

# Topic 13 RESTful APIs

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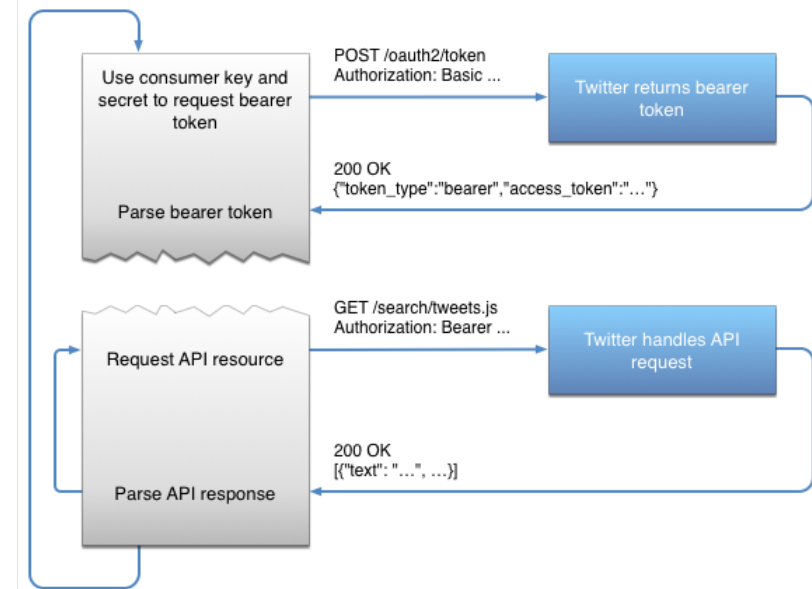
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# Application Programming Interfaces

- The web applications we have looked at so far have been complete applications. The backend provides the logic and persistent data storage and then serves a graphical user interface to a browser for a user to access the logic.
- This has the logic and the presentation coupled together. If we wanted to have a mobile version of the application, (iOS or Android or...) or some other way of interacting with the web we would have to rebuild it.
- An application programming interface is a means to provide the logic and data structures of your app as a service to other developers so they can embed the functionality into different applications and customise the user interface.
- Common examples are the Google Maps API, Dropbox API, Facebook API, ...
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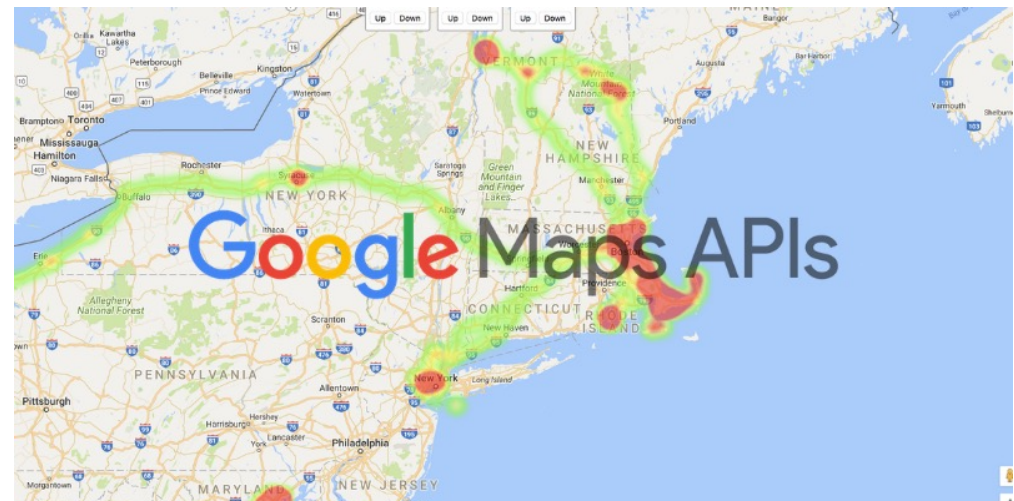
# Common APIs

- APIs allow developers to release software as a service, and is a key building block for modern web applications.
- Web APIs work with http requests, in standardized formats with documented response types.



## REST API Developer Endpoint Reference #

Resource	Base Route
<a href="#">Posts</a>	/wp/v2/posts
<a href="#">Post Revisions</a>	/wp/v2/revisions
<a href="#">Categories</a>	/wp/v2/categories
<a href="#">Tags</a>	/wp/v2/tags
<a href="#">Pages</a>	/wp/v2/pages
<a href="#">Comments</a>	/wp/v2/comments
<a href="#">Taxonomies</a>	/wp/v2/taxonomies



# Representational State Transfer

- REpresentational State Transfer (REST) is an architecture for the web that describe interactions with web based resources.
- HTTP is stateless, so there is no memory between transactions. REST uses the current page as a proxy for state, and operations to move from one to the other.
- REST was defined in 2000 by Roy Thomas Fielding:

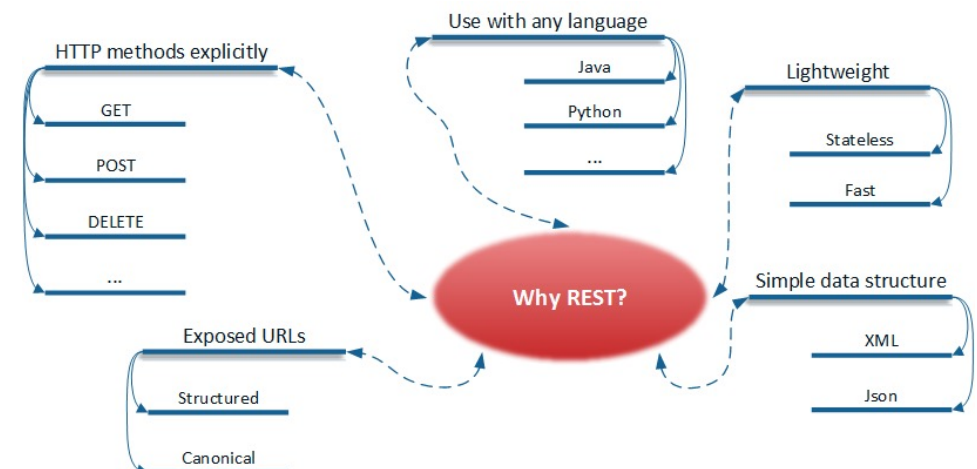
*Throughout the HTTP standardization process, I was called on to defend the design choices of the Web. That is an extremely difficult thing to do within a process that accepts proposals from anyone on a topic that was rapidly becoming the center of an entire industry. ... That process honed my model down to a core set of principles, properties, and constraints that are now called REST.*





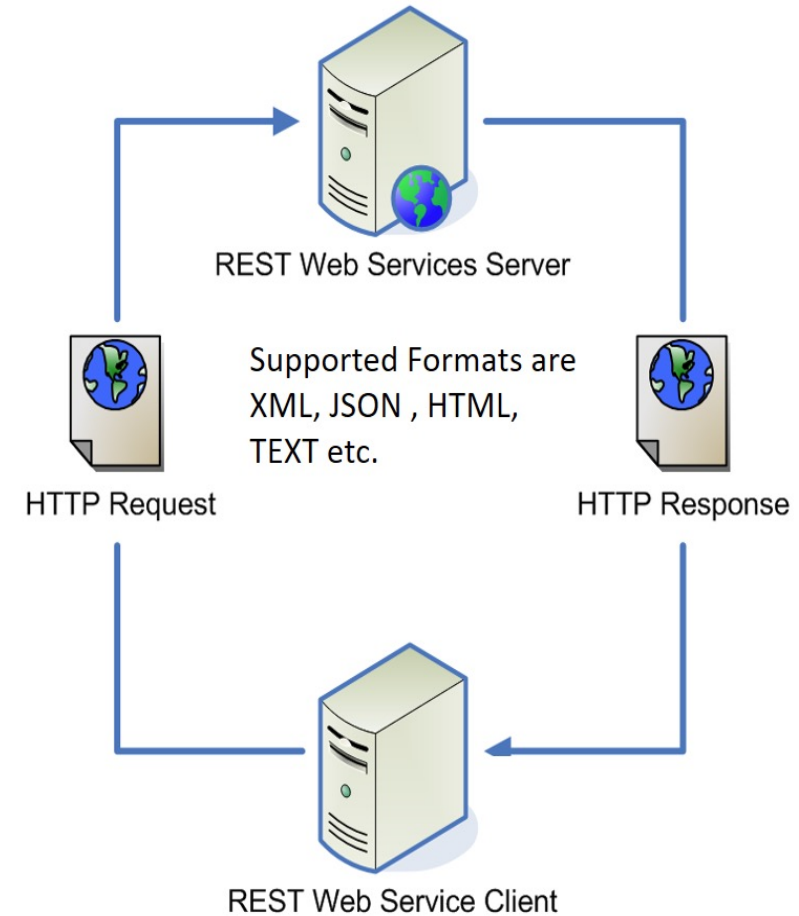
# The six Characteristics of REST

- Dr Fielding was one of the principal authors of the HTTP protocol, and his thesis sought to make the design choices of the web explicit.
- In his thesis, Dr Fielding set out six high level characteristics of REST: *client-server, layered system, cache, code on demand, stateless, uniform interface*.
- These are not enforced, so are interpreted differently by developers, and there is one optional characteristic.
- Most big companies, like Google, Facebook and Twitter implement a pragmatic version of REST.



# 1. Client Server Model

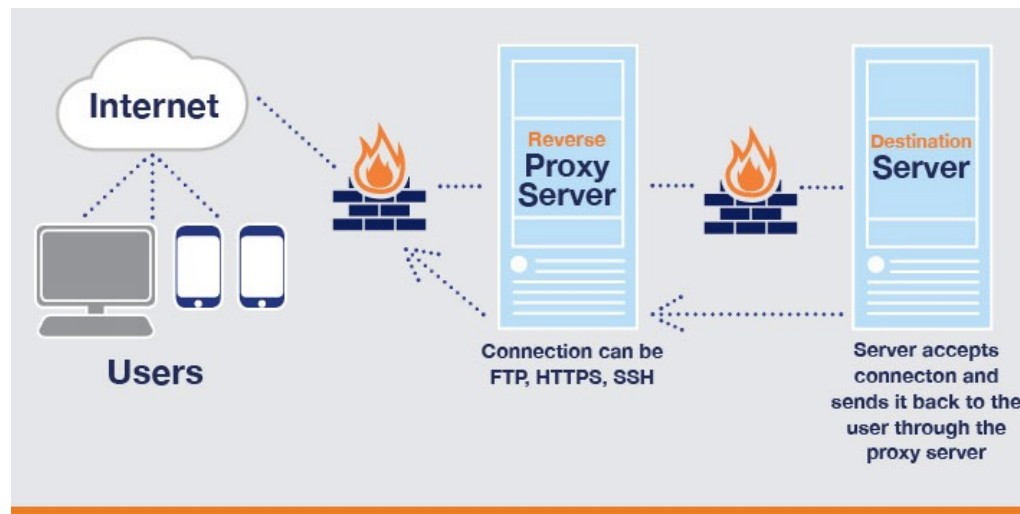
- The client server model sets out the different roles of the client and the server in the system.
- They should be clearly differentiated and running as separate processes, and communicate over a transport layer.
- In practice the interface between the client and the server is through HTTP, and the transport layer is TCP/IP.



**RESTful Web Service Architecture**

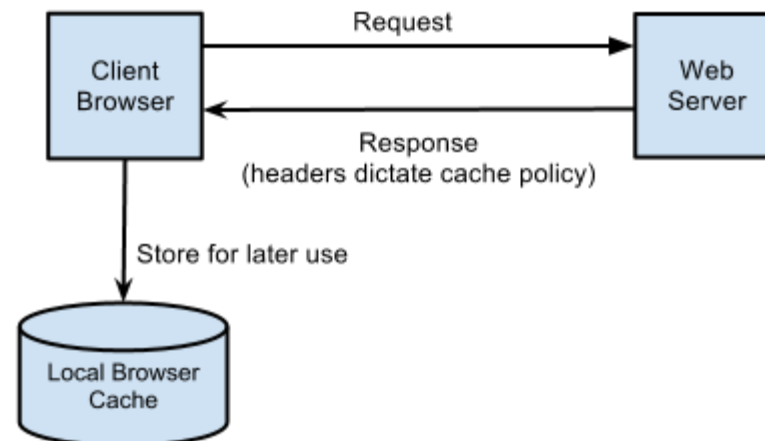
## 2. Layered System

- The layered system characteristic states that there does not need to be a direct link between the client and the server, and that they can communicate through intermediate nodes.
- The client does not need to distinguish between the actual server and an intermediary, and the server doesn't need to know whether it is communicating directly with the client.
- This encapsulates the abstract nature of the interface, and allows web services to scale, through proxy servers and load balancers.



### 3. Cache

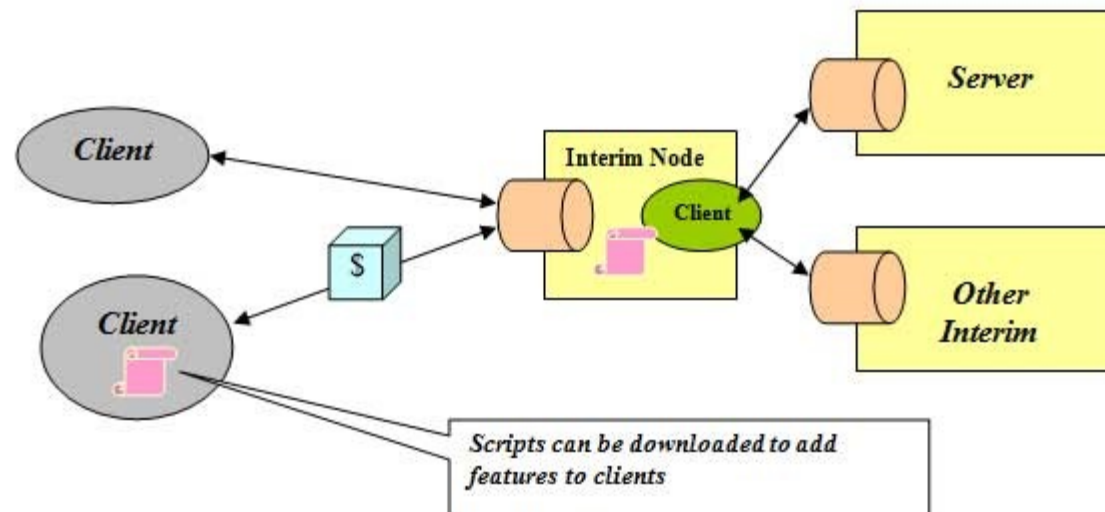
- The cache principle states that it is acceptable for the client or intermediaries to cache responses to requests, and serve these without going back to the server every time.
- This allows for efficient operation of the web.
- The server needs to specify what can and can't be cached, (i.e. what is static and dynamic data)
- Also, anything encrypted cannot be cached by an intermediary.
- All web browsers implement a cache to save reloading the same static files.





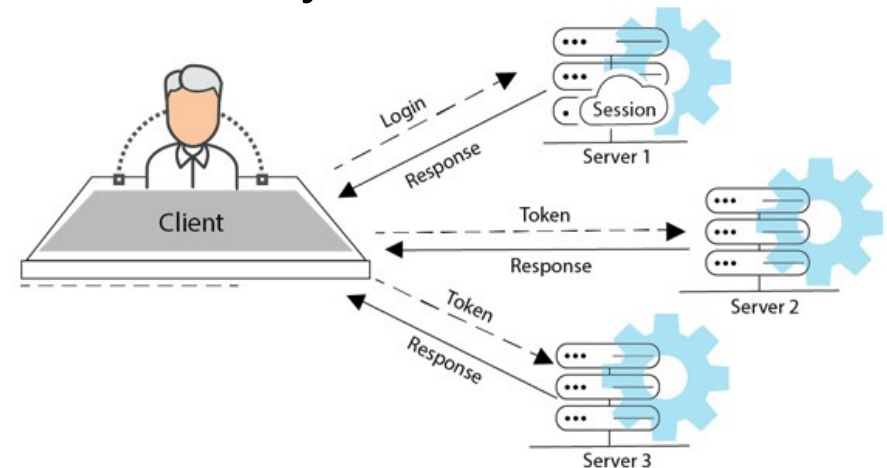
## 4. Code on Demand (optional)

- The code on demand principle states that the server can provide executable code in responses to a client.
- This is common practice with web browsers, where javascript is provided to be run by the client.
- However this isn't commonly included in REST APIs since there is no standard for executable code, so for example, iOS won't execute javascript.



# 5. Stateless

- Statelessness is one of the key properties of the HTTP protocol, and most associated with REST APIs.
- It states that the server should not maintain any memory of prior transactions, and every request from the client should include sufficient context for the server to satisfy the request.
- The *representative state* is in the url or route that is requested by the client, and is sent through with each request.
- This makes the service easy to scale, as a load balancer can deploy two servers to satisfy arbitrary requests, and they do not need to communicate.
- Pragmatically, many REST APIs do record state for session management.

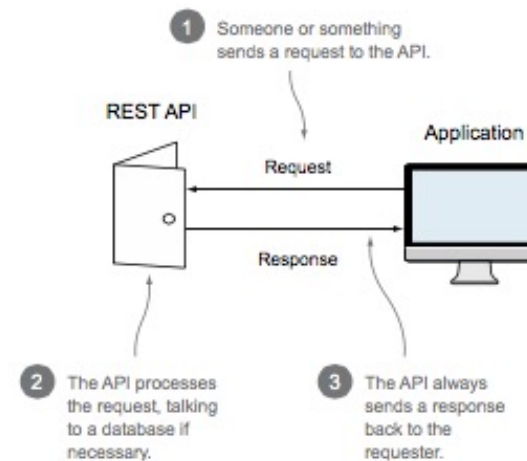


## 6. Uniform Interface

- The most important, and most vague, requirement of REST is that there be a uniform interface, so clients in principle do not need to be specifically designed to consume a server.
- The four aspects of the uniform interface are:
  - *Unique resource identifiers*. This is the url, and typically is of the form `api/users/<id>`
  - *Resource representations*. The data exchange between client and server should be through an agreed format, typically JSON, but possibly others. HTTP can do content negotiation.
  - *Self descriptive messages*. The communication between client and server should make the intended action clear.
  - *Hypermedia links*. A client should be able to discover new resources by following provided hyperlinks.

# RESTful operations

- The standard CRUD operations are *create*, *read*, *update* and *delete*, and these are typical ways to interact with our data model.
- In web apps, these operations are mapped to the operations: POST, GET, PUT (PATCH) and DELETE.
- These operations can be applied to each route in our application to allow interaction with the server side data model.



**Figure 6.2** A REST API takes incoming HTTP requests, does some processing, and returns HTTP responses.

URL	HTTP Verb	POST Body	Result
<a href="#">/api/movies</a>	GET	empty	Returns all movies
<a href="#">/api/movies</a>	POST	JSON String	New movie Created
<a href="#">/api/movies/:id</a>	GET	empty	Returns single movie
<a href="#">/api/movies/:id</a>	PUT	JSON string	Updates an existing movie
<a href="#">/api/movies/:id</a>	DELETE	empty	Deletes existing movie

# REST URLs and Operations

REST APIs offer a standard approach to accessing web-based resources

- Request URLs for a REST API have a simple standard.
- Consider each collection in your data base as having an associated URL.

HTTP METHOD	CRUD	ENTIRE COLLECTION (E.G. /USERS)	SPECIFIC ITEM (E.G. /USERS/123)
POST	Create	201 (Created), 'Location' header with link to /users/{id} containing new ID.	Avoid using POST on single resource
GET	Read	200 (OK), list of users. Use pagination, sorting and filtering to navigate big lists.	200 (OK), single user. 404 (Not Found), if ID not found or invalid.
PUT	Update/Replace	404 (Not Found), unless you want to update every resource in the entire collection of resource.	200 (OK) or 204 (No Content). Use 404 (Not Found), if ID not found or invalid.
PATCH	Partial Update/Modify	404 (Not Found), unless you want to modify the collection itself.	200 (OK) or 204 (No Content). Use 404 (Not Found), if ID not found or invalid.
DELETE	Delete	404 (Not Found), unless you want to delete the whole collection – use with caution.	200 (OK). 404 (Not Found), if ID not found or invalid.

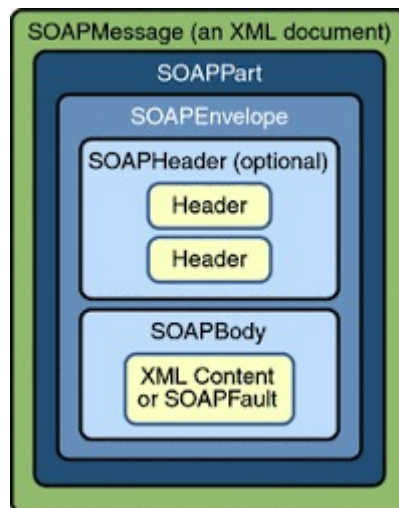
HTTP methods

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)	GET	PUT	POST	DELETE
Collection, such as <code>http://api.example.com/resources/</code>	List the URIs and perhaps other details of the collection's members.	<b>Replace</b> the entire collection with another collection.	<b>Create</b> a new entry in the collection. The new entry's URI is assigned automatically and is usually returned by the operation. <sup>[17]</sup>	<b>Delete</b> the entire collection.
Element, such as <code>http://api.example.com/resources/item17</code>	<b>Retrieve</b> a representation of the addressed member of the collection, expressed in an appropriate Internet media type.	<b>Replace</b> the addressed member of the collection, or if it does not exist, <b>create</b> it.	Not generally used. Treat the addressed member as a collection in its own right and <b>create</b> a new entry within it. <sup>[17]</sup>	<b>Delete</b> the addressed member of the collection.



# REST vs SOAP

- The Simple Object Access Protocol is often seen as an alternative to REST and is used in many enterprise systems.
- It is a protocol, rather than an architectural style like REST, and is much stricter in its implementation.



## SOAP vs. REST Comparison: Which is Right for You?

Difference	SOAP	REST
Style	Protocol	Architectural style
Function	Function-driven: transfer structured information	Data-driven: access a resource for data
Data format	Only uses XML	Permits many data formats, including plain text, HTML, XML, and JSON
Security	Supports WS-Security and SSL	Supports SSL and HTTPS
Bandwidth	Requires more resources and bandwidth	Requires fewer resources and is lightweight
Data cache	Can not be cached	Can be cached
Payload handling	Has a strict communication contract and needs knowledge of everything before any interaction	Needs no knowledge of the API
ACID compliance	Has built-in ACID compliance to reduce anomalies	Lacks ACID compliance

# Providing a REST API to a web application.

- The simple project described here is quite basic: it does all the hard work on the server side.
- A more responsive web application does most of the work on the client side.
- A REST API provides a web interface to the back end data model.
- This serves JSON to the client application, but all rendering of the data is then done on the client side by JavaScript modules (e.g. Angular, or AJAX and jQuery)
- In fact, the client side can implement a full MVC architecture, where the models interface with the API.
- We can augment a flask web application so that it provides a REST API but shares the database with the web application.

# New application structure

- Currently our Flask Application looks something like:

```
myapp\  
  app\  
    __init__.py  
    FORMS.PY  
    models.py  
    controllers.py  
    routes.py  
    templates\  
      base.html...  
    static\  
      bootstrap.css...  
  app.db  
  config.py  
  myapp.py  
  tests\  
    unittest.py  
  virtualenv\  
    ....|
```

```
app\  
  __init__.py  
  api\  
    __init__.py  
    auth.py  
    models_api.py  
    token_api.py  
  FORMS.PY  
  models.py
```

We are going to add an `api` module in the app folder containing:

- `__init__.py` to initialise the api
- `auth.py` to handle the token based authentication
- `models_api.py` to handle the api routes for each model
- `token_api.py` to handle the tokens.

# Choosing a route structure.

- The route structure indicates the requests that the application should serve, or the resources a client can access.
- They are typically aligned with the model structure.
- The api can assign methods to routes.
- This application structure from the mega-tutorial uses blueprints.

HTTP Method	Resource URL	Notes
GET	/api/users/<id>	Return a user.
GET	/api/users	Return the collection of all users.
GET	/api/users/<id>/followers	Return the followers of this user.
GET	/api/users/<id>/followed	Return the users this user is following.
POST	/api/users	Register a new user account.
PUT	/api/users/<id>	Modify a user.

app/api/users.py: User API resource placeholders.

```
from app.api import bp

@bp.route('/users/<int:id>', methods=['GET'])
def get_user(id):
    pass

@bp.route('/users', methods=['GET'])
def get_users():
    pass

@bp.route('/users/<int:id>/followers', methods=['GET'])
def get_followers(id):
    pass

@bp.route('/users/<int:id>/followed', methods=['GET'])
def get_followed(id):
    pass

@bp.route('/users', methods=['POST'])
def create_user():
    pass

@bp.route('/users/<int:id>', methods=['PUT'])
def update_user(id):
    pass
```

# A simpler structure

- Blueprints use the factory pattern to make testing and deployment easier, but are out of scope for this course.
- A simpler structure is as follows:

```
1 from app.api import student_api, project_api, token_api
2 from app import app
~
app/api/ __init__.py
```

```
1 from flask import Flask
2 from config import Config
3 from flask_sqlalchemy import SQLAlchemy
4 from flask_migrate import Migrate
5 from flask_login import LoginManager
6
7 app = Flask(__name__)
8 app.config.from_object('config.DevelopmentConfig')
9 db = SQLAlchemy(app)
10 migrate = Migrate(app, db)
11 login = LoginManager(app)
12 login.login_view = 'login'
13
14 #from app import routes,models
15 from app import routes,models,api
~
app/ __init__.py 1,1 All
```

```
1 from app import app, db
2 from app.models import Student,Project,Lab
3 from app.api.errors import bad_request, error_response
4 from flask import jsonify, url_for, request, g, abort
5 from app.api.auth import token_auth
6
7
8 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>',methods=['GET'])
9 @token_auth.login_required
10 def get_student(id):
11     if g.current_user != id:
12         abort(403)
13     return jsonify(Student.query.get_or_404(id).to_dict())
14
15 @app.route('/api/students',methods=['POST'])
16 def register_student():
17     data = request.get_json() or {}
18     if 'id' not in data or 'pin' not in data:
19         return bad_request('Must include student number and pin')
20     student = Student.query.get(data['id'])
21     if student is None:
22         return bad_request('Unknown student')
23     if student.password_hash is not None:
24         return bad_request('Student already registered')
25     student.from_dict(data)
26     db.session.commit()
27     response = jsonify(student.to_dict())
28     response.status_code = 201 #creating a new resource should share the
n....
29     response.headers['Location'] = url_for('get_student',id=student.id)
30     return response
31
32 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>',methods=['PUT'])
33 @token_auth.login_required
34 def update_student(id):
35     if g.current_user != id:
36         abort(403)
37     data = request.get_json() or {}
38     student = Student.query.get(id)
39     if student is None:
40         return bad_request('Unknown student')
41     if student.password_hash is not None:
42         return bad_request('Student not registered')
43     student.from_dict(data)
44     db.session.commit()
45     return jsonify(student.to_dict())
46
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```



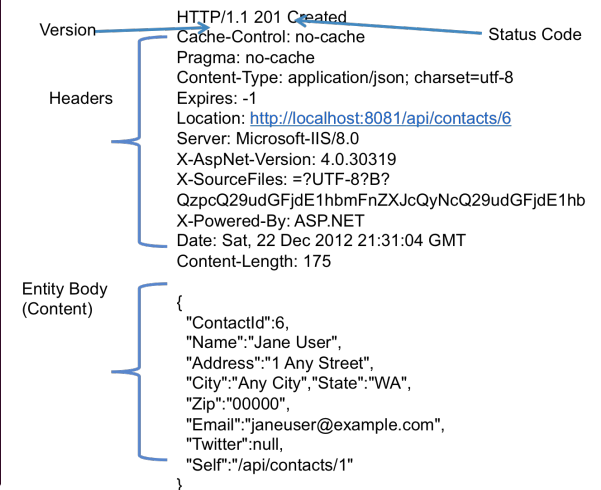
# Choosing a JSON structure

- The requests and responses to the API needs to be in some standard format. For each route we can assign a JSON structure for data transfer.
- We add methods to our models to read from and write to the JSON.

```
{
  "id": 123,
  "username": "susan",
  "password": "my-password",
  "email": "susan@example.com",
  "last_seen": "2017-10-20T15:04:27Z",
  "about_me": "Hello, my name is Susan!",
  "post_count": 7,
  "follower_count": 35,
  "followed_count": 21,
  "_links": {
    "self": "/api/users/123",
    "followers": "/api/users/123/followers",
    "followed": "/api/users/123/followed",
    "avatar": "https://www.gravatar.com/avatar/..."
  }
}
```

```
76 '''Adding in dictionary methods to convert to JSON
77 Format
78 {
79   'id': '19617810',
80   'first_name': 'Timothy',
81   'surname': 'French',
82   'preferred_name': 'Tim',
83   'cits3403': False,
84   'pin': '0000',
85   '_links': {
86     'project': 'api/student/19617810/project'
87   }
88 }'''
89
90 def to_dict(self):
91     data = {
92         'id': self.id,
93         'first_name': self.first_name,
94         'surname': self.surname,
95         'preferred_name': self.preferred_name,
96         'cits3403': self.cits3403,
97         '_links': {'project': url_for('get_student_project', id = self.id)}
98     }
99     return data
100
101 def from_dict(self, data):
102     if 'preferred_name' in data:
103         self.preferred_name = data['preferred_name']
104     if 'pin' in data:
105         self.set_password(data['pin'])
106
```

- ```
1 from flask import jsonify
2 from werkzeug.http import HTTP_STATUS_CODES
3
4 def error_response(status_code, message=None):
5     payload={'error': HTTP_STATUS_CODES.get(status_code, 'Unknown Error')}
6     if message:
7         payload['message'] = message
8     response = jsonify(payload)
9     response.status_code = status_code
10    return response
11
12 def bad_request(message):
13    return error_response(400, message)
```
- app/api/errors.py 1,1



# HTML response codes

## 1xx Informational

100 Continue

101 Switching Protocols

102 Processing (WebDAV)

## 2xx Success

★ 200 OK

203 Non-Authoritative Information

206 Partial Content

226 IM Used

★ 201 Created

★ 204 No Content

207 Multi-Status (WebDAV)

202 Accepted

205 Reset Content

208 Already Reported (WebDAV)

## 3xx Redirection

300 Multiple Choices

303 See Other

306 (Unused)

301 Moved Permanently

★ 304 Not Modified

307 Temporary Redirect

302 Found

305 Use Proxy

308 Permanent Redirect (experimental)

## 4xx Client Error

★ 400 Bad Request

★ 403 Forbidden

406 Not Acceptable

★ 409 Conflict

412 Precondition Failed

415 Unsupported Media Type

418 I'm a teapot (RFC 2324)

423 Locked (WebDAV)

426 Upgrade Required

431 Request Header Fields Too Large

450 Blocked by Windows Parental Controls (Microsoft)

★ 401 Unauthorized

★ 404 Not Found

407 Proxy Authentication Required

410 Gone

413 Request Entity Too Large

416 Requested Range Not Satisfiable

420 Enhance Your Calm (Twitter)

424 Failed Dependency (WebDAV)

428 Precondition Required

444 No Response (Nginx)

451 Unavailable For Legal Reasons

402 Payment Required

405 Method Not Allowed

408 Request Timeout

411 Length Required

414 Request-URI Too Long

417 Expectation Failed

422 Unprocessable Entity (WebDAV)

425 Reserved for WebDAV

429 Too Many Requests

449 Retry With (Microsoft)

499 Client Closed Request (Nginx)

## 5xx Server Error

★ 500 Internal Server Error

503 Service Unavailable

506 Variant Also Negotiates (Experimental)

509 Bandwidth Limit Exceeded (Apache)

598 Network read timeout error

501 Not Implemented

504 Gateway Timeout

507 Insufficient Storage (WebDAV)

510 Not Extended

599 Network connect timeout error

502 Bad Gateway

505 HTTP Version Not Supported

508 Loop Detected (WebDAV)

511 Network Authentication Required



# Serving the routes: GET requests

- The `@app.route` decorator allows us to specify parameters, which align with the parameter name in the method

```
8 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>', methods=['GET'])
9 @token_auth.login_required
10 def get_student(id):
11     if g.current_user != id:
12         abort(403)
13     return jsonify(Student.query.get_or_404(id).to_dict())
14
```

app/api/student\_api.py

```
1 from app import app, db
2 from app.models import Student, Project, Lab
3 from app.api.errors import bad_request, error_response
4 from flask import jsonify, url_for, request
5
6 @app.route('/api/projects', methods=['GET'])
7 def list_projects():
8     projectList = Project.query.all()
9     projects = []
10    for p in projectList:
11        t = p.get_team()
12        if len(t)==2:
13            team = t[0].preferred_name + ' & ' + t[1].preferred_name
14        else:
15            team = t[0].preferred_name
16        l = Lab.query.filter_by(lab_id = p.lab_id).first()
17        time = str(l.time)
18        lab = l.lab
19        projects.append({'project_id':p.project_id, 'description':
20            p.description, 'team':team, 'lab':lab, 'time':time})
21    projects.sort(key = lambda p: p['lab']+p['time'])
22    return jsonify(projects)
23
24 @app.route('/api/available_labs/', methods=['GET'])
25 def get_available_labs():
26     lab_id = request.args.get('lab_id')
27     labs = Lab.get_available_labs()
28     if lab_id!=None:
29         lab = Lab.query.get(lab_id)
30         choices = [{'lab_id': lab.lab_id, 'lab_name': lab.lab+' '
31             +str(lab.time)}]
```

- When no parameter is specified for a GET request, the assumption is that the user wants the collection of all resources.

# Serving the routes: POST requests

- A POST request is used to create a new resource.
- Creating a project is done by a student, so is included in `api/student/<id>/project`
- New resources should include their location in the response

```
15 @app.route('/api/students',methods=['POST'])
16 def register_student():
17     data = request.get_json() or {}
18     if 'id' not in data or 'pin' not in data:
19         return bad_request('Must include student number and pin')
20     student = Student.query.get(data['id'])
21     if student is None:
22         return bad_request('Unknown student')
23     if student.password_hash is not None:
24         return bad_request('Student already registered')
25     student.from_dict(data)
26     db.session.commit()
27     response = jsonify(user.to_dict())
28     response.status_code = 201 #creating a new resource should share the location...
29     response.headers['Location'] = url_for('get_student',id=student.id)
30     return response
31
```

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```
59 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>/project/',methods=['POST'])
60 @token_auth.login_required
61 def new_student_project(id):
62     if g.current_user != id:
63         abort(403)
64     data = request.get_json() or {}
65     if 'description' not in data or 'lab_id' not in data:
66         return bad_request('Must include description and lab_id')
67     student = Student.query.get(id)
68     if student is None:
69         return bad_request('Unknown student, or wrong id')
70     if student.project_id is not None:
71         return bad_request('Student already committed')
72     partner=None
73     if 'partner' in data:
74         partner = Student.query.get(data['partner'])
75         if partner is None:
76             return bad_request("Unknown partner")
77         if partner.project_id is not None:
78             return bad_request('Partner already committed')
79     if partner is None and student.cits3403:
80         return bad_request('CITS3403 students require a partner')
81     lab = Lab.query.get(data['lab_id'])
82     if lab is None or not lab.is_available():
83         return bad_request('Lab not available')
84     #all good, create project
85     project=Project();
86     project.description = description
87     project.lab_id=lab.lab_id
88     db.session.add(project)
89     db.session.flush() #generates pk for new project
90     student.project_id = project.project_id
91     if partner is not None:
92         partner.project_id=project.project_id
93     db.session.commit()
94     response = jsonify(project.to_dict())
95     response.status_code = 201 #creating a new resource should share the location...
96     response.headers['Location'] = url_for('new_student_project',id=student.id)
97     return response
```

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# Serving the routes: PUT requests

- Updating resources is typically done through PUT requests, although some people distinguish between PUT (overwrite resource) and PATCH (update some resource fields).

```
32 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>', methods=['PUT'])
33 @token_auth.login_required
34 def update_student(id):
35     if g.current_user != id:
36         abort(403)
37     data = request.get_json() or {}
38     student = Student.query.get(id)
39     if student is None:
40         return bad_request('Unknown student')
41     if student.password_hash is None:
42         return bad_request('Student not registered')
43     student.from_dict(data)
44     db.session.commit()
45     return jsonify(student.to_dict())
46
```

app/api/student\_api.py

```
100 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>/project/', methods=['PUT'])
101 @token_auth.login_required
102 def update_student_project(id):
103     if g.current_user != id:
104         abort(403)
105     data = request.get_json() or {}
106     if 'description' not in data or 'lab_id' not in data:
107         return bad_request('Must include description and lab_id')
108     student = Student.query.get(id)
109     if student is None:
110         return bad_request('Unknown student')
111     if student.project_id is None:
112         return bad_request('Student has no project')
113     project = Project.query.get(student.project_id)
114     team = project.get_team()
115     if not team[0].id==current_user.id:
116         partner = team[0]
117     elif len(team)>1:
118         partner = team[1]
119     else:
120         partner=None
121     lab = Lab.query.get(data['lab_id'])
122     if lab is None or (not lab.is_available() and lab.lab_id != project.lab_id):
123         return bad_request('Lab not available')
124     #all good, create project
125     project.description = description
126     project.lab_id=lab.lab_id
127     student.project_id = project.project_id
128     if partner is not None:
129         partner.project_id=project.project_id
130     db.session.commit()
131     return jsonify(project.to_dict())
```

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# Serving the routes: DELETE requests

- Finally for our delete operation, we will return the deleted project.
- We also have a delete operation for our authentication token, that has an empty response body

```
1 from flask import jsonify, g
2 from app import app, db
3 from app.api.auth import basic_auth, token_auth
4
5 @app.route('/api/tokens', methods=['POST'])
6 @basic_auth.login_required
7 def get_token():
8     token = g.current_user.get_token()
9     db.session.commit()
10    return jsonify({'token':token})
11
12 @app.route('/api/tokens', methods=['DELETE'])
13 @token_auth.login_required
14 def revoke_token():
15     g.current_user.revoke_token()
16     db.session.commit()
17     return '', 204 # no response body required
```

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```
134 @app.route('/api/students/<int:id>/project/', methods=['DELETE'])
135 @token_auth.login_required
136 def delete_student_project(id):
137     if g.current_user != id:
138         abort(403)
139     student = Student.query.get(id)
140     if student is None:
141         return bad_request('Unknown student, or wrong number')
142     if student.project_id is None:
143         return bad_request('Student does not have a project')
144     project = Project.query.get(student.project_id)
145     if project is None:
146         return bad_request('Project not found')
147     for s in project.get_team():
148         s.project_id = None
149     db.session.delete(project)
150     db.session.commit()
151     return jsonify(project.to_dict())
```

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# Consuming a REST API with AJAX and jQuery

- We can consume the REST API in a webpage using AJAX and jQuery

```
{  
  "id": 166,  
  "content": "Hello, World!"  
}
```

consume-rest.js

```
$(document).ready(function () {  
  $.ajax({  
    url: "http://rest-service.guides.spring.io/greeting",  
    success: function (data) {  
      $("#id").append(data.id);  
      $("#content").append(data.content);  
    },  
    error: function (xhr, ajaxOptions, thrownError) {  
      alert(xhr.responseText + "\n" + xhr.status + "\n" + thrownError);  
    }  
  });  
});
```

consume-restful-webservice-jquery.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
  <head>  
    <title>How to consume RESTful Web Service using jQuery</title>  
    <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.3.1/"></script>  
    <script src="js/consume-rest.js"></script>  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <div>  
      <h3>How to consume RESTful Web Service using jQuery</h3>  
  
      <p id="id">ID: </p>  
      <p id="content">Content: </p>  
  
    </div>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

localhost:8383/web/consume-restful-webservice-jquery.html

How to consume RESTful Web Service using jQuery

ID: 166

Content: Hello, World!

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