

Javalin

Simple REST APIs for Java and Kotlin

Get your REST API up and running in seconds. Add the [dependency](#) and copy example:

[Java](#)[Kotlin](#)

```
import io.javalin.Javalin;

public class HelloWorld {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Javalin app = Javalin.start(7000);
        app.get("/", ctx -> ctx.result("Hello World"));
    }
}
```

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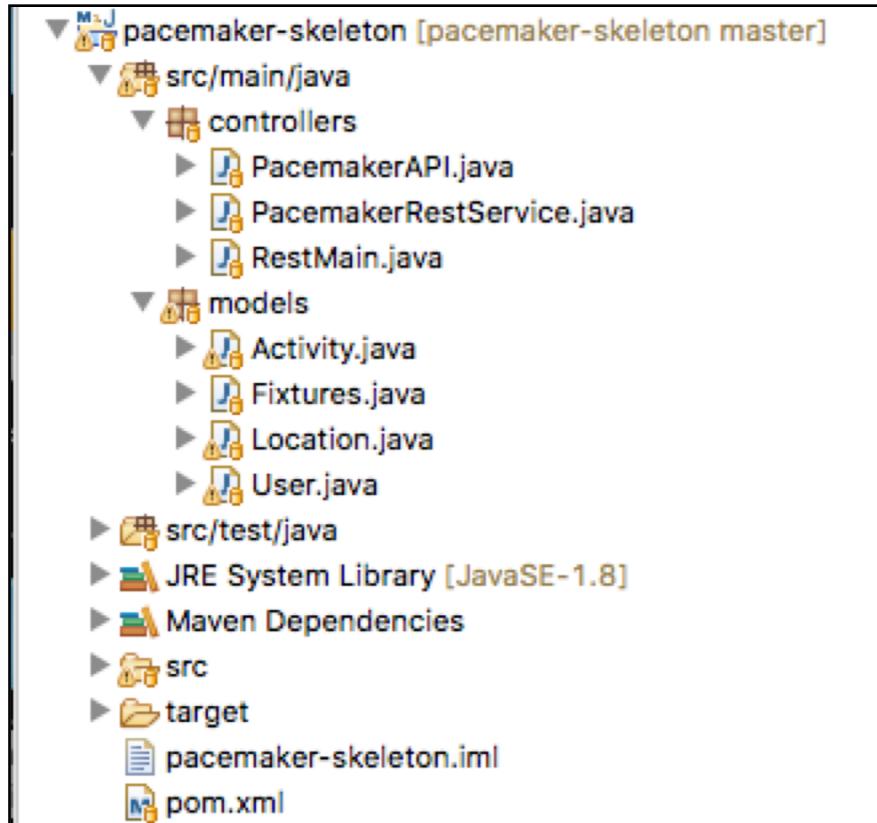
REST API Simplicity

Javalin started as a fork of the [Spark Java](#) and [Kotlin](#) web framework but quickly turned into a ground-up rewrite influenced by [koa.js](#). All of these web frameworks are inspired by the modern micro web framework grandfather: [Sinatra](#), so if you're coming from Ruby then Javalin shouldn't feel *too* unfamiliar.

Javalin is not aiming to be a full web framework, but rather just a lightweight REST API library. There is no concept of MVC, but there is support for template engines, websockets, and static file serving for convenience. This allows you to use Javalin for both creating your RESTful API backend, as well as serving an [index.html](#) with static resources (in case you're creating an SPA). This is practical if you don't want to deploy to apache or nginx in addition to your Javalin service. If you wish to use Javalin to create web-pages instead of just REST APIs, there are some simple template engine wrappers available for a quick and easy setup.

pacemaker-skeleton

Extend project to include Javalin components



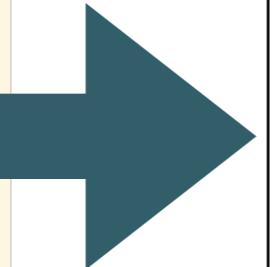
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```

pom.xml

Eclipse downloads and injects range of components to support creation of REST services, including

- web server
- http protocol support
- json/java translation

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>io.javalin</groupId>
  <artifactId>javalin</artifactId>
  <version>0.5.1</version>
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```



Screenshot of the Eclipse IDE showing the project structure and Maven Dependencies view.

Project Structure:

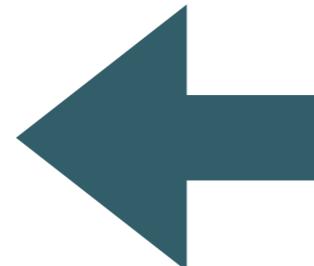
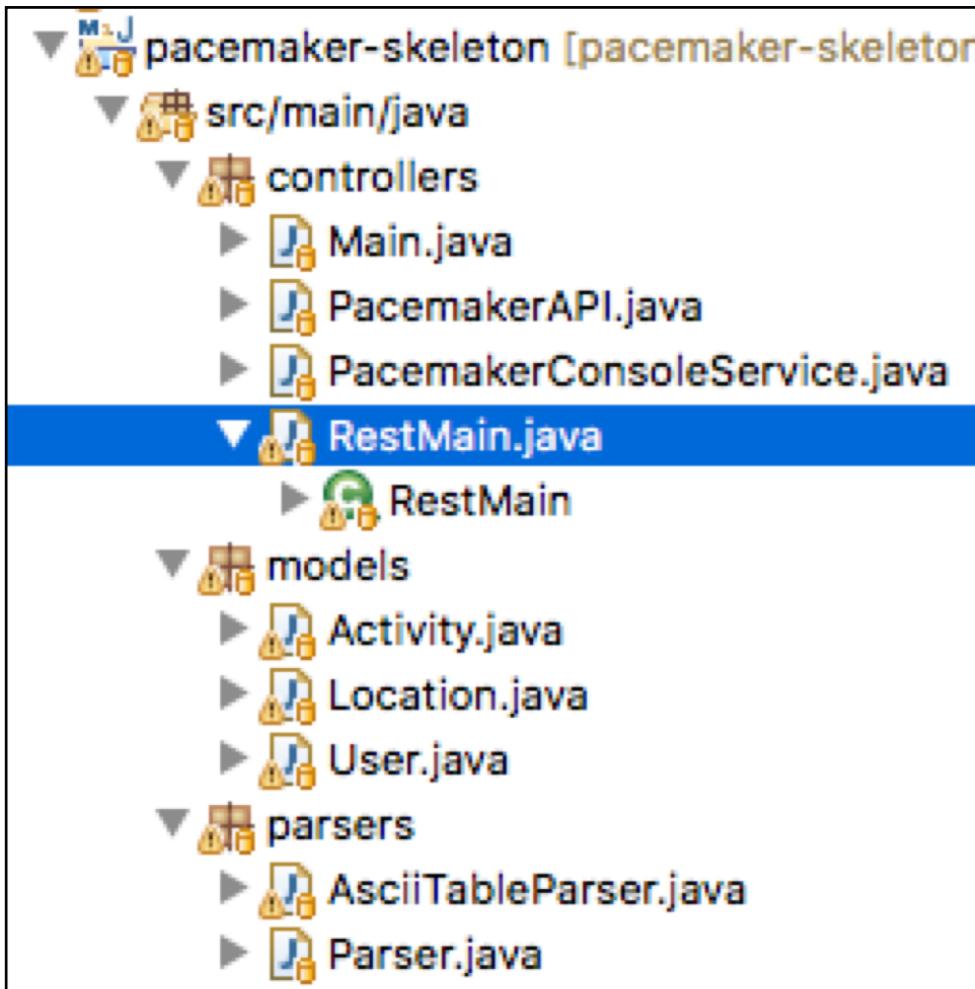
- src/main/java
 - controllers
 - Main.java
 - PacemakerAPI.java
 - PacemakerConsoleService.java
 - PacemakerRestService.java
 - models
 - Activity.java
 - Location.java
 - User.java
 - parsers
 - AsciiTableParser.java
 - Parser.java

src/test/java

JRE System Library [JavaSE-1.8]

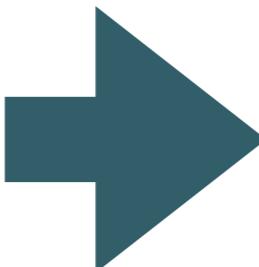
Maven Dependencies

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 - guava-23.0.jar - /Users/edeleastar/.m2/repository/com/google/guava/guava/23.0/jar/guava-23.0.jar
 - jsr305-1.3.9.jar - /Users/edeleastar/.m2/repository/com/google/error-prone/error-prone-annotations/2.0.18/jar/2.0.18.jar
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 - animal-sniffer-annotations-1.14.jar - /Users/edeleastar/.m2/repository/com/google/error-prone/animal-sniffer-annotations/1.14/jar/animal-sniffer-annotations-1.14.jar
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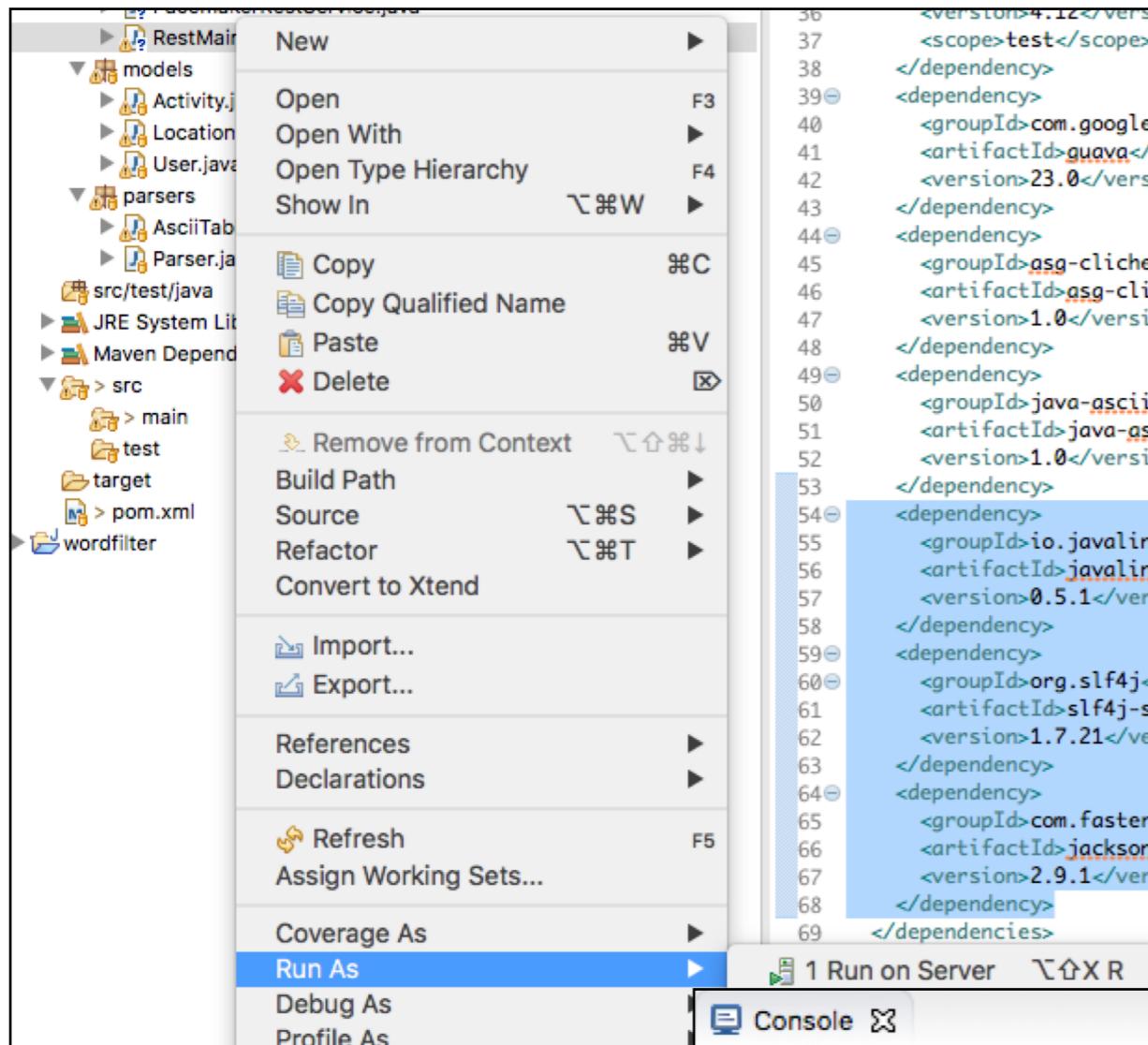


Leave existing
application sources
in place

Introduce a
new main()
method to start
the application

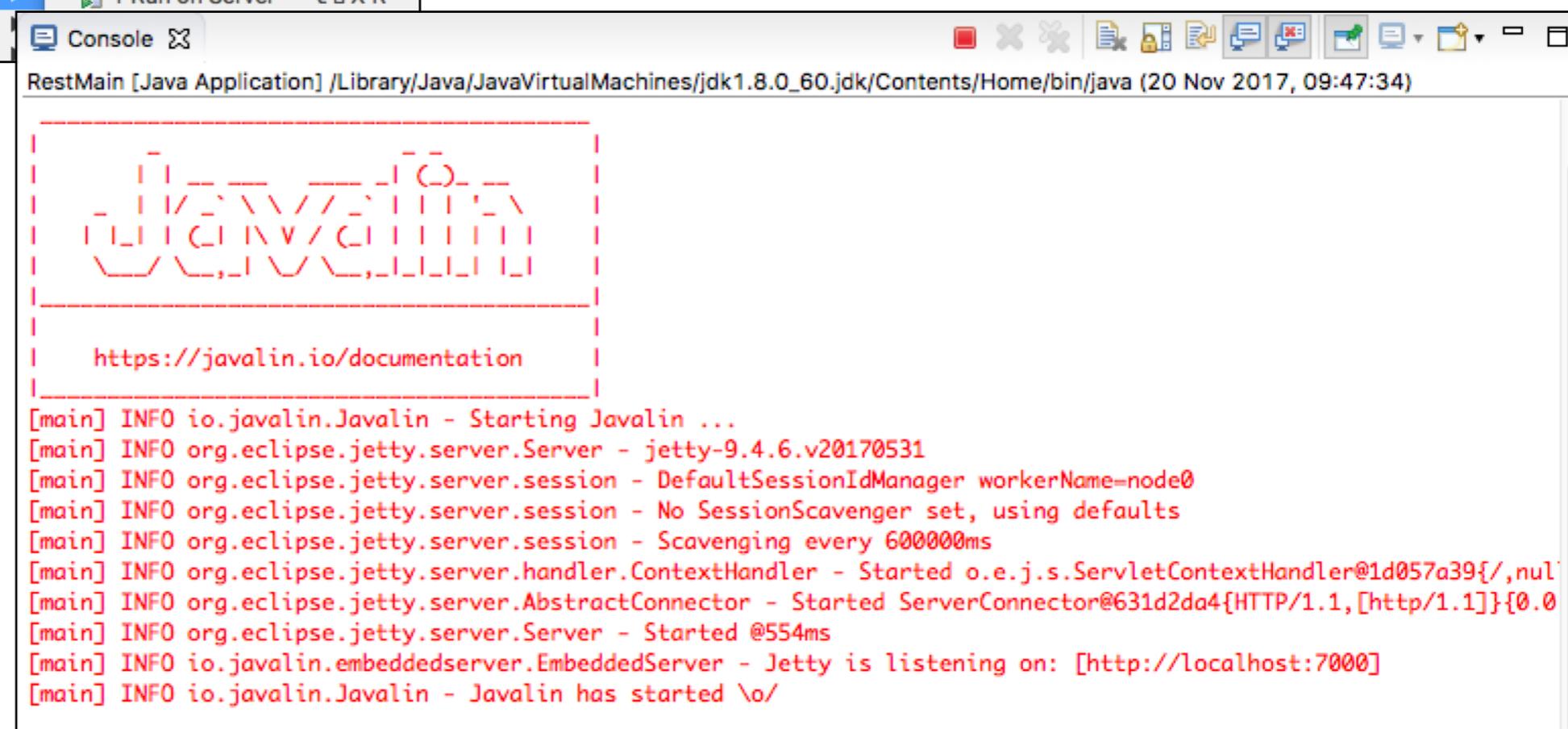
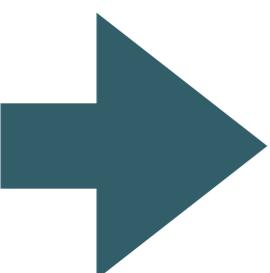


```
package controllers;  
  
import io.javalin.Javalin;  
  
public class RestMain {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
        Javalin app = Javalin.create().start(7000);  
    }  
}
```



```
<dependency>
    <groupId>com.google.guava</groupId>
    <artifactId>guava</artifactId>
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    <artifactId>jackson-databind</artifactId>
    <version>2.9.1</version>
</dependency>
</dependencies>
```

Launch this
new main



```
https://javalin.io/documentation
[main] INFO io.javalin.Javalin - Starting Javalin ...
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.Server - jetty-9.4.6.v20170531
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.session - DefaultSessionIdManager workerName=node0
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.session - No SessionScavenger set, using defaults
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.session - Scavenging every 600000ms
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.handler.ContextHandler - Started o.e.j.s.ServletContextHandler@1d057a39{/,,null}
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.AbstractConnector - Started ServerConnector@631d2da4[HTTP/1.1,[http/1.1]}{0.0
[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.Server - Started @554ms
[main] INFO io.javalin.embeddedserver.EmbeddedServer - Jetty is listening on: [http://localhost:7000]
[main] INFO io.javalin.Javalin - Javalin has started \o/
```

Console

RestMain [Java Application] /Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk1.8.0_60.jdk/Contents/Home/bin/java (20 Nov 2017, 09:47:34)



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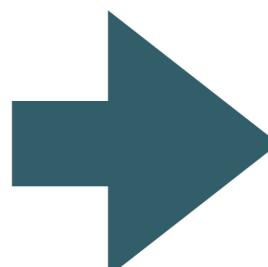
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[main] INFO org.eclipse.jetty.server.Server - Star
[main] INFO io.javalin.embeddedserver.EmbeddedServ
[main] INFO io.javalin.Javalin - Javalin has start
```

localhost:7000

localhost:7000

Not found

Web Application
(which will serve
an API) running
on local
workstation



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Recording network activity...

Perform a request or hit ⌘ R to record the reload.

Console What's New

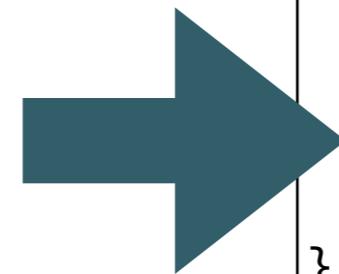
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Failed to load resource: the server responded with a status of 404 (Not Found)

localhost/

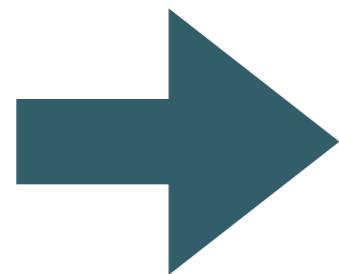
A screenshot of a browser developer tools Network tab. It shows a single entry: "Failed to load resource: the server responded with a status of 404 (Not Found)" under the "localhost/" URL. The tab is titled "Network" and includes other tabs like "Elements", "Console", and "Sources". The status bar at the bottom also shows "localhost/".

Extend main to define REST API



```
package controllers;  
  
import io.javalin.Javalin;  
  
public class RestMain {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
        Javalin app = Javalin.create().start(7000);  
        PacemakerRestService service = new PacemakerRestService();  
        configRoutes(app, service);  
    }  
  
    static void configRoutes(Javalin app, PacemakerRestService service) {  
  
        app.get("/users", ctx -> {  
            service.listUsers(ctx);  
        });  
    }  
}
```

First version of API (stubb)



```
package controllers;  
  
import io.javalin.Context;  
  
public class PacemakerRestService {  
  
    PacemakerAPI pacemaker = new PacemakerAPI();  
  
    public void listUsers(Context ctx) {  
        // TODO: return users in json format  
    }  
}
```

A screenshot of a web browser window showing a blank page at `localhost:7000/users`. Below the browser is the developer tools Network tab, which displays a single request for `users` with a status of 200, type document, initiator Other, size 132 B, and time 8 ms. The browser window has a large blue arrow pointing towards a code editor window.

```
package controllers;

import io.javalin.Context;

public class PacemakerRestService {

    PacemakerAPI pacemaker = new PacemakerAPI();

    public void listUsers(Context ctx) {
        // TODO: return users in json format
    }
}
```

```
package controllers;

import io.javalin.Context;

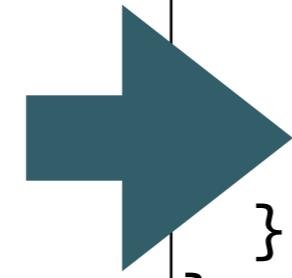
public class PacemakerRestService {

    PacemakerAPI pacemaker = new PacemakerAPI();

    public void listUsers(Context ctx) {
        // TODO: return users in json format
    }
}
```

listUsers ()
should query
pacemakerAPI
and return
users in json
format

Fetch list of users
from pacemaker.
Convert list to
JSON.
Send JSON list as
response to client



```
package controllers;

import io.javalin.Context;

public class PacemakerRestService {

    PacemakerAPI pacemaker = new PacemakerAPI();

    public void listUsers(Context ctx) {
        ctx.json(pacemaker.getUsers());
    }
}
```

ctx.json(object);

// set result with object-as-json (requires jackson)

localhost:7000/users

Eamonn

localhost:7000/users

```
[{"id": "a365b857-f5c7-45dc-9255-81ba7d2d6523", "firstName": "marge", "lastName": "simpson", "email": "marge@simpson.com", "password": "secret", "activities": {}}, {"firstname": "marge", "lastname": "simpson"}, {"id": "04416a7f-c8f4-4462-87d6-ab5da2529a25", "firstName": "lisa", "lastName": "simpson", "email": "lisa@simpson.com", "password": "secret", "activities": {}}, {"firstname": "lisa", "lastname": "simpson"}, {"id": "4389d2fb-18c7-43b4-a6ed-3d52d55a315a", "firstName": "bart", "lastName": "simpson", "email": "bart@simpson.com", "password": "secret", "activities": {}}, {"firstname": "bart", "lastname": "simpson"}, {"id": "f0662dae-21fe-40d6-a47a-3fc45847f738", "firstName": "maggie", "lastName": "simpson", "email": "maggie@simpson.com", "password": "secret", "activities": {}}, {"firstname": "maggie", "lastname": "simpson"}]
```

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Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Waterfall	100.00 ▲
users	200	document	Other	892 B	418 ms		

1 requests | 892 B transferred | Finish: 418 ms | DOMContentLoaded: 433 ms | Load: 427 ms

Console What's New

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>

Restlet Client

Rest API Testing | chrome-extension://aejaoeloggembcahagimdilialcdmfm/restlet_client.html

CLIENT REQUESTS SCENARIOS Settings Pricing Help Sign in

HISTORY REPOSITORY Search MY DRIVE NO SAVED DATA SIGN IN TO ACCESS SHARED PROJECTS

type a name Save 2 Code Reset + Add an environment

REQUEST

METHOD: GET SCHEME // HOST [":" PORT] [PATH ["?" QUERY]]
http://localhost:7000/users length: 27 bytes

Send

QUERY PARAMETERS

HEADERS Form + Add header Add authorization BODY XHR does not allow payloads for GET request. or change a method definition in settings.

RESPONSE Cache Detected - Elapsed Time: 5ms

200 OK

HEADERS pretty Date: 2017 Oct 14 17:13:17 Server: Javalin Content-Type: application/json Content-Length: 603 bytes

COMPLETE REQUEST HEADERS pretty User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/61.0.3163.100 Safari/537.36 Accept: */* Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8,nb;q=0.6,ga;q=0.4,la;q=0.2

BODY pretty [{ id: "c4d90362-d9a1-4e41-84e0-7852bee865fd", firstname: "bart", lastname: "simpson", email: "bart@simpson.com", password: "secret", activities: {} }, { id: "071cbd70-3ef5-48b5-b2ed-f1614ef7cc9a", firstname: "maggie", lastname: "simpson", activities: {} }]

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HISTORY ASSERTIONS HTTP DESCRIPTION TIPS

GET /users HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:7000

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 14 Oct 2017 16:13:17 GMT
Server: Javalin
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 603

[{"id": "c4d90362-d9a1-4e41-84e0-7852bee865fd", "firstname": "bart", "lastname": "simpson", "email": "bart@simpson.com", "password": "secret"}, {"id": "071cbd70-3ef5-48b5-b2ed-f1614ef7cc9a", "firstname": "maggie", "lastname": "simpson", "activities": []}]

Export Import + Add

pacemaker Endpoints

GET	/users	: read all users
POST	/users	: create a new user
GET	/users/id	: get a specific user (by id)
GET	/users/id/activities	: get activities for specific user (by id)
POST	/users/id/activities	: create activity for specific user (by id)

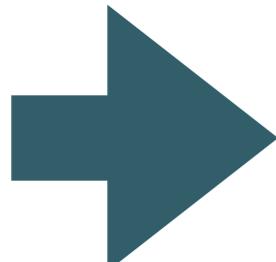
Endpoints deliver API for user
and activity resources

Access to API from any REST
away client

GET	/users	: read all users
POST	/users	: create a new user
GET	/users/:id	: get a specific user (by id)
GET	/users/:id/activities	: get activities for specific user (by id)
POST	/users/:id/activities	: create activity for specific user (by id)

Endpoint Interface

Routes:
here we define
the supported
endpoints



```
static void configRoutes(Javalin app, PacemakerRestService service) {  
  
    app.get("/users", ctx -> {  
        service.listUsers(ctx);  
    });  
  
    app.post("/users", ctx -> {  
        service.createUser(ctx);  
    });  
  
    app.get("/users/:id", ctx -> {  
        service.listUser(ctx);  
    });  
  
    app.get("/users/:id/activities", ctx -> {  
        service.getActivities(ctx);  
    });  
  
    app.post("/users/:id/activities", ctx -> {  
        service.createActivity(ctx);  
    });  
}
```

Create User Endpoint

POST	/users	: create a new user
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Endpoint Interface

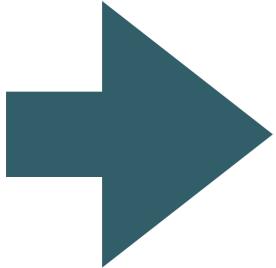
```
app.post("/users", ctx -> {
    service.createUser(ctx);
});
```

Endpoint Implementation

```
public void createUser(Context ctx) {
    User user = ctx.bodyAsClass(User.class);
    User newUser = pacemaker
        .createUser(user.firstname, user.lastname, user.email, user.password);
    ctx.json(newUser);
}
```

Testing the Endpoint

Formulate POST request



REQUEST

METHOD: POST | SCHEME :// HOST [":" PORT] [PATH ["?" QUERY]] | http://localhost:7000/users | Send | length: 27 bytes

QUERY PARAMETERS

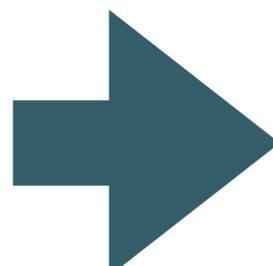
HEADERS: Content-Type: application/json | Form | + Add header | Add authorization

BODY:

```
1 {
2   "firstname" : "homer",
3   "lastname": "Simpson",
4   "email": "homer@simpson.com",
5   "password": "secret"
6 }
```

200 OK

Inspect response



HEADERS: pretty | Date: 2017 Oct 14 17:22:59 | Server: Javalin | Content-Type: application/json | Content-Length: 150 bytes

BODY: pretty

```
{
  "id": "105f8db6-ec5c-4740-b504-0cb64e6c468a",
  "firstname": "homer",
  "lastname": "Simpson",
  "email": "homer@simpson.com",
  "password": "secret",
  "activities": []
}
```

lines num: length: 150 bytes

Note: XHR automatically adds headers like Accept, Accept-Language, Cookie, User-Agent, etc.

```
public void createUser(Context ctx) {  
  
    User user = ctx.bodyAsClass(User.class);  
  
    User newUser = pacemaker  
        .createUser(user.firstname, user.lastname, user.email, user.password);  
  
    ctx.json(newUser);  
}
```

```
▼ {  
  id: "105f8db6-ec5c-4740-b504-0cb64e6c468a",  
  firstname: "homer",  
  lastname: "Simpson",  
  email: "homer@simpson.com",  
  password: "secret",  
  activities: ▶ {}  
}
```

Convert incoming JSON object to Java Object

```
public void createUser(Context ctx) {  
    User user = ctx.bodyAsClass(User.class);  
  
    User newUser = pacemaker  
        .createUser(user.firstname, user.lastname, user.email, user.password);  
  
    ctx.json(newUser);  
}
```

Create object using pacemaker

Convert new user object (including id) to json and return to client

```
▼ {  
  id: "105f8db6-ec5c-4740-b504-0cb64e6c468a",  
  firstname: "homer",  
  lastname: "Simpson",  
  email: "homer@simpson.com",  
  password: "secret",  
  activities: ▶ {}  
}
```

POST /users/:id/activities : create activity for specific user (by id)

```
app.post("/users/:id/activities", ctx -> {
    service.createActivity(ctx);
});
```

```
public void createActivity(Context ctx) {
    String id = ctx.pathParam("id");
    User user = pacemaker.getUser(id);
    if (user != null) {
        Activity activity = ctx.bodyAsClass(Activity.class);
        Activity newActivity = pacemaker
            .createActivity(id, activity.type, activity.location, activity.distance);
        ctx.json(newActivity);
    } else {
        ctx.status(404);
    }
}
```

POST /users/:id/activities : create activity for specific user (by id)

```
app.post("/users/:id/activities", ctx -> {  
    service.createActivity(ctx);  
});
```

Retrieve user id from url

```
public void createActivity(Context ctx) {  
    String id = ctx.pathParam("id");  
    User user = pacemaker.getUser(id);  
    if (user != null) {  
        Activity activity = ctx.bodyAsClass(Activity.class);  
        Activity newActivity = pacemaker  
            .createActivity(id, activity.type, activity.location, activity.distance);  
        ctx.json(newActivity);  
    } else {  
        ctx.status(404);  
    }  
}
```

Lookup user in pacemaker

Recover activity payload from request

Return 'not found' if no matching user (by id)

Create new activity & return it to client