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## Annotation Type RestController

```
@Target(value=TYPE)
@Retention(value=RUNTIME)
@Documented
@Controller
@ResponseBody
public @interface RestController
```

A convenience annotation that is itself annotated with `@Controller` and `@ResponseBody`.

Types that carry this annotation are treated as controllers where `@RequestMapping` methods assume `@ResponseBody` semantics by default.

**NOTE:** `@RestController` is processed if an appropriate `HandlerMapping-HandlerAdapter` pair is configured such as the `RequestMappingHandlerMapping-RequestMappingHandlerAdapter` pair which are the default in the MVC Java config and the MVC namespace. In particular `@RestController` is not supported with the `DefaultAnnotationHandlerMapping-AnnotationMethodHandlerAdapter` pair both of which are also deprecated.

### Since:

4.0

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### Optional Element Summary

#### Optional Elements

| Modifier and Type   | Optional Element and Description  |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>String</code> | <b>value</b><br>The value may indicate a suggestion for a logical component name, to be turned into a Spring bean in case of an autodetected component. |

### Element Detail

**value**

```
public abstract String value
```

The value may indicate a suggestion for a logical component name, to be turned into a Spring bean in case of an autodetected component.

**Returns:**

the suggested component name, if any

**Since:**

4.0.1

**Default:**

""

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