

Designing APIs with OpenAPI

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- API Design Assets
- Prototyping Your API Design with OpenAPI
- Building with Open OpenAPI
- Defining OpenAPI Paths
- Modifying Your API in Production



Let's get started ...



API Design Assets

Design Assets

Design assets are any digital resources that are created or used in the design process.

-- Uxcel



<https://app.uxcel.com/glossary/assets>

API Design Assets

- API Story
- API Diagram
- API Vocabulary



Person Service API

Purpose

The Person Service allows users to keep track of important people.

Action

The Person Service API supports the following actions:

- Create Person
- Get Person List
- Filter Person List
- Remove Person
- Get Person
- Update Person
- Update Person Status
- Remove Person

Data

The service keeps tracks of important persons. For each person there is a unique `id` for each person record stored. Each record also contains values for `givenName`, `familyName`, `telephone`, and `email`. Each record also has an internal `status` value.

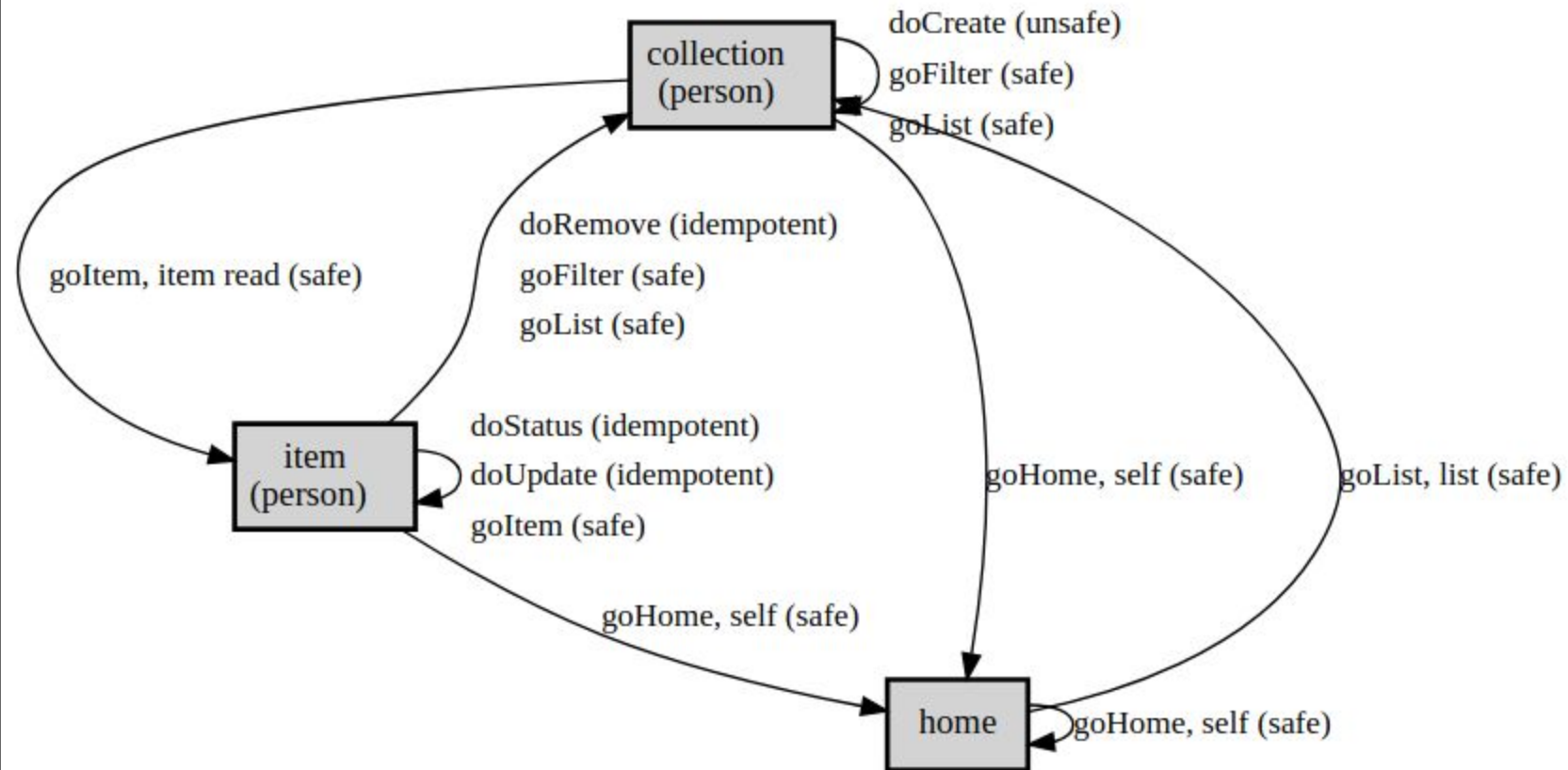
Rules

- When a new record is created the client application can establish the value for `id` or allow the service to assign one. If the client attempts to apply an `id` value that is already in use, the new service will reject the record.
- The only valid values for `status` are `active` and `inactive`. Any other value will be rejected by the service.
- The following fields are required when storing updated or new records: `id`, `givenName`, `familyName`, `status`

Processing

NONE

Person Service API



API Person Service Vocabulary

Resources

- home (semantic), Home (starting point) of the person service
- collection (semantic), List of person records
- item (semantic), Single person record

Actions

- doCreate (unsafe), Create a new person record
- doRemove (idempotent), Remove an existing person record
- doStatus (idempotent), Change the status of an existing person record
- doUpdate (idempotent), Update an existing person record
- goFilter (safe), Filter the list of person records
- goHome (safe), Go to the Home resource
- goItem (safe), Go to a single person record
- goList (safe), Go to the list of person records

Containers

- person (semantic), The properties of a person record

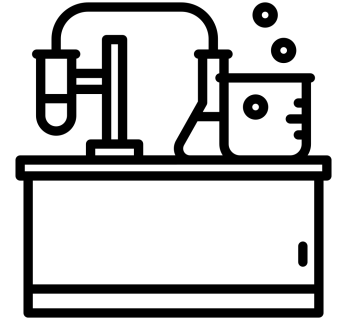
Properties

- id (semantic), Id of the person record
- familyName (semantic), The family name of the person
- givenName (semantic), The given name of the person
- email (semantic), Email address associated with the person
- telephone (semantic), Telephone associated with the person
- status (semantic), Status of the person record (active, inactive)

API Design Assets

- API Story
 - Shared, accessible, repeatable
- API Diagram
 - Display the interactions
- API Vocabulary
 - The "magical words" of the API



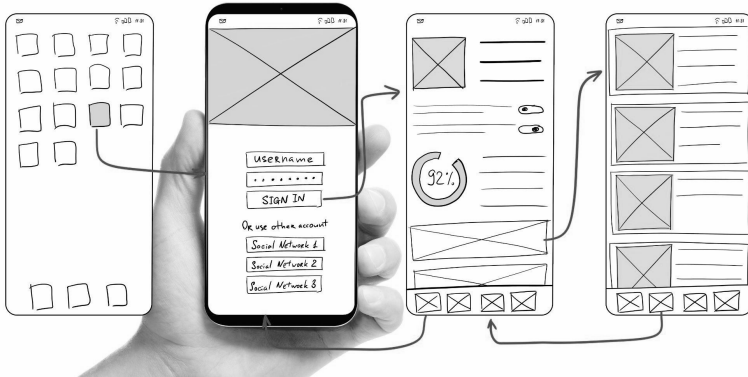
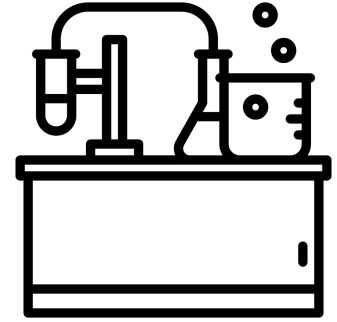


Prototyping Your API Design

What is an API Prototype?

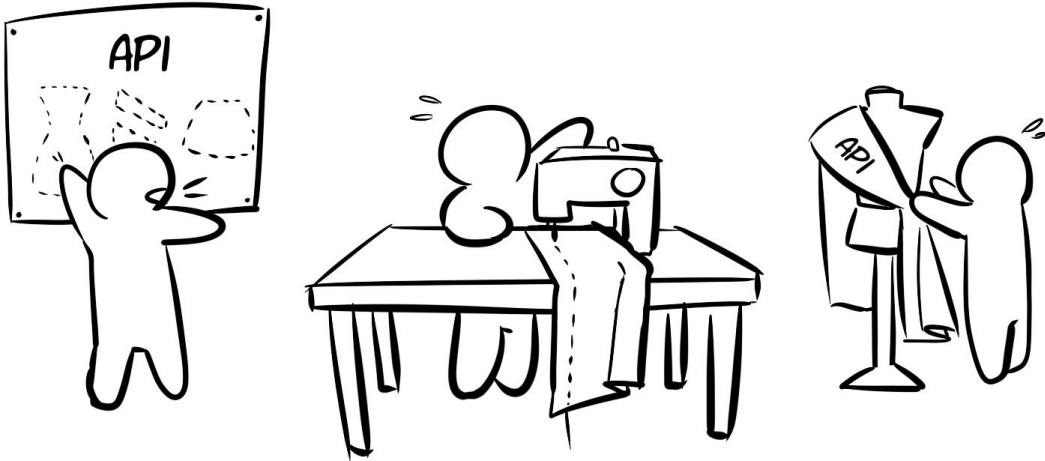
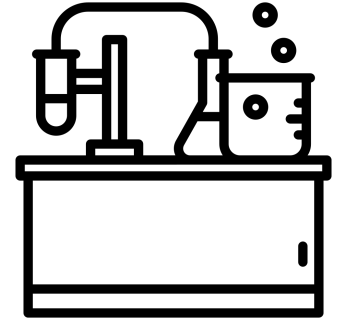
A first, typical or preliminary model of something, especially a machine, from which other forms are developed or copied.

-- Oxford Dictionary



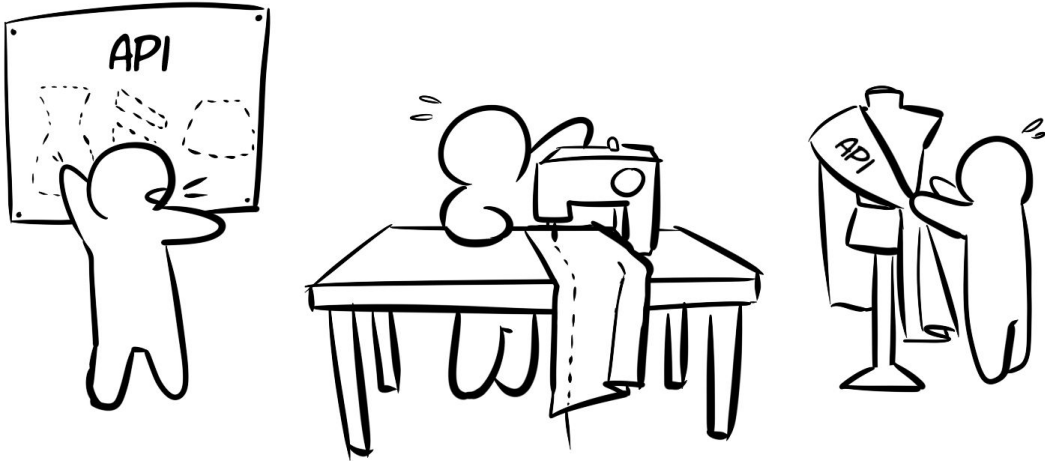
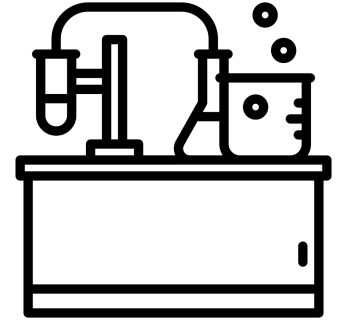
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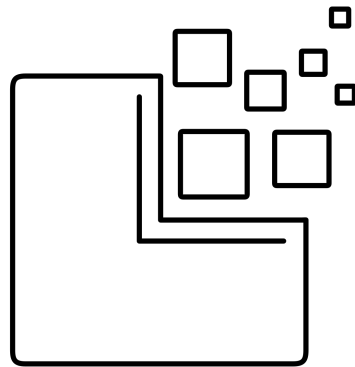
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- Explore the details
- Prototypes are made to be tested



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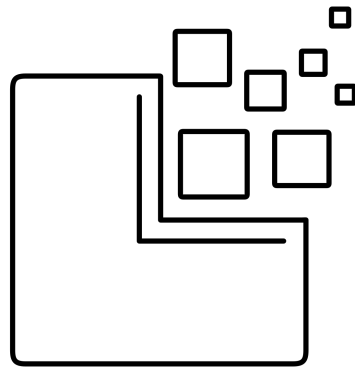
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Building with OpenAPI

OpenAPI Basic Info



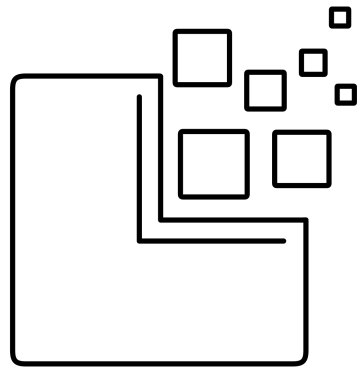
- Contains the basic shared information about your API
- Key elements to include are:
 - version
 - title
 - description
- Other elements:
 - servers
 - paths
 - components

```
1 openapi: 3.0.0
2 info:
3   version: '1.0'
4   title: Person API
5   description: An example API for the "Designing APIs with OpenAPI" workshop
6 servers:
7   # Added by API Auto Mocking Plugin
8   - description: SwaggerHub API Auto Mocking
9     url: https://virtserver.swaggerhub.com/amundsen/Person-API/1.0
10
11 paths: {}
12 components: {}
```

The OpenAPI Component Parameters

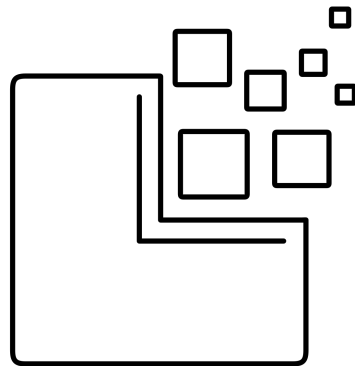
- Important properties:
 - name, in, required, schema/type
- Recommend properties:
 - description, example

```
parameters:  
  nameParam:  
    name: name  
    in: query  
    description: "Used to filter the list of persons"  
    required: false  
    schema:  
      type: string  
      example: "fred"
```



The OpenAPI Component Schemas

- Important properties:
 - type (object/array)
 - properties (type, description, example)

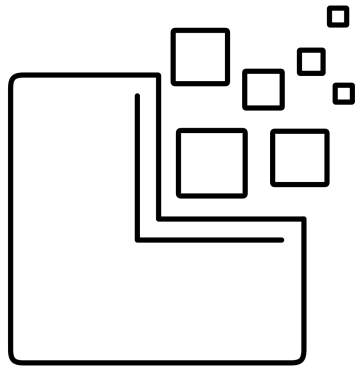


```
PersonItem:
  type: object
  properties:
    id:
      type: string
      description: "Unique identifier for each record"
      example: "q1w2e3r4"
    name:
      type: string
      description: "Name of the person"
      example: "Morton Muffley"
    email:
      type: string
      description: "Default email for this person"
      example: "morton.muffley@example.org"
PersonCollection:
  type: array
  items:
    $ref: '#/components/schemas/PersonItem'
```

The OpenAPI Component Responses

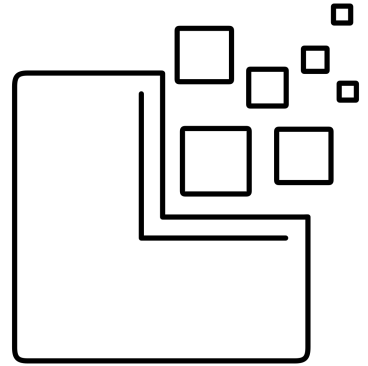
- Important properties:
 - content (media type)
 - schema (use \$ref)
- Don't forget:
 - description

```
responses:  
  GenericError:  
    description: "generic error occurred"  
    content:  
      application/json:  
        schema:  
          $ref: "#/components/schemas/Error"
```



The OpenAPI Component RequestBodies

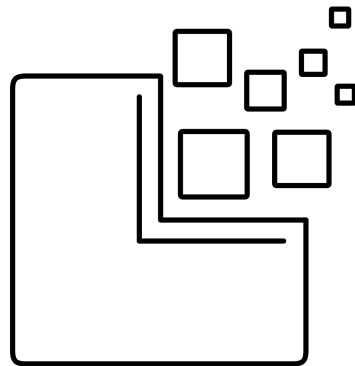
- Use to support arguments in POST/PUT requests
- Important properties:
 - `description`, `required`, `content`, `schema`
- Note: you can support more than one `content` element

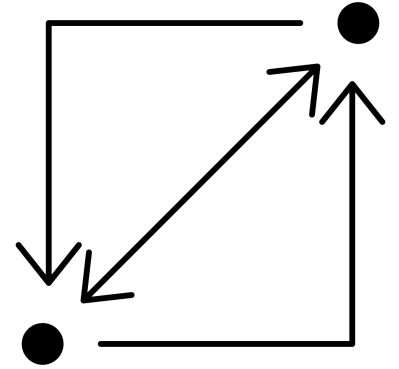


```
requestBodies:  
  AddPerson:  
    description: "body for a new Person record"  
    required: true  
    content:  
      application/json:  
        schema:  
          $ref: "#/components/schemas/PersonItem"  
      application/x-www-urlencoded:  
        schema:  
          $ref: "#/components/schemas/PersonItem"
```

Leveraging OpenAPI Components

- The OpenAPI Components Section
 - Organize your OpenAPI definition
 - Improve the consistency of your API design
- Parameters, Schemas, Responses, & RequestBodies
 - Parameters for inline queries
 - Schemas for shared objects (item/collection)
 - Responses for general use responses (e.g. errors)
 - RequestBodies for POST/PUT requests (e.g. addItem)

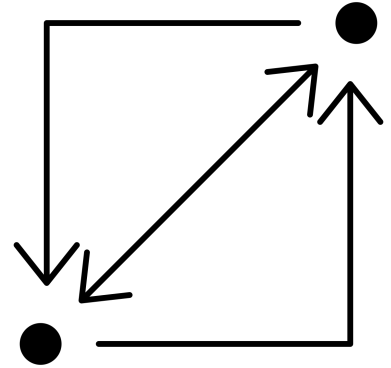




Defining OpenAPI Paths

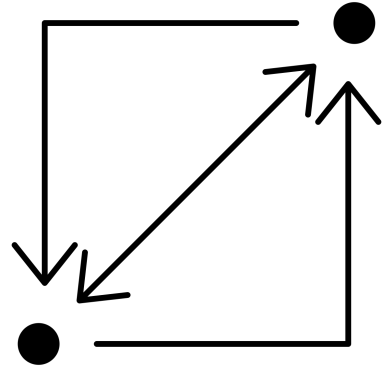
The OpenAPI Paths Section

- Paths are the 'heart' of OpenAPI documents
- One top-level entry for each resource/URL
- One or more HTTP methods for each resource
- One or more `parameters`, `requestBodies`, `responses`



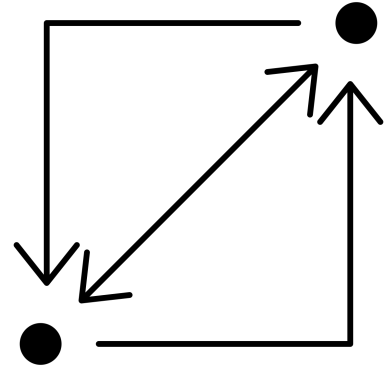
Elements of a Path Definition

```
### home ###  
/:  
  get:  
    operationId: home  
    summary: Use this to retrieve the home page for the onboarding API  
    tags:  
      - onboarding  
  
    parameters:  
      - $ref: "#/components/parameters/eTag"  
  
    responses:  
      '200':  
        $ref: "#/components/responses/reply"  
  
    default:  
      $ref: "#/components/responses/error"
```



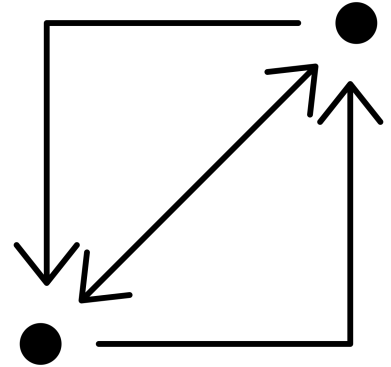
Elements of a Path Definition

```
### start ###  
/start:  
  post:  
    operationId: startOnboarding  
    summary: Use this to start process of onboarding a customer  
    tags:  
      - onboarding  
  
    parameters:  
      - $ref: "#/components/parameters/ifNoneMatch"  
  
    requestBody:  
      $ref: "#/components/requestBodies/start"  
  
    responses:  
      '201':  
        $ref: "#/components/responses/created"  
  
    default:  
      $ref: "#/components/responses/error"
```



Elements of a Path Definition

```
### work in progress record ###  
/wip/{identifier}:  
  get:  
    operationId: wipItem  
    summary: Use this to return a single onboarding record  
    tags:  
      - onboarding  
  
    parameters:  
      - $ref: "#/components/parameters/identifier"  
      - $ref: "#/components/parameters/eTag"  
  
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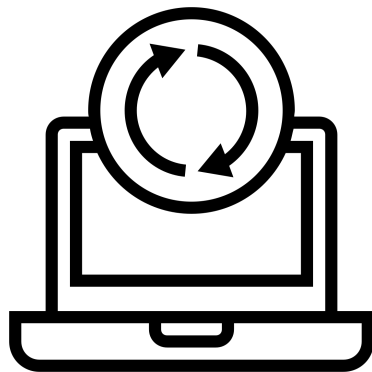




Modifying Your API in Production

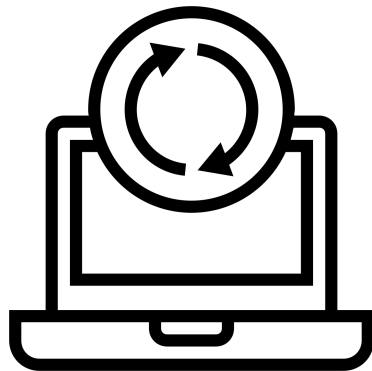
Modifying Your API in Production

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- Three Rules for Modifying Production APIs
- Testing and Deploying Modified APIs



Modifying Your API in Production

- Beyond Versioning
 - First, do no harm
- Three Rules for Modifying Production APIs
 - Take nothing away, don't redefine, additions are optional
- Testing and Deploying Modified APIs
 - Don't replace tests, support reversible releases, salesforce vs AWS



Review

Designing APIs with OpenAPI : Review

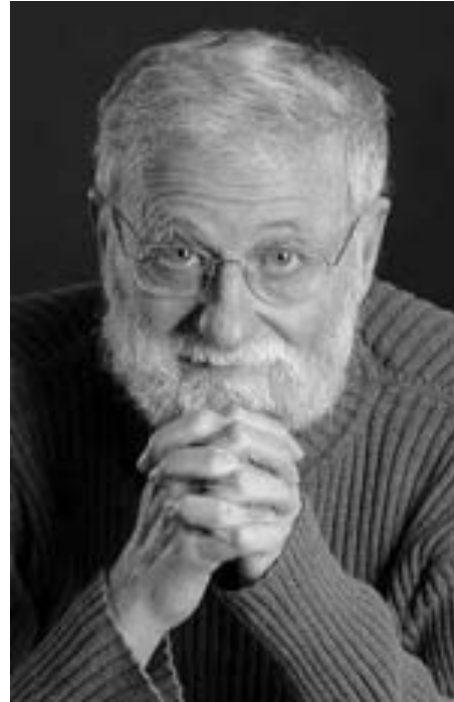
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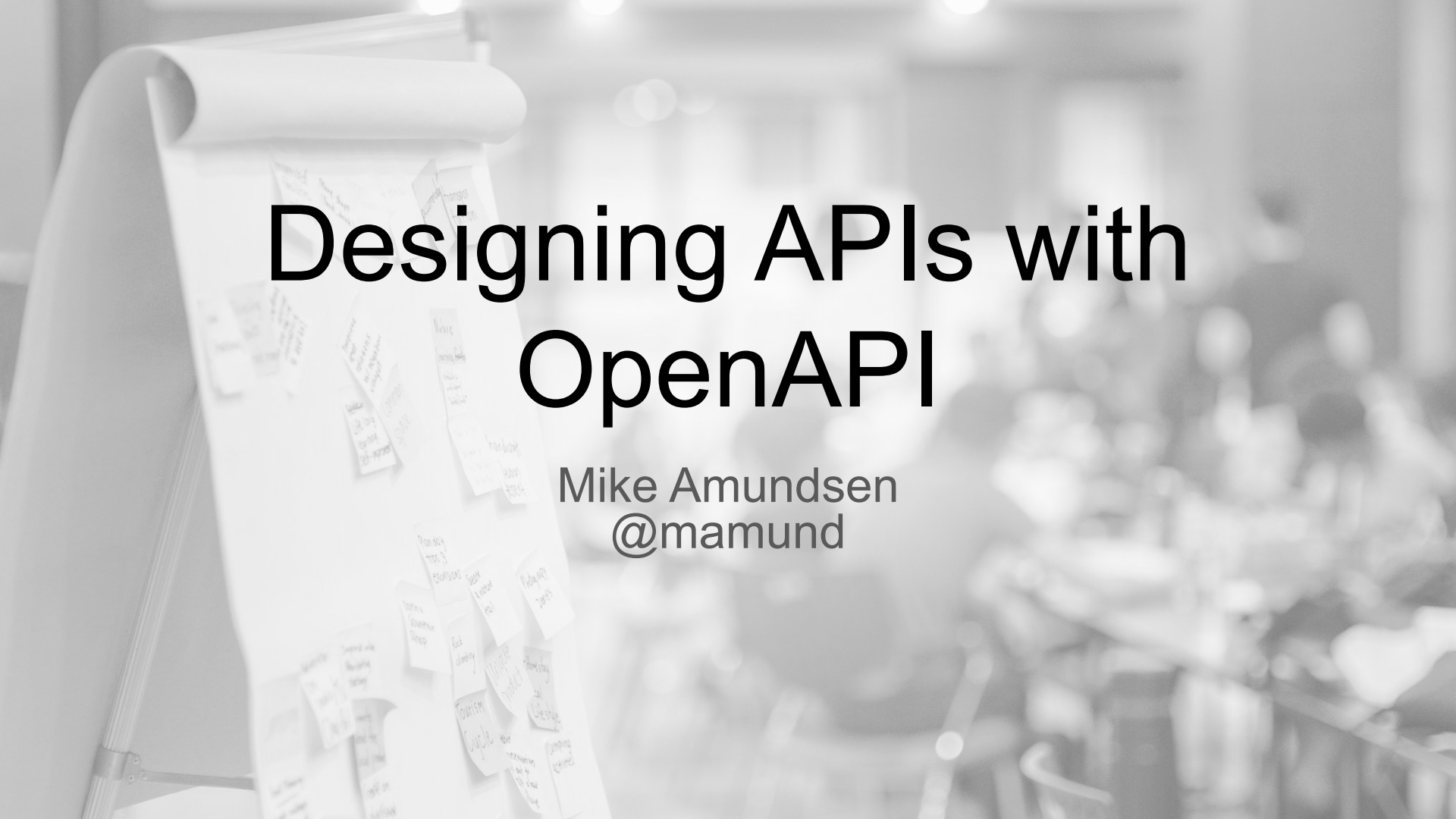


One more thing ...

"Good design is actually a lot harder to notice than poor design, in part because good designs fit our needs so well that the design is invisible,"

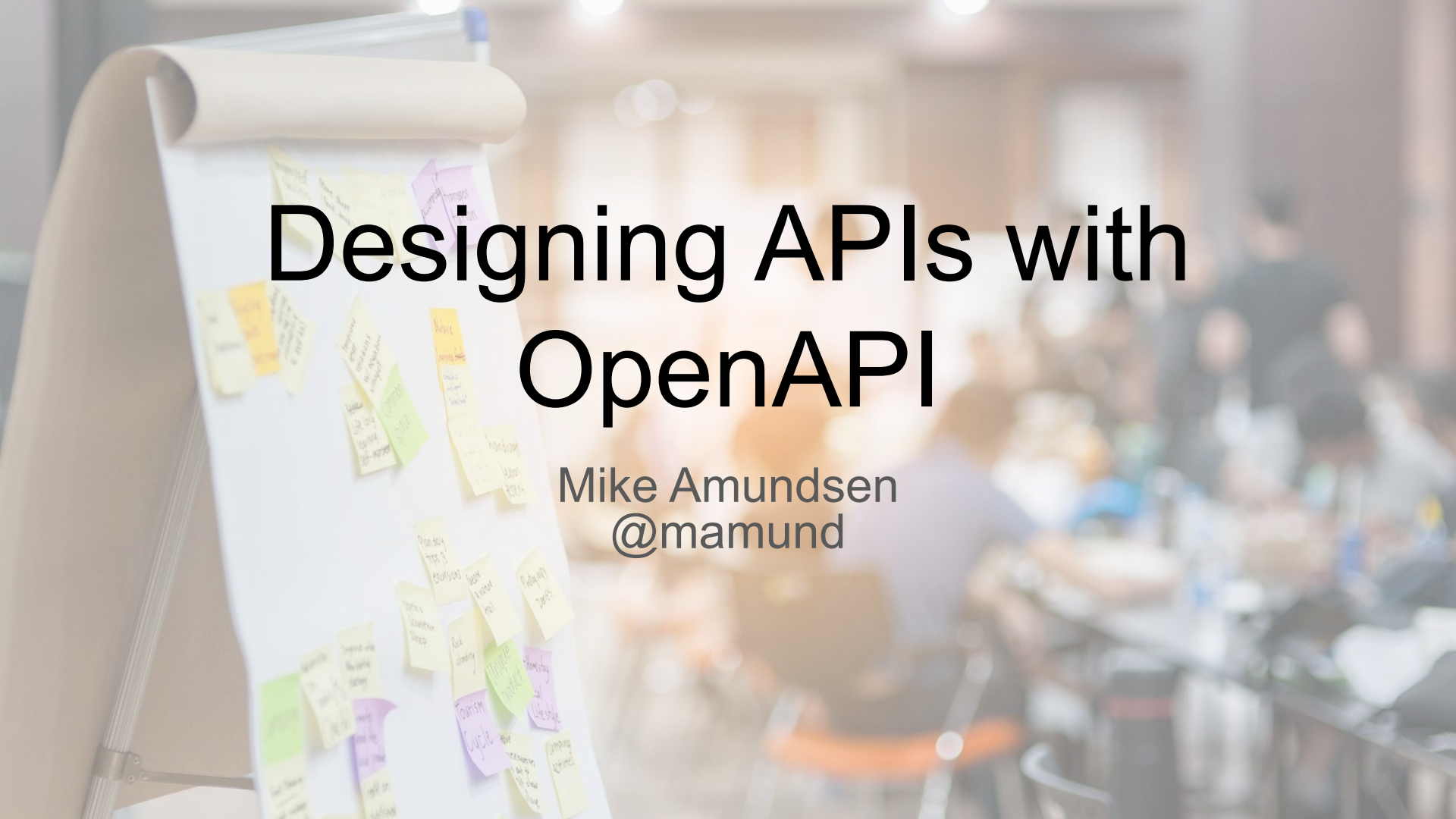
*—Don Norman
The Design of Everyday Things*





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