman Collection.json" -r htmlextra

Step 7 --- Then a folder named "Newman" will be created automatically where the report will be stored.

Step 8 --- To get more help on newman, visit here (https://www.npmjs.com/package/newman-reporter-html

14. Run from Jenkins

Step 1 — Download and install Java and set the environment variable for it (https://www.java.com/download/ie_manual.jsp)

Step 2 — Download and install JDK 8 and set the environment variable for it (https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/downloads/#jdk17-windows)

Step 3 --- Download Jenkins war file (https://www.jenkins.io/download/)

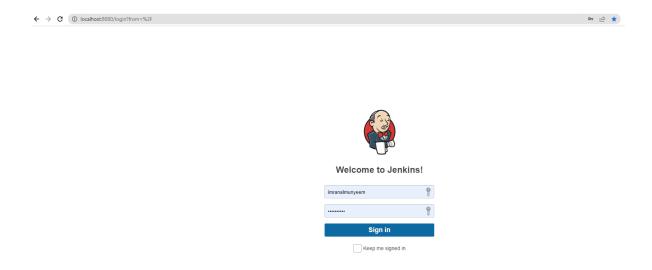
Step 4 — Go to the Jenkin's location, open cmd and write "java -jar jenkins.war" and it will run jenkins server on your local port 8080 (N.B: Don't close the cmd)

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

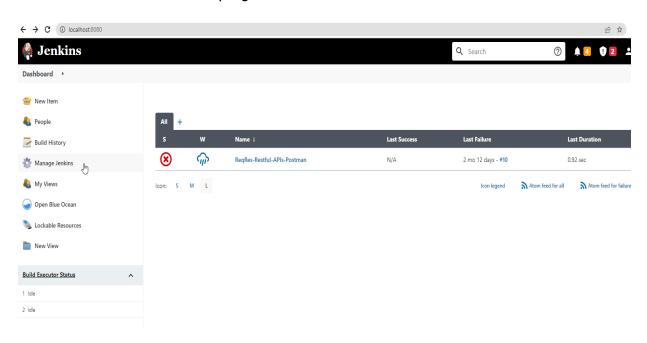
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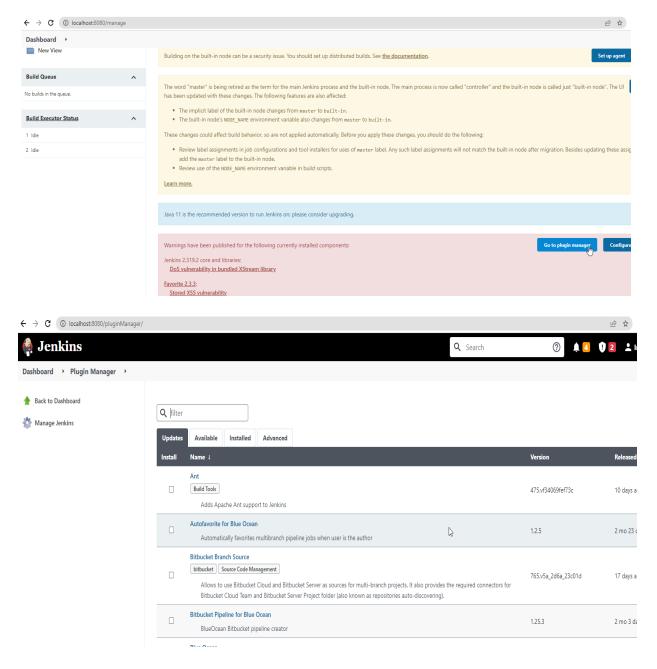
Step 5 --- Go there to use Jenkins (http://localhost:8080/credentials/)

Step 6 --- Setup and login to your Jenkins server.

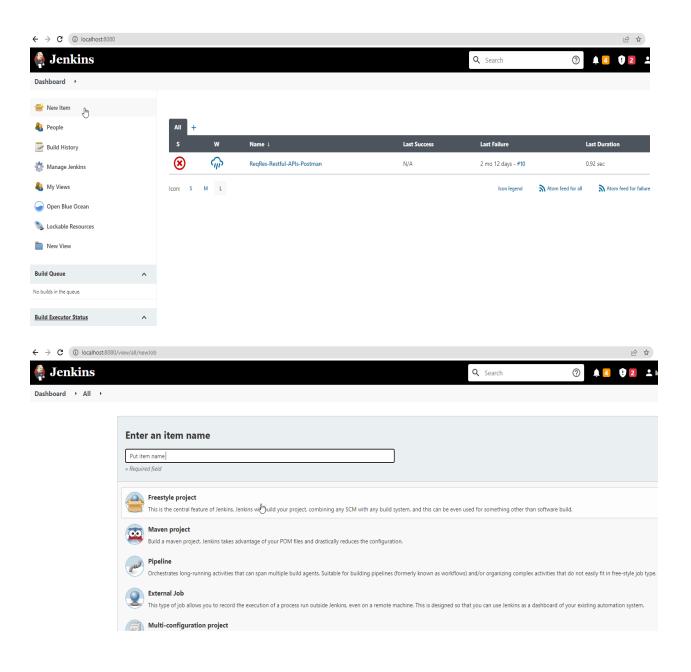


Step 7 --- Click on 'Manage Jenkins', find and click on "Plugin Manager", then select and install all the recommended plugins.





Step 8 --- Click on "New Item" from the left side, enter project name, select project type as your choice (Recommended: Freestyle) and save.



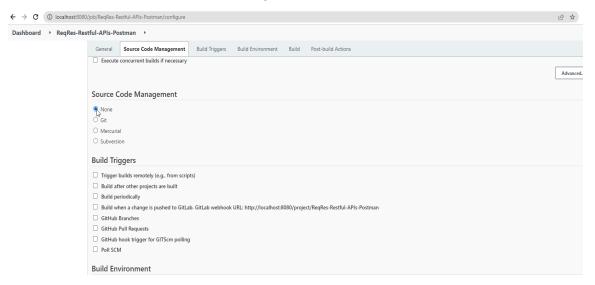
Step 9 --- Go to the project and click on "Configure" from the left.



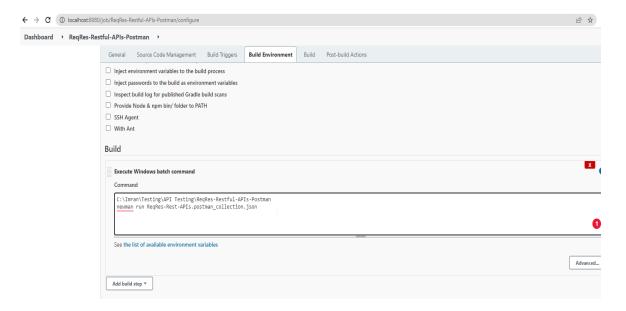
Step 10 --- Running from Different sources

Run from local device:

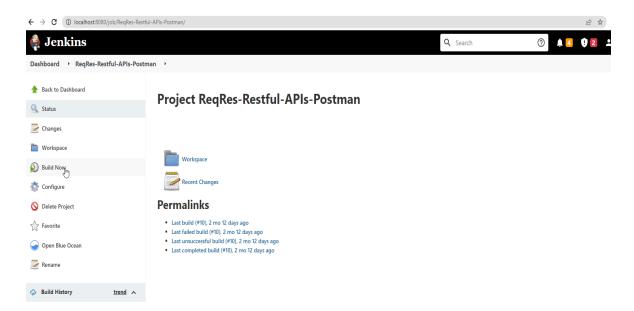
---> Select source code management to NO



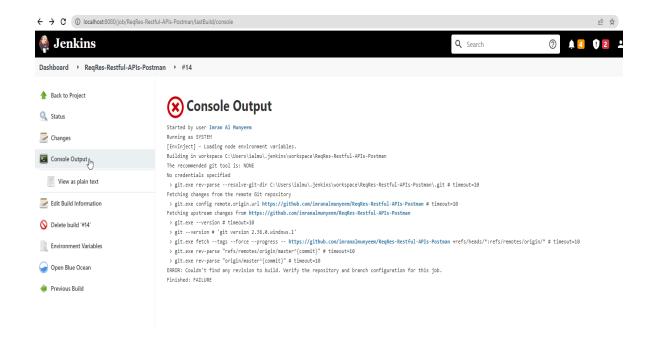
----> Select 'Execute Windows Batch Command" from 'Build' and write the Current project location and collection name and then save it.



---> Click on Build now from the left. It will start building.

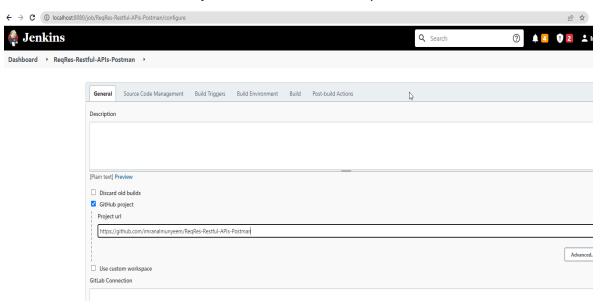


---> Click on console output to see the output -> click on view as plain text to see the plain view.



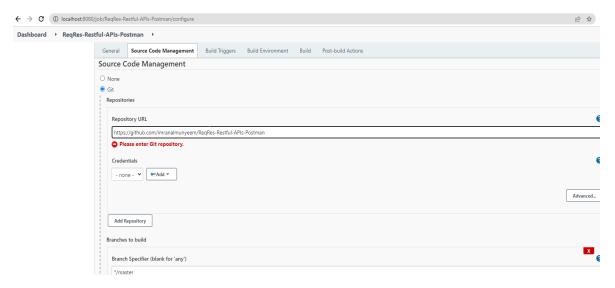
Running from Github:

---> Select 'GitHub Project" from 'General' and put GitHub link

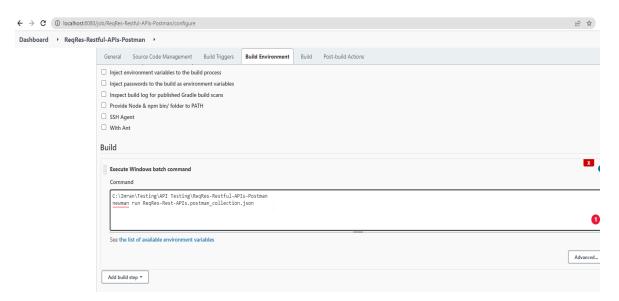


---> Select source code management to Git and add repository link.

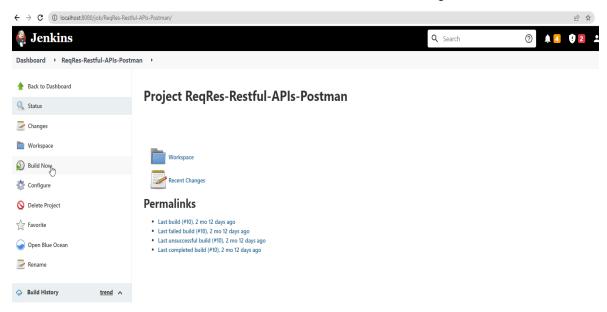
N.B: Add credentials if needed.



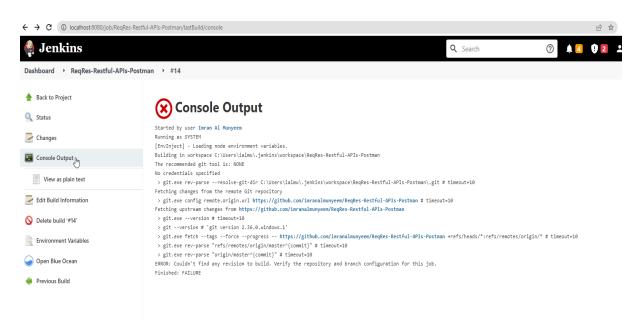
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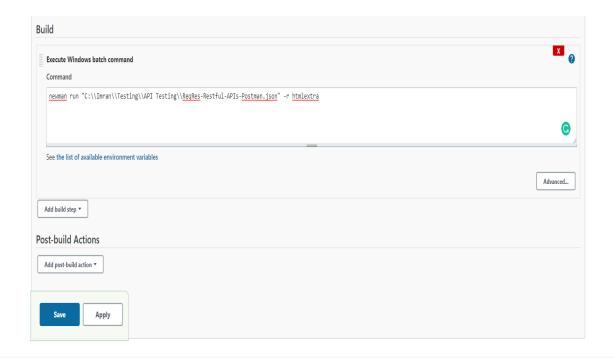


Automate Newman from Jenkins:

Steps — Just put newman command in windows batch command field. Rest of the steps will remain same like previous.

N.B: You can either put your collection file from device with location or you can also put collection link from the postman.

Now Jenkins will automatically run newman and also generate report after bulding the job. You can see the result just like you did before in previous steps.



FAQs:

1. What is Postman?

Postman is an API platform for developers to design, build, test and iterate their APIs.

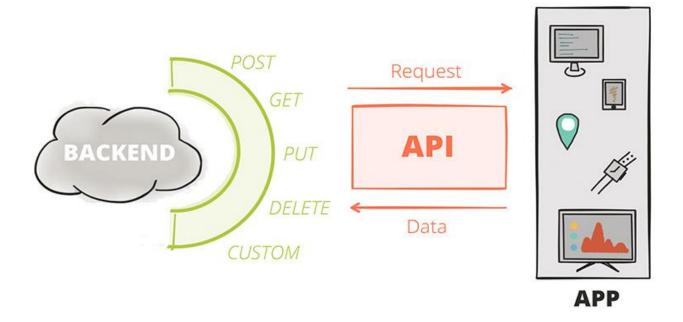
Using the Postman tool, we can send HTTP/s requests to a service, as well as get their responses. By doing this we can make sure that the service is up and running.

2. Why Postman?

- Free: It is free to download and use for teams of any size.
- APIs Support: You can make any kind of API call (REST, SOAP, or plain HTTP) and easily inspect even the largest responses.
- Extensible: You can customize it for your needs with the Postman API.
- Integration: You can easily integrate test suites into your preferred CI/CD service with Newman (command line collection runner)

3. What is an API?

Application Programming Interface (API) is a connector between user and database. When a user sends a request, API receives it, try to fetch the responses from database and provide responses.



4. What are the core components of an HTTP request?

An HTTP request includes five key elements:

- HTTP methods Set of request methods to perform desired action for a given resource (GET, PUT, PATCH, POST, DELETE)
- Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) Describes the resource
- HTTP Version, (example- HTTP v1.1)
- Request Headers, (example- Content-type : application/json, Content-Length : 511)
- Payload It is basically a Request Body which includes message content.

5. State the Core Components of an HTTP Response?

Every HTTP response contains four key elements.

- Status/Response Code These are response codes issued by a server to a client's request. For example, 404 means Page Not Found, and 200 means Response is OK.
- HTTP Version describes HTTP version, for example-HTTP v1.1.
- Response Header Includes information for the HTTP response message. For example, Content-type, Content-length, date, status and server type.
- Response Body It contains the data that was requested by a client to se

6. What are the HTTP Response codes?

HTTP response status codes indicate whether a specific HTTP request has been successfully completed. Responses are grouped in five classes:

- Informational responses (100–199)
- Successful responses (200–299)
- Redirection messages (300–399)
- Client error responses (400–499)
- Server error responses (500–599)

7. Explain the HTTP Response codes with their types?

100	Continue	409	Conflict	
101	Switching Protocols	410	Gone	
102	Processing	411	Length Required	
E With a constant was #2		412	Precondition Failed	
2XX Success		413	Payload Too Large	
200	OK	414	Request-URI Too Long	
201	Created	415	Unsupported Media Type	
202	Accepted	416	Requested Range Not Satisfiable	
203	Non-authoritative Information	417	Expectation Failed	
204	No Content	418	I'm a teapot	
205	Reset Content	421	Misdirected Request	
206	Partial Content	422	Unprocessable Entity	
207	Multi-Status	423	Locked	
208	Already Reported	424	Failed Dependency	
226	IM Used	426	Upgrade Required	
3XX Redirectional		428	Precondition Required	
300	Multiple Choices	429	Too Many Requests	
301	Moved Permanently	431	Request Header Fields Too Large	
302	Found	444	Connection Closed Without Response	
303	See Other	451	Unavailable For Legal Reasons	
304	Not Modified	499	Client Closed Request	
305	Use Proxy			
307	Temporary Redirect	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	5XX Server Error	
308	Permanent Redirect	500	Internal Server Error	
300000000000000000000000000000000000000		501	Not Implemented	
4XX Client Error		502	Bad Gateway	
400	Bad Request	503	Service Unavailable	
401	Unauthorized	504	Gateway Timeout	
402	Payment Required	505	HTTP Version Not Supported	
403	Forbidden	506	Variant Also Negotiates	
404	Not Found	507	Insufficient Storage	
405	Method Not Allowed	508	Loop Detected	
406	Not Acceptable	510	Not Extended	
407	Proxy Authentication Required	511	Network Authentication Required	
408	Request Timeout	599	Network Connect Timeout Error	
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8. What API information is exposed in Web Developer tools?

Request headers, Response body, Response cookies

9. What can we use to get API information from web developer tools into Postman?

Copy as cURL can get API information from web developer tools into Postman.

10. In which type of encoding does postman accept authorization credentials?

Postman accepts Base64 encoding only. This is provided inbuilt in postman or else you can also refer 3rd party websites to convert the credentials in base64.

11. Why does Postman accept Base64 encoding only?

We use base64 particularly because it transmits the data into the textual form and sends it in easier form such as HTML form data. Also, we can rely on the same 64 characters in any encoding language that we use.

12. What is meant by the term environment in postman?

An environment in postman is a set of key value pairs. You can create multiple environments in postman which can be switched quickly with a press of a button. There are 2 types of environments, global and local.

13. Can global scope variables have duplicate names in postman?

Since global variables are global i.e., without any environment, global variables cannot have duplicate names. Local variables can have the same name but in different environments.

14. Which one will be preferred in postman- a global variable or a local variable?

In postman, if 2 variables have the same name (one being local, other global) then the higher priority is of the local variable. it will overwrite the global variable.

15. What is a Postman Collection?

A Postman Collection lets us group individual requests together. Simply it allows us to organize the requests into folders.

16. What do you mean by postman monitors?

The postman monitor is used for running collections. Collections are run till specified time defined by the user. Postman Monitor requires the user to be logged in. Monitor reports are shared by users over email on a daily/monthly basis.

17. What do you understand by the term Postman Collection runners?

A postman collection runner is used to perform Data-driven testing. The group of API requests are run in a collection for the multiple iterations with different sets of data.

18. Can local variables be imported in Postman Monitors?

Yes. Postman monitors allow to import local variables but it does not allow to import global variables.

19. What is the purpose of Postman cloud if we are working in a company? Why?

A Postman cloud is a common repository of companies to access Postman collections. In Postman cloud, work can be saved instantly after logging in. Anyone from the team can access data/collections from anywhere.

20. Why is it not preferred to save work in Postman cloud?

It is not preferred to save your work in Postman cloud as company's work is not allowed to be leaked and remain confidential. Security breaches can be experienced if Postman cloud is used as Postman cloud requires sign in. Therefore, Postman Cloud is discouraged for saving work and team workspace is highly encouraged.

21. When do we use global variables, collection variables, and local variables?

Global variables are general purpose variables, ideal for quick results, and prototyping. They are used while passing data to other requests.

Collection variables can be mostly used for storing some constants that do not change during the execution of the collection. They are used for constants that do not change during the execution and also for URLs / authentication credentials if only one environment exists.

Local variables are only available within the request that has set them or when using Newman/Collection runner during the entire execution. They are used whenever you would like to override all other variable scopes.

22. How do you remove local variables?

Local variables are automatically removed once the tests have been executed.

23. How can we stop executing requests or stop the collection run?

postman.setNextRequest(null);

24. What is the difference between form data and x-www-form-urlencoded?

The difference between the form data and x-www-form-urlencoded is that the url will be encoded when sent through x-www-form-urlencoded.

25. Where are query parameters stored in a GET request?

Query parameters are stored in the URL in a GET request.

26. How can we access a Postman variable?

We can access a Postman variable by entering the variable name as {{var}}

27. What is the HTTP response code for a POST request with incorrect parameters?

400 Bad Request is an ideal response code for request with incorrect parameters.

28. How can you iterate a request 100 times in Postman?

By using Collection Runner.

31. How can we organize requests in Postman?

We can organize requests in Postman with the Collections.

32. Which programming language is used for Postman tests?

JavaScript.

33. What will execute first in a Collection Run?

Pre-request scripts at the Collection level are executed first in a Collection run.

34. What are some of the JS libraries available in Postman?

Lodash, Moment, GUID

35. Which tool can be used to run Postman Collections in Jenkins?

Newman can be used.

36. How can we log requests and responses in Postman?

We can view requests logs and response logs through the Postman Console window.

37. What is GUID?

GUID stands for Global Unique Identifier. It is basically hexadecimal digits separated by hyphens. GUID solves the purpose of uniqueness.

In Postman, we use this to generate and send a random value to APIs.