

8. ResponseEntity and Exception

In the Spring Boot application, **ResponseEntity** and **HttpStatus** are used to define the HTTP response structure, providing greater control over the returned status codes and content.

1. ResponseEntity:

- **ResponseEntity<T>** represents the entire HTTP response: status code, headers, and body.
- It is an extension of **HttpEntity** that adds the ability to define an HTTP status code explicitly.
- **Advantage:** Gives full control over the HTTP response and is widely used for building RESTful APIs.

2. HttpStatus:

- An enumeration in Spring used to represent HTTP status codes (e.g., **200 OK**, **404 NOT FOUND**, **500 INTERNAL SERVER ERROR**).
- It is used in combination with **ResponseEntity** to return specific status codes based on the outcome of the operation.

Code Update in Service Layer with **ResponseEntity**:

```
@Service
public class QuestionService {

    @Autowired
    QuestionRepository questionRepository;

    // Get all questions
    public ResponseEntity<List<Question>> getAllQuestions() {
        try {
            return new ResponseEntity<>(questionRepository.findAll(), HttpStatus.OK);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
        return new ResponseEntity<>(new ArrayList<>(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
    }
}
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// Get questions by category
public ResponseEntity<List<Question>> getQuestionsByCategory(String category) {
    try {
        return new ResponseEntity<>(questionRepository.findByCategory(category), HttpStatus.OK);
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return new ResponseEntity<>(new ArrayList<>(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
}

// Add a new question
public ResponseEntity<String> addQuestion(Question question) {
    Question out = questionRepository.save(question);
    if (out != null)
        return new ResponseEntity<>("Question added successfully with id: " + out.getId(),
HttpStatus.CREATED);
    else
        return new ResponseEntity<>("Something went wrong", HttpStatus.NO_CONTENT);
}

// Update an existing question by ID
public ResponseEntity<String> updateQuestion(Integer id, Question updatedQuestion) {
    try {
        Question existingQuestion = questionRepository.findById(id).orElse(null);
        if (existingQuestion != null) {
            // Update question details
            existingQuestion.setQuestionTitle(updatedQuestion.getQuestionTitle());
            existingQuestion.setOption1(updatedQuestion.getOption1());
            existingQuestion.setOption2(updatedQuestion.getOption2());
            existingQuestion.setOption3(updatedQuestion.getOption3());
            existingQuestion.setOption4(updatedQuestion.getOption4());
            existingQuestion.setCategory(updatedQuestion.getCategory());
            existingQuestion.setRightAnswer(updatedQuestion.getRightAnswer());
            existingQuestion.setDifficultyLevel(updatedQuestion.getDifficultyLevel());

            questionRepository.save(existingQuestion);
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Question updated successfully", HttpStatus.OK);
        } else {
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Question not found", HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return new ResponseEntity<>("Something went wrong", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
}

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// Delete a question by name
public ResponseEntity<String> deleteQuestionByName(String name) {
    try {
        List<Question> questions = questionRepository.findByQuestionTitle(name);
        if (!questions.isEmpty()) {
            questionRepository.deleteAll(questions);
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Questions with name " + name + " deleted successfully",
HttpStatus.OK);
        } else {
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Question with name " + name + " not found",
HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return new ResponseEntity<>("Something went wrong", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
}

// Delete a question by ID
public ResponseEntity<String> deleteQuestionById(Integer id) {
    try {
        if (questionRepository.existsById(id)) {
            questionRepository.deleteById(id);
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Question deleted successfully", HttpStatus.OK);
        } else {
            return new ResponseEntity<>("Question with ID " + id + " not found",
HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return new ResponseEntity<>("Something went wrong", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
}
}

```

Code Update in Controller Layer with **ResponseEntity**:

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("question")
public class QuestionController {

    @Autowired
    QuestionService questionService;

    // Get all questions
    @GetMapping("allQuestions")
    public ResponseEntity<List<Question>> getAllQuestions() {
        return questionService.getAllQuestions();
    }

    // Get questions by category
    @GetMapping("category/{category}")
    public ResponseEntity<List<Question>> getQuestionsByCategory(@PathVariable String
category) {
        return questionService.getQuestionsByCategory(category);
    }

    // Add a new question
    @PostMapping("add")
    public ResponseEntity<String> addQuestion(@RequestBody Question question) {
        return questionService.addQuestion(question);
    }

    // Update a question by ID using PUT
    @PutMapping("update/{id}")
    public ResponseEntity<String> updateQuestion(@PathVariable Integer id, @RequestBody
Question question) {
        return questionService.updateQuestion(id, question);
    }

    // Delete a question by name using DELETE
    @DeleteMapping("delete/name/{name}")
    public ResponseEntity<String> deleteQuestionByName(@PathVariable String name) {
        return questionService.deleteQuestionByName(name);
    }

    // Delete a question by ID using DELETE
    @DeleteMapping("delete/{id}")
    public ResponseEntity<String> deleteQuestionById(@PathVariable Integer id) {
        return questionService.deleteQuestionById(id);
    }
}
```

Explanation of HTTP Status Codes:

1. **Informational responses (100 - 199):** Rarely used, they indicate an interim response.
2. **Successful responses (200 - 299):** Indicate that the client's request was successfully received, understood, and accepted.
 - **200 OK:** The request was successful.
 - **201 Created:** The request was successful, and a new resource was created (used in **POST** requests).
 - **204 No Content:** The server successfully processed the request, but there's no content to return.
3. **Redirection messages (300 - 399):** Indicates the client must take additional action to complete the request.
4. **Client error responses (400 - 499):** Indicates a bad request from the client.
 - **400 Bad Request:** The server could not understand the request due to invalid syntax.
 - **404 Not Found:** The server can't find the requested resource.
5. **Server error responses (500 - 599):** Indicates that the server encountered an error.
 - **500 Internal Server Error:** A generic server error occurred.
 - **502 Bad Gateway:** The server was acting as a gateway and got an invalid response.