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REST API Usage

The GitHub API is very good at being RESTful. There are no verbs in the URL headers, and following is fairly intuitive. To get a gist you go to /gists, for a user you go to /users/{{username}}, and all identifying features of the URL are just the specific name or ID assigned to the specific instance of whatever is just before it in the URL. Seeing /gists/5 it is clear that the 5 represents a specific gist. Likewise /users/wolfordj is clear that wolfordj is a user account.

I did not see anything while exploring the Github API which is RESTless. They seem to have done a good job of following those guidelines and making it available and apparent to users what must be done to access various aspects of the API.