Liberty OpenAPI Lab 1: OpenAPI in Liberty Server

Introduction

The purpose of this lab is to show you how to expose and explore REST APIs that is provided by a JAX-RS application. The sample application that will be used is a simple airlines app in which the user can create an account, book airlines tickets, view available seats and provide reviews to express their experience on any airlines.

The API Economy is the economy where companies expose their (internal) business assets or services in the form of (Web) APIs to third parties with the goal of unlocking additional business value through the creation of new asset classes.

With WebSphere Liberty's OpenAPI feature, it is very easy to document and explore your REST APIs for your Java apps; This is done using JAX-RS specification.

WebSphere Liberty now provides the way to:

- Document Java APIs using the new OpenAPI Specification (OAS),
- Discover Java APIs on a Liberty server

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i	Information	This symbol indicates information that might not be necessary to complete a step, but is helpful or good to know.

1.1 Deploy a JAX-RS Application and Explore APIs



The Eclipse version installed on this CASCON workshop machine has the WebSphere Developer Tools (WDT) plugin. WAS Liberty is also installed and the path to the installation directory is already configured within Eclipse.

Instructions to install WDT and to install/configure WAS Liberty can be found on the Get started with a Hello World app on Liberty using WebSphere Developer Tools for Eclipse article on WASdev.net. WDT plugin is also available for free from the Eclipse Marketplace.

1. Start Eclipse

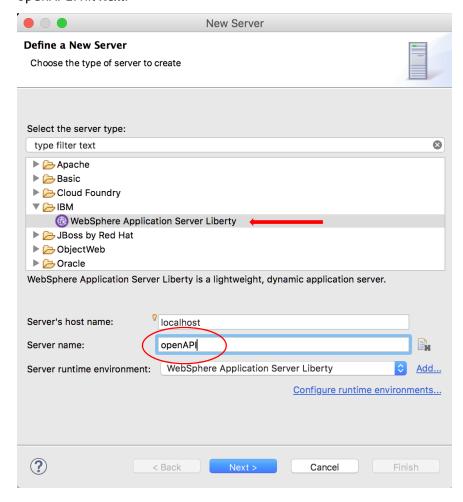
a. Navigate to /home/student/cascon/eclipse folder and double-click on eclipse. Alternatively,
 you can also run it using terminal

2. Create a new Liberty server call openAPI

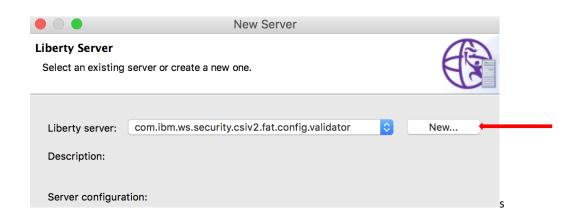
a. Open the Servers view, and create a new server



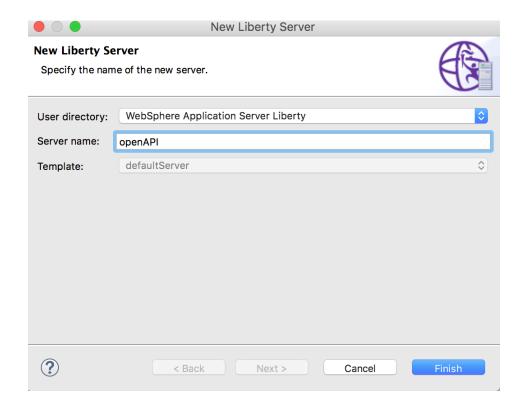
b. Create a new "WebSphere Application Server Liberty" server representation with the name openAPI. Hit Next.



c. Click **New...** to create a new Liberty server instance.

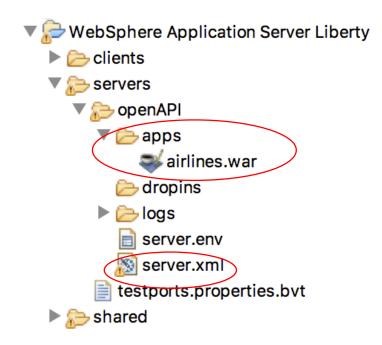


d. Specify the server name openAPI and click Finish. And click Finish again.



- 3. Copy lab artifacts to the openAPI server. This lab relies on a pre-existing application and its associated configuration
 - a. Copy the airlines.war from lab artifacts directory to the home/student/cascon/wlp/usr/servers/openAPI/apps directory
 - b. Copy the server.xml from lab artifacts directory to

home/student/cascon/wlp/usr/servers/openAPI directory and replace the existing server.xml



- 4. Understand the server.xml file
 - a. The jaxrs-2.0 feature allows us to support JAX-RS programming model and make http requests to our remote REST web services
 - b. The openapi-3.0 feature allows us to document our REST APIs for the airlines app in an organized manner using the OpenAPI Specification.

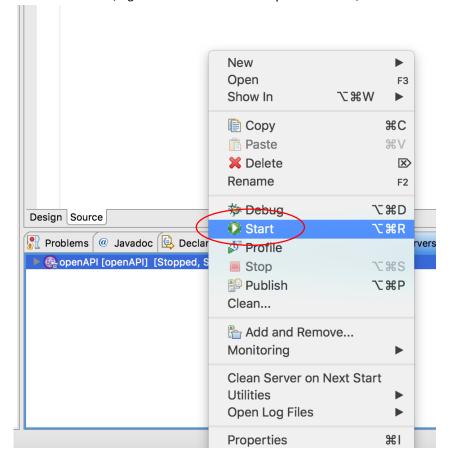
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<!-- Enable features -->
<featureManager>
<feature>openapi-3.0</feature>
<feature>jaxrs-2.0</feature>
</featureManager>
```

c. The port that we will be using will be 9080 and 9443

<!-- To access this server from a remote client add a host attribute to the following element, e.g. host="*" --> <httpEndpoint httpPort="9080" httpsPort="9443" id="defaultHttpEndpoint"/>

- d. The openAPI server will be hosting the airlines application by monitoring the airlines.war file in the apps folder.
- e. By including the third-party value in apiTypeVisibility, we can now use the third party OpenAPI annotations from open source to document our REST APIs

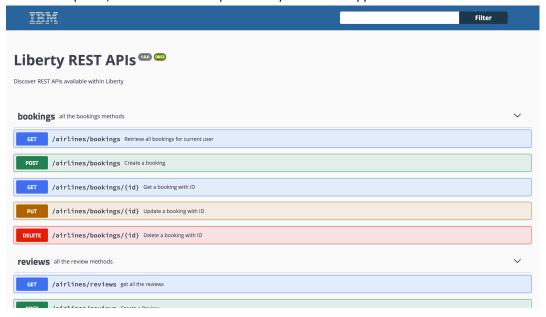
- 5. Start the openAPI server and use the API Explorer to access the REST API for the airlines app
 - a. In the Servers view, right-click the server in the openAPI server, and click **Start**



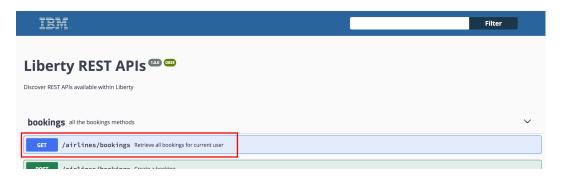
b. To access the API Explorer, click the link in the Console view.

```
[AUDIT ] CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default_host): http://localhost:9080/api/docs/
[AUDIT ] CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default_host): http://localhost:9080/api/explorer/
[AUDIT ] CWWKT0016I: Web application available (default_host): http://localhost:9080/airlines/
[AUDIT ] CWWKZ0001I: Application airlines started in 0.459 seconds.
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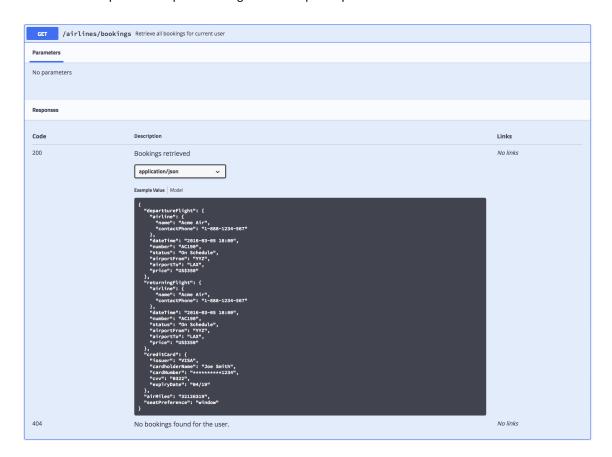
c. In the API Explorer, all of the REST APIs provided by the airlines application will be listed.



d. Click the GET /airlines/bookings resource to expand and get more details on this specific API



- e. Upon expanding GET /airlines/booking, you can see what this API offers
 - i. The name of the API and what service it provides
 - ii. Any parameters that the API may take, in this case this GET method does not take any parameters
 - iii. All the possible responses along with a sample response of how each would look like



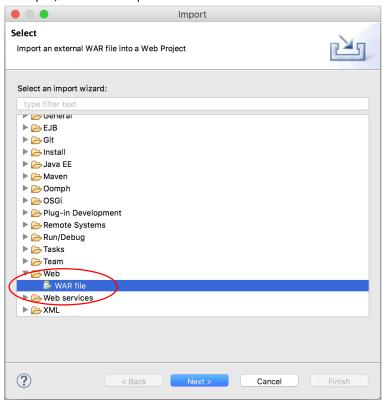
f. Take some time to play with the available REST APIs and the API Explorer. Next, we will look at the source code for the airlines app and see how the OpenAPI documentation can be defined within the application source code.

You have just experienced how easy it is to use the OpenAPI feature and the API Explorer in Liberty to discover and work with APIs running on a Liberty server.

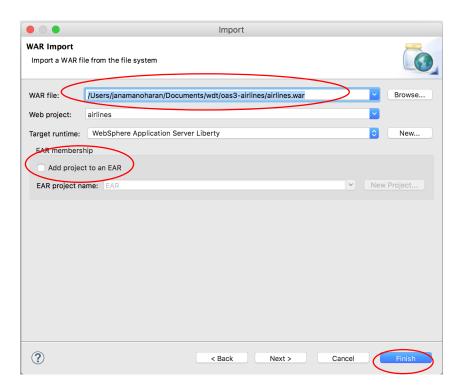
In the next section of the lab, you will explore configurations and the OpenAPI annotations of the airlines application that made the REST API exploration possible.

1.2 Examine JAX-RS Application Source and OpenAPI Annotations

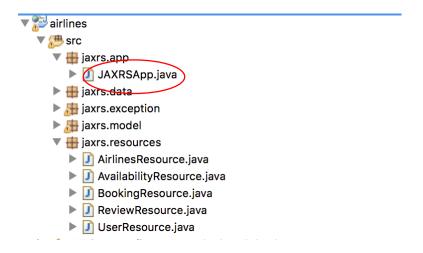
- 1. The airlines.war from the lab artifacts includes the application source. You can explore the source by importing the WAR into Eclipse.
 - a. In Eclipse, click File -> Import -> Web -> WAR file



b. Choose the **airlines.war** file from the lab artifacts. Make sure the "Add project to an EAR" (Enterprise Archive) is unchecked and hit Finish.



c. Open the JAXRSApp.java file



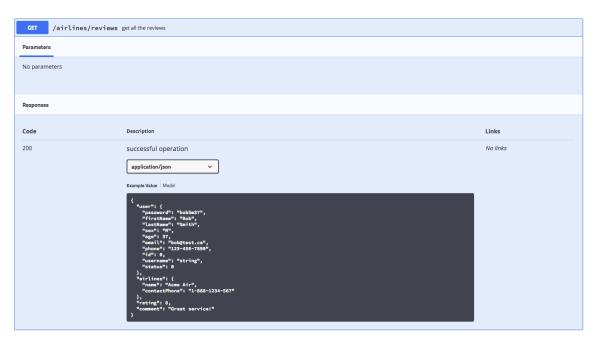
d. Review the top-level annotation. The @OpenAPIDefinition is used to name and describe the API, this includes the name, contact information, version number and any other external documentation it may use.

e. Open the ReviewResource.java file



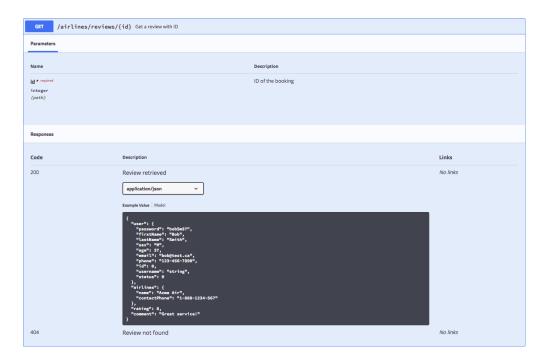
f. This class defines a GET /airlines/reviews API. The getAllReviews method is annotated with an @Operation annotation, which defines the operation's description, what types of responses it will return, along with the object model it will return. In this case, it is an array of Review.class. You can see how the information documented in the annotations are rendered in the UI.

```
@GET
@Operation(
        operationId = "getAllReviews",
        summary = "get all the reviews",
method = "GET",
        responses = @ApiResponse(
                 responseCode = "200",
                 description = "successful operation",
                 content = @Content(
                         mediaType = "application/json",
                         schema = @Schema(
                                  type = "array",
                                  implementation = Review.class
                         )
                 )
@Produces("application/json")
public Response getAllReviews(){
```

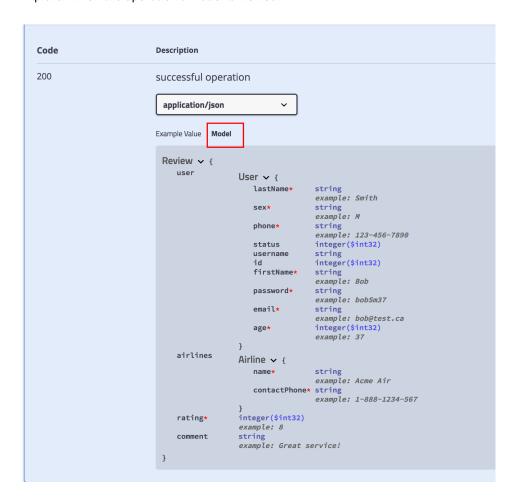


g. Let's look at another example; this method, getReviewsById, returns a single review given an id as a parameter. The @Parameter annotation defines the type of the parameter, description, where it belongs in the request. In this case, the parameter goes in the path.

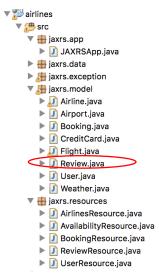
```
@GET
@Path("{id}")
@Operation(
        operationId = "getReviewById",
        summary="Get a review with ID",
        responses={
                @ApiResponse(
                        responseCode="200",
                        description="Review retrieved",
                        content=@Content(
                                schema=@Schema(
                                        implementation=Review.class))),
                @ApiResponse(
                        responseCode="404",
                        description="Review not found")
        })
@Produces("application/json")
public Response getReviewById(
        @Parameter(
                name = "id",
                description = "ID of the booking",
                required = true,
                in = "path",
                content = @Content(
                        examples = @ExampleObject(
                                    value = "1")))
        @PathParam("id") int id){
```



h. The **Review.class** is referenced by both example operations. This is also exposed through the API Explorer when the operation's model is viewed.



i. Open the Review.java file



j. This class defines the Review object which used by the /airlines/reviews API. The fields of the class are annotated with the @Schema annotation to define its type, and a possible example for the API.

```
@Schema(required = true)
private User user;

@Schema(required = true)
private Airline airlines;

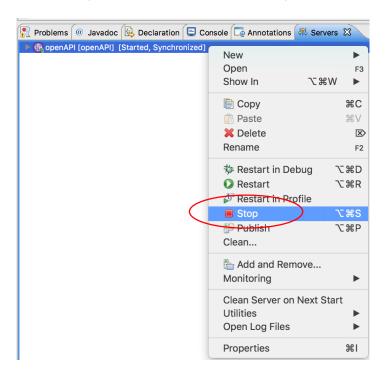
@Schema(example = "8", required = true)
private int rating;

@Schema(example = "Great service!")
private String comment;
```

k. Play with the other resources and its corresponding models to see how the OpenAPI annotations are used to render the UI you see in the API Explorer.

1.3 Clean up after the lab

1. Stop the openAPI server by right-clicking on openAPI in the Server view and select **Stop**



Congratulations! You have successfully completed this lab. In the next lab, you will learn how to push the Liberty server package you created in this lab to IBM Cloud.