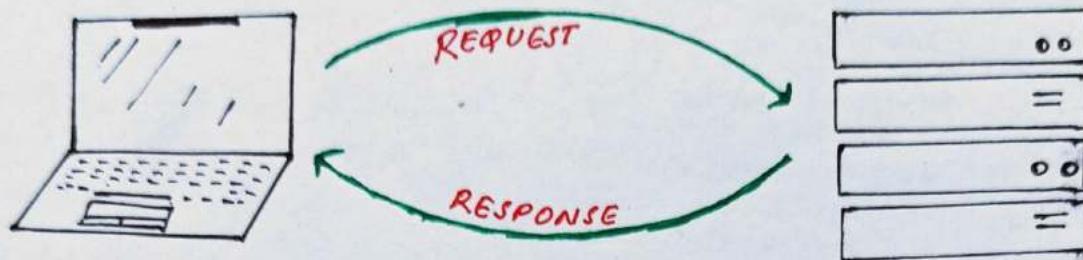


REST API

Rest stands for REPRESENTATIONAL STATE TRANSFER
REST APIs OPERATE ON A SIMPLE REQUEST/RESPONSE SYSTEM



CLIENT CAN MAKE A REQUEST
USING **HTTP METHODS**

THESE METHODS ARE:

GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE,
HEAD, TRACE, OPTIONS, CONNECT.

SERVER RETURNS A RESPONSE WITH
AN **HTTP STATUS CODE**

POPULAR HTTP STATUS CODES:

EX, 200, 202, 403, 404, 500 ETC.

HTTP REQUEST CONTAINS

- REQUEST METHOD
- HTTP HEADERS
- BODY

HTTP RESPONSE CONTAINS

- STATUS CODE
- HTTP HEADERS
- RESPONSE BODY.

* REST API CONSTRAINTS *

• CLIENT-SERVER ARCHITECTURE

• NO THIRD PARTY INTERPRETATION.

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UNIFORM INTERFACE

• FOLLOW A COMMON PROTOCOL

LAYERING

• MULTIPLE INTERMEDIARIES
BETWEEN CLIENT AND
SERVER.

CACHEABILITY

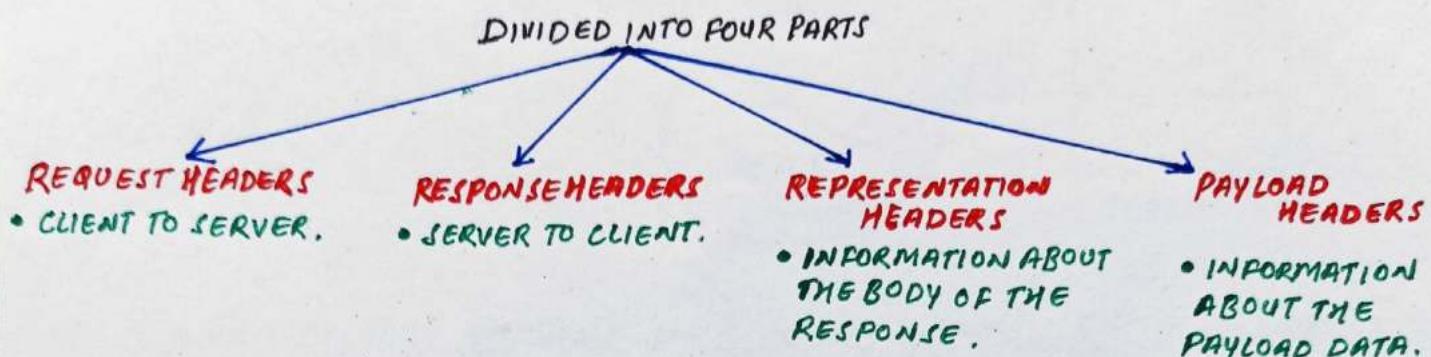
• RESPONSE CAN BE
CACHEABLE

STATELESSNESS

• THERE IS NO STATE.
CLIENT AND SERVER ARE
COMPLETELY SEPARATED.

HTTP HEADERS

CLIENT AND SERVER CAN PASS THE EXTRA BIT OF INFORMATION WITH THE REQUEST AND RESPONSE USING HTTP HEADERS.



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WIDELY USED HTTP HEADERS

Accept

TYPE OF DATA CLIENT CAN UNDERSTAND.

Content-Type

SPECIFIES THE MEDIA TYPE OF THE RESOURCE.

Accept-Encoding

WHICH ENCODING METHOD CLIENT CAN UNDERSTAND.

Host

SPECIFIES THE DOMAIN NAME.

Authorization

USED TO PASS CREDENTIALS SO THAT SERVERS CAN AUTHENTICATE.

Access-Control-Allow-Origin

WHICH ORIGIN IS ALLOWED TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES.

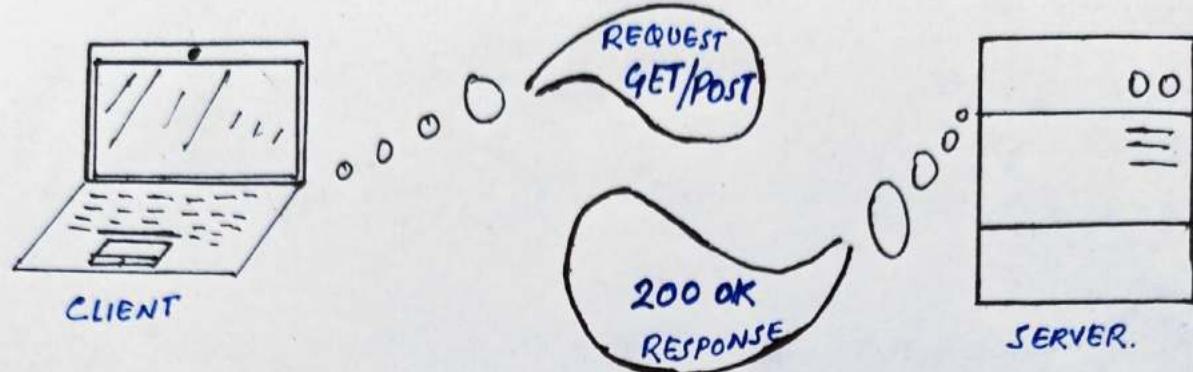
Accept-Language

CLIENT IS EXPECTING THE RESPONSE IN THE MENTIONED LANGUAGE

Access-Control-Allow-Methods

WHICH METHODS ARE ALLOWED TO ACCESS THE CROSS-ORIGIN RESOURCES.

HTTP STATUS CODE



* SERVER ALWAYS RETURNS HTTP STATUS CODE WITH THE RESPONSE *

SUCCESSFUL RESPONSES

200 OK

EVERYTHING IS FINE

201 CREATED

NEW RESOURCE WAS
CREATED.

REDIRECTION MESSAGES

301 MOVED PERMANENTLY
THE RESOURCE HAS BEEN MOVED
PERMANENTLY TO THE NEW URL.

CLIENT
ERROR

400 BAD REQUEST
INVALID SYNTAX.

403 FORBIDDEN
YOU DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE RESOURCES

404 NOT FOUND
INVALID URL

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401 UNAUTHORIZED
CREDENTIALS ARE INCORRECT.

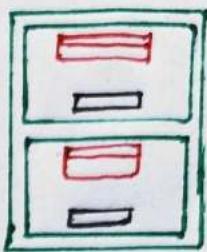
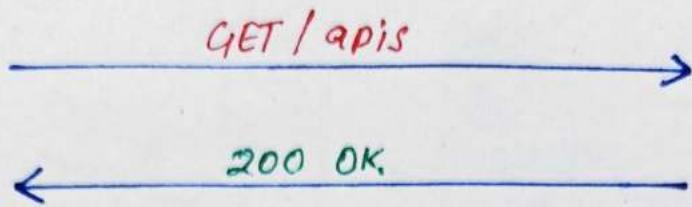
429 TOO MANY REQUESTS
USER HAS SENT TOO MANY REQUESTS
IN A GIVEN AMOUNT OF TIME.

SERVER ERROR

500 INTERNAL SERVER ERROR

SERVER DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE UNEXPECTED SITUATION.

HTTP REQUEST METHODS



THE **GET** method is the most common of all these request methods.

It is used to fetch the desired resources from the server.

The **POST** method is used to submit the information to the server.



As we're submitting the data, the **POST** method often changes the state of the server.



The **PUT** method is used whenever you need to change the resource. The resource, which is already a part of resource collection.



The **PATCH** request method is used to modify only the necessary part of the data or response.

The **PATCH** method doesn't modify the entire response.



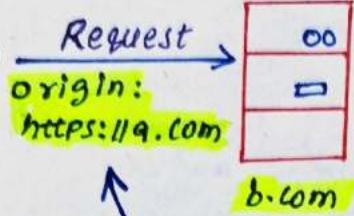
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As the name says, the **DELETE** request method is used to delete the specified resource.

It requests that the origin server delete the resource identified by the Request-URL.

Access Control HTTP Headers

ORIGIN



Browser

IT'S A CROSS-ORIGIN REQUEST
LET ME ADD THE ORIGIN
HEADER TO TELL THE SERVER
WHERE THE REQUEST IS
COMING FROM.

ACCESS-CONTROL-REQUEST-METHOD



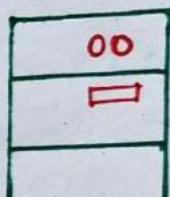
I WANT TO MAKE
A CROSS-ORIGIN
POST REQUEST



Browser

LET ME ASK THE SERVER.

ACCESS-CONTROL-REQUEST-METHOD: POST



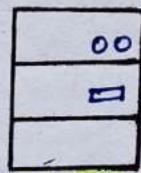
b.com.

THIS IS A PREFLIGHT REQUEST TO LET
THE SERVER KNOW WHICH METHOD
WILL BE USED IN THE MAIN REQUEST.

A.COM ORIGIN IS
ALLOWED TO ACCESS
RESOURCES FROM
B.COM.



Access-control-allow-origin: b.com



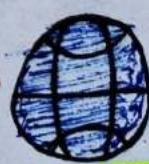
POST METHOD IS
ALLOWED TO
ACCESS CROSS-
ORIGIN RESOURCES.
THIS IS THE PREFLIGHT
REQUEST.



Browser.

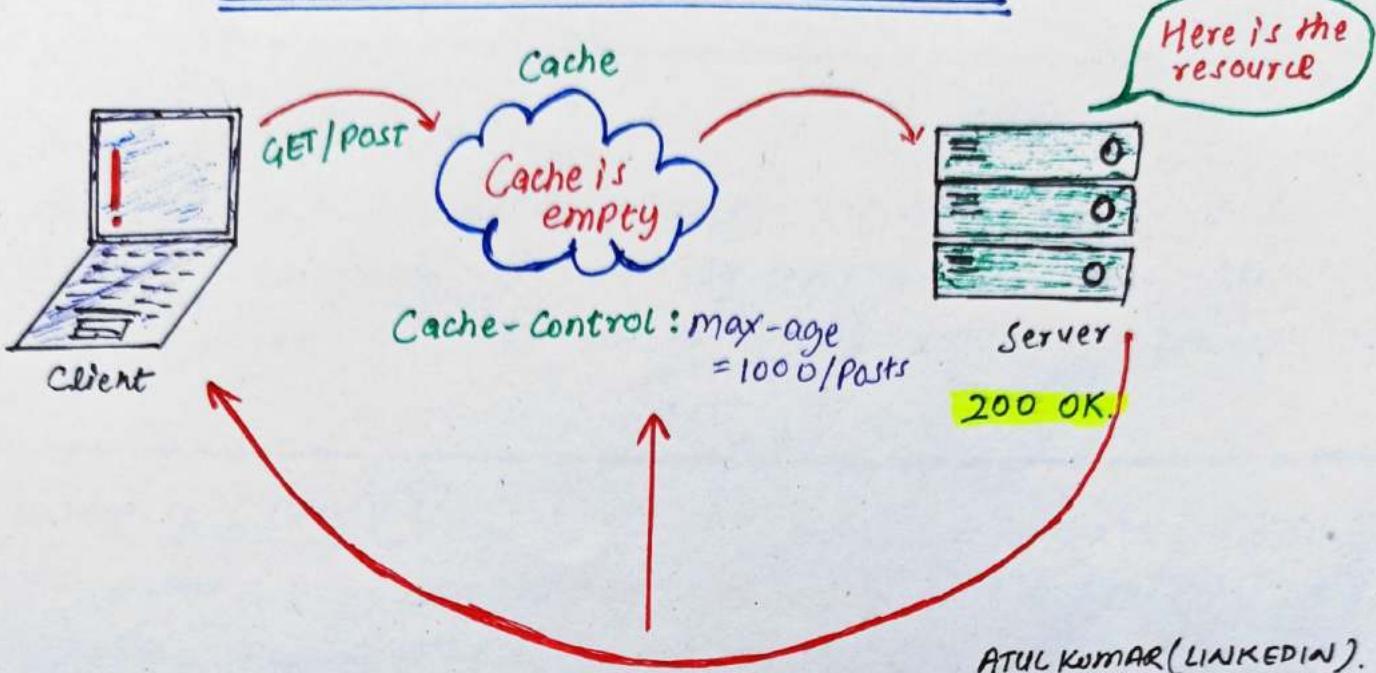
Access-control-allow-credentials: true
Access-control-allow-method: post

THIS IS THE RESPONSE TO
THE PREFLIGHT REQUEST
INDICATING THAT MAIN
REQUEST CAN BE MADE
USING CREDENTIALS.



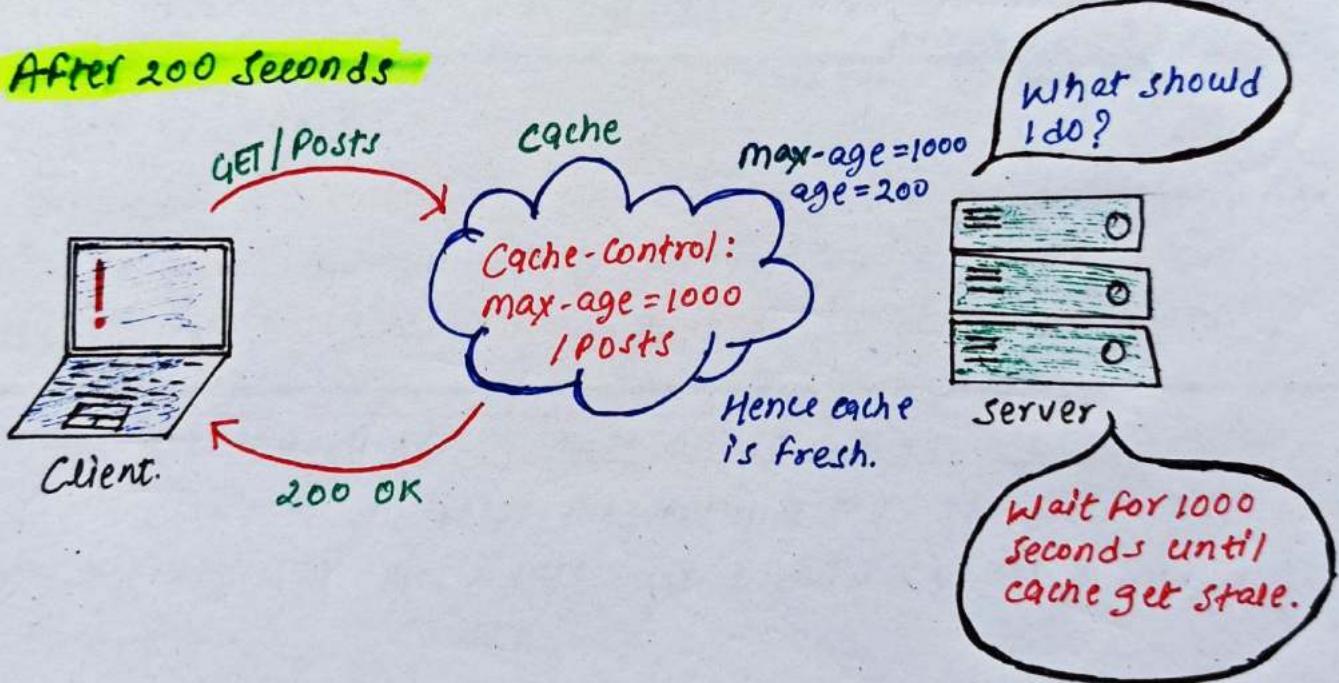
Browser.

Caching in API calls.



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After 200 seconds



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