

404 NOT FOUND

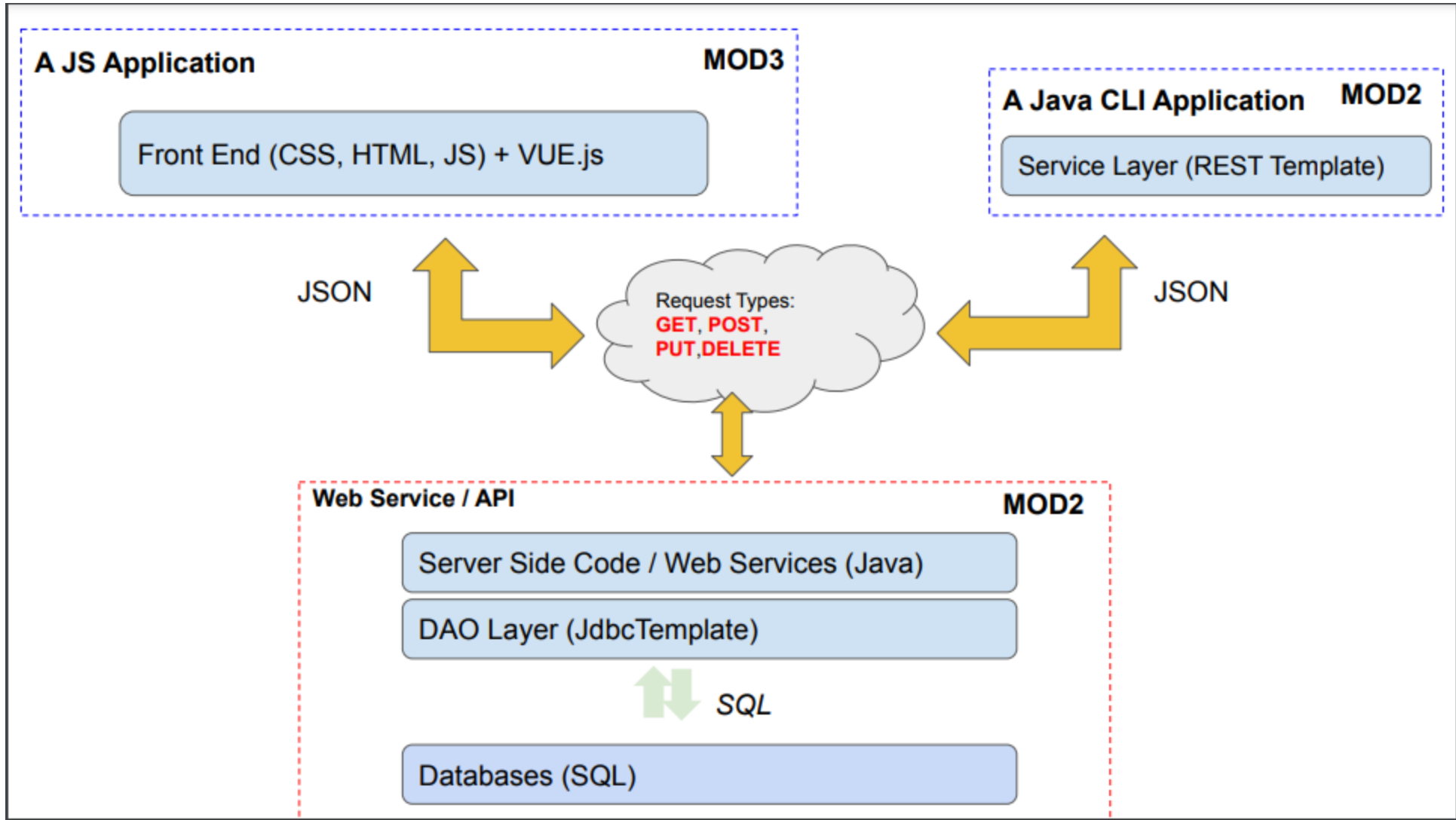


HTTP Web services

POST

Objectives

- Implement Java code that can send `POST`, `PUT`, and `DELETE` requests that send data to the server in JSON request body
- Handle an error in network communication properly
- Handle a response containing a 4xx status code
- Use Postman to make a `PUT`, `POST`, or `DELETE` request



Spring Framework

- Powerful, lightweight framework used for application development
- Supports various other frameworks
 - Struts, Hibernate, Tapestry, EJB, JSF, etc.
- Helps solve many technical problems
- Comprehensive tool for supporting applications using Java

Spring Framework

- POJO based
- Modular
- IoC (Inversion of Control)

<https://medium.com/@amitkma/understanding-inversion-of-control-ioc-principle-163b1dc97454>

- Integration with existing frameworks
- Testable
- Web MVC
- Central Exception handling
- Lightweight

More Request Types

- GET: reads the data
- POST: Ideally suited for inserting new data into the data source.
- PUT: Ideally suited for updating an existing record within a data source.
- DELETE: Ideally suited for removing an existing record from the data source.

For the POST & PUT requests we are converting an object to data

GET vs. POST

GET

- Can be cached
- Remain in browser history
- Can be bookmarked
- Should never be used for sensitive data
- Maximum length of 2048 characters
- Used to request data

POST

- Are never cached
- Do not remain in browser history
- Cannot be bookmarked
- Have no restrictions on length

Implementing a POST

Suppose the documentation for the API specifies POST as well :

(POST) *http://localhost:3000/hotels/{id}/reservations*

```
String API_BASE_URL = http://localhost:3000/ ;
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();
HttpHeaders headers = new HttpHeaders();
headers.setContentType(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON);

// Where reservation is an object of type Reservation.
HttpEntity<Reservation> entity = new HttpEntity<>(reservation, headers);

reservation = restTemplate.postForObject(BASE_URL + "hotels/" + reservation.getHotelID() +
"/reservations", entity, Reservation.class);
```

Note that POST requests have a body and header as well!

Implementing a PUT

Suppose the API's documentation states that there is a PUT endpoint:
(PUT) *http://localhost:3000/reservations/{id}*

Using a REST template we can implement the following:

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// Where reservation is an object of type Reservation.  
HttpEntity<Reservation> entity = new HttpEntity<>(reservation, headers);  
  
restTemplate.put(API_BASE_URL + "reservations/" + reservation.getId(), entity);
```

Implementing a DELETE

Suppose the API's documentation states that there is a DELETE endpoint: (DELETE) *<http://localhost:3000/reservations/{id}>*

Using a REST template we can implement the following:

```
String API_BASE_URL = http://localhost:3000/;  
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();  
// Where id is an int:  
restTemplate.delete(BASE_URL + "reservations/" + id);
```

Successful status codes

Successful POST, PUT and Delete return successful status codes:

POST – returns 201

PUT – 200 or 204

DELETE – 202 or 204



Exceptions and Error Handling

There are 2 exceptions to be aware of when dealing with APIs:

- `RestClientResponseException` – for when a status code other than a 2XX is returned.
- `ResourceAccessException` – for when there was a network issue that prevented a successful call

```
try {  
    restTemplate.put(API_URL + "users/remove/23");  
}  
catch (ResourceAccessException ex) {  
    // Handle network I/O errors  
    System.out.println(ex.getMessage());  
}  
catch (RestClientResponseException ex) {  
    // Handle response status codes: 1xx, 3xx, 4xx, 5xx  
    System.out.println(ex.getRawStatusCode());  
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We should use try catch blocks to handling these exceptions

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