RESTFul Services In Java Using Jersey

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QueryParams

- Simple and easy to use
- Typically used with GET
 - http://localhost:8080/exercise-services/webapi/activities?
 duration=55&description=swimming
- Cacheable since it is a GET
- Short comings
 - □ No way to represent <, >, =, >=, <=, []
 - Subdirectories activity/user
 - No Domain Specific Language(DSL) for searching



Ranges

- For simple cases
 - from QueryParam
 - to QueryParam
- http://localhost:8080/exercise-services/webapi/activities? durationFrom=30&durationTo=60
- Very limited, but still works



First Class Citizen

- More powerful than query params
 - Create a Search class
 - Build Criteria in the Search class
 - You can type searches as well (ENUMS)
- Used with a POST (creating a search)
 - http://localhost:8080/exercise-services/webapi/searches
- A little more cumbersome
 - The client and server agree on more than just the url
 - Basically building a search API into your application



Summary

- Searching using Query Params
- Searching ranges
- Search API using an Object
- Typed the Search using an ENUM