

COMP 90018 Mobile Computing Systems Programming

Tutorial on Android Development

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Welcome!

Outcomes of this tutorial:

- 1. Build Azure API**
- 2. Call API in Android App**

How to do work beyond data CRUD?

An example:

<https://adrianhall.github.io/develop-mobile-apps-with-csharp-and-azure/chapter4/custom/>

Go to Visual Studio! Open BackEnd Code.



API in URL

1. All custom API stay under an endpoint “/api”
2. E.g., a controller “FooController” has a URL like “api/Foo”
 (“api/foo” also works)



Configuring Custom APIs

App_Start\Startup.MobileApp.cs

```
new MobileAppConfiguration()  
    .UseDefaultConfiguration()  
    .ApplyTo(config);
```

Change it to

```
new MobileAppConfiguration()  
    .AddTablesWithEntityFramework()  
    .MapApiControllers()  
    .ApplyTo(config);
```



Create a Custom API

On Controllers folder, right click

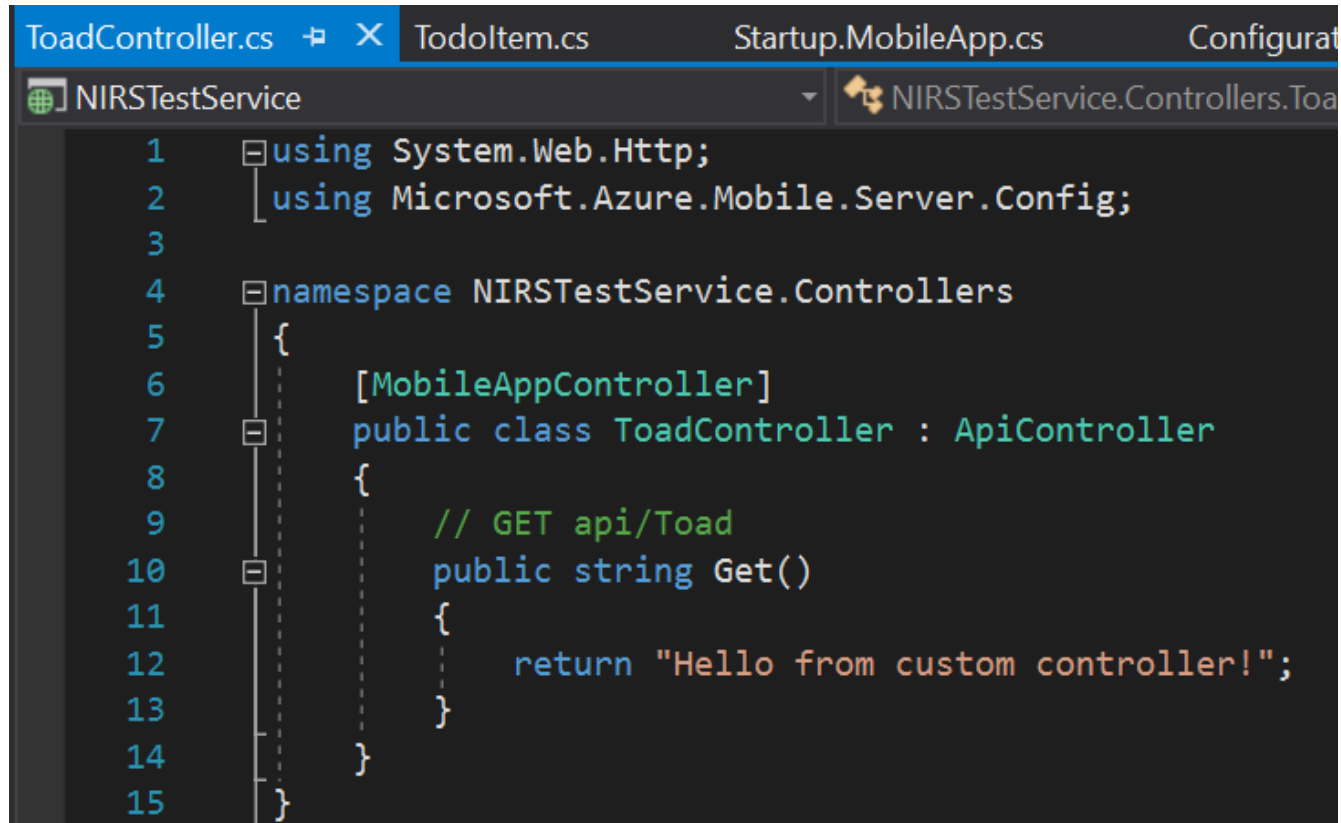
Add->Controller



Azure Mobile Apps Custom Controller



An empty API Controller



```
ToadController.cs  X  TodoItem.cs  Startup.MobileApp.cs  Configurati
NIRSTestService  NIRSTestService.Controllers.Toa

1  using System.Web.Http;
2  using Microsoft.Azure.Mobile.Server.Config;
3
4  namespace NIRSTestService.Controllers
5  {
6      [MobileApiController]
7      public class ToadController : ApiController
8      {
9          // GET api/Toad
10         public string Get()
11         {
12             return "Hello from custom controller!";
13         }
14     }
15 }
```

Do whatever you want here

E.g., Addition

```
public ResultViewModel Get( int? first, int? second)
{
    if (first ==null||second ==null)
    {
        throw new HttpResponseException(HttpStatusCode.BadRequest);
    }
    ResultViewModel results = new ResultViewModel
    {
        First = first.GetValueOrDefault(),
        Second = second.GetValueOrDefault()
    };
    results.Result = results.First + results.Second;
    return results;
}

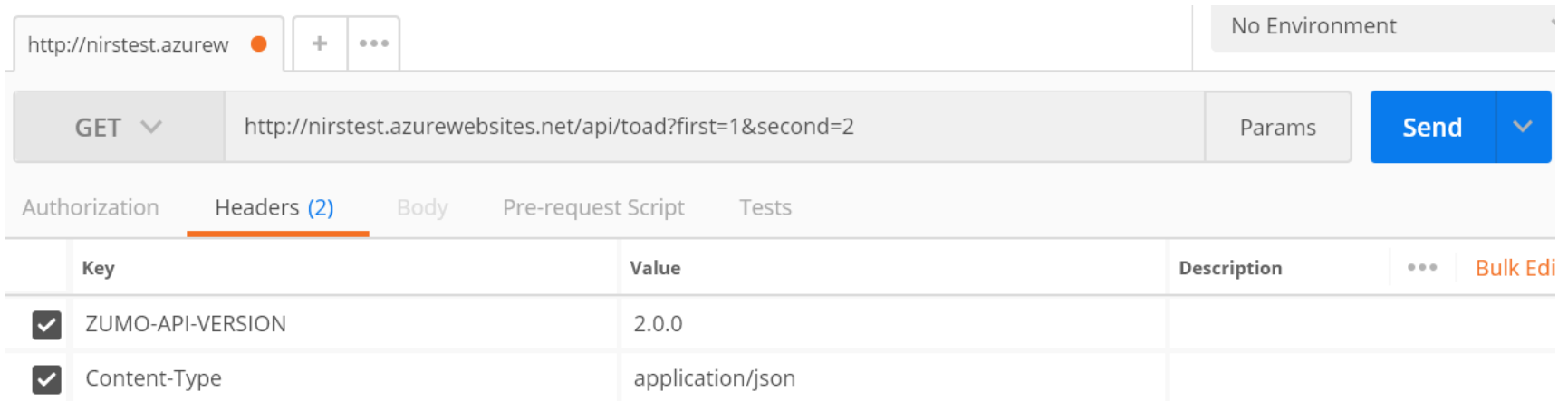
public class ResultViewModel
{
    public int First { get; set; }
    public int Second { get; set; }
    public int Result { get; set; }
}
```

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Use Postman to Test

Can get Postman from Chrome

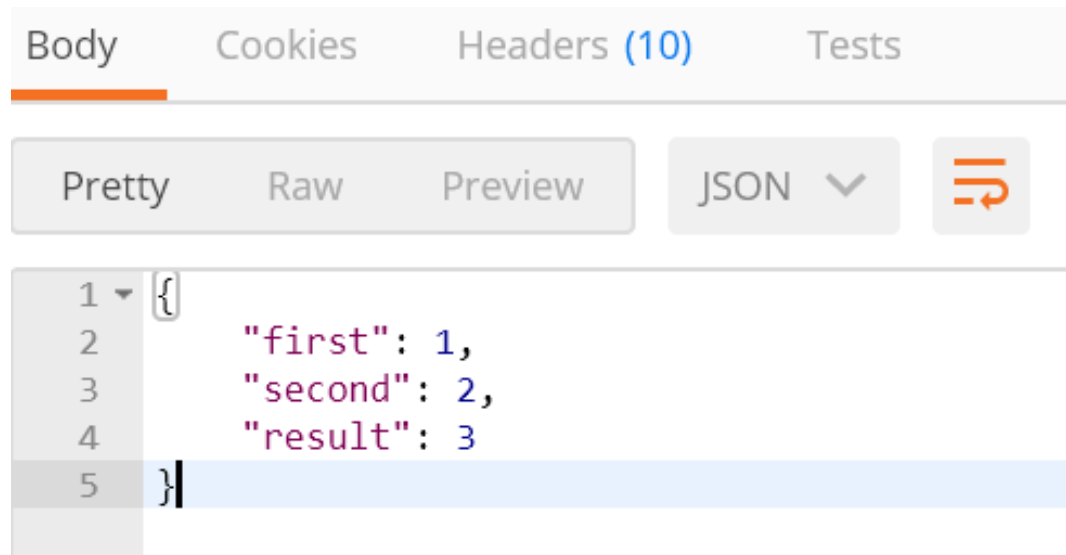


The screenshot shows the Postman interface for a GET request. The URL is `http://nirstest.azurewebsites.net/api/toad?first=1&second=2`. The request is configured with two headers:

Key	Value	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZUMO-API-VERSION	2.0.0	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Content-Type	application/json	

You need this header setting

Result in Postman



How to call API in Android App?

Go to Android Studio! Open FrontEnd Code.



Call API in Android App

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/app-service-mobile/app-service-mobile-android-how-to-use-client-library#custom-api>



Call API in Android App

Define a Java class to get values

```
public class AdditionResult {  
    public int first;  
    public int second;  
    public int result;  
}
```



Call API in Android App

e.g., Call “Toad” API using Http

```
ArrayList<Pair<String,String>> parameters = new ArrayList<>();

parameters.add(new Pair<>("first","1"));
parameters.add(new Pair<>("second","2"));

ListenableFuture<AdditionResult> result =mClient.invokeApi("Toad",
    "GET",parameters,  AdditionResult.class);
```

You may also use different calls
<https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/carlosfiguera/2013/06/18/custom-api-in-azure-mobile-services-client-sdks/>



Call API in Android App

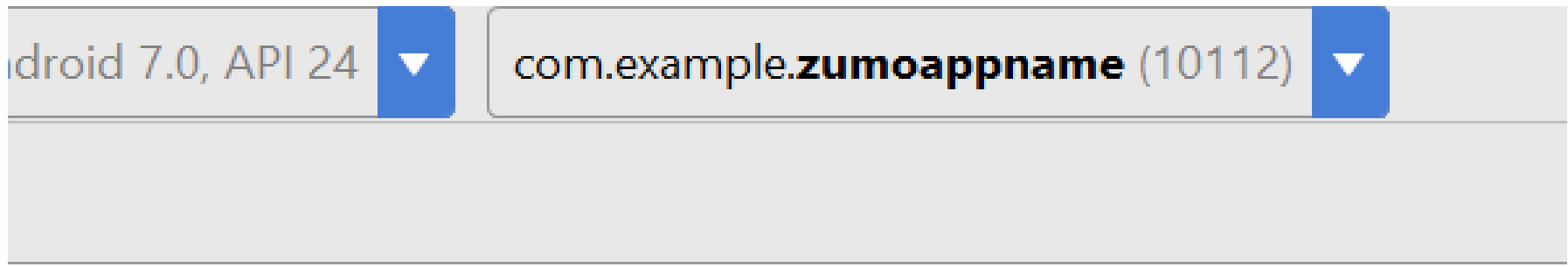
e.g., get results from server

```
Futures.addCallback(result, new FutureCallback<AdditionResult>() {  
    @Override  
    public void onFailure(Throwable e) {  
        Log.d("API", "failed ");  
        Log.e("MYAPP", "exception", e);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void onSuccess(AdditionResult result) {  
        Log.d("API", "result = "+result.result);  
    }  
});
```



Call API in Android App

Got 3 in LogCat



```
1667-1932/? D/EGL_emulation: eglMakeCurrent: 0x8f78bc0
10112-10142/com.example.zumoappname D/API: running
1654-1654/? I/LatinIME: Starting input. Cursor positio
10112-10112/com.example.zumoappname D/API: result = 3
```

More learning directions:

1. Handling POST requests

**2. Manage data according to
HttpPost**

See you sometime later

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