How to Publish ASP.NET Core RESTful API to Azure

In this tutorial I'm going to show how to:

- Create a SQL Database
- Create a .Net Core RESTful API
- Deploy REST API to Azure
- Test REST API using Postman

You can find the complete source code here:

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI

Step 01: Create a SQL Database

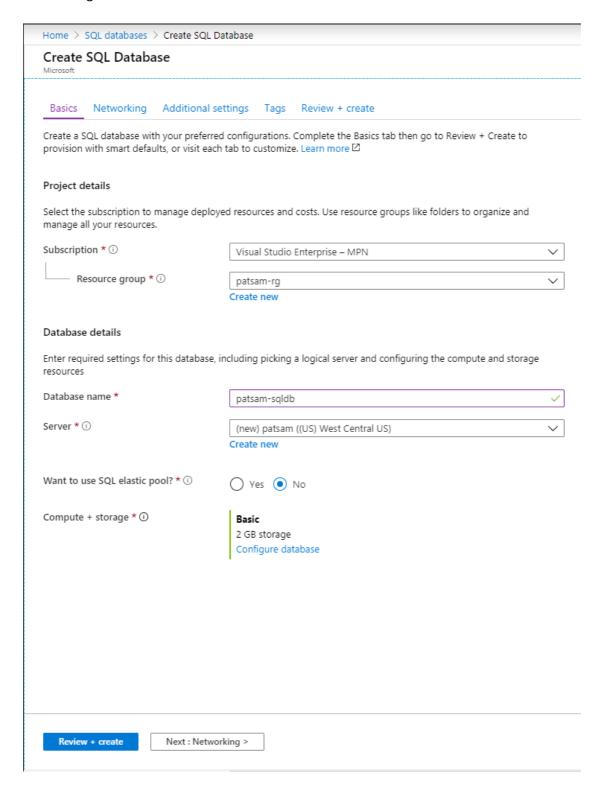
We are going to create new SQL Database and add a table called Employee. We will be having bellow structure for an employee.

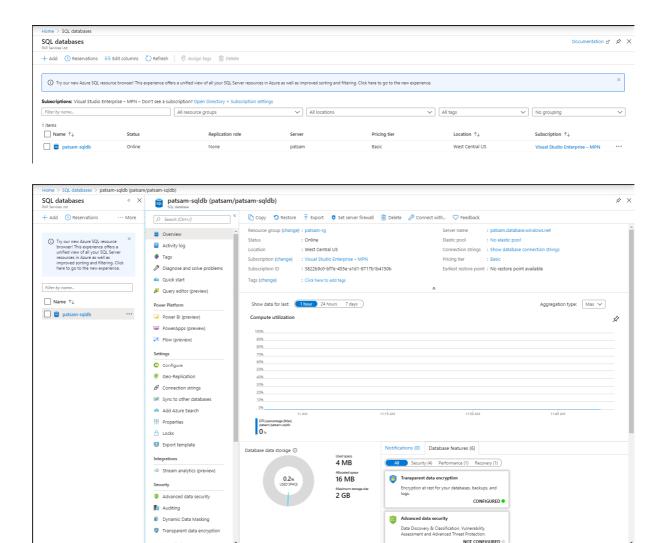
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Name	String
Age	Int
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Manager	Bool

Create a SQL Database.

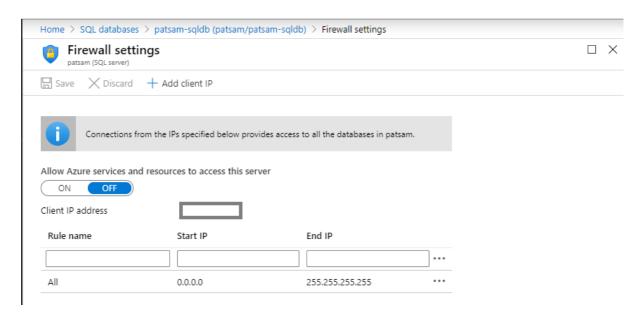
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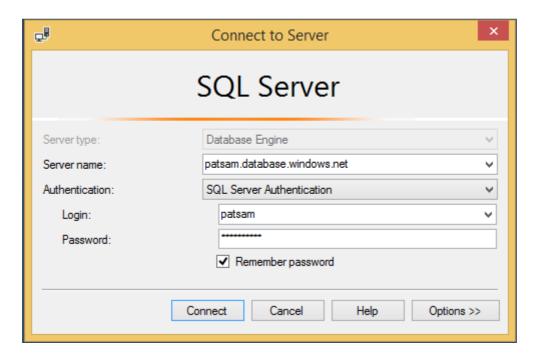


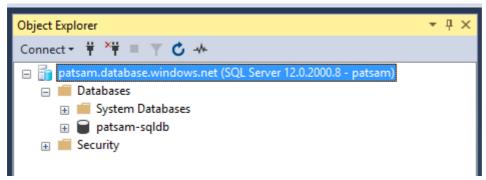


Configure the Firewall settings to allow accessing it.



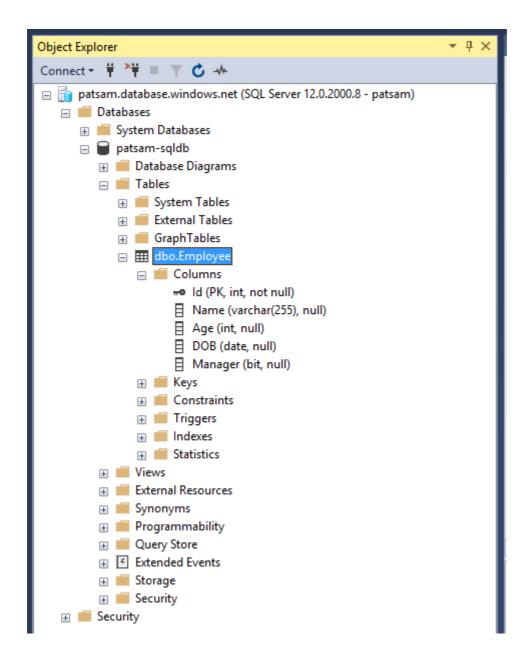
Connect to the Database through SQL Server Management Studio.





Next create a new table called Employee.

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CREATE TABLE Employee (
   Id Int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
   Name Varchar(255),
   Age Int,
   DOB Date,
   Manager Bit
);
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Insert some data to the table.

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Insert Into Employee
Values ('Patrick Sameera', 30, '05/05/2000', 1)
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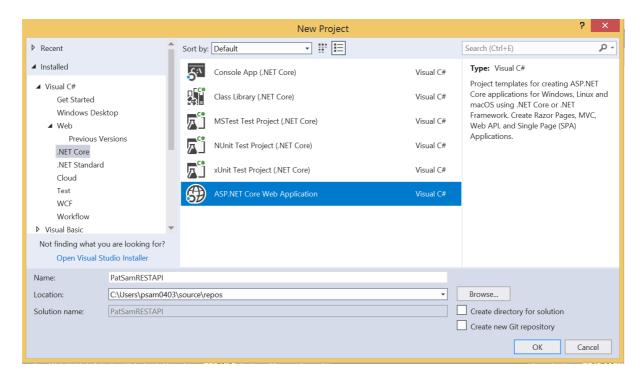
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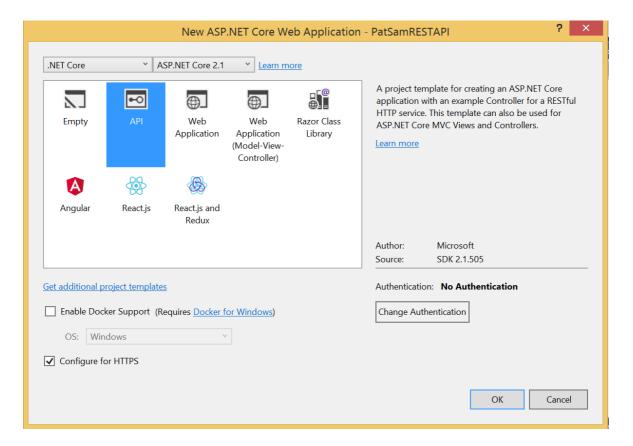
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Step 02: Create a .Net Core RESTful API

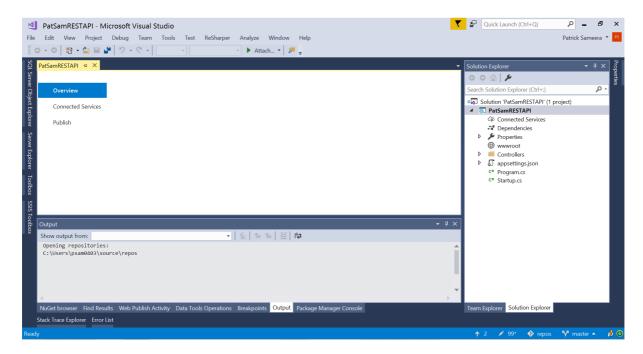
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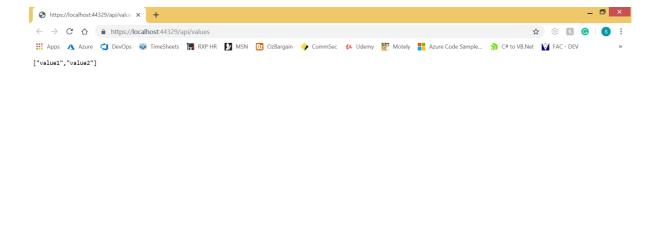
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This is how the project folder structure looks like.



Run the project to make sure it compiles and runs properly.



Next add/do bellow changes to the code.

PatSamDbContext.cs

Create a folder called "Contexts" and add the PatSamDbContext.cs inside that.

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI/blob/master/Contexts/PatSamDbContext.cs

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Employee.cs

Next create a folder called "Model" and add the Employee.cs inside that.

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI/blob/master/Model/Employee.cs

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public bool Manager { get; set; }
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EmployeeController.cs

Next create EmployeeController.cs

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI/blob/master/Controllers/EmployeeController.cs

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                        // PUT: api/employees/5
[HttpPut("{id:int}")]
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                        public async Task<IActionResult> PutEmployee(int id, Employee employee)...
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                        [HttpDelete("{id:int}")]
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public async Task<IActionResult> DeleteEmployee(int id)...
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Startup.cs

Do bellow changes in Startup.cs

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI/blob/master/Startup.cs

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public IConfiguration Configuration { get; }

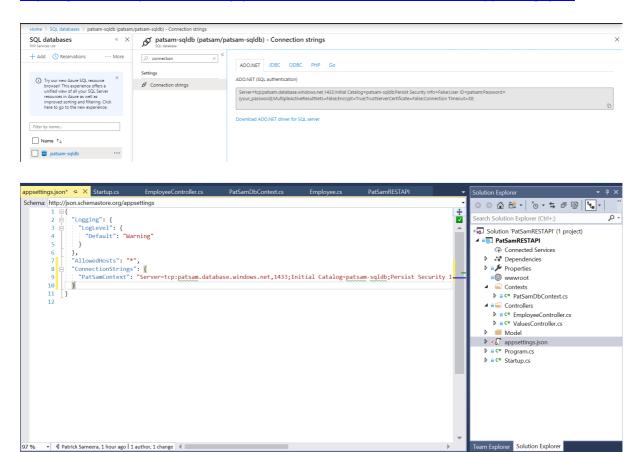
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              // This method gets called by the runtime. Use this method to add services to the container.
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               public void ConfigureServices (IServiceCollection services)
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                   services.AddMvc().SetCompatibilityVersion(CompatibilityVersion.Version_2_1);
                   // Database connection
                   services.AddDbContext<PatSamDbContext>(optionsAction: options =>
                   options.UseSqlServer(Configuration.GetConnectionString(name: "PatSamContext")));
//
              // This method gets called by the runtime. Use this method to configure the HTTP request pipeline.
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appsettings.json

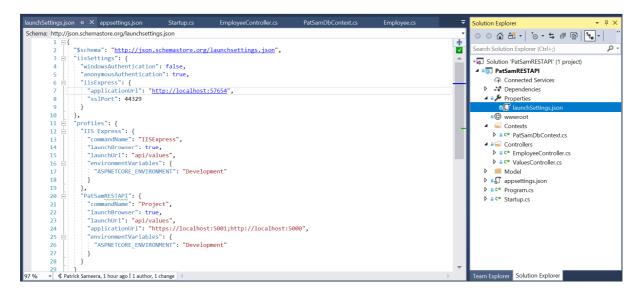
Add the Database connection string to the appsettings.json file.

https://github.com/patricksameerajayalath/Net-Core-RESTAPI/blob/master/appsettings.json



launchSettings.json

Default URL https://localhost:{port}/api/values comes from the launchUrl property in the Properties\launchSettings.json:



Run the Project.

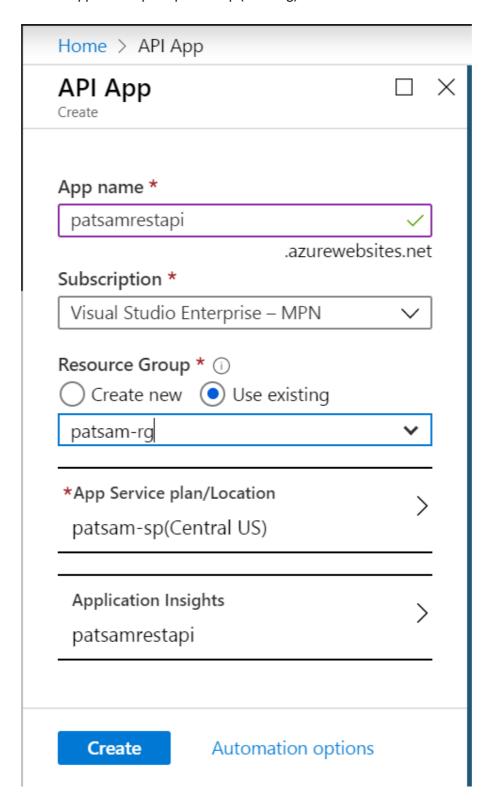
https://localhost:44329/api/employee



Step 03: Deploy REST API to Azure

Create API App.

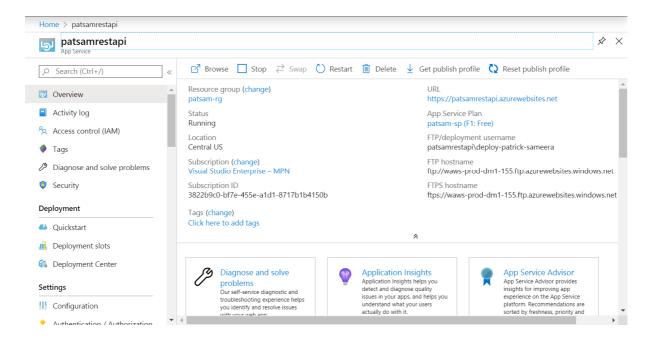
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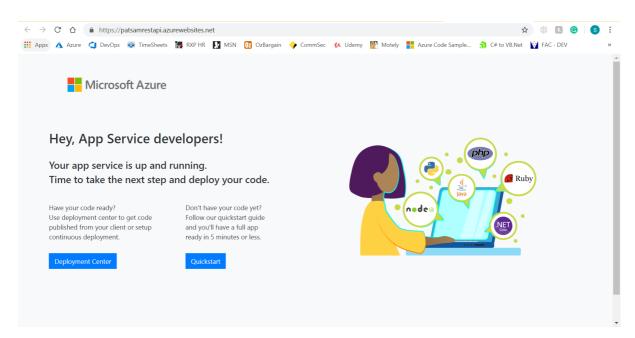
Once the API App got created sucessfully go inside the resource.

Click Browse to API App.

https://patsamrestapi.azurewebsites.net

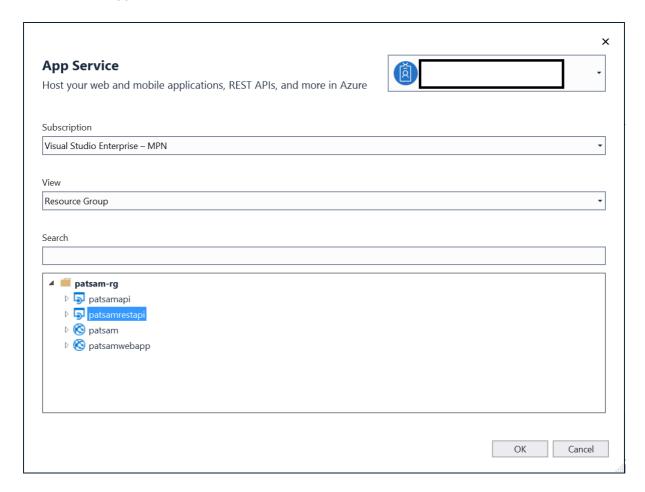


Make sure it works properly.

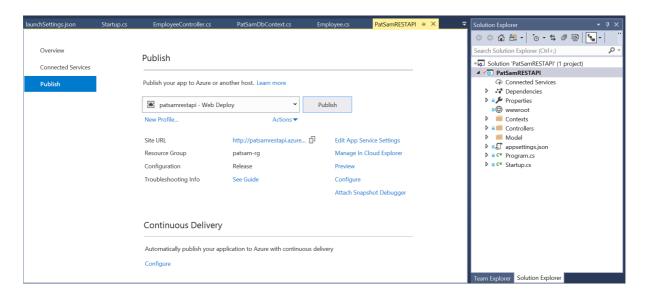


Next publish the REST API to the newly created API App.

Select the API App we created earlier.



Once the profile been set publish it.



Make sure it gets published sucessfully.

Make sure the Web API works fine after the publish.

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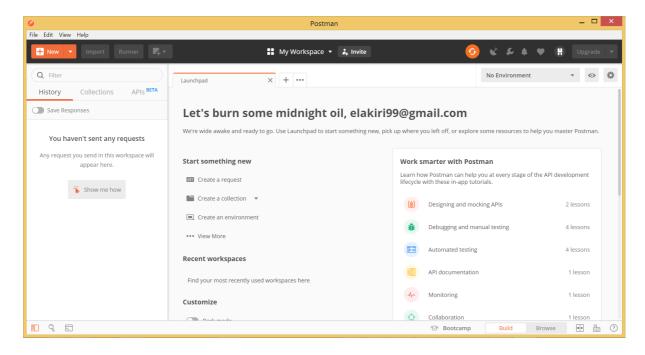


Step 04: Test REST API using Postman

You can download Postman here:

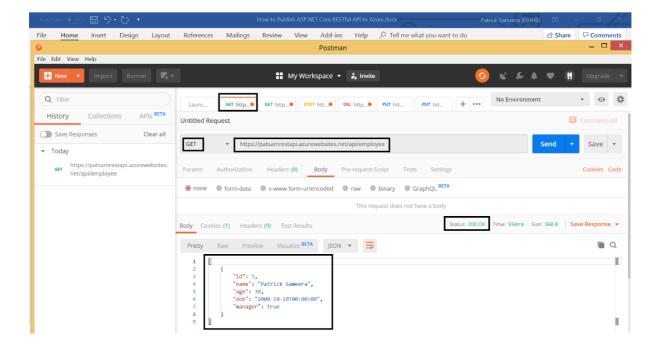
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Open Postman.



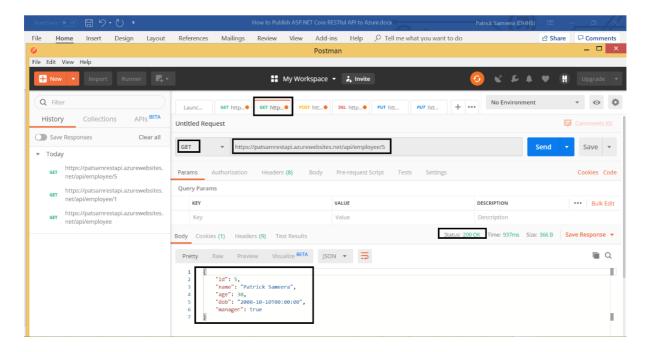
Get all employee details

- GET
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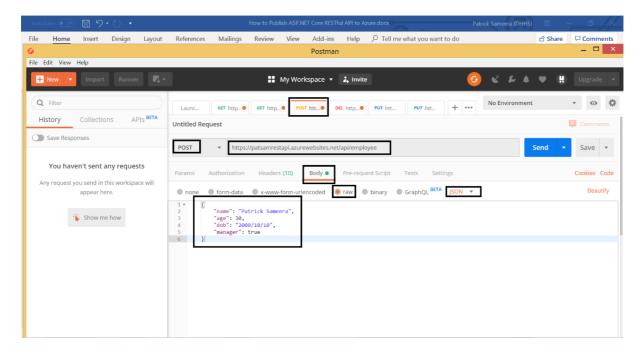
Get single employee detail

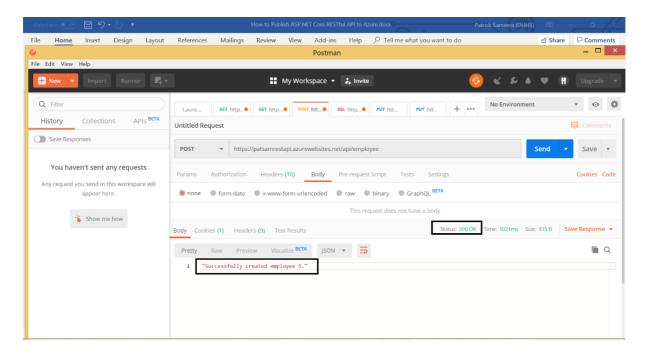
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Add employee detail

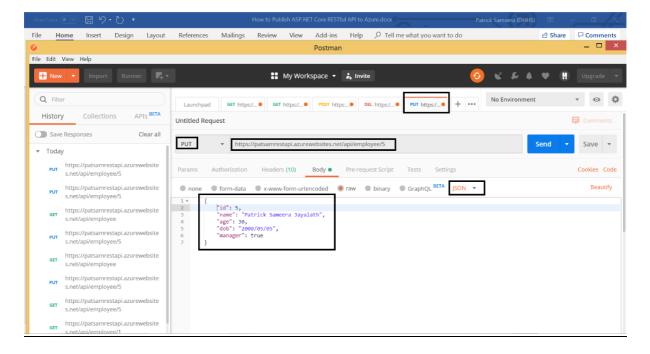
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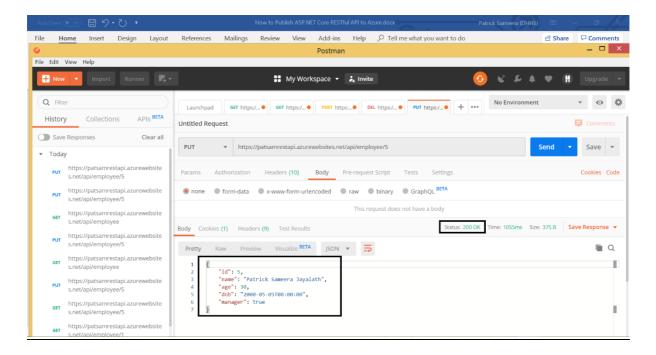




Update employee detail

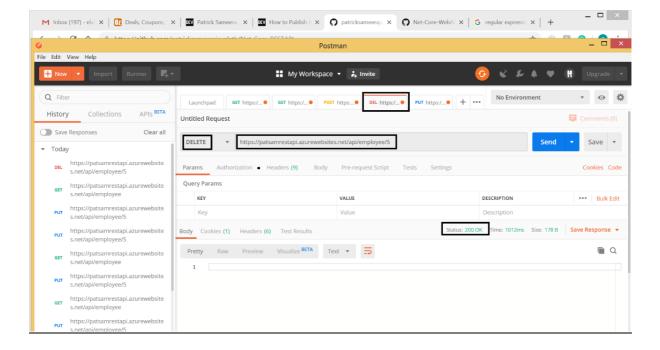
- PUT
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Delete employee detail

- DELETE
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We can also check some API Validations through Postman.

