



Using RESTful Web Services in Oracle Application Express (APEX)

Hands on Lab: Using RESTful Web Services in Oracle Application Express.

Topic	Details
Overview	In this Hands on Lab, you will learn RESTful Web Services using hands-on classroom activities to allow a java program to connect to an APEX database.
Key Concepts	 APEX RESTful Web Service Lab Setup. Retrieve, modify and delete data using RESTful Services. Create an APEX Application Using RESTful service. Consuming the RESTful Web Service Created in Application Express Using a Java Client.
Difficulty	Advanced
Duration	Approximately 180 minutes
Notes	Access to an APEX account at apex.oracle.com is required. Accounts can be requested at https://apex.oracle.com or install APEX with Oracle REST Data Services and configured it to connect to an Oracle database. It is strongly recommended that you install a browser extension that enables you to view JSON in a web browser. Recommended extension for Mozilla Firefox: JSON View. A RESTful Services Testing Tool is required. Postman, can be downloaded from https://www.getpostman.com/ Students should have prior knowledge of how to create and execute java programs, and have experience of writing and executing SQL statements in APEX.

Introduction

This tutorial covers creating a RESTful Web Service declaratively using Oracle Application Express's SQL Workshop tool to connect to a database table, and then consuming this service by creating an application and adding a Web Service reference to the RESTful Web Service. A client java program is then created and executed that will consume the RESTful Web Service to return data stored in an APEX database table to the java application.

Web Services enable applications to interact with one another over the web in a platform-neutral, language independent environment. In a typical Web Services scenario, a business application sends a request to a service at a given URL by using the HTTP protocol. The service receives the request, processes it, and returns a response.

Once you have defined a RESTful Web Service, you can call it with a unique Uniform Resource Identifier (URI). The Web Service uses the URI to call methods such as GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE.

Verify the emp table used in the lab

1. Login into your APEX schema, click SQL Workshop.

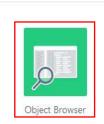






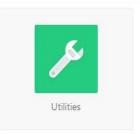


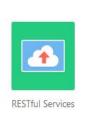
2. Choose Object Browser.



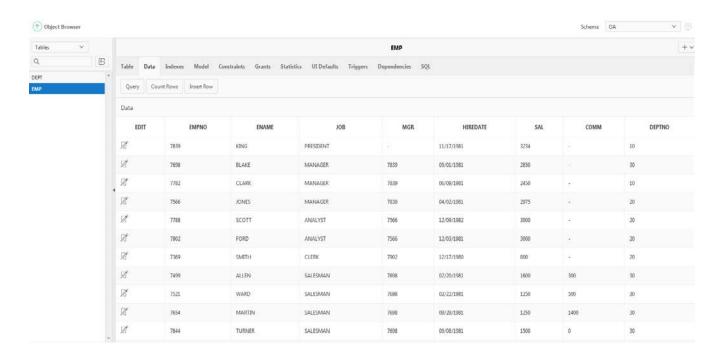




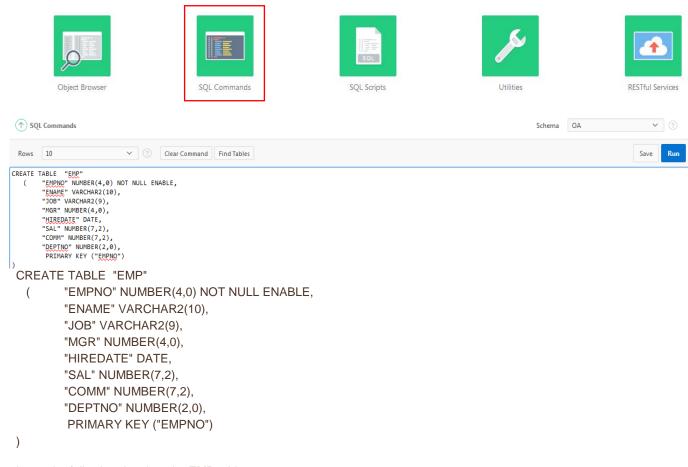




3. Verify that the EMP table and Data are in the Schema. If the Contents are already created then move to the next section.



4. If the EMP table does not exist, create the EMP table and data manually. Choose SQL Commands.



5. Insert the following data into the EMP table.



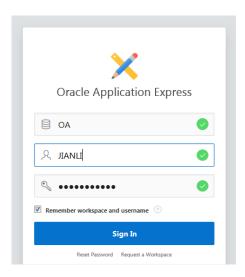
Insert into EMP (EMPNO,ENAME,JOB,MGR,HIREDATE,SAL,COMM,DEPTNO) values (7369,'SMITH','CLERK',7902,to_date('17-DEC-80','DD-MON-RR'),800,null,20); Insert into EMP (EMPNO,ENAME,JOB,MGR,HIREDATE,SAL,COMM,DEPTNO) values (7499,'ALLEN','SALESMAN',7698,to_date('20-FEB-81','DD-MON-RR'),1600,300,30); Insert into EMP (EMPNO,ENAME,JOB,MGR,HIREDATE,SAL,COMM,DEPTNO) values (7521,'WARD','SALESMAN',7698,to_date('22-FEB-81','DD-MON-RR'),1250,500,30);

Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7566, 'JONES', 'MANAGER', 7839, to_date('02-APR-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 2975, null, 20); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7654, 'MARTIN', 'SALESMAN', 7698, to date('28-SEP-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 1250, 1400, 30); Insert into EMP (EMPNO,ENAME,JOB,MGR,HIREDATE,SAL,COMM,DEPTNO) values (7698, 'BLAKE', 'MANAGER', 7839, to_date('01-MAY-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 2850, null, 30); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7782, 'CLARK', 'MANAGER', 7839, to_date('09-JUN-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 2450, null, 10); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7788, 'SCOTT', 'ANALYST', 7566, to_date('19-APR-87', 'DD-MON-RR'), 3000, null, 20); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7839, 'KING', 'PRESIDENT', null, to_date('17-NOV-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 5000, null, 10); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7844, 'TURNER', 'SALESMAN', 7698, to date ('08-SEP-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 1500, 0, 30); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7876, 'ADAMS', 'CLERK', 7788, to_date('23-MAY-87', 'DD-MON-RR'), 1100, null, 20); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7900, 'JAMES', 'CLERK', 7698, to_date('03-DEC-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 950, null, 30); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7902, FORD', 'ANALYST', 7566, to date('03-DEC-81', 'DD-MON-RR'), 3000, null, 20); Insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO) values (7934, 'MILLER', 'CLERK', 7782, to_date('23-JAN-82', 'DD-MON-RR'), 1300, null, 10); commit;

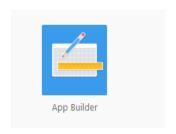
Oracle Academy RESTful Web Service

Lab Setup

1. Login into Oracle Application Express (APEX).



On the Workspace home page, click SQL Workshop.









Packaged Apps

Click RESTful Services. RESTful Services:







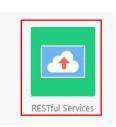
SQL Commands



SQL Scripts



Utilities



Click ORDS Based RESTful Services.

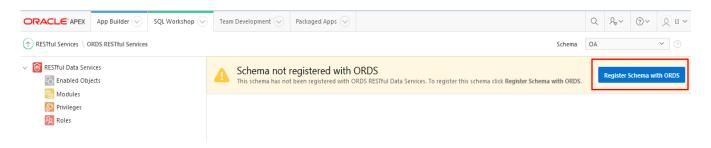
RESTful Service Options

APEX Based RESTful Services
View and migrate APEX based RESTful
Services to the ORDS REST repository.

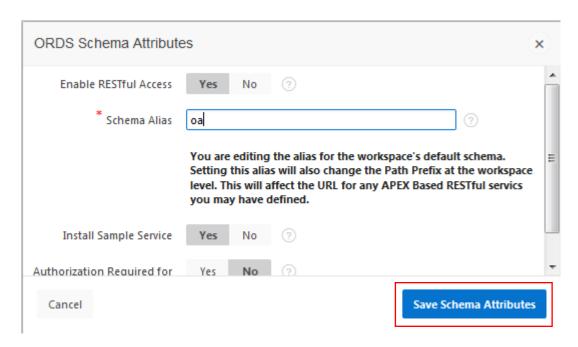


ORDS Based RESTful Services Create and manage RESTful services using the ORDS based repository.

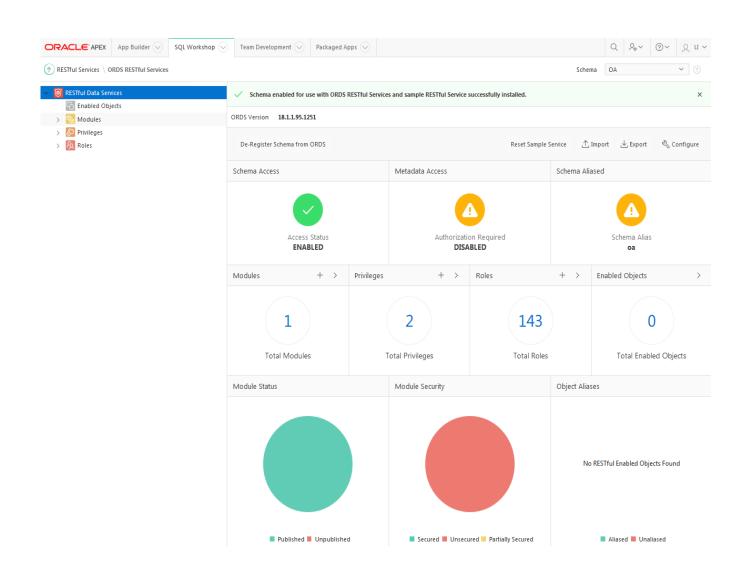
5. If your schema is not registered with ORDS RESTful Data Services, click Register Schema with ORDS.



6. ORDS Schema Attributes dialog (Note: your schema name will be different). Click Save Schema Attributes.



7. ORDS RESTful Services dashboard:



Creating the first Restful Web Service

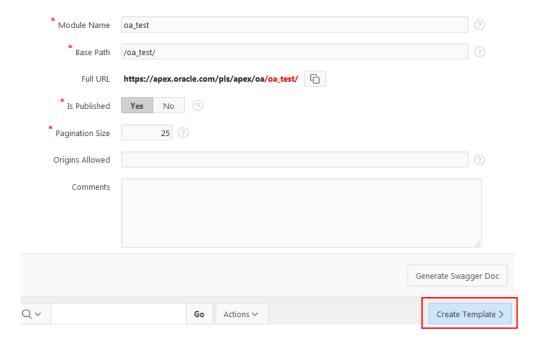
1. The first Restful Web service will retrieve all records in the emp table. Highlight Modules. Click Create Module button.



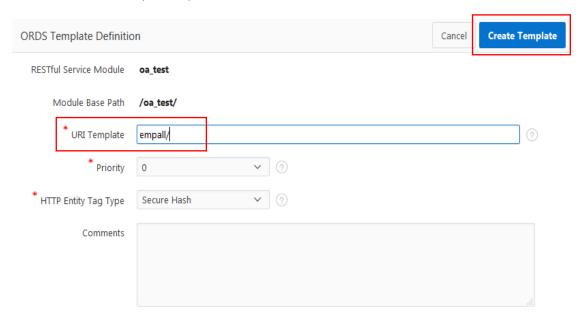
2. Provide the Module Name oa_test, and the Base Path /oa_test/. Change Pagination size to 25. Click "Create Module"



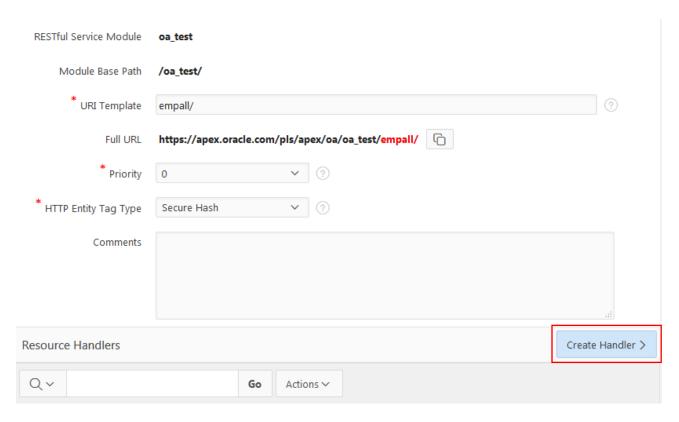
3. Click "Create Template".



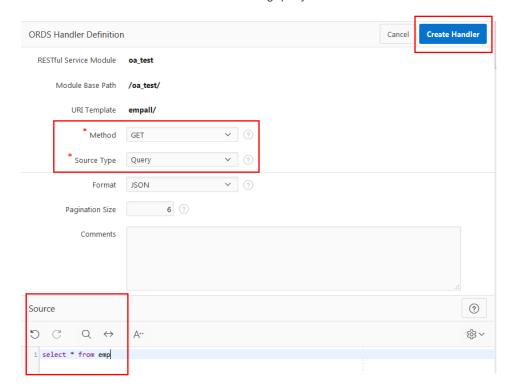
4. Create the Resource Template empall/.



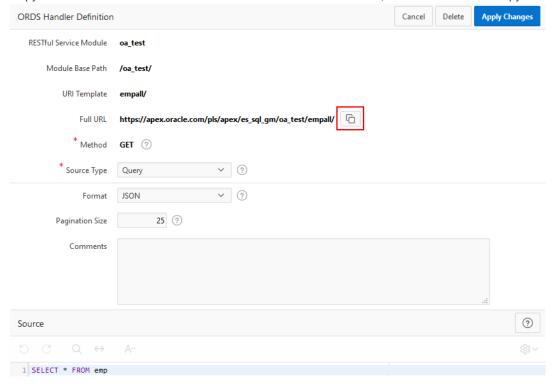
5. Create the Resource Handler. Click "Create Handler"



6. Create the Resource Handler. Enter the following query in the "Source" area: SELECT * FROM emp Click "Create Handler"



7. Copy the module URL. Ensure the GET Resource Handler is selected, and click the icon to copy the URL.

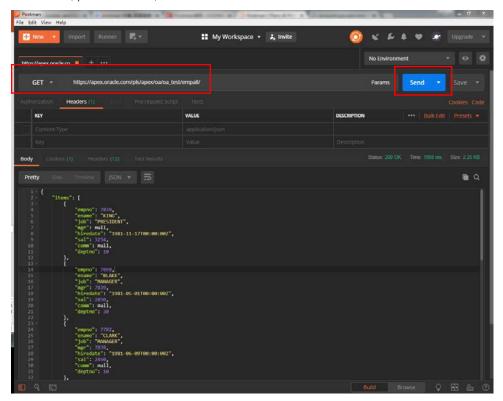


8. Test the Rest Web Service from the web browser.

Paste the URL into the address bar of your browser and press the enter key to see the results.

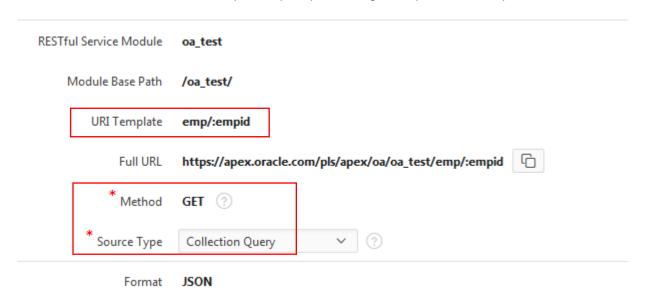
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hiredate: "1981-06-09T00:00:00Z",
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                                                         deptno: 10
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9. Select GET, paste the URL, and click Send to test the Rest Web Service from Postman.



Retrieving Data Using a Parameter

- 1. Perform the following steps to create a RESTful Service which retrieves the employee information based on a parameter id using the HTTP Method GET.
- 2. In the oa_test module, create a new Template emp/:empid following the steps shown in the previous section.



3. Add the Source code for the GET Handler.

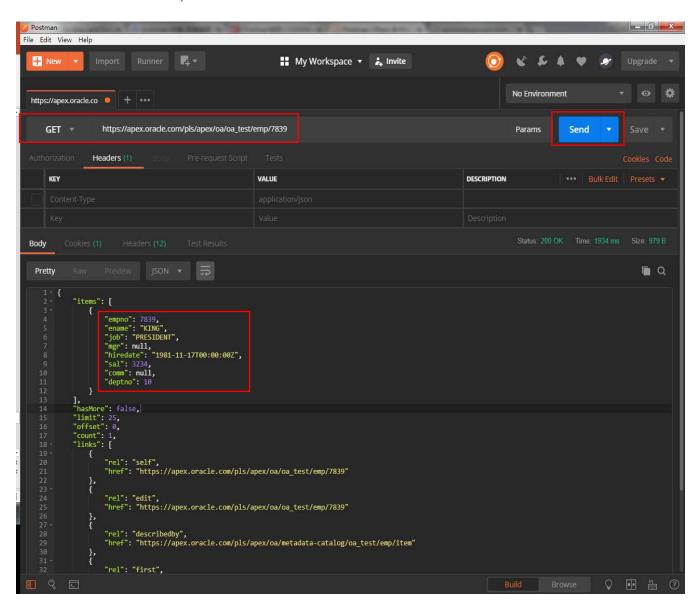


4. Test the new Web service from the Browser, adding a valid employee number to the end of the URL for your schema. 7839 is the empno for "King".

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           empno: 7839,
           ename: "KING",
           job: "PRESIDENT",
           mgr: null,
           hiredate: "1981-11-17T00:00:00Z",
           sal: 3234,
           comm: null,
           deptno: 10
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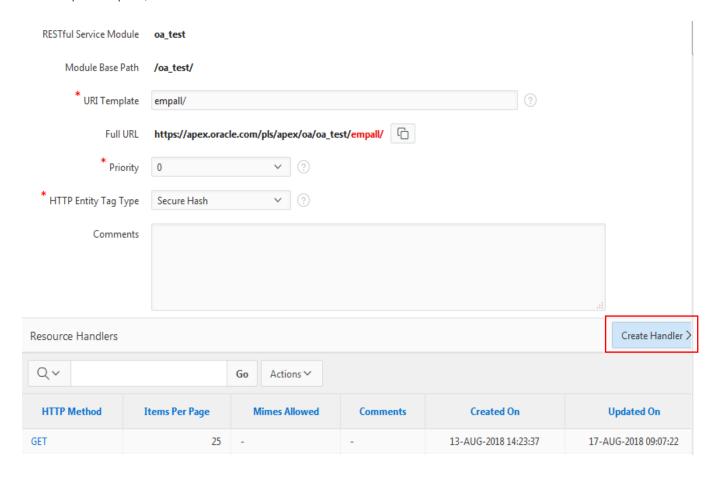
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5. Test the new Web service from postman.



Inserting Data Using RESTful Service

- 1. In this section, you will create a RESTful Service to insert data using the HTTP Method POST. You will use the postman tool to test your RESTful Service and to verify the results.
- 2. In the empall Template, create a new POST Handler.



3. Provide the anonymous PL/SQL source code to the POST handler.

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Source

Description:

BEGIN
INSERT INTO emp (EMPNO, ENAME, JOB, MGR, HIREDATE, SAL, COMM, DEPTNO)
VALUES (:EMPNO,:ENAME,: JOB,:MGR, TO_DATE(:HIREDATE, 'DD-MON-RR'),:SAL,:COMM,:DEPTNO);
htp.prn('employee no ' || :EMPNO || ' added successfully');
end;
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4. In the postman tool to test the POST request, we have to set the Content-type to application/json. Click the Headers tab under the URL bar. Under the heading KEY, enter Content-Type, and for VALUE enter application/json.

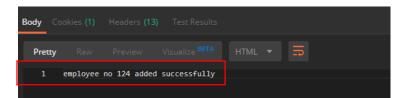


5. In the postman tool to test the POST request, click the Body tab, check raw, and enter the json code shown below. Click Send



{"EMPNO":124, "ENAME":"testinsert", "JOB":"IT_MANA", "MGR":7902, "HIREDATE":"25-JUN-15", "SAL":11, "COMM":22, "DEPTNO":10}

If the insert is successful, you will see the message below.



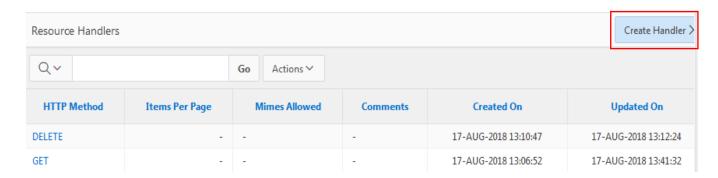
Note that the emp table has a different structure from the employees table included in the Oracle Academy script, and the column sizes are not the same. The "ename" column in the emp table has a maximum size of 10, so if your insert is unsuccessful, ensure that you are not exceeding the maximum number of characters for this column.

6. Check the new inserted record information by using the GET handler created in the previous section, adding 124 to the end of the URL.

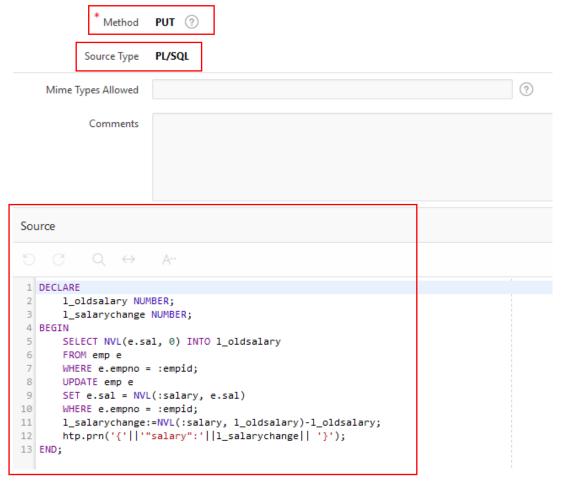
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}
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Updating Data Using RESTful Service

- 1. In this section, you will create a RESTful Service to update data using the HTTP Method PUT. You will use the postman tool to test your RESTful Service, and to verify the results.
- 2. In the emp/:empid Template, create a new PUT Handler.



3. Specify the PUT Method and Source Type as PL/SQL. Provide the Source Code for the PL/SQL.



4. Test in Postman, select PUT, enter the correct URL adding /124, click the Body tab, check raw, and enter the json code shown below. Click Send.

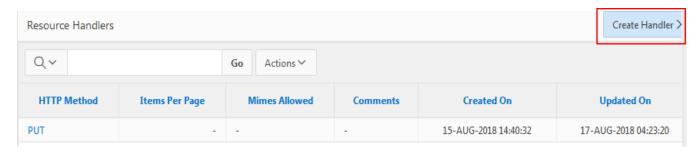


If the update was successful, you will see the message below.

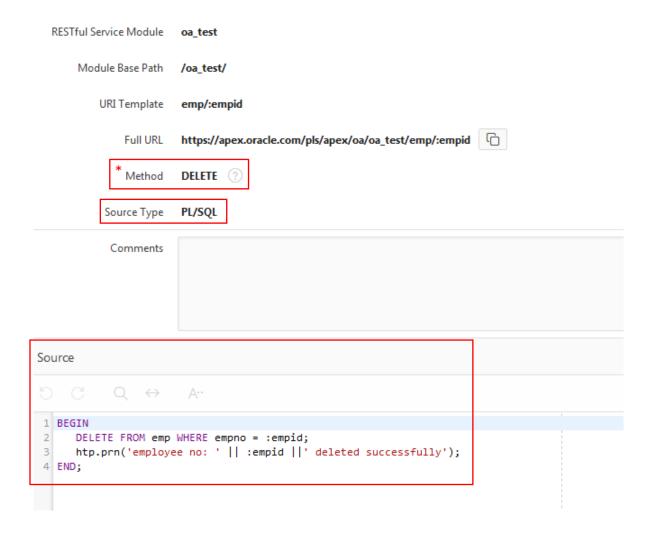


Deleting Data Using RESTful Service

- 1. In this section, you will create a RESTful Service to delete data using the HTTP Method DELETE. You will use the postman tool to test your RESTful Service and to verify the results.
- 2. In the emp/:empid Template, create a new DELETE Handler.



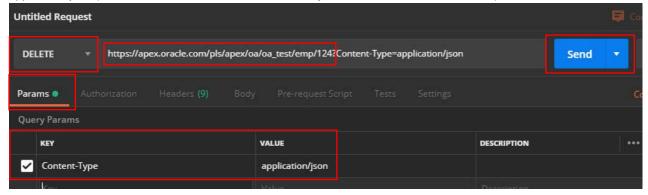
3. Specify the DELETE Method, and Source Type as PL/SQL. Provide the Source Code for the PL/SQL.



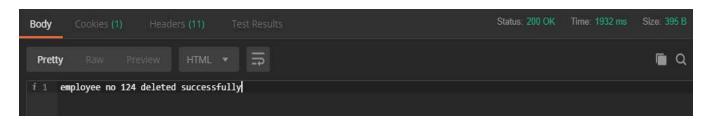
4. To test in Postman, click the plus icon to create a new tab.



5. Select DELETE, enter the correct URL adding /124. Click the Params tab. For KEY enter Content-Type, and for VALUE enter application/json (note that this information will automatically be added to the end of the URL). Click Send.

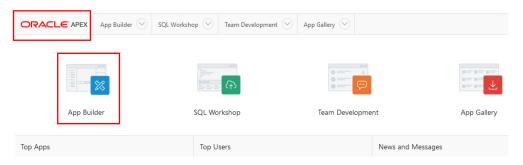


If the delete was successful, you will see the message below.

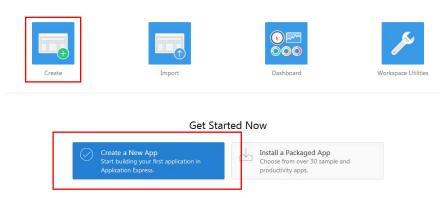


Create an APEX Application Using RESTful service

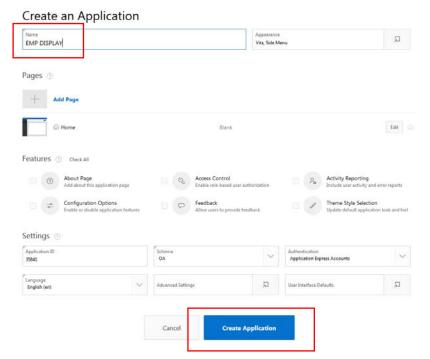
1. In this section, you will create a simple application using the Application Builder component of APEX to display the employees in the emps table. Click the Oracle logo to go to the APEX home page, then click App Builder.



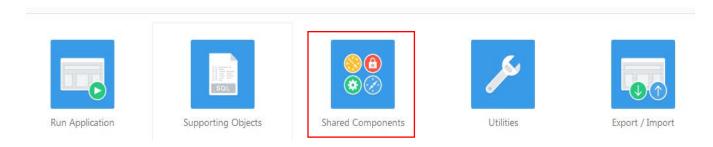
2. Create a simple application with home page. Click Create, Create a New App



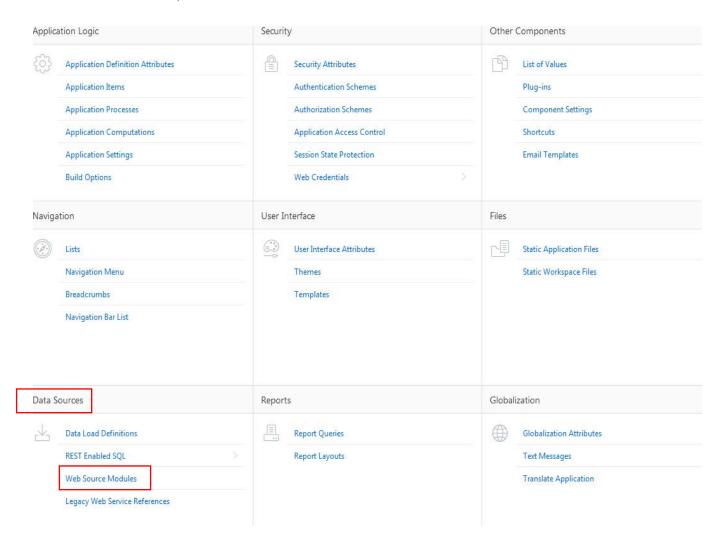
3. Create the EMP DISPLAY application. Add the name: EMP DISPLAY, accept all other default values and click Create application.



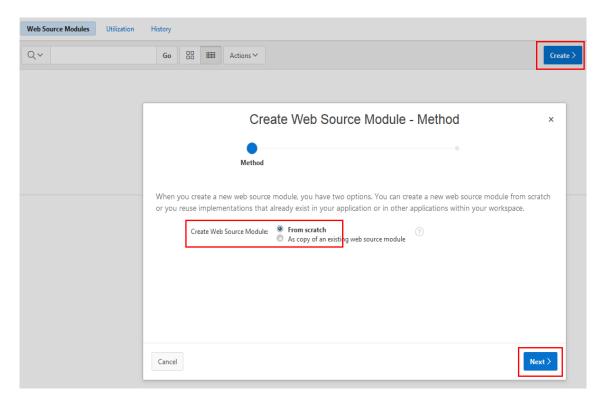
4. Choose Shared Components.



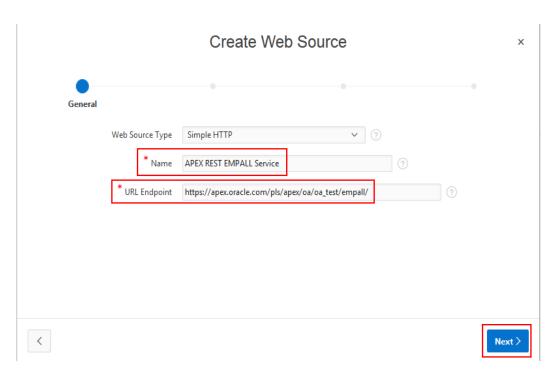
5. In the Data Sources section, choose Web Source Modules.



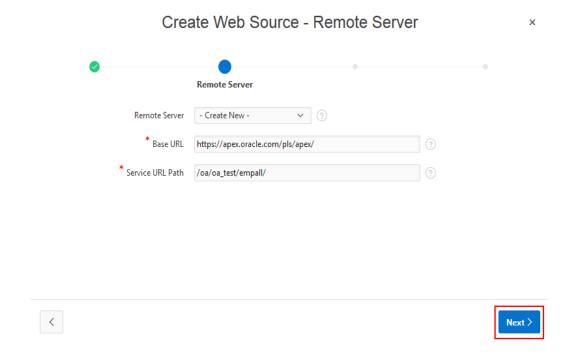
6. Click the create button, select from scratch and click Next



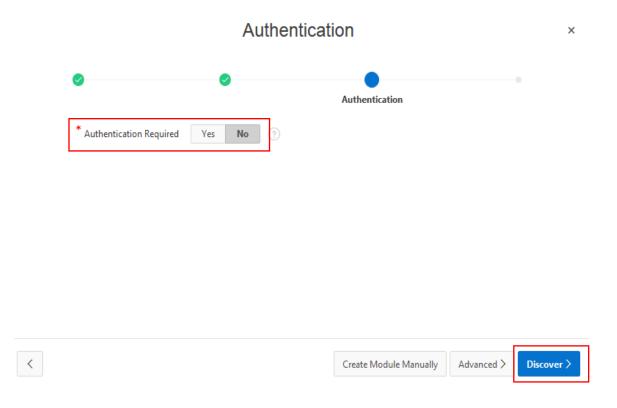
7. Add the name and URL for your empall module created earlier, click next



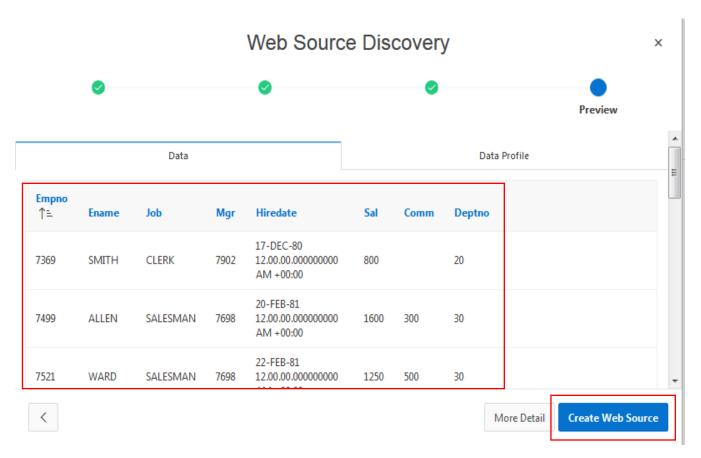
8. The next step will automatically split up the endpoint URL into a server-specific and a service-specific part. Click Next



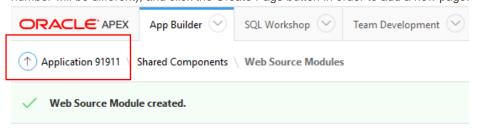
9. For authentication select No, click Discover

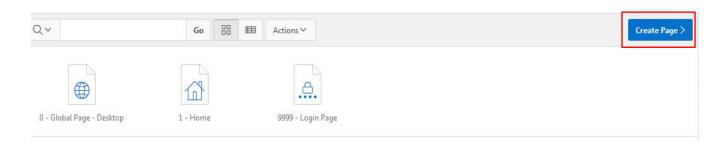


10. Employees from the emps table will be discovered. Click Create Web Source.

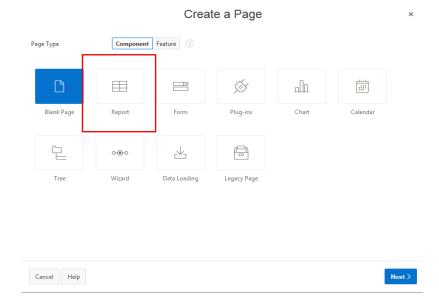


11. Return to the application home page by clicking the Application number under the Oracle APEX logo (Your application number will be different), and click the Create Page button in order to add a new page.

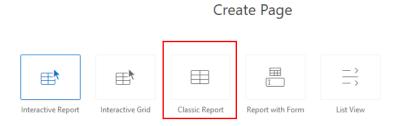




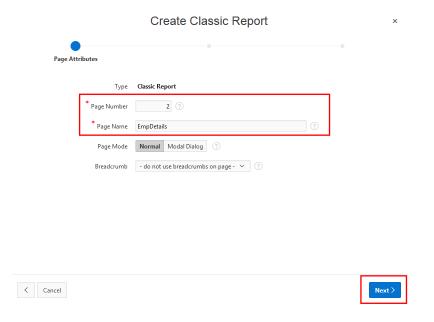
12. Click Report.



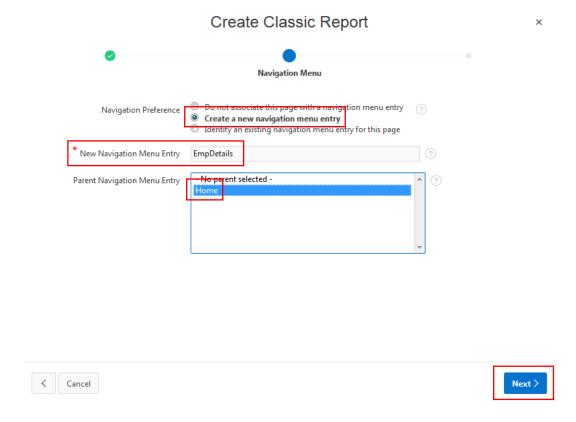
13. Choose Classic Report.



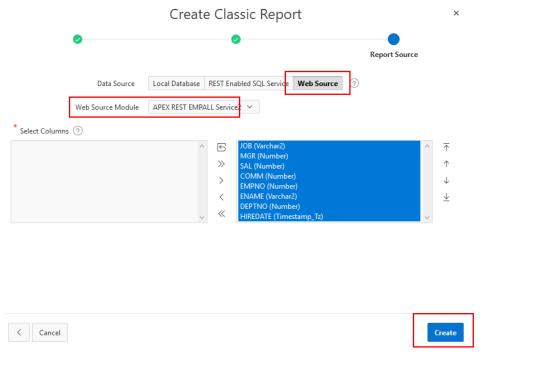
14. Enter Page Number 2, and Page Name EmpDetails. Click Next



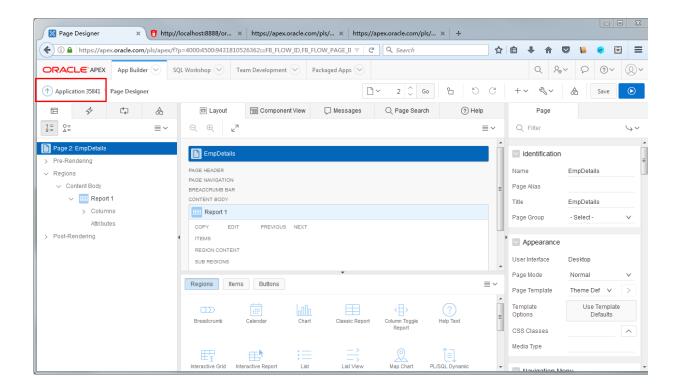
14. Navigation Menu. Select Create a new Navigation menu entry, add EmpDetails as the name, and select Home as Parent Navigation Menu Entry. Click Next



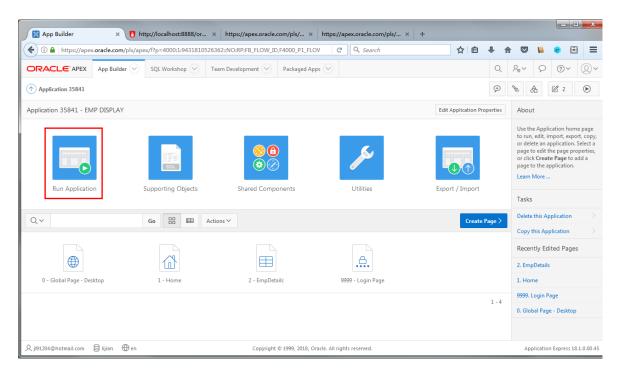
15. For Data Source, choose Web Source, select the APEX REST EMPALL service. Click Create.



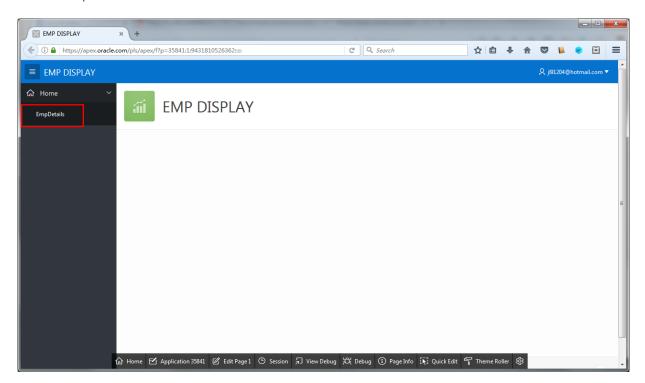
16. The page design appears. Click the application number to return to the application Home page.



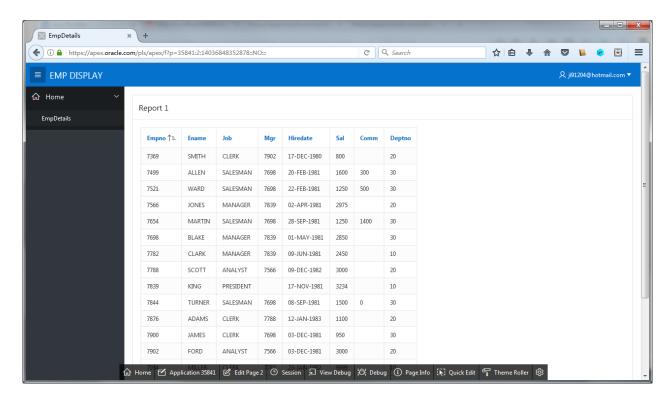
17. Click the Run Application icon.



18. Click the EmpDetails menu item link.



19. The employees in the database table emp are displayed in the application using the REST Web Service.



Consuming the RESTful Web Service Created in Application Express Using a Java Client

1. Open the Command Prompt.

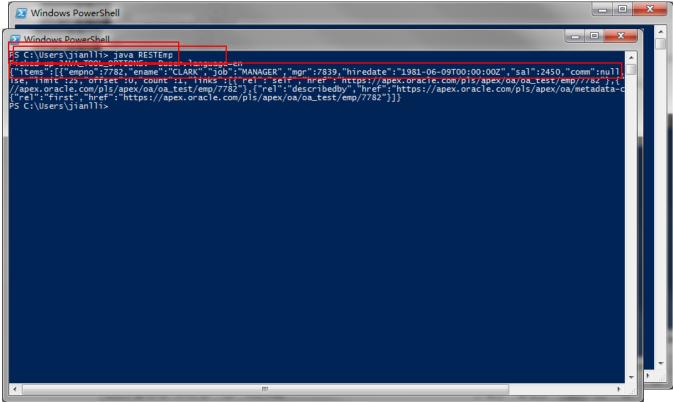


2. Create a Java Source file RESTEmp.java to retrieve the empno 7782 details. Be sure to change the URL to that of your own schema. Alternatively, you could create, compile and run the java file in an IDE such as Eclipse or Netbeans.

```
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.InputStream;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;
import java.net.HttpURLConnection;
import java.net.URL;
public class RestMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
            // TODO Auto-generated method stub
             connectRest();
    public static void connectRest() {
    try {
                     //****** Enter the URL of your own schema ******
       String uri = "https://apex.oracle.com/pls/apex/oa/oa_test/emp/7782";
       URL url = new URL(uri);
       HttpURLConnection connection
            = (HttpURLConnection) url.openConnection();
       connection.setRequestMethod("GET");
       connection.setRequestProperty("Accept", "application/json");
       readEmp(connection);
    } catch (Exception e) {
       System. out.println("Could not establish the connection");
  public static void readEmp(HttpURLConnection connection) {
```

```
InputStream json = connection.getInputStream();
InputStreamReader isr = new InputStreamReader(json);
BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(isr);
String line;
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
    sb.append(line);
}
System.out.println(sb);
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println("Can not read the json object");
}
}
```

3. Compile the RESTEmp.java file.



4. Execute the RESTEmp class and the data for empno 7782 will be displayed.

Congratulations! You have completed Using RESTful Web Service in Application Express Lab successfully.