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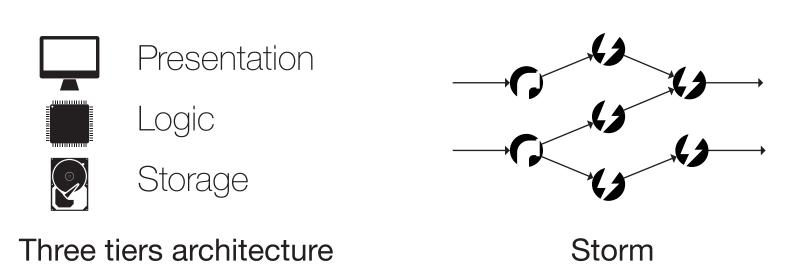
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How to abstract web services' usage variation from developpement?

A popular web service might grow from thousands to millions of users in a matters of days.

To react to such variation of usage, they have to be scalable.

The classical approaches - the three tiers architecture, frameworks like storm or languages like Erlang - allow developer to split web services into well defined parts in order to be scalable.



Instead we want to automatically split a web service into stateless parts, and make them communicate by volatile data streams.

The persistence is decoupled from the logic and managed intothe messaging system.

Statelessness and volatility assure the web service to be frictionless*, and the association with this fine decomposition, make it scalable.

*Frictionless: independent from the hardware allowing it to be moved at runtime without relocation of ressources.

In a context of data-stream oriented web services written in javascript, we want

- + to create a frictionless* execution model and
- + to transpile standard web services into this model

Extraction

Example: a visit counter

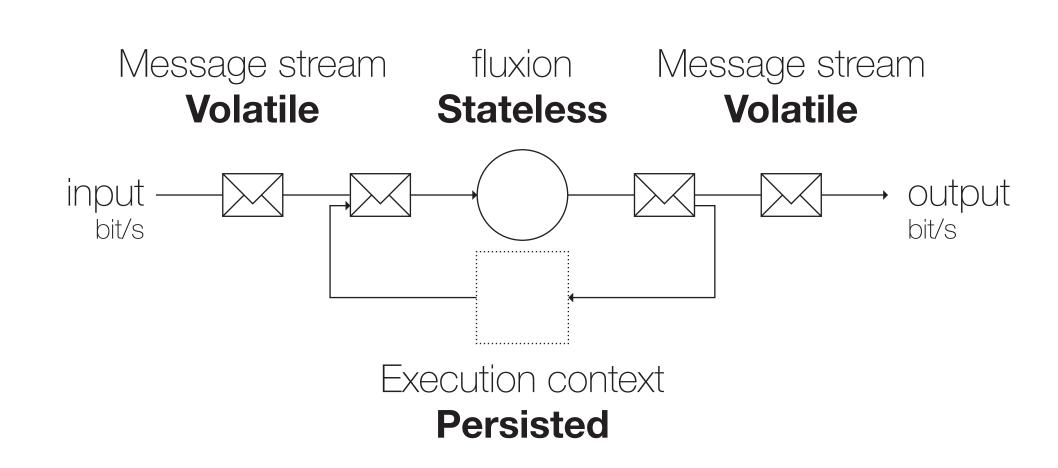
// simple javascript

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function store(userId, req, res, callback) {
 // Internal call : synchronous
 var result = localProcess(userId, req);
// External Call : asynchronous
 callExternalDB(userId, result, function(result) {
    if (result.condition)
      return callback(result);
 });
// Entry point
app.get('/:id', function(req, res){
 return store(req.params.id, res, function(result) {
    res.send(result);
 });
});
```

data

// frictionless model input >> router router >> process | count process >> store store >> send | count send >> output Execution // execution model send router store process

Execution model



Our execution model is composed of :

Fluxion, stateless parts, listens for, modifies and sends messages to other fluxions.

Execution context are persisted memory states needed by fluxions.

Messaging system keeps tracks of fluxions, and delivers volatile message streams.

- + Binds context execution and messages.
- + Moves fluxions and contexts to balance load.

Progression & Objectives

We aim to transpile any javascript web service into one which can adapt dynamically to load.

Without the development constraints imposed by other approaches.

DONE a javascript library to express and execute a fluxional program written in javascript.

TODO enhance this library with the automatic migration of fluxions, and create a langage with a compiler to javascript.