Module 5 Java Web Applications REST Web Services and RIA



RESTful Web Services

- REST = REpresentational State Transfer
- Architectural style or pattern
- Uses HTTP operations and other existing features of the HTTP protocol

CRUD Operation	HTTP Request	
CREATE	PUT with a new URI POST to a base URI returning a newly created URI	
READ	GET	
UPDATE	PUT with an existing URI	
DELETE	DELETE	



Principles of REST

- Give everything an ID
 - ID is a URI
- Standard set of methods
- Link things together
- Multiple representations
- Stateless communications
 - Everything required to process a request contained in the request
 - Avoid sessions



URI

- Uniform Resource Identifier
 - Name and
 - Structured address (indicating where to find this resource)
- Should be as descriptive as possible and should target a unique resource
- URI format
 - http://host:port/path?queryString#fragment



Resources Representations

- Resources are accessed by their URIs
- Resource can have different representations
- Book resource can be represented as:
 - html: renders a book detail
 - xml: book detail in XML structure
 - json : book detail in JSON structure
 - jpg : book cover picture
- Content negotiation is used to get different representation of resource



RESTful Application Cycle



Resources are identified by URIs



Clients communicate with resources via requests using a standard set of methods

Requests and responses contain resource representations in formats identified by media types

Responses contain URIs that link to further resources



Java Api for RESTful Web Services

JAX-RS 2.0

- Standard annotation-driven API that aims to help developers build RESTful Web services in Java
- Specification which needs implementation, http://jax-rs-spec.java.net/
- For example, project Jersey: https://jersey.java.net/

Package	Description
javax.ws.rs	High-level interfaces and annotations used to create RESTful web service
<pre>javax.ws.rs.client</pre>	Classes and interfaces of the new JAX-RS client API
<pre>javax.ws.rs.container</pre>	Container-specific JAX-RS API
javax.ws.rs.core	Low-level interfaces and annotations used to create RESTful web resources
javax.ws.rs.ext	APIs that provide extensions to the types supported by the JAX-RS API



JAX-RS 2.0 Implementations

- Apache CXF http://cxf.apache.org/
- Jersey https://jersey.java.net/
- RESTEasy http://resteasy.jboss.org/
- Restlet http://restlet.com/



Standard Set of Methods

Method	Purpose	Annotation
GET	Read, possibly cached	@GET
POST	Update or create without a known ID	@POST
PUT	Update or create with a known ID	@PUT
DELETE	Remove	@DELETE
HEAD	GET with no response	@HEAD
OPTIONS	Supported methods	@OPTIONS



REST Service Implementation in Spring

- In Spring you can use
 - Spring MVC
 - @RestController, @RequestMapping, ...
 - Standard JAX-RS implementation
 - @Path, @GET, ...



JAX-RS (MVC) Configuration in Spring (1)

You need to configure MVC Dispatcher Servlet

```
<servlet>
       <servlet-name>libraryServlet</servlet-name>
      <servlet-</pre>
class>org.springframework.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet</s
ervlet-class>
      <init-param>
          <param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>
          <param-value>/WEB-INF/library-servlet-
config.xml</param-value>
      </init-param>
       <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
   </servlet>
```



JAX-RS (MVC) Configuration is Spring (2)

- Configure required Spring Beans
 - Request mapping
 - Message converters
- Implement service endpoints



JAX-RS (CXF) Configuration in Spring (1)

You need to configure CXF Servlet



JAX-RS (CXF) Configuration is Spring (2)

- Configure CXF related Spring Beans
 - Services
 - Providers
- Implement service endpoints



RIA – Rich Internet Application

- Has many of the characteristics of desktop application
- Extensive Use of JavaScript
- Several Frameworks
 - AngularJS
 - Backbone.js
 - Ember.js
- Server side integration using REST Web services and JSON
- Responsive design for different clients
 - Desktops
 - Tablets
 - Mobile phones



AngularJS

- JavaScript MVC DI framework
- Extends HTML using Directives

- Scopes and Filters
- Data-binding
 - Bidirectional Model View Connection
- Single page web application
- Ajax support