## SOAP vs REST Webservies

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**Benefits of REST Over SOAP**

In addition to using HTTP for simplicity, REST offers a number of other benefits over SOAP:

* **REST allows a greater variety of data formats**, whereas SOAP only allows XML.
* Coupled with JSON (which typically works better with data and offers faster parsing), **REST is generally considered easier to work with**.
* Thanks to JSON, **REST offers better support for browser clients**.
* **REST provides superior performance**, particularly through caching for information that’s not altered and not dynamic.
* **REST is the protocol used most often for major services** such as Yahoo, Ebay, Amazon, and even Google.
* **REST is generally faster and uses less bandwidth**. It’s also easier to integrate with existing websites with no need to refactor site infrastructure. This enables developers to work faster rather than spend time rewriting a site from scratch. Instead, they can simply add additional functionality.