

Server as a function with http4k



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Your Server as a Function

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Abstract

Building server software in a large-scale setting, where systems exhibit a high degree of concurrency and environmental variability, is a challenging task to even the most experienced programmer. Efficiency, safety, and robustness are paramount—goals which have traditionally conflicted with modularity, reusability, and flexibility.

We describe three abstractions which combine to present a powerful programming model for building safe, modular, and efficient server software: Composable *futures* are used to relate concurrent, asynchronous actions; *services* and *filters* are specialized functions used for the modular composition of our complex server software.

Finally, we discuss our experiences using these abstractions and techniques throughout Twitter’s serving infrastructure.

Categories and Subject Descriptors D.1.1 [*Programming techniques*]: Applicative (Functional) Programming; D.1.3 [*Programming techniques*]: Concurrent Programming; D.1.3 [*Program-*

Services Systems boundaries are represented by asynchronous functions called *services*. They provide a symmetric and uniform API: the same abstraction represents both clients and servers.

Filters Application-agnostic concerns (e.g. timeouts, retries, authentication) are encapsulated by *filters* which compose to build services from multiple independent modules.

Server operations (e.g. acting on an incoming RPC or a timeout) are defined in a declarative fashion, relating the results of the (possibly many) subsequent sub-operations through the use of future combinators. Operations are phrased as *value transformations*, encouraging the use of immutable data structures and, we believe, enhancing correctness through simplicity of reasoning.

Operations describe *what* is computed; execution is handled separately. This frees the programmer from attending to the minutiae of setting up threads, ensuring pools and queues are sized cor-

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Finagle is written in Scala, but provides both Scala and Java idiomatic APIs.

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val response: Response = client(request)
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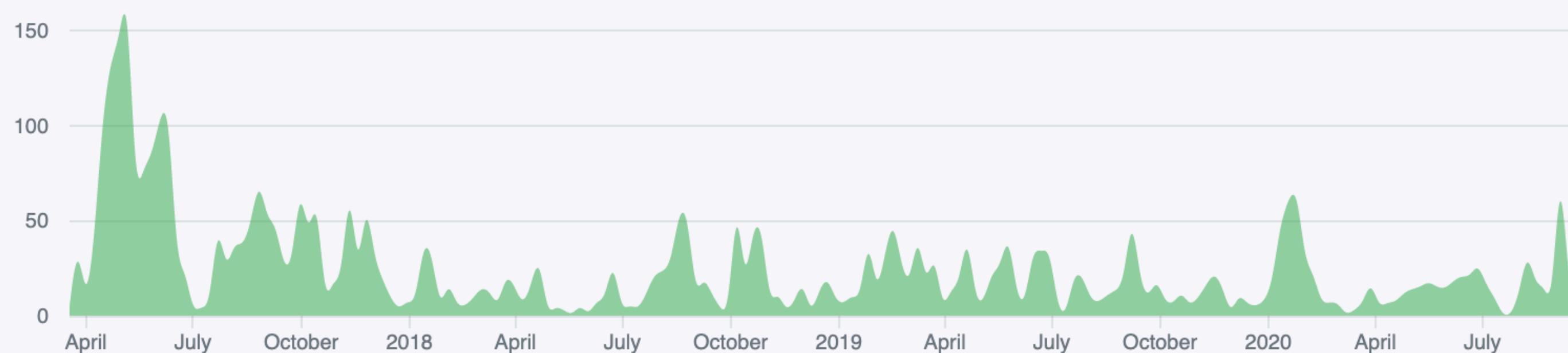
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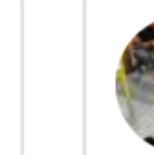
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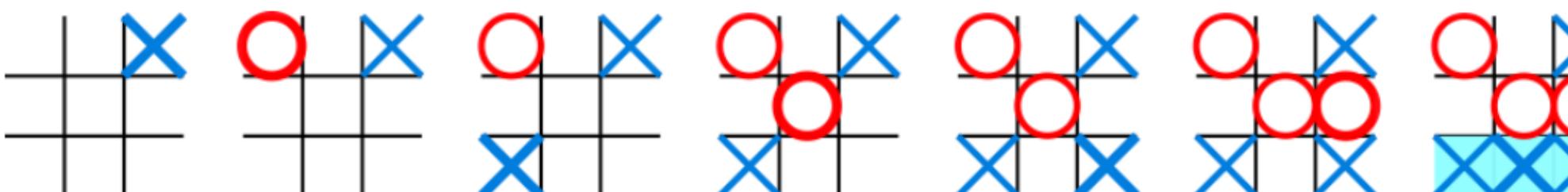
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Tic-tac-toe (American English), **noughts and crosses** (British English), or **Xs and Os** is a paper-and-pencil game for two players, *X* and *O*, who take turns marking the spaces in a 3×3 grid. The player who succeeds in placing three of their marks in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal row is the winner.

The following example game is won by the first player, *X*:



Players soon discover that the [best play](#) from both parties leads to a [draw](#). Hence, tic-tac-toe is most often played by young children, who often have not yet discovered the optimal strategy.

Because of the simplicity of tic-tac-toe, it is often used as a [pedagogical](#) tool for teaching the concepts of good [sportsmanship](#) and the branch of [artificial intelligence](#) that deals with the searching of [game trees](#). It is straightforward to write a [computer program](#) to play tic-tac-toe perfectly or to enumerate the 765 essentially different positions (the [state space complexity](#)) or the 26,830 possible games up to rotations and reflections (the [game tree complexity](#)) on this space.^[1]

The game can be generalized to an *m,n,k-game* in which two players alternate placing stones of their own color on an $m \times n$ board, with the goal of getting *k* of their own color in a row. Tic-tac-toe is the $(3, 3, 3)$ game.^[2] Heron's generalized tic-tac-toe is an even broader generalization of tic-tac-toe. It can also be

Tic-tac-toe



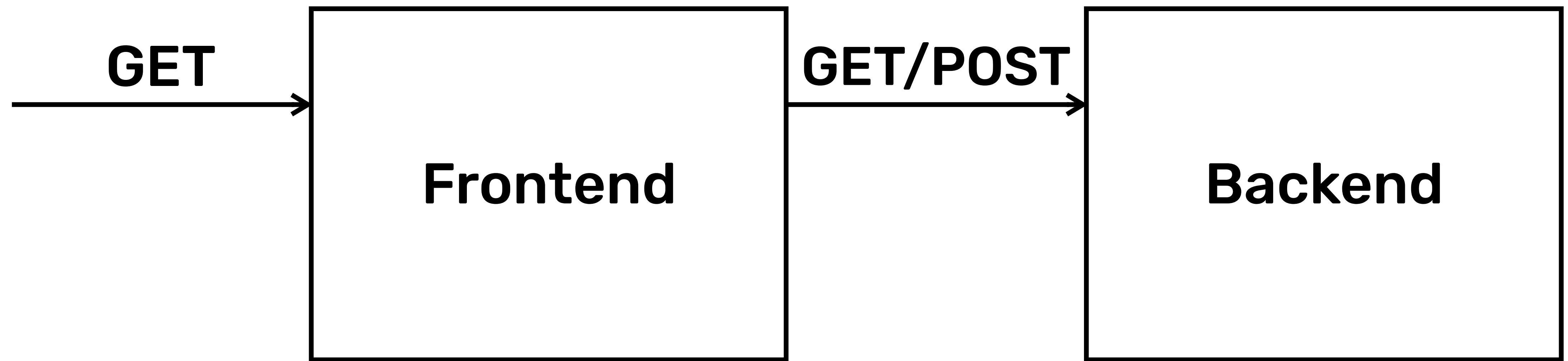
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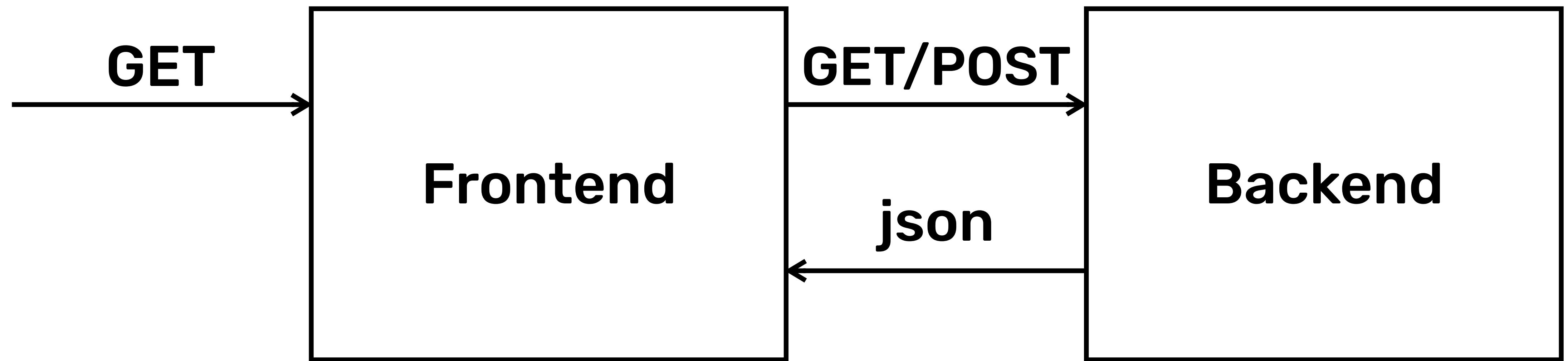
Genre(s)	Paper-and-pencil game
Players	2
Setup time	Minimal
Playing time	~1 minute
Random chance	None
Skill(s) required	Strategy , tactics, observation
Synonym(s)	Noughts and crosses Xs and Os

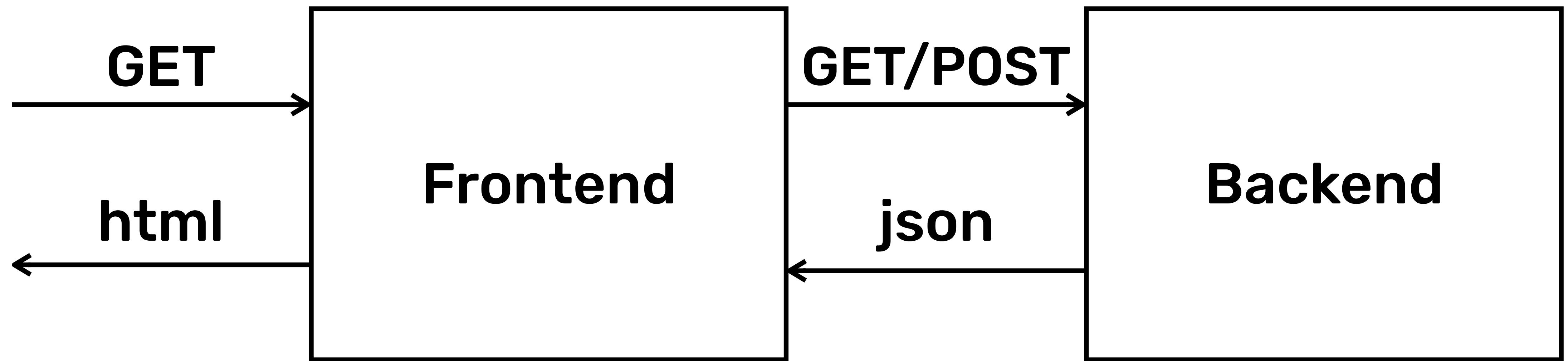
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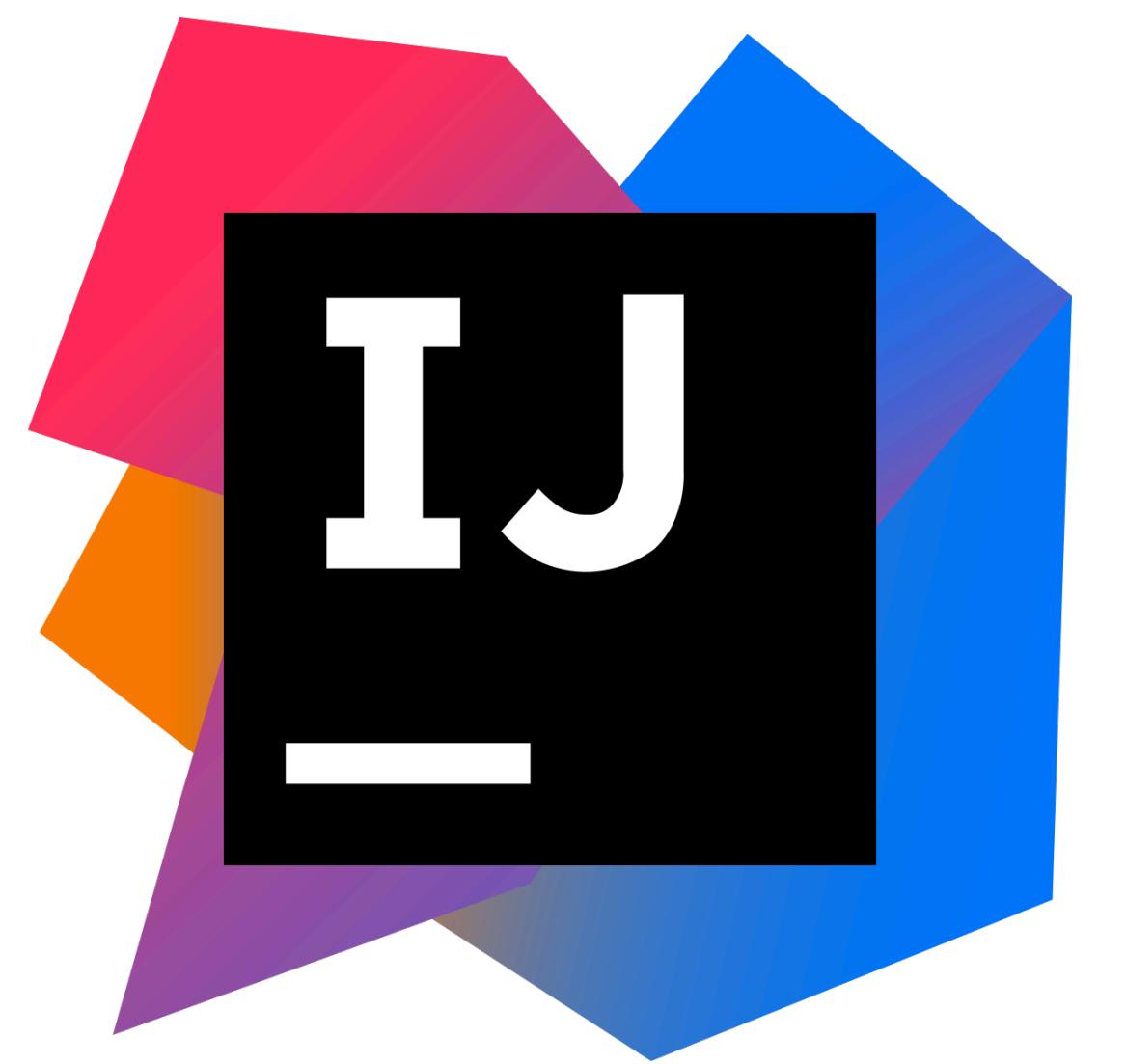
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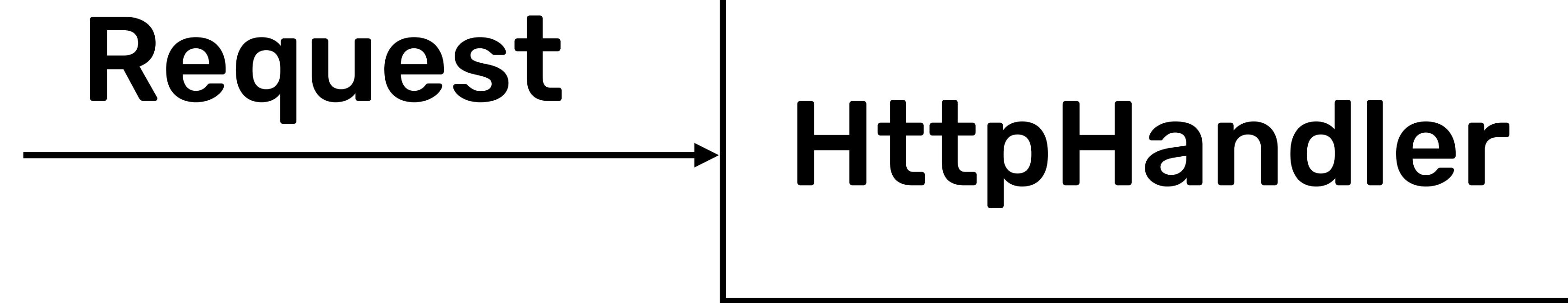
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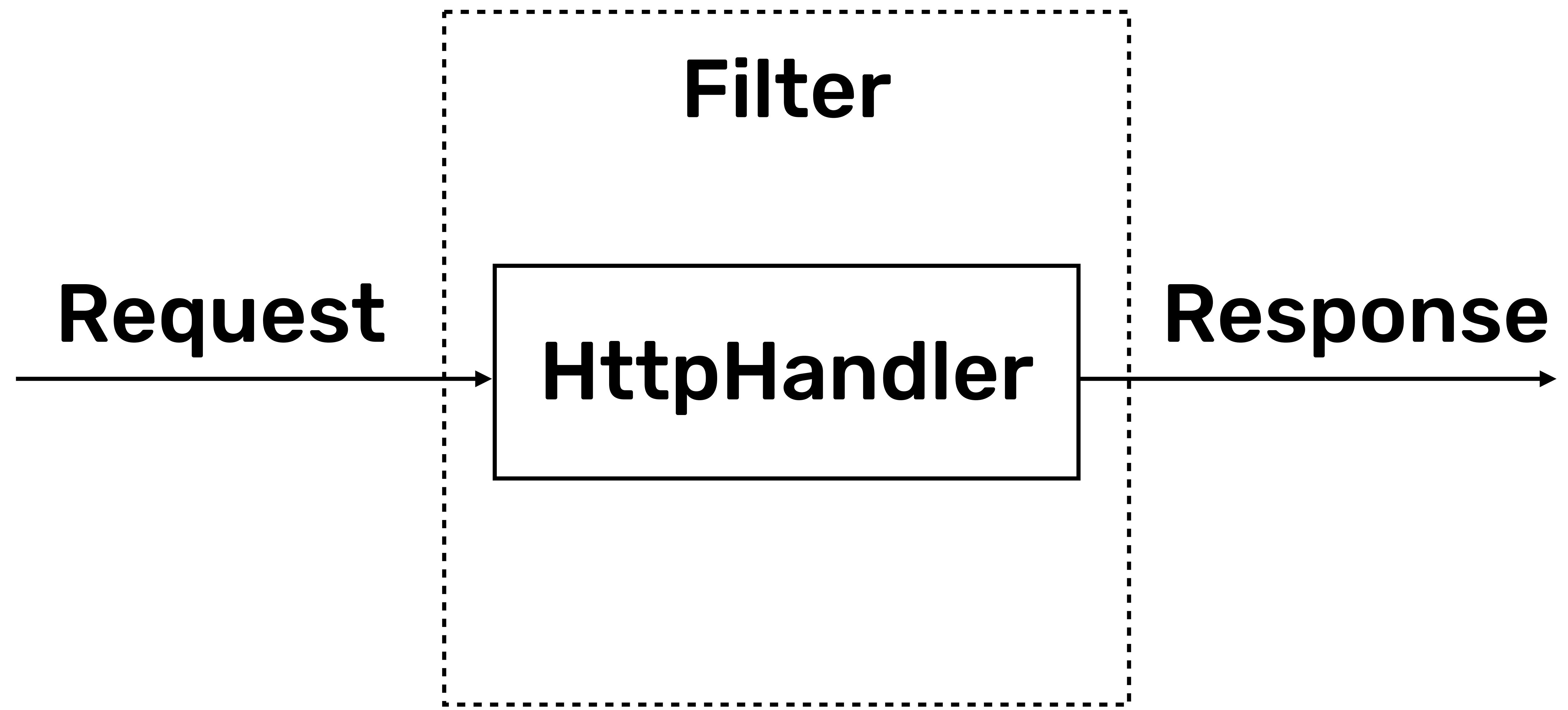
**Client and server
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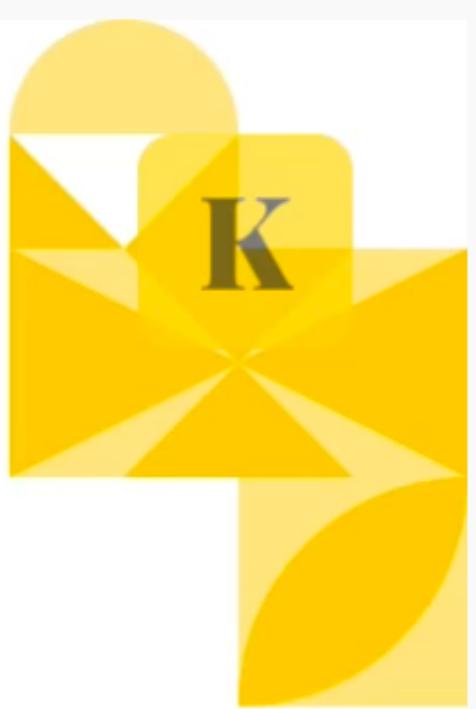
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Jamie Hodkinson 09:49

Hi! We are responding with an input stream from a temporary file on disk.

```
Response(OK).body(tempFile.inputStream())
```

Is there any way to detect when the response has been fully read so that we can then delete the temp file on disk?



7 replies

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Friday, February 14th



Mehdi Mohammadi 23:47

Could anybody help that what is wrong with this code?

```
val app = { request: Request -> Response(OK).body("Hello, ${request.query("name")!}") }

val jettyServer = app.asServer(Jetty(9006)).start()
val client = WebSocketClient.blocking(Uri.of("wss://echo.websocket.org"), headers = listOf(Pair("a
header", "value")))

client.send(WsMessage("hello"))

// read all of the messages from the socket until it is closed (by the server).
// we expect to get one message back before the stream is closed.
client.received().toList().forEach(::println)
```

I am able to connect but I am not receiving any message. I want to develop a websocket client always send and receive messages to/from the server (edited)



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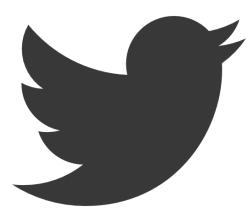


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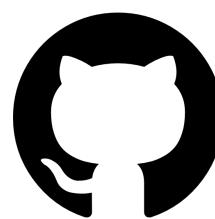
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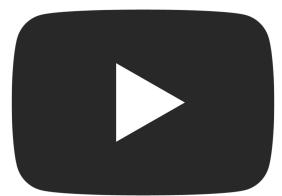
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