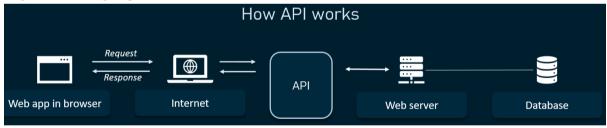
- Postman is an API platform for building and using APIs. Postman simplifies each step of the API lifecycle and streamlines collaboration so you can create better APIs—faster.
- POSTMAN is an API client used to develop, test, share and document APIs. It is used for backend testing where we enter the end-point URL, it sends the request to the server and receives the response back from the server.
- API is nothing but Application Programming Interface
- It is a interface that allows two applications to interact with each other
- Examples :- In Today's modern world we are sitting inside home and getting whether from Bangalore location.
- If we book cab any mobile application then we can track that vehicle in our devices using Google map services. That is nothing but That application is using Google Maps API.
- API stands for Application Programming Interface which allows software applications to communicate with each other via API calls.

## How API Works:



API stands for Application Programming Interface. It is a way for your application to interact with other applications via an endpoint.

## Methods -

You can build out an API for your application that is available for other developers to utilize/connect to via HTTP methods,

- 1. GET: Retrieve data from an API endpoint.
- 2. PUT: Update data via an API similar to POST but more about updating info.

3. POST: Send data to an API.

4. DELETE: Remove data from given API.

5. PATCH: Update data.

## **End Point/Request URL-**

We could do it simpler, by examples:

/this-is-an-endpoint /another/endpoint /some/other/endpoint /login /accounts /cart/items and when put under a domain, it would look like:

https://example.com/this-is-an-endpoint

https://example.com/another/endpoint

https://example.com/some/other/endpoint

https://example.com/login

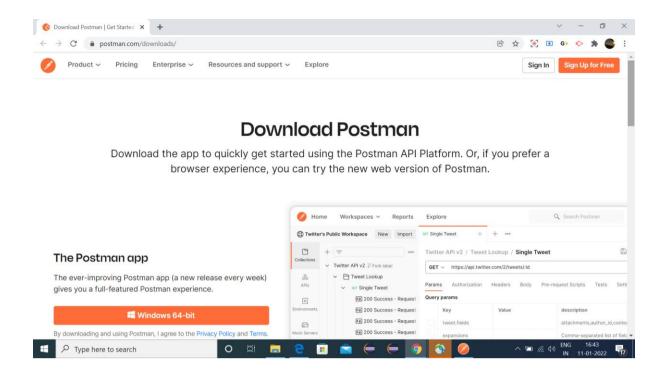
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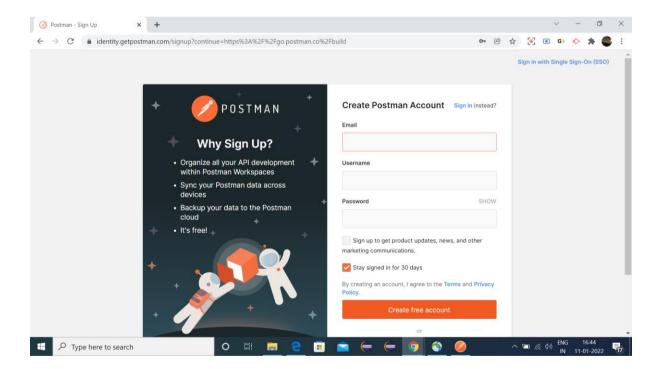
https://example.com/cart/items

Can be either http or https, we use https in the example.

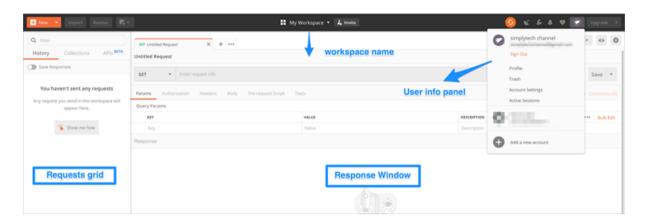
Also endpoint can be different for different HTTP methods, for example: GET /item/{id} PUT /item/{id}

- 6. Postman Native app is a standalone app that is available for <u>download</u> (<a href="https://www.postman.com/downloads/">https://www.postman.com/downloads/</a>) in various OS platforms like Windows, Mac OS, Linux, etc. This can be downloaded just like any other application depending upon the user's platform.
- 7. Sign up using google.
- 8. Create account with Email ID.

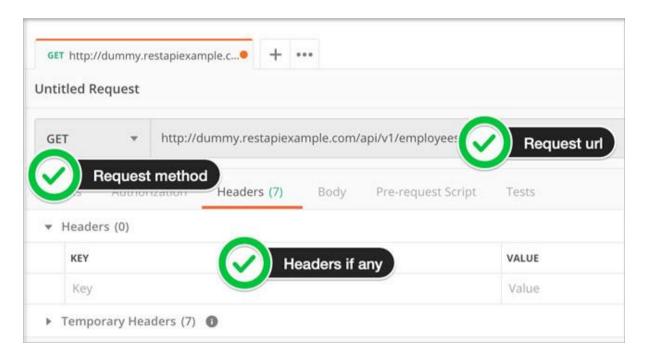




Given below is the image of the Postman UI initial screen:

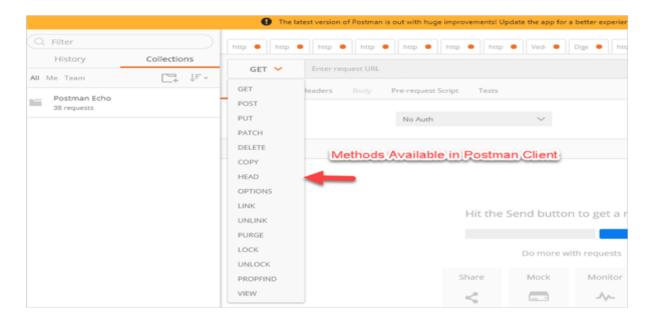


Let's test a get request for a REST API endpoint http://dummy.restapiexample.com/api/v1/employees

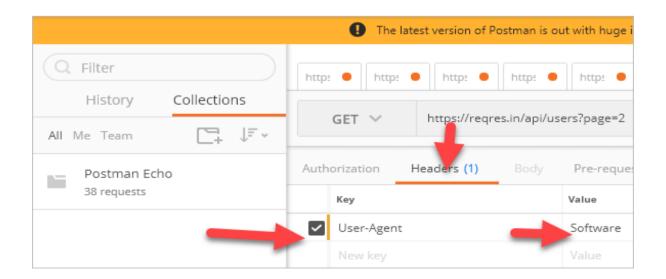


Once the request properties are filled in, hit SEND to execute the request to the server hosting the endpoint.





Provide Headers (if required) like User-Agent: "Software".



## Post Method with Header Information



Once the server responds, we can check the various data around the response.