RESTful WebServices in Java

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1.1 REST API examples

- REST is a “URL friendly” way to retrieve distributed resources
- Well known examples of REST resources
  - Twitter: API
  - Google maps: API
    - where is this place http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?latlng=40.714224,-73.961452
  - URL to get an address in Evry with GPS: lat=48.625595, lon=2.443234
  - Open street map API
    - Where is this place http://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse?lat=48.858518&lon=2.294524&addressdetails=1
  - State of bike stations in Lyon, API
    - https://api.jcdecaux.com/vls/v1/stations?contract=lyon&apiKey=91f170cdabb4c3227116c3e871a63e8d3ad148ee

1. Access restricted you need a google account and a key
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2.1 REST: Representational State Transfer

- **Architectural style** defined by Roy Fielding in a PhD [Fielding, 2000]
- Described by six identified constraints
- World Wide Web conforms to the REST architectural style
- Components that conform to this architectural style are called **RESTful** Web services
- **RESTful** Web services easier to implement than SOAP Web services
2.2 Constraint 1: Client-server architecture

- Allows the components (client and server) to evolve independently: the link is the API (Application Programming Interface)

- Separate the interface (API) concerns from the data storage concerns (implementation of the resource)

- Supported by multiple platforms and multiple languages
2.3 Constraint 2: Stateless

From Roy Fielding dissertation:

- Each request from client to server must contain all of the information necessary to understand the request, and cannot take advantage of any stored context on the server.

- Session state is therefore kept entirely on the client.

**Advantage of the stateless constraint**

- **Scalability**: as each request may be handled by a different server, the number of servers may be augmented as necessary
2.4 REST: Architectural style: 6 constraints

- **Client/server** architecture
- **Stateless**: no client context on the server
- **Cacheable**: clients can cache responses
- **Layered system**: clients and servers may be connected through intermediate layers (e.g., proxies)
- **Code on demand**: the state may include code (e.g., javascript)
- **Uniform interface** between clients and servers

Main advantages: **scalability, simplicity of interfaces**
2.5 Uniform interface: CRUD operations

- Requests and responses are built around the transfer of representations of resources.
- Requests are one of the four CRUD Operations:
  - **Create** resource $\leftrightarrow$ **POST** http method
  - **Read** resource $\leftrightarrow$ **GET** http method
  - **Update** resource $\leftrightarrow$ **PUT** http method
  - **Delete** resource $\leftrightarrow$ **DELETE** http method
2.6 Are these operations sufficient to build an application?

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2.7 REST resource

- Any (Web) resource
- Identified by a **global identifier** (e.g. URI [Uniform Resource Identification])
- **State** of a resource may be transferred through a **representation** of this resource
2.8 URI Naming conventions

- Collection of resources: e.g., /skiers
- Single resource: e.g., /skiers/{skierid}
  - {skierid} is a parameter path
- Subcollection: e.g., /skiers/{skierid}/achievements
- Single resource: e.g., /skiers/{skierid}/achievements/{achievementId}
- Controller: e.g., /skiers/{skierid}/change-name/{new-name}
- Find: /skiers?age=41
  - age is a query parameter

😊 When resources are named well: an API is intuitive and easy to use.
😢 If done poorly, that same API can feel difficult to use and understand.
2.9 HATEOAS

Hypermedia as the Engine of Application State

What is it: including hypermedia links into a resource state

Objective

- A client of a REST application need only to know a single fixed URL
- Related resources should be discoverable dynamically from that URL

HOW: Hyperlinks included in the representations of returned resources

JSON EXAMPLE

```json
{
    "person": {
        "name": "Kelly"
    },
    "nationalTeam": {
        "Norway",
        
        
        "_links": {
            "nbskiers": {"href":"http://rest.norway-ski-team.no/nbskiers"}
        },
        "achievements": ["12 Olympic Medals",
            "9 World Championships",
            ]
    }
}
```
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3.1 From resource, to remote resource

```java
interface SkiersRemoteInterface {
    Skiers addSkier (Skier skier);
}
```

```
addSkier(Skier){
    return skiers;
    ...
}
```
3.2 Marshalling and unmarshalling

- Marshalling: e.g. **Java instance** \(\mapsto\) **representation**
- Unmarshalling: e.g. one **representation** \(\mapsto\) **Php instance**

![Diagram showing marshalling and unmarshalling process](image-url)
3.3 Representation formats

- Resources are distinct from their possible representations

- Format of a representation (i.e. **content type**) is defined by an **Internet media type** (previously known as a **MIME type**)

- Some common formats
  - plain text: `text/plain`
  - html: `text/html`
  - xml: `text/xml`, `application/xml`
  - code: `application/javascript`
  - json: `application/json`
  - image: `image/jpeg`, `image/png`, `image/*`
  - video: `video/mpeg`
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4.1 HTTP GET Request message

- Sent to a web server to access one of its web resource
  - Request message (message method, identification of the resource inside the server, HTTP version)
    - For instance: GET /hello HTTP/1.1
  - Request Headers
    - accepted content types (e.g. Accept: text/plain, text/html)
    - accepted charsets (e.g. Accept-Charset: utf-8)
    - cookie (e.g. Cookie: Version=1; Skin=new;)
  - Request body (empty for a get)
4.2 HTTP GET Response message

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  return code
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 2013 17:47:24 GMT  header (begin)
Server: Apache/2.2.3 (Debian GNU/Linux)
       Perl/v5.8.4 PHP/5.2.6
Last-Modified: Wed, 28 Apr 2012 15:55:02 GMT
Content-length: 327
Content-type: text/html

empty line (end of header)

<html>  content
... document HTML
</html>
4.3 HTTP GET give it a try

Give it a try

1. Visualize this simple page on your favourite navigator
   http://checkip.dyndns.org/ and visualize the headers with the network inspector of your navigator

2. Visualize the result with the `curl` command
   ```
curl http://checkip.dyndns.org/
   ```

3. Connect to the web server with the `telnet` command
   ```
telnet checkip.dyndns.org 80 % establish a connexion
GET / HTTP/1.1
HOST: checkip.dyndns.org
   % empty line
   ```

4. Use a REST client (such as postman)
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5.1 Java instance to State representation

Several marshalling/unmarshalling means

- Java serialization: binary representation

```java
class MyClass implements Serializable {}

instance = new MyClass();
final FileOutputStream fichier = new FileOutputStream("file.ser");
ObjectOutputStream oos = new ObjectOutputStream(fichier);
oos.writeObject(instance);
```

- JAXB: XML Document
- Json: JavaScript Object Notation
5.1 Serialization

⚠️ Automatic serialization concerns

- Loop: Object graph with cycles
- Multiple references: Object graph with multiple reference paths to the same object

Figure source: Javadoc DataSerialize
5.2 Json (Javascript Object Notation)

- "JSON is a lightweight data-interchange format. It is easy for humans to read and write. It is easy for machines to parse and generate." (json.org)

- Native representation of object in JavaScript

- Many programming languages include code to generate and parse JSON-format data
5.2 From Java instance to Json document

Java Class

```java
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    private String gender;
}
```

Json Schema

```json
{
    "type":"object",
    "properties": {
        "name": {
            "type": "string"
        },
        "age": {
            "type": "integer"
        },
        "gender": {
            "type": "string"
        }
    }
}
```

Java object

```java
Person p = new Person("Bjoern Daehlie", 41, "Male");
```

Json document

```json
{
    "name": "Bjoern Daehlie",
    "age": 41,
    "gender": "Male"
}
```
### 5.2 Json with Jackson: a first example

- Many java libraries to serialize/deserialize Json strings, **Jackson** is one of them
- Skier Example in ExemplesREST/REST-JSON-in-jackson
- A skier in Json

```java
skier = {
    "nationalTeam" : "Norway",
    "achievements" : ["12 Olympic Medals",
                      "9 World Championships",
                      "Winningest Winter Olympian",
                      "Greatest Nordic Skier"],
    "name" : "Bjoern Daehlie",
    "age" : 41,
    "gender" : "Male"
}
```
import com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.ObjectMapper;
import com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.SerializationFeature;

Skier skier = createSkier();
//create ObjectMapper instance
ObjectMapper objectMapper = new ObjectMapper();
//configure Object mapper for pretty print
objectMapper.configure(SerializationFeature.INDENT_OUTPUT, true);
//writing to console, can write to any output stream such as file
String json = objectMapper.writeValueAsString(skier);

System.out.println("The initial skier: "+json);
PrintWriter out = new PrintWriter(FILE_NAME);
out.println(json);
out.close();
// Un—marshal as proof of concept
Skier clone = objectMapper.readValue(json, Skier.class);
json = objectMapper.writeValueAsString(clone);

2. Example from REST examples: directory REST-JSON-in-jackson
5.3 JAXB — Java Architecture for XML Binding

JAXB used to transfer complex java objects in XML structured strings

- Marshalling: Convert a Java object into an XML document
- Unmarshalling: Convert an XML document into a Java Object
5.3 JAXB primitive data types

- Java basic types have a representation in xs types

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<th>xs type</th>
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<td>xs:string</td>
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<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>xs:int</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>double</td>
<td>xs:double</td>
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<tr>
<td>boolean</td>
<td>xs:boolean</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>java.util.Date</td>
<td>xs:dateTime</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- What about complex type?
5.3 From Java instance to XML document

**Java Class**

```java
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    private String gender;
}
```

**XSD schema**

```
<xs:schema version="1.0"...>
  <xs:complexType name="person">
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="age" type="xs:int"/>
      <xs:element name="gender" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:schema>
```

**Java object**

```java
Person p = new Person("Bjoern Daehlie", 41, "Male");
```

**XML document**

```
<person>
  <name>Bjoern Daehlie</name>
  <age>41</age>
  <gender>Male</gender>
</person>
```
## 5.3 JAXB annotations I

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<tr>
<td>@XmlRootElement(namespace = &quot;namespace&quot;)</td>
<td>Root element for an XML tree</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlType(propOrder = &quot;field2&quot;, &quot;field1&quot;,.. )</td>
<td>XSD Type, order of fields</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlAttribute</td>
<td>Translated into an attribute (rather than an element)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlTransient</td>
<td>Not translated into XML</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD)</td>
<td>All attributes translated (by default, only public + getter/setter)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlElementWrapper(name=&quot;&quot;)</td>
<td>Add a wrapper XML element</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>@XmlElement(name = &quot;newName&quot;)</td>
<td>Rename a field (element)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
5.3 Skier example

The JAXB examples are in the directory \textit{REST-JAXB-01}

Annotations for the Skier class

```java
import javax.xml.bind.annotation.*;

@XmlRootElement // XML Root
@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD) // All the fields, even the private ones are marshalled in XML
public class Skier extends Person {
    private String nationalTeam;
    @XmlElementWrapper(name = "achievements") // Addition of a wrapper for the collection
    @XmlElement(name = "achievement") // Name of the elements in the collection
    private Collection<String> achievements;

    public Skier() {}
    public Skier(final Person person, final String nationalTeam, final Collection<String> achievements) {
        super(person);
        this.nationalTeam = nationalTeam;
        this.achievements = achievements;
    }
}
```
5.3 Skier example, parent class

Annotations for the Person class (not a root document)

```java
import javax.xml.bind.annotation.*;

@XmlAccessorType(XmlAccessType.FIELD) // All the fields, even the private ones are marshalled in XML
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    private String gender;

    public Person() {
    }
    public Person(final Person person) {
        this(person.name, person.age, person.gender);
    }
    public Person(final String name, final int age, final String gender) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
        this.gender = gender;
    }
}
```

3. REST examples: directory REST-JAXB-01
Example XML Document for a Skier object

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<skier>
  <name>Bjoern Daehlie</name>
  <age>41</age>
  <gender>Male</gender>
  <nationalTeam>Norway</nationalTeam>
  <achievements>
    <achievement>12 Olympic Medals</achievement>
    <achievement>9 World Championships</achievement>
    <achievement>Winningest Winter Olympian</achievement>
    <achievement>Greatest Nordic Skier</achievement>
  </achievements>
</skier>
```
5.3.1 JAXB in action I

JDK commands

- Java Class to XSD: `schemagen`
  ```bash
  schemagen Skier.java Person.java
  ```

- XSD to java class: `xjc`
  ```bash
  xjc schema1.xsd
  ```
5.3.1 JAXB in action II

Using the JAXB API to marshall and unmarshall

```java
import javax.xml.bind.*;

Skier skier = createSkier();

// Create a Marshaller for the skier class
JAXBContext ctx = JAXBContext.newInstance(Skier.class);
Marshaller m = ctx.createMarshaller();
m.setProperty(Marshaller.JAXB_FORMATTED_OUTPUT, true);

// Marshal and Write on a file
FileOutputStream out = new FileOutputStream(FILE_NAME);
m.marshal(skier, out);
out.close();

// Read from the file and Un—marshal
Unmarshaller u = ctx.createUnmarshaller();
Skier clone = (Skier) u.unmarshal(new File(FILE_NAME));
```

5. REST examples: directory REST-JAXB-01
5.3 Handling specific marshalling/unmarshalling

- `@XmlTransient` attribute not marshalled

- `beforeMarshal` and `afterMarshal`: callbacks called (when defined) before and after marshalling

- `beforeUnmarshal` and `afterUnmarshal`: callbacks called (when defined) before and after unmarshalling
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6.1 RESTful web service architecture

Client

Server

HTTP

Java

php

Apache HTTP Server

GlassFish

JEE container

Lightweight Web server

Java JAX-RS

Java JAX-RS

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6.2 @path annotation and resource URI

Each resource is identified by a URI defined by

- The server URL

```
http://localhost:9999/MyServer/
```

- The root resource class @path annotation for a RestFul java class

```
@Path("/hello") // http://localhost:9999/MyServer/hello
public class Hello { ... }
```

- Additioannally, a method may have a subidentification

```
@Path("replace") //http://localhost:9999/MyServer/hello/replace
public String replace(...) {
}
```
## 6.3 RestFul class recap table 1

- It may help to build a recap table for each RestFul Java class

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<tr>
<td>replace</td>
<td>replace</td>
<td>update</td>
<td>TBD</td>
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</table>

- Example for class *Hello*, subpath `hello`, with one method `replace` (encore incomplet à ce stade du cours)
6.4 Input or output representation format

- Defined with @consumes for input (POST and PUT) and @produces for output (GET)
- Defined for a class and/or overloaded on a method
- Client requirement and server representation offers should match
6.4 Input or output representation format II

- **Client requirement defined in the GET request**

  ```
  GET /hello HTTP/1.1
  Host: localhost
  Accept: text/html, text/plain
  ```

- **Service offeree**

  ```
  @GET
  @Produces("text/html")
  public String readHTML() {
    return "<html><body>" + msg + "</body></html>";
  }
  ```

- **Recap table**

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<td>read</td>
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- **Matching representation defined in the response header**

  ```
  HTTP/1.1 200 OK
  Content-Type: text/html
  <html><body>Hello</body></html>
  ```
6.5 JAXB representation

- `@produces("application/xml")`
- Return type is a class annotated `@XmlRootElement` or `@XmlType`

```java
@GET
@Path("searchskier")
//http://localhost:9999/MyServer/skiers/searchskier?name=xxx
@produces("application/xml")
public Skier getSkier(@QueryParam("name") String name){
    ...  
    Skier foundSkier= lookup(name);
    return foundSkier; // marshalled in XML with JAXB
}
```

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6.6 Query parameters (GET) I

Parameters: variables in the URLs

- Requested URL


- Method definition

```java
@Path("/calc")
public class CalcRest {

    @GET
    @Path("/add")
    @Produces(MediaType.TEXT_PLAIN)
    public String addPlainText(@QueryParam("a") double a,
    @DefaultValue("0") @QueryParam("b") double b) {
        return (a + b) + "";
    }
}
```

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6.7 Path parameters I

Parameters in the core of the URL

- Requested URL

```java
http://localhost:9999/MyServer/calc/add/3/4
```

- Method definition

```java
@Path("/calc")
public class CalcRest {
    @GET
    @Path("/add/{a}/{b}"
    @Produces(MediaType.TEXT_PLAIN)
    public String addPlainText(@PathParam("a") double a,
    @DefaultValue("0") @PathParam("b") double b) { return (a + b) + "";
}
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6.8 Other params

- `@FormParam`, Form parameters (POST)
- `@HeaderParam`, parameter extracted from the header
- `@CookieParam`, parameter extracted from the cookie
import javax.ws.rs.*;

@Path("/hello") // This is the base path, which can be extended at the method level.
public class HelloRest {
    private static String msg = "Hello world";

    public static void setMsg(final String msg) {
        HelloRest.msg = msg;
    }

    @GET
    @Produces("text/plain")
    public String read() {
        return msg + "\n";
    }

    @GET
    @Produces("text/html")
    public String readHTML() {
        return "<html><body>" + msg + "</body></html>";
    }

    @GET
    @Produces("text/plain")
    @Path("/{extra}") // http://..../hello/xxx
    public String personalizedRead(final @PathParam("extra") String cus) {
        return HelloRest.msg + ": " + cus + "\n";
    }

    @GET
    @Produces("text/plain")
    @Path("replace") // http://..../hello/replace?newmsg=xxx
    public String replaceAndRead(final @DefaultValue("") @QueryParam("newmsg") String newMsg) {
        System.out.println("replaceAndRead new msg=" + newMsg);
        HelloRest.msg = newMsg;
        return HelloRest.msg + "\n";
    }
}
6.9 Hello World in REST II

```java
@PUT
@Consumes("text/plain")
@Path("replace")
public void replace(final String newMsg) {
    System.out.println("replace new.msg=" + newMsg);
    HelloRest.msg = newMsg;
}

@DELETE
@Path("/delete")
public void delete() {
    HelloRest.msg = "";
    System.out.println("Message deleted.\n");
}
```

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6.10 Java Client example

(ExemplesREST/JAXREST-01)

```
restURI = "http://" + properties.getProperty("rest.serveraddress") + "/MyServer";
Client client = ClientBuilder.newClient();
URI uri = UriBuilder.fromUri(restURI).build();
WebTarget service = client.target(uri);
service.path("hello").path("replace").request().put(Entity.text("coucou"));
String getResult = service.path("hello").request().accept(MediaType.TEXT_PLAIN).get(String.class);
service.path("hello").path("delete").request().delete();
```

- **path("hello")**: subpath (or path parameters)
- **request()**: create an http request for the path
- **accept(MediaType.TEXTPLAIN)**: accepted representation format
- **get(String.class)**: message http GET, the return body is converted into a string
The server will handle requests for all the RestFul classes in the server package
Easy to write and easy to test RESTful WebServices and REST clients

As a consequence, a high percentage of deployed web services are RESTful services
Microservice architecture
A microservice is a software architectural style that structures an application as a collection of loosely coupled services. Advantages:

Advantages
- modularity
- continuous delivery
- better scalability
Microservices interaction patterns

- Services in a microservice architecture are often processes that communicate over a network
  - For synchronous interactions: REST over HTTP (one of the most popular)
  - For Asynchronous interactions: AMQP and Akka actors are good candidates
7.1 Some links to be studied

- Json 2 java http://www.jsonschema2pojo.org/
- swagger and open API
  https://swagger.io/docs/specification/about/
  - A language to describe API
  - Tools to generate the skeleton of classes from an API description
  - Tools to generate the documentation of an API (example of generated documentation https://www.versasense.com/docs/rest/)
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