**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
* 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 a simple RESTful service project.

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

a. You should have 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 terminal window and change to that directory

cd oxsoa

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 2.7.7). *Just hit enter*.

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

Define value for property 'groupId': :

This is a namespace. When creating this lab I chose *me.freo.rest,* so that is what you will see in screenshots, etc. Please stick to this, because the code I’m providing you with uses that.

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 ***HelloWorld*.**

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

Change this to 1.0 and hit Enter.

Define value for property 'package':   
me.freo.rest: :

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/HelloWorld

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

.

└── HelloWorld

├── pom.xml

└── src

├── main

│   ├── java

│   │   └── me

│   │   └── freo

│   │   └── rest

│   │   ├── HelloWorld.java

│   │   └── JsonBean.java

│   └── webapp

│   ├── META-INF

│   │   └── context.xml

│   └── WEB-INF

│   ├── beans.xml

│   └── web.xml

└── test

└── java

└── me

└── freo

└── rest

└── HelloWorldIT.java

15 directories, 7 files

e. You can now build this code:

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

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. Assuming your build worked just fine, you now have a WAR file (Web Application aRchive) that you can deploy in Tomcat. Check that there is a file:

~/oxsoa/HelloWorld/target/HelloWorld-1.0.war

g. Tomcat is already installed on your VM, in the directory **servers/tomcat**

h. Install your webapp

cp ~/oxsoa/HelloWorld/target/HelloWorld-1.0.war ~/servers/tomcat/webapps

i. Start Tomcat so it runs on the command line (so you can see the logs)

From the tomcat directory:

cd ~/servers/tomcat

bin/catalina.sh run

j. Try your REST service

Browse

<http://localhost:8080/HelloWorld-1.0/hello/echo/paul>

You should see “paul”.

You can also try this as a command line:

curl <http://localhost:8080/HelloWorld-1.0/hello/echo/paul> -v

You should see something like:

\* About to connect() to localhost port 8080 (#0)

\* Trying 127.0.0.1...

\* connected

\* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 8080 (#0)

> GET /HelloWorld-1.0/hello/echo/paul HTTP/1.1

> User-Agent: curl/7.24.0 (x86\_64-apple-darwin12.0) libcurl/7.24.0 OpenSSL/0.9.8r zlib/1.2.5

> Host: localhost:8080

> Accept: \*/\*

>

< HTTP/1.1 200 OK

< Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1

< Date: Fri, 07 Dec 2012 14:41:20 GMT

< Content-Type: text/plain

< Content-Length: 4

<

\* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact

paul\* Closing connection #0

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

mvn eclipse:clean eclipse:eclipse

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

Now import the project. To do this, in Eclipse:

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

Now you should have the project installed in your Eclipse and be able to edit and build it. **Take a look at the sample hello service.**

Now we are ready to build our own Rest Service.

**Step 2. Creating the OrderService**

Rather than spending a lot of time writing Java, which is not the main point of this exercise, you should focus on the REST and HTTP aspects of this. I have ready written a set of Java classes that:

1. Implement a simple “Order Scenario”
2. Serialize and Deserialize as JSON

I have also written a test case that validates a service interface.

Your aim is to create a Java Service that utilizes the existing code, and is correctly annotated using JAX-RS annotations so that it meets the test case.

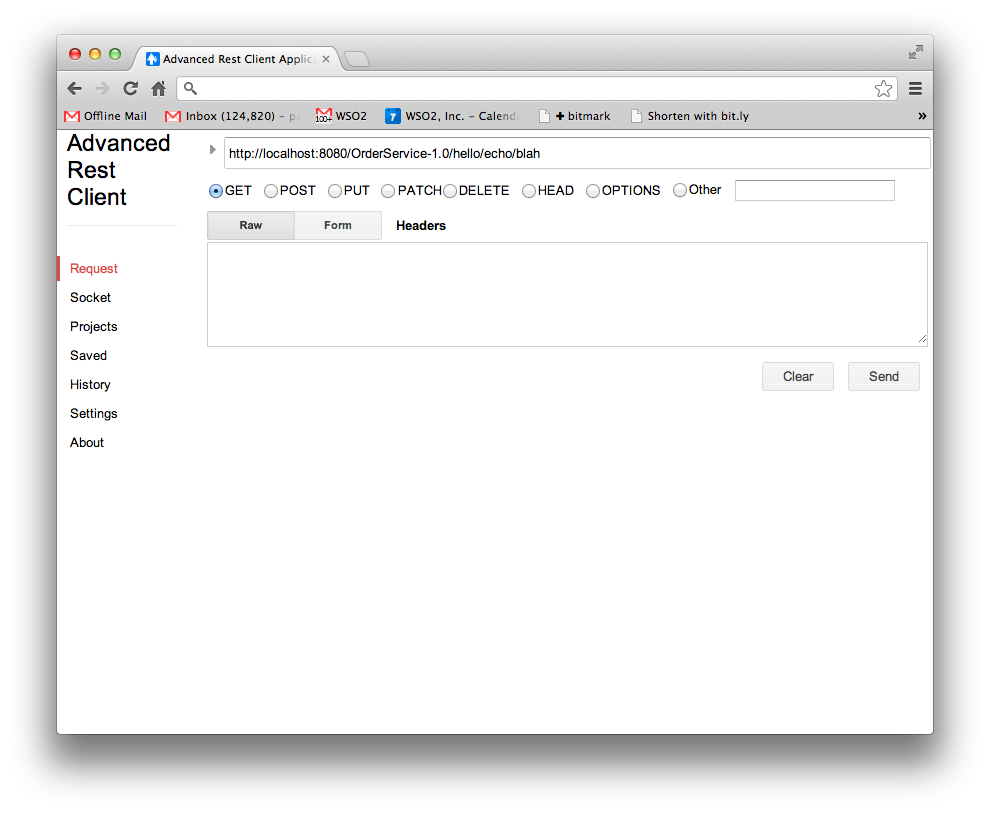
Here is a rough set of documentation that explains the service interface.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 |

1. In the directory ~/oxsoa/ unzip the file OrderService-code.zip

It should already be in the Downloads directory.

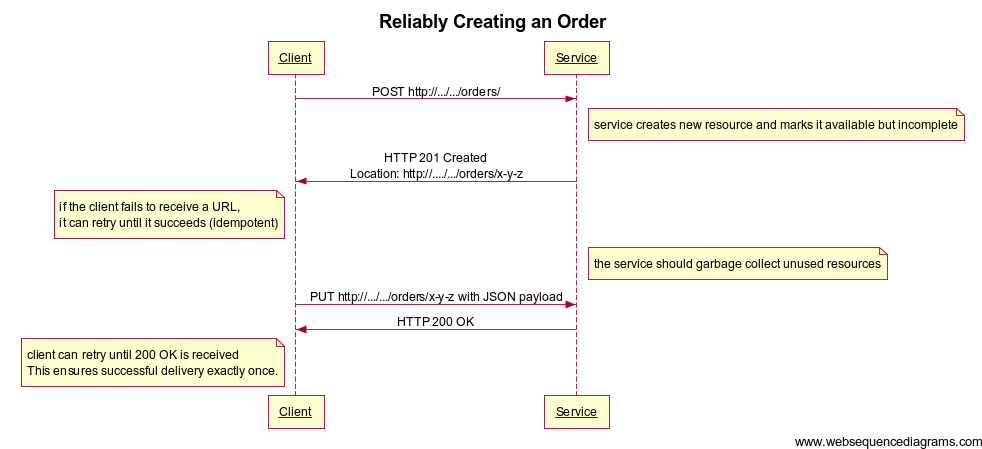
If not you can find the file here: <https://github.com/pzfreo/ox-soa/blob/master/lab-exercises/code/OrderService-code.zip?raw=true>

1. Now mvn clean install again. This time it should build, but you will have an Integration Test failure.
2. Do the same mvn eclipse:eclipse and then import into your Eclipse workspace before
3. Look at the following class in your workspace  
   me.freo.rest.OrderService
4. Now you can incrementally add the correct methods and annotations for get/post/put/delete until the test case is met.
5. ONCE YOU GET YOUR BUILD WORKING:  
     
   Re-install the webapp into Tomcat. (It should hot deploy if you’ve left Tomcat running)
6. Now you can test it in Chrome, using the Advanced REST Test Client.  
   Start Chrome and get up a blank/empty page (Command-N or Ctrl-N)
7. Click on the Apps link at the bottom of the page:  
     
   You should now see the following icon:  
    
8. Click on that. You should see a screen like this:  
   By now you should understand the REST patterns and URLs well enough to be able to test our your app. It should be available at:  
   <http://localhost:8080/OrderService-1.0/orders/>
9. Also try interacting with it using curl commands. See if you can automate posting an order.

**EXTENSION**

The model we have built does not support reliability. It is impossible to know if you have successfully created a new order. To fix this, we need to implement a different pattern. In this pattern, the POST is empty, and returns a location, and only when the POST has successfully returned a Location and the client has the location, do we PUT an order into the existing location.

Here is a sequence diagram showing this model.



Implement this model by changing the code.