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# Toward VIVO-PROXY: A Web REST Mediation Service to Standardize Interoperate and Secure Sccess to VIVO's Data

The common way of accessing the data contained in VIVO is the SPARQL endpoint service. Although this service is a W3C recommendation for data exchange on the web, it has some drawbacks when it comes to using this service for processing (adding/modifying/deleting) data in VIVO. The difficulty lies in understanding the structure of the graph used to describe an entity in VIVO. Thus, each institution that wishes to automate the updating process of the VIVO data is faced with the task of retro-engineering the graph structure of the data and building SPARQL queries that allow the updating of these data. This is a repetitive work that can be standardized and replicated to make a reusable and interoperable solution.

With this in mind, we present the VIVO-PROXY proof-of-concept, a web-based REST API service that is interoperable and mediates data exchange with VIVO. VIVO-PROXY meets the OpenAPI standard and is designed with the Swagger API development environment. During the presentation, a demonstration scenario of adding data to VIVO with VIVO-PROXY will be presented. The remainder of the presentation will be devoted to the presentation of the VIVO-PROXY architecture as well as the model-driven methodological elements underlying the design of VIVO-PROXY.

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# Why This Talk?

- As evidenced by the multiple presentations at the conference, automated data addition in VIVO is a complex process that requires heavy data conversion efforts
- In order to make the process of automated data addition in VIVO accessible, we have started a reflection in order to create a solution allowing to better integrate VIVO in an enterprise architecture.
- This reflection led us to create a proof of concept that we named VIVO-PROXY and that we will present to you

# Agenda

VIVO-PROXY: Example Of Use

What is a Proxy Design Pattern?

VIVO-Proxy architecture

Introduction to Swagger and OpenAPI

Swagger component and its model-driven development process

A few words about the communication between VIVO-PROXY and VIVO

# VIVO-Proxy: Example Of Use Scenario Description

The data ingestion scenario in VIVO is condensed into three steps

1. Creating a FacultyMember in VIVO
2. Creating a University in VIVO
3. Adding a position to a person in an organization

The addition of these data will be done from three commands and will use a simple JSON type data model well known by computer scientists

# Data Model

```
{ } michelPerson.json ⌵  
1 {  
2   "personType": "http://vivoweb.org/ontology/core#FacultyMember",  
3   "firstName": "Michel",  
4   "lastName": "Héon",  
5   "middleName": "Louis"  
6 }
```

```
{ } UnivQcMtl.json ⌵  
1 {  
2   "organizationType": "http://vivoweb.org/ontology/core#University",  
3   "Name": "Université du Québec à Montréal"  
4 }
```

```
{ } michelPositionUnivQcMtl.json ⌵  
1 {  
2   "personIRI": "http://localhost:8080/vivo/individual/n8026",  
3   "organisationIRI": "http://localhost:8080/vivo/individual/n678",  
4   "organisationLabel": "Université du Québec à Montréal",  
5   "positionTitleLabel": "Professor",  
6   "positionTypeIRI": "http://vivoweb.org/ontology/core#FacultyPosition",  
7   "vivoOrganisationTypeIRI": "http://vivoweb.org/ontology/core#University",  
8   "startField_year": "2017",  
9   "endField_year": "2021"  
10 }
```

## Create a new Faculty Member

First name \*

Middle name

Last name \*

Create Faculty Member or [Cancel](#)

\* required fields

## Create a new University

Name \*

Create University or [Cancel](#)

\* required fields

## Create position entry for Michel Louis Héon

Organization Type \*

Organization Name \*

Select an existing organization or create a new one.

Position Title \*

Position Type \*

Select one

Start Year  (YYYY)

End Year  (YYYY)

Create Entry or [Cancel](#)

\* required fields

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# Scenario of 3 actions

- a) Create a person
- b) Create an organisation
- c) Add an organisational position for person

<https://youtu.be/alOBBHnIx14>

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# Case 3 – Generated Statements and to be Reproduced to Build a SPARQL Update

- The three commands generate
  - 83 statements
  - 8 new ID's

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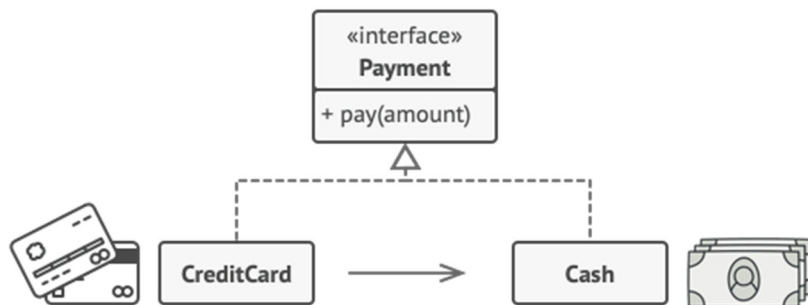
# VIVO-PROXY

## UNDER THE HOOD

### (A BRIEF OVERVIEW)

# What is a Proxy Design Pattern?

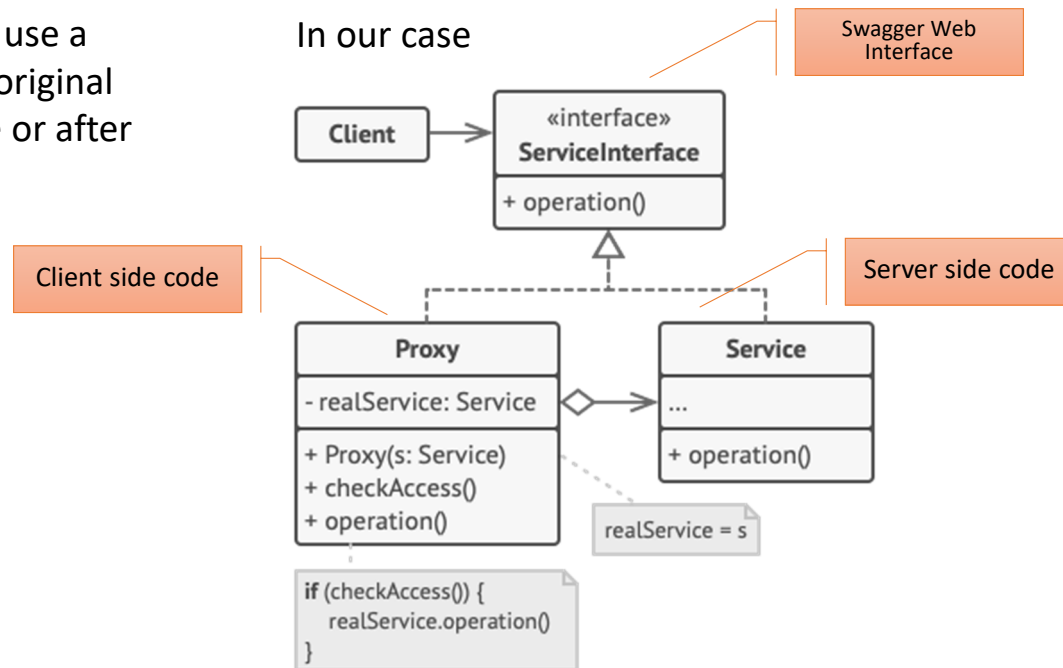
Proxy is a structural design pattern that allows you to use a substitute for an object. It gives you control over the original object, allowing you to perform manipulations before or after the request reaches it.



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Ref: <https://refactoring.guru/fr/design-patterns/proxy>

In our case



# VIVO-Proxy Architecture

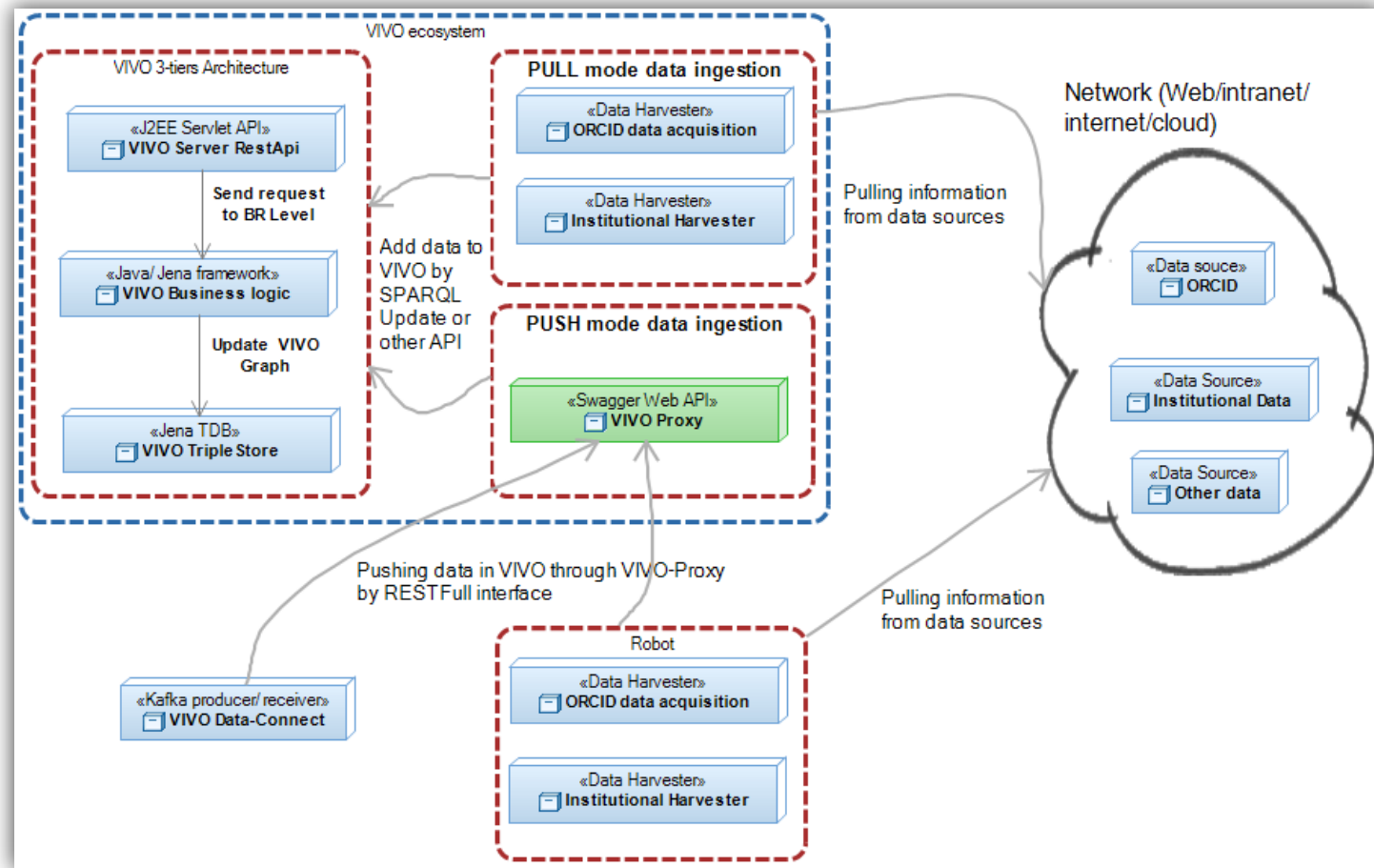
## Data ingestion mode

### • PULL

- The data serialization work towards VIVO must be redone for each harvester
- No standardization of the data adding process in VIVO
- Simplified architecture easy to segment

### • PUSH

- **Access** to VIVO's functionalities is now **standardized** and self-documented
- Facilitates **security** management
- Allows the deployment of a **heterogeneous** acquisition **architecture** (Harvesting/Messaging (Kafka))
- **Standardize** the way data is added to VIVO by **RESTFull** interface
- Can be **operated** by a **NON-expert** in **semantic-web** technologies
- Client&Serveur – **agnostic codes** and web technologies (e.g. Spring, J2EE, etc.)



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# Let's Start with Clarifying Swagger vs OpenAPI

## The OpenAPI Specification

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The OpenAPI Specification (OAS) defines a standard, **programming language-agnostic** interface description for HTTP APIs, which allows **both humans and computers** to discover and understand the capabilities of a service without requiring access to source code, additional documentation, or inspection of network traffic.



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The easiest way to understand the difference is:

- OpenAPI = Specification
- Swagger = Tools for implementing the specification

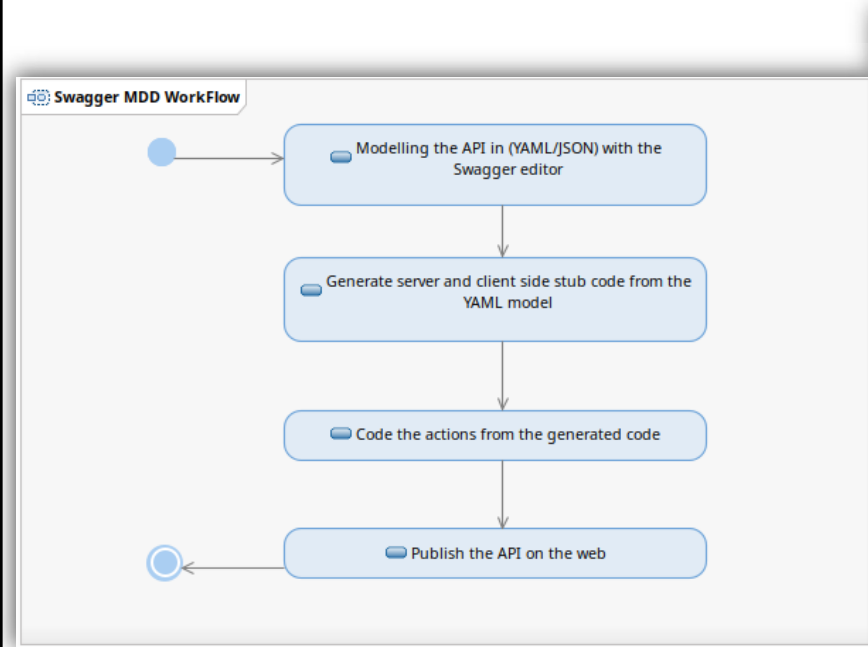
The OpenAPI is the official name of the specification. The development of the specification is fostered by the OpenAPI Initiative, which involves more the 30 organizations from different areas of the tech world — including Microsoft, Google, IBM, and CapitalOne. Smartbear Software, which is the company that leads the development of the Swagger tools, is also a member of the OpenAPI Initiative, helping lead the evolution of the specification.

Swagger is the name associated with some of the most well-known, and widely used tools for implementing the OpenAPI specification. The Swagger toolset includes a mix of open source, free, and commercial tools, which can be used at different stages of the API lifecycle.

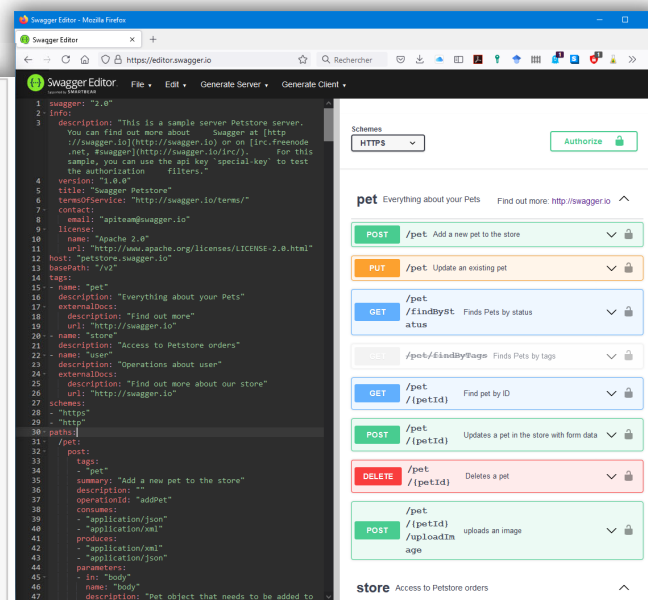
<https://swagger.io/blog/api-strategy/difference-between-swagger-and-openapi/>

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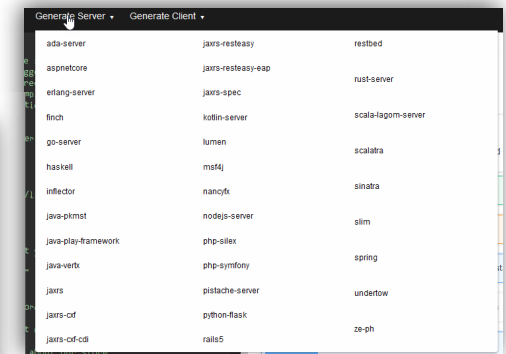
# Swagger Component and its Model-Driven Development (MDD) Process



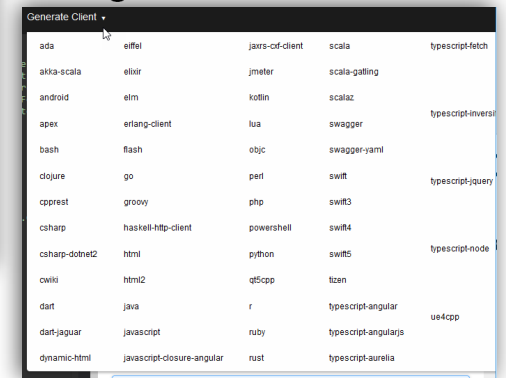
MDD Process



Swagger Editor



Swagger server-side agnostic code generator



Swagger client-side agnostic code generator

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# Swagger MDD demonstration

- Generate server code
- Generate client code
- Validating the implementation
- Implementing functionality
- Check if the data are in VIVO

<https://youtu.be/jyz0WQui9UU>

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# A Few Words About the Communication Between VIVO-PROXY and VIVO

VIVO-PROXY uses two channels to communicate with VIVO:

SPARQL endpoint

HTTP/HTML endpoint

There is no communication API at the Business Logic layer

The advantages using HTML endpoint communication

Use of HTTP primitives: (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE ... etc.)

Access to VIVO FORMs to communicate data

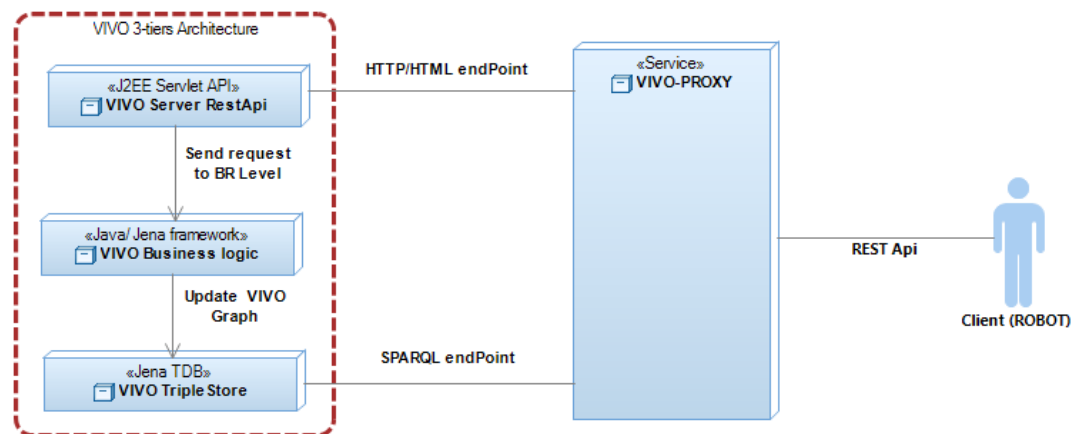
The addition of data in the TriplesStore is done by the Business Logic layer of VIVO

It is not necessary to reverse engineering the RDF statements to be deposited in the triplestore

Disadvantages:

Performance tests are to be carried out

The communication is done in the HTML notation which is not a data transfer language





# In summary

VIVO-Proxy provides:

- a **standardized**, self-documented, **code agnostic** front-end to VIVO data
- **extends access** to VIVO data to web (JSON) and semantic web technologies
- a design focused on **consensual interface modeling**
- an **easy reutilization of the code** developed to access and/or add-data in VIVO
- a scalable architecture allowing **heterogeneous data ingestion** mechanisms (harvesting, messaging, others)
- a **security management** mechanism compatible with the latest technical advances in the industry.
- Finally, VIVO-Proxy is a solution that simplifies access to APIs for adding data to VIVO without having to touch its architecture

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# Thank you!

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