

FastAPI a Rest API

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Overview of HTTP Request Types

- GET: Retrieve data
- POST: Create new data
- PUT: Replace/update existing data
- PATCH: Partially update existing data
- DELETE: Remove data

- FastAPI and HTTPException for building the API and handling errors.
- Pydantic's BaseModel for data validation.
- Typing for type hints and list handling.

Example:

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException
from pydantic import BaseModel
from typing import List, Optional
```

Data Models

- **Item Model:**

- Represents an item with an ID, name, and optional description.

- **ItemUpdate Model:**

- Represents fields that can be updated, both name and description are optional.

Example:

```
class Item(BaseModel):  
    id: int  
    name: str  
    description: Optional[str] = None  
  
class ItemUpdate(BaseModel):  
    name: Optional[str] = None  
    description: Optional[str] = None
```

GET: List of Items

- **Purpose:** Retrieve a list of all items.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Safe and idempotent.
 - Data returned as a list.

Example:

```
@app.get("/items/", response_model=List[Item])
def read_items():
    return items_db
```

GET: Item by ID

- **Purpose:** Retrieve a specific item by its ID.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Safe and idempotent.
 - Returns a single item.

Example:

```
@app.get("/items/{item_id}", response_model=Item)
def read_item(item_id: int):
    for item in items_db:
        if item.id == item_id:
            return item
    raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Item not found")
```

- **Purpose:** Send data to create a new resource.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Data included in the body of the request.
 - Not idempotent.
 - Used for form submissions or file uploads.

Example:

```
@app.post("/items/", response_model=Item)
def create_item(item: Item):
    items_db.append(item)
    return item
```

PUT

- **Purpose:** Update or create a resource.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Sends data in the body, replacing the entire resource.
 - Idempotent.

Example:

```
@app.put("/items/{item_id}", response_model=Item)
def update_item(item_id: int, updated_item: Item):
    for index, item in enumerate(items_db):
        if item.id == item_id:
            items_db[index] = updated_item
            return items_db[index]
    raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Item not found")
```


PATCH

- **Purpose:** Partially update an existing resource.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Sends only the changes in the body.
 - Idempotent.

Example:

```
@app.patch("/items/{item_id}", response_model=Item)
def patch_item(item_id: int, item_update: ItemUpdate):
    for index, item in enumerate(items_db):
        if item.id == item_id:
            if item_update.name is not None:
                item.name = item_update.name
            if item_update.description is not None:
                item.description = item_update.description
            items_db[index] = item
            return items_db[index]
    raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Item not found")
```

DELETE

- **Purpose:** Remove a specified resource.
- **Characteristics:**
 - Idempotent.

Example:

```
@app.delete("/items/{item_id}", response_model=dict)
def delete_item(item_id: int):
    for index, item in enumerate(items_db):
        if item.id == item_id:
            del items_db[index]
            return {"message": "Item deleted"}
    raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Item not found")
```