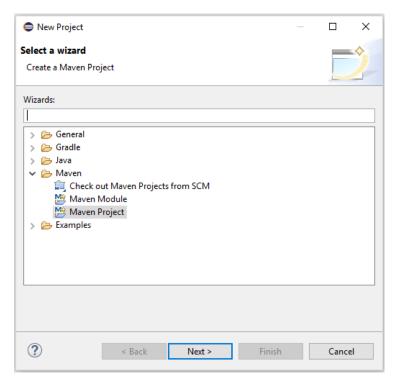


Social Media API Tutorial

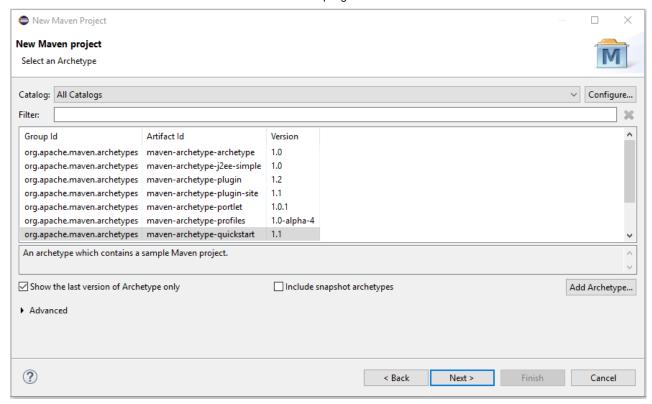
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Select Maven Project under the Maven folder and click Next.

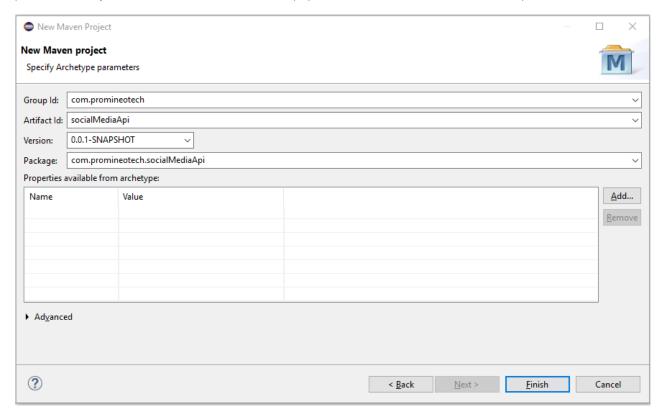


Leave the selected default of "Use default Workspace location" and click Next.

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Give your project a Group Id. The Group Id should follow conventions found here (essentially a domain name in reverse order) and will represent the base of all your projects. For example, our Group Id for this tutorial will be com.promineotech. Next, give your project an Artifact Id. The Artifact Id is the Id of the specific code base you are about to create, think of it like the project name. Our Artifact Id will be socialMediaApi.



Notice that the Package name is derived from the Artifact Id concatenated to the end of the Group Id.

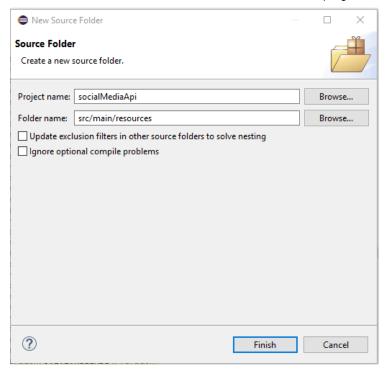
Click finish and your project will be created.

Open the pom.xml file and add the following parent element and dependencies. These dependencies will tell maven to pull in the external Java libraries we will use to create our API.

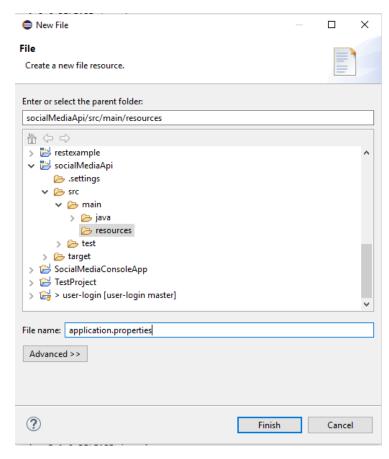
```
<parent>
   <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
   <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
   <version>1.2.6.RELEASE
</parent>
<dependencies>
        <groupId>org.springframework.boot
        <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
        <exclusions>
            <exclusion>
                <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
                <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-logging</artifactId>
            </exclusion>
        </exclusions>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-log4j2</artifactId>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
        <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>mysql</groupId>
        <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
        <scope>runtime</scope>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>com.jayway.jsonpath
        <artifactId>json-path</artifactId>
        <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-security-crypto</artifactId>
        <version>5.1.2.RELEASE
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>junit
        <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
        <version>3.8.1
        <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

Note: When we run spring boot, if we see an error that says **Could not create connection to database server**. We may have a newer version of MySQL installed. To make our application work, we need to add a version element to the mysql dependency. For example:

Now that we have our dependencies set up, let's create a properties file that tells our API how to connect to the database it will be using. Right click on your project in the Package Explorer and select **New -> Source Folder**. Call the folder **src/main/resources** and click finish. You will see the newly created source folder appear under your project.



Right click on the newly created resources folder and select New -> File and call the file application.properties.



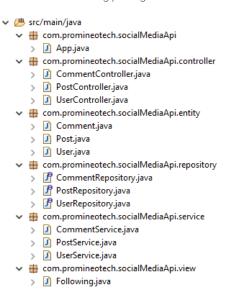
Inside application.properties, add the following lines.

```
1 spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost/social_api
2 spring.datasource.username=root
3 spring.datasource.password=root
4 spring.datasource.driver-class-name=com.mysql.jdbc.Driver
5
6 spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=create
7 spring.jpa.show-sql=true
8 spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL5Dialect
9
10 multipart.max-file-size=10MB
11 multipart.max-request-size=10MB
12
```

The first four lines set up our connection to the database this API will be using. Note that you need to create the database in MySQL before this connection will work. To do that, log into your MySQL command line and run **create database social_api**. The next 3 lines tell our project how to interact with MySQL and what schema to use. We have spring jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto set to create, this means that every time we start our application it will recreate the database schema, overwriting any data that is currently there. Once you finish writing all the code for your API you will want to change that value to update instead of create so that your data doesn't get blown away with each server bounce (restarting the server). The last two lines set size limits for file uploads; we include these lines in this project because uploading a profile picture will be part of the API.

Right click on your project and select New -> Folder and call the folder pictures. This is where we will end up storing the profile pictures for our users.

Next, create the following packages, classes, and interfaces (the files in the com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository package are interfaces).



Once those are created, let's set our App class up to launch using Spring Boot. To do this, replace the automatically generated content of the App.java file with the following:

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi;
1
3@import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
   import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
   import org.springframework.context.annotation.ComponentScan;
   @ComponentScan("com.promineotech.socialMediaApi")
8
   @SpringBootApplication
9
   public class App
10
   {
11@
       public static void main( String[] args )
12
           SpringApplication.run(App.class, args);
13
       }
15
   }
```

The @ComponentScan annotation tells Spring Boot what the base package is to scan for all the components we will be creating. These components are the classes we create that will be injected into other classes using @Autowired.

Next, let's go ahead and create the structure of our entities. Make your Comment, Post, and User classes look like the following:

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;
3⊖ import java.sql.Date;
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Post;
6 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
8 public class Comment {
10
       private Long id;
11
       private String content;
12
       private Date date;
13
       private User user;
14
15
       private Post post;
       public Long getId() {
16⊖
17
           return id;
18
19
20⊝
       public void setId(Long id) {
21
           this.id = id;
22
23
       public String getContent() {
24⊝
25
           return content;
26
27
28⊝
       public void setContent(String content) {
29
           this.content = content;
30
31
32⊝
       public Date getDate() {
33
           return date;
34
35
36⊖
       public void setDate(Date date) {
37
           this.date = date;
38
39
       public Post getPost() {
40⊝
41
           return post;
43
44⊝
       public void setPost(Post post) {
45
           this.post = post;
46
47
       public User getUser() {
48⊝
49
           return user;
50
51
       public void setUser(User user) {
52⊝
53
           this.user = user;
54
55 }
```

NOTE: please use java.util.Date instead of java.sql.Date shown in the above image.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;
 3⊖ import java.util.Date;
 4 import java.util.Set;
6 public class Post {
       private Long id;
private String content;
8
9
10
       private Date date;
11
       private User user;
       private Set<Comment> comments;
12
13
149
       public Long getId() {
15
          return id;
16
17
18⊜
       public void setId(Long id) {
19
          this.id = id;
20
21
22⊜
       public String getContent() {
23
           return content;
24
25
26⊜
       public void setContent(String content) {
27
           this.content = content;
28
29
30⊝
       public Date getDate() {
31
           return date;
32
33
34⊜
       public void setDate(Date date) {
35
           this.date = date;
36
37
38⊜
       public User getUser() {
39
           return user;
40
41
42⊖
       public void setUser(User user) {
43
           this.user = user;
44
45
46⊜
       public Set<Comment> getComments() {
47
          return comments;
50⊝
       public void setComments(Set<Comment> comments) {
51
           this.comments = comments;
52
53 }
```

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;
   import java.util.Set;
   public class User {
       private Long id;
 8
       private String username;
 9
       private String profilePictureUrl;
       private Set<User> following;
10
11
       private String password;
       private Set<Post> posts;
12
13
       private Set<Comment> comments;
14
15@
       public Long getId() {
16
           return id;
17
18
19⊝
       public void setId(Long id) {
20
           this.id = id;
21
22
23⊜
       public String getUsername() {
24
           return username;
25
26
27⊜
       public void setUsername(String username) {
28
           this.username = username;
29
30
31⊜
       public String getPassword() {
32
           return password;
33
34
35⊜
       public void setPassword(String password) {
36
           this.password = password;
38
39⊜
       public Set<Post> getPosts() {
40
           return posts;
41
42
43<del>0</del>
       public void setPosts(Set<Post> posts) {
44
           this.posts = posts;
45
46
47⊜
       public Set<Comment> getComments() {
48
           return comments;
49
50
51⊜
       public void setComments(Set<Comment> comments) {
52
           this.comments = comments;
53
54
55⊜
       public Set<User> getFollowing() {
56
           return following;
57
58
       public void setFollowing(Set<User> following) {
59⊜
60
           this.following = following;
61
62
63⊜
       public String getProfilePictureUrl() {
64
           return profilePictureUrl;
65
66
67⊜
       public void setProfilePictureUrl(String profilePictureUrl) {
68
           this.profilePictureUrl = profilePictureUrl;
69
70 }
```

The above classes show the fields that will be needed to represent our users, posts, and comments. Now that we have the basic structure in place, we need to add a few more things to set up the relationship mapping in the database, tell Spring Boot that these classes are entities mapped to database tables, and determine which fields will be sent back to the user when they request data and which will not. To do this, modify your entity classes to look like the following.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;
 3@ import java.sql.Date;
 5 import javax.persistence.Entity;
   import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
 7 import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
 8 import javax.persistence.Id;
9 import javax.persistence.JoinColumn;
10 import javax.persistence.ManyToOne;
11
12 import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.JsonIgnore;
13 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Post;
14 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
16 @Entity
   public class Comment {
17
18
19
       private Long id;
20
       private String content;
       private Date date;
21
       private User user;
22
23
24⊜
       @JsonIgnore
25
       private Post post;
26
27⊜
28
       @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
29
       public Long getId() {
30
           return id;
31
       public void setId(Long id) {
33⊜
           this.id = id;
35
36
37⊜
       public String getContent() {
38
           return content;
39
40
       public void setContent(String content) {
41 ⊕
42
           this.content = content;
43
44
45@
       public Date getDate() {
46
           return date;
47
48
49⊜
       public void setDate(Date date) {
50
           this.date = date;
51
52
53⊜
       @ManvToOne
       @JoinColumn(name = "postId")
54
55
       public Post getPost() {
56
           return post;
57
58
       public void setPost(Post post) {
59@
60
           this.post = post;
61
62
63⊜
       @ManyToOne
64
       @JoinColumn(name = "userId")
65
       public User getUser() {
66
           return user;
67
68
69⊜
       public void setUser(User user) {
70
           this.user = user;
71
72 }
```

The **@Entity** annotation tells JPA (which you will learn more about later) that this class maps to a table in the database. The **@JsonIgnore** annotation makes it so the annotated field is not part of the serialized output when sending an instance of this class to the user (it will be hidden from the JSON representation of this class). The **@Id** and **@GeneratedValue** annotations tell the program which field is the primary key in the database and how it should be created. Notice that we used GenerationType.AUTO, which means the primary key will auto increment in the database. The **@ManyToOne** and **@JoinColumn** annotations set up join relationships between this entity table in the database and other entity tables.

```
1
   package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;
 3⊖ import java.util.Date;
 4
   import java.util.Set;
 6 import javax.persistence.Entity;
 7 import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
   import javax.persistence.GenerationType;
 9 import javax.persistence.Id;
10 import javax.persistence.JoinColumn;
import javax.persistence.ManyToOne;
12 import javax.persistence.OneToMany;
13
14 @Entity
   public class Post {
15
16
17
        private Long id;
18
        private String content;
19
        private Date date;
20
        private User user;
21
        private Set<Comment> comments;
22
23⊜
24
        @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
25
        public Long getId() {
26
            return id:
27
28
        public void setId(Long id) {
29⊜
30
            this.id = id;
31
32
33⊜
        public String getContent() {
34
            return content;
35
36
37⊜
        public void setContent(String content) {
38
            this.content = content;
39
40
41⊜
        public Date getDate() {
42
            return date;
43
44
45<del>0</del>
        public void setDate(Date date) {
46
            this.date = date;
47
48
49⊜
        @ManyToOne
50
        @JoinColumn(name = "userId")
51
        public User getUser() {
52
            return user;
53
54
55⊜
        public void setUser(User user) {
56
            this.user = user:
57
58
59⊜
        @OneToMany(mappedBy = "post")
        public Set<Comment> getComments() {
60
61
            return comments;
62
63
640
        public void setComments(Set<Comment> comments) {
65
            this.comments = comments;
66
```

The only new annotation introduced in this class is the @OneToMany which is the counterpart to @ManyToOne. This tells JPA that all the instances of the Comment class that have this specific Post in their post field, are part of this set. In other words, a Post can have many comments associated with it, while each Comment can only belong to one Post.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity;

import java.util.Set;

import javax.persistence.CascadeType;
import javax.persistence.Entity;
import javax.persistence.GeneratedValue;
import javax.persistence.Id;
import javax.persistence.Id;
import javax.persistence.JoinColumn;
import javax.persistence.JoinTable;
import javax.persistence.OneToMany;
import javax.persistence.OneToMany;
import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.JsonIgnore;
import com.fasterxml.jackson.annotation.JsonProperty;
```

```
18 @Entity
     public class User {
 19
 20
 21
          private Long id;
 22
          private String username;
 23
         private String profilePictureUrl;
 24
 25⊜
         @JsonIgnore
         private Set<User> following;
 26
 27
 28
         private String password;
 29
 30⊜
         @JsonIgnore
 31
         private Set<Post> posts;
 32
         @JsonIgnore
 33⊜
 34
         private Set<Comment> comments;
 35
 36⊜
 37
          @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.AUTO)
 38
         public Long getId() {
 39
              return id;
 40
 41
         public void setId(Long id) {
 43
              this.id = id;
 44
 45
 46⊜
         public String getUsername() {
 47
              return username;
 48
 49
 50@
         public void setUsername(String username) {
 51
              this.username = username;
 52
 53
 54⊜
          @JsonIgnore
 55
         public String getPassword() {
 56
              return password;
 58
 59⊜
         @JsonProperty
         public void setPassword(String password) {
 60
              this.password = password;
 61
 62
 63
          @OneToMany(mappedBy = "user")
 649
 65
         public Set<Post> getPosts() {
 66
              return posts;
 67
 68
 69⊕
         public void setPosts(Set<Post> posts) {
 70
              this.posts = posts;
 71
 72
 73⊜
          @OneToMany(mappedBy = "user")
 74
         public Set<Comment> getComments() {
 75
              return comments;
 76
 77
 78⊜
         public void setComments(Set<Comment> comments) {
 79
              this.comments = comments;
 80
 81
 820
          @ManyToMany(cascade = CascadeType.ALL)
         @JoinTable(name = "following",
    joinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "userId", referencedColumnName = "id"),
    inverseJoinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "followingId", referencedColumnName = "id"))
 83
 84
 85
 86
          public Set<User> getFollowing() {
 87
              return following;
 88
         public void setFollowing(Set<User> following) {
 90⊝
              this.following = following;
 91
 92
 93
         public String getProfilePictureUrl() {
 940
              return profilePictureUrl;
 95
 96
 97
 980
          public void setProfilePictureUrl(String profilePictureUrl) {
 99
              this.profilePictureUrl = profilePictureUrl;
100
101 }
```

Here, we are introduced to the @JsonProperty annotation which is placed over the setter for the password field. We have @JsonIgnore over the getter so that a user's password is never serialized and returned as the result of an API call, but we want the password to be able to come in from a user when the are registering or logging in. The @JsonProperty annotation allows this to happen. We also notice the @ManyToMany and @JoinTable annotations. These

have a little more going on, but they essentially set up a many-to-many relationship between entities in the database, declare what the join table will be named, and identify the primary keys that each entity will contribute to the join table. If you need a refresher on how many-to-many relationships work, consider looking back at the relational database curriculum or researching many-to-many relationships in SQL.

Now that we've completed the entities, let's create the repository interfaces. These interfaces will extend CrudRepository, which gives each interface we create a lot of already implemented functionality such as the ability to read and write to the database tables that correspond with the entities without us having to write any additional code! Go ahead and add the following code to your repository classes.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository;
 3@ import org.springframework.data.repository.CrudRepository;
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Comment;
 5
   public interface CommentRepository extends CrudRepository<Comment, Long> {
 8
9
   1
 1
   package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository;
 3@ import org.springframework.data.repository.CrudRepository;
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Post;
   public interface PostRepository extends CrudRepository<Post, Long>{
 9
   1
   package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository;
import org.springframework.data.repository.CrudRepository;
5
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
   public interface UserRepository extends CrudRepository<User, Long> {
8
       public User findByUsername(String username);
9
10
   }
11
```

Notice that all three of these specify two classes in the CrudRepository's generic diamond operators - the entity class that this repository will manage (User, Post, or Comment) and the type that the primary key will be (Long). In addition to extending the CrudRepository, the UserRepository class also adds an abstract method, findByUsername. This method has no implementation, but it doesn't need one, because Spring Data does some magic under the hood and implements the functionality based on the name and method signature. So, just by **public User findByUsername(String username)**; Spring Data knows to take a String, find the row in the database where the username matches that String, create an instance of the User class with the data from the retrieved row, and return that User.

Now that we have our repositories created, let's work on the service layer and our business logic. For Users, we know that we will need the following functionality.

The ability to:

- · create a comment
- delete a comment

To delete a comment is a fairly simple process. Because of the functionality that Spring Data provides, we can just call the delete method on the repository. Add the following lines to your CommentService class.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service;
3 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
   import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
6
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.CommentRepository;
8
   @Service
   public class CommentService {
9
10
       @Autowired
110
12
       private CommentRepository repo;
13
149
       public void deleteComment(Long commentId) {
           repo.delete(commentId);
15
16
17 }
```

The **Service** annotation marks this class as a component to be picked up by the scanner and allows us to automatically inject an instance into any class that autowires it. You can see an example of the CommentRepository being injected using **Autowired** as well. Notice how, with the injection of the CommentRepository, we don't have to instantiate an instance of the class anywhere, that is taken care of for us at runtime.

Next, let's add the ability to create a new comment. This one takes a bit more work as we need to be able to find the user that made the comment and the post the comment was made on. To do that, we will need to add the repositories for user and post, query the databases for the related user and post, and add those to the comment's fields before saving it. Just like this:

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service;
 3⊖ import java.util.Date;
 5 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
 6 import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
 8 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Comment;
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Post;
10 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.CommentRepository;
12 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.PostRepository;
13 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.UserRepository;
14
15 @Service
16 public class CommentService {
        ⋒Autowired
18⊜
19
        private CommentRepository repo;
20
219
        @Autowired
22
        private PostRepository postRepo;
23
24⊜
        @Autowired
25
        private UserRepository userRepo;
26
27⊜
        public Comment createComment(Comment comment, Long userId, Long postId) throws Exception {
28
            User user = userRepo.findOne(userId);
29
            Post post = postRepo.findOne(postId);
30
            if (user == null || post == null) {
    throw new Exception("User or Post does not exist.");
31
32
33
34
35
            comment.setDate(new Date());
            comment.setUser(user);
            comment.setPost(post);
36
            return repo.save(comment);
37
38
39∈
        public void deleteComment(Long commentId) {
40
            repo.delete(commentId);
41
        }
42 }
```

Next, the PostService follows a similar pattern. We want to be able to:

- find all posts to display in a news feed of sorts
- · find an individual post
- update a post
- create a post

We could add the ability to delete a post as well, if we wanted to

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service;
 3⊖ import java.util.Date;
 5 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
 6 import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
 8 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entitv.Post:
 9 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
10 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.PostRepository;
import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.UserRepository;
13 @Service
14 public class PostService {
15
16⊜
        @Autowired
17
       private PostRepository repo;
18
19⊜
       @Autowired
20
       private UserRepository userRepo;
21
22⊜
       public Iterable<Post> getAllPosts() {
           return repo.findAll();
23
24
25
26⊜
       public Post getPost(Long id) {
27
           return repo.findOne(id);
28
29
30⊝
       public Post updatePost(Post post, Long id) throws Exception {
31
           Post foundPost = repo.findOne(id);
32
            if (foundPost == null) {
                throw new Exception("Post not found.");
33
34
35
            foundPost.setContent(post.getContent());
36
           return repo.save(foundPost);
37
38
39⊜
       public Post createPost(Post post, Long userId) throws Exception {
           User user = userRepo.findOne(userId);
40
           if (user == null) {
41
42
                throw new Exception("User not found.");
43
44
           post.setDate(new Date());
45
           post.setUser(user);
46
            return repo.save(post);
47
   }
```

The UserService is a little more involved than the PostService and CommentService. In the UserService we want the ability to:

- · register or create users
- · allow users to log in
- allow users to follow other users
- get a list of followed users for a given user
- update a user's profile picture

Note: this tutorial does not implement or cover security, we will learn more about that in a future lesson.

Before we can do this, however, we need to build out our Following class.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.view;
 3⊖ import java.util.Set;
 5 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
   public class Following {
 9
       private Set<User> following;
10
11⊜
       public Following(User user) {
            following = user.getFollowing();
13
15⊜
       public Set<User> getFollowing() {
16
            return following;
17
18
       public void setFollowing(Set<User> following) {
19<sup>-</sup>
            this.following = following;
20
21
22 }
```

This is a simple class that contains a Set of Users that a given user follows. Now that we have this implemented, we can add the code for our UserService.

```
1
   package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service;
 30 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
 4 import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
 6 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
 7 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.repository.UserRepository;
 8 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.view.Following;
10 @Service
11 public class UserService {
12
       MAutowired
13@
14
       private UserRepository repo;
15
160
        public User createUser(User user) {
17
            return repo.save(user);
18
19
20⊝
       public User login(User user) throws Exception {
            User foundUser = repo.findByUsername(user.getUsername());
21
            if (foundUser != null && foundUser.getPassword().equals(user.getPassword())) {
22
23
                return foundUser;
            } else {
24
                throw new Exception("Invalid username or password.");
25
            }
26
27
       }
28
       public Following follow(Long userId, Long followId) throws Exception {
29⊜
30
            User user = repo.findOne(userId);
            User follow = repo.findOne(followId);
31
32
            if (user == null || follow == null) {
33
                throw new Exception("User does not exist.");
34
35
            user.getFollowing().add(follow);
36
            repo.save(user);
37
            return new Following(user);
38
39
       public Following getFollowedUsers(Long userId) throws Exception {
40⊝
           User user = repo.findOne(userId);
if (user == null) {
41
42
43
                throw new Exception("User does not exist.");
44
45
            return new Following(user);
46
47
48⊜
       public User updateProfilePicture(Long userId, String url) throws Exception {
49
            User user = repo.findOne(userId);
            if (user == null) {
50
51
                throw new Exception("User does not exist.");
52
53
            user.setProfilePictureUrl(url);
54
            return repo.save(user);
55
       }
56
   1
```

Now that we have all the service layer classes complete, let's finalize the project by creating the controller classes. The controllers are where we define the endpoints that this API will have. Below is the CommentController class that will have endpoints that allow a user to create or delete a comment.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.controller;
3 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
   import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
   import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestBody;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
10
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
11
12
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Comment;
13
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service.CommentService;
15
   @RequestMapping("/users/{userId}/posts/{postId}/comments")
16
17
   public class CommentController {
18
19⊝
       @Autowired
       private CommentService service;
20
21
220
       @RequestMapping(method=RequestMethod.POST)
23
       public ResponseEntity<Object> createComment(@RequestBody Comment comment, @PathVariable Long userId, @PathVariable Long postId) {
24
25
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.createComment(comment, userId, postId), HttpStatus.OK);
26
           } catch (Exception e) {
27
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
28
           }
29
       }
30
       @RequestMapping(value="/{commentId}", method=RequestMethod.DELETE)
31⊖
       public ResponseEntity<Object> deleteComment(@PathVariable Long commentId) {
32
33
           service.deleteComment(commentId);
           return new ResponseEntity<Object>("Deleted comment with id:" + commentId, HttpStatus.OK);
34
35
36 }
```

The @RestController annotation tells Spring Boot that this class will be used to expose endpoints. The @RequestMapping annotation is used to set up which URL and which HTTP verb methods trigger a specific method. We have an @RequestMapping at the top of the class, before the class name, which makes all the endpoints in this class have a base URL of /users/luserIdi/posts/lpostsIdi/comments. The values userId and postId in curly braces are placeholders for path variables that will be replaced with values. For example, when an endpoint on this class is called the URL may look like /users/45/posts/3/comments. The other two annotations we see here are the @RequestBody and @PathVariable. The request body is the payload that comes from the HTTP request and is deserialized into an instance of a class. The JSON fields that are passed in must match the same fields/schema of the class specified. Path variables are the values in place of the placeholders in the URL between curly braces.

Next, let's write the necessary code to make our PostController endpoints work.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.controller;
30 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
   import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
   import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestBody;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
10
   import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
11
12
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.Post;
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service.PostService;
13
14
15
   @RestController
   @RequestMapping("/users/{userId}/posts")
16
17
   public class PostController {
18
19⊝
        @Autowired
20
       private PostService service;
21
22⊝
       @RequestMapping(method=RequestMethod.GET)
23
       public ResponseEntity<Object> getAllPosts() {
24
           return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.getAllPosts(), HttpStatus.OK);
25
26
27⊝
       @RequestMapping(value="/{postId}", method=RequestMethod.GET)
       public ResponseEntity<Object> getPost(@PathVariable Long postId) {
28
            return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.getPost(postId), HttpStatus.OK);
29
30
31
       @RequestMapping(value="/{postId}", method=RequestMethod.PUT)
32<sup>-</sup>
       public ResponseEntity<Object> updatePost(@RequestBody Post post, @PathVariable Long postId) {
33
34
35
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.updatePost(post, postId), HttpStatus.OK);
            } catch (Exception e) {
36
37
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
38
39
       }
40
410
       @RequestMapping(method=RequestMethod.POST)
42
       public ResponseEntity<Object> createPost(@RequestBody Post post, @PathVariable Long userId) {
43
44
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.createPost(post, userId), HttpStatus.OK);
45
            } catch (Exception e) {
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
46
47
            }
48
       }
49 }
```

Notice how, in the controller layer, we don't do a whole bunch - we mostly just call the service layer and then return some result. This is because we want all the "heavy lifting" to be done in the service layer so that it is reusable from different controllers and other classes in the future. We don't want to have to rewrite the same functionality over and over, so putting it in a service layer where we can call those methods from other classes later on helps improve the maintainability or our code.

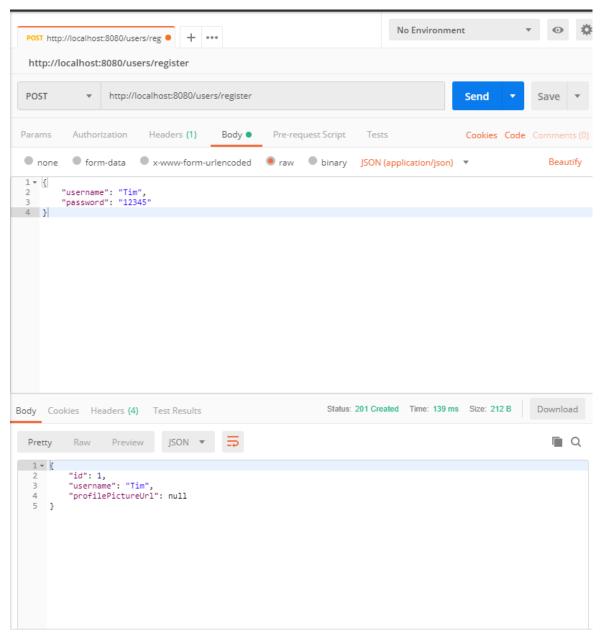
Finally, we have our UserController. This one is a bit more involved and contains endpoints mapped to methods that allow users to register, login, follow other users, and the special one - update a profile picture.

```
package com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.controller;
 1
 3⊖ import java.nio.file.Files;
   import java.nio.file.Path;
 4
   import java.nio.file.Paths;
 5
   import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
   import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
 8
 9 import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
10 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestBody;
12 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
13 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMethod;
14 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestParam;
15 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
16 import org.springframework.web.multipart.MultipartFile;
18 import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.entity.User;
19
   import com.promineotech.socialMediaApi.service.UserService;
21
   @RestController
   @RequestMapping("/users")
22
23
   public class UserController {
24
        private static String UPLOADED FOLDER = "./pictures/";
25
26
       @Autowired
27⊜
       private UserService service:
28
29
        @RequestMapping(value = "/register", method = RequestMethod.POST)
300
31
        public ResponseEntity<Object> register(@RequestBody User user) {
32
            return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.createUser(user), HttpStatus.CREATED);
33
34
35⊜
        @RequestMapping(value = "/login", method = RequestMethod.POST)
        public ResponseEntity<Object> login(@RequestBody User user) {
36
37
           try {
38
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.login(user), HttpStatus.OK);
39
           } catch (Exception e) {
40
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD REQUEST);
41
42
       }
43
        @RequestMapping(value = "/{id}/follows")
44⊕
        public ResponseEntity<Object> showFollowedUsers(@PathVariable Long id) {
45
46
47
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.getFollowedUsers(id), HttpStatus.CREATED);
48
           } catch (Exception e) {
49
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
50
51
52
536
        @RequestMapping(value = "/{id}/follows/{followId}", method = RequestMethod.POST)
54
       public ResponseEntity<Object> follow(@PathVariable Long id, @PathVariable Long followId) {
55
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.follow(id, followId), HttpStatus.CREATED);
56
57
           } catch (Exception e) {
               return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
58
59
60
       }
61
        @RequestMapping(value="/{id}/profilePicture", method = RequestMethod.POST)
62⊜
63
        public ResponseEntity<Object> singleFileUpload(@PathVariable Long id, @RequestParam("file") MultipartFile file) {
64
            if (file.isEmpty()) {
65
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>("Please upload a file.", HttpStatus.BAD_REQUEST);
66
           }
67
68
                String url = UPLOADED_FOLDER + file.getOriginalFilename();
69
70
               byte[] bytes = file.getBytes();
71
                Path path = Paths.get(url);
72
                Files.write(path, bytes);
73
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(service.updateProfilePicture(id, url), HttpStatus.CREATED);
74
           } catch (Exception e) {
75
                return new ResponseEntity<Object>(e.getMessage(), HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR);
76
77
       }
78
   }
```

We can now test out our API. Open command prompt or terminal and navigate to your projects root directory. Run **mvn spring-boot:run** to start your server. You'll know the server has successfully started when you see **App: Started App in x seconds (JVM running for x)** as seen in the below image. Also, note that all the endpoints we defined are shown as Mapped. In addition to the endpoints we defined in our API, you can also see an [[/error]] and other miscellaneous endpoints. This does not mean that there is an error, rather it means that if you hit an endpoint that is not defined it will reroute you to the default error endpoint and send you an error message back.

```
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3819-04-09 19:14:38.995] boot - 11800 NFO [com_prominenteck.socialMediaphi.pap.main()] --- RequestMappingHandlerMapping: Mapped "[(Jusers/register],methods=[POST])" onto public org.springframework.http.ResponseEntitycjava.lang.Object>
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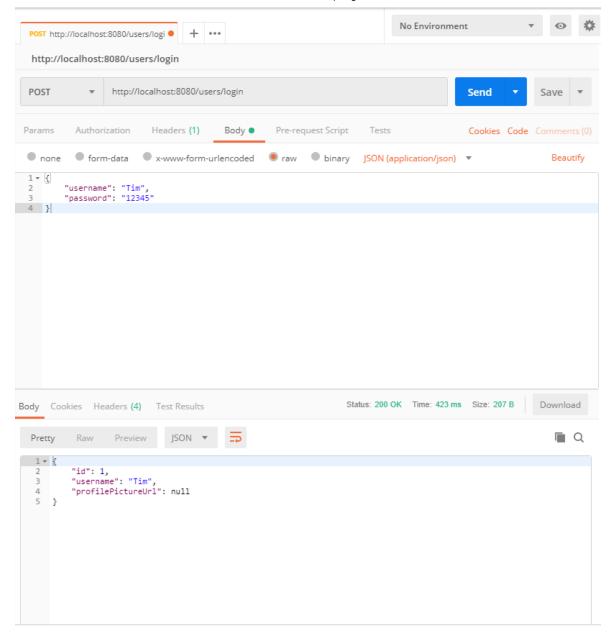
Now that the server is started up, we can send some test requests using Postman. Let's start by testing the endpoints defined in the UserController class. Send a POST request to http://localhost:8080/users/register to register a new user. We will include username and password in our JSON. Note that the 8080 in the URL is the default port that Spring Boot runs it's server on. You can stop your server by pressing ctrl + c or cmd + c depending on your operating system.

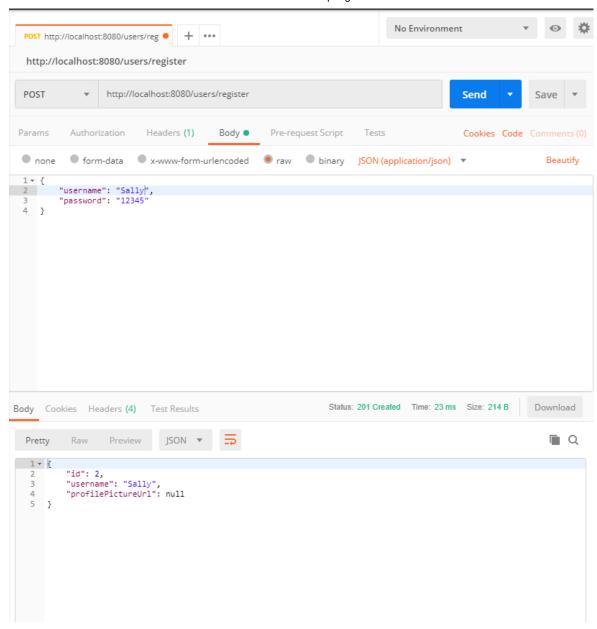


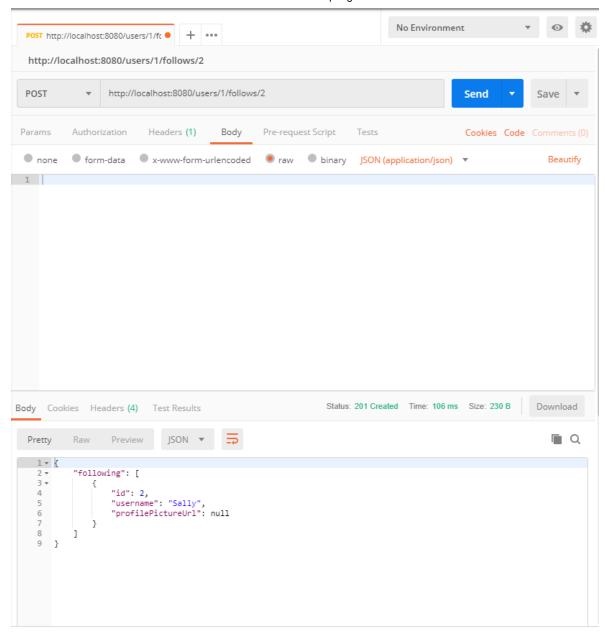
We can see that a new user was successfully register based on the response. We can also log into MySQL and run a query to validate the new data actually exists in the database.

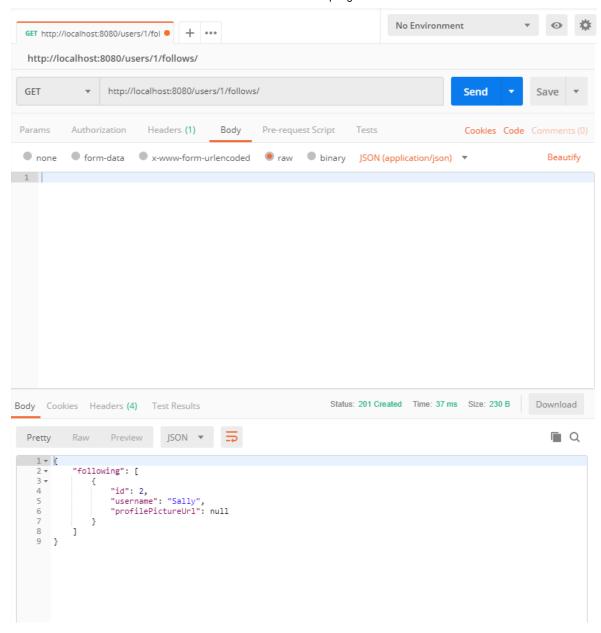
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Velcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g. Your MySQL connection id is 103
Server version: 5.7.21-log MySQL Community Server (GPL)
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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
mysql> use social_api;
Database changed
 ysql> select * from user;
  id | password | profile_picture_url | username |
                   NULL
                                               | Tim
   1 | 12345
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 ıysql>
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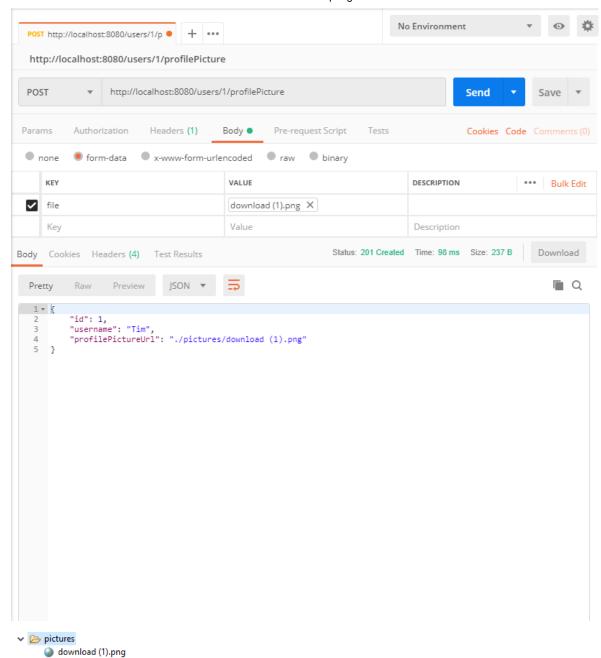
We can now test the rest of our endpoints as shown in the below images. Each image shows the HTTP verb, the URL, the request body (when needed), and the response.



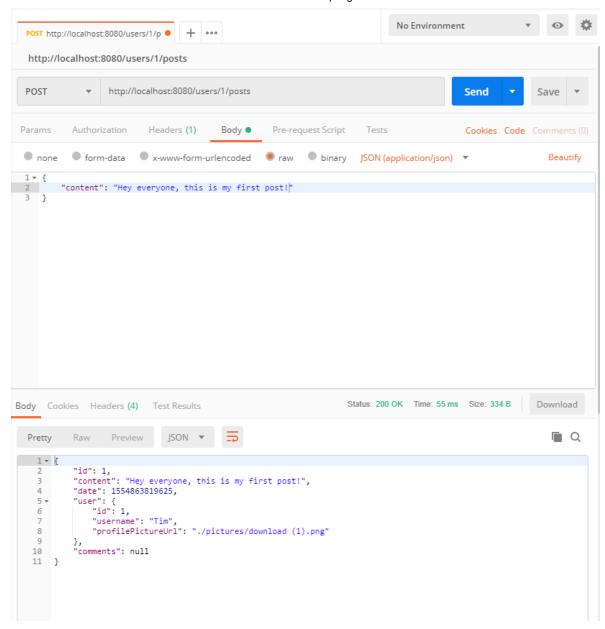


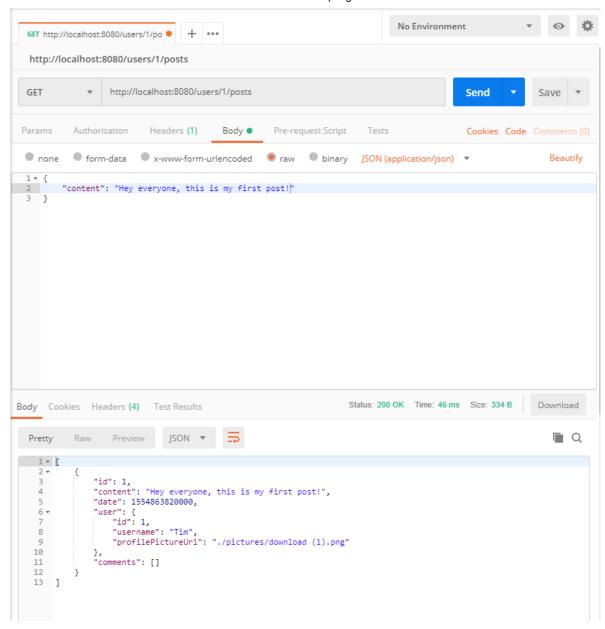


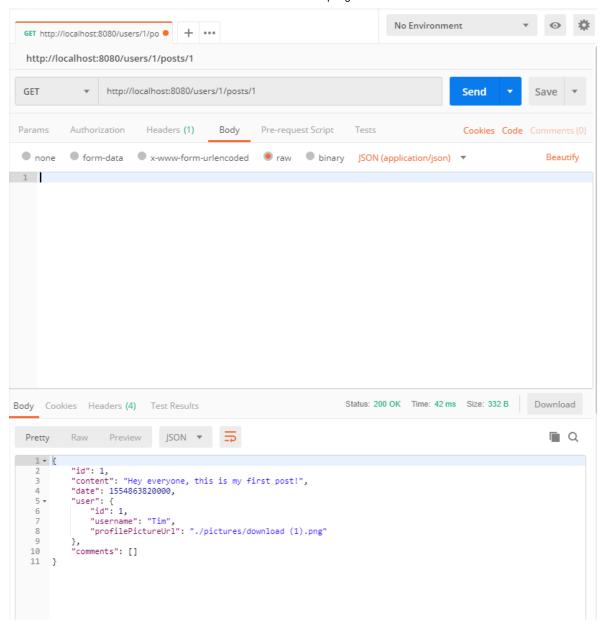


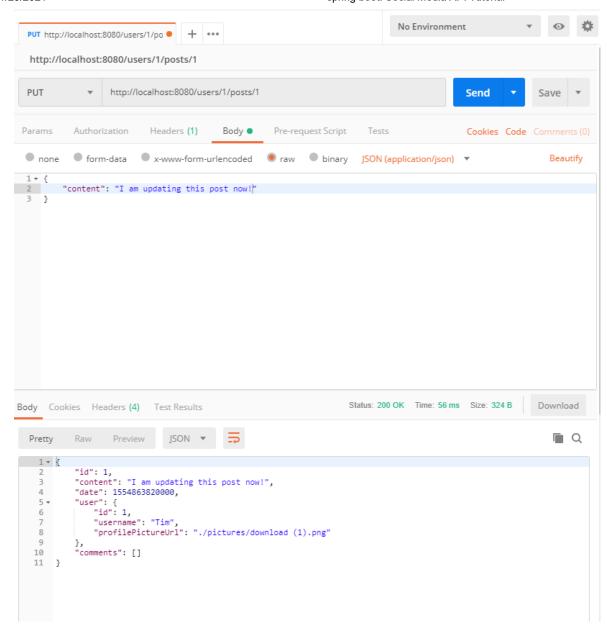


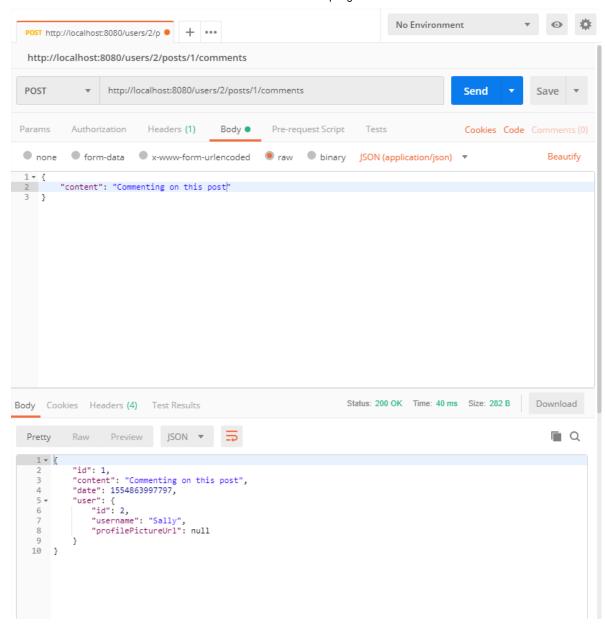
NOTE: The image you uploaded shows up in your pictures folder.

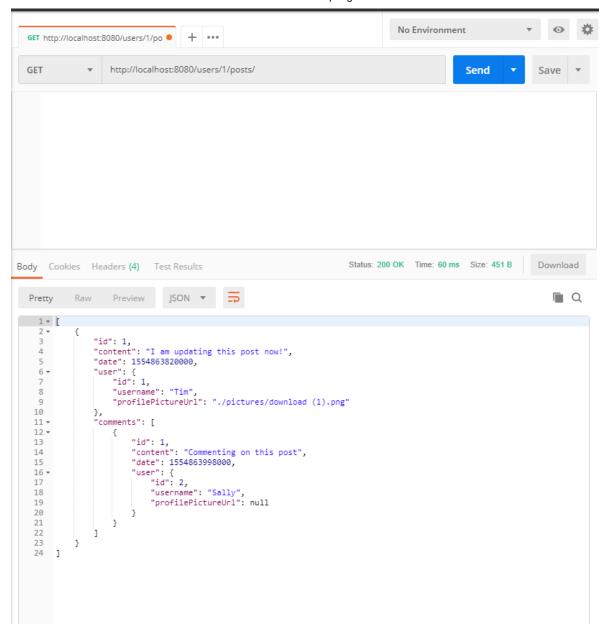


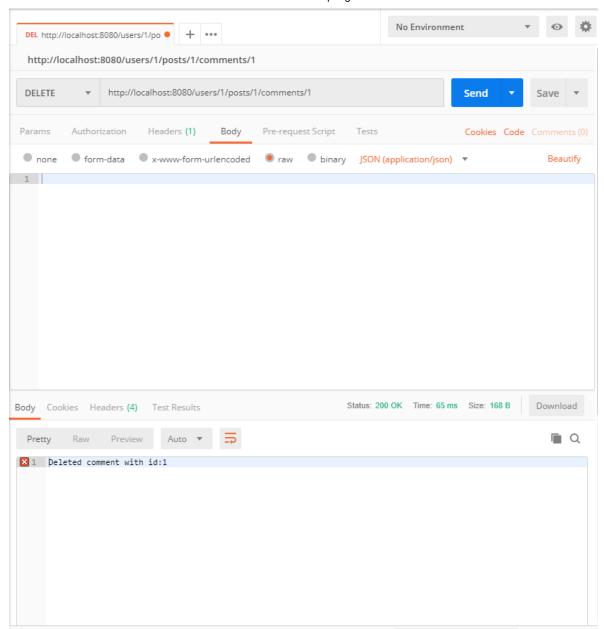


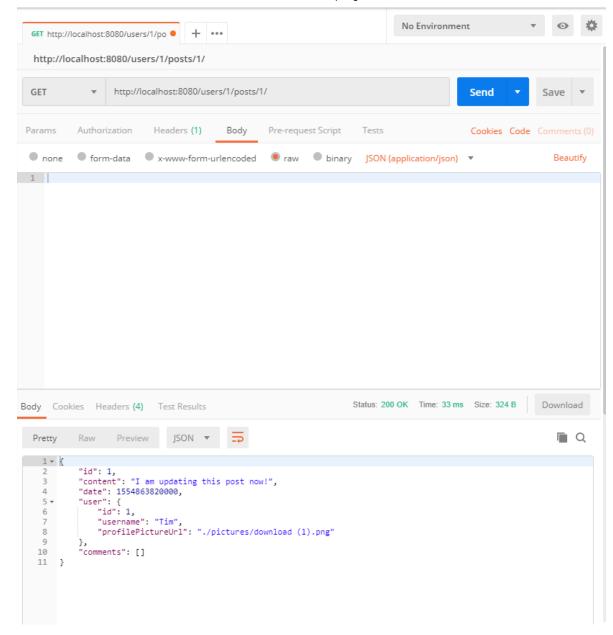












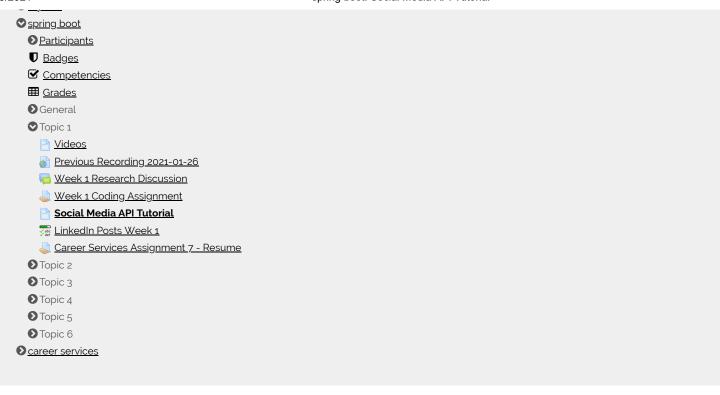
And that's it! We've just created our Social Media API!

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