



Module 6: Modeling Data

Goal



```

1  #RAML 1.0 DataType
2  type: object
3  properties:
4    accountId: string
5    accountType:
6      enum: [Checking, Savings]
7    accountNumber: string
8    accountOwner: AccountOwner
9    accountBalance: Money
10   IBAN: string
11   bank: Bank
12   interestRate?: number
13   createdAt: datetime
14   modifiedAt?: datetime

```

Properties
accountBalance(required) account
accountBalance.currency(required)
Validation pattern: ^[A-Z]{3,3}\$
accountBalance.amount(required)
Validation pattern: ^[+-]?[0-9]*\.
accountNumber(required) string
accountOwner(required) Account
accountOwner.customerID(required)

```

1  #RAML 1.0 NamedExample
2  value:
3    accountId: '12345'
4    accountType: Savings
5    accountNumber: '1234567890'
6    accountOwner:
7      - #item 1
8        customerID: 8f19cb50-3f57-4d38
9        displayName: John Doe
10       ssn: 123-456-7890
11    accountBalance:
12      currency: USD
13      amount: '8457.90'
14    IBAN: GB29NWBK60161331926820
15    bank:
16      bankCode: NWBKGB2L
17      bankName: ACME Bank
18      routingNumber: '432159876'
19    createdAt: 2012-03-07T00:00:00.001Z

```

At the end of this module, you should be able to



- List datatypes and their attributes to be returned from or sent to resource methods
- Create datatype fragments
- Set request and response body types to datatypes
- Create examples for datatype fragments
- Include examples in datatype fragments

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Creating datatypes in RAML 1.0



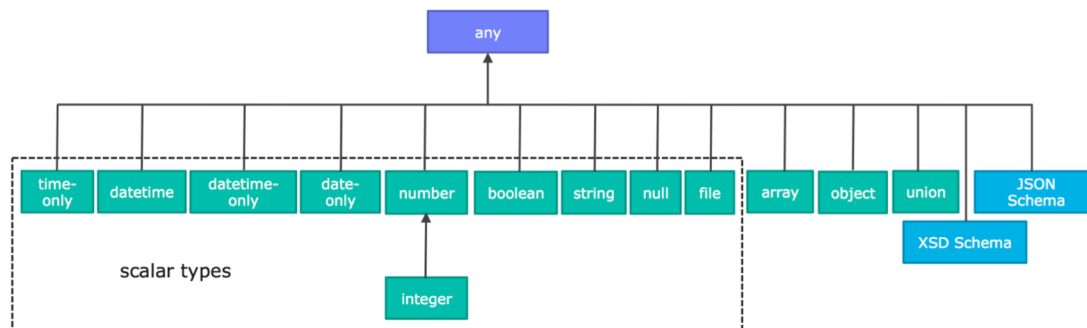
Introducing RAML 1.0 Datatypes



- Concise way of describing data in an API
- Can define a
 - resource URI parameter
 - query parameter
 - request or response header
 - request or response body
- They can be built-in or custom datatypes

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Built-in datatypes supported by RAML 1.0



- Split into four families – scalar, array, object, external(schemas/union)
- The *any* type is the root of the datatypes which imposes no restrictions
 - Any type of data is valid against it

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Members of datatypes



- Facets

- Express various additional characteristics
 - For example: minLength and maxLength are optional facets for numbers
- RAML provides a way to define and declare user-defined facets for any datatype

```
types:
  Person:
    schema: # invalid as mutually exclusive with `type`
    type: # invalid as mutually exclusive with `schema`
```

- Properties

- Represent the attributes the datatypes can or should have
- If a type declaration contains a properties facet, then the default type is object

```
types:
  Person:
    properties:
      name: # no type or schema necessary since the default type is `string`
```

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Introducing the object type in RAML 1.0



- Unified way of representing data
- Does not require a JSON or XML schema to define them
- Simplifies development

RAML 1.0

```
##%RAML 1.0 DataType
type: object
properties:
  customerID: string
  prefix?: string
  firstName: string
  lastName: string
  suffix?: string
  displayName: string
  address: Address
  phone: string
  email: string
  ssn: string
  dateOfBirth: date-only
```

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XML Schema

```
<xs:schema attributeFormDefault="unqualified" elementFormDefault="qualified"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="customers">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element type="xs:string" name="customerID"/>
        <xs:element type="xs:string" name="firstName"/>
        <xs:element type="xs:string" name="lastName"/>
        <xs:element type="xs:string" name="displayName"/>
        <xs:element name="address">
          <xs:complexType>
            <xs:sequence>
              <xs:element type="xs:string" name="addressLine1"/>
              <xs:element type="xs:string" name="addressLine2"/>
              <xs:element type="xs:string" name="city"/>
              <xs:element type="xs:string" name="state"/>
              <xs:element type="xs:int" name="zipCode"/>
              <xs:element type="xs:string" name="country"/>
            </xs:sequence>
          </xs:complexType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

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Defining datatypes in RAML 1.0



- Datatypes can be defined inline inside RAML 1.0 API Definition
- They can also be defined as a DataType fragment and included in the main API definition where they will be used
 - A fragment is a RAML document that lives outside the root RAML API definition
 - Helps break up the code into smaller reusable and readable components

```

1  #%RAML 1.0 DataType
2  type: object
3  properties:
4    customerID: string
5    prefix?: string
6    firstName: string
7    lastName: string
8    suffix?: string
9    displayName: string
10   address: Address
11   phone: string
12   email: string
13   ssn: string
14   dateOfBirth: date-only

```

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Walkthrough 6-1: List datatypes and their attributes for an API



- List the datatypes required for the resource methods
- Identify the attributes for each datatype
- Create necessary additional datatypes to simplify the identified datatypes
- Identify optional attributes in datatypes

Attributes for Customer datatype along with each attribute type:

- customerID	type: string
- prefix?	type: string
- firstName	type: string
- middleName?	type: string
- lastName	type: string
- suffix?	type: string
- displayName	type: string
- address	type: Address
- phone	type: string
- email	type: string
- ssn	type: string
- dateOfBirth	type: date-only

Attributes for Account datatype along with each attribute type:

- accountID	type: string
- accountType	type: enum[Checking, Savings, Overdraft Savings, Credit Card]
- accountNumber	type: string
- accountOwner	type: AccountOwner[]
- accountBalance	type: Money (since it should include currency and an amount)
- IBAN	type: string
- bank	type: Bank
- interestRate?	type: number
- createdAt	type: datetime
- modifiedAt?	type: datetime

Attributes for Transaction datatype along with each attribute type:

- transactionID	type: string
- fromAccount	type: Account
- toAccount	type: Account
- transactionType	type: enum[atm, check, deposit, cashWithdrawal, onlineTransfer, sepa]
- transactionName?	type: string
- transactionAmount	type: Money
- newAccountBalance	type: Money
- postedAt	type: datetime
- completedAt?	type: datetime

Attributes for Address datatype:

- addressLine1	type: string
- addressLine2?	type: string
- city	type: string
- state	type: string
- country	type: string
- zipCode	type: string

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Walkthrough 6-2: Create datatype fragments



- Create individual datatype fragment files for the identified datatypes
- Define the datatypes with required and optional attributes
- Include datatype fragments in the main RAML API definition

```

1  #%RAML 1.0 DataType      1  #%RAML 1.0
2  type: object             2  title: ACME Banking API
3  properties:              3  mediaType: application/json
4    customerID: string     4
5    prefix?: string        5  types:
6    firstName: string      6    Customer: !include datatypes/Account.raml
7    lastName: string       7    Address: !include datatypes/Address.raml
8    suffix?: string        8    Account: !include datatypes/Account.raml
9    displayName: string    9    AccountOwner: !include datatypes/AccountOwner.raml
10   address: Address       10   Bank: !include datatypes/Bank.raml
11   phone: string          11   Money: !include datatypes/Money.raml
12   email: string          12   Transaction: !include datatypes/Transaction.raml
13   ssn: string            13   CustomErrorMessage: !include datatypes/CustomErrorMessage.raml
14   dateOfBirth: date-only

```

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Walkthrough 6-3: Specify datatypes in resource methods

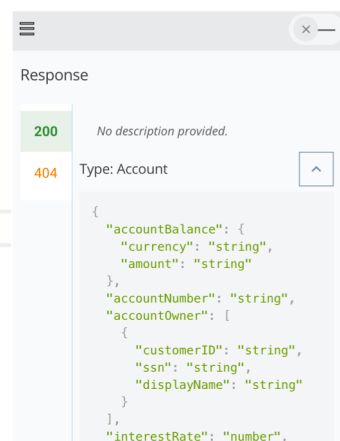


- Add the type parameter with a reference to the datatype for all resource method response bodies

```

120  put:
121    body:
122    responses:
123      200:
124        body:
125          type: Account

```



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Walkthrough 6-4: Validate datatype attribute values using patterns



- Specify attribute patterns and format values for certain datatype attributes

```

1  #%RAML 1.0 DataType
2  type: object
3  properties:
4    currency:
5      type: string
6      pattern: ^[A-Z]{3,3}$
7    amount:
8      type: string
9      pattern: ^[+|-]?[d*\.d{2}]$

```

Properties

accountBalance(required) accountBalance

accountBalance.currency(required) string

Validation pattern: ^[A-Z]{3,3}\$

accountBalance.amount(required) string

Validation pattern: ^[+|-]?[d*\.d{2}]\$

accountNumber(required) string

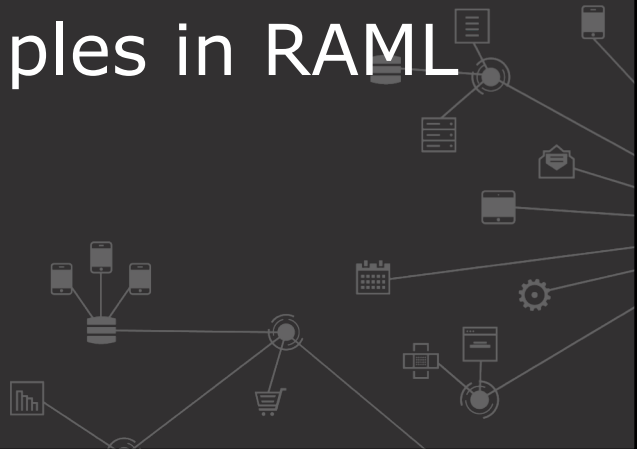
accountOwner(required) AccountOwner[object]

accountOwner.customerID(required) string

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Specifying examples in RAML 1.0



Introducing examples



- Examples allow for complete documentation of the API
 - Leads to faster development time for API consumers
 - Promotes readability
 - Increases longevity and long-term usability

```

95  /{account_id}:
96  get:
97    responses:
98      200:
99        body:
100         type: Account
101         example: !include examples/AccountExample.raml
102      404:

```

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```

1  #%RAML 1.0 NamedExample
2  value:
3    accountID: '12345'
4    accountType: Savings
5    accountNumber: '1234567890'
6    accountOwner:
7      - #item 1
8        customerID: 8f19cb50-3f57-4d38
9        displayName: John Doe
10       ssn: 123-456-7890
11    accountBalance:
12      currency: USD
13      amount: '8457.90'
14    IBAN: GB29NWBK60161331926820
15    bank:
16      bankCode: NWBKGB2L
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```

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Walkthrough 6-5: Define example fragments for datatypes



- Create example fragments for the datatypes
- Include example in datatype fragments

```

1  #%RAML 1.0 NamedExample
2  value:
3    transactionID: b05f550d-1915-4def
4    fromAccount:
5      accountID: '12345'
6      accountType: Savings
7      accountNumber: '1234567890'
8      accountOwner:
9        -
10         customerID: 8f19cb50-3f57-4d38
11         displayName: John Doe
12         ssn: 123-456-7890
13     accountBalance:
14       currency: USD
15       amount: '8457.90'
16     IBAN: GB29NWBK60161331926820
17     bank:
18       bankCode: NWBKGB2L
19       bankName: ACME Bank
20       routingNumber: '432159876'
21     createdAt: 2012-03-07T00:00:00.001Z
22   toAccount:
23     accountID: '56437'
24     accountType: Credit Card
25     accountNumber: '4321987650'
26     accountOwner:

```

Response

200 No description provided.

404 Type: Transaction

Type Examples

transactionID b05f550d-1915-4def

fromAccount(Object)

accountID	12345
accountType	Savings
accountNumber	1234567890

accountOwner(Array 1)

customerID	displayName	ssn
8f19cb50-3f57-4d38	John Doe	123-456-7890

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Summary



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- The RAML datatype system defines the following built-in types
 - any, object, array, union
 - scalar types: number, boolean, string, date-only, time-only, datetime-only, datetime, file, integer, or nil
- User-defined datatypes represent data in a simple manner without having to enforce a schema to define them
- Example fragments allow API consumers to preview the API and give feedback