Automatic APIs with Swagger & SpringFox

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Swagger Basics

- Swagger Specification provides a standard, vendor-neutral way to describe your REST API
- Developed by Swagger, now under control of the Open API Initiative (https://www.openapis.org/)
- Current version is 2.0
- Either JSON or YAML representation

JSON Example

From Activiti Process Services API

```
▼{swagger: "2.0", info: {,...}, host: "act-test-env.alfresco.me", basePath: "/activiti-app/api",...}
   basePath: "/activiti-app/api"
 ▶ definitions: {RelatedContentRepresentation: {type: "object",...}, AppDefinitionSaveRepresentation: {type: "object",...},...}
   host: "act-test-env.alfresco.me"
  ▶ info: {....}
 ▼ paths: {,...}
   ▶ /enterprise/account/integration: {get: {tags: ["account-integration"], summary: "Retrieve external account information",...}}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/basic-auths: {get: {tags: ["admin-endpoints"], summary: "List endpoint authorizations",...},...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/basic-auths/{basicAuthId}: {get: {tags: ["admin-endpoints"], summary: "Get an endpoint authorization",...},...}
   ▶/enterprise/admin/endpoints: {qet: {tags: ["admin-endpoints"], summary: "List endpoints",...},...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/endpoints/{endpointConfigurationId}: {qet: {tags: ["admin-endpoints"], summary: "Get an endpoint",...},...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups: {qet: {tags: ["admin-groups"], summary: "Query groups", operationId: "qetGroupsUsingGET 1",...},...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}: {get: {tags: ["admin-groups"], summary: "Get a group", operationId: "getGroupUsingGET",...},...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/action/activate: {post: {tags: ["admin-groups"], summary: "Activate a group", operationId: "activateUsingPOST",...}}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/add-all-users: {,...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/capabilities: {post: {tags: ["admin-groups"], summary: "Add capabilities to a group",...}}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/capabilities/{groupCapabilityId}: {delete: {tags: ["admin-groups"], summary: "Remove a capability from a group",...}}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/members/{userId}: {,...}
   ▶ /enterprise/admin/groups/{groupId}/potential-capabilities: {,...}
```

YAML Example

From content services specification at https://github.com/Alfresco/rest-api-explorer/blob/master/src/main/webapp/d efinitions/alfresco-core.yaml

```
swagger: '2.0'
info:
  description:
    **Core API**
    Provides access to the core features of Alfresco Content Services.
  version: '1'
 title: Alfresco Content Services REST API
basePath: /alfresco/api/-default-/public/alfresco/versions/1
securityDefinitions:
  basicAuth:
    type: basic
    description: HTTP Basic Authentication
security:
  - basicAuth: []
consumes:
  - application/ison
produces:
  - application/json
tags:
  - name: activities
   description: Retrieve and manage activities
```

Swagger UI

- Raw API spec is not very reader-friendly!
- Swagger UI takes your YAML/JSON and renders this in a more consumable format
- Also allows you to try out the API

Swagger Petstore

[Base url: petstore.swagger.io/v2] http://petstore.swagger.io/v2/swagger.json

This is a sample server Petstore server. You can find out more about Swagger at http://swagger.io or on irc.freenode.net, #swagger. For this sample, you can use the api key to test the authorization filters.

Terms of service

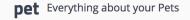
Contact the developer

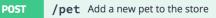
Apache 2.0

Find out more about Swagger

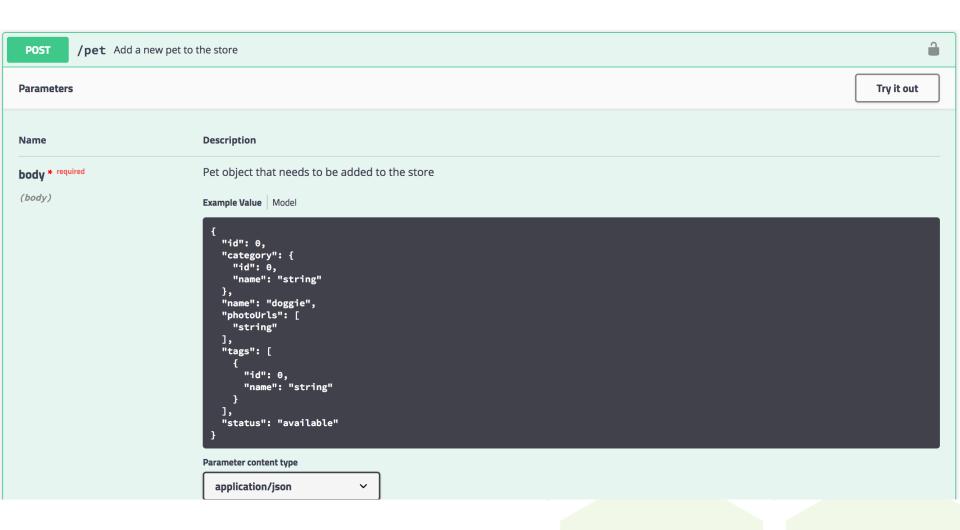












Testing using Swagger-UI

- Modify parameters as needed and click 'Try it out!'
- Full headers and response body displayed
- Curl command given

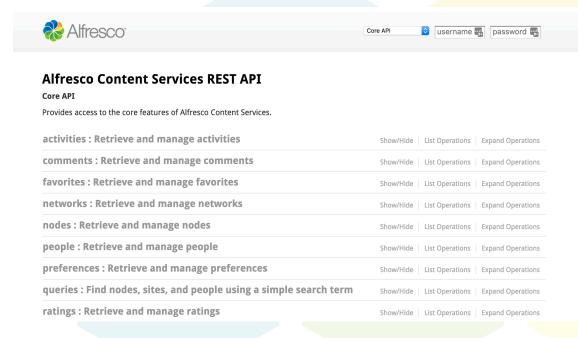
```
Response Content Type | application/json | 0
Try it out! Hide Response
Curl
  curl -X GET --header 'Accept: application/json' --header 'Authorization: Basic YWRtaW5AYXBwLmFjdGl2aXRpLmNvbTprMW5nazBu
Request URL
  http://localhost:9999/activiti-app/api/enterprise/admin/tenants
Request Headers
 {
  "Accept": "application/json"
Response Body
          "id": 1.
          "name": "test"
Response Code
Response Headers
    "pragma": "no-cache",
"date": "Wed, 15 Mar 2017 10:49:59 GMT",
"x-content-type-options": "nosniff",
"server": "Apache-Coyote/1.1",
"x-frame-options": "DENY"
"transfer-encoding": "chuńked",
"content-type": "application/json",
"cache-control": "no-cache, no-store, max-age=0, must-revalidate",
"x-xs-protection": "1; mode=block",
"expires": "0"
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    "expires": "0"
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Modifying Swagger UI

- Single HTML page with JQuery
- Supports token-based auth, easily modifiable to support other schemes (e.g. Basic auth)



Use of Swagger within Alfresco

- Content Services team introduce use of Swagger's OpenAPI spec to implement contractual definitions of all API
- Process Services / ADF team utilise Swagger-Codegen to generate Alfresco JS-API
- SpringFox introduced into Process Services app by Jean-Marie Pascale

Design first or code first?

Design First Approach

When developer experience matters

When ensuring good communication

Code First Approach

When Speedy Delivery Matters

When Developing Internal APIs

https://swaggerhub.com/blog/api-design/design-first-or-code-first-api-development/

Introducing SpringFox

Automated JSON API documentation for API's built with Spring, so great for existing APIs

- 1. Add annotations to your code
- 2. SpringFox generates JSON API description
- 3. SpringFox bundles a custom Swagger-UI and provides Spring MVC sample code to expose this in your app

SpringFox Operation

- Scans packages at startup for @RestController annotations to find all APIs with @RequestMappings
- Uses Spring MVC, Swagger and custom SpringFox annotations to determine API information

Springfox Annotations

Swagger @Api annotations used to provide basic metadata (tags, description) on the group of API operations

Springfox Annotations

Swagger @ApiOperation annotation used to provide information on the API itself

Springfox Advanced Annotations

Parameters picked up from Spring @RequestParam annotation, Swagger annotation @ApiParam can be used to provide more information, e.g. description, default values

Springfox Advanced Annotations

 Extended info on response body (if not implicit in return type) and response status via @ApiResponse and @ApiResponses (multiple)

Benefits

- ✓ Great for documenting existing APIs or when following a code-first approach
- ✓ Extra descriptions can be added progressively over time
- ✓ API docs is inline in the code so harder to get out of sync

Cons

- Code-first approach not always desirable
- Longer descriptions use Markdown but still multi-line text still cumbersome in Java strings (e.g. Code examples)
- JSON-only at present but YAML support being developed in a PR

More Information

- http://swagger.io/swagger-ui/
- http://springfox.github.io/springfox/
- Find me later for code examples!

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