

Spring REST API Design



REST API Design

- For real-time projects, who will use your API?
- Also, how will they use your API?
- Design the API based on requirements

API Design Process

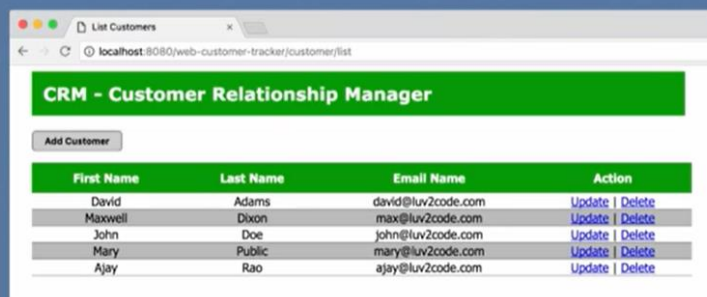
Step-By-Step

1. Review API requirements
2. Identify main resource / entity
3. Use HTTP methods to assign action on resource

Step 1: Review API Requirements

From the Boss

Create a REST API for the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system



First Name	Last Name	Email Name	Action
David	Adams	david@luv2code.com	Update Delete
Maxwell	Dixon	max@luv2code.com	Update Delete
John	Doe	john@luv2code.com	Update Delete
Mary	Public	mary@luv2code.com	Update Delete
Ajay	Rao	ajay@luv2code.com	Update Delete

Step 1: Review API Requirements

From the Boss

Create a REST API for the
Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system

REST clients should be able to

- Get a list of customers
- Get a single customer by id
- Add a new customer
- Update a customer
- Delete a customer

Full
CRUD

Step 2: Identify main resource / entity

- To identify main resource / entity, look for the most prominent "noun"
- For our project, it is "customer"
- Convention is to use plural form of resource / entity: **customers**

`/api/customers`

Step 3: Use HTTP methods to assign action on resource

HTTP Method	CRUD Action
POST	<u>C</u> reate a new entity
GET	<u>R</u> ead a list of entities or single entity
PUT	<u>U</u> pdate an existing entity
DELETE	<u>D</u> elete an existing entity

Full
CRUD

CRUD Endpoint Examples

HTTP Method	Endpoint	CRUD Action
POST	/api/customers	<u>C</u> reate a new customer
GET	/api/customers	<u>R</u> ead a list of customers
GET	/api/customers/{customerId}	<u>R</u> ead a single customer
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For POST and PUT,
we will send customer data as JSON in request message body

Anti-Patterns

- DO NOT DO THIS ... these are REST anti-patterns, bad practice

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`/api/customersList`
`/api/deleteCustomer`
`/api/addCustomer`
`/api/updateCustomer`

Don't include actions in the endpoint

✓
Instead, use
HTTP methods
to assign actions

CRM Real-Time Project

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Assign CRUD Actions
based on
HTTP Methods

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Endpoint only has entity / resource name
(no actions)

More API Examples

- On the following slides, we'll look at APIs from other real-time projects
- PayPal
- GitHub
- Salesforce

PayPal



- PayPal Invoicing API
 - <https://developer.paypal.com/docs/api/invoicing/>

PayPal Developer Docs APIs Support

Create draft invoice

POST /v1/invoicing/invoices

List invoices

GET /v1/invoicing/invoices

Show invoice details

GET /v1/invoicing/invoices/{invoice_id}

Update invoice

PUT /v1/invoicing/invoices/{invoice_id}

Delete draft invoice

DELETE /v1/invoicing/invoices/{invoice_id}

GitHub



- GitHub Repositories API
 - <https://developer.github.com/v3/repos/#repositories>

GitHub Developer

Create a new repository

POST /user/repos

Delete a repository

DELETE /repos/:owner/:repo

List your repositories

GET /user/repos

Get a repository

GET /repos/:owner/:repo

SalesForce REST API



- Industries REST API

- <https://sforce.co/2J40ALH>

Retrieve All Individuals

GET /services/apexrest/v1/individual/

Retrieve One Individual

GET /services/apexrest/v1/individual/{individual_id}

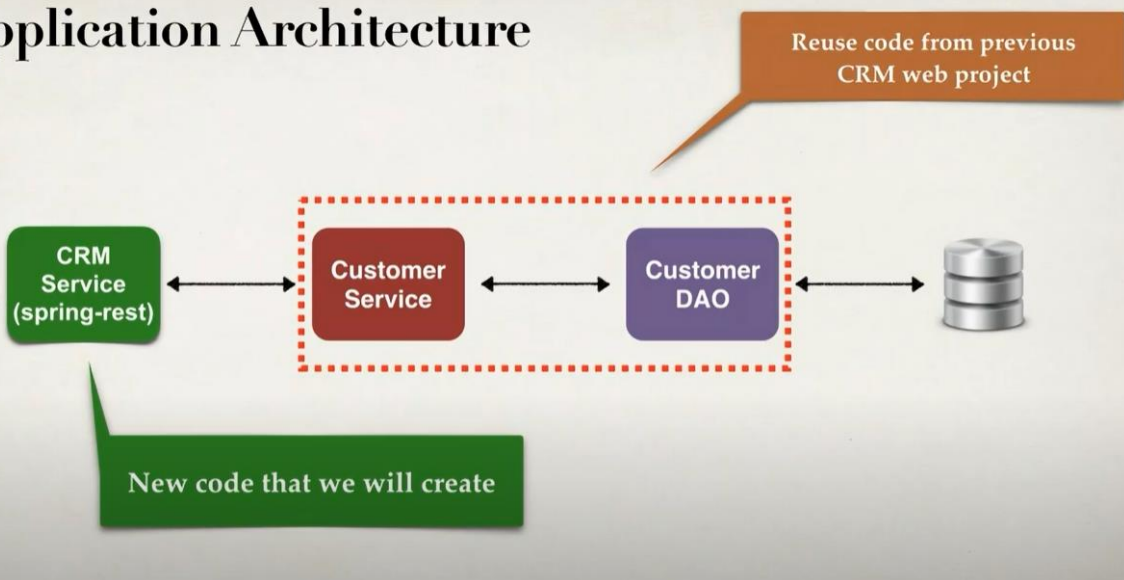
Create an individual

POST /services/apexrest/clinic01/v1/individual/

Update an individual

PUT /services/apexrest/clinic01/v1/individual/

Application Architecture



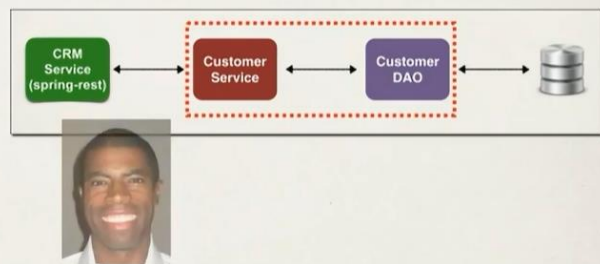
Project Set Up

- We will download a Maven starter project
- Includes CustomerService, CustomerDAO and Customer entity
 - We created all of this code already
- Allows us to focus on creating CRM REST Service

Development Process

Step-By-Step

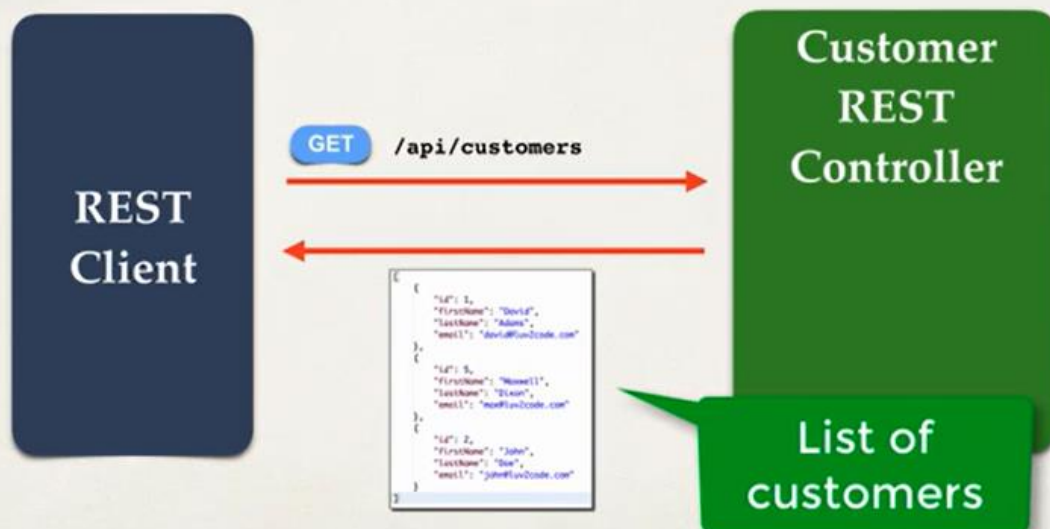
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2. Get single customer by ID
3. Add a new customer
4. Update an existing customer
5. Delete an existing customer



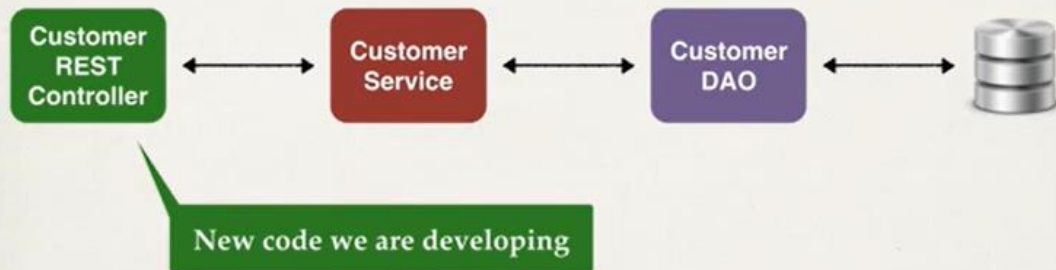
Spring CRM REST - Get Customers



Application Interaction



Application Architecture



Development Process

Step-By-Step

1. Create Customer REST Controller
2. Autowire CustomerService
3. Add mapping for GET /customers

Step 1: Create Customer REST Controller

File: StudentRestController.java

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class CustomerRestController {
```

Step 2: Autowire CustomerService

File: StudentRestController.java

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class CustomerRestController {

    // autowire the CustomerService
    @Autowired
    private CustomerService customerService;
```

Injects the dependency

Step 3: Add mapping for GET /customers

File: StudentRestController.java

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class CustomerRestController {

    // autowire the CustomerService
    @Autowired
    private CustomerService customerService;

    // add mapping for GET /customers
    @GetMapping("/customers")
    public List<Customer> getCustomers() {

        return customerService.getCustomers();
    }
}
```



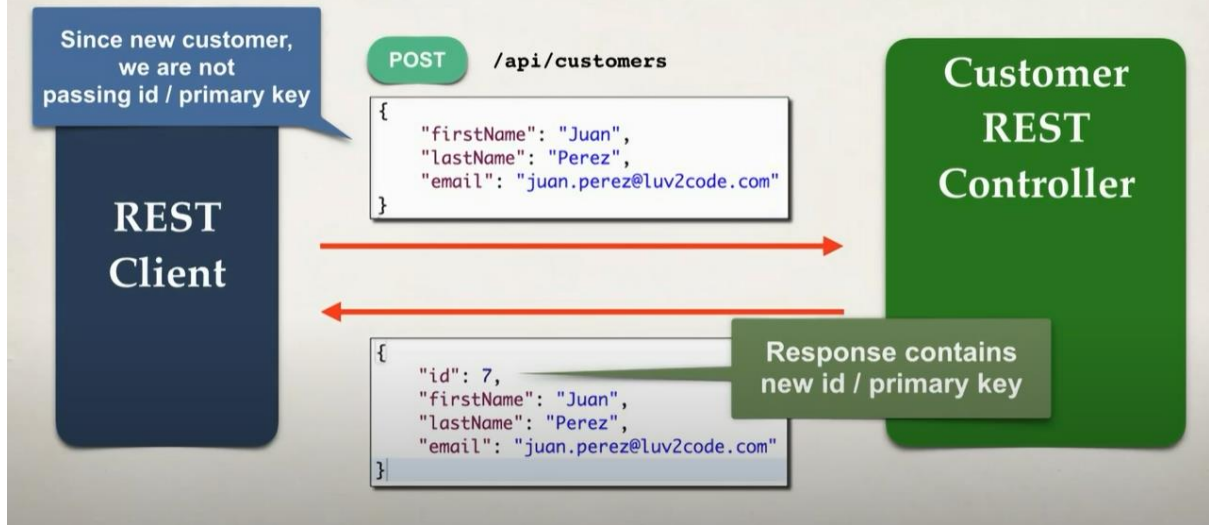
Jackson will convert POJOs to JSON

Real-Time Project

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Application Interaction



Access the Request Body

- Jackson will convert request body from JSON to POJO
- **@RequestBody** annotation binds the POJO to a method parameter

```
@PostMapping("/customers")
public Customer addCustomer(@RequestBody Customer theCustomer) {
    ...
}
```

Now we can access the request body as a POJO

Add Customer

File: CustomerRestController.java

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class CustomerRestController {
    ...

    // add mapping for POST /customers - add new customer

    @PostMapping("/customers")
    public Customer addCustomer(@RequestBody Customer theCustomer) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Use `@RequestBody` to access the request body as a POJO

Add Customer

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    // add mapping for POST /customers - add new customer

    @PostMapping("/customers")
    public Customer addCustomer(@RequestBody Customer theCustomer) {

        theCustomer.setId(0);

        customerService.saveCustomer(theCustomer);

        return theCustomer;
    }
}
```

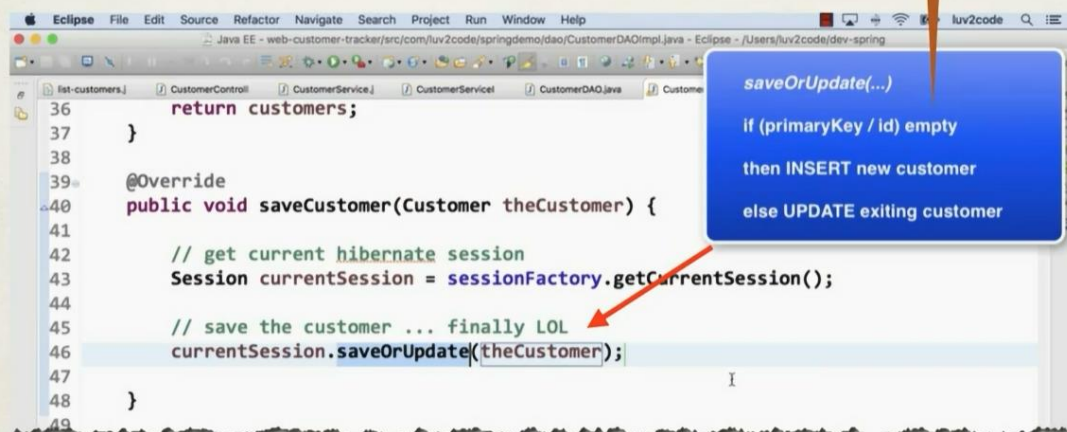
Delegate call
to customer service

What's up with customer id?

- In the REST controller, we explicitly set the customer id to 0
- Because our backend DAO code uses Hibernate method
 - `session.saveOrUpdate(...)`

Recall: CustomerDAOImpl

Here: "empty" means null or 0



```
36     return customers;
37 }
38
39 @Override
40 public void saveCustomer(Customer theCustomer) {
41
42     // get current hibernate session
43     Session currentSession = sessionFactory.getCurrentSession();
44
45     // save the customer ... finally LOL
46     currentSession.saveOrUpdate(theCustomer);
47
48 }
49
```

saveOrUpdate(...)
if (primaryKey / id) empty
then INSERT new customer
else UPDATE exiting customer

Adding customer with HTTP POST

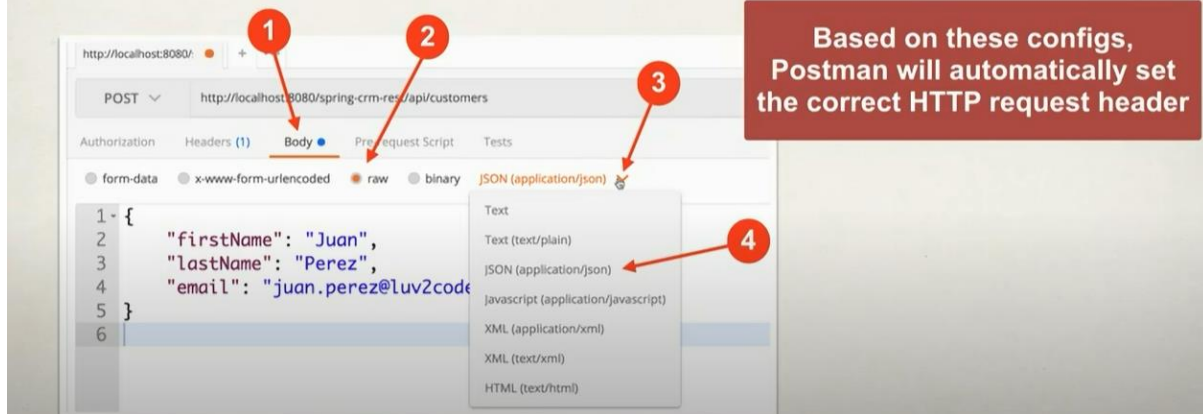
- If REST client is sending a request to “add”, using HTTP POST
- Then we ignore any id sent in the request
- We overwrite the id with 0, to effectively set it to null/empty
- Then our backend DAO code will “INSERT” new customer

Sending JSON to Spring REST Controllers

- When sending JSON data to Spring REST Controllers
- For controller to process JSON data, need to set a HTTP request header
 - `Content-type: application/json`
- Need to configure REST client to send the correct HTTP request header

Postman - Sending JSON in Request Body

- Must set HTTP request header in Postman



Spring CRM REST - Update Customer

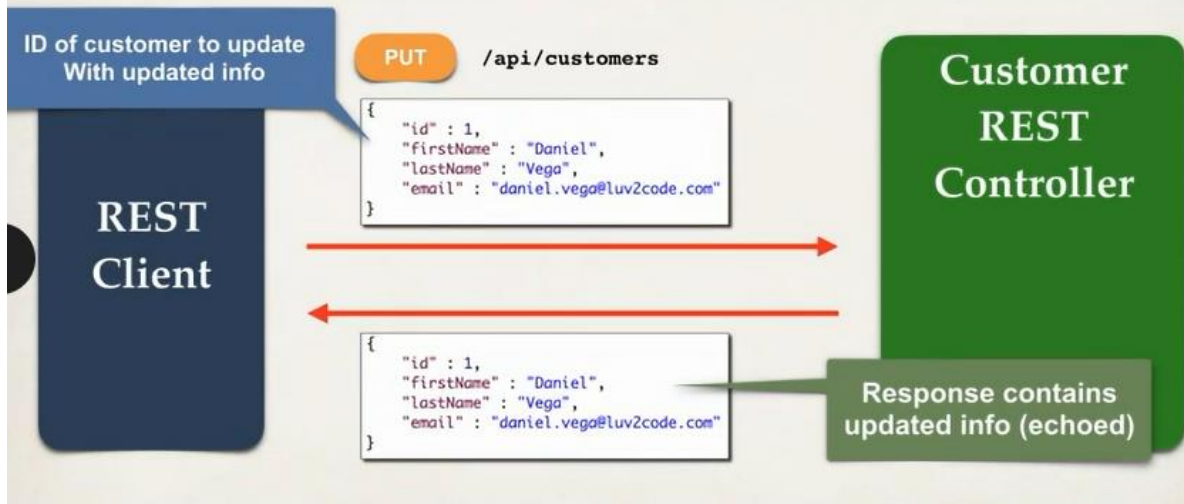


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Application Interaction



Update Customer

File: CustomerRestController.java

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class CustomerRestController {
    ...

    // add mapping for PUT /customers - update existing customer

    @PutMapping("/customers")
    public Customer updateCustomer(@RequestBody Customer theCustomer) {

        customerService.saveCustomer(theCustomer);

        return theCustomer;
    }
}
```

```
{
  "id" : 1,
  "firstName" : "Daniel",
  "lastName" : "Vega",
  "email" : "daniel.vega@luv2code.com"
}
```

Since customer ID is set,
DAO will UPDATE
customer in the database

