

# Quarkus - Quarkus Extension for Spring Web API

While users are encouraged to use JAX-RS annotation for defining REST endpoints, Quarkus provides a compatibility layer for Spring Web in the form of the **spring-web** extension.

This guide explains how a Quarkus application can leverage the well known Spring Web annotations to define RESTful services.



This technology is considered preview.

In *preview*, backward compatibility and presence in the ecosystem is not guaranteed. Specific improvements might require to change configuration or APIs and plans to become *stable* are under way. Feedback is welcome on our [mailing list](#) or as issues in our [GitHub issue tracker](#).

For a full list of possible extension statuses, check our [FAQ entry](#).

## Prerequisites

To complete this guide, you need:

- less than 15 minutes
- an IDE
- JDK 1.8+ installed with **JAVA\_HOME** configured appropriately
- Apache Maven 3.6.3

## Solution

We recommend that you follow the instructions in the next sections and create the application step by step. However, you can go right to the completed example.

Clone the Git repository: `git clone https://github.com/quarkusio/quarkus-quickstarts.git`, or download an [archive](#).

The solution is located in the **spring-web-quickstart** directory.

## Creating the Maven project

First, we need a new project. Create a new project with the following command:

```
mvn io.quarkus:quarkus-maven-plugin:1.4.1.Final:create \
  -DprojectId=org.acme \
  -DprojectArtifactId=spring-web-quickstart \
  -DclassName="org.acme.spring.web.GreetingController" \
  -Dpath="/greeting" \
  -Dextensions="spring-web"
cd spring-web-quickstart
```

This command generates a Maven project with a REST endpoint and imports the `spring-web` extension.

## GreetingController

The Quarkus maven plugin automatically generated a controller with the Spring Web annotations to define our REST endpoint (instead of the JAX-RS ones used by default). The `src/main/java/org/acme/spring/web/GreetingController.java` file looks as follows:

```
package org.acme.spring.web;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/greeting")
public class GreetingController {

    @GetMapping
    public String hello() {
        return "hello";
    }
}
```

## GreetingControllerTest

Note that a test for the controller has been created as well:

```

package org.acme.spring.web;

import io.quarkus.test.junit.QuarkusTest;
import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;

import static io.restassured.RestAssured.given;
import static org.hamcrest.CoreMatchers.is;

@QuarkusTest
public class GreetingControllerTest {

    @Test
    public void testHelloEndpoint() {
        given()
            .when().get("/greeting")
            .then()
                .statusCode(200)
                .body(is("hello"));
    }
}

```

## Package and run the application

Run the application with: `./mvnw compile quarkus:dev`. Open your browser to <http://localhost:8080/greeting>.

The result should be: `{"message": "hello"}`.

## Run the application as a native executable

You can of course create a native image using the instructions of the [Building a native executable guide](#).

## Going further with an endpoint returning JSON

The `GreetingController` above was an example of a very simple endpoint. In many cases however it is required to return JSON content. The following example illustrates how that could be achieved using a Spring `RestController`:

```

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PathVariable;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/greeting")
public class GreetingController {

    @GetMapping("/{name}")
    public Greeting hello(@PathVariable(name = "name") String name)
    {
        return new Greeting("hello " + name);
    }

    public static class Greeting {
        private final String message;

        public Greeting(String message) {
            this.message = message;
        }

        public String getMessage(){
            return message;
        }
    }
}

```

The corresponding test could look like:

```

package org.acme.spring.web;

import io.quarkus.test.junit.QuarkusTest;
import org.junit.jupiter.api.Test;

import static io.restassured.RestAssured.given;
import static org.hamcrest.CoreMatchers.is;

@QuarkusTest
public class GreetingControllerTest {

    @Test
    public void testHelloEndpoint() {
        given()
            .when().get("/greeting/quarkus")
            .then()
                .statusCode(200)
                .body("message", is("hello quarkus"));
    }
}

```

It should be noted that when using the Spring Web support in Quarkus, [Jackson](#) is automatically added to the classpath and properly setup.

## Supported Spring Web functionalities

Quarkus currently supports a subset of the functionalities that Spring Web provides. More specifically Quarkus supports the REST related features of Spring Web (think of `@RestController` instead of `@Controller`).

## Annotations

The table below summarizes the supported annotations:

Table 1. Supported Spring Web annotation

Name	Comments
@RestController	
@RequestMapping	
@GetMapping	
@PostMapping	
@PutMapping	
@DeleteMapping	

Name	Comments
@PatchMapping	
@RequestParam	
@RequestHeader	
@MatrixVariable	
@PathVariable	
@CookieValue	
@RequestBody	
@ResponseStatus	
@ExceptionHandler	Can only be used in a @RestControllerAdvice class, not on a per-controller basis
@RestControllerAdvice	Only the @ExceptionHandler capability is supported

## Controller method return types

The following method return types are supported:

- Primitive types
- String (which will be used as a literal, no Spring MVC view support is provided)
- POJO classes which will be serialized via JSON
- `org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity`

## Controller method parameter types

In addition to the method parameters that can be annotated with the appropriate Spring Web annotations from the previous table, `javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest` and `javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse` are also supported. For this to function however, users need to add the `quarkus-undertow` dependency.

## Exception handler method return types

The following method return types are supported:

- `org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity`
- `java.util.Map`

Other return types mentioned in the Spring [ExceptionHandler javadoc](#) are not supported.

## Exception handler method parameter types

The following parameter types are supported, in arbitrary order:

- An exception argument: declared as a general `Exception` or as a more specific exception. This also serves as a mapping hint if the annotation itself does not narrow the exception types through its `value()`.
- Request and/or response objects (typically from the Servlet API). You may choose any specific request/response type, e.g. `ServletRequest` / `HttpServletRequest`. To use Servlet API, the `quarkus-undertow` dependency needs to be added.

Other parameter types mentioned in the Spring `ExceptionHandler` javadoc are not supported.

## Important Technical Note

Please note that the Spring support in Quarkus does not start a Spring Application Context nor are any Spring infrastructure classes run. Spring classes and annotations are only used for reading metadata and / or are used as user code method return types or parameter types. What that means for end users, is that adding arbitrary Spring libraries will not have any effect. Moreover Spring infrastructure classes (like `org.springframework.beans.factory.config.BeanPostProcessor` for example) will not be executed.

## Conversion Table

The following table shows how Spring Web annotations can be converted to JAX-RS annotations.

Spring	JAX-RS	Comments
<code>@RestController</code>		There is no equivalent in JAX-RS. Annotating a class with <code>@Path</code> suffices
<code>@RequestMapping(path="/api")</code>	<code>@Path("/api")</code>	
<code>@RequestMapping(consumes="application/json")</code>	<code>@Consumes("application/json")</code>	
<code>@RequestMapping(produces="application/json")</code>	<code>@Produces("application/json")</code>	
<code>@RequestParam</code>	<code>@QueryParam</code>	
<code>@PathVariable</code>	<code>@PathParam</code>	
<code>@RequestBody</code>		No equivalent in JAX-RS. Method parameters corresponding to the body of the request are handled in JAX-RS without requiring any annotation

Spring	JAX-RS	Comments
@RestControllerAdvice		No equivalent in JAX-RS
@ResponseStatus		No equivalent in JAX-RS
@ExceptionHandler		No equivalent annotation in JAX-RS. Exceptions are handled by implementing <code>javax.ws.rs.ext.ExceptionMapper</code>

## More Spring guides

Quarkus has more Spring compatibility features. See the following guides for more details:

- [Quarkus - Extension for Spring DI](#)
- [Quarkus - Extension for Spring Data JPA](#)
- [Quarkus - Extension for Spring Security](#)
- [Quarkus - Reading properties from Spring Cloud Config Server](#)
- [Quarkus - Extension for Spring Boot properties](#)