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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 WHAT IS IT?

Request Loop is a free tool meant for developers who want to debug webservice communication both inbound and outbound. This tool has been imagined as a quick disposal package that anyone can install in a DE org or a sandbox (even production but it is unlikely and not suggested to debug directly in production), use until necessary and then uninstall to clean up everything.

The tool is composed by 2 features:

- **Request Bin:** an inbound webservice that can receive any supported HTTP call and log it for further analysis. This tool can also simulate the response of a valid service (just like the famous Requestb.in online service). Imagine you need to get the SOAP payload of an Apex webservice: no Salesforce tool is available for this purpose and with Request Loop you can inspect the content message on the fly safely.
- **Request Client:** a tool to send outbound callouts from Salesforce to outside systems. This tool can be used to simulate an external system call from within Salesforce to test a service without the need of a complete Apex implementation.

Although it is true that there is plenty of services online that do almost the same things, having an AppExchange package lets developers debug within the platform using the customer's orgs, reducing chances that CRM data is passed outside the org safe bounds.

1.2 DISCLAIMER

Request Loop is a free AppExchange app delivered to the Salesforce Ohana for free. We do not deliver any assistance nor warranties for future improvements.

1.3 WHAT IS THE SUGGESTED AUDIENCE?

The suggested audience is developers/architects or administrators with integration knowledge who wants a way within the CRM to debug inbound / outbound callouts.

It is highly suggested that the tool is installed on DE orgs, trial orgs or sandboxes and not on production orgs.

2 INSTALLATION & SETUP

2.1 PACKAGE INSTALLATION

The first thing is to install the package from the AppExchange to admins only: this avoids applying useless visibility and access on the package objects/fields to all internal profiles.

2.2 PACKAGE SETUP

To let users access the Request Loop app and the main custom objects and fields, assign the **Request Loop User** permission sets to the selected users: if you plan to work with administrator users only, you don't need this configuration, as the package installation already granted administrators the necessary access to the package's resources.

To enable the inbound webservice that is used to collect inbound webservice calls, assign to an internal user (suggested an Administrator user) the **Request Loop Integration** permission set: this user will have access to all required custom objects/fields and to the Apex class that enables a custom REST service available for callins.

The new service is now available at:

`https:// [MY_DOMAIN].my.salesforce.com/services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/ [BIN_KEY]`

Where `[BIN_KEY]` is the unique key of a given bin (see next chapter for details): have a look at the **Request Bin URI** field of a **Request Bin** record after record creation to get the actual url.

Once the service is enabled, you need a valid *session id* to access the service which, if you are testing an Apex callout where you cannot change the code to insert the new authentication header, can be a little complicate. We have 2 solutions:

- create a named credential with OAuth authentication to the same Salesforce user (it requires the creation of a Connected App that points to the same Salesforce instance) or a simple unauthenticated named credential (but you need to set up manually the "Authorization: Bearer XXXX" header on each request)
- publish the Request Bin webservice as a public service in a public Site or Community (see below) and other configurations noted in the following section

2.2.1 SETUP REQUEST BIN AS GUEST USER

Although not suggested for security reasons, you can expose the Request Bin webservice as a public service: as long as you are dealing with sandbox data and not actual customer data, this can be no problem at all.

Create a new Salesforce Site (it works with a community as well) as shown below:

Site Details
API Test Site

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Site Detail

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| | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Site Label | API Test Site | Site Name | APITestSite |
| Site Description | | Site Contact | WR_DEV |
| Active | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Login | Not Allowed |
| Active Site Home Page | Exception (Preview) | Site Favorite Icon | |
| Inactive Site Home Page | InMaintenance (Preview) | Site Robots.txt | |
| Site Template | SiteTemplate (Preview) | Enable Feeds | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Analytics Tracking Code | | URL Rewriter Class | |
| Clickjack Protection Level | Allow framing by the same origin only (Recommended) | Lightning Features for Guest Users | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i |
| Enable Content Sniffing Protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i | Enable Browser Cross Site Scripting Protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i |
| Referrer URL Protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i | Allow only required cookies for this site | <input type="checkbox"/> i More Details |
| Guest Access to the Payments API | <input type="checkbox"/> i | Guest Access to the Support API | <input type="checkbox"/> i |
| Default Record Owner | WR_DEV i | Redirect to custom domain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i |
| Cache public Visualforce pages | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i More Info | | |
| Created By | WR_DEV 12/08/2021 12:09 | Last Modified By | WR_DEV 12/08/2021 12:10 |

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Custom URLs

| Action | Domain Name | Path | Current HTTPS Option | Certificate and Key | Certificate Expiration Date |
|--|--|------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Edit Del View Preview as Admin | webresultssr143-developer-edition.eu40.force.com | / | Salesforce Sites Subdomain | | |

This Site is only used to expose the webservice publicly, so you don't need to configure anything else (anyone will ever access the site via browser): if you already have a Site this step is optional. **Make sure the site is active.**

To enable the webservice you need to assign the **Request Loop Integration** permission set to the Guest User of the above site. Click on **Public Access Settings** > **View Users** and select the **Site Guest User, [Site Name]**; then click on **Edit Assignments** on the **Permission Set Assignments** section, select the **Request Loop Integration** permission set and save.



Since Site's Guest users cannot access custom objects if not enabled, we need to create a new Apex class to remove the sharing restrictions (the webservice query the bins and create the request records).

Here is an example:

```

1  @RestResource(UrlMapping='/v1.0/publicbin/*')
2  global without sharing class WSR_PublicRequestBin_1_0{
3
4      public static final String PARTIAL_PATH = 'v1.0/publicbin/';
5
6      @HttpPost
7      global static void handlePublicPOST() {
8
9          wrts_reqlop.WSR_RequestBin_1_0.getInstance(PARTIAL_PATH).handleRequest();
10     }
11
12     @HttpDelete
13     global static void handlePublicDELETE() {
14
15         wrts_reqlop.WSR_RequestBin_1_0.getInstance(PARTIAL_PATH).handleRequest();
16     }
17
18     @HttpGet
19     global static void handlePublicGET() {
20
21         wrts_reqlop.WSR_RequestBin_1_0.getInstance(PARTIAL_PATH).handleRequest();
22     }
23
24     @HttpPatch
25     global static void handlePublicPATCH() {
26
27         wrts_reqlop.WSR_RequestBin_1_0.getInstance(PARTIAL_PATH).handleRequest();
28     }
29
30     @HttpPut
31     global static void handlePublicPUT() {
32
33         wrts_reqlop.WSR_RequestBin_1_0.getInstance(PARTIAL_PATH).handleRequest();
34     }
35 }

```



WSR_PublicRequest
Bin_1_0.class

The class must then be enabled on the **Site > Public Access Settings > Enabled Apex Class Access** section.

The **PARTIAL_PATH** constant is used to setup a new path for the webservice: make sure that this constant equals the value on the **@RestResource (UrlMapping='xx')** annotation excluding the "*" character.

In this condition the final endpoint will be:

https://[SITE_DOMAIN].[ORG_INSTANCE].force.com/[SITE_PATH_IF_ANY]/services/apexrest/v1.0/publicbin/[BIN_KEY]

Using this method, the new endpoint overrides the package webservice Request Bin default endpoint.

2.2.2 ENABLE NAMED CREDENTIALS FOR REQUEST BIN ENDPOINTS

To speed up testing, you would need to create named credentials to store the main path of the Request Bin records.

The **Request Client** tool lets you input your own callout endpoint (that you have to explicitly enable via the **Setup > Remote Site Settings** configuration) or helps you with an autocomplete feature showing the available named credentials.

Here is an example of named credential configuration:

Named Credentials

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A named credential specifies a callout endpoint and its required authentication parameters. When setting up callouts, avoid setting authentication parameters for each callout by referencing named credentials.

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A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | Other | **All**

| Action | Name ↑ | Label | URL | Authentication Protocol |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| Edit Del | AuthenticatedBin | Authenticated Bin | https://webresultssr143-dev-ed.my.salesforce.com/services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/ | No Authentication |
| Edit Del | GuestSiteBinStandard | Guest Site Bin Standard | https://webresultssr143-developer-edition.eu40.force.com/services/apexrest/services/apexrest/v1.0/publicbin/ | No Authentication |

Both named credentials are unauthenticated, the first points to the standard package service (and needs the *Authorization* header), the second points to the guest site public service.

Both named credentials must be completed with the Request Bin key and additional path/parameters required by your call testing.

3 FEATURES DESCRIPTION

To access **Request Loop** simply look for the *Request Loop* application:

The **Request Client** feature is nested into the *Home* tab, while the **Request Bin** configuration is available through regular record creation via the *Request Bins* tab.

3.1 REQUEST BIN

To configure a new Request Bin (i.e. a container for inbound requests) simply create a new Request Bin record:

New Request Bin

Information

Request Bin Code Owner
WR DEV

* Request Bin Name

* Allowed Requests Limit

Description

Response

* Response Status Code

Response Headers

```
{
  "header-1": "value-1",
  "Content-Type": "text/xml"
}
```

Response Body

```
<xml>
  <node1>
    <node2>value</node2>
  </node1>
</xml>
```

In this example we are setting:

- The Request Bin unique name (only letters, numbers, spaces and special chars "_", "-", and "." Allowed and the value must be greater or equal to 3 in size)
- The maximum number of allowed requests per bin (this avoids creating thousands of request records without control)
- A description
- The response code (should be a 3 digit string)
- Response headers (optional) in JSON format
- Response Body (optional) in any format (plain text, JSON, base 64, JSON, ...)

Once saved, a formula shows the actual endpoint:

The screenshot shows the configuration for a Request Bin with ID RB20210813-000000001. The configuration table is as follows:

| Request Bin Name | Requests Count | Response Status Code | Allowed Requests Limit |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| My Bean Demo 01 | 0 | 200 | 100 |

The **Details** section is expanded to show **Information**:

- Request Bin Code:** RB20210813-000000001
- Request Bin Name:** My Bean Demo 01
- Allowed Requests Limit:** 100
- Description:** My First Request Bin
- Owner:** WR DEV
- Request Bin URI:** /services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/
- Requests Count:** 0
- Last Request:**

The **Response** section shows:

- Response Status Code:** 200
- Response Headers:**

Remember that, if you are not using the package's webservice, the Request Bin URI changes from:

`/services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/[encoded_bin_key]`

to:

`/services/apexrest/[PARTIAL_PATH]/[encoded_bin_key]`

As shown on chapter "2.2.1 SETUP REQUEST BIN AS GUEST USER".

To test out the Request Bin feature, we'll be using the **Request Client** in the next chapter.

You can now use this endpoint to:

- Grab the content body from any Salesforce callout (REST or SOAP, no matter the protocol): you can switch the endpoint of the custom Apex webservice to one of the defined named credential
- Make an external system point to this endpoint to get what's happening in the request (standard API or custom services, both REST and SOAP)

3.2 REQUEST CLIENT

Now that we have a configured Request Bin that can take any incoming request, we'll have a look at the **Request Client** too that can generate a callout by hand.

Click on the *Home* tab of the **Request Loop** app:

The screenshot shows the **Request Client** interface. At the top right is a **Send** button. Below it, the *** Method** is set to **GET** and the *** Request URL** is empty. There are tabs for **Headers** and **Body**. Under the **Headers** tab, there are fields for *** Header Name** and *** Header Value**, with an **Add Header** button below them.

It can be configured with:

- Supported HTTP method (Salesforce supports a set of HTTP methods, GET / PATCH / PUT / POST / DELETE)
- The Request URL, which helps you with an autocomplete behavior:

- Request headers, with an autocomplete features for the main standard headers:

The *Content-Type* header has an autocomplete behavior for the value as well, showing the main standard content types:

Here is an example of a Request Bin configuration, ready to be fired (we have used the authenticated service):

Request Client

* Method: GET

* Request URL: `callout:AuthenticatedBin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/otherPath?param1=value1¶m2=value2`

Headers Body

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| * Header Name: Authorization | * Header Value: Bearer 00D0900000AEYT2!ARMAQGH9WjRoZ5pOQpovyTqyqA02nF6IL3Y_T4RFhFVlIAMOB |
| * Header Name: Content-Type | * Header Value: application/xml |
| * Header Name: Custom-Header | * Header Value: myValue |

Add Header

Take a look at the Request URL which have been changed to include the Request Bin key and other additional path and parameters.

To add a body to the request simply click on the **Body** tab and add any body you want to send (this example shows a GET request which should not have any body at all).

Now, click the **Send** button to send the callout:

200 : OK [\[Download Body\]](#)

Response Body Response Headers

```
<xml>
  <node1>
    <node2>value</node2>
  </node1>
</xml>
```

The Request Bin has responded (as configured) a "200 OK" with a custom XML body shown on the **Response Body** panel (that you can download using the **Download Body** link on the right side of the response section).

The **Response Headers** shows the headers exchanged by the external system (Request Bin again):

200 : OK

Response Body **Response Headers**

```
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2021 08:20:46 GMT
X-Robots-Tag: none
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Cache-Control: no-cache,must-revalidate,max-age=0,no-store,private
header-1: value-1
SF-BIN-ID: a000900000DaXrNAAV
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Set-Cookie: BrowserId=XFpCPfwPEeuIMAO603X5Vg; domain=.salesforce.com; path=/; expires=Sat, 13-Aug-2022 08:20:46 GM
domain=webresultssr143-dev-ed.my.salesforce.com; path=/; expires=Sat, 13-Aug-2022 08:20:46 GMT; Max-Age=31536000
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
Content-Type: text/xml
```

As you can see the headers contain the headers set in the Request Bin configuration.



3.2.1 REQUEST BIN'S REQUESTS

Jump back to the Request Bin record we have used to grab the Request Client callout.

The screenshot displays the Salesforce Request Bin interface. At the top, a header shows the Request Bin ID: **RB20210813-000000001**. Below this, a summary table provides key metrics:

| Request Bin Name | Requests Count | Response Status Code | Allowed Requests Limit |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| My Bean Demo 01 | 1 | 200 | 100 |

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Details:** A section with a 'Details' header and a 'Information' sub-section. It lists:
 - Request Bin Code: RB20210813-000000001
 - Request Bin Name: My Bean Demo 01
 - Owner: WR DEV
 - Request Bin URI: /services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/
- Requests (1):** A section showing a single request record:
 - Request ID: R20210813-000000001
 - Created Date: 13/08/2021, 10:20
 - HTTP Method: GET
 - Remote Address: 85.222.158.8

The **Request** object stores all requests sent to the bin:

The screenshot displays the Salesforce Request object interface. At the top, a header shows the Request ID: **R20210813-000000001**. Below this, a summary table provides key details:

| Bin | HTTP Method | URI |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| RB20210813-000000001 | GET | /wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/otherPath |

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Details:** A section with a 'Details' header and a 'Information' sub-section. It lists:
 - Request Code: R20210813-000000001
 - Bin: [RB20210813-000000001](#)
 - URI: /wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/otherPath
 - HTTP Method: GET
 - Remote Address: 85.222.158.8
 - Resource Path: /services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/*
- Details:** A section with a 'Details' header, showing:
 - Headers:** A JSON object containing various headers such as "Content-Type", "X-B3-TraceId", "X-Salesforce-SNI", "Cache-Control", "Host", "User-Agent", etc.
 - Params:** A JSON object containing "param2": "value2" and "param1": "value1".
 - Empty Body:** A checkbox that is checked, indicating the request body is empty.

As expected we have:

- The callout path (with the additional “/otherPath”)
- The headers sent (including the custom “Custom-Header”)
- The parameters sent in the URI
- The evidence that no body was sent

If a body was sent via the Request Client configuration:

Request Client

* Method: POST

* Request URL: callout:AuthenticatedBin/my%2520bean%2520demo%252001/otherPath

Headers | **Body**

```
<xml>
  <request>value</request>
</xml>
```

The Request Bin’s Request record will show a File containing the request data:

Request **R20210813-0000000003**

Bin: [RB20210813-0000000001](#) | HTTP Method: POST | URI: /wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/otherParam

Details

Information

| | | | |
|--------------|--|----------------|---|
| Request Code | R20210813-0000000003 | HTTP Method | POST |
| Bin | RB20210813-0000000001 | Remote Address | 85.222.158.8 |
| URI | /wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/my%20bean%20demo%2001/otherParam | Resource Path | /services/apexrest/wrts_reqlop/v1.0/bin/* |

Files (1)

[REQUEST_BODY_13/08/2021, 10:37.txt](#)
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Which contains the body of the request:

REQUEST_BODY_13/0... | Download | Share | Public Link

```
<xml>
  <request>value</request>
</xml>
```