

Automate This

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information and examples on automating data publishing on the Socrata platform.

Resources

Python Library for new Publishing API (supports Transforms)

https://github.com/socrata/socrata-py <- New!</pre>

Python - Windows

https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-370/

System Requirements

- □ A machine (app server, etc) that can consistently run an automation job
- **Python 3** installed on that machine that will run the automation
- **<u>socrata-py</u> python library** also installed on machine running the automation
- **Goldstate Secret as Contract Secret as Environment Variables** on the OS
- □ A task scheduler (Windows Task Scheduler, Cron) on the same machine



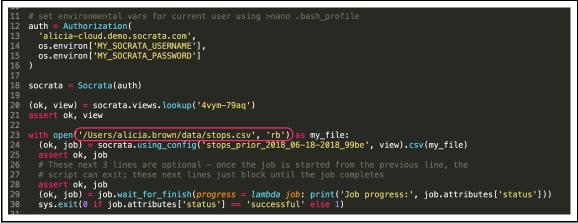
Set Up & Run

Steps 1-4 are one-time setup tasks. Steps 5-10 will be repeated for each automation job.

- 1. Install Python (version 3+)
- 2. Install <u>socrata-py</u>
- 3. Set up Environment Variables permanently on mac or windows
 - a. MY_SOCRATA_USERNAME as the user variable name
 - i. Enter a Socrata username as the value
 - b. MY_SOCRATA_PASSWORD as the user variable name
 - i. Enter the corresponding Socrata password as the value
 - c. Note: you may need to restart your machine after this step.
- 4. Validate newly created Environment Variables
 - a. Launch new Terminal/Command Prompt after setting them
 - i. Mac: echo \$MY_SOCRATA_USERNAME
 - ii. Windows: echo %MY_SOCRATA_USERNAME%
- 5. Copy *Automate This* script from Socrata menu when creating or updating a dataset.
- 6. Paste the script into a file (perhaps an IDE like IDLE, or a text editor)
- 7. Save Automate This script in an appropriate folder, perhaps named Socrata

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8. Update file path in the script to file that will be published to Socrata



9. Run script from command prompt/terminal/task scheduler: python stops_update.py

10. Voila!



Screenshots

Windows

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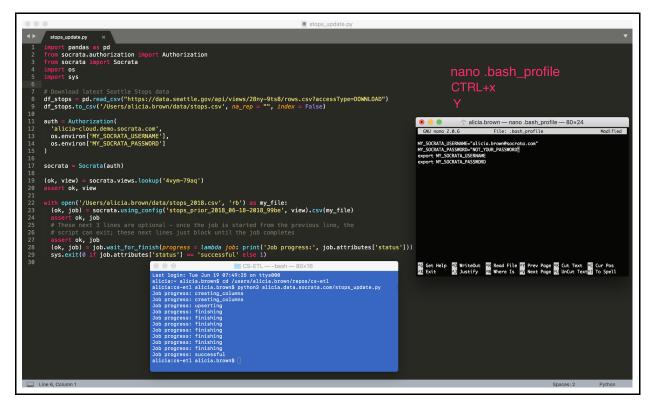
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Mac



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