# REStful Web Services

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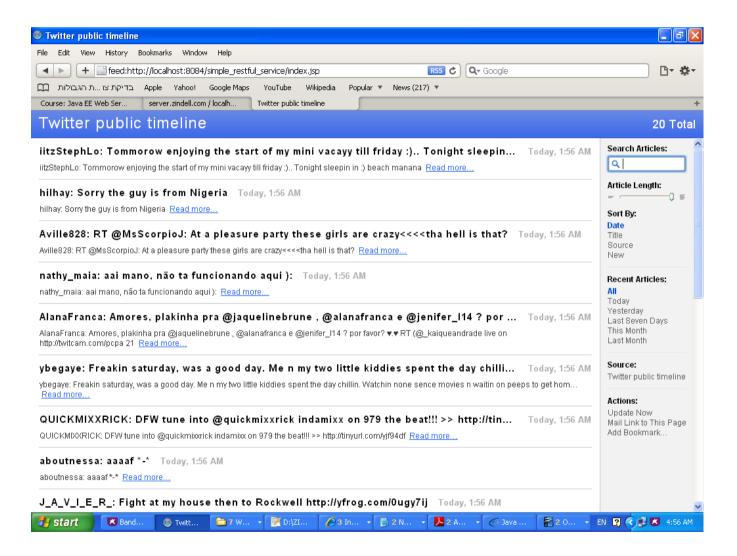
# REStful Services Sample

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<%@ page contentType="text/xml; charset=UTF-8" %>
<%@ page import="java.io.BufferedReader,</pre>
java.io.IOException, java.io.InputStreamReader,
java.net.MalformedURLException, java.net.URL, java.net.URLConnection" %>
< %
try
        URL twitter = new
        URL("http://twitter.com/statuses/public timeline.rss");
        URLConnection connection = twitter.openConnection();
        BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader (new
        InputStreamReader(connection.getInputStream()));
        String str;
        while ((str = in.readLine()) != null)
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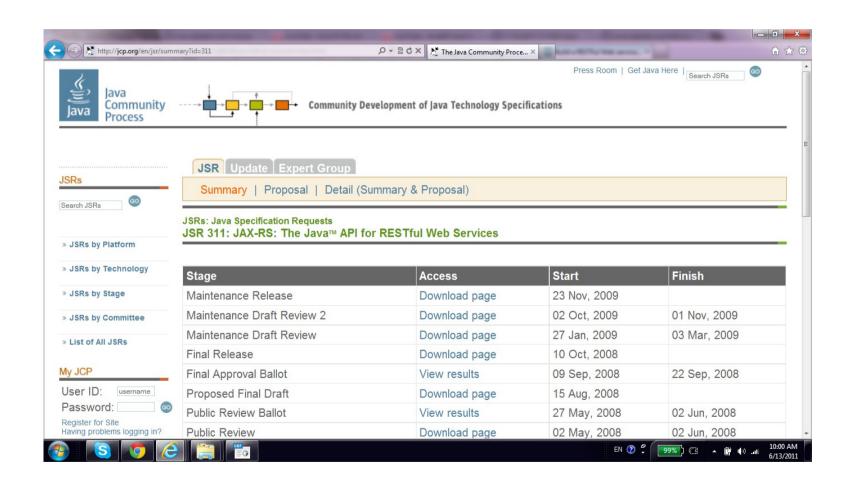
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## Java API for REStful Web Services

JSR 311 specifies Java API for REStful web services. It aims at allowing us to develop REStful web services in a standard way.

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# Jersey Project

❖ Jersey is the reference implementation for JSR 311. We can easily integrate Jersey with Tomcat in order to develop a REStful web service.

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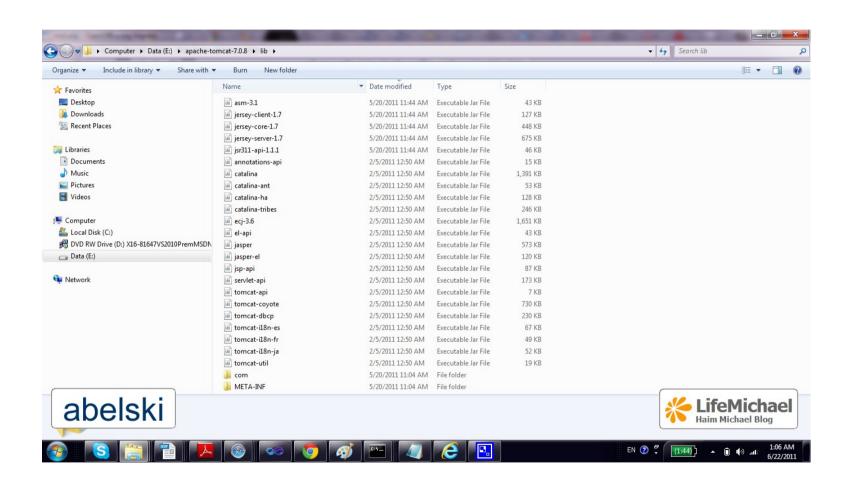
- You can easily download Jersey latest version browsing at http://download.java.net/maven/2/com/sun/jersey/jersey-archive/1.7/jersey-archive-1.7.zip
- In order to deploy a simple Jersey based REStful web service we will need the following files:

```
jersey-core.jar
jersey-server.jar
jsr311-api.jar
asm.jar
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# **Install Jersey**

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❖ We should define the Jersey servlet dispatcher in our web.xml file.

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<servlet>
   <servlet-name>My Jersey REST Service</servlet-name>
   <servlet-class>
        com.sun.jersey.spi.container.servlet.ServletContainer
    </servlet-class>
    <init-param>
       <param-name>
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    <load-on-startup>1/load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
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we should add it into our web.xml configuration file

• We can develop the class that will be instantiated and function as a REStful web service.

```
package com.abelski.samples;
import javax.ws.rs.Path;
import javax.ws.rs.GET;
import javax.ws.rs.Produces;
import javax.ws.rs.core.MediaType;

@Path("/hello")
public class HelloWorld
{
     @GET
     @Produces(MediaType.TEXT_PLAIN)
     public String sayHello()
     {
        return "Hello World";
     }
}
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# **Query String Parameters**

• We can easily extract the value of a specific query string parameter by using the @QueryParam annotation.

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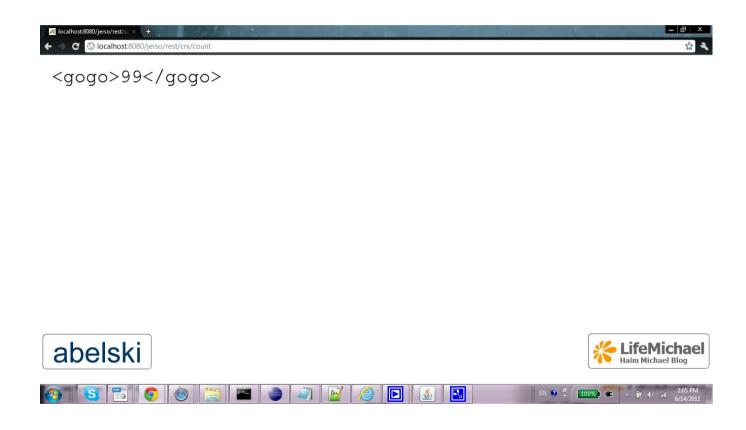
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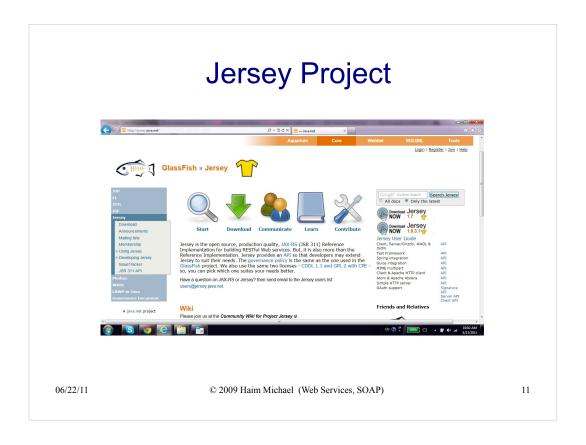
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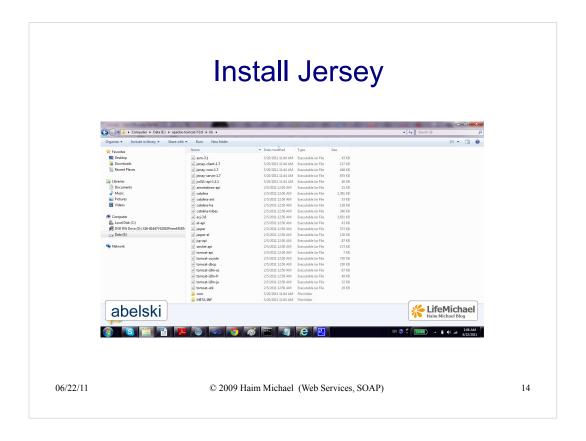
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