

A little bit of  
**REST API** testing

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#WHOAMI

your true story  
starts here

#whoami

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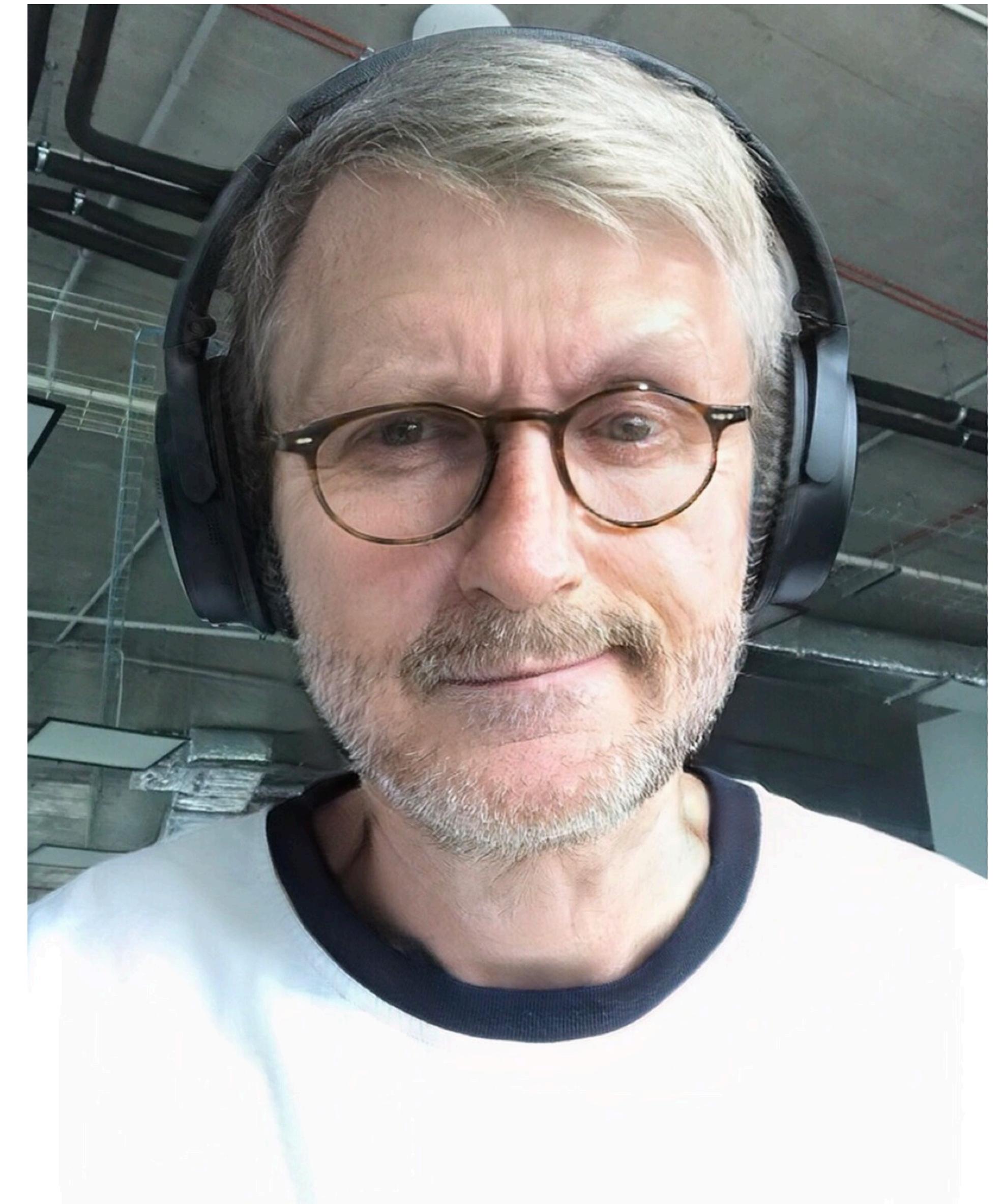
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I distance myself from the bullshit.

#DIMA

# #DISCLAIMER

#SMALLSURVEY

- #AGENDA.  
INTRODUCTION.
- DEEP DIVE.
- LESSONS LEARNED.

- WHAT IS AN API?
- WHAT YOU SHOULD ~~KNOW~~ <sup>#AGENDA</sup> TO START API TESTING?
- TESTING OF THE REST-API DOCUMENTATION.
- CORRECT APPROACH TO REST-API TESTING  
(ONE OF...)

# **CHAPTER #1 -**

# **WHAT IS AN API?**

# APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

**THE ONLY THING THAT CAN  
SAVE YOU, THIS IS...**

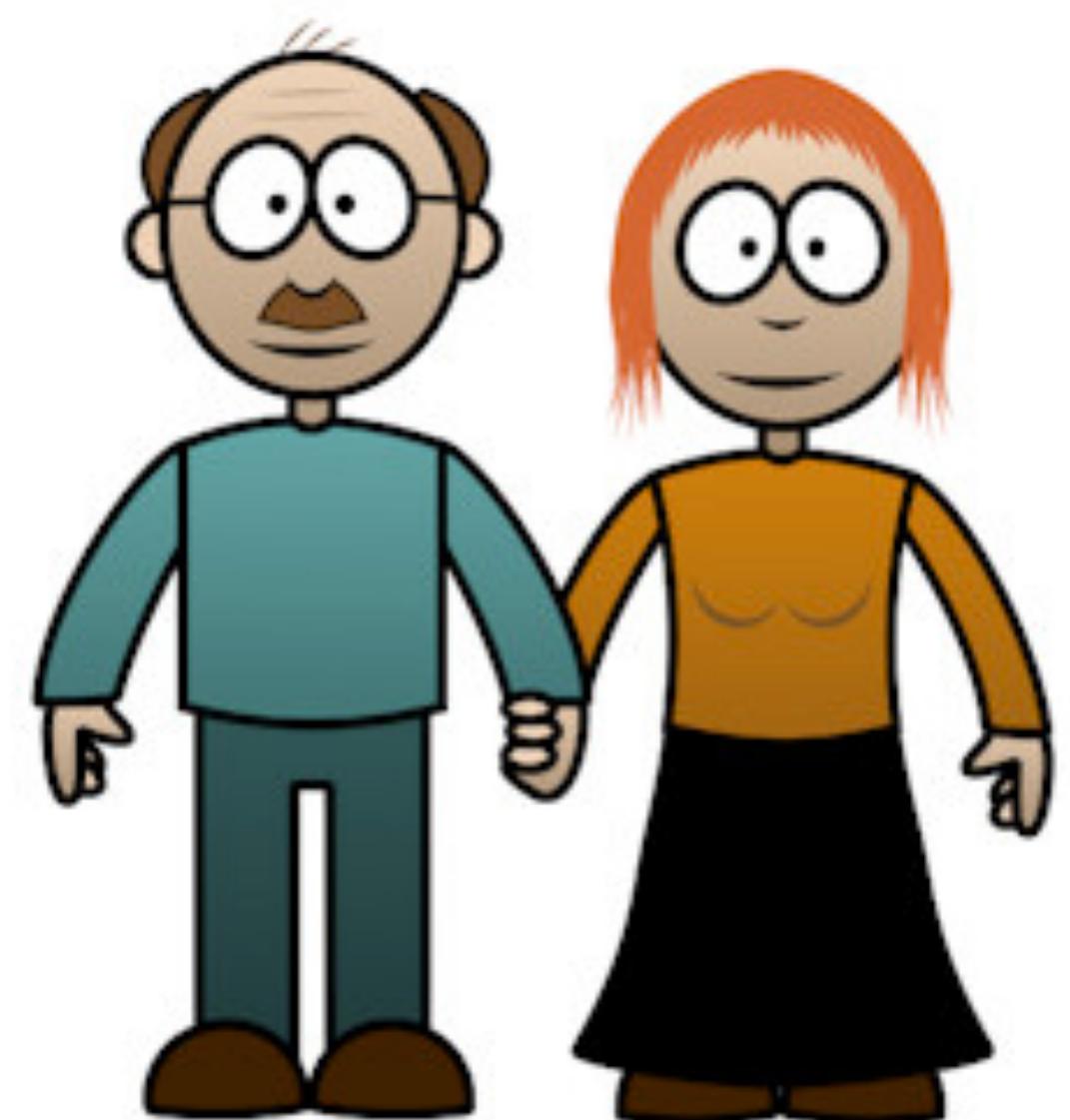
# **UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT AREA**

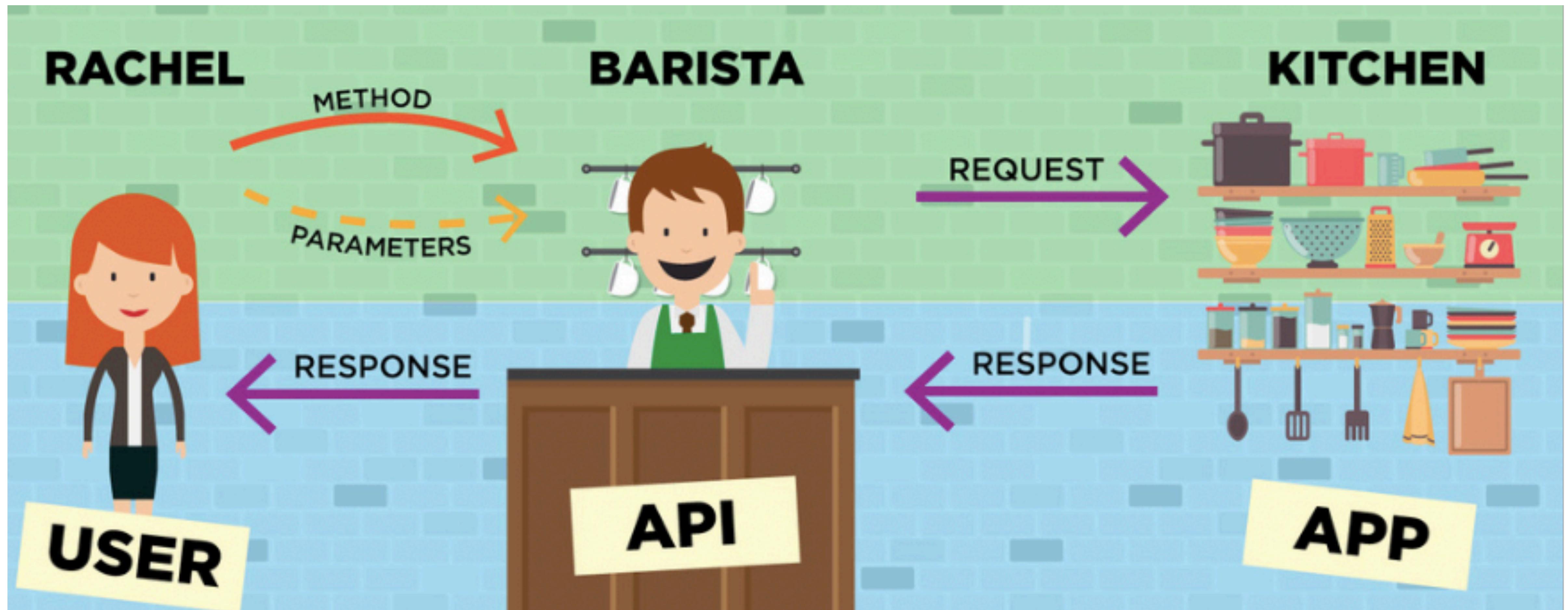
**LET'S START BY TRYING  
TO DESCRIBE IT**

**CLIENT**

**API**

**SERVER**





**CHAPTER #2 -**

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW  
TO START REST-API TESTING?**

# CHAPTER #2.1

- HTTP methods / CRUD
- HTTP headers
- HTTP status codes

# HTTP Methods

**CRUD:** create, read, update, delete

- POST
- GET
- PUT, PATCH
- DELETE

# HTTP HEADERS

**Headers can be grouped according to their contexts:**

- **General header**: Headers applying to both requests and responses but with no relation to the data eventually transmitted in the body.
- **Request header**: Headers containing more information about the resource to be fetched or about the client itself.
- **Response header**: Headers with additional information about the response, like its location or about the server itself (name and version etc.).
- **Entity header**: Headers containing more information about the body of the entity, like its content length or its MIME-type.

# QUICK DEMO

API TESTING STARTS WITH  
KNOWING THE STATUSES  
OF THE CODES...

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue lace-trimmed top and a tan shoulder bag, looks towards two men in a subway station. One man is in the foreground on the left, wearing a green shirt. The other man is on the right, wearing a grey t-shirt. They appear to be engaged in a conversation.

#rest-api testing

#status\_codes

# QUIZ

# STATUS CODES

**200 - ???**

**201 - ???**

**204 - ???**

**304 - ???**

**400 - ???**

**401 - ???**

**403 - ???**

**404 - ???**

**405 - ???**

**500 - ???**

**502 - ???**

# STATUS CODES

??? - Accepted

??? - Partial Content

??? - Conflict

??? - I'm a teapot

??? - Unprocessable Entity (WebDAV)

??? - Service Unavailable

??? - Gateway Timeout

## 1xx Informational

100 Continue

101 Switching Protocols

102 Processing (WebDAV)

## 2xx Success

★ 200 OK  
203 Non-Authoritative Information  
206 Partial Content  
226 IM Used

★ 201 Created  
★ 204 No Content  
207 Multi-Status (WebDAV)

202 Accepted  
205 Reset Content  
208 Already Reported (WebDAV)

## 3xx Redirection

300 Multiple Choices  
303 See Other  
306 (Unused)

301 Moved Permanently  
★ 304 Not Modified  
307 Temporary Redirect

302 Found  
305 Use Proxy  
308 Permanent Redirect (experimental)

## 4xx Client Error

★ 400 Bad Request  
★ 403 Forbidden  
406 Not Acceptable  
★ 409 Conflict  
412 Precondition Failed  
415 Unsupported Media Type  
418 I'm a teapot (RFC 2324)  
423 Locked (WebDAV)  
426 Upgrade Required  
431 Request Header Fields Too Large  
450 Blocked by Windows Parental Controls (Microsoft)

★ 401 Unauthorized  
★ 404 Not Found  
407 Proxy Authentication Required  
410 Gone  
413 Request Entity Too Large  
416 Requested Range Not Satisfiable  
420 Enhance Your Calm (Twitter)  
424 Failed Dependency (WebDAV)  
428 Precondition Required  
444 No Response (Nginx)  
451 Unavailable For Legal Reasons

402 Payment Required  
405 Method Not Allowed  
408 Request Timeout  
411 Length Required  
414 Request-URI Too Long  
417 Expectation Failed  
422 Unprocessable Entity (WebDAV)  
425 Reserved for WebDAV  
429 Too Many Requests  
449 Retry With (Microsoft)  
499 Client Closed Request (Nginx)

## 5xx Server Error

★ 500 Internal Server Error  
503 Service Unavailable  
506 Variant Also Negotiates (Experimental)  
509 Bandwidth Limit Exceeded (Apache)  
598 Network read timeout error

501 Not Implemented  
504 Gateway Timeout  
507 Insufficient Storage (WebDAV)  
510 Not Extended  
599 Network connect timeout error

502 Bad Gateway  
505 HTTP Version Not Supported  
508 Loop Detected (WebDAV)  
511 Network Authentication Required

CRUD - Create, read, update and delete

<b>HTTP verb</b>	<b>CRUD correspondence</b>	<b>Collection: / orders</b>	<b>Instance: / orders / {id}</b>
GET	READ	Read a list orders. 200 OK.	Read the detail of a single order. 200 OK.
POST	CREATE	Create a new order. 201 Created.	-
PUT	UPDATE / CREATE	-	Full Update. 200 OK. Create a specific order. 201 Created.
PATCH	UPDATE	-	Partial Update. 200 OK.
DELETE	DELETE	-	Delete order. 200 OK or 204.

# **CHAPTER #2.2**

# **WHAT IS REST?**

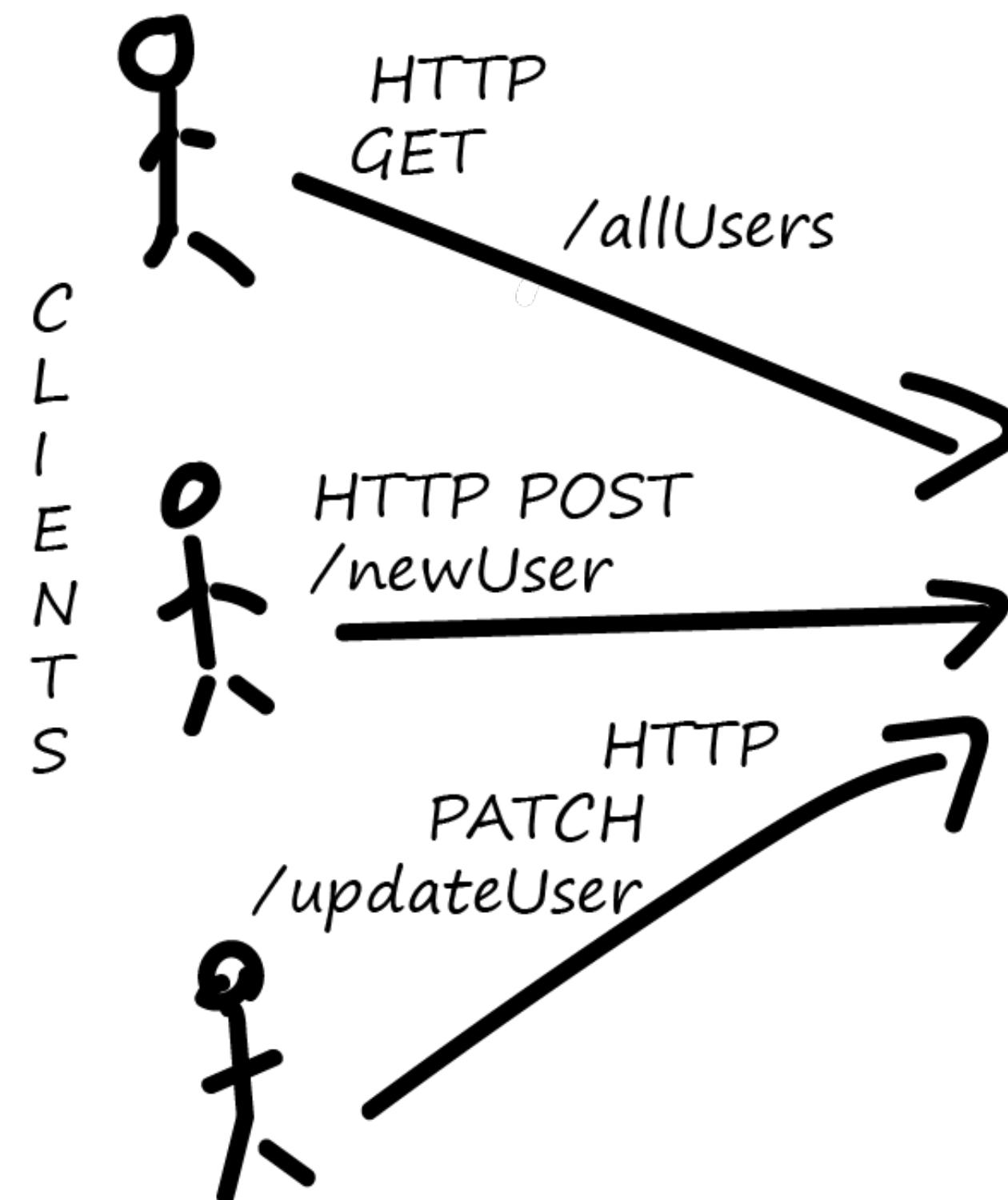
# Representational State Transfer

It means when a RESTful API is called, the server will *transfer* to the client a *representation* of the *state* of the requested resource.

# WHAT IS REST?

- Architecture style for designing networked applications.
- Uniform interface.
- Client - server.
- Stateless.
- Cacheable.

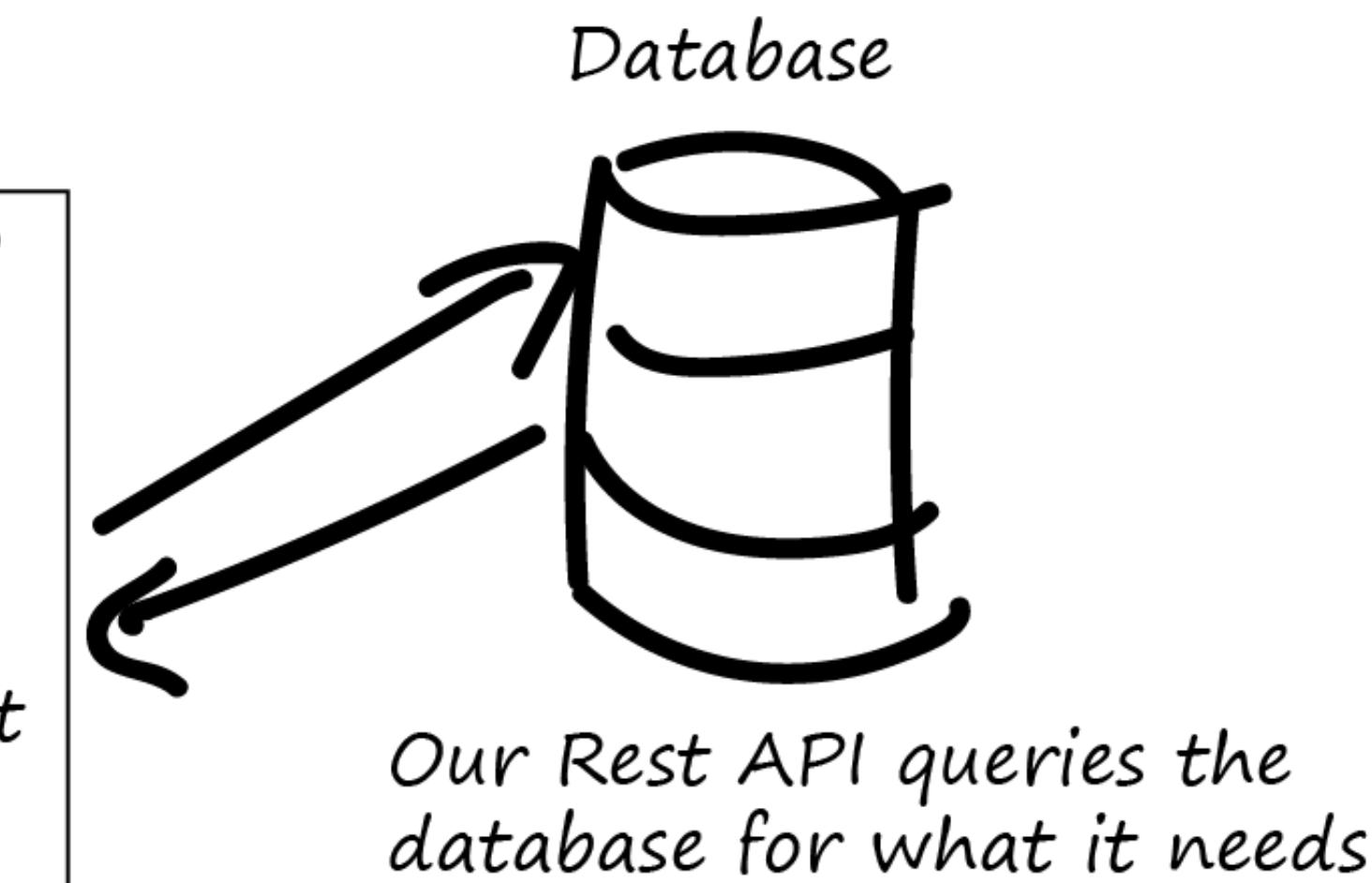
# Rest API Basics



Our Clients, send HTTP Requests and wait for responses

**Rest API**  
Receives HTTP requests from Clients and does whatever request needs. i.e create users

Typical HTTP Verbs:  
GET → Read from Database  
PUT → Update/Replace row in Database  
PATCH → Update/Modify row in Database  
POST → Create a new record in the database  
DELETE → Delete from the database



Response: When the Rest API has what it needs, it sends back a response to the clients. This would typically be in JSON or XML format.

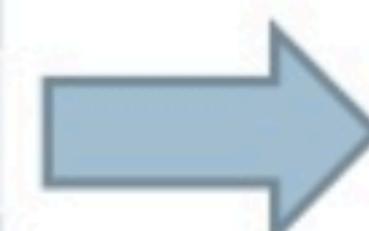
OK... BUT, WHAT'S  
UNDER...?

# CHAPTER #2.2

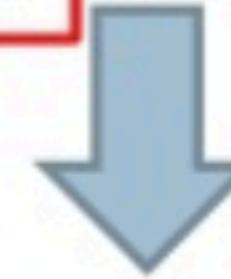
# SERIALIZATION / DESERIALIZATION

# SQL results as JSON

ID	Name	Price	Tags	Data
15	Bike	100	[...]	{...}
16	Car	29000	[...]	{...}
17	BB Ba...	29,99		{...}
18	Blade	18.50	[...]	{...}
19	Helmet	41.99	[...]	{...}



```
SELECT ProductID, Name, Price,  
       Tags = JSON_QUERY(Tags),  
       Data = JSON_QUERY(Data)  
  FROM Product  
FOR JSON PATH
```

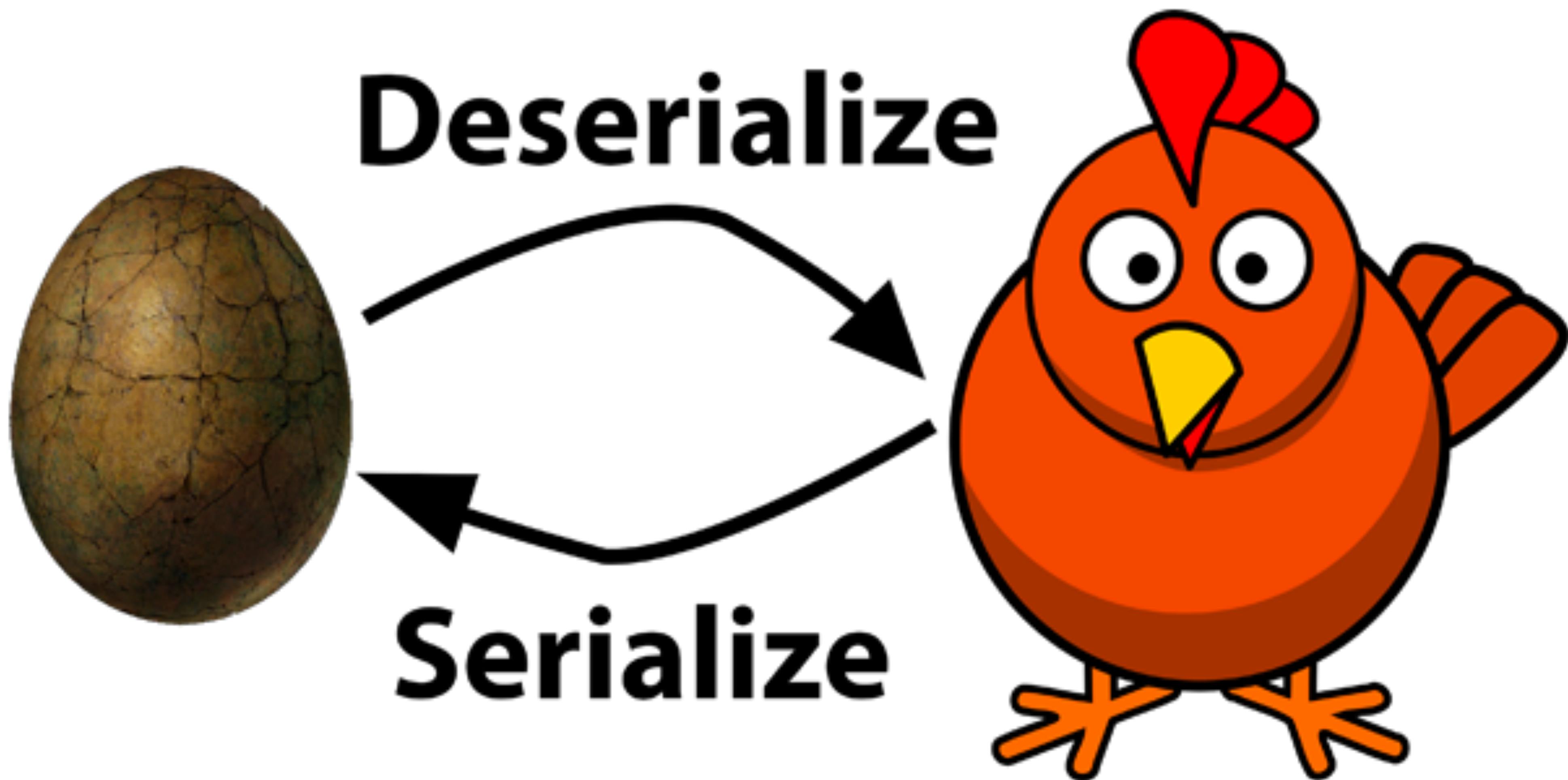


```
[  
  {"ProductID":15,"Name":"Bike","Price":100,"Data":{"Type":"Part","Madeln":"SRB"}},  
  {"ProductID":16,"Name":"Car","Price":29000,"Tags":["promo"],"Data":{"Cost":11.67,"Type":"Part"}},  
  {"ProductID":17,"Name":"BB Ball Bearing","Price":28.99,"Data":{"Cost":21.162700,"Type":"Part"}},  
  {"ProductID":18,"Name":"Blade","Price":18.50,"Tags":["new"],"Data":{}},  
  {"ProductID":19,"Name":"Helmet","Price":41.99,"Tags":["promo"],"Data":{"Cost":30.65}}]  
]
```

# **WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

## TWO WORDS:

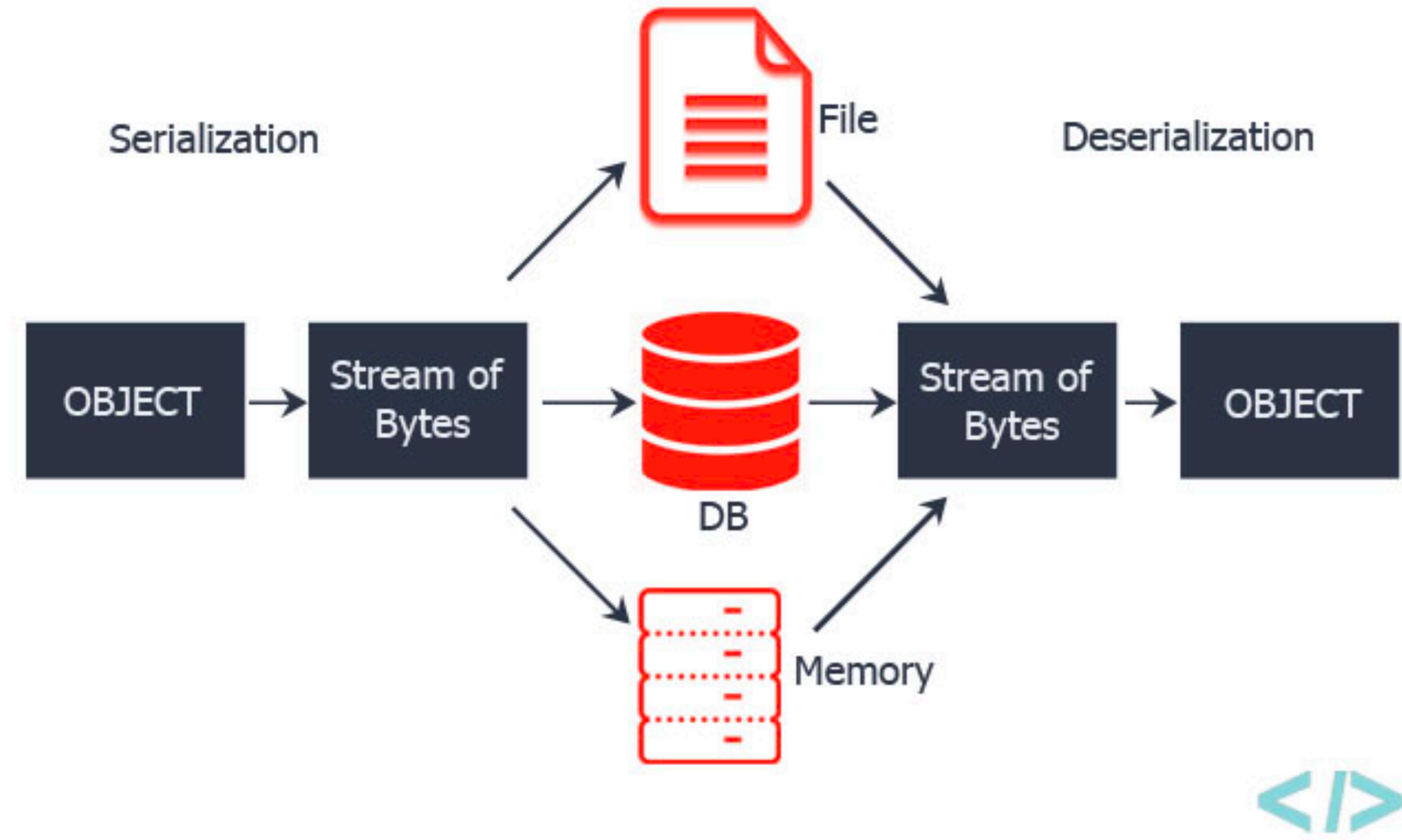
- **Serialization.**
- **Deserialization.**



# SERIALIZATION AND DESERIALIZATION

**Serialization** is a process of converting an object into a sequence of bytes which can be persisted to a disk or database or can be sent through streams.

The reverse process of creating object from sequence of bytes is called **deserialization**.



# QUICK DEMO

# LET'S TRACK OUR PROCESS:

- #1. We are understand “What is an API”.
- #2. We know that API TESTING starts with knowing the statuses of the codes.
- #3. We know what is “Serialization” and “Deserialization”.

Let's move on...

# CHAPTER #3 - HOW TO TEST API WITHOUT DOC.?

# **CHAPTER #4 -**

# **TESTING OF THE REST-API DOCUMENTATION**

WHICH TOOLS WE CAN USE TO  
DOCUMENT OUR API???

- SWAGGER
- APIARY
- API DOCS
- REDOC
- etc.

# TOOLS QUICK DEMO

# WHAT IS OpenAPI?

**OpenAPI Specification** (formerly Swagger Specification) is an API description format for REST APIs.

An OpenAPI file allows you to describe your entire API, including:

- Available endpoints (/users) and operations on each endpoint (GET /users, POST /users)
- Operation parameters Input and output for each operation.
- Authentication methods.
- Contact information, license, terms of use and other information.

API specifications can be written in YAML or JSON. The format is easy to learn and readable to both humans and machines.

# OpenAPI QUICK DEMO

POST

/store/order Place an order for a pet

Parameters

Try it out

Name	Description
<b>body</b> * required (body)	order placed for purchasing the pet

Example Value | Model

```
{
  "id": 0,
  "petId": 0,
  "quantity": 0,
  "shipDate": "2019-04-28T08:24:51.028Z",
  "status": "placed",
  "complete": false
}
```

Parameter content type

application/json ▾

Responses

Response content type application/json ▾

Code	Description
200	<i>successful operation</i>
400	<i>Invalid Order</i>

Example Value | Model

```
{
  "id": 0,
  "petId": 0,
  "quantity": 0,
  "shipDate": "2019-04-28T08:24:58.023Z",
  "status": "placed",
  "complete": false
}
```

**POST** /pet Add a new pet to the store 

**Parameters** [Try it out](#)

Name	Description
<b>body</b> * required <i>(body)</i>	Pet object that needs to be added to the store

[Example Value](#) | Model

```
{  
    "id": 0,  
    "category": {  
        "id": 0,  
        "name": "string"  
    },  
    "name": "doggie",  
    "photoUrls": [  
        "string"  
    ],  
    "tags": [  
        {  
            "id": 0,  
            "name": "string"  
        }  
    ],  
    "status": "available"  
}
```

Parameter content type application/json

**Responses** Response content type application/json

Code	Description
405	Invalid input

**DELETE** /pet/{petId} Deletes a pet



#### Parameters

[Try it out](#)

##### Name

api\_key

string

(header)

**petId** \* required

integer(\$int64)

(path)

##### Description

Pet id to delete

#### Responses

Response content type

application/xml



##### Code

##### Description

400

*Invalid ID supplied*

404

*Pet not found*

GET

/store/order/{orderId} Find purchase order by ID

For valid response try integer IDs with value >= 1 and <= 10. Other values will generate exceptions

## Parameters

Try it out

Name	Description
<b>orderId</b> * required integer(\$int64) (path)	ID of pet that needs to be fetched

## Responses

Response content type application/json ▾

Code	Description
200	<i>successful operation</i>

Example Value | Model

```
{  
    "id": 0,  
    "petId": 0,  
    "quantity": 0,  
    "shipDate": "2019-04-28T08:26:28.634Z",  
    "status": "placed",  
    "complete": false  
}
```

400

*Invalid ID supplied*

404

*Order not found*

**#PRACTICE**

**REST-API TESTING**

# LET'S TRACK OUR PROCESS:

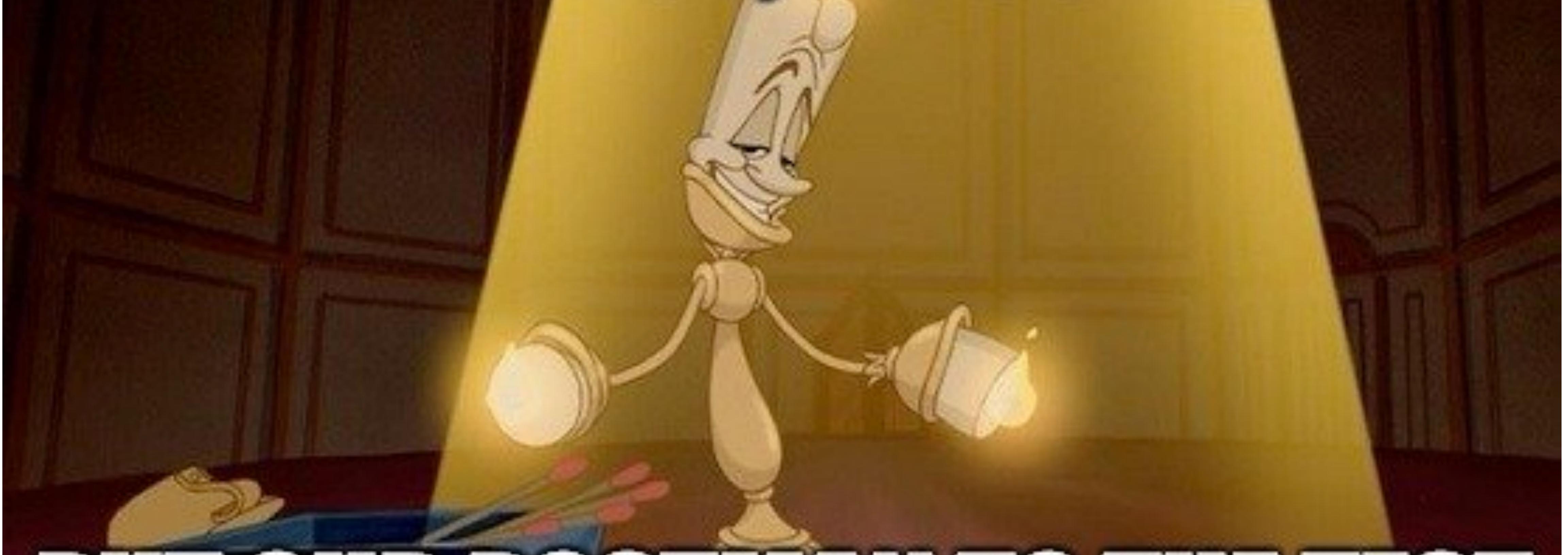
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- #3. We know what is “Serialization” and “Deserialization”.
- #4. We know that’s all of bugs creates via developers...
- #5. You need turn ON your brain during the testing process.

Let's move on...

# CHAPTER #5 - TOOLS

# UI-BASED TOOLS

# **BE OUR GUEST, BE OUR GUEST**



# **PUT OUR POSTMAN TO THE TEST**

# INSOMNIA

## Debug APIs like a human, not a robot.

The screenshot shows the Insomnia API debugger interface. On the left, the sidebar navigation includes sections for 'To-Do Monkey' (selected), 'Production', 'Cookies', 'JSON' (selected), 'OAuth 2', 'Query 1', 'Header 1', 'Source' (selected), 'Header 6', 'Cookie', and 'Timeline'. The main area displays a POST request to `var base_url /tasks`. The request body is a JSON object:

```
1 {  
2   "name": "Download Insomnia",  
3   "due_date": "n",  
4   "duration_min": 5,  
5   "completed": false  
6 }
```

The response status is 200 OK, with a time of 33.9 ms and a size of 199 B. The response body is also a JSON object:

```
1 {  
2   "_type": "tasks",  
3   "_id": "tas_6f553cbc98794e7ba81b",  
4   "user": "user_7ea8f8c838657989bac0478",  
5   "created": 1491346135,  
6   "modified": 1491344806,  
7   "name": "Download Insomnia",  
8   "due": "2017-04-04T22:48:55.438Z",  
9   "duration_minutes": 5,  
10  "completed": false  
11 }
```

Below the main interface, there are buttons for 'Sync Up To Date', 'Beautify JSON', and a search bar with the placeholder `$.store.books[*].author`.

# COMMAND LINE HTTP CLIENTS

# HTTPie



cURL

# **CHAPTER #6 -**

# **CORRECT APPROACH**

# **TO REST-API TESTING**

**ISTQB???**

# **CHAPTER #6.2 -**

# **XHR VS FETCH**

**BUT FIRST....**

**WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND...**

**WHAT TYPE OF TESTERS  
YOU ARE?**

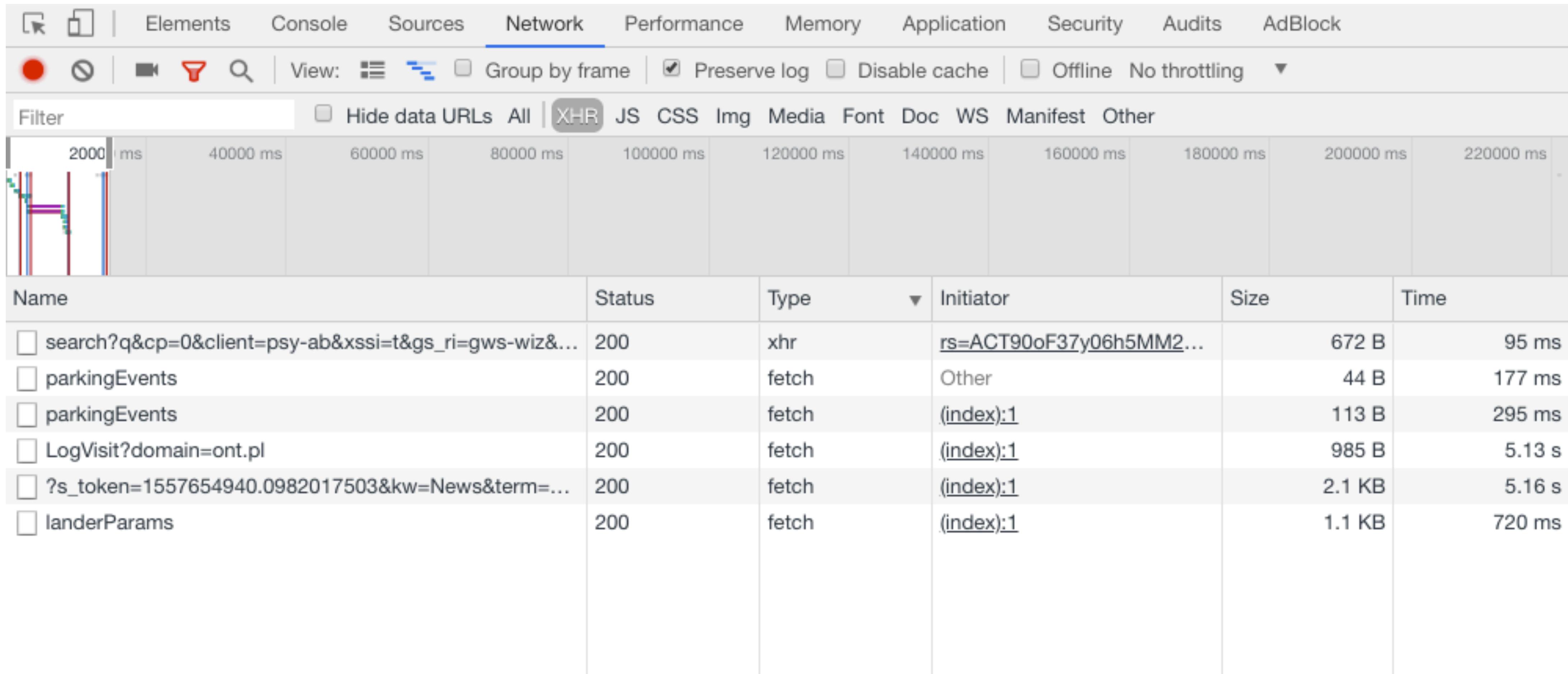
**OPEN BROWSER  
DEV.TOOLS**

# SMOKER'S DEV.TOOLS

Filter  Hide data URLs **All** | XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time
favicon.ico	404	text/html	Other	410 B	36 ms
xname.css	200	stylesheet	<a href="#">one.pl/:7</a>	1.2 KB	229 ms
dn.js	(blocked:other)	script	<a href="#">(index)</a>	0 B	68 ms
cb=gapi.loaded_0	200	script	<a href="#">rs=AA2YrTv2wV1gwO6Yy08ibXkCoa_I6UJf5w</a>	(from disk cac...	5 ms
rs=AA2YrTv2wV1gwO6Yy08ibXkCoa_I6UJf5w	200	script	<a href="#">(index):240</a>	(from disk cac...	3 ms
m=WgDvvc,aa,abd,async,dvl,fEVMic,foot,lu,m,mUpTid...	200	script	<a href="#">rs=ACT90oF37y06h5MM2...</a>	40.0 KB	116 ms
rs=ACT90oF37y06h5MM250pdBkAA1Oer4YPMQ	200	script	<a href="#">(index):66</a>	139 KB	127 ms
main.4c004569.js	200	script	<a href="#">www6.ont.pl/?s_token=15...</a>	84.7 KB	532 ms
caf.js	200	script	<a href="#">www6.ont.pl/?s_token=15...</a>	55.3 KB	119 ms
4PUpJpDdHqrNInFpJRafYpIQ7Yc_Rr5C2RXnbsOa_8.js	200	script	<a href="#">/adsense/domains/caf.js:174</a>	(from disk cac...	4 ms
caf.js	200	script	<a href="#">/dp/ads?r=m&amp;domain_nam...</a>	(from disk cac...	4 ms
googlemic_color_24dp.png	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	(from disk cac...	6 ms
tia.png	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	(from disk cac...	7 ms
photo.jpg	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	(from disk cac...	8 ms
i1_1967ca6a.png	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	(from disk cac...	7 ms
googlelogo_color_272x92dp.png	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	6.0 KB	263 ms
tia.png	200	png	<a href="#">(index)</a>	(from disk cac...	6 ms
xnamepowered.png	200	png	<a href="#">one.pl/:67</a>	14.9 KB	150 ms

# HEALTHY PERSON DEV.TOOLS



The screenshot shows the Network tab in the Chrome DevTools. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Elements, Console, Sources, Network (which is selected), Performance, Memory, Application, Security, Audits, and AdBlock. Below the tabs are various controls like a red dot, a shield icon, a video camera icon, a funnel icon, a magnifying glass icon, and dropdown menus for View, Group by frame, Preserve log, Disable cache, Offline, and No throttling. A filter section allows hiding data URLs and selecting XHR, JS, CSS, Img, Media, Font, Doc, WS, Manifest, or Other. The main area displays a timeline at the top with markers for 2000 ms, 40000 ms, 60000 ms, 80000 ms, 100000 ms, 120000 ms, 140000 ms, 160000 ms, 180000 ms, 200000 ms, and 220000 ms. Below the timeline is a table listing network requests:

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time
search?q&cp=0&client=psy-ab&xssi=t&gs_ri=gws-wiz&...	200	xhr	rs=ACT90oF37y06h5MM2...	672 B	95 ms
parkingEvents	200	fetch	Other	44 B	177 ms
parkingEvents	200	fetch	(index):1	113 B	295 ms
LogVisit?domain=ont.pl	200	fetch	(index):1	985 B	5.13 s
?s_token=1557654940.0982017503&kw=News&term=...	200	fetch	(index):1	2.1 KB	5.16 s
landerParams	200	fetch	(index):1	1.1 KB	720 ms

# **CHAPTER #6.3 -**

# **REST-API TEST STRATEGY**

**HAPPY PATH - FIRST**

**NEGATIVE CASES - SECOND**

# STATUS CODES

**401 / 403 - UNAUTHORIZED &  
FORBIDDEN**

**404 - NOT FOUND**

**405 - METHOD NOT ALLOWED**

**400 - BAD REQUEST**

**409 - CONFLICT**

**422 - UNPROCESSABLE ENTITY**

**413 / 415 / 418 / 429 etc.**

# **UNNEEDED DATA**

# **CHAPTER #6.4 -**

# **“FROM UP TO DOWN”**

#DEMO

REST-API TESTING

#PRACTICE

REST-API TESTING

# **CHAPTER #7 -**

# **LET'S review our BUG's**

# **CHAPTER #8 -**

# **TIPS & TRICKS**

# HOW TO WORK PRODUCTIVELY?

**HOW TO SAVE YOUR TIME?**

# BUG-REPORTING AS ART

# YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT:

- 1. YOUR SELF.**
- 2. YOU BACKEND-DEVELOPER.**
- 3. YOU FRONT-END DEVELOPER.**

**BUT, WHAT I SHOULD TO DO?**

# 1. INSTALL AUTO TEXT EXPANDER FOR GOOGLE CHROME

(txt) Auto Text Expander for Google Chrome™

Oferta od: . Carlin

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## **2. USE CORRECT APPROACH TO REPORT BUGS.**

### Description

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**Expected results:** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.

### Steps to reproduce:

1. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
2. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
3. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
4. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
5. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
6. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.

### Additional info:

**Request URL:** <https://some-url.com/catalogue?page=1&size=6&tags=>

**Request Method:** GET

**Status Code:** 400 Bad Request

```
curl 'http://35.225.108.2/catalogue?page=1&size=6&tags=' -H 'Cookie: _TRAEFIK_BACKEND=http://front-end:8079; md.sid=s%3AoXcYNVUyFEQPggko87dab4f9jcauzvwq.kRbPELYT5T4mPZsW3fxgLqEWi3LmfPGJc%2BfNjh%2FivSM' -H 'Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate' -H 'Accept-Language: pl-PL,pl;q=0.9,en-US;q=0.8,en;q=0.7,ru;q=0.6' -H 'User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_14_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/73.0.3683.103 Safari/537.36' -H 'Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01' -H 'Referer: http://35.225.108.2/category.html' -H 'X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest' -H 'Connection: keep-alive' --compressed
```

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### ENVIRONMENT

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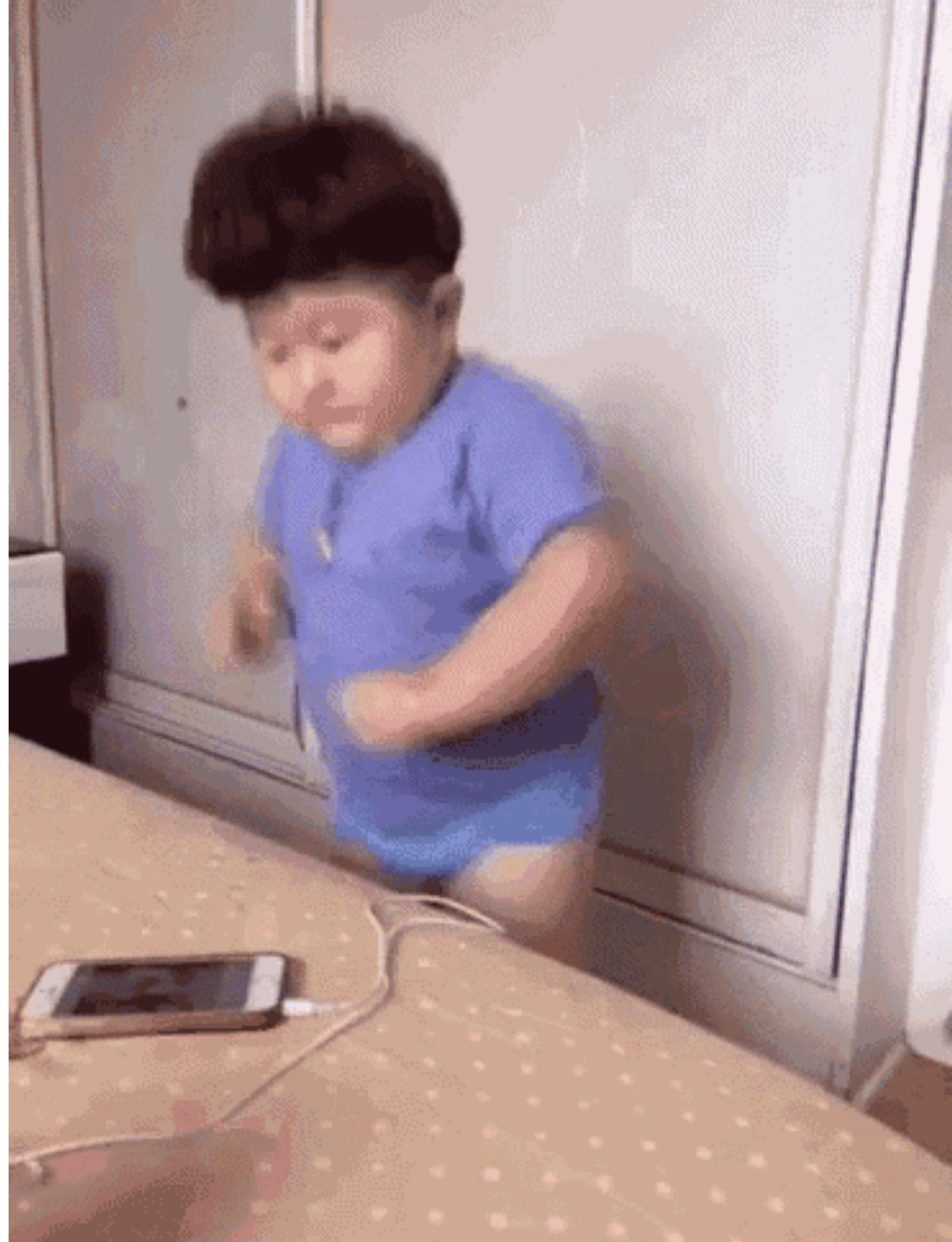
**Env:** <https://some-url.com> [QA]

**User:** user1

**Browser:** Chrome Version 72.0.3626.121 (Official Build) (64-bit)

**Cache:** Removed 

#klikajCurŁa



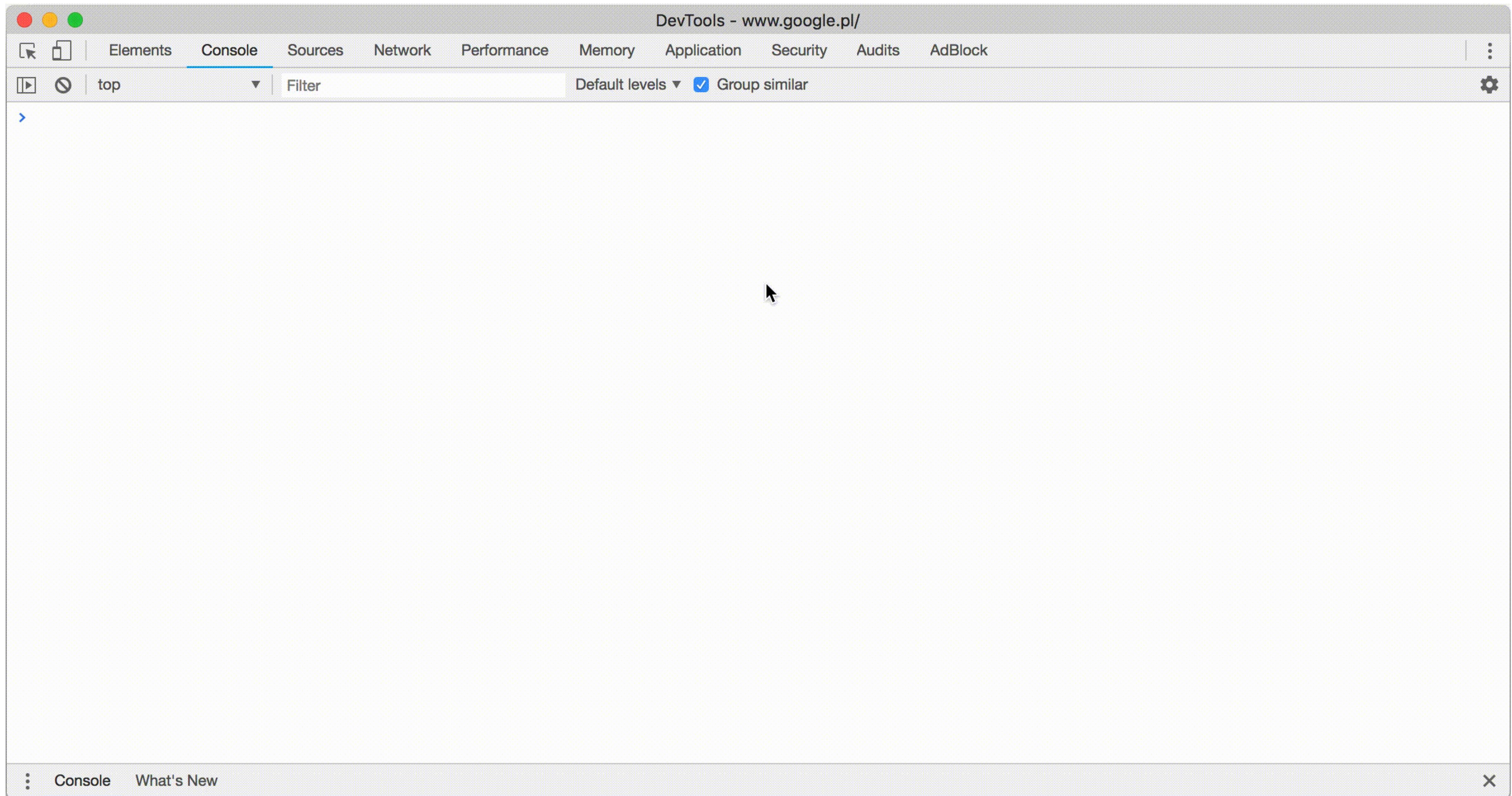
**DON'T CHANGE YOUR CONTEXT**

# BROWSER DEV.TOOLS

**USE COMMAND MENU**

This tip allows you to display list of options available in chrome, such as show timestamp in console, frames per second, switch to dark theme and more!

You can display options list by pressing **Ctrl + Shift + P (Cmd + Shift + P for iOS)**.



**USE CONSOLE TO  
SEND REQUESTS**



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# THANK YOU!



# HAPPY TESTING!



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