**Exercise 1**

*Create and consume a REST Service using Apache CXF and JAX-RS*

**Prior Knowledge**

Basic understanding HTTP verbs, REST architecture

Some Java coding skill

**Objectives**

Understand what it takes to create REST services. Understand the REST model. Interact with a REST service using simple web clients in Chrome, on the command line, and in Java.

See how Maven and Tomcat can be used.

**Software Requirements**

(see separate document for installation of these)

* Java Development Kit 7
* Apache Maven 3.0.4 or later
* Eclipse Juno (4.2 SR1) or later – Java Development IDE
* Tomcat 7.0.30 or later
* curl
* Google Chrome plus Chrome Advanced REST extension

Step 1. **Create a new project using Maven**

Maven is a very powerful (and somewhat arcane) build tool. We are going to use Maven to create and build our project.

Maven has the ability to create new projects using “archetypes”.

a. First create a directory structure to store the exercise projects in.

(e.g. ~/oxsoa/, c:\oxsoa\, etc)

From now on this will be referred to as $oxsoa

b. Open a command line and change to that directory

c. Test that you have maven properly installed. Execute

mvn -v

You should see something similar to this (dependent on your machine, JVM, etc)

Apache Maven 3.0.4 (r1232337; 2012-01-17 08:44:56+0000)

Maven home: /Users/paul/Apps/apache-maven-3.0.4

Java version: 1.6.0\_35, vendor: Apple Inc.

Java home: /System/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/1.6.0.jdk/Contents/Home

Default locale: en\_US, platform encoding: MacRoman

OS name: "mac os x", version: "10.8.1", arch: "x86\_64", family: "mac"

d. Use Maven to create a sample project:

Execute

mvn archetype:generate -Dfilter=org.apache.cxf.archetype:

This will prompt you for some choices:

Choose archetype:

1: remote -> org.apache.cxf.archetype:cxf-jaxrs-service (Simple CXF JAX-RS webapp service using Spring configuration)

2: remote -> org.apache.cxf.archetype:cxf-jaxws-javafirst (Creates a project for developing a Web service starting from Java code)

Choose a number or apply filter (format: [groupId:]artifactId, case sensitive contains): :

Select 1 (*type ‘1’ and hit enter!*)

Now it will ask which CXF **version** to use. The default is the latest (at the time of writing 2.7.0). *Just hit enter*.

Now it asks for a default **groupid**.

Define value for property 'groupId': :

This is a namespace, so choose something meaningful (e.g. com.mycompany.rest, uk.ac.ox.comlab.rest, etc). When creating this lab I chose *me.freo.rest,* so that is what you will see in screenshots, etc.

Define value for property 'artifactId': :

This will be the name of the WAR and the overall maven artifact created. We are going to create an Order service, so type *OrderService***.**

Define value for property 'version': 1.0-SNAPSHOT: :

Just hit *Enter* to accept this version.

Define value for property 'package': com.mycom.restservice: :

This will default to the same namespace you chose for the groupid. That should be fine, so hit *Enter* to accept.

It will then ask you to confirm these settings. Hit *Enter* and it will go and generate the code.

You should see plenty of output explaining what is happening, and also a line showing where the resulting code was placed, e.g.:

[INFO] project created from Archetype in dir: /Users/paul/oxsoa/OrderService

This will have created a set of code and a tree structure for you. If you are on Linux you can use the nice **tree** command to show this:

$ tree

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└── OrderService

├── pom.xml

└── src

├── main

│   ├── java

│   │   └── me

│   │   └── freo

│   │   └── rest

│   │   ├── HelloWorld.java

│   │   └── JsonBean.java

│   └── webapp

│   └── WEB-INF

│   ├── beans.xml

│   └── web.xml

└── test

└── java

└── me

└── freo

└── rest

└── HelloWorldIT.java

14 directories, 6 files

e. You can now build this code:

cd ~/oxsoa/OrderService [on Linux/Mac]

cd ~\oxsoa\OrderService [on Windows]

mvn clean install

The first time this is run this will download a lot of stuff from the central maven repositories on the web. Depending how fast the network is, maybe a coffee is in order. You will need an active internet connection for this to work.

This will build **and test** the sample code. Its pretty cool. It actually starts an embedded Tomcat to run the service and call unit tests against it.

f. You can also build the Eclipse project for this too:

mvn eclipse:eclipse

This creates a project file that you can import into Eclipse with the right classpath, settings, etc.

g. Before you import the project, you do need to let Eclipse know where your Maven is installed.

You can do this manually in Eclipse by adding the M2\_REPO variable, but there is also a command line tool for this:

mvn -Declipse.workspace={path to eclipse workspace}   
 eclipse:add-maven-repo

On my Mac, the path to my eclipse workspace is /Users/paul/Documents/workspace

h. Once you have done this start (or restart) Eclipse, and then you can import the new project.

To do this, in Eclipse:

File -> Import -> General/Existing Projects Into Workspace->[Choose the directory where OrderService is]->Finish

Now you should have the project installed in your Eclipse and be able to edit and build it. Now we are ready to build our own Rest Service.

**Step 2. Creating the OrderService**

Rather than writing Java, which is not the main point of this exercise, I have ready written a Java class and a test case. Your aim is to correctly annotate the Java class using JAX-RS annotations so that it meets the test case.

Here is a rough set of documentation that explains the service interface.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Method | URI template | Description | Supported encoding |
| GET | ./orders | Get a list of href links to available orders  If no orders are on the system, return an empty list. | Produces application/json |
| GET | /orders/{id} | Get back a representation of order with identifier id.  If no such order is yet in the system, returns HTTP Not Found  If the order previously existed but has been deleted, returns HTTP Gone | Produces  application/json |
| POST | /orders | Passes a representation of the order and create a new entry in the order database.  On success returns HTTP 201 Created and an HTTP Location header containing the URI of the resulting order | Consumes  application/json |
| PUT | /orders/{id} | Updates an existing order  On success return HTTP 200 OK  If no such order is yet in the system, returns HTTP 404 Not Found  If the order previously existed but has been deleted, returns HTTP 410 Gone | Consumes  application/json |
| DELETE | /orders/{id} | Marks an order as deleted  Returns HTTP 200 OK on success  If no such order is yet in the system, returns HTTP Not Found  If the order previously existed but has been deleted, returns HTTP Gone | No body content |

Don’t forget

1. mvn eclipse integration
2. beans.xml