

Spring REST - Exception Handling



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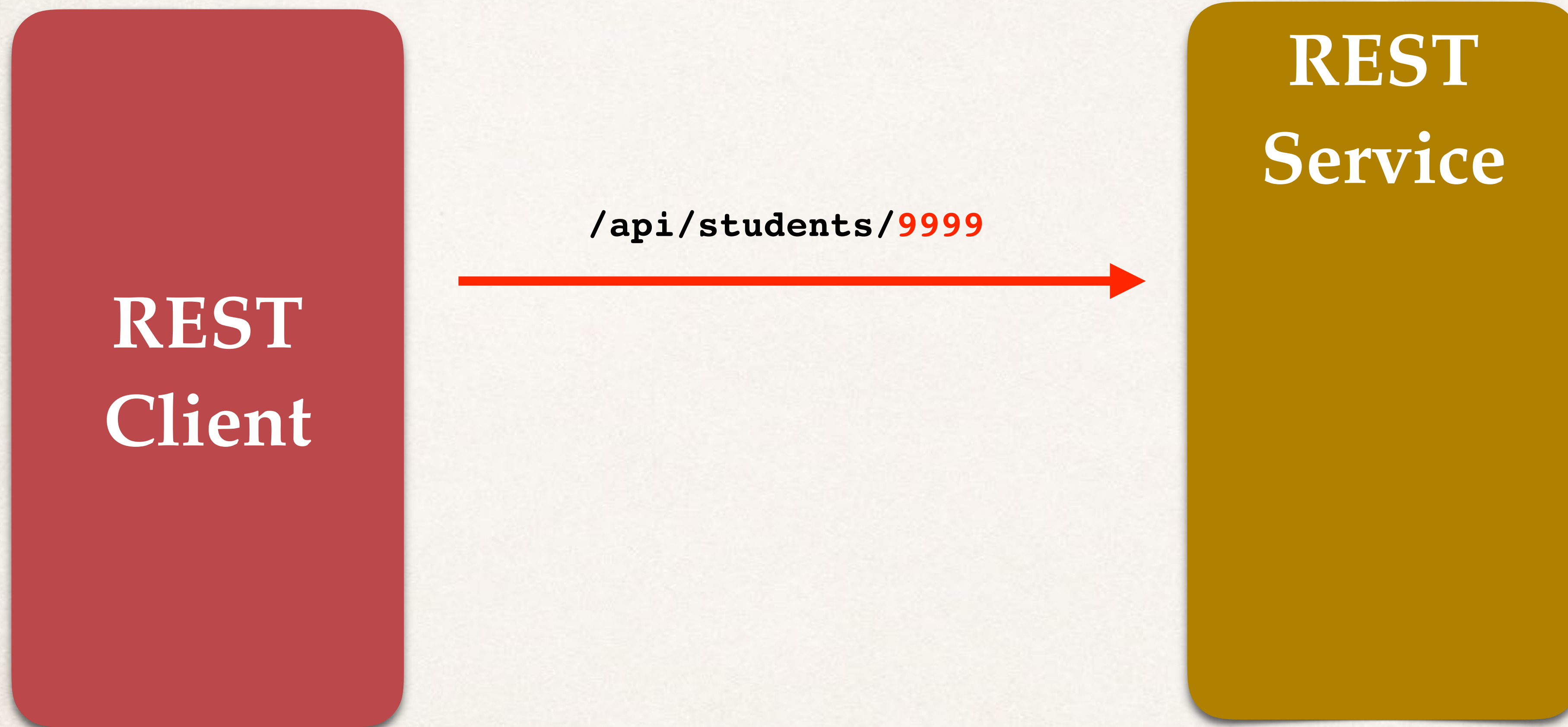
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**REST
Client**

**REST
Service**

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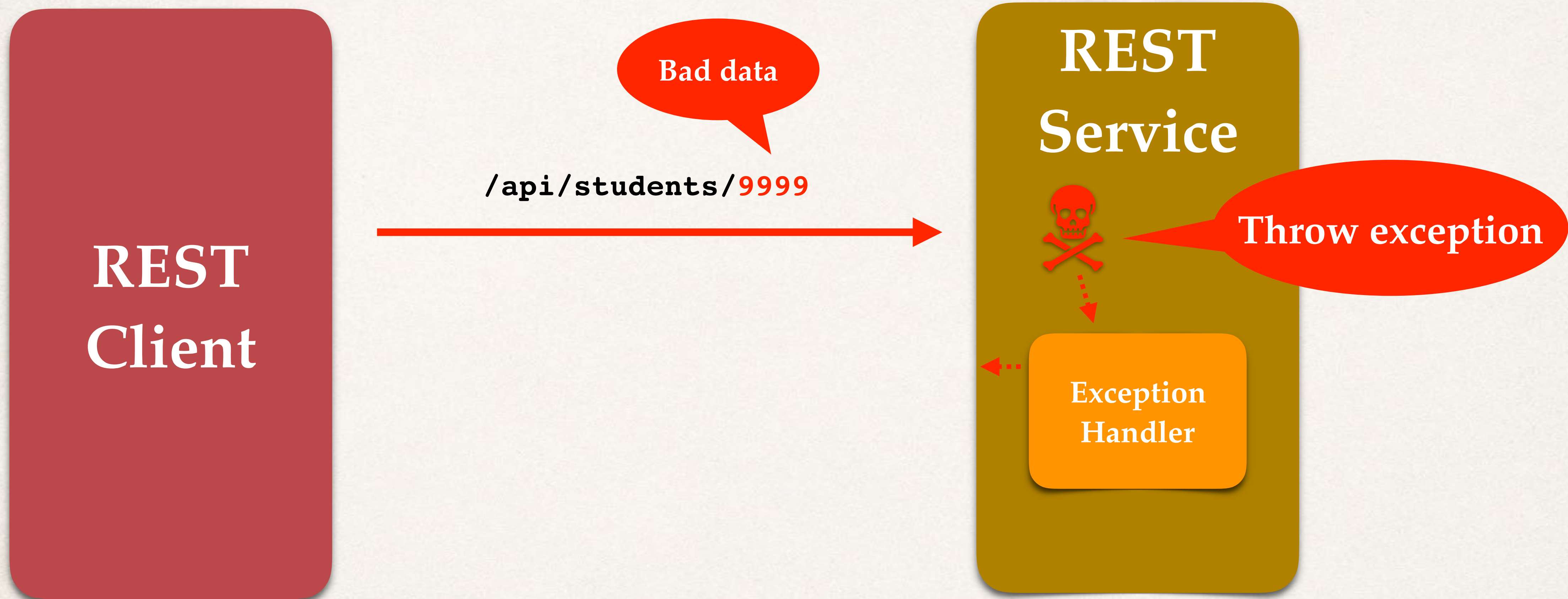
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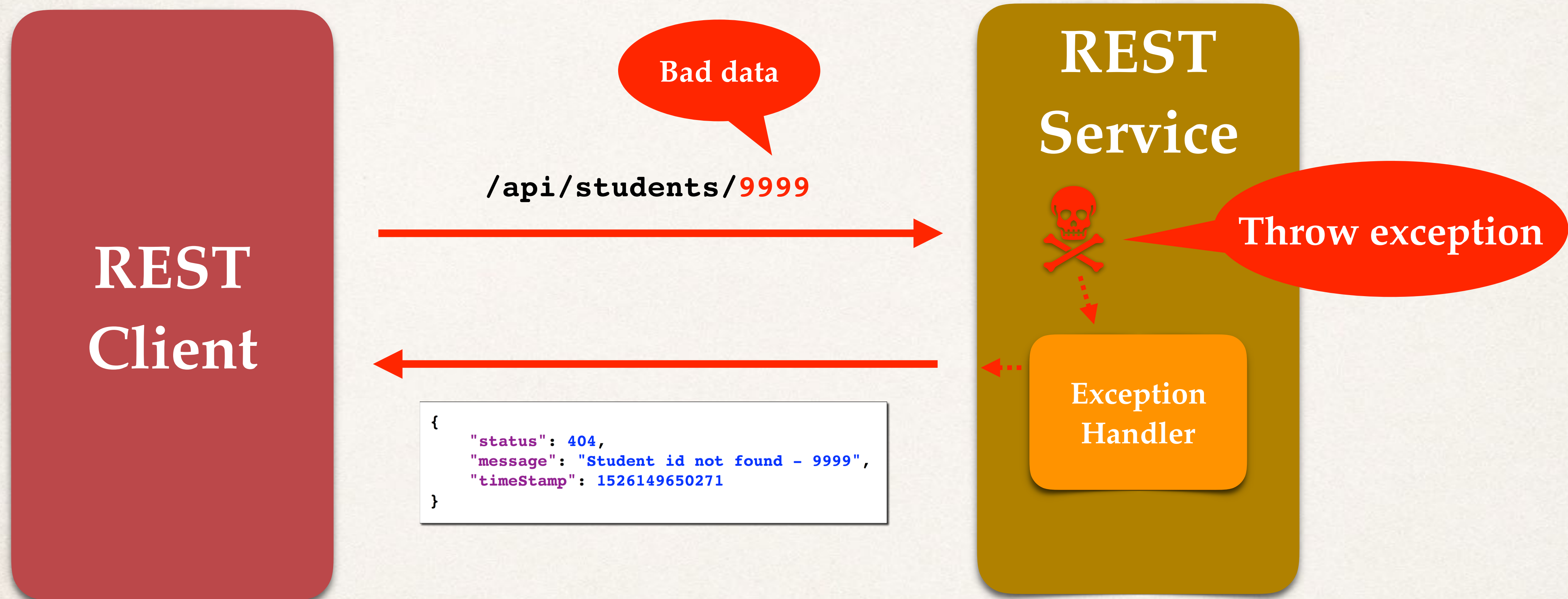
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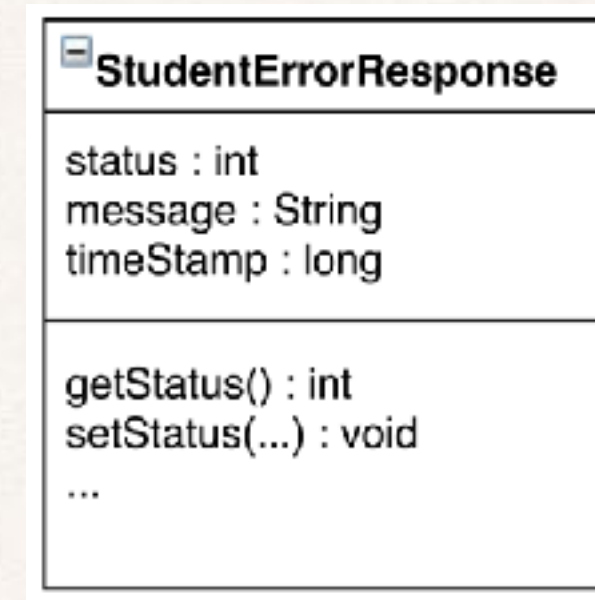
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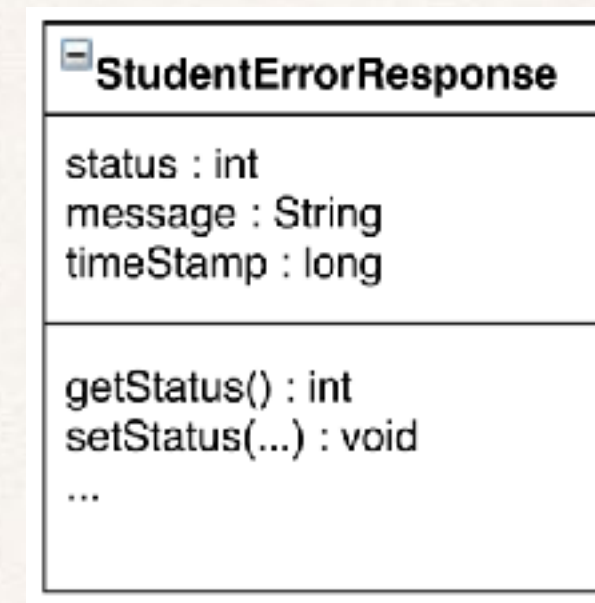
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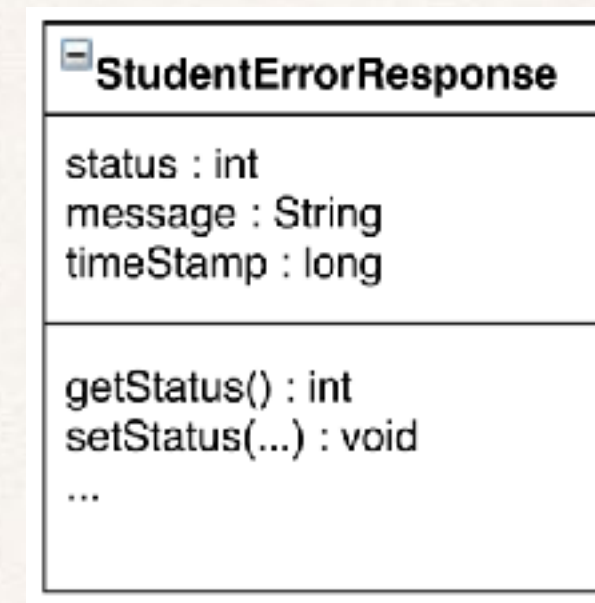
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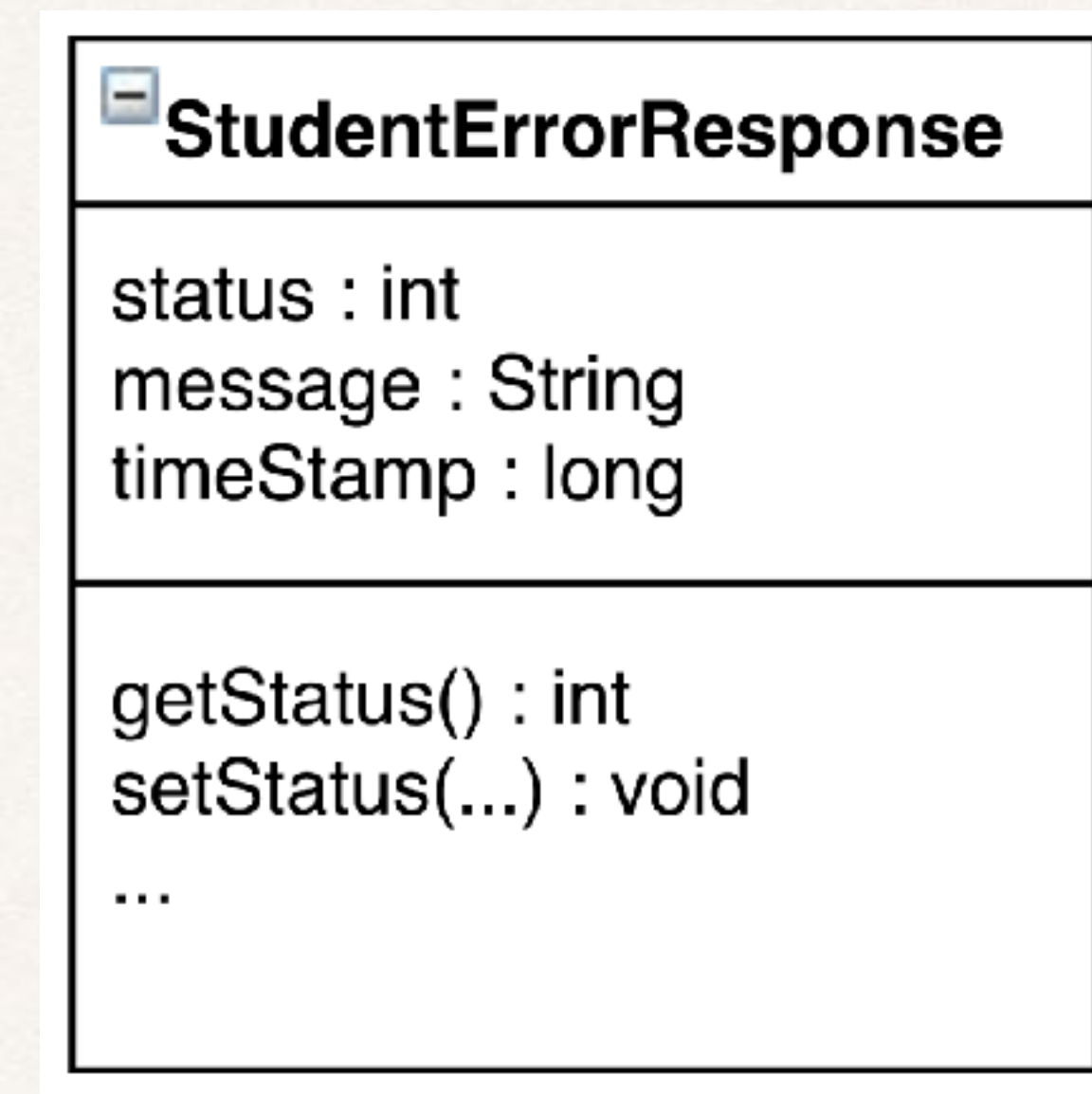


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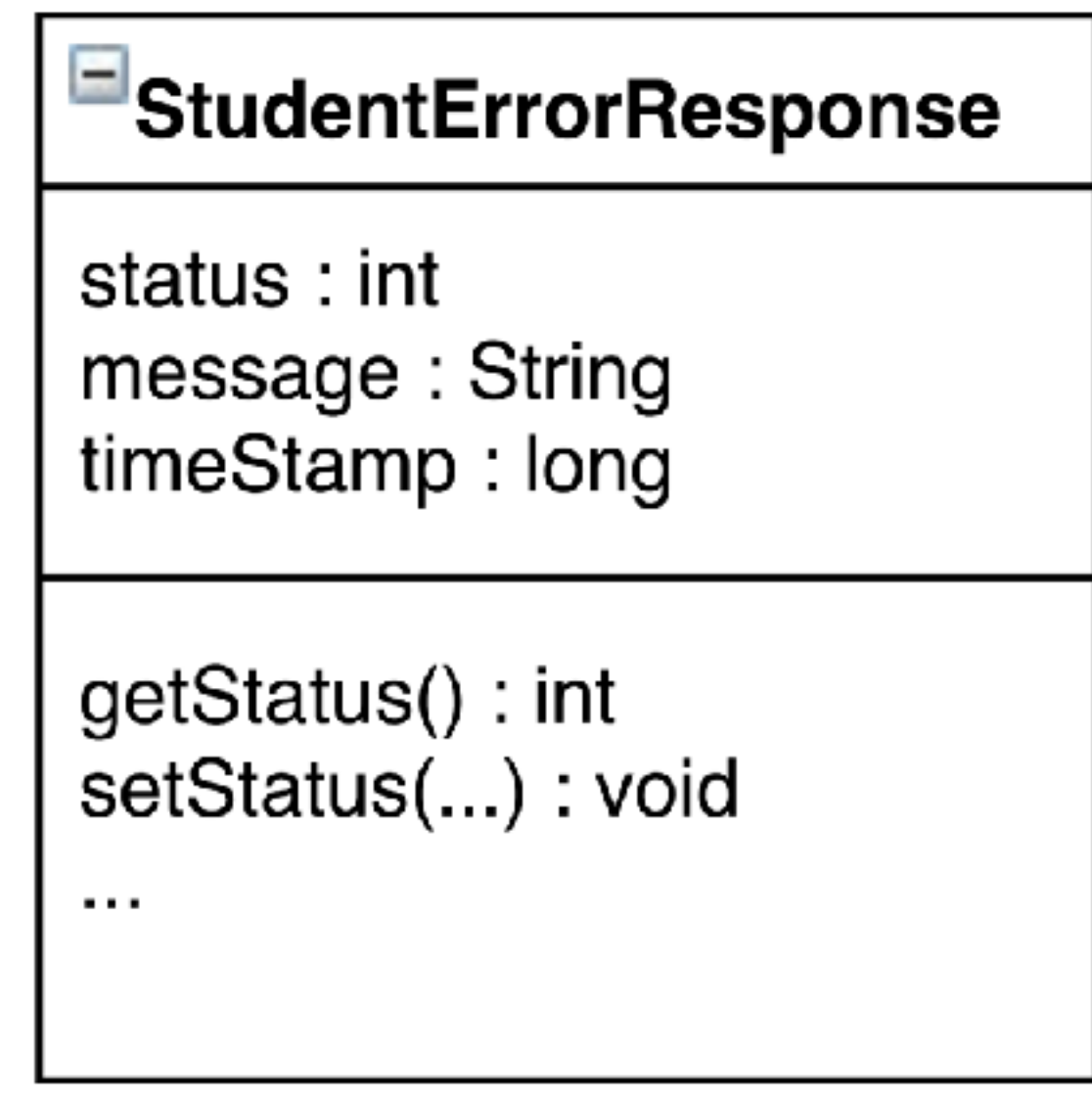

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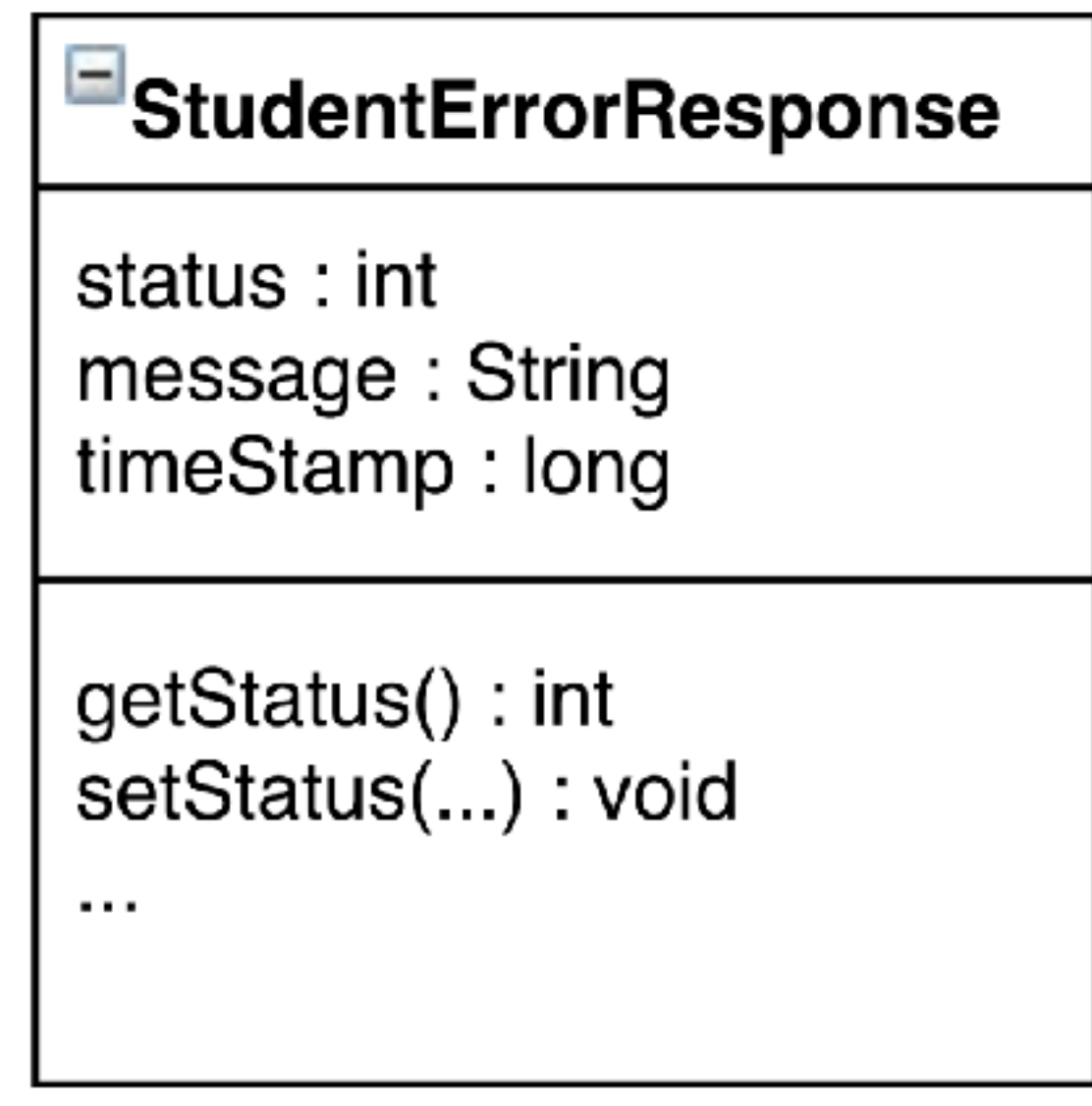
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Call super class
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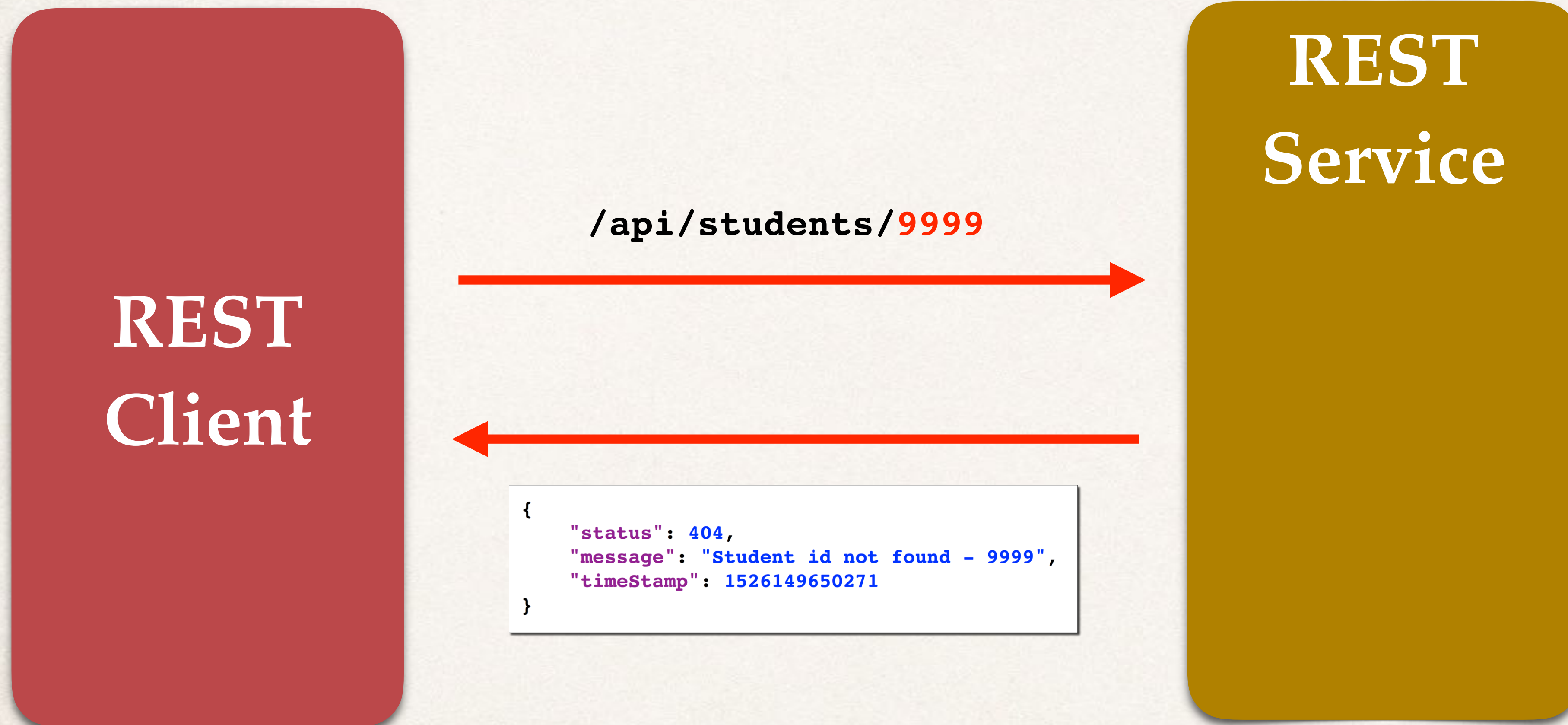
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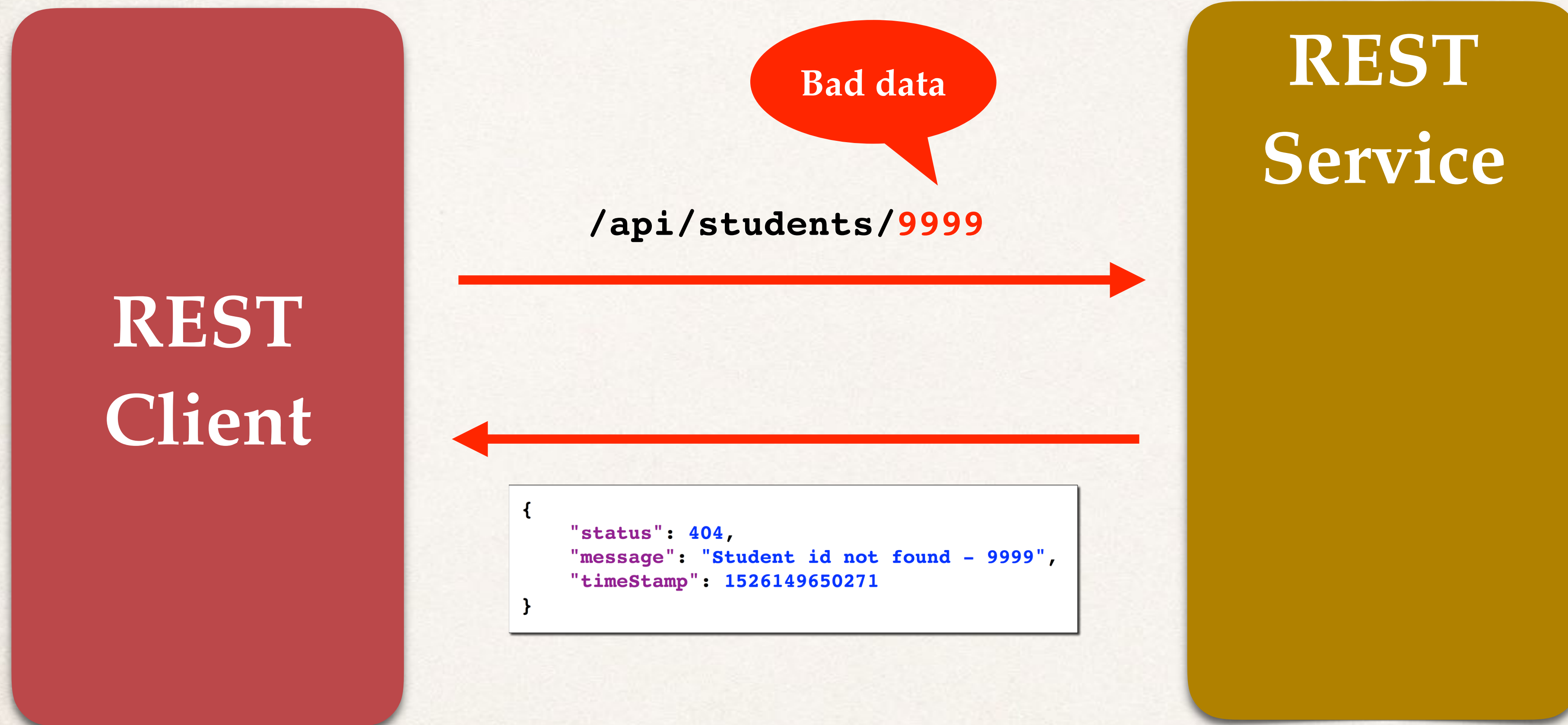
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Happy path

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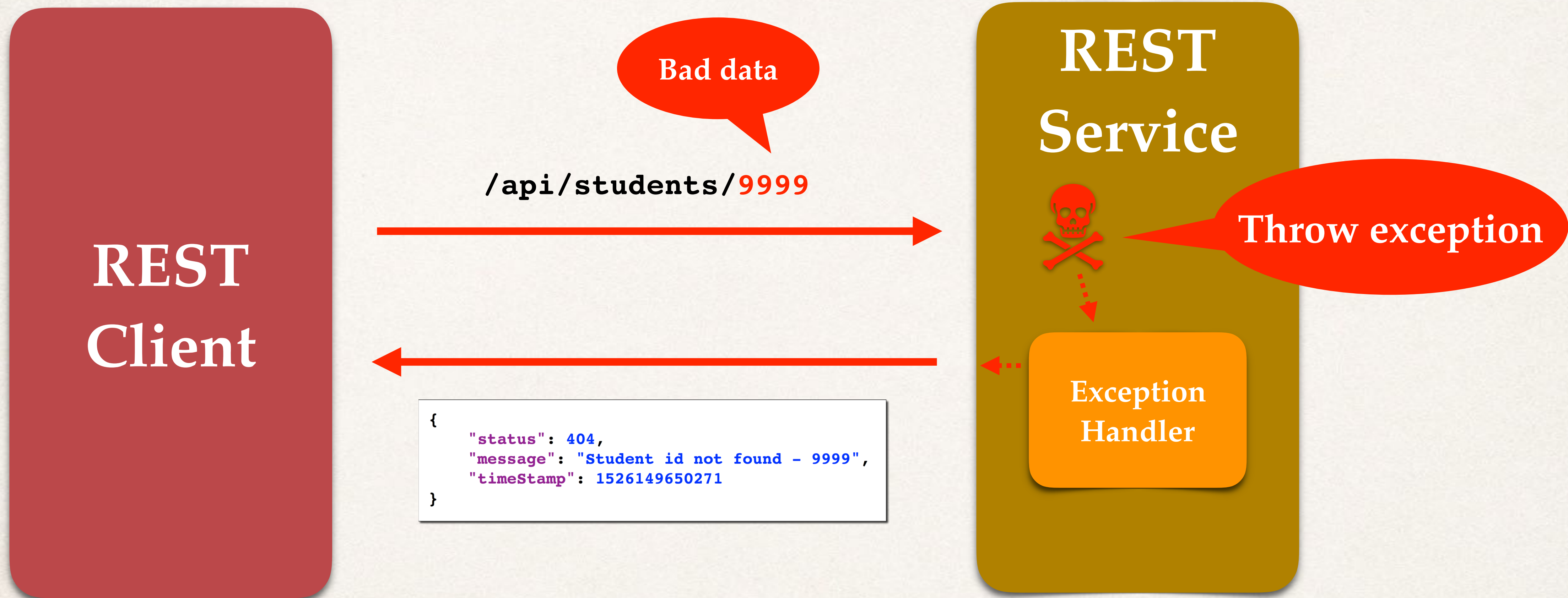
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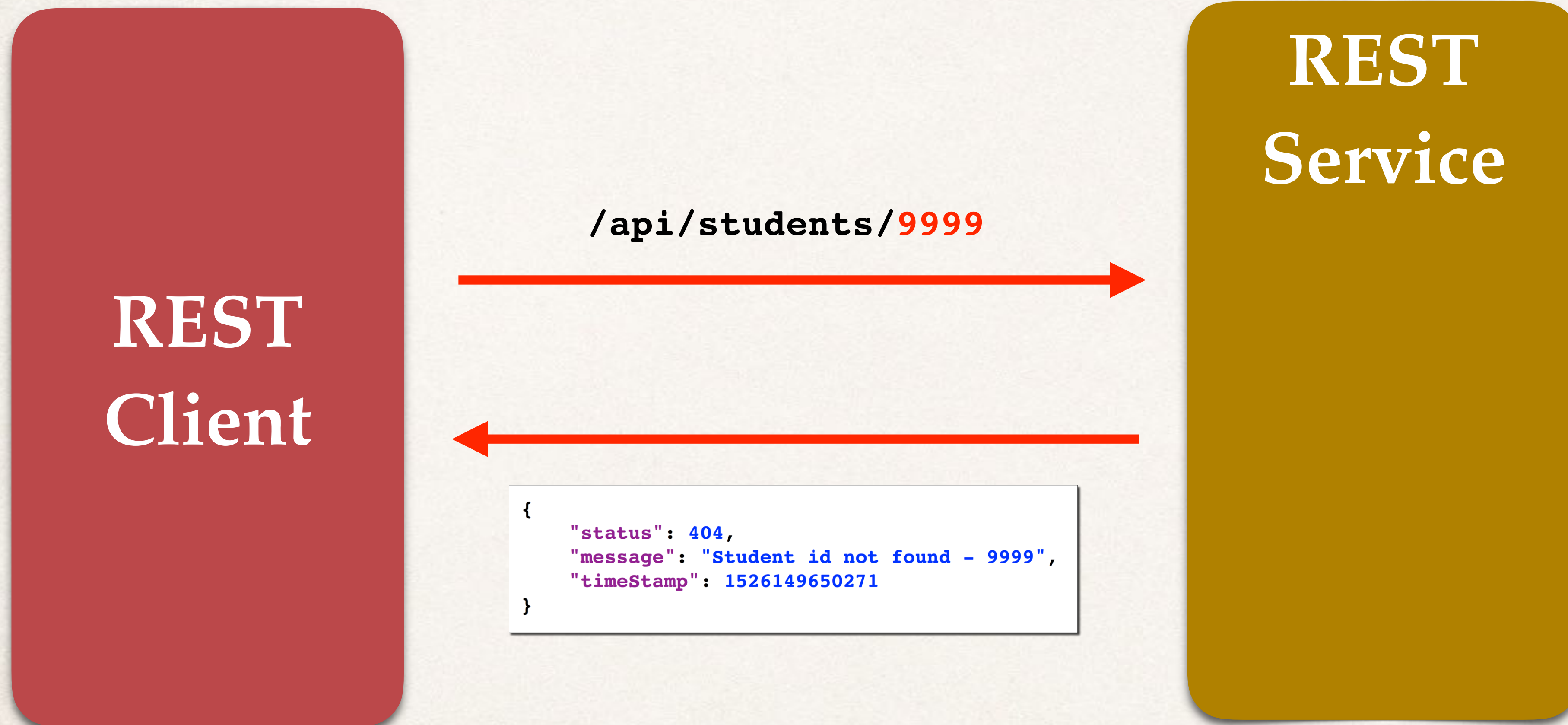
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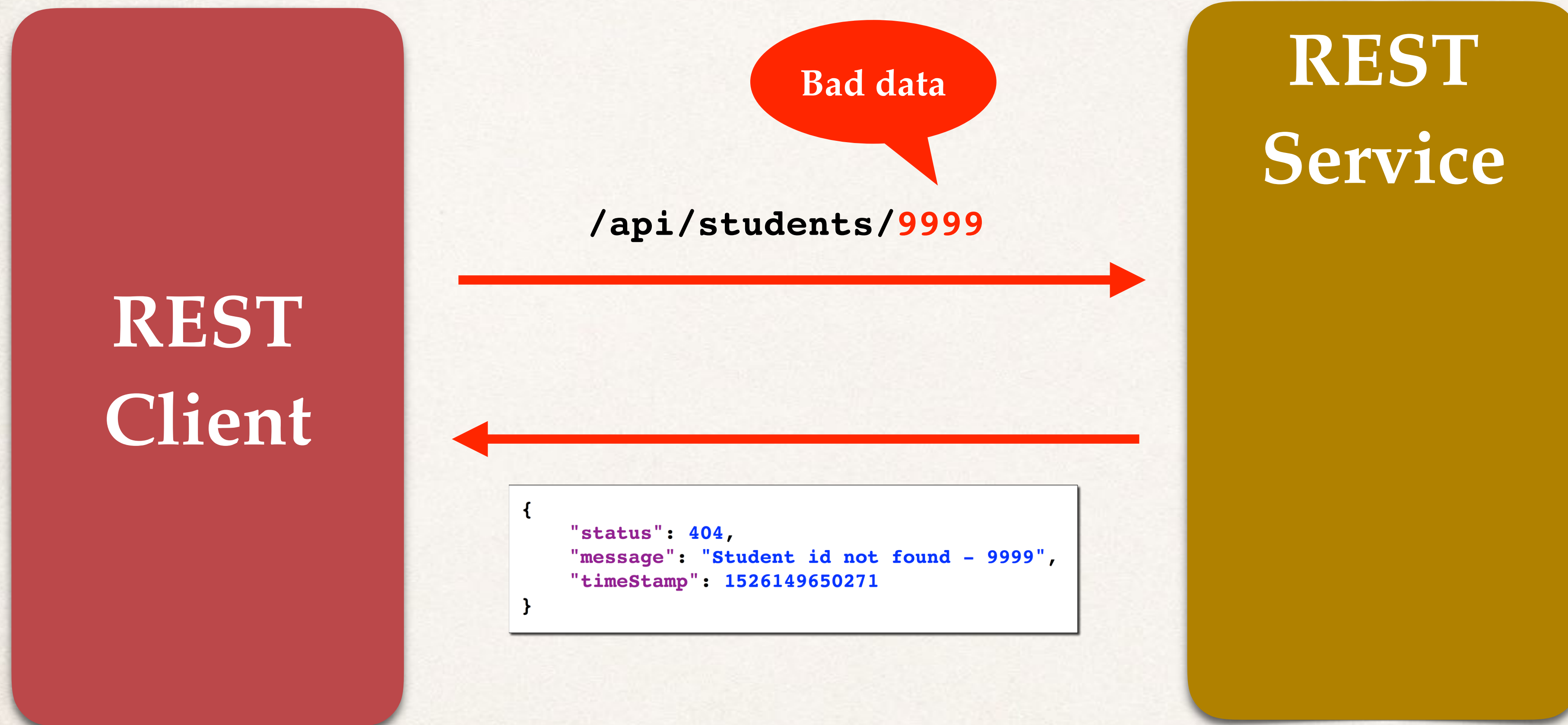
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