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**Next Chapter 123**

# LESSON 28

## Spring REST API



# Agenda

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1. Create REST APIs / Web Services with Spring
2. Discuss REST concepts, JSON and HTTP messaging
3. Install REST client tool – Postman
4. Develop REST APIs / Web Services with @RestController
5. Build a CRUD interface to the database with Spring REST
6. Build a Web app to call REST APIs using Spring RestTemplate
7. Add Spring Security to Spring REST APIs



# Reference

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- <https://spring.io/guides/gs/rest-service/>
- <https://spring.io/guides/gs/consuming-rest/>



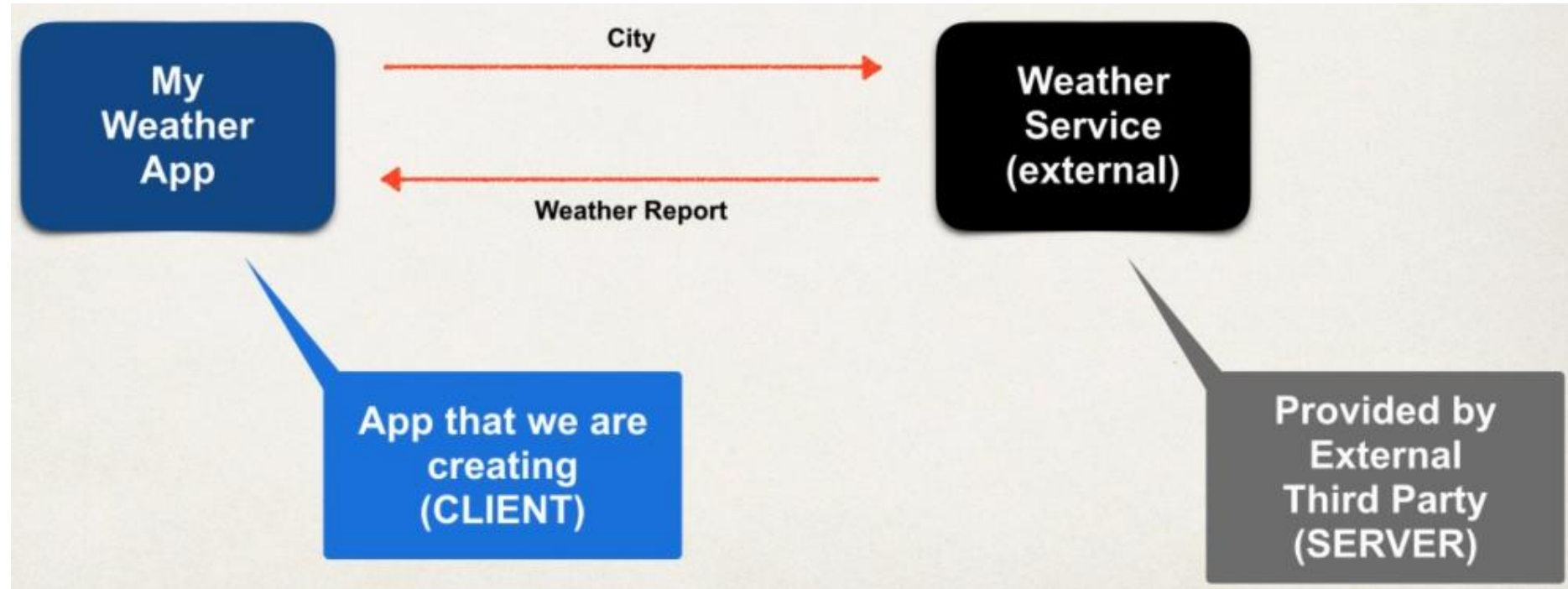
# Business Problem

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- Build a client app that provides the weather report for a city
- Need to get weather data from external services



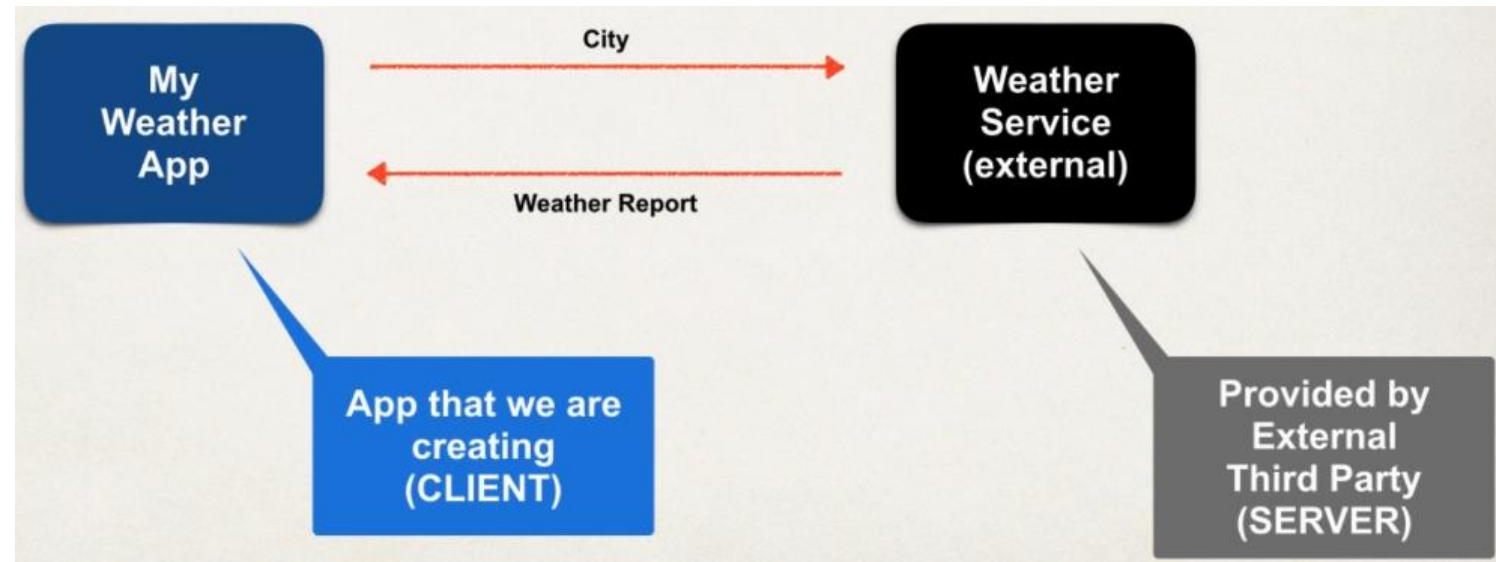
# Application Architecture





# Questions

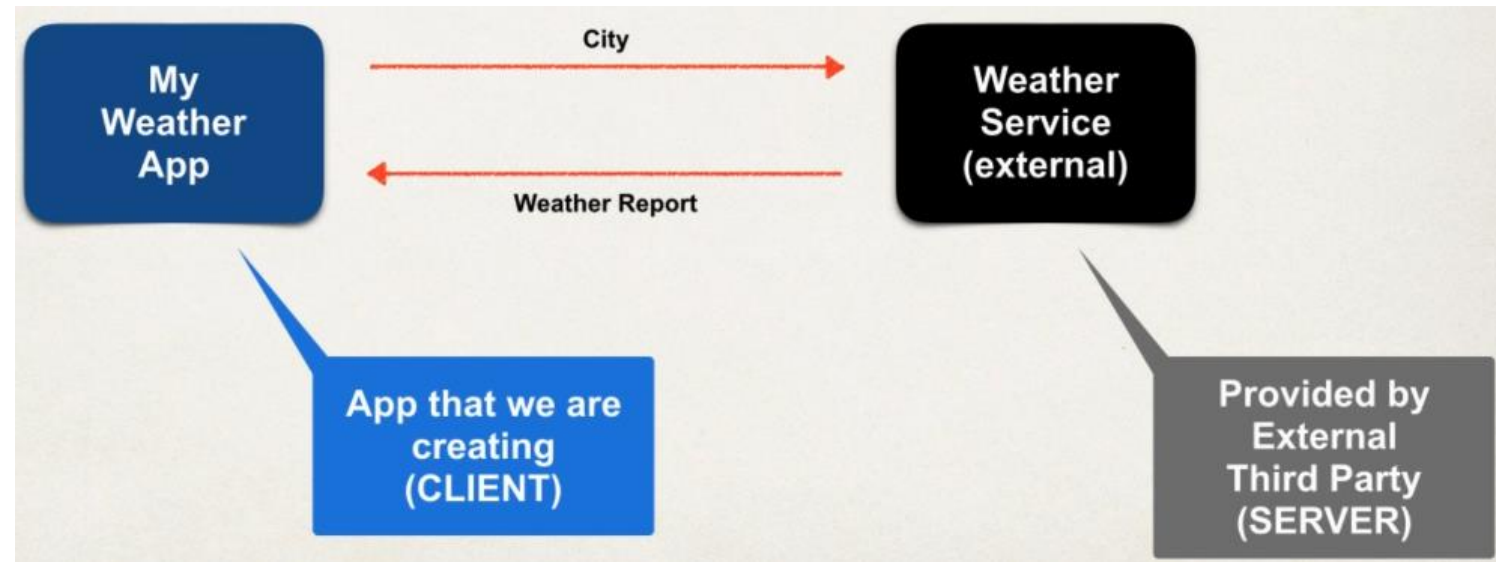
- How will we connect to the Weather Service ?
- What programming language do we use ?
- How to get data from Weather Service ? What is the data format ?





# Answers

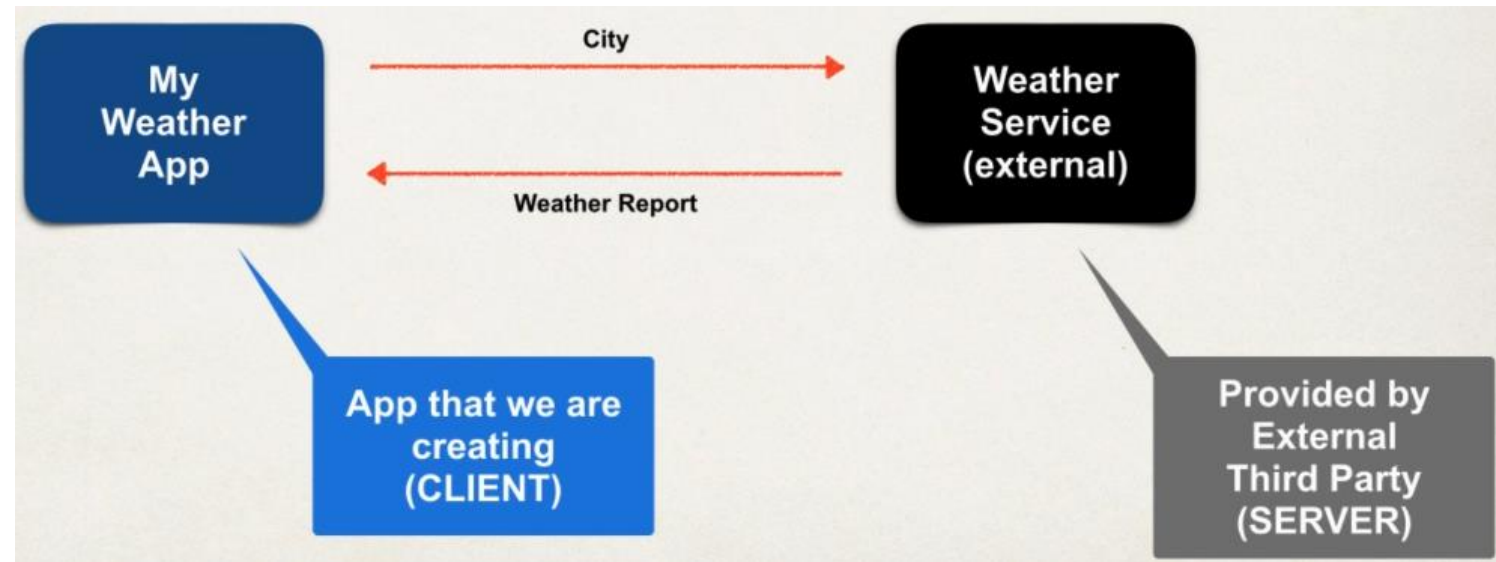
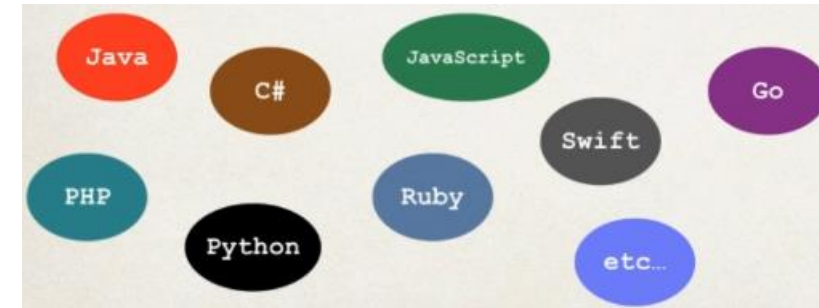
- How will we connect to the Weather Service ?
  - We can make **REST API calls over HTTP**
  - REST: **R**epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer
  - Lightweight approach for communicating between applications



# Answers

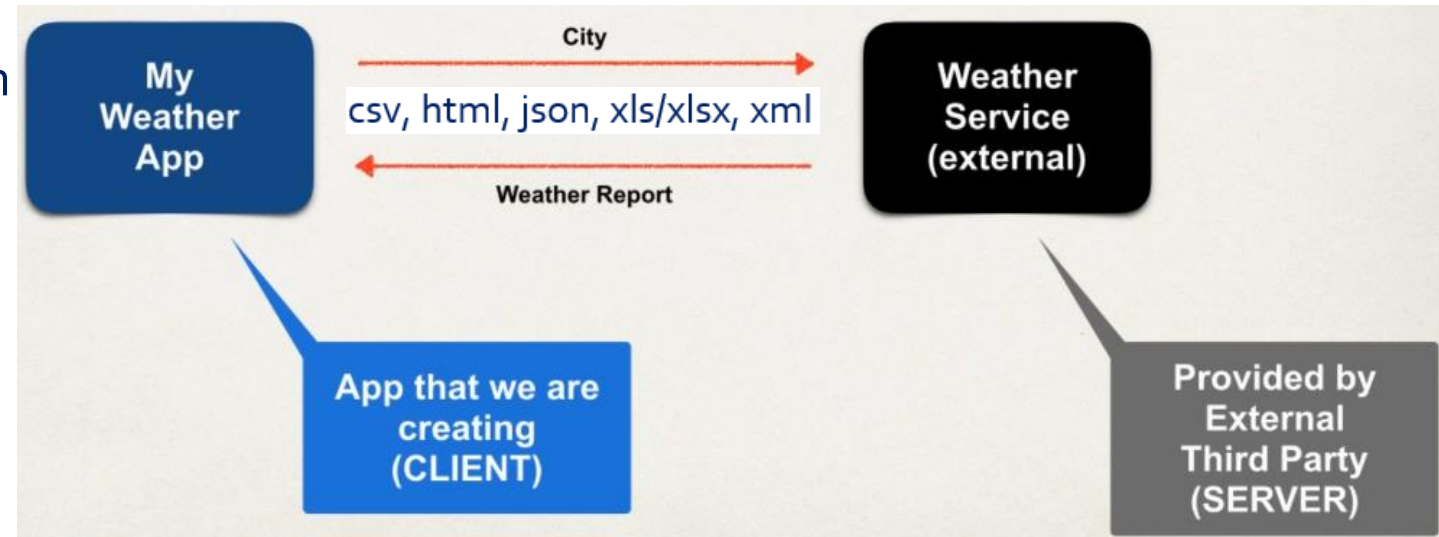
## ➤ What programming language do we use ?

- REST is language independent
- The **client** app can use **ANY** programming language
- The **server** app can use **ANY** programming language



# Answers

- How to get data from Weather Service ? What is the data format ?
  - REST application can return and use any data format: csv, html, json, xls/xlsx, xml
  - Commonly use JSON and XML
  - JSON is most popular, modern and best for programming
  - JSON: JavaScript Object Notation





# Solution

- Use free Weather Service provided by: <https://openweathermap.org>

Dec 18, 03:42am

**London, GB**

 **8°C**

Yellow fog warning

Feels like 7°C. Overcast clouds. Light air

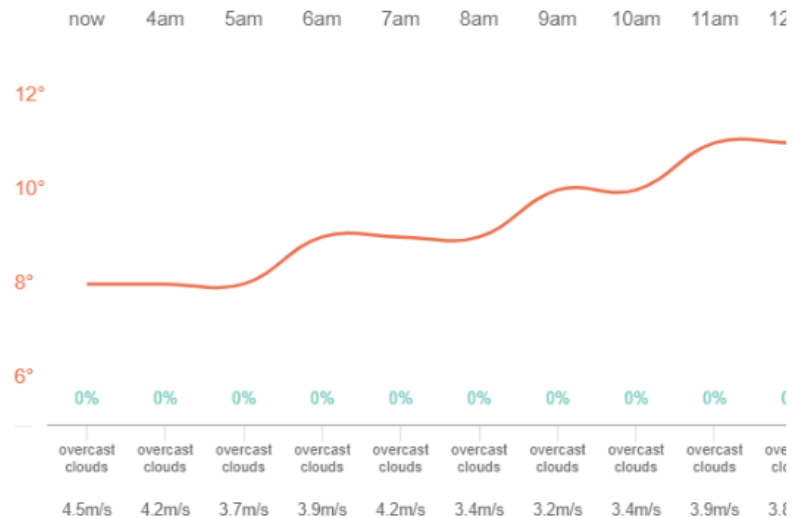
🌬 1.3m/s NE 🌡 1038hPa

Humidity: 94% Dew point: 7°C









Visibility: 7.0km



## Hourly forecast



## 8-day forecast

Sat, Dec 18		11 / 8°C	overcast clouds	▼
Sun, Dec 19		10 / 6°C	broken clouds	▼
Mon, Dec 20		8 / 5°C	few clouds	▼
Tue, Dec 21		6 / 3°C	clear sky	▼
Wed, Dec 22		4 / 1°C	broken clouds	▼
Thu, Dec 23		5 / 2°C	overcast clouds	▼
Fri, Dec 24		11 / 3°C	light rain	▼
Sat, Dec 25		10 / 8°C	moderate rain	▼



# Solution

➤ Use free Weather Service provided by: <https://openweathermap.org/current>

## API call

```
api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city name}&appid={API key}
```



```
api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city name},{state code}&appid={API key}
```



```
api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q={city name},{state code},{country code}&appid={API key}
```



## Parameters



**q** required City name, state code and country code divided by comma, Please, refer to [ISO 3166](#) for the state codes or country codes. You can specify the parameter not only in English. In this case, the API response should be returned in the same language as the language of requested location name if the location is in our predefined list of more than 200,000 locations.

**appid** required Your unique API key (you can always find it on your account page under the ["API key" tab](#))


[https://openweathermap.org/api\\_keys](https://openweathermap.org/api_keys)

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You can generate as many API keys as needed for your subscription. We accumulate the total load from all of them.

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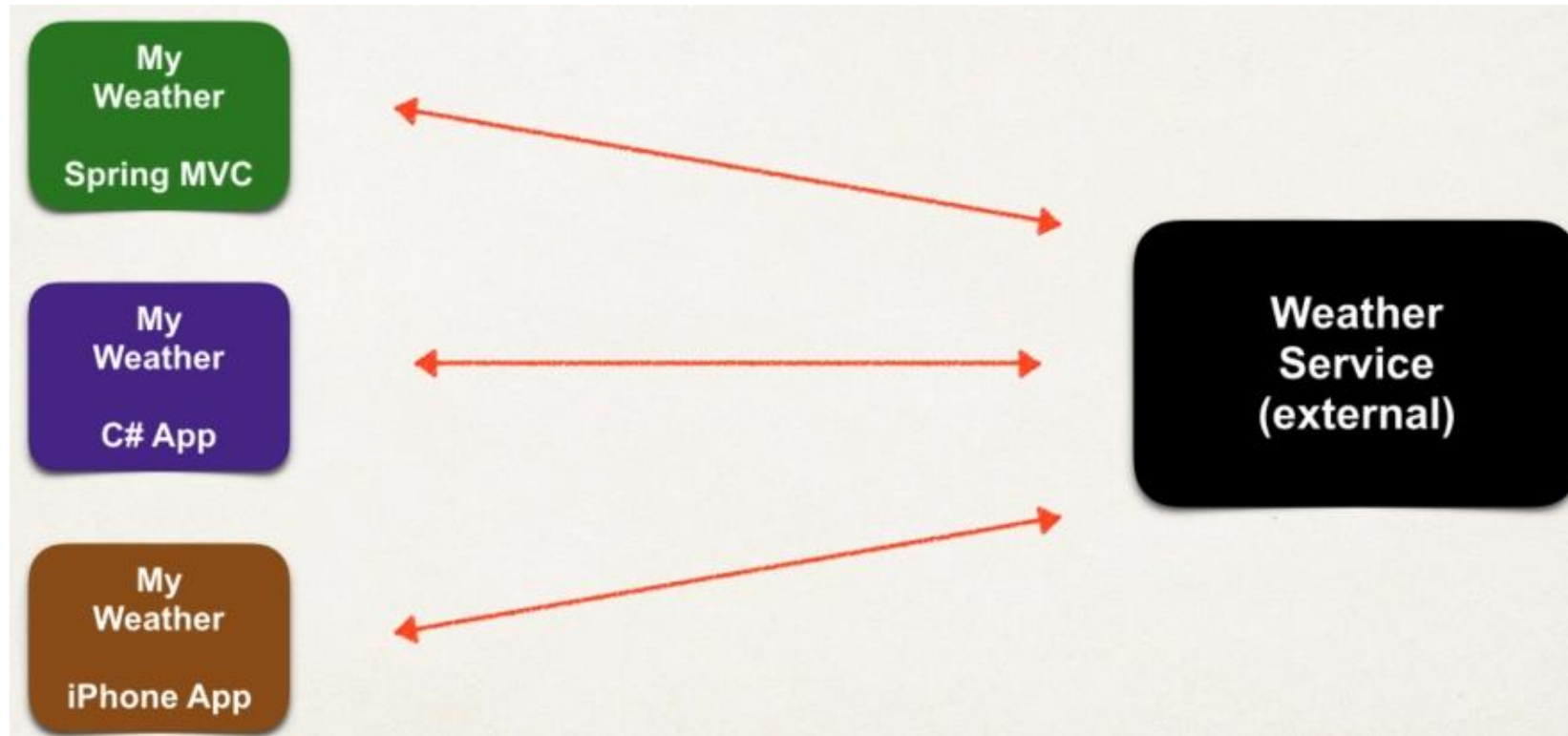
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# Multiple Client Apps

**Remember:**  
REST calls can be made over HTTP  
REST is language independent







# How we understand REST

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Reference: <https://www.redhat.com/en/topics/api/what-is-a-rest-api>

## Overview

A REST API (also known as RESTful API) is an application programming interface (API or web API) that conforms to the constraints of REST architectural style and allows for interaction with RESTful web services. REST stands for representational state transfer and was created by computer scientist Roy Fielding.

REST API (còn được gọi là RESTful API) là một giao diện lập trình ứng dụng (API hoặc web API) tuân theo các ràng buộc của phong cách kiến trúc REST và cho phép tương tác với các dịch vụ web RESTful. REST là viết tắt của chuyển trạng thái biểu diễn và được tạo ra bởi nhà khoa học máy tính Roy Fielding.

We can call make REST API calls over HTTP request





## How do we CALL it

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# Spring REST- JSON Data Binding



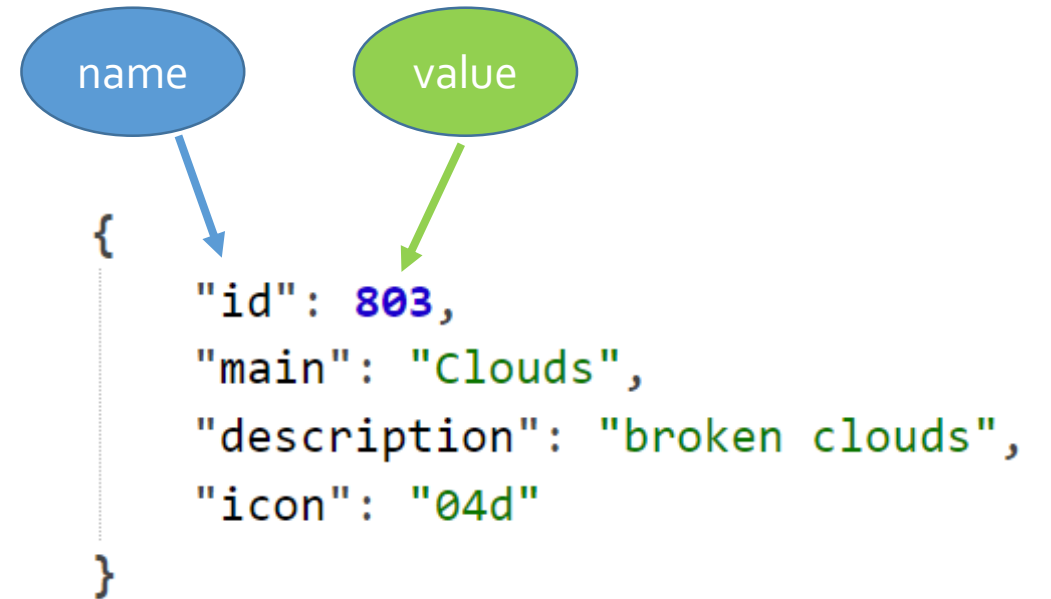
# What is JSON

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- JavaScript Object Notation
- Lightweight data format for storing and exchanging data
- Language independent ... not just for JavaScript
- Can use with ANY programming language
- **JSON is just plain text data**

# Simple JSON

- Curley braces define objects in JSON
- Objects members are **name / value** pairs
- Delimited by colons
- Name is always in double-quotes





# JSON value

- Numbers: no quotes
- String: in double quotes
- Boolean: true false
- Array
- Nested JSON object
- null

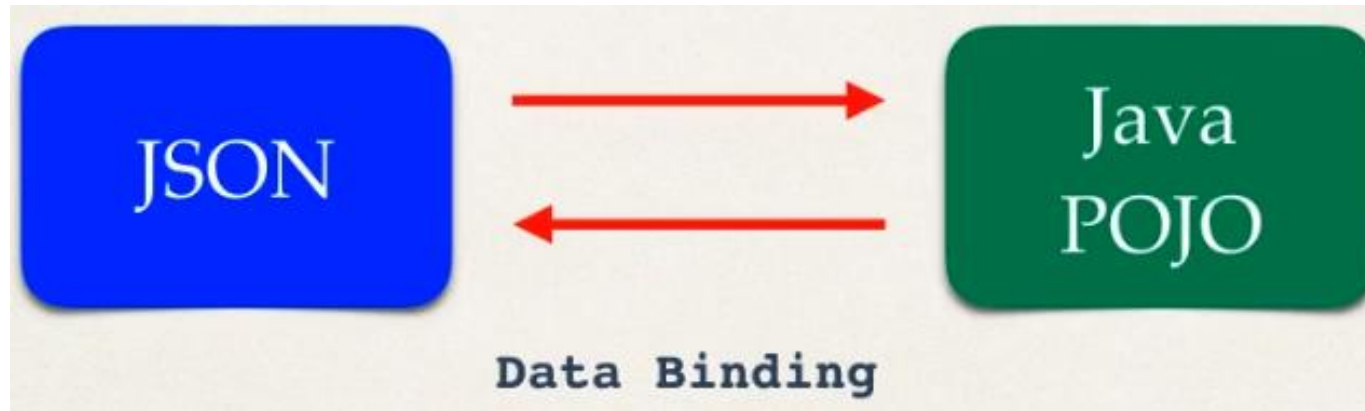
```
{  
  "id": 14,  
  "firstName": "Mario",  
  "lastName": "Rossi",  
  "active": true,  
  "address" : {  
    "street" : "100 Main St",  
    "city" : "Philadelphia",  
    "state" : "Pennsylvania",  
    "zip" : "19103",  
    "country" : "USA"  
  }  
}  
  
{  
  "id": 14,  
  "firstName": "Mario",  
  "lastName": "Rossi",  
  "active": true,  
  "languages" : ["Java", "C#", "Python", "Javascript"]  
}
```

Nested  
object

Array

# Java-JSON data binding

- Data binding is the process of converting **JSON** data to a **Java POJO**(plain old object)



*Also known as*

**Mapping**

**Serialization / Deserialization**

**Marshalling / Unmarshalling**

## JSON data binding with Jackson

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- Spring uses the **Jackson Project** behind the scenes
- Jackson handles data binding between JSON and Java POJO
- <https://github.com/FasterXML/jackson-databind>
- <https://mvnrepository.com/artifact/com.fasterxml.jackson.core/jackson-databind>



# Jackson data binding

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## ➤ Jackson data binding API

- Package: com.fasterxml.jackson.databind

## ➤ Maven Dependency

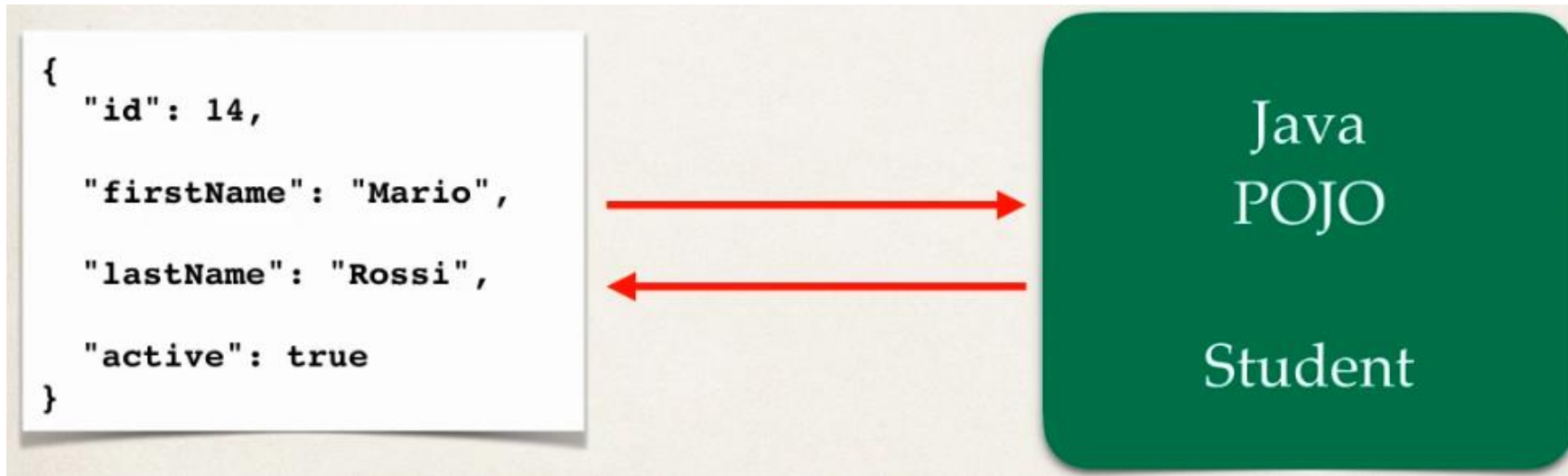
```
<dependency>  
  <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.core</groupId>  
  <artifactId>jackson-databind</artifactId>  
  <version>2.12.3</version>  
</dependency>
```

## ➤ Jackson supports both XML and JSON



# 🛡️ Jackson data binding

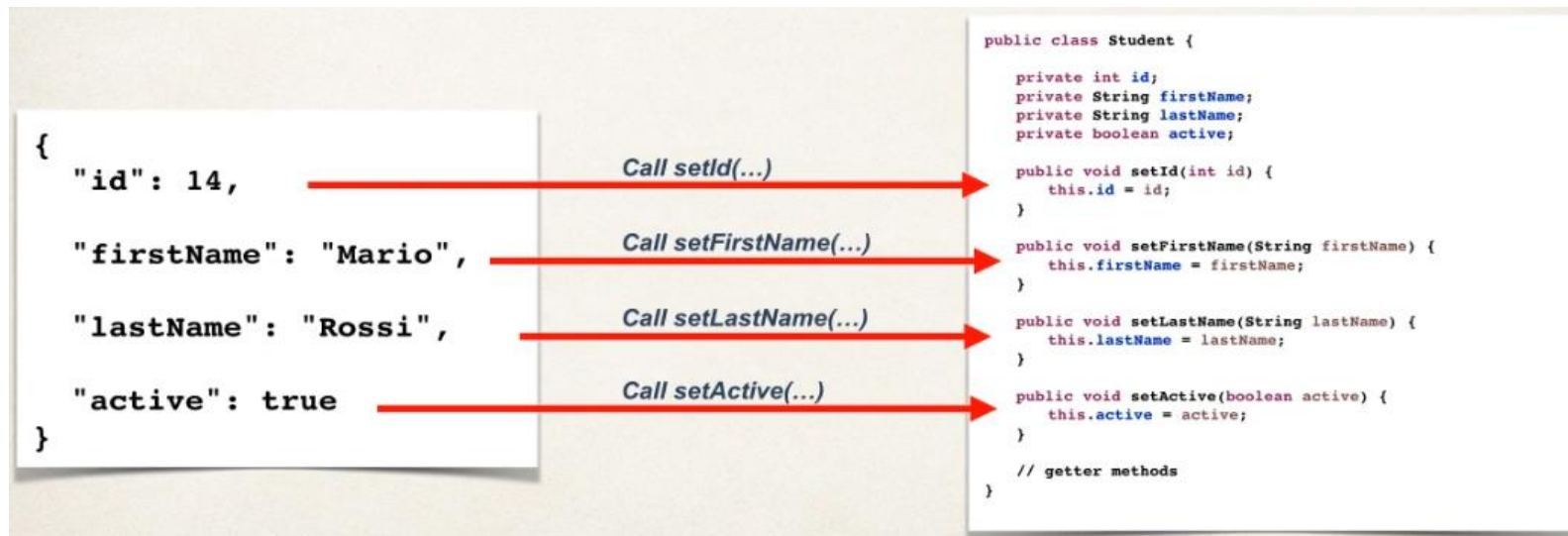
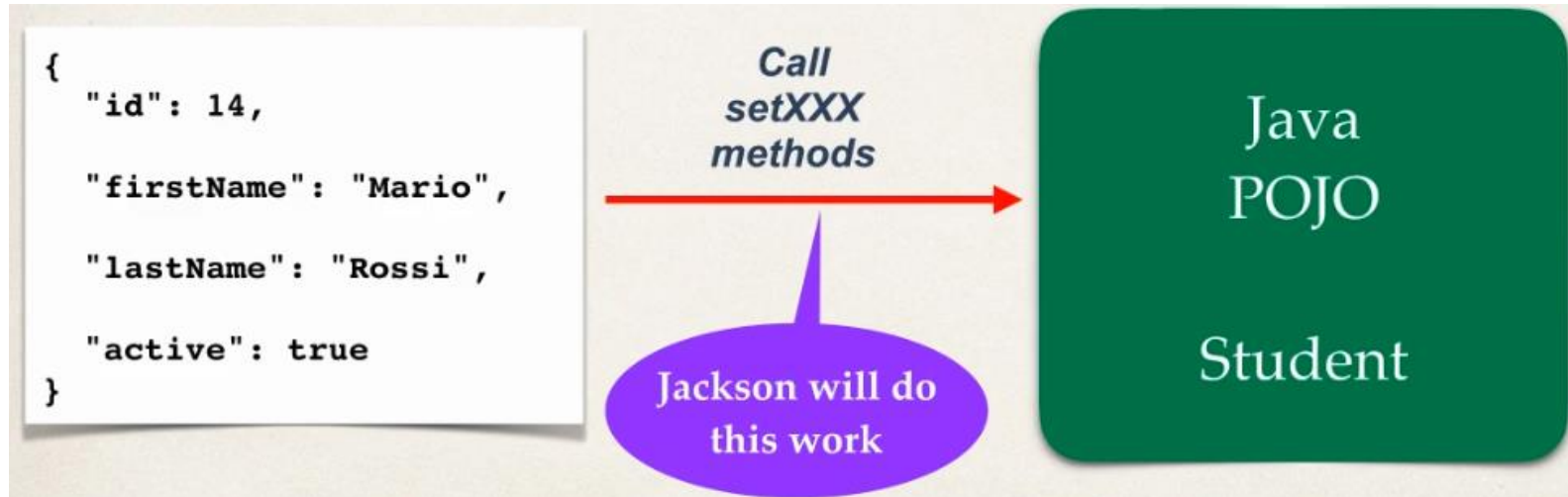
- By default, Jackson will call appropriate getter/setter method





# JSON to Java POJO

- Convert JSON to JAVA POJO ... automatically call **setter** methods on POJO





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## JSON to Java POJO

```
import java.io.File;

import com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.ObjectMapper;

public class Driver {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {

        // create object mapper
        ObjectMapper mapper = new ObjectMapper();

        // read JSON from file and map/convert to Java POJO
        Student myStudent = mapper.readValue(new File("data/sample.json"), Student.class);
    }
}
```

```
{
  "id": 14,
  "firstName": "Mario",
  "lastName": "Rossi",
  "active": true
}
```

Call setId(...)

Call setFirstName(...)

Call setLastName(...)

Call setActive(...)

```
public class Student {
    private int id;
    private String firstName;
    private String lastName;
    private boolean active;

    public void setId(int id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public void setFirstName(String firstName) {
        this.firstName = firstName;
    }

    public void setLastName(String lastName) {
        this.lastName = lastName;
    }

    public void setActive(boolean active) {
        this.active = active;
    }

    // getter methods
}
```

Jackson does all of the work for you!

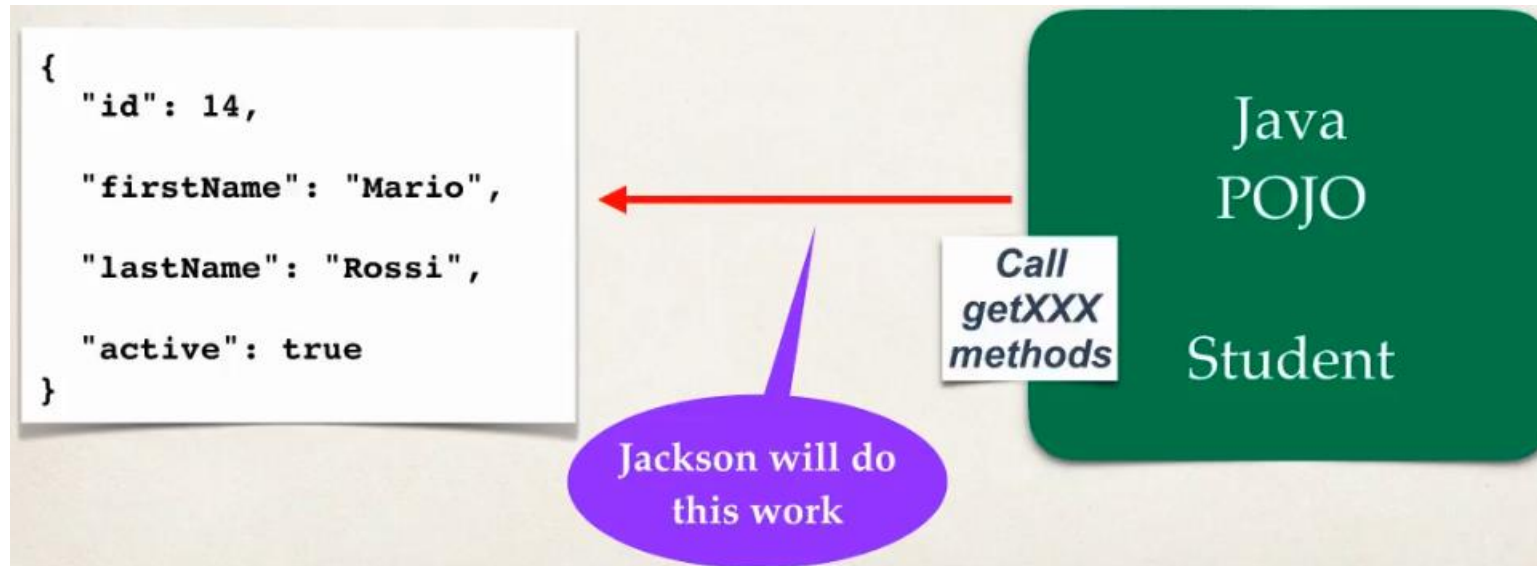
1. Read data from this file

2. Create an instance of this class and populate it



# Java POJO to JSON

- Convert JAVA POJO to JSON ... automatically call **getter** methods on POJO





# JSON to Java POJO

- Convert JAVA POJO to JSON ... automatically call **getter** methods on POJO

```
// create object mapper
ObjectMapper mapper = new ObjectMapper();

// read JSON from file and map/convert to Java POJO
Student myStudent = mapper.readValue(new File("data/sample.json"), Student.class);
...

// now write JSON to output file
mapper.enable(SerializationFeature.INDENT_OUTPUT);
mapper.writeValue(new File("data/output.json"), myStudent);
```



Jackson calls the getter methods on  
Student POJO  
to create JSON output file

File: data/output.json

```
{
  "id": 14,
  "firstName": "Mario",
  "lastName": "Rossi",
  "active": true
}
```

# Spring and Jackson support

DEMO

- When building Spring REST application
- Spring will automatically handle Jackson Integration
- JSON data binding passed to REST controller is converted to POJO  

- POJO being returned from REST controller is converted to JSON  

- Ignore unknown properties – non match between JSON and Java POJO
  - `@JsonIgnoreProperties(ignoreUnknown=true)`

# Spring REST- Create a REST controller



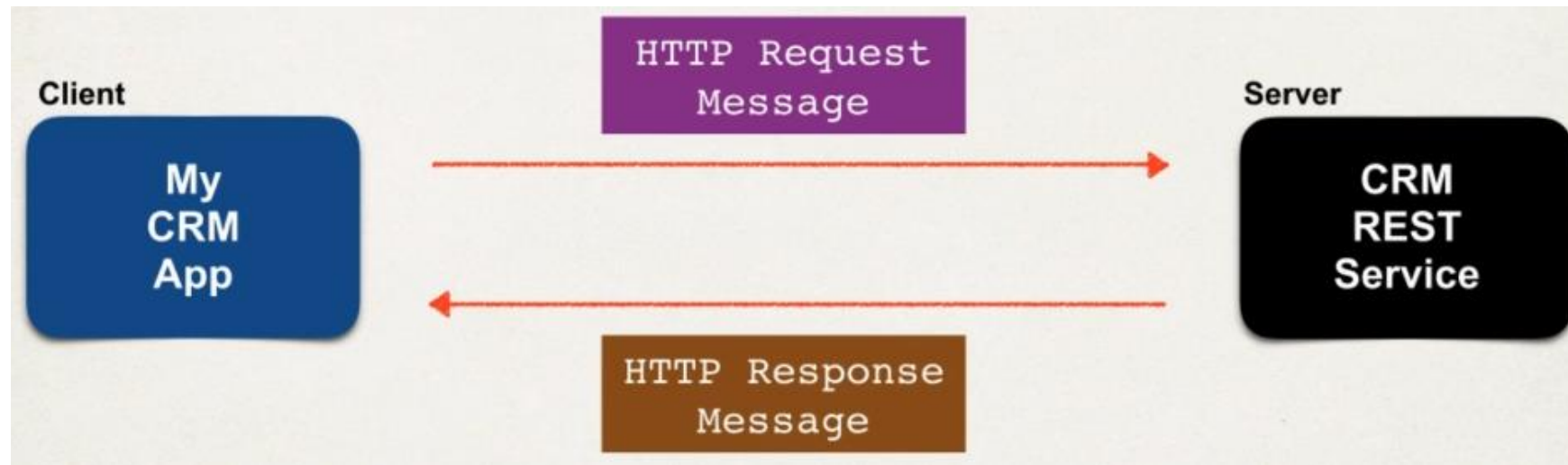
# REST over HTTP

- Most common use of REST is over HTTP
- Leverage HTTP methods for CRUD operations

HTTP Method	CRUD Operation
POST	<u>C</u> reate a new entity
GET	<u>R</u> ead a list of entities or single entity
PUT	<u>U</u> pdate an existing entity
DELETE	<u>D</u> eleate an existing entity



# HTTP messages

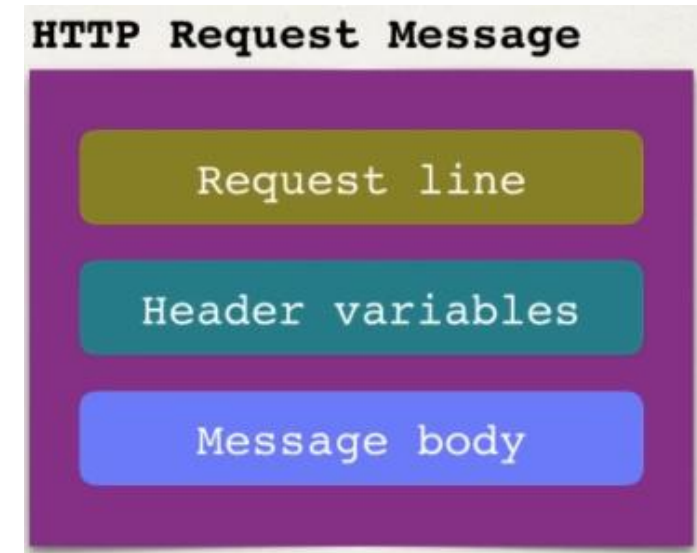




# HTTP Request Message

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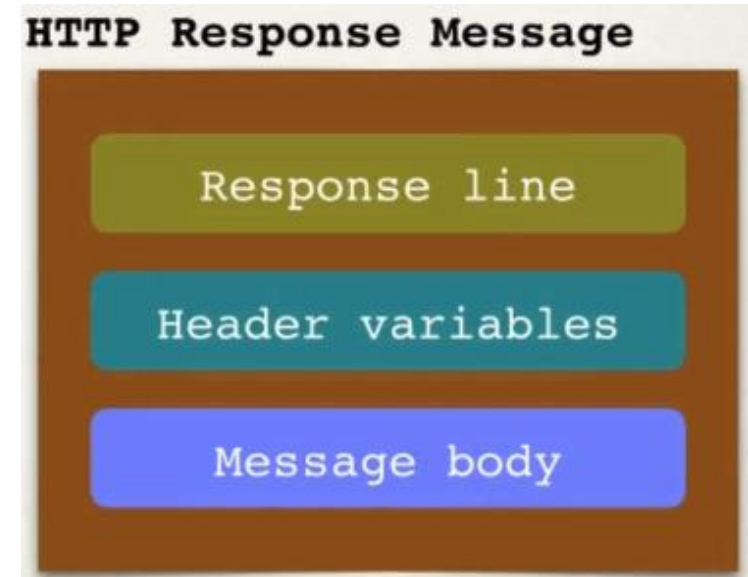
- Request line: the HTTP command
- Header variables: request metadata
- Message Body: contents of message





# HTTP Response Message

- Response line: server protocol and status code
- Header variables: response metadata
- Message Body: contents of message



# HTTP Response – Status Codes

Code Range	Description
100 - 199	Informational
200 - 299	Successful
300 - 399	Redirection
400 - 499	Client error
500 - 599	Server error

401 Authentication Required  
404 File Not Found

500 Internal Server Error



# MIME Content Types

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- Message Format is describes by MIME content type
  - Multipurpose Internet Mail-Extension
- Syntax: type/sub-type
- Examples:
  - text/html, text/plain
  - tpplcation/json, application/xml



# Client Tool

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- We need a client tool
- Send HTTP requests to REST web services / API
- Plenty of tools available: curl, **Postman**, etc ...



# Install Postman now

➤ <https://www.postman.com/downloads/>

➤ Time: 9.5.0 – 18.12.2021

The screenshot shows the Postman web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Postman logo, a menu (File, Edit, View, Help), a search bar, and an 'Upgrade' button. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there's a sidebar with links to 'Workspaces', 'Integrations', 'Learning Center', 'Support Center', 'Bootcamp', and 'What is Postman?'. The main content area starts with a greeting 'Good afternoon, qphan259!' and a prompt to 'Pick up where you left off.' Below this is a 'Get started with Postman' section with four cards: 'Start with something new' (Create New →), 'Import an existing file' (Import file →), 'Explore our public network' (Explore →), and 'Work smarter with Postman' (Learn →). To the right of the 'Get started' section is an 'Announcements' section with a 'Show' link. Below that is an 'Activity Feed' section with a header 'Your team's activity will show up here' and a 'Get started by inviting people to your team.' prompt, followed by a 'Create Team' button. The interface is clean and modern, with a light gray background and blue accents.

Postman

File Edit View Help

Home Workspaces API Network Reports Explore

Search Postman

Upgrade

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Pick up where you left off.

Get started with Postman

**Start with something new**  
Create a new request, collection, or API in a workspace  
[Create New →](#)

**Import an existing file**  
Import any API schema file from your local drive or Github  
[Import file →](#)

**Explore our public network**  
Browse featured APIs, collections, and workspaces published by the Postman community.  
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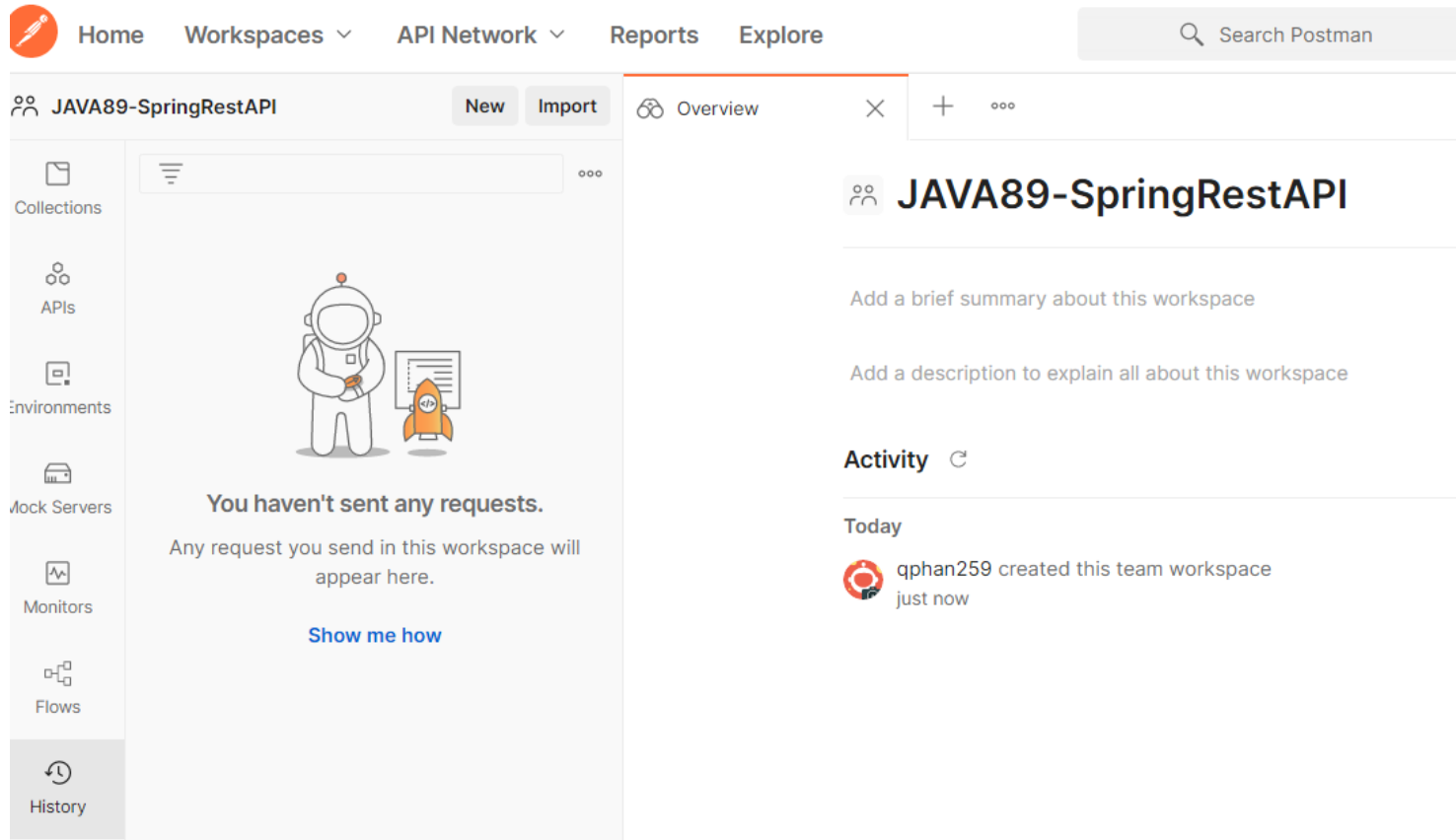
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What is Postman?



# Postman Testing

➤ Workspace > Create Workspace >> JAVA89 – SpringRestAPI







# Postman Testing

## ➤ Create a HTTP request

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface for a workspace named "JAVA89-SpringRestAPI".

**Left Sidebar:** Contains navigation icons for Collections, APIs, Environments, Mock Servers, Monitors, Flows, and History. The **History** icon at the bottom is marked with a red **1**.

**Central Workspace:** Displays a message: "You haven't sent any requests. Any request you send in this workspace will appear here." Above this message is the text **3 - HTTP request** in red. A red **2** points to the "New" button in the top right corner of the sidebar area.

**Right Panel:** Titled "Untitled Request", it shows the configuration for a new request. The HTTP method is set to **GET**. Below the method is a text input field labeled "Enter request URL". Tabs for "Params", "Authorization", "Headers (7)", "Body", "Pre-request Script", "Tests", and "Settings" are visible, with "Params" currently selected. Under the "Params" tab, there is a table for "Query Params":

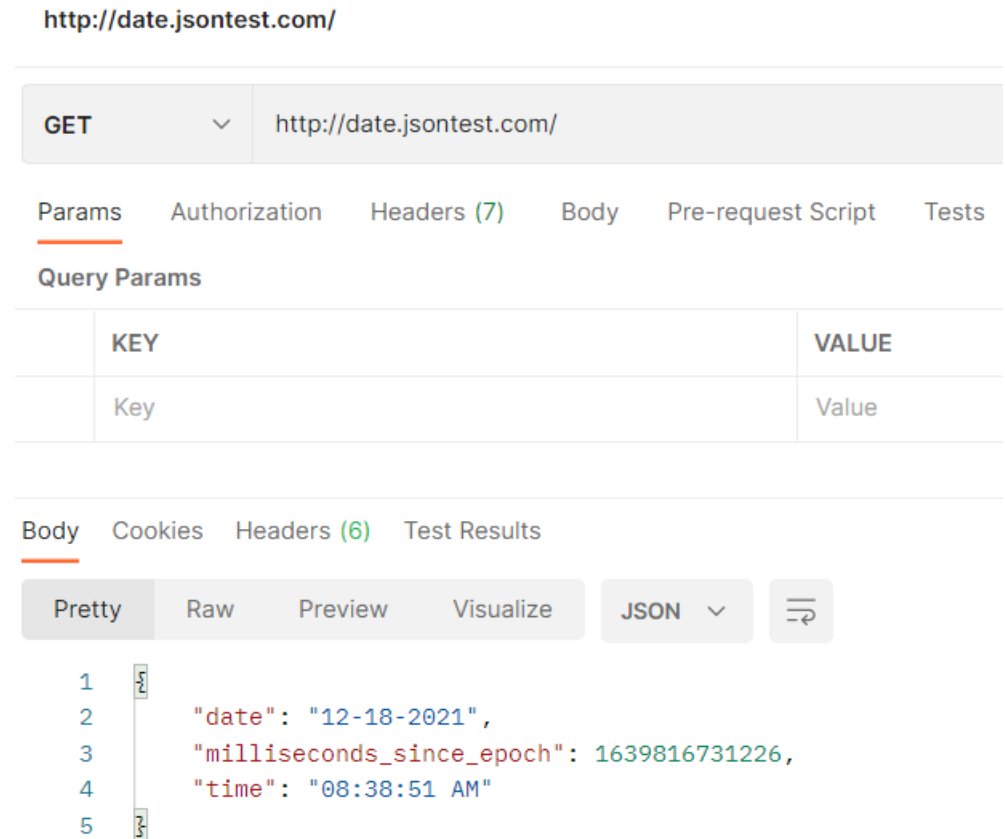
KEY	VALUE
Key	Value

At the bottom of the right panel, there is a section labeled "Response".



# Postman Testing

- Make some REST API calls
- <https://www.jsontest.com/>
- <https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/>





# Postman Testing

➤ <https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q=Danang&appid=09cbe24f3fbf907bbb7b4b5a4cd12fc7>

<https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q=Danang&appid=09cbe24f3fbf907bbb7b4b5a4cd12fc7>

DEMO

GET

https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather?q=Danang&appid=09cbe24f3fbf907bbb7b4b5a4cd12fc7

Params

Authorization

Headers (7)

Body

Pre-request Script

Tests

Settings

Query Params

	KEY	VALUE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	q	Danang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	appid	09cbe24f3fbf907bbb7b4b5a4cd12fc7

Body

Cookies

Headers (9)

Test Results

Pretty

Raw

Preview

Visualize

JSON

```
1  {
2    "coord": {
3      "lon": 108.2208,
4      "lat": 16.0678
5    },
6    "weather": [
7      {
8        "id": 701,
9        "main": "Mist",
10       "description": "mist",
11       "icon": "50d"
12     }
13   ],
14   "base": "stations",
15   "main": {
16     "temp": 295.14,
17     "feels_like": 295.69,
```

Body

Cookies

Headers (9)

Test Results

Status: 200 OK

Time: 215 ms

Size: 782 B

KEY	VALUE
Server	openresty
Date	Sat, 18 Dec 2021 08:39:42 GMT
Content-Type	application/json; charset=utf-8
Content-Length	461
Connection	keep-alive
X-Cache-Key	/data/2.5/weather?q=danang
Access-Control-Allow-Origin	*
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials	true
Access-Control-Allow-Methods	GET, POST

# Spring Rest Controller

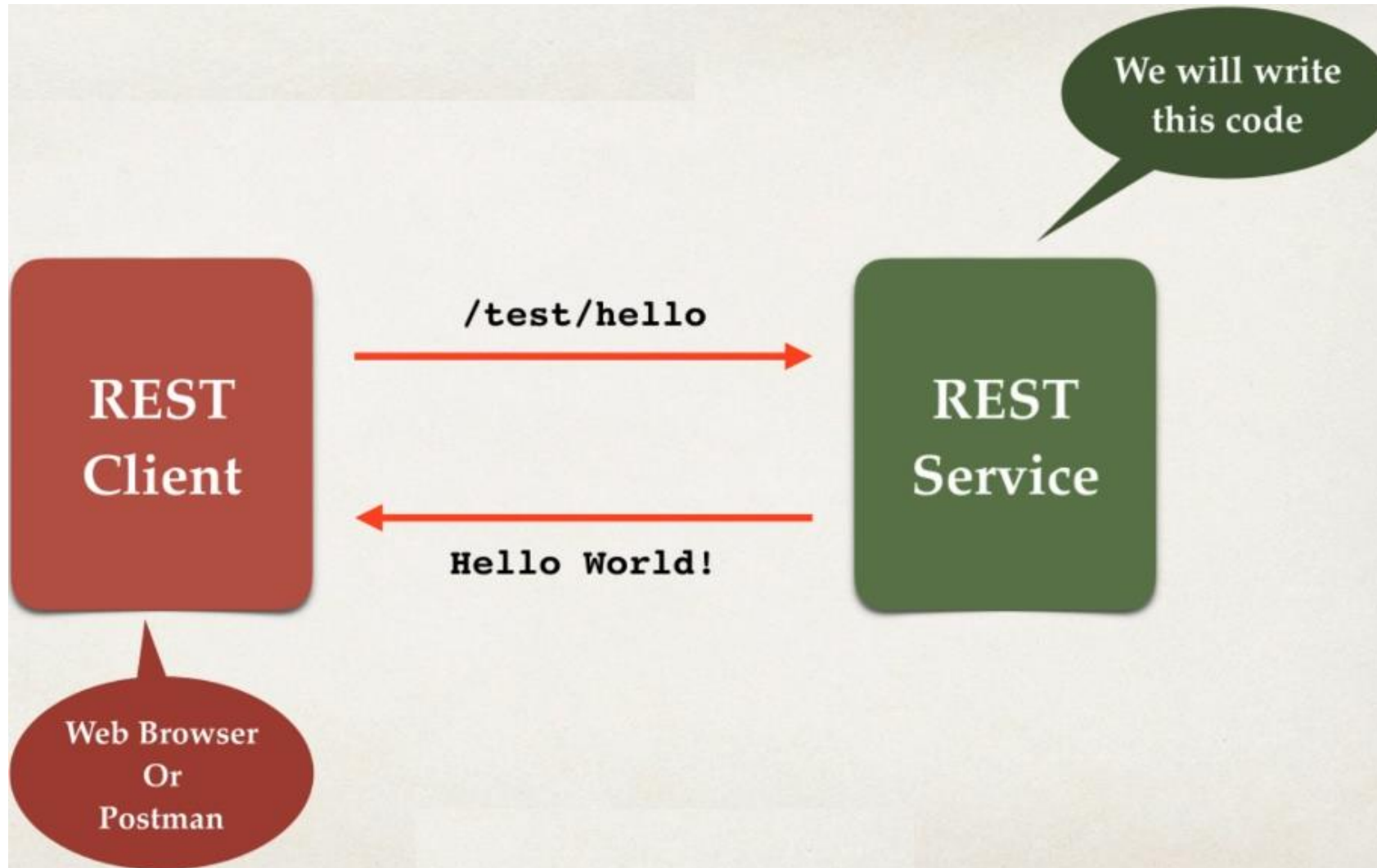


# Spring REST support

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- Spring Web MVC provides support for Spring REST
- New annotation **@RestController**
  - Extension of @Controller
  - Handles REST request and response
- Spring REST will also automatically convert Java POJOs to JSON
  - Required: Jackson project / dependency is on classpath / pom.xml

## Spring REST – Hello world





# Spring REST – Hello world

Add REST support

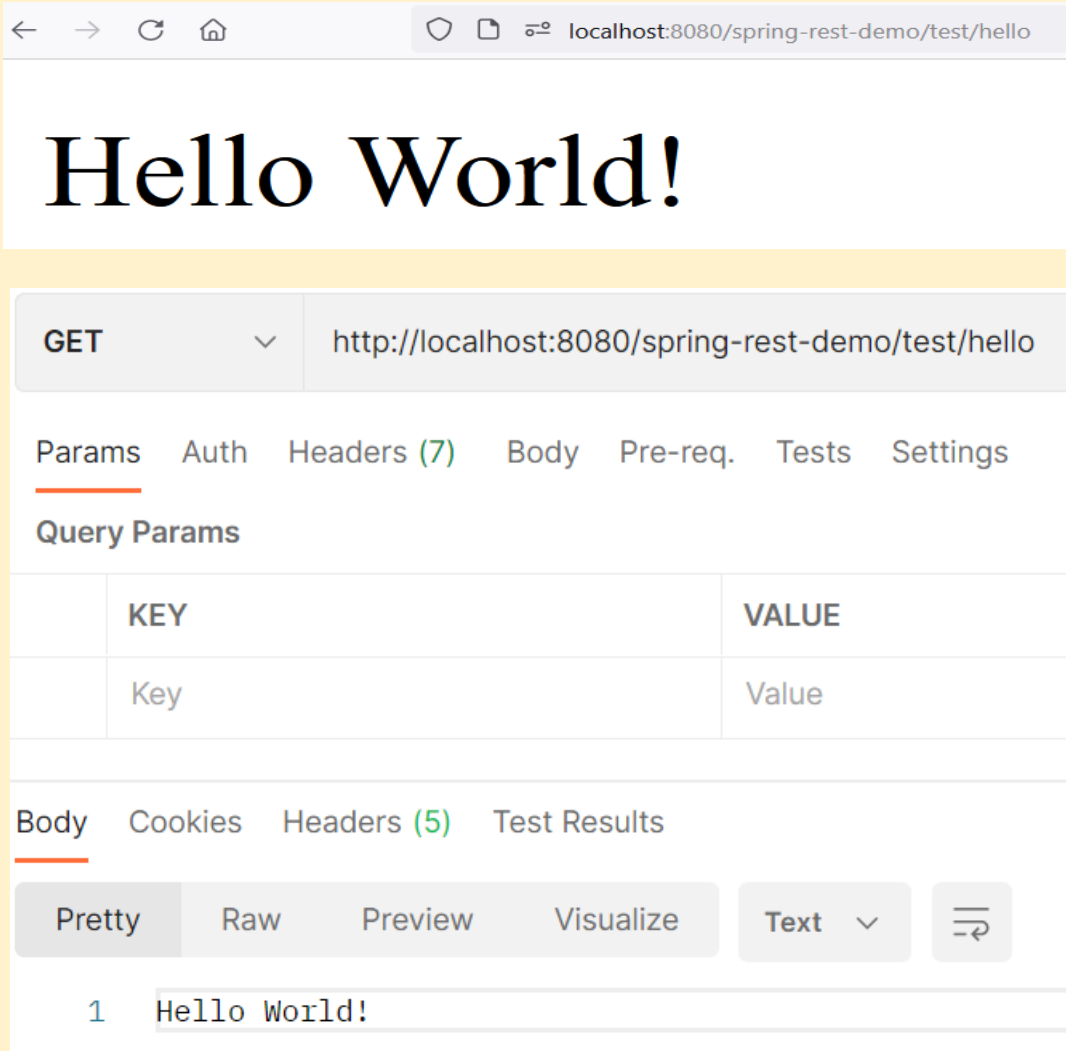
```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/test")
public class DemoRestController {

    @GetMapping("/hello")
    public String sayHello() {
        return "Hello World!";
    }
}
```

Access the REST endpoint  
at /test/hello

Returns content  
to client

# Testing with Postman and Web Browser



The image shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/test/hello`. The main content area displays **Hello World!** in a large, black, serif font.

Below the browser window is the Postman interface for a GET request to the same URL. The 'Params' tab is selected, showing a table for Query Params:

KEY	VALUE
Key	Value

Below the table, the 'Body' tab is selected, showing the response body in 'Pretty' format:

```
1 Hello World!
```

REST endpoint  
`http://localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/test/hello`





# Web Browser vs Postman

- For simple REST testing with GET request
  - Web Browser and Postman are similar
- However, for advance testing with POST, PUT etc ...
  - Postman has much better support
  - POSTing JSON data, setting content type
  - Passing HTTP request headers, authentication etc ..

localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/test/hello

## Hello World!

GET http://localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/test/hello

Params Auth Headers (7) Body Pre-req. Tests Settings

Query Params

KEY	VALUE
Key	Value

Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize Text

```
1 Hello World!
```



# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

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DEMO

- 1. Add Maven dependency for Spring MVC and Jackson project
- 2. Add code for ALL Java Config: @Configuration
- 3. Add code for ALL Java Config: Servlet Initializer
- 4. Create Spring REST Service using @RestController
- 5. Add default page

# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

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# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

## ➤ 1. Add Maven dependency for Spring MVC and Jackson project

DEMO

```
<!-- Add Spring MVC and REST support -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-webmvc</artifactId>
  <version>5.0.5.RELEASE</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Add Jackson for JSON converters -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.core</groupId>
  <artifactId>jackson-databind</artifactId>
  <version>2.9.5</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Add Servlet support for Spring's AbstractAnnotationConfigDispatcherServletInitializer -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>javax.servlet</groupId>
  <artifactId>javax.servlet-api</artifactId>
  <version>3.1.0</version>
</dependency>

<!-- Add support for JSP ... get rid of Eclipse error -->
<dependency>
  <groupId>javax.servlet.jsp</groupId>
  <artifactId>javax.servlet.jsp-api</artifactId>
  <version>2.3.1</version>
</dependency>
```



# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

- 2. Add code for ALL Java Config: @Configuration

DEMO

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebMvc
@ComponentScan("com.spring.rest")
public class WepAppConfigurer implements WebMvcConfigurer {
}
```



# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

## ➤ 3. Add code for ALL Java Config: Servlet\_INITIALIZER

DEMO

```
public class WebAppServletInitializer extends AbstractAnnotationConfigDispatcherServletInitializer {

    @Override
    protected Class<?>[] getRootConfigClasses() {
        return null;
    }

    @Override
    protected Class<?>[] getServletConfigClasses() {
        return new Class[] { WepAppConfigurer.class };
    }

    @Override
    protected String[] getServletMappings() {
        return new String[] { "/" };
    }

}
```

# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

## ➤ 4. Create Spring REST Service using @RestController

DEMO

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/test")
public class DemoRestController {

    @GetMapping("/hello")
    public String sayHello() {
        return "Hello World!";
    }
}
```

# Spring REST – Hello world – Development Process

## ➤ 5. Add default page

DEMO

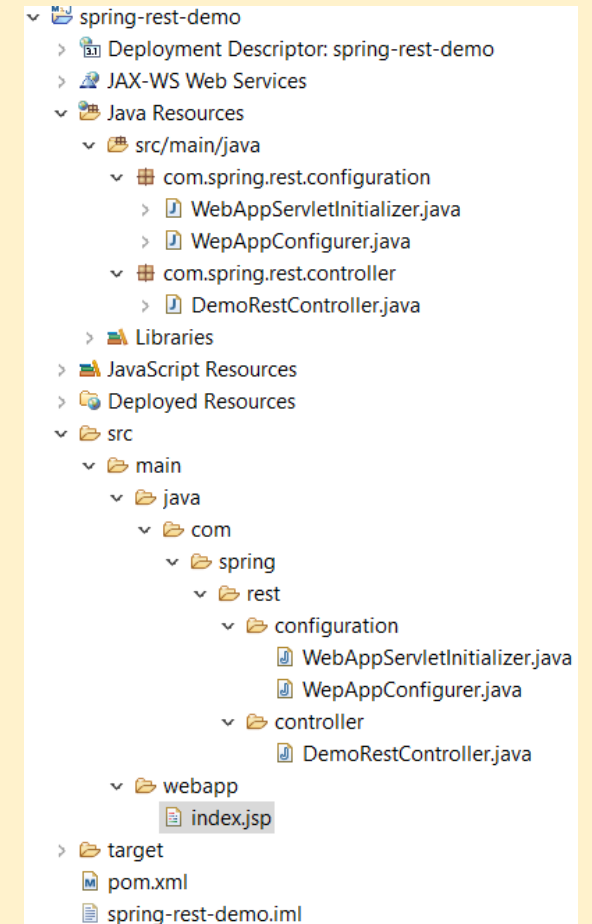
```
<html>
<body>

<h3>Spring REST Demo</h3>

<hr>

<a href="${pageContext.request.contextPath}/test/hello">Hello</a>

</body>
</html>
```



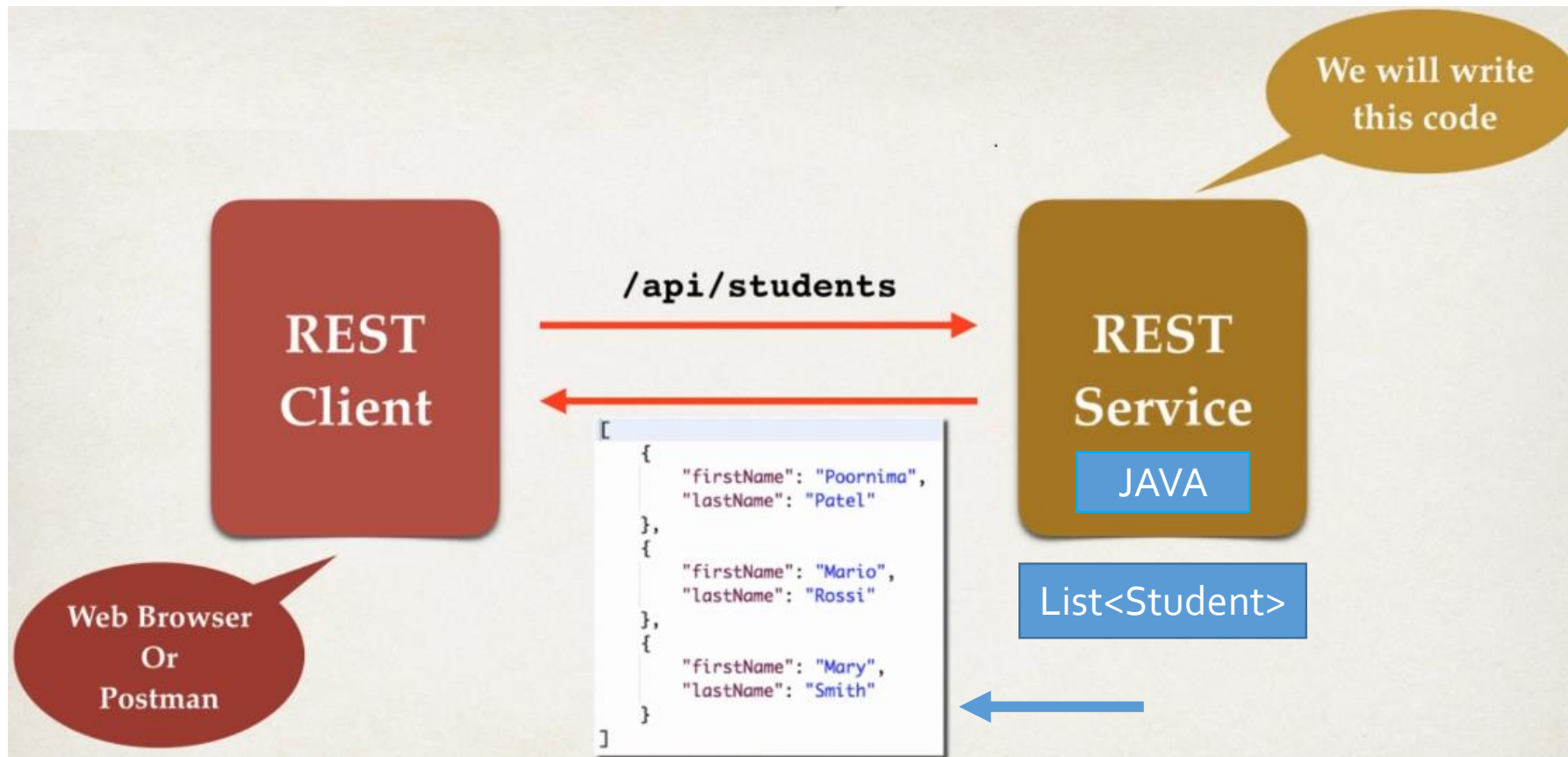


# Spring REST – Retrieve POJOs as JSON – Student App



# Create a New Service

- Return a list of students
- **GET** /api/students



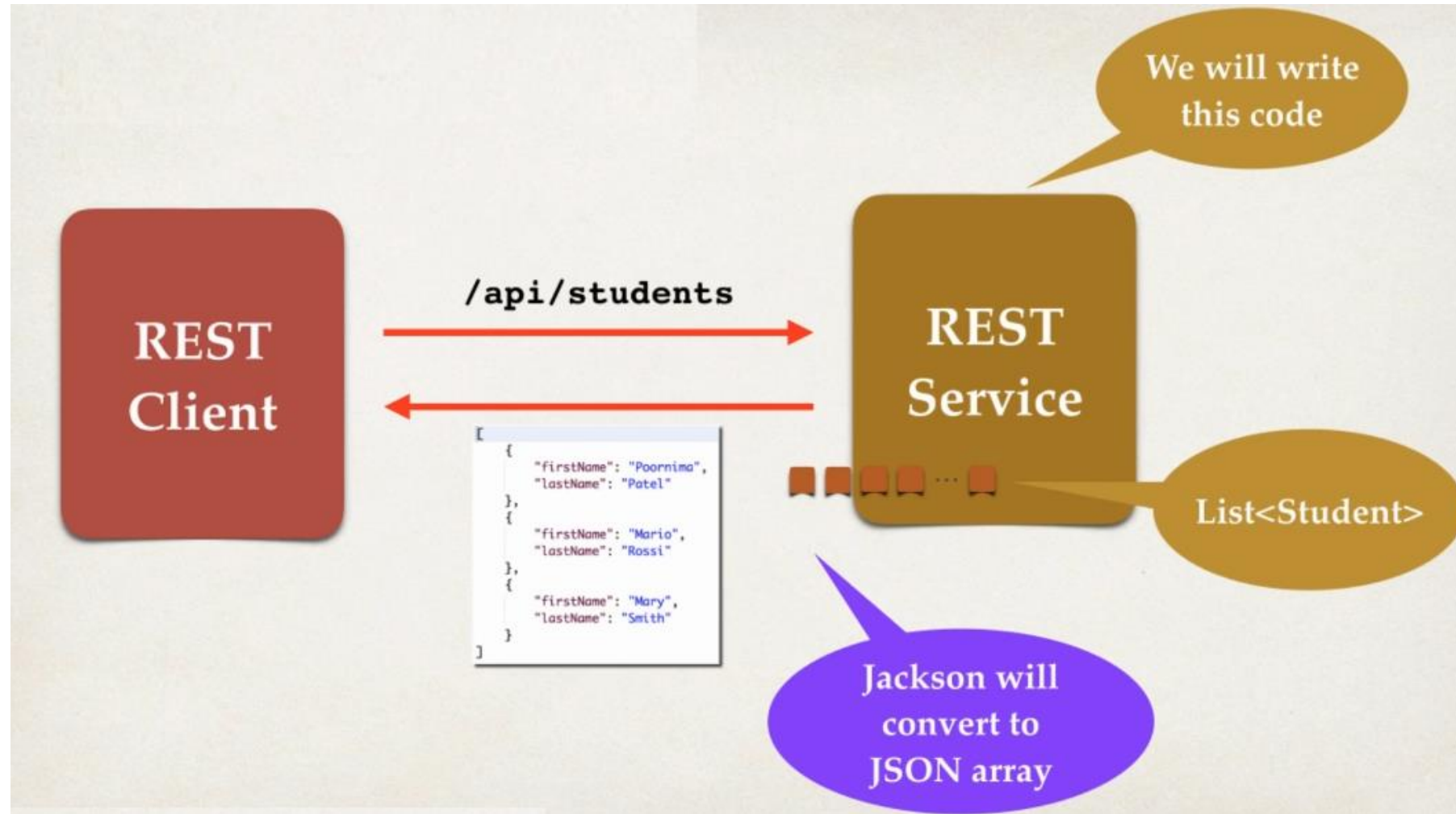


# Convert JAVA POJO to JSON

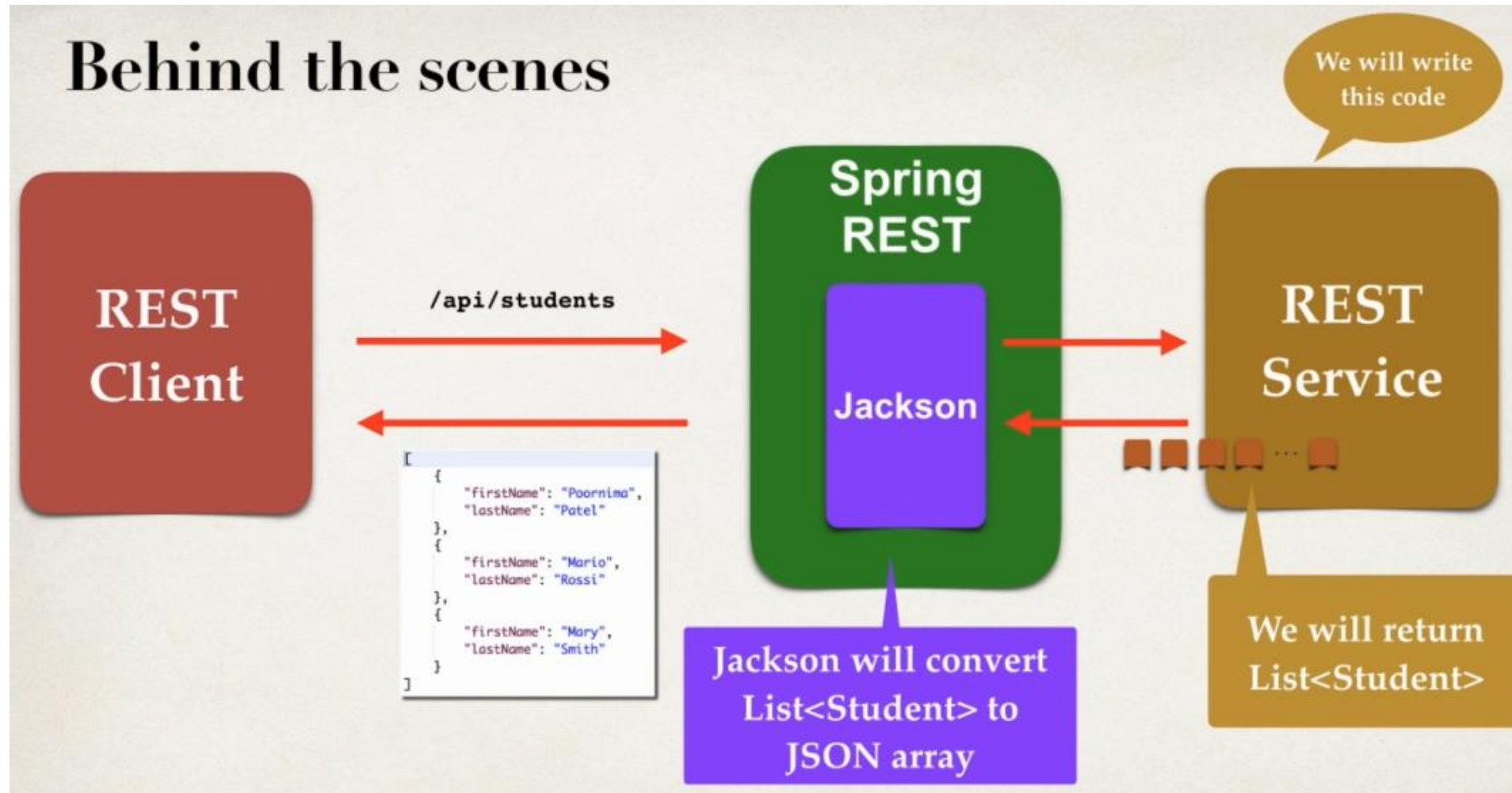
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- REST service will return **List<Student>**
- Need to convert **List<Student>** to JSON
- **Jackson** can help us out with this ...
  - JSON data being passed to **REST controller** is converted to JAVA POJO
  - Java POJO being returned from **REST controller** is converted to JSON

## Spring REST Service – Behind the scenes



## Spring REST Service – Behind the scenes



# Spring REST – Student service – Development Process

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- 1. Create JAVA POJO class for **Student**
- 2. Create Spring REST Service using **@RestController**

DEMO

# Spring REST – Student service – Development Process

## ➤ 1. Create JAVA POJO class for **Student**

DEMO

```
public class Student {  
    private String firstName;  
    private String lastName;  
  
    // constructor  
    // getter, setter
```

# Spring REST – Student service – Development Process

## ➤ 2. Create Spring REST Service using **@RestController**

DEMO

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class StudentRestController {

    @GetMapping("/students")
    public List<Student> getStudents() {
        List<Student> students = DataModel.students();
        return students;
    }
}

public static List<Student> students() {
    List<Student> theStudents = new ArrayList<>();
    theStudents.add(new Student("Poornima", "Patel"));
    theStudents.add(new Student("Mario", "Rossi"));
    theStudents.add(new Student("Mary", "Smith"));
    return theStudents;
}
```

Load data with  
**@PostConstruct**

```
@PostConstruct
public void loadData() {

    List<Student> theStudents = new ArrayList<>();

    theStudents.add(new Student("Poornima", "Patel"));
    theStudents.add(new Student("Mario", "Rossi"));
    theStudents.add(new Student("Mary", "Smith"));
}
```





# Spring REST – Student service – Development Process

RESULT

GET ▼ http://localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/api/students

Params Authorization Headers (7) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings

Query Params

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
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Body Cookies Headers (5) Test Results 🌐 Status: 200 OK Time: 19 ms Size: 304 B

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON ▼ ↺

```
1 [
2   {
3     "firstName": "Poornima",
4     "lastName": "Patel"
5   },
6   {
7     "firstName": "Mario",
8     "lastName": "Rossi"
9   },
10  {
11    "firstName": "Mary",
12    "lastName": "Smith"
13  }
14 ]
```

▼ 0:

firstName: "Poornima"

lastName: "Patel"

▼ 1:

firstName: "Mario"

lastName: "Rossi"

▼ 2:

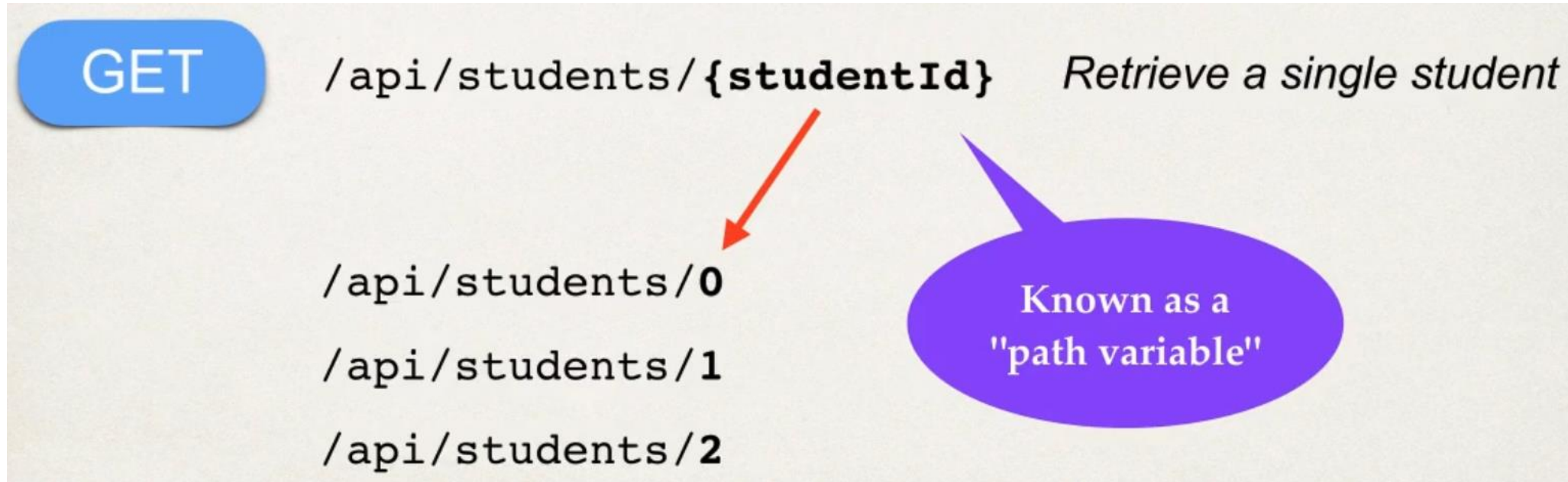
firstName: "Mary"

lastName: "Smith"

# Spring REST – Path Variables

# Path Variables

- Example: Retrieve single student by id



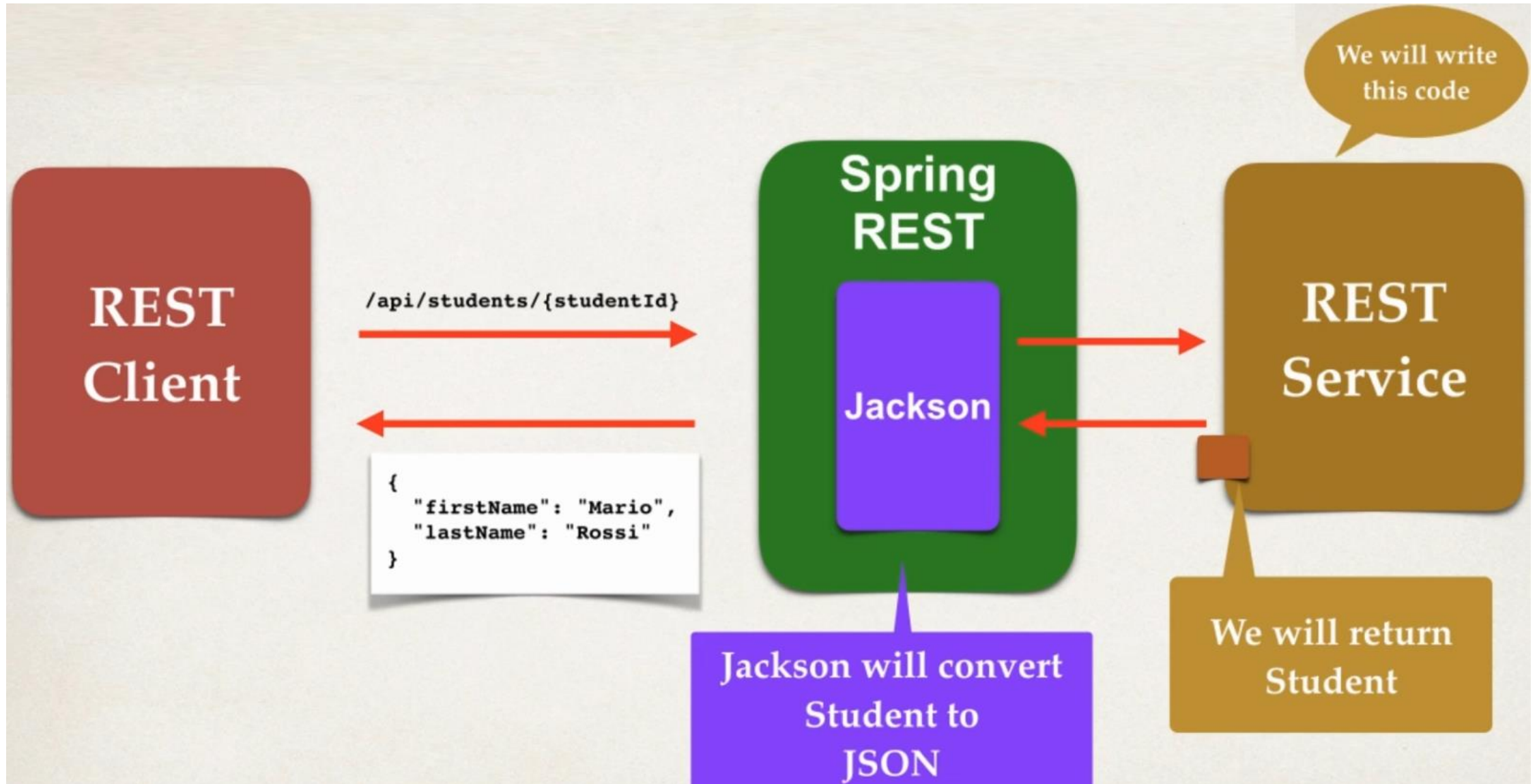
The diagram illustrates the concept of path variables in an API endpoint. It features a blue rounded rectangle with the text "GET" in white. To its right is the API endpoint `/api/students/{studentId}` in a monospaced font, followed by the text *Retrieve a single student*. Below the endpoint, three example URLs are listed: `/api/students/0`, `/api/students/1`, and `/api/students/2`. A red arrow points from the `{studentId}` placeholder in the endpoint to the `0` in the first example URL. A purple speech bubble with a tail pointing to the arrow contains the text "Known as a 'path variable'".

**GET** `/api/students/{studentId}` *Retrieve a single student*

`/api/students/0`  
`/api/students/1`  
`/api/students/2`

Known as a "path variable"

## Spring REST Service



# Spring REST – Path Variables – Development Process

- 1. Add request mapping to Spring REST Service
  - Using @PathVariable
- 2. Testing with Postman and Web Browser

```
@GetMapping("/students/{studentId}")  
public Student getStudent(@PathVariable int studentId) {  
    return students.stream()  
        .filter(student -> studentId == student.getId())  
        .findFirst()  
        .orElse(null);  
}
```

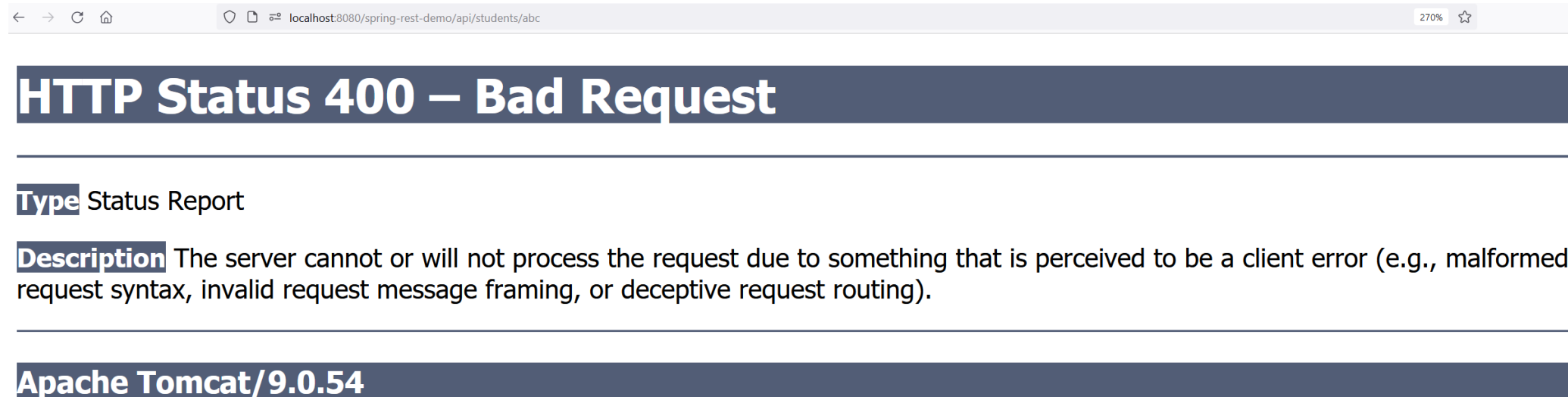


# Spring REST – Exception Handling



# Problems

- Bad student id of non-number ...
- Bad student index – out of array range



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/api/students/abc`. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text **HTTP Status 400 – Bad Request**. Below this, there is a section titled **Type** Status Report. Underneath, a **Description** box states: "The server cannot or will not process the request due to something that is perceived to be a client error (e.g., malformed request syntax, invalid request message framing, or deceptive request routing)." At the bottom, another dark blue bar displays **Apache Tomcat/9.0.54**.



## How to solve it

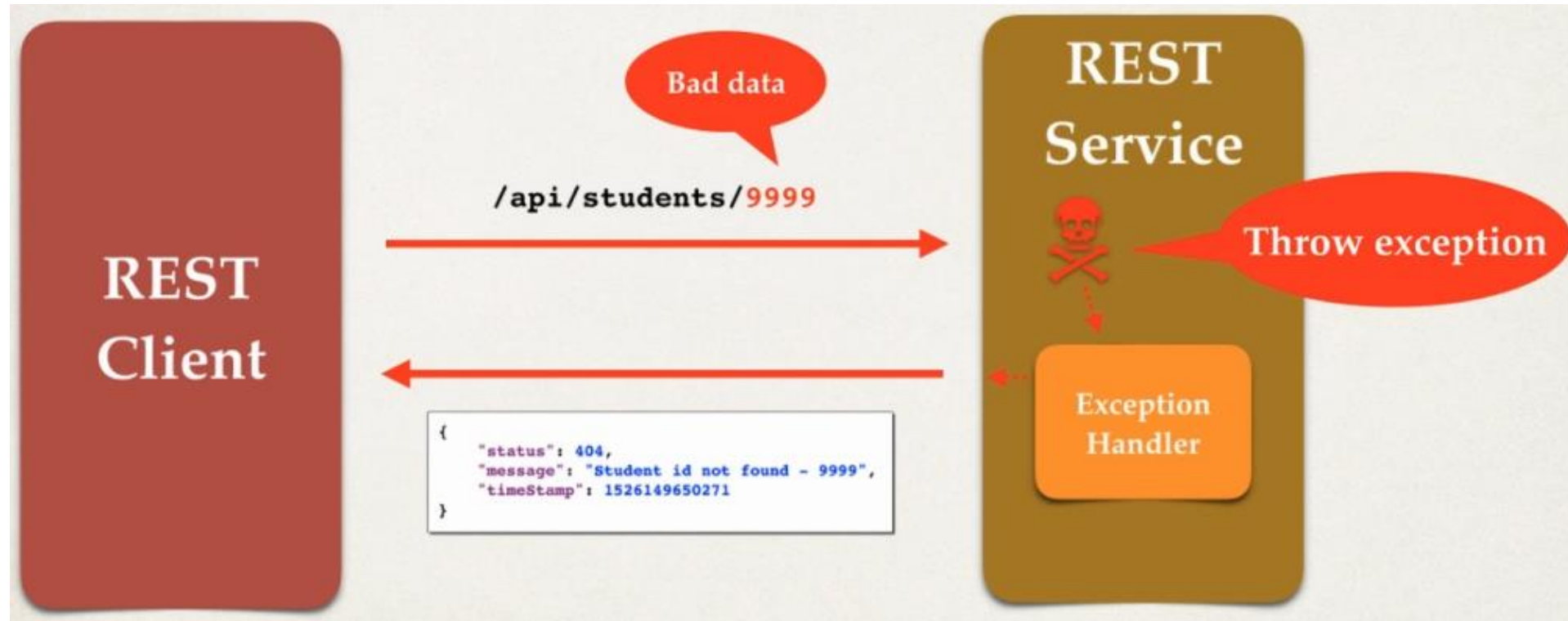
- Handle the exception and return error as JSON

```
{  
  "status": 404,  
  "message": "Student id not found - 9999",  
  "timeStamp": 1526149650271  
}
```

Our desired output  
exception / error  
formatted as JSON



# Spring REST – Exception Handler





# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

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DEMO

- 1. Create a customer error response class
- 2. Create a custom exception class
- 3. Update REST service to throw exception if student not found
- 4. Add an exception handler method using **@ExceptionHandler**



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

DEMO

## ➤ 1. Create a customer error response class

- CER class will be sent back to client as JSON
- We will define as Java class
- Jackson will handle converting it to JSON

```
public class StudentErrorResponse {  
  
    private int status;  
    private String message;  
    private LocalDateTime timeStamp;  
  
    // constructor  
    // getter, setter  
}
```

```
{  
  "status": 404,  
  "message": "Student id not found - 9999",  
  "timeStamp": 1526149650271  
}
```

Our desired output  
exception / error  
formatted as JSON



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

DEMO

## ➤ 2. Create a custom exception class

- The custom student exception will be used by our REST service
- Business, if we can't find student then throw an exception
- Need to define a custom student class - **StudentNotFoundException**

```
public class StudentNotFoundException extends RuntimeException {  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1698807995923929200L;  
    public StudentNotFoundException(String message, Throwable cause) {  
        super(message, cause);  
    }  
    public StudentNotFoundException(String message) {  
        super(message);  
    }  
    public StudentNotFoundException(Throwable cause) {  
        super(cause);  
    }  
}
```



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

## ➤ 3. Update REST service to throw exception if student not found

DEMO

```
@GetMapping("/students/{studentId}")
public Student getStudent(@PathVariable int studentId) {
    Optional<Student> opt = students.stream()
        .filter(student -> studentId == student.getId())
        .findFirst();

    if (!opt.isPresent()) {
        throw new StudentNotFoundException("Student not found - " + studentId);
    }

    return opt.get();
}
```



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

DEMO

- 4. Add an exception handler method using **@ExceptionHandler**
  - Define exception handler method(s) with **@ExceptionHandler** annotation
  - Exception Handler will return a **ResponseEntity**
    - **ResponseEntity**
      - is a wrapper for the HTTP response object
      - provides fine-grained control to specify: **HTTP status code, HTTP headers and Response Body**



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

## ➤ 4. Add an exception handler method using **@ExceptionHandler**

DEMO

```
@GetMapping("/students/{studentId}")
public Student getStudent(@PathVariable int studentId) {
    Optional<Student> opt = students.stream()
        .filter(student -> studentId == student.getId())
        .findFirst();

    if (!opt.isPresent()) {
        throw new StudentNotFoundException("Student not found - " + studentId);
    }

    return opt.get();
}
```

Exception handler  
method

Type of  
Response Body

Exception type to  
catch / handle

```
@ExceptionHandler
public ResponseEntity<StudentErrorResponse> handleException(StudentNotFoundException exc) {
    StudentErrorResponse error = new StudentErrorResponse();
    error.setStatus(HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND.value());
    error.setMessage(exc.getMessage());
    error.setTimestamp(LocalDate.now());
    return new ResponseEntity<StudentErrorResponse>(error, HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
}
```

Body

Status code



# Spring REST – Exception Handler – Development Process

RESULT

localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/api/students/1

JSON Raw Data Headers

Save Copy Collapse All Expand All

id: 1

firstName: "Poornima"

lastName: "Patel"

localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/api/students/4

JSON Raw Data Headers

Save Copy Collapse All Expand All Filter JSON

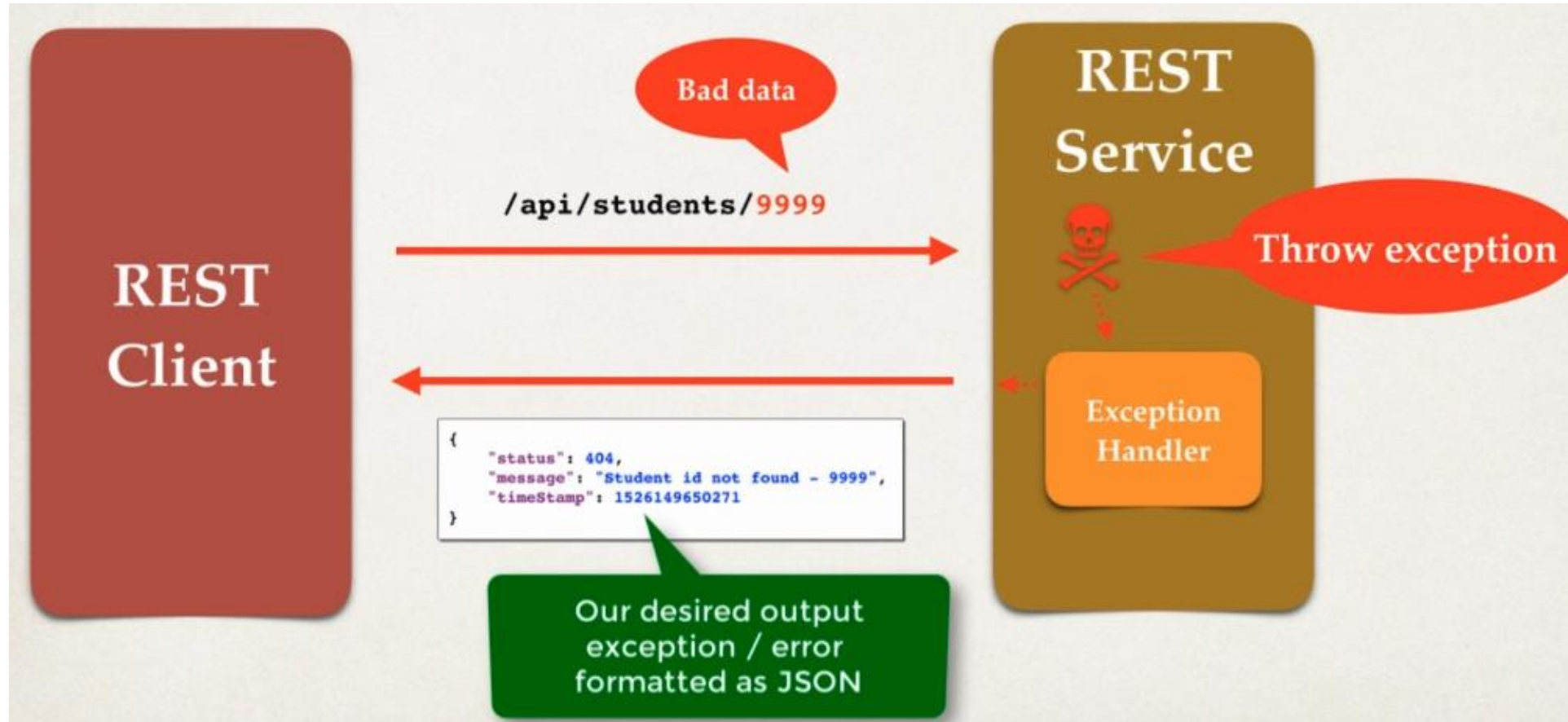
status: 404

message: "Student not found - 4"

▶ timeStamp: {...}



# Spring REST – Exception Handler - Overview

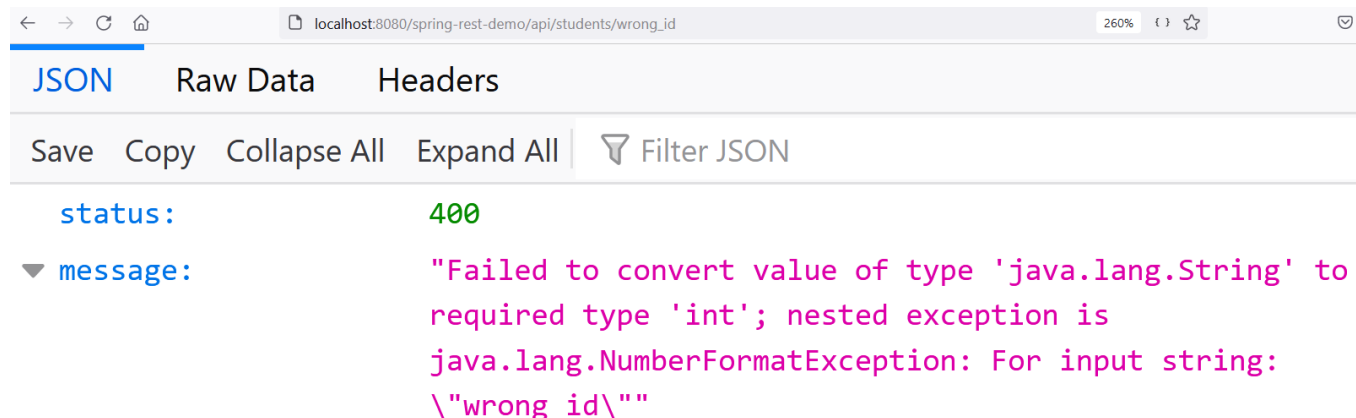


# Spring REST – Add generic exception

- For any bad request, handle with Exception class



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `localhost:8080/spring-rest-demo/api/students/wrong_id`. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text **HTTP Status 400 – Bad Request**. Below this, there is a section titled **Type** Status Report. Underneath, a **Description** box explains: "The server cannot or will not process the request due to something that is perceived to be a client error (e.g., malformed request syntax, invalid request message framing, or deceptive request routing)." The browser's developer tools are open, showing the JSON response.



The screenshot shows the 'JSON' tab of the browser's developer tools. It displays the following JSON response:

```
{
  "status": 400,
  "message": "Failed to convert value of type 'java.lang.String' to required type 'int'; nested exception is java.lang.NumberFormatException: For input string: \\\"wrong_id\\\""
}
```

```
@ExceptionHandler
public ResponseEntity<StudentErrorResponse> handleException(Exception exc) {

    StudentErrorResponse error = new StudentErrorResponse();

    error.setStatus(HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST.value());
    error.setMessage(exc.getMessage());
    error.setTimestamp(LocalDate.now());

    return new ResponseEntity<>(error, HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
}
```

# Spring REST – Global Exception Handling

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- It works, but
  - Exception handler code is only for the specific REST controller
  - Can't be reused by other controllers
- We need global exception handler
  - Promotes reuse
  - Centralizes exception handling

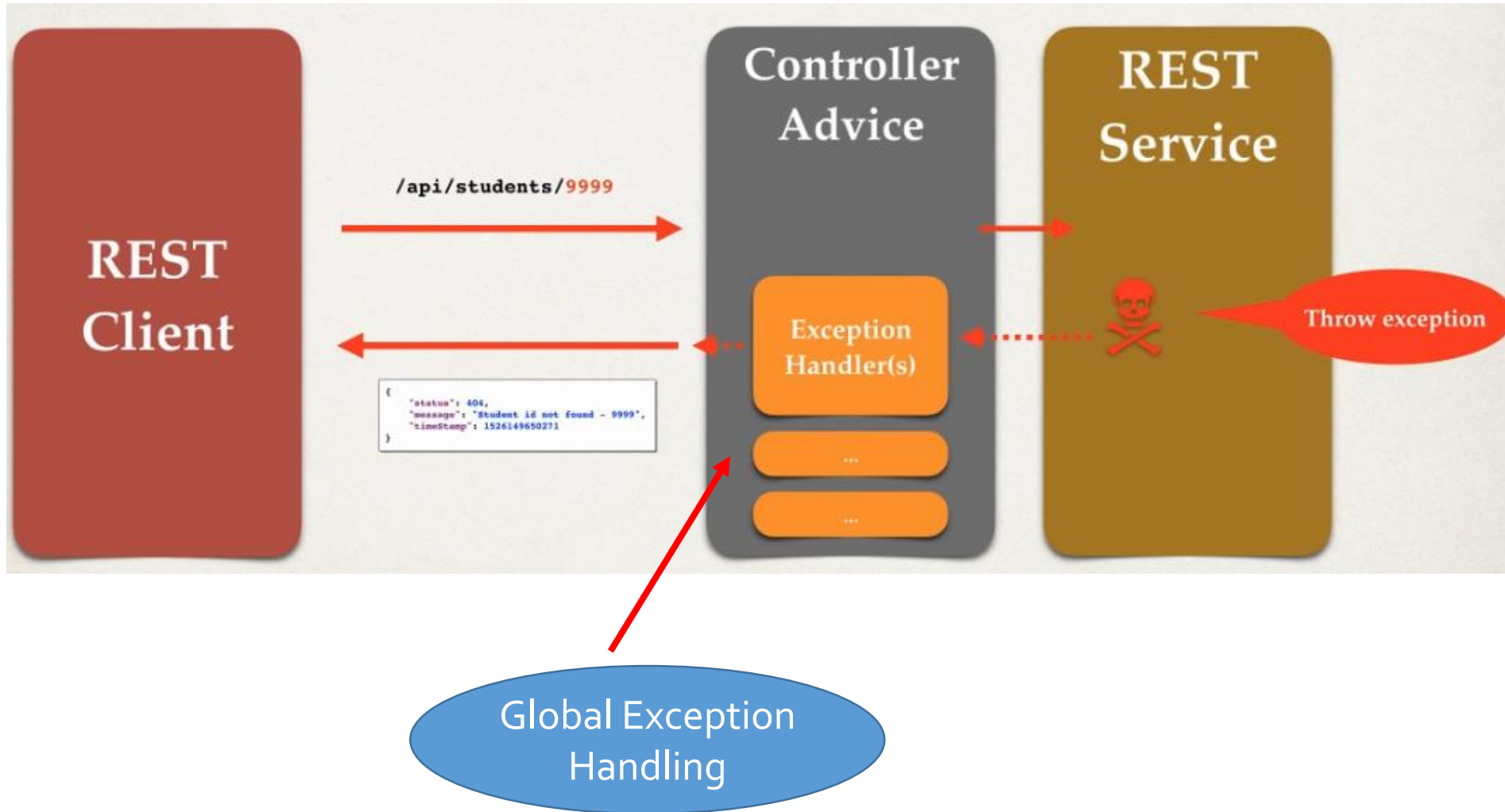
# Spring @ControllerAdvice

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- @ControllerAdvice is similar to an interceptor / filter
- Pre-process request to controllers
- Post-process response to handle exceptions
- Perfect for global exception handling

AOP behind the scenes

# Spring @ControllerAdvice





# Spring **@ControllerAdvice** – Development process

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- 1. Create new @ControllerAdvice
- 2. Refactor REST service ... remove exception handling code
- 3. Add exception handling code to @ControllerAdvice

**DEMO**

# Spring @ControllerAdvice – Development process

- 1. Create new @ControllerAdvice

```
@ControllerAdvice  
public class StudentRestExceptionHandler {
```

DEMO

# Spring @ControllerAdvice – Development process

- 2. Refactor REST service ... remove exception handling code

DEMO

```
File: StudentRestController.java


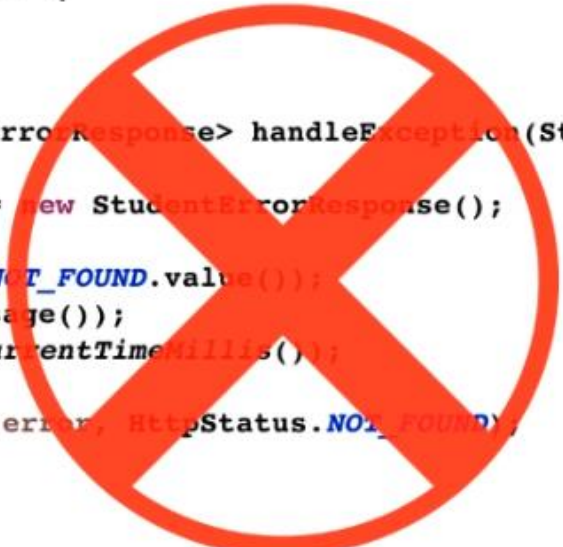
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class StudentRestController {
    ...

    @ExceptionHandler
    public ResponseEntity<StudentErrorResponse> handleException(StudentNotFoundException exc) {

        StudentErrorResponse error = new StudentErrorResponse();

        error.setStatus(HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND.value());
        error.setMessage(exc.getMessage());
        error.setTimestamp(System.currentTimeMillis());

        return new ResponseEntity<>(error, HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
    }
}
```







# Spring @ControllerAdvice – Development process

## ➤ 3. Add exception handling code to @ControllerAdvice

DEMO

File: StudentRestExceptionHandler.java

```
@ControllerAdvice
public class StudentRestExceptionHandler {

    @ExceptionHandler
    public ResponseEntity<StudentErrorResponse> handleException(StudentNotFoundException exc) {

        StudentErrorResponse error = new StudentErrorResponse();

        error.setStatus(HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND.value());
        error.setMessage(exc.getMessage());
        error.setTimestamp(System.currentTimeMillis());

        return new ResponseEntity<>(error, HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
    }
}
```

Same code  
as before



# Template-----

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