Unit 7: Express & APIs: Lab 1 – Cart API with Array (Express)

Assigned: 01/11/23

Due: 01/12/23

Completed: 01/12/23

**LMS:** <https://lms.grandcircus.co/mod/assign/view.php?id=22806>

**Google Doc:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LwQvBu5XKaZT7M7i82lYAs6aZ3qhfozXQ-DCz-DxOng/preview>

**GitHub:** <https://github.com/clintmsmith/GrandCircusLabs/tree/main/Cart_API>

**Task:** Use Express to create an API server that provides a RESTful API for a collection of cart items. You can test your API using <https://gc-express-tester.surge.sh>.

**Build Specifications:**

1. Use Express to create your server.

import express, { Application, Request, Response } from 'express';

const app:Application = express();

const port = 3000;

app.use(express.json());

app.use(express.urlencoded({extended: true}));

// Listen takes two parameter: what port do you want me to run on, when started up successfully then what do you want me to do

// In our case we are using port 3000 (defined above) and we console.log the message shown

app.listen(port, ():void=> {

    console.log(`Listening on port ${port}`);

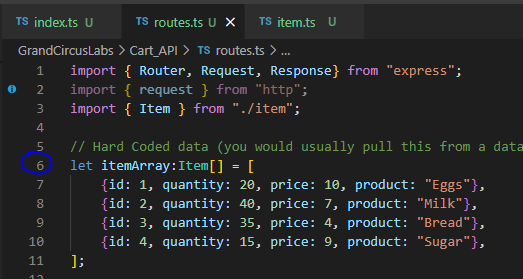
});

1. Require the module that will contain the routes you have created.

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1. Start your server out with a hard-coded array of cart items, each including id, product, price, and quantity.



1. Test your endpoints using Postman.

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1. Also test your finished API using <https://gc-express-tester.surge.sh>. To do so, you must enable CORS support using the node cors package.

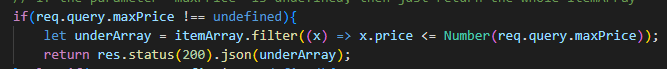
**Endpoints:**

The API should have the following endpoints.

1. **GET /cart-items**

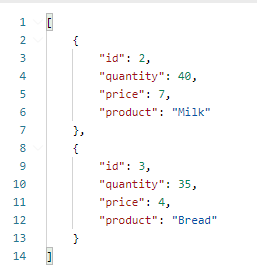


* 1. Action: None
  2. Response: a JSON array of all cart items
  3. Response Code: **200** (OK)
  4. Query string parameters: the request may have one of the following or it may have none. (See test cases below for examples.)
     1. **maxPrice** - if specified, only include products that are at or below this price.

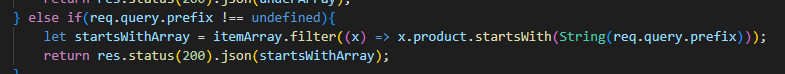


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* + 1. **prefix** - if specified, only includes products that start with the given string in the response array.



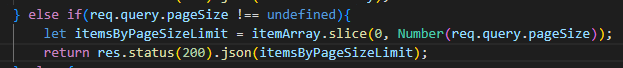
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* + 1. **pageSize** - if specified, only includes up to the given number of items in the response array. For example, if there are ten items total, but pageSize=5, only return an array of the first five items.



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1. **GET /cart-items/:id**
   1. Action: None
   2. Response: a JSON object of the item with the given ID
   3. Response Code: **200** (OK)
   4. However, if the item with that ID cannot be found in the array, return a string response “ID Not Found” with response code **404** (Not Found)

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1. **POST /cart-items**
   1. Action: Add a cart item to the array using the JSON body of the request. Also generate a unique ID for that item.
   2. Response: the added cart item object as JSON.
   3. Response Code: **201** (Created)

We created a new item in Postman by going back to our main URI, then clicking into the Body tab and selecting ‘raw’, then change the output to JSON.

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I created a second item and you can see the ID increased incrementally to ‘6’ because of the helper function we wrote.

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If I type a string (Hello) for the price instead of a number, then we get an error

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If we do a GET, then we can see those items are added to our cart-items

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1. **PUT /cart-items/:id**
   1. Action: Update the cart item in the array that has the given id. Use the JSON body of the request as the new properties.
   2. Response: the updated cart item object as JSON.
   3. Response Code: 200 (OK).
2. DELETE /cart-items/:id
   1. Action: Remove the item from the array that has the given ID.
   2. Response: Empty
   3. Response Code: **204** (No Content)

Because the way this is written, there is no validation checking to make sure someone provided a new value. I first tried it with only Quantity and it changed the Quantity, but resulted in “null” for Price and “undefined” for Product.

We would need to separate out the changes to each property OR add IF / ELSE statements to make sure that the user has provided a value and IF YES, then use that new value. IF NO, then leave the existing value.

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Whereas entering all values changed the Quantity and Price, leaving the Product as is.

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1. **DELETE /cart-items/:id**

Started with the following in our array

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Then used DELETE to delete id: 4

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The way this is written it responds with a message that the item was remove

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**Extended Challenges:**

1. In the above instructions, GET /cart-items takes any one of the query string parameters: maxPrice, prefix, or pageSize. Make it also allow any combination of those. e.g. /cart-items?prefix=A&maxPrice=20.0&pageSize=5
2. Build a JavaScript app to call your API and display results.

**Example Test Cases (to test manually with Postman, not Jest):**

1. GET /cart-items - responds with a JSON array of all cart items
2. GET /cart-items - responds with status code **200**
3. GET /cart-items?maxPrice=3.0 - responds with a JSON array of only the cart items that have price <= 3.0
4. GET /cart-items?prefix=Fancy - responds with a JSON array of only the cart items that have product starting with "Fancy".
5. GET /cart-items?pageSize=10 - responds with a JSON array of all cart items, but if there are more than ten items, the response includes only the first ten.
6. GET /cart-items/:id - responds with a JSON object of the item with the given ID
7. GET /cart-items/:id - responds with status code **200**
8. GET /cart-items/:id - responds with status code **404** when not found
9. POST /cart-items - add a cart item to the array using the JSON body of the request. Also generates a unique ID for that item.
10. POST /cart-items - responds with the added cart item object as JSON and status code **201**.
11. PUT /cart-items/:id - Updates the cart item in the array that has the given id.
12. PUT /cart-items/:id - Responds with the updated cart item as JSON and status code **200**.
13. DELETE /cart-items/:id - Removes the item from the array that has the given ID.
14. DELETE /cart-items/:id - Responds with no content and status code **204**.