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 ressource.

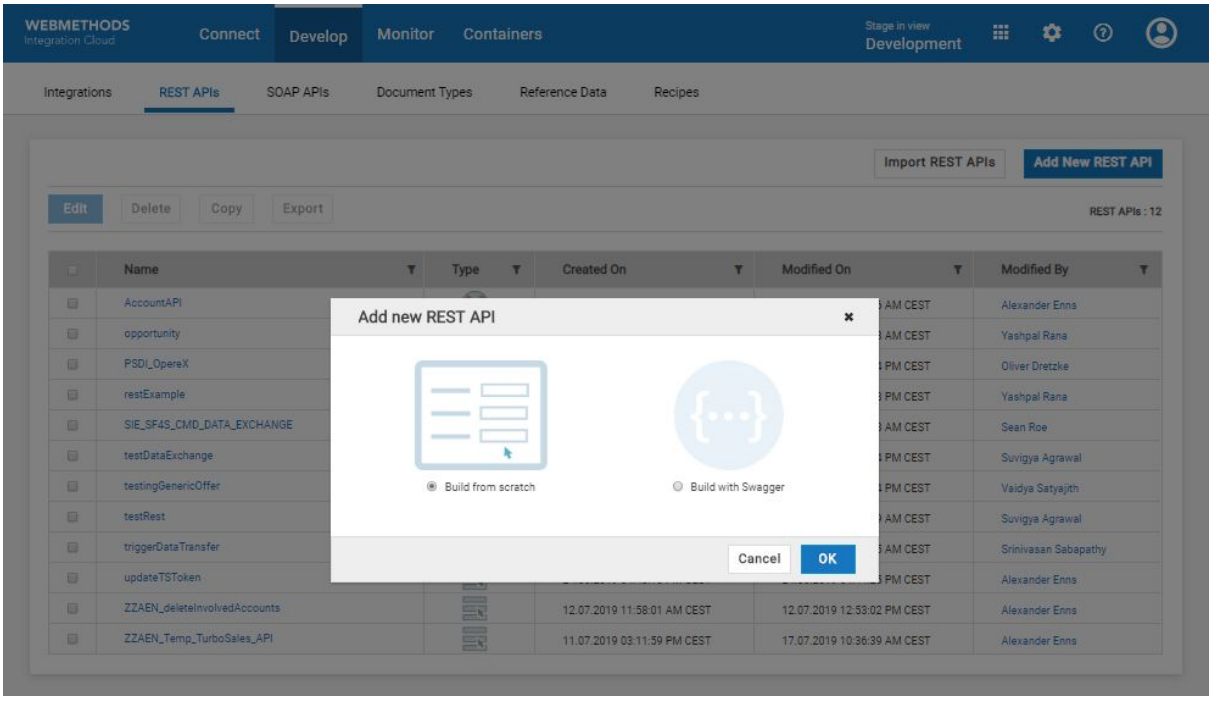
Structure of this API should be:

API

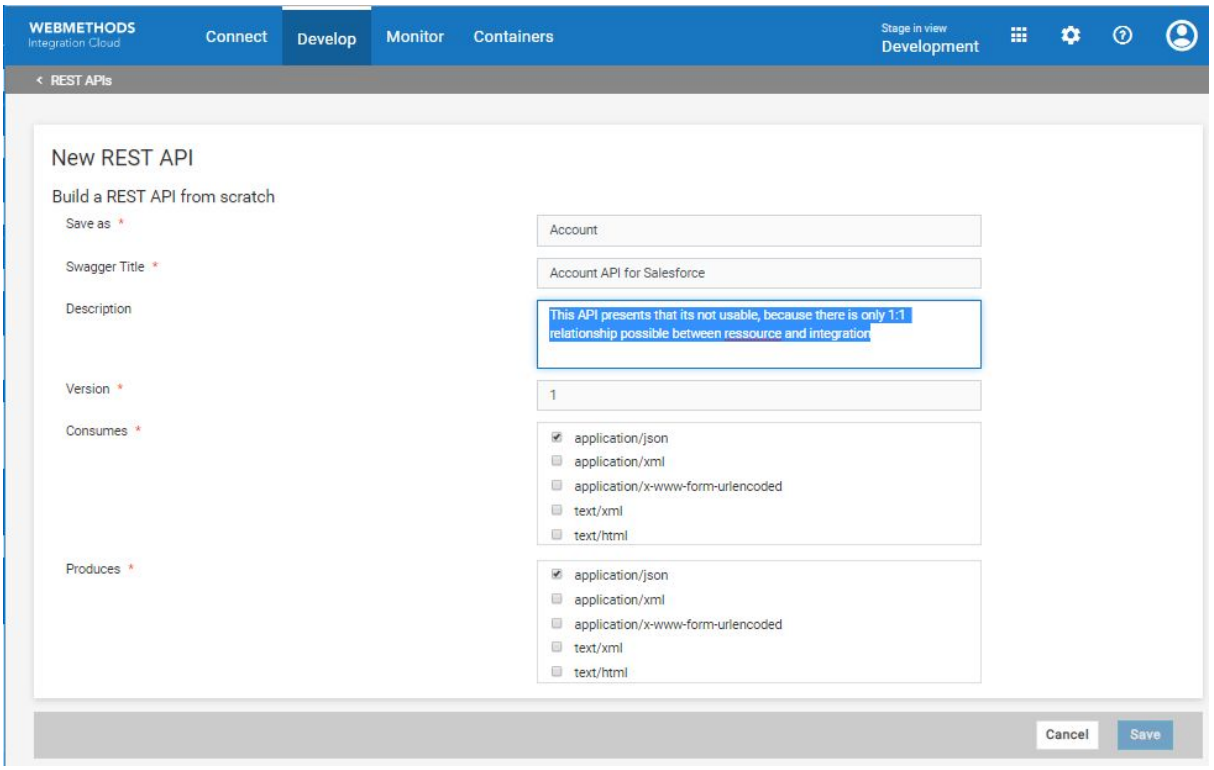
- account
  - POST should use this integration: SIE_SF4S_getAccDetails_API
  - GET should use this integration: SIE_SF4S_searchAccount_API

Approach 1 - build API from scratch

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



Next step - define some API properties



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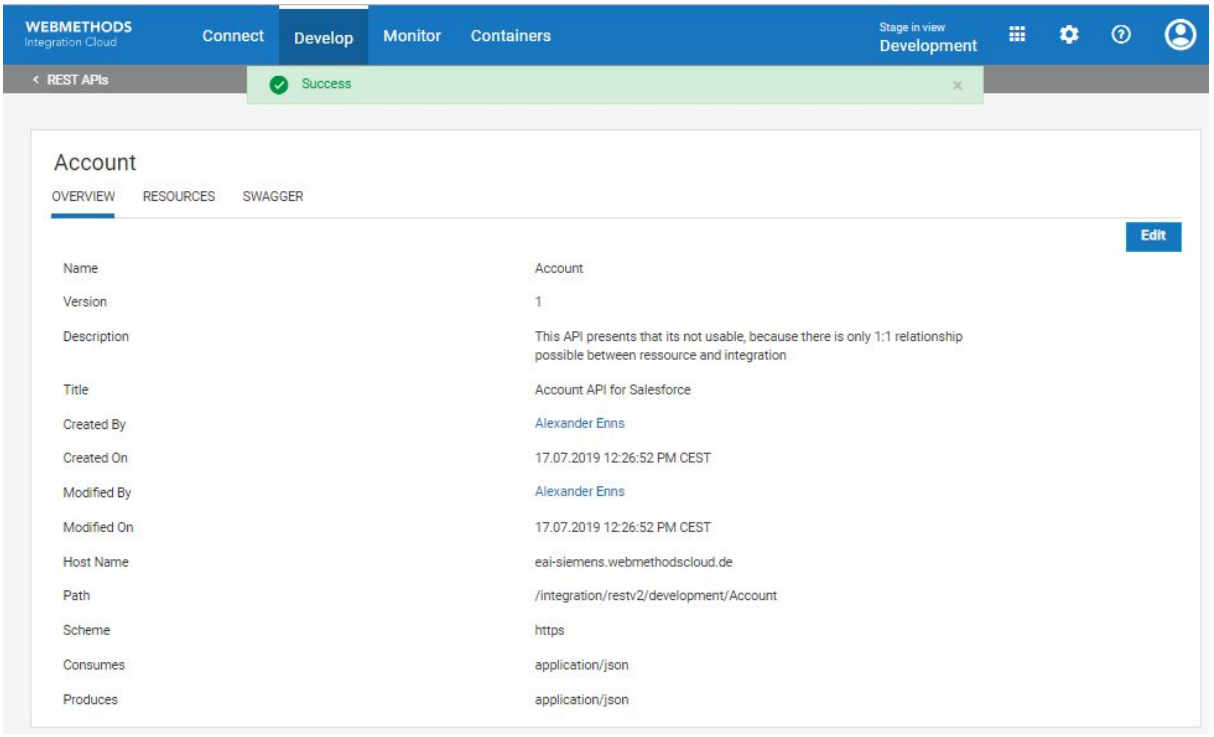

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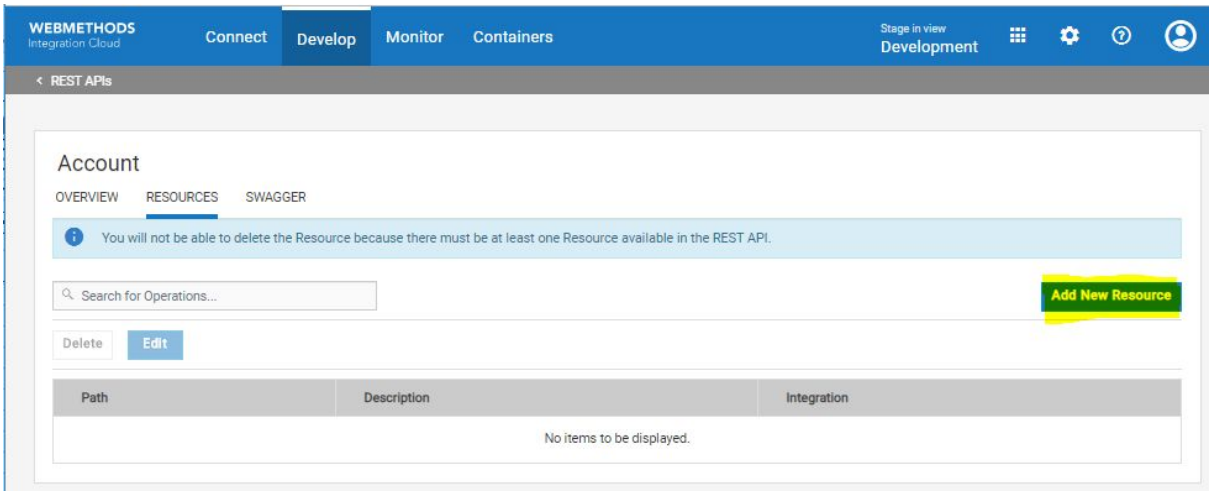

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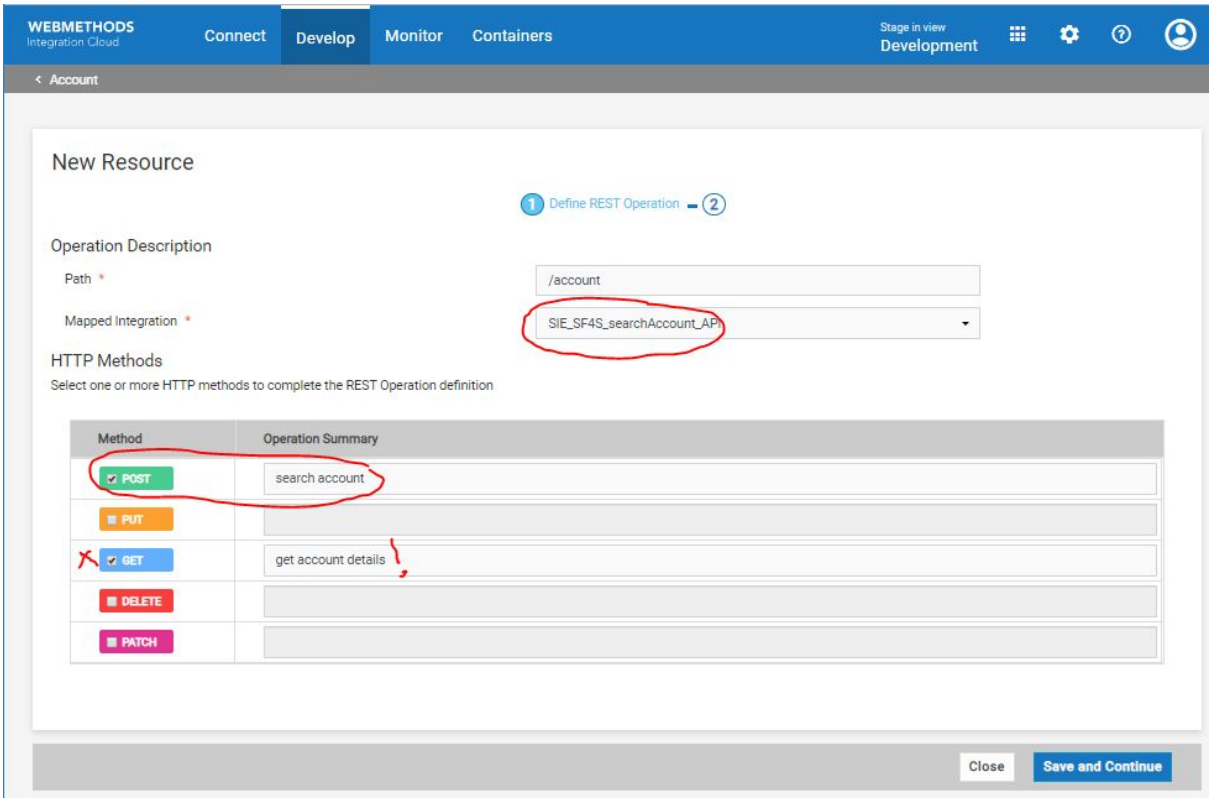
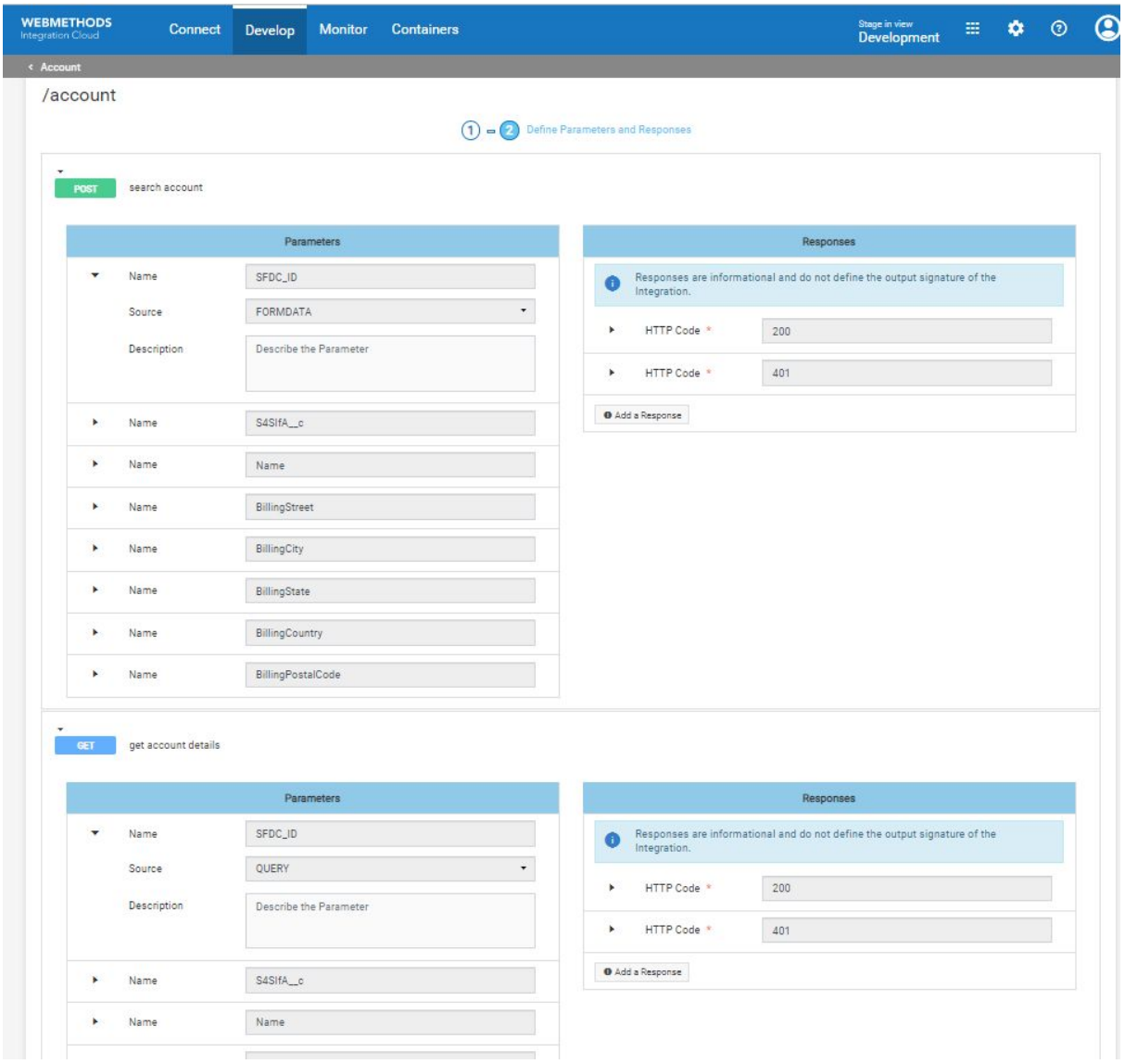


Here I notice a conflict! I actually have to map two methods to one integration. That's stupid.
Click Save and Continue

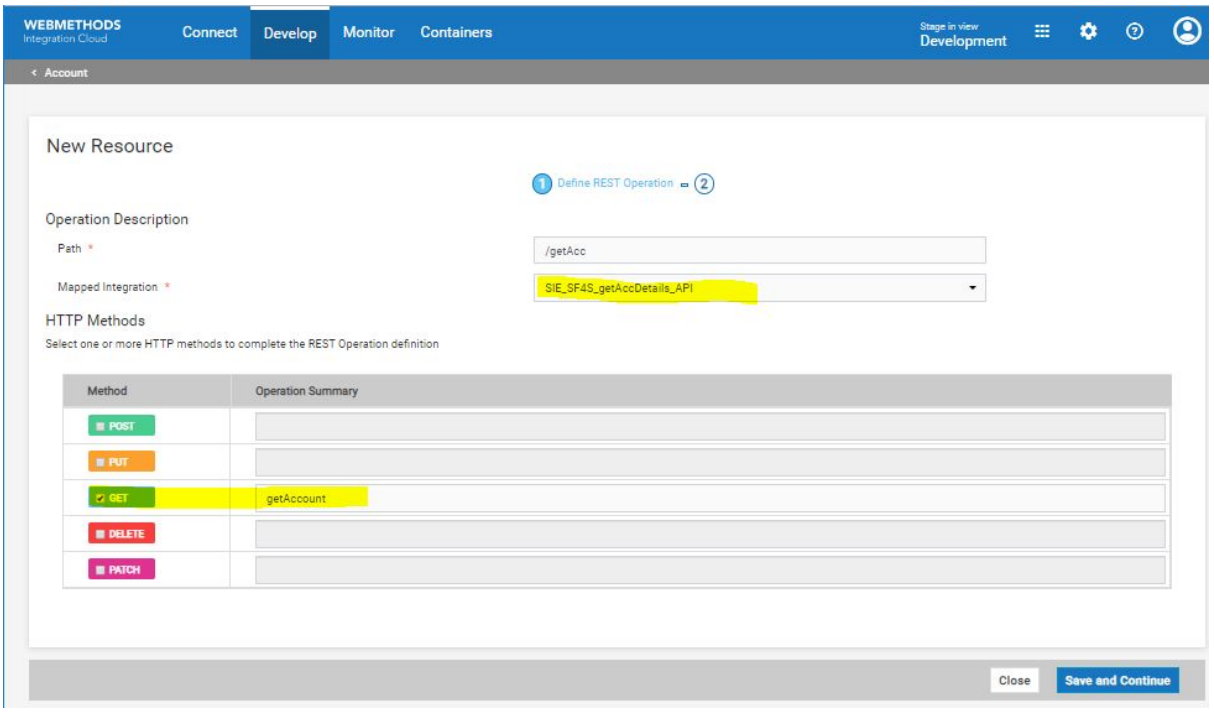


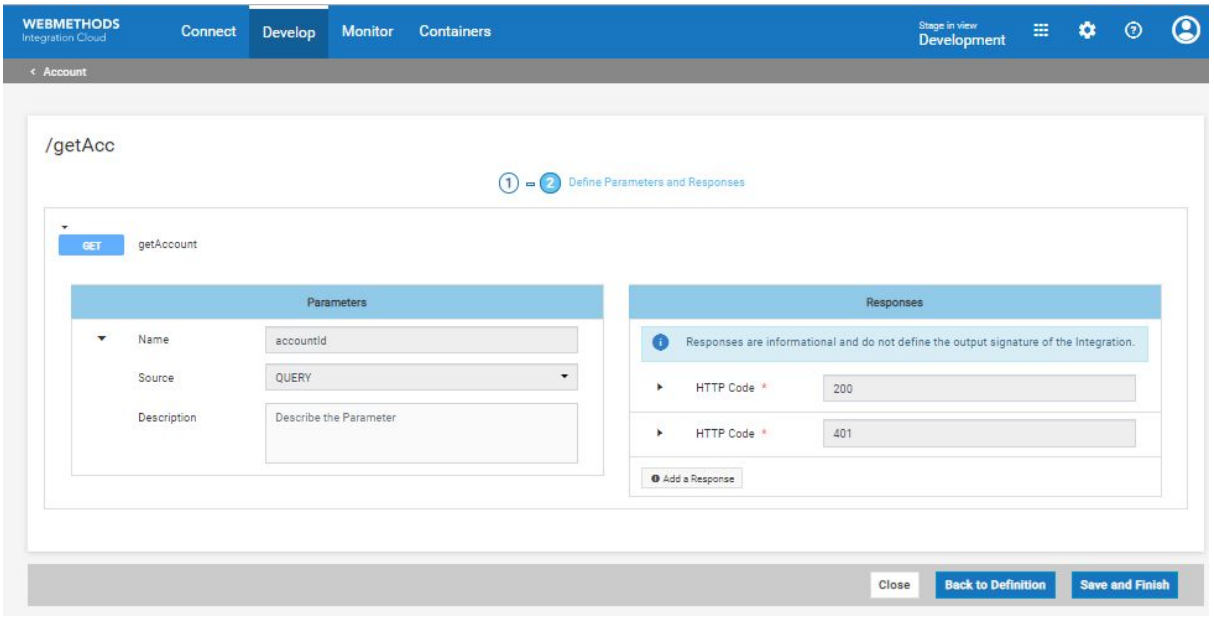
As you can see both methods have same signature for input. Of course! There is the same integration behind them. WMIC is smart in case of “Source” of the parameter. In case of GET it is a QUERY. But I don’t want to have same Input for getAccount as I have for searchAccount.

This approach is crashed by limitation of this tool.

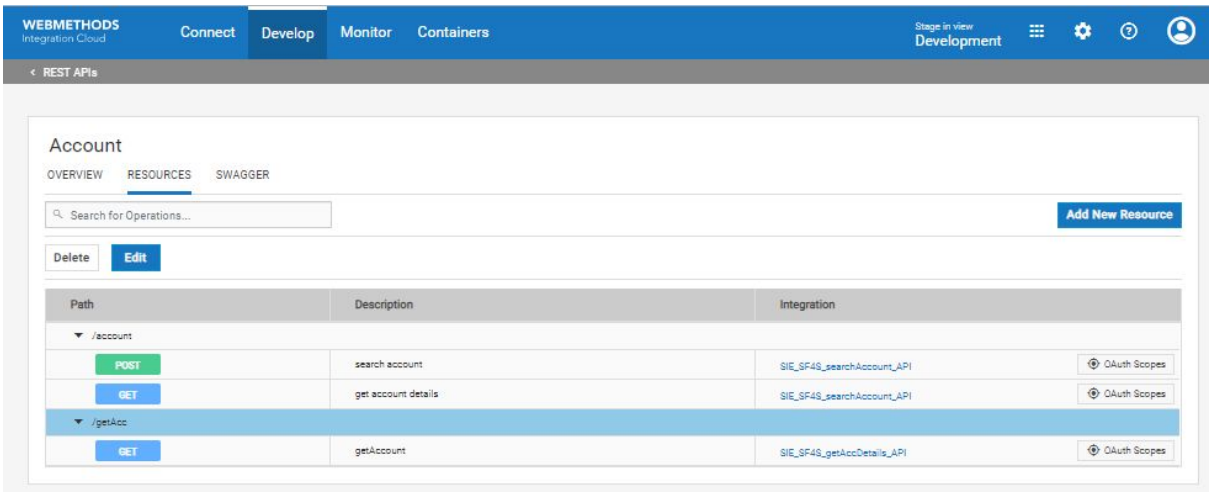
Workaround:

Add another resource.





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

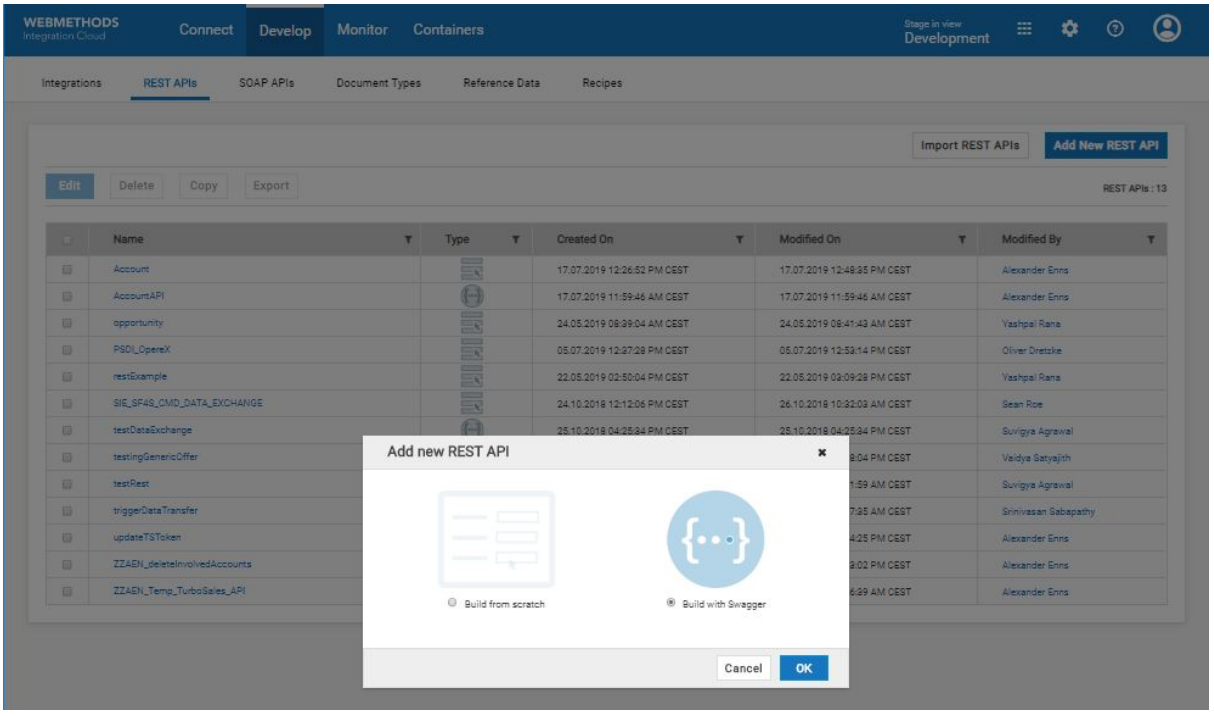


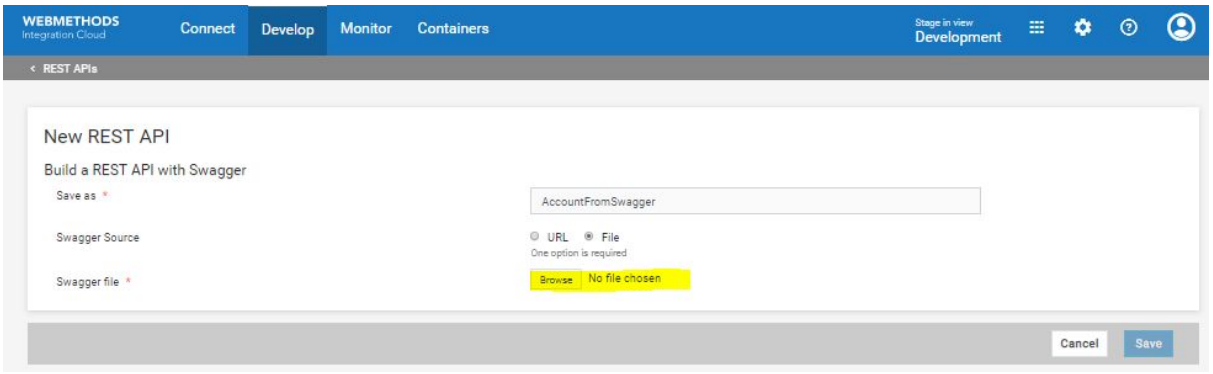
That's an well known antipattern in REST!

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

Therefore we need to create a SAG Incident.

Approach 2 - build API from swagger

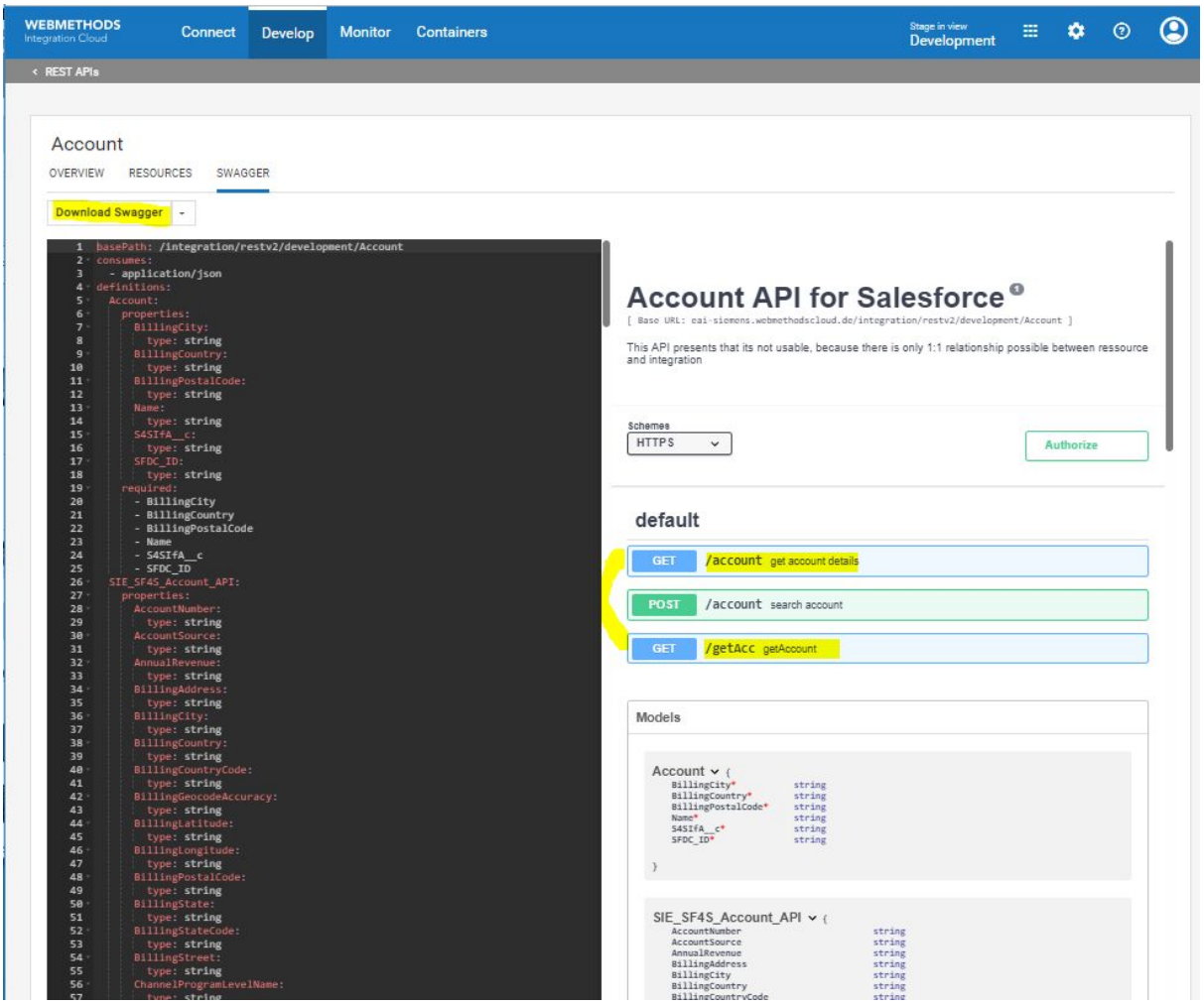




I need a swagger file (YAML or JSON).

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.



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.

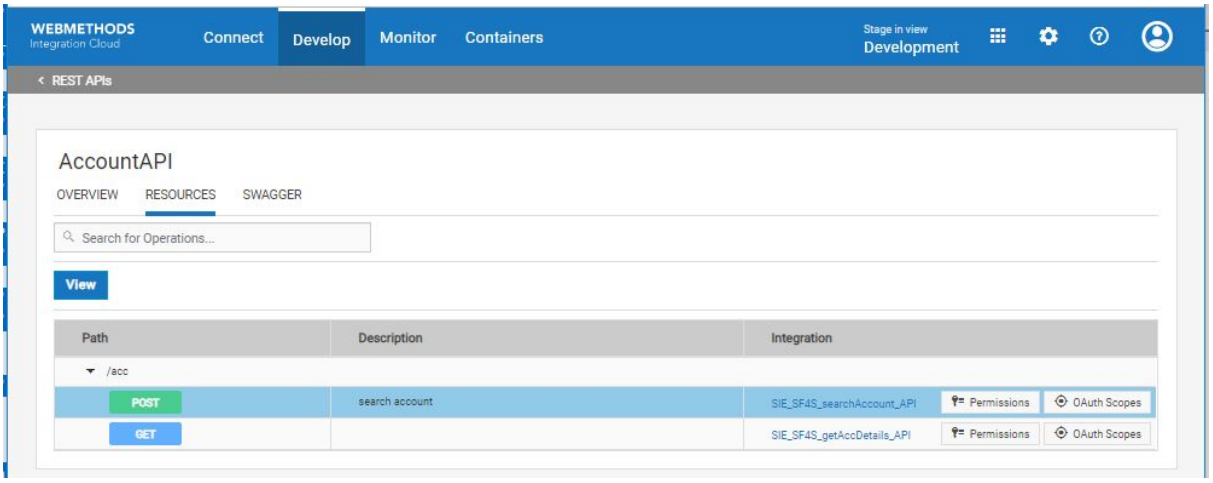
```
"paths":{
    "/account":{
       "get":{
          "description":"qa2 Test with: 0010Q00000QrpPkQAJ",
          "operationId":"SIE_SF4S_getAccDetails_API",
```

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

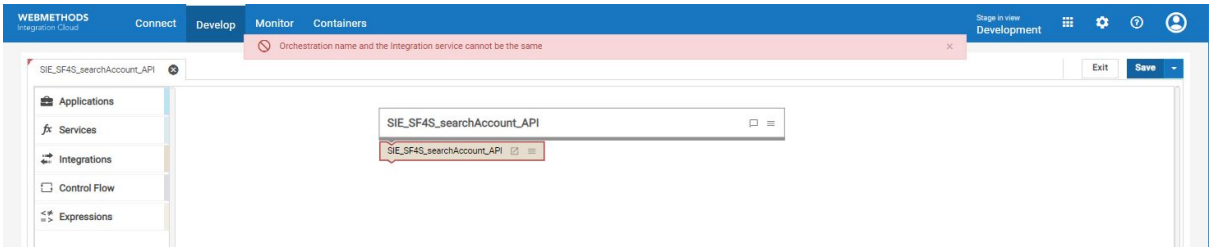
```
        "security":[
            {
                "_basicAuth":[

                ]
            }
        ]
```

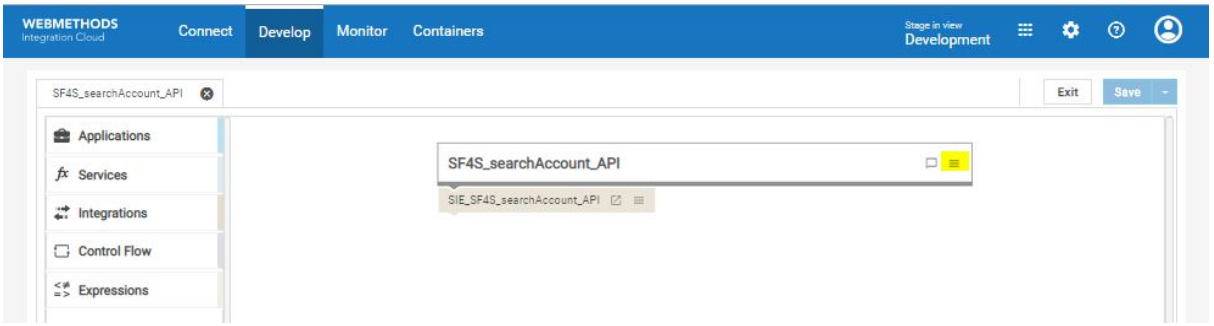
Works fine!



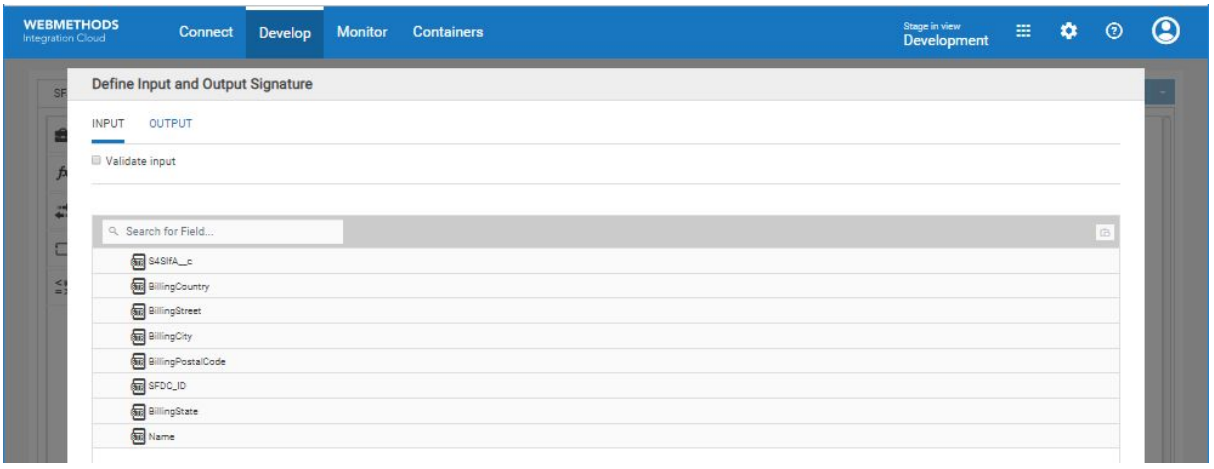
But! My operationId must be different - argghh!



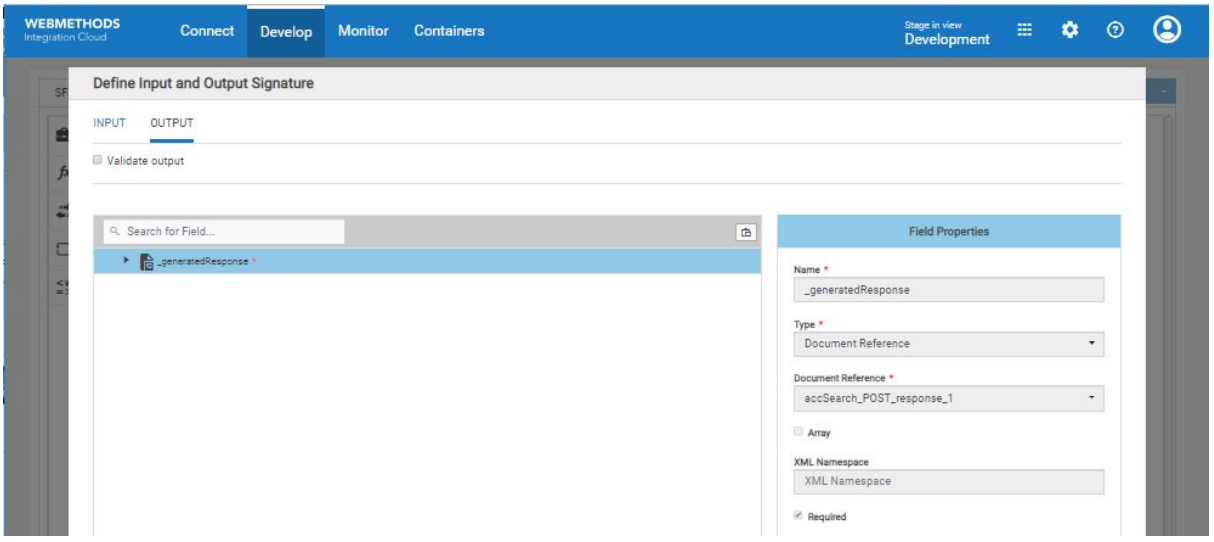
I renamed the operationIds in my swagger. Now I can implement my operations:



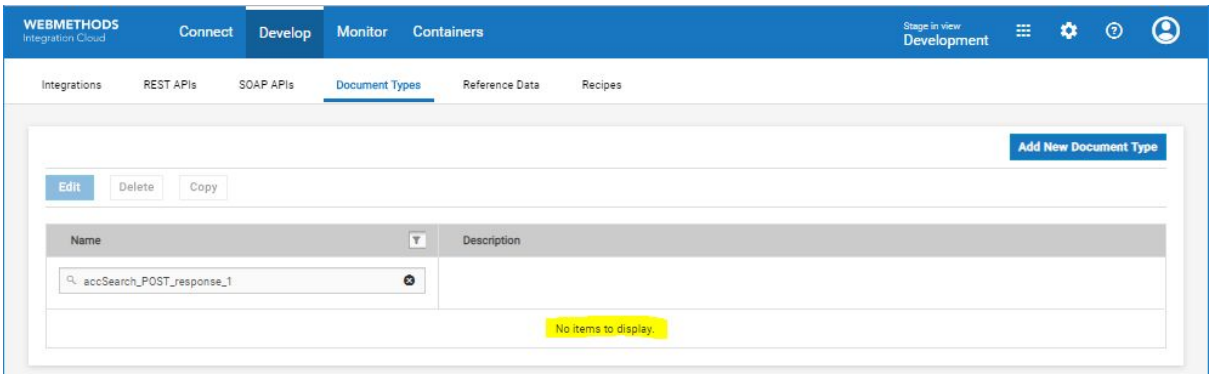
Now I have to check, which input and output was generated.



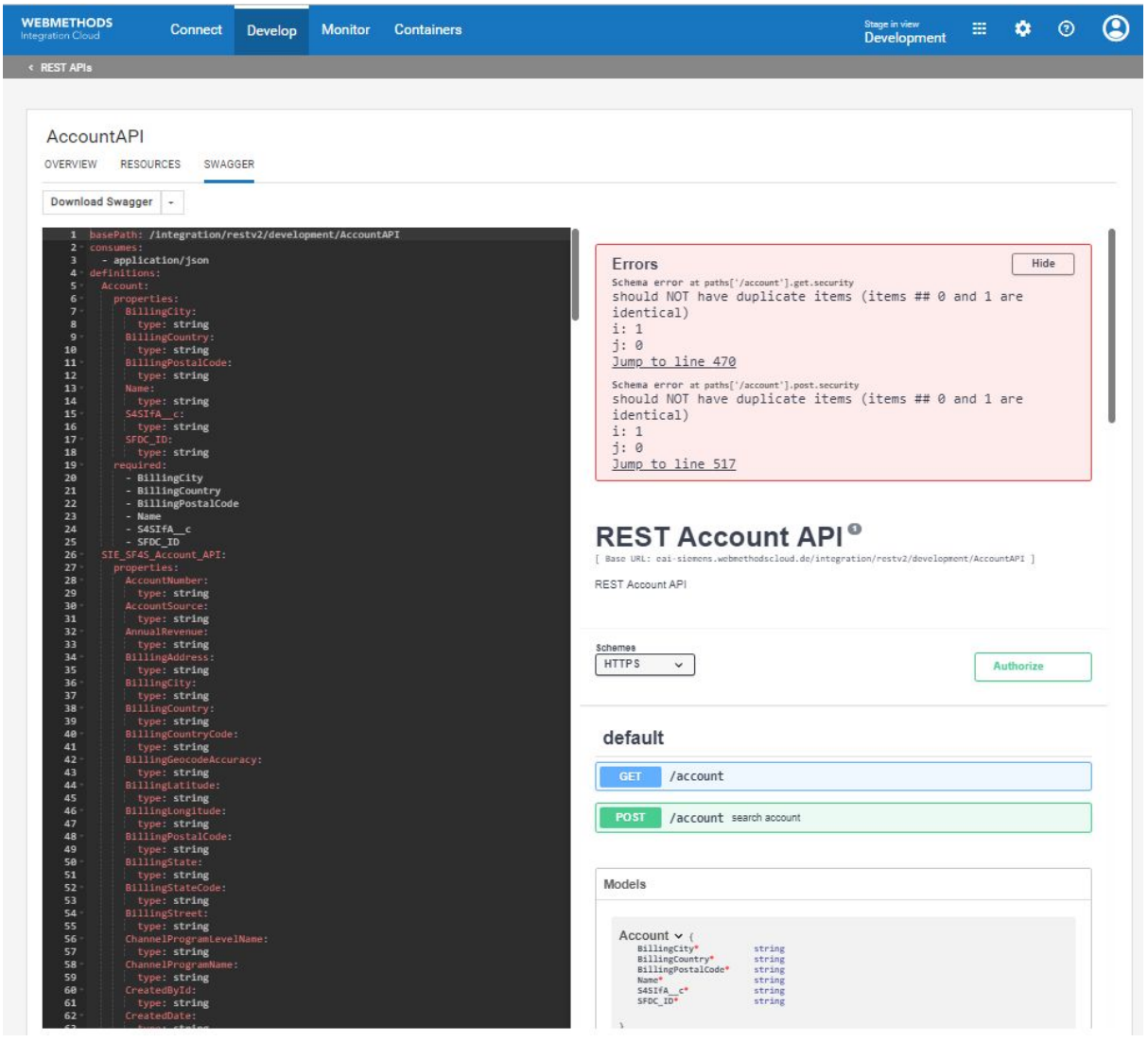
Input is OK.



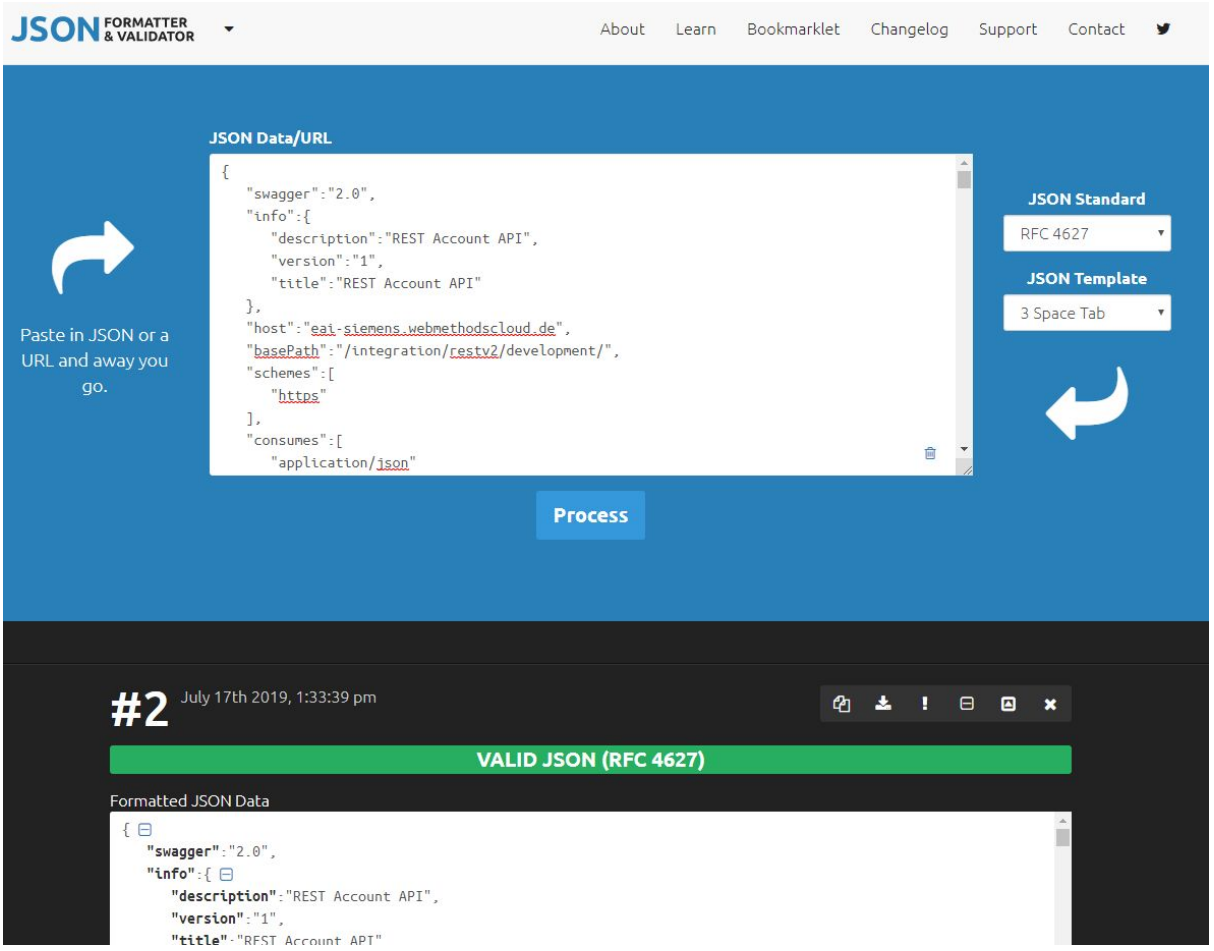
Output is a strange new doc type. I cannot expand this to see which fields are there. I need to search this doc type in WMIC doc type registry.



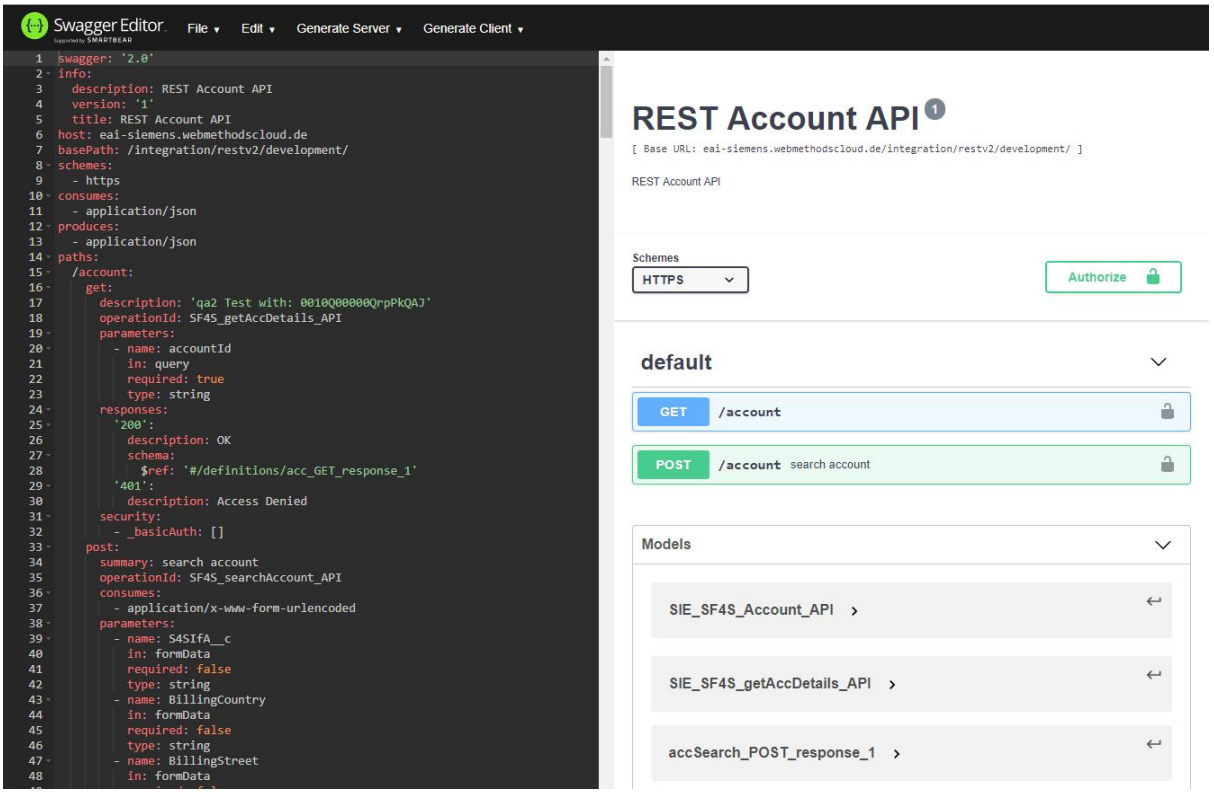
It is missing!
Maybe WMIC translates it automatically. Let's test our API.



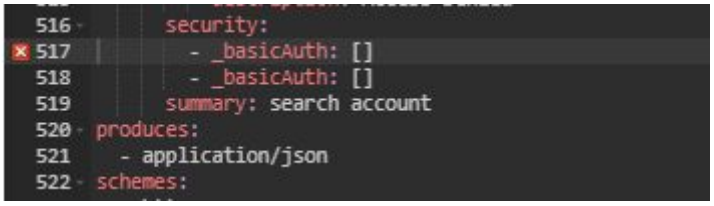
Next surprise. WMIC see some schema errors in my swagger.
Let's check if my swagger is valid:



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



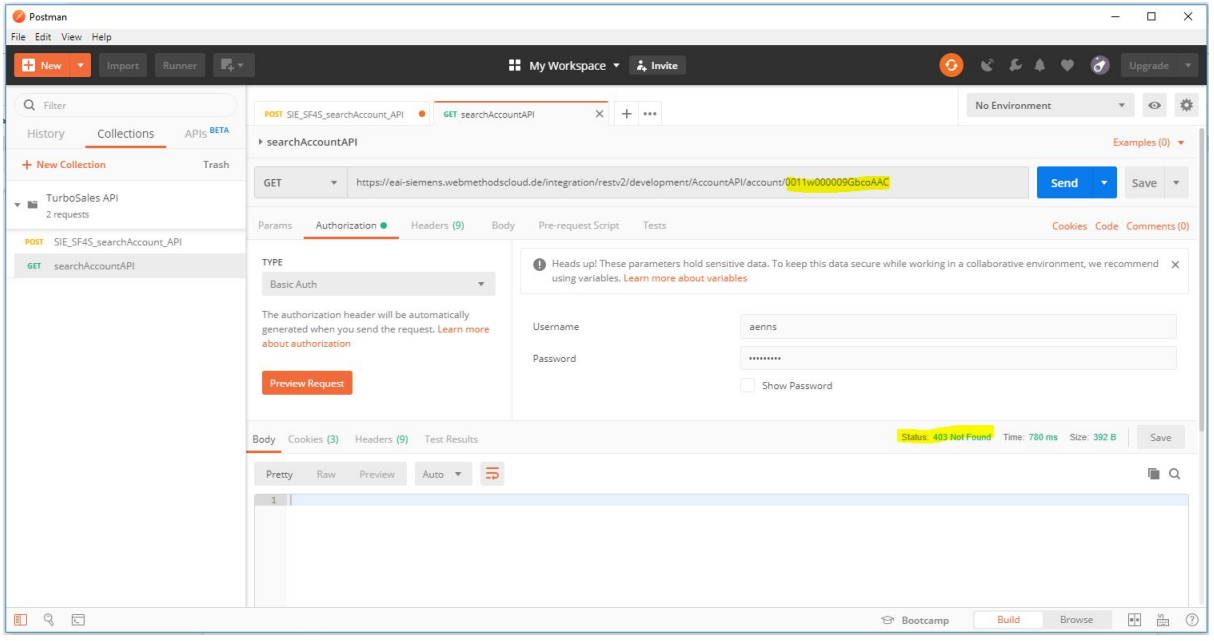
WMIC shows this errors:
Errors
Hide
Schema error at paths['/account'].get.security
should NOT have duplicate items (items ## 0 and 1 are identical)
i: 1
j: 0
Jump to line 470
Schema error at paths['/account'].post.security
should NOT have duplicate items (items ## 0 and 1 are identical)
i: 1
j: 0
Jump to line 517



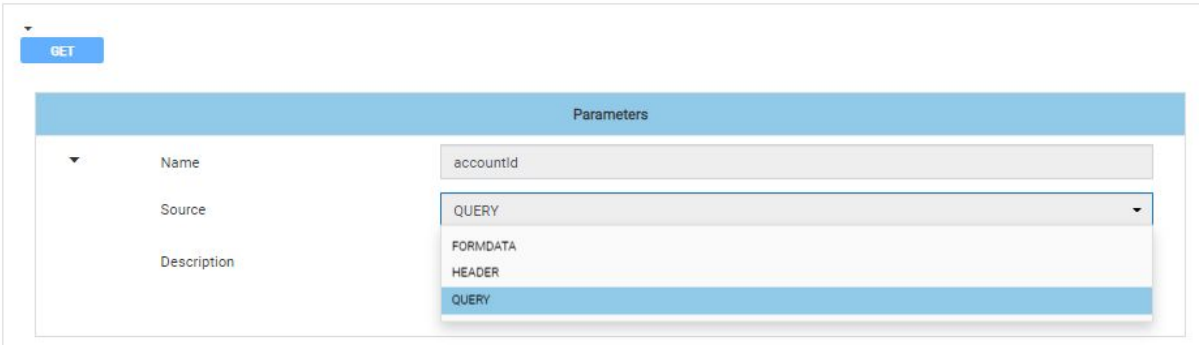
There are two _basicAuth entries. Maybe I added them in my JSON.
No, I should remove it in get and post section and add single one on path level. See list

After regenerate it seems OK. Test again:

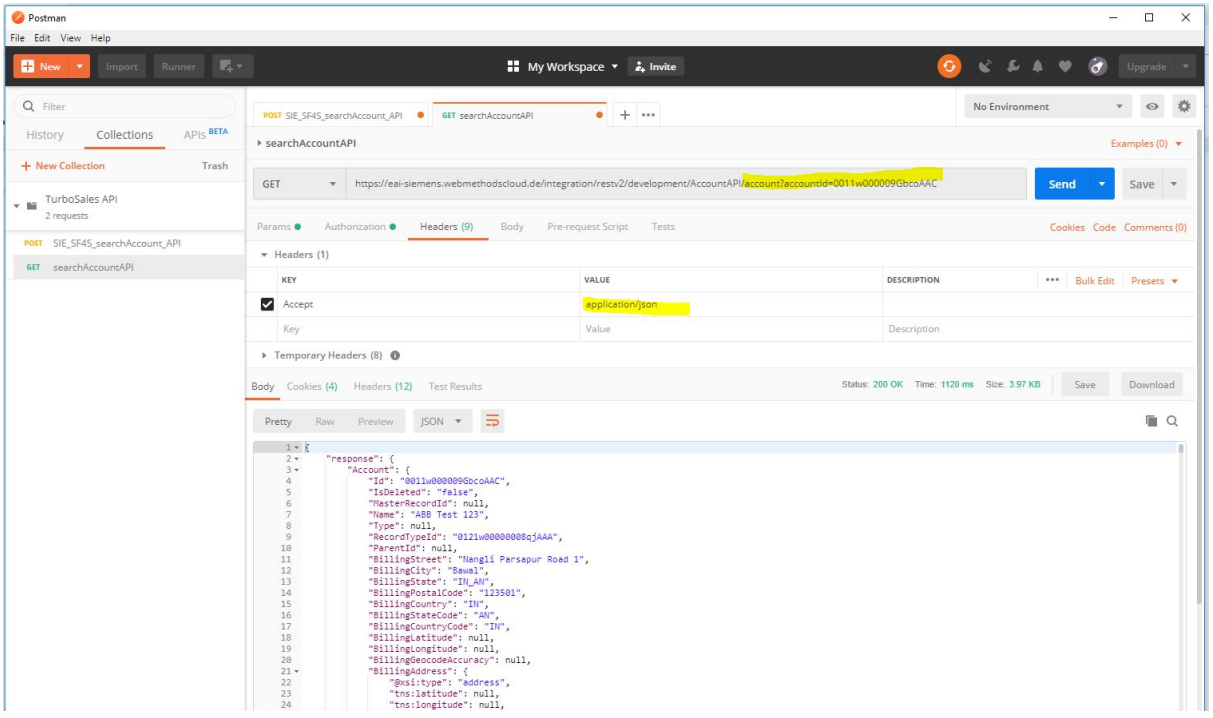
Test from Postman responses 403 Not found.
Used URL:
https://eai-siemens.webmethodscloud.de/integration/restv2/development/AccountAPI/account/0011w000009GbcoAAC



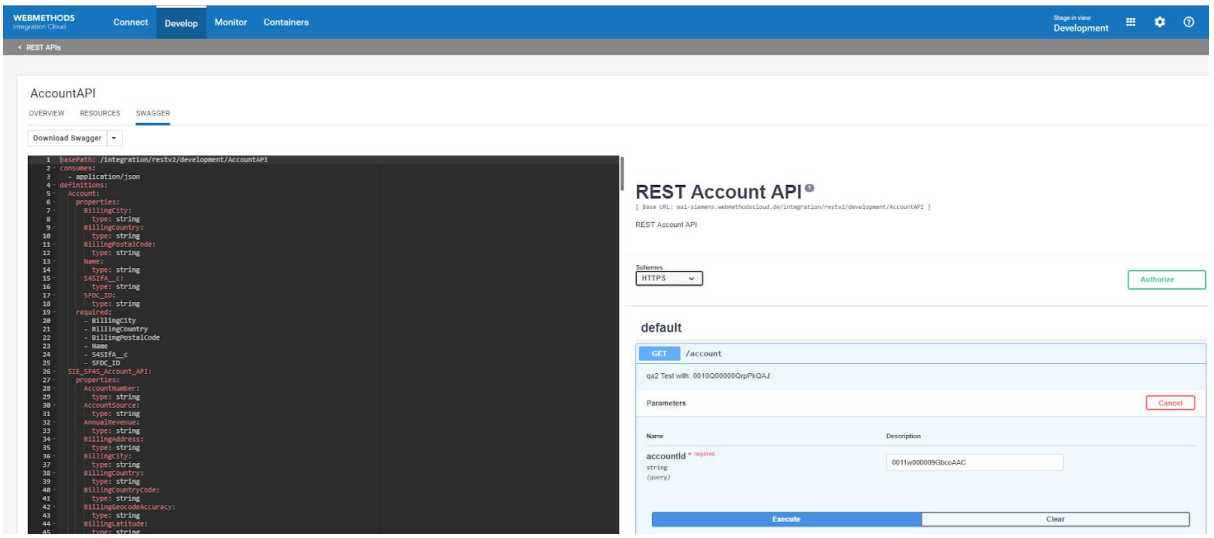
Of course. accountId is defined as query and not as path segment parameter.

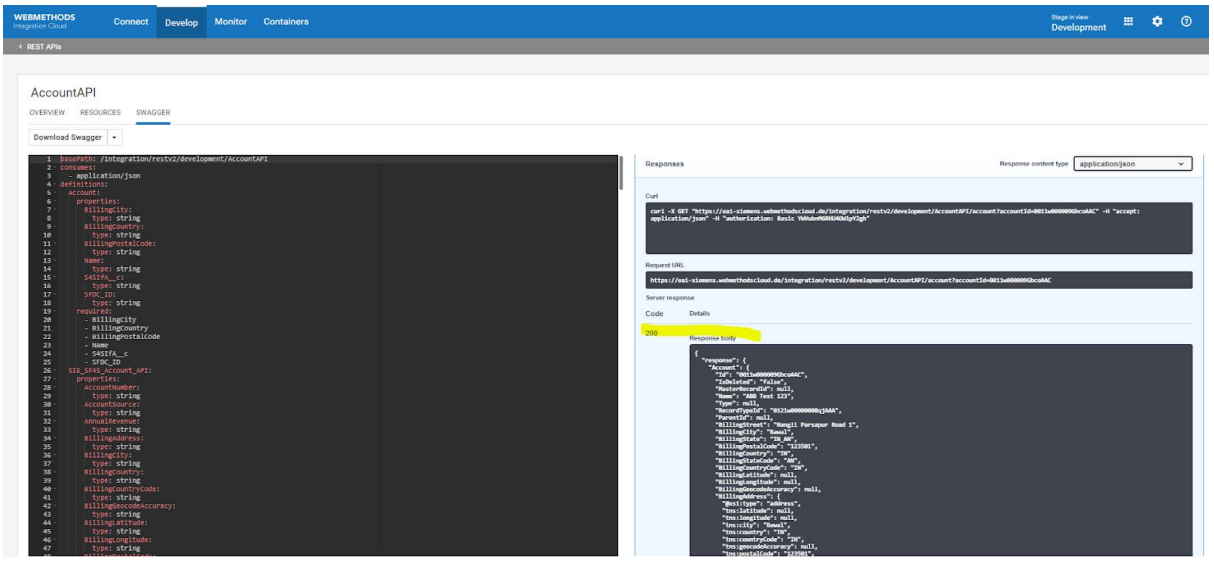


Now I try to test it in WMIC
With URL params it works. But that's not the best idea to use REST. The common usage of query params is if you want to search something. Query params returns empty lists or objects. Path param return 404 Not found if resource is not in the provider system. But OK.
Our Request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





Conclusion:

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