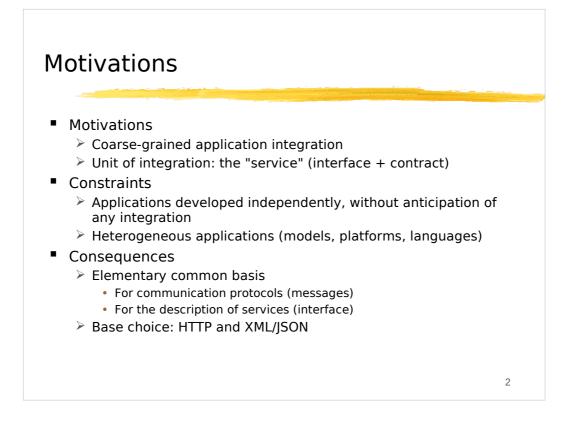


This lecture is about web services.



The example of RPC tool we have seen, Java RMI, is restricted to interactions within Java applications, allowing remote invocations of Java objects.

With Web services, the motivation is to provide a RPC facility for the interaction (and integration) of coarse-grained applications (that we call services). A service is supposed to be much bigger than a simple Java object.

Web services aim at allowing the interaction between application developed independently, with different environments (models, platforms, languages).

Web services rely on elementary existing protocols and formats: mainly HTTP, XML and JSON.

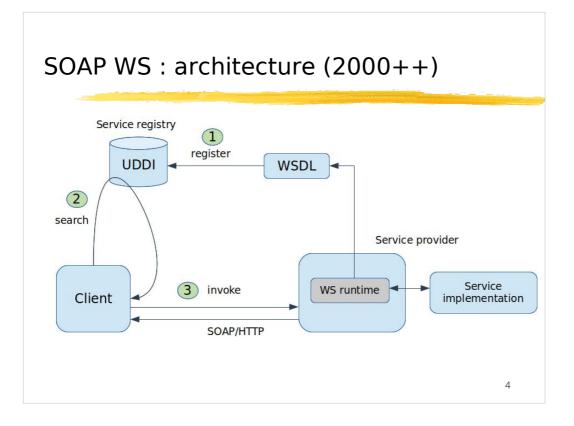
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XML-RPC was a precursor of what are web services now.

XML-RPC was a RPC protocol relying of XML for the representation of requests and HTTP for the transport of requests.

The idea was to be independent from execution platforms or languages and to rely on widely recognized and adopted formats.

XML-RPC was a precursor and evolved into SOAP, the protocol used in web services.



This figure illustrates the architecture of web services (WS).

A service provider may implement a service in any language and/or platform, as soon as a runtime for WS exists in his environment.

The runtime is a composed of

- stub and skeleton generators
- a WSDL generator
- a web server (WS runtime) for making services available on the internet

Then, on the server side, the service implementation is linked with the web server, in order to be able to receive requests through the HTTP communication protocol. A skeleton is generated and is a web application in the web server. A WSDL description (Web Service Description Language) of the service is generated and published, i.e. made available to potential clients.

The WS architecture specifies that a service registry (a naming service) should be used for the publication and discovery of WSDL descriptions. However, UDDI was not actually used. Generally the WSDL of a WS can be published on a Web server as any document.

On the client side, the WSDL description can be copied and used to generate a stub in the environment of the client. Notice that the environment of the client is not mandatorily the same as the one of the server. Then the client can implement an application which is able to invoke the WS by calling the stub.

The stub communicates with the skeleton with the SOAP/HTTP protocol which is a standard.

HTTP and SOAP are standards from the W3C.

SOAP describes the syntax of request and response messages which are transported with HTTP.

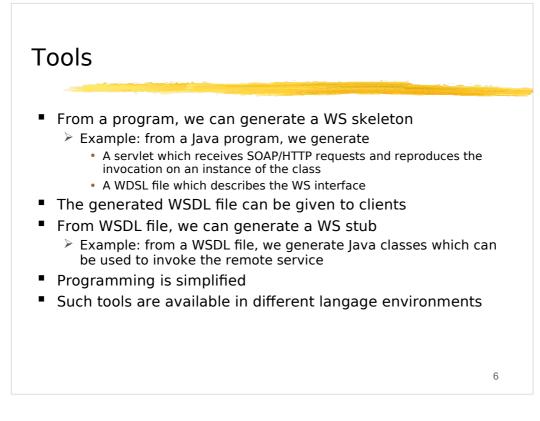


Therefore the main elements of WS are :

- the description of the service in WSDL. Generally, from an implementation of a service (e.g. a procedure), tools are provided to generate the WSDL description of the service, which is published for clients. The clients can used this WSDL description to generate stubs so that calls to the service can be programmed easily.

- access protocols which are SOAP (for the content of messages) and HTTP (for the transport). All the WS runtimes (in any environment) comply with these standards.

- registries of service (UDDI) which are not really used.



To illustrate this, we give an example of use in the Java environment.

In the Java environment, a WS tool is used to generate from a program (with an exported interface) a skeleton as a servlet. A servlet is a Java program which runs in a web server. This servlet/skeleton received SOAP/HTTP requests and reproduces the invocation on an instance of the class. The WSDL specification of the WS is also generated.

The WSDL file is published on the web and imported by the client.

From the WSDL specification, the client can generate stubs which make it easier to program WS invocations.

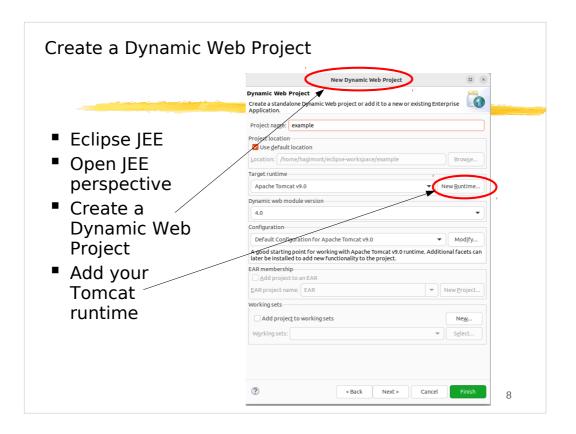
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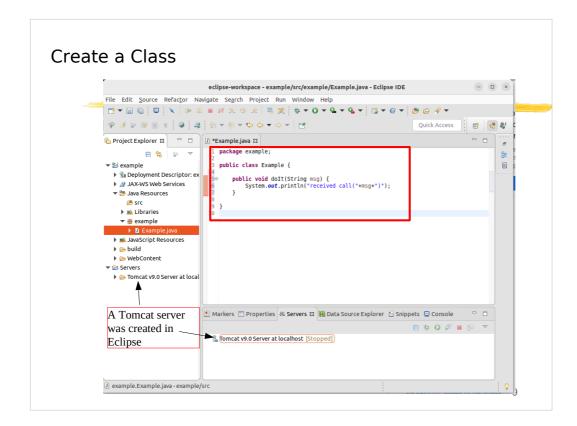
We use Eclipse JEE and Apache Axis which is available in Eclipse JEE.

Apache Axis is used to generate from a Java class a servlet which is installed in the Tomcat engine (the web server). It also generates the WSDL description which describes the interface of the WS.

On the client side, the WSDL description is used to generate stubs which are used to invoke the WS in a client program.

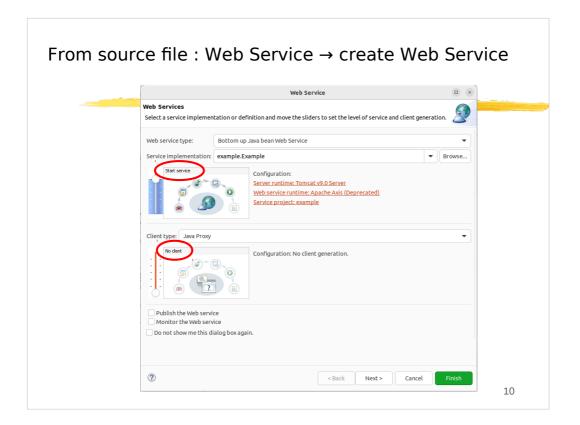


In Eclipse, we create a dynamic web project (a project allowing the develop servlets) and add the Tomcat runtime.

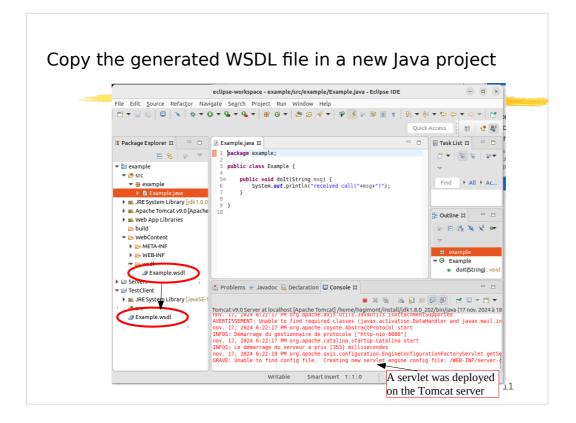


In this project, we create a class.

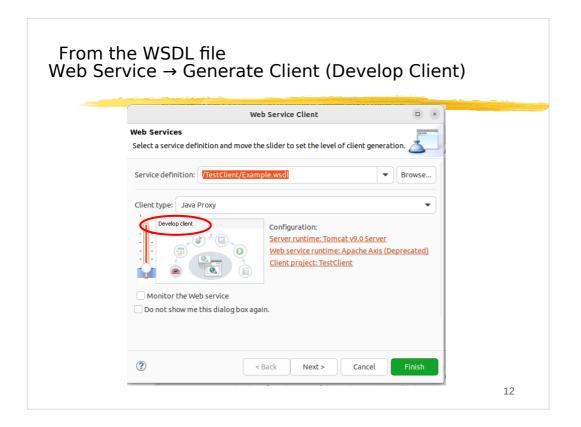
Notice that a Tomcat server is running in Eclipse.



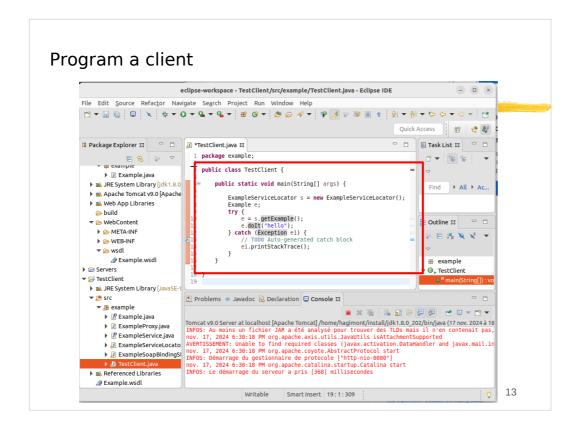
From the source file of the class, we can generate (right click) a WS from this file.



Then, we create a new Java project and copy the WSDL description in the new project.

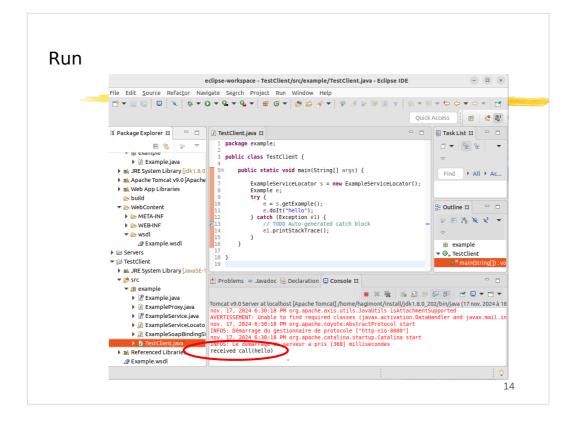


In the new project, from the WSDL file, we generate (right click) the stubs (develop Client).

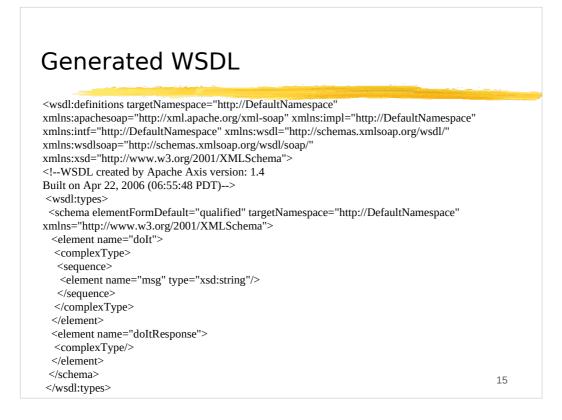


In the new project, we can program an application which makes an invocation of the WS.

The procedure to follow to invoke the WS depends on the tool used (here Apache Axis).



We can then run the client program which invokes the WS.



We can have a look at the WSDL description.

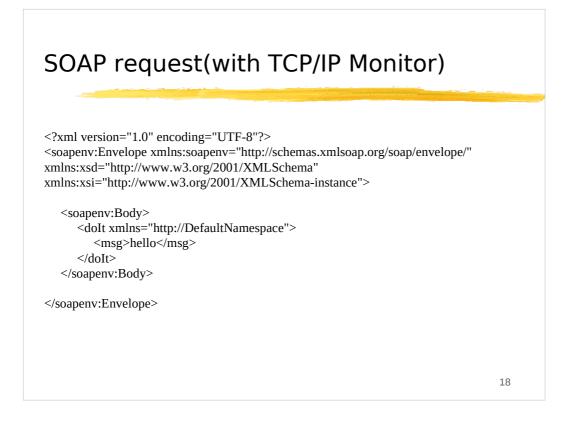
We can see that the WSDL syntax is not very simple. Therefore such WSDL descriptions are not written by the user, but generally generated by the tool on the server side and imported by the client.

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Very verbose !



Very very verbose !



We can have a look at the SOAP request. This is simply a standardized format for exchanged messages.

SOAP response

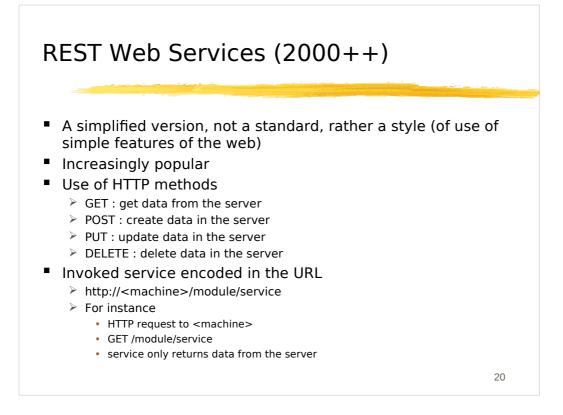
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<soapenv:Body> <doItResponse xmlns="http://DefaultNamespace"/> </soapenv:Body>

</soapenv:Envelope>

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Here is the SOAP response.



SOAP/WSDL based WS were very popular some years ago. They are becoming obsolete.

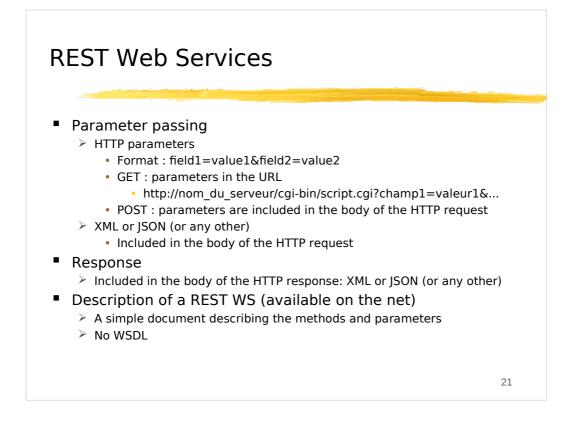
An evolution of WS is REST WS. This is a simplified version which is very popular now. Notice that REST WS is not a standard, but rather a recommendation or a style of implementation, based on simple features of the web.

It relies on HTTP requests (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE), but mainly GET and POST are used. GET is used when you want to read (only) data from the WS while POST is used when you want to modify something in the WS.

The service that you call is encoded in the URL.

For instance a GET HTTP request on URL http://<machine>/module/service

This service is supposed to return data from the server, without updating anything in the server (its a style, it is not enforced).



Parameter passing can be based on HTTP parameters. With HTTP parameters, parameters are encoded as a String field1=value1&field2=value2 ...

This parameter string is passed in the URL if you use the GET HTTP method, and it is passed in the body of the request if you use the POST HTTP method.

You can also pass parameters in a document (XML or JSON or any format) in the body of the request.

A service can return a document (XML or JSON) in the body of the response (which corresponds to return parameters).

The description of a REST WS is simply a document describing the services that you may call and the passed parameters (names, formats).

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Here is an example of description of a REST WS. This is for a currency converter.

It says that you have one service available :

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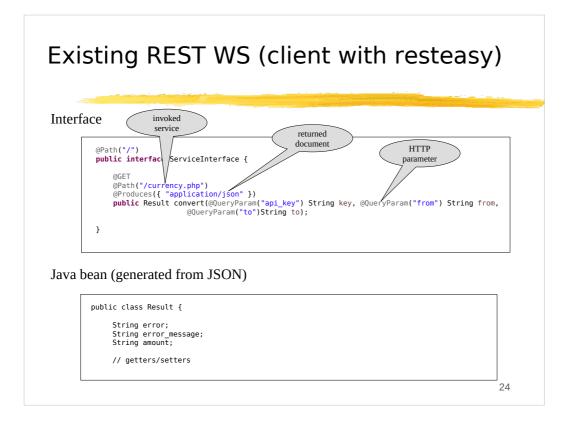
It lists the parameters that may be passed in the HTTP GET request. A example is given.

It then describes the response which is a JSON. A example is given.



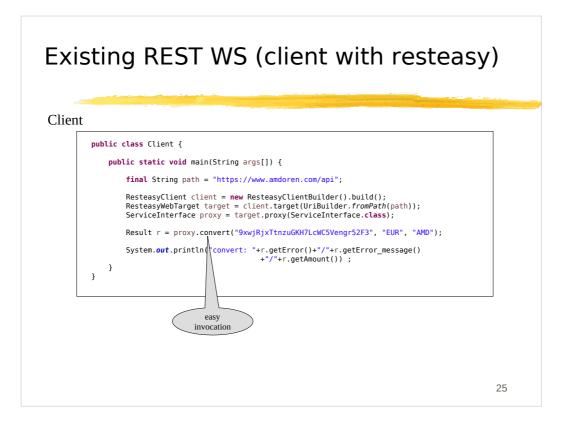
Many development environments can be used to REST WS development.

In the following, we overview the used of resteasy (on the server side and the client side) and we have a look at Spring. Both will be used in the labs.

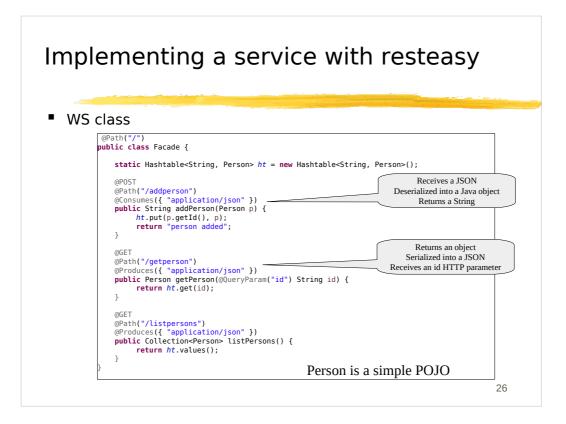


With the currency converter, as said in the documentation, the conversion method takes 3 HTTP parameters (api_key, from, to, the last is optional) and it returns a JSON.

The 3 HTTP parameters are associated with Java parameters (with @QueryParam) and a Java bean is created for the JSON.



And here is an example of client which invokes the service.



As for SOAP/WS, many tools were implemented to help developers.

Here, we present Resteasy (Jersey is also a very popular one you may look at).

On the server side, you can use annotations in a Java program to say :

- each method is associated with a path in the URL used to access the WS

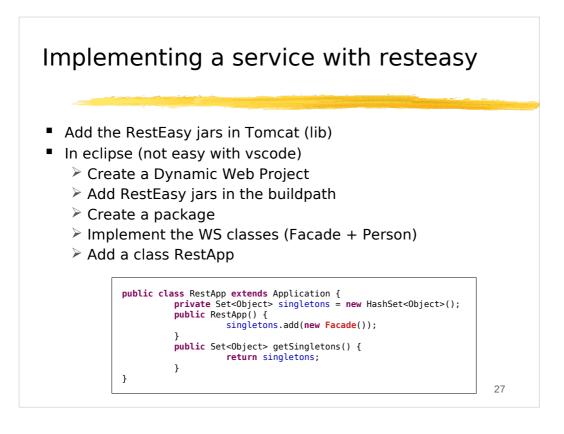
- @Path : specifies the element of the path associated with the class or the method. Here method addPerson() is associated with path /addperson

- @POST or @GET : specifies which HTTP method is used. Notice that GET returns an object (data) while POST returns an HTTP code (and a message).

- @Consumes : specifies that we receive a JSON object which is deserialized into a Java object.

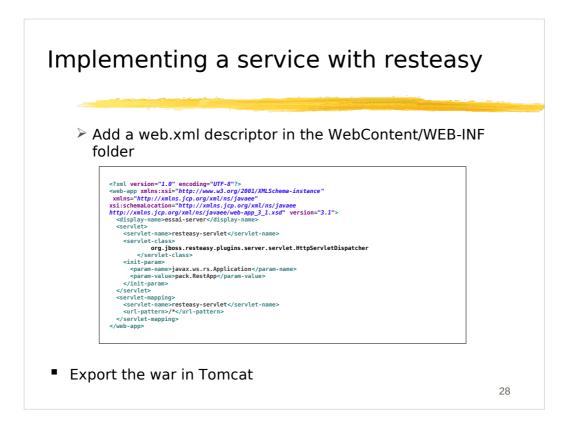
- @Produces : specifies that we return a Java object which is serialized into a JSON object.

- @QueryParam : the getPerson() method has an "id" parameter. The QueryParam annotation associates this parameter with an "id" HTTP parameter.

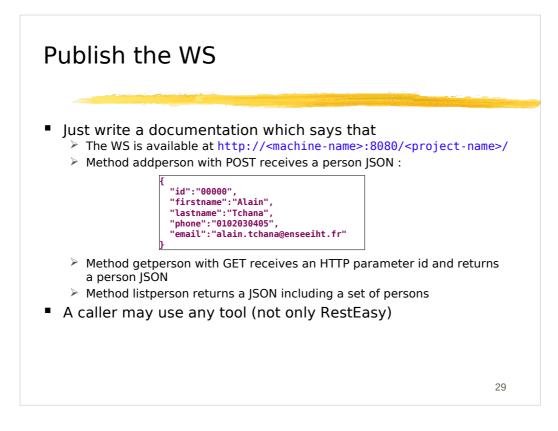


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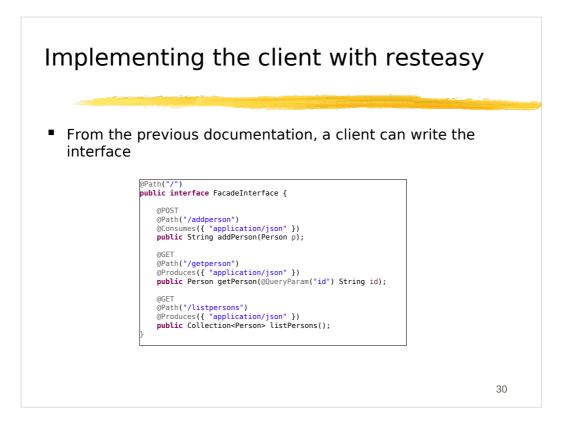
- add the Resteasy jars in Tomcat and Eclipse
- create a dynamic web project (a servlet project)
- add the RestEasy jars in the buildpath of the project
- create a package and the previously developed classes
- add the RestApp class



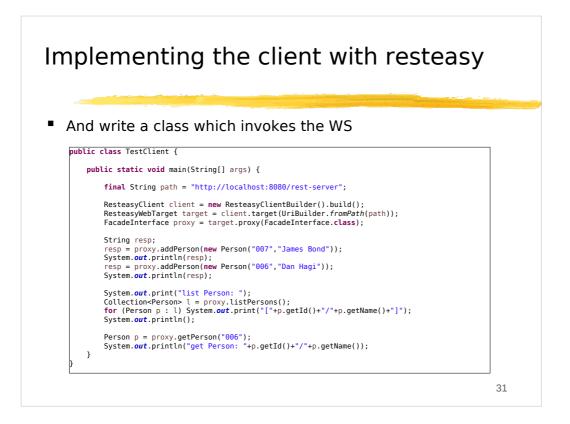
Add the web.xml descriptor in the WebContent/WEB-INF folder and export a war (in the webapps folder of Tomcat)



Publication of a REST WS is simply a document describing the interface.

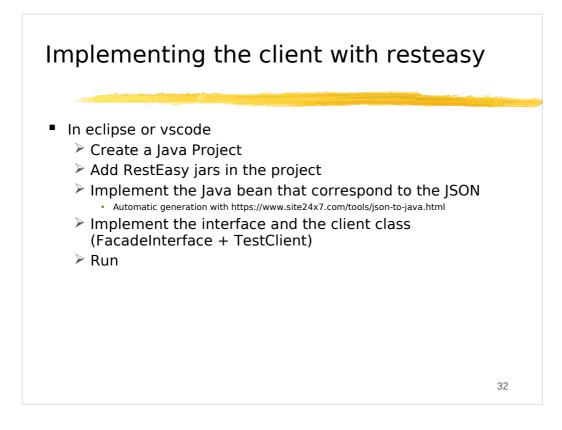


On the client side, from the documentation, a user can write a Java interface with Resteasy annotations. Of course, it's very similar to what we wrote on the server side, but we could do it for a WS we don't know (we only have the documentation).

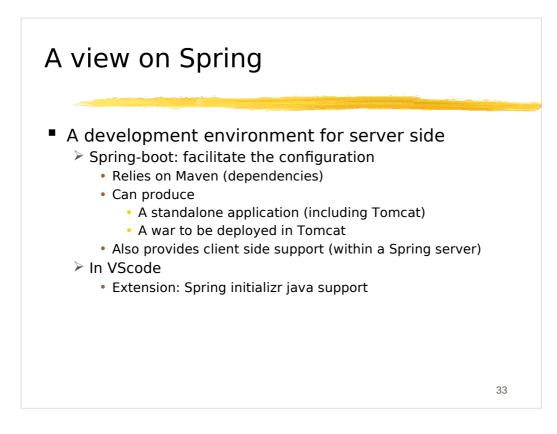


The previous annotated interface (FacadeInterface) makes it easy to invoke the service. We can build a proxy object of type FacadeInterface.

This proxy allows programming service invocations simply as method calls.



This is the procedure to run the client.



Spring is a development environment for developing REST WS.

Spring-boot is an extension which simplifies the configuration. It relies on Maven.

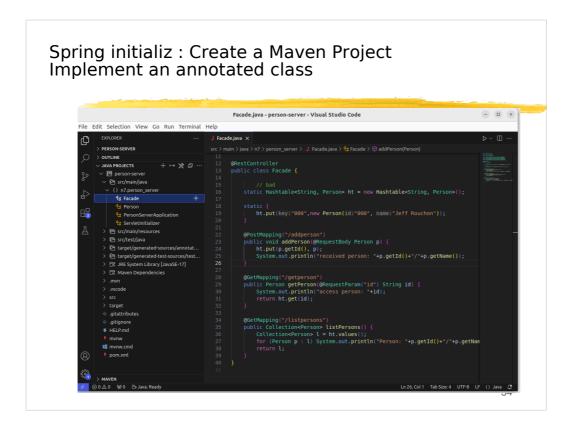
Thanks to Spring-boot, you can produce:

- an application which embeds Tomcat. When you launch it, you start a Tomcat web server which included your REST WS application.

- a war archive which includes your REST WS application. This war can be deployed in a running Tomcat server.

Spring also provides support for invoking an external REST WS from a Spring WS.

In VScode, you can use the "Spring initializr" extension which automates the creation of a Spring-boot project.



Assuming you have installed in VScode the Spring initializr java support extension.

Here, we create the same REST WS as with RestEasy (person management).

You can create a Spring initializr project.

Initially, there are 2 classes in the project (PersonServerApplication and ServletInitializer). You don't have to modify them.

We just implement a class (Facade) which implements the methods of the REST WS.

You can annotate these methods with @GetMapping and @PostMapping.

Method parameters can be annotated with @RequestParam (for HTTP parameters) of @RequestBody (for a JSON object).

By default, the returned object is serialized into a JSON object.

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In you VScode project, you have a "mvnw" script. It's a Maven script.

If you run: ./mvnw spring-boot:run

It will start a Tomcat server which executes your REST WS. Thanks to Maven, it downloads all the dependencies.

You can test your WS with a web bowser.

Notice that the URL (http://localhost:8080/listpersons) used in the bowser only includes the invoked method name.

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Another way to run your REST WS is to export a war archive that you deploy in a Tomcat server (already running).

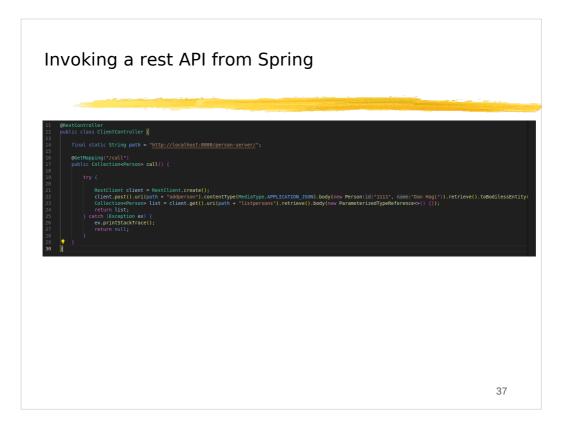
In your VScode project, you can run: ./mvnw package

It will produce a war in the target folder (person-server-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.war).

Here, I copy this war into my Tomcat (webapps folder).

I rename it as person-server.war as the name of the war is used in the URL used to access the WS.

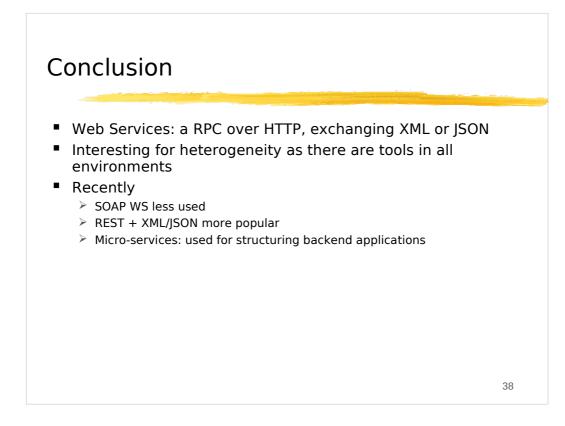
The URL (http://localhost:8080/person-server/listpersons) used in the bowser includes the name of the war.



Spring also provides support for invoking external REST WS from withing a Spring WS.

The class to use for that is RestClient.

Here, I programmed a simple Spring REST WS with a method "call". In that method, I invoke methods "addperson" and "listpersons" from the previous service.



To conclude, Web services aim at implementing a RPC service on top of HTTP and relying on standard formats (XML, JSON).

One of the main interest is the independence between the server (the service provider) and the client (the service consumer). They can be from different organizations and use different tools, OS, or languages.

The recent evolution is an obsolescence of SOAP and an increased popularity of REST and JSON.

Recently, the micro-service architecture was proposed. It consists in architecturing large applications (especially backend applications) in terms of a set of interconnected REST WS (components). The advantage is indenpendence between components.