REST - Basics

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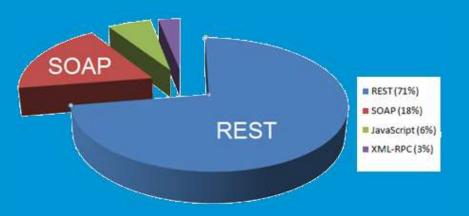
1. Introduction

Webservices, SOAP,vs REST

2. Spring – Rest, JSON

- REST using Spring
- Annotations
- REST example with Spring

Introduction



- 1. Webservices
- 2. SOAP
- 3. What is REST?
- 4. SOAP vs REST
- 5. REST in Detail
 - Frameworks,
 - HTTP Methods,
 - HTTP Headers
 - Status Code

Web Services!!

- Exposing existing software over the web (HTTP)
- Deployed independent of the OS and Programming Languages
- Standardized Protocol
- Easily connecting Different Applications i.e., Interoperability
- Low Cost of communication



"Name does not match"



SOAP?

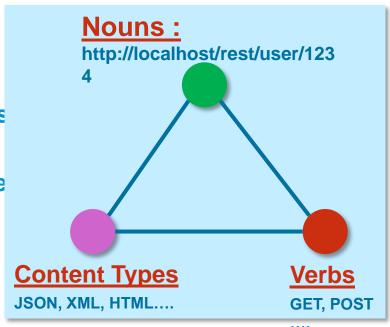
Simple Object Access Protocol



- A simple XML-based protocol to let applications exchange information over HTTP.
- WSDL defines endpoint, i/o format, security etc
- Example : getUser(userName);

What is REST? - Rest Triangle

- REST is a new and improved form of web services.
- Introduced as SOAP is complex
- There isn't a standard for REST architectures
- Expose directory structure-like URIs
- Used to expose a public API over the interne to handle CRUD operations on data.
- Works on Nouns, Verbs, Content Types



GET /server/1234

POST /server?name=SERVER-1&id=1234

SOA vs REST – The right webservice



REST

- Exposes RESOURCES which represent DATA
- Uses HTTP Verbs (GET/POST/DELETE)
- Emphasis on simple point-topoint communication over HTTP
- Supports multiple data formats
- Emphasizes stateless communication

GET /user/Robert
GET /adduser?name=Robert

SOAP

- Exposes OPERATIONS which represent LOGIC
- Uses HTTP POST
- Emphasis on loosely coupled distributed messaging
- Supports only XML (and attachments)
- Supports stateless and stateful/conversational operations
- Supports asynchronous messaging
- Strong Typing

getUser(userName);

Rest Frameworks – List

Apache CXF

Jersey

Rest Easy

Restlet

Spring MVC











Apache CXF

HTTP METHODS - CRUD in REST

Methods	CRUD	Example
GET	Fetch all or any resource	GET /user/ - Fetch all GET /user/1 - Fetch User 1
POST	Create a Resource	POST /user?name=user1&age=20
PUT	Update a Resource	PUT /user/1? name=changed- user1&age=22
DELETE	Delete a Resource	DELETE /user/1
HEAD	Fetch Metainfo as header	HEAD /user
OPTIONS	Fetch all VERBS allowed	OPTIONS /user

HTTP Headers - To remember

Headers	Example
Auth: <session-token></session-token>	Auth:1ajkdsdajsd922j-w8eis0-jssjss Session token by logging in to Atlas
Accept: <media type=""></media>	accept: application/json - Default
Content-Type	content-type:application/json
Allow:	Which method requests are allowed by the server

HTTP Status Codes

HTTP Status Codes		
1xx - Informational	>	
2xx - Success	>	
3xx - Redirection	>	
1 4xx - Client Error	>	
5xx - Server Error	>	

To Remember - Status Codes	
200 – OK	Successful Return for sync call
307 - Temporarily Moved	Redirection
400 – Bad Request	Invalid URI, header, request param
401 – Un authorized	User not authorized for operation
403 – Forbidden	User not allowed to update
404 – Not Found	URI Path not available
405 – Method not allowed	Method not valid for the path
500 – Internal Server Error	Server Errors
503 – Service unavailable	Server not accessible

Spring 3 - REST



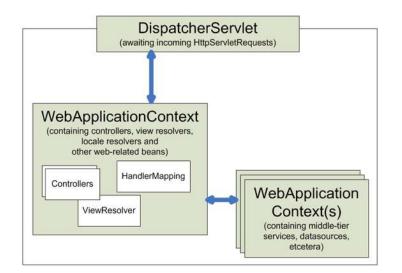
- Spring Framework Introduction
- Dispatcher Servlet
- Flow Rest calls in Spring
- Annotations for REST
- REST Example with Spring

Spring Framework

- The Spring Framework is an opensource, lightweight, Aspect based Inversion of Control container for the <u>Java platform</u>
- helps "wire" different components together.
- Spring's REST support is based upon Spring's annotation-based MVC framework
- configure your servlet container as you would for a Spring MVC application using Spring's <u>DispatcherServlet</u>.

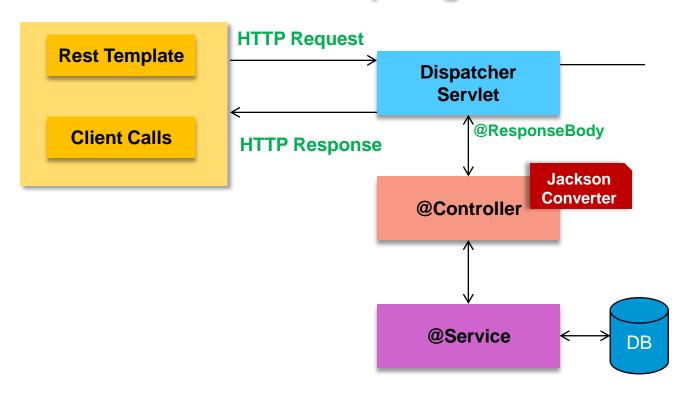
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Dispatcher Servlet



```
<web-app>
     <servlet>
           <servlet-name>rest</servlet-name>
           <servlet-class>
                 org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet
           </servlet-class>
           <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
     </servlet>
     <servlet-mapping>
           <servlet-name>rest</servlet-name>
           <url-pattern>/rest/*</url-pattern>
     </servlet-mapping>
</web-app>
```

Flow – REST calls in Spring



Rest Template

Spring Framework's RestTemplate provides simple ways to make requests to RESTful services.

Allows all REST METHODS – GET, POST, DELETE, PUT, HEAD, OPTIONS

Spring Annotations for REST

Annotations	Usage
@Controller	mark the class as a MVC controller
@RequestMappi	Maps the request with path
@PathVariable	Map variable from the path
@RequestBody	unmarshalls the HTTP response body into a Java object injected in the method.
@ResponseBody	marshalls return value as HTTP Response
@Configuration	Spring Config as a class

Example showing Annotations

JSON

Javascript Object Notation

- Lightweight Data Interchange Format No tags
- Easy to parse and create
- Supports objects and Arrays
- We use Jackson Framework for JSON conversions



JSON Example:

We are Done!



