

Usage of REST API in webMethods Cloud

I want to create one API for searchAccount and getAccount integrations.

Hence both integrations deal with account, account will be the resource.

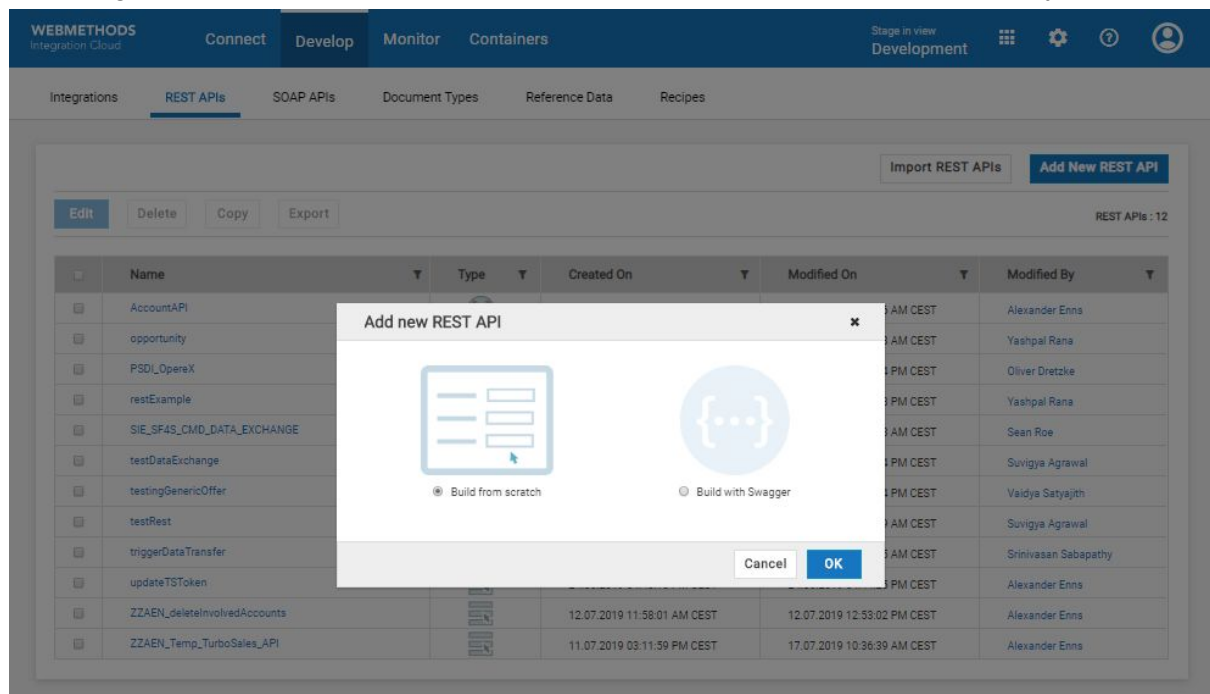
Structure of this API should be:

API

- account
 - POST should use this integration: SIE_SF4S_getAccDetails_API
 - GET should use this integration: SIE_SF4S_searchAccount_API

Approach 1 - build API from scratch

The Integrations are implemented, input and outputs are defined. Should be easy.



Next step - define some API properties

The screenshot shows the 'New REST API' form in the WebMethods Integration Cloud interface. The form is titled 'New REST API' and has a subtitle 'Build a REST API from scratch'. It contains several input fields and checkboxes:

- Save as ***: Account
- Swagger Title ***: Account API for Salesforce
- Description**: This API presents that its not usable, because there is only 1:1 relationship possible between ressource and integration (highlighted with a blue box)
- Version ***: 1
- Consumes ***: ☒ application/json, ☐ application/xml, ☐ application/x-www-form-urlencoded, ☐ text/xml, ☐ text/html
- Produces ***: ☒ application/json, ☐ application/xml, ☐ application/x-www-form-urlencoded, ☐ text/xml, ☐ text/html

At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

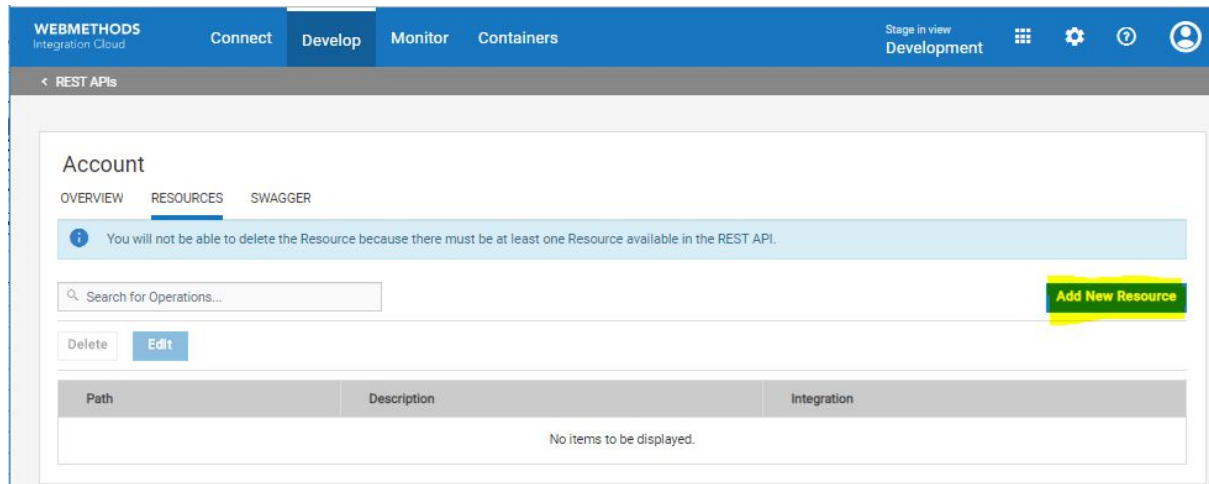
Works fine!

The screenshot shows the 'Account' API overview page in the WebMethods Integration Cloud interface. A green 'Success' message is displayed at the top. The page has tabs for 'OVERVIEW', 'RESOURCES', and 'SWAGGER'. The 'OVERVIEW' tab is selected, showing a list of API details:

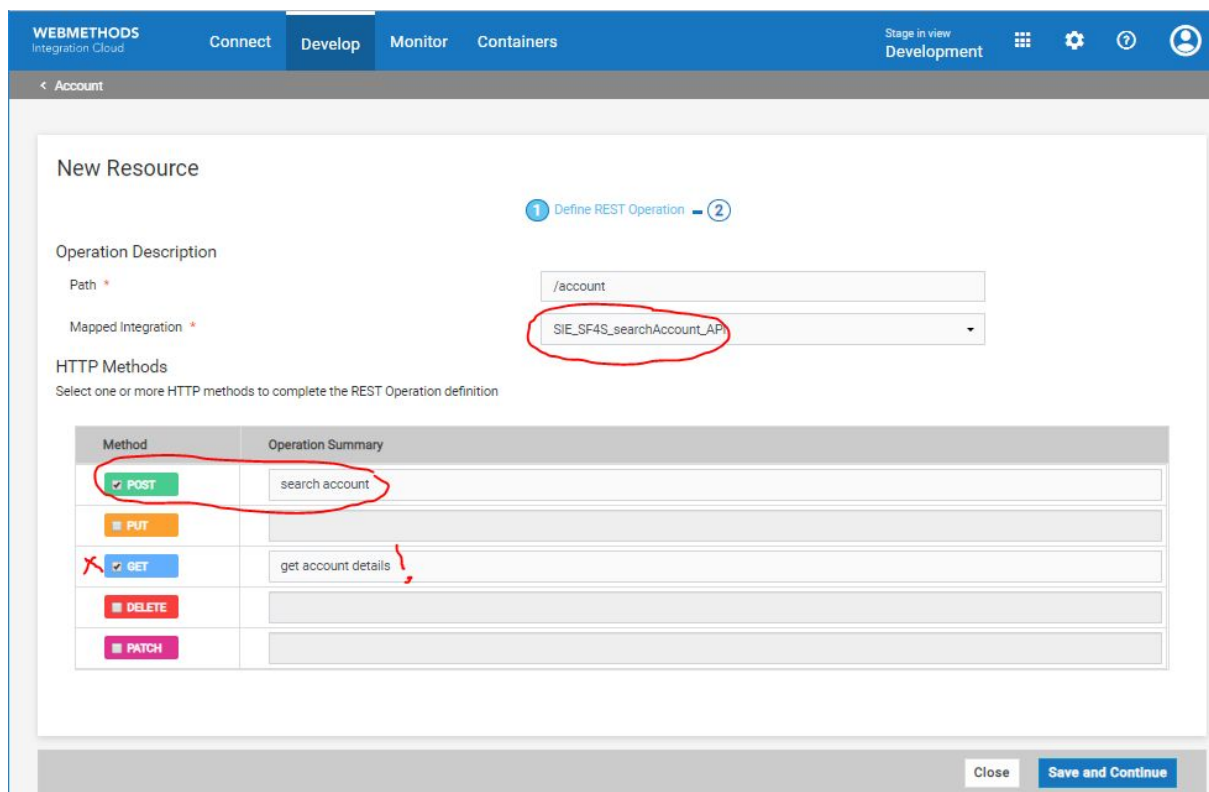
Property	Value
Name	Account
Version	1
Description	This API presents that its not usable, because there is only 1:1 relationship possible between ressource and integration
Title	Account API for Salesforce
Created By	Alexander Enns
Created On	17.07.2019 12:26:52 PM CEST
Modified By	Alexander Enns
Modified On	17.07.2019 12:26:52 PM CEST
Host Name	eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de
Path	/integration/restv2/development/Account
Scheme	https
Consumes	application/json
Produces	application/json

An 'Edit' button is located in the top right corner of the overview section.

Switch to RESOURCES tab



Click on **Add New Resource**



Here I notice a conflict! I actually have to map two methods to one integration. That's stupid.
Click Save and Continue

The screenshot displays the WebMethods Integration Cloud interface, specifically the 'Define Parameters and Responses' step for an API endpoint. The interface is divided into two main sections, each representing a different HTTP method for the '/account' resource.

Top Section: POST method (search account)

- Method:** POST
- Operation:** search account
- Parameters:**
 - Name: SFDC_ID
 - Source: FORMDATA
 - Description: Describe the Parameter
 - Name: S4Sifa__c
 - Name: Name
 - Name: BillingStreet
 - Name: BillingCity
 - Name: BillingState
 - Name: BillingCountry
 - Name: BillingPostalCode
- Responses:**
 - HTTP Code: 200
 - HTTP Code: 401
 - Buttons: Add a Response

Bottom Section: GET method (get account details)

- Method:** GET
- Operation:** get account details
- Parameters:**
 - Name: SFDC_ID
 - Source: QUERY
 - Description: Describe the Parameter
 - Name: S4Sifa__c
 - Name: Name
- Responses:**
 - HTTP Code: 200
 - HTTP Code: 401
 - Buttons: Add a Response

As you can see both methods have same signature for input. Of course! There is the same integration behind them. WMIC is smart in case of “Source” of the parameter. In case of GET it is a QUERY. But I don’t want to have same Input for getAccount as I have for searchAccount.

This approach is crashed by limitation of this tool.

Workaround:

Add another resource.

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New Resource

1 Define REST Operation = 2

Operation Description

Path *

Mapped Integration *

HTTP Methods

Select one or more HTTP methods to complete the REST Operation definition

Method	Operation Summary
<input type="checkbox"/> POST	
<input type="checkbox"/> PUT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GET	getAccount
<input type="checkbox"/> DELETE	
<input type="checkbox"/> PATCH	

Close Save and Continue

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/getAcc

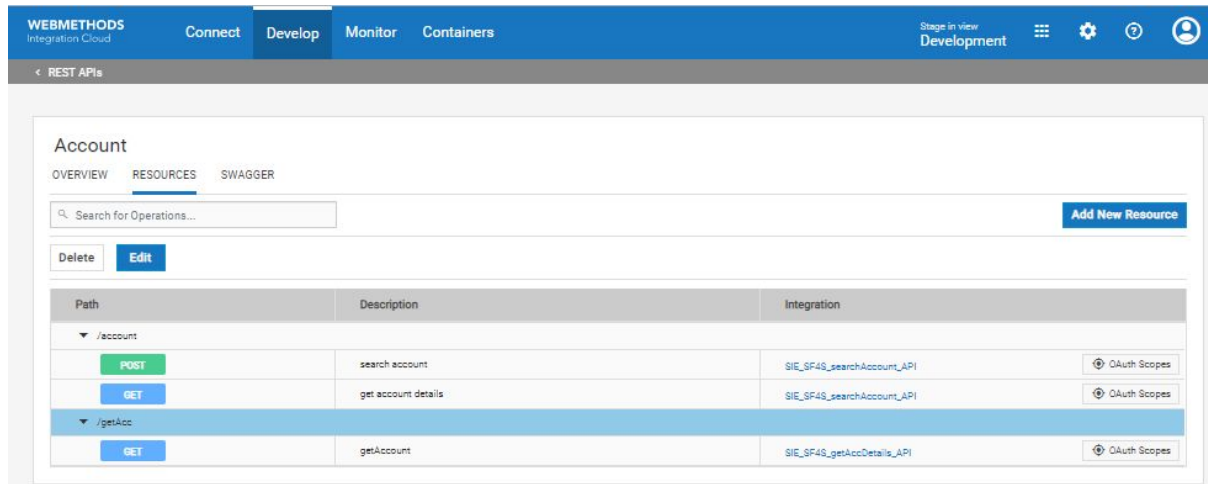
1 = 2 Define Parameters and Responses

GET getAccount

Parameters		Responses	
Name	<input type="text" value="accountid"/>	<p>Responses are informational and do not define the output signature of the Integration.</p>	
Source	<input type="text" value="QUERY"/>	HTTP Code *	<input type="text" value="200"/>
Description	<input type="text" value="Describe the Parameter"/>	HTTP Code *	<input type="text" value="401"/>
		<p>Add a Response</p>	

Close Back to Definition Save and Finish

getAccount now have only ressource Id as input - great!
But now we have this structure:

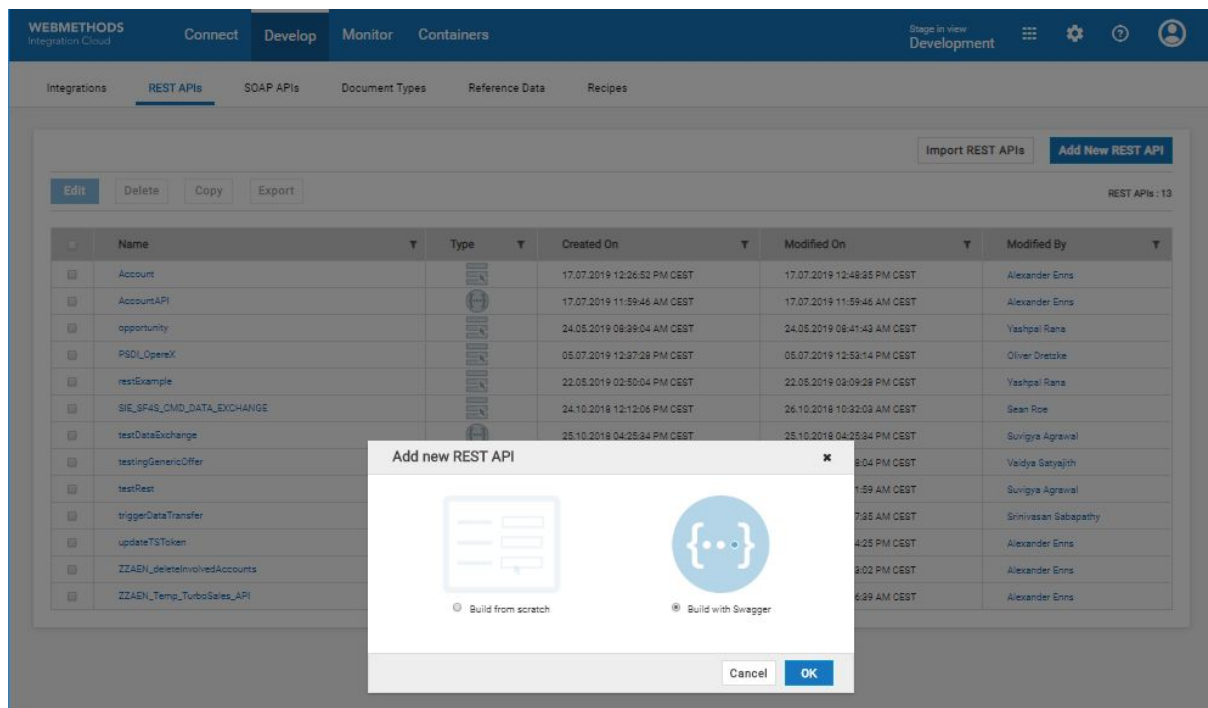


That's an well known antipattern in REST!

"CRUD function names should never be used in URIs."

Therefore we need to create a SAG Incident.

Approach 2 - build API from swagger



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New REST API

Build a REST API with Swagger

Save as *

AccountFromSwagger

Swagger Source

☒ URL ☐ File

One option is required

Swagger file *

Browse No file chosen

Cancel Save

I need a swagger file (YAML or JSON).

Since I don't want to write a swagger from scratch, I use the swagger from my previous API.

Idea is: merge both paths (account and getAcc) in swagger.

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OVERVIEW RESOURCES SWAGGER

Download Swagger

```
1 basePath: /integration/restv2/development/Account
2 consumes:
3   - application/json
4 definitions:
5   Account:
6     properties:
7       BillingCity:
8         type: string
9       BillingCountry:
10        type: string
11       BillingPostalCode:
12        type: string
13       Name:
14        type: string
15       S4SIFA_c:
16        type: string
17       SFDC_ID:
18        type: string
19     required:
20       - BillingCity
21       - BillingCountry
22       - BillingPostalCode
23       - Name
24       - S4SIFA_c
25       - SFDC_ID
26 SIE_SF4S_Account_API:
27   properties:
28     AccountNumber:
29       type: string
30     AccountSource:
31       type: string
32     AnnualRevenue:
33       type: string
34     BillingAddress:
35       type: string
36     BillingCity:
37       type: string
38     BillingCountry:
39       type: string
40     BillingCountryCode:
41       type: string
42     BillingGeoCodeAccuracy:
43       type: string
44     BillingLatitude:
45       type: string
46     BillingLongitude:
47       type: string
48     BillingPostalCode:
49       type: string
50     BillingState:
51       type: string
52     BillingStateCode:
53       type: string
54     BillingStreet:
55       type: string
56     ChannelProgramLevelName:
57       type: string
```

Account API for Salesforce¹

[Base URL: ea1-siemens.webmethodscloud.de/integration/restv2/development/Account]

This API presents that its not usable, because there is only 1:1 relationship possible between ressource and integration

Schemes

HTTPS

Authorize

default

GET /account get account details

POST /account search account

GET /getAcc getAccount

Models

Account {

- BillingCity* string
- BillingCountry* string
- BillingPostalCode* string
- Name* string
- S4SIFA_c* string
- SFDC_ID* string

}

SIE_SF4S_Account_API {

- AccountNumber string
- AccountSource string
- AnnualRevenue string
- BillingAddress string
- BillingCity string
- BillingCountry string
- BillingCountryCode string

}

Download as JSON.

Manipulation of WMIC json:

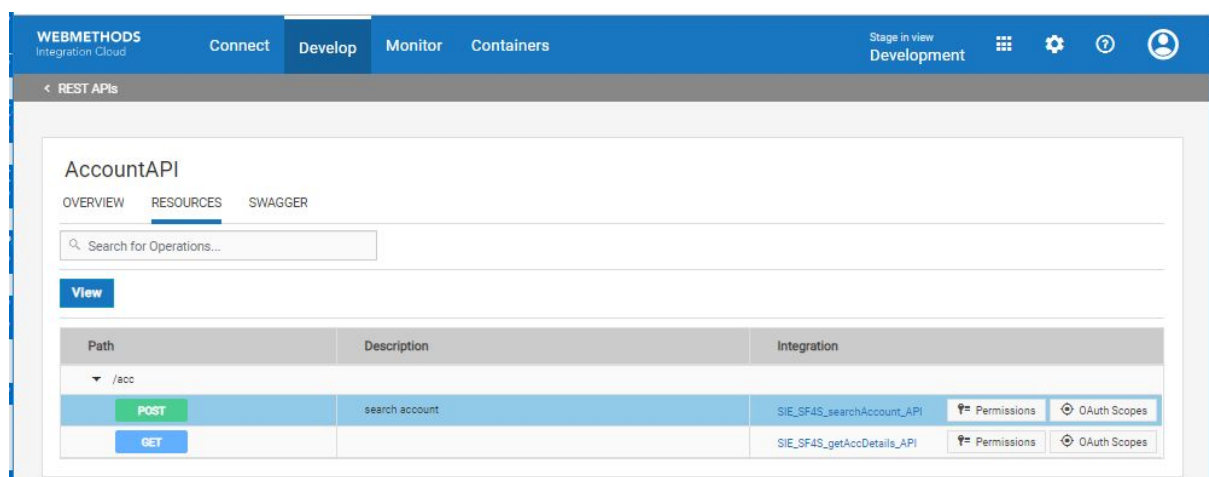
1. merge paths (acc and searchAcc) - be aware of correct syntax.
2. Tip: change operationId definition. You should be able to see which Integration is used.

```
"paths":{
  "/account":{
    "get":{
      "description":"qa2 Test with: 0010Q00000QrpPkQAJ",
      "operationId":"SIE_SF4S_getAccDetails_API",
```

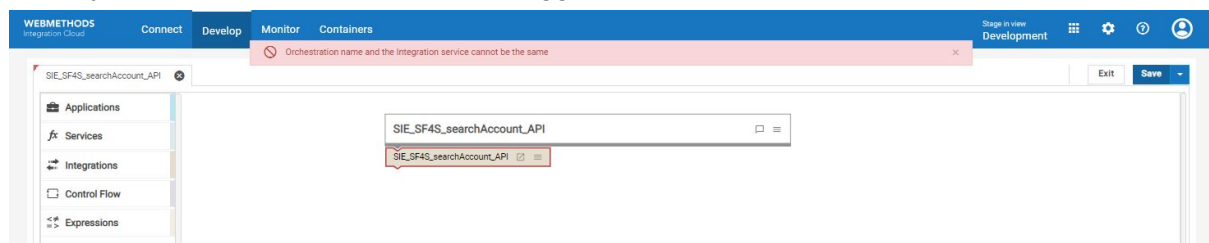
3. (realized later) move security _basicAuth by putting this after "path" and remove it from REST methods

```
    "security":[
      {
        "_basicAuth":[
        ]
      }
    ]
  ]
```

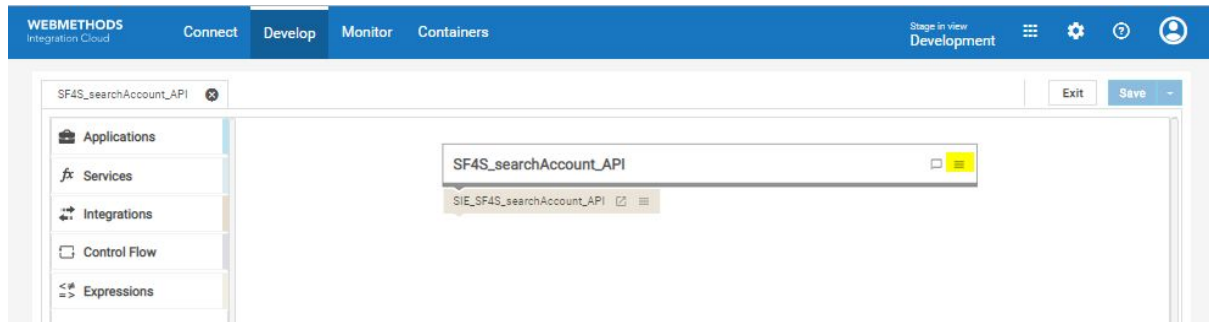
Works fine!



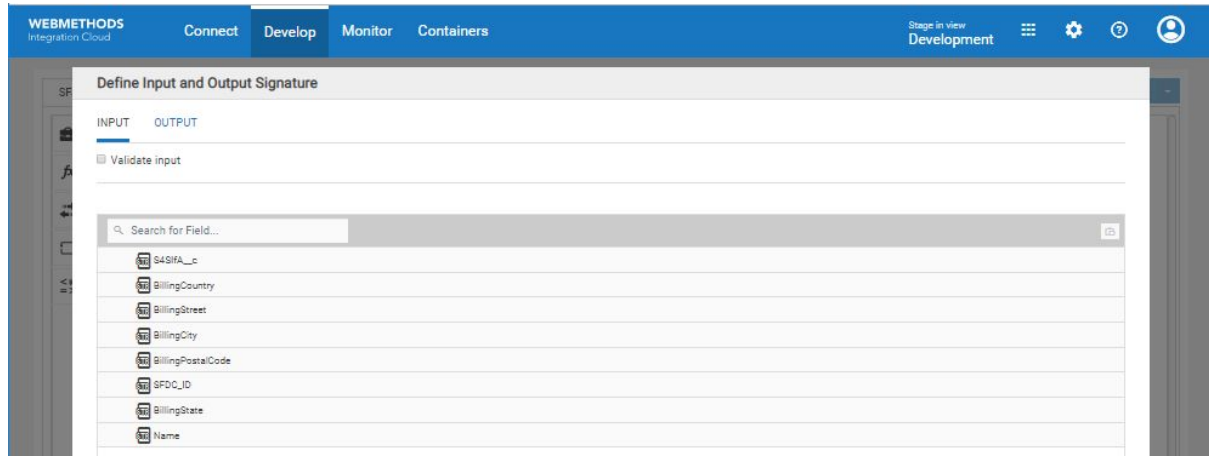
But! My operationId must be different - argghh!



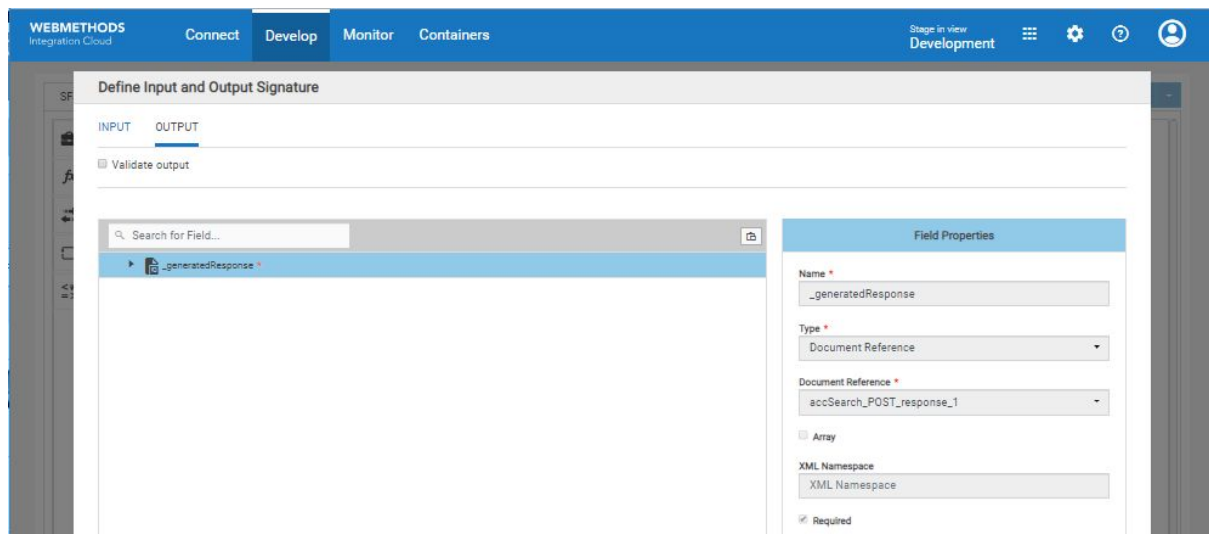
I renamed the operationIds in my swagger. Now I can implement my operations:



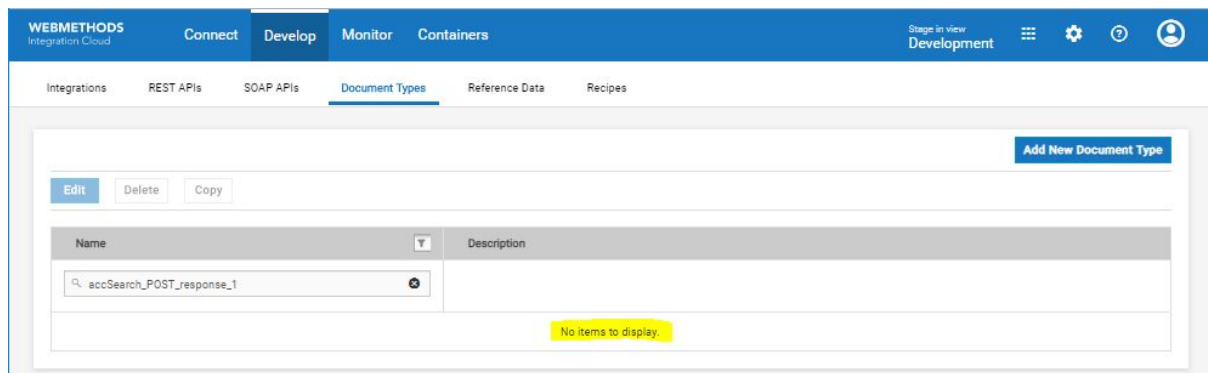
Now I have to check, which input and output was generated.



Input is OK.

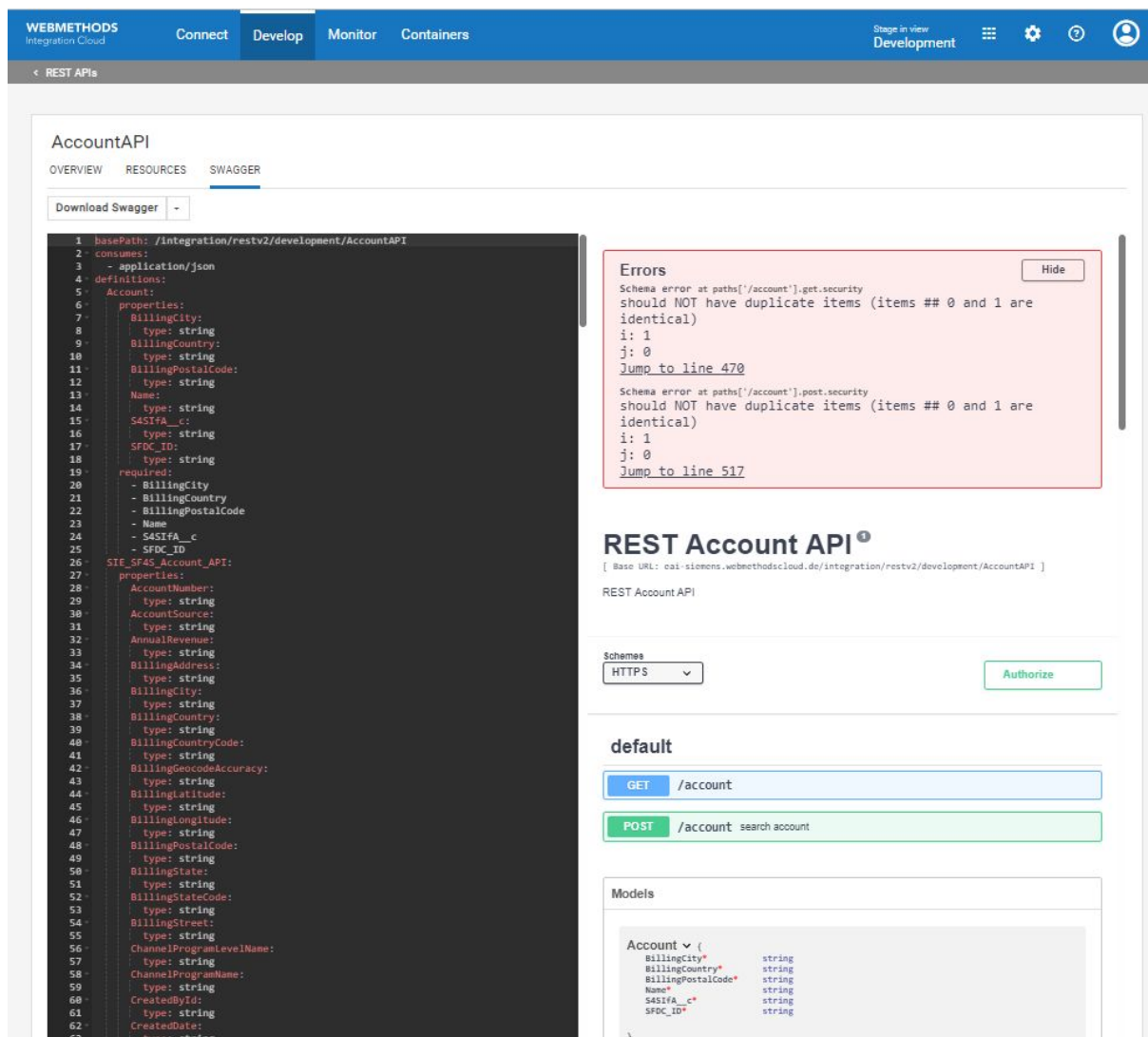


Output is a strange new doc type. I cannot expand this to see which fields are there. I need to search this doc type in WMIC doc type registry.



It is missing!

Maybe WMIC translates it automatically. Let's test our API.



Next surprise. WMIC see some schema errors in my swagger.

Let's check if my swagger is valid:

JSON FORMATTER & VALIDATOR

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JSON Data/URL

Paste in JSON or a URL and away you go.

```
{  "swagger": "2.0",  "info": {    "description": "REST Account API",    "version": "1",    "title": "REST Account API"  },  "host": "eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de",  "basePath": "/integration/restv2/development/",  "schemes": [    "https"  ],  "consumes": [    "application/json"  ]}
```

JSON Standard
RFC 4627

JSON Template
3 Space Tab

Process

#2 July 17th 2019, 1:33:39 pm

VALID JSON (RFC 4627)

Formatted JSON Data

```
{  "swagger": "2.0",  "info": {    "description": "REST Account API",    "version": "1",    "title": "REST Account API"  },  "host": "eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de",  "basePath": "/integration/restv2/development/",  "schemes": [    "https"  ],  "consumes": [    "application/json"  ],  "produces": [    "application/json"  ],  "paths": {    "/account": {      "get": {        "description": "qa2 Test with: 0010Q0000QrpKQAJ",        "operationId": "SF4S_getAccDetails_API",        "parameters": [          {            "name": "accountId",            "in": "query",            "required": true,            "type": "string"          }        ],        "responses": {          "200": {            "description": "OK",            "schema": {              "$ref": "#/definitions/acc_GET_response_1"            }          },          "401": {            "description": "Access Denied"          }        },        "security": [          {            "_basicAuth": []          }        ]      },      "post": {        "summary": "search account",        "operationId": "SF4S_searchAccount_API",        "consumes": [          "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"        ],        "parameters": [          {            "name": "S4SIFA_c",            "in": "formData",            "required": false,            "type": "string"          },          {            "name": "BillingCountry",            "in": "formData",            "required": false,            "type": "string"          },          {            "name": "BillingStreet",            "in": "formData"          }        ]      }    }  }
```

Same on <https://editor.swagger.io/>

Swagger Editor

File Edit Generate Server Generate Client

```
1 swagger: '2.0'
2 info:
3   description: REST Account API
4   version: '1'
5   title: REST Account API
6   host: eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de
7   basePath: /integration/restv2/development/
8   schemes:
9     - https
10  consumes:
11    - application/json
12  produces:
13    - application/json
14  paths:
15    /account:
16      get:
17        description: 'qa2 Test with: 0010Q0000QrpKQAJ'
18        operationId: SF4S_getAccDetails_API
19        parameters:
20          - name: accountId
21            in: query
22            required: true
23            type: string
24        responses:
25          '200':
26            description: OK
27            schema:
28              $ref: '#/definitions/acc_GET_response_1'
29          '401':
30            description: Access Denied
31        security:
32          - _basicAuth: []
33      post:
34        summary: search account
35        operationId: SF4S_searchAccount_API
36        consumes:
37          - application/x-www-form-urlencoded
38        parameters:
39          - name: S4SIFA_c
40            in: formData
41            required: false
42            type: string
43          - name: BillingCountry
44            in: formData
45            required: false
46            type: string
47          - name: BillingStreet
48            in: formData
```

REST Account API¹

[Base URL: eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de/integration/restv2/development/]

REST Account API

Schemes
HTTPS

Authorize

default

GET /account

POST /account search account

Models

- SIE_SF4S_Account_API
- SIE_SF4S_getAccDetails_API
- accSearch_POST_response_1

WMIC shows this errors:

Errors

Hide

Schema error at paths[/account'].get.security
should NOT have duplicate items (items ## 0 and 1 are identical)

i: 1

j: 0

Jump to line 470

Schema error at paths[/account'].post.security
should NOT have duplicate items (items ## 0 and 1 are identical)

i: 1

j: 0

Jump to line 517

```
516 - security:
517 -   - _basicAuth: []
518 -   - _basicAuth: []
519 -   summary: search account
520 - produces:
521 -   - application/json
522 - schemes:
```

There are two `_basicAuth` entries. Maybe I added them in my JSON.

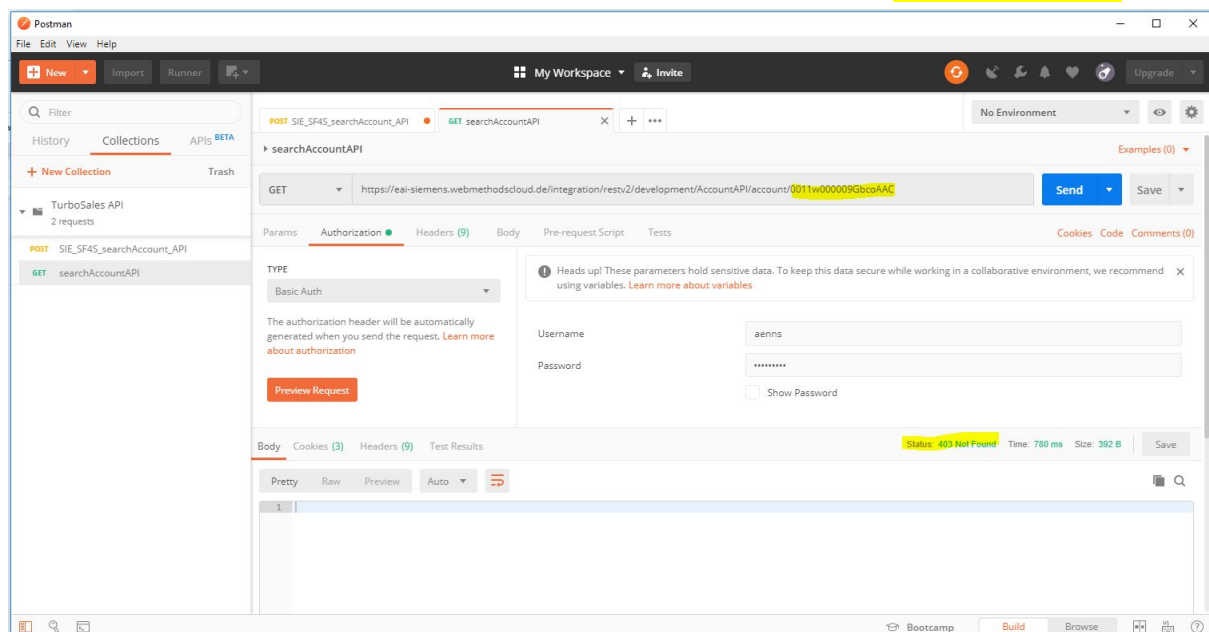
No, I should remove it in get and post section and add single one on path level. See [list](#)

After regenerate it seems OK. Test again:

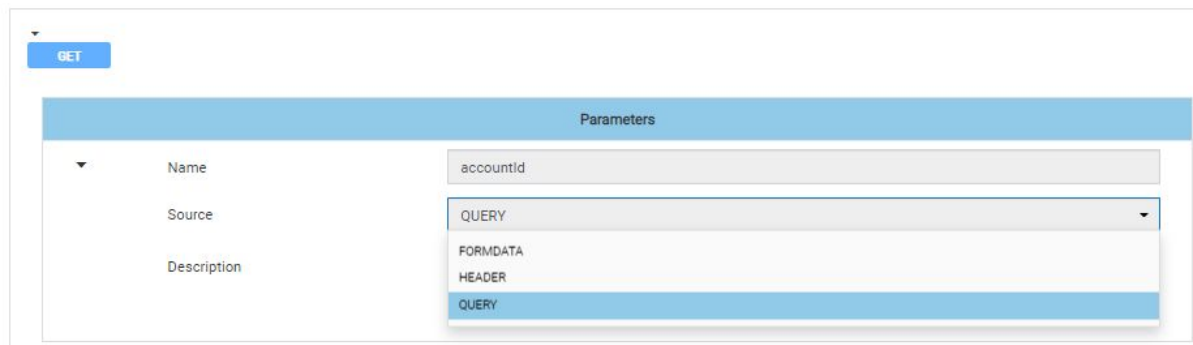
Test from Postman responses 403 Not found.

Used URL:

<https://eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de/integration/restv2/development/AccountAPI/account/0011w000009GbcoAAC>



Of course. accountId is defined as query and not as path segment parameter.

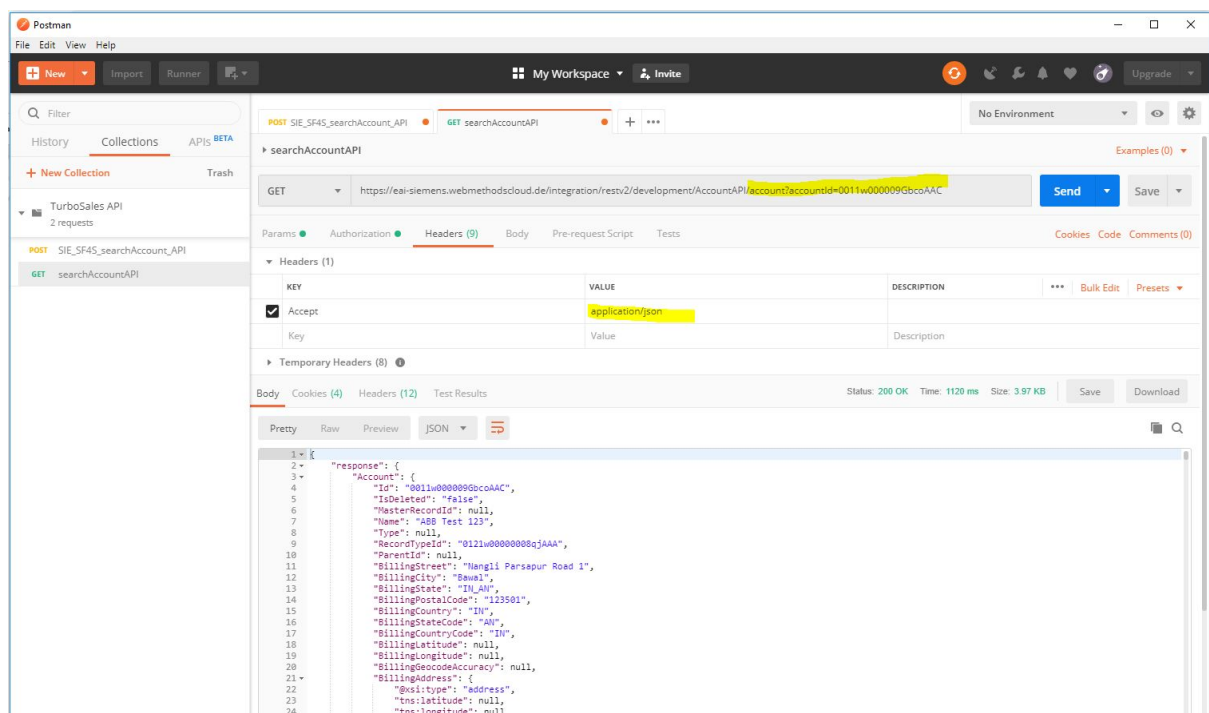


Now I try to test it in WMIC

With URL params it works. But that's not the best idea to use REST. The common usage of query params is if you want to search something. Query params returns empty lists or objects. Path param return 404 Not found if resource is not in the provider system. But OK. Our Request URL should also be:

<https://eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de/integration/restv2/development/AccountAPI/account?accountId=0011w000009GbcoAAC>

Now it works in Postman:



And in WMIC UI:

The top screenshot shows the Swagger UI for the REST Account API. The left sidebar displays the API definition, including the base path, consumes, produces, and the 'Account' object with its properties. The main area shows the 'default' GET /account endpoint. The 'Parameters' section lists a query parameter 'accountId' with a value of '0011v000090360AAG'. The 'Responses' section shows a 200 status code and a JSON response body.

The bottom screenshot shows the same Swagger UI, but with the 'Responses' tab selected. It displays the response details for the GET /account endpoint, including the status code (200) and the response body (JSON).

Conclusion:

- Use swagger first approach
- use query params in GET services