



Java Plays : Eclipse Lab 3

Remote Development and Debugging using Eclipse

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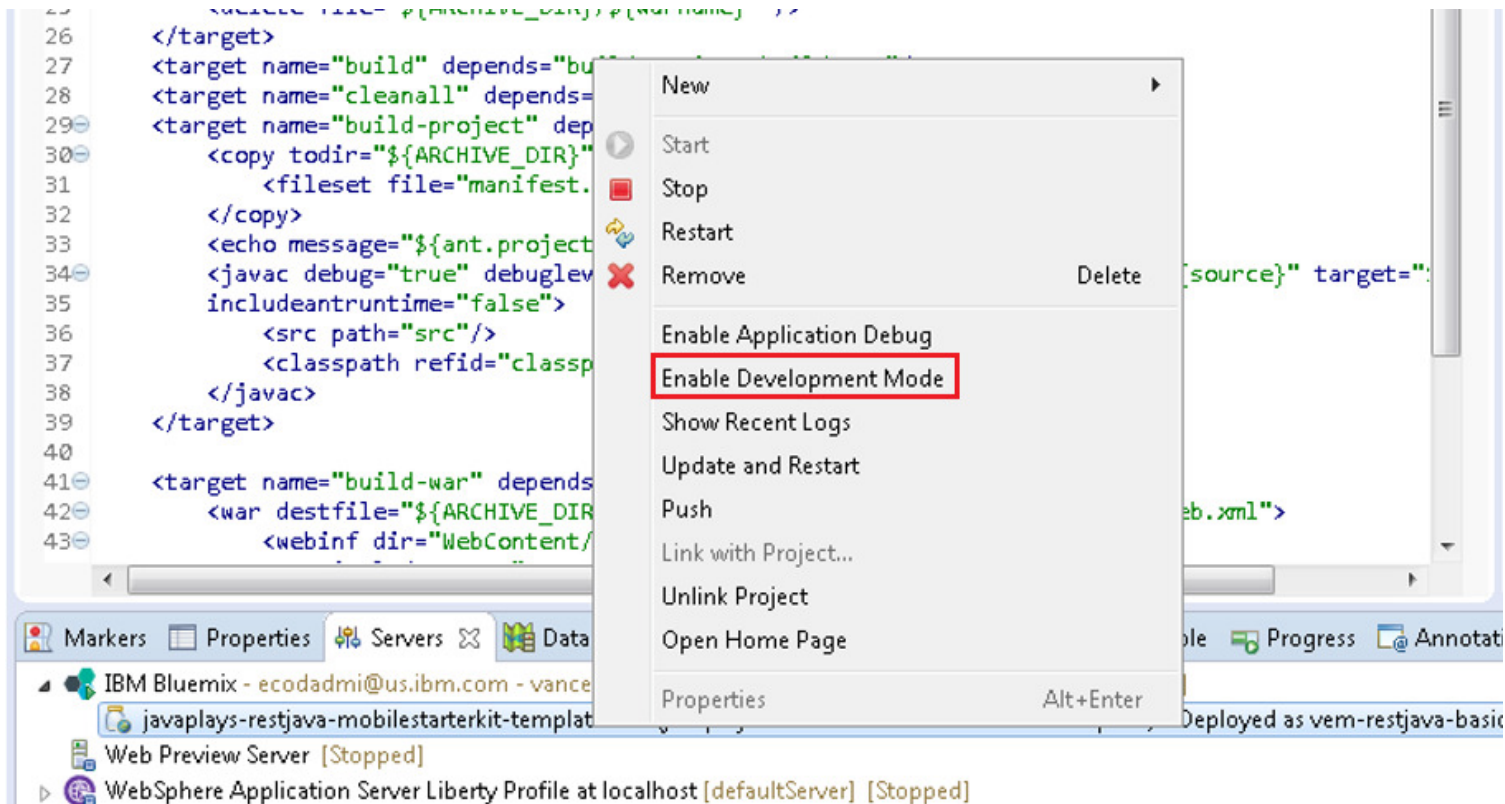
Purpose of This Lab

In this lab, you will learn how to enable remote development of a project that has been linked to Bluemix server. When remote development mode is turned on, you can incrementally push changes to Bluemix server, without restarting the application!

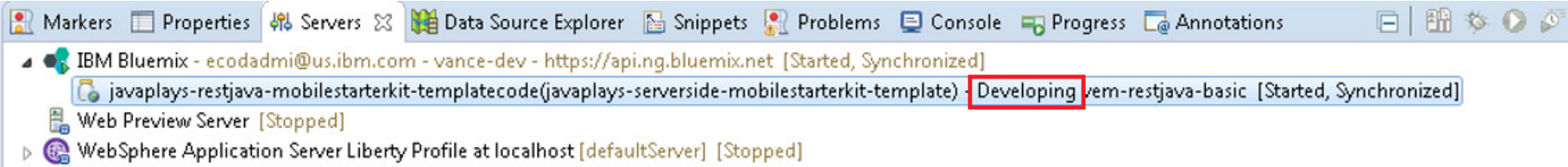
Also we will explore how to debug an application deployed on WebSphere Liberty server, locally. Debugging mode helps to pin point specific code where an error happens when a user request or server response is sent.

Step1 : Enable Remote Development Mode in Eclipse

❑ In **Servers** view, right click on project, select **Enable Development Mode**



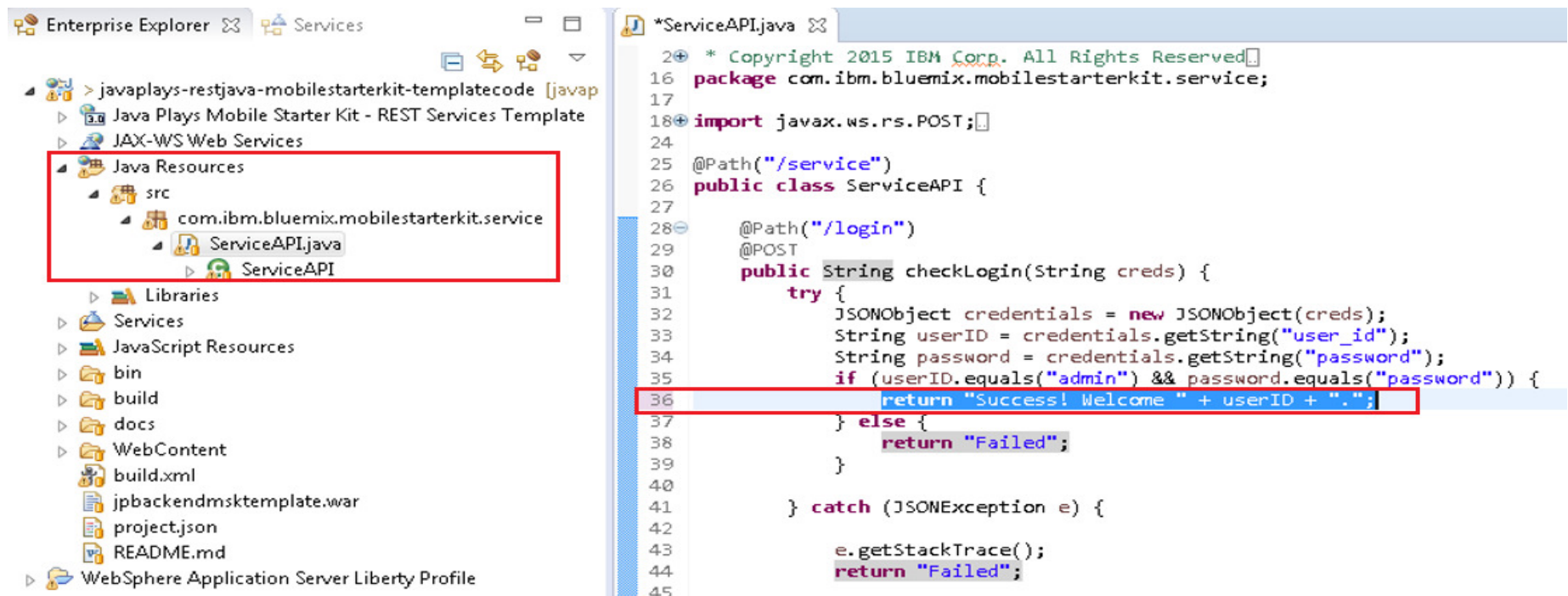
❑ Output – Success Message – Bluemix server is in **Developing** mode



❑ In **Enterprise Explorer**, expand *Java Resources* > *src* > *com.ibm.bluemix.mobilestarterkit.service* > *ServiceAPI.java*

❑ Make code changes in *ServiceAPI.java*

❑ **Save**



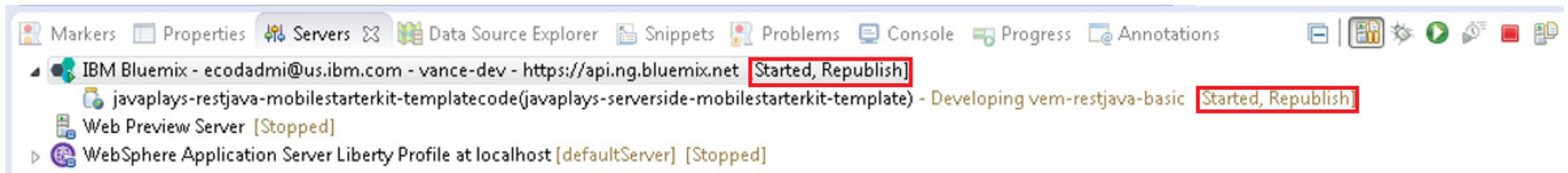
The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface. On the left, the **Enterprise Explorer** view shows a project structure. The **Java Resources** folder is expanded, revealing the **src** directory, which contains the package **com.ibm.bluemix.mobilestarterkit.service**. Inside this package, the **ServiceAPI.java** file is highlighted with a red rectangle. On the right, the **ServiceAPI.java** file is open in the editor. The code is as follows:

```
20 * Copyright 2015 IBM Corp. All Rights Reserved
16 package com.ibm.bluemix.mobilestarterkit.service;
17
18 import javax.ws.rs.POST;
24
25 @Path("/service")
26 public class ServiceAPI {
27
28     @Path("/login")
29     @POST
30     public String checkLogin(String creds) {
31         try {
32             JSONObject credentials = new JSONObject(creds);
33             String userID = credentials.getString("user_id");
34             String password = credentials.getString("password");
35             if (userID.equals("admin") && password.equals("password")) {
36                 return "Success! Welcome " + userID + ".";
37             } else {
38                 return "Failed";
39             }
40         } catch (JSONException e) {
41
42             e.printStackTrace();
43             return "Failed";
44         }
45     }
46 }
```

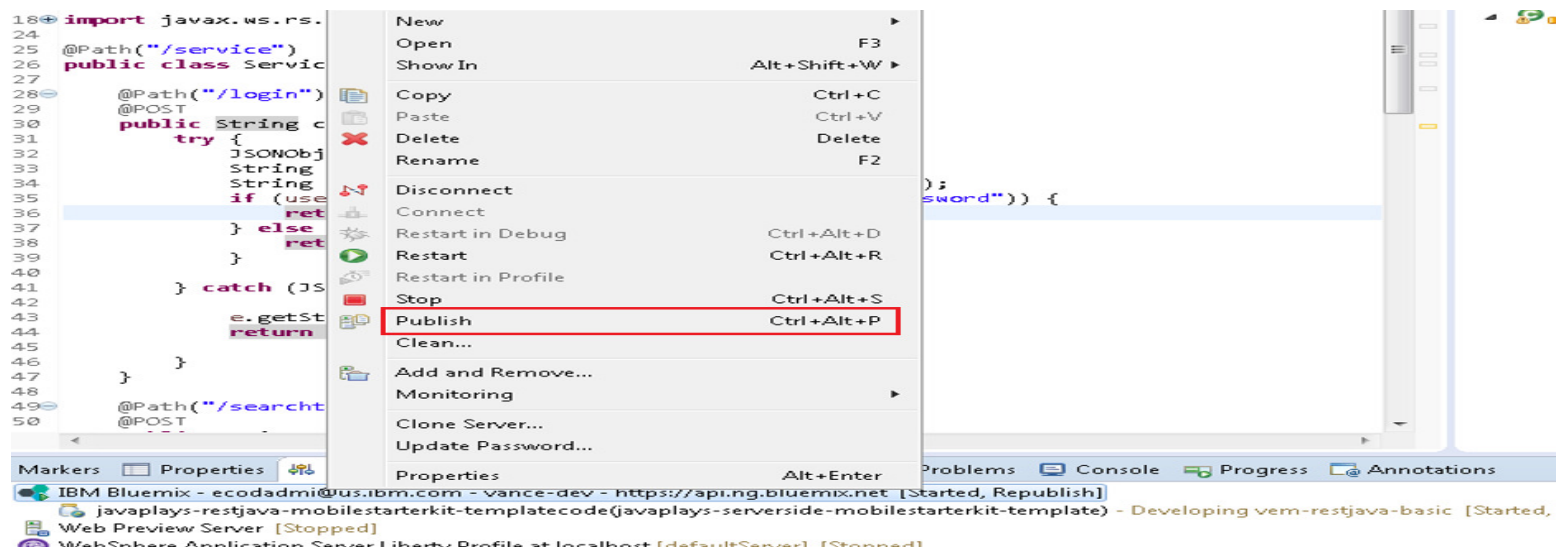
The line `return "Success! Welcome " + userID + ".";` on line 36 is highlighted with a red rectangle.

Step 2: Push Incremental Changes

❑ In **Servers** tab, observe **Server status** [**Started, Republish**]

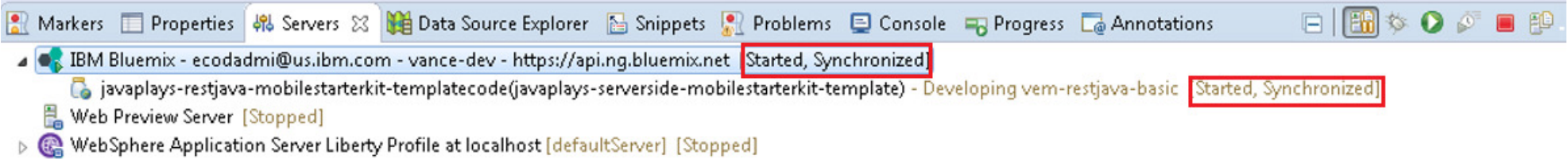


❑ Right click on **Bluemix server**, and select **Publish**



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❑ Output – Observe **Bluemix server** status *[Started, Synchronized]*

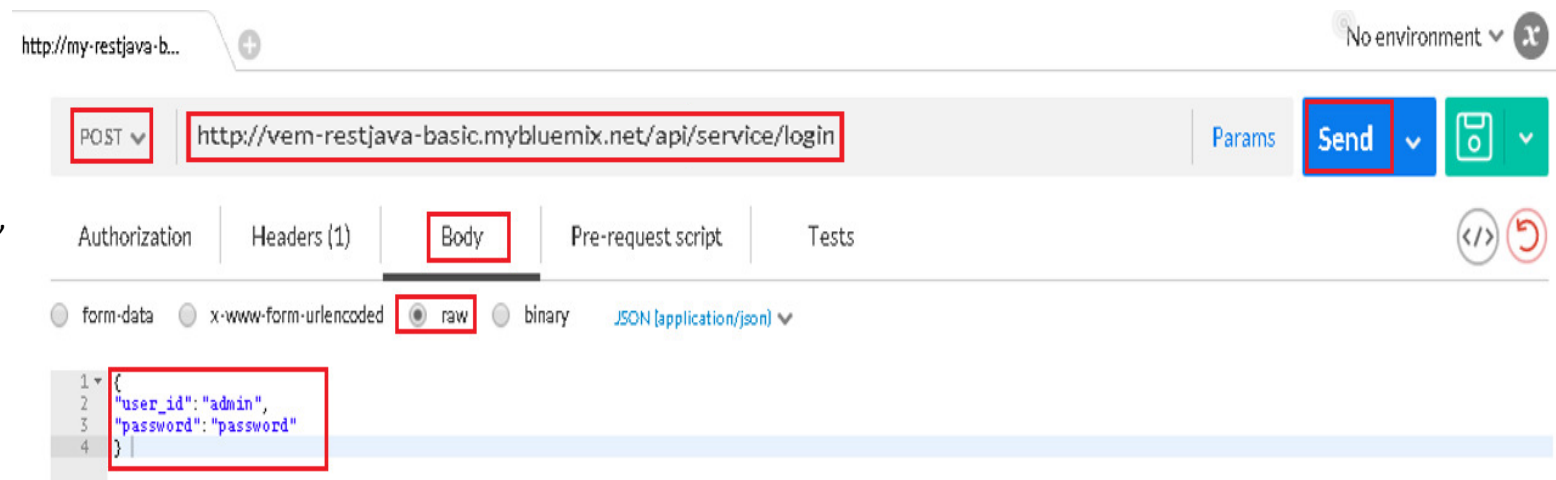


Step 3: Test with Postman

- ❑ Open **Postman** extension page in Chrome browser
- ❑ Change to **POST** method
- ❑ Enter <http://<your hostname>.mybluemix.net/api/service/login>
- ❑ Click **Body** tab
- ❑ Select **raw**
- ❑ Enter the following


```
{  
  "user_id": "admin",  
  "password": "password"  
}
```

- ❑ Click **Send**



❑ Success Message

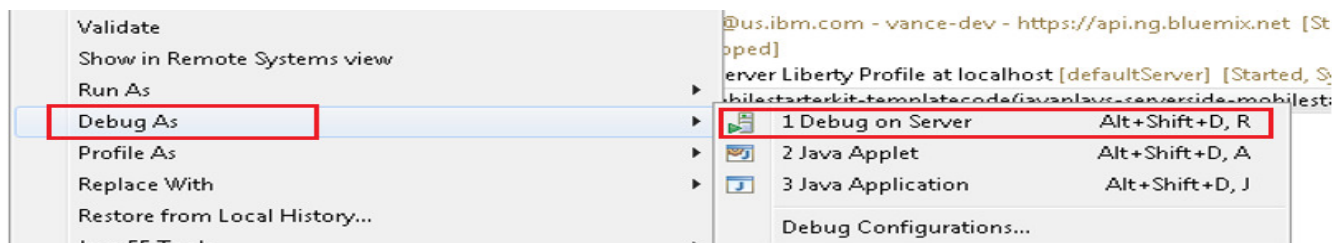
Body Cookies Headers (9) Tests Status **200 OK** Time **760 ms**

Pretty Raw Preview XML ▼ 

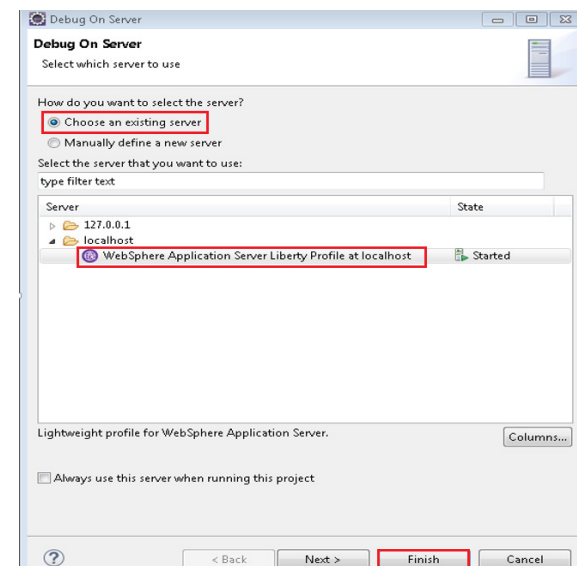
1 **Success! Welcome admin.**

Step 4: Enable Local Debug Mode in Liberty Profile

- ❑ In **Enterprise Explorer** view, right click on project, select **Debug As > Debug on Server**

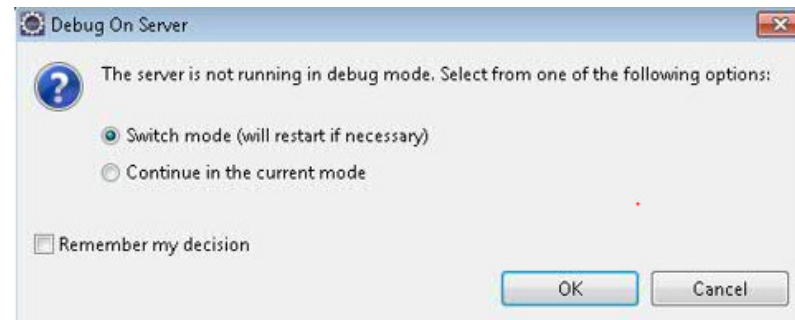


- ❑ Choose an **existing server**
- ❑ Select **WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile at localhost**
- ❑ Click **Finish**



☐ Switch to ***Debug mode***

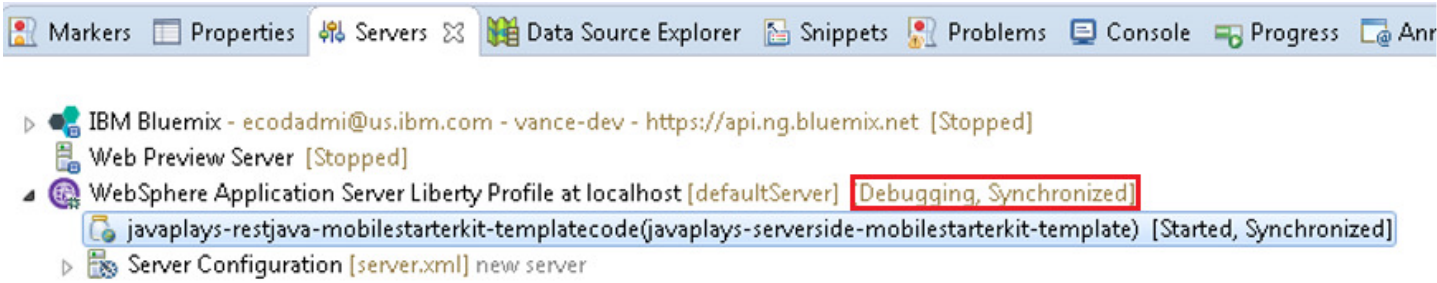
☐ Click ***OK***



❑ Success Message – Webpage displayed successfully



❑ Observe local WebSphere Liberty Server status **[Debugging, Synchronized]**



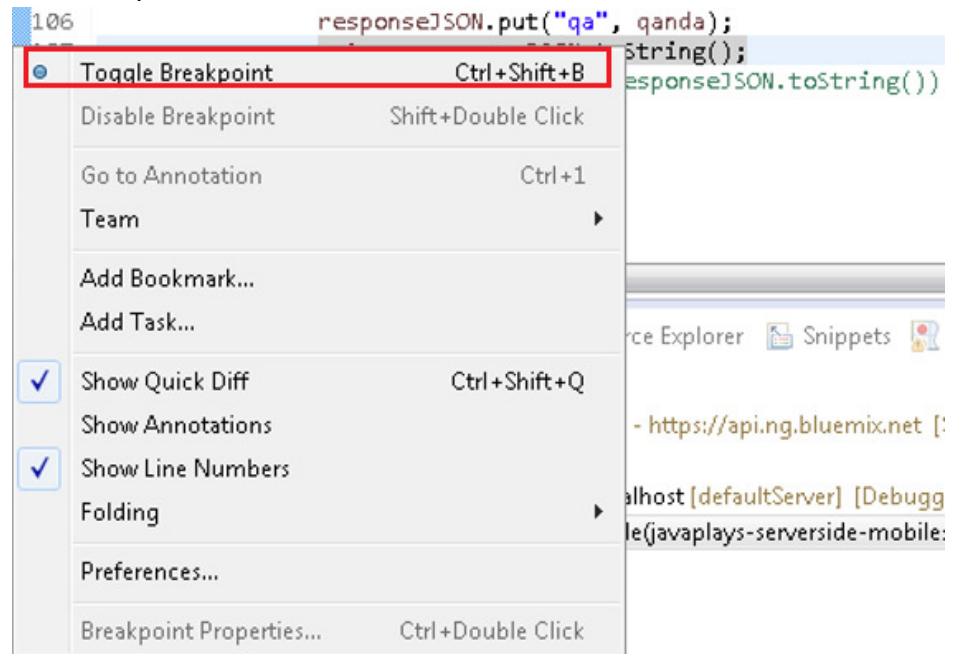
❑ In **Enterprise Explorer** view, open **ServiceAPI.java**, and set a **breakpoint**

❑ 2 ways to set breakpoint:

❑ Right click on the blue sidebar (on the left of line number) and select **toggle breakpoint**

OR

❑ Double click on the blue sidebar (on the left of line number)

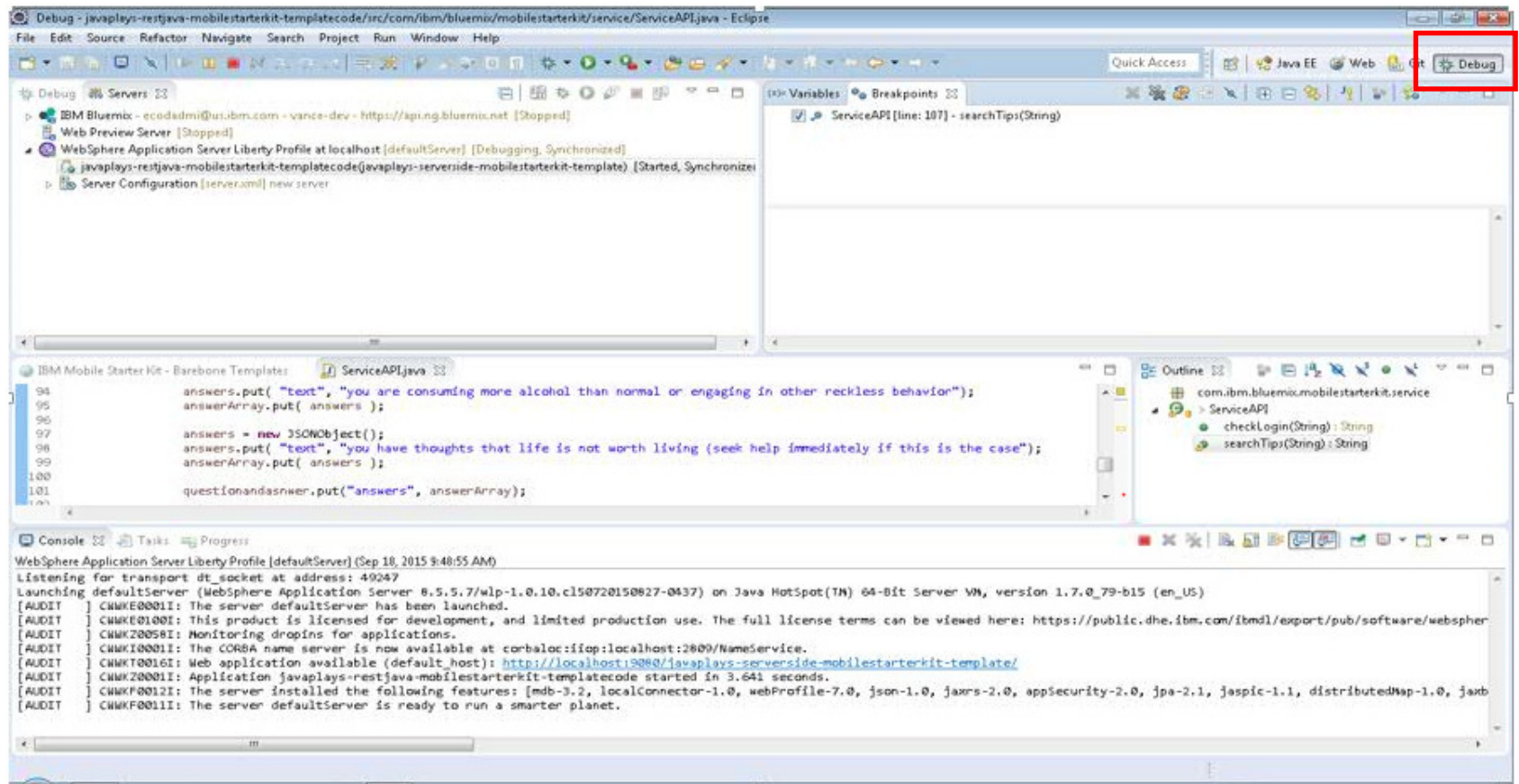


❑ Output – a blue dart icon  appear next to the line

```
100      answerArray.put( answers );
101
102      questionandanswer.put("answers", answerArray);
103
104      JSONArray qanda = new JSONArray();
105      qanda.put( questionandanswer );
106
107      responseJSON.put("qa", qanda);
108      return responseJSON.toString();
109      //System.out.println(responseJSON.toString());
110  } else {
111      return "Failed";
112  }
113  }
114  catch (JSONException e) {
115      e.printStackTrace();
116  }
```

Step 5: Test Local Debug Session

❑ Switch to Debug Perspective

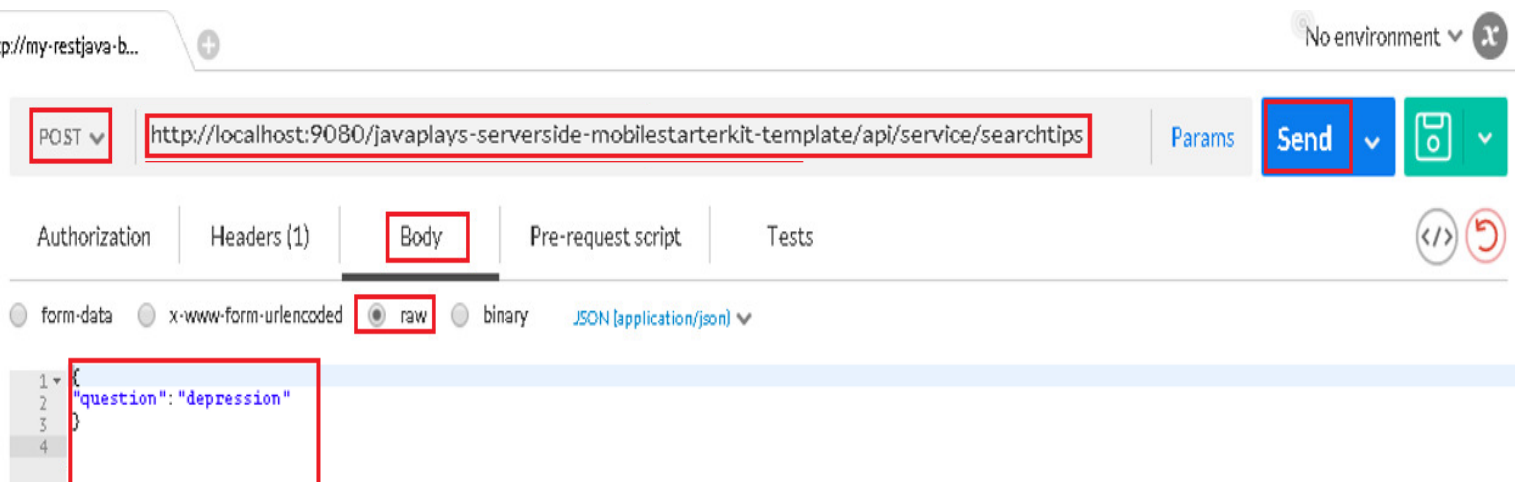


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- ☐ Open **Postman** extension page in Chrome browser
- ☐ Change to **POST** method
- ☐ Enter <http://localhost:9080/javaplays-serverside-mobilestarterkit-template/api/service/searchtips>
- ☐ Click **Body** tab
- ☐ Select **raw**
- ☐ Enter the following

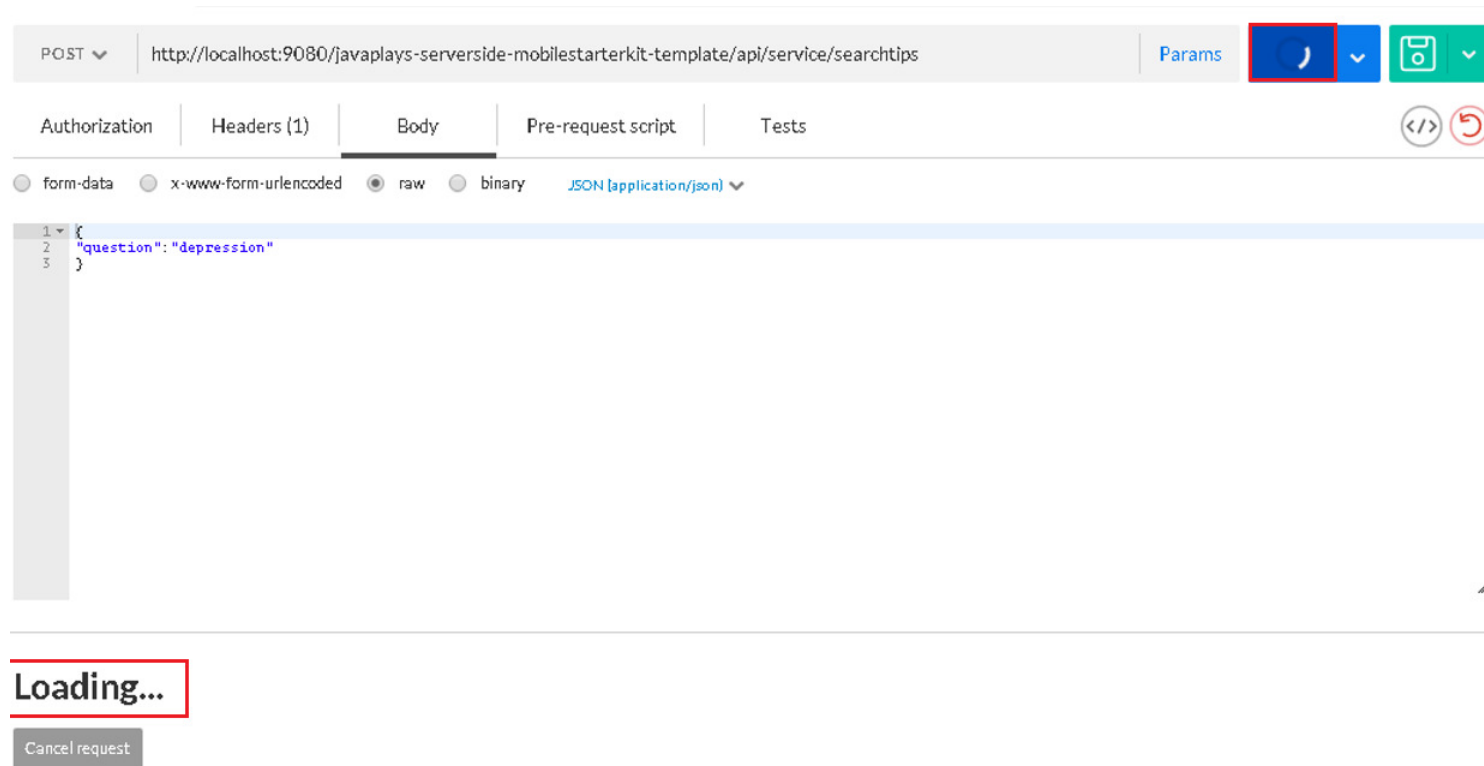
```
{  
    "question" = "depression"  
}
```

- ☐ Click **Send**

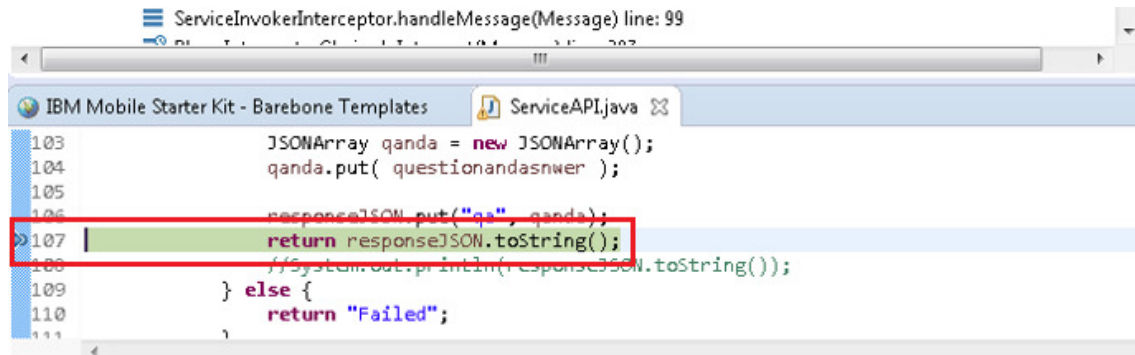


❑ Output – loading icon

❑ Will continue to load until we go back to Eclipse to resume the process




❑ Back to **Eclipse**, the line with breakpoint is highlighted

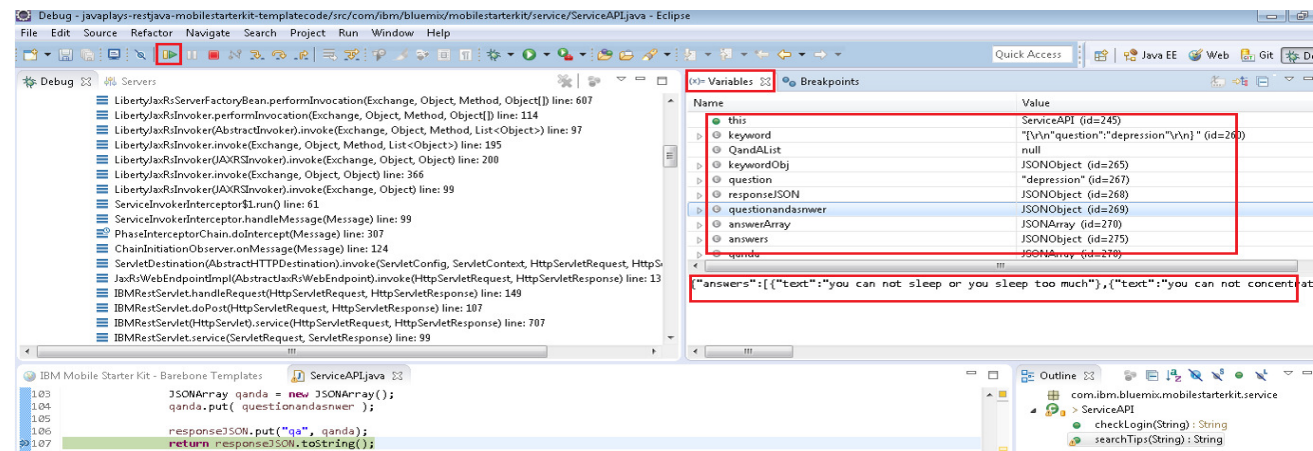


```
ServiceAPI.java: line: 99
103     JSONArray qanda = new JSONArray();
104     qanda.put( questionandasnwer );
105
106     responseJSON.put("qa", qanda);
107     return responseJSON.toString();
108     //System.out.println(responseJSON.toString());
109 } else {
110     return "Failed";
111 }
```

❑ In **Variables** view, validate the variables and their values

❑ 2 ways to resume the operation:

- ❑ Click **Resume** icon 
- ❑ Press F8

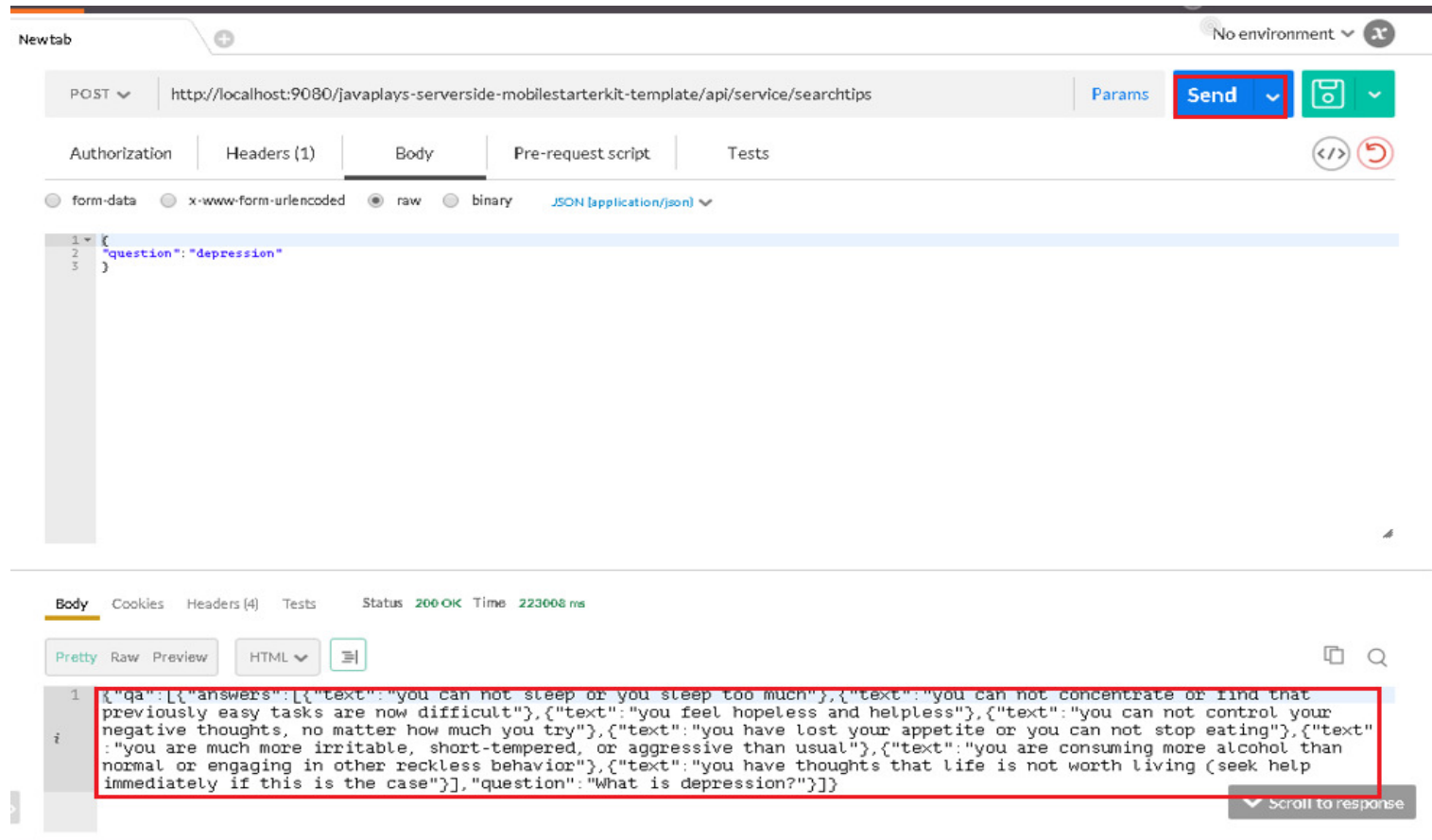


Name	Value
this	ServiceAPI (id=245)
keyword	"{\\"question\\" : \"depression\"}" (id=260)
QandAList	null
keywordObj	JSONObject (id=265)
question	"depression" (id=267)
responseJSON	JSONObject (id=268)
questionandasnwer	JSONObject (id=269)
answerArray	JSONArray (id=270)
answers	JSONArray (id=275)
qanda	JSONArray (id=276)

answers: [{"text": "you can not sleep or you sleep too much"}, {"text": "you can not concentrat"}]

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□ Output – loading icon turns to **Send** button, and results displayed



Summary

In this lab, you learned how to enable remote development mode, which allows incremental pushes to Bluemix server using the **Eclipse Bluemix Plugin**. The same can be achieved by using DevOps to edit, commit, build and deploy the changes.

We also learned to start the local WebSphere Liberty server in debug mode, which allows us to trace errors by validating every single available variable.

Remote debugging in Bluemix server work in a similar way. We need to **Enable application debug**, a menu available when you right click on Bluemix server, in **Servers** view. For more information, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.ng.bluemix.net/docs/manageapps/eclipsetools/eclipsetools.html>

This ends the Eclipse Lab 3 Local Debugging and Remote Development

Thank you !