

Welcome to the Evented
Web

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3 ages of the Web

1991-1999 The Static Age



2000-2009

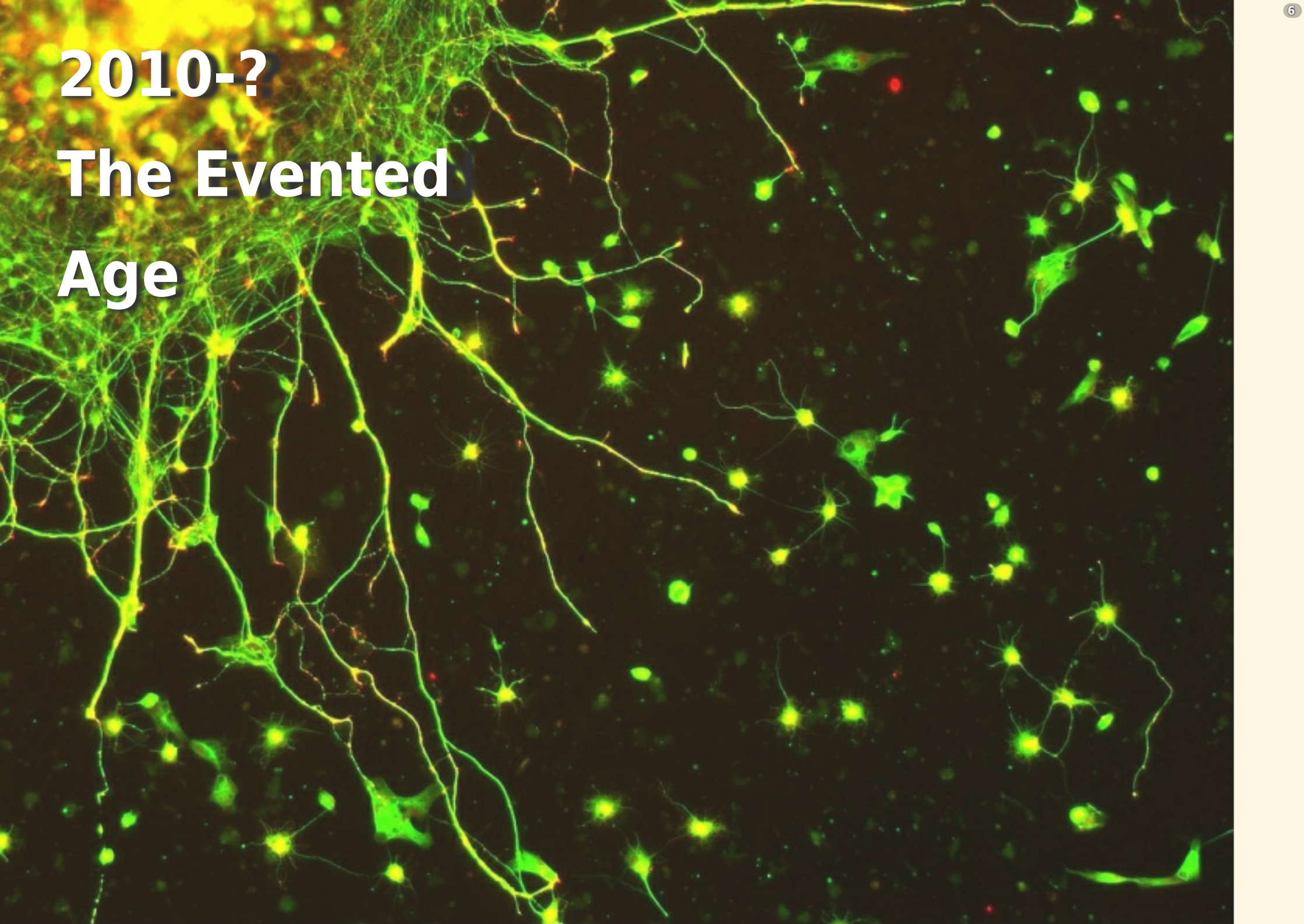
The Dynamic Age



2010-?

The Evented

Age



REST API

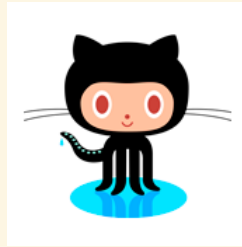
Clients ask resources and server respond

INCOMPLETE

Real-time events?

MailChimp

stripe



shopify



Example

- ✓ When I commit on github
- ✓ Travis-CI run the build
- ✓ And campfire announces the result

Example

[Options](#)
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[Deploy Keys](#)

AVAILABLE SERVICE HOOKS


WebHook URLs (3)

- ActiveCollab
- Acunote
- AgileBench
- AgileZen
- AmazonSNS
- AMQP
- Apolo
- AppHarbor
- Asana
- Backlog
- Bamboo
- BasecampClassic
- Basecamp
- Boxcar
- buddycloud (GitHub plugin)
- BugHerd
- Bugly

Service hooks share your commits with other apps

```
$ git commit -m "Fixing all of the bugs"
```

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 **Campfire™**

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Launchpad Backpack Basecamp Campfire

Lobby The Danger Room The Serious Room Anchor Files, Transcripts & Search

[github/master] Fixing all of the bugs - Kyle Neath
[github/master] commits 9605f25...188ff69: [https://github.com/defunkt/github/compare/...](https://github.com/defunkt/github/compare/)

3:40 PM

Paul: Has entered the room

[Send message](#)

Plus 117 other apps!

How it works?

One word: WebHooks!

« *Don't call me, I'll call you* »

Stripe doc (extract)

Webhooks solve these problems by letting you register a URL that we will POST anytime an event happens in your account. When the event occurs, for example when a successful charge is made in your account, Stripe creates an event object. This object contains all the relevant information, including the type of event and the data associated with that event. Stripe then sends an HTTP POST request with the event object to any URLs in your account's webhook settings.

Incompatible payloads?



Why Webscript?

App Backends

Webscripts respond to HTTP requests, making them easy to call from web and mobile apps.

Webscripts have all the features you need, like password hashing and persistent storage, plus the full programmability of Lua.



Webhook Targets

Many developer tools, such as GitHub and Stripe, offer webhooks as a way of delivering notifications.


Webscripts are a fast and easy way to receive those webhooks. Our built-in request logging makes them equally easy to debug on-the-fly.

How to debug?

- ✓ Inspect HTTP requests
- ✓ <http://requestb.in/>

Bonus points

A rest API to manage the webhooks!

	<code>listWebhookAdd(string apikey, string id, string url, array actions, array sources)</code> Add a new Webhook URL for the given list
<input type="text"/>	<code>listWebhookDel(string apikey, string id, string url)</code> Delete an existing Webhook URL from a given list
Getting Started	<code>listWebhooks(string apikey, string id)</code> Return the Webhooks configured for the given list
How To	<code>lists(string apikey, array filters, int start, int limit)</code> Retrieve all of the lists defined for your user account
Downloads & API Wrappers	

Webhooks for twitter?

Not a good idea!



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Solutions are there

- ✓ Polling
- ✓ Long polling (Comet)
- ✓ HTTP Streaming
- ✓ WebSockets
- ✓ EventSource

Polling & Long-polling

- ✓ It's OK if you have less than one message per second
- ✓ Can consume many resources if you have many clients
- ✓ But it works!

HTTP Streaming

- ✓ Very complicated to use in browsers
- ✓ But OK for other use cases

WebSockets

- ✓ Probably too complex
- ✓ Not easy to deploy

EventSource

- ✓ Send pings if you want to keep the connection active
 - ✓ Polyfill for old browsers
 - ✓ Easy to implement and deploy
- ⇒ **A clear winner**

Conclusion

- ✓ The web is now evented
- ✓ So don't forget our two tools
- ✓ WebHooks
- ✓ EventSource

Questions?



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