

Documenting RESTful APIs with Swagger

JSON

```
"paths": {
  "/keys": {
    "post": {
      "summary": "Create a new api key.",
      "description": "Create a new API key. Keys never expire and have to manually be deleted.",
      "tags": [
        "Authorization"
      ],
      "security": [
        {
          "login": []
        }
      ],
      "responses": {
        "200": {
          "description": "Newly created api key.",
          "schema": {
            "$ref": "#/definitions/APIKey"
          }
        },
        "403": {
          "description": "Invalid credentials.",
          "schema": {
            "$ref": "#/definitions/InvalidCredentials"
          }
        },
        "default": {
          "description": "Unexpected error.",
          "schema": {
            "$ref": "#/definitions/Error"
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
},
```

YAML

```
/keys:  
  post:  
    summary: Create a new api key.  
    description: >-  
      Create a new API key. Keys never expire and have to manually be deleted.  
      This method requires a valid Brown Dog username/password. You can  
      request one [here](https://browndog.ncsa.illinois.edu/signup/). Once you  
      a have key you can keep reusing it to create access tokens. Access  
      tokens are required for most endpoints.  
    tags:  
      - Authorization  
    security:  
      - login: []  
    responses:  
      '200':  
        description: Newly created api key.  
        schema:  
          $ref: '#/definitions/APIKey'  
      '403':  
        description: Invalid credentials.  
        schema:  
          $ref: '#/definitions/InvalidCredentials'  
    default:  
      description: Unexpected error.  
      schema:  
        $ref: '#/definitions/Error'
```

Interactive Documentation

Swagger UI

Secure <https://clowder.ncsa.illinois.edu/swagger/?url=https://clowder...>

swagger <https://clowder.ncsa.illinois.edu/clowder/swagger> Explore

Clowder¹

[Base url: clowder.ncsa.illinois.edu/clowder/api]
<https://clowder.ncsa.illinois.edu/clowder/swagger>

Welcome to Clowder, a scalable data repository where you can share, organize and analyze data.

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Schemes

HTTPS

Authorize

folders

A folder is a container of files and other folders


- POST** `/datasets/{parentDatasetId}/newFolder` Create a Folder
- PUT** `/datasets/{parentDatasetId}/updateName/{folderId}` Update folder name
- DELETE** `/datasets/{parentDatasetId}/deleteFolder/{folderId}` Delete a folder

thumbnails

A thumbnail is the raw bytes plus metadata.

- GET** `/thumbnails` List all thumbnail files
- DELETE** `/thumbnails/{id}` Delete thumbnail

Interactive Documentation: Parameters


POST `/conversions/software/{software}/{output_format}` Convert the uploaded file to the requested output format using the specified software 

Convert the uploaded file to the requested output format using the specified software

Parameters Cancel

Name	Description
software * required string (path)	Software name. <input type="text" value="software - Software name."/>
output_format * required string (path)	Output format. For example jpg. <input type="text" value="output_format - Output format. For example jpg."/>
application string (query)	Specific software application to use for this conversion. For example PEcAn. <input type="text" value="application - Specific software application to use for this conversion"/>
body file (formData)	The file to upload. <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen

Execute

Responses Response content type text/plain 

Interactive Documentation: Define Possible Responses

Code	Description
200	<p><i>Newly created api key.</i></p> <p>Example Value Model</p> <pre>{ "api-key": "string" }</pre>
403	<p><i>Invalid credentials.</i></p> <p>Example Value Model</p> <pre>"string"</pre>
default	<p><i>Unexpected error.</i></p> <p>Example Value Model</p> <pre>{ "code": 0, "message": "string", "fields": "string" }</pre>

Define Docs with the Code (Java Annotations)

```
/**
 * Create new dataset with no file required. However if there are comma separated file IDs passed in, add all of those as existing
 * files. This is to facilitate multi-file-uploader usage for new files, as well as to allow multiple existing files to be
 * added as part of dataset creation.
 *
 * A JSON document is the payload for this endpoint. Required elements are name and description. Optional element is existingfiles,
 * which will be a comma separated String of existing file IDs to be added to the new dataset.
 */
@ApiOperation(value = "Attach multiple files to an existing dataset",
  notes = "Add multiple files, by ID, to a dataset that is already in the system. Requires file ids and dataset id.",
  responseClass = "None", httpMethod = "POST")
def attachMultipleFiles() = PermissionAction(Permission.AddResourceToDataset)(parse.json) { implicit request =>
```

- Can take a lot of space and be redundant
- Libraries not always available for every framework
- Need to recompile

We now manually maintain static files in Brown Dog API Gateway and Clowder

Swagger Editor

The image shows the Swagger Editor interface in a browser window. The left pane displays a Swagger 2.0 definition for the 'Brown Dog API' (version 0.2.1). The right pane shows the rendered API documentation, including the API title, base URL, contact information, and a list of endpoints with their methods and descriptions.

```
1 swagger: '2.0'
2 info:
3   title: Brown Dog API
4   description: 'Documentation for the [Brown Dog](http://browndog.ncsa.illinois.edu/) API.'
5   termsOfService: 'http://browndog.ncsa.illinois.edu'
6   contact:
7     name: Brown Dog Support
8     url: >-
9       https://opensource.ncsa.illinois.edu/confluence/questions/topics/41156618/brown-dog
10    email: browndog-support@ncsa.illinois.edu
11   license:
12     name: University of Illinois/NCSA Open Source License
13     url: 'https://opensource.org/licenses/NCSA'
14   version: 0.2.1
15 host: bd-api-dev.ncsa.illinois.edu
16 basePath: /v1
17 schemes:
18   - https
19 produces:
20   - application/json
21 securityDefinitions:
22   TokenHeader:
23     type: apiKey
24     in: header
25     name: Authorization
26     description: |
27       Access token can be provided in the header or as a query parameter.
28   TokenQueryParam:
29     type: apiKey
30     in: query
31     name: token
32     description: |
33       Access token can be provided in the header or as a query parameter.
34 login:
35   type: basic
36 security:
37   - TokenHeader: []
38   - TokenQueryParam: []
39 paths:
40   /keys:
41     post:
42       summary: Create a new api key.
```

Brown Dog API ^{0.2.1}
[Base url: bd-api-dev.ncsa.illinois.edu/v1]

Documentation for the [Brown Dog](#) API.

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[Brown Dog Support - Website](#)
[Send email to Brown Dog Support](#)
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Schemes
HTTPS

Authorization

- POST** /keys Create a new api key.
- POST** /keys/{key}/tokens Create a new access token from an API key.
- DELETE** /keys/{key} Delete api key and all related access tokens.
- GET** /tokens/{token} Get info about token.
- DELETE** /tokens/{token} Delete token.

Events

Interactive feedback and autocomplete!

Swagger Code Generation

```
12 Available Clients: [ akka-scala,  
11 android, async-scala, clojure, cpprest, csharp, CsharpDotNet2,  
10 cwiki, dart, dynamic-html, flash, go, groovy, html,  
9 html2, java, javascript, javascript-closure-angular,  
8 jaxrs-cxf-client, jmeter, objc, perl, php, python,  
7 qt5cpp, ruby, scala, swagger, swagger-yaml, swift,  
6 swift3, tizen, typescript-angular, typescript-angular2,  
5 typescript-fetch, typescript-node],  
4  
3 Available Servers: [ aspnet5, aspnetcore,  
2 erlang-server, go-server, haskell, inflector,  
1 jaxrs, jaxrs-cxf, jaxrs-cxf-cdi, jaxrs-resteasy,  
13 "jaxrs-spec", "lumen", "msf4j", "nancyfx", "nodejs-server",  
1 python-flask, rails5, scalatra, silex-PHP, sinatra,  
2 slim, spring, undertow]
```

```
swagger-codegen generate -i https://bd-api.ncsa.illinois.edu/v1/swagger.json -l csharp
```

Why?

- Focusing on the definitions help refine the design
- Starting with technology leads us to focus on the underlying libraries
- Endpoints should be independent of implementation
- Standard encourage us to worry about important things that don't always make the cut
 - Like response JSON schema, content types, etc.
- Tooling is especially helpful to client developers

Demo?

<http://editor.swagger.io/#/>