

Programming for IoT Applications

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DATA EXCHANGE IN WEB ENVIRONMENTS



Data exchange in web environments

The web consists of several heterogeneous systems that need to exchange data between them.

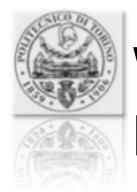




Requirements for data exchange



- A language to define abstract data types
- The system independent data representation for any abstract data type that can be defined
- The mechanisms that data receivers must use for correctly decoding data
 - Typically, receivers must know the (abstract) type of data they will receive for decoding them



What is a Markup Language?



A Markup Language is a system for annotating a document in a way that is syntactically distinguishable from the text.

Annotations describe structural presentation and semantic aspects of a document.



What is SGML?



SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language) is a meta-language for describing markup languages for device/system independent documents

SGML enables the description of syntactic/structural aspects of markup languages (not their semantics)

- How markups are written and how they are distinguished from text and from each other.
- What markups are possible or required in different parts of the document.



What is SGML?



An SGML Document

- is a data object that can be described by the general markup language
- takes the form of a text conformant to the general SGML syntactic rules, including markups, textual data and a reference to a DTD (Document Type Definition)

The DTD is a formalism that describes the specific features of a markup language



HTML – HyperText Markup Language



What is HTML?

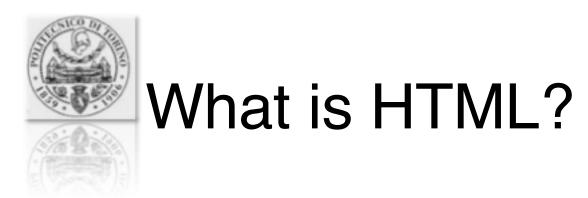
HTML is the standard markup language for creating web pages.

Tim Berners-Lee considered **HTML** to be an application of **SGML** when proposed its first draft.

It is maintained by World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

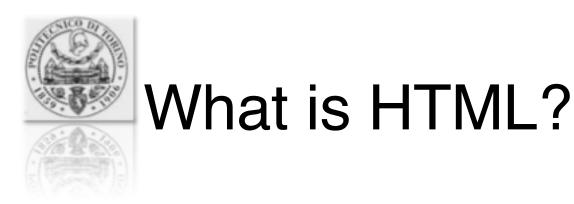
Tim Berners-Lee





HTML describes the structure of a website semantically along with cues for presentation.

Web browsers read HTML files and render them into visible or audible web pages.



The language consists of tags enclosed in angle brackets (like <html>), also called HTML elements.

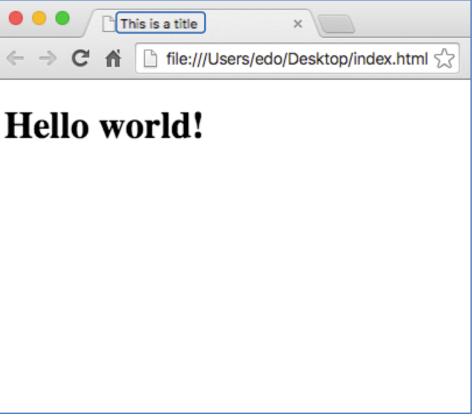
Browsers do not display the HTML tags but use them to interpret the content of the page.

It is a markup language, rather than a programming language.





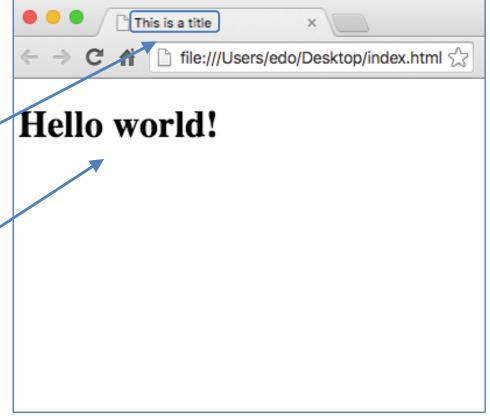
HTML: example (1)





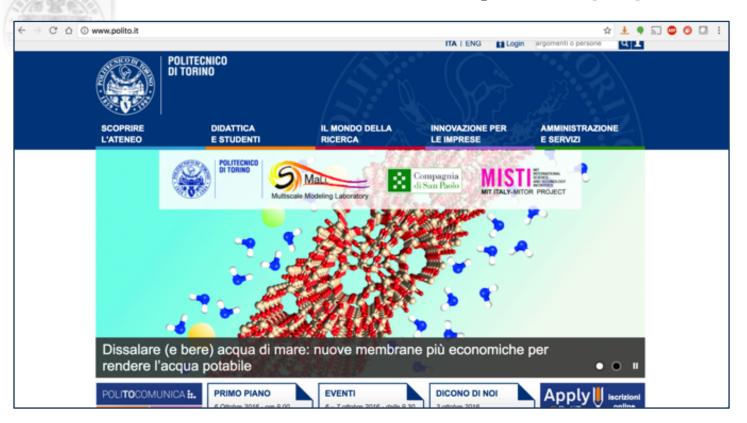
HTML: example (1)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
   <head>
      <title>This is a
title</title>
   </head>
   <body>
      Hello world!
   </body>
</html>
```





HTML: example (2)





HTML: example (2)



```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="it-IT" lang="it-IT">
    <head>
        <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
        <meta http-equiv="Content-language" content="it-IT" />
        <title>Politecnico di Torino</title>
        <meta name="author" content="Politecnico di Torino" />
        <meta name="copyright" content="Politecnico di Torino" />
                                    <meta name="description" content="Da oltre 150 anni, il Politecnico di Torino &egrave; una delle istituzioni pubbliche</pre>
più prestigiose a livello italiano ed internazionale nella formazione, ricerca, trasferimento tecnologico e servizi in tutti i settori
dell'Architettura e dell'Ingegneria." />
                                                                    <meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-title" content="PoliTO" />
        <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge" />
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        <link href="/includes/css/jquery.cookiebar.css?updated=20150529" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
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                                        <script src="/includes/is/iguery-1.9.1.min.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
        <script type="text/javascript">
```



XML - eXtensible Markup Language



What is XML?



XML is a language that enables the formal description of markup languages.

The information is sent in a "document":

- Human & machine readable
- Memory/bandwidth requirements not optimized

Data incorporates information about their type

receivers do not need to know data types in advance



What is XML?



XML was designed to be:

- directly usable on the internet (via HTTP)
- largely open and compatible
- directly and simply usable by applications

It is one of the main standards for data exchange among heterogeneous (web-) applications



What is XML?



The document includes:

- contents structure (the organization of the contents)
- contents semantics (the meaning of the contents)



XML: document example



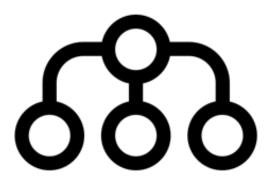
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         <title> An Algorithm for Machine Computation of Complex FFT </title>
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         <title> Java Web Services </title>
         <publisher> Hops Libri </publisher>
    </book>
</bibliography>
```





An XML document have tree structure

- Each sub-tree (or node) is an element
- Elements can:
 - include data
 - have attributes







An XML document may include

- declarations (e.g. reference to DTD)
- processing instructions
- comments





A well formed XML document follows the general SGML syntax.

Main rules:

 Each non-empty element is delimited by an initial and a final tag

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- Attribute names are unique inside each element (XML is case-sensitive)

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Syntactic Structures



A document is made up of data (character sequences) and markups

A markup can be:

- the begin/end tag of an element
- a reference to an entity
- a comment
- a DTD declaration
- an XML declaration
- a processing instruction



The XML declaration



It is placed at the beginning of the document

It specifies the XML version and character encoding used in the document

Syntax:

```
<?xml version="..." encoding="..." ?>
```

Examples:

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
<?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "UTF-8" ?>
```



Validating XML Documents

An XML well-formed document is valid if:

- It contains a DTD declaration
- It satisfies the constraints expressed by its DTD



What is DTD?



DTD (Document Type Definition) defines a language.

It defines a sequence of rules (element declarations and attribute declarations)

Rules are written in SGML syntax



DTD example



<!-- TV Schedule DTD --> <!DOCTYPE TVSCHEDULE [

```
<!ELEMENT TVSCHEDULE (CHANNEL+)>
<!ELEMENT CHANNEL (BANNER, DAY+)>
<!ELEMENT BANNER (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT DAY (DATE,(HOLIDAYIPROGRAMSLOT+)+)>
<!ELEMENT HOLIDAY (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT DATE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT PROGRAMSLOT (TIME,TITLE,DESCRIPTION?)>
<!ELEMENT TIME (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT TITLE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT DESCRIPTION (#PCDATA)>
<!ATTLIST TVSCHEDULE NAME CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ATTLIST CHANNEL CHAN CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ATTLIST PROGRAMSLOT VTR CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST TITLE RATING CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ATTLIST TITLE LANGUAGE CDATA #IMPLIED>
```

]>



DTD: element declaration



DTD specifies:

- Element name
- Content model

The syntax is:

<!ELEMENT name model>

Model Types are:

- EMPTY. The element must be empty
- ANY. Any contents are admitted (no check)
- Element. The element must contain only elements
- Mixed Content. The element may contain both elements and data





Element Model let specify name, order, optionality and multiplicity of nested elements by a simple grammar

```
<!ELEMENT meal (course*)>
<!ELEMENT course (first|second|dessert)>
<!ELEMENT fixedPrficeMeal (first,second,dessert)>
<!ELEMENT first EMPTY>
<!ELEMENT second EMPTY>
<!ELEMENT dessert FMPTY>
```





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A model is either an element or sequence of models or alternative of models:

 A comma denotes a sequence

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A model is either an **element** or **sequence of models** or **alternative of models**:

- A comma denotes a sequence
- A vertical bar denotes an alternative

```
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```

<!FI FMFNT dessert FMPTY>





Multiplicity is specified by the postfix operators:

- the model must occur 1 or more times
- the model must occur 0 or more times
- ? the model must occur 0 or 1 times (is optional)

<!ELEMENT meal (course*)>

- <!ELEMENT course (first|second|dessert)>
- <!ELEMENT fixedPrficeMeal (first,second,dessert)>
- <!ELEMENT first EMPTY>
- <!ELEMENT second EMPTY>
- <!ELEMENT dessert EMPTY>

<!ELEMENT laboratory (name, head, secretary?, (technician | operator | +)>



DTD: attribute declaration



Each declaration specifies the features of one or more attributes of an element type

The syntax is:

<!ATTLIST element-name attribute-name attributetype attribute-value>

For each attribute, name, value type and default declaration can be specified.

<!ATTLIST onlyData id ID #REQUIRED type (vector | matrix)
"vector">



value type specification



Туре	Value	Syntax	Example
String	A string without the special characters < >&"	CDATA	CDATA
Token	a token or a sequence of token	ID IDREF ENTITY NMTOKEN IDREFS ENTITIES NMTOKENS	ID
Enumaration	One of the specified strings	A list of strings separated by	(Mr Mrs Miss)



שוט: meaning of Token Types



Туре	Value
ID	A name that uniquely identifies the element in the whole XML document
IDREF	The ID of an element in the XML document (a reference to an element)
ENTITY	The name of an entity declared in the DTD
NMTOKEN	A generic name
IDREFS	A sequence of IDREF tokens
ENTITIES	A sequence of ENTITY tokens
NMTOKENS	A sequence of NMTOKEN tokens



DTD: Default declaration



Indicates if the attribute is compulsory or what is its default value. It may take 4 different forms:

- #REQUIRED. The attribute is compulsory (no default)
- "default". The attribute is optional. If absent, the indicated default value is used.
- #IMPLIED. The attribute is optional, and the default value is undefined. Any value can be used if the attribute is absent.
- #FIXED default. The attribute is optional, but fixed.
 If present, it must have the indicated default value.



DTD: example



<!ATTLIST course

code ID #REQUIRED name CDATA #IMPLIED double (yes I no) "no"

>

XML examples of valid start element tags:

<course code="A10" name="Spaghetti">
<course code="A10" double="yes">

XML examples of invalid start element tags:



```
<course name="Steak">
<course code="A10" double="nes">
<course>
```

is required 4



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valid option

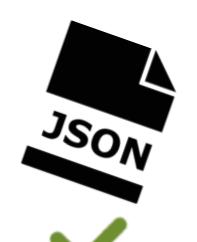


JSON - JavaScript Object Notation





What is JSON?



JSON is a lightweight text based data exchange format

It is completely language independent

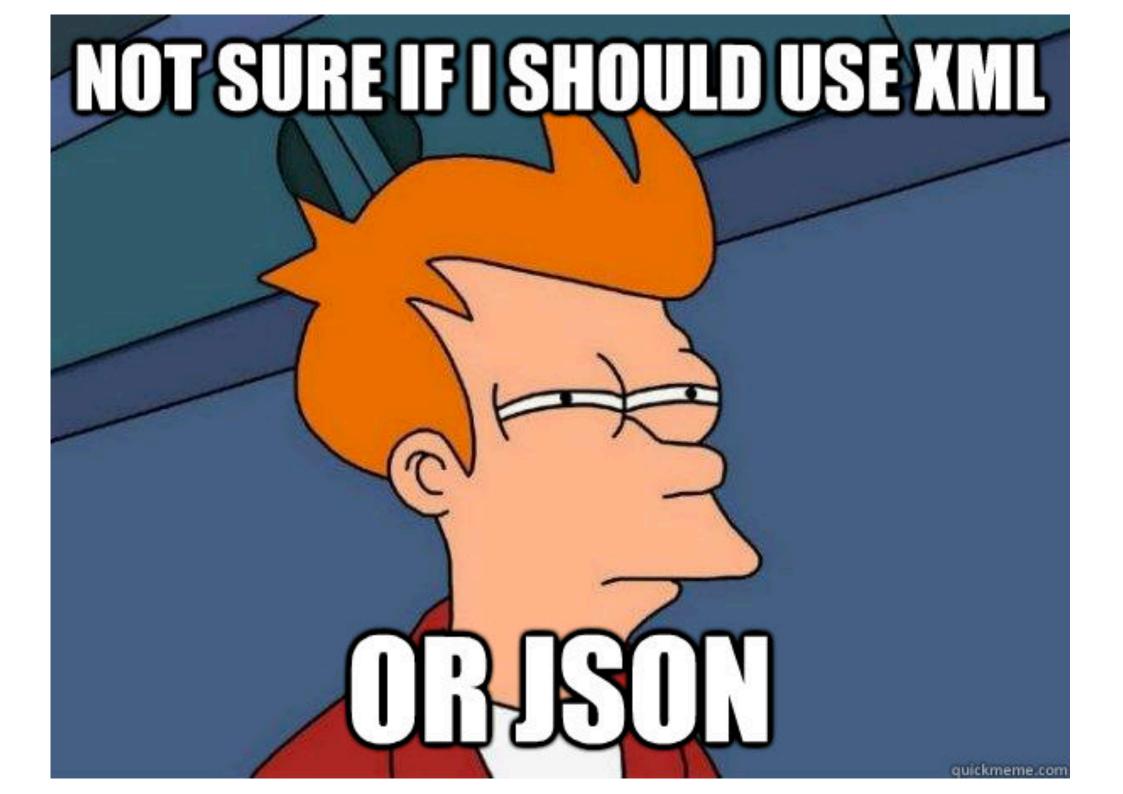


It is easy to understand, manipulate and generate



It is NOT a markup language







JSON vs. XML



Just like XML:

- Plain text formats
- Self-describing (human readable)
- Hierarchical (values can contain lists of objects or single values)





JSON vs. XML



Differently from XML:

- Lighter and faster than XML
- JSON uses typed objects. Whilst, all XML values are type-less strings and must be parsed at runtime
- Less syntax, no semantics







Unordered sets of key/value pairs

```
"name": "Tony Stark",
  "codename": "Iron Man",
  "date_of_birth": "29/05/1970",
  "age": 45,
  "height": 185.42,
  "birthplace": "Long Island, New York",
  "address": null,
  "isAvenger": true
}
```





- Unordered sets of key/value pairs
- Begins with { (left brace)
- Ends with } (right brace)

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- Each key is followed by: (colon)
- Key/value pairs are separated by, (comma)

```
"name": "Tony Stark",
"codename": "Iron Man",
"date_of_birth": "29/05/1970",
"age": 457
"height": 185.42,
"birthplace": "Long Island, New York",
"address": nul
"isAvenger": true
                   name/value pair
```





 An ordered collection of values or objects

```
"name": "Tony Stark",
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Values
                  "list_of_allies": ["Thor","Hulk","Capt. America"],
                  "movies_release": [2008,2010,2012,2013,2015],
                   'list_of_enemies": [
                    {"name": "Iron Monger", "terminated": false},
                    {"name": "Mandarin", "terminated": false}]
                                                             53
```

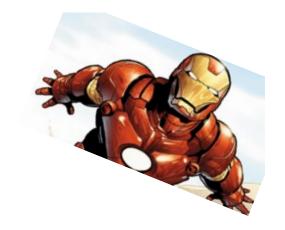




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Objects
```





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- Begins with (left bracket)
- Ends with] (right bracket)
- Values are comma separated

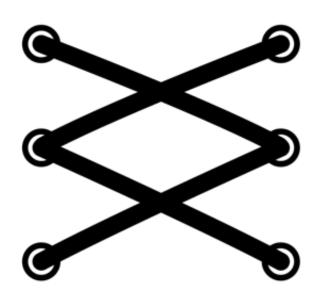
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"isAvenger": true,
"list_of_allies": ["Thor"; "Hulk"; "Capt. America"],
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```



Data Types: Strings



- Sequence of one or more Unicode characters
- Wrapper in "double quotes"
- Backslash escapement

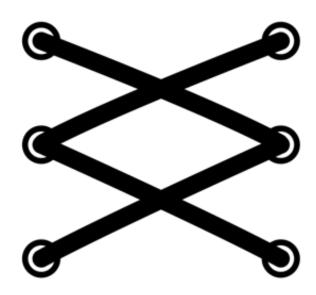


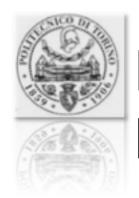


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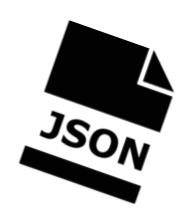


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Data Types: Booleans and Null



- Booleans: true or false
- Null: nothing or no value.





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```





Data Types: Numbers

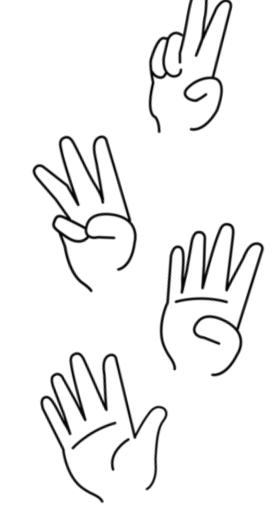
JSON

- Integer
- Real
- Scientific
- No octal or hex
- No NaN or Infinity
 - (Use **null** instead)





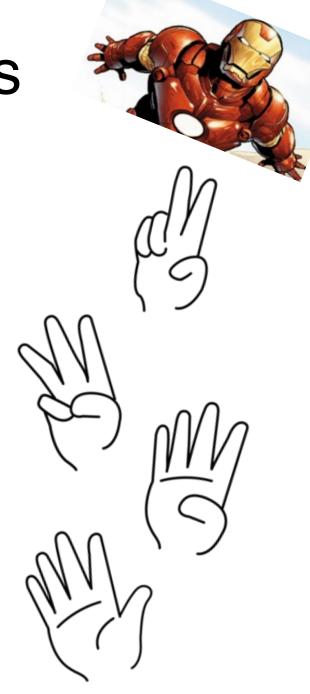




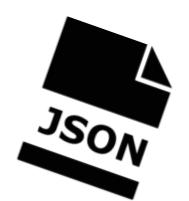


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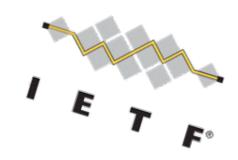


No inherit validation (XML has DTD)

 Use http://jsonlint.com/ to validate your JSON

```
JSONLint
The JSON Validator
                                                                                                                A Tool from the Avo90 Lab. Source is on GitHub
                                                                                                            Props to Douglas Crockford of JSON and JS Lint and
Want more from JSONLint? Try JSONLint Pro
                                                                                                   Zach Carter, who provided the pure JS implementation of jsonlint
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                   "Capt. America"
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                  2013.
  Validate
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Results
  Valid JSON
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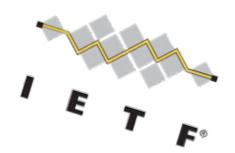




SenML (Sensor Markup Language) is a media type for representing simple sensor measurements and device parameters.

Representations are available for **XML**, EXI and **JSON**. SenML is defined (in draft) by **Internet Engineering Task Force** - IETF



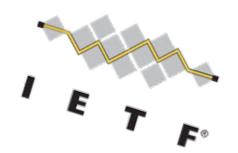


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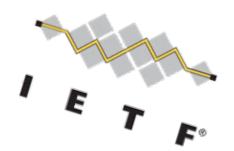
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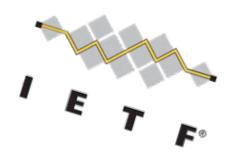
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...or multiple timestamped events for the same resource...
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    "e": [
         { "n": "temperature", "u": "Cel", "t": 1234, "v":22.5 },
         { "n": "temperature", "u": "Cel", "t": 1235, "v":22.8 },
         { "n": "temperature", "u": "Cel", "t": 1236, "v":22.2 } ]
```





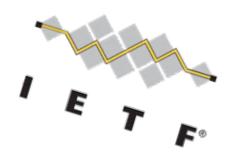
...or, events for multiple resources





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