```java
package org.fi.boot.rest.firstrestapp.controllers;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
public class WelcomeController
{
    @GetMapping("/welcome")
    public String welcome()
    {
        return "Welcome to the First REST API in JAVA";
    }
}
```

```java
package org.fi.boot.rest.firstrestapp;

import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;

@SpringBootApplication(scanBasePackages =
{"org.fi.boot.rest.firstrestapp.controllers"})
public class FirstRestAppApplication {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        SpringApplication.run(FirstRestAppApplication.class
, args);
    }

}
```