

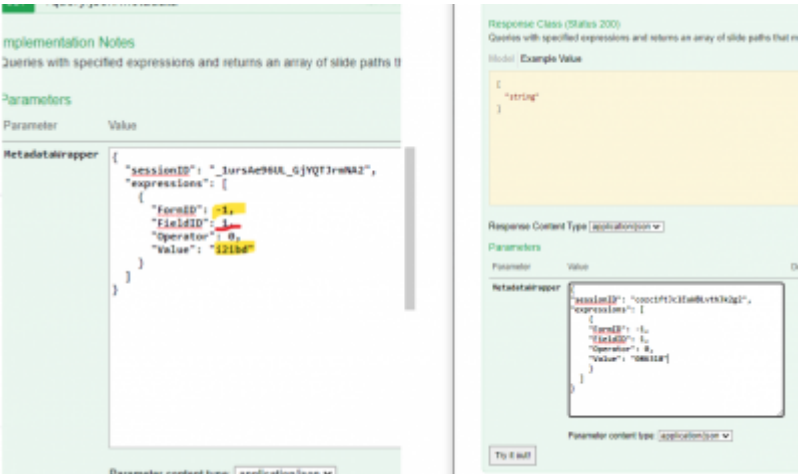
# Barcodes (automation)

Slides can be tracked more efficiently throughout the lab and other workflows by providing them with barcodes. They make anonymization and pseudonymization easier.

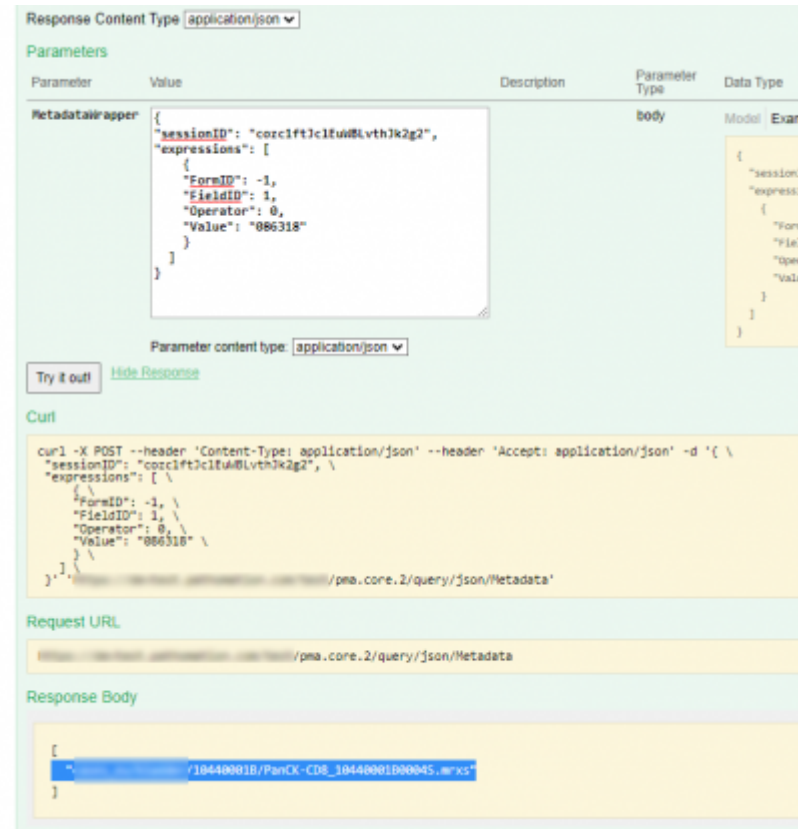
Barcodes may also prevent people from guessing filenames (and paths in which they are stored). Therefore it becomes possible to discuss slides and pass on references to slides, without revealing their location (path) and filename.

## The role of PMA.core

PMA.core has a built-in mechanism to retrieve metadata from for a slide through a back-end API call:



The call as defined above then maps back to the original slide w/ barcode 086318.





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