

Lab Introduction

In this lab you will make Apcera REST API calls against your cluster using a web application called API Playground. You provide the server API endpoint, HTTP method type, and any parameters for the API method you want to call. The API response is displayed.

Lab Exercise

This lab comprises the following exercises:

1. Obtaining your API access token.
2. Making a basic API calls from the command-line using cURL
3. Stopping a job using the API from the command-line.

Lab Prerequisites

This lab assumes that you have set up your lab environment. If you have not done so, please follow the lab setup guide now.

Related Documentation

- **Apcera REST API Reference and API Models**
- **Apcera REST API Recipes**

Lab Instruction

For each exercise, complete the steps.

Exercise A: Obtain API token and make an API call from the command line

In this exercise you make a API call to `/v1/jobs/` using cURL, a command-line utility for making HTTP requests. (See the lab setup guide for install instructions).

Recall that each request to a API method requires an HTTP “Authorization” header that contains your token. There are several ways to do this, the specific approach you take depends on the application needs. For purposes of demonstration, you will simply copy the API token from the `~/.apc` file that was obtained when you logged into the training cluster using the `apc login` command.

Task 1: Copy token from your `~/.apc` file into environment variable

In this task, you’ll copy your access token from your local `.apc` file and create a new environment variable that contains the token value. You’ll also create another environment variable that holds the API Server’s endpoint (`api.<cluster>.<domain>`)

1. Open your `~/.apc` in a text editor.
2. Copy the entire value for your cluster’s token, including the “Bearer” string.

```
{
```

```
"target": "http://yourcluster.example.com",
"tokens": {
  "http://yourcluster.example.com": "Bearer eyJ0eXAiOiIiLCJhbGciOiIi..."
},
...
}
```

3. Create an environment variable named APC_TOKEN that contains the bearer token, being sure to put the variable's value in quotes:

```
export APC_TOKEN="Bearer eyJ0eXAiOiIiLCJhbGciOiIi..."
```

4. Lastly, create an environment variable named CLUSTER that contains the API Server's endpoint. For example, if you are targeting the Kiso training cluster:

```
export CLUSTER=api.kiso.io
```

Task 2: Make an API call

Next, you'll make a call to the [GET /v1/info](#) API using cURL.

1. From a terminal window, enter the the following command and press enter:

```
curl -H "Authorization: $APC_TOKEN" -X GET $CLUSTER/v1/info
```

You should get the following JSON-encoded response:

```
{"name": "kiso", "url": "http://api.kiso.io/", "cluster_domain": "kiso.io"
}
```

2. If you installed jq (as documented in the lab setup guide) you can pipe (|) the JSON response through jq to format the output for easier reading:

```
curl -H "Authorization: $APC_TOKEN" -X GET $CLUSTER/v1/info | jq
{
  "name": "kiso",
  "url": "http://api.kiso.io/",
  "cluster_domain": "kiso.io"
}
```

Exercise B: Updating a job with the API

A common API task is updating a [job object](#). The basic process to update a job involves two API calls: one to get a JSON description of the job you want to update (typically by calling GET

/v1/jobs). You then modify the job's JSON description as desired, and call PUT /v1/jobs/{uuid} passing the updated JSON description in the HTTP body, where {uuid} is the job's UUID.

In this exercise you'll create a new capsule using APC or the web console. You'll then use an API call to stop the capsule by setting its state property to "stopped".

Task 1: Create the capsule using APC or web console

- Using APC, run the following command:

```
apc capsule create testcapsule --image linux
```

- Or using the web console, select **New > Capsule** from the left navigation and select an available Ubuntu distribution. Give the capsule a name and click **Submit** to create the capsule.

Note the job's fully-qualified name, or FQN (/sandbox/user::testcapsule, for example).

Task 2: Get capsule job's JSON description

To get the capsule's JSON description you'll call GET /v1/jobs, passing the capsule's FQN as query parameter and save the response to **capsule.json** in the current working directory:

```
curl -H "Authorization: $APC_TOKEN" -X GET -G $CLUSTER/v1/jobs \
--data-urlencode "fqn=job::/sandbox/username::testcapsule" > capsule.json
```

Task 3: Update the JSON description

Next you'll update the capsule's JSON description in the capsule.json file.

1. Open **capsule.json** in a text editor.
2. Locate the "state" field and change its value to "stopped". Also note the value of the job's uuid field as you'll need it in a following step:

```
[
  {
    "uuid": "6bc6d841-0e8d-44fc-9fe7-a3640e3f74a4",
    ...
    "state": "stopped",
    ...
  }
]
```

3. Remove the square brackets ([]) from the top and bottom of the document and save the changes to the file. (The reason is that GET /v1/jobs/ returns an array of job objects, rather than a single object).

```
{  
  "uuid": "6bc6d841-0e8d-44fc-9fe7-a3640e3f74a4",  
  ...  
}
```

Task 4: Call API to update the job description

The last step to update the capsule is to call PUT /v1/jobs/{uuid}, where {uuid} is the capsule's UUID obtained from the previous call to GET /v1/jobs.

1. Run the following cURL command to update the job description on the cluster with one in capsule.json. Replace {UUID} with the value of the uuid field in your capsule.json file:

```
curl -H "Authorization: $APC_TOKEN" -X PUT \  
$CLUSTER/v1/jobs/{UUID} \  
--data "@capsule.json"
```

To verify if the capsule has stopped you can do one of the following:

- From the command-line run:

```
apc capsule show testcapsule
```

The value of the **State** field in the output should be **stopped**.

- Using the web console, check the capsule's state.

The screenshot displays the Apcera web console interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the Apcera logo and navigation links: Home, Cluster, JOBS (with sub-links for Apps, Capsules, and All), and a 'New' button. The main header area shows the 'JOB testcapsule' title, a 'Start' button, and a 'Delete' button. Below the header is a horizontal menu with tabs: SUMMARY (active), ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES, SCHEDULING, NETWORKING, LOGS, POLICY, and AUDIT. The 'Info' section on the left lists details for the job: FQN (job::sandbox/admin::testcapsule), Created By (admin@apcera.me), Allow SSH (checked), Allow Egress (unchecked), and Restart Mode (Always). The 'Status' section on the right shows the job's state as 'stopped', with an orange arrow pointing to the word. Below the state, there is a small red dot and a loading spinner.

Info	Status
FQN	job::sandbox/admin::testcapsule
Created By	admin@apcera.me
Allow SSH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Allow Egress	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restart Mode	Always
State	stopped
Status	