Exercise 4

Evolving our Java REST service into something good

Prior Knowledge

Basic understanding HTTP verbs, REST architecture Some Java coding skill Exercise 3

Objectives

Develop a good understanding of JAX RS assertions. Understand the Richardson Maturity Model

Software Requirements

(see separate document for installation of these)

- Java Development Kit 8
- Gradle build system
- Jersey and Spring Boot
- Visual Studio Code
- curl
- Google Chrome/Chromium plus Chrome Advanced REST extension

Overview

The service we developed in Exercise 3 was frankly useless. It was designed to show a simple framework for building RESTful services in Java and to introduce the build system. Now we need to turn this into something useful.

You will need to write Java code that adds RESTful JAXRS annotations to create a service.

There are a set of increasingly more demanding test cases that take us through Richardson's REST maturity model. Your task is to make those test cases pass.



Introduction

- 1. I have created a project (like in Exercise 3). The project has all the Spring Boot boilerplate, and a pre-configured gradle build.
- 2. It also includes a "backend" that implements a model and some simple database code so that you can focus on writing the JAX-RS resources and annotations.
- 3. The idea of this service is that we are going to allow users to post, put, get and delete PurchaseOrders from a system. The interface we want to design is a RESTful interface using JSON payloads. You will create orders by *posting* and/or *putting* JSONs. This will create a unique UUID and new hyperlink based on that UUID. You can then *get* or *delete* that resource using that hyperlink.
- 4. I have chosen to implement serialization into and out of JSON as part of the backend. Jersey, JAXRS and Java have many ways of automating the serialization into and out of JSON, XML and other formats. (I recommend you look up Moxy and Jackson as two approaches). However, I felt that obfuscated what is happening.
- 5. As a result of this, my "bean" depends on org.json.*. This is a trade-off.
- 6. There is a class OrderRedis which implements 5 main methods (in pseudo-code)
 - a. orderid = createOrder(JSON)
 - b. updated = updateOrder(orderid, JSON)
 - c. JSON_array = getOrders()
 - d. ISON = getOrder(orderid) throws NotFoundException
 - e. deleted = deleteOrder(orderid)
- 7. I have started you off with a "skeleton" resource class, and a comprehensive set of tests. Your job is to evolve the RESTful resources until the tests completely pass.
 - Basically, I want you to be able to focus on getting the JAX-RS annotations right, not worry about the backend too much.
- 8. The project requires a simple Name/Value database called Redis to be running. Redis is a high-performance in-memory datastore which also supports different levels of on-disk persistence. It is a highly featured solution that supports clustering, replication and many other useful capabilities.
- 9. I have chosen a simple way of storing the data in redis which is to create three keys for each entry: e078c9ce-c7f4-4a23-9bd3-04e60b3d8a95:json -> { the json }



e078c9ce-c7f4-4a23-9bd3-04e60b3d8a95:complete -> true/false e078c9ce-c7f4-4a23-9bd3-04e60b3d8a95:deleted -> true/false

10. Let's check redis is running before we try to test anything. On the command line type: redis-cli

If redis is running you will see: 127.0.0.1:6379>

If redis is *not* running you will see: Could not connect to Redis at 127.0.0.1:6379: Connection refused not connected>

To start redis type: sudo service redis-server start

11. In the Redis CLI, type:
 SCAN 0 MATCH '*:json'

You should see a response like this:



Steps

1. Download the existing project code:

```
curl -L https://freo.me/soa-ex4-code -o ~/Downloads/backend.zip
cd ~
unzip Downloads/backend.zip
mv PurchaseSpringBoot-master/ ex4
```

- 2. You should now have a project in the ~/ex4 directory. You can open the project view in vscode by typing: code .
- 3. I have set up the test to go via **mitmdump** so you can view the interactions. In a separate terminal window, start:

4. Try building the project (gradle build). It should compile but you also will see test failures. Look at the mitmdump window and you will see that the tests are sending HTTP requests, but the code to satisfy those does not yet exist.

5. This table captures the whole service design at a glance

POST	/	Passes a representation of the order and	Consumes
		create a new entry in the order database.	application/json
		On success:	Produces
		HTTP 201 Created	application/json
		Location header - URI of the new Resource	
		The server's representation of the	
		resource is returned	
		Returns HTTP 400 Bad Request if bad JSON request sent	
GET	/{id}	•	Produces
		identifier id.	application/json
		If no such order is yet in the system,	,,
		returns HTTP Not Found	
		If the order previously existed but has been	
		deleted, returns HTTP Gone	
PUT	/{id}	Updates an existing order	Consumes
		On success return HTTP 200 OK, together	application/json
		with the server's representation of the	Produces
		updated order.	application/json
		If the JSON request is bad, return HTTP	
		400 Bad Request	
		If no such order is yet in the system,	
		returns HTTP 404 Not Found	
		If the order previously existed but has been	



		deleted, returns HTTP 410 Gone	
DELETE	/{id}	Marks an order as deleted	No body content
		Returns HTTP 200 OK on success	
		If no such order is yet in the system,	
		returns HTTP Not Found	
		If the order previously existed but has been	
		deleted, returns HTTP 410 Gone	

6. Look at:

src/test/java/org/freo/purchase/PurchaseApplicationTests.java

This defines the set of tests that you need the service to pass. There are 6 main tests and they follow the "Richardson Maturity Model".

```
Run Test | Debug Test
aTest public void testPOST_Level1() { ...
}
Run Test | Debug Test
@Test public void testPOST_Level2() { ...
}
Run Test | Debug Test
@Test public void TestGets_Level2() { ...
Run Test | Debug Test
@Test public void TestPut_Level2() { ...
}
aTest
Run Test | Debug Test
public void TestDelete_Level2() { ...
}
@Test
Run Test | Debug Test
public void testGET_Level3() { ...
```

When reviewing the tests, if you need to better understand the JAX-RS client model, there is excellent documentation under Jersey: https://jersey.java.net/documentation/latest/client.html

7. I would recommend *you comment all the tests out apart from the first one*, and then uncomment them one-by-one, addressing each one in turn. *Hint: Ctrl-/ "toggles" comment and uncomment for a selected section of code in vscode.*



- 8. You might want to review the JAX-RS presentation once again.
- 9. Level 1

Let's first support creating an Order.

The ideal behavior is that the POST would create a new resource (e.g. http://localhost:8080/purchase/0123-456-789) which was unique to this order. The return code should be 201 Created, and the POST body needs to contain the server's representation of the resource.

Hint #1:

The following code demonstrates how to create and return a location in JAX RS neatly.

```
// need annotations here
public Response
    createOrder(String input, @Context UriInfo uriInfo)
{
    // logic to create Order
    UriBuilder builder = uriInfo.getAbsolutePathBuilder();
    builder.path(orderId);
    return Response.created(builder.build()).
        entity(/*some content*/).build();
}
```

Hint #2:

You will need to handle the error case as well.

10. Having successfully created a new resource, we now need to be able to interact with it. This means that we need to support some more HTTP verbs, specifically GET, PUT, DELETE. This is level 2 of the Maturity Model.

```
HTTP Verbs
(Get / Put / Delete)
```

- 11. We now need to enable the correct tests for this level. You are aiming to support the following logic:
- 12. You will now need to access the incoming {id} in the URL Path.



13. To do this, you need to use two assertions.

The first assertion identifies the part of the path you are interested in and names it. The second assertion maps that name into your Java parameters.

Here is a code snippet:

You should now be able to create the required methods to support GET, PUT and DELETE.

Level 3 Hypermedia (and Get all orders)

14. Our RESTful journey is nearly complete. In order to implement HATEOAS we need to support some links. A more developed HATEOAS application would offer links to other services/resources/APIs. For example, once the purchase order has shipped, we could include a link to the shipping tracker.

However, there is one simple resource we can offer, which is to provide a resource that "lists" the existing orders, using links.

This will return a JSON array of orders, in which each response is a valid link to the order. Here is a sample JSON output.

Now get the final tests to pass.



15. *Running the service as a JAR file* You can run your service using

java -jar build/libs/purchase-0.0.2.jar

You can now use the browser, curl or ARC to interact with this service.

16. Extension 1:

There is a serious problem with our GET all orders logic. What is it? How can we improve it?

17. Extension 2:

If you have completed all the above fully, you might wish to implement an improved flow.

The proposed flow is that you allow an empty POST, which returns a location, followed by a PUT containing the order details, which "completes" the order. You can see that I have included some logic for this in the backend classes.

Why is this better than just a single POST?

