

# Turning Your Analysis into an API with Plumber

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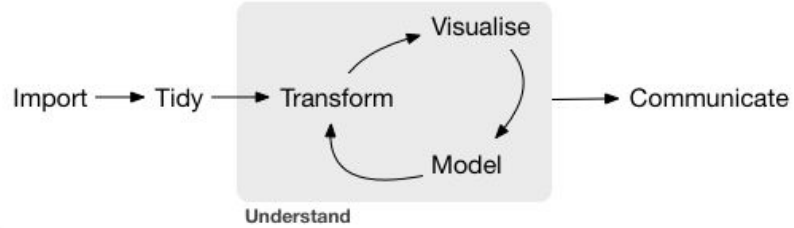
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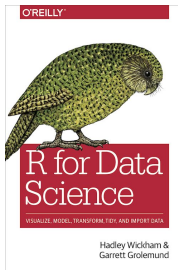
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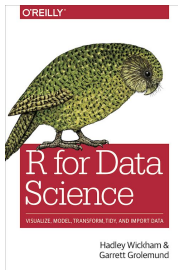
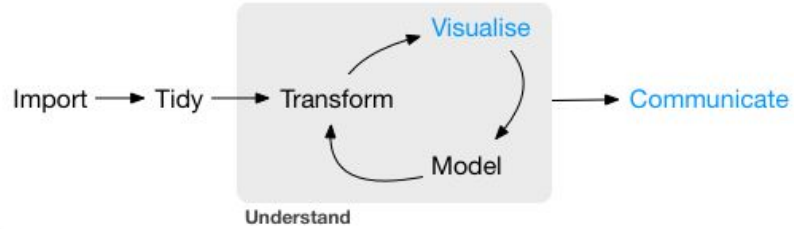
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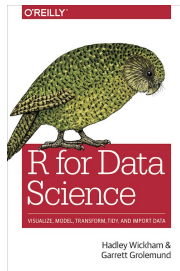
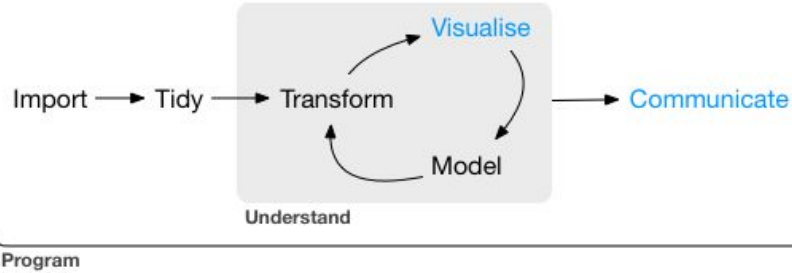
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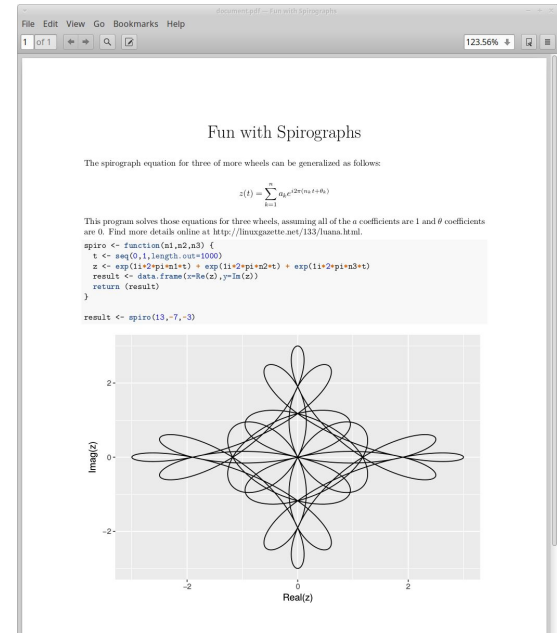
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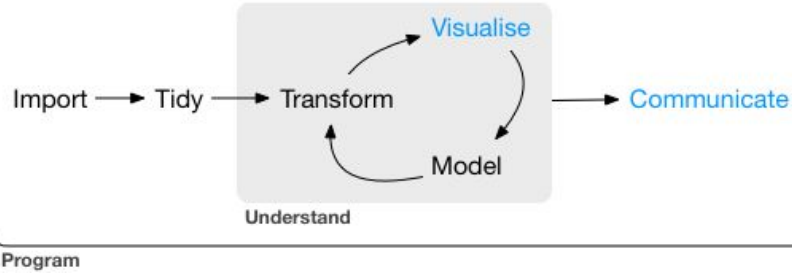


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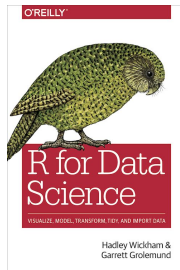
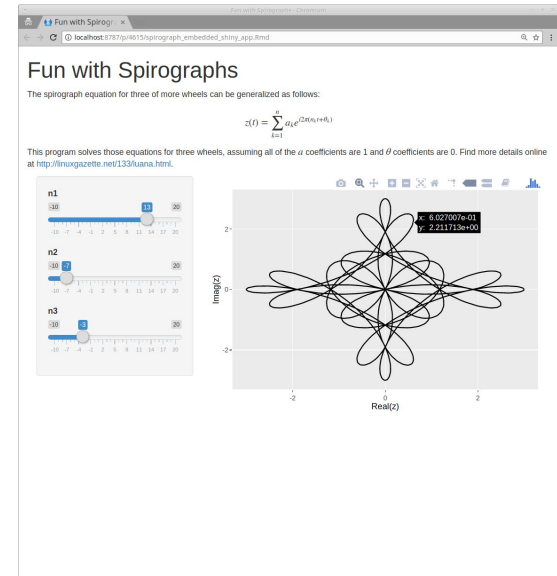
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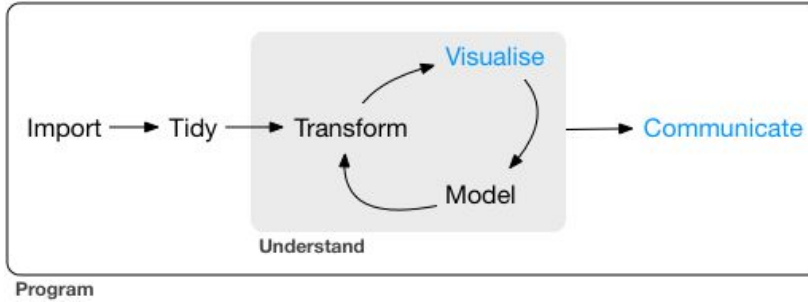


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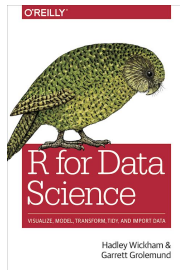
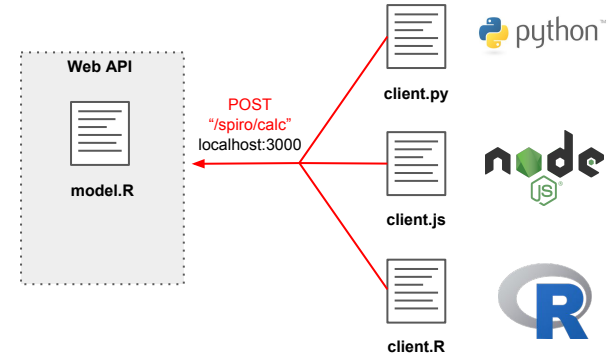
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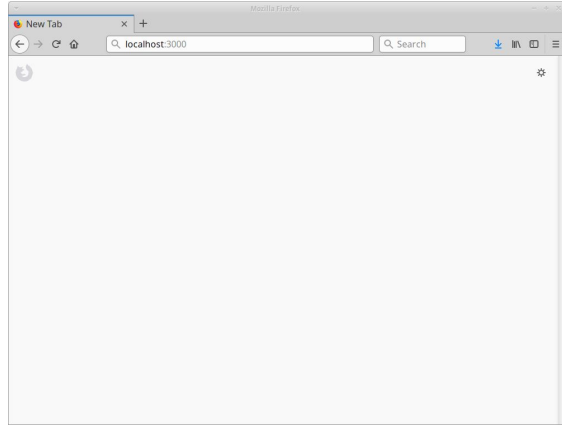


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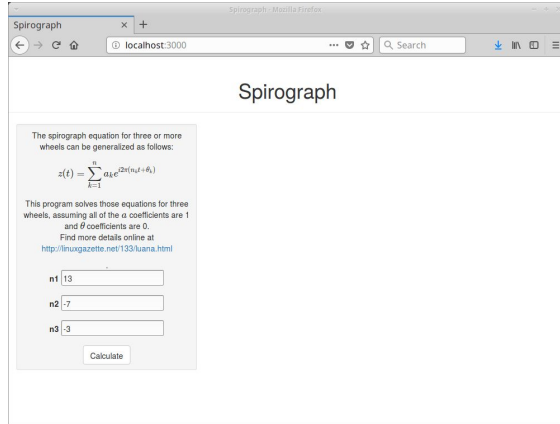
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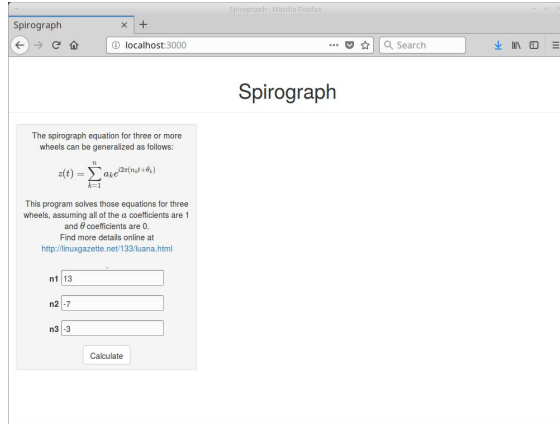


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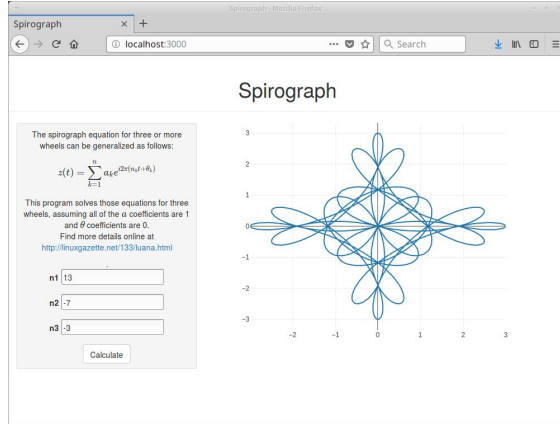
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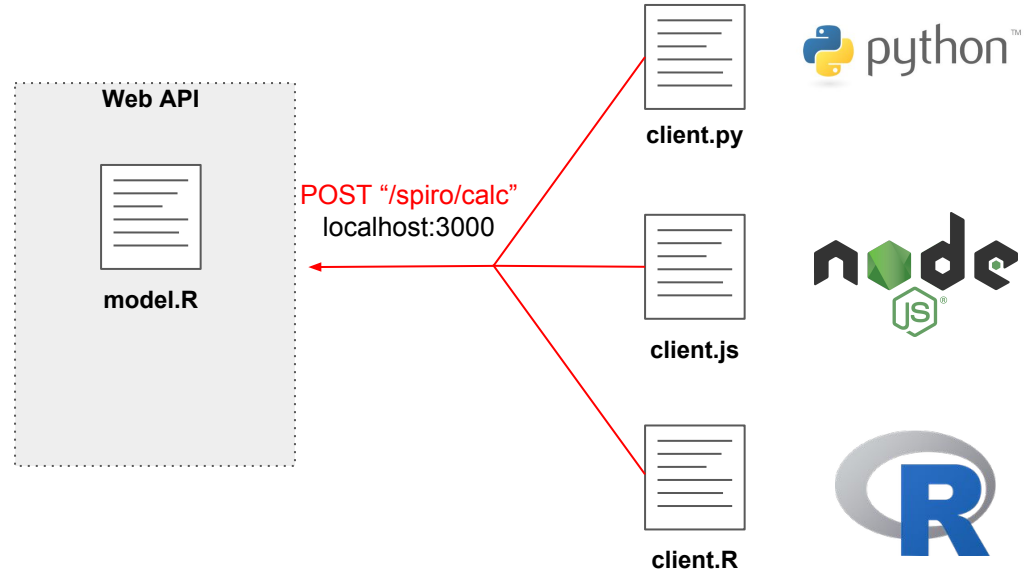
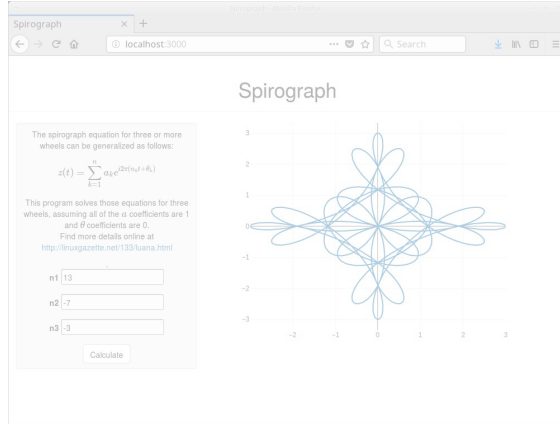
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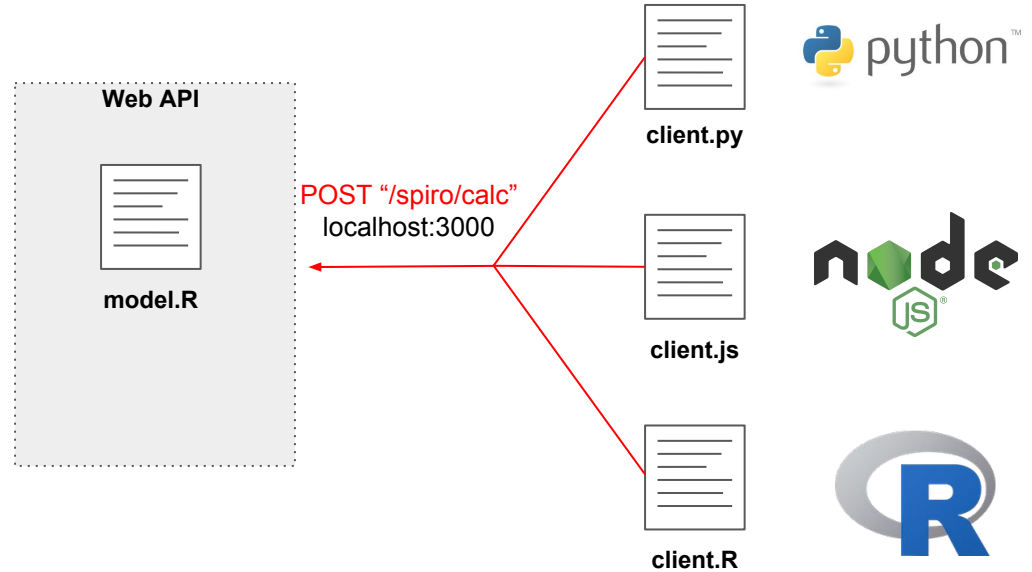
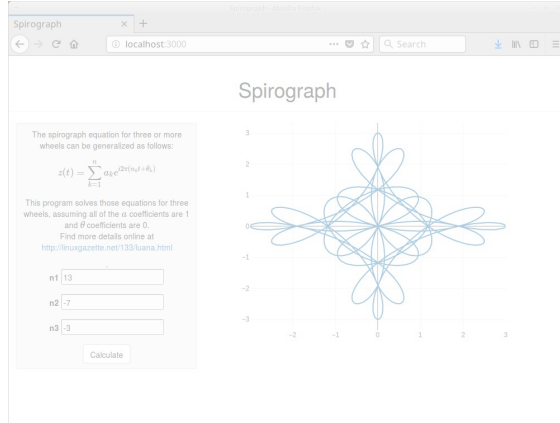


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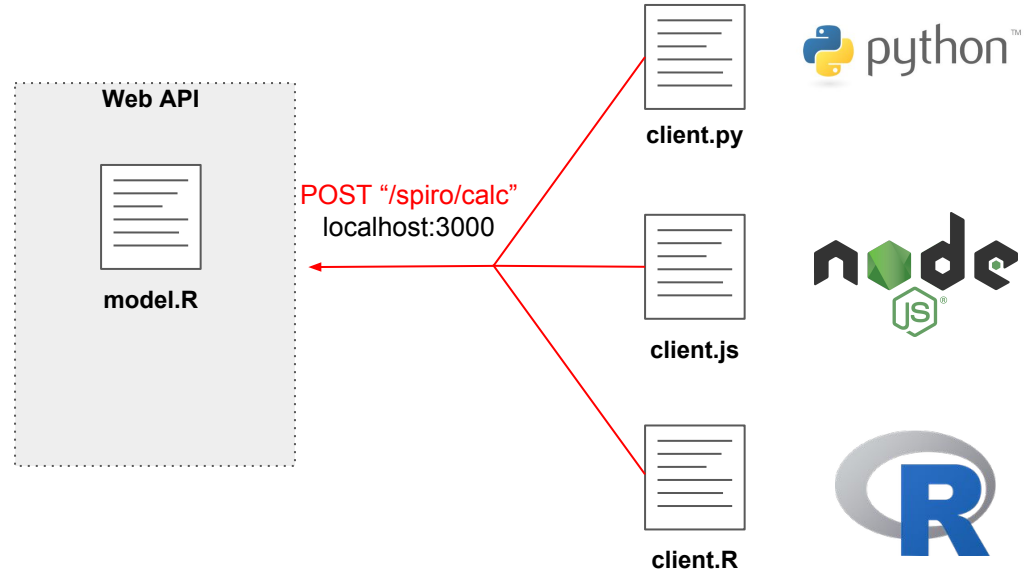
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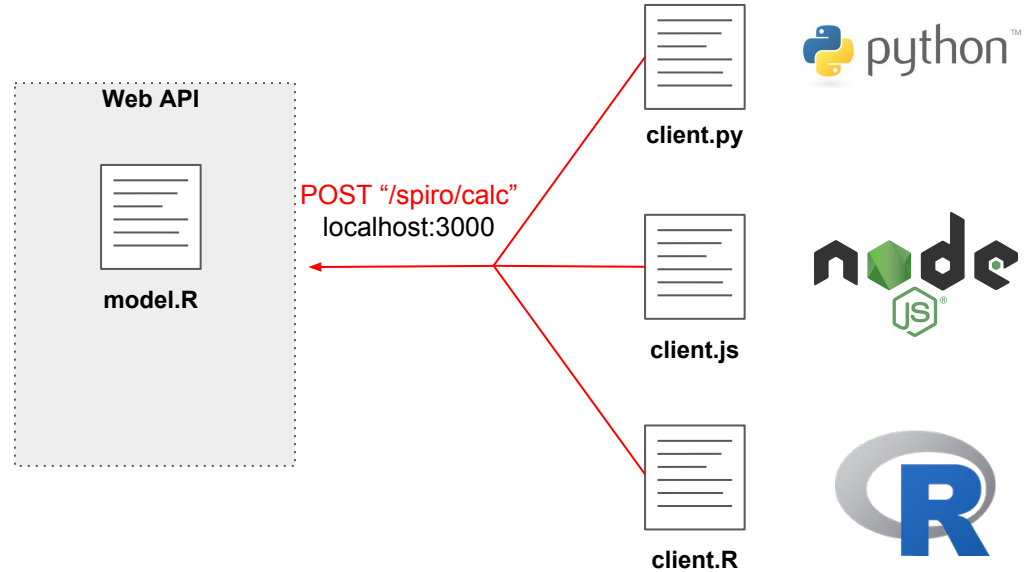
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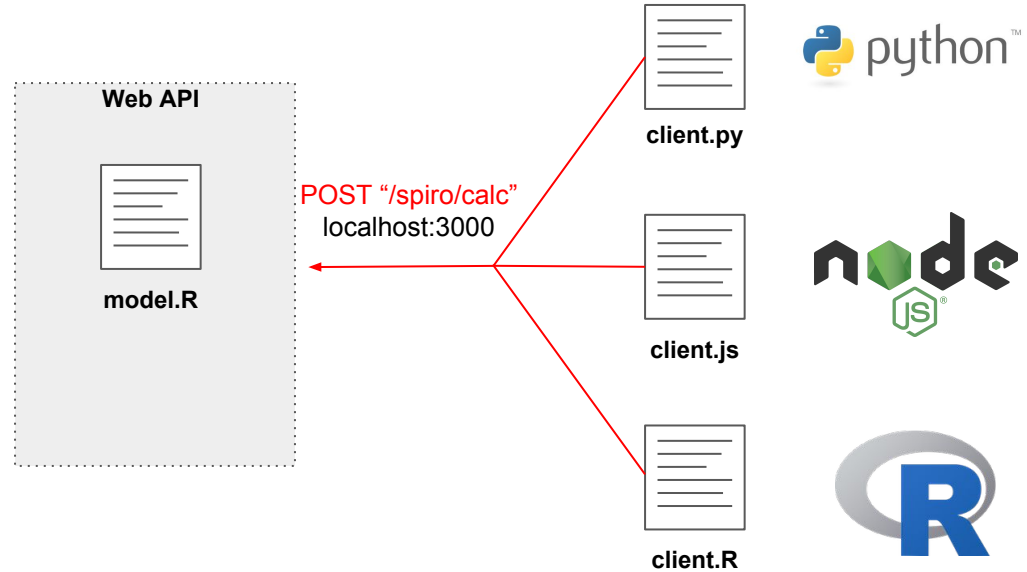
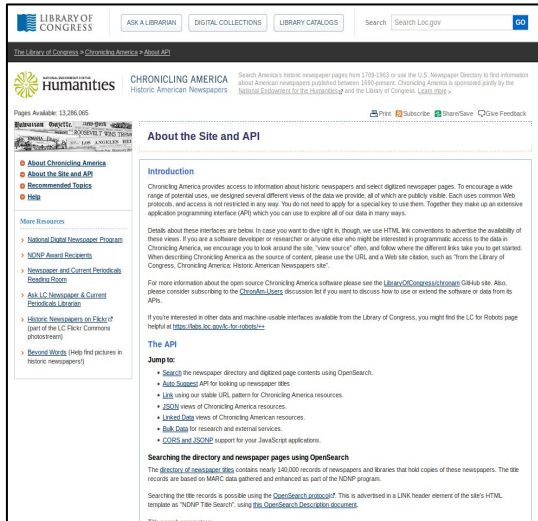
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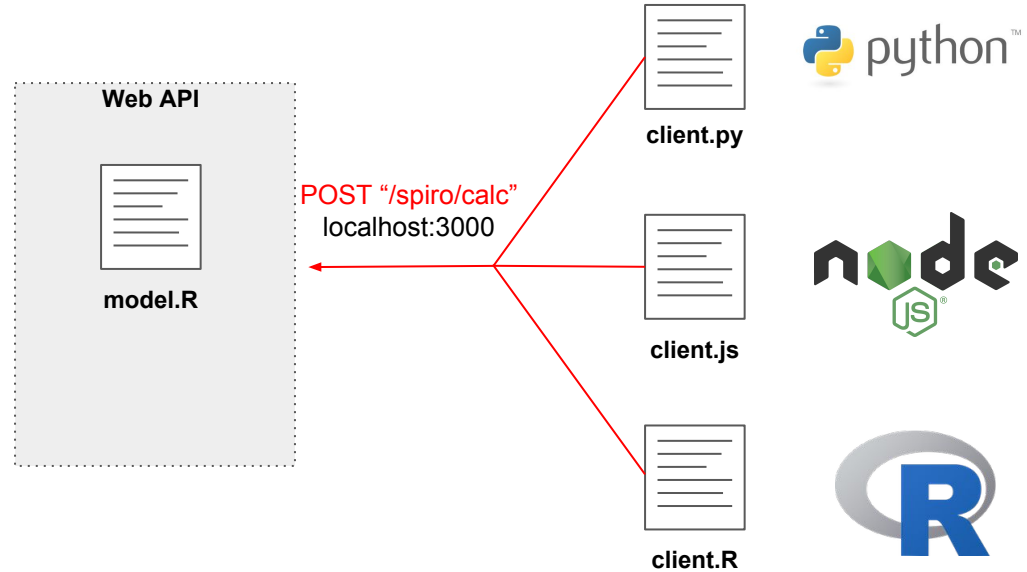
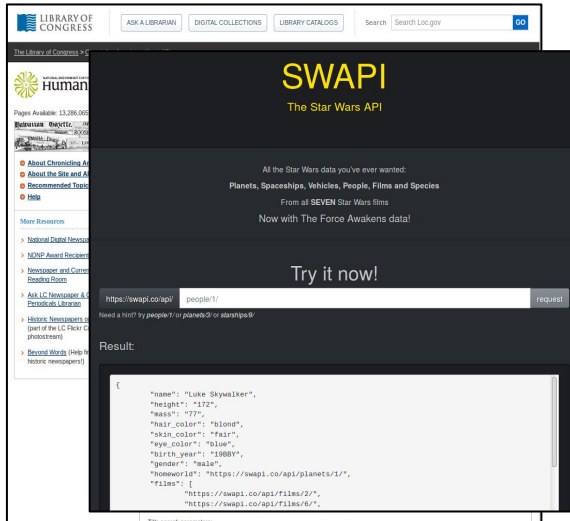
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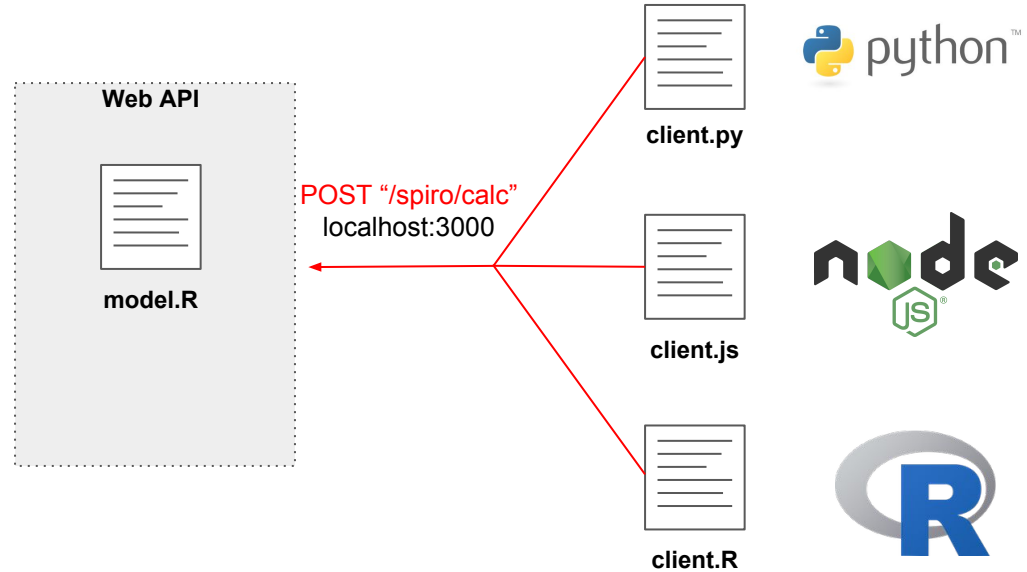


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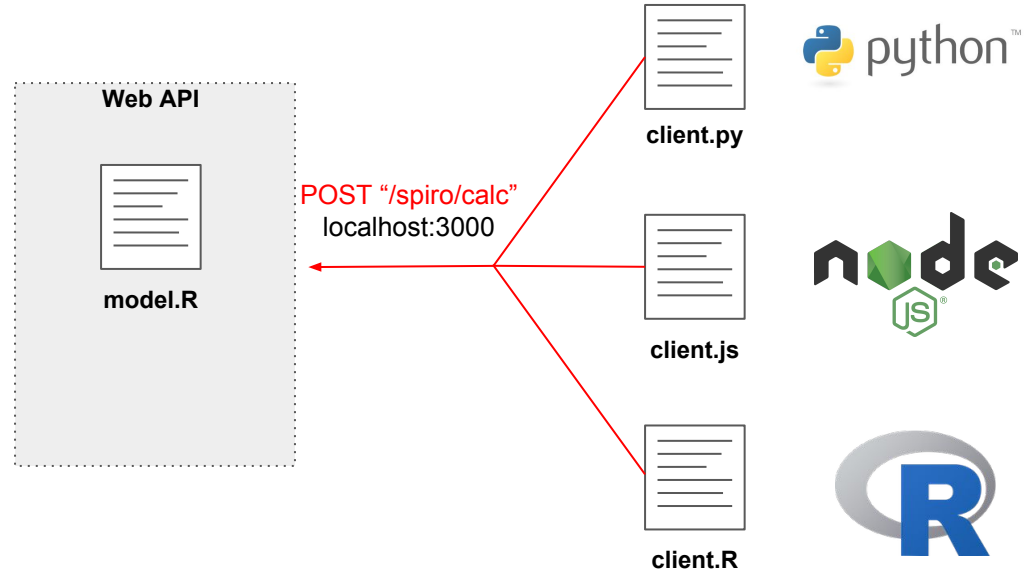
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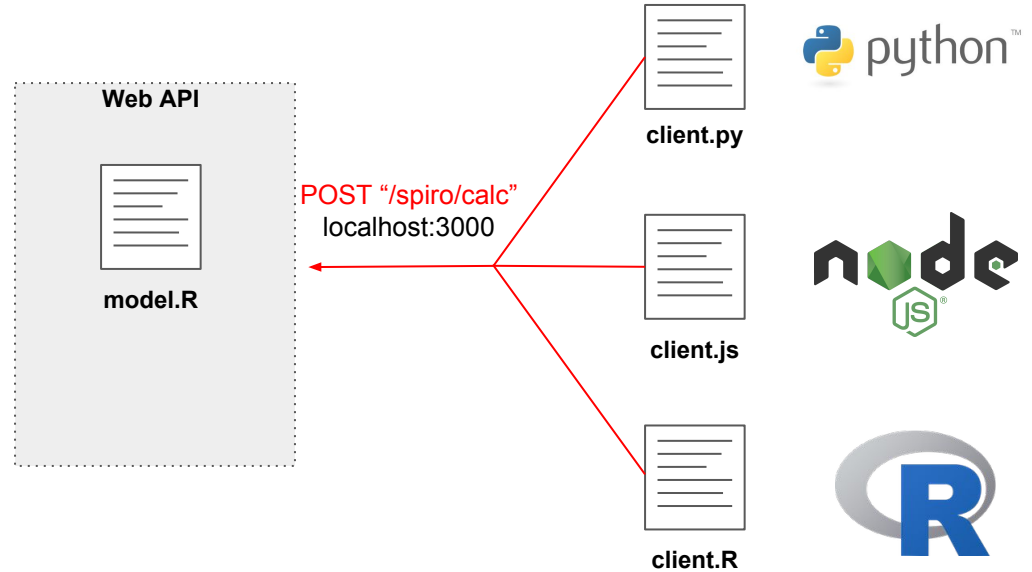
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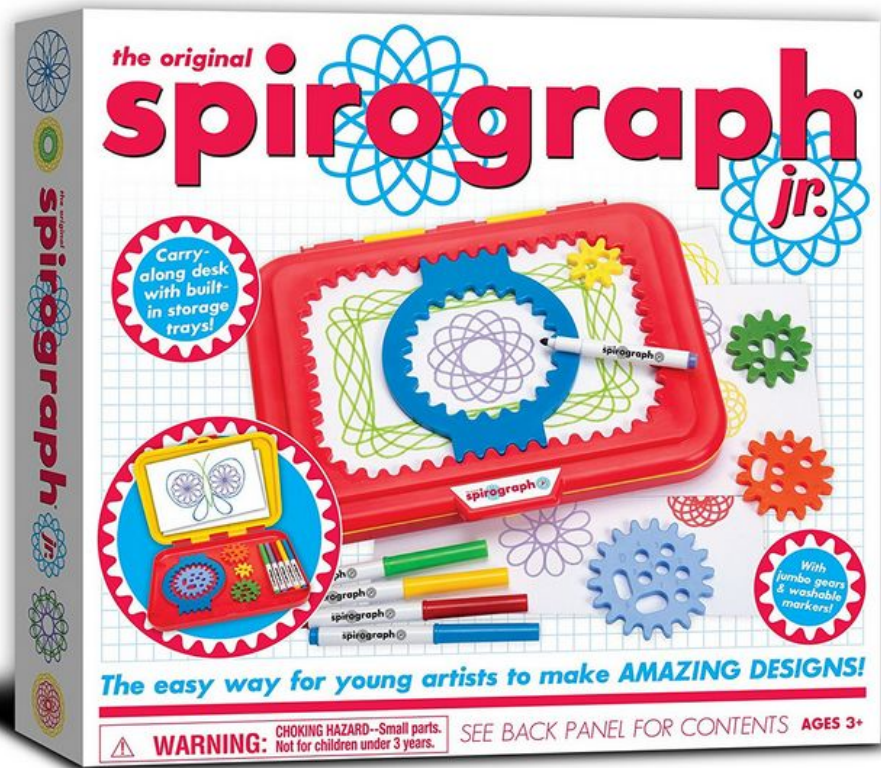
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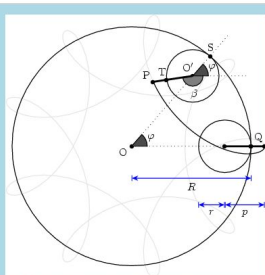


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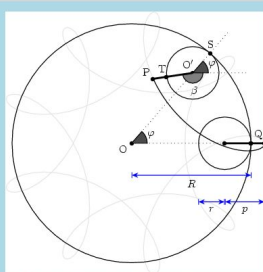


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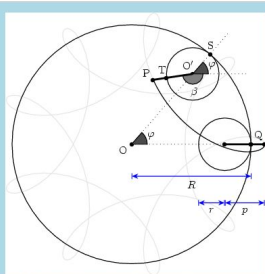


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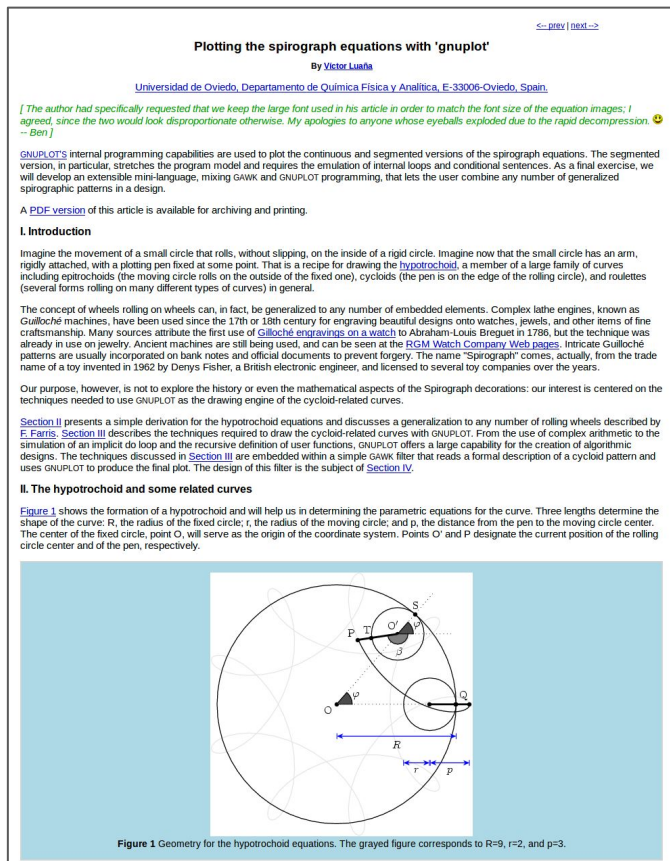
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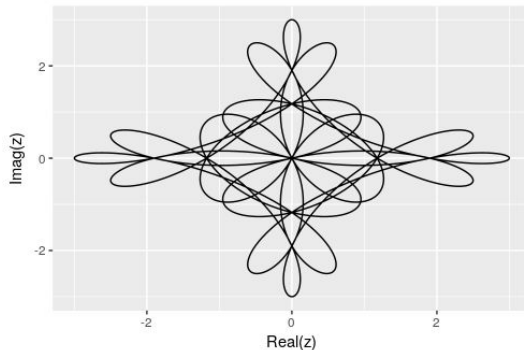
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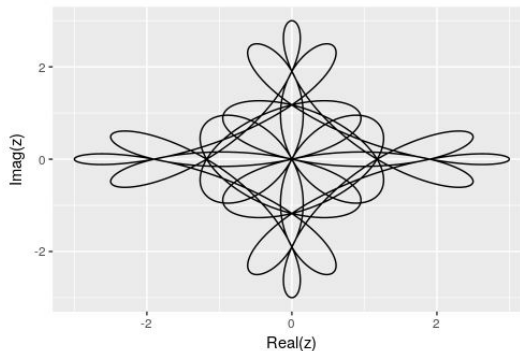
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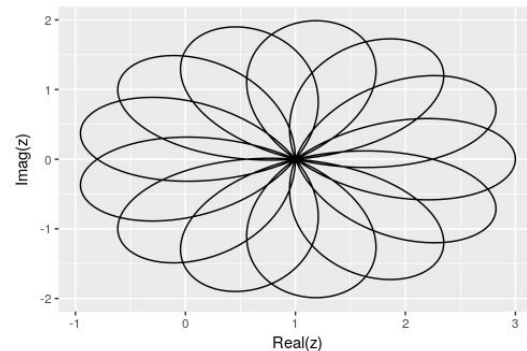
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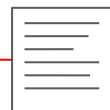
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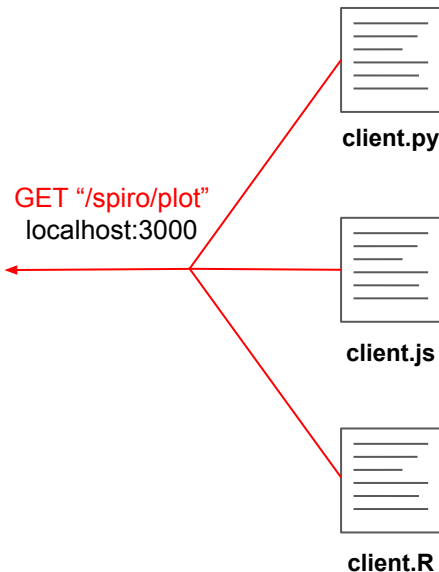
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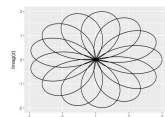
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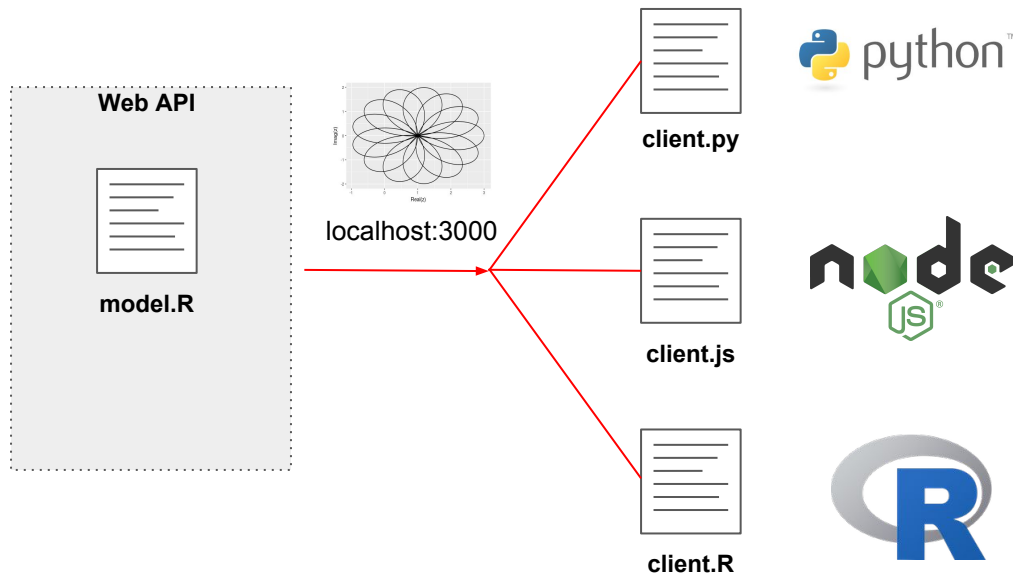
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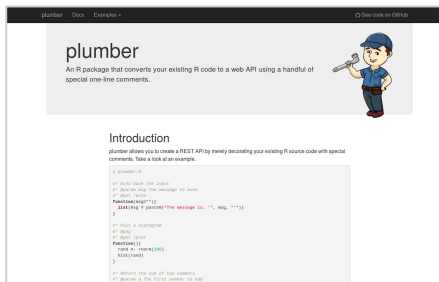
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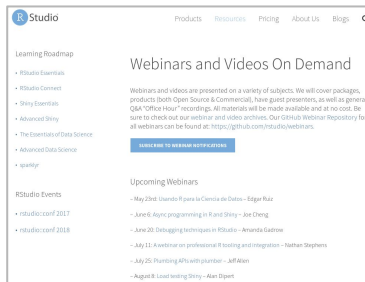
Try it: `spiro_clients.Rmd` from [github.com:dskard/spiro-plumber](https://github.com/dskard/spiro-plumber)  
<https://beta.rstudioconnect.com/connect/#/apps/3533>



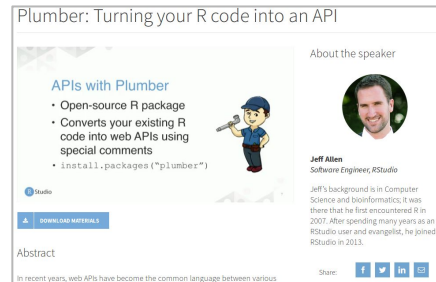
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Plumber Documentation

Upcoming Webinar about  
Plumber APIs:  
July 25, 2018

Jeff Allen's  
rstudio::conf(2018)  
Talk

