

REST API Testing Overview



Student Grade Book - REST API

- We will start with an existing Student Grade Book REST API
- Similar to the Student Grade Book app that we worked on in previous videos
- Replaced HTML interface with a REST API
- The REST API was created by a previous employee ... but it is does not have any tests (yikes!)
- Our job:
 - Add tests for the REST API



Technical Stack

- Spring Boot
- Spring Data JPA
- Spring @RestController



Existing Code (partial)

@RestController

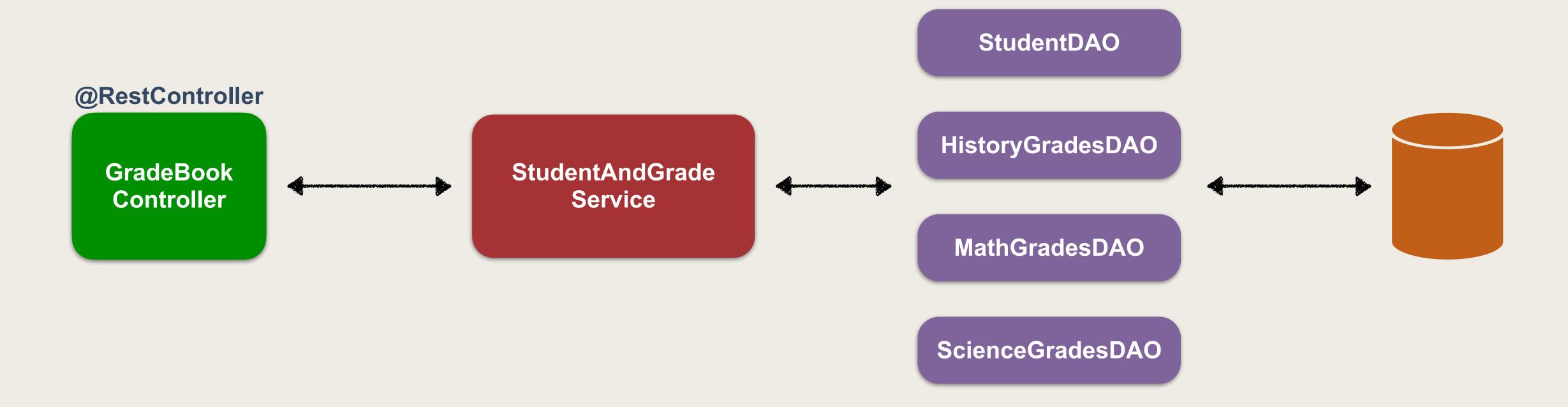
GradeBookController.java

Model

CollegeStudent.java
Grade.java
Gradebook.java
GradebookCollegeStudent.java
HistoryGrade.java
MathGrade.java
ScienceGrade.java
Student.java
StudentGrades.java



Application Architecture



Unit Tests Integration Tests





Testing REST APIs Spring REST Controllers



Problem

- How can we test REST API developed with Spring REST Controllers?
- How can we create HTTP requests and send to the Spring REST controller?
- How can we verify HTTP response?
 - status code
 - content type
 - JSON response body



Spring Testing Support

- For testing Spring REST controllers, you can use MockMvc
- Provides Spring REST processing of request / response
- There is no need to run a server (embedded or external)

In general, the process is VERY similar to Spring MVC testing

Slight differences for content-type and checking JSON results



Preliminary Set Up

- For GradebookControllerTest
- Stub out the test class
- Define fields that we'll use later: MockMvc, Service, DAOs etcs
- @BeforeAll, @BeforeEach, @AfterEach



GradebookControllerTest.java

```
"""
@TestPropertySource("/application-test.properties")
@AutoConfigureMockMvc
@SpringBootTest
public class GradebookControllerTest {

    // inject support utils

    // inject Service and DAOS

    // inject SQL strings

    // @BeforeAll, @BeforeEach and @AfterEach
}
```





Test - Get Students



Get Students Endpoint

Get a list of students as a JSON array

http://localhost:1500/

Web browser will send a GET request

```
"id": 10,
  "firstname": "David",
  "lastname": "Adams",
  "emailAddress": "david@luv2code.com",
  "studentGrades": {
    "mathGradeResults": [],
    "scienceGradeResults": [],
    "historyGradeResults": []
  "fullName": "David Adams"
},
  "id": 11,
  "firstname": "John",
  "lastname": "Doe",
  "emailAddress": "john@luv2code.com",
  "studentGrades": {
    "mathGradeResults": [],
    "scienceGradeResults": [],
    "historyGradeResults": []
  "fullName": "John Doe"
```



Gradebook Controller

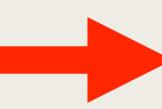
```
@RestController
public class GradebookController {

    @Autowired
    private StudentAndGradeService studentService;

    @Autowired
    private Gradebook gradebook;

    @RequestMapping(value = "/", method = RequestMethod.GET)
    public List<GradebookCollegeStudent> getStudents() {
        gradebook = studentService.getGradebook();
        return gradebook.getStudents();
    }

    ...
}
```



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```



Verifying the HTTP Response

- How can we verify HTTP response?
 - status code
 - content type
 - JSON response body



Verifying HTTP Status and Content Type

```
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.content;
                        import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.status;
                        @TestPropertySource("/application-test.properties")
                        @AutoConfigureMockMvc
                        @SpringBootTest
                        public class GradebookControllerTest {
                          @Test
                                                                throws Exception {
                          public void getStudentsHttpRequest()
                             mockMvc.perform(MockMvcRequestBuilders.get("/"))
                                      .andExpect(status():isOk())
HTTP status of 200 (OK)
                                      .andExpect(content().contentType(APPLICATION JSON UTF8));
                                                                                                          application/json
```



Verifying JSON Response Body

- How can we verify JSON response body?
 - Access specific JSON element (even for nested elements)
 - Size of the JSON array



Solution: JsonPath

- JsonPath allows you to access elements of JSON
- Open-source project

https://github.com/json-path/JsonPath



JsonPath support in Spring Boot Test

- Spring Boot Test starter includes support for JsonPath
- No need for you to manually add JsonPath dependency

```
> In Spring-testing-annotation
> In Lifecycle
> In Dependencies
> In Dependen
```



JsonPath Examples

JsonPath	Result
\$	The root element to query. Starts all path expressions
\$.id	Access the id element of the JSON element
\$.firstname	Access the firstname element of the JSON element
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```
"id": 10,
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"lastname": "Adams",
"emailAddress": "david@luv2code.com",
"studentGrades": {
    "mathGradeResults": [],
    "scienceGradeResults": [],
    "historyGradeResults": []
},
"fullName": "David Adams"
}
```

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JsonPath - Verifying Array Size

```
import static org.springframework.test.web.servlet.result.MockMvcResultMatchers.jsonPath;
import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.hasSize;
@TestPropertySource("/application-test.properties")
                                                                                                  "id": 10,
@AutoConfigureMockMvc
                                                                                                  "firstname": "David",
@SpringBootTest
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public class GradebookControllerTest {
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                                                                                                    "scienceGradeResults": [],
                                                                                                    "historyGradeResults": []
  @Test
  public void getStudentsHttpRequest() throws Exception {
                                                                                                   "fullName": "David Adams"
     mockMvc.perform(MockMvcRequestBuilders.get("/"))
                                                                                                   "id": 11,
              .andExpect(status().isOk())
                                                                                                  "firstname": "John",
              .andExpect(content().contentType(APPLICATION_JSON_UTF8))
                                                                                                  "lastname": "Doe",
              .andExpect(jsonPath("$", hasSize(2));
                                                                                                  "emailAddress": "john@luv2code.com",
                                                                                                   "studentGrades": {
                                                                                                    "mathGradeResults": [],
                                                                                                    "scienceGradeResults": [],
                                                                                                    "historyGradeResults": []
                     Root element
                                                 Verify JSON array size is 2
                                                                                                   "fullName": "John Doe"
```



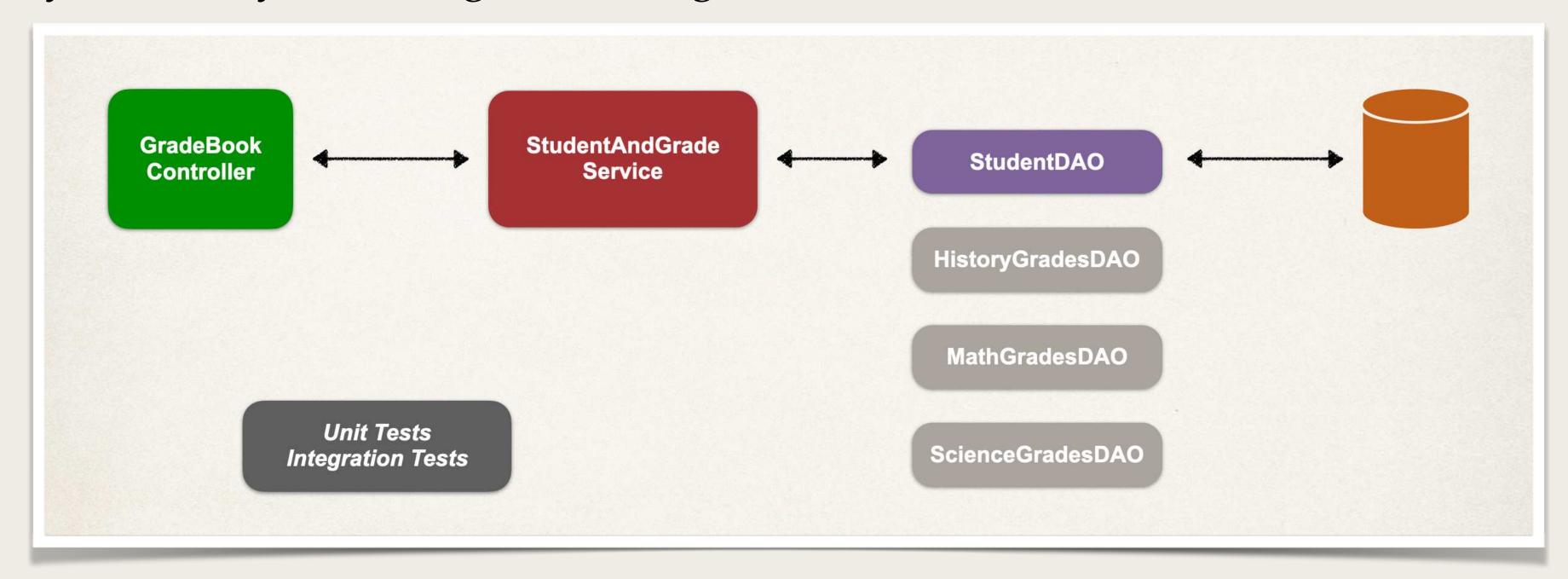


Test - Create Student



Test Case: Create a student in the database

- Send a POST request to the @RestController
- Verify results of JSON response
- Also verify results by accessing data using the DAO





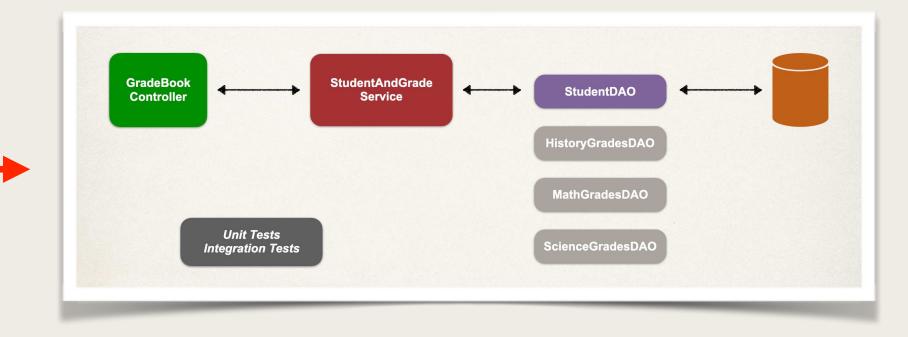


Test - Delete Student



To Do: Delete Student

DELETE /student/{id}







Test - Student Information



To Do: Student Information

- Create a test to retrieve student information
 - Student name, email address, student grades etc ...

GET /studentInformation/{id}

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Integration Tests

StudentAndGrade
Service

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StudentDAO

MathGradesDAO

MathGradesDAO

ScienceGradesDAO



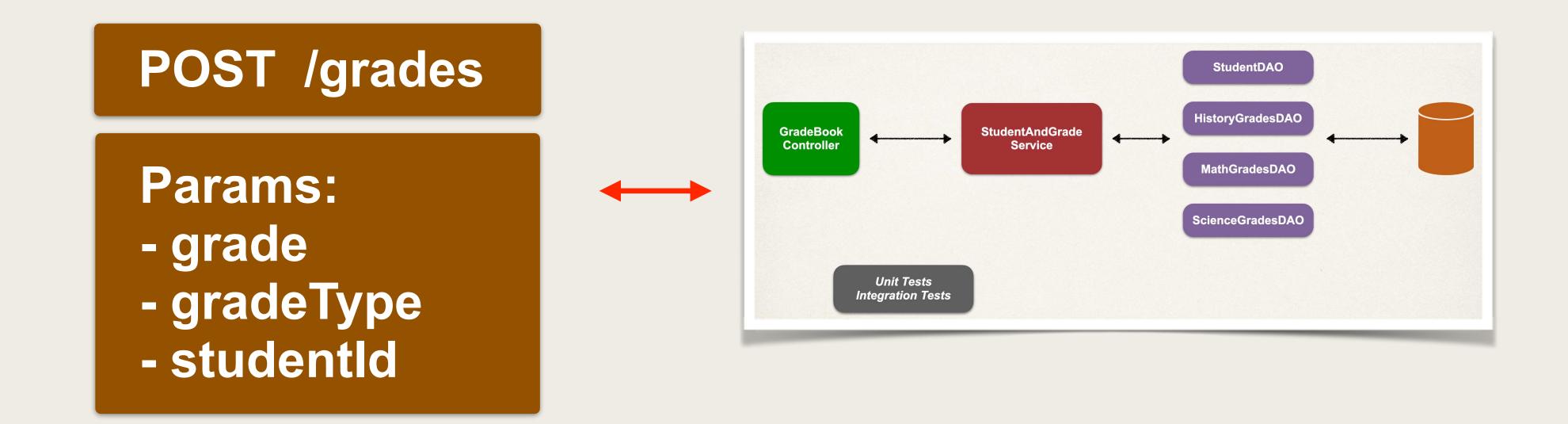


Test - Create Grades



To Do: Create Grades

Develop a test for creating grades







Test - Delete Grade



To Do: Delete Grade

Develop a test for deleting grades

DELETE /grades/{id}/{gradeType}

