# How to create and document REST APIs

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#### What is REST?

 "REST is an acronym for REpresentational State Transfer and an architectural style for distributed hypermedia systems. Roy Fielding first presented it in 2000 in his famous dissertation."
 Source:

https://restfulapi.net/

- A Web API (or Web Service) conforming to the REST architectural style is a REST API.
- HTTP error codes: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Status

#### Original use case

- My employer has a customer that have implemented Microsoft's Local Administrator Password Solution (LAPS). The customer wanted a form in User Application where users could request to get the local Administrator for their PC for 1-2 hours
- To implement this, we needed two things:
  - A REST API to interface with Microsoft AD
  - A form that could interface with the REST API

#### Prerequisite operations

Install a Web server

#### Windows:

- Download and install Xampp

#### Linux:

- Install LAMP

#### Note:

- You only need to install Apache, PHP and MySQL server
- You should configure PHP.INI to load Idap and pdo\_mysql
- Install the following sample PHP database: <a href="https://www.mysqltutorial.org/how-to-load-sample-database-into-mysql-database-server.aspx">https://www.mysqltutorial.org/how-to-load-sample-database-into-mysql-database-server.aspx</a>

#### Recommended operations

Use one of the following links to configure a virtual host:
 <a href="https://www.cloudways.com/blog/configure-virtual-host-on-windows-10-for-wordpress/">https://www.cloudways.com/blog/configure-virtual-host-on-windows-10-for-wordpress/</a>
 <a href="https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-host-multiple-website-with-apache-virtual-hosts-4423bd0aefbf">https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-host-multiple-website-with-apache-virtual-hosts-4423bd0aefbf</a>

Note: My example application use **demorestapi.localhost** as the virtual host

## How to install Composer

- Open a new command line window
- Change to the root directory of your web server by running e.g.:
   cd \Xampp\htdocs

```
• Run the following script to install and configure Composer:
    php -r "copy('https://getcomposer.org/installer', 'composer-
    setup.php');»
    php -r "if (hash_file('sha384', 'composer-setup.php') ===
        '906a84df04cea2aa72f40b5f787e49f22d4c2f19492ac310e8cba5b96ac
    8b64115ac402c8cd292b8a03482574915d1a8') { echo 'Installer
        verified'; } else { echo 'Installer corrupt';
        unlink('composer-setup.php'); } echo PHP_EOL;«
        php composer-setup.php
        php -r "unlink('composer-setup.php');"
```

Note: If you are installing on Windows, there is a Windows installer you can use

#### How to install the Slim Framework

• Run the following command to install Slim framework version 3: composer require slim/slim:"3.\*"

## How to install Swagger UI

 Use the Docker installation instructions found here: https://hub.docker.com/r/swaggerapi/swagger-editor/

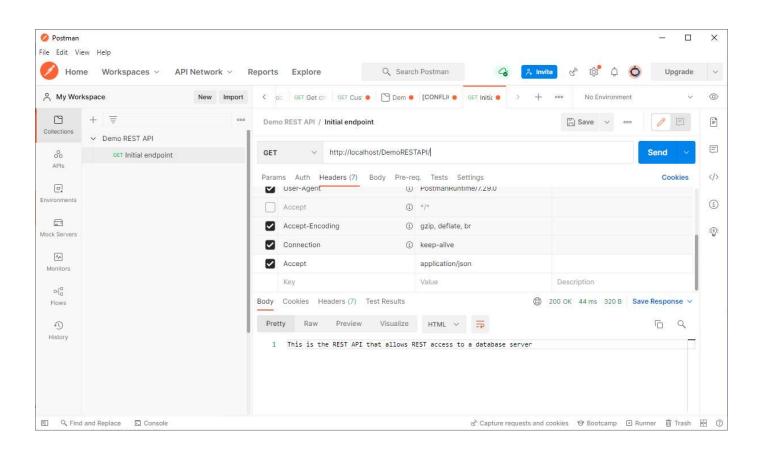
#### Note:

• For this demo, I am using zen\_mclaren swaggerapi/swagger-editor

## 01 - How to create your first REST API

- Create a new directory for your new project, e.g.:
   md DemoRESTAPI
- Download the following files and place it in the directory:
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 01.php
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 01.yaml
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as index.php

# 01 - How to create your first REST API (demo)



- The following code line loads the Slim Framework: require\_once '../vendor/autoload.php';
- These lines loads Slim Framework library files but change the names: use \Psr\Http\Message\ServerRequestInterface as Request; use \Psr\Http\Message\ResponseInterface as Response;
- This line creates a hashtable to hold the REST API configuration: \$config['displayErrorDetails'] = true;
- This line creates a new Slim Framework application: \$app = new \Slim\App(['settings' => \$config]);
- This line configures a new REST endpoint: \$app->get('/', function (Request \$request, Response \$response)
- This line starts the application: \$app->run();

 The following code lines provide the basic setup for documenting a REST API in Swagger:

openapi: 3.0.0

info:

title: REST API for accessing the classic models database

description: This REST API was created by Ragnar Storstrøm as a demo on how to write a REST

API using the Slim framework

version: 0.0.1

#### servers:

- url: <a href="http://demorestapi.localhost/DemoRESTAPI">http://demorestapi.localhost/DemoRESTAPI</a> description: REST API server in my internal lab

 The following code lines document the initial REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
paths:
/:
get:
summary: Returns information about which REST API you have accessed
description: This is a test endpoint designed to prove you can access the demo REST API
tags:
- REST API
responses:
'200':
description: A text describing the REST API is returned
content:
application/text:
schema:
type: string
example:
This is the REST API that allows REST access to a database server
```

## 02 – Connecting to your database

- Download the following file and place it in the directory:
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 02.php
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 02.yaml
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as index.php (overwriting the current one)

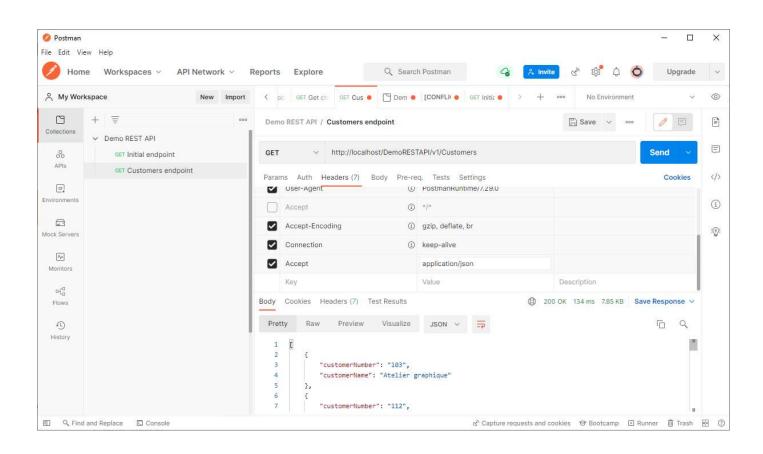
 The following code lines defines a Container object to hold the database connection:

```
global $container;
$container = $app->getContainer();
$container['db'] = function ($c)
{
    $settings = $c['settings']['db'];
    $pdo = new PDO('mysql:host=' . $settings['host'] . ';dbname=' . $settings['dbname'],
$settings['user'], $settings['pass']);
$pdo->setAttribute(PDO::ATTR_ERRMODE, PDO::ERRMODE_EXCEPTION);
$pdo->setAttribute(PDO::ATTR_DEFAULT_FETCH_MODE, PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
    return $pdo;
};
```

• The following code lines defines a new REST API calles v1/Customers:

```
$app->group('/v1', function ()
{
    $this->get('/Customers', function (Request $Request, Response $Response, $Args)
    {
    $PDOObject = $this->get('db');
    $SQLStatement = $PDOObject->prepare("SELECT customerNumber, customerName FROM customers");
    $QueryRes = $SQLStatement->execute();
    if ($QueryRes === true)
    {
        $Result = $SQLStatement->fetchAll();
        return $Response->withJson($Result, 200);
    }
    });
}
};
```

# 02 – Connecting to your database (demo)



 The following code lines document the v1/Customers GET REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
/v1/Customers:
    get:
    summary: Returns all records in the customers table in the database
    description: This endpoint takes an object DN as a parameter and returns a database ID
    tags:
    - Customers
    responses:
    '200':
    description: The customer number and names from the customer database is returned
```

 The following code lines document the v1/Customers GET REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
content:
application/json:
schema:
type: array
items:
type: object
properties:
customerNumber:
type: integer
customerName:
type: string
example:
customerNumber: 103
customerName: Atelier graphique
```

## 03 – Looking up a record

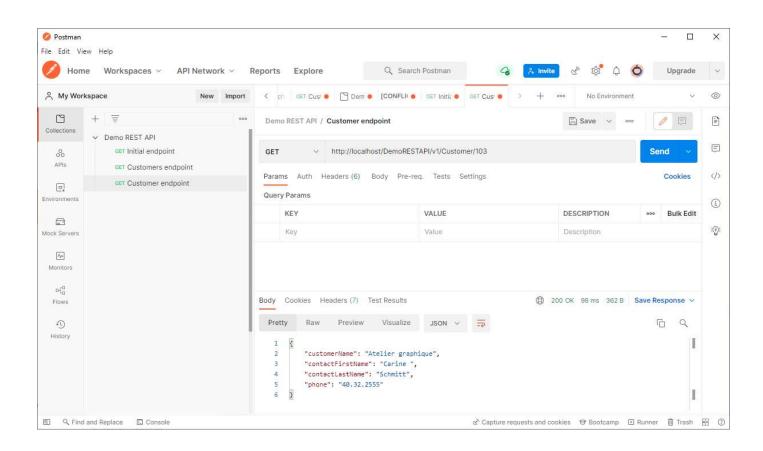
- Download the following file and place it in the directory:
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 03.php
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 03.yaml
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as **index.php** (overwriting the current one)

 The following code lines defines a new REST API calles v1/Customer with a parameter for the customer number to look up:

```
$this->group('/Customer', function()
{
    $this->get('/{CustomerNumber}', function (Request $Request, Response $Response, $Args)
    {
    $CustomerNumber = html_entity_decode($Args['CustomerNumber']);
    $PDOObject = $this->get('db');
    $SQLStatement = $PDOObject->prepare("SELECT customerName, contactFirstName,
contactLastName, phone FROM customers WHERE customerNumber = :CustomerNumber");
    $QueryRes = $SQLStatement->execute(['CustomerNumber' => $CustomerNumber]);
    if ($QueryRes === true)
    {
        $Customer = $SQLStatement->fetch();
```

 The following code lines defines a new REST API calles v1/Customer with a parameter for the customer number to look up:

# 03 – Looking up a record (demo)



The following code lines document the v1/Customer/{CustomerNumber} GET REST endpoint in Swagger: /v1/Customer/{CustomerNumber}: get: summary: Returns the customer name in the database for the supplied customer number description: This endpoint takes a customer number as a parameter and returns a customer name tags:

 Customer parameters:
 in: path name: CustomerNumber schema: type: integer required: true

description: Customer number to get the name of

 The following code lines document the v1/Customer/{CustomerNumber} GET REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
responses:
  2001:
   description: The customer name for the supplied customer number is returned
   content:
    application/json:
     schema:
      type: string
      example:
       customerName: Atelier graphique
  '204':
   description: No customer was found in the database with this customer number
   content:
    application/json:
     schema:
      type: string
      example:
       No customer with number xxx could be found!
```

 The following code lines document the v1/Customer/{CustomerNumber} GET REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
'500':
description: A database error occurred content:
application/json:
schema:
type: string
example:
ERROR: Select returned error xxx!
```

## 04 – Adding logging

 Install the slim-basic-auth module by running the following command:

composer require monolog/monolog

- Download the following file and place it in the directory: <a href="https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise">https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise</a> 04.php
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as index.php (overwriting the current one)

- These lines loads Monologger library files but change the names: use \Monolog\Logger as MonologLogger; use \Monolog\Handler\StreamHandler as MonologStreamHandler;
- The following code lines defines a Container object to hold the monologger:

```
$container['logger'] = function($c)
{
  $Logger = new MonologLogger('DemoRESTAPI');
  $FileHandler = new MonologStreamHandler("../logs/DemoRESTAPI.log");
  $Logger->pushHandler($FileHandler);
  return $Logger;
};
```

 The following lines add comments to the log file when REST endpoints are reached:

\$this->logger->debug("Endpoint / Customers reached with method GET"); \$this->logger->debug("Endpoint / Customer / {Customer Number} reached with method GET and value \$Customer Number");

# 04 – Adding logging (demo)

```
DemoRESTAPI.log - Notepad
                                                                                                                                                                        File Edit Format View Help
[2022-03-18T07:39:00.812899+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T07:39:08.436923+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T07:41:14.074307+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T08:09:42.648941+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T08:09:45.980718+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T08:10:34.172067+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T08:10:48.440305+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:10:59.313769+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:11:14.104980+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T08:13:11.858128+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:14:34.436100+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:15:01.173680+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:15:18.435165+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:15:26.809363+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:17:34.836730+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:18:15.317843+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:18:32.184745+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T08:23:09.164453+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T16:46:55.835560+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint / reached with method POST [] []
[2022-03-18T17:06:17.170027+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T17:06:43.481574+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T17:06:52.686067+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T17:07:05.195863+01:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-18T17:08:22.952172+01:00] DemoRESTAPI_Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-03-29T11:36:52.059905+02:00] DemoRESTAPI Logger.DEBUG: Endpoint /User/[ObjectDN] reached with method GET [] []
[2022-04-18T13:18:11.320727+02:00] DemoRESTAPI.DEBUG: Endpoint /Customer/{CustomerNumber} reached with method GET and value 103 [] []
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                                                                                                                                                                   UTF-8
```

 Since we only added logging, there is no new code to add to the Swagger file

## 05 – Adding a database record

- Download the following file and place it in the directory:
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 05.php
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 05.yaml
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as index.php (overwriting the current one)

• These lines define a new REST endpoint with method POST:

```
$this->post('/', function(Request $Request, Response $Response, $Args)
{
    $this->logger->debug("Endpoint /Customer reached with method POST");
```

The following code lines gets the data from the POST operation:

```
$FormData = $Request->getParsedBody();
    $CustomerNumber = filter_var($FormData['customerNumber'],
FILTER_SANITIZE_STRING);
    $CustomerName = filter_var($FormData['customerName'],
FILTER_SANITIZE_STRING);
```

• These lines checks if we have the required values:

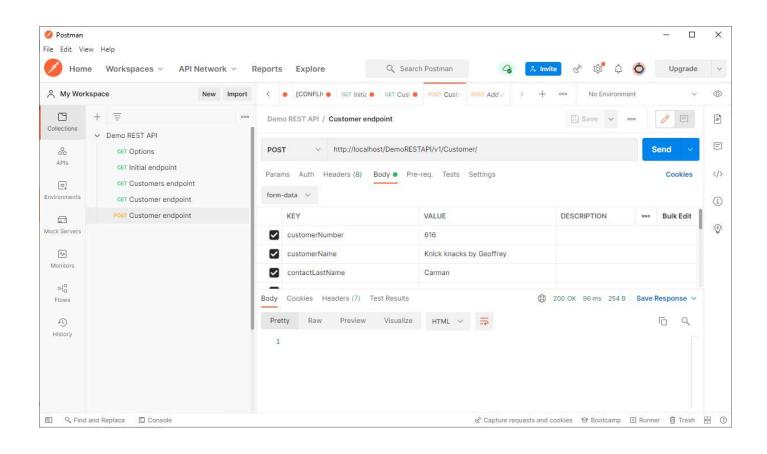
```
if ((!is_null($CustomerNumber)) && (!is_null($CustomerName)) &&
      (!is_null($ContactLastName)) && (!is_null($ContactFirstName)) &&
      (!is_null($Phone)) && (!is_null($AddressLine1))&& (!is_null($City)) && (!is_null($Country)))
{
```

• These lines prepares the values for creating a new customer record:

• These lines store the values in the database:

```
$PDOObject = $this->get('db');
    $SQLStatement = $PDOObject->prepare("INSERT INTO customers (customerNumber,
customerName, contactLastName, contactFirstName, phone, addressLine1, addressLine2, city,
state, postalCode, country, salesRepEmployeeNumber, creditLimit) VALUES (:CustomerNumber,
:CustomerName, :ContactLastName, :ContactFirstName, :Phone, :AddressLine1, :AddressLine2,
:City, :State, :PostalCode, :Country, :SalesRepEmployeeNumber, :CreditLimit)");
    $Result = $SQLStatement->execute($Data);
    if ($Result === true)
    {
        $Response = $Response->withStatus(201);
        } else
        {
        $Response = $Response->withJson("ERROR: Insert returned error "" . $SQLStatement->errorCode() . ""!", 400);
    }
}
```

# 05 – Adding a database record (demo)



```
/v1/Customer/:
    post:
        summary: Creates the supplied customer in the database
        description: This endpoint takes customer information as a parameters
        tags:
            - Customer
        requestBody:
        required: true
        content:
        multipart/form-data:
            schema:
            type: object
            properties:
```

```
customerNumber:
type: integer
customerName:
type: string
contactLastName:
type: string
contactFirstName:
type: string
phone:
type: string
addressLine1:
type: string
addressLine2:
type: string
```

```
city:
  type: string
state:
  type: string
postalCode:
  type: string
country:
  type: string
salesRepEmployeeNumber:
  type: integer
creditLimit:
  type: integer
```

```
responses:
'201':
    description: Object created
'400':
    description: Insert returned error xxx!
    content:
    application/json:
    schema:
    type: string
    example:
    ERROR: Insert returned error xxx!
```

```
'406':
description: Mandatory parameter missing content:
application/json:
schema:
type: string
example:
ERROR: Mandatory parameter missing
```

### 06 – Adding authentication to the POST

- Download the following file and place it in the directory:
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 06.php
   https://github.com/lgs1971/RESTAPISamples/Excercise 06.yaml
- Open the file in your favorite code editor and review the code
- When you are done, save the file as index.php (overwriting the current one)

### 06 – Installing slim-basic-auth

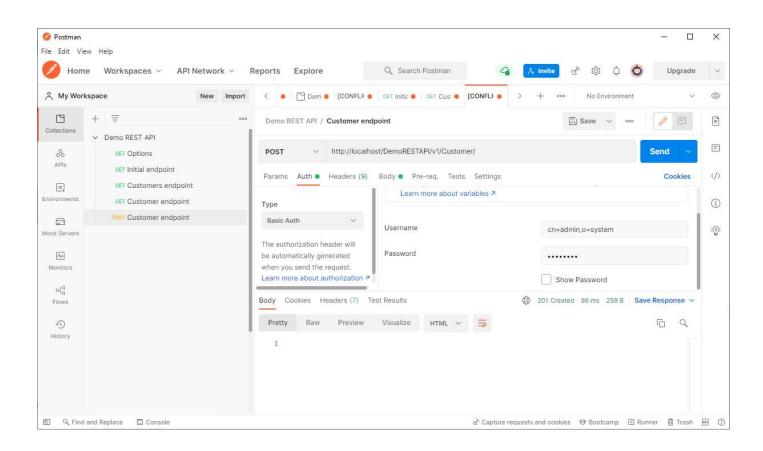
```
Select Command Prompt
                                                                                                                 C:\xampp2\htdocs>composer require tuupola/slim-basic-auth
 Info from https://repo.packagist.org: #StandWithUkraine
Using version ^3.3 for tuupola/slim-basic-auth
 oading composer repositories with package information
 pdating dependencies
 ock file operations: 0 installs, 1 update, 0 removals
 - Upgrading tuupola/slim-basic-auth (3.2.1 => 3.3.1)
 riting lock file
 nstalling dependencies from lock file (including require-dev)
 - Downloading tuupola/slim-basic-auth (3.3.1)
Could not fetch https://api.github.com/repos/tuupola/slim-basic-auth/zipball/18e49c18f5648b05bb6169d166ccb6f797f0fbc4, p
lease review your configured GitHub OAuth token or enter a new one to access private repos
When working with _public_ GitHub repositories only, head to https://github.com/settings/tokens/new?scopes=&description=
Composer+on+RAGSLAP02+2022-04-18+1535 to retrieve a token.
This token will have read-only permission for public information only.
When you need to access _private_ GitHub repositories as well, go to https://github.com/settings/tokens/new?scopes=repo&
description=Composer+on+RAGSLAP02+2022-04-18+1535
Note that such tokens have broad read/write permissions on your behalf, even if not needed by Composer.
Tokens will be stored in plain text in "C:/Users/rstor/AppData/Roaming/Composer/auth.json" for future use by Composer.
For additional information, check https://getcomposer.org/doc/articles/authentication-for-private-packages.md#github-oau
Token (hidden):
 - Upgrading tuupola/slim-basic-auth (3.2.1 => 3.3.1): Extracting archive
 enerating autoload files
 se the `composer fund` command to find out more!
C:\xampp2\htdocs>_
```

```
# Log to file which REST endpoint was reached and which method was used
$this->logger->debug("Endpoint /Customer reached with method POST");
# Prepare to access the container
global $container;
# Get the environment variables
$environment = $container['environment'];
# Log the authentication information to file
$this->logger->debug("User: " . $environment["PHP_AUTH_USER"] . " - Password:
*******");
# If authentication information was provided...
if (($environment["PHP_AUTH_USER"] != "") and ($environment["PHP_AUTH_PW"] != ""))
{
# ...then open a connection to the LDAP directory service
$LDAPConn = $this->get('Idap');
```

```
# ...else convert the error information to JSON format and return a 401 - Unauthorized
error code
             $LDAPErr = Idap_error($LDAPConn);
Idap_get_option($LDAPConn, LDAP_OPT_DIAGNOSTIC_MESSAGE, $LDAPOpt);
$Response = $Response->withJson("ERROR: Start TLS failed (" . $LDAPErr . ", " .
$LDAPOpt.")!",412);
             # ...else bind to the LDAP directory service using the credentials in the Basic
authentication
$LDAPBind = @ldap_bind($LDAPConn, $environment["PHP_AUTH_USER"], $environment["PHP_AUTH_PW"]);
           # If the LDAP bind was successful...
           if ($LDAPBind)
             # ...then get the form data from the POST request
$FormData = $Request->getParsedBody();
```

```
} else
{
    # ...else convert the error information to JSON format and return a 401 - Unauthorized
error code
    $ErrorsMsg = "ERROR: Authorization is required to submit data!";
    $Response = $Response->withJson($ErrorsMsg, 401);
    $this->logger->debug($ErrorsMsg);
}
```

### 06 – Adding authentication to the POST (demo)



 The following code lines document the Basic Authentication for the v1/Customer/ POST REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
servers:
- url: http://demorestapi.localhost/DemoRESTAPI
```

description: REST API server in my internal lab

#### components:

securitySchemes:

basicAuth: # <-- arbitrary name for the security scheme

type: http scheme: basic

 The following code lines document the Basic Authentication for the v1/Customer/ POST REST endpoint in Swagger:

```
/v1/Customer/:
post:
summary: Creates the supplied customer in the database
description: This endpoint takes customer information as a parameters
security:
- basicAuth: []
```