## ECE4574 – Large-Scale SW Development for Engineering Systems Lecture 9 – Web Services

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### Course Updates

- Project
  - hope Sprint 1 is going well ☺
- Quiz 3 is TODAY
  - 7 PM to 1 AM tomorrow morning
- HW1 is due this FRIDAY
  - 11:59 PM





## Today's Objectives

### Service-Oriented Architectures

- Service-Oriented Systems
- Web Services
- SOAP and Messaging
- UDDI, WSDL and Metadata
- Security, Transactions and Reliability

### **XML**

- JSON
- XML and JSON compared

### RESTful web services

- What is REST?
- Concept
- Examples of RESTful clients





### **SERVICE-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURES**



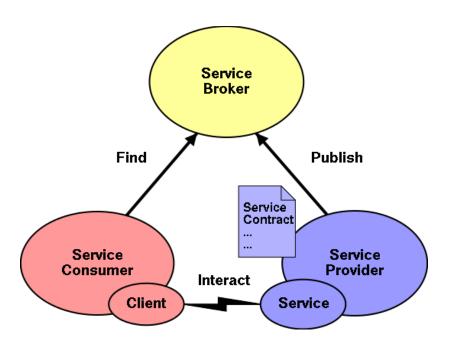


- SOA Service-Oriented Architecture
- Over a network, typically
- A standard protocol governs the interactions
- Several services can be used to accomplish a useful task
- Services are things like:
  - retrieve a transaction record
  - compute an account balance
  - calculate some complex or proprietary metric

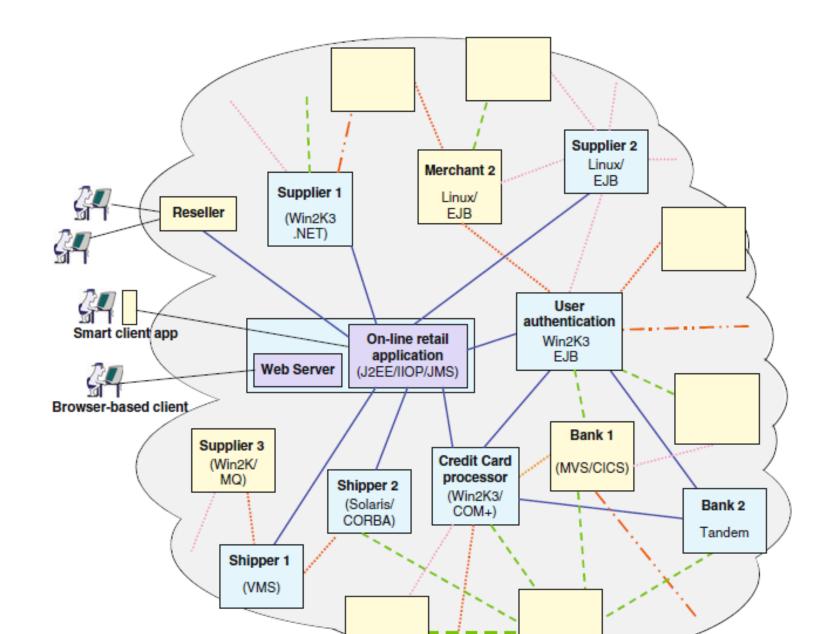




## SOA is a simple arrangement

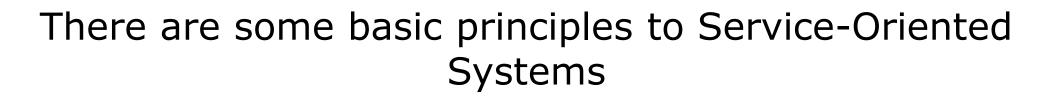


 A Service Broker is not always present – depending on the requirements of the protocol





A typical online retail application is composed of a SOA, with various servers (and perhaps protocols!)





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- Boundaries are explicit
  - Services are truly separate applications, not just components of a single process
- Services are autonomous
  - No knowledge of clients
  - Any request satisfying the "rules" will be served
- Share schemas and contracts, not implementations
  - Structure of messages sent and received
  - Any ordering requirements
- Service compatibility is based on policy
  - Format and protocol
  - Encryption, reliability and recovery





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  - Find out more about a specific service
  - Ask a service to do something
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#### **UDDI**

Find out more about a specific service

### **WSDL**

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### **SOAP, REST**

Make use of standard services like security

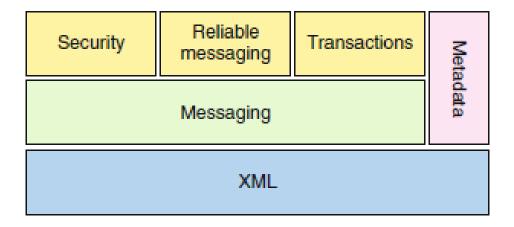
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Fig. 5.2 Overview of Web services standards



- The messages interchanged are in XML
- Some exchanges will use direct metadata access to XML
- Other services are built on the standard definitions of messages



## UDDI, WSDL and Metadata



- WSDL is the Web Services Description Language
  - A format to represent what a particular web service does, what it needs and what it returns
- UDDI is the Universal Description, Discovery and Integration directory
  - This is a format to contain and provide many WSDL records
  - Alternatively, WSDL information may be "well-known"
- Metadata "data about data"
  - WSDL records are just one example of this

### A Sample WSDL description



```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<definitions name="StockOuote"
       targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote.wsdl"
       xmlns:tns="http://example.com/stockquote.wsdl"
       xmlns:xsd1="http://example.com/stockquote.xsd"
       xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
       xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
 <types>
  <schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockguote.xsd"
       xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema">
   <element name="TradePriceRequest">
     <complexType>
      <all>
       <element name="tickerSymbol" type="string"/>
      </all>
    </complexType>
   </element>
   <element name="TradePrice">
     <complexType>
      <all>
        <element name="price" type="float"/>
      </all>
     </complexType>
   </element>
  </schema>
 </types>
 <message name="GetLastTradePriceInput">
  <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePriceRequest"/>
 </message>
<message name="GetLastTradePriceOutput">
  <part name="body" element="xsd1:TradePrice"/>
 </message>
```

```
<portType name="StockQuotePortType">
  <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
   <input message="tns:GetLastTradePriceInput"/>
   <output message="tns:GetLastTradePriceOutput"/>
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  </operation>
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 </portType>
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 <br/><binding name="StockQuoteSoapBinding" type="tns:StockQuotePortType">
  <soap:binding style="document"
transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
  <operation name="GetLastTradePrice">
   <soap:operation soapAction="http://example.com/GetLastTradePrice"/>
   <input>
     <soap:body use="literal"/>
   </input>
   <output>
     <soap:body use="literal"/>
   </output>
  </operation>
 </binding>
 <service name="StockQuoteService">
  <documentation>My first service</documentation>
  <port name="StockQuotePort" binding="tns:StockQuoteSoapBinding">
   <soap:address location="http://example.com/stockguote"/>
  </port>
 </service>
</definitions>
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  <schema targetNamespace="http://example.com/stockquote.xsd"
       xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/10/XMLSchema">
   <element_name="TradePriceRequest">
                                        XML namespace(s)
    <complexType>
      <all>
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      </all>
    </complexType>
   </element>
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     <complexType>
      <all>
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      </all>
     </complexType>
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   </element>
                                 this service
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functions actually exposed via this service



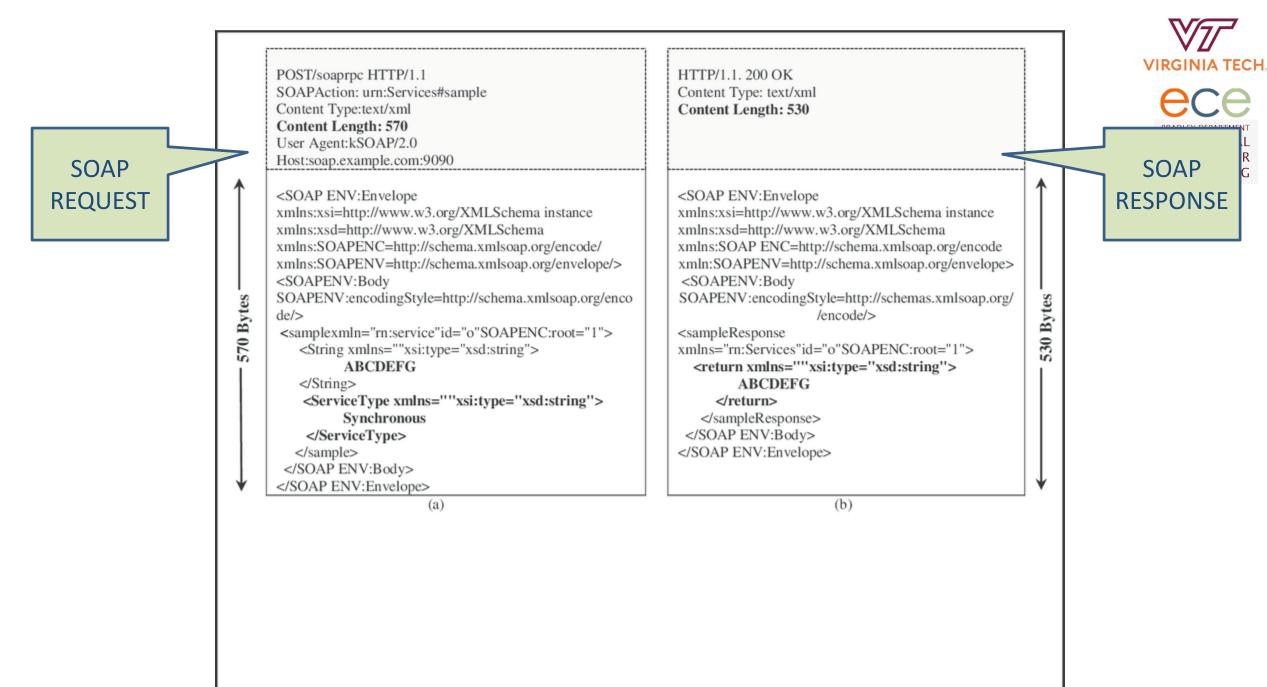
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# SOAP used to stand for "Simple Object Access Protocol" – but now it's just SOAP

- SOAP defines message formats
- Compliant web services interpret them (in accordance with their WSDL description) and send response messages

```
<s:Envelope xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <s:Header>
    <Action s:mustUnderstand="1"</pre>
     xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2005/05/addressing/none">
      http://tempuri.org/IService/MyOperation
    </Action>
    <ActivitvId CorrelationId="7224e2a9-8f9c-4acb-a924-17cb6af67b23"</pre>
xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/2004/09/ServiceModel/Diagnostics">
      43ffa660-a0c6-4249-bb36-648b73a06213</ActivityId>
 </s:Header>
 <s:Body>
    <MyOperation xmlns="http://tempuri.org">
      <MyValue>Some Value</MyValue>
    </MyOperation>
  </s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

# Envelope (Mandatory) Marks the start and end of a message Header (Optional) General information about message – e.g. authentication and transaction management Body (Mandatory) Data for the actual message or document being sent



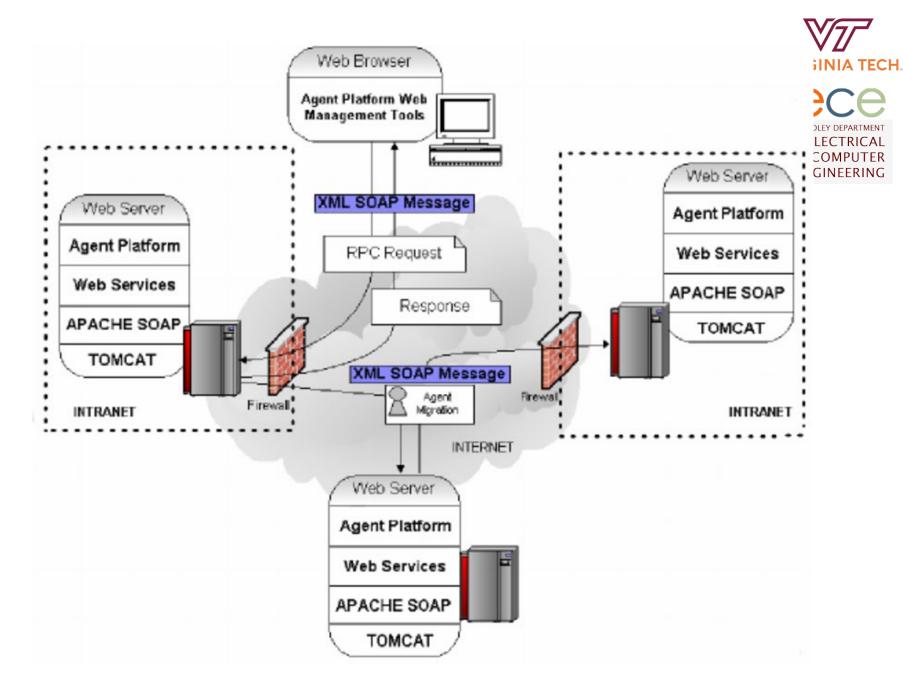






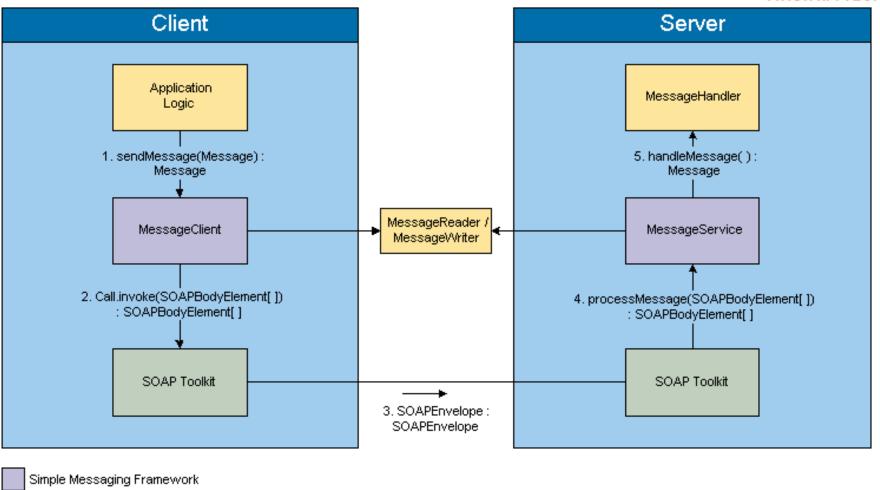
- For Java, Oracle has developed a toolkit for using SOAP:
  - http://docs.oracle.com/cd/A97630 01/appdev.920/a96616/arxml11.htm
- For C++, a number of implementations exist:
  - http://www.cs.fsu.edu/~engelen/soap.html
  - <a href="http://axis.apache.org/axis/">http://axis.apache.org/axis/</a>
- For C#, SOAP support is available in the basic package:
  - https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ff512390.aspx

A Service-Oriented Architecture using SOAP for message exchange





SOAP message generation and processing



SOAP Toolkit

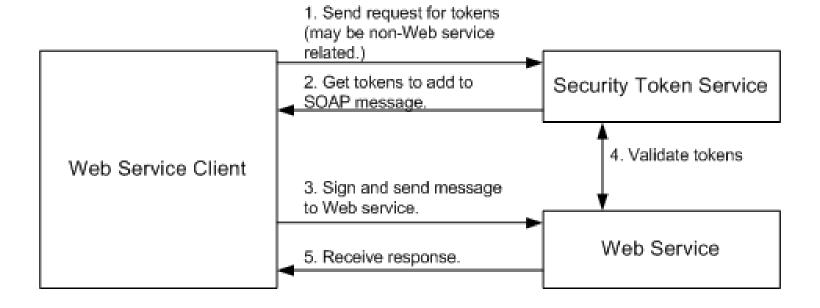
Application Code



### Security, Transactions and Reliability



 WS-Security protocols provide ways for web services to work on the web with good privacy and security







### **XML - EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE**





- XML was designed for containing web documents
- The fundamental construct is the tag-value pair
- Applications can agree to abide by a particular XML schema
- A schema is a list of the constraints on XML documents
  - which tags are used
  - how elements are aggregated
  - etc.
- The XML standard: XML 1.0 5th edition (at the W3C)
  - There is an XML 1.1, only used in special situations (EBCDIC)





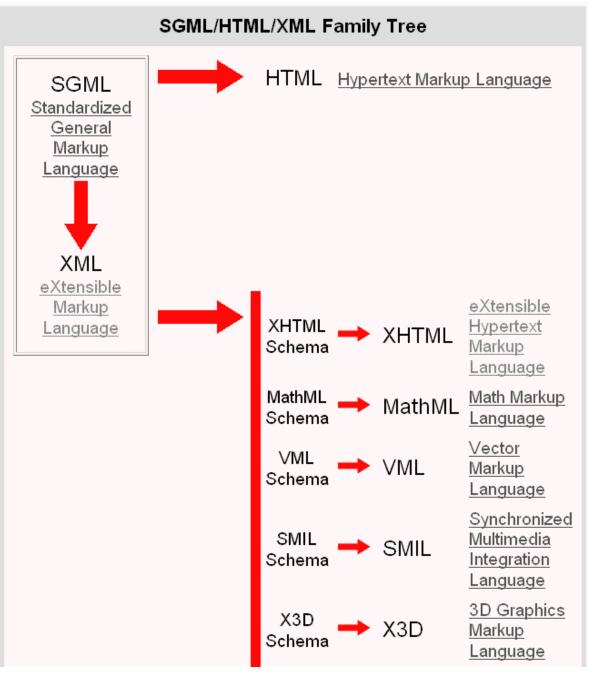
## XML is based on (an eXtension of) HTML

- HTML documents are composed of one or more elements
  - Each may have elements nested within them
- An element is of this form:
   <tag attribute1="value1" attribute2="value2">content</tag>
- Legal tags are those defined in the HTML specification (see <a href="http://htmldog.com/reference/htmltags/">http://htmldog.com/reference/htmltags/</a>)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>My First Heading</h1>
My first paragraph.
</body>
</html>
```

XML is a form of Standardized General Markup Language;

There are many specializations of XML for graphics, math, multimedia, 3D data, etc.











# In HTML, only tags defined in the specification are legal; in XML, custom tags may be defined

- The XML schema defines custom tags and constraints related to them
- A schema may be expressed in:
  - Document Type Definitions (DTDs)
  - W3C XSD (XML Schema Definitions)
  - Relax-NG
  - Schematron
  - other forms...



### An XML schema may:



- provide a list of elements and attributes in a vocabulary;
- associate types, such as integer, string, etc., or more specifically such as hatsize, sock\_color, etc., with values found in documents;
- constrain where elements and attributes can appear, and what can appear inside those elements, such as saying that a chapter title occurs inside a chapter, and that a chapter must consist of a chapter title followed by one or more paragraphs of text;
- provide documentation that is both human-readable and machine-processable;
- give a formal description of one or more documents.

### Example: an XML file and the schema that describes it



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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<PurchaseOrder OrderDate="1900-01-01"
xmlns="http://tempuri.org/POSchema.xsd">
 <ShipTo country="US">
  <name>name1</name>
  <street>street1</street>
  <city>city1</city>
  <state>state1</state>
  <zip>1</zip>
 </ShipTo>
  <ShipTo country="US">
  <name>name2</name>
  <street>street2</street>
  <city>city2</city>
  <state>state2</state>
  <zip>-79228</zip>
 </ShipTo>
 <BillTo country="US">
  <name>name1</name>
  <street>street1</street>
  <city>city1</city>
  <state>state1</state>
  <zip>1</zip>
 </BillTo>
</PurchaseOrder>
```

```
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"</pre>
      xmlns:tns="http://tempuri.org/PurchaseOrderSchema.xsd"
targetNamespace="http://tempuri.org/PurchaseOrderSchema.xsd"
      elementFormDefault="qualified">
<xsd:element name="PurchaseOrder"
type="tns:PurchaseOrderType"/>
<xsd:complexType name="PurchaseOrderType">
 <xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:element name="ShipTo" type="tns:USAddress"</pre>
maxOccurs="2"/>
  <xsd:element name="BillTo" type="tns:USAddress"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="OrderDate" type="xsd:date"/>
</xsd:complexType>
<xsd:complexType name="USAddress">
 <xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:element name="name" type="xsd:string"/>
  <xsd:element name="street" type="xsd:string"/>
  <xsd:element name="city" type="xsd:string"/>
  <xsd:element name="state" type="xsd:string"/>
  <xsd:element name="zip" type="xsd:integer"/>
 </xsd:sequence>
 <xsd:attribute name="country" type="xsd:NMTOKEN" fixed="US"/>
</xsd:complexType>
</xsd:schema>
```



# XML syntax is based on (is an eXtension of) HTML – but there are some important differences

- In XML, all elements must be closed or marked as empty.
- Empty elements can be closed as normal, <a href="https://happiness">happiness</a> or you can use a special short-form, <a href="happiness">happiness</a> /> instead.
- In HTML, you only need to quote an attribute value under certain circumstances (it contains a space, or a character not allowed in a name), but the rules are hard to remember. In XML, attribute values are always quoted: <a href="mailto:kappiness type="joy" />
- In HTML there is a built-in set of element names and attributes. In XML, there are no built-in names (although names starting with xml have special meanings).
- In HTML, there is a list of some built-in character names like é for é but XML does not have this. In XML, there are only five built-in character entities: <, &gt;, &amp;, &quot; and &apos; for <, >, &, " and ' respectively.
- In HTML, there are numeric character references, such as & for &.; the numbers are decimal. XML also allows hexadecimal references: & for example.





### JSON - JAVASCRIPT OBJECT NOTATION



## JSON is an alternative data format for exchange of information

- JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation, but it's not dependent on any language
- Elements in JSON are stored as attribute-value pairs
- Attributes are strings (like field names)
- Values are numeric, string, boolean, array, collections of pairs (objects) or null values

# JSON is also written to a schema

```
{
    "id": 1,
    "name": "Foo",
    "price": 123,
    "tags": [
        "Bar",
        "Eek"
    ],
    "stock": {
        "warehouse": 300,
        "retail": 20
    }
}
```

```
{ "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-03/schema#",
   "name": "Product",
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
     "id": {
        "type": "number",
        "description": "Product identifier",
        "required": true },
     "name": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "Name of the product",
        "required": true },
     "price": {
        "type": "number",
        "minimum": 0,
        "required": true },
     "tags": {
        "type": "array",
        "items": {
        "type": "string" }
     },
     "stock": {
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        "properties": {
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              "type": "number" },
           "retail": {
              "type": "number" }
```









### The JSON Specification

- Like many Internet standards, JSON is defined in a Request for Comment (RFC)
- RFC 7159

• ECMA-404 (International Standard)





### A simple data record in JSON and in XML

```
{"employees":[
    {"firstName":"John", "lastName":"Doe"},
    {"firstName":"Anna", "lastName":"Smith"},
    {"firstName":"Peter", "lastName":"Jones"}
]}
<employees>
    <employee>
        <firstName>John</firstName> <lastName>Doe</lastName>
    </employee>
    <employee>
        <firstName>Anna</firstName> <lastName>Smith</lastName>
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### Comparing XML and JSON

In many ways, XML and JSON are similar -

- Both JSON and XML are "self describing" (human readable)
- Both JSON and XML are hierarchical (values within values)
- Both JSON and XML can be parsed and used in many programming languages
- Both JSON and XML can be fetched with an XMLHttpRequest

There are important differences, however -

- JSON doesn't use end tag
- JSON is shorter
- JSON is quicker to read and write
- JSON can use arrays



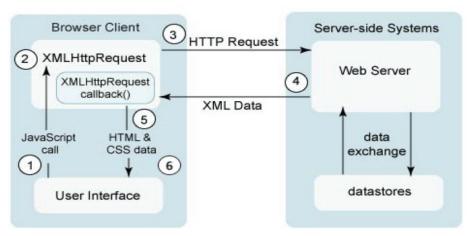


- It's a core piece of working with AJAX
  - Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
  - An introduction is <u>here</u>
- JSON parsers are available in most C++ environments
- JSON works well in Java code
  - There are a number of classes and libraries freely available to create and access JSON records in Java
  - Take a look <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>, and other places as well





- Responses are asynchronous, so often a callback function is set up to handle returned data
- Requests are made in JavaScript
- Returned data is expressed in XML
- IE supports Ajax differently than other browsers
- See <a href="http://www.adaptivepath.com/ideas/ajax-new-approach-web-applications/">http://www.adaptivepath.com/ideas/ajax-new-approach-web-applications/</a>







### REPRESENTATIONAL STATE TRANSFER

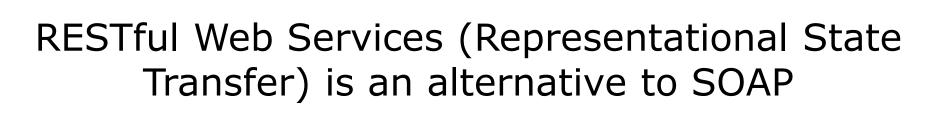




## REST, or Representational State Transfer, is a set of constraints and formats for web services

### REST is described by four major design principles:

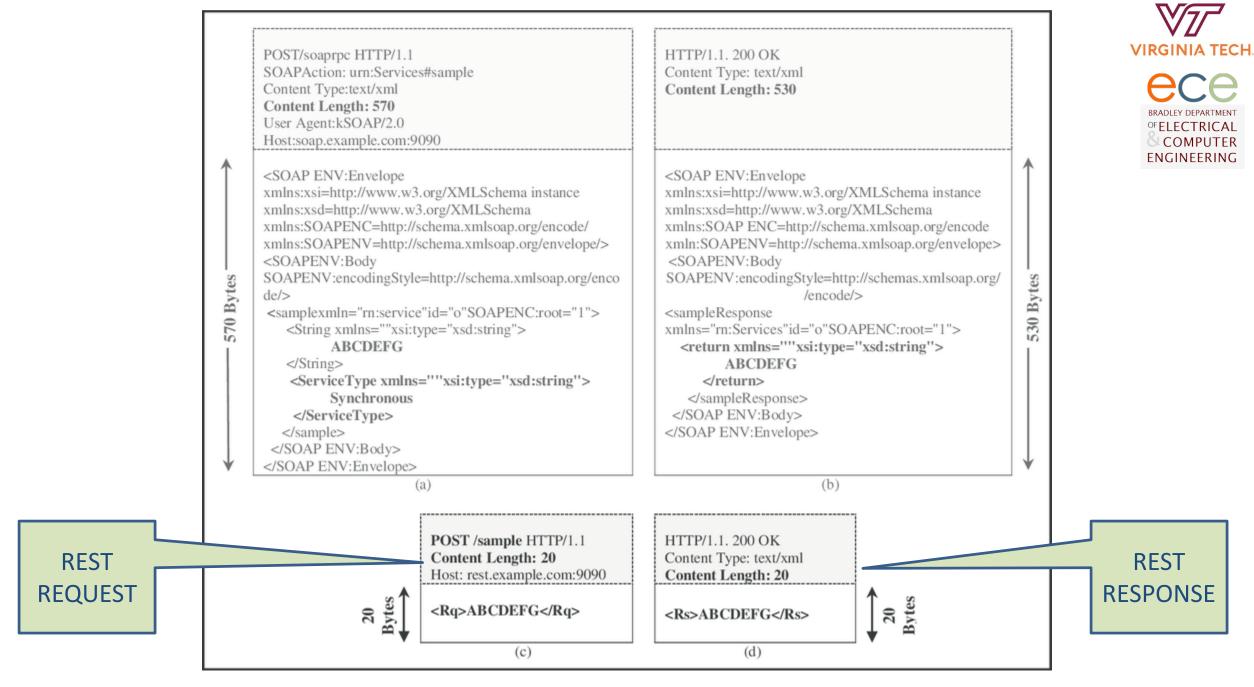
- Resource identification through URI: A RESTful web service exposes a set of resources that identify the targets of the interaction with its clients. Resources are identified by Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs).
- **Uniform interface**: Resources are manipulated using a fixed set of four create, read, update, delete operations: PUT, GET, POST, and DELETE. PUT creates a new resource, which can be then deleted by using DELETE. GET retrieves the current state of a resource in some representation. POST transfers a new state onto a resource.
- **Self-descriptive messages**: Resources are decoupled from their representation so that their content can be accessed in a variety of formats, such as HTML, XML, plain text, PDF, JPEG, JSON, and others. Metadata about the resource is available for control, authentication and other uses.
- Stateful interactions through hyperlinks: Every interaction with a resource is stateless; that is, request messages are self-contained. Stateful interactions are based on the concept of explicit state transfer. Techniques exist to exchange state: URI rewriting, cookies, and hidden form fields.

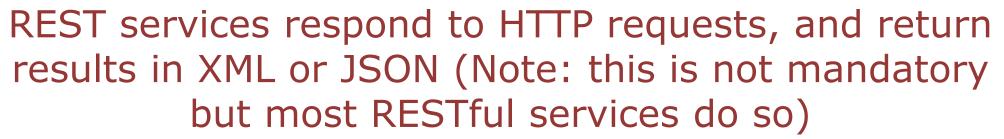


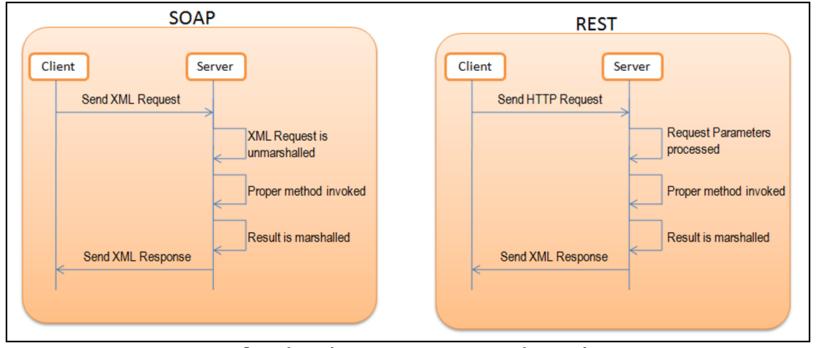


SOAP does not use much from existing web protocols REST is developed as an alternative that is heavily dependent and compliant with other web standards

- A URI identifies a resource.
- GET requests sent to this URI return an XML document containing a list of URIs for results.
- A GET request sent to one of these URIs retrieves an XML document that contains a representation of the current state of the requested data.
- Existing resources can be updated by PUTting an XML document
- containing a the desired new state to the appropriate URI.
- New resources can be added to the database by POSTing XML documents
- containing the new resource to the collection URI.
- Resource entries can be deleted by sending a DELETE request to the appropriate URI.







- SOAP uses XML for both requests and replies
- Note that requests are generally simpler than replies
- REST often uses simple HTTP commands for requests and general XML or JSON for replies







# Applying the design principles results in the following formal constraints on REST implementations

- Client–server
- Stateless
- Cacheable
- Layered system
- Code on demand (optional)
- Uniform interface
  - Identification of resources
  - Manipulation of resources through these representations
  - Self-descriptive messages
  - Hypermedia as the engine of application state





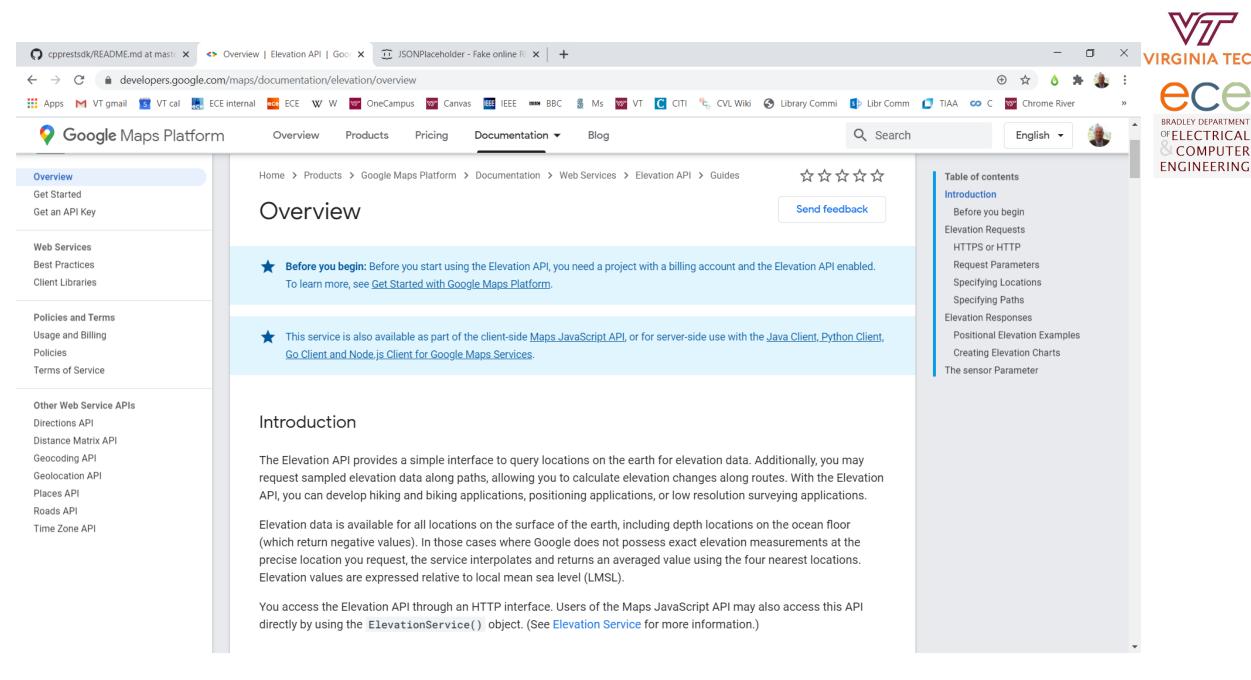
# Example of a RESTful web service description: the Google Elevation API

### **Elevation Requests**

- The Elevation API returns elevation data for locations on the earth. You specify location data in one of two ways:
  - As a set of one or more locations.
  - As a series of connected points along a path.
- Either of these approaches uses latitude/longitude coordinates to identify the locations or path vertices.
- A Google Elevation API URL must be of the following form:
  - https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/elevation/outputFormat?parameters
- Note: HTTPS is recommended for applications that include sensitive user data, such as a user's location, in requests.

### Output Formats

- Outputs formats are specified using the trailing service flag in the request URL. The Elevation API currently supports the following output formats:
  - /json returns results in <u>JavaScript Object Notation</u> (JSON).
  - /xml returns results in XML, wrapped within a <ElevationResponse> node.







- Here's a tutorial on creating a C++ client in REST using Visual Studio; it includes authorization
  - https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/archive/msdn-magazine/2013/august/c-bringing-restfulservices-to-c-developers
  - I will show you a simple REST client in both Java, and C++ using Qt





# A simple Java routine to generate a request of a RESTful web service

jsonplaceholder.typicode.com will answer test REST requests

```
import java.net.*;
import java.io.*;
public class testRESTclient {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        String returnProtocol = "json";
                                              // json or xml
       String uri = "https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/2";
       URL url = new URL(uri);  // the web service
        HttpURLConnection connection =
                            (HttpURLConnection) url.openConnection();
        connection.setRequestMethod("GET");
        connection.setRequestProperty("Accept", "application/json");
        InputStream json = connection.getInputStream();
       BufferedReader reader =
                  new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(json));
        StringBuilder out = new StringBuilder();
        String line;
       while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null)
           out.append(line+"\n");
        System.out.println(out.toString()); //Prints content read
        reader.close();
        connection.disconnect();
```

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## Here is a C++ class to access a REST server

```
#include "resttalker.h"
RESTTalker::RESTTalker()
    manager = new QNetworkAccessManager();
void RESTTalker::tryREST(QString hostName)
    QNetworkRequest request;
    connect(manager, SIGNAL(finished(QNetworkReply*)), this,
                     SLOT(replyFinished(QNetworkReply*)));
    QSslConfiguration config = QSslConfiguration::defaultConfiguration();
    config.setProtocol(QSsl::TlsV1 2);
    request.setSslConfiguration(config);
    request.setUrl(QUrl(hostName));
    request.setHeader(QNetworkRequest::ServerHeader, "application/json");
    manager->get(request);
    qDebug() << request.url();</pre>
void RESTTalker::replyFinished(QNetworkReply* reply)
    qDebug() << "REPLY: " << reply->error();
    QString qStrResponse = (QString)reply->readAll();
    QJsonDocument jsonReply = QJsonDocument::fromJson(qStrResponse.toUtf8());
    qDebug() << qStrResponse;</pre>
```





## Today's Objectives

### Service-Oriented Architectures

- Service-Oriented Systems
- Web Services
- SOAP and Messaging
- UDDI, WSDL and Metadata
- Security, Transactions and Reliability

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- JSON
- XML and JSON compared

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- What is REST?
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