



Spring for Android Reference Documentation

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1. Spring for Android Overview

1.1 Introduction

The Spring for Android project supports the usage of the Spring Framework in an Android environment. This includes the ability to use RestTemplate as the REST client for your Android applications. Spring for Android also provides support for integrating Spring Social functionality into your Android application, which includes a robust OAuth based, authorization client and implementations for popular social web sites, such as Twitter and Facebook.

2. RestTemplate Module

2.1 Introduction

Spring's RestTemplate is a robust, popular Java-based REST client. The Spring for Android RestTemplate Module provides a version of RestTemplate that works in an Android environment.

2.2 Overview

The RestTemplate class is the heart of the Spring for Android RestTemplate library. It is conceptually similar to other template classes found in other Spring portfolio projects. RestTemplate's behavior is customized by providing callback methods and configuring the `HttpMessageConverter` used to marshal objects into the HTTP request body and to unmarshal any response back into an object. When you create a new RestTemplate instance, the constructor sets up several supporting objects that make up the RestTemplate functionality.

Here is an overview of the functionality supported within RestTemplate.

HTTP Client

RestTemplate provides an abstraction for making RESTful HTTP requests, and internally, RestTemplate utilizes a native Android HTTP client library for those requests. There are two native HTTP clients available on Android, the standard J2SE facilities, and the [HttpComponents HttpClient](#). The standard JS2SE facilities are made available through the `SimpleClientHttpRequestFactory`, while the `HttpClient` is made available through the `HttpComponentsClientHttpRequestFactory`. The default `ClientHttpRequestFactory` used when you create a new RestTemplate instance differs based on the version of Android on which your application is running.

Google recommends to use the J2SE facilities on [Gingerbread \(Version 2.3\)](#) and newer, while previous versions should use the `HttpComponents HttpClient`. Based on this recommendation RestTemplate checks the version of Android on which your app is running and uses the appropriate `ClientHttpRequestFactory`. To utilize a specific `ClientHttpRequestFactory` you must either pass a new instance into the RestTemplate constructor, or call `setRequestFactory(ClientHttpRequestFactory requestFactory)` on an existing RestTemplate instance.

Gzip Compression

RestTemplate supports sending and receiving data encoded with gzip compression. The HTTP specification allows for additional values in the `Accept-Encoding` header field, however RestTemplate only supports gzip compression at this time.

Object to JSON Marshaling

Object to JSON marshaling in Spring for Android RestTemplate requires the use of a third party JSON mapping library. There are three libraries supported in Spring for Android, [Jackson JSON Processor](#), [Jackson 2.x](#), and [Google Gson](#). While Jackson is a well known JSON parsing library, the Gson library is smaller, which would result in an smaller Android app when packaged.

Object to XML Marshaling

Object to XML marshaling in Spring for Android RestTemplate requires the use of a third party XML mapping library. The [Simple XML serializer](#) is used to provide this marshaling functionality.

RSS and Atom Support

RSS and Atom feed support in Spring for Android RestTemplate requires the use of a third party feed reader library. The [Android ROME Feed Reader](#) is used to provide this functionality.

2.3 How to get

There are a few methods for including external jars in your Android app. One is to manually download them and include them in your app's `libs/` folder. Another option is to use Maven for dependency management.

Standard Installation

In order to use RestTemplate in your Android application, you must include the following Spring for Android jars in the `libs/` folder. These are available from the SpringSource [Community Downloads](#) page.

- `spring-android-rest-template-{version}.jar`
- `spring-android-core-{version}.jar`

If you are building your project with Ant, Ant will automatically include any jars located in the `libs/` folder located in the root of your project. However, in Eclipse you must manually add the jars to the Build Path. Follow these steps to add the jars to your existing Android project in Eclipse.

1. Refresh the project in Eclipse so the `libs/` folder and jars display in the Package Explorer.
2. Right-Click (Command-Click) the first jar.
3. Select the BuildPath submenu.
4. Select Add to Build Path from the context menu.
5. Repeat these steps for each jar.

Maven Dependencies

Google's provided Android toolset does not include dependency management support. However, through the use of third party tools, you can use Maven to manage dependencies and build your Android app. See the [Spring for Android and Maven](#) section for more information. Additional dependencies may be required, depending on which HTTP Message Converters you are using within RestTemplate. See the [Message Converters](#) section for more information.

Add the spring-android-rest-template artifact to your classpath:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-rest-template</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

The transitive dependencies are automatically imported by Maven, but they are listed here for clarity.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-core</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

2.4 RestTemplate Constructors

The four `RestTemplate` constructors are listed below. The default constructor does not include any message body converters. You must add a message converter when using the default constructor. If you would like to include a default set of message converters with a new `RestTemplate` instance, then you can pass `true` for the `includeDefaultConverters` parameter. For a list of default converters, see the [HTTP Message Conversion](#) section. Additionally, if you would like to specify a different `ClientHttpRequestFactory` then you can do so by passing it in to the `requestFactory` parameter.

```
RestTemplate();

RestTemplate(boolean includeDefaultConverters);

RestTemplate(ClientHttpRequestFactory requestFactory);

RestTemplate(boolean includeDefaultConverters, ClientHttpRequestFactory requestFactory);
```

2.5 RestTemplate Methods

`RestTemplate` provides higher level methods that correspond to each of the six main HTTP methods. These methods make it easy to invoke many RESTful services and enforce REST best practices.

The names of `RestTemplate` methods follow a naming convention, the first part indicates what HTTP method is being invoked and the second part indicates what is returned. For example, the method `getForObject()` will perform a GET, convert the HTTP response into an object type of your choice and return that object. The method `postForLocation()` will do a POST, converting the given object into a HTTP request and return the response HTTP Location header where the newly created object can be found. In case of an exception processing the HTTP request, an exception of the type `RestClientException` will be thrown. This behavior can be changed by plugging in another `ResponseErrorHandler` implementation into the `RestTemplate`.

For more information on `RestTemplate` and its associated methods, please refer to the [API Javadoc](#)

HTTP DELETE

```
public void delete(String url, Object... urlVariables) throws RestClientException;

public void delete(String url, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws RestClientException;

public void delete(Uri url) throws RestClientException;
```

HTTP GET

```
public <T> T getForObject(String url, Class<T> responseType, Object...
    urlVariables) throws RestClientException;

public <T> T getForObject(String url, Class<T> responseType, Map<String, ?>
    urlVariables) throws RestClientException;

public <T> T getForObject(Uri url, Class<T> responseType) throws RestClientException;

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> getForEntity(String url, Class<T> responseType, Object...
    urlVariables);

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> getForEntity(String url, Class<T> responseType, Map<String, ?>
    urlVariables);

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> getForEntity(Uri url, Class<T> responseType) throws
    RestClientException;
```

HTTP HEAD

```
public HttpHeaders headForHeaders(String url, Object... urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public HttpHeaders headForHeaders(String url, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public HttpHeaders headForHeaders(Uri url) throws RestClientException;
```

HTTP OPTIONS

```
public Set<HttpMethod> optionsForAllow(String url, Object... urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public Set<HttpMethod> optionsForAllow(String url, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public Set<HttpMethod> optionsForAllow(Uri url) throws RestClientException;
```

HTTP POST

```
public URI postForLocation(String url, Object request, Object... urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public URI postForLocation(String url, Object request, Map<String, ?> urlVariables);

public URI postForLocation(URI url, Object request) throws RestClientException;

public <T> T postForObject(String url, Object request, Class<T> responseType, Object...
    urlVariables);

public <T> T postForObject(String url, Object request, Class<T> responseType,
    Map<String, ?> urlVariables);

public <T> T postForObject(URI url, Object request, Class<T> responseType) throws
    RestClientException;

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> postForEntity(String url, Object request, Class<T>
    responseType, Object... urlVariables);

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> postForEntity(String url, Object request, Class<T>
    responseType, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws RestClientException;

public <T> ResponseEntity<T> postForEntity(URI url, Object request, Class<T>
    responseType) throws RestClientException;
```

HTTP PUT

```
public void put(String url, Object request, Object... urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public void put(String url, Object request, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;

public void put(String url, Object request, Map<String, ?> urlVariables) throws
    RestClientException;
```

2.6 HTTP Message Conversion

Objects passed to and returned from the methods `getForObject()`, `getForEntity()`, `postForLocation()`, `postForObject()` and `put()` are converted to HTTP requests and from HTTP responses by `HttpMessageConverter` instances. The `HttpMessageConverter` interface is shown below to give you a better feel for its functionality.

```

public interface HttpMessageConverter<T> {

    // Indicates whether the given class can be read by this converter.
    boolean canRead(Class<?> clazz, MediaType mediaType);

    // Indicates whether the given class can be written by this converter.
    boolean canWrite(Class<?> clazz, MediaType mediaType);

    // Return the list of {@link MediaType} objects supported by this converter.
    List<MediaType> getSupportedMediaTypes();

    // Read an object of the given type form the given input message, and returns it.
    T read(Class<? extends T> clazz, HttpInputMessage inputMessage)
        throws IOException, HttpMessageNotReadableException;

    // Write an given object to the given output message.
    void write(T t, MediaType contentType, HttpOutputMessage outputMessage)
        throws IOException, HttpMessageNotWritableException;

}

```

Concrete implementations for the main media (mime) types are provided in the framework.

Default Message Converters

For performance reasons, the default `RestTemplate` constructor does not register any message converters. However, if you pass `true` to the alternate constructor, then converters for the main mime types are registered. You can also write your own converter and register it via the `messageConverters` property.

When using the alternate `RestTemplate` constructor, the default converter instances registered with the template are `ByteArrayHttpMessageConverter`, `StringHttpMessageConverter`, and `ResourceHttpMessageConverter`. If your app is running on Android 2.2 or later, then `XmlAwareFormHttpMessageConverter` and `SourceHttpMessageConverter` are registered, as these two message converters require `javax.xml.transform.Source`. On Android 2.1, this falls back to the `FormHttpMessageConverter` which lacks some of the XML support in the other two. See the following table for more information.

Table 2.1. Default Message Converters

Message Body Converter	Inclusion Rule
ByteArrayHttpMessageConverter	Always included
StringHttpMessageConverter	
ResourceHttpMessageConverter	
SourceHttpMessageConverter	Included on Android 2.2 (Froyo) or newer, where <code>javax.xml.transform.Source</code> is available.
XmlAwareFormHttpMessageConverter	
FormHttpMessageConverter	Included on Android 2.1 (Eclair) and older.
SimpleXmlHttpMessageConverter	Included if the Simple XML serializer is present.

Message Body Converter	Inclusion Rule
MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter	Included if the Jackson 2.x JSON processor is present.
MappingJacksonHttpMessageConverter	Included if the Jackson 1.x JSON processor is present. Jackson 2.x support takes precedence over Jackson 1.x if both versions are available on the classpath.
SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter	Included if the Android ROME Feed Reader is present.

Available Message Converters

The following `HttpMessageConverter` implementations are available in Spring for Android. For all converters a default media type is used but can be overridden through the `supportedMediaTypes` property.

ByteArrayHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write byte arrays from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter supports all media types (`*/*`), and writes with a Content-Type of `application/octet-stream`. This can be overridden by setting the `supportedMediaTypes` property, and overriding `getContentType(byte[])`.

FormHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write form data from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter reads and writes the media type `application/x-www-form-urlencoded`. Form data is read from and written into a `MultiValueMap<String, String>`.

XmlAwareFormHttpMessageConverter

Extension of `FormHttpMessageConverter`, adding support for XML-based parts through a `SourceHttpMessageConverter`

ResourceHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write Resource Resources. By default, this converter can read all media types. `application/octet-stream` is used to determine the Content-Type of written resources

SourceHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write `javax.xml.transform.Source` from the HTTP request and response. Only `DOMSource`, `SAXSource`, and `StreamSource` are supported. By default, this converter supports `text/xml` and `application/xml`.

StringHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write Strings from the HTTP request and response. By default, this converter supports all text media types (`text/*`), and writes with a Content-Type of `text/plain`.

SimpleXmlHttpRequestMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write XML from the HTTP request and response using [Simple Framework](#)'s `Serializer`. XML mapping can be customized as needed through the use of Simple's provided annotations. When additional control is needed, a custom `Serializer` can be injected through the `Serializer` property. By default, this converter reads and writes the media types `application/xml`, `text/xml`, and `application/*+xml`.

It is important to note that this is not a Spring OXM compatible message converter. It is a standalone implementation that enables XML serialization through Spring for Android.

Add the following dependency to your classpath to enable the `SimpleXmlHttpRequestMessageConverter`.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.simpleframework</groupId>
  <artifactId>simple-xml</artifactId>
  <version>${simple-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write JSON using [Jackson \(2.x\)](#)'s `ObjectMapper`. JSON mapping can be customized as needed through the use of Jackson's provided annotations. When further control is needed, a custom `ObjectMapper` can be injected through the `ObjectMapper` property for cases where custom JSON serializers/deserializers need to be provided for specific types. By default this converter supports `application/json`.

Please note that this message converter and the `GsonHttpMessageConverter` both support `application/json` by default. Because of this, you should only add one JSON message converter to a `RestTemplate` instance. `RestTemplate` will use the first converter it finds that matches the specified mime type, so including both could produce unintended results.

Include the following dependencies in your classpath to enable the `MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter`. Please note that if you are manually copying the jars into your project, you will also need to include the `jackson-annotations` and `jackson-core` jars.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.core</groupId>
  <artifactId>jackson-databind</artifactId>
  <version>${jackson-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

If you would prefer to use the [Jackson JSON Processor](#) instead, then include the following dependencies in your classpath to enable the `MappingJacksonHttpMessageConverter`. Please note that if you are manually copying the jars into your project, you will also need to include the `jackson-core-asl` jar.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.codehaus.jackson</groupId>
  <artifactId>jackson-mapper-asl</artifactId>
  <version>${jackson-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

GsonHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write JSON using [Google Gson's](#) `Gson` class. JSON mapping can be customized as needed through the use of Gson's provided annotations. When further control is needed, a custom Gson can be injected through the Gson property for cases where custom JSON serializers/deserializers need to be provided for specific types. By default this converter supports `application/json`.

Please note that this message converter and the `MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter` both support `application/json` by default. Because of this, you should only add one JSON message converter to a `RestTemplate` instance. `RestTemplate` will use the first converter it finds that matches the specified mime type, so including both could produce unintended results.

Include the following dependency in your classpath to enable the `GsonHttpMessageConverter`.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.google.code.gson</groupId>
  <artifactId>gson</artifactId>
  <version>${gson-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write RSS and Atom feeds from the HTTP request and response using [Android ROME Feed Reader](#). The data is read from and written into a `com.google.code.rome.android.repackaged.com.sun.syndication.feed.synd.SyndFeed`. By default, this converter supports `application/rss+xml` and `application/atom+xml`.

Add the following dependencies to your classpath to enable the `SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter`, `RssChannelHttpMessageConverter`, or `AtomFeedHttpMessageConverter`. This library depends on a forked version of JDOM to work on Android 2.1 and earlier. The JDOM library addresses a [bug](#) in the Android XML parser.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.google.code.android-rome-feed-reader</groupId>
  <artifactId>android-rome-feed-reader</artifactId>
  <version>${android-rome-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.jdom</groupId>
  <artifactId>jdom</artifactId>
  <version>${jdom-fork-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

The Android ROME Feed Reader is not available through Maven Central. When using Maven, you will need to include the following repository in your POM.

```
<!-- For developing with Android ROME Feed Reader -->
<repository>
  <id>android-rome-feed-reader-repository</id>
  <name>Android ROME Feed Reader Repository</name>
  <url>https://android-rome-feed-reader.googlecode.com/svn/maven2/releases</url>
</repository>
```

RssChannelHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write RSS feeds from the HTTP request and response using [Android ROME Feed Reader](#). The data is read from and written into a `com.google.code.rome.android.repackaged.com.sun.syndication.feed.rss.Channel`. By default, this converter supports `application/rss+xml`.

The `SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter` provides a higher level of abstraction around RSS and Atom feeds, the `RssChannelHttpMessageConverter` is not included in the default set of message converters when you create a new `RestTemplate` instance. If you prefer to use this message converter then you have to manually add it to the `RestTemplate` instance.

See the [SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter](#) section for information about the required [Android ROME Feed Reader](#) dependencies.

AtomFeedHttpMessageConverter

An `HttpMessageConverter` implementation that can read and write Atom feeds from the HTTP request and response using [Android ROME Feed Reader](#). The data is read from and written into a `com.google.code.rome.android.repackaged.com.sun.syndication.feed.atom.Feed`. By default, this converter supports `application/atom+xml`.

Because the `SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter` provides a higher level of abstraction around RSS and Atom feeds, the `AtomFeedHttpMessageConverter` is not included in the default set of message converters when you create a new `RestTemplate` instance. If you prefer to use this message converter then you have to manually add it to the `RestTemplate` instance.

See the [SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter](#) section for information about the required [Android ROME Feed Reader](#) dependencies.

2.7 Usage Examples

Using `RestTemplate`, it's easy to invoke RESTful APIs. Below are several usage examples that illustrate the different methods for making RESTful requests.

All of the following examples are based on a [sample Android application](#). You can retrieve the source code for the sample app with the following command:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/SpringSource/spring-android-samples.git
```

Basic Usage Example

The following example shows a query to google for the search term "SpringSource".

```
String url = "https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/services/search/web?v=1.0&q={query}";

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the String message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response to a String
String result = restTemplate.getForObject(url, String.class, "SpringSource");
```

Using Gzip Compression

Gzip compression can significantly reduce the size of the response data being returned in a REST request. Gzip must be supported by the web server to which the request is being made. By setting the content coding type of the Accept-Encoding header to gzip, you are requesting that the server respond using gzip compression. If gzip is available, or enabled on the server, then it should return a compressed response. RestTemplate checks the Content-Encoding header in the response to determine if, in fact, the response is gzip compressed. At this time, RestTemplate only supports the gzip content coding type in the Content-Encoding header. If the response data is determined to be gzip compressed, then a [GZIPInputStream](#) is used to decompress it.

The following example shows how to request a gzip compressed response from the server.

```
// Add the gzip Accept-Encoding header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAcceptEncoding(ContentCodingType.GZIP);
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the String message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response to a String
ResponseEntity<String> response = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
    requestEntity, String.class);
```

One thing to note, is that when using the J2SE facilities with the SimpleClientHttpRequestFactory, Gingerbread and newer automatically set the Accept-

Encoding header to request gzip responses. This is built in functionality of newer versions of Android. If you desire to disable gzip, then you must set the `identity` value in the header.

```
// Add the identity Accept-Encoding header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAcceptEncoding(ContentCodingType.IDENTITY);
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the String message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response to a String
ResponseEntity<String> response = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
    requestEntity, String.class);
```

Retrieving JSON data via HTTP GET

Suppose you have defined a Java object you wish to populate from a RESTful web request that returns JSON content.

Define your object based on the JSON data being returned from the RESTful request:

```
public class Event {

    private Long id;

    private String title;

    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setId(Long id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public String getTitle() {
        return title;
    }

    public String setTitle(String title) {
        this.title = title;
    }
}
```

Make the REST request:

```
// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Jackson message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response from JSON to an array of Events
Event[] events = restTemplate.getForObject(url, Event[].class);
```

You can also set the Accept header for the request:

```
// Set the Accept header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAccept(Collections.singletonList(new MediaType("application", "json")));
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Jackson message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response from JSON to an array of Events
ResponseEntity<Event[]> responseEntity = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
    requestEntity, Event[].class);
Event[] events = responseEntity.getBody();
```

Alternatively, you can use the `GsonHttpMessageConverter` for JSON marshaling. The following repeats the same request, utilizing Gson.

```
// Set the Accept header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAccept(Collections.singletonList(new MediaType("application", "json")));
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Gson message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new GsonHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response from JSON to an array of Events
ResponseEntity<Event[]> responseEntity = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
    requestEntity, Event[].class);
Event[] events = responseEntity.getBody();
```

Retrieving XML data via HTTP GET

Using the same Java object we defined earlier, we can modify the requests to retrieve XML.

Define your object based on the XML data being returned from the RESTful request. Note the annotations used by Simple to marshal the object:

```

@Root
public class Event {

    @Element
    private Long id;

    @Element
    private String title;

    public Long getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setId(Long id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public String getTitle() {
        return title;
    }

    public String setTitle(String title) {
        this.title = title;
    }
}

```

To marshal an array of events from xml, we need to define a wrapper class for the list:

```

@Root(name="events")
public class EventList {

    @ElementList(inline=true)
    private List<Event> events;

    public List<Event> getEvents() {
        return events;
    }

    public void setEvents(List<Event> events) {
        this.events = events;
    }
}

```

Make the REST request:

```

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Simple XML message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new SimpleXmlHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response from XML to an EventList object
EventList eventList = restTemplate.getForObject(url, EventList.class);

```

You can also specify the Accept header for the request:

```
// Set the Accept header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAccept(Collections.singletonList(new MediaType("application", "xml")));
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Simple XML message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new SimpleXmlHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response from XML to an EventList
ResponseEntity<EventList> responseEntity = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
    requestEntity, EventList.class);
EventList eventList = responseEntity.getBody();
```

Send JSON data via HTTP POST

POST a Java object you have defined to a RESTful service that accepts JSON data.

Define your object based on the JSON data expected by the RESTful request:

```
public class Message
{
    private long id;

    private String subject;

    private String text;

    public void setId(long id) {
        this.id = id;
    }

    public long getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public void setSubject(String subject) {
        this.subject = subject;
    }

    public String getSubject() {
        return subject;
    }

    public void setText(String text) {
        this.text = text;
    }

    public String getText() {
        return text;
    }
}
```

Make the REST request. In this example, the request responds with a string value:

```
// Create and populate a simple object to be used in the request
Message message = new Message();
message.setId(555);
message.setSubject("test subject");
message.setText("test text");

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Jackson and String message converters
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter());
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP POST request, marshaling the request to JSON, and the response to a
// String
String response = restTemplate.postForObject(url, message, String.class);
```

You can also specify the Content-Type header in your request:

```
// Create and populate a simple object to be used in the request
Message message = new Message();
message.setId(555);
message.setSubject("test subject");
message.setText("test text");

// Set the Content-Type header
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setContentType(new MediaType("application", "json"));
HttpEntity<Message> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Message>(message, requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the Jackson and String message converters
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new MappingJackson2HttpMessageConverter());
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP POST request, marshaling the request to JSON, and the response to a
// String
ResponseEntity<String> responseEntity = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.POST,
    requestEntity, String.class);
String result = responseEntity.getBody();
```

Retrieve RSS or Atom feed

The following is a basic example of loading an RSS feed:

```
// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the ROME message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter());

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response to a SyndFeed object
SyndFeed = restTemplate.getForObject(url, SyndFeed.class);
```

It is possible that you need to adjust the Media Type associated with the `SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter`. By default, the converter is associated with `application/rss+xml` and `application/atom+xml`. An RSS feed might instead have a media type of `text/xml`, for example. The following code illustrates how to set the media type.

```
// Set the alternate mime type for the message converter
SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter syndFeedConverter = new SyndFeedHttpMessageConverter();
syndFeedConverter.setSupportedMediaTypes(Collections.singletonList(MediaType.TEXT_XML));

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the ROME message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(syndFeedConverter);

// Make the HTTP GET request, marshaling the response to a SyndFeed object
SyndFeed feed = restTemplate.getForObject(url, SyndFeed.class);
```

HTTP Basic Authentication

This example illustrates how to populate the [HTTP Basic Authentication](#) header with the username and password. If the username and password are accepted, then you will receive the response from the request. If they are not accepted, then the server is supposed to return an [HTTP 401 Unauthorized](#) response. Internally, `RestTemplate` handles the response, then throws an `HttpClientErrorException`. By calling `getStatusCode()` on this exception, you can determine the exact cause and handle it appropriately.

```
// Set the username and password for creating a Basic Auth request
HttpAuthentication authHeader = new HttpBasicAuthentication(username, password);
HttpHeaders requestHeaders = new HttpHeaders();
requestHeaders.setAuthorization(authHeader);
HttpEntity<?> requestEntity = new HttpEntity<Object>(requestHeaders);

// Create a new RestTemplate instance
RestTemplate restTemplate = new RestTemplate();

// Add the String message converter
restTemplate.getMessageConverters().add(new StringHttpMessageConverter());

try {
    // Make the HTTP GET request to the Basic Auth protected URL
    ResponseEntity<Message> response = restTemplate.exchange(url, HttpMethod.GET,
        requestEntity, String.class);
    return response.getBody();
} catch (HttpClientErrorException e) {
    Log.e(TAG, e.getLocalizedMessage(), e);
    // Handle 401 Unauthorized response
}
```

3. Auth Module

3.1 Introduction

Many mobile applications today connect to external web services to access some type of data. These web services may be a third-party data provider, such as [Twitter](#), or it may be an in house service for connecting to a corporate calendar, for example. In many of these cases, to access that data through the web service, you must authenticate and authorize an application on your mobile device. The goal of the spring-android-auth module is to address the need of an Android application to gain authorization to a web service.

There are many types of authorization methods and protocols, some custom and proprietary, while others are open standards. One protocol that is rapidly growing in popularity is [OAuth](#). OAuth is an open protocol that allows users to give permission to a third-party application or web site to access restricted resources on another web site or service. The third-party application receives an access token with which it can make requests to the protected service. By using this access token strategy, a user's login credentials are never stored within an application, and are only required when authenticating to the service.

3.2 Overview

The initial release of the spring-android-auth module provides [OAuth](#) 1.x and 2.0 support in an Android application by utilizing [Spring Social](#). It includes a [SQLite](#) repository, and Android compatible [Spring Security](#) encryption. The Spring Social project enables your applications to establish Connections with Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) Providers such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to invoke Service APIs on behalf of Users. In order to make use of Spring Social on Android the following classes are available.

SQLite Connection Repository

The [SQLiteConnectionRepository](#) class implements the [ConnectionRepository](#) interface from Spring Social. It is used to persist the connection information to a [SQLite](#) database on the Android device. This connection repository is designed for a single user who accesses multiple service providers and may even have multiple accounts on each service provider.

If your device and application are used by multiple people, then a [SQLiteUsersConnectionRepository](#) class is available for storing multiple user accounts, where each user account may have multiple connections per provider. This scenario is probably not as typical, however, as many people do not share their phones or devices.

Encryption

The Spring Security Crypto library is not currently supported on Android. To take advantage of the encryption tools in Spring Security, the Android specific class, [AndroidEncryptors](#) has been provided in Spring for Android. This class uses an Android compatible [SecureRandom](#) provider for generating byte array based keys using the SHA1PRNG algorithm.

3.3 How to get

There are a few methods for including external jars in your Android app. One is to manually download them and include them in your app's `libs/` folder. Another option is to use Maven for dependency management.

Standard Installation

In order to use RestTemplate in your Android application, you must include the following Spring jars in the `libs/` folder. These are available from the SpringSource [Community Downloads](#) page.

- `spring-android-auth-{version}.jar`
- `spring-android-rest-template-{version}.jar`
- `spring-android-core-{version}.jar`
- `spring-security-crypto-{version}.jar`
- `spring-social-core-{version}.jar`

Each [Spring Social](#) provider may have additional dependencies. For example, to use Spring Social Twitter, the following jars are required.

- `spring-social-twitter-{version}.jar`
- `spring-social-core-{version}.jar`
- `spring-security-crypto-{version}.jar`
- `jackson-mapper-asl-{version}.jar`
- `jackson-core-asl-{version}.jar`

If you are building your project with Ant, Ant will automatically include any jars located in the `libs/` folder located in the root of your project. However, in Eclipse you must manually add the jars to the Build Path. Follow these steps to add the jars to your existing Android project in Eclipse.

1. Refresh the project in Eclipse so the `libs/` folder and jars display in the Package Explorer.
2. Right-Click (Command-Click) the first jar.
3. Select the BuildPath submenu.
4. Select Add to Build Path from the context menu.
5. Repeat these steps for each jar.

Maven Dependencies

Add the `spring-android-auth` artifact to your classpath. See the [Spring for Android and Maven](#) section for more information.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-auth</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

The transitive dependencies are automatically imported by Maven, but they are listed here for clarity.

```

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-rest-template</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-core</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-security-crypto</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-security-crypto-version}</version>
  <exclusions>
    <!-- Exclude in favor of Spring for Android Core -->
    <exclusion>
      <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
      <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
    </exclusion>
  </exclusions>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.social</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-social-core</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-social-version}</version>
  <exclusions>
    <!-- Exclude in favor of Spring for Android RestTemplate -->
    <exclusion>
      <artifactId>spring-web</artifactId>
      <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
    </exclusion>
  </exclusions>
</dependency>

```

To use the Spring Social Twitter provider, you can add it to your classpath. Note the exclusions in this dependency. Commons Logging is built into Android, and many of the Spring Social provider libraries are built with support for Spring Web, which is not needed on Android.

```

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.social</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-social-twitter</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-social-version}</version>
  <exclusions>
    <exclusion>
      <!-- Provided by Android -->
      <artifactId>commons-logging</artifactId>
      <groupId>commons-logging</groupId>
    </exclusion>
  </exclusions>
</dependency>

```

Similarly, you can use the Spring Social Facebook provider by adding it to your classpath. Again note the exclusions.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.social</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-social-facebook</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-social-version}</version>
  <exclusions>
    <!-- Provided by Android -->
    <exclusion>
      <artifactId>commons-logging</artifactId>
      <groupId>commons-logging</groupId>
    </exclusion>
  </exclusions>
</dependency>
```

Both the Spring Social Twitter and Facebook libraries transitively depend on the [Jackson JSON processor](#). Again, if you are not using Maven, you will need to include these in your `libs/` folder.

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.codehaus.jackson</groupId>
  <artifactId>jackson-mapper-asl</artifactId>
  <version>${jackson-version}</version>
</dependency>

<dependency>
  <groupId>org.codehaus.jackson</groupId>
  <artifactId>jackson-core-asl</artifactId>
  <version>${jackson-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

3.4 Usage Examples

Below are several usage examples that illustrate how to use Spring for Android with Spring Social.

The following examples are based on a [sample Android application](#), which has Facebook and Twitter examples using Spring Social. You can retrieve the source code for the sample app with Git:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/SpringSource/spring-android-samples.git
```

Initializing the SQLite Database

[SQLiteConnectionRepositoryHelper](#) extends [SQLiteOpenHelper](#). Create a new instance by passing a [context](#) reference. Depending on your implementation, and to avoid [memory leaks](#), you will probably want to use the Application Context when creating a new instance of `SQLiteConnectionRepositoryHelper`. The name of the database file created is `spring_social_connection_repository.sqlite`, and is created the first time the application attempts to open it.

```
Context context = getApplicationContext();
SQLiteOpenHelper repositoryHelper = new SQLiteConnectionRepositoryHelper(context);
```

Single User App Environment

This example show how to set up the `ConnectionRepository` for use with multiple connection factories.

To establish a `ConnectionRepository`, you will need the following objects.

```
ConnectionFactoryRegistry connectionFactoryRegistry;
SQLiteOpenHelper repositoryHelper;
ConnectionRepository connectionRepository;
```

The [ConnectionFactoryRegistry](#) stores the different Spring Social connections to be used in the application.

```
connectionFactoryRegistry = new ConnectionFactoryRegistry();
```

You can create a [FacebookConnectionFactory](#), if your application requires Facebook connectivity.

```
// the App ID and App Secret are provided when you register a new Facebook application at
// facebook.com
String appId = "8ae8f060d81d51e90fadabaab1414a97";
String appSecret = "473e66d79ddc0e360851dc512fe0fb1e";

// Prepare a Facebook connection factory with the App ID and App Secret
FacebookConnectionFactory facebookConnectionFactory;
facebookConnectionFactory = new FacebookConnectionFactory(appId, appSecret);
```

Similarly, you can also create a [TwitterConnectionFactory](#). Spring Social offers several different connection factories to popular services. Additionally, you can create your own connection factory based on the Spring Social framework.

```
// The consumer token and secret are provided when you register a new Twitter application
// at twitter.com
String consumerToken = "YR571S2JiVB0FyJS5MEg";
String consumerTokenSecret = "Kb8hS0luftwCJX3qVoyiLUMfZDtK1EozFoUkjNLUMx4";

// Prepare a Twitter connection factory with the consumer token and secret
TwitterConnectionFactory twitterConnectionFactory;
twitterConnectionFactory = new TwitterConnectionFactory(consumerToken,
    consumerTokenSecret)
```

After you create a connection factory, you can add it to the registry. Connection factories may be later retrieved from the registry in order to create new connections to the provider.

```
connectionFactoryRegistry.addConnectionFactory(facebookConnectionFactory);
connectionFactoryRegistry.addConnectionFactory(twitterConnectionFactory);
```

The final step is to prepare the connection repository for storing connections to the different providers.

```
// Create the SQLiteOpenHelper for creating the local database
Context context = getApplicationContext();
SQLiteOpenHelper repositoryHelper = new SQLiteConnectionRepositoryHelper(context);

// The connection repository takes a TextEncryptor as a parameter for encrypting the OAuth
// information
TextEncryptor textEncryptor = AndroidEncryptors.noOpText();

// Create the connection repository
ConnectionRepository connectionRepository = new
    SQLiteConnectionRepository(repositoryHelper,
        connectionFactoryRegistry, textEncryptor);
```

Encrypting OAuth Data

Spring Social supports encrypting the user's OAuth connection information within the ConnectionRepository through the use of a Spring Security TextEncryptor. The password and salt values are used to generate the encryptor's secret key. The salt value should be hex-encoded, random, and application-global. While this will encrypt the OAuth credentials stored in the database, it is not an absolute solution. When designing your application, keep in mind that there are already tools available for translating a DEX to a JAR file, and decompiling to source code. Because your application is distributed to a user's device, it is more vulnerable than if it were running on a web server, for example.

```
String password = "password";
String salt = "5c0744940b5c369b";
TextEncryptor textEncryptor = AndroidEncryptors.text(password, salt);
connectionRepository = new SQLiteConnectionRepository(repositoryHelper,
    connectionFactoryRegistry, textEncryptor);
```

During development you may wish to avoid encryption so you can more easily debug your application by viewing the OAuth data being saved to the database. This TextEncryptor performs no encryption.

```
TextEncryptor textEncryptor = AndroidEncryptors.noOpText();
connectionRepository = new SQLiteConnectionRepository(repositoryHelper,
    connectionFactoryRegistry, textEncryptor);
```

Establishing an OAuth 1.0a connection

The following steps illustrate how to establish a connection to Twitter. A working example is provided in the sample application described earlier.

The first step is to retrieve the connection factory from the registry that we created earlier.

```
TwitterConnectionFactory connectionFactory;
connectionFactory = (TwitterConnectionFactory)
    connectionFactoryRegistry.getConnectionFactory(Twitter.class);
```

Fetch a one time use request token. You must save this request token, because it will be needed in a later step.

```
OAuth10operations oauth = connectionFactory.getOAuthOperations();

// The callback url is used to respond to your application with an OAuth verifier
String callbackUrl = "x-org-springsource-android-showcase://twitter-oauth-response";

// Fetch a one time use Request Token from Twitter
OAuthToken requestToken = oauth.fetchRequestToken(callbackUrl, null);
```

Generate the url for authorizing against Twitter. Once you have the url, you use it in a WebView so the user can login and authorize your application. One method of doing this is provided in the sample application.

```
String authorizeUrl = oauth.buildAuthorizeUrl(requestToken.getValue(),
    OAuth1Parameters.NONE);
```

Once the user has successfully authenticated and authorized the application, Twitter will call back to your application with the oauth verifier. The following settings from an AndroidManifest illustrate how to associate a callback url with a specific Activity. In this case, when the request is made from Twitter to the callback url, the TwitterActivity will respond.

```
<activity android:name="org.springframework.android.showcase.social.twitter.TwitterActivity">
    <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.VIEW" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.BROWSABLE" />
        <data android:scheme="x-org-springsource-android-showcase" android:host="twitter-oauth-response" />
    </intent-filter>
</activity>
```

The Activity that responds to the callback url should retrieve the `oauth_verifier` querystring parameter from the request.

```
Uri uri = getIntent().getData();
String oauthVerifier = uri.getQueryParameter("oauth_verifier");
```

Once you have the `oauth_verifier`, you can authorize the request token that was saved earlier.

```
AuthorizedRequestToken authorizedRequestToken = new AuthorizedRequestToken(requestToken,
    verifier);
```

Now exchange the authorized request token for an access token. Once you have the access token, the request token is no longer required, and can be safely discarded.

```
OAuth1Operations oauth = connectionFactory.getOAuthOperations();
OAuthToken accessToken = oauth.exchangeForAccessToken(authorizedRequestToken, null);
```

Finally, we can create a Twitter connection and store it in the repository.

```
Connection<TwitterApi> connection = connectionFactory.createConnection(accessToken);
connectionRepository.addConnection(connection);
```

Establishing an OAuth 2.0 connection

The following steps illustrate how to establish a connection to Facebook. A working example is provided in the sample application described earlier. Keep in mind that each provider's implementation may be different. You may have to adjust these steps when connecting to a different OAuth 2.0 provider.

The first step is to retrieve the connection factory from the registry that we created earlier.

```
FacebookConnectionFactory connectionFactory;
connectionFactory = (FacebookConnectionFactory)
    connectionFactoryRegistry.getConnectionFactory(Facebook.class);
```

Specify the redirect url. In the case of Facebook, we are using the client-side authorization flow. In order to retrieve the access token, Facebook will redirect to a success page that contains the access token in a URI fragment.

```
String redirectUri = "https://www.facebook.com/connect/login_success.html";
```

Define the scope of permissions your app requires.

```
String scope = "publish_stream,offline_access,read_stream,user_about_me";
```

In order to display a mobile formatted web page for Facebook authorization, you must [pass an additional parameter](#) in the request. This parameter is not part of the OAuth specification, but the following illustrates how Spring Social supports additional parameters.

```
MultiValueMap<String, String> additionalParameters = new LinkedMultiValueMap<String,
    String>();
additionalParameters.add("display", "touch");
```

Now we can generate the Facebook authorization url to be used in the browser or web view

```
OAuth2Parameters parameters = new OAuth2Parameters(redirectUri, scope, null,
    additionalParameters);
OAuth2Operations oauth = connectionFactory.getOAuthOperations();
String authorizeUrl = oauth.buildAuthorizeUrl(GrantType.IMPLICIT_GRANT, parameters);
```

The next step is to load the generated authorization url into a webview within your application. After the user logs in and authorizes your application, the browser will redirect to the url specified earlier. If authentication was successful, the url of the redirected page will now include a URI fragment which contains an `access_token` parameter. Retrieve the access token from the URI fragment and use it to create the Facebook connection. One method of doing this is provided in the sample application.

```
AccessGrant accessGrant = new AccessGrant(accessToken);
Connection<FacebookApi> connection = connectionFactory.createConnection(accessGrant);
connectionRepository.addConnection(connection);
```

4. Core Module

4.1 Introduction

The spring-android-core module provides common functionality to the other Spring for Android modules. It includes a subset of the functionality available in Spring Framework Core.

4.2 How to get

Add the spring-android-core artifact to your classpath:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-android-core</artifactId>
  <version>${spring-android-version}</version>
</dependency>
```

5. Maven Dependency Management

5.1 Introduction

An alternative to downloading the individual library jars yourself is to use Maven for dependency management. The [Android Maven Plugin](#) allows developers to utilize Maven's dependency management capabilities within an Android application. Additionally, the [Android Configurator for M2E](#) bridges the Maven Android Plugin and the [Android Development Tools \(ADT\)](#) to allow the use of dependency management within Eclipse.

5.2 SpringSource Repository

The following repositories are available for all SpringSource projects. Much more information is available at the [SpringSource Repository FAQ](#).

Release versions, such as 1.0.0.RELEASE, are available through [Maven Central](#) or via the [SpringSource Repository](#):

```
<repository>
  <id>springsource-repo</id>
  <name>SpringSource Repository</name>
  <url>http://repo.springsource.org/release</url>
</repository>
```

If you are developing against a milestone version, such as 1.0.0.RC2, you will need to add the following repository in order to resolve the artifact:

```
<repository>
  <id>springsource-milestone</id>
  <name>SpringSource Milestone Repository</name>
  <url>http://repo.springsource.org/milestone</url>
</repository>
```

If you are testing out the latest nightly build version (e.g. 1.0.1.BUILD-SNAPSHOT), you will need to add the following repository:

```
<repository>
  <id>springsource-snapshot</id>
  <name>SpringSource Snapshot Repository</name>
  <url>http://repo.springsource.org/snapshot</url>
</repository>
```

5.3 Example POM

The following [Maven POM file](#) from the [Spring for Android Showcase](#) sample application, illustrates how to configure the [Maven Android Plugin](#) and associated dependencies for use with Spring for Android and Spring Social.

```

<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/
XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 http://maven.apache.org/xsd/
maven-4.0.0.xsd">
    <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>

    <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-android-showcase-client</artifactId>
    <version>1.0.1.BUILD-SNAPSHOT</version>
    <packaging>apk</packaging>
    <name>spring-android-showcase-client</name>
    <url>http://www.springsource.org/spring-android</url>
    <inceptionYear>2010</inceptionYear>
    <organization>
        <name>SpringSource</name>
        <url>http://www.springsource.org</url>
    </organization>

    <properties>
        <android-platform>16</android-platform>
        <android-maven-plugin-version>3.4.0</android-maven-plugin-version>
        <maven-compiler-plugin-version>2.5.1</maven-compiler-plugin-version>
        <java-version>1.6</java-version>
        <maven-eclipse-plugin-version>2.8</maven-eclipse-plugin-version>
        <com.google.android-version>4.1.1.4</com.google.android-version>
        <!-- Available Android versions: 1.5_r3, 1.5_r4, 1.6_r2, 2.1.2, 2.1_r1,
            2.2.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 4.0.1.2, 4.1.1.4 -->
        <org.springframework.android-version>1.0.1.BUILD-SNAPSHOT</
org.springframework.android-version>
        <com.fasterxml.jackson-version>2.1.2</com.fasterxml.jackson-version>
        <com.google.code.gson-version>2.2.2</com.google.code.gson-version>
        <org.simpleframework-version>2.6.9</org.simpleframework-version>
    </properties>

    <dependencies>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.google.android</groupId>
            <artifactId>android</artifactId>
            <version>${com.google.android-version}</version>
            <scope>provided</scope>
        </dependency>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>org.springframework.android</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-android-rest-template</artifactId>
            <version>${org.springframework.android-version}</version>
        </dependency>

        <!-- Jackson JSON Processor -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.core</groupId>
            <artifactId>jackson-databind</artifactId>
            <version>${com.fasterxml.jackson-version}</version>
        </dependency>

        <!-- Gson JSON Processor -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>com.google.code.gson</groupId>
            <artifactId>gson</artifactId>
            <version>${com.google.code.gson-version}</version>
        </dependency>

        <!-- Simple XML Processor -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>org.simpleframework</groupId>
            <artifactId>simple-xml</artifactId>
            <version>${org.simpleframework-version}</version>
            <exclusions>
                <!-- StAX is not available on Android -->
            </exclusions>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>

```

5.4 Maven Commands

Once you have configured a Maven POM in your Android project you can use the following Maven command to clean and assemble your Android APK file.

```
$ mvn clean install
```

The Android Maven Plugin provides several [goals](#) for use in building and deploying your application. You can configure a specific emulator in the plugin configuration, or if you omit the emulator name, the plugin will attempt to execute the specified goal on all available emulators and devices.

The following command starts the emulator specified in the Maven Android Plugin section of the POM file. If no emulator name is configured, then the plugin attempts to start an AVD with the name of Default.

```
$ mvn android:emulator-start
```

Deploys the built apk file to the emulator or attached device.

```
$ mvn android:deploy
```

Starts the app on the emulator or attached device.

```
$ mvn android:run
```

Displays a list of help topics for the Android Maven Plugin.

```
$ mvn android:help
```