

Hands on GraphQL and Relay

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GraphQL

REST API

REST API

- [http://api.example.com/**news/**](http://api.example.com/news/)
- [http://api.example.com/**news/123/**](http://api.example.com/news/123/)
- [http://api.example.com/**friends/**](http://api.example.com/friends/)
- [http://api.example.com/**profile/123/**](http://api.example.com/profile/123/)
- [http://api.example.com/**images/**](http://api.example.com/images/)
- [http://api.example.com/**images/123/**](http://api.example.com/images/123/)
- [http://api.example.com/**settings/**](http://api.example.com/settings/)

REST API

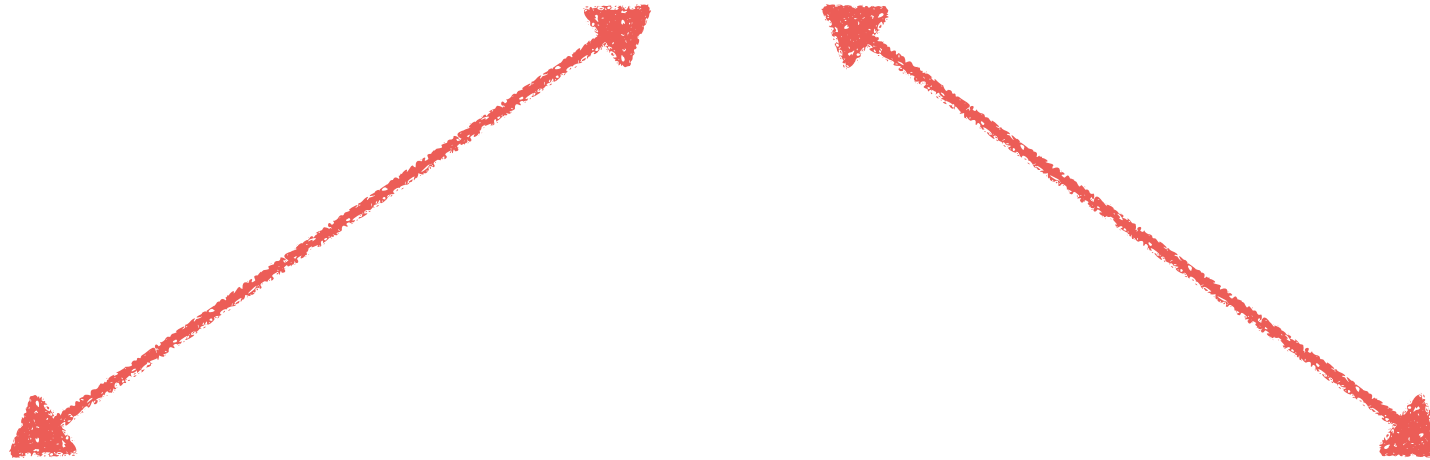
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  "name": "Tatooine",
  "rotation_period": "23",
  "orbital_period": "304",
  "diameter": "10465",
  "climate": "arid",
  "gravity": "1 standard",
  "terrain": "desert",
  "surface_water": "1",
  "population": "200000",
  "residents": [
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/1/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/2/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/4/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/6/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/7/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/8/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/9/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/11/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/43/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/people/62/"
  ],
  "films": [
    "http://swapi.co/api/films/5/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/films/4/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/films/6/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/films/3/",
    "http://swapi.co/api/films/1/"
  ],
  "created": "2014-12-09T13:50:49.641000Z",
  "edited": "2014-12-21T20:48:04.175778Z",
  "url": "http://swapi.co/api/planets/1/"
}
```

REST API

- ✓ HTTP
- ✓ JSON
- ✓ simple and works everywhere!

All is nice!

REST API



web

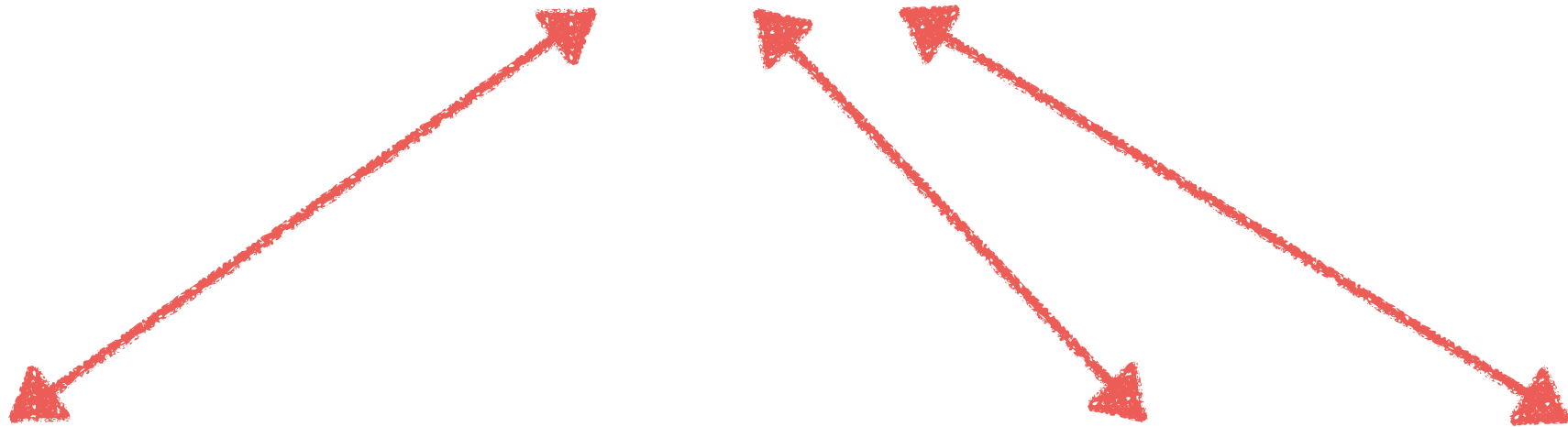


mobile

REST API

- web
 - <http://api.example.com/web/news/>
- mobile
 - <http://api.example.com/mobile/news/>

REST API



web



mobile



REST API

- web
 - <http://api.example.com/web/news/>
- mobile
 - <http://api.example.com/mobile/v1/news/>
 - <http://api.example.com/mobile/v2/news/>

What about...

- A/B testing?
- tablets?
- mobile web?
- public API?

Backend developer



This whole place is a mess!

REST API

- ✓ HTTP
- ✓ JSON
- ✓ simple and works everywhere!
- ✗ not flexible

JSON

```
{
  "data": {
    "allPeople": [
      {
        "id": 1,
        "name": "Luke Skywalker",
        "homeworld": {
          "name": "Tatooine"
        }
      },
      {
        "id": 2,
        "name": "C-3PO",
        "homeworld": {
          "name": "Tatooine"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```


query

```
query {  
  allPeople {  
  
    id  
    name  
    homeworld {  
      name  
    }  
  }  
}
```

JSON

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        }  
      },  
      {  
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        "name": "C-3PO",  
        "homeworld": {  
          "name": "Tatooine"  
        }  
      }  
    ]  
  }  
}
```

GraphQL

query

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query {  
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    name  
    homeworld {  
      name  
    }  
  }  
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```

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    ]  
  }  
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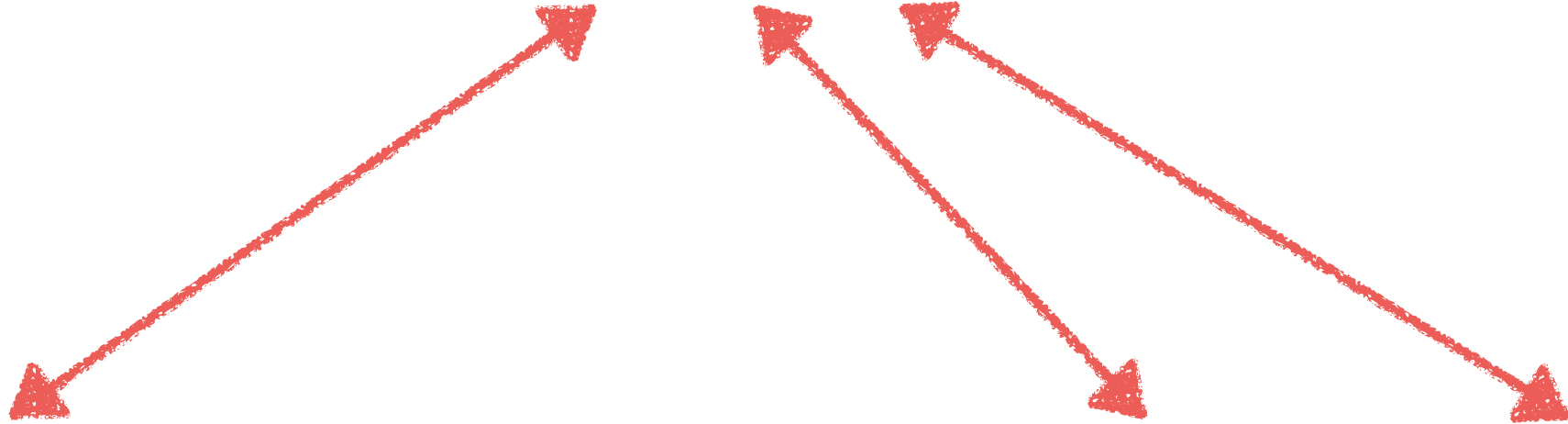
GraphQL

= query language and runtime

GraphQL

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GraphQL



web



mobile

