

USING THE SPOTIFY API

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WHAT'S AN API?

- AN **A**PPPLICATION **P**ROGRAMMING **I**NTERFACE (**API**)
ALLOWS YOU TO INTERACT WITH AN EXISTING PROGRAM,
EITHER FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES OR TO CREATE YOUR
OWN APP.



WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE SPOTIFY API?

- GET INFO ABOUT...
 - ARTISTS: # OF FOLLOWERS, GENRES, POPULARITY (0-100)
 - ALBUMS: DATE, GENRES, POPULARITY, TRACKS
 - SONG FEATURES: DANCEABILITY, ENERGY, KEY, MODE, VALENCE, TEMPO, TIME SIG., DURATION
 - AUDIO ANALYSIS: LOUDNESS, TIMBRE

AND MUCH MORE!!!

GETTING STARTED: WEB API CONSOLE

[HTTPS://DEVELOPER.SPOTIFY.COM/WEB-API/CONSOLE/](https://developer.spotify.com/web-api/console/)

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

A SPOTIFY ACCOUNT

A SPOTIFY ITEM ID (E.G. FOR SONG: 2VEQ9ZBIWBAVXZS2S0XODY)

GOING FURTHER: SHELL SCRIPT

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

UNIX SYSTEM (MAYBE WITH JQ TOOL)

A SET OF SHELL SCRIPTS

A SPOTIFY ACCOUNT

A SPOTIFY ENDPOINT (E.G. FOR FEATURES: /V1/AUDIO-FEATURES/{ID})

(SEE [HTTPS://DEVELOPER.SPOTIFY.COM/WEB-API/ENDPOINT-REFERENCE/](https://developer.spotify.com/web-api/endpoint-reference/))

A SPOTIFY ITEM ID (E.G. FOR SONG: 0MT02GJ425XJM7C3JYK0BN)

SOME FEATURES OF THIS SHELL SCRIPT

- **AUTOMATICALLY USES YOUR CLIENT ID AND CLIENT SECRET TO GENERATE A NEW AUTHENTICATION TOKEN (ALL BEHIND THE SCENE)**
- **AUTOMATICALLY SAVES THE RESULTS OF YOUR LAST QUERY IN A TEMP FILE FOR IMMEDIATE USE**
- **ALLOWS YOU TO DESIGN MORE COMPLEX QUERIES**

SAMPLE PROBLEMS (FROM README FILE)

- **CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF MEASURES IN A SONG**
- **GET THE SPOTIFY ID FOR EVERY SONGS ON AN ALBUM**
- **GET THE NAME AND DURATION (IN MS) OF EVERY SONGS ON AN ALBUM**
- **SORT ALBUM TRACKS BY ASCENDING TEMPO**



That's all Folks!