REST, RESTful and JAX-RS





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REST: In a Nutshell

REST refers to a set of defining principles for developing API. It uses HTTP protocols like GET, PUT, POST to link resources to actions within a client-server relationship. In addition to the client-server mandate, it has several other defining constraints. The principles of RESTful architecture serve to create a stable and reliable application, that offers simplicity and end-user satisfaction.



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- REST is an architectural system centered around resources and hypermedia,
 via HTTP protocols
- CRUD is a cycle meant for maintaining permanent records in a database setting
- CRUD principles are mapped to REST commands to comply with the goals of RESTful architecture

In REST:

- Representations must be uniform with regard to resources
- Hypermedia represents relationships between resources
- Only one entry into an API to create one self-contained interface, then hyperlink to create relationships



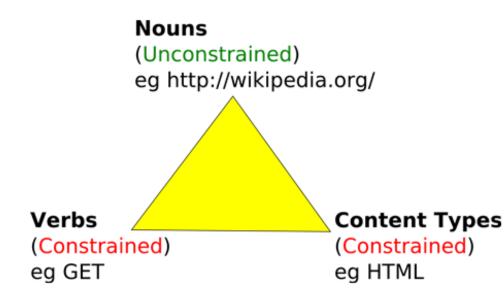
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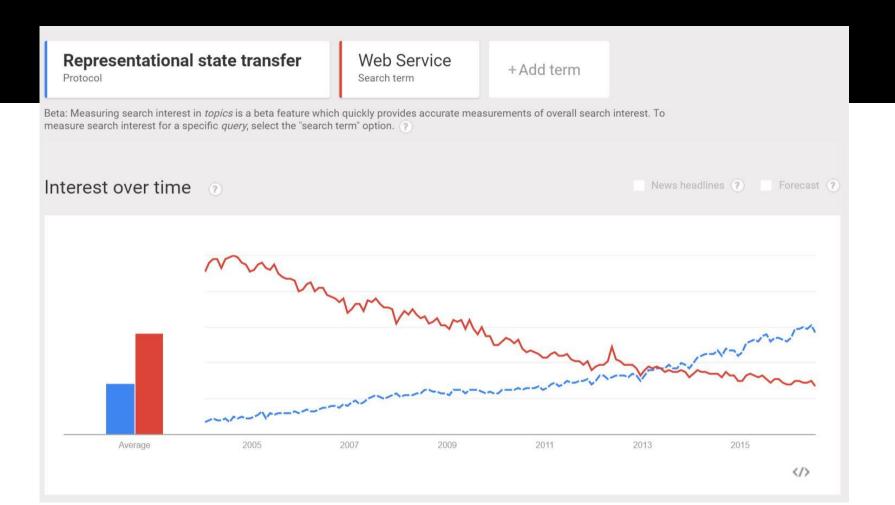
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REST

- Noun Resources
 - Published under a unified reference
 - Referentiable
- Verb Operation
 - Standard HTTP:
 - GET,PUT,POST, DELETE
 - Uniform semantic
- Contents format
 - Semantics on the programmer



"define some resources and they will have these methods".



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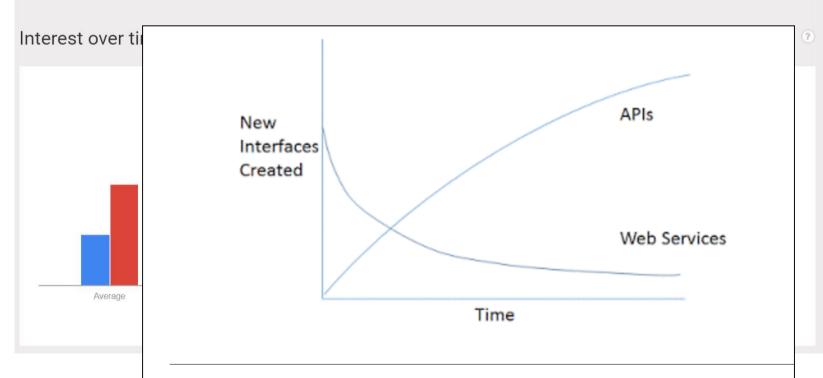
Representational state transfer

Web Service

Search term

+ Add term

Beta: Measuring search interest in *topics* is a beta feature which quickly provides accurate measurements of overall search interest. To measure search interest for a specific *query*, select the "search term" option.



I'm convinced that we will see fewer and fewer web services used internally and externally, but they aren't dead just yet. I expect standards to play a bigger part in API management but its emphasis on simplicity and complexity hiding will stop standards being API's death knell.

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REST and SOAP





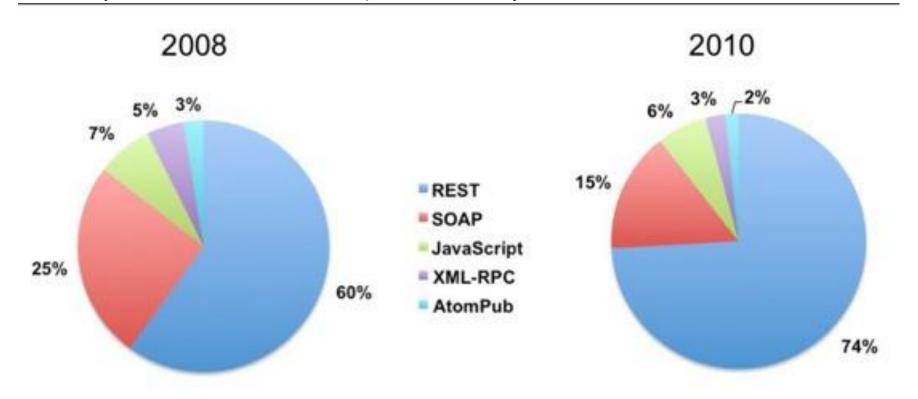
JAX-RS

- Relies on servlets
- RESTful services based on REST
- Annotations allow automation
- Conversion
 - Handling requests
 - **–** ...
- Jersey is java official implementation...

http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/tutorial/doc/gijqy.html

JAX-RS rellies on http...

Two major standard with reference implementations in java



http://blog.nicolashachet.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/rest-vs-soap.jpg

JAX-RS and annotations

Annotations allow automation

- Conversion
- Handling requests

– ...

The following principles encourage RESTful applications to be simple, lightweight, and fast:

- Resource identification through URI: A RESTful web service exposes a set of resources that identify the targets of the interaction with its clients. Resources are identified by URIs, which provide a global addressing space for resource and service discovery. See The @Path Annotation and URI Path Templates for more information.
- Uniform interface: Resources are manipulated using a fixed set of four create, read, update, delete operations: PUT, GET, POST, and DELETE.

 PUT creates a new resource, which can be then deleted by using DELETE. GET retrieves the current state of a resource in some representation.

 POST transfers a new state onto a resource. See Responding to HTTP Methods and Requests for more information.
- Self-descriptive messages: Resources are decoupled from their representation so that their content can be accessed in a variety of formats, such as HTML, XML, plain text, PDF, JPEG, JSON, and others. Metadata about the resource is available and used, for example, to control caching, detect transmission errors, negotiate the appropriate representation format, and perform authentication or access control. See Responding to HTTP Methods and Requests and Using Entity Providers to Map HTTP Response and Request Entity Bodies for more information.
- Stateful interactions through hyperlinks: Every interaction with a resource is stateless; that is, request messages are self-contained. Stateful interactions are based on the concept of explicit state transfer. Several techniques exist to exchange state, such as URI rewriting, cookies, and hidden form fields. State can be embedded in response messages to point to valid future states of the interaction. See Using Entity Providers to Map HTTP Response and Request Entity Bodies and "Building URIs" in the JAX-RS Overview document for more information.

http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/tutorial/doc/gijqy.html

A simple example

```
package com.mkyong.rest;
import javax.ws.rs.GET;
import javax.ws.rs.Path;
import javax.ws.rs.PathParam;
import javax.ws.rs.core.Response;
@Path("/hello")
public class HelloWorldService {
        @GET
        @Path("/{param}")
        public Response getMsg(@PathParam("param") String msg) {
                String output = "Jersey say: " + msg;
                return Response.status(200).entity(output).build();
```

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```

JAX-RS relies on servlets

```
<web-app id="WebApp ID" version="2.4"</pre>
       xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee"
       xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee
        http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee/web-app 2 4.xsd">
        <display-name>Restful Web Application</display-name>
        <servlet>
                <servlet-name>jersey-serlvet</servlet-name>
                <servlet-class>
                     com.sun.jersey.spi.container.servlet.ServletContainer
                </servlet-class>
                <init-param>
                    <param-name>com.sun.jersey.config.property.packages</param-name>
                    <param-value>com.mkyong.rest</param-value>
                </init-param>
                <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
        </servlet>
        <servlet-mapping>
                <servlet-name>jersey-serlvet
                <url-pattern>/rest/*</url-pattern>
        </servlet-mapping>
</web-app>
```

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                </servlet-class>
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JAX-RS relies on annotations

Table 20-1 Summary of JAX-RS Annotations

Annotation	Description	
@Path	The @Path annotation's value is a relative URI path indicating where the Java class will be hosted: for example, /helloworld. You can also embed variables in the URIs to make a URI path template. For example, you could ask for the name of a user and pass it to the application as a variable in the URI: /helloworld/{username}.	
@GET	The @GET annotation is a request method designator and corresponds to the similarly named HTTP method. The Java method annotated with this request method designator will process HTTP GET requests. The behavior of a resource is determined by the HTTP method to which the resource is responding.	
@POST	The @POST annotation is a request method designator and corresponds to the similarly named HTTP method. The Java method annotated with this request method designator will process HTTP POST requests. The behavior of a resource is determined by the HTTP method to which the resource is responding.	
@PUT	The @PUT annotation is a request method designator and corresponds to the similarly named HTTP method. The Java method annotated with this request method designator will process HTTP PUT requests. The behavior of a resource is determined by the HTTP method to which the resource is responding.	
@DELETE	The @DELETE annotation is a request method designator and corresponds to the similarly named HTTP method. The Java method annotated with this request method designator will process HTTP DELETE requests. The behavior of a resource is determined by the HTTP method to which the resource is responding.	
@HEAD	The @HEAD annotation is a request method designator and corresponds to the similarly named HTTP method. The Java method annotated with this request method designator will process HTTP HEAD requests. The behavior of a resource is determined by the HTTP method to which the resource is responding.	
@PathParam	The <code>@PathParam</code> annotation is a type of parameter that you can extract for use in your resource class. URI path parameters are extracted from the request URI, and the parameter names correspond to the URI path template variable names specified in the <code>@Path</code> class-level annotation.	
@QueryParam	The @QueryParam annotation is a type of parameter that you can extract for use in your resource class. Query parameters are extracted from the request URI query parameters.	
@Consumes	The @Consumes annotation is used to specify the MIME media types of representations a resource can consume that were sent by the client.	
@Produces	The @Produces annotation is used to specify the MIME media types of representations a resource can produce and send back to the client: for example, "text/plain".	
@Provider	The @Provider annotation is used for anything that is of interest to the JAX-RS runtime, such as MessageBodyReader and MessageBodyWriter. For HTTP requests, the MessageBodyReader is used to map an HTTP request entity body to method parameters. On the response side, a return value is mapped to an HTTP response entity body by using a MessageBodyWriter. If the application needs to supply additional metadata, such as HTTP headers or a different status code, a method can return a Response that wraps the entity and that can be built using Response.ResponseBuilder.	

An example

```
package com.sun.jersey.samples.helloworld.resources;
import javax.ws.rs.GET;
import javax.ws.rs.Produces;
import javax.ws.rs.Path;
// The Java class will be hosted at the URI path "/helloworld"
@Path("/helloworld")
public class HelloWorldResource {
    // The Java method will process HTTP GET requests
    @GET
    // The Java method will produce content identified by the MIME Media
    // type "text/plain"
    @Produces("text/plain")
    public String getClichedMessage() {
        // Return some cliched textual content
        return "Hello World";
```

An example: the path

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URI, paths, substitutions

- name1: james
- name2: gatz
- name3:
- location: Main%20Street
- question: why

Table 20-2 Examples of URI Path Templates

URI Path Template	URI After Substitution
http://example.com/{name1}/{name2}/	http://example.com/james/gatz/
http://example.com/{question}/{question}/	http://example.com/why/why/
http://example.com/maps/{location}	http://example.com/maps/Main%20Street
http://example.com/{name3}/home/	http://example.com//home/

An example: http request

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An example: will produce...

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Types produced and consumed

Table 20-3 Types Supported for HTTP Request and Response Entity Bodies

Java Type	Supported Media Types
byte[]	All media types (*/*)
java.lang.String	All text media types (text/*)
java.io.InputStream	All media types (*/*)
java.io.Reader	All media types (*/*)
java.io.File	All media types (*/*)
javax.activation.DataSource	All media types (*/*)
javax.xml.transform.Source	<pre>XML media types (text/xml, application/xml, and application/*+xml)</pre>
javax.xml.bind.JAXBElement and application-supplied JAXB classes	<pre>XML media types (text/xml, application/xml, and application/*+xml)</pre>
MultivaluedMap <string, string=""></string,>	Form content (application/x-www-form-urlencoded)
StreamingOutput	All media types (*/*), MessageBodyWriter only

The following example shows how to use MessageBodyReader with the @Consumes and @Provider annotations:

```
@Consumes("application/x-www-form-urlencoded")
@Provider
public class FormReader implements MessageBodyReader<NameValuePair> {
```

The following example shows how to use MessageBodyWriter with the @Produces and @Provider annotations:

An example: ... a message

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         <servlet-mapping>
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               <url-pattern>/resources/*</url-pattern>
         </servlet-mapping>
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Java-RS is exposed in .../resources/*

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In JavaEE Jax-RS is support on EJB

- Webservices and REST
 - are coded as stateless EJB (at least in Glassfish)
 - With some extra annotations
- EJB are not webservices
 - EJB uses IIOP binary, RMI based interface
 - Webservices uses SOAP text, http-based
 - REST uses XML/JSON text, http-based
- The application server manages the different "facets" and pipes the data

Session bean as a RESTfull

```
@Stateless
package
    com.abien.patterns.business.rest.boundary
                                                   public class Service {
                                                       public Date getCurrentDate(){
import
                                                           return new Date();
    com.abien.patterns.business.rest.control.
    Service;
import javax.ejb.EJB;
import javax.ejb.Stateless;
import javax.ws.rs.GET;
import javax.ws.rs.Path;
@Stateless
@Path("current")
                                        Accessible from
public class ServiceFacade {
                                         http://<your app server>:<port>/<app>/ < ....>/current
    @EJB
    Service service;
    @GET
    public String getDate(){
        return
    service.getCurrentDate().toString();
```

http://www.adam-bien.com/roller/abien/entry/ejb_3_1_and_rest

JAX-RS to implement REST

Root resource classes

 Root resource classes are POJOs that are either annotated with @Path or have at least one method annotated with @Path or a request method designator, such as @GET, @PUT, @POST, or @DELETE.

```
@Path("/books")
public class BookController {
  private BookService bookService;
  public BookController(BookService bookService) {
    this.bookService = bookService;
  @GET
  @Produces("application/json")
  public Collection getAllBooks() {
    return bookService.getAllBooks();
  @GET
  @Produces("application/json")
  @Path("/{oid}")
  public Book getBook(@PathParam("oid") String oid) {
    return bookService.getBook(oid);
```

https://www.gauravbytes.com/2017/02/spring-boot-restful-webservices-with.html ~

Sample REST example: path

```
@Path("/orders/")
@Interceptors(CallAudit.class)
@Stateless
public class OrderService {
    @EJB BillingService billing;
    @EJB DeliveryService delivery;
    @EJB Warehouse warehouse;
    @PUT
    @Produces({"application/xml", "application/json"})
    @Consumes({"application/xml", "application/json"})
    public Order order(Order newOrder){
        Order order = warehouse.checkout(newOrder);
        billing.payForOrder(order);
        delivery.deliver(order);
        return order;
    }
    @GET
    @Path("{orderid}/")
    @Produces({"application/xml", "application/json"})
    public Order status(@PathParam("orderid") long
    orderId){
       return delivery.status(orderId);
}
```

```
@Stateless
public class DeliveryService {
    @PersistenceContext
    EntityManager em;
    public void deliver(Order order){
        System.out.println("Delivered: " + order);
        order.setDelivered(true);
    public Order status(long orderId) {
        Order found = this.em.find(Order.class,
     orderId);
        if(found == null)
            found = new Order();
        return found;
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Sample REST example: lifecycle

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        billing.payForOrder(order);
        delivery.deliver(order);
        return order;
    }
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    @EJB Warehouse warehouse;
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        Order order = warehouse.checkout(newOrder);
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        delivery.deliver(order);
        return order;
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Sample REST example: http response

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http://www.adam-bien.com/roller/abien/entry/simplest_possible_ejb_3_13



Sample REST example: using JPA

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        delivery.deliver(order);
        return order;
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Take home

- JAX-RS
 - provides a way of implementing RESTful
 - can be used to implement REST

- REST != Restful
 - REST is not only URIs and HTTP
 - RESTful is a HTTP based API using URIs
 - In real life usually you may find hybrids

Links and references

- Comprehensive list on tutorials and documentation
 - Servlets, JSON and XML
 - http://goo.gl/4dldbq
 - JAX-WS and webservices
 - http://goo.gl/T9NL1u
 - JAX-RS and REST
 - http://goo.gl/UMggJ7

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