A Quick Look At Rpclib

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What is Rpclib?

Rpclib makes it convenient to

expose your services using multiple

protocols and/or transports.

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2)

Now, we have to wrap the service definition in an `Application` definition.

```
[DateTimeService],
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Finally, we wrap the application in

a transport.

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```
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2012-03-09T17:38:11.997784
```

Now, what if we wanted to expose this function using another protocol?

For example: SOAP

```
from rpclib.application import Application
from rpclib.protocol.soap import Soap11

soap = Application([DateTimeService],
        tns='rpclib.examples.multiprot',
        in_protocol=HttpRpc(),
        out_protocol=Soap11()
    )
```

For example: SOAP

```
$ curl http://localhost:9910/get_utc_time \
                                    | tidy -xml -indent
```

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<senv:Envelope xmlns:wsa="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2003/03/addressing"
 xmlns:tns="rpclib.examples.multiple_protocols"
 xmlns:plink="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2003/05/partner-link/"
 xmlns:xop="http://www.w3.org/2004/08/xop/include"
 xmlns:senc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
 xmlns:s12env="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/"
 xmlns:s12enc="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding/"
 xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
 xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
 xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
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 xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
  <senv:Body>
    <tns:get_utc_timeResponse>
      <tns:get_utc_timeResult>
        2012-03-06T17:43:30.894466
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Or, just XML:

```
from rpclib.application import Application
from rpclib.protocol.xml import XmlObject

xml = Application([DateTimeService],
        tns='rpclib.examples.multiprot',
        in_protocol=HttpRpc(),
        out_protocol=XmlObject()
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<ns0:get_utc_timeResponse
xmlns:ns0="rpclib.examples.multiple_protocols">
  <ns0:get_utc_timeResult>
    2012-03-06T17:49:08.922501
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```

Or, HTML:

```
from rpclib.application import Application
from rpclib.protocol.xml import HtmlMicroFormat

html = Application([DateTimeService],
        tns='rpclib.examples.multiprot',
        in_protocol=HttpRpc(),
        out_protocol=HtmlMicroFormat()
    )
```

Or, HTML:

```
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<div class="get_utc_timeResponse">
  <div class="get_utc_timeResult">
    2012-03-06T17:52:50.234246
  </div>
</div>
```

etc…

Rpclib also makes it easy to implement custom protocols.

Let's implement an output protocol that renders the datetime value as an analog clock.

(without going into much detail ☺)

To do that, we need to implement the `serialize` and `create_out_string` functions in a `ProtocolBase` child.

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  def create_out_string(self, ctx, charset=None):
    ctx.out_string = [
        etree.tostring(ctx.out_document)
    ]
```

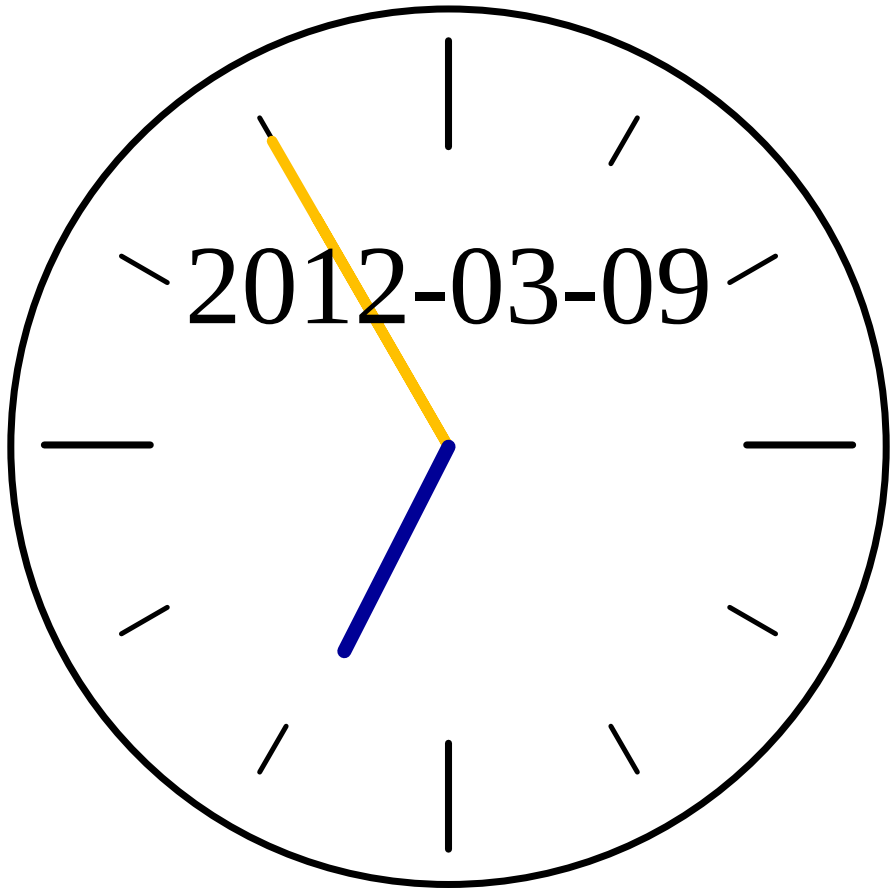
The custom SVG protocol:

```
from rpclib.application import Application

svg = Application([DateTimeService],
        tns='rpclib.examples.multiprot',
        in_protocol=HttpRpc(),
        out_protocol=SvgClock()
    )
```

The custom SVG protocol:

```
$ curl http://localhost:9910/get_utc_time \
                                    > utc_time.svg
```



So, what's missing?

Protocols: JSON! ProtoBuf! XmlRpc!
HTML! (The whole document)

Transports: SMTP! Files! BitTorrent!

(and many other things! see the ROADMAP.rst in the source repo.)

Additional Information:

github.com/arskom/rpclib

This example and the presentation are in:
examples/multiple_protocols