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## Engineering task - simple rate limiter

Implement web service that acts as third party rate limiter service.

## **Specifications**

The service should:

- 1. Accept following arguments during the startup (command line args):
  - threshold max number of requests per URL within a pre-defined time period (ttl).
  - ttl The pre-defined time period in which URL visits will be counted.
- 2. Expose endpoint to report URL visit in the following format:

```
POST /report
Content-Type: application/json
{
"url": "http://www.sample.com"
}
```

3. The response to each request should be "block" true/false - depends if the number of times the URL was reported passed the <a href="threshold">threshold</a>:

```
{
    "block": true // if it passed the threshold
}
```

- 4. Track the number of times a URL was reported within the ttl period.
- 5. Each URL should be hashed in order to reduce memory usage.
- 6. The rate-limit per URL should be reset after ttl defined in ms.

## **Notes**

- Do not use external services it should be implemented in a single process by your code.
- Make sure service has no resource leaks.
- Clean code will be appreciated.