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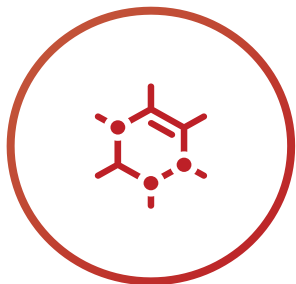
Tools, REST, Swagger

Agenda

- What is REST?
- Explore typical problem & solutions
- Popular REST approach
- Deep-dive REST and Pitfalls of REST
- What is Swagger
- Exercise
- References

What is REST?

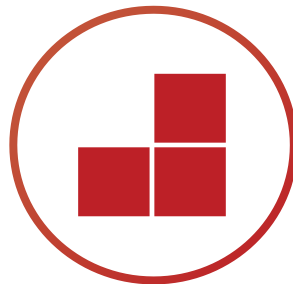
What is REST?



Representational state transfer



An architectural style for sharing data between applications



Structured architectural properties



Implemented via HTTP

What is REST? – Representational state transfer



Representational
state transfer

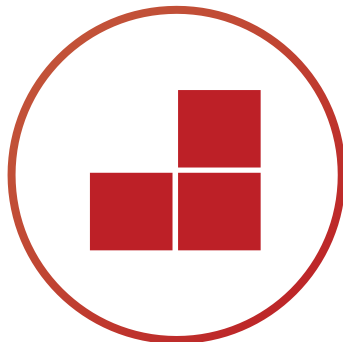
Representations:

- How resource(e.g get manipulated)
 - Part of the resource state transferred between client and server
 - JSON or XML
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- Example:
 - Resource: Doctor
 - Service: Doctor Profile
 - Representation:
 - Name, Id
 - JSON

What is REST? – Architectural style and properties



An architectural style for sharing data between applications



Structured architectural properties

6 constraints in REST architectural style:

- Uniform Interface
- Stateless
- Cacheable
- Client-Server
- Layered System
- Code on Demand (optional)

What is REST? – Architectural style and properties

Uniform Interface

- Define the interface between client and server
- Simplifies and decouple architecture
- Restful design:
- HTTP verbs (e.g Get, Put, Post, Delete)
- URIs (resource name)
- HTTP response (status, body)

Stateless

- Server contains no client state
- Self-descriptive message

What is REST? – Architectural style and properties

Client-Server

- Assume a disconnected system
- Uniform interface to connect client and server

Cacheable

- Server responses are cacheable
 - Implicitly (Client defined)
 - Explicitly (Server defined: e.g max-age)
 - Negotiated

What is REST? – Architectural style and properties

Layered System

- Client can't assume direct connection to server
- Improves scalability

Code on Demand (Optional)

- Transfer logic to client
 - Client functionality can be extended by downloading and executing code in the form of applets or scripts

Explore typical problem & solutions

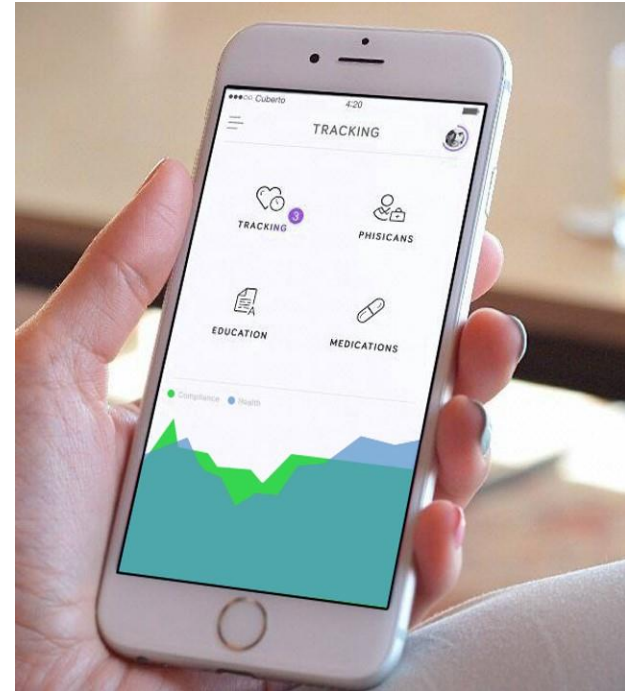
Explore typical problem & solutions

Explore this problem:

You're a web developer building a healthcare product.

You need to retrieve patient data from the server.

What are some of the typical ways to retrieve data in this scenario?



Typical solutions offer some benefits... but they come with drawbacks



Custom protocol implementation

- Full control over implementation
- Security can be integrated into existing systems



Direct database access

- SQL is easy & ubiquitously known
- Flexibility of a query engine



SOAP

- Very descriptive API
- Utilizes secured authentication



REST APIs & similar implementations

- More detailed discussion to follow

Benefits

Drawbacks

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerable time spend • Potential for security breaches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight coupling b/w client & database • Potential for security breaches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tight coupling b/w client & database • Lack of supported data formats |
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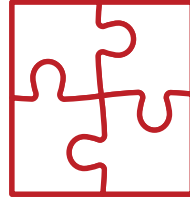
Let's evaluate REST more closely in this scenario



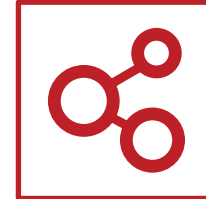
Supports any
hypertext
format



Protocol
independent -
abstraction,
authentication,
communication
and CRUD
operations



APIs are
independent of
client



Requires fewer
resources in
transport as
well as
description



Caching
utilizes less
network
resources

Popular REST approach

API path naming convention

- Verbs are bad
- Nouns are good
- Plurals are better
- For complex variations, put them after “?”

e.g. /dogs?color=brown&state=running&location=park

REST API

Using HTTP Methods for RESTful Services

- **POST** - used to create a new entity, but it can also be used to update an entity
- **GET** - used to read (or retrieve) a representation of a resource
- **PUT** - update an existing entry
- **DELETE** - delete an entry; however, the resource does not have to be removed immediately. It could be an asynchronous or long-running request

HTTP status codes

- **1XX** - informational
- **2XX** - success
- **3XX** - redirection
- **4XX** - client error
- **5XX** - server error

Samples

- The first one is for a collection
e.g. /dogs
- The second is for an element
e.g. /dogs/1234

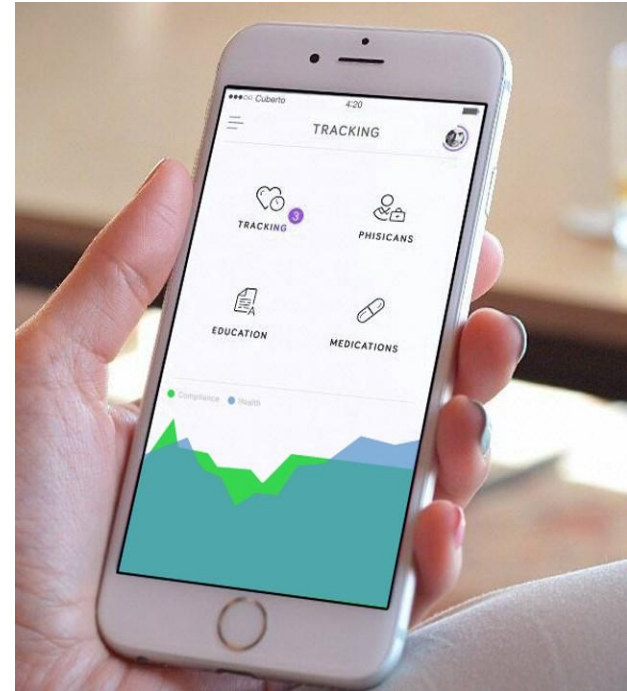
Resource	POST create	GET read	PUT update	DELETE delete
/dogs	create a new dog	list dogs	bulk update dogs	delete all dogs
/dogs/foo	error	show Foo	if exists, update Foo; if not, error	delete Foo

Explore typical problem & solutions

Let's add a dimension to our problem:

We've chosen to utilize REST APIs to retrieve the data for a patient and the doctors s/he may've visited.

What would our REST API solution look like?



Explore typical problem & solutions

We would need a data model w/ 3 entities - **Patients, Visits, and Doctors**...
...and we would **write conforming code** as our solution

Patients

- ID
- Name

Visits

- Patient ID
- Doctor ID
- Completed

Doctors

- ID
- Name

```
var express = require("express");  
var app = express();  
var router = express.Router();
```

```
router.route("/patients/:id").get(function(req, res) {  
  var patient = db.getPatient(req.body.id);  
  res.json(patient);  
});
```

```
router.route("/doctors/:id").get(function(req, res) {  
  var doctor = db.getDoctor(req.body.id);  
  res.json(doctor);  
});
```

```
router.route("/visits/:patientId").get(function(req, res) {  
  var visits = db.getVisits(req.body.patientId);  
  res.json(visits);  
});
```

Simplified REST API

...but where might
our solution struggle?

Deep-dive REST and Pitfalls of REST

Pitfalls of REST

REST comes with **pitfalls** to be aware of...



- REST APIs are synchronous & hence resource intensive
- REST offers fewer verbs to operate on (e.g. no upsert/merge functionality)



- Loses relationships between entities



- Often misused losing scalability

Pitfalls of REST

Even the popular REST implementations have pitfalls to be aware of...

Popular REST API

```
router.route("/patientsWithDoctors/:patientId").get(function(req, res) {  
  var result = {  
    patient: {},  
    doctors: []  
  };  
  result['patient'] = db.getPatient(req.body.patientId);  
  var visits = db.getVisits(req.body.patientId);  
  visits.forEach(function(visit) {  
    result.doctors.push(db.getDoctor(visit.doctor_id));  
  });  
  res.json(result);  
});
```

Discuss the downside
of this approach

- Does not conform to standards
- Increases implementation complexity
- Endpoints tailored to specific use case – restricting reuse
- Any new feature requires editing an endpoint, resulting into potential breaking changes

What is SWAGGER?

SWAGGER

Swagger is a framework for describing your API using a common language that everyone can understand. Think of it as a **blueprint** for a house. You can use whatever building materials you like, but you can't step outside the parameters of the blueprint.

- It's comprehensible for developers and non-developers.
- It's human readable and machine readable.
- It's easily adjustable.

Sample SWAGGER File

Header

```

1  swagger: '2.0'
2  info:
3    title: polaris-demo1-service
4    description: Polaris Demo 1 Service
5    version: 1.0.0
6  schemes:
7    - https
8  basePath: /
9  produces:
10   - application/json

```

API Paths

```

11 paths:
12   '/demo1/v1/{name}':
13     post:
14       operationId: sayHello
15       parameters:
16         - name: name
17           in: path
18           description: name to say hello
19           required: true
20           type: string
21         - in: body
22           name: echoMessage
23           required: false
24           description: data for query
25           schema:
26             $ref: '#/definitions/EchoData'
27       responses:
28         200:
29           description: "OK"
30           schema:
31             $ref: '#/definitions/DemoResponse'
32         404:
33           description: "Resource Not Found"

```

Definitions

```

34 definitions:
35   EchoData:
36     type: object
37     properties:
38       message:
39         type: string
40         example: "Hello, how are you?"
41   DemoResponse:
42     type: object
43     properties:
44       result:
45         type: string
46       errors:
47         $ref: '#/definitions/Errors'
48   Errors:
49     type: object
50     description: error model for exception
51     properties:
52       errorList:
53         type: array
54         items:
55           type: string

```

SWAGGER Tools

Swagger Editor

The Swagger Editor is great for quickly getting started with the Swagger specification. It's clean, efficient, and armed with a number of features to help you design and document your RESTful interfaces, straight out of the box.

The screenshot displays the Swagger Editor interface. The top bar includes a logo, the title 'Swagger Editor', and navigation links: 'File', 'Edit', 'Generate Server', 'Generate Client', and 'Switch back to previous editor'. The main area is split into two panes. The left pane shows a Swagger specification in JSON format, with line numbers 1 through 27. The right pane displays a visual representation of the API, titled 'pet Everything about your Pets'. It lists several endpoints with their methods and descriptions:

- POST /pet**: Add a new pet to the store
- PUT /pet**: Update an existing pet
- GET /pet/findByStatus**: Find pets by status
- GET /pet/findByTags**: Find pets by tags
- GET /pet/{petId}**: Find pet by ID
- POST /pet/{petId}**: Update pet
- DELETE /pet/{petId}**: Delete pet
- POST /pet/{petId}/uploadImage**: Upload image

SWAGGER Tools

Swagger Codegen

It can simplify your build process by generating server stubs and client SDKs from your OpenAPI specification, so your team can focus better on your API's implementation and adoption.



SWAGGER Tools

Swagger UI

It allows anyone to visualize and interact with the API's resources without having any of the implementation logic in place. It's automatically generated from your Swagger specification, with the visual documentation making it easy for back end implementation and client side consumption.

demo-1-api-controller : the demo1 API

ShowHide | List Operations | Expand Operations

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POST /demo1/v1/{name}

sayHello

Response Class (Status 200)

OK

Model | Model Schema

```
{
  "errors": {
    "errorList": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "result": "string"
}
```

Response Content Type application/json

Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description	Parameter Type	Data Type
name	World	name to say hello	path	string
echoMessage	{ "message": "Nice to meet you." }	Form data for query agreement component.	body	Model Model Schema

Parameter content type: application/json

Model | Model Schema

```
{
  "message": "Hello, how are you?"
}
```

Click to set as parameter value

Response Messages

HTTP Status Code	Reason	Response Model	Headers
201	Created		
401	Unauthorized		
403	Forbidden		
404	Resource Not Found	Model Model Schema	

```
{
  "errors": {
    "errorList": [
      "string"
    ]
  },
  "result": "string"
}
```

Try it out!

Hide Response

App Exercise 1

Generate Spring service with Swagger codegen



REST API



App Exercise 1

Generate Spring service with Swagger codegen

1. Download “2a-swagger-codegen.zip” and extract to a folder (e.g. C:\Temp\2a-swagger-codegen)
2. Verify the files in folder “2a-swagger-codegen\swagger”.
 - **config.json** – specify the target folders
 - **swagger-demo-service.yml** – definition of your service
 - **generate-api.txt** – script to generate the code
 - **swagger-codegen-cli-2.3.1.jar** – codegen client
3. Generate the service in “swagger” folder by
`java -jar swagger-codegen-cli-2.3.1.jar generate -i swagger-demo-service.yml -c config.json -l spring`

App Exercise 1

Generate Spring service with Swagger codegen

4. Verify the generated directory structure

```
C:.\
| .swagger-codegen-ignore
| config.json
| generate-api.txt
| output.doc
| pom.xml
| README.md
| swagger-codegen-cli-2.3.1.jar
| swagger-demo-service.yml|
|--src
|   |--main
|   |   |--java
|   |   |   |--com
|   |   |   |   |--swagger
|   |   |   |   |   |--demo
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--RFC3339DateFormat.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--Swagger2SpringBoot.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--api
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--ApiException.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--ApiOriginFilter.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--ApiResponseMessage.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--DemoApi.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--DemoApiController.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--DemoApiDelegate.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--NotFoundException.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--config
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--CustomInstantDeserializer.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--HomeController.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--JacksonConfiguration.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--SwaggerDocumentationConfig.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--model
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |--GetNameResponse.java
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--
|   |   |   |   |   |   |--resources
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   application.properties
```


Summary

We covered

- Rest is a common standard to develop API
- We learned how to use Swagger to define Rest API specification
- We learned how to generate a microservice stub by using the Swagger specification

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Thank You.

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