



Automated Generation of R Client Packages for RESTful APIs

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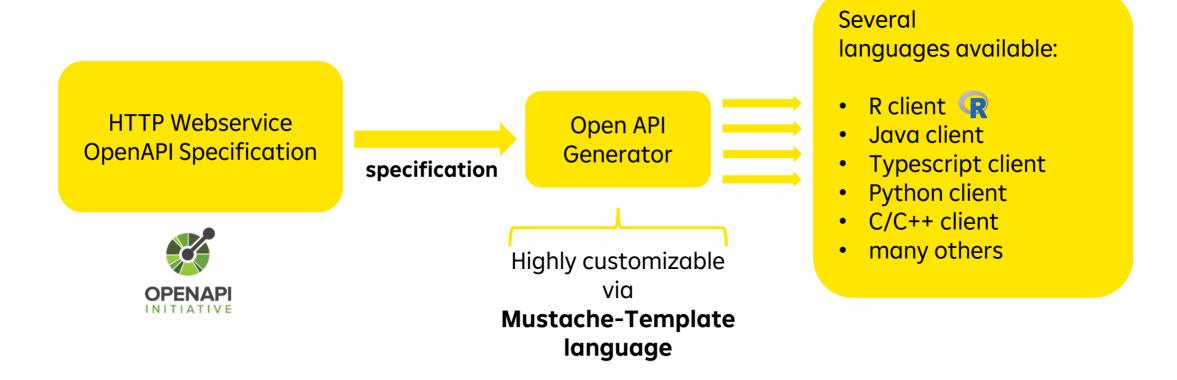
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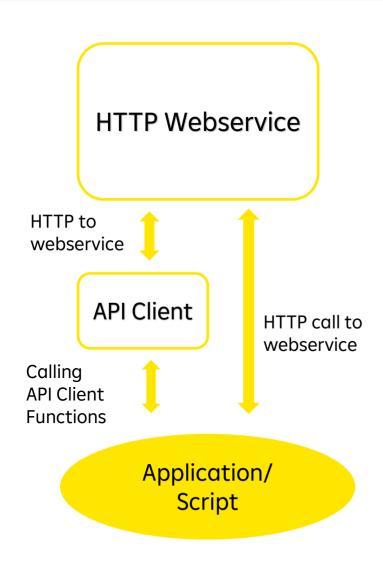


OpenAPI Generator (forked from the Swagger Codegen)





OpenAPI Specification

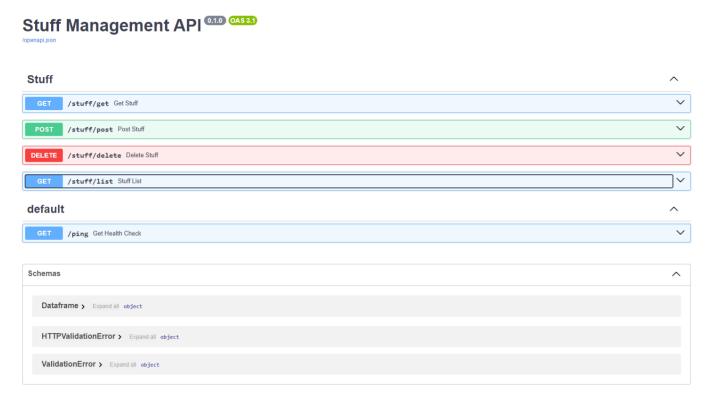


OpenAPI Specification (former Swagger Specification)

- a specification for a machine-readable interface definition language for describing, producing, consuming and visualizing a web service;
- started 2010 most recent version 3.1.0. (since 2021-02-15);
- Provides a standardized UI (Swagger UI) to allow both developers and non-developers to interact with the API;
- standardization of the API interface enables the use of automatic code-generation tools - since all operations, responses and requests are defined;
- It provides a standardized service definition document: openapi.json.



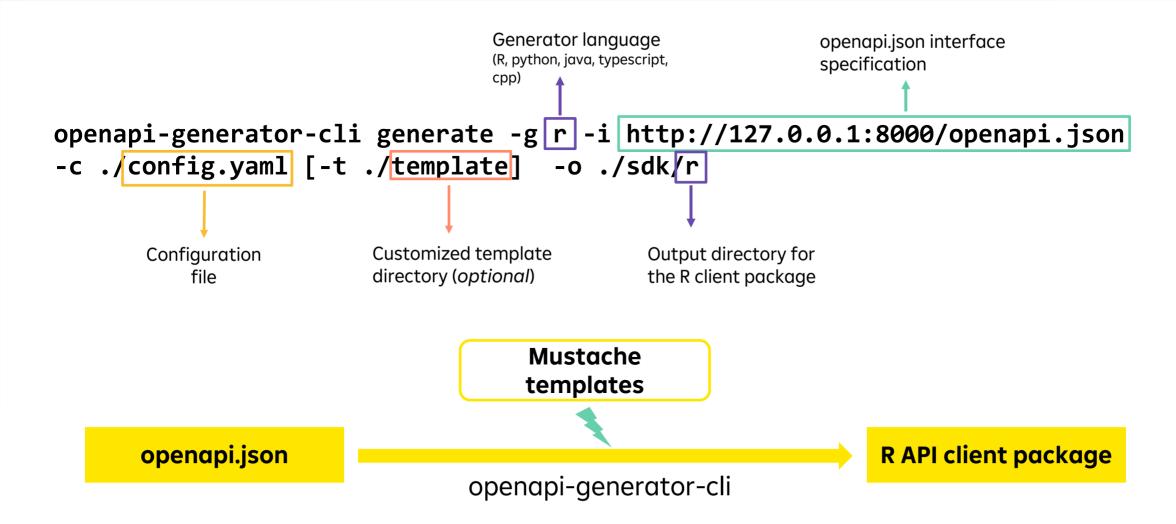
The Swagger UI: Documentation and Description



- The swagger UI is automatically generated from the API specification file "openapi.json" and displayed on a http endpoint
- Developer reference and documentation
- Can be used to call the endpoints for manual testing
- Type Schemata for responses and request parameters
- Documentation of Error Codes



The automatic code generation process





The auto-generated R package

Restful API Backend



Autogenerated R Client

Stuff Management API 0110 0ASSA1

openapı.jsor

Stuff /stuff/get Get Stuff /stuff/post Post Stuff DELETE /stuff/delete Delete Stuff /stuff/list Stuff List default /ping Get Health Check Schemas Dataframe > Expand all object HTTPValidationError > Expand all object ValidationError > Expand all object

```
library("stuffsdk")
base path = "http://127.0.0.1:8000"
client <- ApiClient$new(base path)</p>
api<-StuffApi$new(client)</p>
api$listStuff()
'11 "a" "b"
api$getStuff("a")
11 1 2 3
api$postStuff(id="a", data.frame("coll"=c("a","b","c"),"col2"=1:3) )
IULL
api$getStuff("a")
coll
 X0 X1 X2
.abc
co12
 X0 X1 X2
. 1 2 3
```



Template customization and configuration

- 1. Dump the default template for R to a directory (./template) openapi-generator-cli author template -g r -o ./template
- 2. Edit / adapt the template files (if necessary)

The template directory resembles an R package structure with mustache templates: R code mixed with mustache template tags (in { }).

3. Debugging the package generation process to offer extra debugging details for better understanding of the code generation process

Key take aways

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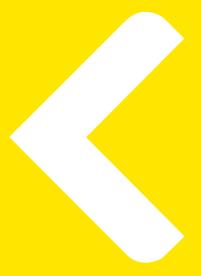
Open API Generator creates API client code for various programming languages. Powerful tool for API development and suitable for build pipeline integration. Leads to clean, uniform package structure across languages. Invest once to setup code generation instead of repetitive, error-prone SDK development. The code generation process is highly customizable, but note:

- No easy template customization;
- Minor issues in default templates;
- Issues in R-package "plumber"





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