



While rendering every webpage of our application by the web browser, it will repeatedly send a bunch of requests in downloading the static resources that are referenced in our web pages, since these static resources seem to be constant and the same across for any number of requests, repeatedly serving these resources to the client leads to several problems:

1. the network traffic/congestion between the browser/client and the webserver would be high that results in latency in serving the requests
2. bandwidth consumption would be unnecessarily increased in serving repeatedly the same resources to the client
3. Most of the I/O Capacity of the WebServer would be occupied in serving the static resources thus significantly slowing down the performance of the server.

How to solve this problem in serving the static resources of our application to the clients?

There are 2 solutions in addressing this problem

1. CDN Proxies (AWS CloudPlatform: CloudFront Service)
2. Client-Side Caching

The application has to instruct the CDN Server or Client (browser) asking them to cache the static resources for a certain amount of time by sending Cache-Control header as part of the HttpResponse.

How does the application should instruct the client/intermediary in caching the static resources?

1. don't let the client to access the static resources directly, place them inside the protected directory of the application

```
src
|-main
  |-resources
    |-static
      |-css
      |-js
      |-images
...
```

2. in order to serve these resources we need to have a common ResourceController that would receive the request on a wildcard pattern like /static/\*\* or /public/\*\* and lookup for these resources within our application and dispatch them as part of the response by including Cache-Control header as well.

Having a resource controller in dispatching the static resources seems to be a common requirement and end up in writing the boiler-plate logic across the applications, so spring framework has provided ResourceHandlers to take care of dispatching these static resources as below.

@Configuration

@EnableWebMvc

```
class WebMvcConfig implements WebMvcConfigurer {
```

```
    public void addResourceHandlers(ResourceHandlerRegistry registry) {
        registry.addResourceHandler("/static/**").addResourceLocations("classpath:/static/").setCachePeriod(1000*60*60);
    }
}
```

http://localhost:8080/swiggy/static/css/site.css -> Now the request will be received by the ResourceHandler and lookup for the resource under classpath:static directory and dispatches the resource along with Cache-Control header asking the client to cache.