

STUDENT TRAINING GUIDE

Implementing RESTful Services



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Overview

In this session, we will discuss how to manipulate items using the Aras Innovator RESTful API that allows you to retrieve, add, update, and delete items, as well as execute server methods, stored in the Aras Innovator database. The API uses the Open Data Protocol (OData) which is an International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) approved Open Access Same-Time Information Standard (OASIS). Data elements that are exchanged with the server are defined using the JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format. This allows any clients that support this protocol to communicate easily with the Aras Innovator server.

Objectives

- Discuss the RESTful architecture.
- Review the Open Data Protocol (OData).
- Retrieve Items and Properties.
- Use Request options to filter data.
- Add new Items.
- Edit existing Items.
- Delete Items.
- Execute server methods.

Defining RESTful Architecture

- Web service style (Representational State Transfer)
- Provides interoperability between computers using the internet
- Communicate using HTTP Methods/ URL's
- Guiding constraints:
 - Uniform interface
 - Client-server architecture
 - Stateless
 - Cacheable
 - Support Layered Systems
 - Code on Demand (Optional)

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Defining RESTful Architecture

REST stands for "Representational State Transfer" and it is a common architecture style for designing loosely coupled applications that interact using HTTP. REST does not enforce any rules regarding how it should be implemented at a lower level; it just defines high-level design guidelines, which are implemented by web services developers.

The Aras RESTful API has been created with these goals in mind and follows six architectural constraints, as outlined in the following recommended reading for this topic, included in detail in Roy T. Fielding's year 2000 dissertation presented to the University of California, Irvine and found online at the following URL: https://ics.uci.edu/~fielding/pubs/dissertation/fielding_dissertation.pdf.

Architectural Constraints

The architectural constraints suggested in the technical literature above are briefly described below with a very simple approach.

Uniform Interface

All resources should be accessible via a URI using a common approach (such as HTTP GET, POST, PATCH, DELETE) and follow a standardized set of syntax rules.

Client-Server architecture

The development of the client and the server must be able to evolve independently.

Stateless

Each client-to-server request must contain all the information necessary to understand the request and cannot take advantage of any stored context on the server. The session state is therefore kept entirely on the client.

Cacheable

If a response is cacheable, then a client cache is given the right to reuse that response dataset for later equivalent requests.

Layered Systems

The architecture must support systems built in hierarchical layers so that different servers can work together to service a request.

Code on Demand (optional)

Allows the client to download and execute code in the form of applets or scripts.



Understanding OData

The Open Data Protocol (OData) is a data access protocol for the web. OData provides a uniform mechanism to query and manipulate datasets through CRUD operations (create, read, update, and delete).

OData is built on the AtomPub protocol for retrieving and sending data and follows OASIS recommendations. It uses standardized technologies such as HTTP, XML, and JSON to send and receive data in a uniform manner, as well as define the data model being used.

The Aras implementation of RESTful Services uses OData to receive an OData Request at the server and subsequently translate that request into a corresponding AML request. The resulting dataset provided by the server execution of the received request is then translated back as an OData response and sent to the requesting client.

Understanding the Aras AML command language is extremely helpful when constructing and debugging OData requests to be consumed by the server.

Simply put, Aras Innovator RESTful API uses OData protocol to handle its RESTful API. On the other hand, JSON allows a more compact data format, hence enabling faster processing and communication with other systems that also support the OData protocol.



Reviewing OData URL

The simple OData URL structure allows one to easily identify the elements involved in the client-server communication using HTTP messages. Those messages may include the following components:

• Service Root URL

Contains the base URL for the requested service. It normally presents the name of the server and associated port in use, if needed.

Resource Path

Exposes the object accessible to HTTP elements, using its standard methods, such as GET, POST, PUT, PATCH and DELETE. For Aras, this element typically represents an ItemType, or server method involved with the request.

Query Options (optional)

Following the query string indicator (?), these parameters are passed to the service and support attributes to the queries to be applied on the requested resource. Multiple query strings can be included, and they are delimited by the ampersand character (&). The Aras API options include filtering, paging, and selecting data.

Implem	plementing HTTP Methods as Aras Actions					
нтт	^{>} Method	Aras AML Action	Notes			
GET		get				
POS	Т	add	default for POST			
POS	Т	create	@aras.action: create			
PUT		edit	update single property on an Item			
PATC	Н	edit	default for PATCH			
PATC	Н	Update	@aras.action: update			
PATC	Н	Lock	@aras.action: lock			
PATC	Н	Unlock	@aras.action: unlock			
PATC	Н	Merge	@aras.action: merge			
DELE	ETE	Delete	default for DELETE			
DELE	ETE	Purge	@aras.action: purge			
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Implementing HTTP Methods as Aras Actions

Every OData request relates to an HTTP method which is then used by the Aras API to determine its purpose and build the appropriate AML command to be presented to the server.



Insomnia API Testing Tool

Several 3rd party tools are available to help you create and test HTTP requests and review the responses. In this session, we will be using Insomnia, which is downloadable from <u>https://insomnia.rest/download</u>. As an API testing tool, Insomnia will:

- Provide an HTTP Client to be used as a testbed for Web Services.
- Execute Aras RESTful API requests.
- Use local, cloud or Git based storage.
- Offer advanced scripting capabilities.
- Handle environmental variables.
- Incorporate secure authentication.

Authorizing Requests Using OAuth Token

Our test implementation will explore the Insomnia capability of sharing an authentication token with all requests within a collection. To get the authentication token, proper system configuration parameters are entered onto the authorization form available in Insomnia. For further details on how to fill out the authorization form, see instructions on this configuration on the Aras Innovator RESTful API documentation that goes with each Aras Innovator release documentation. Specific reference to configure Postman properly is found on Chapter 7 – Using OAuth 2.0 Tokens from the Authentication Server, where the setup parameters are discussed in detail.

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7 Using OAuth 2.0 Tokens from the Authentication Server

The Authentication Server enables to request an OAuth 2.0 token from the server to use as basic authentication. The information in this chapter has been adapted from the "<u>Authenticating in OAuth 2.0</u> with Aras RESTful API" blog.

Note: The Aras Innovator version 12 and below require different authentication steps. Refer to <u>Token</u> <u>Authentication using the REST API</u> blog for more information.

From Aras Innovator 14+ versions, 0Auth 2.0 tokens is used for token authentication.

The Aras Innovator API requires each request to be authorized to access the server using a set of credentials. An access token may be first obtained by providing a set of parameters to the Aras OAuthServer.

Base Environment	Ð	Base Environment
ACE2024		<pre>1 * { 2 * "innovator": { 3 "host": "arastrainingvm", 4 "alias": "ACE2024VM", 5 "username": "admin", 6 "password": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 7 }, 8 "base_url": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 7 }, 10 * "oauth": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 7 }, 10 * "oauth": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 11 "server_url": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 12 * token_url": "607920864FE136F9AB2389E371852AF2" 13 "authorize_url": "600auth.server_url /connect/token", 13 * "authorize_url": "600auth.server_url /connect/authorize" 14 } 15 } </pre>

The generated token is then used repeatedly to authorize any subsequent requests made to the Aras Innovator server until the preset token expiration period is reached. By default, the authorization token is set to expire 3600 seconds (one hour) after its issuance time, however this parameter may be configured at ...server_install\OAuthServer\OAuth.config file, as shown below.



A request is then presented to the server for the OAuth token, as shown below.

POST - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/OAuthServer/connect/token			Send	-		
Parameters	Form 6 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers 3	Docs		
URL PREVIEW	gvm/ACE2024VM/OAuthSe	rver/connect/toke	n		ſ	1

A sample of the returned token, obtained in Insomnia, is shown below.

Previe	Headers 7 Cookies Timeline
	f
	"access_token":
	"eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiISImtpZCI6IkUyRjQyNzhDOUQyN0YzNUE5MzcwNEQ5QzQyMTQzQTVCRDc4QTlENDhSUzI1NiISInR
	5cCI6ImF0K2p3dCIsIng1dCI6IjR2UW5qSjBu0DFxVGNFMmNRaFE2Vz1lS25VZyJ9.eyJuYmYi0jE3MDkyMDk5MzIsImV4cC
	IGMTcwOTIxNzEzMiwiaXNzIjoiT0F1dGhTZXJ2ZXIILCJhdWQiOlsiSW5ub3ZhdG9yIiwiT0F1dGhTZXJ2ZXIvcmVzb3VyY2
	VzIl0sImNsaWVudF9pZCI6IklPTUFwcCIsInN1YiI6ImFkbWluIiwiYXV0aF90aW1lIjoxNzA5MjA5OTMyLCJpZHAiOiJsb2
	NhbCISInVzZXJuYW1lIjoiYWRtaW4iLCJkYXRhYmFzZSI6IkFDRTIWMjREQiISImp0aSI6IjI4MkRDNDVCRUE3MUQxQzdCRj
	M1MEFDQjJDMDcxMDVFIiwiaWF0IjoxNzA5MjA5OTMyLCJzY29wZSI6WyJJbm5vdmF0b3IiXSwiYW1yIjpbInBhc3N3b3JkIl
	19.o2q6EfB5HFDiegqbiDftee6ggP56BDaEB933hpJiIW40TauXP-rFxthI0PLBpmVFaTuUeMg-
	qa1GKVe6ioqvJrAEYfrYDQ2sA39WLCkAfWumNq_DakB_ojKa4QlKHteyyLSmEklZGk2TcciJvc6b22Wt82xb5b85ycYsdp2r
	tia7vuuLA4XsJLL9jyjHq410nrBftbWk06VkdPbKzoJ-
	08RmbDY8t2qySwBbZn9gtVbwHjTovOISxv_jf9njh5u3jLHbrNAhGwnrxT2_moj3Q0bcdJwzd2FEpLCNlgUgcGrch1rwaCCl
	QCX4GBBthWYJZiAAkZjYXWME5FZC_A-3sQ",
	"expires_in": 7200,
	"token_type": "Bearer",
	"scope": "Innovator"
	}

Hands-on Practice

At this point of our discussion, we have established the technical foundation on which the handshake of a client requester system and the server response provider system communicate. The following examples will allow us to exercise and solidify this understanding using some hands-on exercises to experience the exchange of different types of queries.

Our sample queries were grouped into similar requests within each HTML method group, with some sort of progressive level of complexity, allowing us to provide examples of the manipulation of ItemTypes (datasets) on its entireness, or a more detailed approach at lower levels to manipulate single and specific items, or collection of items, within the corresponding dataset, with the application of arguments.

The additional arguments in the request string correspond to AML elements used to:

- Filter on Item properties.
- Select Item properties to be returned.
- Apply conditional selection of returned items based on property values and ranges.
- Include relationship properties to the result set.
- Include related items to the result set.
- Manipulate extended properties.
- Determine items to be affected by an update request.
- Invoke the execution of a server-side method.



Get All Parts

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The resource section of the OData URL specifies the ItemType (database table) the server operation will use to fulfill the request.

GET 🔻 http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part	Send	•	
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Try it:

To retrieve all parts

- 1. To retrieve all items of a specific ItemType use the HTTP GET method and provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Get All Parts count

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part/\$count	Send	•	
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Try it:

To retrieve the total count of items in a table

- 1. To retrieve the total count of items of a specific ItemType, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append the option "\$count" at the end of the request.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Get All Parts Top 10

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

Try it:

To retrieve the top 10 items of ItemType Part

- 1. To retrieve the top 10 items of ItemType Part, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append the option "?\$top=10" at the end of the request.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200 OK	135 ms 5.4 KB Just Now 🔻					
Preview 🔻	Headers 11 Cookies Timeline					
1 - {						
2 "@o	<pre>data.context": "<u>http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part</u>",</pre>					
3 va "va	lue": [
4 - {						
	"classification": "Component",					
	"control_type": "None",					
	"cost": 93.0100,					
	"cost_basis": "Actual",					
	"created_on": "2024-02-15T16:23:48",					
10	"current_state@aras.name": "Preliminary",					
11	"description": "Test part created for RESTful Services hands-on exercise					
durin	g ACE2024 by Paulo Costa. DO NOT DELETE.",					
12	"generation": 5,					
13	"has_change_pending": "0",					
14	"id": "126C99CDC1944ECE853A70F7A64EE859",					
15	"is_current": "1",					
16	"is_released": "0",					
17	"keyed_name": "ACE-9301-PC",					
18	"major_rev": "A",					
19	"make_buy": "Make",					
	"modified_on": "2024-02-2/15:36:32",					
21	name : HITP PAICH TEST ;					
22	"net lockable", "0"					
23	"state": "Dreliminary"					
24	State - Freiminary ,					
25	unit . En j					
20	"itemtype", "4F14C044220445240445240065300863808488"					
22						
29 7 5						
30	"created on": "2024-01-11T16:46:07".					
31	"current_state@aras.name": "Preliminary".					
32	"generation": 1,					

Get All Parts OrderBy

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.



Try it:

To retrieve items ordered by a specific property

- To retrieve items ordered by a specific property, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append the option "?\$orderby=item_number" at the end of the request.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Get Single Part by Id

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part('754B4C062A7241A2I	Send	-

Try it:

To retrieve a single item by its Id

- 1. To retrieve a single item by its identification, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append the item "id" as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200	OK 165 ms 818 B	2				
Previe	w - Headers 11 Cookies Timeline					
	{					
	"@odata.context":					
	"http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part/\$entity	,				
	"classification": "Component",					
	"control_type": "Serial",					
	"cost": 0.0200,					
	"cost_basis": "Actual",					
	"created_on": "2017-10-16T10:08:00",					
	"current_state@aras.name": "Released",					
	"description": "",					
10	"effective_date": "2017-11-07T13:37:00",					
11	"external_owner": "SofTech.Mechanical.SolidWorks",					
12	"generation": 1,					
13	"has_change_pending": "0",					
14	"id": "754B4C062A7241A2B512BB0B96276F8E",					
15	"is_current": "1",					
16	"is_released": "1",					
17	"keyed_name": "MP0190",					
18	"major_rev": "A",					
19	"make_buy": "Make",					
20	"modified_on": "2017-11-07T13:37:00",					
21	"name": "M3 Washer",					
22	"new_version": "0",					
23	"not_lockable": "0",					
24	"release_date": "2017-11-07T13:37:00",					
25	"state": "Released",					
26	"thumbnail": "vault:///?fileId=EF01183252BB408CB12F3AE4F3D816DA",					
27	"unit": "EA",					
28	"item_number": "MP0190",					
29	"itemtype": "4F1AC04A2B484F3ABA4E20DB63808A88"					
30	}					

Get Single Property of a Single Part

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part('754B4C062A7241A2I	Send	-

Try it:

To retrieve a single property of a single item

- 1. To retrieve a single property of a single item, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append both the item id and the option that indicates the name of the desired property to be retrieved as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200 OK	44.1 ms	136 B		Just Now 🔻
Preview 🔻	Headers	11	Cookies	Timeline
1 - { 2 "@oo " <u>http:</u> <u>B0B962</u> 3 "va] 4 }	data.context //arastrain 276F8E')/cos Lue": 0.0200	": <u>ingvm/ACU</u> <u>t</u> ",	E2024VM/serv	<u>ver/odata/\$metadata#Part('754B4C062A7241A2B512B</u>

Get Single Property of All Items and Total Count

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Customer	Send	•

Try it:

To retrieve a single property of all items and the total count

- 1. To retrieve a single property of a single item, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, append the options for both total count and select the desired properties to be returned as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200 OK	6.14 s	1041 B			
Preview 🔻	Header	rs 🚺	Cookies	Timeline	
1 - {					
2 "@	odata.conte	xt":			
" <u>htt</u>	<u>p://arastra</u>	<u>iningvm/AC</u>	E2024VM/ser	<u>ver/odata/\$metadata</u> #	Customer(name)"
3 "@	odata.count	": 7,			
4 ÷ ~ V	aiue":[
	ι "@odata.i	d": "Custo	mer('F787E6	F27612445EB1FFAA2D20	01E086')".
	"name": "	DaimlerChr	ysler",		,,,
	"itemtype	": "E4847F	- 4A706B4285/	395C0228A867E0F"	
	},				
	{				
11	"@odata.1	d": "Custo	mer('CA2769	A1B85B4AC38484E1034D	26080B')",
12	"itemtype	Ueiphi Cor 	20781100",	395002284867505"	
14	<pre>},</pre>	. 19471		55502288867261	
	{				
	"@odata.i	d": "Custo	mer('E0078E	62C53348D7A4E1839A36	C99D94')",
17	"name": "	Ford Motor	Company",		
18	"itemtype	": "E4847F	4A706B4285/	395C0228A867E0F"	
	} ,				
20 *	1 "Aodata i	d": "Custo	mer('ECRRD/	C13D5E4E429E19755522	840270 ')"
22	"name": "	General Mo	tors".		
	"itemtype	": "E4847F	4A706B4285A	395C0228A867E0F"	
	},				
	{				
26	"@odata.i	d": "Custo	mer('36CC55	62C8FB4DA0BD9DC4F1A0	7EF970')",
	"name": "	Honda of A	merica",	205502204057505"	
29	<pre>}.</pre>	• E4047F	44/0004203/	333C0226A607E0F	
30 -	{				
	"@odata.i	d": "Custo	mer('634059	75BD014BD083527D7C9E	482242')",
	"name": "	Lear Corpo	ration",		
	"itemtype	": "E4847F	4A706B4285A	395C0228A867E0F"	
34	},				
35 7	i "Aodata i	d": "custo	mer/'ccp/97	DC20204E1EDDEAECC2C	C9C220'\"
37	"name": "	Wal-Mart".		BOSSSOFF IEBBSASCESSE	, (מננטננו
	"itemtype	": "E4847F	4A706B4285A	395C0228A867E0F"	
	}				
40]					
41 }					

Get Selected Properties of All Items

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET 🔻 http://arast	Send 💌		
Parameters 1	Other 🔻 Bearer	Headers Docs	
URL PREVIEW http://arastrainingvm/A QUERY PARAMETERS	CE2024VM/server/odata/Part?%2	4select=item_number,name,classification	D Bulk Edit
Add Delete All	Toggle Description		
\$select		item_number,name,classification	▼ ■ 前

Try it:

To retrieve selected properties of all items

- 1. To retrieve selected properties of all items, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append the option to select the desired properties to be returned as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200 OK	7.61 s 90.6 KB	3 Minutes Ago
Preview 🔻	Headers 11 Cookies Timeline	
1 - {		
2 "@	odata.context":	
" <u>htt</u>	<pre>p://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part(item</pre>	<u>number,name,cla</u>
<u>ssif</u>	<u>ication)</u> ",	
3 * "v a	alue": [
	{	
	<pre>"@odata.id": "Part('126C99CDC1944ECE853A70F7A64EE859')",</pre>	
	"item_number": "ACE-9301-PC",	
	"name": "HTTP PATCH TEST",	
	"classification": "Component",	
	"itemtype": "4F1AC04A2B484F3ABA4E20DB63808A88"	
10	},	
11 -	{	
12	"@odata.id": "Part('62A15ECA07234A94870899B31A37D330')",	
13	"item_number": "ap001-100",	
14	"name": "100 hour Cell Phone Battery",	
15	"classification": null,	
	"itemtype": "4F1AC04A2B484F3ABA4E20DB63808A88"	

Get All Items with Matching Selected Properties

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET 🔻 http://arasti	Send	•			
Parameters 1	Form 🔻 Bearer	 Heade 	ers Docs		
URL PREVIEW http://arastrainingvm/Au q%20'Assembly'	CE2024VM/server/odata/Part?%	24filter=cost%20gt9	%20500%20and%20classification%	20e 🗗	
QUERY PARAMETERS			Import from URL	Bulk Edit	t
Add Delete All	Toggle Description				
\$filter		cost gt 500 a	and classification eq 'Asser	m 🔻 🗹	

Try it:

To retrieve all items with matching selected properties

- 1. To retrieve selected properties of all items, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append both the option to filter on select the desired properties and conditions to be returned as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

200 OK	53.8 ms 839 B	Just Now 🔻
Preview 🔻	Headers 11 Cookies Timeline	
1 - { 2 "@o 3 - "va	data.context": " <u>http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM</u> lue": [<u> /server/odata/\$metadata#Part</u> ",
4 ₹ { 5	"classification": "Assembly",	
	<pre>"control_type": "Serial", "cost": 2324.0290,</pre>	
	<pre>"cost_basis": "Calculated", "created_on": "2017-10-16T10:08:00",</pre>	

Get Item and Expand on Relationships

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET ▼ http://arastr	GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part				
Parameters 2	Form 🔻 Bearer	 Headers Docs 			
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Try it:

To retrieve an item and expand its relationships

- 1. To retrieve selected properties of all items, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append both options to filter on the selected item and expand the desired relationship ItemType as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

NOTE:

See screenshot of partial result set on next page.

200 OK	482 ms	1711 B	Just Now 🔻
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1 - {			
2 "@o	data.context"	: " <u>http://</u>	/arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part",
3 - "va	lue": [
4 - {			
	"classificat:	100": "ASS	sembly",
	"control_type	er: "Seria	a1",
	"cost basis"	. "Calcula	ated"
	"created on"	: "2017-10	0-16T10:08:00".
10	"current_stat	te@aras.na	ame": "Released",
11	"description	": "",	
12	"effective_da	ate": "201	17-11-07T13:37:00",
13	"external_ow	ner": "Sof	fTech.Mechanical.SolidWorks",
14	"generation"	: 1,	
15	"has_change_	pending":	"0",
16	"id": "9EF3C	D4874C6451	1E8166FFF2605BFB71",
17	"is_current"	: "1",	
18	"keved_name"	: L , "MP2939"	
20	"major rev":	"A".	,
21	"make buy":	"Make"	
22	"modified_on	": "2017-1	11-07T13:37:00",
23	"name": "Body	y Fan Asse	embly",
24	"new_version"	": "0",	
25	"not_lockable	e": "0",	
26	"release_date	e": "2017-	-11-07T13:37:00",
27	"state": "Re	leased",	
28	"tnumbnall":	"vault://	//?TILE10=89FF05DF6ED94DBCBE2549A051C5B501~,
29	"item number) "• "MP2930	9"
31 -	"Part BOM":	· /// 2000	,
32 -	{		
33	"behavio	r": "fixed	d",
34	"created	_on": "201	17-10-24T15:09:00",
	"externa	l_owner":	"SofTech.Mechanical.SolidWorks",
	"generat:	ion": 1,	
37	"id": "A	2F6477F1F/	A64E36A36FB7CA76CD7D88",
38	"1s_curre	ent": "1",	J
39	"IS_FELE	ased": "0"	"} EC477E1EAC4E3CA3CED7CA7CCD7D99"
40	"major_r	ame . Azr ev". "A"	ro4//F1FA04E30A30FD/CA/0CD/060 ;
42	"modifie	d on": "26	017-10-24T15:09:00",
43	"new_ver:	sion": "1"	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
44	"not_loc	kable": "@	0",
	"quantity	y": 1,	
46	"referen	ce_designa	ator": "",
47	"sort_or	der": 5,	
48	"itemtype	e": "5E9C9	5A12CC58413A8670CF4003C57848"
	},		

Get Item and Expand on Relationships and Related Items

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part						
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4filter=item_number%20eq%20'MP2939'%20&%24ex	pand 🛃					
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item_number eq 'MP2939'	- 2					
Part BOM(\$expand=related_id)	-					
	erver/odata/Part Headers Docs 4filter=item_number%20eq%20'MP2939'%20&%24exq Import from URL 0 item_number eq 'MP2939' Part BOM(\$expand=related_id)	eerver/odata/Part Send Headers Docs 4filter=item_number%20eq%20'MP2939'%208x%24expand Import from URL Bulk Edit item_number eq 'MP2939' • Part BOM(\$expand=related_id) •				

Try it:

To retrieve an item and expand its relationships and related items

- 1. To retrieve selected properties of all items, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, append both query parameters to filter on the selected item and expand the desired relationship ItemType and related items as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

NOTE:

See screenshot of partial result set on next page.

200 OK	71.6 ms 3.1 KB Just No
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1 - {	
2 "@ o	data.context": " <u>http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part</u>
3 ⊤ "va	ilue": [
4 - {	
	"classification": "Assembly",
	"control_type": "Serial",
	"COST": 9.9000,
	"cost_Dasis": "Calculated", "created on": "2017 10 16710:00:00"
10	"current state@aras_name": "Beleased"
11	"description": ""
12	"effective date": "2017-11-07T13:37:00".
13	"external owner": "SofTech.Mechanical.SolidWorks".
14	"generation": 1,
15	"has_change_pending": "0",
16	"id": "9EF3CD4874C6451E8166FFF2605BFB71",
17	"is_current": "1",
18	"is_released": "1",
19	"keyed_name": "MP2939",
20	"major_rev": "A",
21	"make_buy": "Make",
22	"modified_on": "2017-11-07T13:37:00",
23	"name": "Body Fan Assembly",
24	"new_version": "0",
25	"not_lockable": "0",
26	"release_date": "2017-11-07T13:37:00",
27	"State": "Released", "thumbooil": "yoult:///)filetd_getgetgetgetgetgetgetgetgetgetgetgetgetg
20	"unit": "EA"
30	"item number". "MP2939".
31 -	"Part ROM": [
32 -	{
33	"behavior": "fixed",
34	"created_on": "2017-10-24T15:09:00",
35	"external_owner": "SofTech.Mechanical.SolidWorks",
36	"generation": 1,
37	"id": "A2F6477F1FA64E36A36FB7CA76CD7D88",
38	"is_current": "1",
39	"is_released": "0",
40	"keyed_name": "A2F6477F1FA64E36A36FB7CA76CD7D88",
41	"major_rev": "A",
42	"modified_on": "2017-10-24T15:09:00",
43	"new_version": "1",
44	"NOT_LOCKADIE": "0", "substitu": 4
45	"quantity": 1, "peference decignator": ""
40	"related id": /
47 4	"classification": "Component"
49	"control type": "Secial".
50	"cost": 9.0000,
51	"cost_basis": "Actual",

Get All Extended Properties of an Items

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET ▼ http://arast	rainingvm/ACE2024VM/s	erver/odata/Part('	8CA5994A5DF84E8C	Send	•
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QUERY PARAMETERS			Import from URL	🖸 Bulk Edi	it
Add Delete All	Toggle Description				
\$select		xp-*		- 2	Î

Try it:

To retrieve all extended properties of an item

- 1. To retrieve selected properties of all items, use the HTTP GET method, provide the ItemType name in the resource section of the OData URL, and append all query parameters to filter on the selected item and desired multiple "xp-" properties as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Get All Properties of a File Item

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET ▼ http://	arastrainingvm,	ACE2024VM/s	erver/odata/Fi	ile('2B713411CDEC44648	Send	•
Parameters	Form 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers	Docs		
URL PREVIEW	gvm/ACE2024VM/se	rver/odata/File(%27	72B713411CDEC44	64863039B66DEB6FA8%27)	ſ	

Try it:

To retrieve all properties of a File Item

- 1. To retrieve all properties of a File item, use the HTTP GET method and provide the unique Id of the desired file item to explore as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Get the physical File item

The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve items from the database. The addition of optional parameters will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the presented result set.

GET ▼ http://	arastrainingvm	/ACE2024VM/s	erver/odata/F	ile('2B713411CDEC44648	Send	-
Parameters	Form 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers	Docs		
URL PREVIEW	gvm/ACE2024VM/se	erver/odata/File(%2)	72B713411CDEC44	64863039B66DEB6FA8%27)/\$value	ſ	

Try it:

To retrieve the physical File item

- 1. To retrieve the physical file item itself use the HTTP GET method and in addition provide the unique Id of the desired file item to explore, as well as the option "\$value" as shown above.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

NOTE:

See screenshot of partial result set on next page.



Add New Item

The HTTP POST method is used to add items to the database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.

POST - http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/Part						•
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1 - { 2 "item_ 3 "name" 4 "descr 5 }	number": "PC-11 : "PC RESTful", iption": "PC pa	11111", rt added usinį	g RESTful services"			

Try it:

To add a new item

- 1. To add a new item to the database, use the HTTP POST method, provide the ItemType, and include elements to associate values to the item properties, as seen on the Body tab of the client interface.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Additional verification may be performed directly on the Innovator client with a new search on Parts.

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Add New Item with Reference to Another Item

The HTTP POST method is used to add items to the database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.

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Parameters	JSON 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers 1	Docs		
1 - { "ite 2 "nam 3 "des Engine 4 "own 5 }	m_number": "PC- e" : "PC RESTfu cription" : "Pa ering", ed_by_id@odata.	3333333", Il Part 3", art added with bind": "Identi	RESTful Services a ity('5F9C887B3B224&	and owned by Componer 358EB257BE51B18949')	t "	

Try it:

To add a new item with reference to another item

- 1. To add a new item to the database and establish a reference to an existing item in the system, use the HTTP POST method, provide the ItemType, and include elements to bind properties to already existing items in Innovator, as seen on the Body tab of the client interface.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen. Additional verification may be directly performed using the Aras Innovator web browser-based client component.



Note the newly created item on the corresponding Aras Innovator Client Item View form and verify the allocation of the Assigned Creator to the Component Engineering identity.

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	Name PC RESTful Part 3				Designated User
	Туре	Unit M EA M	lake / Buy Make	Cost	Effective Date
	Long Description				
	Part added with RESTful Se Engineering	ervices and ov	wned by Com	ponent	

Add New Item Related to Another New Item

The HTTP POST method is used to add items to the database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.

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Parameters	5 JSON 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers 1	Docs							
1 - 1 -	1 - { "item_number": "PC-5555555",										
2 "	name" : "PC New So	ource Part",									
3 "	description" : "Ne	w Part create	d with RESTful Serv	ices",							
_ 4 = "	Part BOM" : [
	{"quantity" : "5"										
	"related_id" :										
	"item_number	* : "PCR-5555	555",								
	"name" : "PO	New Related	Part",								
	"descrip	otion" : "New	related Part create	d with RESTful Servi	ices"						
10	}										
11	}										
12]											
13 }											

Note the JSON constructor built in the Body tab to indicate both the source and related items in this new relationship.

Try it:

To add a new item related to another new item

- 1. To add two new items to the database and establish a relationship between the two, use the HTTP POST method, provide the ItemType, and include elements to bind them in a new relationship, as seen above on the Body tab of the requester client interface.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen. Additional verification may be directly performed using the Aras Innovator web browser-based client component.

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E	Part Number 🕇	Revi	Name	Туре	State
~	pc*			P	
	PC-1111111	А	PC RESTful		Preliminary
	PC-3333333	А	PC RESTful Part 3		Preliminary
	PC-5555555	А	PC New Source Part		Preliminary
	PCR-5555555	А	PC New Related Part		Preliminary

NOTE: See screenshot of partial result set on next page.

201 Created	515 ms 1512 B									
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1 - {	1 - {									
2 "@oda	2 "@odata.context":									
"http:/	"http://arastrainingvm/ACE2024VM/server/odata/\$metadata#Part/\$entity".									
3 "crea	3 "created_on": "2024-02-29T17:11:30",									
4 "curr	rent_state@aras.name": "Preliminary",									
5 "desc	ription": "New Part created with RESTful Services",									
6 "gene	eration": 1,									
7 "has_	_change_pending": "0",									
8 "id":	"C3BB007D74254E50B54ED12DC0764F9B",									
9 "is_c	turrent": "1",									
10 "is_r	eleased": "0",									
11 "keye	ed_name": "PC-5555555",									
12 "maj o	or_rev": "A",									
13 "make	2_buy": "Make",									
14 "modi	t+1ed_on": "2024-02-29T17:11:30",									
15 "name	": "PC New Source Part",									
16 "new_	version": "0",									
17 "not_	lockable": "0",									
18 "stat	te": "Preliminary",									
19 "unit	r: "EA",									
20 "1tem	1_number": "PC-5555555",									
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24	"reneration": 1									
25	generation . 1, "id" - "9959560C464945038745519818450194"									
27 "	'is current": "1".									
28 "	"is released": "0".									
29 "	"keved name": "9959F6DC46494E03874E519B184ED194",									
30 "	"major rev": "A".									
31 "	'modified_on": "2024-02-29T17:11:30",									
32 "	'new_version": "1",									
33	'not_lockable": "0",									
34	'quantity": 5,									
35 -	'related_id": {									
36	"created_on": "2024-02-29T17:11:30",									
37	"current_state@aras.name": "Preliminary",									
38	"description": "New related Part created with RESTful Services",									
39	"generation": 1,									
40	"has_change_pending": "0",									
41	"id": "AB3EF72795724283803E00E77A89FE5E",									
42	"is_current": "1",									
43	"is_released": "0",									
44	"Keyed_name": "PCR-5555555",									
45	Major_rev": "A",									
46	make_Duy": "Make",									
4/	modified_on": "2024-02-29117:11:30",									
48	name": PC New Related Part",									

Edit an Item Property

The HTTP PATCH method is used to edit items in the database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.



Note the constructor built in the Body tab to indicate both the item property and associated value to be edited on the selected item.

Try it:

To edit an item property

- 1. To edit an item property, use the HTTP PATCH method, provide the ItemType, and define the unique item to be edited. Include elements to the Body tab to indicate both the property name and associated value to be edited on the selected item, as seen on the Body tab of the client interface.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen. Additional verification may be directly performed using the Aras Innovator web browser-based client component.

∧ Part				
Part Number	Rev	ision Stat	te	Assigned Creator
ACE-9301-PC	A	Pre	liminary	Innovator Admin
Name				Designated User
HTTP PATCH TEST				Innovator Admin
Туре	Unit	Make / Buy	Cost (Actual)	Effective Date
Component	EA	Make	93.0100	
Long Description				
Edited with RESTful Serv	vices by Paul	o Costa		

Running an Aras Innovator server-side method

The HTTP POST method is used to instruct the server to execute server-side methods already present in the Aras Innovator database. Note the use of dot (.) notation to link the requested resource to the desired server-side method name, as saved in the Aras Innovator database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.

POST 🔻 http:/	//arastrainingvr	n/ACE2024VM	/server/odata/	method.pc server getser	Send 🔹
Parameters	Body 🔻	Bearer 🔻	Headers	Docs	
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Try it:

To run an Aras Innovator server-side method

- 1. To run an Aras Innovator server-side method, use the HTTP POST method, provide the resource to be utilized on the request, and include the name of the selected server-side method to be executed, using the dot (.) notation to link the elements of your request.
- 2. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.

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1 "ARAST	RAININGVM"				

Running an Aras Innovator server-side method on an Item

The HTTP POST method is used to instruct the server to execute server-side methods already present in the Aras Innovator database. Note the use of dot (.) notation to link the requested resource to the desired server-side method name, as saved in the Aras Innovator database. The addition of optional parameters and supplemental elements will change the logic of the request, and consequently alter the behavior to be adopted by the server.

POST 👻 http	://arastrainingvm	ACE2024VM/	server/odata/r	nethod.pc CalculateCosi	Send	•
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1 f 2 " 3 " 4 }	@odata.type" : " id" : "83890B187	http://ArasTra 2744031BBB8EC2	ining/data/\$m DBC37D5C6"	etadata#Part",		

Try it:

To run an Aras Innovator server-side method

- 1. To run an Aras Innovator server-side method, use the HTTP POST method and in addition to providing the resource to be utilized on the request, include the name of the selected server-side method to be executed, using the dot (.) notation to link the elements of your request.
- 2. Add the reference of the item to be processed by the selected server-side method to be executed by the Aras Innovator server with the construct included in the Body tab, as seen above.
- 3. Click the Send button to process the request. The response (items or errors) will appear in the server response panel of the application screen.



Summary

In this session, we discussed several aspects of the Aras RESTful Services API utilization. As a result, you should be able to:

- Understand the RESTful architecture using OData.
- Use HTTP methods in OData formatted instructions to:
 - 1. Retrieve Items and properties values.
 - 2. Add new Items.
 - 3. Edit existing Items.
 - 4. Execute Aras Innovator server-side methods.