

CS 61: Database Systems

Access via programming languages

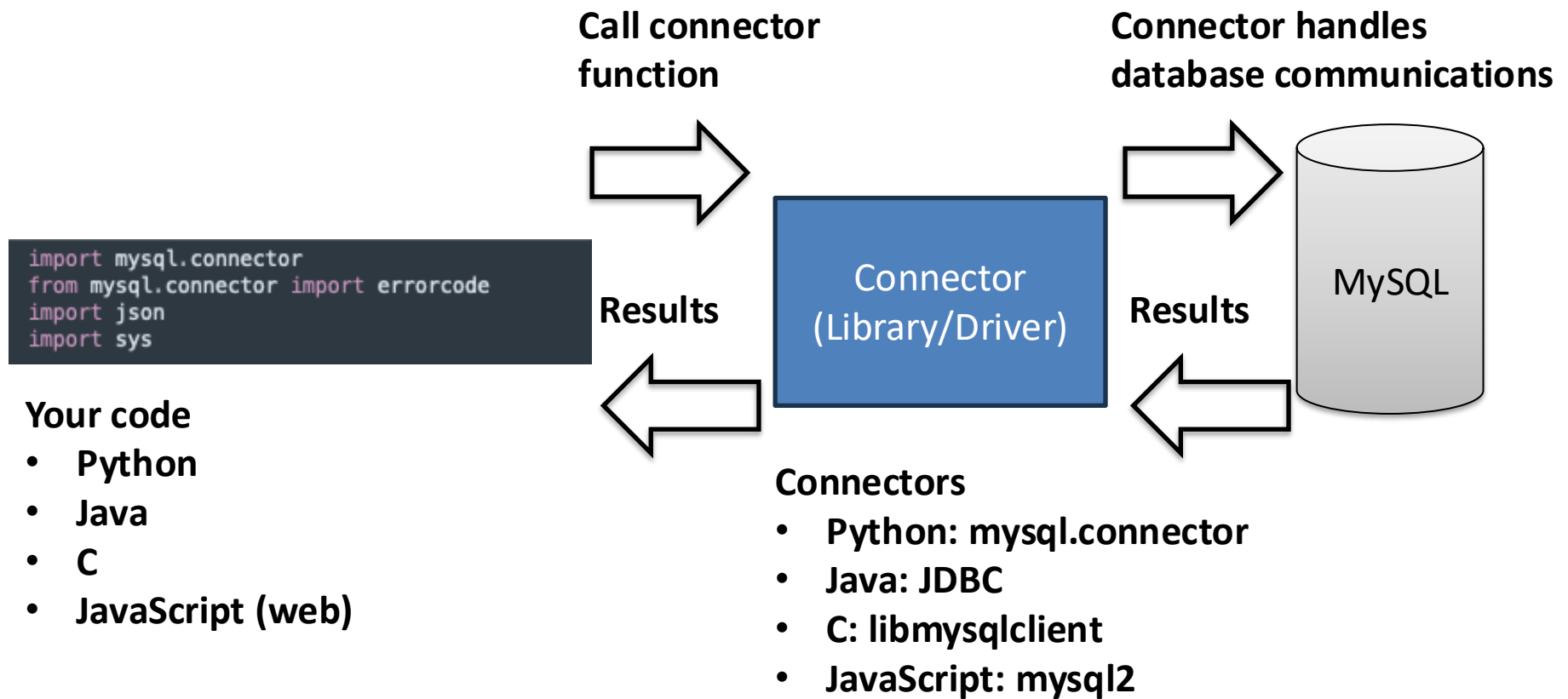
Agenda



1. Direct database access

2. Web APIs

Use a library to connect to the database from your code



install: pip3 install mysql-connector-python
import mysql.connector

Simple example: Python program to get restaurant data from the command line

```
$ python3 get_restaurants.py nobu remote
```

sys.argv[0]: Python program we will write

sys.argv[1]: restaurant name for which we will get data

sys.argv[2]: Optional, database to use

- localhost
- remote (CS server)

localhost is default in this example

Four steps:

1. Read database credentials from file (do not hardcode credentials)
2. Get database connection using credentials
3. Query database for data
4. Close connection

What types of databases?

- Production
- QA
- Dev
- Local

Step 1: Read database credentials from file

db.json

**Avoid hardcoding your credentials in your code,
instead read from a config file (db.json here)**

```
{
  "remote": {
    "user": "your username",
    "password": "your password",
    "host": "some_server_name.cs.dartmouth.edu",
    "database": "nyc_data"
  },
  "localhost": {
    "user": "your username",
    "password": "your password",
    "host": "localhost",
    "database": "nyc_data"
  }
}
```

**Credentials to two
databases:**

- **remote (CS server)**
- **localhost (your local machine's database)**

**Update this file with your
credentials to these
databases**

Add this file to .gitignore!

Bots scan for credentials

**Better: user prompt for
username/password rather
than put in config file**

**Even better: use API and
put in environment variable**

Step 1: Read database credentials from file

In main

Get database from command line args
(localhost is default)

get_restaurants.py

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    #check usage
    if len(sys.argv) < 2 or len(sys.argv) > 3:
        print("Usage: python get_restaurants.py restaurant_name <localhost|remote host> ")

    #Step 1: read database credentials from file
    #check which database to use (usually "localhost" or "remote")
    database = "localhost"
    if len(sys.argv) == 3:
        database = sys.argv[2]
    print(f'Reading database credentials from file: {credentials_filename} for database: {database}')
    credentials = read_database_credentials(credentials_filename, database)
    print("\tDone")

    #Step 2: get database connection using credentials from file
    print(f'Connecting to database {credentials["database"]} on {credentials["host"]}')
    cnx = get_database_connection(credentials)
    print("\tDone, got good connection") #would exit in get_database_connection if not successful

    #Step 3: query database for restaurant data
    restaurant = sys.argv[1]
    print("\nFetching data about", restaurant)
    get_restaurant_data(cnx, restaurant)

    #Step 4: close connection to database and exit
    cnx.close()
```

Read db.json file and get
credentials for the database
(either localhost or sys.argv[2])

Step 1: Read database credentials from file

get_restaurants.py

filename = db.json, database = localhost or sys.argv[2]

```
credentials_filename = "db.json" #file holding username and password to database

def read_database_credentials(credentials_filename, database="localhost"):
    #Read credentials from config file specified by credentials_filename
    #Input: name of file holding credentials
    #Output: dictionary of credentials with entries for username, password, host, and database
    #        exit if file not found or database name is invalid

    #read credentials file
    credentials_file = open(credentials_filename, 'r')
    credentials = json.load(credentials_file)
    credentials_file.close()

    #return credentials for the database parameter (normally "localhost" or "remote")
    return credentials[database]
```

Read json from db.json file

Return for
localhost or
remote

```
{ "user": "your username",
  "password": "your password",
  "host": "localhost",
  "database": "nyc_data" }
```

Step 2: Get database connection using credentials

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get_restaurants.py

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Get database connection

Step 2: Get database connection using credentials

get_restaurants.py

```
def get_database_connection(credentials):  
    #Get a connection to database  
    #Input: dictionary with username, password, host, and database  
    #Output: database connection or exit if connection not successful  
  
    try:  
        #make connection to database on host server using credentials provided  
        cnx = mysql.connector.connect(user=credentials["user"], password=credentials["password"],  
                                     host=credentials["host"], database=credentials["database"])  
        return cnx  
    except mysql.connector.Error as err:  
        if err.errno == errorcode.ER_ACCESS_DENIED_ERROR:  
            print("Something is wrong with your user name or password")  
        elif err.errno == errorcode.ER_BAD_DB_ERROR:  
            print("Database does not exist")  
        else:  
            print(err)  
        cnx.close()  
        exit()
```

**{ "user": "your username",
 "password": "your password",
 "host": "localhost",
 "database": "nyc_data" }**

Get database connection and return connection if successful

**Handle errors/exit
mysql.connector can tell you about the type of error**

Step 3: Query the database for data

In main

get_restaurants.py

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Query database for data

Step 3: Query the database for data

```
def get_restaurant_data(cnx, restaurant_name):
    # Query the database for database restaurants like restaurant_name
    # Input:
    #   cnx: connection to database
    #   restaurant_name: name of restaurant to fetch from database
    # Output: results of query printed to screen
    # Reference: https://pynative.com/python-mysql-execute-parameterized-query-using-prepared-statement/

    # get cursor from database connection and execute query using parameterized query and prepared statement
    cursor = cnx.cursor(prepared=True) # use a prepared statement to avoid SQL injection!
    query = ("SELECT RestaurantID, RestaurantName, Boro, CuisineDescription, InspectionAvg "
            + "FROM Restaurants r JOIN Cuisine c USING (CuisineID) "
            + "WHERE RestaurantName LIKE %s") # %s is a parameter
    cursor.execute(query, ('%' + restaurant_name + '%',)) # second item must be tuple, one entry per parameter

    # get column names
    cols = cursor.description # column names plus other attributes stored in description, one tuple per column
    column_names = [] # store column names in this list
    for c in cols: # loop over all columns
        column_names.append(c[0]) # column name is first item in tuple, extract it and append to column_names list

    # fetch ALL rows at once into a list of tuples
    rows = cursor.fetchall()

    # print rows, each row is a tuple of attributes
    # unlike iterating over the cursor, rows is a regular list
    # so you CAN loop over it multiple times if needed
    for row in rows:
        for i in range(len(column_names)):
            print(column_names[i] + ":" + str(row[i])) # prints database attribute: value
        print()

    # close cursor
    cursor.close()
```

Get cursor (iterator!)

SQL query

Execute SQL passing parameters

Get column (attribute) names

fetchall returns all rows

Also: fetchone, fetchmany(num)

Loop over rows/cols and print

Close cursor

Problem: business logic is hidden inside python code

We can do better!

Step 4: Close connection

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get_restaurants.py



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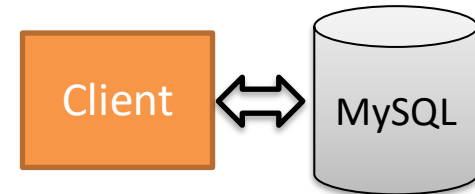
    #Step 4: close connection to database and exit
    cnx.close()
```

Close connection



get_restaurants.py is example of client-side Python code directly querying the database

get_restaurants.py



1. Download `get_restaurants.py` and `db.json` from course web page
2. Edit `db.json` with your credentials
3. Run:

```
python get_restaurants.py restaurant_name <localhost|remote>
```

- Replace `restaurant_name` with your own choice (e.g., Nobu or 'Rosa Mexicano')
- Provide either `localhost` or `remote` (`localhost` default)

```
python3 get_restaurants.py nobu remote
```

```
python3 get_restaurants.py 'rosa mexicano' localhost
```

Fetches data about matching restaurant names

There are several problems with this approach

Problems:

Business logic is hidden inside Python code

- What if database changes (MySQL -> Postgress)?
- What if structure of database changes?

If changes are made, must update all copies of an application that uses the database!

- There might be many applications that use the database
- All copies of each application will need to be updated!

The database credentials are stored locally, so everyone can see them!

A better approach, create an API that applications can call

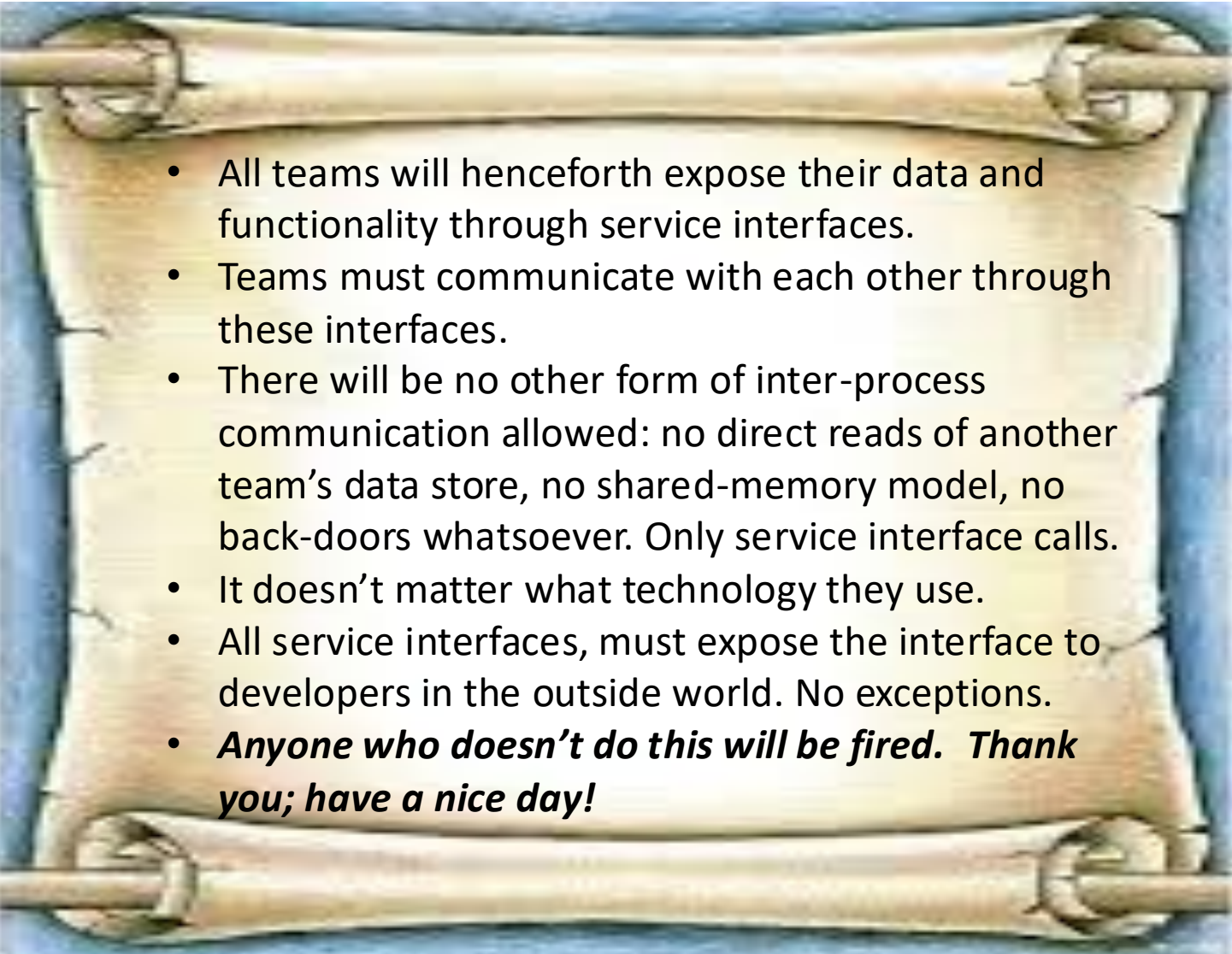
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2. Web APIs

A (possibly apocryphal) letter from Jeff Bezos to Amazon developers

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- A scroll with a list of rules for Amazon developers. The scroll is unrolled and shows a list of six bullet points. The text is written in a black, sans-serif font. The scroll is tied with wooden pegs at the corners.
- All teams will henceforth expose their data and functionality through service interfaces.
 - Teams must communicate with each other through these interfaces.
 - There will be no other form of inter-process communication allowed: no direct reads of another team's data store, no shared-memory model, no back-doors whatsoever. Only service interface calls.
 - It doesn't matter what technology they use.
 - All service interfaces, must expose the interface to developers in the outside world. No exceptions.
 - ***Anyone who doesn't do this will be fired. Thank you; have a nice day!***

In short: don't do what we just did with Python!

Create an API instead

APIs are the backbone of micro services architectures



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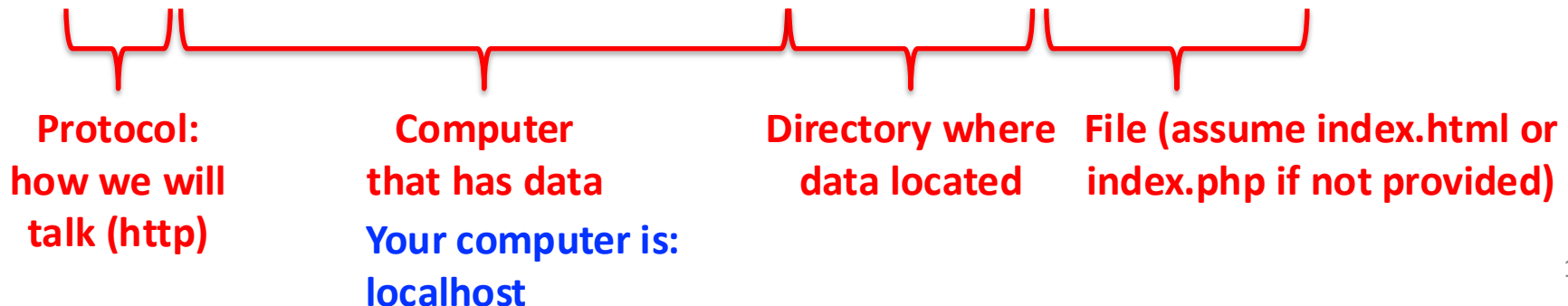
The Religion of Successful Products

To transfer data between computers we use pre-defined protocols

Network protocols

- Network protocols define how data will be exchanged so everyone knows the “rules”
- There are dozens of protocols used for different purposes:
 - TCP/IP, FTP
 - Wi-Fi, Bluetooth
- HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is the protocol commonly used by the World Wide Web to retrieve web pages (HTML)
- We use a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to specify what page we want to get:

<http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~tjp/cs60/index.html>



RESTful APIs rely on four HTTP “verbs” to implement CRUD operations

Client side

Server side



Smart phone apps



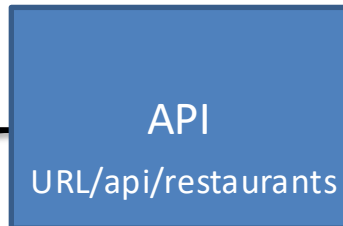
Web browser

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Parts Orders Data Entry

Item	Insulator
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Qty	100
Price	\$4.00
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“Thick client” apps



Clients make RESTful calls over network to API listening on server

Server has database credentials

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Server side

API
URL/api/restaurants

Clients make RESTful calls over network to API listening on server

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POST
/api/restaurants

GET
/api/restaurants
/api/restaurants/:id

PUT
/api/restaurants/:id

DELETE
/api/restaurants/:id

Create: use POST
Include params to create a new restaurant

Read: use GET
If no id passed in URL, get all restaurants, otherwise get data for RestaurantID = :id

Update: use PUT
Update restaurant with RestaurantID = :id

Delete: use DELETE
Delete restaurant with RestaurantID = :id

By convention HTTP verb tells API what CRUD operation to perform

Calls are stateless (all information needed is provided in each call)

A URL + verb is called an endpoint

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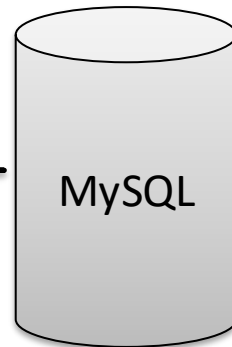
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Update restaurant with RestaurantID = :id

DELETE
/api/restaurants/:id

Delete: use DELETE
Delete restaurant with RestaurantID = :id

APIs access database and return results to client side



APIs access database as user with minimal required rights ²¹

Use URLs to identify *things* (nouns) and HTTP methods to identify *actions* (verbs)

Client makes a request to an *endpoint* on a server using *URL* and *verb*

GET	URL/api/restaurants	→ get all restaurants
GET	URL/api/restaurants/3	→ get restaurant with id 3
POST	URL/api/restaurants	→ create a new restaurant
PUT	URL/api/restaurants/3	→ update restaurant with id 3
DELETE	URL/api/restaurants/3	→ delete restaurant with id 3

Each of these is a different endpoint

JSON data is sent to the server in a request body

URL is the web server's address
On your laptop address called *localhost*

Server responds with a status code

200	OK — Success
201	Created — New resource created
400	Bad Request — Invalid input
401	Unauthorized — Not logged in
403	Forbidden — Logged in but no access
404	Not Found — Resource doesn't exist
500	Server Error — Something broke

<http://localhost/> is the root or home directory of a web server on your local machine

HTTP uses port 80 by default, we will use port 8080 to avoid conflicts with other software you might be running

<http://localhost:8080/> will be home
<http://localhost:8080/api/restaurants> is an *end point*

Create a new API running on your laptop using Flask

Flask: a lightweight, "micro" web framework written in Python, designed for building web applications and APIs quickly and easily

- Install: `pip3 install flask`
- Documentation: <https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/stable/>

```
$ python3 -m venv .venv  
$ source .venv/bin/activate  
$ pip3 install flask
```

Create new directory for this API

Create new file: `app.py`

```
from flask import Flask
```

Import Flask

```
app = Flask(__name__)
```

Variable that references the Flask application

```
@app.route('/')  
def home():
```

Route: <http://localhost:8080> will end up here running `home()` function

```
    return "API is running!"
```

`home()` just returns string "API is running"

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    app.run(debug=True)
```

Start this web application running in main

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Create new file: `app.py`

Server is now listening for connections to `http://localhost:8080/`

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def home():
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if __name__ == '__main__':
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```

Start server running your API

```
$ cd <api directory>
$ flask --app app.py run --port 8080
```

If you called your Python program `app.py`, you can omit `--app app.py`
`flask run --port 8080`

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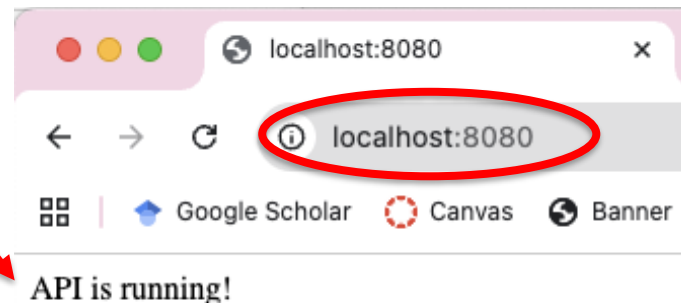
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**Web
browser**

Add a route that gets and returns data from the database

```
from flask import Flask, jsonify
import mysql.connector
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

# Load credentials from the JSON file
with open('db.json') as config_file:
    credentials = json.load(config_file)
    credentials = credentials['localhost']

def get_db_connection():
    return mysql.connector.connect(host=credentials['host'], user=credentials['user'],
                                   password=credentials['password'], database=credentials['database'])

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return "API is running!"
```

Import Flask, jsonify (json helper) and MySQL connector

Read database credentials

Function to get a connection using mysql.connector (change if using different database)

Add a route that gets and returns data from the database

```
@app.route('/')
def home():
    return "API is running!"

@app.route('/restaurants', methods=['GET'])
def get_restaurants():
    try:
        cnx = get_db_connection()
        cursor = cnx.cursor()
        query = ("SELECT RestaurantID, RestaurantName, Boro, CuisineDescription, InspectionAvg "
                 "FROM Restaurants r JOIN Cuisine c USING (CuisineID) "
                 "ORDER BY RestaurantID "
                 "LIMIT 10")
        cursor.execute(query)
        rows = cursor.fetchall()
        return jsonify(rows), 200
    except Exception as e:
        # Log the error (optional, but recommended for debugging)
        print(f"Database error: {e}")

        # Return a JSON error message and a 500 status code
        return jsonify({"error": "Internal Server Error", "message": str(e)}), 500
    finally:
        # Ensure the connection is closed even if an error occurs
        if 'cursor' in locals():
            cursor.close()
        if 'cnx' in locals():
            cnx.close()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

Add a new route

/restaurants to list the top 10
restaurants by ID

Open connection and get cursor

SQL query for data

Execute query and get all results

Return json data to caller
with status 200 OK

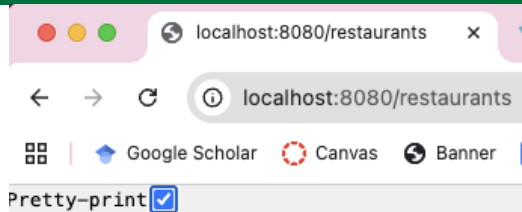
Handle exceptions, return
status 500 Server Error

Close cursor and
connection

NOTE: only
GET requests
are allowed,
others blocked

Cannot make
POST, PUT, or
DELETE request

Try the new route from a browser



New route:
<http://localhost/restaurants>

JSON data returned from data according to SQL

All web browsers, mobile apps, thick client apps can call this route for data

All SQL is in one place

Clients know they can call the API and will get data

Clients do not need to know anything about the database

```
[
  [1111, "Tim's Tasty Treats",
    "Manhattan",
    "Fruits/Vegetables",
    null],
  [30075445, "MORRIS PARK BAKE SHOP",
    "Bronx",
    "Bakery Products/Desserts",
    19.6842],
  [30191841, "D.J. REYNOLDS",
    "Manhattan",
    "Irish",
    18.4],
  [40356018, "RIVIERA CATERERS",
    "Brooklyn",
    "American",
    10],
  [40356483, "WILKEN'S FINE FOOD",
    "Brooklyn",
    "Sandwiches",
    23.65],
  [40356731, "TASTE THE TROPICS ICE CREAM",
    "Brooklyn",
    "Frozen Desserts",
    11.3333],
  [40357217, "ASIA PLAZA CAFÉ",
    "Bronx",
    "American",
    12],
  [40359480, "1 EAST 66TH STREET KITCHEN",
    "Manhattan",
    "American",
    9],
  [40359705, "NATHAN'S FAMOUS",
    "Brooklyn",
    "Hotdogs",
    40.625],
  [40360045, "SEUDA FOODS",
    "Brooklyn",
    "Jewish/Kosher",
    10.75]
```

Try the new route from a client-side Python program

```
1 import requests
2
3 ...
4 Demo to show that we can call an API from Python.
5
6 Author: Tim Pierson, Dartmouth CS61, Spring 2026
7 | Modified from Gemini example
8 ...
9
10
11 if __name__ == "__main__":
12     # Replace with your actual local or hosted URL
13     url = "http://localhost:8080/restaurants"
14
15     try:
16         # 1. Send the GET request
17         response = requests.get(url)
18
19         # 2. Check the status code we set in the Flask route
20         if response.status_code == 200:
21             restaurants = response.json() # Automatically parses the 'jsonify' data
22             print(f"Retrieved {len(restaurants)} restaurants:")
23             for r in restaurants:
24                 print(f"ID: {r[0]} | Name: {r[1]} | Cuisine: {r[3]}")
25
26             elif response.status_code == 500:
27                 print("Server Error:", response.json().get("message"))
28
29             else:
30                 print(f"Unexpected Error: {response.status_code}")
31
32     except requests.exceptions.ConnectionError:
33         print("Could not connect to the server. Make sure your Flask app is running!")
34
```

Use Python *requests* library to make a HTTP GET request from the API

Make HTTP GET request and see API response

If response == 200 OK
Print results

Try the new route from a client-side Python program

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Use Python *requests* library to make a HTTP GET request from the API

Make HTTP GET request and see API response

If response == 200 OK
Print results

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Try the new route from a client-side Python program

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Big picture:
SQL is now in one place,
the API

**API can be called by
browser or Python
program (or other
programs)**

**If update SQL, just
update the API route
and all users are
updated**

**Could you change
database and clients
would not notice?**

Yes!

**Just change routes
(endpoints)**

Postman is a great debugging tool!

Give Postman the endpoint

Tell if what kind of request to make (GET here)

Send request

See returned data

My Collection > Get data

GET localhost:8080/restaurants

Send

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Query Params

Key	Value	Description	Bulk Edit	...
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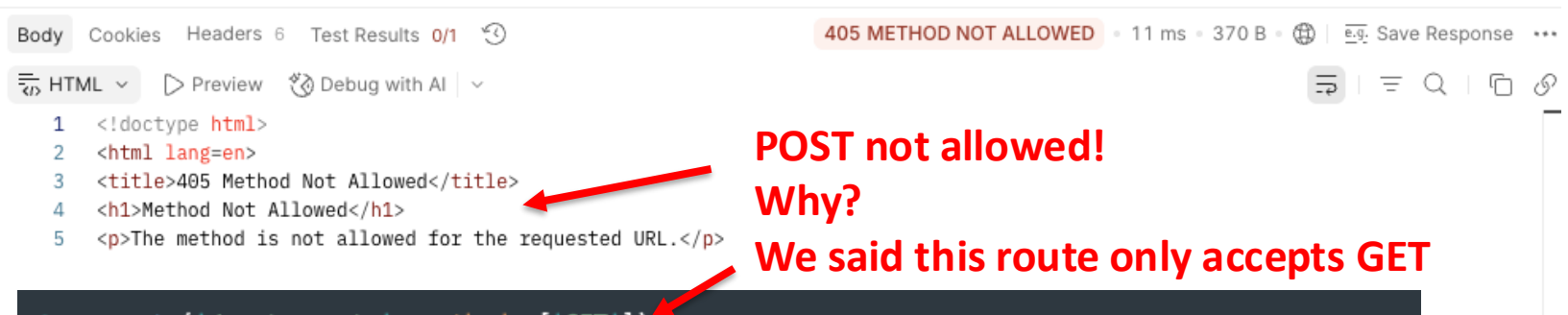
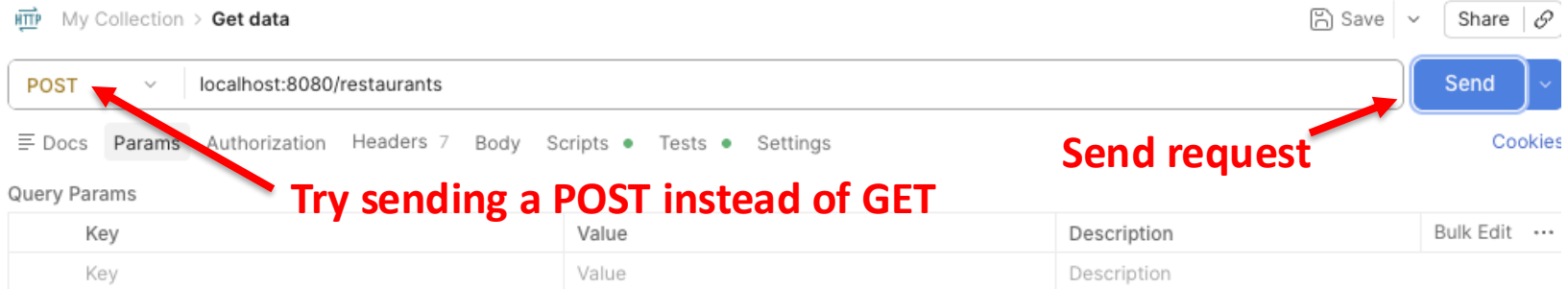
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200 OK • 25 ms • 800 B • Save Response

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```
1 [
2   [
3     1111,
4     "Tim's Tasty Treats",
5     "Manhattan",
6     "Fruits/Vegetables",
7     null
8   ],
9   [
10    30075445,
11    "MORRIS PARK BAKE SHOP",
12    "Bronx",
13    "Bakery Products/Desserts",
14    19.6842
15  ],
16  [
17    30191841,
18    "D.J. REYNOLDS",
19    "Manhattan",
20    "Trich"
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Postman lets you easily send GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE requests



```
@app.route('/restaurants', methods=['GET'])
def get_restaurants():
    try:
        cnx = get_db_connection()
        cursor = cnx.cursor()
        query = ("SELECT RestaurantID, RestaurantName, Boro, CuisineDescription, InspectionAvg "
                 "FROM Restaurants r JOIN Cuisine c USING (CuisineID) "
                 "ORDER BY RestaurantID "
                 "LIMIT 10")
        cursor.execute(query)
        rows = cursor.fetchall()

        return jsonify(rows), 200
```

Add a GET route that takes a parameter

Get data for one restaurant by ID

<https://localhost:8080/restaurants/1111>

```
@app.route('/restaurants/<int:id>', methods=['GET'])
def get_restaurant(id):
    try:
        cnx = get_db_connection()
        cursor = cnx.cursor(prepared=True) # use a prepared statement to avoid SQL injection!
        query = ("SELECT RestaurantID, RestaurantName, Boro, CuisineDescription, InspectionAvg "
                 "FROM Restaurants r JOIN Cuisine c USING (CuisineID) "
                 "WHERE RestaurantID = %s")
        cursor.execute(query, (id,))
        rows = cursor.fetchall()

        return jsonify(rows), 200

    except Exception as e:
        # Log the error (optional, but recommended for debugging)
        print(f"Database error: {e}")

        # Return a JSON error message and a 500 status code
        return jsonify({"error": "Internal Server Error", "message": str(e)}), 500

finally:
    # Ensure the connection is closed even if an error occurs
    if 'cursor' in locals():
        cursor.close()
    if 'cnx' in locals():
        cnx.close()
```

id will be 1111 here

Code like restaurants route (the one without ID)

- SQL only gets data for RestaurantID=id
- NOTE: we use a parameterized query for security (more on that next class)

Test with Postman using RestaurantID=1111

GET localhost:8080/restaurants/1111 Send

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Query Params

Key	Value	Description	Bulk Edit	...
Key	Value	Description		

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{ } JSON Preview Visualize

```
1  [
2    [
3      1111,
4      "Tim's Tasty Treats",
5      "Manhattan",
6      "Fruits/Vegetables",
7      null
8    ]
9  ]
10
```

Works as expected
Data returned for one restaurant with
RestaurantID = 1111

Test with Postman using RestaurantID=1112 (not a restaurant)

GET localhost:8080/restaurants/1112 Send

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Query Params

Key	Value	Description	Bulk Edit	...
Key	Value	Description		

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{ } JSON Preview Visualize

```
1 []
2
```

Works as expected
No restaurants have ID = 1112
Return empty JSON

Add a POST route to add a new restaurant

```
# POST a new restaurant
@app.route('/restaurants', methods=['POST'])
def add_restaurant():
    try:
        data = request.get_json() #data provided by client
        # Basic validation
        if not data:
            return jsonify({"error": "No data provided"}), 400 # status 400 = Bad Request
        if data['Boro'] not in ['Manhattan', 'Brooklyn', 'Queens', 'Bronx', 'Staten Island']:
            return jsonify({"error": "Invalid boro"}), 400 # status 400 = Bad Request

        cnx = get_db_connection()
        cursor = cnx.cursor(prepared=True)
        query = ("INSERT INTO Restaurants (RestaurantID, RestaurantName, Boro, Building, Street, "
                "ZipCode, Phone, Latitude, Longitude, CuisineID) "
                "VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)")
        values = (data['RestaurantID'], data['RestaurantName'], data['Boro'], data['Building'], data['Street'],
                data['ZipCode'], data['Phone'], data['Latitude'], data['Longitude'], data['CuisineID'],)
        cursor.execute(query, values)
        cnx.commit()
        new_id = cursor.lastrowid

        return jsonify({"id": new_id, "message": "Restaurant created"}), 201 #status 201 = Created
    except Exception as e:
        # Log the error (optional, but recommended for debugging)
        print(f"Database error: {e}")

        # Return a JSON error message and a 500 status code
        return jsonify({"error": "Internal Server Error", "message": str(e)}), 500 #status 500 = Server Error

    finally:
        # Ensure the connection is closed even if an error occurs
        if 'cursor' in locals():
            cursor.close()
        if 'cnx' in locals():
            cnx.close()
```

POST requests to
<http://localhost:8080/restaurants>
sent to this route

Get JSON data sent by client

Some **basic validation checks here in boro**

Execute SQL INSERT statement and commit

Auto_increment would have return the last ID, but our table is not auto_increment

Test with Postman using valid data

POST to http://localhost:8080/restaurants **Get to this address would return all restaurants**

Post inserts a new restaurant

Set Body and raw
Input JSON to send to API

```
1 {"RestaurantID": 1112,  
2  "RestaurantName": "Test Restaurant",  
3  "Boro": "Manhattan",  
4  "Building": "123",  
5  "Street": "Main Street Avenue",  
6  "ZipCode": 10069,  
7  "Phone": 1234567,  
8  "Latitude": 111.11,  
9  "Longitude": 222.22,  
10 "CuisineID": 1}
```

Postman shows 201 Created status code that we returned

API says it created the restaurant
If auto_increment, id would have been last ID

```
1 {  
2   "id": 0,  
3   "message": "Restaurant created"  
4 }  
5
```

MySQL shows that it did!

1 • `SELECT * FROM nyc_data.Restaurants;`

Restau...	RestaurantName	Boro	Building	Street	ZipCode	Phone	Latitude	Longitude
1	Test	Manhattan	123	Main Street Avenue	10069	1234567	111.11000061035156	222.22000122070312
1111	Tim's Tasty Treats	Manhattan	123	Main Street Avenue	10069	1234567	111.11000061035156	222.22000122070312
30075445	MORRIS PARK BAKE SHOP	Bronx	1007	MORRIS PARK AVENUE	10462	7188924968	40.84823122453	-73.85597188993
30191841	D.J. REYNOLDS	Manhattan	351	WEST 57 STREET	10019	2122452912	40.76732571155	-73.98431042362
40356018	RIVIERA CATERERS	Brooklyn	2780	STILLWELL AVENUE	11224	7183723031	40.57989566331	-73.98208665586

Test with Postman with invalid Boro

POST localhost:8080/restaurants **Send**

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none form-data x-www-form-urlencoded **raw** binary GraphQL JSON Schema Beautify

```
1 {"RestaurantID": 1112,
2  "RestaurantName": "Test Restaurant",
3  "Boro": "Unknown",
4  "Building": "123",
5  "Street": "Main Street Avenue",
6  "ZipCode": 10069,
7  "Phone": 1234567,
8  "Latitude": 111.11,
9  "Longitude": 222.22,
10 "CuisineID": 1}
```

We did a basic check for valid boros

"Unknown" is invalid

Postman shows 400 Bad Request status code that we returned

400 BAD REQUEST • 19 ms • 199 B • Save Response

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```
1 {
2   "error": "Invalid boro"
3 }
4
```

API sends our error JSON

POST using Python to create new restaurant by sending data in the body

```
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try:
    # 1. Send the POST request
    data = {"RestaurantID": 1112,
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            "Building": "123",
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            "ZipCode": 10069,
            "Phone": 1234567,
            "Latitude": 111.11,
            "Longitude": 222.22,
            "CuisineID": 1
            }

    response = requests.post(url, json=data)

    # 2. Check the status code we set in the Flask route
    if response.status_code == 201:
        resp = response.json() # Automatically parses the 'jsonify' data
        print(f"Received: {resp}")

    elif response.status_code == 500:
        print("Server Error:", response.json().get("message"))

    else:
        print(f"Unexpected Error: {response.status_code}")

except requests.exceptions.ConnectionError:
    print("Could not connect to the server. Make sure your Flask app is running!")
```

Set JSON parameters to send to server

Make POST sending data to create new restaurant

Expect status code 201

Practice

Create a DELETE route for /restaurants/:id

For example: localhost:8080/restaurants/1112

- Get the ID to delete
- Create a SQL command that will delete a restaurant with that ID
- Execute SQL command
- cnx.commit to finalize
- Get how many rows where affected with:
affected = cursor.rowcount
- Return a JSON message:
 - If no rows were affected:
 - {"error": "Restaurant not found"}
 - Return Not Found status code
 - Else:
 - {"message": "Restaurant deleted"}
 - Return OK status code

**For next time:
Should anyone be
able to call this
route?**

