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# REST API Design – The Complete Guide
# Response Codes Cheat Sheet

| Verb | Relevant Codes | Description |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| GET | 200 OK | Content was found and returned |
| | 400 Bad Request | There was an error validating the parameters sent |
| | 401 / 403 | Authorization required / Not authorized |
| | 404 Not Found | Entity not found |
| POST | 200 OK | The request was completed successfully |
| | 201 Created | The entity was added successfully |
| | 202 Accepted | The request was received and is pending processing |
| | 204 No Content | The request was completed successfully, but the server has nothing to send back |

|  | 400 Bad Request | There was an error validating the parameters sent |
|---|---|---|
|  | 401 / 403 | Authorization required / Not authorized |
|  | 404 Not Found | Entity not found. Relevant when adding sub-entity to a specific entity, using the ID Parameter |
| PUT | 200 OK | The request was completed successfully |
|  | 202 Accepted | The request was received and is pending processing |
|  | 204 No Content | The request was completed successfully, but the server has nothing to send back |
|  | 400 Bad Request | There was an error validating the parameters sent |
|  | 401 / 403 | Authorization required / Not authorized |
|  | 404 Not Found | Entity to update not found. Relevant also |

| | | when updating sub-entity of a specific entity, using the ID Parameter |
|---|---|---|
| DELETE | 200 OK | Content was found and deleted |
| | 400 Bad Request | There was an error validating the parameters sent |
| | 401 / 403 | Authorization required / Not authorized |
| | 404 Not Found | Entity to delete not found |

500 – Internal Server Error. Relevant to all verbs, better be avoided 😊