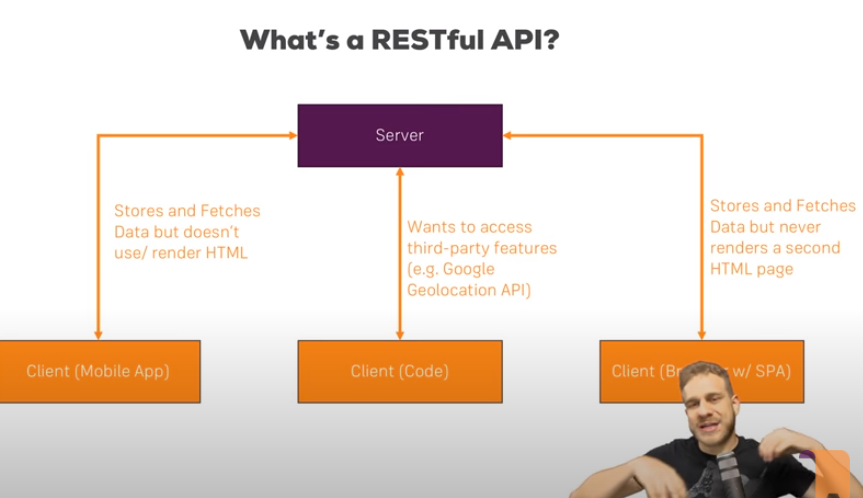
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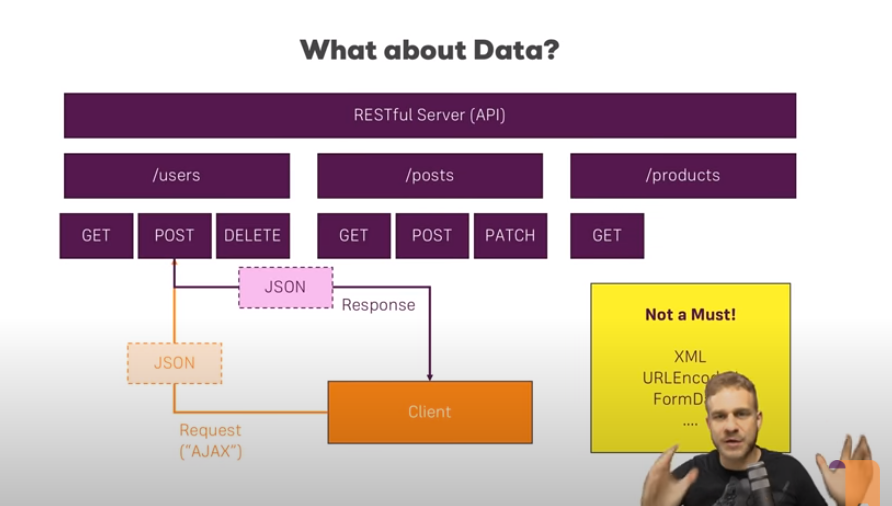
It stands for representational state transfer

Used to exchange data between client and server, like sending and fetching data to and from server. Data mostly exchange in JSON format, but not mandatory

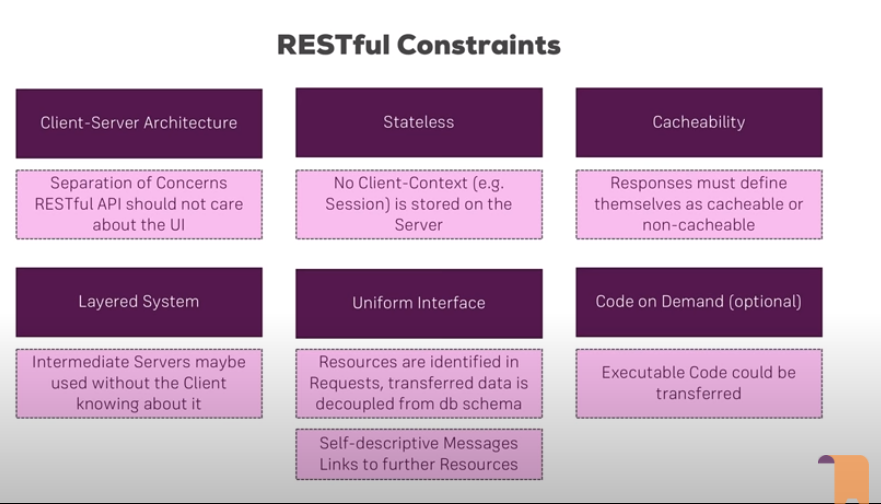
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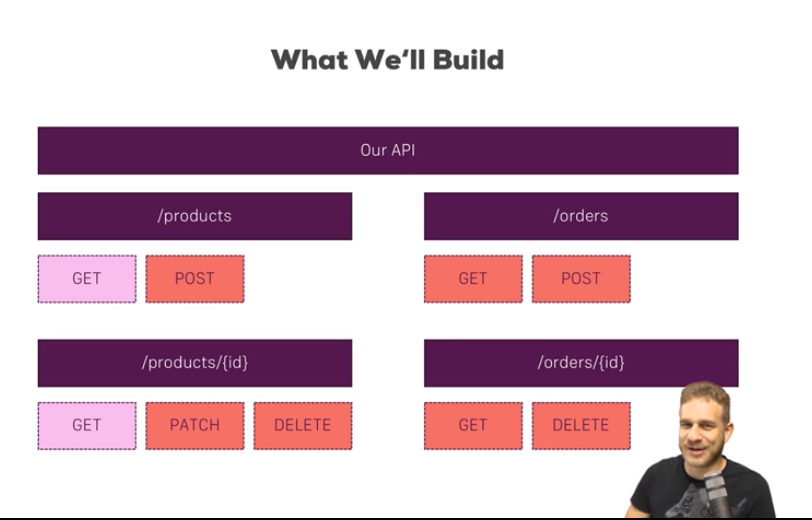


It is a stateless backend, does not care of individual client connected to it.



RESTful Constraints:





Dependencies to install:

Npm init

Npm I express

SIMPLE GET AND POST METHOD:

Server.js

const http = require('http');

const app = require('./app')

const port = process.env.PORT || 3000

const server = http.createServer(app);

server.listen(port);

app.js

const express = require('express')

const app = express();

const productRoutes = require('./api/routes/products')

//middleware

app.use('/products', productRoutes);

module.exports = app;

products.js

const express = require('express')

const router = express.Router(); //to create routes

router.get('/', (req, res, next)=>{

    res.status(200).json({

        message: "Handling GET requests to /products"

    })

})

router.post('/', (req, res, next)=>{

    res.status(200).json({

        message: "Handling POST requests to /products"

    })

})

//for particular product in products

router.get('/:productId', (req, res, next)=>{

    const id = req.params.productId;

    if(id === 'special'){

        res.status(200).json({

            message: 'You discover the special ID',

            id: id

        })

    }

    else {

        res.status(200).json({

            message: 'You passed an ID'

        })

    }

})

router.patch('/:productId', (req, res, next)=>{

    res.status(200).json({

        message: 'Updated product!'

    })

})

router.delete('/:productId', (req, res, next)=>{

    res.status(200).json({

        message: 'Deleted product'

    })

})

module.exports = router;

Till here, we have covered get, post, delete and update route(patch). This is how it works