REST Workshop

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Speaker's Qualification

- 20 years of experience
- Specialize in benefits and applicability of next-generation technologies
- Author "Resource-Oriented Architectural Patterns" Morgan & Claypool 2013
- One of Top 100 Semantic Web People (http://www.semanticweb.com/semanticweb100/)

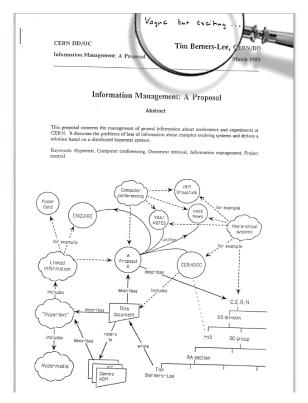
Agenda

- Introduction
- Architecture
- Identity
- Interaction
- Representation

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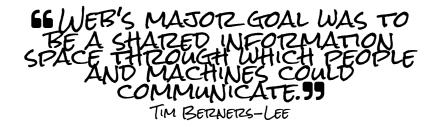


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TO STORE AND STRUCTURE THEIR OWN INFORMATION, WHETHER PERMANENT OR EPHEMERAL IN NATURE, Such that it could be usable by themselves and others, and to be able to reference and structure the information stored by others so that it would not be necessary for everyone to keep and maintain local copies.

Why the Web works

- Loose coupling
- Localized changes
- Global namespace
- · Clicking resolves and requests
- Content negotiation

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Does your browser...

- Have to read a website's API documentation?
- Break when a website rearranges its content?
- Break when a website changes its implementation technology?

REST vs SOAP



http://www.indeed.com/trendgraph/jobgraph.png?q=rest%2C+soap

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SOAP Request

```
POST /quote HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.org
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: nnn

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-envelope"
SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-encoding">
<SOAP-ENV:Body xmlns:m="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-encoding">
<SOAP-ENV:Body xmlns:m="http://www.example.org/quote">
<m:GetQuote>
<m:GetQuote>
<m:QuoteName>AAPL</m:QuoteName>
</miGetQuote>
</SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
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REST Request

GET /quote/AAPL HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.org

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SOAP Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: nnn

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
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REST Response

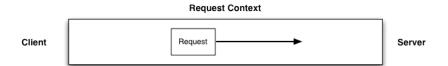
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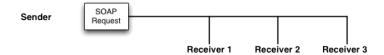
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Contextualized Request



Decontextualized Request



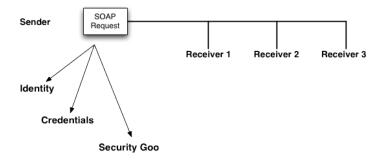
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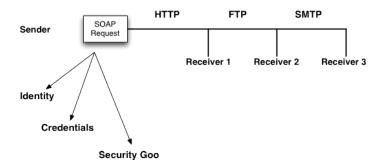
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Decontextualized Request



Decontextualized Request



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What REST Isn't...

- RPC through URLs
- A direct replacement for SOAP
- XML over HTTP
- Insecure
- A toy
- Whatever you want it to be

RMM Level 0



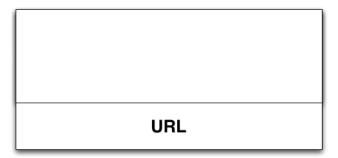
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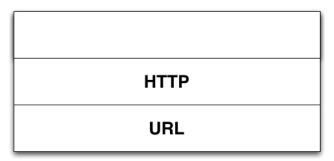
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RMM Level 1



RMM Level 2



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RMM Level 3

Hyper Media
НТТР
URL

Architecture

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Desired Properties

- Performance
- Scalability
- Generality
- Simplicity
- Modifiability
- Extensibility

Client Server



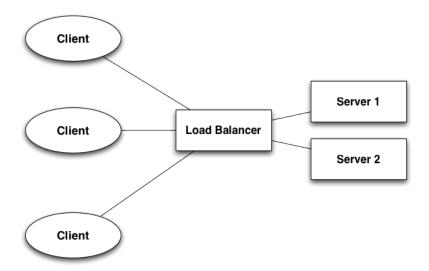
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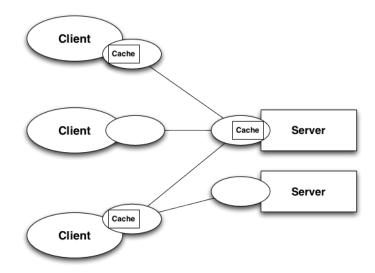
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Stateless Client-Server



Stateless Client-Server w/ Cache and Uniform Interface



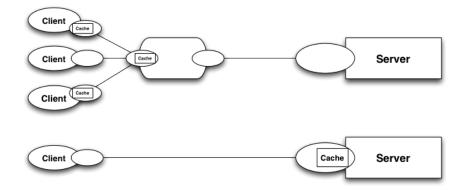
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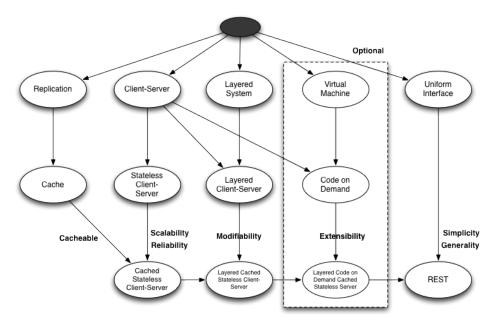
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Layered Stateless Client-Server w/ Cache and Uniform Interface



REST on a Slide



"Architectural Styles and the Design of Network-based Software Architectures" (http://www.ics.uci.edu/~fielding/pubs/dissertation/top.htm)

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Exercises

Discuss:

- Does REST matter?
- If so, why does REST matter?
- Why is it important to be RESTful?
- Explain the benefit of each of the RMM levels

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Identity



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PROBLEMS ARE NOT LINEAR; THE SCALE-UP PROBLEMS ARE NOT LINEAR; THERE IS OFTEN A QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN COMPLEXITY, AND SOME THINGS THAT ARE TRIVIAL TO DEAL WITH IN A NETWORK OF ONLY A FEW MACHINES AND PRINCIPALS (SUCH AS NAMING) SUDDENLY BECOME A BIG DEAL. 99

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Naming Schemes

- First name, Last Name
- Database keys
- Social Security Numbers
- ISBN
- DOI
- Telephone numbers

Naming Scheme Properties

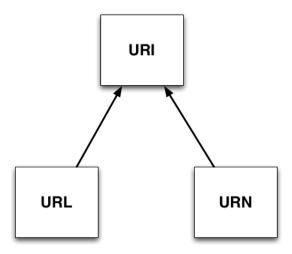
- Identity
- Disambiguation
- Scope
- Resolvability

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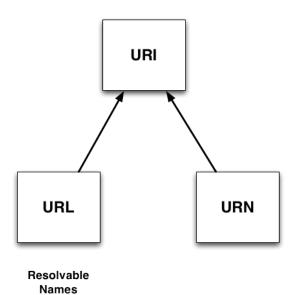


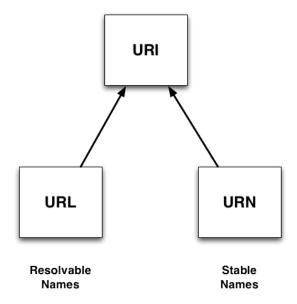


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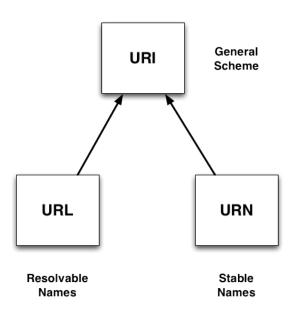




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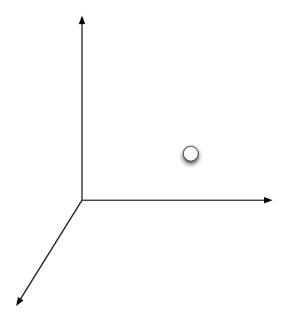
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Uses for URLs

Documents	http://myserver.com/docs/reports/2009/qtr/3
Data	http://myserver.com/gene/ade2
Services	http://myserver.com/order?type=open
Concepts	http://purl.org/net/bsletten

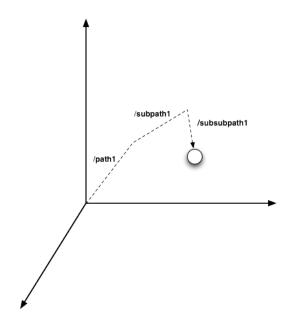
Information Space



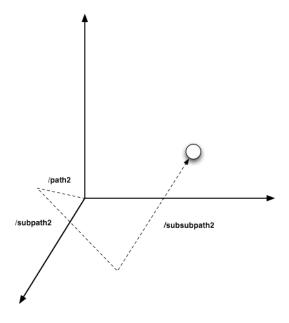
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http://someserver.com/path1/subpath1/subsubpath1



http://someserver.com/path2/subpath2/subsubpath2

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URI Aliases

http://bosatsu.net/time/zone/PST

http://bosatsu.net/time/state/us/hawaii

Canonical vs Historical

http://bosatsu.net/talks/topic/rest

http://bosatsu.net/talks/conf/nfjs/2013/rest/minneapolis/1

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TEFETZ TO THE SAME THING.

AXIOMS OF WEB ATECHITECTURE



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Things to Avoid

- Author name
- Subject
- Status
- Access
- File name extension
- Software mechanism

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A name...

is a name...

is a name...

is an attack vector...

http://example.com&gibberish=1234@167772161

10.0.0.1

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http://example.com\@coredump.cx

In Firefox, http://coredump.cx

http://example.com;.coredump.cx

In IE, http://coredump.cx

Safari, Error.

Others, http://example.com/;.coredump.cx

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Exercises

Design an information space for.

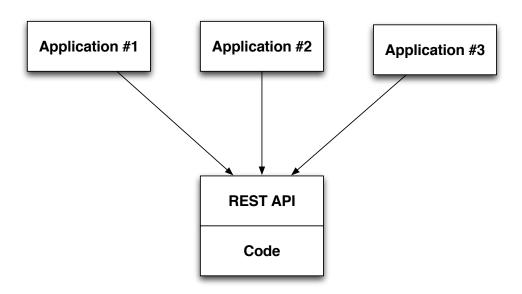
- A county library system
- Fast food restaurant
- A package delivery service
- A museum
- A radio station
- A micro-blogging site

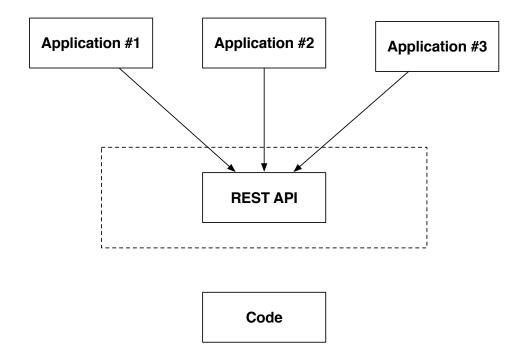
Interaction

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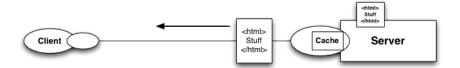
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GET



POST



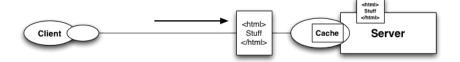
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PUT



DELETE



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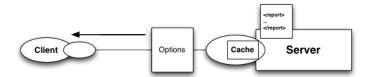
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HEAD



OPTIONS



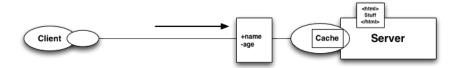
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PATCH



OPTIONS /example/buddies.xml HTTP/1.1 Host: www.example.com

HTTP/1.1 200 OK Allow: GET, PUT, POST, OPTIONS, HEAD, DELETE, PATCH Accept-Patch: application/example, text/example

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PATCH /example/buddies.xml HTTP/1.1 Host: www.example.com
Content-Type: application/example
If-Match: "e0023aa4e"
Content-Length: 100

HTTP/1.1 204 No Content Content-Location: /example/buddies.xml ETag: "e0023aa4f"

[patch changes]

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Idempotency



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Response Codes: 2XX

Code	Meaning
200	Ok
201	Created
202	Accepted
204	Success

Response Codes: 3XX

Code	Meaning
301	Moved Permanently
302	Found
303	See Other
304	Not Modified

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Response Codes: 4XX

Code	Meaning
400	Bad Request
401	Unauthorized
403	Forbidden
404	Not Found
405	Method Not Allowed
409	Conflict
411	Length Required
413	Entity Too Long
415	Unsupported Media Type

Response Codes: 5XX

Code Meaning 500 Internal Error 503 Service Unavailable

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Hall of Flame

From: <csupport@registerapi.com>
Date: Pri Apr 11, 2003 19:31:28 US/Eastern
To: timbleWol.org
Subject: Confirm Domain Transfer
A Transfer Request was submitted for the following domains.
Click on the following link to confirm the domain transfer request for these domains.
https://secure.registerapi.com/order/trx/confirm.php?id=cesO[...]cbI
Your Transfer Request Code IS: ces[...]cbI
https://secure.registerapi.com/order/trx/confirm.php
Domains:
WWW.ORC
If you did not request the transfer of these domains then DO NOT click on the above links.
By not clicking you are preventing a domain registrar transfer from taking place.
Thank you, The Automated Domain Transfer System

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CSRF

<img src="http://bank.example.com/withdraw
?acct=Bob&amt=1000000&for=Fred"/>

http://example.com/admin?deleteUser=brian

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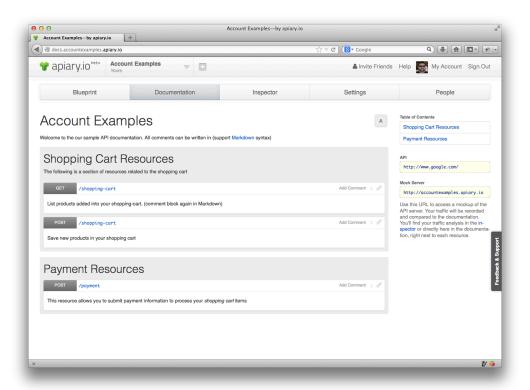
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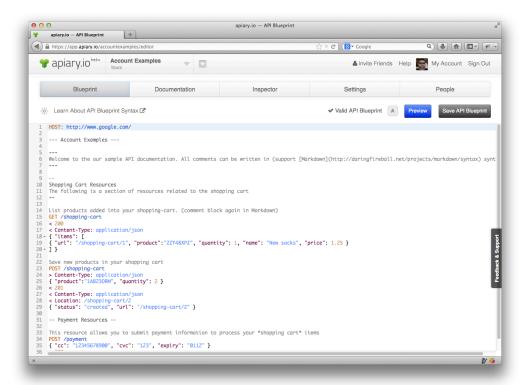
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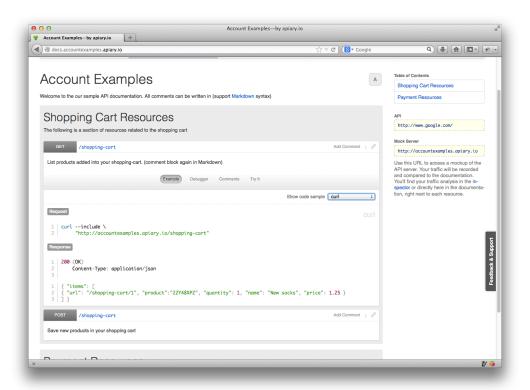


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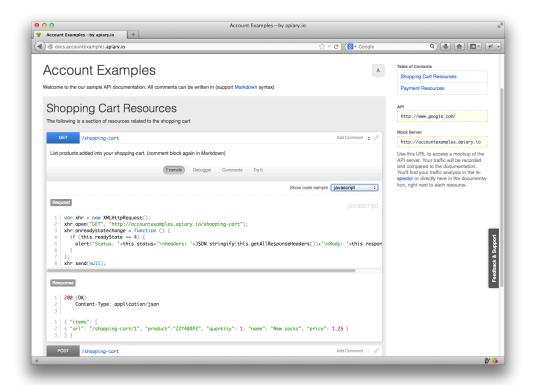
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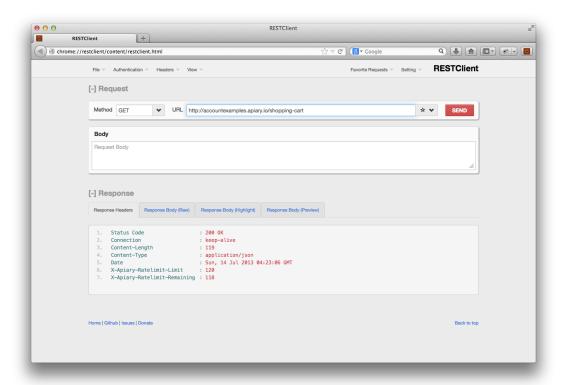
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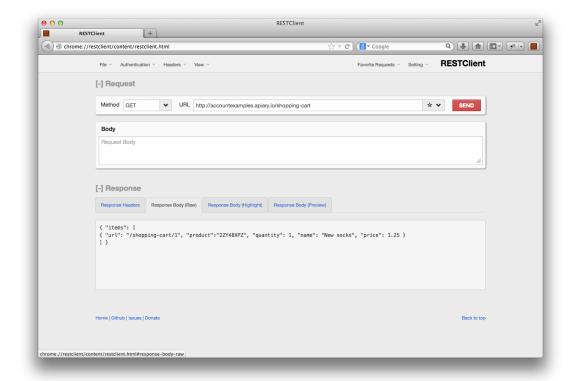
Firefox REST Client

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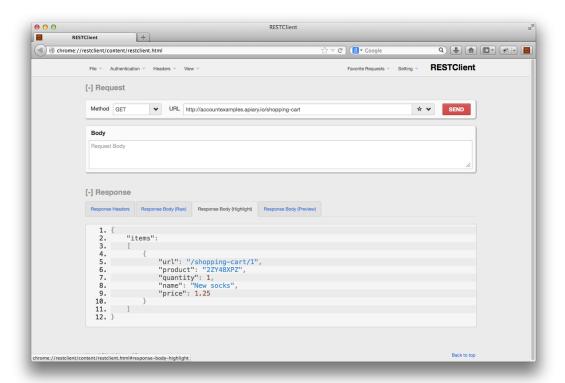


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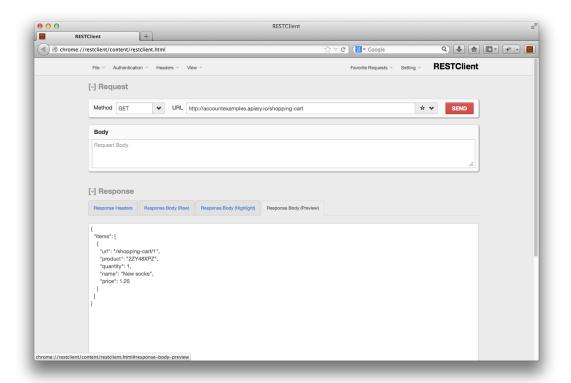
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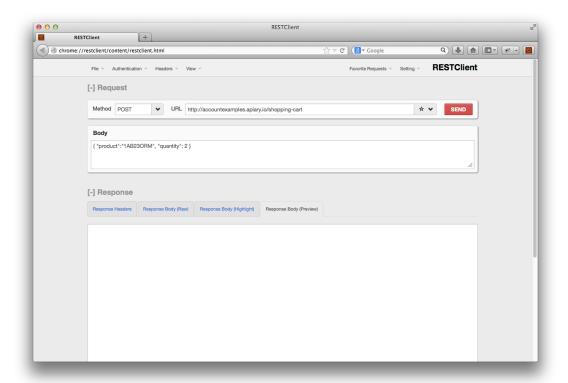


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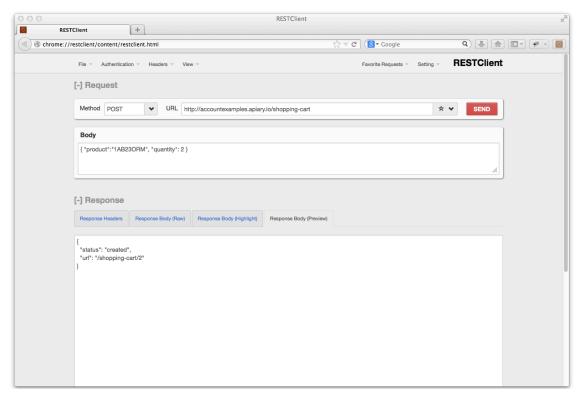
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Curl

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```
brian@characterzero -> curl --include
    --header "Content-Type: application/json" \
    --request POST \
    --data-binary "{ \"product\":\"IAB23ORM\", \"quantity\": 2 }"
    http://accountexamples.apiary.io/shopping-cart

HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Content-Type: application/json
Date: Sun, 14 Jul 2013 05:11:03 GMT
Location: http://accountexamples.apiary.io/shopping-cart/2
X-Apiary-Ratelimit-Limit: 120
X-Apiary-Ratelimit-Lemaining: 119
Content-Length: 50
Connection: keep-alive
{ "status": "created", "url": "/shopping-cart/2" }
brian@characterzero ->
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HTTP Builder RESTClient

```
import groovyx.net.http.RESTClient
import groovy.util.slurpersupport.GPathResult
import static groovyx.net.http.ContentType.URLENC

twitter = new RESTClient( 'https://twitter.com/statuses/' )
// twitter auth omitted

try { // expect an exception from a 404 response:
    twitter.head path : 'public_timeline'
    assert false, 'Expected exception'
}
// The exception is used for flow control but has access
// to the response as well:
catch( ex ) { assert ex.response.status == 404 }

assert twitter.head( path : 'public_timeline.json' ).status == 200
```

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```
def resp = twitter.get( path : 'friends_timeline.json' )
assert resp.status == 200
assert resp.contentType == JSON.toString()
assert ( resp.data instanceof net.sf.json.JSON )
assert resp.data.status.size() > 0
```

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```
resp = twitter.delete( path : "destroy/${postID}.json" )
assert resp.status == 200
assert resp.data.id == postID
println "Test tweet ID ${resp.data.id} was deleted."
```

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```
resp = client.get(['path' : '/api'])
def rep = resp.data

assert rep.collection.version == '1.0'
assert rep.collection.href == '/api'
assert rep.collection.links.size() == 3

["account", "order", "product"].each { t ->
    assert rep.collection.links.find {
        it['rel'] == t && it['href'] == "/$t"
    }
}
```

- Set up an apiary.io account
- Using curl, Firefox REST Client or HTTPBuilder RESTClient, investigate the default resources

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Exercises

Evaluate the REST APIs from:

- Flickr
- Twitter
- Linked In
- NetFlix
- Atom Publishing Protocol

Exercises

For the domain you chose earlier, identify:

- Roles
- A mapping of roles to resources
- A mapping of verbs to resource per role
- Canonical vs historical views of resources
- · Candidates for bookmarking

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Error-Handling

Client Errors

- 400 Bad Request
- 403 Forbidden
- 404 Not found
- ...
- 500 Internal Server Error
- 503 Service Unavailable

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Application-Level Error Message

- Standardize an error message response
- Non-200 response codes

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/xml;charset=UTF-8
Link: http://server/error/someexplanation
error
<a href="http://server/error/someexpl

Representation Design

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Simple Commerce Engine

- User accounts
- Items
- Orders
- Workflow

Guidelines

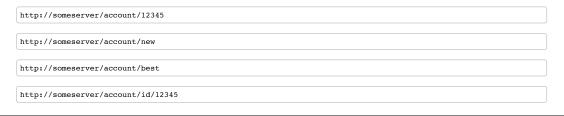
- Don't reflect implementation details
- Focus on what makes sense for the domain
- Consider the future in designs
- Don't constrain too early

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```
http://someserver/account/12345
```

URLs as IDs



Don't put sensitive information in URLs!

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Identifying the Resource

```
<account id="12345">
<link rel="self"
href="http://someserver/account/id/12345"/>
...
</account>
```

Keep it Meaningful



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Clustering Related Information

<firstname>Bob</firstname>
<lastname>Jones</lastname>

<firstname>Bob</firstname>
 <lastname>Jones</lastname>
</name>

Plan Ahead

```
<address>
    <first>12345 Main St.</first>
    <second>apt. #234</second>
    <city>Minneapolis</city>
    <state>MN</state>
    <zipcode>55413</zipcode>
</address>
```

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Plan Ahead

Functional Decomposition

```
<email>bob@example.com</email>

<contact>
    <email primary="true">bob@example.com</email>
    <phone sms="true">555-1212</phone>
    <twitter>bjones9999</twitter>
```

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Cleaned Up Resource

http://someserver/item/status/new

http://someserver/item/status/sale

http://someserver/item/id/1111

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```
http://someserver/item/id/1111
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<item id="1111">
    link rel="self" href="http://someserver/item/id/1111"/>
    <name>Deadwood Season 4</name>
    <description>Deadwood's most popular season.</description>
    <price>$32.00</price>
    <image>http://someserver/content/image/1111</image>
    <sku>1111</sku>
    <up><upc>1234123412341234123</upc>
</item>
```

Internationalization

<description>
 Deadwood's most popular season.
</description>

<description lang="en_US">
 Deadwood's most popular season.
</description>

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Internationalization

<price>\$32.00</price>

Internationalization

<price currency="USD">32.00</price>

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Multiple IDs

<sku>1111</sku>

<upc>1234123412431234123</upc>

Multiple IDs

		_
	<sku>1111</sku>	
	<pre><upc>1234123412431234123</upc></pre>	
	http://someserver/item/id/sku/1111	
	http://someserver/item/id/upc/1234123412431234123	
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	http://someserver/order/status/new	
	http://someserver/order/status/open	
	http://someserver/order/id/101-545	
	http://someserver/order/cust/12345	

http://someserver/order/id/101-545

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application/vnd.acme.account+xml

application/vnd.acme.item+xml

application/vnd.acme.order+xml

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<order id="101-545">
  <link rel="self" href="http://someserver/order/id/101-545/item"/>
     <item id="1111">
     <price currency="USD">32.00</price>
</item>
     <item id="2222">
     <price currency="USD">10.00</price>
</item>
  </items>
  <addresses>
     </pr
     </address>
  </addresses>
  <tender>
     clink rel="self" href="http://someserver/order/id/101-545/tender"/>
<credit-card id="1" number="XXXX1344">
</credit-card>
  </tender>
</order>
```

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<order id="101-545">
  <link rel="submit" href="http://someserver/order/id/101-545/submit"/>
  <items>
     <item id="1111">
       </
        <price currency="USD">32.00</price>
     </item>
     <item id="2222">
          //someserver/order/id/101-545/item/2"/>
        currency="USD">10.00</price>
     </item>
  </items>
     idresses>
<address id="1" shipping="true" billing="true">
      <link rel="self" href="http://someserver/order/id/101-545/address/1"/>
     </address>
  </addresses>
  <tender>
     <credit-card id="1" number="XXXX1344">
    k rel="self" href="http://someserver/order/id/101-545/tender/1"/>
     </credit-card>
  </tender>
</order>
```

Content Negotiation

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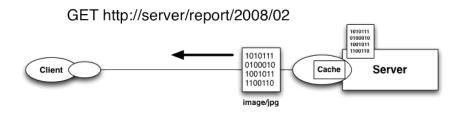
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Logically-named Resources

http://server/report/2010/01/sales
http://server/report/2010/01/sales.html
http://server/report/2010/01/sales.xml
http://server/report/2010/01/sales.xls



GET http://server/report/2008/02



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Accept

Accept: application/xml; q=1.0, application/json; q=0.6, */*; q=0.0 Accept-Language: en;q-1.0, jp;q=0.5 Accept-Encoding: gzip

Vary Response Header

Vary: Accept-Language Vary: Accept

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Naming Rules

- Don't define resources w/ trailing slashes
- · Prefer hyphens to underscores in resource names
- Use lowercase letters
- Don't require filename extensions
- Define subdomains for your APIs

Response Header Rules

- Use Content-Type
- Use Content-Length
- Use Last-Modified
- Use Location for Created Resources

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Conditional Requests

- Use ETags
- Support Conditional Requests

Caching

- Encourage Caching
- Use Cache-Control, Expires and Date to Enable Caching
- Use Cache-Control, Expires and Pragma to Disable Caching

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Hypermedia

HFactors

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Embedded Links (LE)



Dereference specified URI and display within current window.

Embedded Links (LE)

<x:include href="http://bosatsu.net/snippets/bio.xml"/>

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Outbound Links (LO)



Dereference specified URI and display within new window.

Outbound Links (LO)

See you at Überconf.

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Templated Links (LT)



Accumulate input parameters into URI definition as part of read operation.

Templated Links (LT) #1

http://bosatsu.net/submit?course=REST

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Templated Links (LT) #2

URI Templates (RFC 6570)

http://example.com/~{username}/
http://example.com/dictionary/{term:1}/{term}
http://example.com/search{?q,lang}

http://example.com/~fred/ http://example.com/~mark/ http://example.com/dictionary/c/cat http://example.com/dictionary/d/dog http://example.com/search?q=cat&lang=en http://example.com/search?q=chien&lang=fr

Non-Idempotent Links (LN)



Submit a non-idempotent request.

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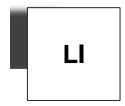
Non-Idempotent Links (LN)

```
<form method="post" action="http://bosatsu.net/submit/">
  <textarea name="feedback">Hey Buddy, nice jacket</textarea>
  <input type="submit"/>
  </form>
```

POST /submit/ HTTP/1.1 Host: bosatsu.net Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded Length:34

feedback=Hey+Buddy%2C+nice+jacket

Idempotent Links (LI)



Submit an idempotent request.

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Idempotent Links (LI)

```
<link rel="edit" href="http://bosatsu.net/feed/edit/1"/>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript">
function delete(url) {
  var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
  xhr.open("DELETE", url);
}
</script>
```

Read Controls (CR)



Specify read control context.

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Read Controls (CR)

<x:include href="http://bosatsu.net/snippets/bio.xml"
accept-language="en, en-gb; q=0.9, jp;q=0.3"/>

Update Controls (CU)



Specify update control context.

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Update Controls (CU)

```
<form method="post" action="http://bosatsu.net/submit/"
enctype="text/plain">
<textarea name="feedback">Hey Buddy, nice jacket</textarea>
<input type="submit"/>
</form>
```

POST /submit/ HTTP/1.1 Host: bosatsu.net Content-Type: text/plain Length:34

Hey+Buddy%2C+nice+jacket

Method Controls (CM)



Specify the protocol method for the request.

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Method Controls (CM)

```
<form method="post" action="/feedback">
    <input name="keywords" type="text" value="foo,bar,baz"/>
    <input type="submit"/>
    </form>
```

```
<form method="get" action="/feedback">
  <input name="keywords" type="text" value="foo,bar,baz"/>
  <input type="submit"/>
  </form>
```

Link Controls (CL)



Specify link control context.

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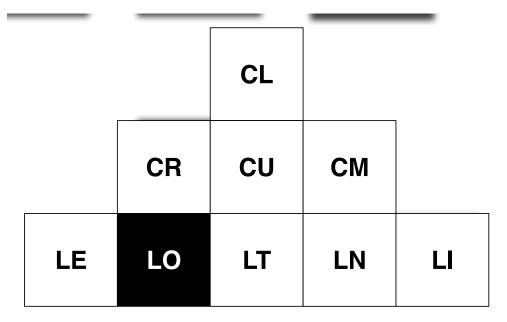
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Link Controls (CL)

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="http://bosatsu.net/css/default.css"/>
```

text/uri-list



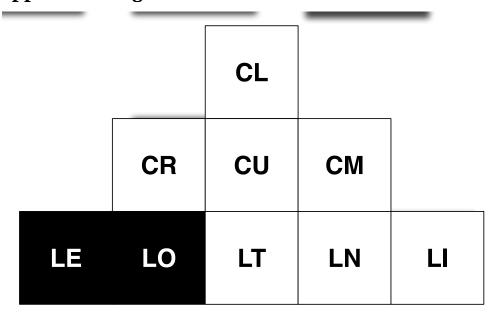
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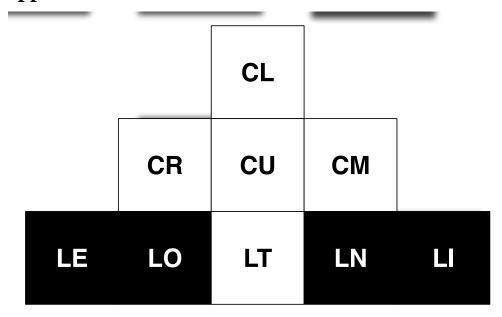
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application/svg+xml



application/atom+xml



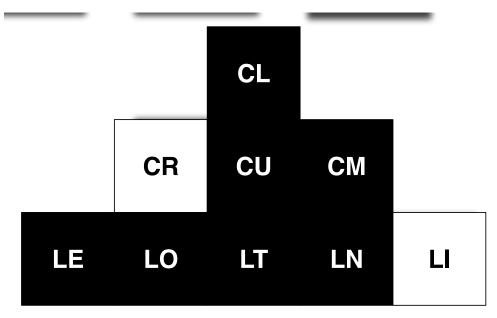
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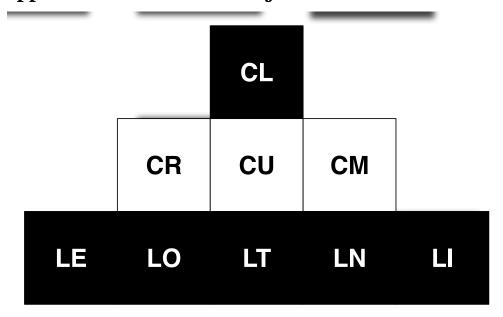
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text/html



application/vnd.collections+json



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```
http://example.org/api
```

http://example.org/account

http://example.org/order

http://example.org/product

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```
http://example.org/account
```

http://example.org/account;page=2

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```
http://example.org/account
```

```
{ "collection" : { ... "items" : [], ... } }
```

http://example.org/account

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http://example.org/account

http://example.org/account

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http://example.org/account;status=open;page=2

```
{ "collection" :
  {
      "queries" : [
           "encoding": "uri-template",
           "rel": "search",
"href": "/account{;status,page,ipp}",
"prompt": "Search",
"data": [
                 {
                       "name": "status",
"value": [
"open"
                       ]
                 },
{
                       "name": "page",
"value": [
"2"
                       "name": "ipp",
"value": [
                       ]
                }
    }
    ... 1,
 }
```

Exercises

- Investigate HAL or SIREN
- Design three representations from our previous exercises
- Discuss your choice of MIME type (custom vs reusable)
- Summarize which HFactors you used
- Try to make links discoverable using RFC 6570
- Describe your error-handling strategy
- Describe your versioning strategy

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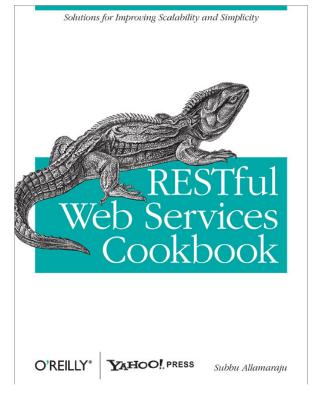


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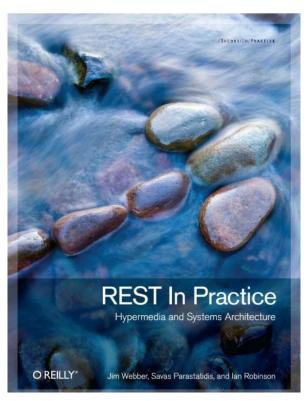


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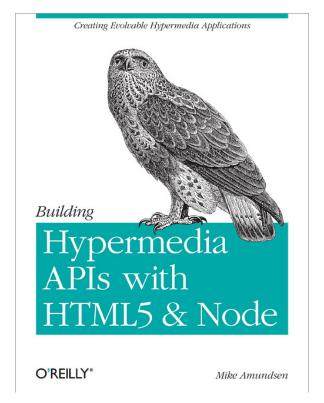
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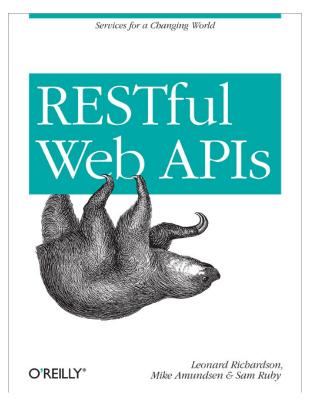


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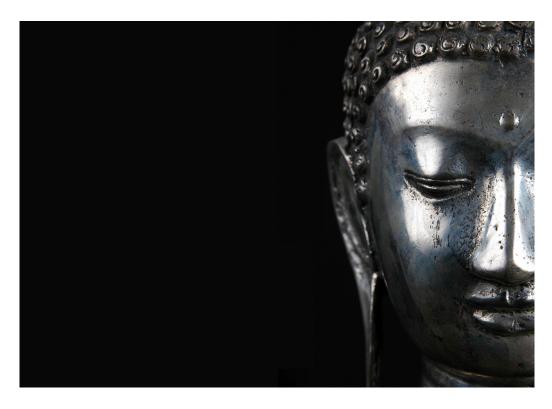
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