

REST APIs for Direct Db2 Access

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What is an API - Agenda

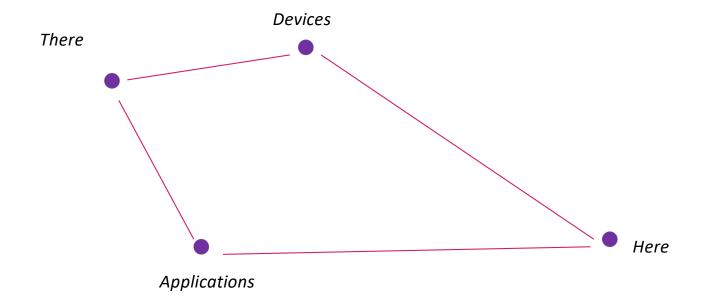
for Business

- —What is an API
- —What is a Web Service
- —SOAP vs REST
 - What is SOAP
 - What is REST
 - Benefits
 - Drawbacks
- —REST for SQL ?? YES!!



Connections





API Definition



Application

Programming

 ${f I}$ nterface

API Definition



Application programming interface

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



"API" redirects here. For other uses, see API (disambiguation).

In computer programming, an **Application Programming Interface** (**API**) is a set of subroutine definitions, protocols, and tools for building application software. In general terms, it is a set of clearly defined methods of communication between various software components. A good API makes it easier to develop a computer program by providing all the building blocks, which are then put together by the programmer. An API may be for a web-based system, operating system, database system, computer hardware or software library. An API specification can take many forms, but often includes specifications for routines, data structures, object classes, variables or remote calls. POSIX, Microsoft Windows API, the C++ Standard Template Library and Java APIs are examples of different forms of APIs. Documentation for the API is usually provided to facilitate usage.

APIs - Simple



Simple way to connect endpoints. Send a request and receive a response.

What is an API? It's a Web Service....what is a Web Service?



... a service?

A repeatable
business task –
e.g., check
customer credit;
open new account





SOAP vs REST











Simple

Object





Access

Protocol

What is SOAP



- Exposes operations that implement logic
- Designed for distributed computing
- Standardized
- Aligns with Enterprise Application needs
 - Support multi transport
 - Enterprise security WS.Security
 - Governance with strong typing
 - Broad Development tooling support
- XML Based message protocol
- Uses WSDL as a contract between consumer and provider



REpresntational

State





ransfer

What is REST



- Architectural Style as described by Roy Fielding
- Resource focused
- Every request is via hyperlink ie http request
- Easily consumed by any client, especially web clients
- Light weight
 - Uses JSON vs XML
 - No required header for each message
- Resources are driven by HTTP Specification
 - GET, PUT, DELETE, POST

Why one vs the other? Philosophical Difference



SOAP

- Enterprise Driven
- Contract based
- Robust Infrastructure
- More Security Options

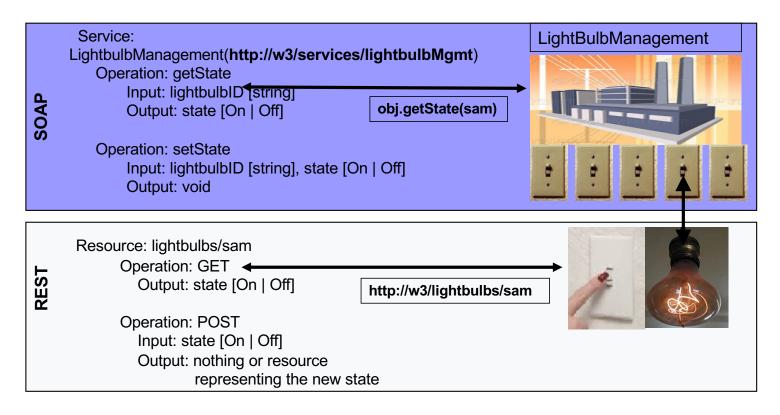
Rest

- Simplicity
- Small packet size
- HTTP focused
- Easy to call from JavaScript

SOAP vs. REST example



Is the light bulb currently on?



SOAP vs. REST example data flows



SOAP request

REST request

GET http://w3/lightbulbs/SAM HTTP/1.1

Host: example.com

Accept: application/xml

IBM i Integrated Web Services Environment



IBM i: Integrated Web Services Server SOAP & REST



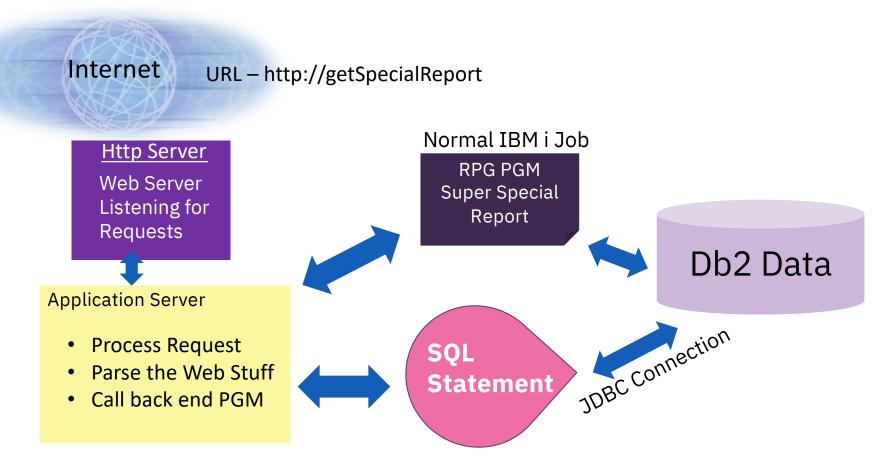
About Integrated Web Services



- —Released December of 2007 on IBM i 5.4, 6.1, and 7.1
 - Installed as part of base operating system option 3
 - Always load latest HTTP Group PTF for latest fixes and enhancements
- —Consists of two separate entities
 - Integrated web services client for ILE
 - Integrated web services server
- —Latest information, including product prerequisites, can be found at http://www.ibm.com/systems/i/software/iws/
- —Continues to be <u>re-invented</u> and <u>enhanced</u> on 7.2 & 7.3 & 7.4

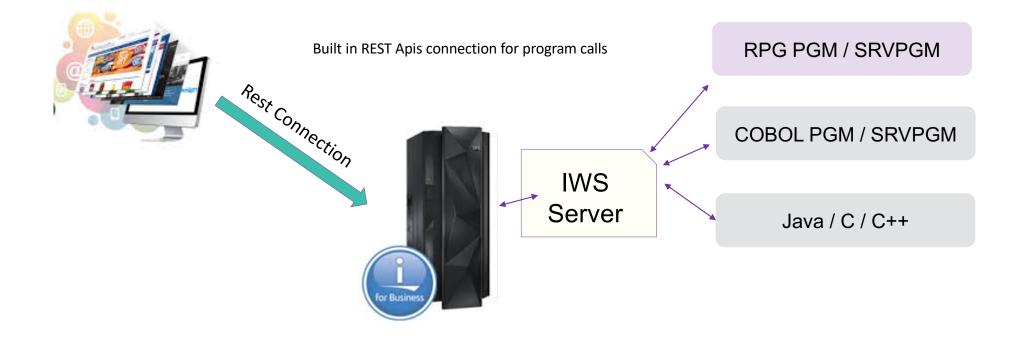
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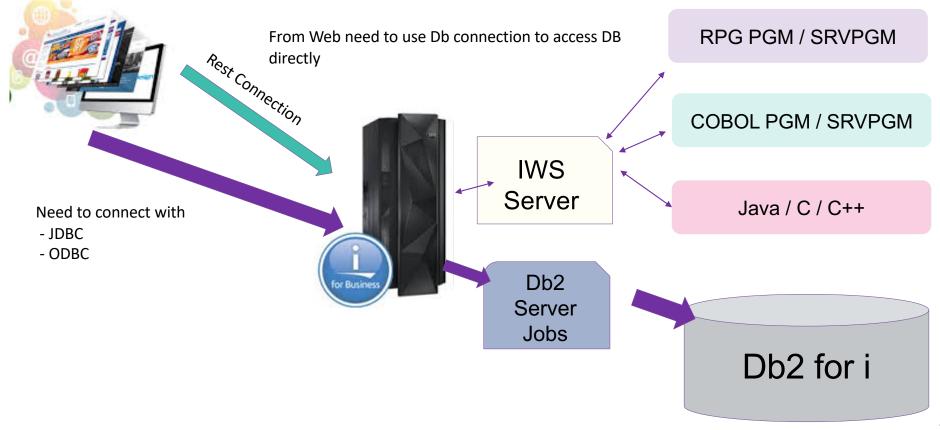
Rest Apis - Today





Connect to the Database - Today

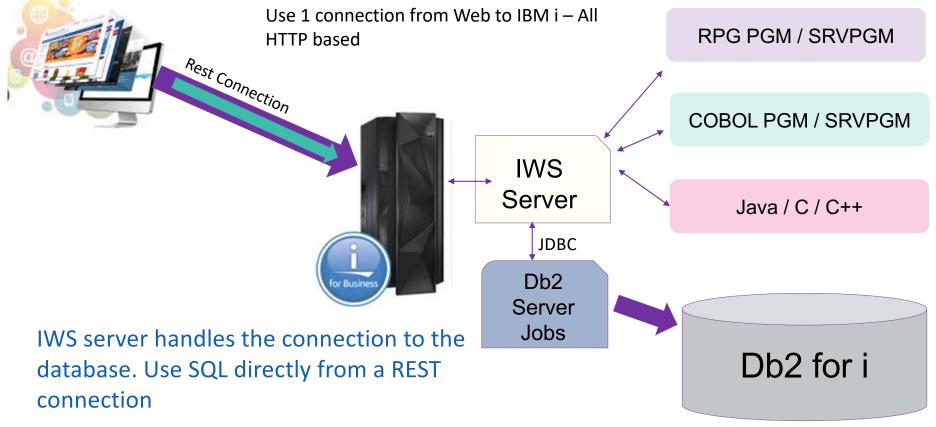




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Rest Apis – New SQL Access Using REST

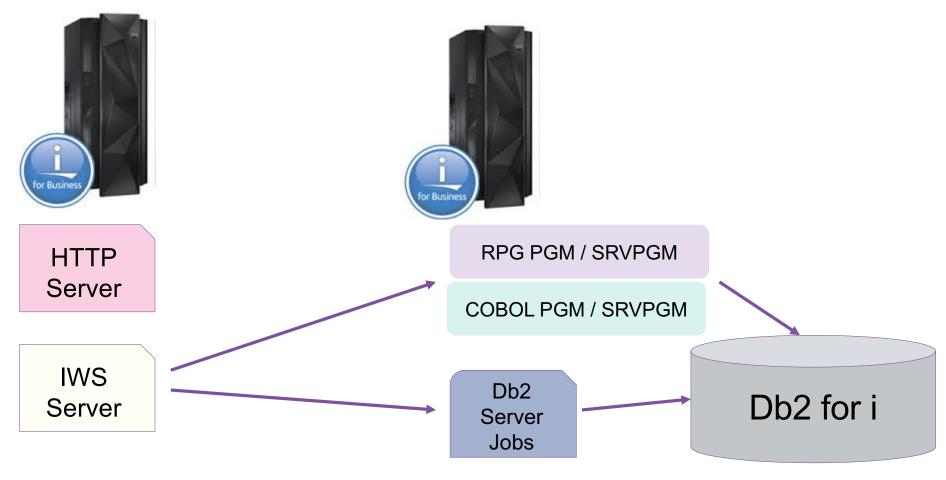




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Multi – Tier





What are all the parts...

- HTTP Apache Server
 - Connector to the IAS server
- IAS Server (Liberty)
 - JAX-RS (REST)
 - JAX-WS (SOAP)
 - Java program
 - Handles Inputs
 - Calls the backend ILE Program
 - Converts Output back to Web format





About integrated web services server REST support



- —Uses JAX-RS
 - Java API for RESTful Web Services
- —Two ways to deploy a REST service
 - IBM Web Administration GUI updated
 - Deploying a REST service will require more user input than when deploying a SOAP service
 - QShell script installWebService.sh updated to support REST
 - Qshell Scripts for virtually all functions within IWS, everything can be programmatically configured

What to get Prepared Ahead of Time

- Identify the RPG / Cobol / Java pgm
- Identify the SQL statements to use
- Figure out the HTTP methods
 - GET read activities
 - POST create entries
 - PUT update an entry
 - DELETE remove
- Determine the URI Identifiers
 - Use Nouns vs Verbs
 - Keep it simple
- What incoming content types need to be supported
- What type of data is to be returned





Student Registration Management



Create APIs using SQL to do basic application function

- Register new students
- Edit registered student information
- List registered students
- Get information about a student
- Remove student registrations



Getting Started





- Specify media types (e.g. XML, JSON, etc.) the procedure will accept
- Specify media types the procedure will return
- Optionally specify what values to inject in procedure input parameters
 - Path segment (e.g. /accounts/{id})
 - Matrix parameters (e.g. /cars; color=blue)
 - Query parameters (e.g. /cars?color=blue)
 - Form data
 - HTTP headers
 - HTTP Cookies
- Optionally designate response code and HTTP header <u>output</u> parameters

HTTP Methods and URI Mappings



HTTP Method	URI	Description
GET	/context-root/students	Return all student registrations
GET	/context-root/students/{id}	Return student registration
POST	/context-root/students	Register a new student
PUT	/context-root/students	Update registered student
DELETE	/context-root/students/{id}	Remove registered student

Lets Define the SQL



URI	Procedure identifier	SQL statement
/context-root/students	GETALL	SELECT * from STUDENTDB
/context-root/students/{id}	GETBYID	SELECT * from STUDENTDB WHERE "studentID" = ?
/context-root/students	ADD	INSERT INTO STUDENTDB ("studentID", "firstName", "lastName", "gender") VALUES(?,?,?,?)
/context-root/students	UPDATE	UPDATE STUDENTDB SET "firstName" = ?, "lastName" = ?, "gender" = ? WHERE "studentID" = ?
/context-root/students/{id}	REMOVE	DELETE FROM STUDENTDB WHERE "studentID" = ?

Lets Setup the Database

Open Run SQL Scripts in ACS

Create the Library

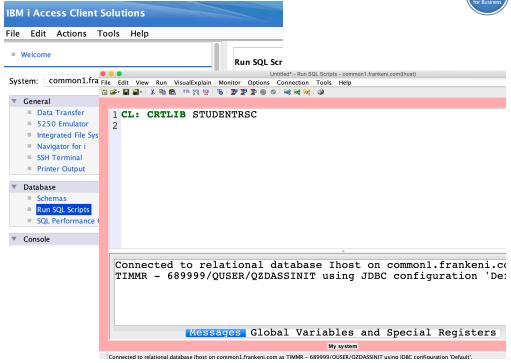
CL: CRTLIB STUDENTRSC

Create the Database

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CREATE TABLE STUDENTRSC/STUDENTDB
  ("studentID" CHAR (9) NOT NULL,
   "firstName" CHAR (50) NOT NULL,
   "lastName" CHAR (50) NOT NULL,
   "gender" CHAR (10) NOT NULL,
   PRIMARY KEY ("studentID"))
```

Populate the Database





Setup



In order to insure the service works, need to authorize the user profile for the service to the Db2 table

Web Integration Permissions



In the past, any user wanting to use Web Admin they were required to have *ALLOBJ and *IOSYSCFG special

authority!





System Security policy just does not allow this!



'Permissions' Support

- Now a *USER granted 'permission' can use the GUI
- · Group profiles are now supported







Web Integration Permissions



Developers can use Web Admin

- No longer need *ALLOBJ special authority
- Administrators can grant users 'Permission
- Empowering the User
- Group Profile support

— Two Permissions Available

- Operator Start & Stop servers
- Developer All functions

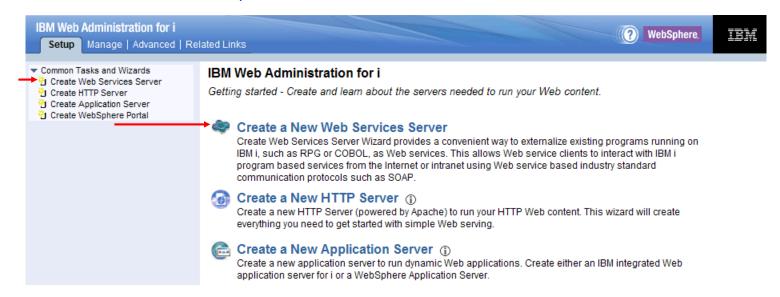
Integrated GUI interface now available to Developers and Operators without compromising your system security



Create web services server



Access Web Admin http://hostname:2001/HTTPAdmin



Click on the Create New Web Services Server link

How do you test things?





Why SoapUI Blog

Download Getting Started



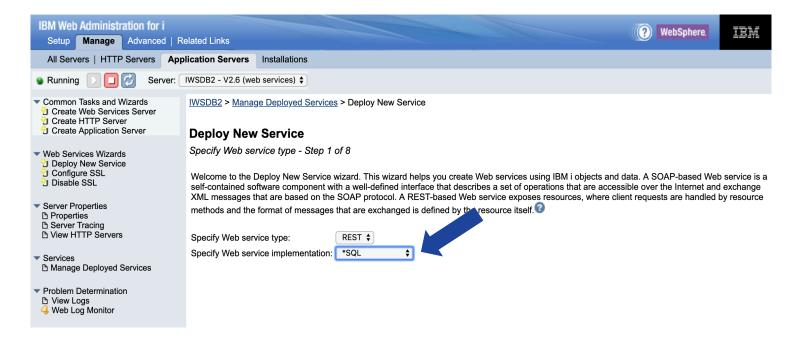


Free Download

https://www.soapui.org

Deployment demo





Notes:

1. This panel has been updated so one can indicate whether web service is based on SQL statements or ILE programs/service programs



Create Web S	ervices Server	
Specify Web services server name - Step 1 of 4		
Welcome to the Create Web Services Server wizard. A Web services server provides a secure and easy way to configuent or hosting Web services that are based on IBM in objects such as RPG and COBOL programs and SQL st wizard creates everything needed to run Web services.		
For more informatio	n, please visit: http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1026868	
Specify a unique n	ame for this server ②	
Server name:	Virtual	
Server description:	Web Services Server for Common Virtual Conference 2019	
Back Next	Cancel	



Create Web Services Server

Specify network attributes for server - Step 2 of 4

Your server may listen for requests on specific IP addresses or on all IP addresses of the system. A commar the server.

the server.				
Specify internet addresses and ports for server				
Specify server command port: [10259]				
Specify internet addr	ess and port for the se	rver		
IP address:	All IP addresses \$			
Port:	10258			
Specify internet address and port for the HTTP server				
IP address: All IP addresses \$				
Port:	10268			

Back Next Cancel



Create Web Services Server

Specify User ID for Server - Step 3 of 4

The server requires an IBM i user ID to run the server's jobs. It is recommended that a special user ID is a jobs since this user ID is given authority to all of the server's objects, such as files and directories.

Specify user ID for this server:



Use default user ID

Note: The default server user ID is QWSERVICE.

- Specify an existing user ID
- Create a new user ID

Back

Next

Cancel



Create Web Services Server

Summary - Step 4 of 4

Servers

Service

Web Services Server Information

Server name: Virtual

Server description: Web services server created by the Create Web Services Server wizard.

Port: 10258 **Command port**: 10259

Server root: /www/Virtual

Server URL: http://common1.frankeni.com:10268

User ID for server: QWSERVICE

Context root: /web

HTTP Server Information

HTTP server name: VIRTUAL

HTTP server description: Web services server created by the Create Web Services Server wizard.

Port: 10268

Document root: /www/Virtual/htdocs

Server root: /www/Virtual

Server association: Virtual

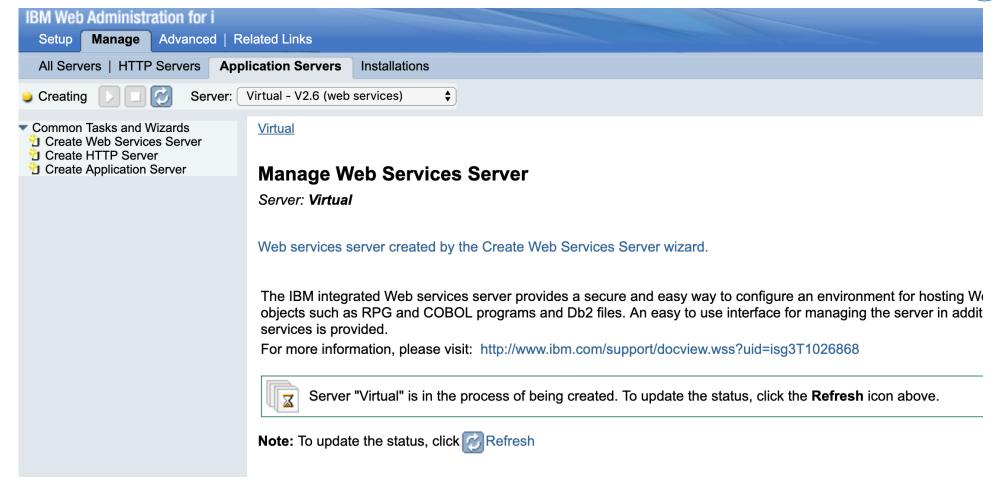
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Finish

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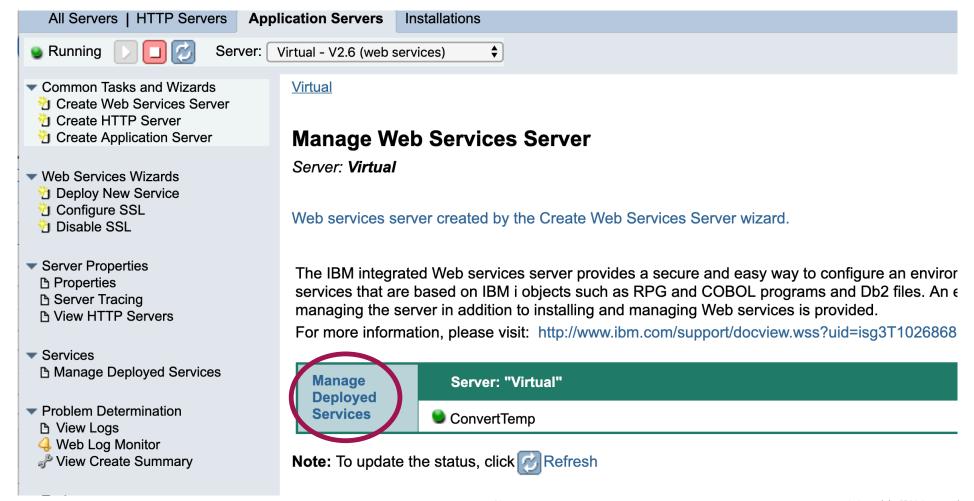
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Container Created



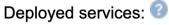


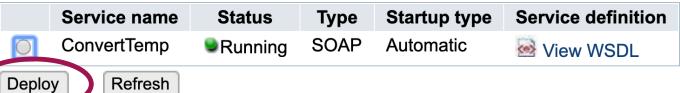


Virtual > Manage Deployed Services

Manage Deployed Services

Data current as of Jul 15, 2019 7:08:17 AM.





Close



<u>Virtual</u> > <u>Manage Deployed Services</u> > Deploy New Service

Deploy New Service

Specify Web service type - Step 1 of 9

Welcome to the Deploy New Service wizard. This wizard helps you create Web services using IBM i objects and do Web service is a self-contained software component with a well-defined interface that describes a set of operations accessible over the Internet and exchange XML messages that are based on the SOAP protocol. A REST-based V exposes resources, where client requests are handled by resource methods and the format of messages that are 6 defined by the resource itself.







<u>Virtual</u> > <u>Manage Deployed Services</u> > Deploy New Service

Specify a meaningful resource name, this service will be referenced now as

Deploy New Service

Specify Name for Service - Step 2 of 8

/context-root/students

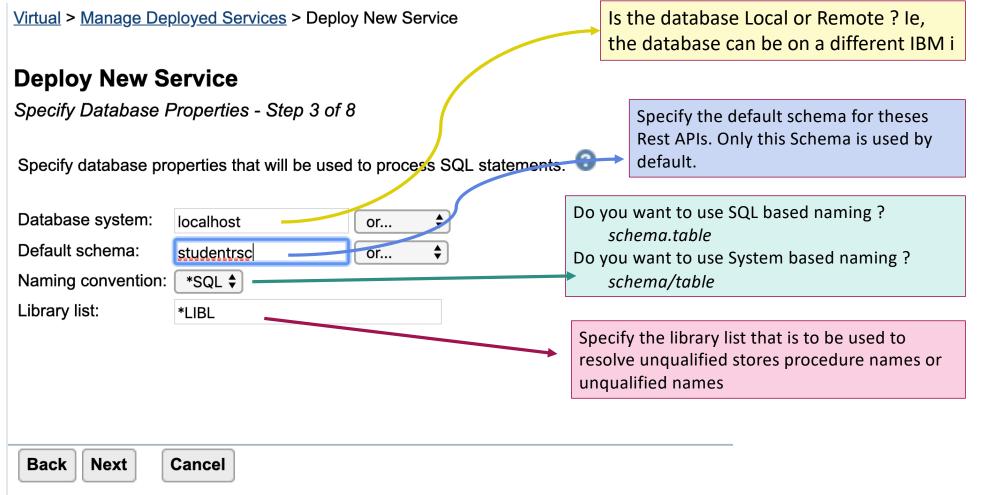
The Web service to be externalized is a resource. The URI per template identifies matching patterns for The path is relative to the context root and can be a simple and or one or more template parameters the expressions to further restrict what is allowed.

Resource name:	students
Service description:	SQL
URI path template:	1

e.g. /temperature, /temperature/{temp:\d+}

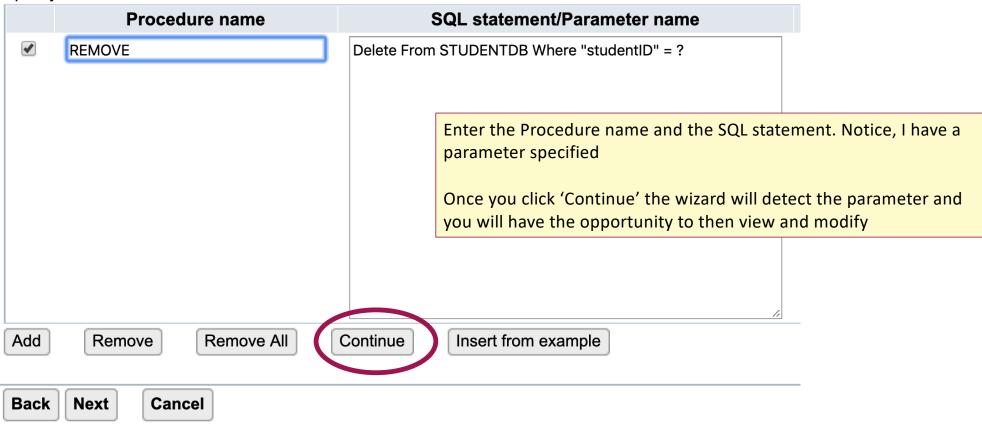
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Specify SQL statements that will be externalized as a Web service:

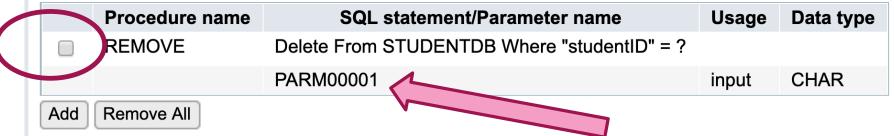




Deploy New Service

Specify SQL Statements - Step 4 of 8

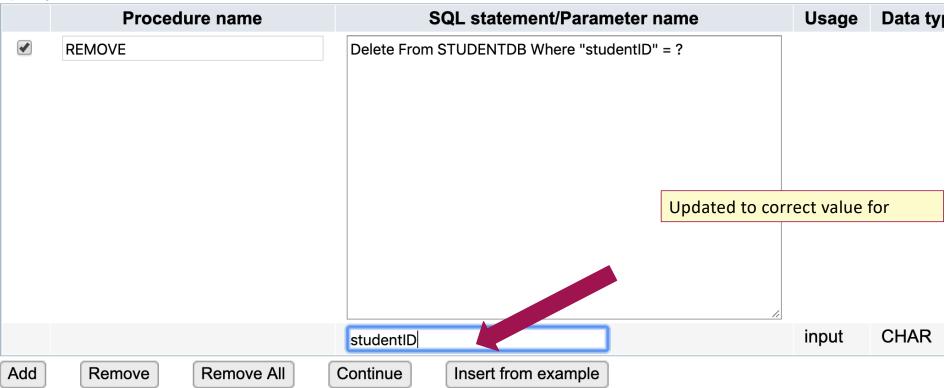
Specify SQL statements that will be externalized as a Web service:



Click on the entry to 'open' it back up for update to modify the parameter name from the default value to something customized



Specify SQL statements that will be externalized as a Web service:





Specify SQL statements that will be externalized as a Web service:

Procedure name	SQL statement/Parameter name	Usage	Data type
REMOVE	Delete From STUDENTDB Where "studentID" = ?		
	studentID	input	CHAR
UPDATE	UPDATE STUDENTDB SET "firstName" = ?, "lastName" = ?, "gender" = ? WHERE "studentID" = ?		
	PARM00001	input	CHAR
	PARM00002	input	CHAR
	PARM00003	input	CHAR
	PARM00004	input	CHAR
ADD	INSERT INTO STUDENTDB ("studentID", "firstName", "lastName", "gender") VALUES(?,?,?,?)		
	PARM00001	input	CHAR
	PARM00002	input	CHAR
	PARM00003	input	CHAR
	PARM00004	input	CHAR
GETBYID	SELECT * from STUDENTDB WHERE "studentID" = ?		
	studentID	input	CHAR
GETALL	SELECT * from STUDENTDB		

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Add Remove All

Deploy a SQL Based Service – SQL Information



Deploy New Service			
Specify SQL Information - Step 5 of 8			
Customize how each procedure will process SQL statements. For query statements, this includes the type of result sets that may be returned and how pagination is handled for result sets.:			
Procedure name:	REMOVE Set any SQL warnings as an error condition		
SQL Statement:	Delete From STUDENTDB Where "studentID" = ?		
SQL result type:	Multi-row result set \$		
Trim mode for output fields:	Trailing \$		
SQL state information in response: On errors \$			
Treat warnings as SQL Errors: Yes \$			
User-defined error message:			
HTTP status code on SQL success	The SQL code 204 (no content) , if that code is		
HTTP status code on SQL failure:	or • produced, then treat as a success		
Back Next Cancel			

Deploy a SQL Based Service - SQL Information



Deploy New Service			
Specify SQL Information - Step 5 of 8			
Customize how each procedure will process SQL statements. For query statements, this includes the typagination is handled for result sets.:			
Procedure name: SQL Statement:	UPDATE UPDATE STUDENTDB SET "firstName" = ?, "lastName" = ?, "gender" = ? WHERE "studentID" = ?		
SQL result type: Trim mode for output fields:	Multi-row result set Trailing		
SQL state information in response: On errors Yes User-defined error message:			
HTTP status code on SQL success: HTTP status code on SQL failure:	The SQL code 204 (no content), if that code is produced, then treat as a success		

Deploy a SQL Based Service - SQL Information



Deploy New Service			
Specify SQL Information - Step 5 of 8			
Customize how each procedure will process SQL statements. For query statements, this includes the ty pagination is handled for result sets.:			
Procedure name:	ADD		
SQL Statement: INSERT INTO STUDENTDB ("studentID", "firstName", "lastName", "gender") VALUES(?,?,?,?)			
SQL result type:	L result type: Multi-row result set 😊		
Trim mode for output fields: Trailing 😊			
SQL state information in response: On errors			
Treat warnings as SQL Errors: Yes 🗘			
User-defined error message:			
	The SOL code 201 (Created) if that code is		
HTTP status code on SQL success:			
HTTP status code on SQL failure:	produced, then treat as a success		

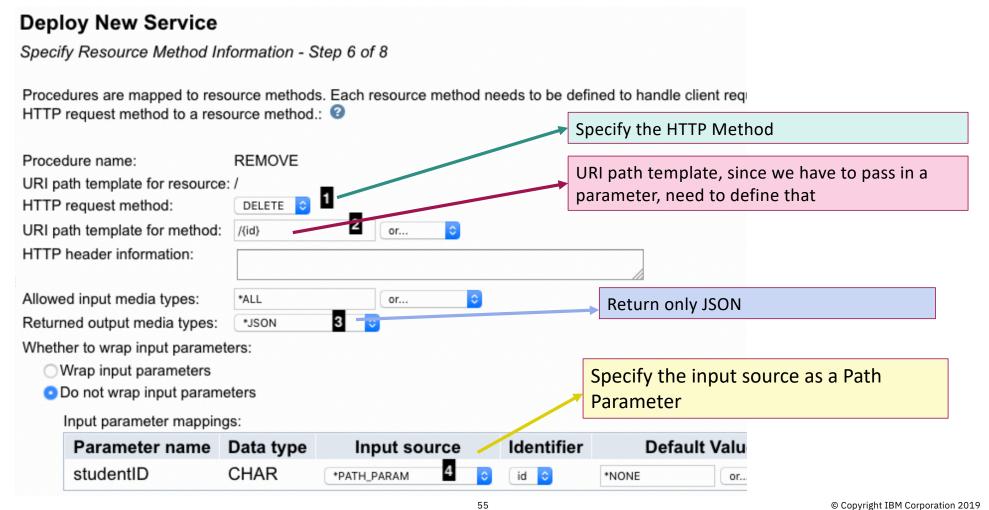
Deploy a SQL Based Service – SQL Information



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Specify SQL Information - Step 5	of 8		
Customize how each procedure will pagination is handled for result sets.	process SQL statements. For query stat	ements, this includes	s the t
			Return only a single entry. This will ensure the results are not an array of
Procedure name: SQL Statement:	GETBYID SELECT * from STUDENTDB		objects
	WHERE "studentID" = ?	Trim tra	ailing blanks. This improves performance
SQL result type:	Single-row result set 😊 1		ly returns the actual data
Trim mode for output fields:	Trailing 2	—	
SQL state information in response:	On errors 😊		
Treat warnings as SQL Errors:	Yes 😊		
User-defined error message:			
HTTP status code on SQL success:	200 or 😊 3		200 (OK) , if that code is
HTTP status code on SQL failure:	500 or 🗘	produced, thei	n treat as a success

Deploy a SQL Based Service - Resource Information





Deploy a SQL Based Service - Resource Information



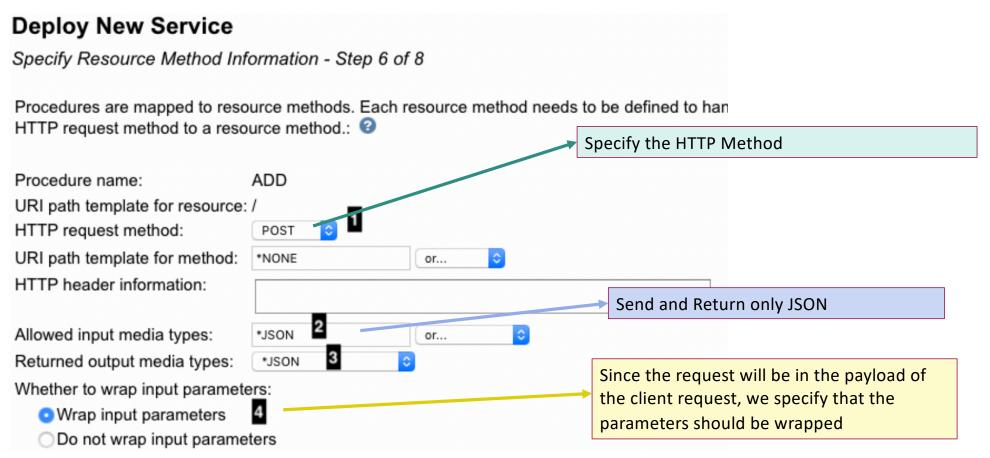
Deploy New Service

Specify Resource Method Information - Step 6 of 8

Procedures are mapped to resource methods. Each resource method needs to be defined to handle client re HTTP request method to a resource method.: @ Specify the HTTP Method Procedure name: UPDATE URI path template for resource: / HTTP request method: PUT URI path template for method: *NONE or... HTTP header information: Send and Return only JSON Allowed input media types: *JSON or... Returned output media types: *JSON Whether to wrap input parameters: Since the request will be in the payload of Wrap input parameters the client request, we specify that the Do not wrap input parameters parameters should be wrapped

Deploy a SQL Based Service – Resource Information





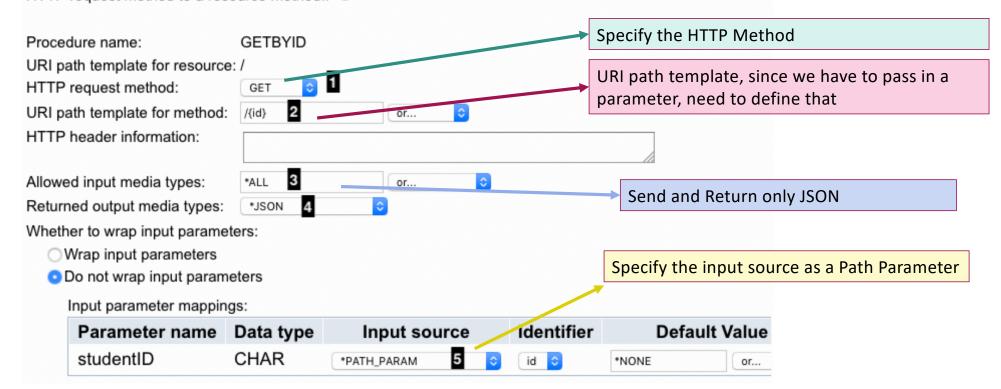
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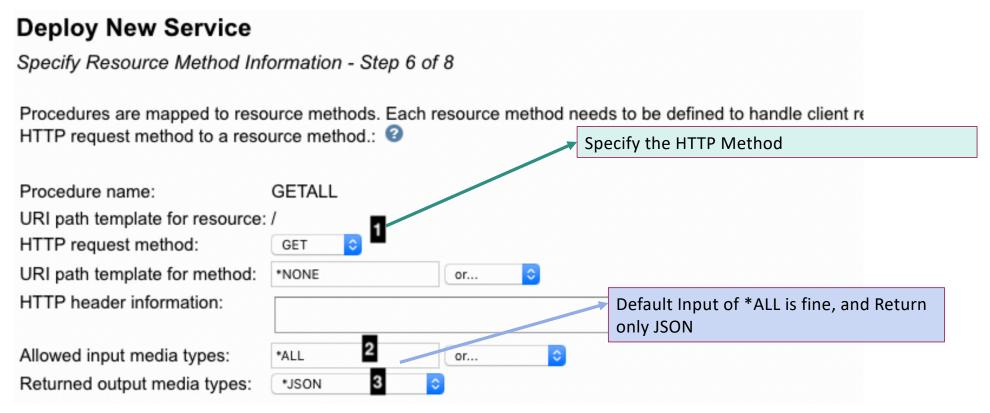
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Deploy a SQL Based Service – Resource Information





Deploy a SQL Based Service – User Profile



Deploy New Service

Specify User ID for this Service - Step 7 of 8

The service requires an IBM i user ID to run the Web service business logic. The user ID must have the resources that the Web service requires.

Specify User ID for this Service: 2

- Use server's user ID
- Specify an existing user ID
- Use authenticated user ID

User Profile for the Service. Can be different than the profile for the server. This profile must have the necessary authority to access the data in the database in order to function correctly.

Deploy a SQL Based Service - Create Service



Deploy New Service

Summary - Step 8 of 8

When you click Finish the web service is deployed.

Service JDBC Properties Methods

Resource name: students

Resource description: SQL

Service install path: /www/wservice/webservices/services/students

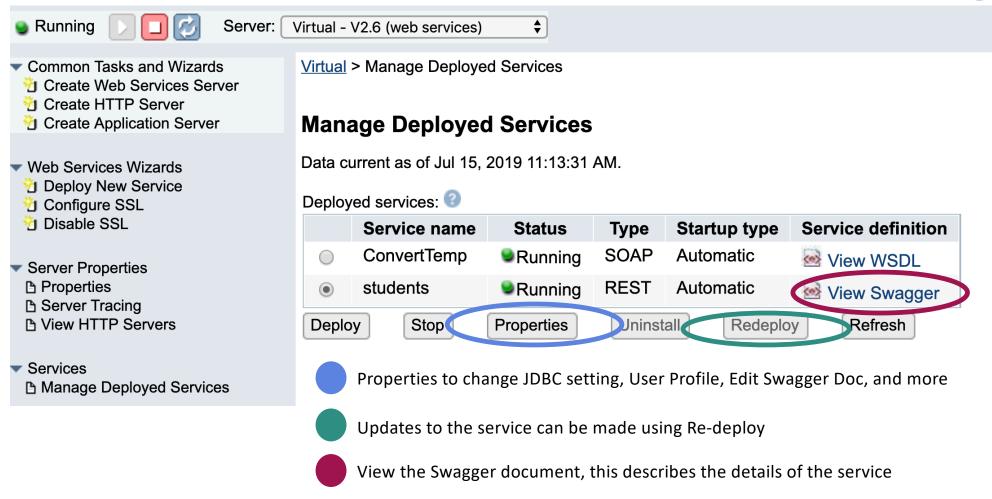
URI path template:

User ID for service: *SERVER (QWSERVICE)

Back Finish Cancel

Service Created and Running







lastName:

studentID:

firstName:

lastName:

gender:

gender:

₹2:

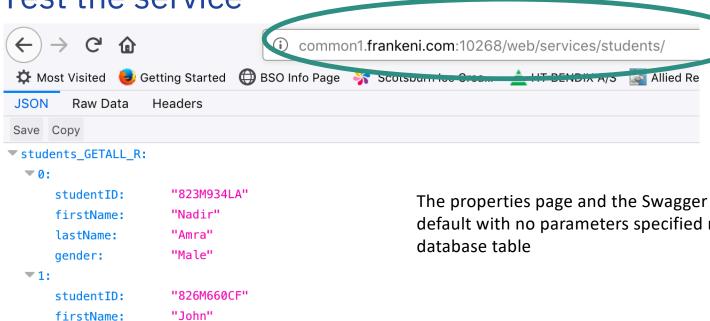
"Doe" "Male"

"Jane" "Amra"

"Female"

"747F023ZX"

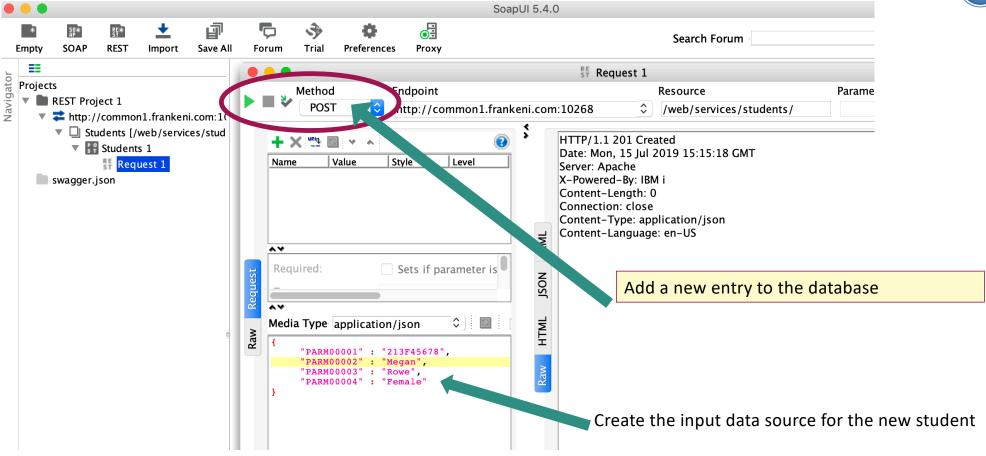




The properties page and the Swagger doc have the URL to call. The default with no parameters specified returns all entries in the

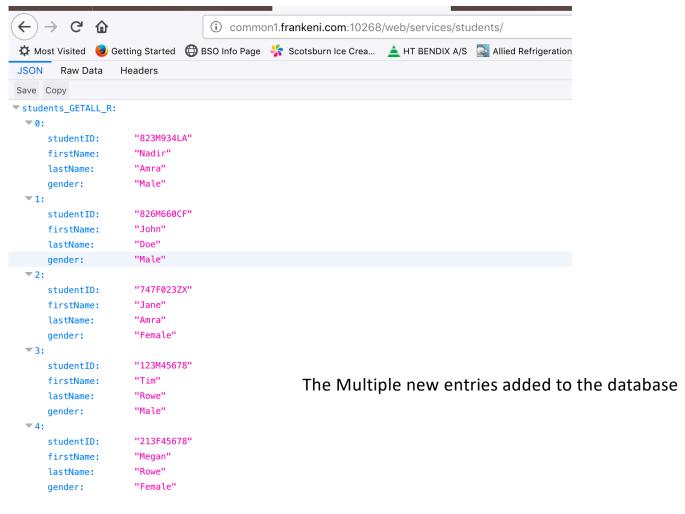
Test the service





Test the service







Demo of REST based Methodology

What have we done lately....



- -3 node support
 - HTTP on one node
 - Application Server on a node
 - Backend RPG on a node
- Use Authenticated User
- Services re-deploy
- Connection pool pre-initialization
- Variable length fields
- Many other updates as requested by the community

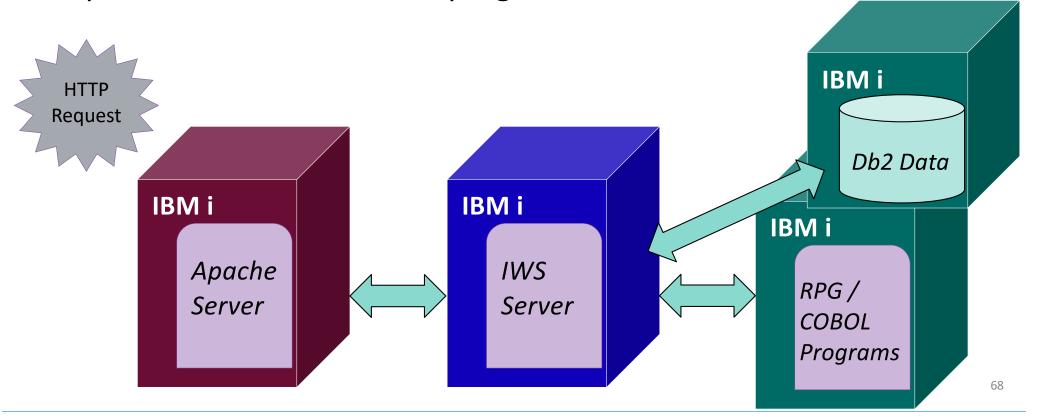
https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/dW %20IBM%20Integrated%20Web%20Services%20for%20i

IWS Multi Node Server Support



Multi nodes

- Apache, IWS, and backend programs ALL on different IBM i nodes



Some Additional Light Reading



Developer Works – 3 Part Series on Rest for IBM i

- https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/library/i-rest-web-services-server1/
- http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/library/i-rest-web-services-server2/
- https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/library/i-rest-web-services-server3/

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