

9. REST

- REST = Representational State Transfer
- REST is an architectural style that defines a set of constraints to be used for creating web services.
- CRUD operations

GET	retrieves resources
POST	submits new data to the server
PUT	updates existing data
PATCH	updates existing data partially
DELETE	removes data

→ We will make a page (simple Quora Posts) which has some posts and we will use CRUD operations on this page.

* Creating RESTful APIs

GET	/posts	index	to get data for all posts
POST	/posts	create	to add new post
GET	/posts/:id	view	to get one post (using id)
PATCH	/posts/:id	update	to update specific post
DELETE	/posts/:id	destroy	to delete specific post

In demo / REST_CLASS Terminal

- HP@DP MINGW64 ~/Desktop/demo/REST_CLASS
\$ npm init -y
:
- \$ npm install express
:
- \$ npm install ejs
:
- \$ touch index.js
- \$ code index.js

In demo / REST_CLASS / index.js

- ```
const express = require("express");
const app = express();

const port = 8080;

app.listen(port, () => {
 console.log('App is listening on port ' + port);
});
```



## In Terminal

- \$ nodemon index.js :

App is listening on port 8080

\* Implement: GET /posts

GET /posts to get data for all posts  
(index route)

## In demo/REST-CLASS/index.js:

- let posts = [  
 {

username: "parth",

content: "I Love coding",

}, { ... }, { ... }

];

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

app.use(express.static("public"));

app.set("view engine", "ejs");

app.get("/posts", (req, res) => {

res.render("index.ejs", { posts });

});



In demo/REST\_CLASS/public / style.css

- body { background-color: aqua; }

h1 { color: maroon; }

h3, h4 {

margin: 0;

padding: 0.5rem 1rem;

}

.user {

font-style: italic;

color: blue;

}

.post {

background-color: wheat;

margin: 1rem 0;

}

In demo/REST\_CLASS/views/index.ejs

- <!DOCTYPE html>

:

<link rel="stylesheet" href="/style.css">

</head>



```
<body>
```

```
<h1> Quora Posts </h1>
```

```
<% for (const post of posts) { %>
```

```
 <div class="post">
```

```
 <h3 class="user">
```

```
 @ <%= post.username %>
```

```
 </h3>
```

```
 <h4 class="content">
```

```
 <%= post.content %>
```

```
 </h4>
```

```
 </div>
```

```
<% } %>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```



\* Implement: POST /posts

POST /posts to add new post  
( create (new) route )

2 routes:

- Serve the form GET /posts/new
- Add new post POST /posts

In views/index.ejs

- <a href="http://localhost:3000/posts/new">  
Create a new post  
</a>

In views/new.ejs

- <!DOCTYPE html>

:

<title> Create a New Post </title>

</head>

<body>

<form action="/posts" method="post">

<input type="text"

name="username"

placeholder="enter username">



<br>

<br>

<textarea name="content"

placeholder="enter your content">

</textarea>

<br>

<br>

<button type="submit"> Submit Post </button>

</form>

</body>

</html>

In REST\_CLASS / index.js

- app.get("/posts/new", (req, res) => {

res.render("new.ejs");

});

app.post("/posts", (req, res) => {

let { username, content } = req.body;

posts.push({ username, content });

res.redirect("/posts");

});

↑ built-in get request of express



\* Implement: GET /posts/:id

GET /posts/:id to get one post (using id)  
(show route)

In views/index.ejs

- <div class="post">

:

<a href="http://localhost:3030/posts/<%= post.id %>">  
show Details

</a>

</div>

In views/show.ejs

- <!DOCTYPE html>

:

<title> Post in Detail </title>

<link rel="stylesheet" href="/style.css">

</head>

<body>

<h2> Here is your post in Details </h2>

<p> Post id: <%= post.id %> </p>

<br>



<div class="post">

<h3 class="user">

@<%= post.username %>

</h3>

<h4 class="content">

<%= post.content %>

</h4>

</div>

<br>

<a href="http://localhost:3080/posts"> All posts </a>

</body>

</html>

In REST\_CLASS/index.js

- we will add `id: "1a"` in <sup>first</sup> object of array, for second object `id: "2b"`, ... so on.

app.get("/posts/:id", (req, res) => {

let { id } = req.params;

let post = posts.find(element => id === element.id);

res.render("show.ejs", { post });

});



\* Create id for post

→ When we create new post, we are not setting-up new id, so for that we will write as below:

→ UUID Package = Universally Unique Identifier

In Terminal

< \$ npm install uuid

In index.js

- const { v4: uuidv4 } = require("uuid");

- Replace value of id of array items with uuidv4()

← creates random alphanumeric string with characters  
(a-b-c-d-e-f-g-h-i-j-k-l-m-n-o-p-q-r-s-t-u-v-w-x-y-z-0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-\_-.)

- app.post("/posts", (req, res) => {

let { username, content } = req.body;

posts.push({ id: uuidv4(), username, content });

res.redirect("/posts");

});



\* Implement: PATCH /posts/:id

PATCH /posts/:id to update specific post  
(update route)  
(edit)

2 routes:

- serve update form GET /posts/:id/edit
- Update post PATCH /posts/:id

In views/index.ejs

```
- <div class="post">
 !
 <a href="http://localhost:3000/post/<%= post.id %>/edit">
 Edit

</div>
```

In index.js

```
- app.get("/posts/:id/edit", (req, res) => {
 let { id } = req.params;
 let post = posts.find((item) => id === item.id);
 res.render("edit.js", { post });
});
```



\* method - override : package

→ In HTML form element has only two method built-in get & post, so if we want to use PATCH, PUT, DELETE, ... ; we have to install a package.

In Terminal

- \$ npm install method-override

In views/edit.ejs

- <!DOCTYPE html>

```
<title> Edit Post </title>
</head>
</body>
```

```
<h2> Edit Your Post </h2>
```

```
<p> Post id : <%= post.id %> </p>
```

```
<p> Post Username: <%= post.username %> </p>
```

```
<form method="post"
```

```
 action="/posts/<%= post.id %>?_method=PATCH"
```

```
 <textarea name="content">
```

```
 <%= post.content %>
```

```
 </textarea>
```

```
 <button type="submit"> Submit </button>
```

```
</form>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```



In index.js

```
- const methodOverride = require("method-override");
app.use(methodOverride("_method"));
app.patch("/posts/:id", (req, res) => {
 let { id } = req.params;
 let newContent = req.body.content;
 let post = posts.find(item => id === item.id);
 post.content = newContent;
 res.redirect("/posts");
});
```

reference  
to the  
original  
value(object),  
NOT a new copy

<method>  
<id>



\* Implement: /posts/:id DELETE

DELETE /posts/:id to delete specific post  
(destroy route)

if ("body" in req.body) {

In views/index.ejs

```
- <div class="post">
 <form method="post"
 action="/posts/<%= post.id %>?_method=DELETE">
 <button> Delete Post </button>
 </form>
</div>
```

In index.js

```
- app.delete("/posts/:id", (req, res) => {
 let {id} = req.params;
 posts = posts.filter(item => id !== item.id);
 res.redirect("/posts");
});
```