cURL for RESTful API testing

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Parameter	
-i	show response headers
-Н	pass request headers to the resource
-X	pass a HTTP method name
-d	pass in parameters enclosed in quotes; multiple
	parameters are separated by '&'

Examples

PUT a resource:

GET a resource:

curl -i -H "Accept: application/json" http://192.168.0.165/persons/person/1

For GET requests, the -X GET option is optional:

curl -i -H "Accept: application/json" http://192.168.0.165/persons?zipcode=93031

You can pass in query parameters by appending it to the url:

curl -i -H "Accept: application/json" http://192.168.0.165/persons?firstName=james&lastName=wallis

DELETE a resource:

curl -i -H "Accept: application/json" -X DELETE http://192.168.0.165/persons/person/1