Impressions

Postman is used in this assignment to see if an API is working as expected - end-to-end.

Since I have used Postman only to execute authenticated requests to test APIs written for personal projects as well as work-related APIs, I did not have a use for the API Testing feature of it, since the end-to-end tests would be handled from inside the applications testing framework. So, I had to familiarize myself with this feature and underlying JavaScript API.

Conveniently, Postman offers pre-made snippets to get started, as shown as on the page 11 from the 08-02 API Testing practical lecture slide. Those are in the current version moved inside the Scripts tab.

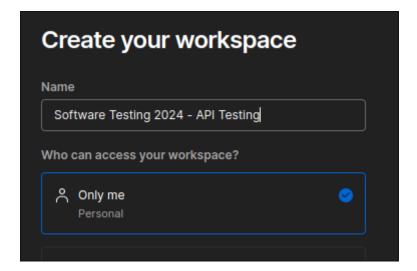
Preparing the Project

Installing Postman was on macOS, Windows, and Linux no issue.

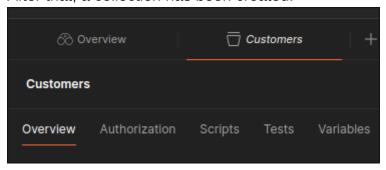
Postman requires you to login. I already had an account due to previous applications, so it did not bother me.

Since I have used Java 19 on my macOS machine, I could observe some compilation errors in PhoneNumberValidatorUtils when switching back to Java 11. Previously, all tests did pass. Inside the fix-commit, the tests pass without issue as well.

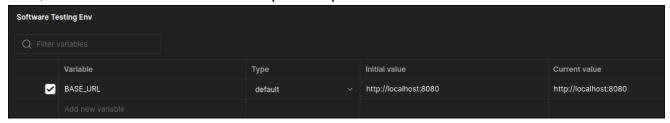
Next, I created a workspace for the project.



After that, a collection has been created.



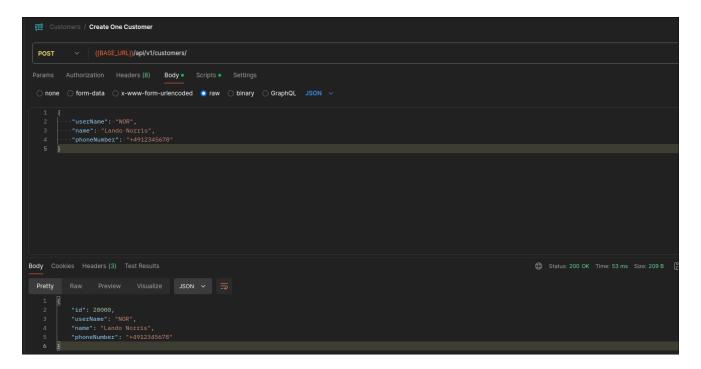
Also, an environment is added to keep the requests uniform.



Getting familiar with the API

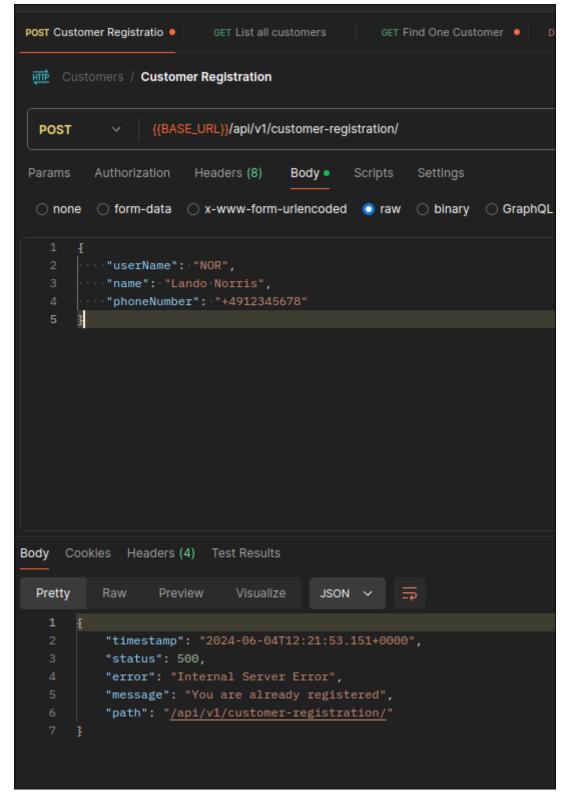
Creating a customer

First of all, I have struggled to figure out, which JSON format is used for the keys. Since CustomerInDTO.java provides insight which parameters are expected from the POST request. Therefore, I just used the corresponding variable names as keys for the JSON request body.

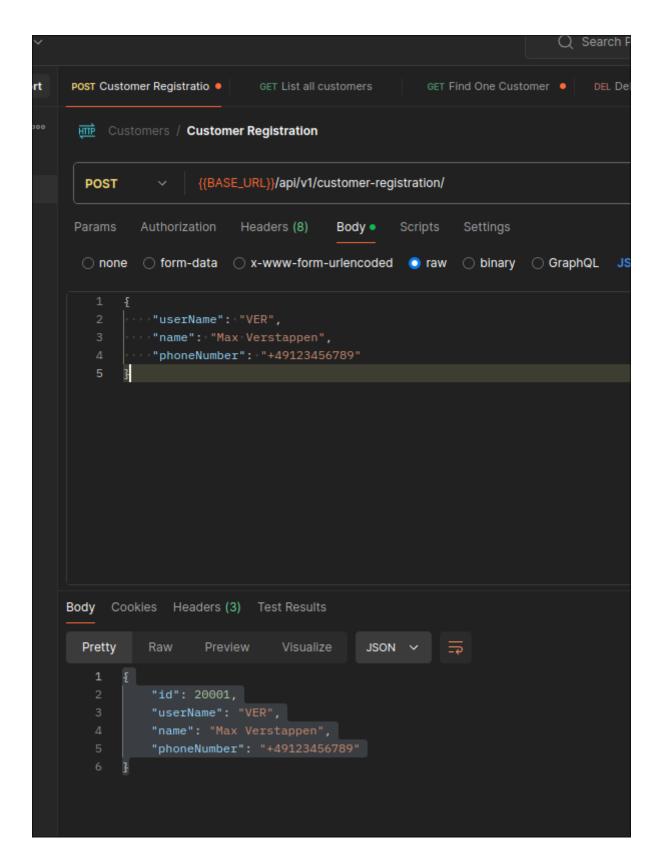


This is weird, because I thought, that /api/v1/customer-registration is responsible for this.

Calling /api/v1/customer-registration with the same body results correctly in an error:

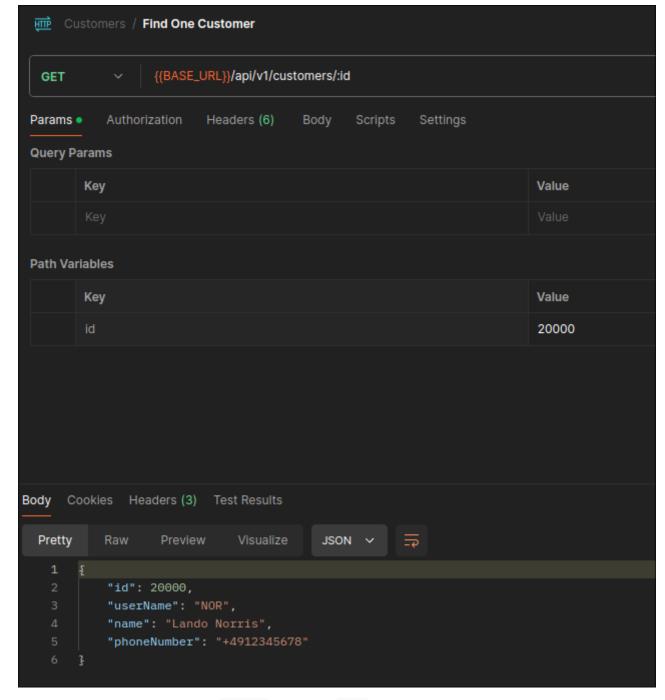


Creating a new user, this endpoint works as well:



Finding one Customer

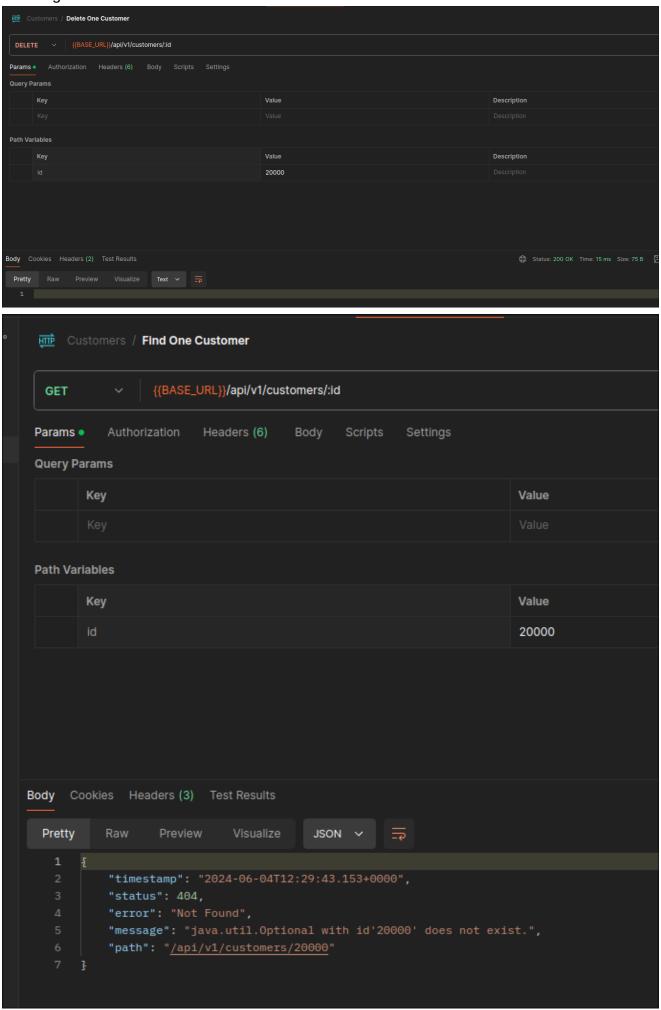
Using the ID from the previous creation response, I was able to find the customer.



The endpoint also works for 20001, for user VER.

Deleting a customer

Deleting a customer works.



Issues with creating Customers

As shown above, there are two endpoints available for creating customers, namely POST /api/v1/customers and POST /api/v1/customer-registration.

Taking a look at the corresponding services, we can observe, that the former is only checking if a phone number is already taken, and the latter is providing a more thorough validation logic.

Therefore it would make sense to eliminate one of those options. I decided to refactor the POST POST /api/v1/customers endpoint, to use the same functionality as POST /api/v1/customer-registration.

But before we do that, we need to write some tests to validate the theory.

Writing tests in Postman

/api/v1/customers/list provides us with a seeded database from which we can test the GET and DELETE endpoints for /api/v1/customers/<id>.

To fetch the customer list, we create a pre-request script. Using the provided snippets for accessing the collection variable BASE_URL, which works in the URL field of postman, results in undefined. For some reason, the environment key has to be used in order to access this variable.

While Postman Scripts indicates variable types, it does not support Typescript.

```
const customerList = response.json() as any[]
```

Listing all customers

Creating a post response test script, we gain the following results:

Script:

```
pm.test("Status code is 200", function() {
   pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});
```

```
const resp = pm.response.json()
pm.test("Response is an array", function() {
    pm.expect(resp).to.be.an('array');
});
resp.forEach((item, index) => {
    pm.test(`Item ${index + 1} has required fields`, function() {
        pm.expect(item).to.have.property('id');
        pm.expect(item.id).to.be.a('number');
        pm.expect(item).to.have.property('userName');
        pm.expect(item.userName).to.be.a('string');
        pm.expect(item).to.have.property('name');
        pm.expect(item.name).to.be.a('string');
        pm.expect(item).to.have.property('phoneNumber');
        pm.expect(item.phoneNumber).to.be.a('string');
    });
})
```

```
mp Customers / List all customers
                   {{BASE_URL}}/api/v1/customers/list
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 Pre-request
                          const resp = pm.response.json()
 Post-response •
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                                  pm.expect(item.id).to.be.a('number');
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                                  pm.expect(item).to.have.property('name');
                                  pm.expect(item.name).to.be.a('string');
                                  pm.expect(item).to.have.property('phoneNumber');
                                  pm.expect(item.phoneNumber).to.be.a('string');
Body Cookies Headers (3) Test Results (20001/20001)
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                 "id": 9890,
                 "userName": "f9890",
                 "name": "19890",
                 "phoneNumber": "+490009890"
                 "userName": "f17418",
                 "name": "117418",
                 "phoneNumber": "+4900017418"
```

Deleting a customer

Pre Request Tests

```
const BASE_URL = pm.environment.get("BASE_URL");

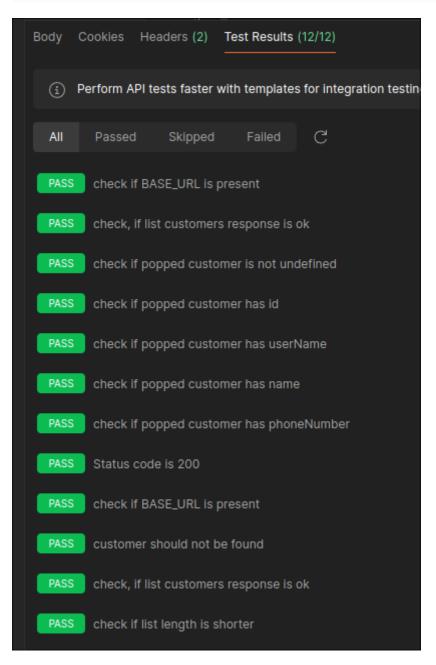
pm.test('check if BASE_URL is present', () => {
    pm.expect(BASE_URL).to.not.be.undefined
    pm.expect(BASE_URL).to.be.a('string')
})

pm.sendRequest(`${BASE_URL}/api/v1/customers/list`, function(err, response) {
    pm.test('check, if list customers response is ok', () => {
        pm.expect(response.status).to.be.eql("OK")
```

```
})
    const customerList = response.json()
    pm.test('check if list length corresponds to 19999', () => {
        pm.expect(customerList.length).to.be.eql(19999)
   })
    const testCustomer = customerList.pop()
    pm.test('check if popped customer is not undefined', () => {
        pm.expect(testCustomer).to.be.not.undefined
        pm.expect(testCustomer).to.be.a('object')
   })
    pm.test('check if popped customer has id', () => {
        pm.expect(testCustomer.id).to.be.a('number')
   })
    pm.test('check if popped customer has userName', () => {
        pm.expect(testCustomer.userName).to.be.a('string')
   })
    pm.test('check if popped customer has name', () => {
        pm.expect(testCustomer.name).to.be.a('string')
   })
    pm.test('check if popped customer has phoneNumber', () => {
        pm.expect(testCustomer.phoneNumber).to.be.a('string')
   })
    pm.environment.set("testCustomerId", testCustomer.id);
});
```

Post Request Tests

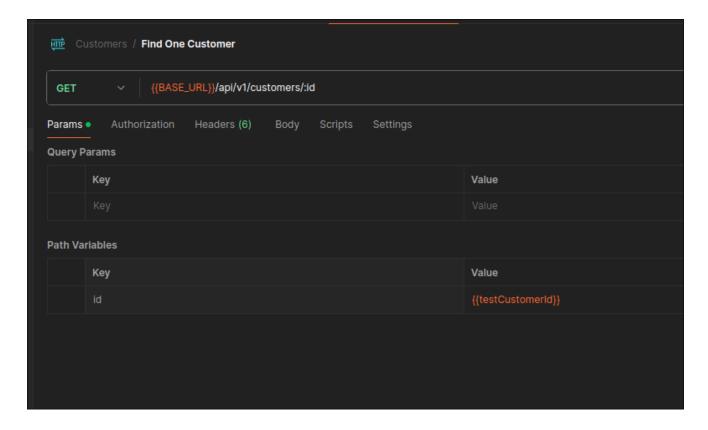
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pm.test("Status code is 200", function() {
   pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});
const BASE_URL = pm.environment.get("BASE_URL");
pm.test('check if BASE_URL is present', () => {
    pm.expect(BASE URL).to.not.be.undefined
    pm.expect(BASE_URL).to.be.a('string')
})
pm.sendRequest(`${BASE_URL}/api/v1/customers/list`, function(err,
response) {
    pm.test('check, if list customers response is ok', () => {
        pm.expect(response.status).to.be.eql("OK")
   })
    const customerList = response.json()
    pm.test('check if list length is shorter', () => {
pm.expect(customerList.length).to.be.eql(pm.environment.get('previousLengt
h') - 1)
   })
```



The scripts test for non-existence of a customer ID implicitly.

Finding a Customer

Initial Setup:



Pre-request script is identical to the corresponding deletion test, with the following exception:

```
pm.environment.set('testCustomerObject', testCustomerObject);
```

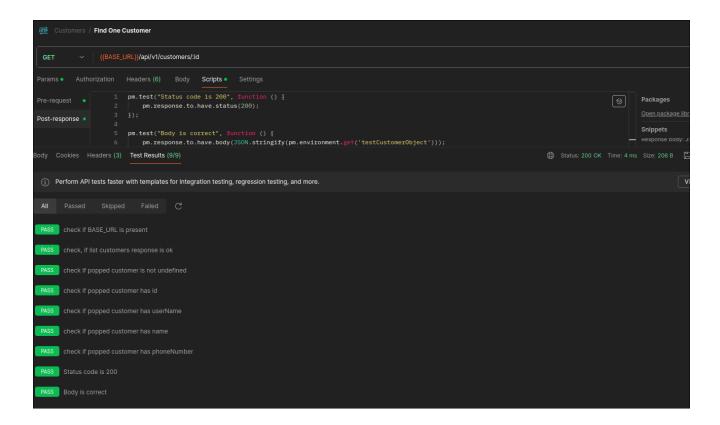
The post request script executes the following tests:

```
pm.test("Status code is 200", function() {
    pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});

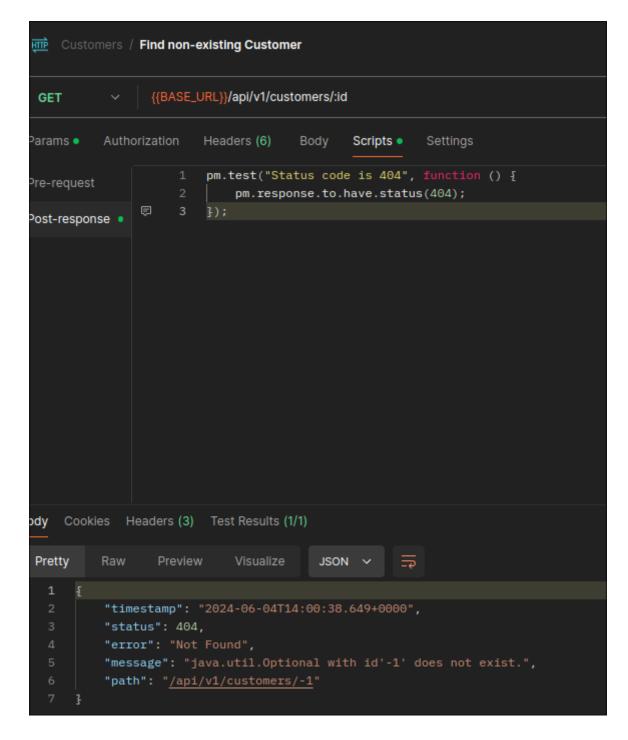
pm.test("Body is correct", function() {

pm.response.to.have.body(JSON.stringify(pm.environment.get('testCustomerOb ject')));
});
```

Resulting in:



Also, a negative test case has been added to the requests, to request a non-existing customer. The ID parameter is set to -1.



Creating Customers

The management controller has a create endpoint, which essentially writes to the customer repository through its service as the customer registration controller does.

```
@PostMapping
public CustomerOutDTO addCustomer(@RequestBody CustomerInDTO dto) {
    Customer customer = dto.toEntity();
    customerManagementService.addCustomer(customer);
    return new CustomerOutDTO(customer);
}
```

With its service function:

If we take a look at the customer registration controller service, we can observe that a similar function is implemented:

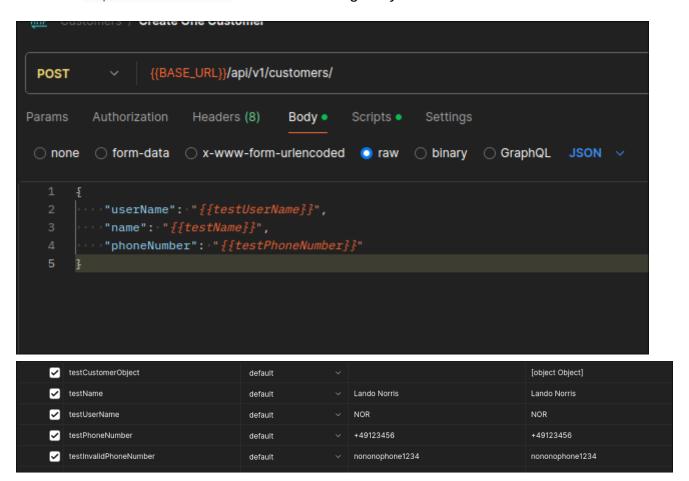
The latter of which being more strict, test cases for both endpoints will differ.

Removing the former controller for the customer management controller, leaving only the customer registration endpoint for adding new customers to the database would isolate the "Create" part for a customer model of corresponding CRUD operations to the registration service.

However, since it is unclear, how both functions would fit into a specific architecture given by the project, I'll leave both endpoints "as is" and implement tests for them.

Creating customers through the CustomerManagment Controller

POST to /api/v1/customers with the following body:



Positive Tests

```
pm.test("Status code is 200", function () {
    pm.response.to.have.status(200);
});

var jsonData = pm.response.json();

pm.test("Check has ID", function () {
    pm.expect(jsonData.id).to.be.a('number')
});

pm.test("Check has userName", function () {

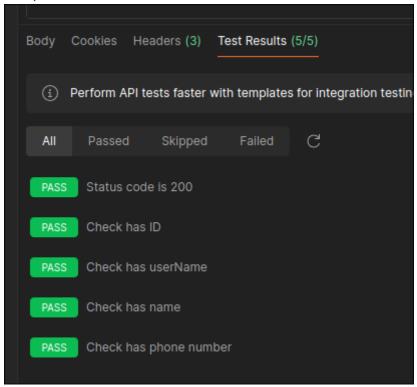
pm.expect(jsonData.userName).to.be.eq(pm.environment.get('testUserName'))
});

pm.test('Check has name', () => {
    pm.expect(jsonData.name).to.be.eq(pm.environment.get('testName'))
})

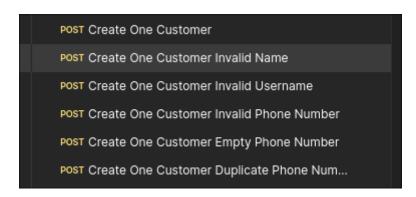
pm.test('Check has phone number', () => {
    pm.expect(jsonData.phoneNumber).to.be.eq(pm.environment.get('testPhoneNumb))
}
```

```
er'))
})
```

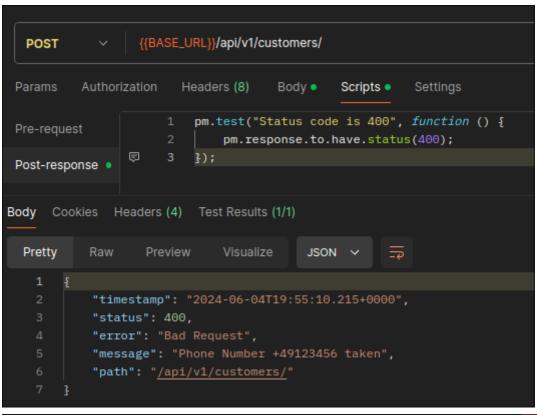
Response:

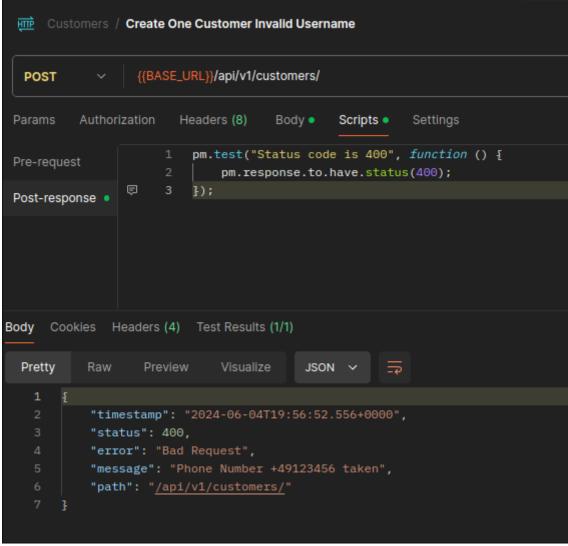


The following pictures contain the results of the following requests

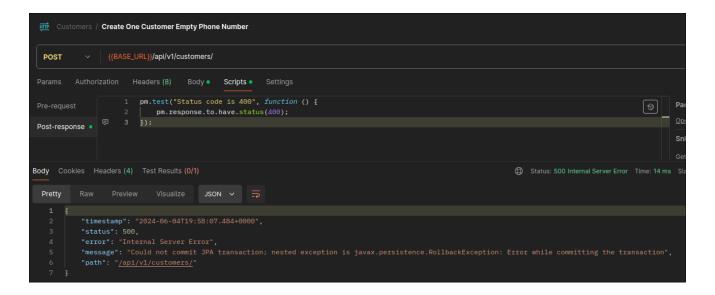


aiming for a 400, BadRequest status code with one value of the JSON key-value pair being an empty string.





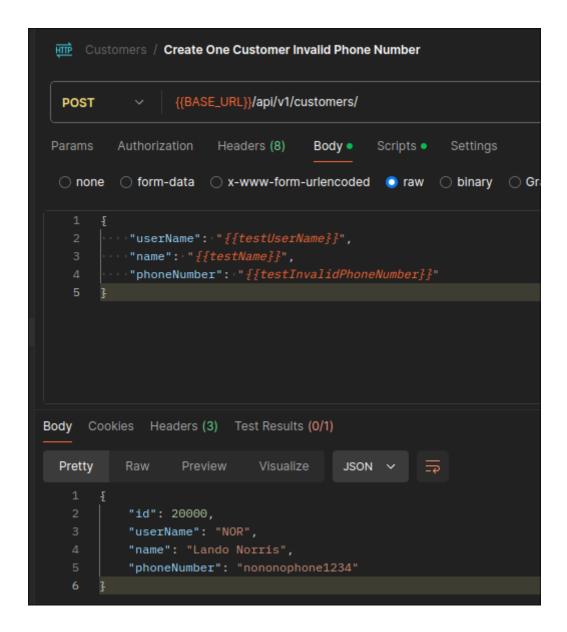
Surprisingly, sending an empty phone number to the /api/v1/customers endpoint results in a 500 HTTP status code, instead of a 400.



This indicates a server-side error, which must be addressed. The desired result is a 400 BadRequest HTTP status code, since its a client side issue.

The following addition helps to create the desired effect:

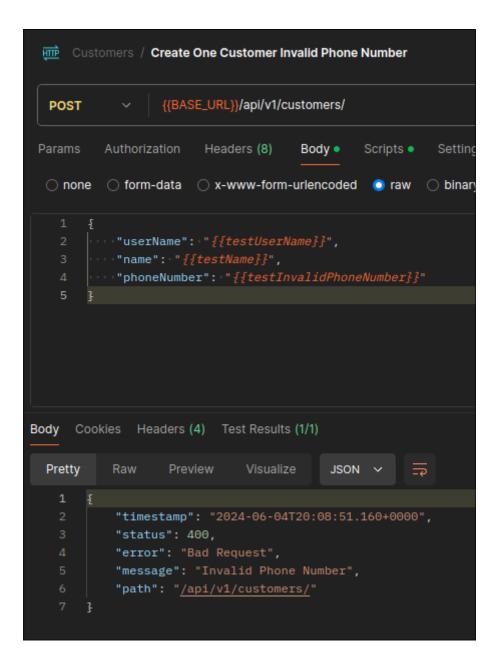
An invalid phone number should also result in a 400 HTTP status code. It fails though, due to the missing validation inside the service.



Adding the following lines takes care of that:

```
PhoneNumberValidator phoneNumberValidator = new PhoneNumberValidator();
boolean isValid = phoneNumberValidator.validate(customer.getPhoneNumber());

if (!isValid) {
    throw new BadRequestException("Invalid Phone Number");
}
```



Checking for duplicate phone numbers resulting in 400s:

Pre Request script:

```
const BASE_URL = pm.environment.get('BASE_URL')
pm.test('base url present', () => pm.expect(BASE_URL).to.be.a('string'))

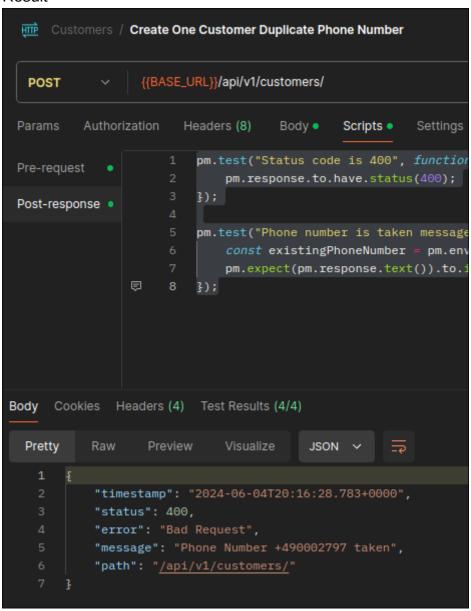
// get a phone number from the database
pm.sendRequest(`${BASE_URL}/api/v1/customers/list`, function (err,
response) {
    const resp = response.json();
    const testCustomer = resp.pop()
    pm.test('check if testCustomer has phone number', () =>
pm.expect(testCustomer.phoneNumber).to.be.a('string'))
    pm.environment.set('existingPhoneNumber', testCustomer.phoneNumber)
});
```

Post Response:

```
pm.test("Status code is 400", function () {
    pm.response.to.have.status(400);
});

pm.test("Phone number is taken message", function () {
    const existingPhoneNumber = pm.environment.get('existingPhoneNumber')
    pm.expect(pm.response.text()).to.include(existingPhoneNumber);
});
```

Result

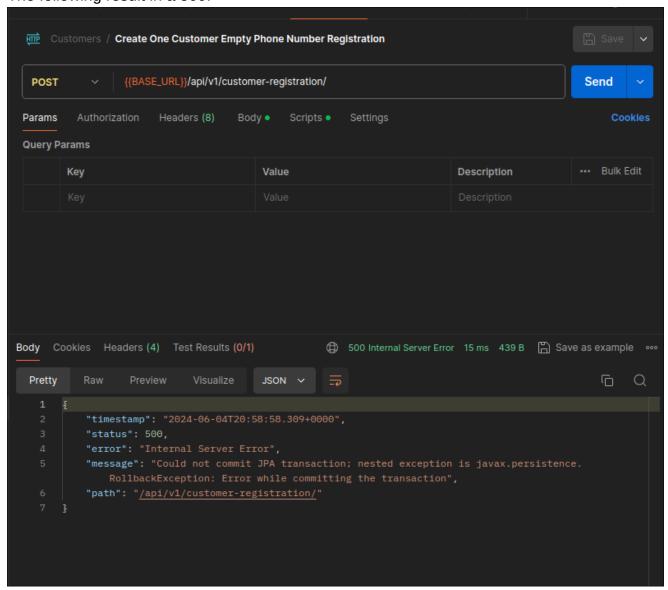


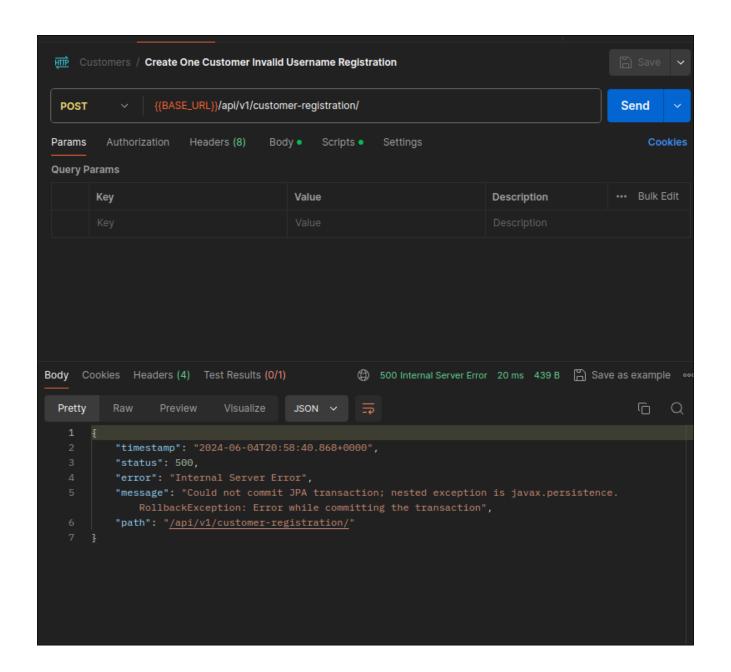
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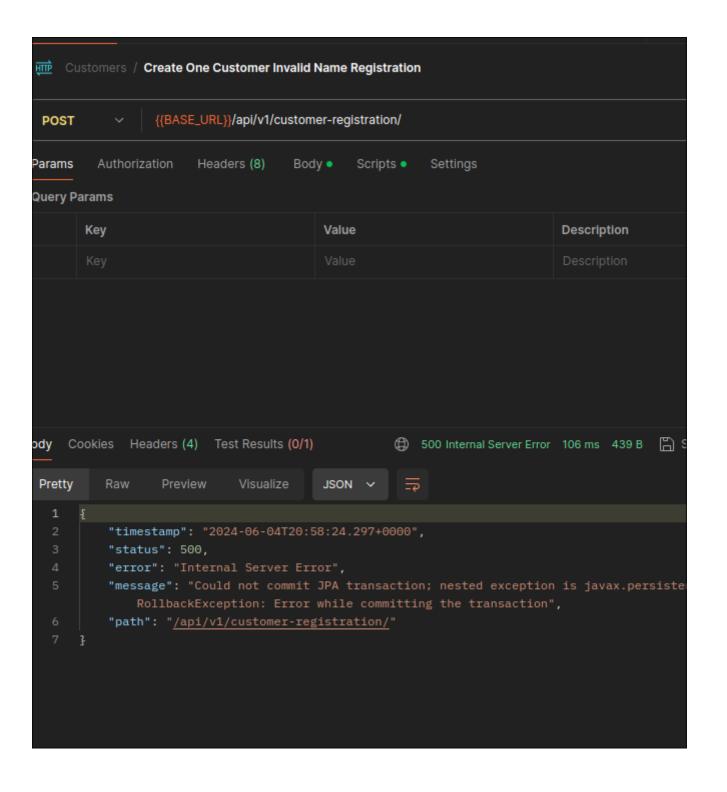
The previous steps are repeated, by duplicating the test cases and adjusting the endpoint URL.

All fail, with the exception of Create One Customer Duplicate Phone Number Registration and Create One Customer Registration.

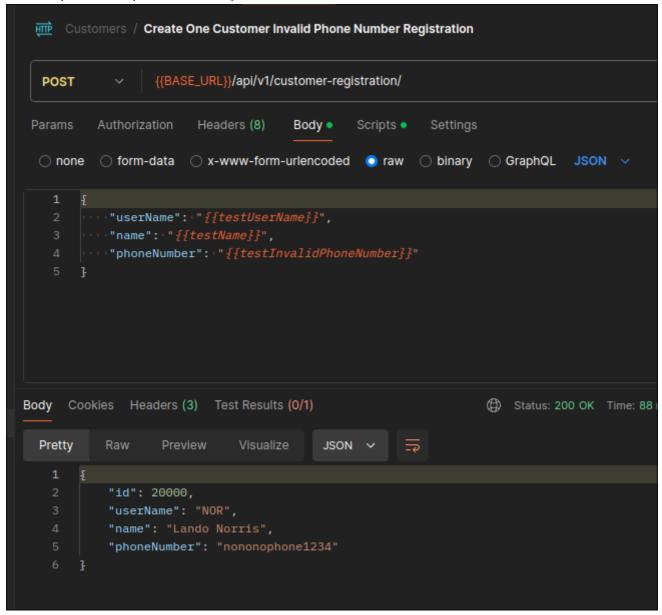
The following result in a 500:







This request accepts an invalid phone number as well:



Fixing the Issues

To fix the latest error, we implement the following lines:

```
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public Customer registerNewCustomer(Customer customer) {

PhoneNumberValidator phoneNumberValidator = new PhoneNumberValidator();

boolean isValid = phoneNumberValidator.validate(customer.getPhoneNumber());

if (!isValid) {

throw new BadRequestException("Invalid Phone Number");

}
```

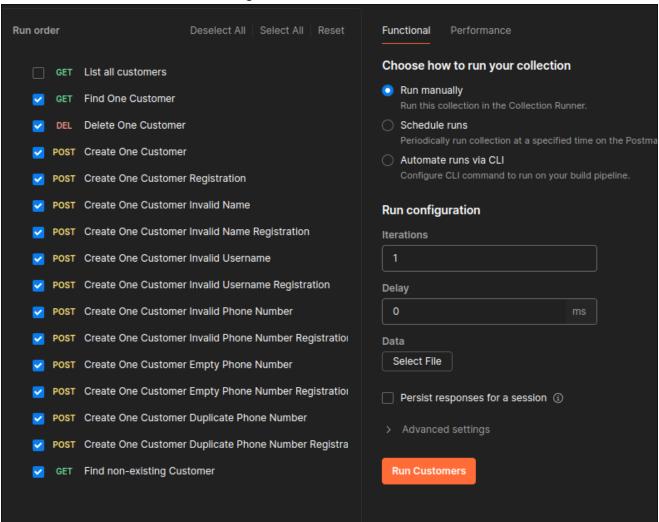
Next, we are tackling the Create One Customer Invalid Name Registration error. It seems like the Validator is failing, as it should. With using the debugger, we found the error (IllegalStateException) to reside when customerRepository.save(customer) is called.

```
diff --git
a/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/controlle
r/CustomerRegistrationController.java
b/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/controlle
r/CustomerRegistrationController.java
index 54c3a82..bfb0ac2 100644
a/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/controlle
r/CustomerRegistrationController.java
b/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/controlle
r/CustomerRegistrationController.java
@@ -4,11 +4,16 @@ import
com.softwaretesting.testing.dto.inbound.CustomerInDTO;
import com.softwaretesting.testing.dto.outbound.CustomerOutDTO;
import com.softwaretesting.testing.model.Customer;
import
com.softwaretesting.testing.customerRegistration.service.CustomerRegistrat
ionService;
+import org.springframework.validation.annotation.Validated;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;
+import javax.validation.Valid;
+import javax.validation.constraints.NotBlank;
+
@RestController
@RequestMapping("api/v1/customer-registration")
+@Validated
public class CustomerRegistrationController {
     private final CustomerRegistrationService
customerRegistrationService;
@@ -19,7 +24,7 @@ public class CustomerRegistrationController {
    @PostMapping
    public CustomerOutDTO registerNewCustomer(@RequestBody CustomerInDTO
dto) {
    public CustomerOutDTO registerNewCustomer(@Valid @RequestBody
CustomerInDTO dto) {
         Customer customer = dto.toEntity();
         customerRegistrationService.registerNewCustomer(customer);
         return new CustomerOutDTO(customer);
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a/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/service/C
ustomerRegistrationService.java
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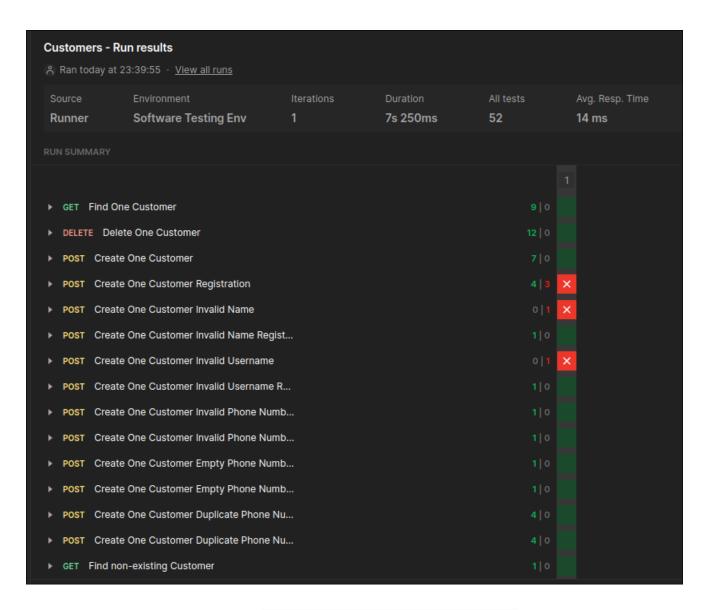
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ustomerRegistrationService.java
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ustomerRegistrationService.java
b/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/customerRegistration/service/C
ustomerRegistrationService.java
@@ -3,6 +3,7 @@ package
com.softwaretesting.testing.customerRegistration.service;
import com.softwaretesting.testing.exception.BadRequestException;
import com.softwaretesting.testing.dao.CustomerRepository;
import com.softwaretesting.testing.model.Customer;
+import com.softwaretesting.testing.validator.PhoneNumberValidator;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
import org.springframework.transaction.annotation.Transactional;
@@ -22,13 +23,18 @@ public class CustomerRegistrationService {
     @Transactional(rollbackFor = Exception.class)
     public Customer registerNewCustomer(Customer customer) {
         Optional<Customer> existsPhoneNumber =
customerRepository.selectCustomerByPhoneNumber(customer.getPhoneNumber());
         PhoneNumberValidator phoneNumberValidator = new
PhoneNumberValidator();
         boolean isValid =
phoneNumberValidator.validate(customer.getPhoneNumber());
         if (!isValid) {
            throw new BadRequestException("Invalid Phone Number");
         }
         //TODO: Validate customer phone number
         Optional<Customer> existsPhoneNumber =
customerRepository.selectCustomerByPhoneNumber(customer.getPhoneNumber());
         if (existsPhoneNumber.isPresent()) {
             Customer existingCustomer = existsPhoneNumber.get();
             if (existingCustomer.getName().equals(customer.getName())){
             if (existingCustomer.getName().equals(customer.getName())) {
                 throw new IllegalStateException("You are already
registered");
             throw new BadRequestException(
diff --git
a/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/dto/inbound/CustomerInDTO.java
b/src/main/java/com/softwaretesting/testing/dto/inbound/CustomerInDTO.java
index 950c3d6..99fd8a6 100644
```

Running all tests on a fresh instance

The tests will be run in the following order:



List all customers is skipped, since it has 20.000 tests. The results can be found above.



Turns out, that implementing the CustomerRegistrationController Logic is breaking the CustomerManagementController Implementation.

Adding the following annotation eliminates the issue

Customers - Run results					
A Ran today at 23:51:43 · <u>View all runs</u>					
Source Runner	Environment Software Testing Env	Iterations 1	Duration 7s 204ms	All tests	Avg. Resp. Time 11 ms
RUN SUMMARY					
► GET Find One Customer 9 0					
▶ DELETE Delete One Customer 12 0					
▶ POST Create One Customer 7 0					
▶ POST Create One Customer Registration 7 0					
▶ POST Create One Customer Invalid Name 1 0					
▶ POST Create One Customer Invalid Name Regist 1 0					
▶ POST Create One Customer Invalid Username 1 0					
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Conclusion

While Postman is compatible with every REST API, its testing capabilities are sufficient in the extend of the Chai.js framework.

While it helps to create integration tests, its developer experience is cumbersome. I did not find a way to re-use code and state is usually handled by environment variables. Also its shareable and team feature seem to offer capabilities for collaborative team work.

When comparing this experience with the Spring MVC integration testing, Postman testing seems less time efficient.

When residing inside one framework the testing tools, programming language and environment stays mostly the same.