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FME Server REST API
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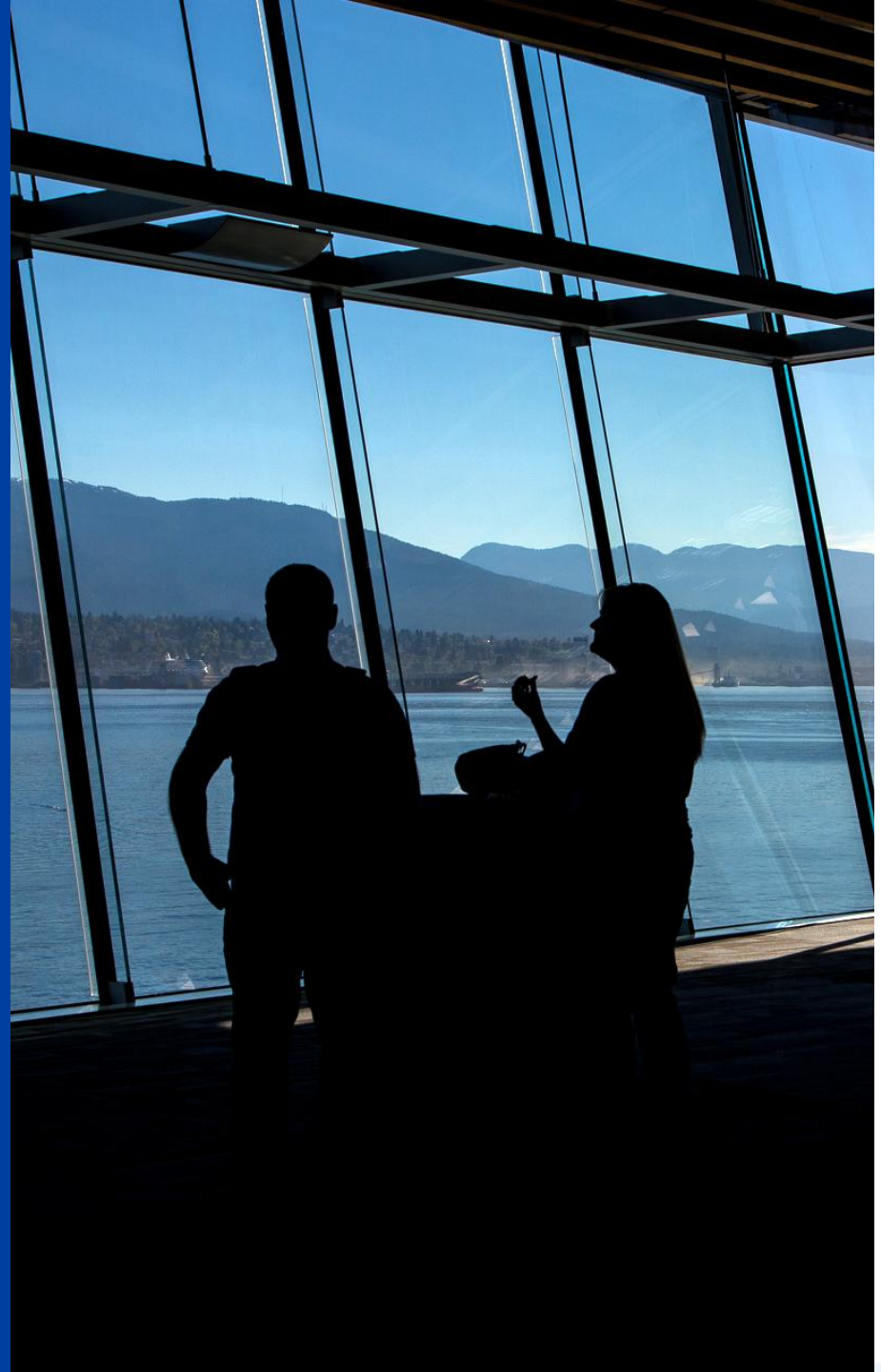


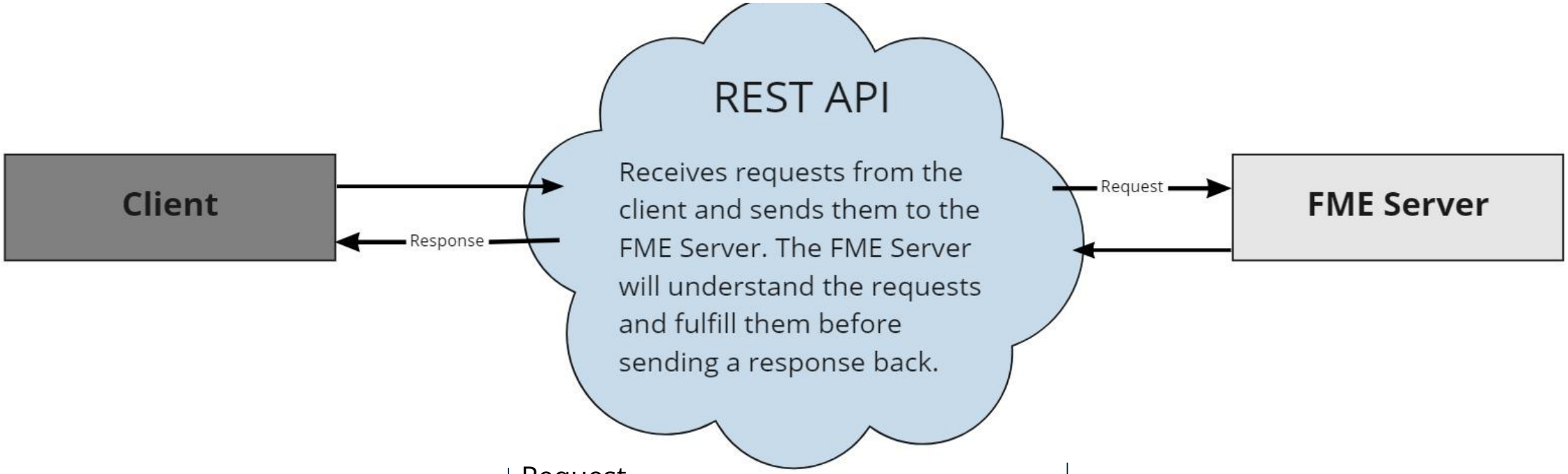
Agenda

- Introduction
- Authorization in the FME Server REST API and Token Management
- Submit a Job from a Third-Party Application
- Create a Job History Report
- Resources & QA

REST API

REpresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer
Application **P**rogramming **I**nterface

Components of an FME Server API Request



Requests are made through URLs

Request

Method: GET, POST, PUT, or DELETE

URL: http://<yourServerHost>/fmerest/v3/

Parameters

Headers

Body

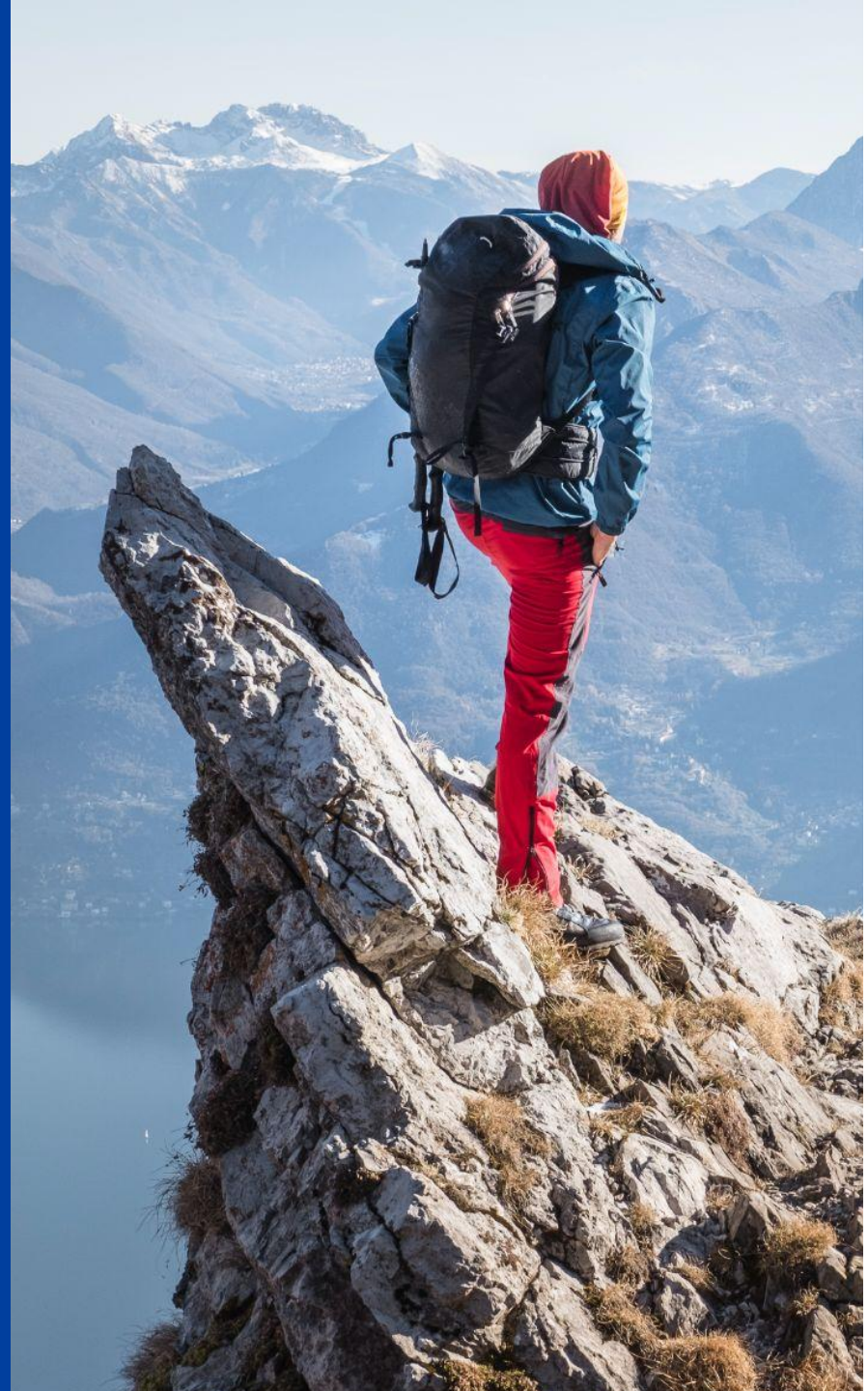
Response messages are returned in JSON format

What is an API?

APIs can be used to retrieve, update, or delete data over the web.

Actions can be performed programmatically to easily automate workflows.

APIs can also allow for communication between applications and users or for easy integrations.



What can I do with the FME Server REST API?

- Sending, receiving and modifying notifications
- **Running jobs and viewing job history**
- Managing user accounts, roles, and policies
- Licensing FME Server
- **Performing backup and restore operations**
- Managing cleanup tasks
- **Scheduling jobs**
- Managing user settings and favorites
- **Uploading and managing file resources**
- Publishing workspaces and managing published parameters

How to interact with REST API?

Key API Terminology

REST: AN API design style defined by a uniform structure that allows us to interact with resources via a URL.

JSON: A common data format used for exchanging data over the web

Request: (or “call”) A URL that asks to perform an action on a resource

Response: The information that is returned

Resource: The data, information, files, or items we are interested in

Request Terminology

Endpoint: Part of the URL that specifies the resource location

Method: Determines the action the request is making

Parameters: Options that further specify location, filters, state, or content

e.g. *setting values for FME user parameters*

Headers: Supply context or instructions with the request

e.g. *What format is being sent? What can be sent back?*

Body: Data (“payload”) to be created, modified, deleted or returned by the request.

Request Methods

Method	Action	Uses in FME Server
POST	Create	Create a publication, project, notification
GET	Read	Perform a health check, get information on the server, get notification on the publication
PUT	Update and Replace	Replace a publication, update a project, update user information
DELETE	Delete	Delete topics, users, roles

API documentation

Everything you need to know to build a request

Method

Parameters

URL

Headers

Body

POST /security/accounts

Implementation Notes

Creates an account on the FME Server instance.

Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description	Parameter Type	Data Type
email		Email of the account user.	form	string
enabled	true (default)	Specifies whether the account is enabled or not.	form	boolean
fullName		Full name of the account.	form	string
name	(required)	**Unique name of the account to create.**	**form**	**string**
password		Password for the account.	form	string
passwordChangeNeeded	false (default)	Specifies whether a password is required to be changed on the next login.	form	boolean
roles	Add row	Roles to assign to the account.	form	array
sharingEnabled	true (default)	Specifies whether the account is allowed to share items with other users and roles.	form	boolean

Response Status Codes

HTTP Status Code	Reason
409	The specified FME Server account already exists.
422	Some or all of the input parameters are invalid.
201	Success. The account was created. A URI is rendered in the response.

Try it out!

Request URL

```
http://ap-fmeserv220/fmerest/v3/security/accounts
```

Request Headers

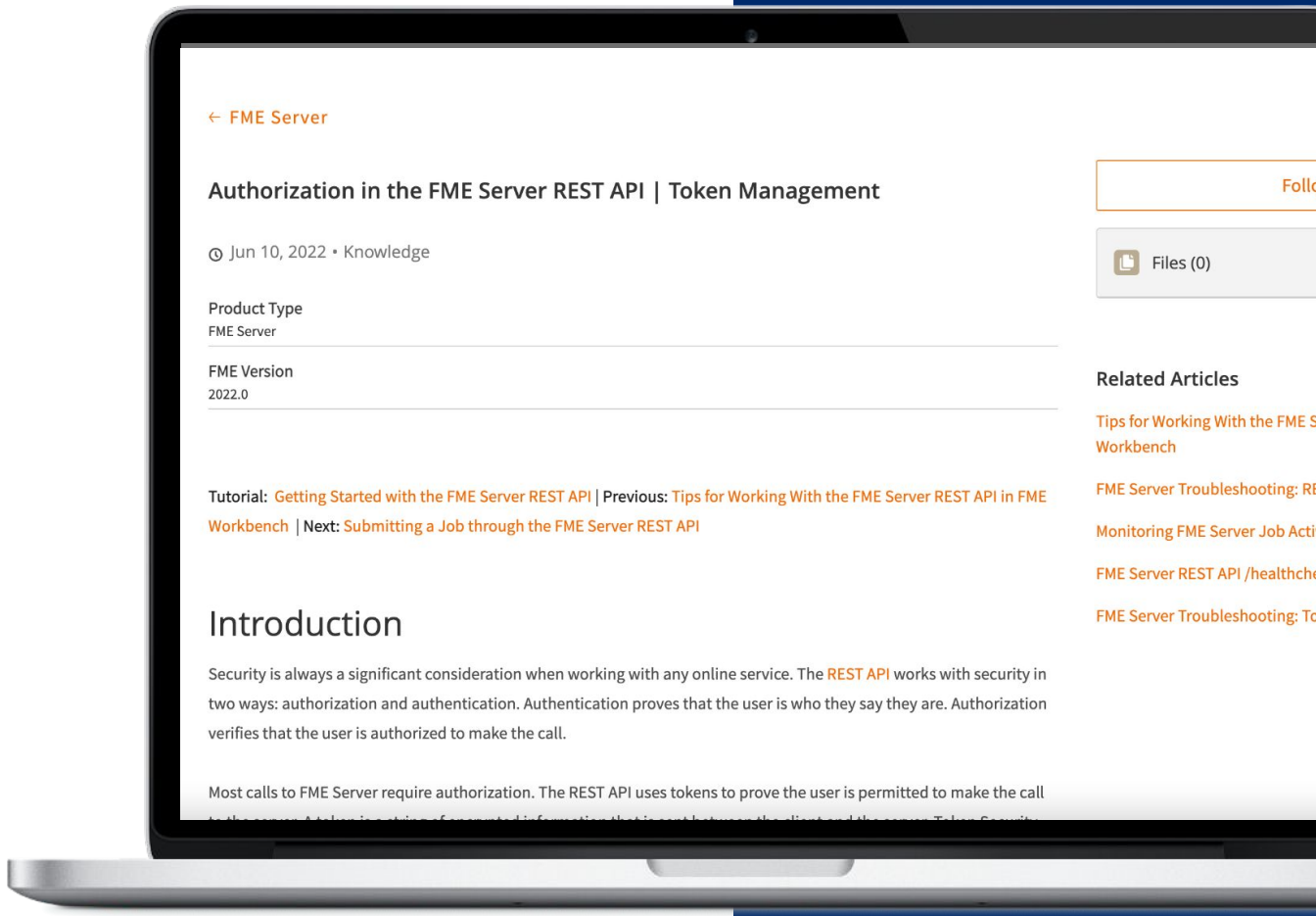
```
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Accept: application/json
```

Request Body

```
enabled=true&passwordChangeNeeded=false&sharingEnabled=true
```

Authorization in the FME Server REST API | Token Management

Exercise 1
Authorization in FME Server

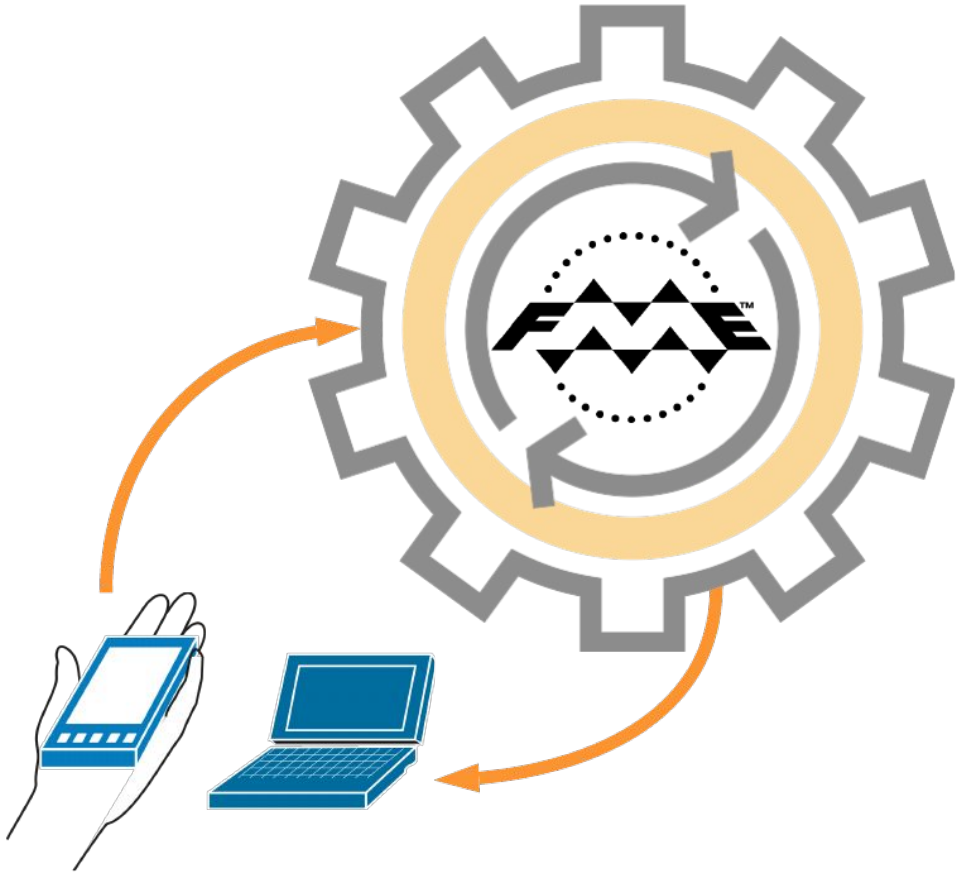


Submitting a Job from a Third Party Application

Running Workflows from Anywhere

The FME Server REST API allows **systems and users** to submit jobs that **exchange and transform data** on-demand.

- Collect data from the field
- Power web applications
- Integrate with custom code
- Create tools for non-FME users
- Automate workflows between applications



There are multiple ways to submit jobs over the web to FME Server...

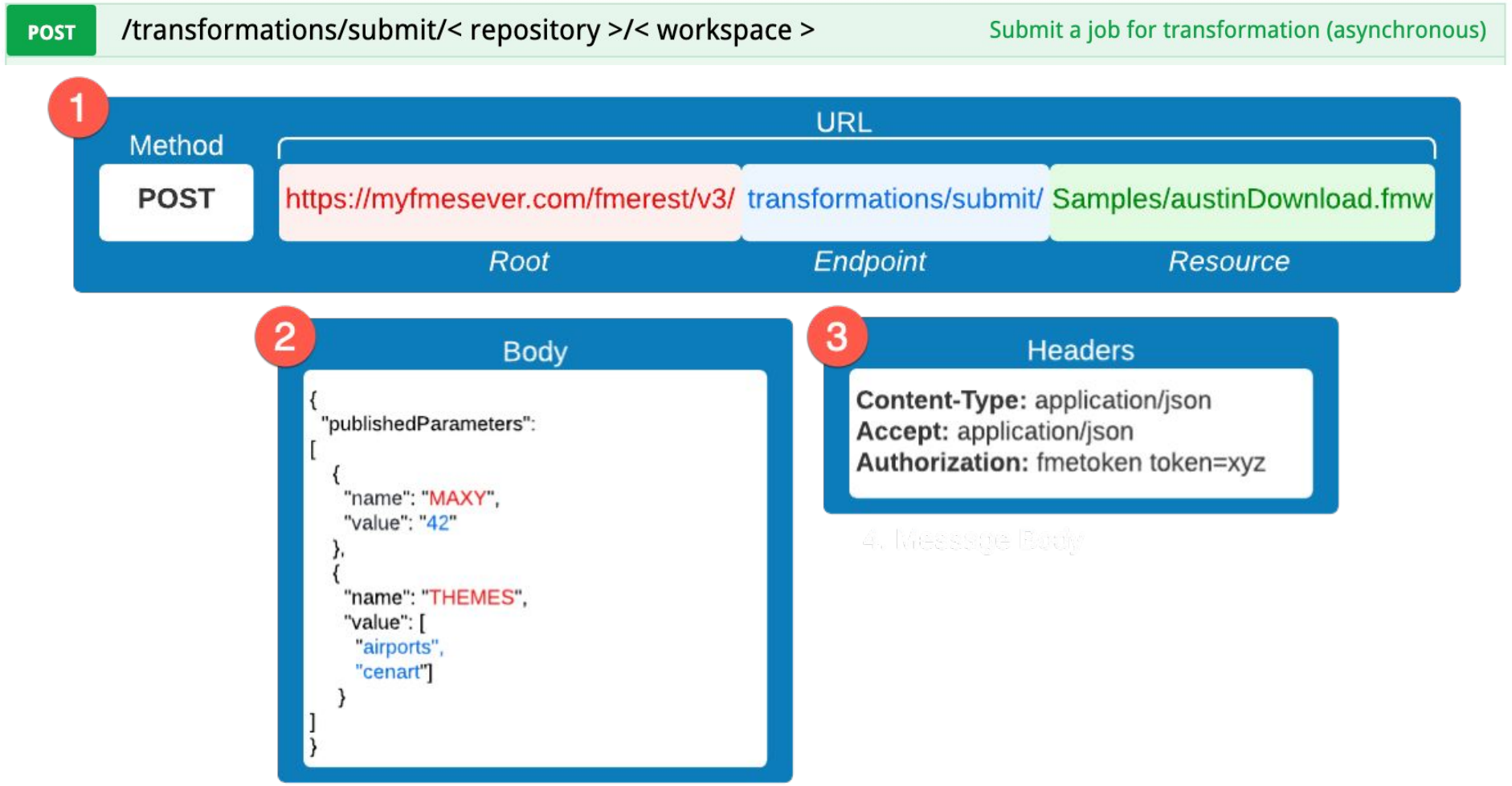
FME Server REST API

- REST Service
- POST method
- Runtime data is sent in the request *body*

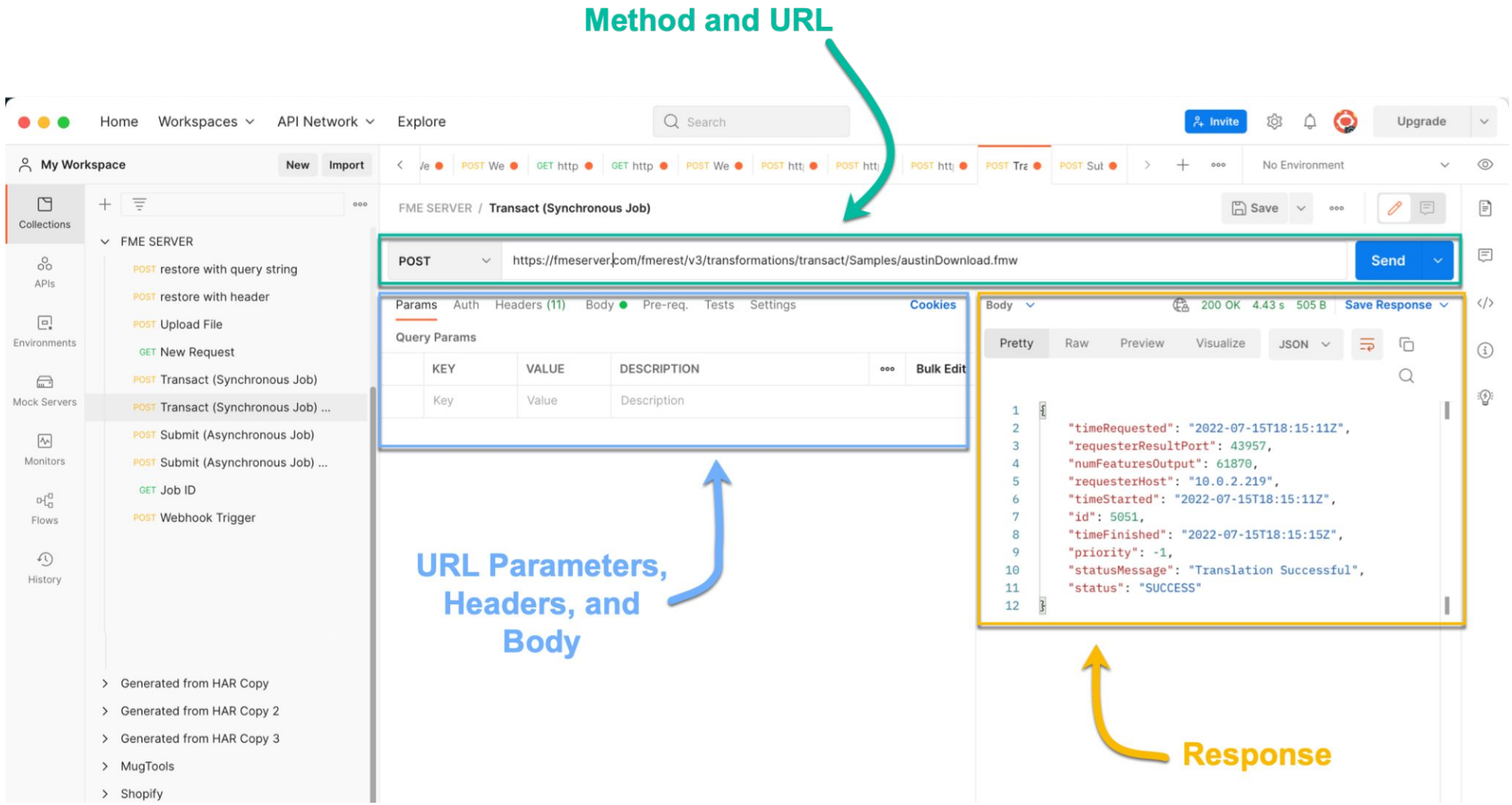
Webhook URLs

- Transformation Services (Data Download, Data streaming, etc.)
- GET or POST method
- Runtime data is sent in the request *URL parameters*

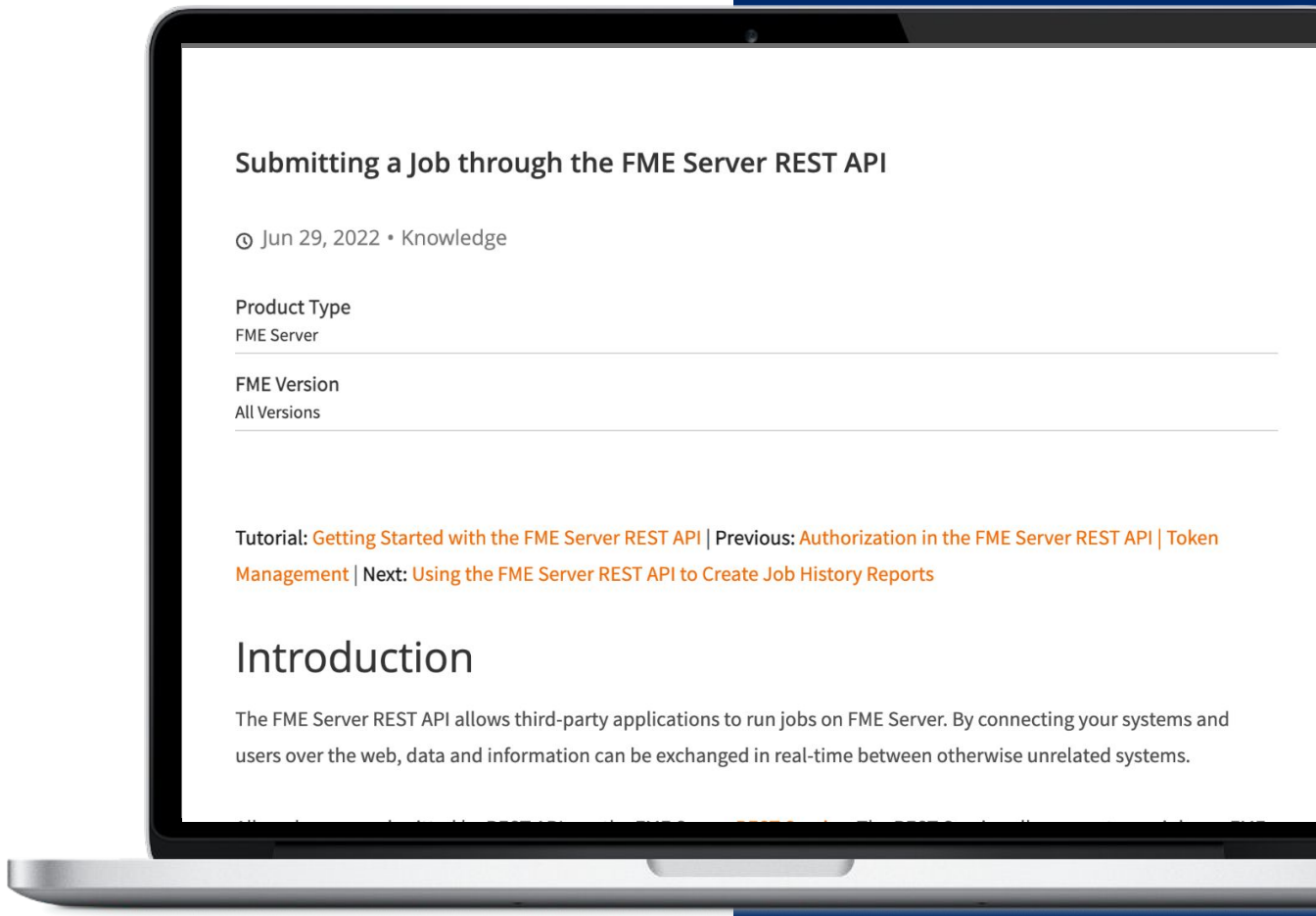
Building an API Job Request in 1, 2, 3…



Sending Requests from Postman



Exercise 2
Submitting a Job through the FME Server REST API

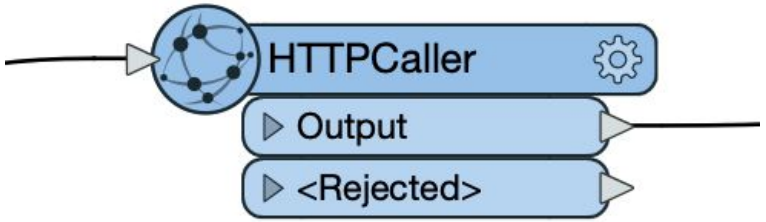


APIs in FME Desktop

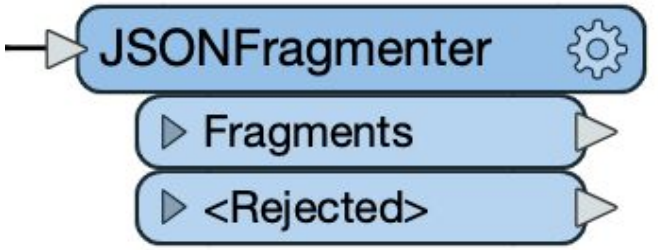
Powerful API Transformers

Typically most workflows in FME begin with a Reader that initiates the workflow.

However, since most APIs use the HTTPCaller as the Reader. The Creator is used to kick off the workflow.

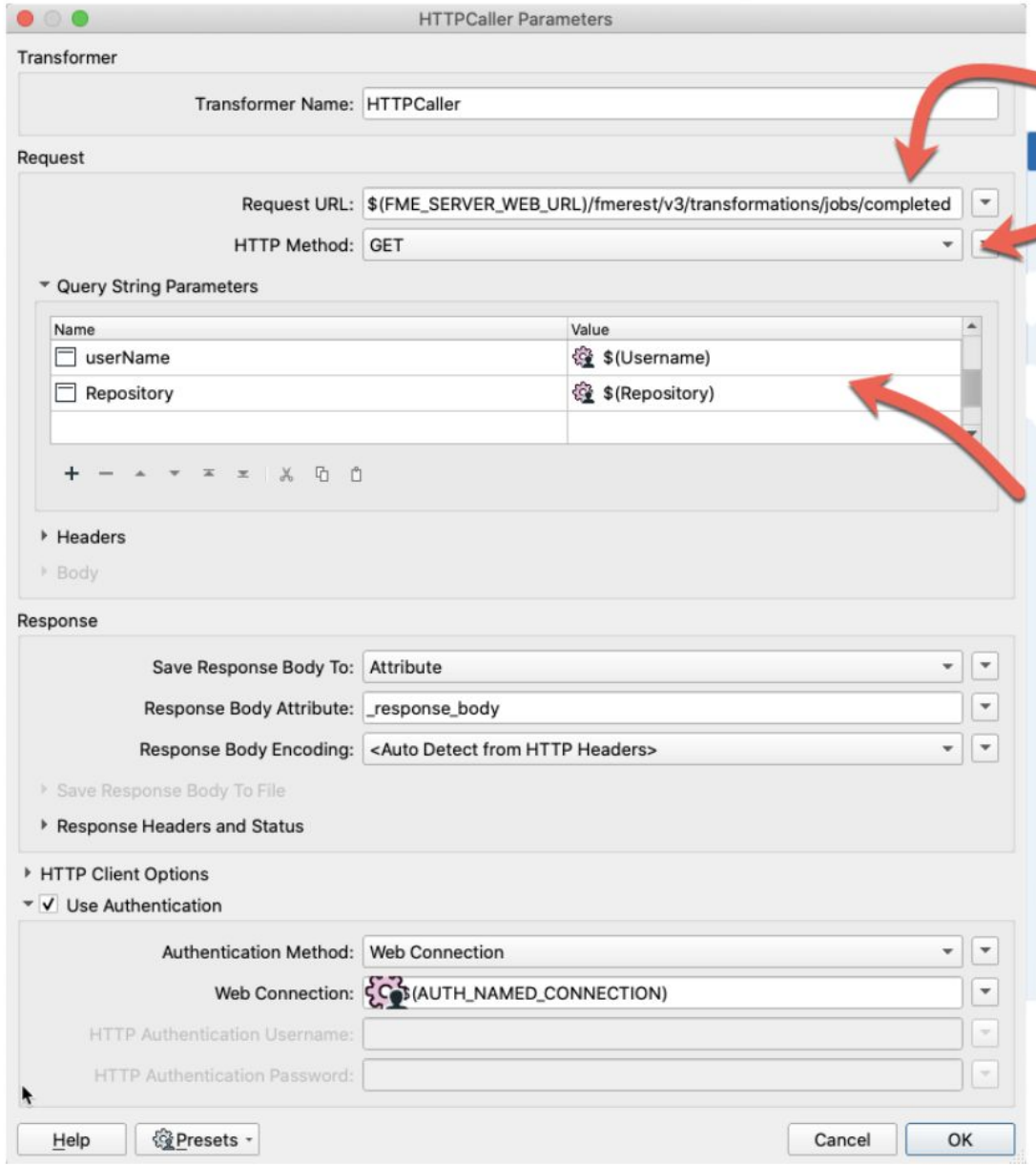


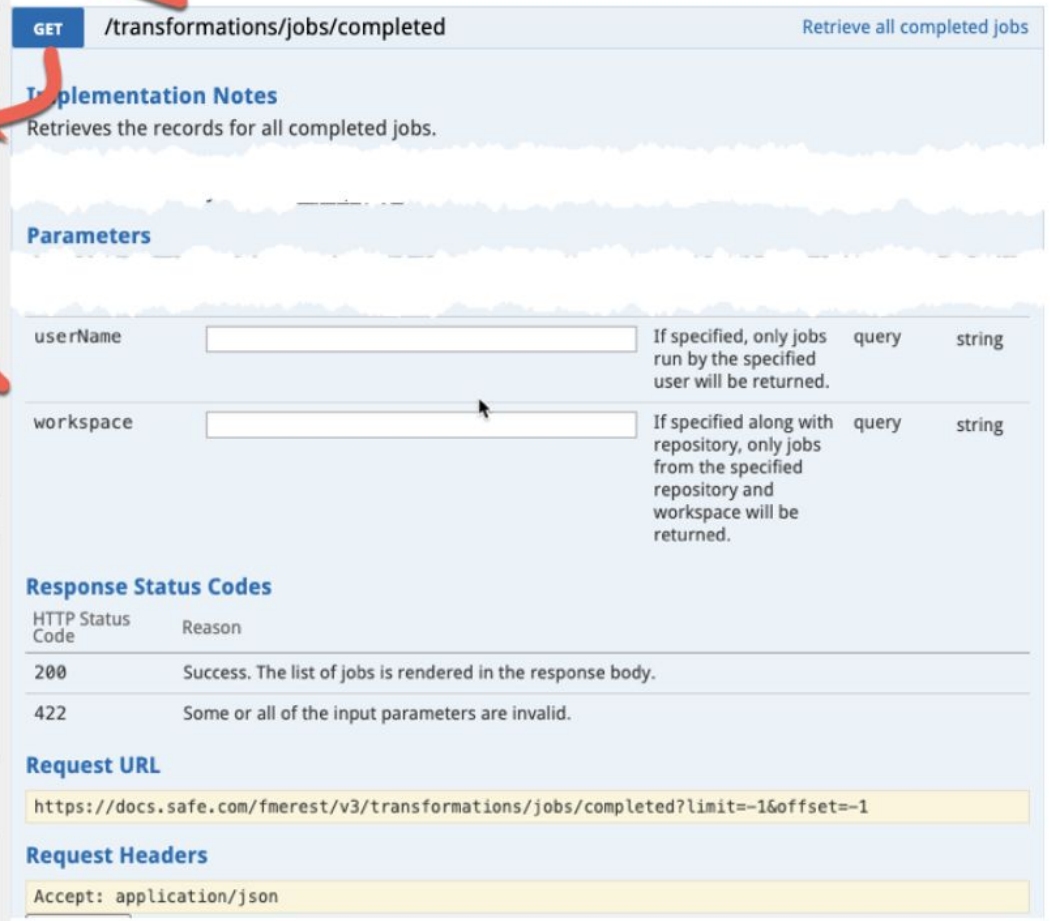
The HTTPCaller is where the call to the REST API is handled.

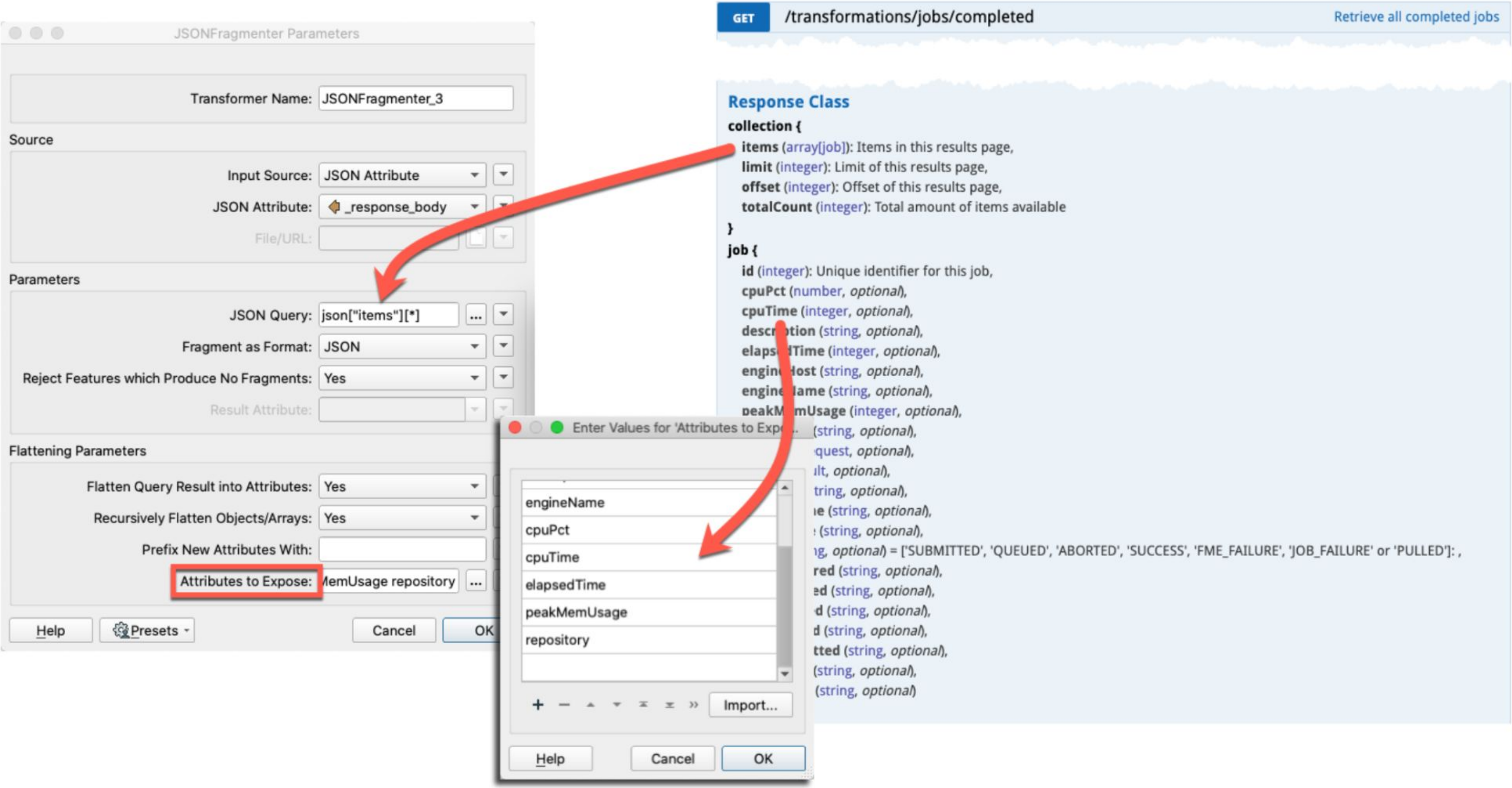


Most REST APIs return JSON. JSON can be parsed in the JSON fragmenter.

https://community.safe.com/s/article/Tips-for-Working-With-the-FME-Server-REST-API-in-FME-Workbench


HTTPCaller Parameters
Transformer
Transformer Name: HTTPCaller
Request
Request URL: $(FME_SERVER_WEB_URL)/fmerest/v3/transformations/jobs/completed
HTTP Method: GET
Query String Parameters
Name
Value
userName
$(Username)
Repository
$(Repository)
Headers
Body
Response
Save Response Body To: Attribute
Response Body Attribute: _response_body
Response Body Encoding: <Auto Detect from HTTP Headers>
Save Response Body To File
Response Headers and Status
HTTP Client Options
Use Authentication
Authentication Method: Web Connection
Web Connection: (AUTH_NAMED_CONNECTION)
HTTP Authentication Username:
HTTP Authentication Password:
Help
Presets
Cancel
OK

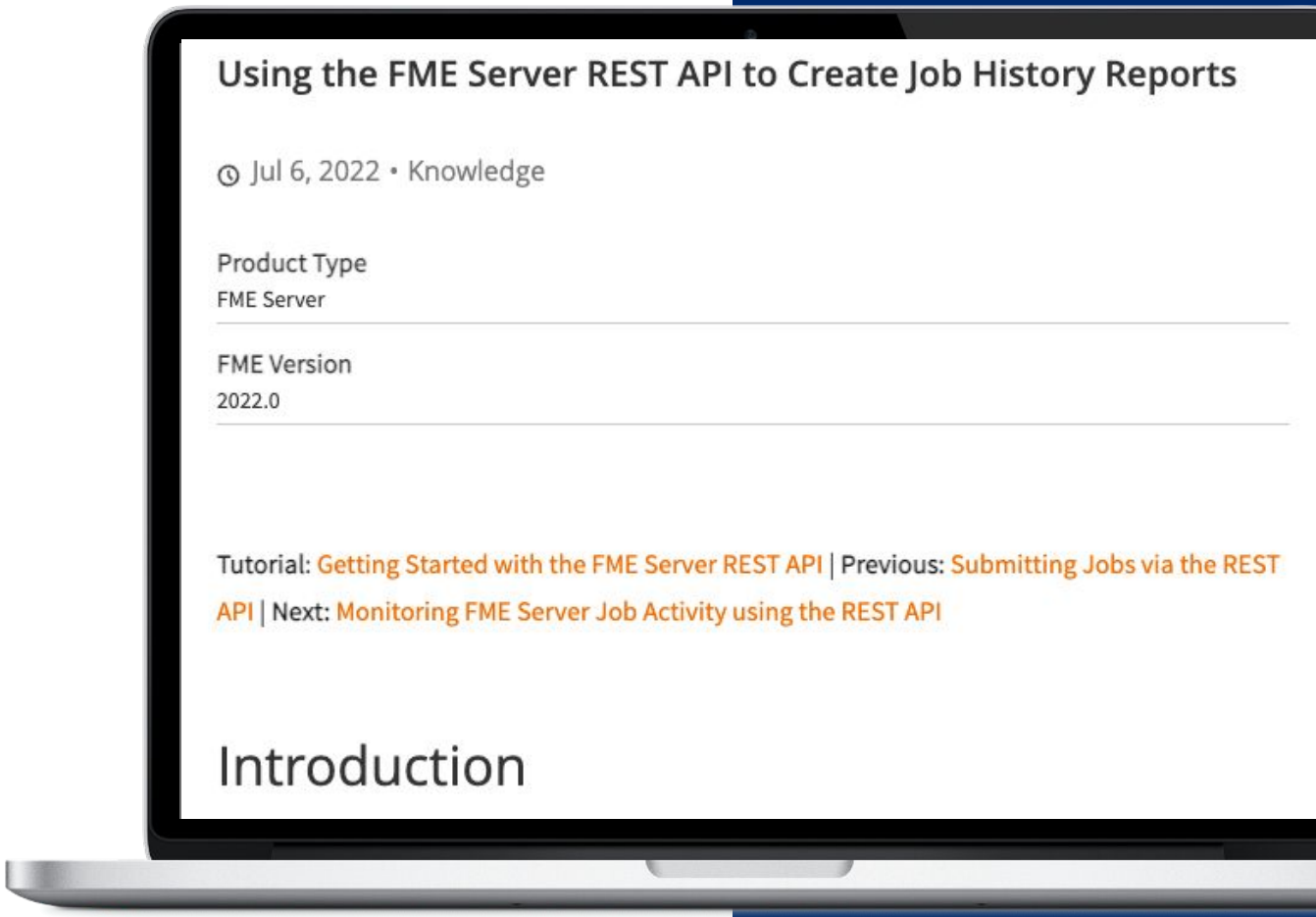

GET
/transformations/jobs/completed
Retrieve all completed jobs
Implementation Notes
Retrieves the records for all completed jobs.
Parameters
userName
If specified, only jobs run by the specified user will be returned.
query
string
workspace
If specified along with repository, only jobs from the specified repository and workspace will be returned.
query
string
Response Status Codes
HTTP Status Code
Reason
200
Success. The list of jobs is rendered in the response body.
422
Some or all of the input parameters are invalid.
Request URL
https://docs.safe.com/fmerest/v3/transformations/jobs/completed?limit=-1&offset=-1
Request Headers
Accept: application/json


JSONFragmenter Parameters
Transformer Name: JSONFragmenter_3
Source
Input Source: JSON Attribute
JSON Attribute: _response_body
File/URL:
Parameters
JSON Query: json["items"][*]
Fragment as Format: JSON
Reject Features which Produce No Fragments: Yes
Result Attribute:
Flattening Parameters
Flatten Query Result into Attributes: Yes
Recursively Flatten Objects/Arrays: Yes
Prefix New Attributes With:
Attributes to Expose:
lemUsage repository
Help
Presets
Cancel
OK
Enter Values for 'Attributes to Expo...
engineName
cpuPct
cpuTime
elapsedTime
peakMemUsage
repository
Import...
Help
Cancel
OK
GET
/transformations/jobs/completed
Retrieve all completed jobs
Response Class
collection {
items (array[job]): Items in this results page,
limit (integer): Limit of this results page,
offset (integer): Offset of this results page,
totalCount (integer): Total amount of items available
}
job {
id (integer): Unique identifier for this job,
cpuPct (number, optional),
cpuTime (integer, optional),
g, optional) = ['SUBMITTED', 'QUEUED', 'ABORTED', 'SUCCESS', 'FME_FAILURE', 'JOB_FAILURE' or 'PULLED']: ,

Activity: Creating a Job History Report

Exercise 3

Using the FME Server REST API to Create Job History Reports



Troubleshooting

Stuck? Try the following things:

- Test the call in Postman
- Review the error code. Cross reference it with the FME Server REST API Documentation.
- Ensure that the token used is valid. If you are having permissions issues, try granting more privileges temporarily to test.

HTTP Response Codes and Errors

The FME REST Service returns an HTTP status code for every request. For most GET requests, a response message is returned in your requested format, along with the status code. For most PUT and DELETE requests, only the status code is returned to indicate whether the operation is successful or not. Refer to the specifications reference for more details.

200	OK	Success; the results are rendered in the response body.
201	Created	Success; the resource has been created.
202	Accepted	Success; the operation has been started.

Resources

[REST API Documentation]

[Getting Started with the FME Server REST API]

[Connect to APIs and Webhooks in no time [blog]]

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