

API Quickstart

iSpot.tv

Authentication

The iSpot API utilizes oAuth2.0 for authentication, which involves using your client_id and client_secret to make a POST request to the authentication endpoint to retrieve a bearer token. This token is used for each subsequent API call in order to return data. Further instructions as well as code samples can be found [here](#).

Credentials

Your credentials will be provided to you by your Customer Success representative and should be obtained prior to moving past this step. These credentials are for demonstration purposes only, but yours will be the same number of characters as outlined below.

Client ID

Your client_id is a 20-character alphanumeric value used to authenticate

Ex: 89ab614c1732d98e123f

Client Secret

Your client_secret is a 40-character alphanumeric value

Ex: Tr1f3k6PzStGhQcWLuMAcKdXr4g4s6rUcHwyTSby

Grant Type

When authenticating the grant_type parameter will always be the string 'client_credentials'

Retrieving a Bearer Token

Using the given credentials, you will make a POST request to the endpoint <https://api.ispot.tv/v4/oauth2/token> and pass your client_id, client_secret and grant_type as a parameter in the request headers. Authentication will vary depending on which method you are using to interact with our API, but the mechanics of the request are largely the same.

Token Expiration

Please note that your token is valid for a period of **24 hours**, at which point you will need to retrieve a new token. It is recommended that you limit the amount of token requests per day and only request a new one when absolutely necessary.

Example using curl from command line

Authenticating

```
curl --request POST \
--url 'https://api.ispot.tv/v4/oauth2/token' \
--data 'client_id=CLIENT_ID&client_secret=CLIENT_SECRET&grant_type=client_credentials'
```

After running the previous command, it should return your Bearer Token as shown below:

Sample Response with Bearer Token

```
{"token_type": "Bearer", "expires_in": 86400, "access_token": "eyJ0eTAiOjKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJrWQiOilyWeLwMPBkMDdjZjRmZWRiYjZkNSIsImp0aSI6IjUyNDgxY2YzZTVmR0Tk0GFiZG1lYWQ3NWRhMjg4NDFIYjE3MTE2M2JmZGNiYjFkZWJhOTg1ZDRjZmUyZjY00DExOTBIYjM5NWI1NWViODM4IiwiaWF0IjoiMTYxSjg3MTIxTR450TU0NzMiLCJuYmYi0ilxNjE20DcxMjExLjk5NTQ3NyIsImV4cCI6IjE2MTY5NTc2MTEuOTg2NDE5IiwiC3ViljoiliwiC2NvcGVzIjpBXO.jh0UPXZR6CgPWMCTRYUpQmk5AfBIIzJ3Vcw1Tlh1ZLeiAh3pZwAKsLVEt2mAvbC_XD77CWxx_1yub-02TX2Ty4GrjZms3XQBjw_xE6A6LQ77XNZ5E3iX0xEFOvIAIKx7MPtOGIHLsZg0W-2cDepLyE-xUMIpIp6hul2ndId12rZ0cEQgtT44W7XIKUIFtpGZCGdjQf13AfHYIfT2eInTRgZifnNLjpAkW9mx1Qass5LXzLx6PTLUncIf3kCAwRSsTTxfmspKZdfI58I6LGxVW24p1Uw71RrdkJGzuuUdlpz25VTKxx_3ZSB86mEwzDABYalSGyqqXv0vi9eLoR7d_uq"}
```

Your bearer token is a 671-character alphanumeric value valid for 24 hours (86400 seconds)

Making an API call

The bearer token returned in the previous step will be used to make each subsequent API request. You'll want to copy and paste or store your bearer token in a variable, which will be passed through the request headers as a parameter. *Ex: --header 'Authorization: Bearer TOKEN HERE'*

Depending on which method you are using to make requests and return data, the process will vary greatly, however the structure of the endpoint including filters and parameters will be the same. An exhaustive list of endpoints available via the API can be found [HERE](#), you will need a username and password in order to access which should have been provided to you by your Customer Success representative. *Please note these credentials are different than your client id and client secret used for authentication!*

Structure of an API Request

{Base Endpoint}

{Content Type}

{Query String & Filters}

[https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter\[start_date\]=2021-01-01&filter\[end_date\]](https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter[start_date]=2021-01-01&filter[end_date])

Filters

One of the most critical elements of any API request are the filters and parameters. These are necessary in order to return a manageable data set that includes only the necessary data that you would like to return. A list of the most common filters and includes can be found [HERE](#).

Pagination

Using pagination ensures that returned API responses are easier to handle. For example, a given response may retrieve hundreds of thousands of results that are likely not very useful. Pagination also allows you to request multiple pages in parallel. The pagination parameters in this section let you control the volume of information that is returned in the response.

Values specified in the pagination parameters must be valid and within the specified range in order for the response to succeed. Note the default and maximum values for this in the following table.

iSpot REST API pagination parameters filters

Type	Parameter	Value
Use to specify page number.	<code>page[number]=</code>	Number
Use to specify response values per page.	<code>page[size]=</code>	Number Default: 100 Max: 10,000

The following sample request uses both parameters:

`https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/tv/airings?page[number]=3&page[size]=10000&filter[start_date]=2019-01-01&filter[end_date]=2019-01-07&sort=est_spend,-date`

To get one day's worth of data (24 hours), make the start and end date filters the same in your API request.

Example: `filter[start_date]=2019-06-05&filter[end_date]=2019-06-05`

Pagination response format

Pagination data is located in the metadata section of the response. The metadata also includes next page and previous page links in order to traverse all available pages.

```
"pagination": {  
    "total": #,  
    "count": #,  
    "per_page": #,  
    "current_page": #,  
    "total_pages": #,  
    "links": {  
        "previous": "link"  
        "next": "link"  
    }  
}
```

The diagram shows five green arrows pointing from the right side to the left side of the JSON object. The first arrow points to the key "total" with the description "Total response values". The second arrow points to the key "count" with the description "Values on given page". The third arrow points to the key "per_page" with the description "Values per page". The fourth arrow points to the key "current_page" with the description "Current page number". The fifth arrow points to the key "total_pages" with the description "Total number of pages".

Rate limiting

Rate limiting controls the amount of incoming and outgoing network traffic. For example, if a particular API service is configured to allow 100 requests per minute, when a user exceeds that request limit, an error is triggered. Implementing rate limits allows for better data flow and data management.

The returned HTTP headers from an iSpot API request provide rate limit status on the following: the maximum number of requests you're permitted to make per minute, the number of requests remaining in the current rate limit window, and the amount of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) in seconds before the current rate limit window resets. In this way, iSpot enforces rate limits to manage the network load. The rate limits in the following table apply to iSpot REST API endpoints.

iSpot REST API endpoint rate limits

Endpoint	Request limit	Reset window in seconds
/v4/access	100	900
/v4/account	100	900
/v4/airings	300	60
/v4/brands	50	60
/v4/celebrities	50	60
/v4/events	50	60
/v4/industries	50	300
/v4/metrics	75	60
/v4/movies	50	60
/v4/networks	50	60
/v4/notifications	100	60
/v4/product-categories	50	60
/v4/products	50	60
/v4/shows	50	60
/v4/spots	50	60
/v4/users	50	60

Note: iSpot API rate limits may change without notice.

More Documentation

For further documentation, please refer to the following [API Integration Guide](#) or the [Developer Site](#).

Sample API Templates

Below are some examples demonstrating API calls using a few different methods/languages that should be used as a guide to get you started. The [developer site](#) also contains further examples for each endpoint written in 7 different programming languages. Please reach out to your Customer Success representative if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Curl

The commands below demonstrate authenticating and making a request to the API. These can be run in many different command line/shell environments and may vary slightly. Please ensure that you replace the CLIENT_ID and CLIENT_SECRET with your own credentials to authenticate, and replace the bearer token in your subsequent API call with the token returned by the first command.

Authentication (to retrieve Bearer Token)

```
curl --request POST \
--url 'https://api.ispot.tv/v4/oauth2/token' \
--data 'client_id=CLIENT_ID&client_secret=CLIENT_SECRET&grant_type=client_credentials'
```

Making Request (returning data)

```
curl -g --request GET \
--url 'https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter[start_date]=2021-01-01&filter[end_date]=2021-01-01&page[number]=1&page[size]=10000' --header 'Authorization: Bearer YOUR_TOKEN_HERE'
```

Example request with token:

```
curl -g --request GET \
--url 'https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter[start_date]=2021-01-01&filter[end_date]=2021-01-01&page[number]=1&page[size]=10000' --header 'Authorization: Bearer eyJ0eTAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJrWQiOilyWeLwMPBkMDdjZjRmZWRIYjZkNSIsImp0aS16ljUyNDgxY2YzZTvmRQtkOGFiZGI1YWQ3NWRhMjg4NDFIYjE3MTE2M2JmZGNiYjFkZWJhOTg1ZDRjZmUyZjY0ODExOTBIYjM5NWI1NWViODM4liwiaWF0IjoiMTYxSjg3MTIxTR450TU0NzMiLCJuYmYiOlxNjE20DcxMjExLjk5NTQ3NyIsImV4cCI6ljE2MTY5NTc2MTEuOTg2NDE5liwic3Viljoiliwic2NvcGVzljpbXX0.jh0UPXZR6CgPWMCTRYUpQMk5AfBIIZJ3Vcw1Tlh1ZLeiAh3pZwAKsLVEt2mAvbC_XD77CWxx_1yub-02TX2Ty4GrjZms3XQBjw_xE6A6LQ77XNZ5E3iX0xEF0vIAIKx7MPtOGIHLsZg0W-2cDepLyE-xUMlplp6hul2ndId12rZ0cEQgtT44W7XIKUIFtpGZCGdjQf13AfHYIfT2eInTRgZifnNLjpAkW9mx10as5LXzLx6PTLUnclf3kCAwRSsTTxfmspKZDfl58I6LGxVW24p1Uw71RrdkJGzuuUdlpz25VTKxx_3ZSB86mEwzDABYalSGyqgXv0vi9eLoR7d_ug'
```



```
#/venv/bin/python3
import http.client,json,csv,requests
import pandas as pd
from pandas import json_normalize

client_id = 'YOUR_CLIENT_ID_HERE'
client_secret = 'YOUR_CLIENT_SECRET_HERE'

def get_token():
    conn = http.client.HTTPSConnection("api.ispot.tv")
    payload =
        "client_id={CLIENT_ID}&client_secret={CLIENT_SECRET}&grant_type=client_credentials".format(CLIENT_ID=client_id,
    CLIENT_SECRET=client_secret)
    headers = {
        'content-type': "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
    }
    conn.request("POST", "/v4/oauth2/token", payload, headers)

    res = conn.getresponse()
    token_raw = res.read()
    data_parsed = json.loads(token_raw.decode("utf-8"))

    access_token = data_parsed['access_token']
    conn.close()
    return (access_token)

conn = http.client.HTTPSConnection("api.ispot.tv")
payload = ""
headers = {'Authorization': "Bearer {TOKEN}".format(TOKEN=str(get_token())),
}

#####
## Set filters, parameters and define the api request.
endpoint = '/v4/metrics/audience/airings?'
page_size = '&page[size]=10000' # Do not alter
page_number = '&page[number]=1' # Do not alter
start_date = 'filter[start_date]=2021-01-01'
end_date = '&filter[end_date]=2021-01-14'
filters = '&filter[industry]=119&filter[airing_type]=N,R&filter[national_only]=1'
includes =
'&include=brand,parent_brand,spot,creative,day_of_week,day_part,episode,industry,network,genre,sub_genre,show,product'
params = start_date + end_date + filters + includes
api_request = endpoint + params + page_size

conn.request("GET", api_request + page_number, payload, headers, )
res = conn.getresponse()
request_id = res.headers.get('X-Request-ID')
```

```

request_datetime = res.headers.get('Date')
print('\r\nRequest ID: {REQUEST_ID}\r\nDatetime: {REQUEST_DATETIME}\r\nStatus:
{STATUS}'.format(REQUEST_ID=request_id,REQUEST_DATETIME=request_datetime,STATUS=res.status))
final = res.read()
jsonResponse = json.loads(final.decode('utf-8'))

#####
# Determine results and page data. JSON normalize converts all keys into headers for csv output
p = 0

p_total = jsonResponse.get('meta')['pagination']['total_pages']
total_values = jsonResponse.get('meta')['pagination']['total']
current_page = jsonResponse.get('meta')['pagination']['current_page']
print('\r\n{NRESULTS} results across {PAGE_NUM} pages\r\n'.format(NRESULTS=total_values, PAGE_NUM=p_total))
print('Completed: ' + api_request + page_number)
jsonResponse = jsonResponse['data']
json_norm = json_normalize(jsonResponse, sep='_')
if p == 0:
    json_norm.to_csv('output.csv', mode='w', sep=',', header=True, index=False)
else:
    json_norm.to_csv('output.csv', mode='a', sep=',', header=False, index=False)

while p < (p_total + 1):
    try:
        p += 1
        conn.request("GET", api_request + "&page[number]=" + str(int(current_page + 1)), payload, headers, )
        res = conn.getresponse()
        final = res.read()
        jsonResponse = json.loads(final.decode('utf-8'))
        jsonResponse = jsonResponse['data']
        json_norm = json_normalize(jsonResponse, sep='_')
        json_norm.to_csv('output.csv', mode='a', sep=',', header=False, index=False)
        print('Completed:
https://api.ispot.tv/{ENDPOINT}&page[number]={CURRENT}'.format(ENDPOINT=api_request,CURRENT=str(int(current_pa
ge + 1))))
        current_page += 1
    except Exception:
        pass
    else:
        pass

```



The following instructions describe how to retrieve your Bearer Token in Postman as well as how to get data via API requests.

To Retrieve your Bearer Token

1. In My Workspace, once you've added a new Collection, and expanded it, click New and then Add a Request. You can name it Authenticate.
2. Select POST from the dropdown.
3. Paste the endpoint <https://api.ispot.tv/v4/oauth2/token>
4. Click Body and select x-www-form-urlencoded
5. Enter the KEY and VALUE with your client_id, client_secret, and the grant_type set to client_credentials.
6. Click Send

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. On the left, the sidebar has 'My Workspace' selected, with a 'New' button highlighted by a red box. Below it, a 'Demo' collection is expanded, showing various request templates like 'Account', 'Audience', etc. In the center, a 'New Request' dialog is open for a 'POST' method to the URL <https://api.ispot.tv/v4/oauth2/token>. The 'Body' tab is selected and set to 'x-www-form-urlencoded'. The 'Headers' tab shows 'Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded'. The 'Params' tab is empty. The 'Auth' tab is also empty. The 'Body' table contains three rows:

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	...	Bulk Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> client_id	89ab614c1732d98e123f			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> client_secret	Tr1f3k6PzStGhQcWLuMAcKdXr4...			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grant_type	client_credentials			

On the right, the main workspace shows the 'Send' button highlighted by a red box. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Params', 'Auth', 'Headers (9)', 'Body', 'Pre-req.', 'Tests', and 'Settings'. The 'Cookies' tab is also visible.

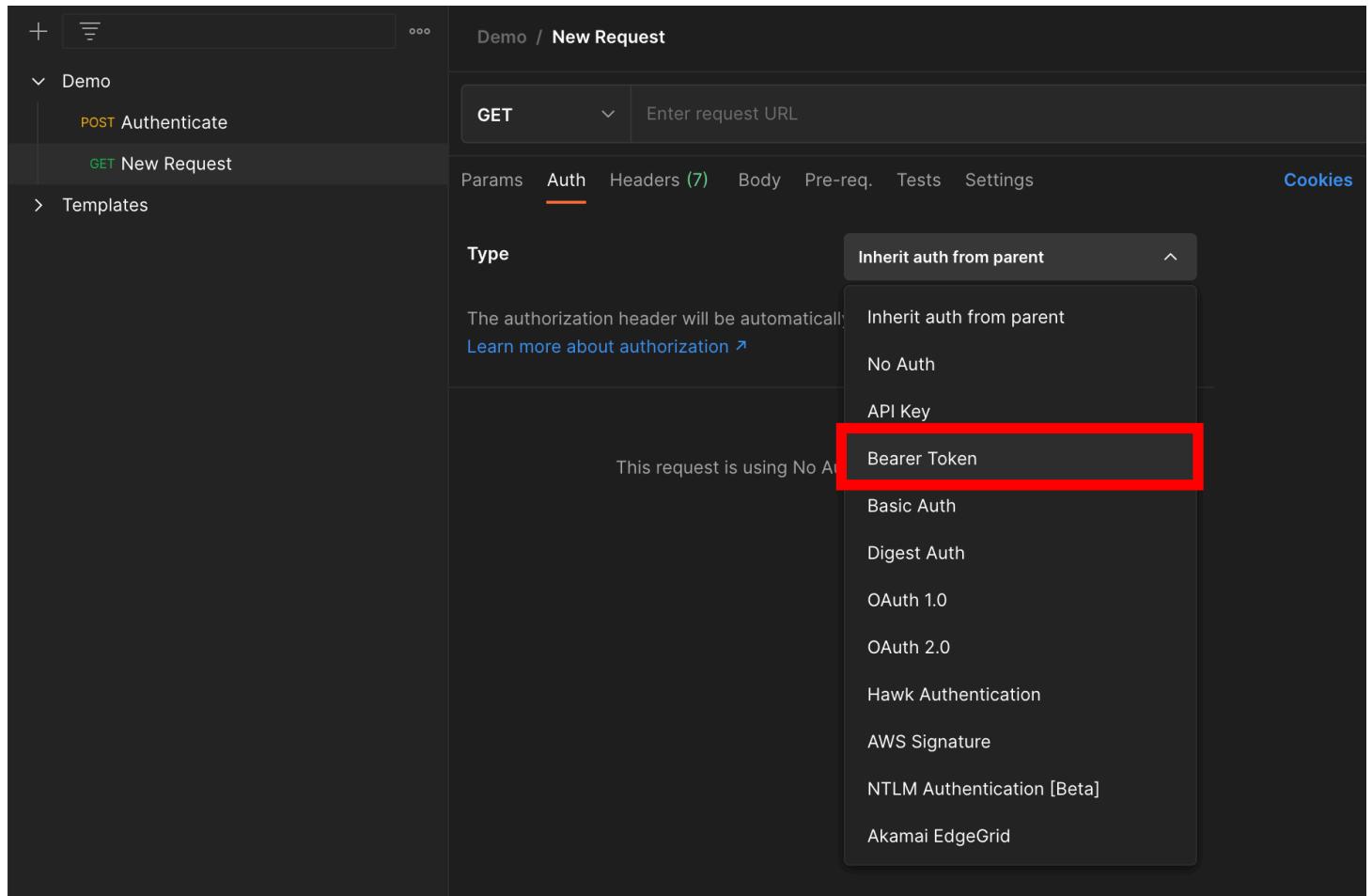
The Bearer Token will then appear at the bottom

The screenshot shows the Postman interface after sending the request. The status bar at the top indicates '200 OK' and '264 ms'. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing the response content. The response is in JSON format:

```
access_token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.  
eyJhdwQ10i10Mjc4NjQwMjEy0WNkMTUzYmJ1MyIsImp0aSI6IjFmY2U4NmE2ZTkyMjFkMWY1NGE40GY0ZD  
NkY2E0ZGI0Mzg1YjlmNzEyMmZh0DExmJhNzA2ZjY3Nzkz0WY0MzNlMWUx0TA30TgyYTZjYTNIiwiawF0  
IjoiaiTYNjk4NzQ2MC4wMjkwOTE1LCJyM10iIxNjE20Tg3NDYwLjAy0TA5NSisImV4cCI6IjE2MTcwNz  
M4NjaUmDE4NDA3Iiwiic3V1IjoiIiwiic2NvcGVzIpbXX0.  
GPgTQf0E6C9WMMa7_8qd9knBN2KYV49grRngox0xSYgIkne7E-hDWvFbxUvAxHkTDqNWVcRg_Hm02gCNlw  
HVQSLITFBt2yrBm_eyx0fV1oRp6Jtze8Vej5_MUac_4qOT_04pGTZX01031wq09ZDpbp0tDjMEExwKB9KU  
_E5tGiC-LSBuuuQYGFtJg0XZE0AUDDSyriG12n0J3rPhXXBnIWc30cLe6CxbeP00cvP5y1FjmV8nPvveZz  
ULFD2bLBscJQZYM2VnS0FgPeIJZD75s9xpxIX0mdm4z4L6tZwgCUAYMxJ5eself06e535sMjzNMJ5IRY0Vg  
NhbpN6LsoF4_Jg"
```

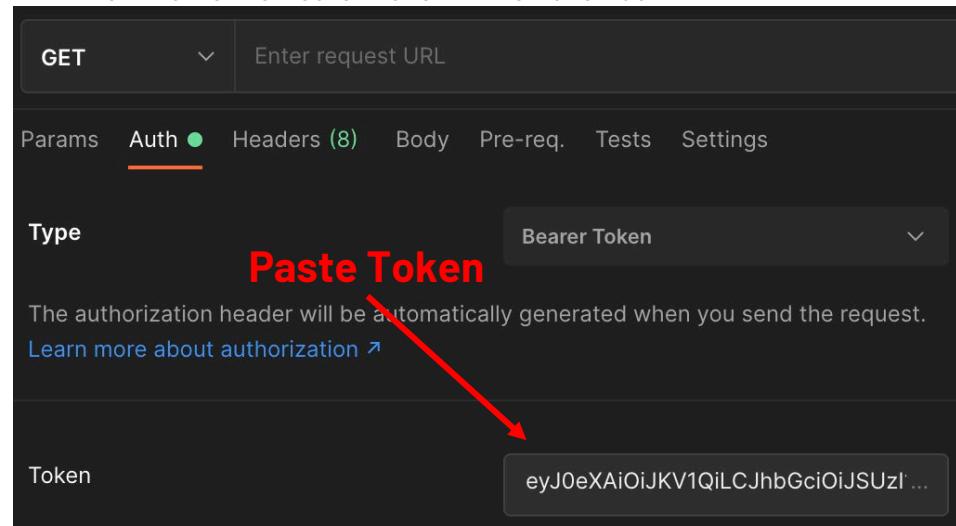
To Retrieve Actual Data

1. Create another New Request by clicking New, and creating a new request as you did before.
2. This remains as a GET. Enter the ispot request URL in the box next to GET:
<https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/tv/airings>
3. Click Auth or Authorization
4. From the Type dropdown box, select Bearer Token



The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a dark theme. On the left, there's a sidebar with a '+' button, a 'Demo' section containing 'POST Authenticate' and 'GET New Request', and a 'Templates' section. The main area shows a 'Demo / New Request' tab with a 'GET' method selected and an 'Enter request URL' field. Below the method are tabs for 'Params', 'Auth' (which is underlined in orange), 'Headers (7)', 'Body', 'Pre-req.', 'Tests', and 'Settings'. To the right of these tabs is a 'Cookies' button. A dropdown menu is open under the 'Auth' tab, titled 'Type'. It contains several options: 'Inherit auth from parent', 'No Auth', 'API Key', 'Bearer Token' (which is highlighted with a red rectangle), 'Basic Auth', 'Digest Auth', 'OAuth 1.0', 'OAuth 2.0', 'Hawk Authentication', 'AWS Signature', 'NTLM Authentication [Beta]', and 'Akamai EdgeGrid'. Below the dropdown, a note says 'This request is using No Auth'.

5. Paste the Bearer Token in the Token box



The screenshot shows the Postman interface with a dark theme. The 'Auth' tab is selected (indicated by a green dot). The 'Type' dropdown is set to 'Bearer Token'. A large red arrow points from the text 'Paste Token' in the previous step to the 'Token' input field. The input field contains a long string of characters: 'eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI...'.

6. Click on Params to enter filters and limits shown below for the data you would like to retrieve

7. Click the Send button, and you should see your data appear at the bottom in JSON format

Demo / New Request

Save

GET [https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter\[start_date\]=2021-01-01&filter\[end_date\]=2021-01-01&page\[number\]=1&page\[size\]=10000&include=industry,brand,episo](https://api.ispot.tv/v4/metrics/audience/airings?filter[start_date]=2021-01-01&filter[end_date]=2021-01-01&page[number]=1&page[size]=10000&include=industry,brand,episo)

Send Response

Params Auth Headers (8) Body Pre-req. Tests Settings Cookies Body

Query Params

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	...	Bulk Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filter[start_date]	2021-01-01			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filter[end_date]	2021-01-01			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> page[number]	1			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> page[size]	10000			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> include	industry,brand,episode,show,gen...			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filter[national_only]	1			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filter[airing_type]	N,R			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sort	-audience_impressions_national_li...			
Key	Value			

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON

```
1 "data": [
2   {
3     "airing": {
4       "data": {
5         "id": "287222137",
6         "type": "National",
7         "aired_at_et": "2021-01-01T00:04:12-05:00",
8         "aired_at_pt": "2021-01-01T00:04:12-08:00",
9         "pod": "4",
10        "pod_order": "1",
11        "pod_position": "F",
12        "pod_position_abmyz": "A",
13        "pod_position_fml": "F",
14        "dma": null,
15        "mso": null,
16        "spend_estimated": "845199.10",
17        "media_value": "0.00"
18      }
19    },
20    "spot": {
21      "data": {
22        "id": 3145253,
23        "title": "Google TV Spot, 'Year in Search 2020' Song by Peter Cotton Tail",
24        "title_short": "Year in Search 2020",
25        "title_custom": null,
26        "custom_id": null,
27        "description": null,
28        "slug": "google-year-in-search-2020-song-by-peter-cottontail"
29      }
30    }
31  ]
32}
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