

Creating Automation with APIs and PowerShell

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API Refresher



- HTTP Methods (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, PATCH)
- Request & Response Structure
- Status Codes "404" [Even APIs have shitty days!]
- Authentication "No API Token, No Entry!"



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: Structure

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API Token/Key, No



"None shall pass"



Why use PowerShell?



- Native Cmdlets: Invoke-RestMethod, Invoke-WebRequest
- Efficient JSON handling
- Powerful data manipulation via pipelines
- Built-in error handling and logging





RestMethod or WebRequest?



- Invoke-RestMethod
 - Quick & easy REST calls without overhead or extended responses
 - Parses json to objects
- Invoke-WebRequest
 - Full service HTTP/HTTPS/FTP/FILE with headers, extended data, etc.
 - Returns raw responses







- . Secure your creds! Use environment variables or vaults.
- . Validate API responses.
- . Don't forget error handling.



Takeaways



- PowerShell excels in API automation.
- . Don't need the kitchen sink in response? Use RestMethod.
- . "Friends don't let friends automate blindly."





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