

- CppRestSDK is not an option anymore, no support for years and the github page recommend not to use it
- Pistache
 - May lack documentation.... but it's something I can contribute... they are looking for volunteers
- Crow
 - Seems like a good option, has support (github page is active) <https://github.com/CrowCpp/Crow>
 - Looks like there are some documentation around it https://crowcpp.org/master/getting_started/setup/linux/
 - GPT gave a solid answer... that is nice

2 Structuring the C++ API Project

A well-structured project makes it easier to maintain and expand. Below is the recommended folder structure:

```
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/cpp-api
|--- /src
|   |--- main.cpp          # Entry point of the API
|   |--- handler.cpp       # Logic to process requests
|   |--- handler.h         # Header file for the handler
|--- CMakeLists.txt        # CMake build configuration
|--- Dockerfile            # Instructions to containerize the API
|--- .dockerignore          # Ignore unnecessary files in Docker
|--- README.md              # Documentation
```

◆ 3. Running the API in Development Mode

Now, you can run your API without rebuilding the image every time.

Start the API

```
sh                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

docker-compose up --build
```

This will:

- Build the container (if needed).
- Mount your local source code inside the container.
- Compile the code (`cmake . && make`).
- Run the API.

Stop the API

```
sh                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

docker-compose down
```

Recompile Without Restarting

If you change your C++ code, you don't need to restart Docker.

Instead, inside the running container, recompile:

```
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docker exec -it cpp-api-dev bash # Open a shell inside the container
cmake . && make                 # Recompile the API
./api_server                      # Restart it
```

🔥 Summary: Fast Development Workflow

Action	Command
Start API (auto-recompiling)	<code>docker-compose up --build</code>
Stop API	<code>docker-compose down</code>
Recompile code inside container	<code>docker exec -it cpp-api-dev bash → cmake . && make && ./api_server</code>
Restart API after code changes	<code>./run_dev.sh</code>

1 Build & Start Container

`docker-compose up --build`

2 Manually Rebuild (if needed)

`docker exec -it cpp-api-dev bash
cd build && cmake .. && make -j$(nproc)
./api_server # Run manually`

3 Stop Container

`docker-compose down`

Definição

- Rotas
- Entidades
- Recursos
- Domínios

Brainstorm

Same file will handle both containers

```
Implementation/
  |--- docker/
  |   |--- dev.Dockerfile
  |   |--- prod.Dockerfile
  |--- docker-compose.yml
  |--- CMakeLists.txt
  |--- src/
  |   |--- main.cpp
  |--- build/
  |   |--- .dockerignore
  |--- ...
```

Image for development (build tools, live development)

Image for production (run only)

Multi-container setup (dev + prod)

Ignored in .gitignore, generated during build

Just a draft

1. Development Dockerfile (docker/dev.Dockerfile)

```
Dockerfile
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FROM ubuntu:22.04
# Install build dependencies
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
    g++ cmake git libboost-all-dev libasio-dev \
    && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
# Install Crow
RUN git clone --branch v1.2.1.2 https://github.com/CrowCpp/Crow.git /Crow \
    && cd /Crow && mkdir build && cd build \
    && cmake .. -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=ON && make -j$(nproc) && make install
```

Also need to include GoogleTest & GoogleMock

Get it in the installation

3. Instalar GoogleTest e GoogleMock

RUN git clone <https://github.com/google/googletest.git>

/tmp/gtest/build & cd build

```

|--- src/
|   |--- main.cpp
|--- build/
|   |--- .dockerignore
|--- TEST
    |--- myTEST.cpp

```

Ignored in .gitignore, generated during build

```

g++ cmake git libboost-all-dev libasio-dev \
&& rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
# Install Crow
RUN git clone -branch v1.2.1.2 https://github.com/CrowCpp/Crow.git /Crow \
&& cd /Crow && mkdir build && cd build \
&& cmake .. -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=ON && make -j$(nproc) && make install
WORKDIR /app

```

```

# 3. Instalar GoogleTest e GoogleMock
RUN git clone https://github.com/google/googletest.git /tmp/googletest && \
cd /tmp/googletest && \
cmake -S . -B build && \
cmake --build build -j$(nproc) && \
cmake --install build && \
rm -rf /tmp/googletest

```

```

yaml                                         ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

version: "3.8"
services:
  cpp-dev:
    build:
      context: .
      dockerfile: docker/dev.Dockerfile
      container_name: cpp-api-dev
    volumes:
      - ./app
    working_dir: /app
    ports:
      - "8080:8080"
    command: >
      bash -c "mkdir -p build && cd build && cmake .. && make -j$(nproc) && ."

  cpp-api:
    build:
      context: .
      dockerfile: docker/prod.Dockerfile
      container_name: cpp-api-prod
    ports:
      - "8080:8080"
    depends_on:
      - cpp-dev

```

4. Development Workflow

Run Dev Environment:

docker-compose up --build

Run tests manually in dev container:

cd build
ctest --output-on-failure

Recompile after code change (automatically with volume):

- Change code in `src/main.cpp`
- Inside the container (`cpp-dev`), rerun:

```

bash                                         ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

cd build && make

```

docker-compose up --build

5. Running the API (Dev or Prod)

- From host (Windows or WSL), call:

```

bash                                         ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

curl -X POST http://localhost:8080/api/analyze -d '{"code": "class A {}"}'

```

Or test with Postman:

- POST URL: `http://localhost:8080/api/analyze`
- Body (JSON):

```

json                                         ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

{
  "code": "class A {}"
}

```

✓ Summary

Goal	Solution
Dev on Linux	Use <code>cpp-dev</code> container with volume mapping
Run API	Auto-run in dev or manually in <code>cpp-api</code>
CI/CD	GitHub Actions with <code>docker build</code>
Installer	Use <code>cpack</code> OR <code>makeinstall</code> after build

- Usar o tunder client ou postman?
- Pensar no versionamento das apis e como testar elas
 - Rodar uma bateria de testes na API a cada versão
 - Uma aplicação que comunga com uma API e faz avaliação das respostas eserdadas
- Camada de segurança (não vou preocupar com isso agora)
 - Permite aquela origem
- Recebe um endereço no github, baixa os arquivos e processa eles

Notes to consider developing the API

This folder structure will be very important to organize version of the implementations!!!!

```
makefile
Implementation/
    |-- CMakeLists.txt
    |-- docker-compose.yml
    |-- Dockerfile
    |   include/           # Public headers
    |   |   api/
    |   |   |   v1/
    |   |   |   |   analyzer_route.h
    |   |   |   ...
    |   |
    |   src/               # Source files
    |   |   main.cpp
    |   |   api/
    |   |   |   v1/
    |   |   |   |   analyzer_route.cpp
    |   |   ...
    |   |
    |   tests/             # Unit tests
    |   ...
    |   build/             # Generated by cmake
    |   data/               # Optional, for test inputs or configs
    |   scripts/            # Utility or build scripts
```

The APIs are going to be the entry point of the main logic. Which will be implemented later on... but this won't work... because the API is more likely to be static and the logic changes.

Ok, i may need to duplicate code here?

Ok... i may need a database...

upload a project... parse everything and populate this database

The following requests on query them from database.... A CRUD... I would need to do it at some point... because or i create a database or store everything in memory

Create a database it is...

How to create APIs with crow in c++

- Recommended Folder Structure
 - Follow the folder structure for includes and source files
 - Analyze domain, database domain, retrieve information domain....
- Looks like the API structure is like lambdas functions
 - This is saying: "when someone does a GET /status, run this small anonymous function and return the result."
- We need to define the route and the HTTP method required to be used there
 - `CROW_ROUTE(app, "/status").methods(crow::HTTPMethod::GET)`
- Why put the implementation in a .h file?
 - in `Crow`, we use .h for route setup
 - The lambdas are templates and must be visible during compilation. If you split them between .cpp and .h, the compiler won't know the lambda's exact type in another compilation unit.
 - Crow itself is mostly a header-only library (no .so or .a files to link). Your handlers behave better when defined the same way.
- You can use classes to group APIs by domain:
 - **organizing routes by domain in classes** is a best practice to keep code clean and modular.
 - You group related endpoints (e.g., /user, /auth, /product) in their own files.
 - Each class encapsulates its setup.
 - Easier to reuse shared logic inside those classes
 - We can add to the other folder and call the implementation, there is no example >>>>

```
cpp
#pragma once

#include <crow.h>
#include "../services/CalculatorService.h"

class CalculatorRoutes {
public:
    static void init(crow::SimpleApp& app) {
        CROW_ROUTE(app, "/v1/calc/add").methods("POST"_method)
            ([](const crow::request& req) {
                auto body = crow::json::load(req.body);
                if (!body || !body.has("a") || !body.has("b"))
                    return crow::response(400, "Missing parameters");

                int a = body["a"].i();
                int b = body["b"].i();
                int result = CalculatorService::add(a, b);

                crow::json::wvalue res;
                res["result"] = result;
                return crow::response(res);
            });
    }
};
```

```
cpp
#include <crow.h>
#include "routes/CalculatorRoutes.h"

int main() {
    crow::SimpleApp app;

    CalculatorRoutes::init(app);

    app.port(8080).multithreaded().run();
}
```

🔗 Setup (Basic Crow App)

→ Start on API server

```
cpp
.
.
.
#include "crow_all.h"

int main() {
    crow::SimpleApp app; Creates the webserver

    // Define routes here

    app.port(18080).multithreaded().run(); Run the app
}
```

✓ GET – Fetch data

Example: Basic route

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/hello")
([](){
    return "Hello, Crow!";
});
```

Example: With parameters

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/user/<int>")
([](int userId){
    return "User ID: " + std::to_string(userId);
});
```

Parameter definition that can be used in the code like a lambda function

✓ POST – Submit data (like a form or JSON body)

Example: Receiving JSON

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/user").methods("POST" _method)
([](const crow::request& req{
    auto body = crow::json::load(req);
    if (!body) return crow::response(400, "Invalid JSON");
    std::string name = body["name"].s();
    int age = body["age"].i();
    return crow::response("Received name: " + name + ", age: " + std::to_string(age));
});
```

Specify that it's a post command

Use an API from crow to load a json input body

Handle exceptions

Parse the json information to the respective type

Request Body (from Postman or curl):

```
json
{
    "name": "Hugo", Input structure
    "age": 30
}
```

✓ PUT – Update something

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/user/<int>").methods("PUT" _method)
([](const crow::request& req, int userId{
    auto body = crow::json::load(req);
    if (!body) return crow::response(400, "Invalid JSON");
    std::string newName = body["name"].s();
    return crow::response("User " + std::to_string(userId) + " renamed to " + newName);
});
```

Record already exists and you want to change something on it

✓ DELETE – Remove something

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/user/<int>").methods("DELETE" _method)
([](int userId){
    // delete user with ID
    return crow::response("User " + std::to_string(userId) + " deleted.");
});
```

DELETE – Remove something

```
cpp Copy Edit
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/user/<int>").methods("DELETE"_method)
([](int userId){
    // delete user with ID
    return crow::response("User " + std::to_string(userId) + " deleted.");
});
```

Sending JSON responses

```
cpp Copy Edit
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/json")
([](){
    crow::json::wvalue result;
    result["status"] = "ok";
    result["version"] = 1.0;
    return crow::response(result);
});
```

Bonus: Reading query params

```
cpp Copy Edit
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/search")
([](const crow::request& req){
    auto query = crow::query_string(req.url_params);
    std::string q = query.get("q") ? query.get("q") : "default";
    return "You searched for: " + q;
});
```

How to Structure a Proper C++ Crow API

1. Never put business logic inside the Route

Your idea here was perfect:

```
cpp Copy Edit
// The route is just a bridge... and not suppose to have logic in here
```

 Keep your Crow route **very lightweight** — only do:

- Parse request
- Validate basic fields
- Call a **Service/Handler class**
- Return a response based on Service's result

Example (how it could look):

```
cpp Copy Edit
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/api/v1/listFilesInUrl").methods("POST"_method)
([](const crow::request& req) {
    Logger::getInstance().log("Accessing /api/v1/listFilesInUrl route.");

    auto body = crow::json::load(req.body);
    if (!body) return crow::response(400, "Invalid JSON");

    std::string git_url = body["url"].s();

    // Service class
    DownloadFilesService service(std::make_unique<CurlHttpClient>());

    try
    {
        std::string listResult = service.listFiles(git_url);
        return crow::response(200, listResult);
    }
    catch (const std::exception& e)
    {
        return crow::response(500, std::string("Internal error: ") + e.what());
    }
});
```

See? The **Route** only connects **Request → Service → Response**.

2. Create a Service Class (middle layer)

Service will be responsible for calling `DownloadFiles`.

Example `DownloadFilesService.h`:

```
cpp                                     ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

#pragma once

#include "../ProcessSourceFiles/DownloadFiles.h"
#include "../ProcessSourceFiles/util/IHttpClient.h"
#include <memory>

class DownloadFilesService
{
public:
    DownloadFilesService(std::unique_ptr<IHttpClient> httpClient);
    std::string listFiles(const std::string& git_url);

private:
    std::unique_ptr<IHttpClient> m_httpClient;
};
```

`DownloadFilesService.cpp`:

```
cpp                                     ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

#include "DownloadFilesService.h"

DownloadFilesService::DownloadFilesService(std::unique_ptr<IHttpClient> httpClient)
    : m_httpClient(std::move(httpClient))
{
}

std::string DownloadFilesService::listFiles(const std::string& git_url)
{
    DownloadFiles downloader(git_url, *m_httpClient);
    return downloader.listGitHubContentFromURL();
}
```

Advantages:

- Your API route is clean.
- You can **unit test** the Service easily (passing fake/mocked IHttpClient).
- If you change your GitHub call logic, the Route doesn't need to change.

3. Separate Request and Response Models (Optional at first, but Good Practice)

For bigger APIs, it's a good idea to have small classes that represent your **Request** and **Response**.

Example:

```
cpp                                     ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

struct ListFilesRequest
{
    std::string url;

    static ListFilesRequest fromJson(const crow::json::rvalue& body)
    {
        return ListFilesRequest{body["url"].s();}
    }
};

struct ListFilesResponse
{
    std::string result;

    crow::json::wvalue toJson() const
    {
        crow::json::wvalue json;
        json["result"] = result;
        return json;
    }
};
```

Then inside the Route:

```
cpp                                     ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

auto body = crow::json::load(req.body);
if (!body) return crow::response(400, "Invalid JSON");

ListFilesRequest request = ListFilesRequest::fromJson(body);
```

And inside Response:

```
cpp                                     ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit

ListFilesResponse resp{listResult};
return crow::response(200, resp.toJson());
```

4. Use proper HTTP Status Codes

Good APIs should use these:

- `200 OK` → Successful
- `400 Bad Request` → Client sent wrong data
- `404 Not Found` → Resource not found
- `500 Internal Server Error` → Unexpected server crash
- `503 Service Unavailable` → If you add rate limit later

5. (Optional Advanced) Make your API versioned and scalable

You are already using `/api/v1/` in your paths.

That's perfect.

In the future, if you want to create `/api/v2/` with improvements without breaking existing users, it's ready.

Example now:

```
bash                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit
/api/v1/process
/api/v1/listFilesInUrl
```

Later:

```
bash                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit
/api/v2/process
/api/v2/listFiles
```

6. About Unit Testing

Because you already inject `IHttpClient` into your classes, you can **mock** it during tests.

Example:

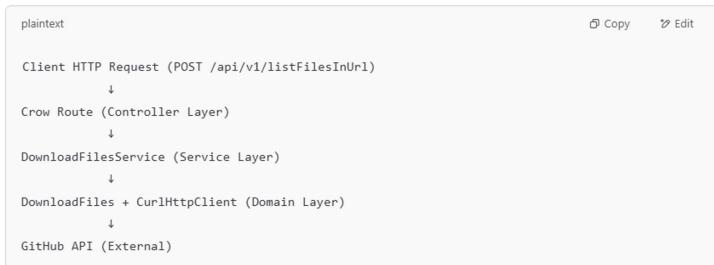
```
cpp                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit
class FakeHttpClient : public IHttpClient
{
public:
    bool getResponseFromUrl(const std::string& url, std::string& response) override
    {
        response = "Fake Response";
        return true;
    }
};
```

Then during test:

```
cpp                                ⌂ Copy ⌂ Edit
DownloadFiles downloader("https://fake.com", *std::make_unique<FakeHttpClient>());
EXPECT_EQ(downloader.listGitHubContentFromURL(), "Fake Response");
```

Super clean testing!

Overall Diagram for your API



Everything separated, clean, testable.

TL;DR Actions you can take right now:

- Fix `getResponseFromUrl(endpointToListFiles)` bug
- Fix CMake to link CURL
- Create a small `DownloadFilesService` class
- Keep Route thin (controller only)
- Later: create Request/Response structs
- Use proper HTTP status codes (you are almost there already)

Final Tip for today

You can add a simple **Health Check API** like:

```
cpp
CROW_ROUTE(app, "/api/v1/health").methods("GET"_method)(
[](){
    return crow::response(200, "API is alive!");
});
```

So when you deploy, you or the orchestrator (like Kubernetes) can easily ping your API.

Would you like me to also show you a quick example of an "Error Handler Middleware" for Crow? 

(Super useful for catching uncaught exceptions and returning proper JSON error messages!)

It takes 5 min to add! 