API test strategy

Purpose

- Prove implementation is working correctly as expected.
- Ensure implementation is working as specified, according to requirements specification.
- Provide useful information when tests fail so that it is easy for developers to reproduce and fix.
- Prevent regressions between releases

Approach

- Fully automated test system implemented in nodejs.
- Autorun after API deployment.
- After running, create a clear report of all test cases: request, expected response, actual response

Simple unit test for this API

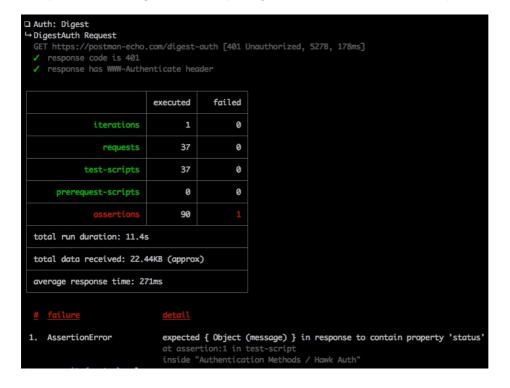
Use **newman**, in conjunction with CI build to run API testing right after deployment process completed.

Sample project (to describe how to use newman in a nodejs project):

 $https://github.com/dinhnhat0401/api_test/blob/master/test/run-collections-in-directory.js \\ https://github.com/dinhnhat0401/api_test/blob/master/test/collections/sample-collection.json$

Test coverage report is supported by newman.

Sample test coverage result: https://github.com/dinhnhat0401/api_test/tree/master/newman



Scenario test possible for the API

- A. Incorrect handling of valid argument values
- B. Fails to handle error conditions gracefully.
- C. Inconsistent error handling
- D. Performance
- E. Multiple concurrent requests issue
- F. Stress test

A. Incorrect handling of valid argument values

GET/media/media-id/comments

- Test 1: valid media-id, valid access_token, expect status code 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, valid access_token, expect response has valid json body
- Test 3: valid media-id, valid access_token, expect response object contains attribute data, response.data is empty array
- Test 4: valid media-id, valid access_token, expect response object contains attribute data, response.data is non-empty array, response.data[0].created_time is string, parseInt(response.data[0].created_time, 10) is valid timestamp, response.data[0].text is string, response.data[0].id is string, response.data[0].from is object
- Test 5: valid media-id, valid access_token, expect response object contains attribute data, response.data is non-empty array, response.data[0] to have property created_time with value 1280780324, response.data[0] to have property text with value Really amazing photo!, response.data[0] to have property id with value 420,

POST/media/media-id/comments

- Test 1: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid text, expect status code 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid text, expect response has valid json body
- Test 3: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid text, expect response has valid json body, json body contain meta, json().meta to have property code with value 200, json().data is null

DEL/media/media-id/comments/comment-id

- Test 1: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid comment-id, expect status code 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid comment-id, expect response has valid json body
- Test 3: valid media-id, valid access_token, valid comment-id, expect response has valid json body, json body contain meta, json().meta to have property code with value 200, json().data is null

B. Fails to handle error conditions gracefully.

GET/media/media-id/comments

- Test 1: invalid media-id, valid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, invalid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 3: valid media-id but scope is NOT contain public_content, valid access_token NOT the owner of media-id, expect status code NOT equal 200

POST/media/media-id/comments

- Test 1: invalid media-id, valid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, invalid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 3: valid media-id (scope is NOT contain public_content), valid access_token NOT the owner of media-id, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 4: valid media-id (scope is NOT contain comments), valid access_token NOT the owner of media-id, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 5: valid media-id, valid access_token, text with 301 characters, expect status code is NOT equal 200
- Test 6: valid media-id, valid access_token, text with 1000 characters, expect status code is NOT equal 200
- Test 7: valid media-id, valid access_token, text with 5 hashtags, expect status code is NOT equal 200
- Test 8: valid media-id, valid access_token, text with 2 URL, expect status code is NOT equal 200
- Test 9: valid media-id, valid access_token, text with all characters capitalized, expect status code is NOT equal 200

DEL/media/media-id/comments/comment-id

- Test 1: invalid media-id, valid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 2: valid media-id, invalid access_token, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 3: valid media-id (scope is NOT public_content), valid access_token NOT the owner of media-id, expect status code NOT equal 200
- Test 4: valid media-id (scope is NOT contain comments), valid access_token NOT the owner of media-id, expect status code NOT equal 200

C. Inconsistent error handling

Try each test scenario described in B. Fails to handle error condidtions gracefully 5 times(or more) Expected results: response status code and reponse json is consistent.

D. Performance

Call the API with appropriate params.

Expected results: response is received in less than α ms (e.g. 200 ms)

• Sample:

 $https://github.com/dinhnhat0401/api_test/blob/master/test/collections/sample-collection.json\#L54$

E. Multiple concurrent requests issue

Create 2 or more threads.

On each thread, call same API simultaneously.

Expected results:

Response time should not be greater than α seconds for β percent of total request completed.

Sample:

https://github.com/dinhnhat0401/api_test/blob/master/test/parallel-collection-runs.js#L29

F. Stress test

Use tool like JMeter to stress test request to api server with first 10 concurrent users increasing concurrent users +10 each time. Monitoring server CPU to see when it around 100%. Check if capacity of server is enough to handle desired request number.

Expected results:

Application hosting process should not recycle because of deadlock or memory consumption. Response time should not be greater than α seconds for β percent of total request completed. "Server busy" errors should not be more than 10 percent of the total response because of contention-related issues.