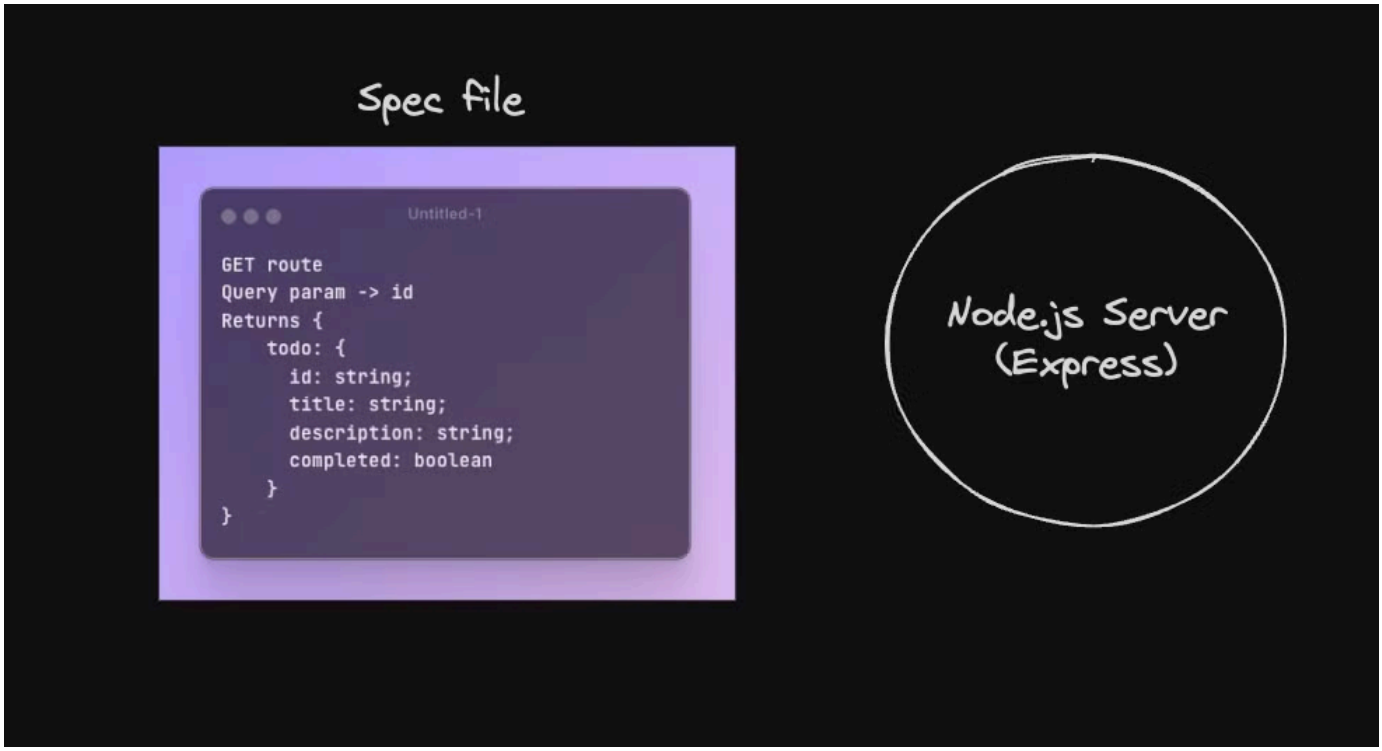
Why OpenAPI Spec

When you create backend, it's very hard for other people to know the exact shape of your routes

Wouldn't it be nice if you could describe, in a single file the shape of your routes?

For example - https://sum-server.100xdevs.com/todo?id=1



If you have this single long file that lists all your routes, you could

1. Auto generate documentation pages (Ref https://binance-docs.github.io/apidocs/spot/en/#query-current-order-count-usage-trade)
2. Auto generate clients in various languages (Java, JS, Go...)

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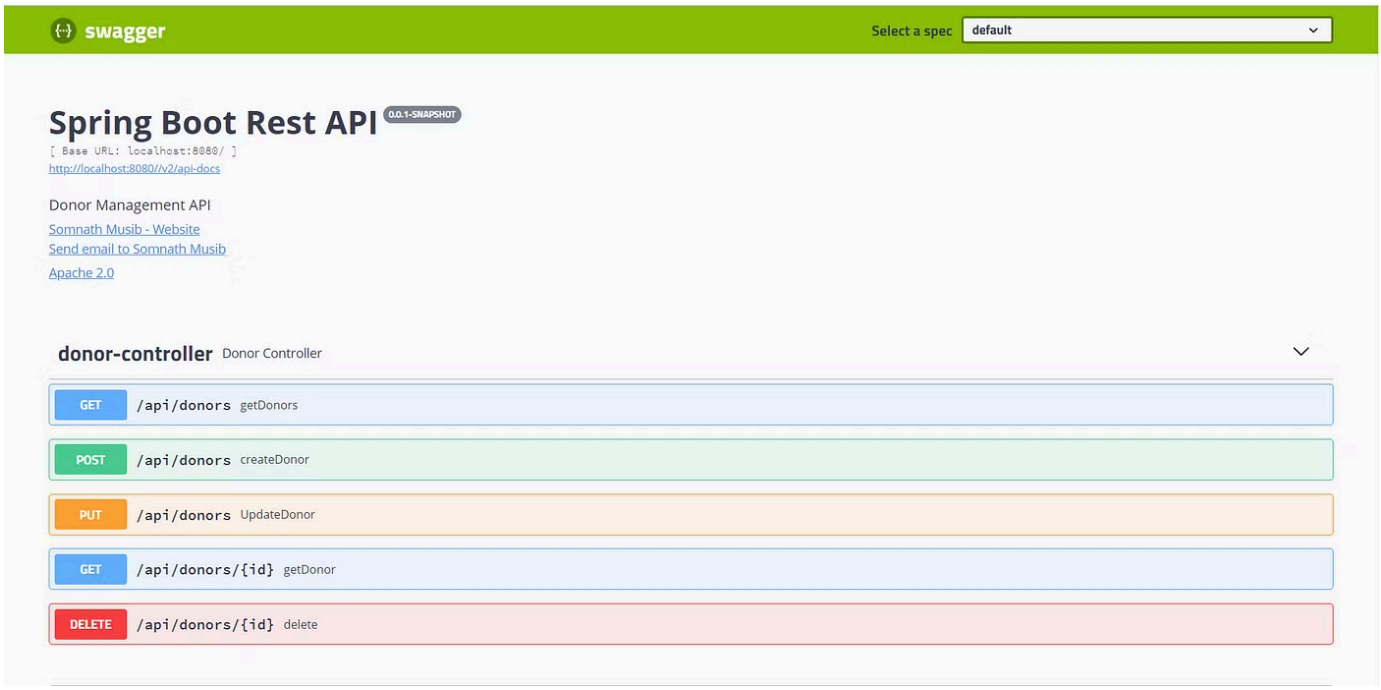
3. Let t… our API routes shape without actually opening your …de

4. Let AIs know how to hit your APIs in a single file, without sharing your code with the AI



What is the OpenAPI Spec

The OpenAPI Specification (OAS) is a standard, language-agnostic interface to RESTful APIs which allows both humans and computers to discover and understand the capabilities of a service without access to source code, additional documentation, or network traffic inspection. When properly defined via OpenAPI, a consumer can understand and interact with the remote service with minimal implementation logic.

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Develop agger, and later donated to the OpenAPI Initiative t on, the OpenAPI Specification has become a widely adopted industry standard for defining and using APIs.

Good reference file - https://github.com/knadh/listmonk/blob/1bf7e362bf6bee23e5e2e15f8c7cf12e23860df6/docs/swagger/collections.yaml

Parts of the spec file

For a simple server

server.js

```
import express from 'express';

const app = express();
```

```
app.use(express.json());
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: users = [
  { id: 1, name: 'John Doe' },
  { id: 2, name: 'Jane Doe' }
];

app.get('/users', (req, res) => {
  const { name } = req.query;

  if (name) {
    const filteredUsers = users.filter(user => user.name.toLowerCase().include
    res.json(filteredUsers);
  } else {
    res.json(users);
  }
});

app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Server running on http://localhost:${port}`);
});
```

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```
openapi: 3.0.0
info:
 title: User API
 description: API to manage users
 version: "1.0.0"
servers:
 - url: http://localhost:3000
paths:
 /users:
  get:
   summary: Get a list of users
   description: Retrieves a list of users, optionally filtered by name.
   parameters:
    - in: query
     name: name
```

```
        required: false
        description: filter for user lookup.
      responses:
        '200':
          description: A list of users
          content:
            application/json:
              schema:
                type: array
                items:
                  $ref: '#/components/schemas/User'
components:
  schemas:
    User:
      type: object
      properties:
        id:
          type: integer
          format: int64
          description: The unique identifier of the user.
        name:
          type: string
          description: The name of the user.
      required:
        - id
        - name
```

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Try visiting

http://localhost:3000/users?name=John Doe,a,http://localhost:3000/users?na

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How to create a spec

1. Write it by hand (bad, but still happens)
2. Auto generate it from your code
    1. Easy in languages that have deep types like Rust
    2. Slightly harder in languages like Go/Rust
    3. Node.js has some libraries/codebases that let you do it
        1. With express - https://www.npmjs.com/package/express-openapi (highly verbose)
        2. Without express - https://github.com/lukeautry/tsoa (Cohort 1 video)
    4. Hono has a native implementation with zod - https://hono.dev/snippets/zod-openapi

We'll be going through d , but we've covered c.ii in Cohort 1

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Ref https://hono.dev/snippets/zod-openapi

```
import { z } from '@hono/zod-openapi'
import { createRoute } from '@hono/zod-openapi'
import { OpenAPIHono } from '@hono/zod-openapi'

const ParamsSchema = z.object({
  id: z
    .string()
    .min(3)
    .openapi({
      param: {
        name: 'id',
        in: 'path',
      },
      example: '1212121',
    }),
})

const UserSchema = z
  .object({
    id: z.string().openapi({
      example: '123',
    }),
    name: z.string().openapi({
      example: 'John Doe',
    }),
    age: z.number().openapi({
      example: 42,
    }),
  })
  .openapi('User')


const route = createRoute({
  method: 'get',
```

```
    params: ParamsSchema,
    responses: {
    200: {
      content: {
        'application/json': {
          schema: UserSchema,
        },
      },
      description: 'Retrieve the user',
    },
  },
})

const app = new OpenAPIHono()

app.openapi(route, (c) => {
  const { id } = c.req.valid('param')
  return c.json({
    id,
    age: 20,
    name: 'Ultra-man',
  })
})

// The OpenAPI documentation will be available at /doc
app.doc('/doc', {
  openapi: '3.0.0',
  info: {
    version: '1.0.0',
    title: 'My API',
  },
})

export default app
```

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Try running the app locally and visiting

http://localhost:8787/users/123123

http://localhost:8787/doc

Create a swagger page

Given the OpenAPI Spec, you can create a swagger page for your app

https://hono.dev/snippets/swagger-ui

```
app.get('/ui', swaggerUI({ url: '/doc' }))
```

Try visiting http://localhost:8787/ui

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Auto generated clients

Given you have a yaml/json file that describes the shape of your routes, lets try generating a ts client that we can use in a Node.js / React app to talk to the backend

Ref https://www.npmjs.com/package/openapi-typescript-codegen

1. Store the OpenAPI Spec in a file (spec.json)

```
{
 "openapi": "3.0.0",
 "info": {
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "title": "My API"
 },
 "components": {
  "schemas": {
   "User": {
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
     "id": {
      "type": "string",
      "example": "123"
     },
     "name": {
      "type": "string",
      "example": "John Doe"
     },
     "age": {
      "type": "number",
      "example": 42
     }
```

```
        ],
        "id",
        "name",
        "age"
      ]
    }
  },
  "parameters": {

  }
},
"paths": {
  "/users/{id}": {
    "get": {
      "parameters": [
        {
          "schema": {
            "type": "string",
            "minLength": 3,
            "example": "1212121"
          },
          "required": true,
          "name": "id",
          "in": "path"
        }
      ],
      "responses": {
        "200": {
          "description": "Retrieve the user",
          "content": {
            "application/json": {
              "schema": {
                "$ref": "#/components/schemas/User"
              }
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

2. Generate the client

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```
npx openapi-typescript-codegen --input ./spec.json --output ./generated
```

1. Explore the client

```
cd generated
cat index.ts
```

1. Use it in a different project