WebAPIs

A Brief Introduction



[dĭs-klā'mər]

- 1. A repudiation or denial of responsibility or connection.
- 2. Law. A renunciation of one's right or claim.

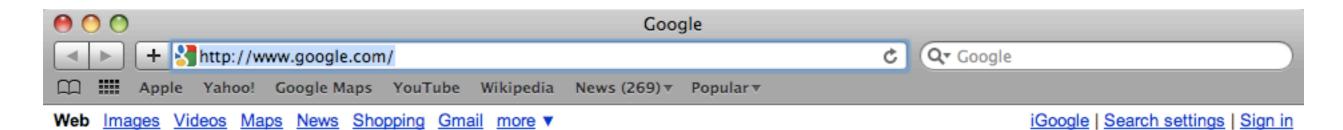
Disclaimer

This introduction barely scratches the surface of the topics at hand.

Feel free to ask/interrupt if anything is unclear, incomplete or just plain wrong.

Web 101

Human Web vs Machine Web





Advanced Search Language Tools

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

<u>Advertising Programs</u> - <u>Business Solutions</u> - <u>About Google</u>

@2009 - Privacy

\$ curl www.google.com

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if(f=="cad=h")return 0;c=b} gjwl.href="/search?"+a+"&cad=h";return 1}}}return 0}function gjp(){!(window. gjwl.hash&&
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Human Web
unstructured
transient
visual

Machine Web structured durable non-visual

Human Web web sites



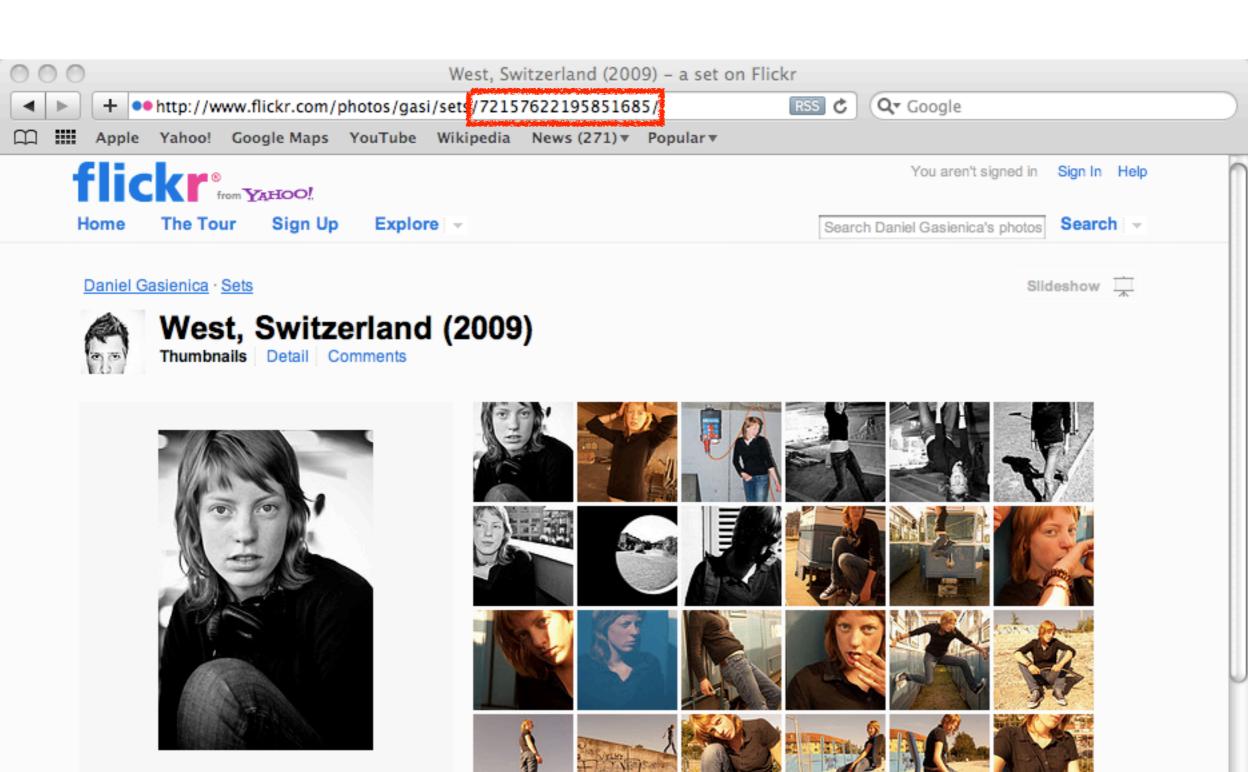
Machine Web web apis*

web service/api

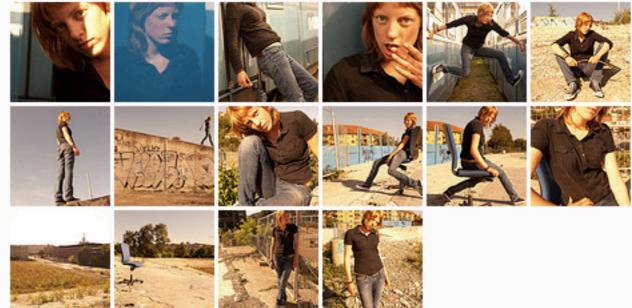


client & server communicating over HTTP*

Example flickr



28 photos | 134 views items are from 06 Sep 2009.



```
$ curl 'http://api.flickr.com/services/rest/?
method=flickr.photosets.getPhotos&api_key=...
&photoset_id=72157622195851685'
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<rsp stat="ok">
  <photoset id="72157622195851685" primary="3903494313"</pre>
   owner="72389028@N00" ownername="Daniel Gasienica"
   page="1" per page="500" pages="1" total="28">
    <photo id="3903494313" secret="ed13b44003"</pre>
      server="3463" farm="4" title="" isprimary="1" />
    <photo id="3904279566" secret="f856a3e70e"</pre>
      server="2473" farm="3" title="" isprimary="0" />
    <photo id="3904282048" secret="eec17c49e5"</pre>
      server="3533" farm="4" title="" isprimary="0" />
    <photo id="3904349418" secret="cf6c4b7b2c"</pre>
      server="2443" farm="3" title="" isprimary="0" />
  </photoset>
</rsp>
```

Web API Landscape

Bing, Google, Yahoo

Mapping

embed maps (satellite, road, terrain) pushpins custom layers 3D models

Facebook

events, comments, friends, groups, links, messages, notes, notifications, pages, photos, profiles, SMS, stream, users, video

flickr

activity, blogs, collections, contacts, favorites, groups, pools, interestingness, machine tags, panda, people, photos, comments, geo, licenses, notes, transform, upload, photosets, places, preferences, tags, urls

delicious

posts (bookmarks) & tags

friendfeed

feeds, entries, search, comments, urls, short urls, themes

twitter

statuses, trends, search, users, lists, friendships, followers, favorites, notifications

amazon

customers, items (products), (wish) lists, carts, sellers

Google

Analytics, Base, Apps, Blogger, Booksearch, Calendar, Code Search, Contacts, Documents, Finance, Health, Maps, Picasa, Sidewiki, Sites, Spreadsheets, Webmaster Tools, YouTube

data.gov

population, taxes, unemployment, pollution, education, health care, military spending, ...

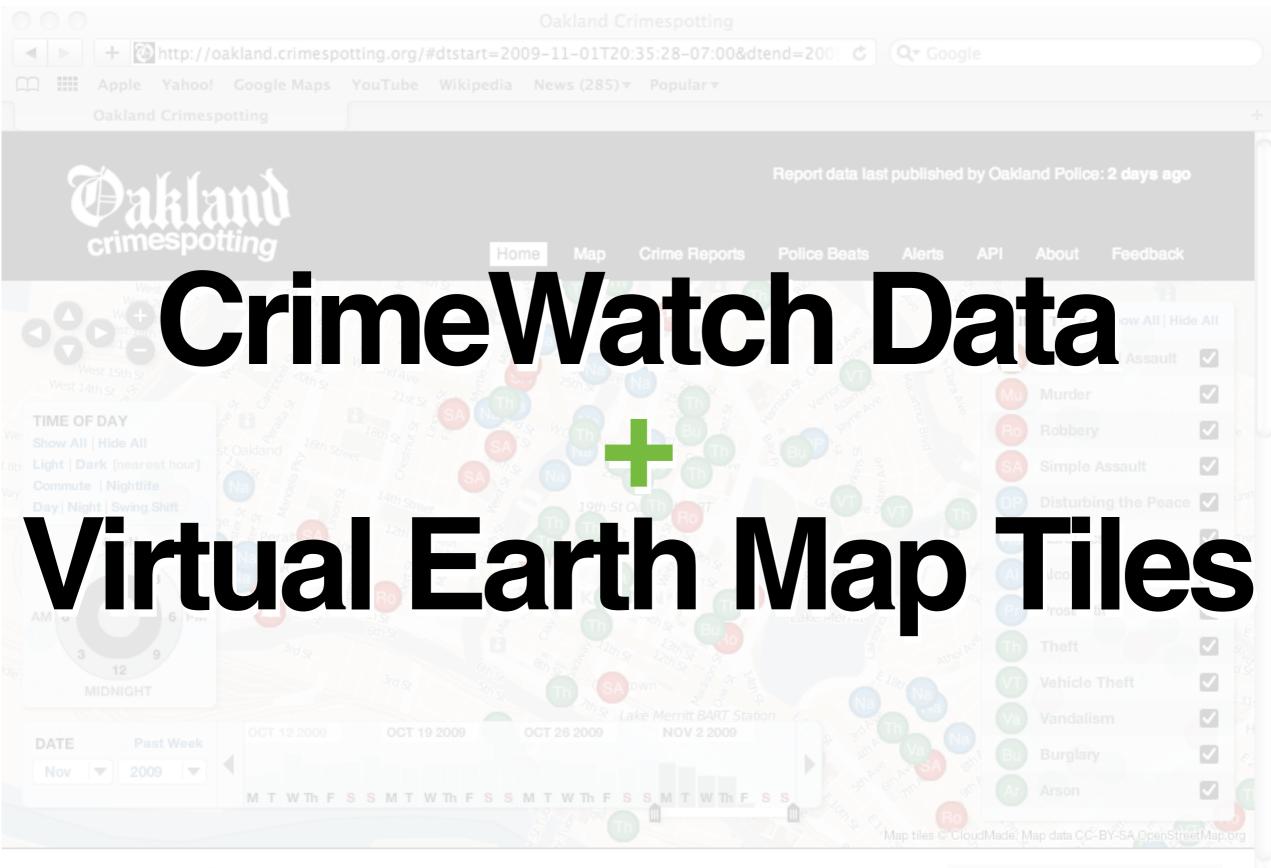
Mashups

[māsh'up']

«[A] mashup is a web page or application that combines data or functionality from two or more external sources to create a new service.» - Wikipedia

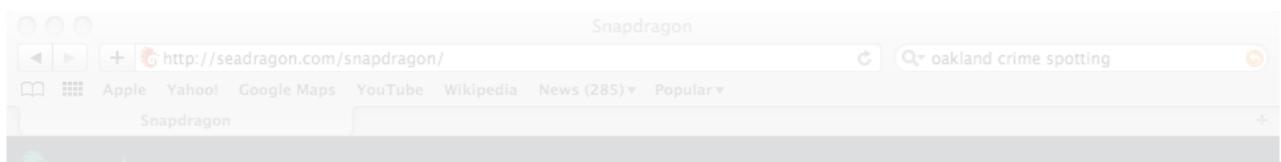
Oakland Crimespotting

http://oakland.crimespotting.org



snapdragon

http://seadragon.com/snapdragon



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Front-ends & Data Visualizations

Newsmap

http://newsmap.jp



Behind the Scenes

Disclaimer: Nitty-Gritty Details Inside

SOAP VS REST

Food for Thought

Amazon AWS offers both: SOAP & REST interfaces. 85% use REST.*

[sohp]

«SOAP is a lightweight protocol intended for exchanging structured information in a decentralized, distributed environment.» - wsc

SOAP Successor to XML-RPC

XML-RPC Request

http://api.flickr.com/services/xmlrpc/

```
<methodCall>
  <methodName>flickr.test.echo</methodName>
  <params>
     <param>
       <value>
          <struct>
             <member>
               <name>name</name>
               <value><string>value</string></value>
            </member>
             <member>
               <name>foo</name>
               <value><string>bar</string></value>
             </member>
          </struct>
       </value>
     </param>
  </params>
</methodCall>
```

XML-RPC Response

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<methodResponse>
  <params>
    <param>
       <value>
         <string>
<method&gt;flickr.test.echo&lt;/method&gt;
<format&gt;xmlrpc&lt;/format&gt;
<name&gt;value&lt;/name&gt;&lt;foo&gt;bar&lt;/foo&gt;
<api key&gt;54b5ce1d3cf75e92f9b8c50d353f3981&lt;/
api key>
         </string>
       </value>
    </param>
  </params>
</methodResponse>
```

SOAP Successor to XML-RPC

SOAP Request

http://api.flickr.com/services/soap/

```
<s:Envelope
    xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema">
    <s:Body>
        <x:FlickrRequest xmlns:x="urn:flickr">
              <method>flickr.test.echo</method>
              <foo>bar</foo>
             </x:FlickrRequest>
        </s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

SOAP Response

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<s:Envelope
   xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema-instance"
   xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema">
  <s:Body>
    <x:FlickrResponse xmlns:x="urn:flickr">
< method&gt; flickr.test.echo&lt; /method&gt;
<format&gt;soap&lt;/format&gt;
< foo&gt; bar&lt; /foo&gt;
<api_key&gt;54b5ce1d3cf75e92f9b8c50d353f3981&lt;/
api key>
    </x:FlickrResponse>
  </s:Body>
</s:Envelope>
```

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

WSDL

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

WSDL

UDDI

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

WSDL

UDDI

WS-Trust

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

WSDL

WS-Trust

UDDI

WS-Federation

WS-Policy

Successor to XML-RPC Simple Object Access Protocol

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WS-Federation

WS-Policy

REST

Representational State Transfer

Introduced as 'architectural style' in Roy T. Fielding's dissertation

Architectural Styles and the Design of Network-based Software Architectures

Roy T. Fielding

One of principal authors of HTTP specification

Involved in development of HTML and URIs

Co-founder of Apache HTTP Server project and chair of Apache Software foundation

REST: Theory

Client-Server

Stateless

Cacheable

Uniform Interface

Layered System

Resources (URIs)

List of Employees: www.livelabs.com/employees

Employee: www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

List of Projects: www.livelabs.com/projects/

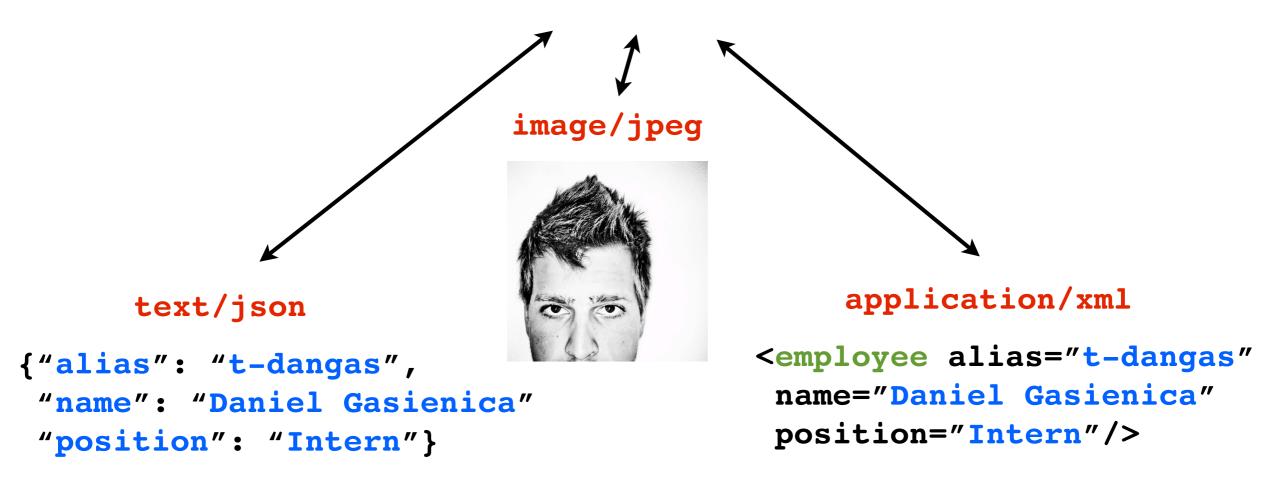
Project: www.livelabs.com/projects/seadragon

Team: www.livelabs.com/projects/seadragon/team

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Representations



CRUD Operations on Resources Using HTTP*

Create ≈ HTTP POST

Read ≈ HTTP GET

<u>Update</u> ≈ HTTP PUT

<u>Delete</u> ≈ HTTP DELETE

REST

Safe HTTP GET, ...

Idempotent

HTTP PUT, HTTP DELETE, ...

HTTP POST

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Create (Request)

```
PUT /employees/t-dangas HTTP/1.1
POST /employees HTTP/1.1
                                         Host: www.livelabs.com
Host: www.livelabs.com
Content-Type: text/json
                                         Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 56
                                or
                                         Content-Length: 74
Authorization: Basic
                                         Authorization: Basic
QWxhZGRpbjpvcGVuIHNlc2FtZQ==
                                         QWxhZGRpbjpvcGVuIHNlc2FtZQ==
{"alias":"t-dangas", "name":"Daniel
                                         <employee alias="t-dangas"</pre>
Gasienica", "position": "Intern"}
                                          name="Daniel Gasienica"
                                          position="Intern"/>
```

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Create (Response)

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Location:
/employees/t-dangas
```



HTTP/1.1 200 Ok

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Create Photoset Request (HTTP POST)

```
http://api.flickr.com/services/rest/
?method=flickr.photosets.create
&api_key=...&auth_token=...&api_sig=...
&title=WHATCHAMACALLIT
&description=Foo+%26+Bar
&primary_photo_id=3961329953
&format=xml
```

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Create Photoset Response

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Read (Request)

GET /employees/t-dangas HTTP/1.1

Host: www.livelabs.com

Accept: application/xml

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Read (Response)

```
HTTP/1.1 200 Ok
Content-Length: 74
Content-Type: application/xml
Expires: Fri, 8 Jan 2010 13:37:42 GMT

<employee alias="t-dangas"
  name="Daniel Gasienica"
  position="Intern"/>
```

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Read Person Request (HTTP GET)

```
http://api.flickr.com/services/rest/
?method=flickr.people.getInfo
&api_key=...
&user_id=72389028%40N00
&format=xml
```

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Read Person Response

```
<rsp stat="ok">
  <person id="72389028@N00" nsid="72389028@N00"</pre>
   isadmin="0" ispro="1" ... path alias="gasi">
  <username>Daniel Gasienica</username>
  <realname>Daniel Gasienica/realname>
  </person>
</rsp>
```

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Update (Request)

```
PUT /employees/t-dangas HTTP/1.1
Host: www.livelabs.com
Content-Type: text/json
Content-Length: 59

{"alias":"t-dangas", "name": "Daniel
Gasienica", "position": "Senior VP"}
```

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/t-dangas

Update (Response)

HTTP/1.1 401 Not Authorized

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Update Photo Metadata Request (HTTP POST)

```
http://api.flickr.com/services/rest/
?method=flickr.photos.setMeta
&api_key=...&auth_token=...&api_sig=...
&title=Lady
&description=Gaga
&photo_id=3961329953
```

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Update Photo Metadata Response

```
<rsp stat="fail">
    <err code="99" msg="Insufficient permissions. ←)
    Method requires write privileges; none granted." />
</rsp>
```

REST: Example

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/billg

Delete (Request)

DELETE /employees/billg HTTP/1.1

Host: www.livelabs.com

Authorization: Basic

QWxhZGRpbjpvcGVuIHNlc2FtZQ==

REST: Example

Resource

www.livelabs.com/employees/billg

Delete (Response)

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Delete Photo (HTTP POST)

```
http://api.flickr.com/services/rest/
?method=flickr.photos.delete
&api_key=...&auth_token=...&api_sig=...
&photo id=396132995323
```

NOT REST: Example

flickr: Delete Photo Response

```
<rsp stat="fail">
    <err code="1" msg="Photo &quot;396132995323&quot; </pre>
not found (invalid ID)" />
</rsp>
```

REST: Lessons

REST is a post-hoc description of the architecture of the Web

REST: Lessons

The Web is (mostly) REST!

REST: Lessons

The Web is (mostly) REST!

Don't reinvent the wheel!

Future

Semantic Web



Semantic Web

"The Semantic Web is not a separate Web but an extension of the current one, in which information is given well-defined meaning, better enabling computers and people to work in cooperation."

- «The Semantic Web» by Tim Berners-Lee, James Hendler, and Ora Lassila

Questions?

Further Reading

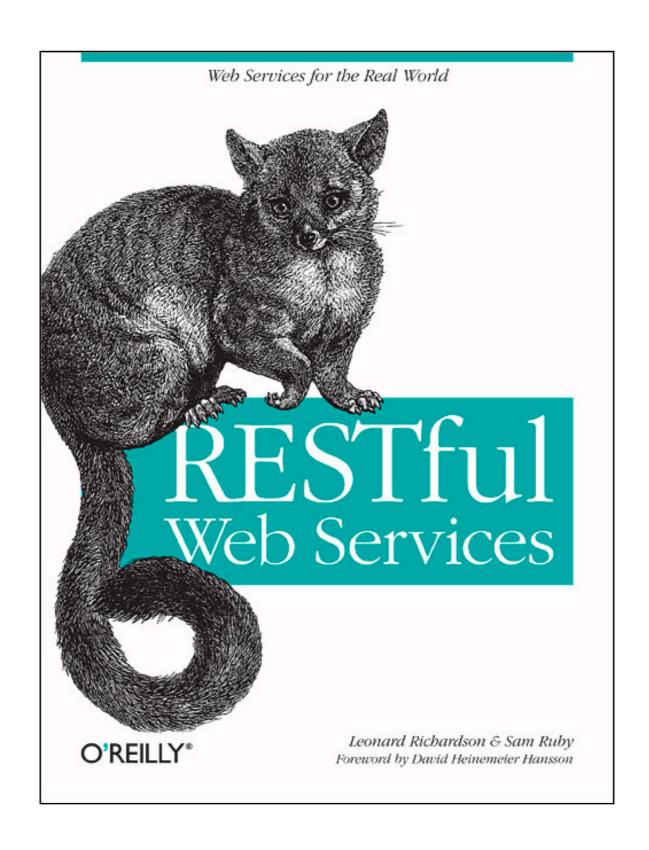
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Why SOAP sucks - Nelson Minar www.somebits.com/weblog/tech/bad/whySoapSucks.html

Book



Backup

JSON

«JSON, short for JavaScript Object Notation, is a lightweight computer data interchange format. It is a text-based, human-readable format for representing simple data structures and associative arrays (called objects).»

- Wikipedia

JSON

```
"firstName": "John",
"lastName": "Smith",
"address": {
  "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
  "city": "New York",
  "state": "NY",
  "postalCode": "10021"
"phoneNumbers":
  { "type": "home", "number": "212 555-1234" },
  { "type": "fax", "number": "646 555-4567" }
```

XML