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Version history

This document will be versioned with the server, hence this is document version 0.7 from 2023-01-19. It is the first release of this document so no version history is available yet.

Server access

Access to the web interface is possible via <https://api.usegroup.de/>. Terms of service are listed in the chapter Terms of service on page 23.

To register please access <https://api.usegroup.de:9443/devportal/services/configs> and click "Create Account" link on the bottom left. Select a username, "Proceed to self register", enter the rest of the data and have your email verified. Afterwards you can login on <https://api.usegroup.de> .

If you select the desired Mustangserver version and click on the blue "try out" button (not the link in the navigation) on the next page you should be able to click a "get test key" button.

The screenshot shows the 'Mustangserver' API overview in the WS2 API Manager. The interface features a dark blue sidebar on the left with navigation options: Overview, Subscriptions, Try Out, Comments, Documentation, and SDKs. The main content area has a blue header with 'Overview | Mustangserver > Overview'. Below the header, there's a card for 'Mustangserver' with a version of 'v0.4.0' and 'By admin'. A URL field contains 'https://gw.usegroup.de:8243/mustangserver/v0.4.0'. Underneath, a 'Business Plans' section displays four options: Bronze (1000 Requests/min), Gold (5000 Requests/min), Silver (2000 Requests/min), and Unlimited (Unlimited Requests/ms). At the bottom, a 'Comments' section shows 'No Comments Yet' with the note 'No comments available for this API yet'.

e.g. when you open the "ping" operation and click "try it out" and "execute" you should get a "pong" response.

Operations

The available operations are

- ping: Just a test, always just returns „pong“. The only operation accessible via HTTP GET, the rest is POST.
- validate: Validate a Factur-X/ZUGFeRD or XRechnung CII or Order-X-CIO File using Mustang's validator. Requires a file and returns a XML report. The format to be validated against will be read from it's guideline ID.
- phive: Validate a CII or UBL file using <https://github.com/phax/phive> . Requires a VES ID and a file and returns JSON.

Available VES IDs are

de.xrechnung:cii:1.2.0	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.2.0
de.xrechnung:cii:1.2.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.2.1
de.xrechnung:cii:1.2.2	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.2.3
de.xrechnung:cii:2.0.0	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.0
de.xrechnung:cii:2.0.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.1
de.xrechnung:cii:2.1.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.2
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de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:1.2.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.5
de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:1.2.2	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.6
de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:2.0.0	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.6a
de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:2.0.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.7
de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:2.1.1	eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.3.8
de.xrechnung:ubl-creditnote:2.2.0	eu.peppol.bis3.aunz.ubl:creditnote-self-billing:1.0.6
de.xrechnung:ubl-invoice:1.2.0	eu.peppol.bis3.aunz.ubl:creditnote-self-billing:1.0.7
de.xrechnung:ubl-invoice:1.2.1	eu.peppol.bis3.aunz.ubl:creditnote:1.0.6
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de.xrechnung:ubl-invoice:2.0.0	eu.peppol.bis3.aunz.ubl:invoice-self-billing:1.0.6
de.xrechnung:ubl-invoice:2.0.1	eu.peppol.bis3.aunz.ubl:invoice-self-billing:1.0.7
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eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.2.0	eu.peppol.bis3.sg.ubl:invoice:1.0.2
eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.2.1	eu.peppol.bis3.sg.ubl:invoice:1.0.3
eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.2.3	eu.peppol.bis3:catalogue-response:3.13.0
eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.3.0	eu.peppol.bis3:catalogue-response:3.14.0
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eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.3.6	eu.peppol.bis3:despatch-advice:3.14.0
eu.cen.en16931:cii:1.3.6a	eu.peppol.bis3:invoice-cii:3.14.0
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eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.2	eu.peppol.bis3:order-response:3.14.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.3	eu.peppol.bis3:order:3.13.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.4	eu.peppol.bis3:order:3.14.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.5	eu.peppol.bis3:punch-out:3.13.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.6	eu.peppol.bis3:punch-out:3.14.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.6a	eu.peppol.directory:businesscard:1.0.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.7	eu.peppol.directory:businesscard:2.0.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl-creditnote:1.3.8	eu.peppol.directory:businesscard:3.0.0
eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.0.0	
eu.cen.en16931:ubl:1.1.0	

- pdf: Create a PDF/A file from any input PDF. Requires a PDF file (plain PDF, PDF A/1, PDF/A-3 or PDF/X). This operation will remove all non-PDF/A features as well as any embedded files, including potentially available Factur-X/ZUGFeRD files, and embed only available fonts.

- parse: Read a Factur-X/ZUGFeRD/XRechnung and create a JSON representation. Requires a file.
- Invoice2xml: Convert a Factur-X/ZUGFeRD/XRechnung JSON representation to XML. Requires a input JSON string, a standard (ZUGFeRD = zf, XRechnung = xr, or Factur-X = fx), a version (usually 2 for ZUGFeRD and 1 for Factur-X) and a profile ("MINIMUM","BASICWL","BASIC","EN16931","EXTENDED" or "XRECHNUNG" for Factur-X, for ZUGFeRD 1 "BASIC","COMFORT" or "EXTENDED"). For XRechnung only "XRECHNUNG".
- extract: Extracts just the XML (not as JSON like parse) from a Factur-X/ZUGFeRD/Order-X file.
- combineXML: Combines CII XML and a PDF/A-1 document to a Factur-X/ZUGFeRD PDF/A-3 document. Requires a input PDF/A-1 file and a standard (ZUGFeRD = zf or Factur-X = fx), a version (usually 2 for ZUGFeRD and 1 for Factur-X) and a profile ("MINIMUM","BASICWL","BASIC","EN16931","EXTENDED" or "XRECHNUNG" for Factur-X, for ZUGFeRD 1 "BASIC","COMFORT" or "EXTENDED").
- cii2ubl: transforms XML from the UN/CEFACT Cross Industry Invoice (CII) XML format, the basis of factur-x/ZUGFeRD and the CII version of the XRechnung, to the Universal Business Language format, UBL. Requires a CII string.

Mediation, Transformation and Orchestration

The <http://api.usegroup.de/> uses WSO² as API management which in turn uses Apache Synapse (<https://synapse.apache.org/>) for mediation/transformation/orchestration. This means that mediation and orchestration can be developed e.g. in WSO²'s Integration Studio (<https://wso2.com/integration/integration-studio/>) and uploaded as XML file. Apart from acting as a load balancer and central authentication this allow to

- override certain states in the process, e.g. implement a timeout after a certain number of seconds
- invoke a chain of operations in only one virtual endpoint, e.g. conversion from plain PDF, parallelly converting invoice data to XML, merging PDF/A and XML and validation thereof and/or
- map any custom specific input- or output parameter to the values used by Mustangserver internally

Client development

For all clients outlined in this document Oauth's client credentials will be used. Before first use you will have to enable client credentials in the applications tab,

<https://api.usegroup.de:9443/devportal/applications> Default Application, Oauth2 tokens. The procedure is described more detailed in the PHP Client chapter „Allowing Client Credentials“ on page 7 but is generic to all examples and does not apply for PHP only.

Please note that most clients will use the Mustangserver version which had been *selected* in the backend when downloading the OpenAPI definition. New versions may be retired as soon as six month after release of the successor. It is possible to always use the latest (more precisely: recommended) version by removing the version from the endpoint:

```
-- ..... "https://gw.usegroup.de:8243/mustang/v0.5.0/mustang/validate",  
+ ..... "https://gw.usegroup.de:8243/mustang/mustang/validate",
```

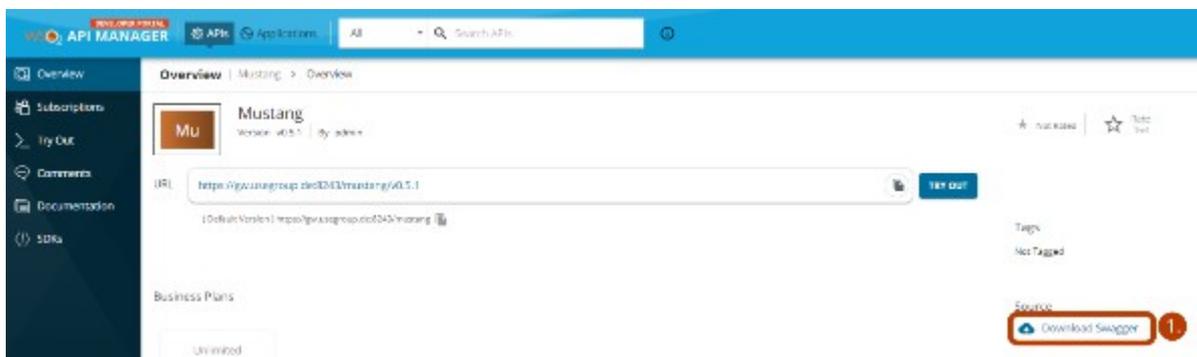
Example PHP Client

This example operates in a PHP context but <https://editor.swagger.io/> also allows C#, Dart, HTML, Go, Java, Javascript, Kotlin, Python, R, Ruby, Scala, Swift and Typescript.

Mustangserver Hello World

Preparations

Screenshot 1:



#1. Log in on <https://api.usegroup.de/devportal/> , select the latest Mustangserver API and download the OpenAPI (=Swagger) definition of the API (->1.)

#2. Open the file in a text editor, select all and copy

#3. Go to editor.swagger.io, paste the definition and confirm conversion to yaml. Select Generate Client|PHP (3.). The API is public so usually there is no need to create code in a private matter.

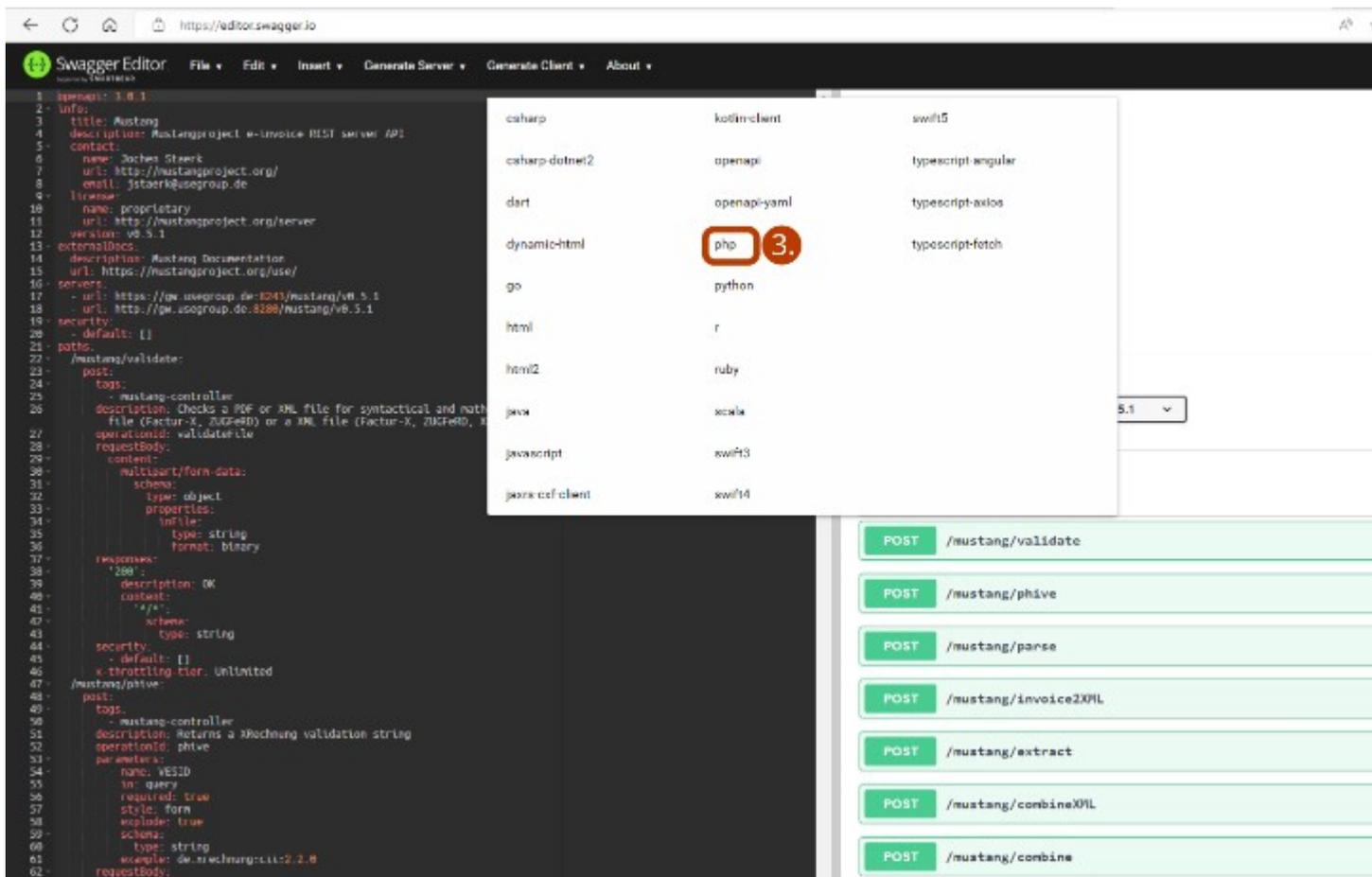
However, it is possible: Swagger editor is open source under the APL license

(<https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-editor>) and e.g. a Docker Image can be obtained from <https://registry.hub.docker.com/r/sebp/swagger-editor> , i.e. using

```
sudo docker run --rm -p 8080:8080 sebp/swagger-editor
```

to run locally via port 8080.

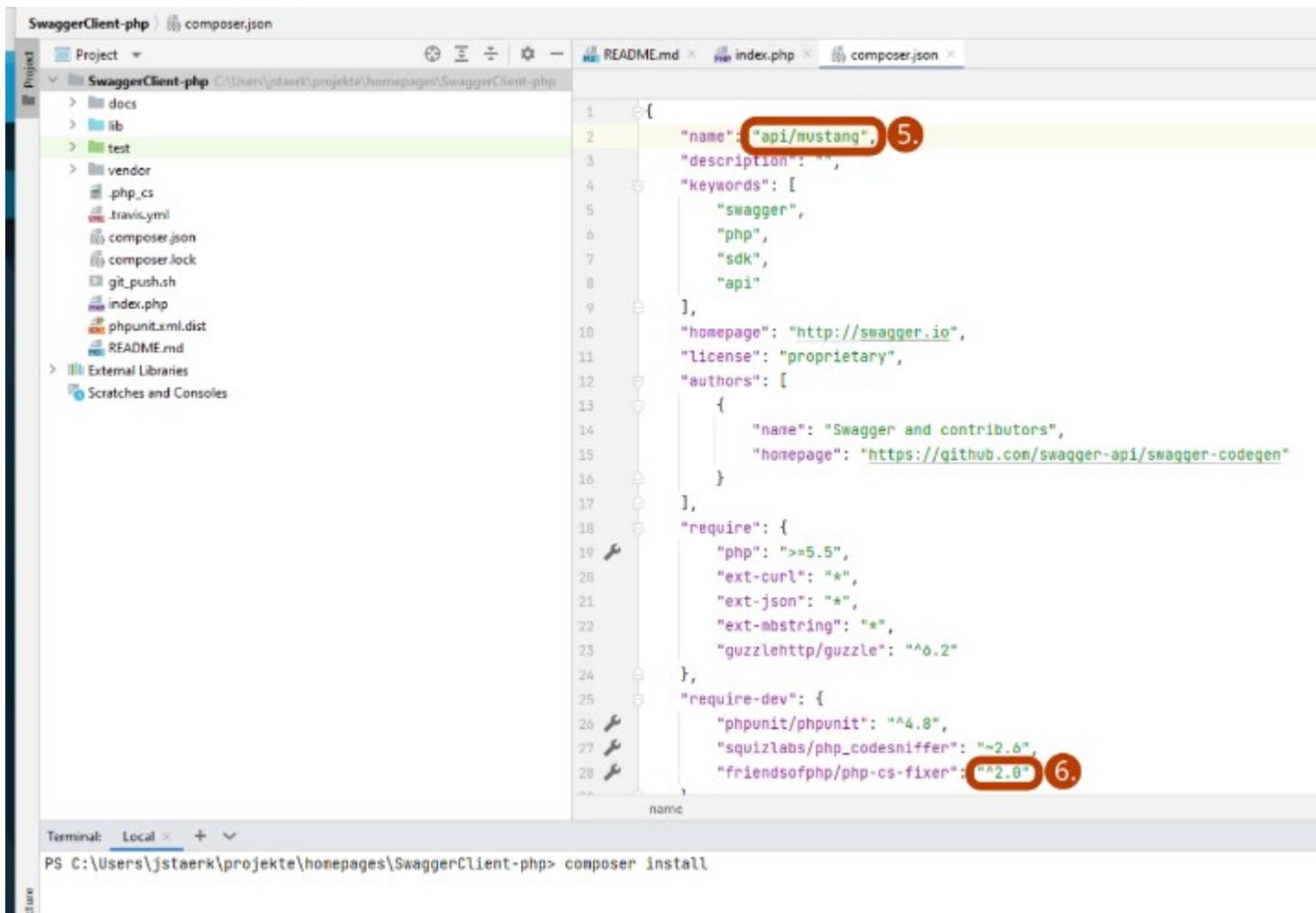
Screenshot 2:

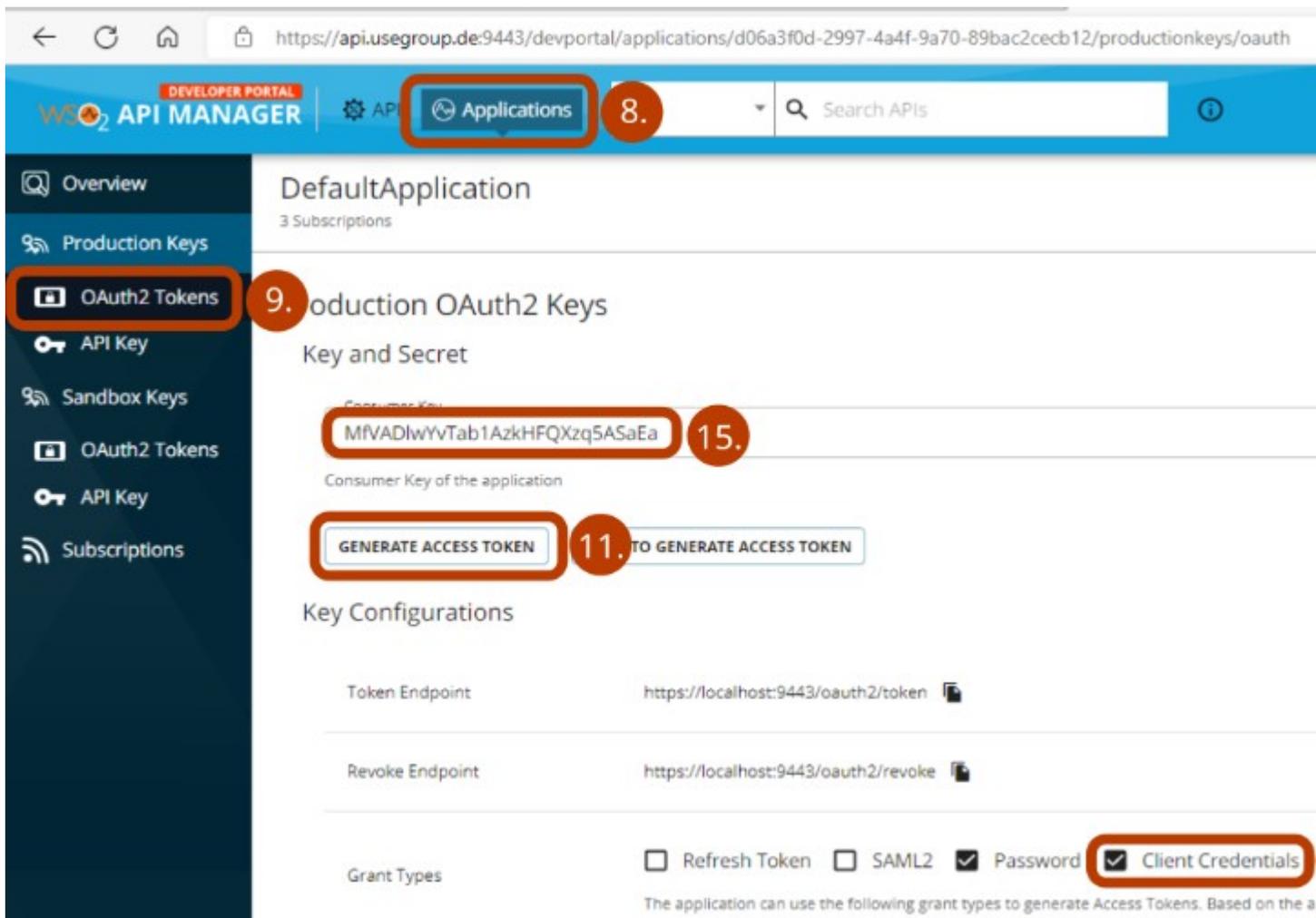


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#5. change the name of the project in the composer.json file to lowercaps/lowercaps (5.)

Screenshot 3:





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Get access token

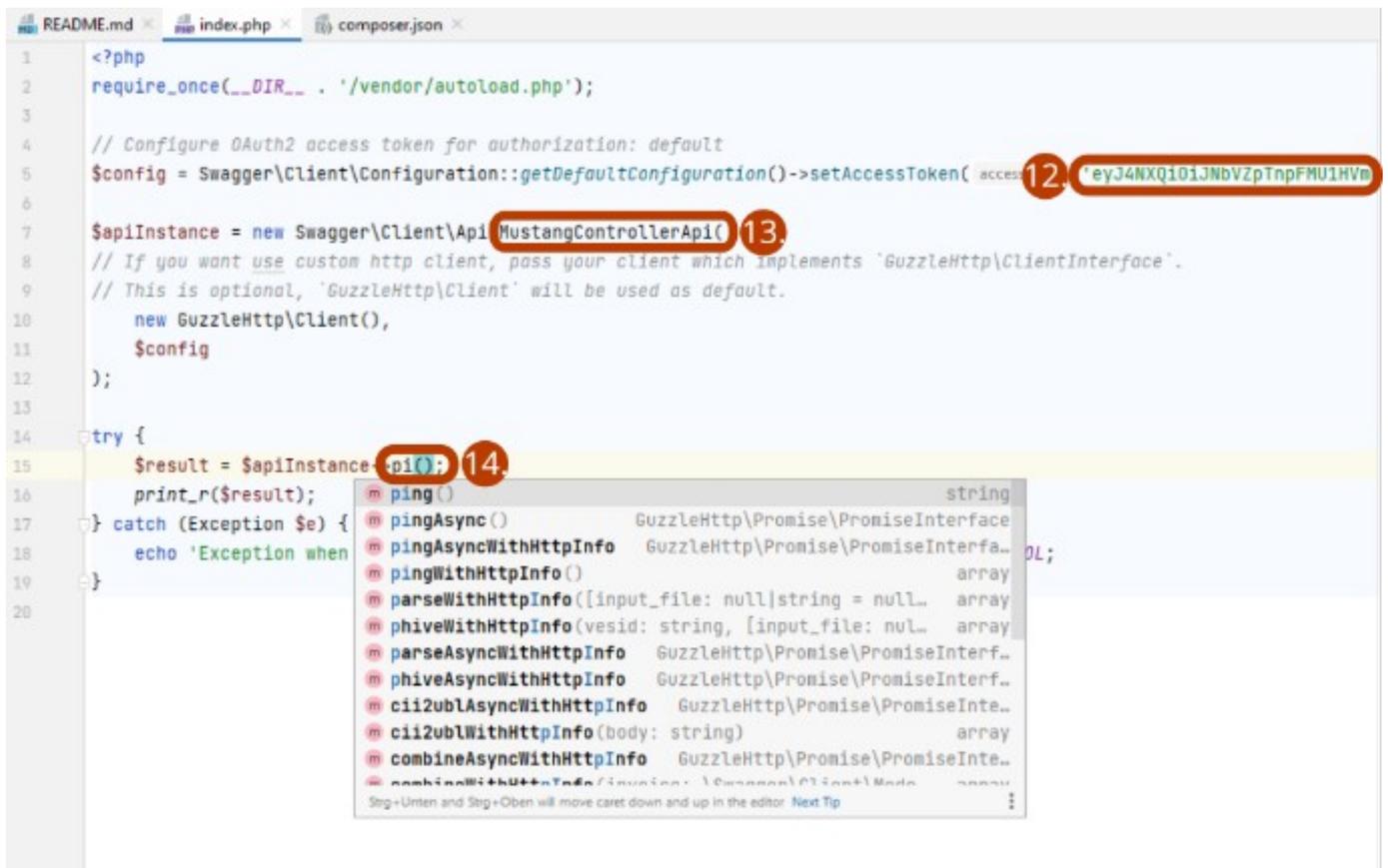
#11. For this part we will use a token which will expire shortly. Click Generate Access Token (11.), Generate and copy the resulting token. Paste it in

Screenshot 5:

```

1 <?php
2 require_once(__DIR__ . '/vendor/autoload.php');
3
4 // Configure OAuth2 access token for authorization: default
5 $config = Swagger\Client\Configuration::getDefaultConfiguration()->setAccessToken( 'access' 12. 'eyJ4NXQ1O1JNbVZpTnpFMU1HVm
6
7 $apiInstance = new Swagger\Client\Api MustangControllerApi( 13.
8 // If you want use custom http client, pass your client which implements 'GuzzleHttp\ClientInterface'.
9 // This is optional, 'GuzzleHttp\Client' will be used as default.
10     new GuzzleHttp\Client(),
11     $config
12 );
13
14 try {
15     $result = $apiInstance->ping(); 14.
16     print_r($result);
17 } catch (Exception $e) {
18     echo 'Exception when
19 }
20

```



#12. index.php (12.), in the same file

#13. change ErrorController to Mustangcontroller (13.) and

#14. handle() to ping() (14.). Please note that usual PHP editors will give you code completion.

Now you can open resulting index.php via your server and PHP processor in your browser, it should now look like Screenshot 6:



Part B: Sustainable OAuth2 Authentication and Validation of electronic invoices

Back to Screenshot 4:

In index.php paste the following code

```

$client = new GuzzleHttp\Client();
$res = $client->request('POST', 'https://gw.usegroup.de:9443/oauth2/token', [
    'auth' => [<15.>', '<16.>'],
    'form_params' => [
        'grant_type' => 'client_credentials',
    ]
]);

$json = json_decode($res->getBody(), true);

```

Screenshot 7:

```

<?php

require_once(__DIR__ . '/vendor/autoload.php');

$client = new GuzzleHttp\Client();
$res = $client->request( method: 'POST', uri: 'https://gw.usegroup.de:9443/oauth2/token', [
    'auth' => [16. 'MfVADlwYvTabIAzkHFQXzq5ASaEa', 18. 'client secret'],
    'form_params' => [
        'grant_type' => 'client_credentials',
    ]
]);

$json = json_decode($res->getBody(), associative: true);

// Configure OAuth2 access token for authorization: default
$config = Swagger\Client\Configuration::getDefaultConfiguration()->setAccessToken(19. $json["access_token"]);

$apiInstance = new Swagger\Client\Api\MustangControllerApi(
    // If you want use custom http client, pass your client which implements 'GuzzleHttp\ClientInterface'.
    // This is optional, 'GuzzleHttp\Client' will be used as default.
    new GuzzleHttp\Client(),
    $config
);

try {
    $result = $apiInstance->validateFile( in file: "factur-x.pdf"); 21.
    print_r(json_decode($result)); 22.
} catch (Exception $e) {
    echo 'Exception when calling MustangControllerApi->validateFile: ' . $e->getMessage();
}

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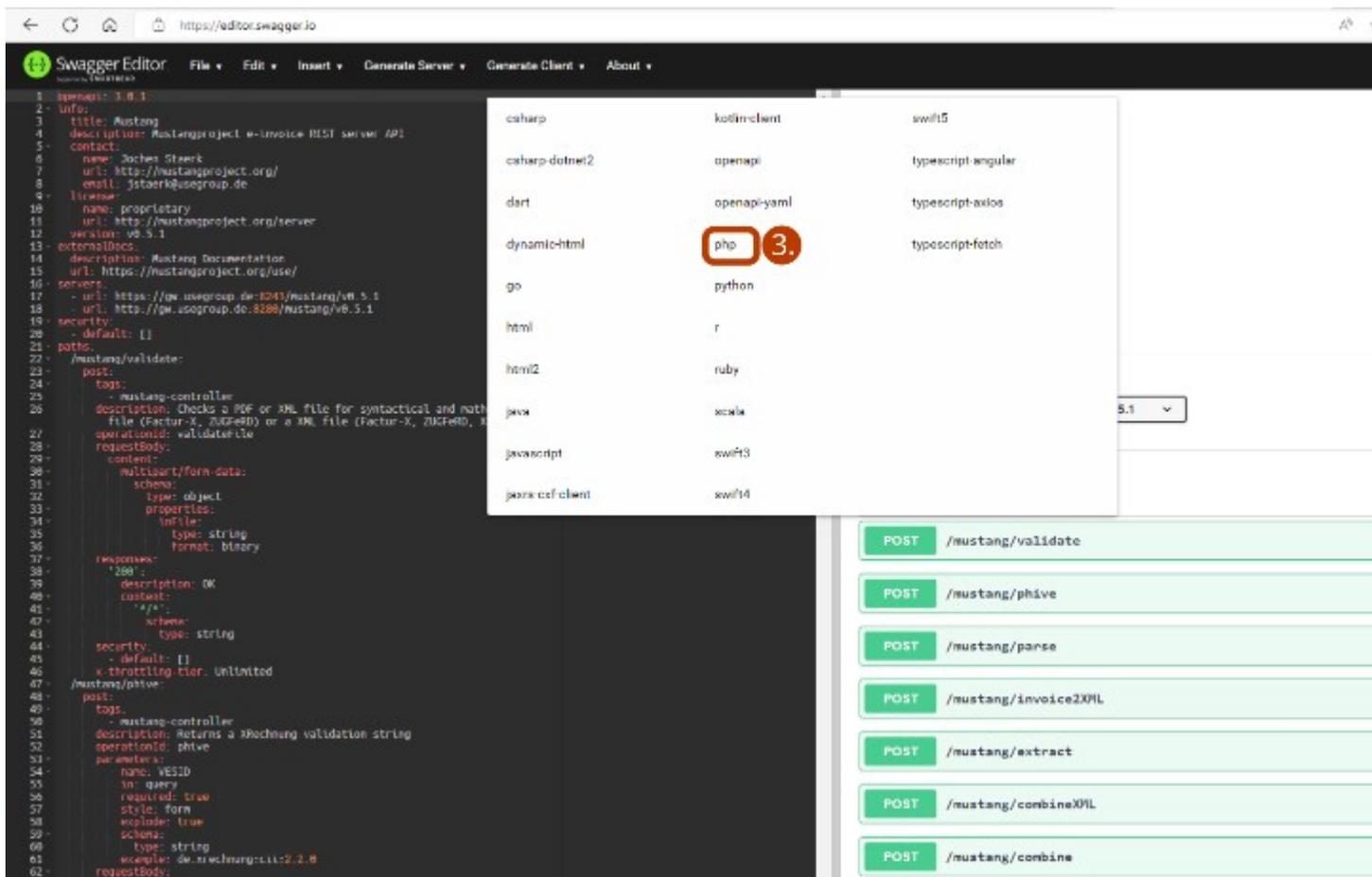
#17. reveal and copy Consumer Secret (18.).

#19 replace the static access token which will become invalid by \$json["access_token"]

#20 Create or download a invoice to be validated, e.g.

https://www.mustangproject.org/files/MustangGnuaccountingBeispielRE-20201121_508.pdf and save it as factur-x.pdf

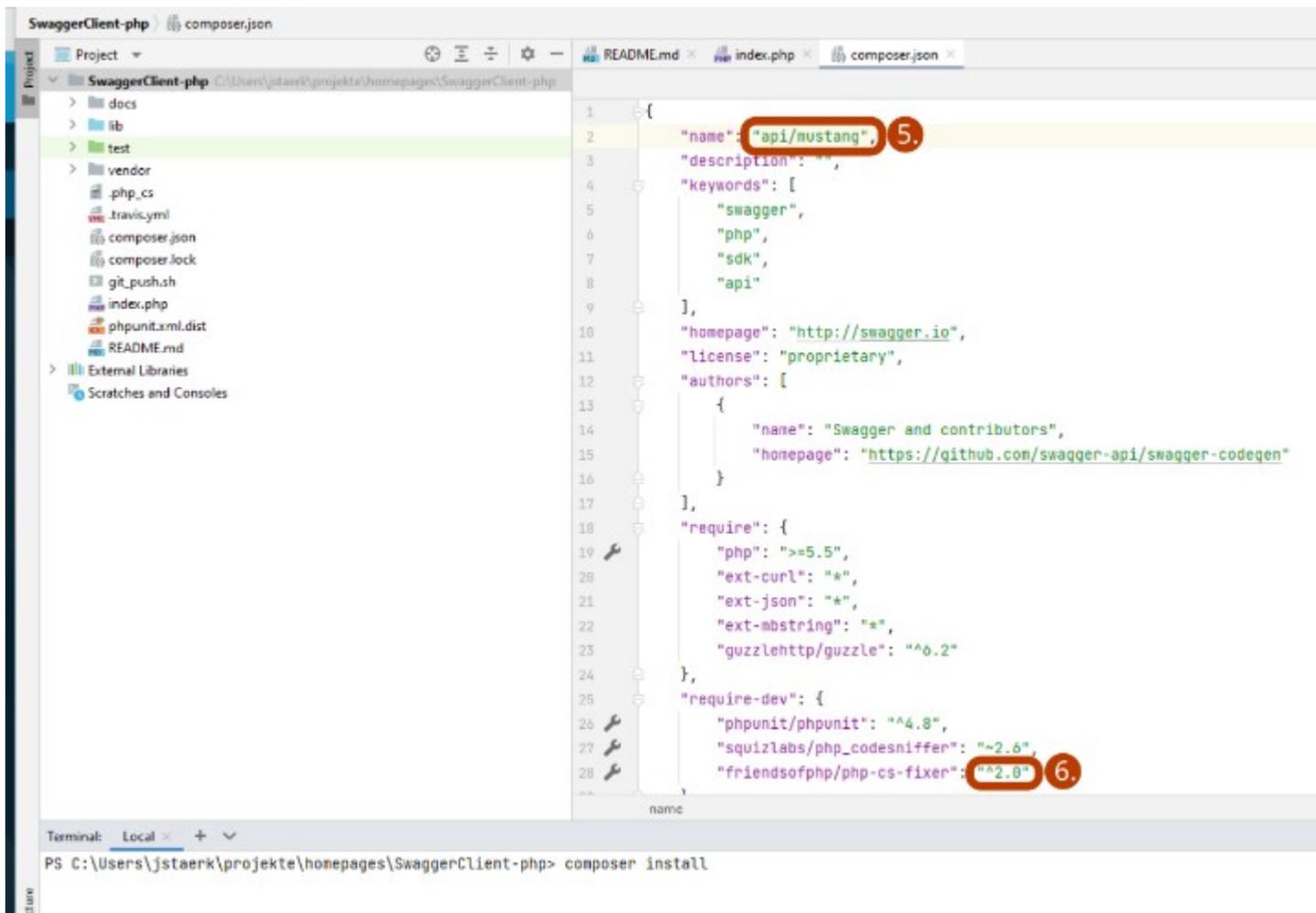
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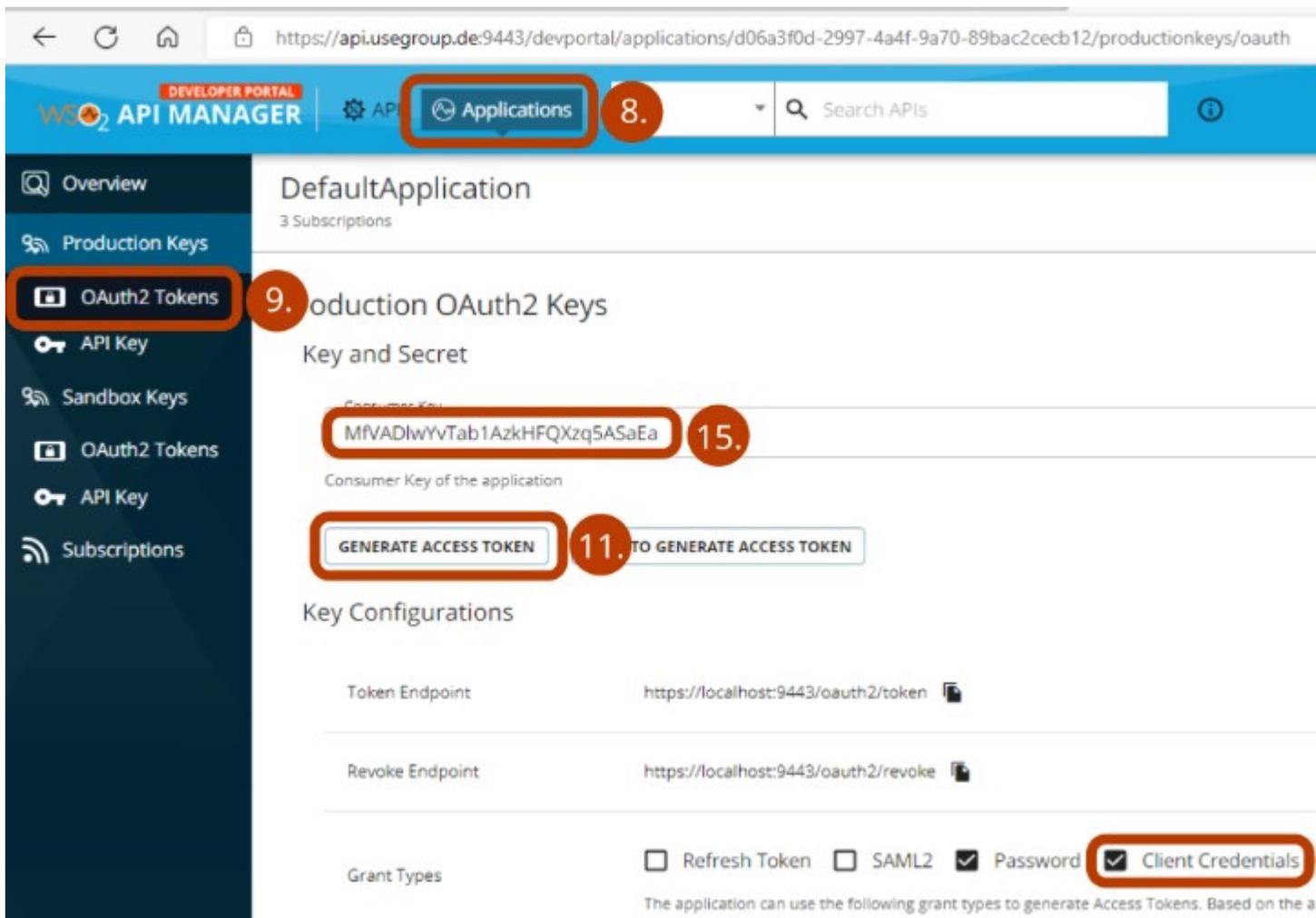


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    ]
]);

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```

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<?php

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$res = $client->request( method: 'POST', uri: 'https://gw.usegroup.de:9443/oauth2/token', [
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    'form_params' => [
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    ]
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#21 Change the method to validateFile and

#22 html escape the validation result, so that the result in the browser looks like screenshot 8:



That's it. Instead of displaying the XML you can now parse it.

Feel free to also try the async functions.

Postman

For this example, you will need enabled client credentials as described on page 7 in Allowing Client Credentials.

Use Import|File|Upload Files to upload you Openapi.yaml file into a Mustangserver collection.

Add a request to https://gw.usegroup.de:9443/oauth2/token?grant_type=client_credentials and call it Token Request. Postman will auto-detect the Parameter in the URL. Change the type to POST.

In Headers, add a new field Content-Type with application/json as its value.

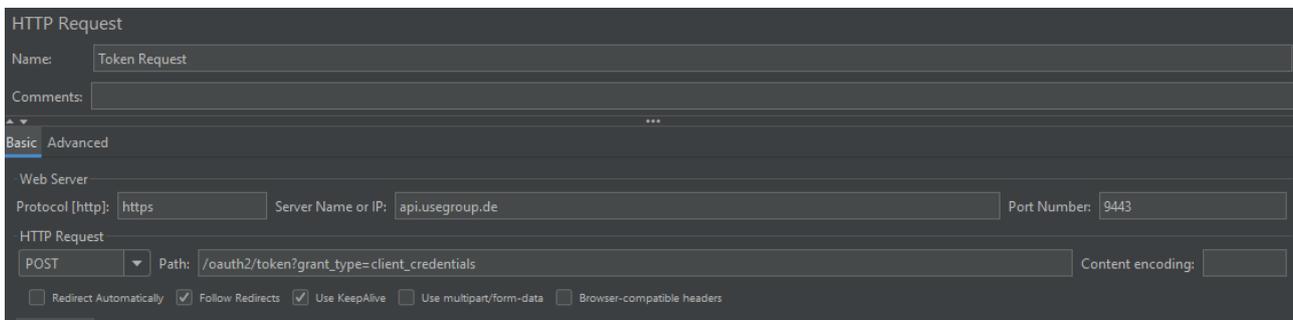
The tab Authorization should be Basic auth with your client id and secret as username and password. Once you click Send, an according access token should be submitted:

Jmeter

<https://openapi-generator.tech/> supports a Jmeter export but that does not handle authentication so this is a simple way to do some performance testing manually.

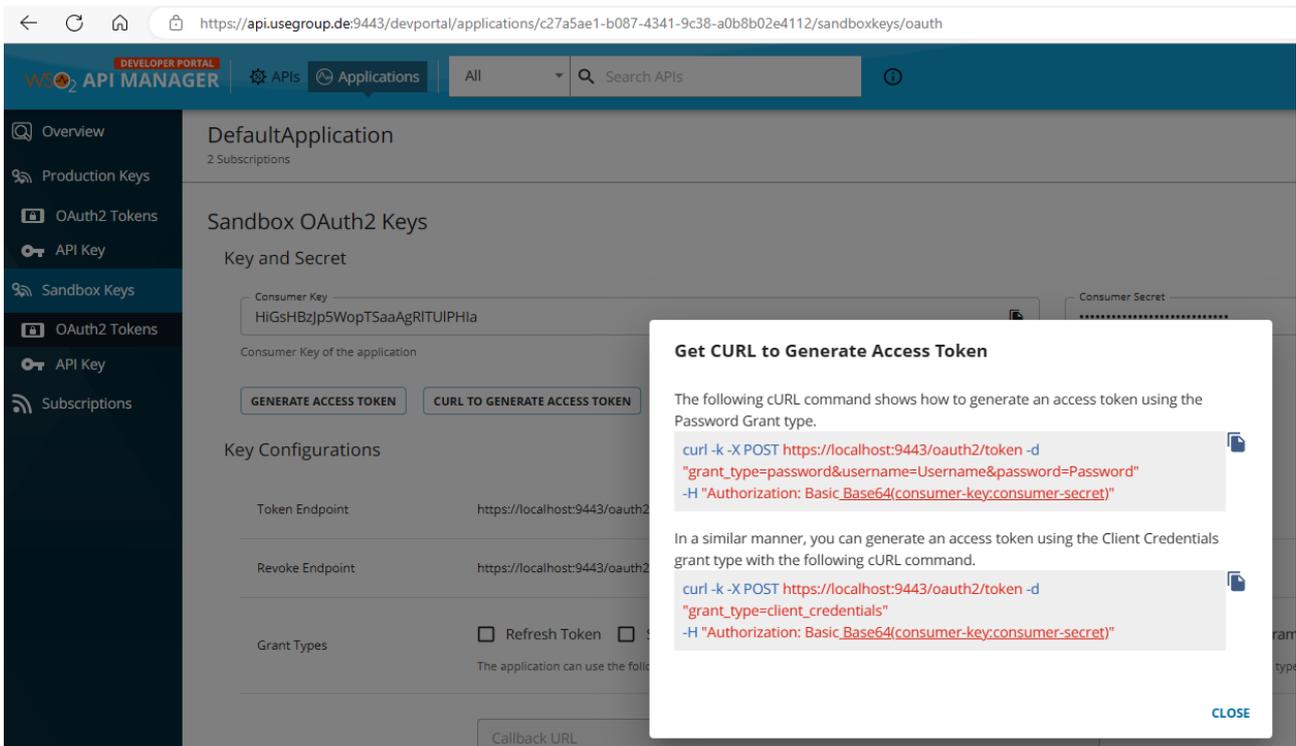
For this example, you will need enabled client credentials as described on page 7 in *Allowing Client Credentials*.

In your Test plan, add a Thread Group with a Once Only controller. Below that, add a HTTP request sampler, we'll call it Token Request. This is how it is defined: Change protocol to https, method to POST, add server name and port number, and add the path:

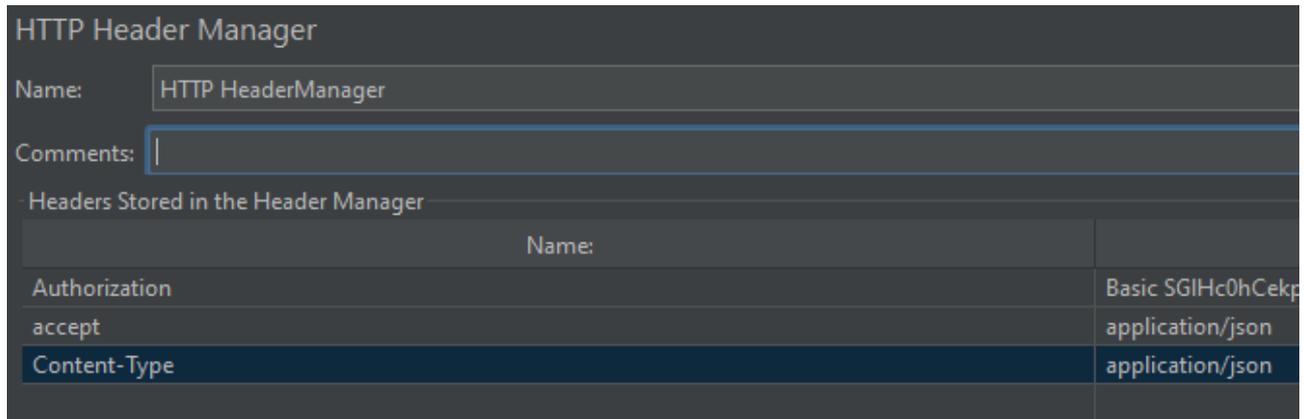


The screenshot shows the 'HTTP Request' configuration dialog in Jmeter. The 'Name' field is set to 'Token Request'. The 'Web Server' section shows 'Protocol [http]:' set to 'https', 'Server Name or IP:' set to 'api.usegroup.de', and 'Port Number:' set to '9443'. The 'HTTP Request' section shows the method set to 'POST' and the 'Path:' set to '/oauth2/token?grant_type=client_credentials'. At the bottom, there are several checkboxes: 'Redirect Automatically' (unchecked), 'Follow Redirects' (checked), 'Use KeepAlive' (checked), 'Use multipart/form-data' (unchecked), and 'Browser-compatible headers' (unchecked).

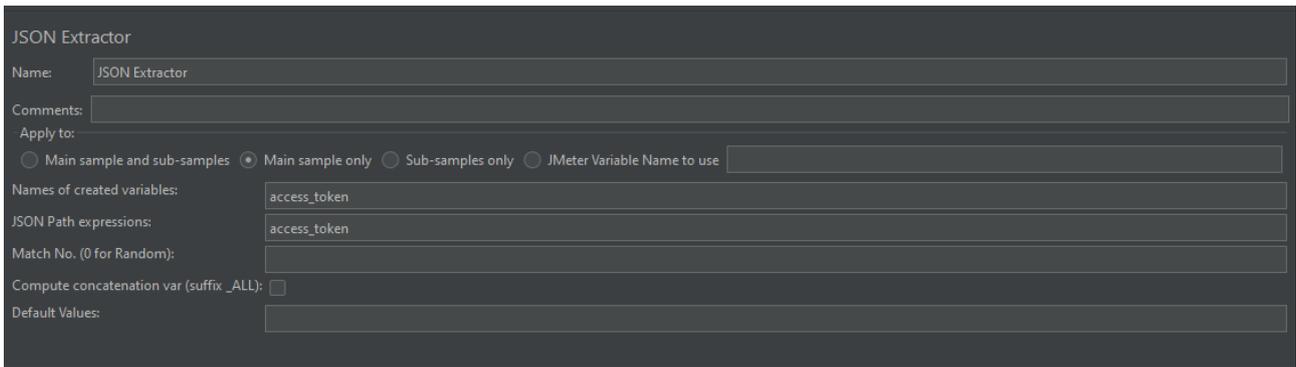
Base64encode your <consumer key>:<consumer secret> as described on the applications page of the API management:



In Jmeter, below the Token request, add a HeaderManager with Basic Authorization as described:



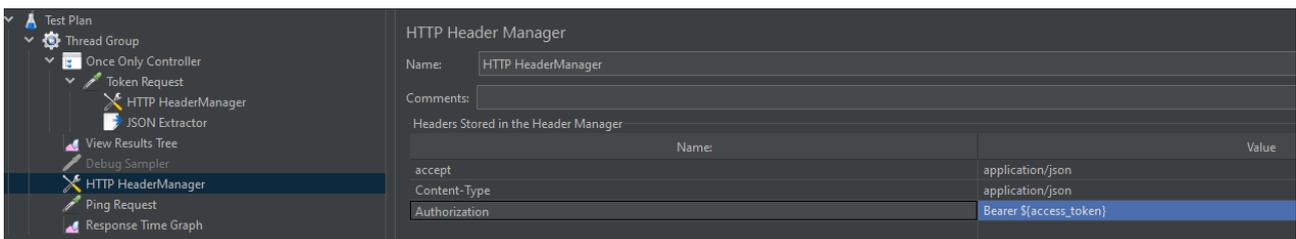
And from the response, also below Token Request, extract the JSON value access token into a Jmeter Variable access token using a JSON Extractor:



Add a sampler View Result Tree to confirm the results and a debug sampler if you like (in the results tree you will then be able to e.g. see the current variables when you click on the results of the debug sampler).

Run|Start should give you green entries in the results tree.

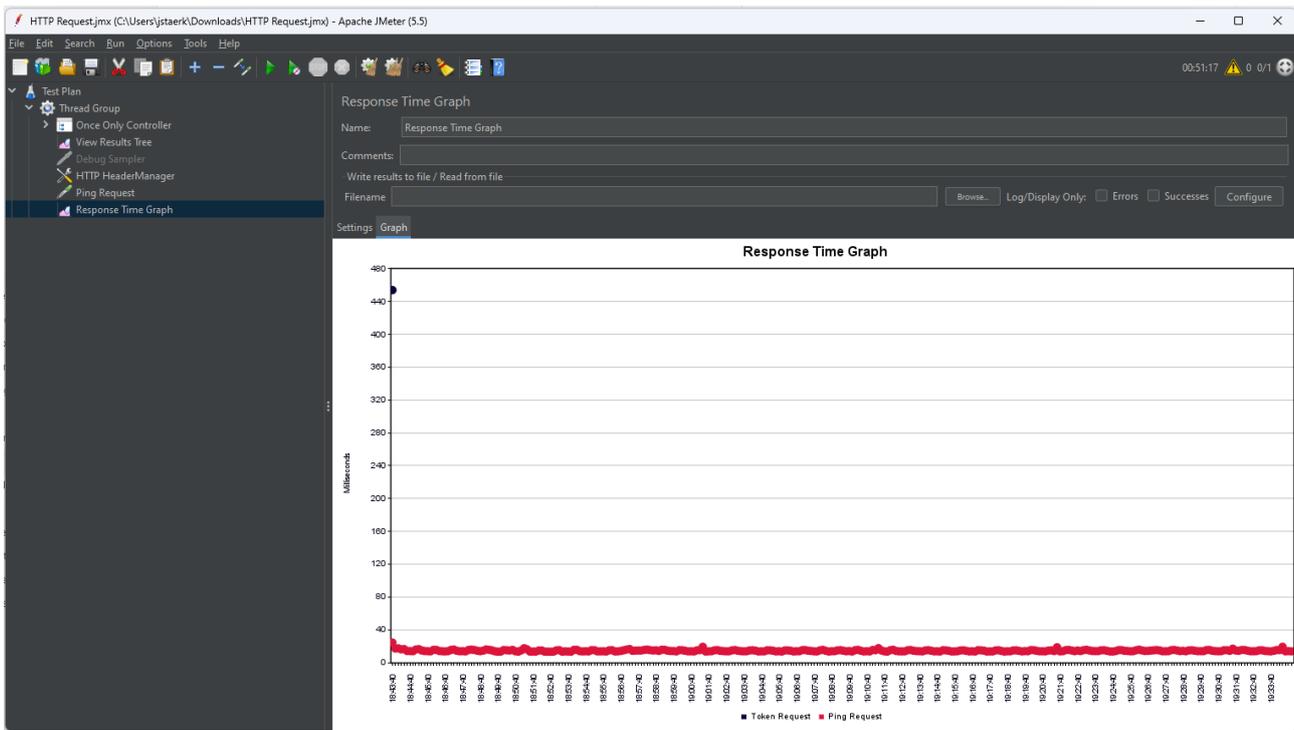
Now we will set the ordinary authentication as header: add another Header Manager outside of the Token request and add the variable as token, i.e. Authorization being Bearer \${access_token}



You can then add a simple ping request in the thread group



and e.g. a Response time graph. You can then set the Thread group loop count to infinite, start the sampling and check the results tree. After a while the response time graph will look like this, indicating the initial login took ~440ms and the usual response time to our „ping“ is ~20ms.



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https://api.usegroup.de:9443/authenticationendpoint/privacy_policy.do

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