

# RESTful services and OAUTH protocol in IoT

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# Farata Systems and SuranceBay



The screenshot shows the homepage of SuranceBay. At the top left is the 'easy insure' logo. In the center is a large graphic featuring several interlocking gears of different sizes, each containing a different icon related to insurance (calculator, gear, document, etc.). To the left of the gears is a section titled 'Insurance. Simplified' showing icons for a computer monitor, a tablet, and a smartphone. Below this is a section titled 'Check up on your agent' with a form for entering an agent's name, city, state or zip code, and speciality, followed by 'FIND NOW' and 'VIEW DETAILS' buttons. To the right of the gears is a section titled 'Quick Quotes' with the text 'Tell us about your goals and situation and we will find you the right insurance product and agent.' and a large speech bubble icon.



<http://easy.insure>

# The three parts of this presentation

- One approach to integrating consumer devices in the business workflow
- Live demo: integration of a blood pressure monitor
- A brief review of REST, OAUTH, Websockets and their roles the demo application.

# Internet of Things (IoT)

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

## **RESOLUTION**

Expressing the sense of the Senate about a national strategy for the Internet of Things to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment.

Whereas the Internet of Things currently connects tens of billions of devices worldwide and has the potential to generate trillions of dollars in economic opportunity;

Whereas increased connectivity can empower consumers in nearly every aspect of their daily lives, including in the fields of agriculture, education, energy, healthcare, public safety, security, and transportation, to name just a few;

Whereas businesses across our economy can simplify logistics, cut costs in supply chains, and pass savings on to consumers because of the Internet of Things and innovations derived from it;

The original: <http://1.usa.gov/1aLM2vq>

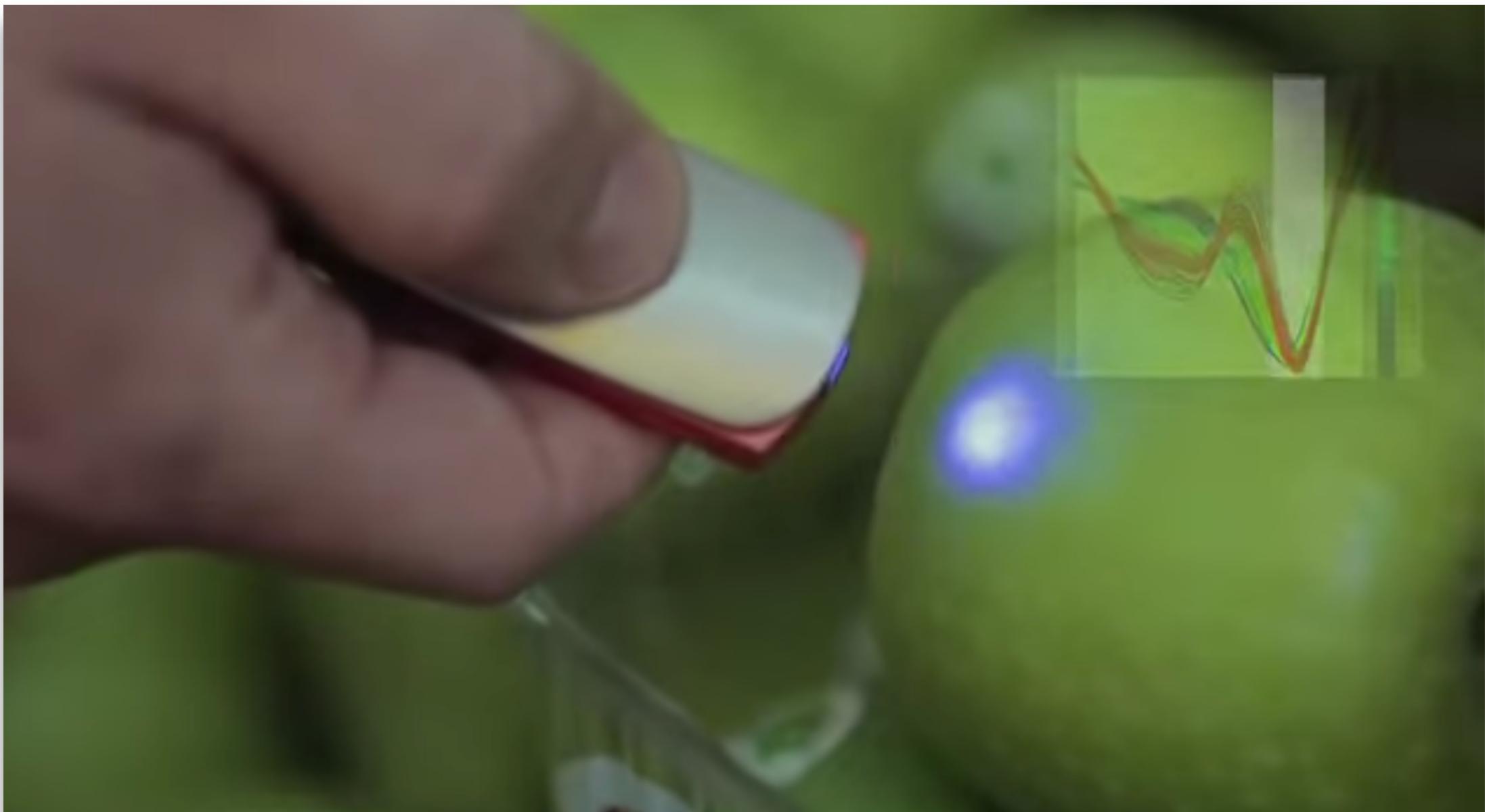
# Yesterday's Sensors (Things)

- 18 years ago. Telephony.
- I've been programming IoT!



# Today's Sensors

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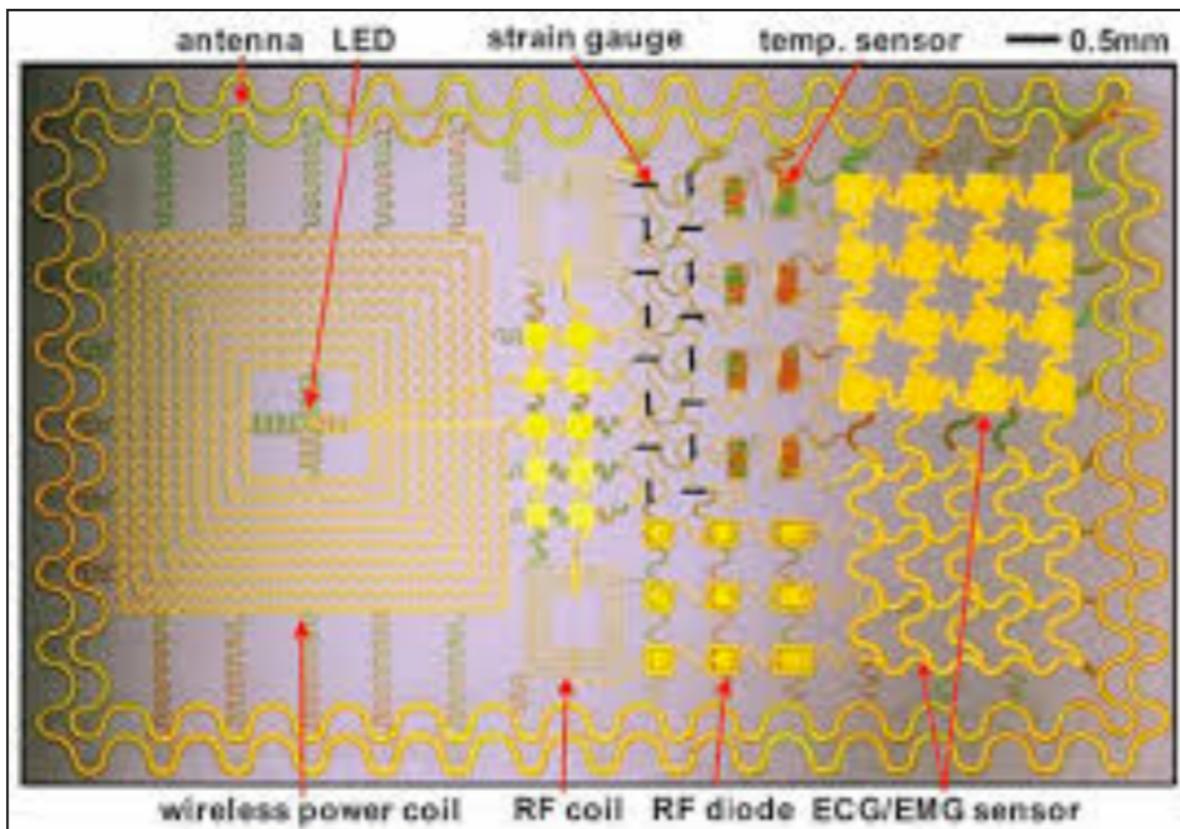


<http://www.consumerphysics.com/>

# Tomorrow: Stretchable Wearables

epidermal electronics

Tattoo-like ‘electronic skin’ wear detects heart attacks, epilepsy, skin dehydration



Here is a tattoo-like thin wearable device that can detect heart attacks, Parkinson's disease or epilepsy attacks, store your body information and deliver medicine to your body, besides collecting patient health, treatment and monitoring at one time.

Researchers in the US have created an ‘electronic skin’ that can store and transmit data about a person’s movements, receive diagnostic information and release drugs into skin, which has been altered considerably to detect heart condition too.

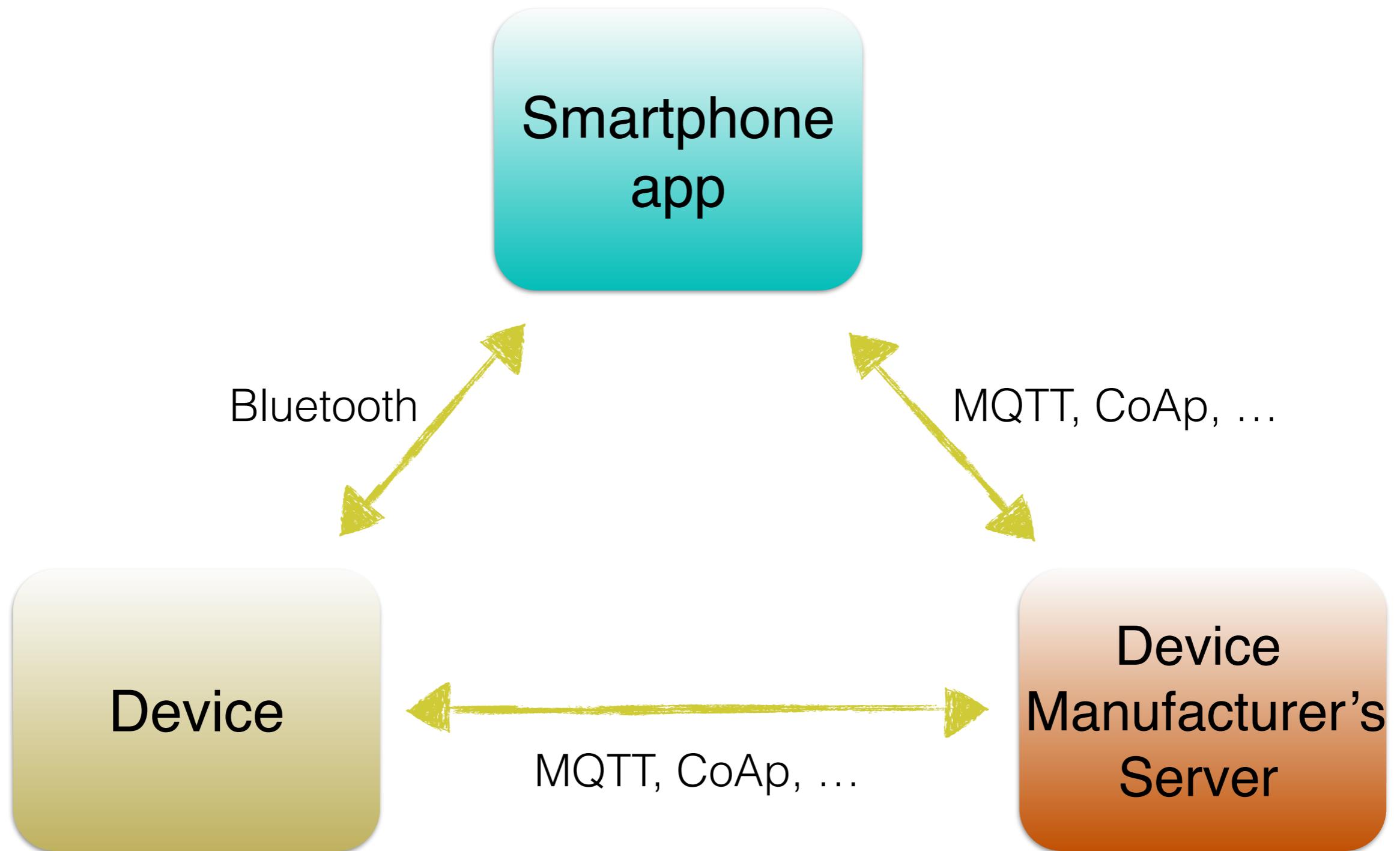
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A thing is a thing,  
not what is said of that thing.

The Birdman movie

A thing is a thing +  
an app + an API + a Web site.

# Typical Consumer Device Setup



# Low-Level IoT Approach

Learn and implement IoT protocols: MQTT, XMPP, AMQP, CoAp,...

Program Raspberry Pi, or Arduino

Learn HomeKit and HealthKit from Apple

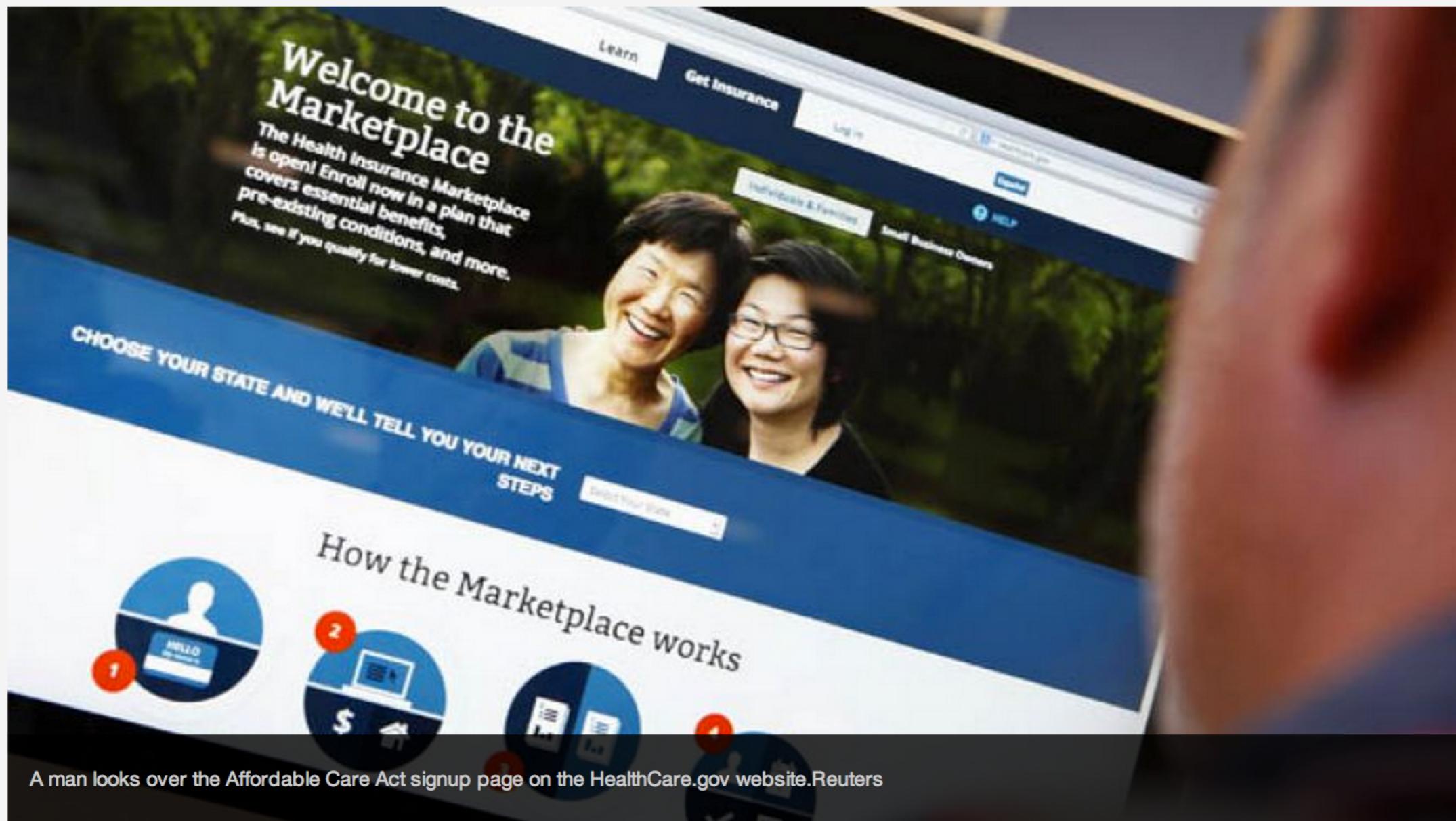
# High-Level IoT

Create custom-made solutions using standard technologies to integrate things into an existing business workflow.

# Data problems found with 2 million ObamaCare sign-ups, document shows

Published June 04, 2014 · Associated Press

1.4K



A man looks over the Affordable Care Act signup page on the HealthCare.gov website. Reuters

# Why?

# Why?

# Manual Data Entry

# A POC App

- Integrate consumer devices into one of the **insurance business workflows**
- Leverage existing software technologies
- Create a standard-based application layer that connects things

# Your Server in the Middle

- Create a software layer as a proxy for all communications with IoT devices .
- Find the use-cases for data-gathering devices in your business applications.
- Being in the middle allows having valuable data for analysys.

# The Use Case: Integrating Scale and Blood Pressure Monitor into insurance workflow



iHealthLabs Blood  
Pressure Monitor

Fitbit Scale  
Aria

# Medical Examiner's Report



Banner Life Insurance Company  
3275 Bennett Creek Avenue  
Frederick, Maryland 21704  
(800) 638-8428

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## PART 3 Medical Examiner's Report

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### Instructions to the Examiner -

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Please mail blood and urine specimens promptly.

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Weight (clothed) \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

a. Did you weigh? Yes  No

b. Did you measure? Yes  No

If No, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Blood Pressure (record 3 readings)  
Systolic \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
Diastolic \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

4. Pulse At rest \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe any irregularities (number per minute, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Measurements (males only)  
Chest (full inspiration) \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
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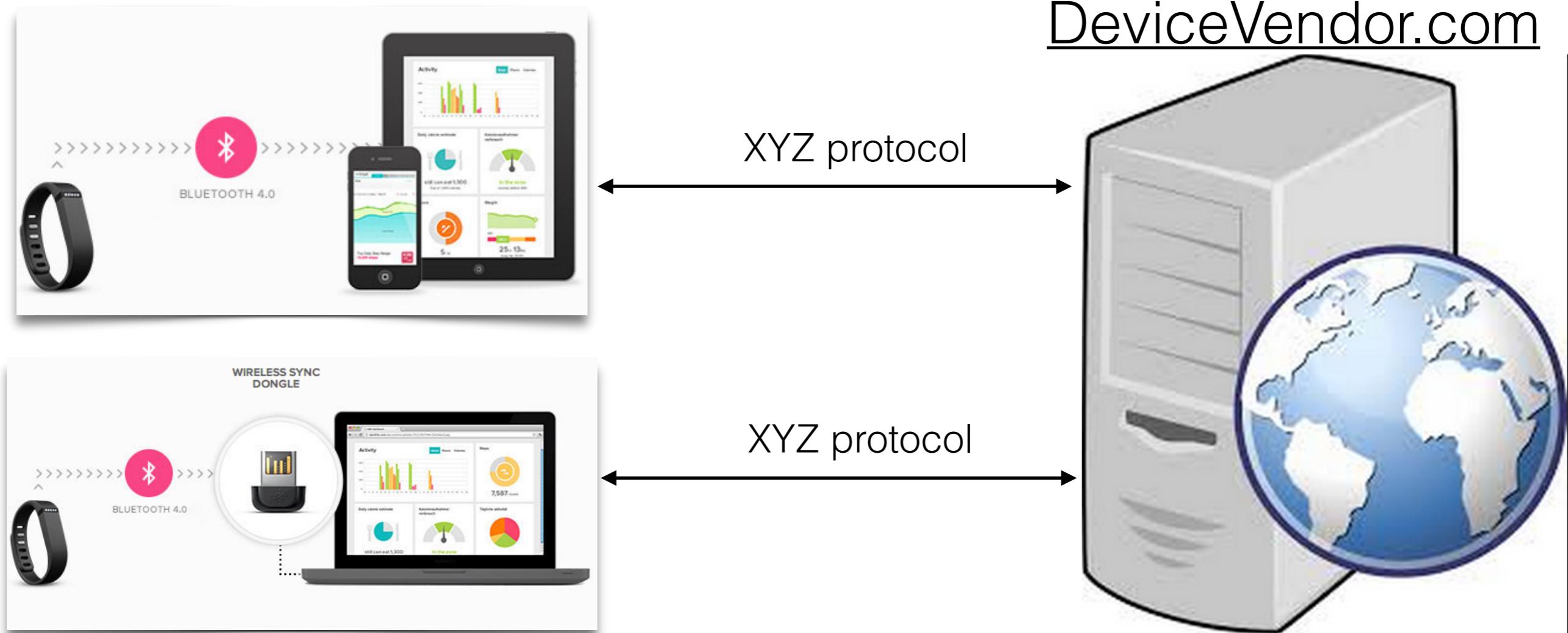
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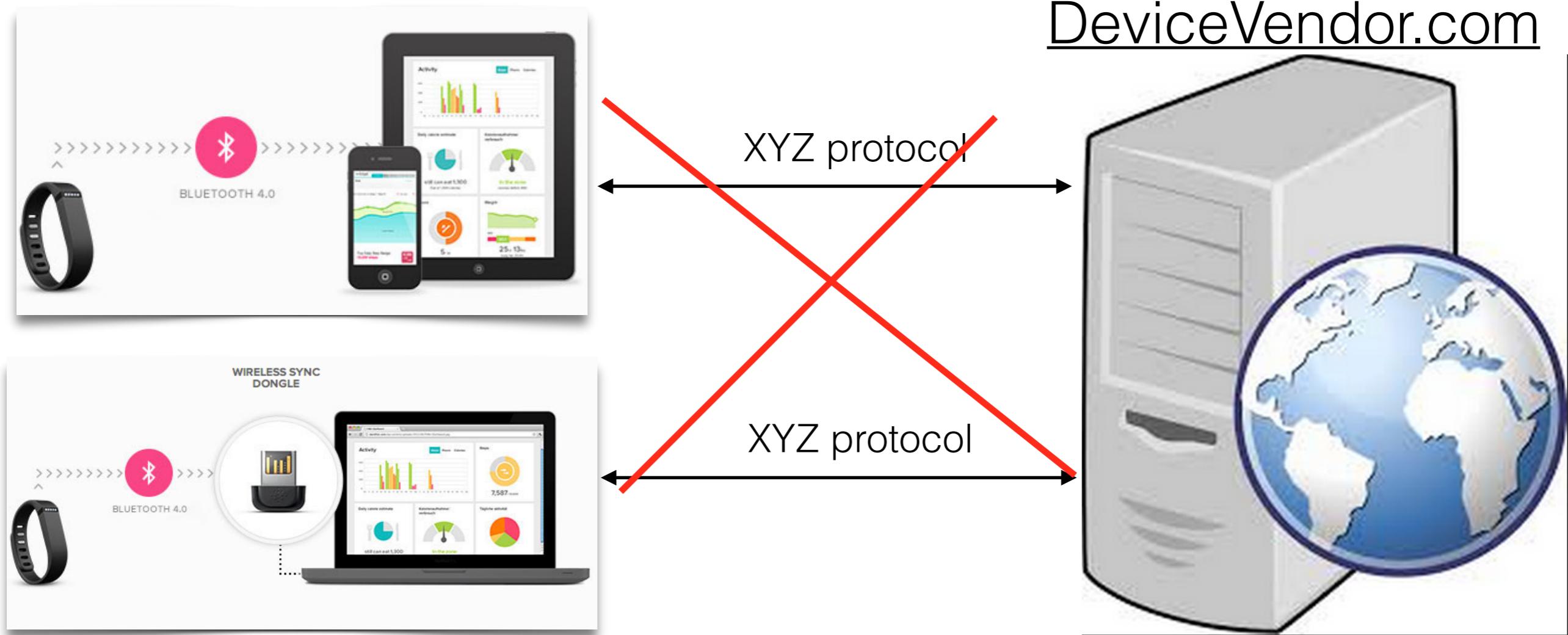
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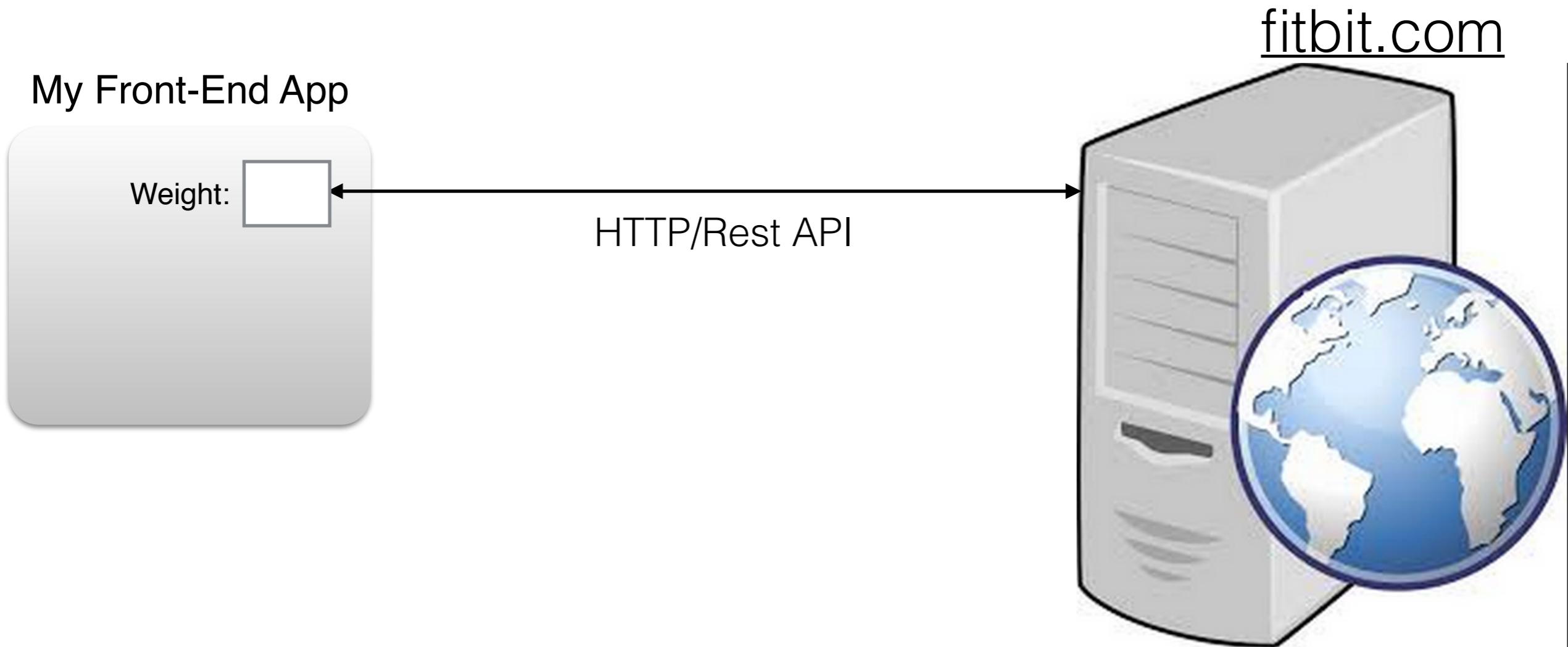
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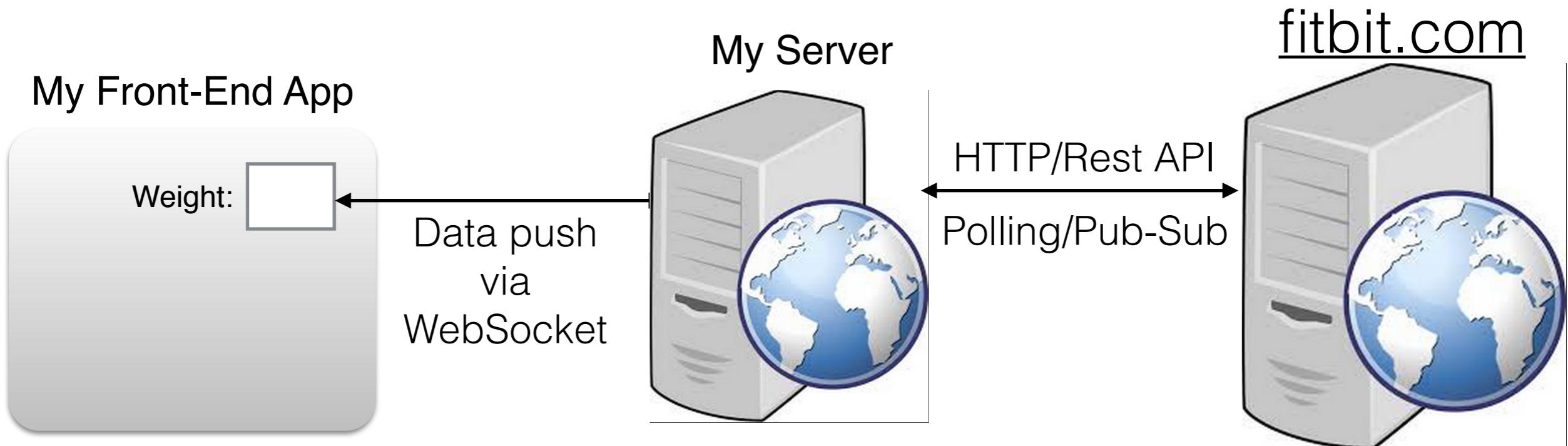
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Our server will communicate with the vendor's server  
using standard protocols

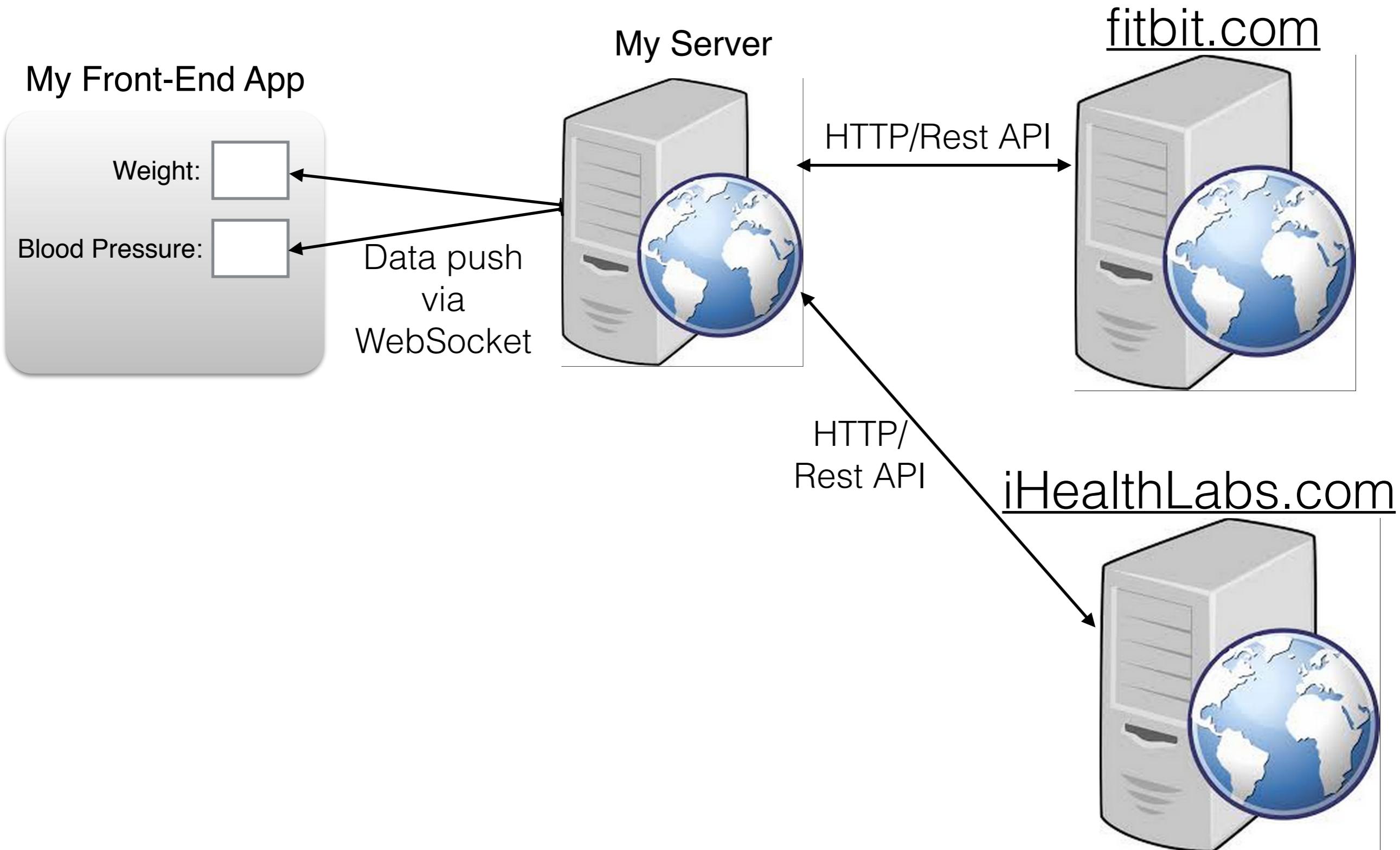
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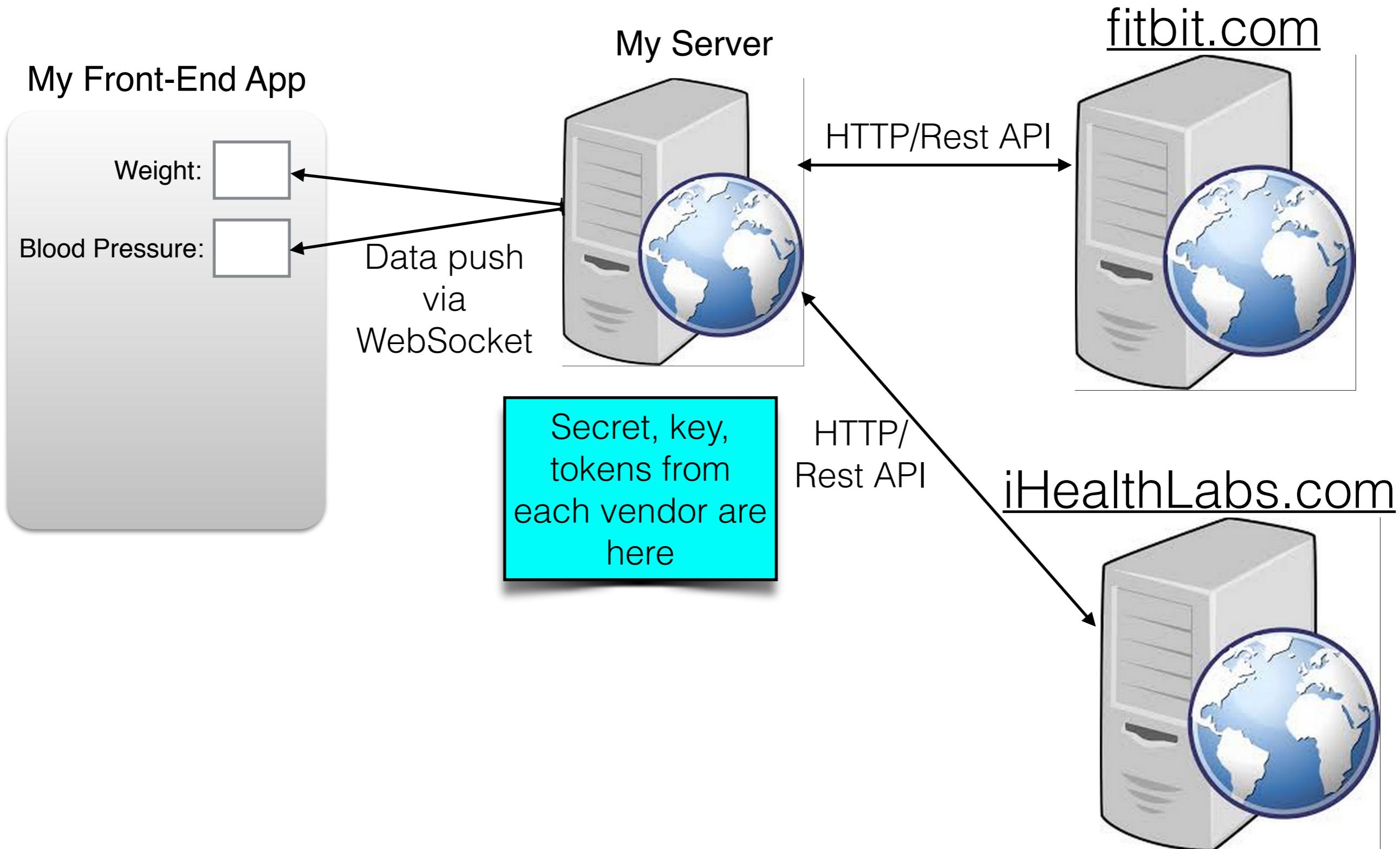
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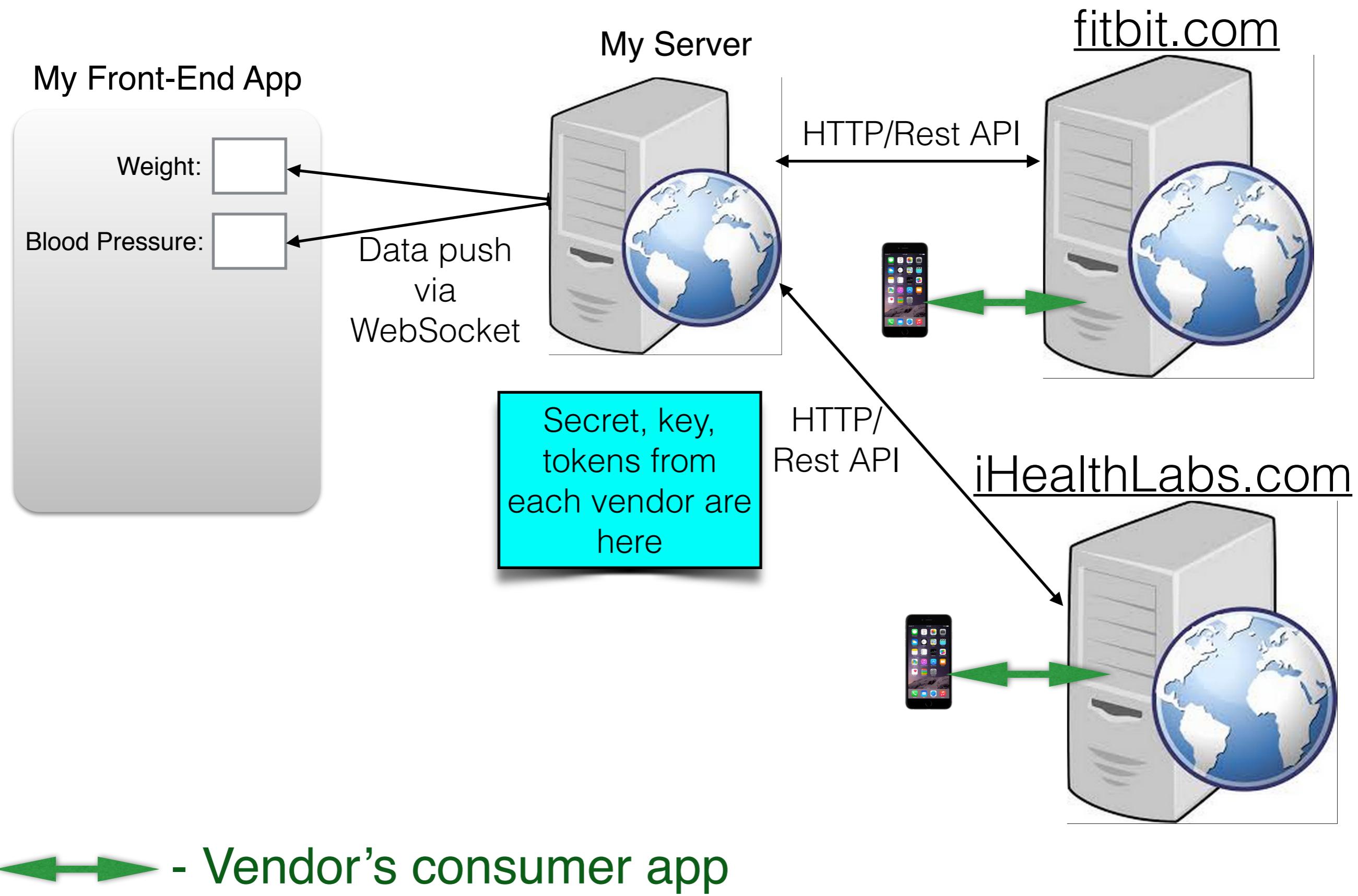
# Integrating With Fitbit and iHealthLabs.



# Adding OAuth Authentication



# Final Architecture



# Demo

## Measuring Blood Pressure

# The Players of our Demo App

- RESTful Web services
- OAuth authentication and authorization
- WebSocket protocol
- Front end development in Dart, deployed as JavaScript
- JSON data format
- Back-end in Java using Spring Boot with embedded Tomcat
- Gradle for build automation

# REST API

REpresentational State of Transfer

# REST Principles (by Roy Fielding)

- Every resource on the Web has a unique ID (a unique URI)
- Use uniform interface: **HTTP Get, Post, Put, Delete.** Separation of concerns.
- A resource can have multiple representations (text, JSON, XML, PDF, etc.)
- Requests are stateless – no client-specific info is stored between requests
- You can link one resource to another(s)
- Resources should be cacheable
- A REST app can be layered

# Selected HTTP Request Methods

- GET      Safe, Idempotent, cacheable
- PUT      Idempotent
- DELETE    Idempotent
- POST     None of the above

<- Retrieve  
<- Update  
<- Delete  
<- Create

**Idempotent:** regardless of how many times a given method is invoked, the end result is the same.



# Java EE 7: JAX RS 2.0

- Rest Endpoint - a POJO, typically deployed inside WAR
- Has Client API
- Message Filters and Entity Interceptors (e.g. Login Filter, encryptions et al.)
- Async processing on both client and server
- Validation

# Selected JAX-RS Annotations

- `@ApplicationPath` - defines the URL mapping for the application packaged in a war. It's the base URI for all `@Path` annotations.
- `@Path` - a root resource class (POJO), that has at least one method annotated with `@Path`.
- `@PathParam` - injects values from request into a method parameter (e.g. Product ID)
- `@GET` - the class method that handles HTTP Get. You can have multiple methods annotated with `@GET`, and each produces different MIME type.
- `@POST` - the class method that handles HTTP Post
- `@PUT` - the class method that handles HTTP Put
- `@DELETE` - the class method that handles HTTP Delete
- `@Produces` - specifies the MIME type for response (e.g. "application/json"). The client's Accept header of the HTTP request declares what's acceptable. The client gets 406 if no methods that produce required is found.
- `@Consumes` - specifies the MIME types that a resource can consume when sent by the client. If a resource is unable to consume the requested MIME type, the clients get HTTP error 415.
- `@QueryParam` - if a request URL has parameters, each param will be placed in the provided Java variable.

# Java EE Rest Endpoint

```
// The endpoint URL path
@Path("iotdemo")
public class MyIoTApplication extends Application {  
  
}  
  
  
// The endpoint handling blood pressure
@Path("/ihealth")
public class BloodPressureService {  
  
    // ...  
    // The method to handle HTTP Get requests  
    @GET  
    @Path("/bp")
    @Produces("application/json")
    public String getBloodPressureData() {  
        // The code to get bp and prepare JSON goes here  
        return bloodPressure;  
    }  
}
```

---

A sample REST request:  
<https://iHealthLabs.com:8443/iotdemo/ihealth/bp>

# Spring Rest Endpoint

```
// The endpoint handling blood pressure
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/ihealth")
public class HealthLabsController {

    ...
    // The method to handle HTTP Get requests
    @RequestMapping(value="/bp", method = RequestMethod.GET,
                     produces = "application/json")
    public Measurement getBloodPressureData() {
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```

# OAuth

Authorizing an app to act on behalf of the user

# Authorization and Authentication

- Authentication is verifying the identity of the user.  
Is he who he says he is?
- Authorization is figuring out what resources the logged in user can access.

For example, the owner of the device can see only the blood pressure measurements taken from his device.

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The two servers may be created and run by different vendors

# Using Multiple Authorization Servers

Login

 username or email

 password

**Login** [Forgot password?](#)

Don't have an account? [Register Here](#)

Login with a social network 

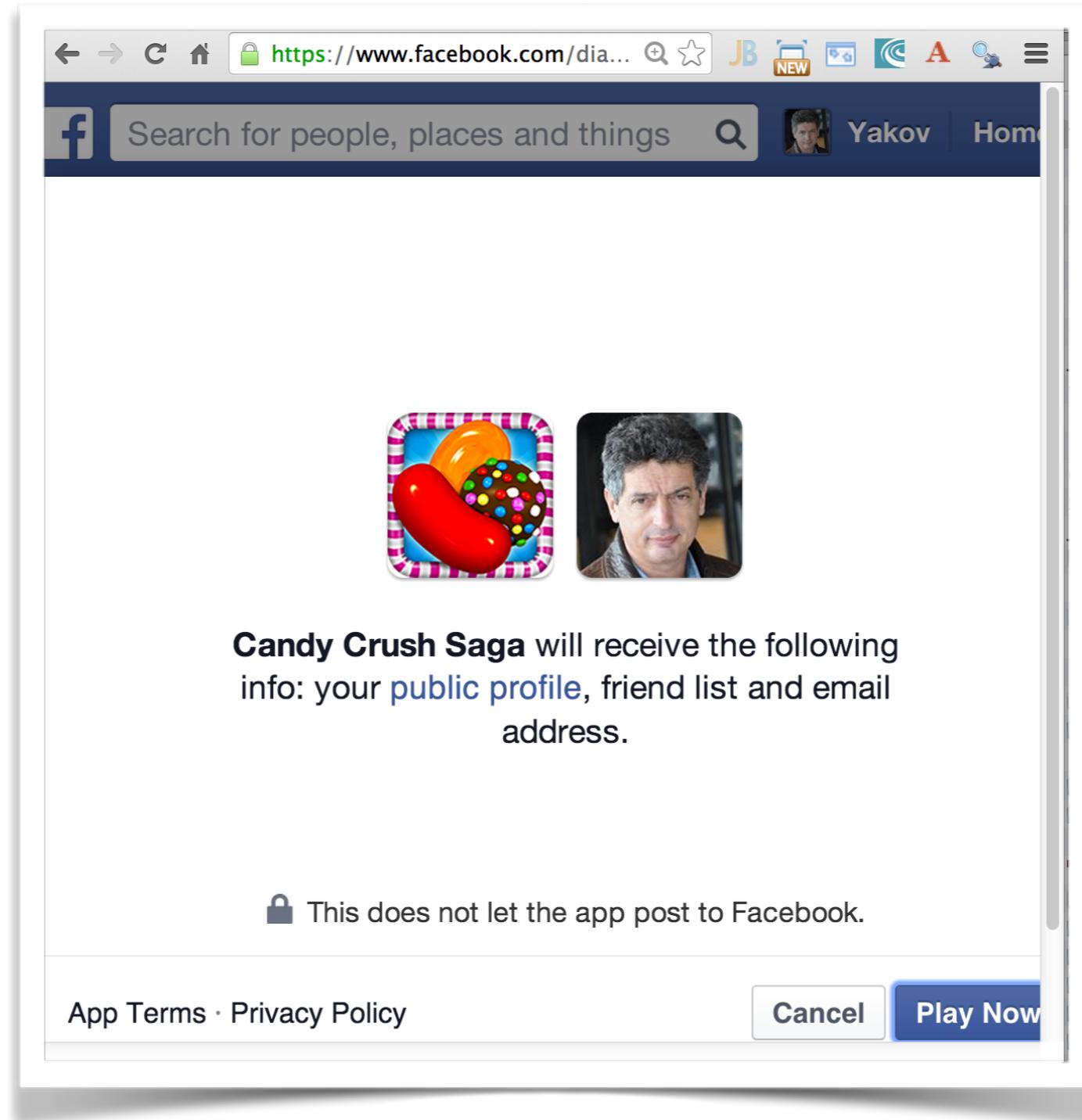
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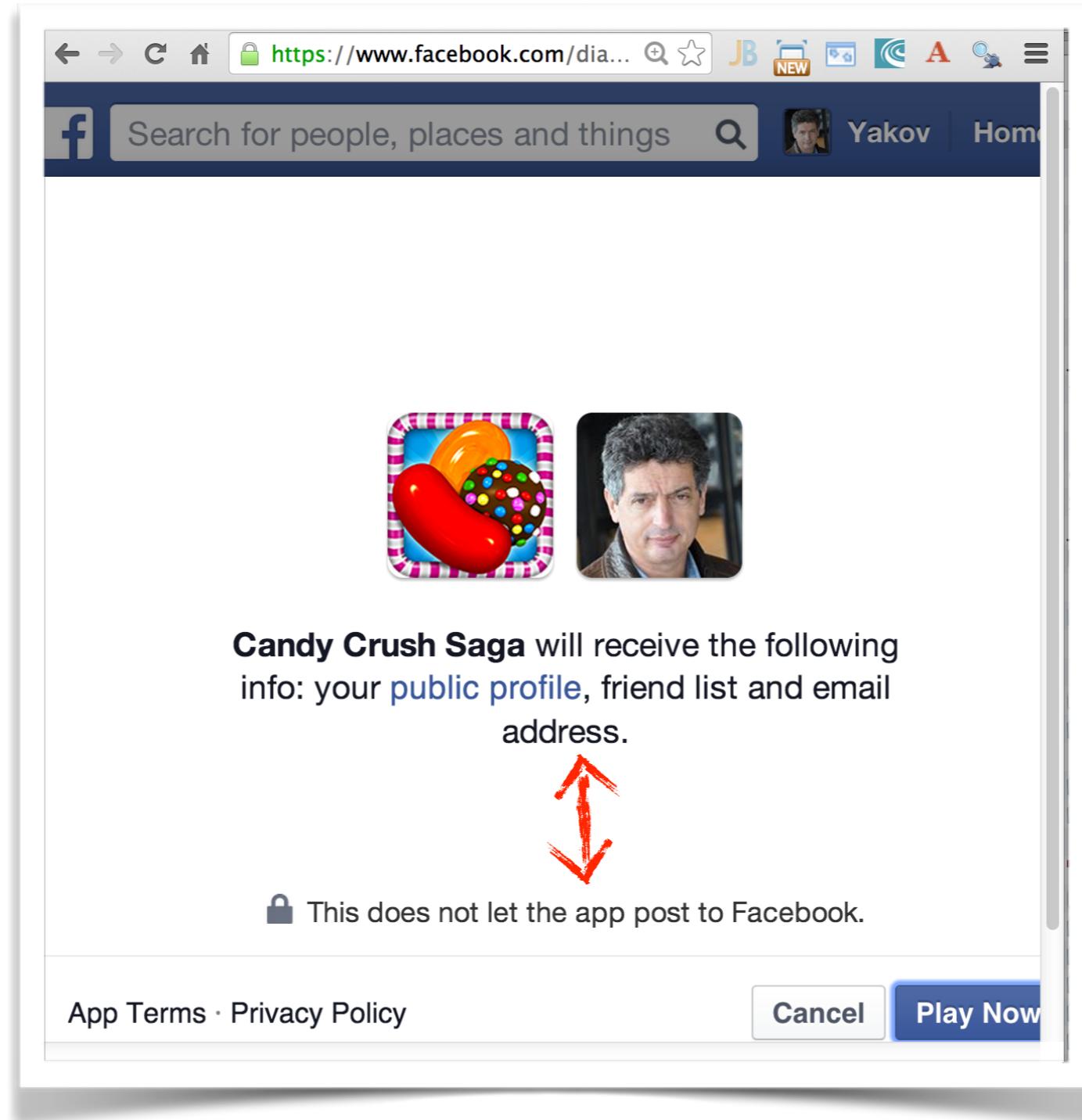
**LinkedIn** 

# Authentication and authorization with Facebook



Using Facebook to login to Candy Crush

# Authentication and authorization with Facebook



You don't want to give your Facebook password to Candy Crush

# OAuth 2 Access Token

A client app needs to acquire an access token that can be used on behalf of the user.



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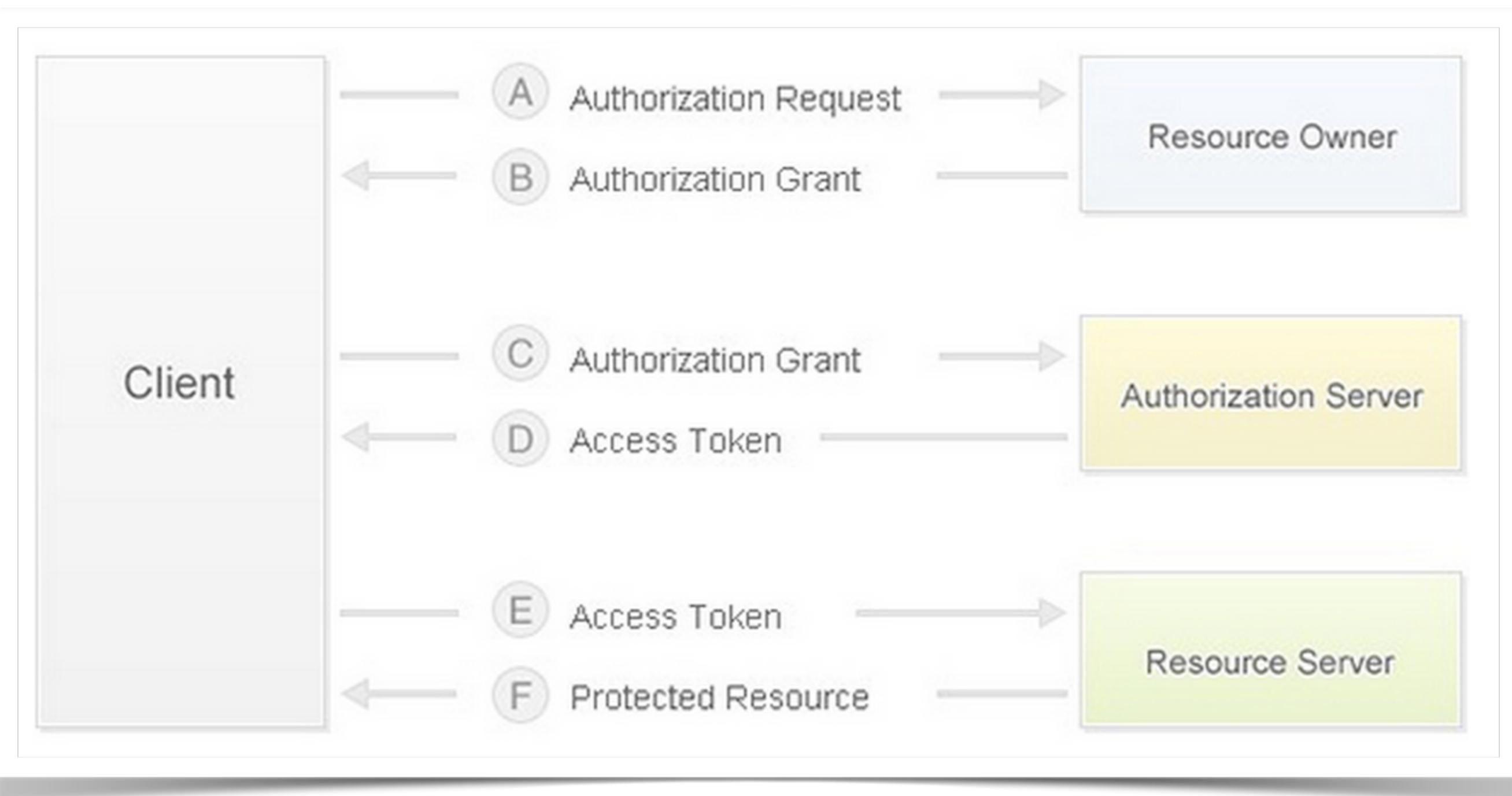
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- My app starts invoking the vendor's API using the token.

# iHealthLabs Authorization



# Access and Refresh Tokens

- The OAuth 2 server returns the **authorization token**. It expires after certain time interval. iHealtLabs sends the token in JSON format that expires in 10 min.
- The OAuth 2 server also provides a **refresh token** that the application uses to request a new token instead of the expired one.

# WebSocket Protocol

Bi-directional communication for the Web



# HTTP Hacks for Server's push

- HTTP is request-based and high-overhead protocol
- Hacks for achieving the server-side “push”:
  - Polling
  - Long Polling
  - HTTP Streaming
  - Server-Side Events (SSE)

# Monitoring AJAX requests

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/finance	GET	200 OK	text/plain	Other	374 B 656 B
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/finance	GET	200 OK	text/plain	Other	363 B 615 B

6 / 10 requests | 1.3 KB / 173 KB transferred

# What's WebSocket

- Standardized full-duplex low overhead protocol.
- Client-side API: Web browsers come with `window.WebSocket` object.
- Server-side API: Java EE 7, Spring, etc.

# Apps for Websockets

- Live trading/auctions/sports notifications
- Controlling medical equipment over the web
- Chat applications
- Multiplayer online games

# WebSocket Protocol

- STANDARD PROTOCOL: WebSocket is a standardized technology (RFC6455).
- CLIENT-SIDE API: the `window.WebSocket` object.  
No plugin required
- SERVER-SIDE API exists for various platforms.
- WebSocket is included in Java EE 7 spec (JSR 356)

# WebSocket Workflow

- Establish a connection
- Send messages in both directions at the same time  
(Full Duplex)
- Close the connection
- All modern browsers support WebSocket protocol

<http://caniuse.com/websockets>

# WebSocket Client/Server handshake

- Client sends UPGRADE HTTP-request
- Server confirms UPGRADE
- Client receives UPGRADE response
- Client changes `readyState` property of WebSocket object to open

# Web Browser WebSocketClient

- Initiate the connection to the server's endpoint by creating an instance of `WebSocket` object providing the URL of the server
- Write an `onOpen()` callback function
- Write an `onMessage()` callback function
- Write an `onClose()` callback function
- Write an `onError()` callback function

# JavaScript Client

```
if (window.WebSocket) {  
    ws = new WebSocket("ws://www.websocket.org/echo");  
  
    ws.onopen = function() {  
        console.log("onopen");  
    };  
  
    ws.onmessage = function(e) {  
        console.log("echo from server : " + e.data);  
    };  
  
    ws.onclose = function() {  
        console.log("onclose");  
    };  
    ws.onerror = function() {  
        console.log("onerror");  
    };  
  
} else {  
    console.log("WebSocket object is not supported");  
}
```

# Java EE WebSocket Server's APIs

## 1. Annotated WebSocket endpoint

Annotate a POJO with `@ServerEndpoint`, and its methods with `@OnOpen`, `@OnMessage`, `@OnError`, **and** `@OnClose`

## 2. Programmatic endpoint

Extend your class from `javax.websocket.Endpoint` and override `onOpen()`, `onMessage()`, `onError()`, and `onClose()`.

# HelloWebSocket Server

The server-side push without client's requests

```
@ServerEndpoint("/hello")
public class HelloWebSocket {

    @OnOpen
    public void greetTheClient(Session session){
        try {
            session.getBasicRemote().sendText("Hello stranger");

        } catch (IOException ioe) {
            System.out.println(ioe.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

# Code Fragment with Websockets in Spring

```
public class WebSocketEndPoint extends TextWebSocketHandler {  
    private final static Logger LOG = LoggerFactory.getLogger(WebSocketEndPoint.class);  
  
    private Gson gson;  
    private WebSocketSession currentSession;  
  
    @Override  
    public void afterConnectionEstablished(WebSocketSession session) throws Exception {  
        super.afterConnectionEstablished(session);  
  
        setCurrentSession(session);  
    }  
  
    public boolean sendMeasurement(Measurement m) {  
        if (getCurrentSession() != null) {  
            TextMessage message = new TextMessage(getGson().toJson(m));  
  
            try {  
                getCurrentSession().sendMessage(message);  
            } catch (IOException e) {  
                e.printStackTrace();  
                return false;  
            }  
  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            LOG.info("Can not send message, session is not established.");  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Deploying with Spring Boot

- Java EE Rest services are deployed in WAR under external Java Server
- Spring Boot allows creating a standalone app (a JAR) with an embedded servlet container.
- Starting our Restful server: `java -jar MyJar`.
- We used a default: Tomcat. To use other server exclude Tomcat in build configuration and specify another dependency. Here's a sample section from Gradle build:

```
dependencies {  
    compile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web") {  
        exclude module: "spring-boot-starter-tomcat"  
    }  
    compile("org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-jetty")  
}
```

# What about security?

- Device vendors should take security very seriously.
- We don't deal with security between the thing and its vendor.
- We just use OAuth state attribute, and the OAuth provider must check that the received redirect\_uri is the same as provided during the app registration.
- IoT integration apps are as secure as any other Web app ([owasp.org](http://owasp.org)).



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