



### A comprehensive guide to build an HTTP API without hating yourself six months after release

### DrupalCon 2015

### **GOALS OF THIS TALK**

REST is more than exporting entities
 CRUD, Authentication, filtering, pagination, ...

- Benefits of the RESTful module
  - Data providers (aka not only entities)
  - Resource composition
  - URL query language

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A site that you can use to find restaurants.

- 1. You decide to use **Drupal**.
- 2. You decide to go **decoupled**.

Your HTTP API becomes the **contract** between the backend and the frontend.

### AVOID DRUPAL LEAKING INTO YOUR DESIGN

Resource URLs, field labels, and other drupalisms

| DRUPAL SPECIFIC DESIGN  | GENERIC DESIGN                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| /node/{nid}   | /restaurant/{uuid}, /deal/{uuid}, |
| field_tags, field_restaurant_city   | tags, city                        |
| <pre>description: { `und':   [{ `value': `Blah', `format':   `filtered_html'}]}</pre> | description: 'Blah'               |

### ALLOW YOUR API TO EVOLVE. VERSION IT!

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Not versioning your API means that you assume that there will only be a single client (which you don't know)

### http://dgo.to/RESTful

#### This module achieves a **practical** RESTful for Drupal following **best practices**.

#### **IT'S DEVELOPER ORIENTED**

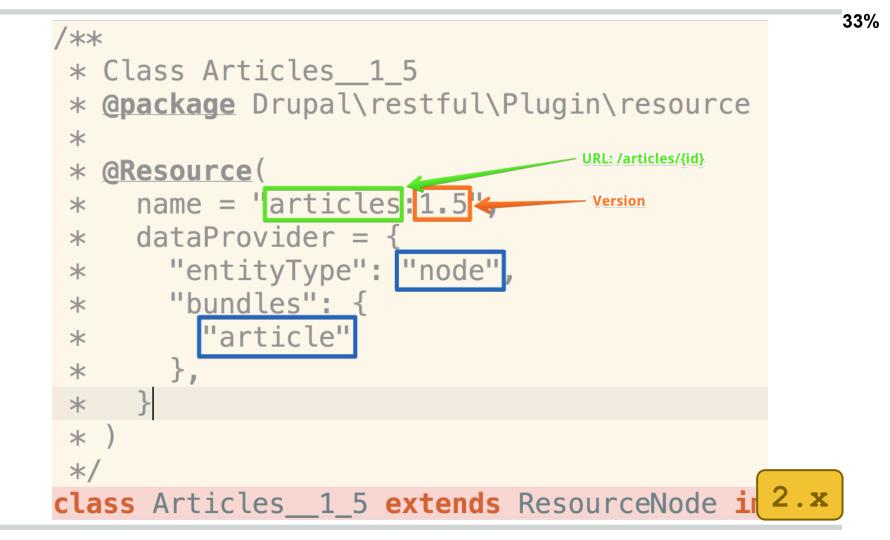
#### 100% FEATURES MODULE FREE



# **NO MORE HOOKS**

### Everything is plugins: CTools (1.x) or D8 (2.x)

# Show me the code!



#### class Articles\_\_1\_5 extends ResourceNode imp`

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- \* Overrides ResourceNode::publicFields().
  \*/
- protected function publicFields() {
   \$public\_fields = parent::publicFields();

\$public\_fields['coolText'] = array(
 'property' => 'field\_cool\_text',
);
return \$public\_fields;

### **NOT ONLY BASIC CRUD (1/2)**

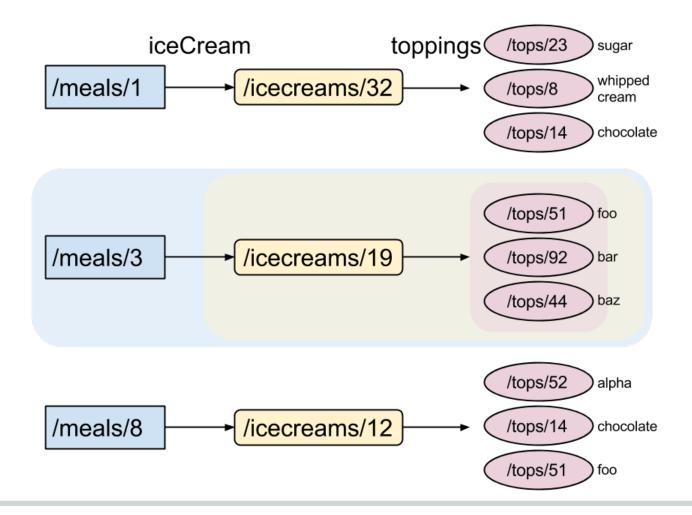
- You get for free in **R**:
- Sort
- Filter
- Fields
- Range
- Resource nesting



### **NOT ONLY BASIC CRUD (2/2)**

- You get for free in **CU**:
- Resource nesting
- Entity validation





```
1 // GET /api/articles-
2 // X-Api-Version: 1.3-
3 {¬
 4
     'data': [-
 5
     1{ 'id': '1', 'label': 'Foo', 'body': 'Bar' },¬
      2 { 'id': '2', 'label': '0of', 'body': 'Rab' }, ¬
 6
 7
      3 { ---
8
         'id': '5', 'label': 'Lorem',¬
9
         'description': 'Ipsum', 'tags': [-
          1{ 'id': '2', 'label': 'alpha' },¬
10
          <sup>2</sup>{ 'id': '8', 'label': 'beta' },¬
11
12
         13
      },¬
14
    2.x
                                                1.x
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```



#### VERSIONED

#### VERSIONED AT THE RESOURCE LEVEL

#### VERSION IN URL

#### **IN HEADERS**



# AUTHENTICATION PROVIDERS

### WHO CAN DO WHAT



### **RATE LIMITS**

### DON'T ABUSE MY API!



# **OUTPUT FORMAT**

# GOT THE INFO; SHOW IT!

### DISCOVERABLE

#### DON'T WRITE DOCS



```
.
                                               api-articles.ison
    // /api?fields=description,label,self-
                                                                                1.x
                                                                                           2.x
 2
    {--
 3
      "data": Γ¬
 4
        { "label": "CSRF Token",¬
          "self": "http://restful.local/api/session/token", --
 5
 6
          "description": "Resource that provides CSRF Tokens when using cookie authenticatio
 7
        { "label": "Users",¬
 8
          "self": "http://restful.local/api/v1.0/users"¬
 9
          "description": "Export the article content type with cookie authentication." ,\neg
10
        { "label": "Articles",¬
11
          "self": "http://restful.local/api/v2.1/articles",
12
          "description": "Export the article content type." },¬
13
        { "label": "Taas",¬
14
          "self": "http://restful.local/api/v1.0/tags", ¬
15
          "description": "Export the tags taxonomy term." },-
        { "label": "Refresh token authentication", --
16
17
          "self": "http://restful.local/api/refresh-token"¬
18
          "description": "Export the refresh token authentication resource." ]_{\neg}
19
      ],¬
20
      "count": 5,\neg
21
      "self": {¬
                                                        * Your resource can opt-out of this list.
22
        "title": "Self",¬
                                                        * This is a regular resource: filters, fields, sorts, ...
23
        "href": "http://restful.local/api",
                                                        * Good example of non-entity resources.
24
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```
// OPTIONS /api/v1.5/articles/1-
   { "da<u>ta": Γ {</u>-
                                                             For every public
          "label": {_
 3
                                                              field of the API
            "info": {¬
 4
              "label": "Label",¬
 5
                                                             You can have as
 6
              "description": "The label of the resource." many documentation
                                                            sections as you
 8
            "data": {¬
                                                             want. RESTful comes
                                                            with these 3 by
 9
              "type": "string",
                                                            default
10
              "required": false,¬
11
              "read_only": false,¬
12
              "cardinality": 1,¬
13
              "size": 255
14
15
            "form_element": {¬
16
              "type": "texfield",
17
              "default_value": "",¬
18
              "placeholder": "",¬
19
              "size": 255,¬
20
              "allowed_values": null,¬
21
              "title": "label",¬
22
              "description": "The label of the resource."
23
                                                                      1.x
                                                                                 2.x
24
```

# YOU WILL LIKE JSON API

#### IF YOU LIKED THE GraphQL EXAMPLE

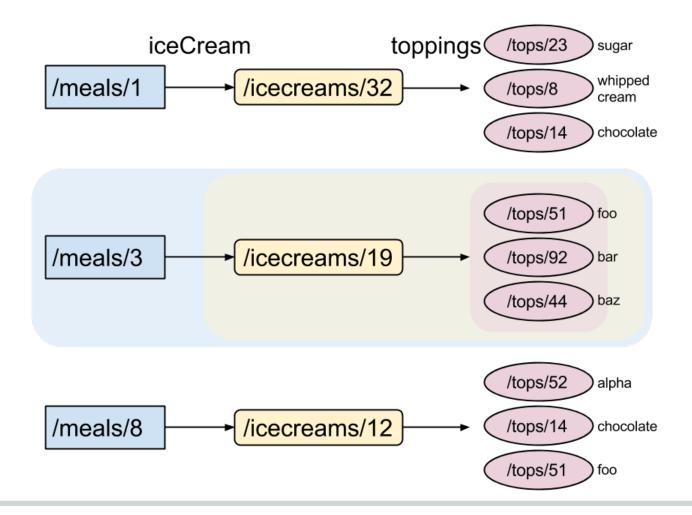


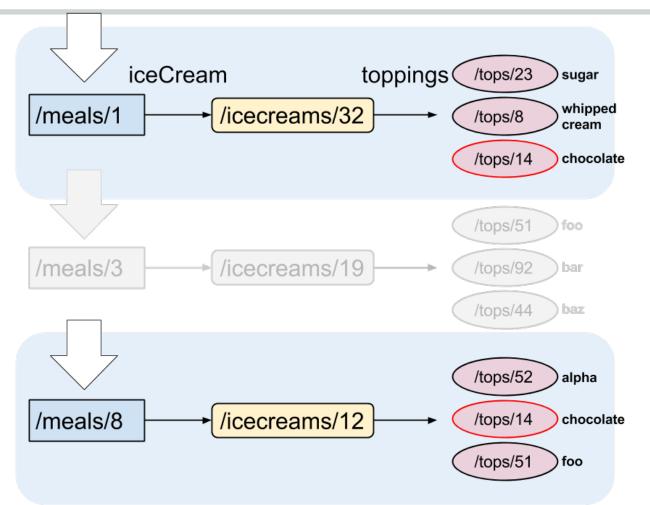
## DEMO

| Videos    | <ul> <li><u>https://youtu.be/1i5_ipl52wg</u></li> <li><u>https://youtu.be/QV05I6-YsGg</u></li> <li><u>https://youtu.be/7yVVasJXnZc</u></li> </ul> |
|-----------|---|
| Demo Code | http://lb.cm/restful-dcon   |

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/meals?filter[iceCream.toppings][value]=chocolate

iceCream /tops/23 topping whipped /icecreams/32 /meals/1 /tops/8 /tops/14 chocolate /tops/51 /icecreams/19 /meals/3 /tops/92 /tops/44 /tops/52 /icecreams/12 /meals/8 /tops/14 chocolate /tops/51 /meals?filter[iceCream.toppings][value]=chocolate &filter[iceCream.toppings][target]=topping 100%

### THAT'S IT!

### TIME FOR QUESTIONS

# Hopefully, there will be clapping at this point.

### **Sprint: Friday**

Sprint with the Community on Friday.

We have tasks for every skillset.

Mentors are available for new contributors.

An optional Friday morning workshop for firsttime sprinters will help you get set up.

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