

A Simple HTTP Application

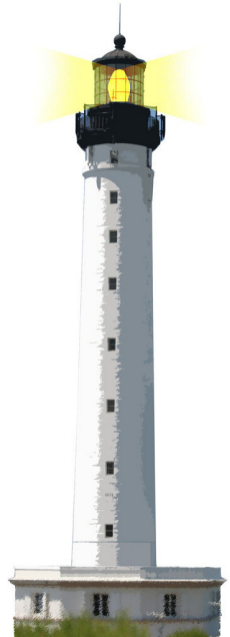
As a pretext to revisit Pharo Syntax

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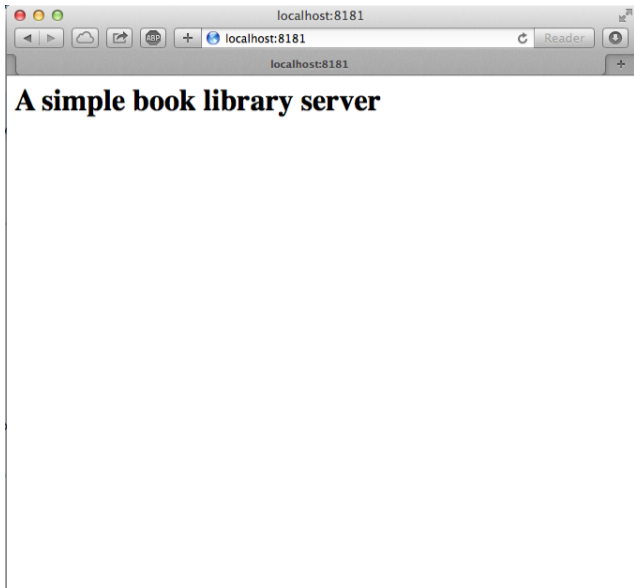
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<http://www.pharo.org>



A Tiny Book Server

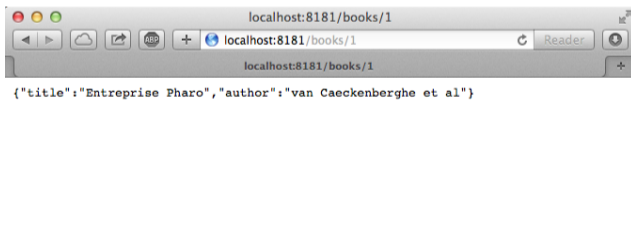


Getting a Book

ZnClient new

```
url: 'http://localhost:8181/books/1';  
get
```

- Class name starts with an uppercase
- new is a message sent to the class ZnClient
- url: and get are both sent to the instance of ZnClient



Adding a Book

```
ZnClient new  
url: 'http://localhost:8181/books/1';  
formAt: 'author' put: 'van Caekenberghe et al';  
formAt: 'title' put: 'Entreprise Pharo';  
post
```

formAt: 'author' put: 'van Caekenberghe et al'
is equivalent to
formAtput('author' , 'van Caekenberghe et al')



The Full Server

```
books := Dictionary new.  
teapot := Teapot configure: {  
  #defaultOutput -> #json. #port -> 8181 }.  
teapot  
GET: '/' -> '<h1>A simple book server</h1>'; output: #html;  
GET: '/books' -> books;  
GET: '/books/<id:lsInteger>'  
  -> [ :request | books at: (request at: #id) asString];  
POST: '/books/<id>'  
  -> [ :request || book |  
    book := { 'author' -> (request at: #author).  
      'title' -> (request at: #title) } asDictionary.  
    books at: (request at: #id) put: book ];  
start.
```

Configuring a Server

```
| books teapot |  
books := Dictionary new.  
teapot := Teapot configure: { #defaultOutput -> #json. #port  
    -> 8181 . #debugMode -> true }.
```

- || delimits local variable definition
- := assignment
- #port is a symbol (aka unique string)
- configure: is a message sent to the class Teapot
- In configure:, : means that the message is expecting an argument
- { .. } is an array of three elements
- -> creates a key-value pair



Defining The Server Routes

```
teapot
GET: '/'
  -> '<h1>A simple book server</h1>'; output: #html;
GET: '/books'
  -> books;
GET: '/books/<id:Integer>'
  -> [ :request | books at: (request at: #id) asString];
POST: '/books/<id>'
  -> [ :request || book |
      book := { 'author' -> (request at: #author) .
                'title' -> (request at: #title) } asDictionary.
      books at: (request at: #id) put: book ];
start.
```



More About Syntax

Processing URIs such as: `http://localhost:8181/books/1`

```
teapot
```

```
GET: '/books/<id:Integer>'
```

```
→ [ :request | books at: (request at: #id) asString];
```

- [:request | books at: (request at: #id) asString] is a block
- acts as an anonymous method
 - :request is an argument
 - at: is a message accepting one argument



Conclusion

- Teapot is a cool package
<http://smalltalkhub.com/#!/zeroflag/Teapot>
- A web server in one page
- Based on Zinc a really strong and well designed HTTP client/server



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