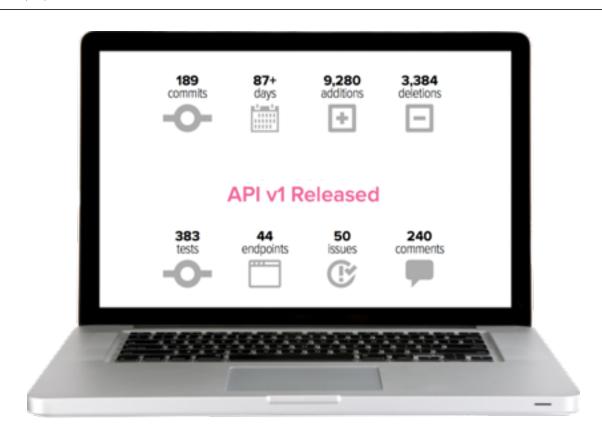
#### ALL ABOUT API(s)



# HOMEWORK!

### **AGENDA**

- Revision
- HTTP
  - Verbs
- APIs
- Homework

#### **REVISION**

- Data Types
- Collections
  - Array Ordered with a numerical label starting at 0
  - Hash Ordered with a custom label
- Collection operations
  - .times, .each, .map, .reduce
- Modules
  - Methods, Modules, Classes, Libraries



## **Data Types**

• Everything in Ruby has a type!



### **Exercise**

- Pull the latest bewd4\_exercises down
- Complete the code in class4/bewd\_collections.rb
  - → 10 min time limit
- Complete the code in class4/fizz\_buzz.rb
  - → 10 min time limit

## HTTP

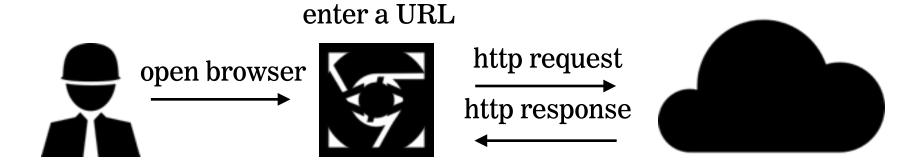
#### HTTP

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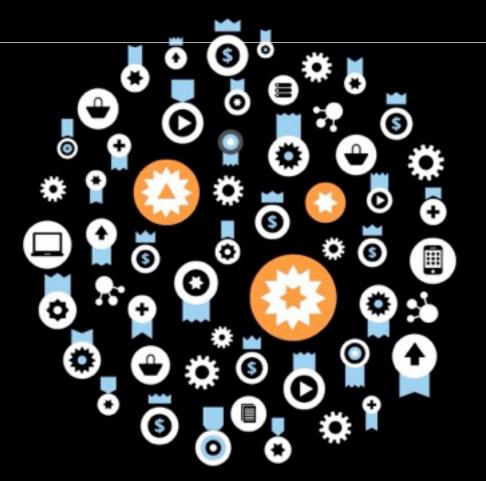
## **Hypertext Transfer Protocol**

- Protocol
  - Client requests a document
  - Server provides requested document
- Location
  - URL
- Verb
  - What do you want to do?
    - Request something (**GET**)
    - Send something (POST)

### HTTP

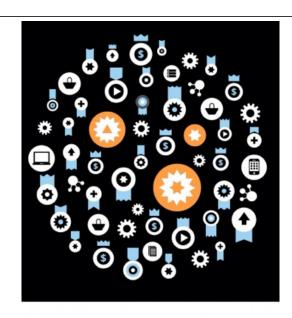


## API(s)



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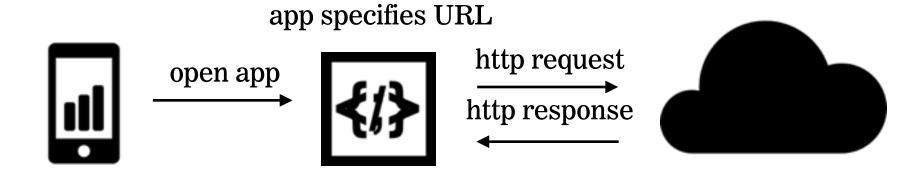
- Examples
  - Google maps
  - Twitter
  - Email (Gmail, Outlook etc)
- What are they?
- Why are they important?



## Winning in the API Economy

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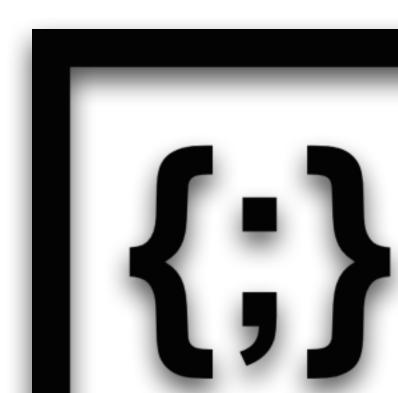


## JSON

#### **API**

## **JSON (ECMA - 404)**

- Not a data type
- Data format
  - Structured
  - Text based
  - Programming language friendly
    - Javascript
    - Ruby



#### **JSON**

{ "alter\_ego": "alfred", "name": "Alfred Pennyworth", "gender": "male" }

```
"characters": [
{ "name": "Alfred Pennyworth", "gender": "male" },
{ "name": "Selina Kyle", "gender": "female" },
{ "name": "Harper Row", "gender": "male" },
{ "name": "Tim Drake", "gender": "male" },
{ "name": "Kate Kane", "gender": "female" },
{ "name": "Barbara Gordon", "gender": "female" }
```

### **JSON Format Rules**

- Object definitions
  - Start with {
  - End with }
- Collections
  - Start with [
  - End with ]
- Objects contain one to many key value pairs
  - key: value



## JSON.ORG

## https://vimeo.com/88343326

## How do we work with API(s)?

- Ask for some data
  - Either JSON or XML
- Convert it into a data type we can work with
- Do some cool stuff hopefully



## Call API(s)

- Simple command to test API(s)
  - · curl
    - curl -X GET http://bewd4-rails-class4.herokuapp.com/api/ characters
  - Alternative Chrome plugin (Postman)
- Ruby example



### **Exercise**

- Teddit News
  - TIME: 20 min
    - Follow the instructions in the exercise



## PRACTICE!