2022 Season of Documentation: Internet Archive Project Proposal (Create a Developer Portal)

Problem to Solve

- Current documentation on the various Internet Archive API's is scattered across multiple, hard-to-find URLs and inconsistently presented.
- The public is not aware of the full power and breadth of the API's nor of the richness of the content that the API's allow one to access.
- For a developer unfamiliar with Internet Archive's tools, there is no one-stop onboarding experience available. The existing documentation serves as a reference but not a "getting started" guide nor a tutorial for using the services.

Proposed Solution

- We would like to create a welcome page (probably at archive.org/developers) that can serve as a jumping off point for new developers to the Internet Archive.
- We would like to make the existing API documentation more consistent, perhaps by migrating the individual sets of documentation to a single, common home.

Success Metrics

- If successful, we would expect the total number of page views of documentation pages for all API's to go up overall. Currently, the page metrics, like the documentation pages themselves, are scattered across different platforms and may be challenging to read. Once consolidated, it should be straightforward to generate total metrics.
- If successful, we would expect to see page activity on the new welcome page, perhaps on the order of 1k page views per day.

Who We Are Looking For

- **Must Have**: Excellent writing skills, ability to organize content, empathy for developers using our documentation
- **Nice to Have**: Familiarity with documenting API's, familiarity with Git, familiarity with the Internet Archive API's and/or command-line tool

Contact Information

Technical writers interested in working on this project should send an email to
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Please include links to your technical writing work or portfolio/résumé/CV.