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Consuming RESTful web services in Java

with Jersey and FailSafe

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One of the most common tasks is to consume RESTful web services in Java, in this post I will explain a design pattern using Jersey client.

Step 1 : Configuration

The project will include the dependencies described in the following [pom.xml](https://github.com/raidentrance/rest-jersey-client/blob/master/pom.xml) (<https://github.com/raidentrance/rest-jersey-client/blob/master/pom.xml>), as you can see there we have the following support:

- Jackson : For serialization and deserialization
- slf4j : For logging
- failsafe: Api for retry logic

And at the end we can see we have the maven-compiler-plugin to define the Java version we are using.

Step 2 : Creating an abstract client

The next step will be to create an AbstractClient, you can use it in any rest client you want, lets see and analyze the code:

```
1  import java.io.IOException;
2  import java.util.Optional;
3  import java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit;
4  import java.util.logging.Logger;
5
6  import javax.ws.rs.client.Client;
7  import javax.ws.rs.client.ClientBuilder;
```

```

8  import javax.ws.rs.client.Entity;
9  import javax.ws.rs.client.WebTarget;
10 import javax.ws.rs.core.Response;
11 import javax.ws.rs.core.Response.Status;
12
13 import com.fasterxml.jackson.core.JsonPar
14 import com.fasterxml.jackson.core.type.Ty
15 import com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.Jsc
16
17 import net.jodah.failsafe.FailSafe;
18 import net.jodah.failsafe.RetryPolicy;
19
20 /**
21  * @author raidentrance
22  *
23  */
24 public abstract class AbstractClient {
25     private String url;
26     private String contextPath;
27     private RetryPolicy defaultRetryPolic
28
29     private static final Logger log = Log
30
31     public AbstractClient(String url, Str
32         this.url = url;
33         this.contextPath = contextPath;
34     }
35
36     public AbstractClient(String url, Str
37         this.url = url;
38         this.contextPath = contextPath;
39         defaultRetryPolicy = new RetryPo
40         if (resp != null) {
41             return resp.getStatusInfo
42         } else {
43             return false;
44         }
45     }).withDelay(delay, unit).withMa
46 }
47
48 protected WebTarget createClient(Stri
49     String assembledPath = assembleEr
50     Client client = ClientBuilder.new
51     return client.target(assembledPat
52 }
53
54 private String assembleEndpoint(Strir
55     String endpoint = url.concat(cont
56     log.info(String.format("Calling e
57     return endpoint;
58 }
59
60 /**
61  * Execute a GET http request over th
62  * type specified
63  *
64  * @param endpoint
65  *         Defines the endpoint th
66  * @param type
67  *         Defines the content typ
68  * @return A response object with the
69  */

```

```

70     protected Response get(String endpoint,
71         WebTarget client = createClient(endpoint),
72         Optional<Response> result = getDefaultRetryPolicy().get((response) -> client.get(endpoint, type));
73         if (result.isPresent()) {
74             return Failsafe.with(getDefaultRetryPolicy()).get((response) -> client.get(endpoint, type));
75         } else {
76             return client.request(type).get();
77         }
78     }
79
80     /**
81     * Execute a PUT request over the endpoint specified and sending the object to the server.
82     *
83     * @param endpoint
84     *      Endpoint will be executed
85     * @param type
86     *      Defines the content type
87     * @param entity
88     *      Object will be sent in the request
89     * @return A response object with the result
90     */
91     protected Response put(String endpoint,
92         WebTarget client = createClient(endpoint),
93         Optional<Response> result = getDefaultRetryPolicy().get((response) -> client.put(endpoint, type, entity));
94         if (result.isPresent()) {
95             return Failsafe.with(getDefaultRetryPolicy()).get((response) -> client.put(endpoint, type, entity));
96         } else {
97             return client.request(type).put(entity);
98         }
99     }
100 }
101
102 /**
103 * Execute a POST request over the endpoint specified and sending the object to the server.
104 *
105 * @param endpoint
106 *      Endpoint will be executed
107 * @param type
108 *      Defines the content type
109 * @param entity
110 *      Object will be sent in the request
111 * @return A response object with the result
112 */
113 protected Response post(String endpoint,
114     WebTarget client = createClient(endpoint),
115     Optional<Response> result = getDefaultRetryPolicy().get((response) -> client.post(endpoint, type, entity));
116     if (result.isPresent()) {
117         return Failsafe.with(getDefaultRetryPolicy()).get((response) -> client.post(endpoint, type, entity));
118     } else {
119         return client.request(type).post(entity);
120     }
121 }
122
123 /**
124 * If there is a default retry policy
125 *
126 * @return
127 */
128 public Optional<RetryPolicy> getDefaultRetryPolicy() {
129     return (defaultRetryPolicy != null) ? defaultRetryPolicy : null;
130 }
131

```

```

132     }
133
134     /**
135     * Modify the current default retry p
136     *
137     * @param maxRetries
138     *         Number of times that it
139     * @param delay
140     *         The time that will wait
141     * @param unit
142     *         Unit of the time of the
143     *         etc.
144     */
145     public void setDefaultRetryPolicy(int
146         defaultRetryPolicy = new RetryPo
147         .retryIf((Response resp)
148         .withDelay(delay, unit)).v
149     }
150
151     /**
152     * Get a Response and Parse to type T
153     * Exception
154     *
155     * @param response
156     *         the HTTP response
157     * @param entityType
158     *         is a generic type that
159     * @param
160     *         The Generic Type that T
161     * @return T
162     * @throws Exception
163     *         if a problem occurs
164     * @throws IOException
165     * @throws JsonMappingException
166     * @throws JsonParseException
167     */
168     protected abstract T parseResponse(T
169 }

```

Now lets analyze the class:

- Constructors: There are two ways to construct our object
 - Only with the url and the context path
 - Including also the maxRetries, delay and TimeUnit
- **createClient**(String path) : Will create a Jersey client used to consume the api's.
- **assembleEndpoint**(String path) : Based on the Endpoint will build the url we are going to consume.

- Response **get**(String endpoint, String type) :
Generic get method that receives two parameters an endpoint and a type.
- Response **put**(String endpoint, String type, Object entity): Generic put method that receives two parameters an endpoint and a type.
- Response **post**(String endpoint, String type, Object entity): Generic post method that receives two parameters an endpoint and a type.
- Optional **getDefaultRetryPolicy()** : if the parameters maxRetries, delay and TimeUnit were assigned it will return the retry policy to use.
- **setDefaultRetryPolicy**(int maxRetries, int delay, TimeUnit unit): You can use it if you want to change the default policy .
- abstract T **parseResponse**(Response response, TypeReference entityType) throws Exception: Your implementation has to override the parseResponse method to define how it will translate the response.

Step 3 : Define a class to set all the endpoints

Once we have our abstract class, we have to define an endpoints class, in our case it will be **ApplicationEndpoints**, it will centralize all the endpoints used in the client.

```

1  /**
2   * @author raidentrance
3   *
4   */
5  public class ApplicationEndpoints {
6      private static final String TICKER = '

```

```

7
8     private ApplicationEndpoints() {
9     }
10
11    public static String getTickers() {
12        return TICKER;
13    }
14
15    public static String getTickerByBook(String book) {
16        return TICKER.concat("?book=").concat(book);
17    }
18
19 }

```

In this case we are using the api of bitso to get prices of crypto currencies, you can see the documentation [here](https://bitso.com/api_info?l=es#ticker) (https://bitso.com/api_info?l=es#ticker) and query the api in the url <https://api.bitso.com/v3/ticker/> (<https://api.bitso.com/v3/ticker/>)

Step 4 : Defining the error model

Now we have to handle errors, to do it we will analyze the api we are querying, lets see the error model:

```

1  {
2      "success": false,
3      "error": {
4          "code": "0301",
5          "message": "Unknown OrderBook xrp_1"
6      }
7  }

```

Now we have to translate it to java classes.

ErrorCode.java

```

1  import java.io.Serializable;
2
3  /**
4   * @author raidentrance
5   *
6   */
7  public class ErrorCode implements Serializable {
8
9      private String code;
10     private String message;
11
12     private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;
13
14     public ErrorCode() {
15

```

```

16     }
17
18     public ErrorCode(String code, String message) {
19         super();
20         this.code = code;
21         this.message = message;
22     }
23
24     public String getCode() {
25         return code;
26     }
27
28     public void setCode(String code) {
29         this.code = code;
30     }
31
32     public String getMessage() {
33         return message;
34     }
35
36     public void setMessage(String message) {
37         this.message = message;
38     }
39
40 }

```

ErrorMessage.java

```

1  import java.io.Serializable;
2
3  /**
4   * @author raidentrance
5   *
6   */
7  public class ErrorMessage implements Serializable {
8      private boolean success;
9      private ErrorCode error;
10
11      private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;
12
13      public ErrorMessage() {
14      }
15
16      public ErrorMessage(boolean success, ErrorCode error) {
17          this.success = success;
18          this.error = error;
19      }
20
21      public boolean isSuccess() {
22          return success;
23      }
24
25      public void setSuccess(boolean success) {
26          this.success = success;
27      }
28
29      public ErrorCode getError() {
30          return error;
31      }
32

```



```

33
34     public void setError(ErrorCode error)
35     {
36         this.error = error;
37     }
38 }

```

Once we have both classes we are able to deserialize the errors to java objects, now we just need to create an exception to propagate the errors.

```

1  import com.raidentrance.rest.error.model.E
2
3  /**
4   * @author raidentrance
5   *
6   */
7  public class ServiceException extends Exce
8
9      private ErrorMessage errorMessage;
10
11     private static final long serialVersionUID
12
13     public ServiceException(ErrorMessage e
14         this.errorMessage = errorMessage;
15     }
16
17     public ErrorMessage getErrorMessage()
18         return errorMessage;
19     }
20
21 }

```

The ServiceException will be thrown when an error happens and it will contain the error message we receive from the api.

Step 5 : Creating the model

We defined the model for the errors, but now we have to define the model for our api's, in this case we will be reading tickers with the following structure:

Payload.java

```

1  import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.
2
3  /**
4   * @author raidentrance

```

```
5      *
6      */
7      public class Payload {
8          @JsonProperty("high")
9          private String high;
10
11         @JsonProperty("last")
12         private String last;
13
14         @JsonProperty("created_at")
15         private String createdAt;
16
17         @JsonProperty("book")
18         private String book;
19
20         @JsonProperty("volume")
21         private String volume;
22
23         @JsonProperty("vwap")
24         private String vwap;
25
26         @JsonProperty("low")
27         private String low;
28
29         @JsonProperty("ask")
30         private String ask;
31
32         @JsonProperty("bid")
33         private String bid;
34
35         public String getHigh() {
36             return high;
37         }
38
39         public void setHigh(String high) {
40             this.high = high;
41         }
42
43         public String getLast() {
44             return last;
45         }
46
47         public void setLast(String last) {
48             this.last = last;
49         }
50
51         public String getCreatedAt() {
52             return createdAt;
53         }
54
55         public void setCreatedAt(String creat
56             this.createdAt = createdAt;
57         }
58
59         public String getBook() {
60             return book;
61         }
62
63         public void setBook(String book) {
64             this.book = book;
65         }
66     }
```

```

67     public String getVolume() {
68         return volume;
69     }
70
71     public void setVolume(String volume)
72         this.volume = volume;
73     }
74
75     public String getVwap() {
76         return vwap;
77     }
78
79     public void setVwap(String vwap) {
80         this.vwap = vwap;
81     }
82
83     public String getLow() {
84         return low;
85     }
86
87     public void setLow(String low) {
88         this.low = low;
89     }
90
91     public String getAsk() {
92         return ask;
93     }
94
95     public void setAsk(String ask) {
96         this.ask = ask;
97     }
98
99     public String getBid() {
100        return bid;
101    }
102
103    public void setBid(String bid) {
104        this.bid = bid;
105    }
106
107    @Override
108    public String toString() {
109        return "Payload [high=" + high +
110            + volume + ", vwap=" + vwap +
111    }
112
113 }

```

Ticker.java

```

1    import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.Json
2
3    /**
4     * @author raidentrance
5     *
6     */
7    public class Ticker {
8        @JsonProperty("success")
9        private boolean success;
10

```

```

11     @JsonProperty("payload")
12     private Payload payload;
13
14     public boolean isSuccess() {
15         return success;
16     }
17
18     public void setSuccess(boolean success) {
19         this.success = success;
20     }
21
22     public Payload getPayload() {
23         return payload;
24     }
25
26     public void setPayload(Payload payload) {
27         this.payload = payload;
28     }
29
30     @Override
31     public String toString() {
32         return "Ticker [success=" + success + ", payload=" + payload + "]";
33     }
34
35 }

```

TickerList.java

```

1     import java.util.List;
2
3     import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.JsonProperty;
4
5     /**
6      * @author maagapi
7      */
8
9     public class TickerList {
10         @JsonProperty("success")
11         private boolean success;
12
13         @JsonProperty("payload")
14         private List payload;
15
16         public boolean isSuccess() {
17             return success;
18         }
19
20         public void setSuccess(boolean success) {
21             this.success = success;
22         }
23
24         public List getPayload() {
25             return payload;
26         }
27
28         public void setPayload(List payload) {
29             this.payload = payload;
30         }
31
32         @Override

```

```

33     public String toString() {
34         return "TickerList [success=" + su
35     }
36 }

```

Once we defined the model, we can call the api's.

Step 6 : Creating the RestClient

The last step will be create the RestClient this class will be the responsible to join all the pieces:

```

1  import java.io.IOException;
2  import java.io.StringReader;
3  import java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit;
4
5  import javax.ws.rs.core.MediaType;
6  import javax.ws.rs.core.Response;
7  import javax.ws.rs.core.Response.Status;
8
9  import org.slf4j.Logger;
10 import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
11
12 import com.fasterxml.jackson.core.type.TypeReference;
13 import com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.ObjectMapper;
14 import com.raidenrance.rest.commons.AbstractRestClient;
15 import com.raidenrance.rest.endpoints.ApplicationsEndpoint;
16 import com.raidenrance.rest.error.exceptions.RestClientException;
17 import com.raidenrance.rest.error.model.RestClientError;
18 import com.raidenrance.rest.error.model.RestClientErrorType;
19 import com.raidenrance.rest.model.Ticker;
20 import com.raidenrance.rest.model.TickerList;
21
22 /**
23  * @author raidentrance
24  *
25  */
26 public class RestClient extends AbstractRestClient {
27
28     private static final Logger log = LoggerFactory.getLogger(RestClient.class);
29
30     public RestClient(String url, String contextPath) {
31         super(url, contextPath);
32     }
33
34     public RestClient(String url, String contextPath, int maxRetries) {
35         super(url, contextPath, maxRetries);
36     }
37
38     public TickerList getTickers() throws RestClientException {
39         return parseResponse(get(ApplicationEndpoint.TICKERS,
40             new TypeReference() {
41             }));
42     }
43
44     public Ticker getTickerByBook(String book) {

```

```

45         return parseResponse(get(Applicati
46             new TypeReference() {
47             });
48     }
49
50     @Override
51     protected T parseResponse(Response re
52         int status = response.getStatus();
53         log.info("Status {}", status);
54         if (response.getStatusInfo().getFa
55             try {
56                 return new ObjectMapper().
57             } catch (IOException e) {
58                 throw new ServiceException
59                     new ErrorMessage(
60             }
61         } else {
62             throw new ServiceException(res
63         }
64     }
65 }
66 }

```

As you can see now just with one line of code we make an http request, handle the retries and parse the response.

Step 7 : Test it

In other posts we will show how to write unit tests for this kind of components, now lets just create a main method to test it:

```

1  public static void main(String[] args) thi
2      RestClient client = new RestClient
3      TickerList tickers = client.getTic
4      log.info("Getting tickers ");
5      for (Payload payload : tickers.get
6          log.info(payload.toString());
7      }
8      log.info("Getting ripple ticker");
9      Ticker ripple = client.getTickerBy
10     log.info(ripple.toString());
11     log.info("Not existing ticker");
12     Ticker alex = client.getTickerByBo
13     log.info(alex.toString());
14
15 }

```

If we execute the code we will see the following output
(It can be different according with the ripple price :P):

```
1  mar 12, 2018 5:09:02 PM com.raidentrance.r
2  INFORMACIÓN: Calling endpoint https://api.
3  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
4  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
5  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
6  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
7  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
8  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
9  [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
10 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
11 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
12 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
13 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
14 mar 12, 2018 5:09:03 PM com.raidentrance.r
15 INFORMACIÓN: Calling endpoint https://api.
16 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
17 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
18 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
19 mar 12, 2018 5:09:03 PM com.raidentrance.r
20 INFORMACIÓN: Calling endpoint https://api.
21 [main] INFO com.raidentrance.rest.RestClie
22 Exception in thread "main" com.raidentranc
23     at com.raidentrance.rest.RestClient.pa
24     at com.raidentrance.rest.RestClient.ge
25     at com.raidentrance.rest.RestClient.ma
```

As you can see we are testing the following cases:

- Get the price of all the crypto currencies
- Get the prices of one crypto currency
- Ask for a price that doesn't exist and throw an exception with the message.

You can find all the code of this post in the following repository <https://github.com/raidentrance/rest-jersey-client> (<https://github.com/raidentrance/rest-jersey-client>).

If you get an **SunCertPathBuilderException: unable to find valid certification path to requested target**

remember that you have to install the certificate to do https requests you can see a guide about how to do it [here](https://www.mkkyong.com/webservices/jax-ws/suncertpathbuilderexception-unable-to-find-valid-certification-path-to-requested-target/) (<https://www.mkkyong.com/webservices/jax-ws/suncertpathbuilderexception-unable-to-find-valid-certification-path-to-requested-target/>).

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