



Building Blocks of REST

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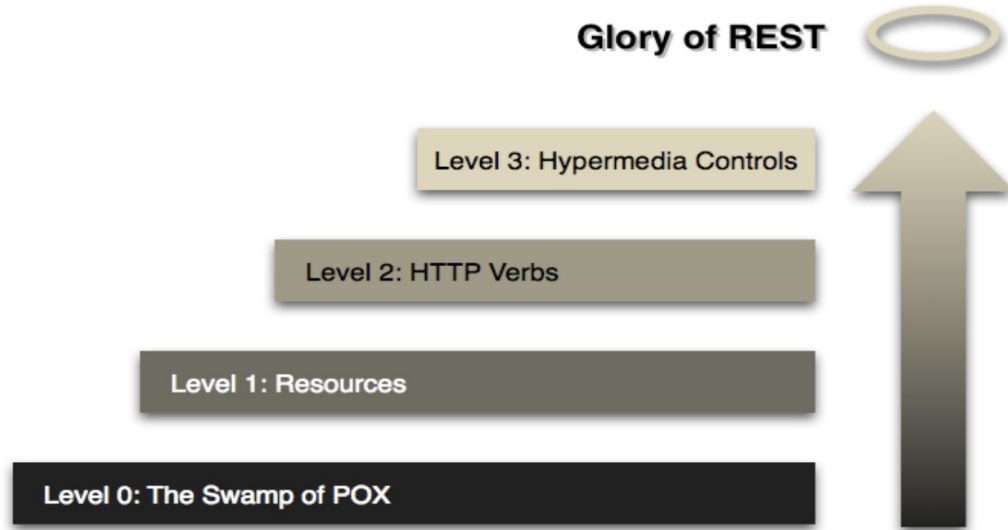
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- Pragmatic REST
 - uses standard HTTP concepts to access machine readable resources.
 - is easily understandable, readily consumable and self-documenting.
 - allows access to APIs with very little overhead.

Richardson Maturity Model



What does Pragmatic REST look like?

- HTTP Verb Driven
 - GET - fetch / search
 - POST - create
 - PUT - update
 - DELETE - remove
- Resource-Oriented
 - /v1/customers - a collection of or search for customers
 - /v1/customers/{id} - a specific customer

Why Pragmatic REST?

- Easy to implement
- Easy to consume
- Clear intent and common understanding
- Simplifies system interactions

Sample Interaction

GET /v1/customers HTTP/1.1

Host: api.yourdomain.com

200 OK

Cache-Control: max-age=35000

```
[
  {
    "id": "ABC123",
    "firstName": "Fred",
    ...
  },
  {
    "id": "DEF456",
    "firstName": "Tom"
    ...
  },
  ...
]
```


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GET /v1/customers/**ABC123** HTTP/1.1

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```
{
  "id": "ABC123",
  "firstName": "Fred",
  "lastName": "Jones",
  "address": {
    "line1": "455 Weaver Park Rd #500",
    "city": "Longmont",
    "state": "CO",
    "zip": "80501"
  },
  "orders": {
    "href": "https://.../v1/orders?cust=ABC123"
  }
}
```

Sample Interaction

GET /v1/customers HTTP/1.1

Host: api.yourdomain.com

301 Moved Permanently

Location:

<https://api.yourdomain.com/v2/customers>

```
{  
  "deprecated": true,  
  "message": "use /v2/customers"  
}
```

Sample Interaction

```
GET /v1/customers/ABC123 HTTP/1.1  
Host: api.yourdomain.com  
If-Modified-Since: Wed, 21 Dec 2016  
08:12:31 MDT
```

```
304 Not Modified  
Last-Modified: Wed, 21 Dec 2016 08:12:31  
MDT
```



Thank You

Why Pragmatic REST?

- Industry standard
- Easily implementable
- Easily consumable
- Many tools available

Data Types

SOAP + XML

- The “Traditional” enterprise data structure type
- Strong validation = brittle apps
- Difficult implementation on mobile / web platforms

JSON

- Web-native data structures
- Weak validation = robust apps
- Seamless implementation on mobile / web platforms