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Thread: [Should Spring Boot Mapping be letter for letter when referencing a file to return?](#)

Chukozy - September 18, 2020, 1:39 pm

Hi guys,

Using Spring Boot, I was wondering when using the `@GetMapping()` method, is it a good practice to do letter-for-letter reference when returning a particular file such an HTML, or have more practical text in the URL?

Example:

```
Code @GetMapping("/favourite-apps")
public String goFavApps() {
    return "favapps.html";
}
```

or should it be strictly what the file name is?

knox - September 21, 2020, 9:10 pm

I would say prefer easy to read, but still relatively short URLs. `"/favourite-apps"` is good. The main reason I say that is that it's a better user experience for whoever is visiting your site, and it can improve search engine rankings. For internal file names (e.g. `"favapps.html"`), it's purely up to your preference. Whatever style you pick for that, just stay consistent.

G.P.D. - October 2, 2020, 12:10 am

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You can use ModelAndView Object to redirect :

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}
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Or HttpServletResponse :

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public void method(HttpServletResponse httpServletResponse) {
    httpServletResponse.setHeader("Location", "favapps.html");
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Chukozy - October 2, 2020, 10:56 am

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There is no problem bro.

PM me in case you're stuck while programming !