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Bridge between CSV files and APIs

1. Introduction

- On a daily basis, engineers are dealing with APIs and CSV files. The idea is to fill the gap between CRUD apis, that often does not support batch creation of objects and CSV files that contains many records.
 The purpose here is have a web platform that would call an APIs for each line contained in the CSV file, in order to create / update entries.
- The value here would be the addition of batch insert in any existing API.

2. Expected List of Features

- One can upload a CSV file. This CSV file will generate a project
- For each project you can define the target API, and the column mapper (I.E the column name "IDENTIFIER" maps to the field "id" in the API) and means of authentication
- When defined, you can trigger the CSV->API job and control the status code of your APIs.

These features are the minimal set to help one to fill the gap between a CSV file and an API.

3. Market Survey

The only service I've found that provides this kind of service is easycsv.io

- feature set looks very similar but Google Sheets is supported
- many other connetctors are existing
- interface is messy and it is hard to understand what happens

There is also jq, a command line tools that can be used to reformat JSON. This is not quiet the same issue, but there is clear need of tooling to map outputs / inputs of heterogeneous systems.

4. References

https://easycsv.io https://jqplay.org