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## ServiceNow REST API for querying an incident

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Purpose	API to query an incident	
Environment	Development (https://devspot.mskcc.org)	
Credentials	Each group will receive a generic integration account. The access will be	
	defaulted to read-only for the generic account unless the request involves	
	write access for creating/updating data in ServiceNow	
Dev Endpoint	https://devspot.mskcc.org/api/now/table/incident	
Test Endpoint	https://testspot.mskcc.org/api/now/table/incident	
Prod Endpoint	TBD	
Method	Get	
sysparm_query	Provide an encoded query string from ServiceNow to filter results.	
sysparm_display_value	Leave as true to translate enum values to display values	
sysparm_fields	Specify the fields you want returned in the response. Contact ServiceNOW team	
	if you need to identify specific fields	

## Sample python code- Query Incident

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Sample python script to query incidents by supplying query criteria, response fields
'''
import requests

* Need to install requests package for python

* easy_install requests

* Set the request parameters

* set the base unl of ServiceNow instance to retreive data from

baseURL = 'https://mskdev.service-now.com/api/now/table/incident?'

* specify the query for the data you want to return

queryCriteria = 'sysparm_query=active%3Dtrue%5Eassignment_group%3D74c23014dbe11090892ce02b139619c5&'

* returns the display value of fields of type enum. if set to false enums are not translated

fieldDisplay = 'sysparm_display_value=true&'

* specify which fields should be returned in the response payload

responseFields = 'sysparm_fields=number%2Cshort_description%2Cdescription%2Cstate'

url = baseURL+queryCriteria+fieldDisplay+responseFields

* Eg. User name="admin", Password="admin" for this code sample.

user = 'svc_restapi_rw'

pwd = 'R3stAP1Rw'

* Set proper headers

headers = {"Content-Type": "application/json", "Accept": "application/json"}

* Do the HTTP request

response = requests.get(url, auth=(user, pwd), headers=headers)

* Check for HTTP codes other than 200

if response status_code != 200:

print('Status:', response.status_code, 'Headers:',

response.headers, 'Error Response:', response.json())

exit()
```

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# Decode the JSON response into a dictionary and use the data

data = response.json()
print(data)

Response Codes
200 OK
401 Authentication error
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## Response body data:

JSON payload with array of dictionary elements.

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Error Response
{
    "error": {
      "detail": "Cannot decode: java.io.StringReader@d821ee",
      "message": "Exception while reading request"
    },
    "status": "failure"
```