

A man with a beard is sitting at a desk in an office, looking at a computer monitor. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay. The man is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background shows office windows and other people working.

From the car to the clouds

with Vapor

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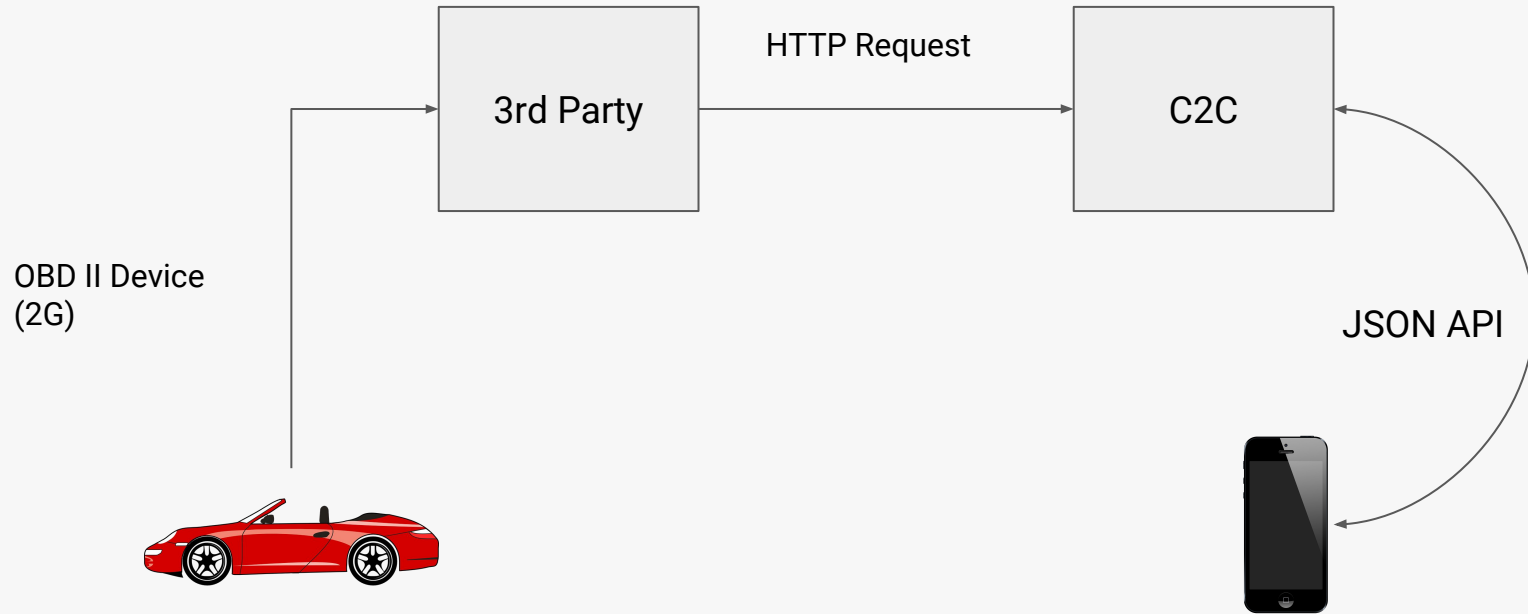


C2C (Car to Cloud) - Initial Objectives

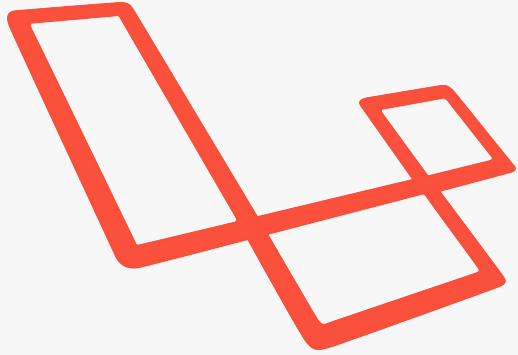
- Read driving data from 3rd party;
- Be able to group the events and define trips;
- Process the trip data to create scores;
- Send a push notification to the user when he finishes a trip.



Overview



Confidence level



- Piece of cake



- Clueless....

Where should I start?



Setting up

- Install Vapor and environment;
- Look for packages that may be useful;
- Checkout *The Swift Programming Language* book;
- Checkout some videos from Ray Wenderlich;
- Checkout Vapor slack channel;
- Read Vapor's documentation.



Some of the tasks

- API User Management;
- Provide an API for the app;
- Integrate with 3rd party APIs.



API user management - JWT Keychain

I needed

- API User Management;
- Flexible out of the box solution.

Features

- User model ready to use (or make your own);
- User controller ready to use (or make your own);
- JWT token settings are configurable (expiry time, signer method, etc);
- Small set of routes that let you register, login, update info and retrieve your details;
- Reset password functionality (also configurable).

See more @ <https://github.com/nodes-vapor/jwt-keychain>



App API - Data transformation

- Usage of `.makeJSON()` was not enough, especially because of inner relations;
- Using an enumeration of `Context` on `.makeNode(context: Context)` allows the data to be converted in a flexible way (ex: model relations)



App API - Data transformation

```
// MARK: Node Representable
extension Score: NodeRepresentable {

    func makeNode(context: Context) throws -> Node {

        switch context {

        case ScoreContext.withRelations:
            return try Node(node: [
                "id": self.id,
                "user_id": self.userId,
                "type": self.type,
                "date": self.date.to(Date.Format.date),
                "score": self.score,
                "created_at": self.createdAt?.to(Date.Format.ISO8601),
                "updated_at": self.updatedAt?.to(Date.Format.ISO8601),
                "trips": try self.trips().makeNode(context: TripContext.jsonReady)
            ])

        default:
            return try Node(node: [
                "id": self.id,
                "user_id": self.userId,
                "type": self.type,
                "date": self.date.to(Date.Format.date),
                "score": self.score,
                "created_at": self.createdAt?.to(Date.Format.dateTime),
                "updated_at": self.updatedAt?.to(Date.Format.dateTime)
            ])

        }

    }

}
```



3rd party APIs - Vapor's HTTP Client

- Native Vapor Client;
- Made the integration with Google Maps services a breeze;

```
response = try drop.client.get(  
    self.basePath + endpoint,  
    query: requestData  
)
```



3rd party APIs - The Optionals Pain

- Very painful to deal with coming from the PHP world;
- Parsing the JSON webhook from the 3rd party was a big lesson on how important and good they are;



3rd party APIs - The Optionals Pain

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// We have identified the device, let's identify the type
guard let type = object.object?["meta"]?.object?["event"]?.string else {
    continue
}

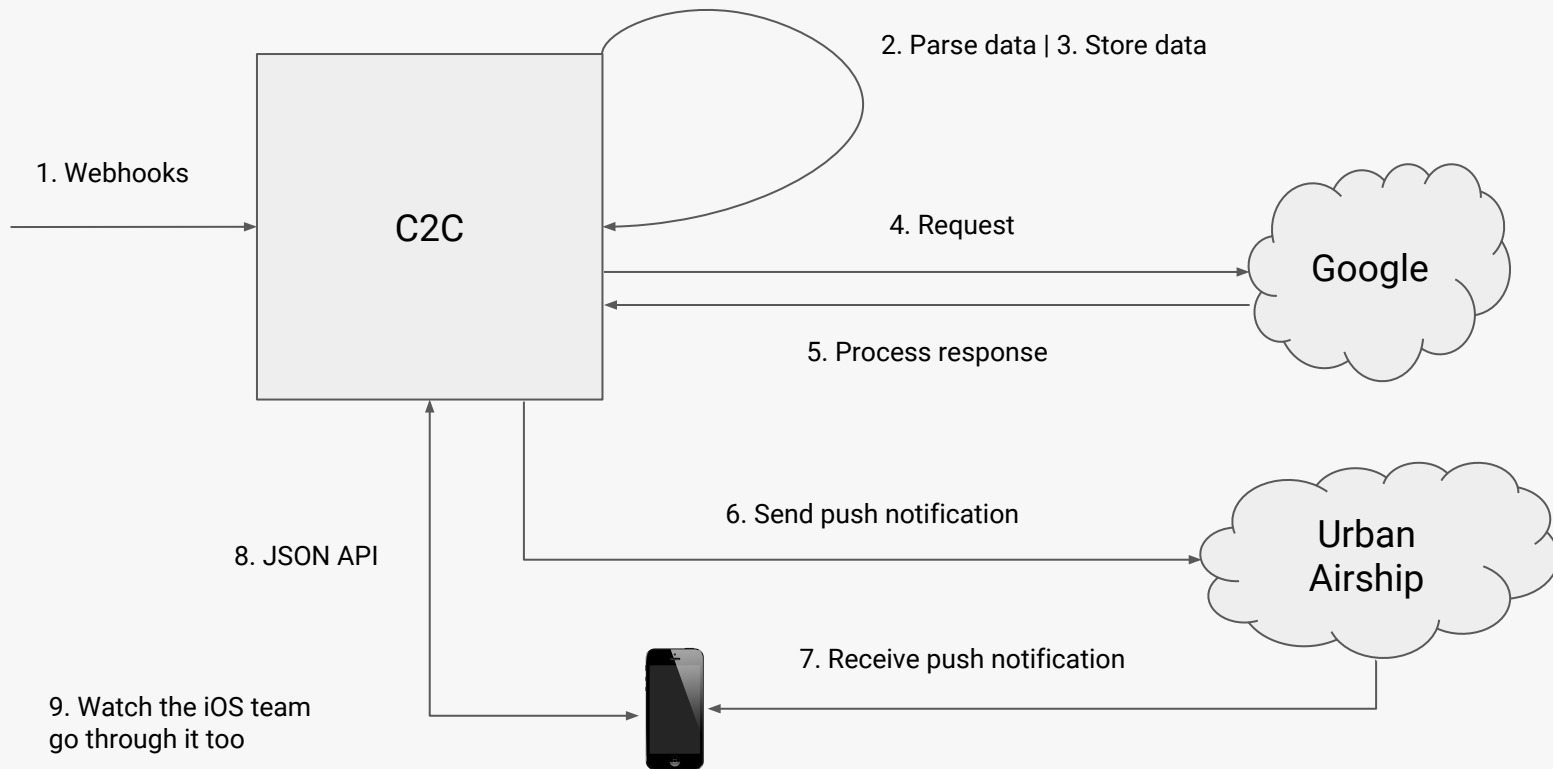
// If it's not a track type, just ignore it.
if type != "track" {
    continue
}

// If we can't get the device ID, ignore it
guard let deviceId = object.object?["payload"]?.object?["asset"]?.string else {
    continue
}

// We have identified the device, let's identify the type
guard let id = object.object?["payload"]?.object?["id"]?.string else {
    continue
}
```



The optional pain scheme



With Laravel it would be a piece of cake, but...

It turned out that Vapor was a piece of cake too!

- 2 weeks to a fully working prototype;
- Easy to understand coming from Laravel;
- An awesome community behind Vapor.



Thank you

