

Open Source Frameworks (OSF)

Designing Your REST API

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Agenda

Quick Intro

14h20 - 14h40

Group Work

14h40 - 16h30

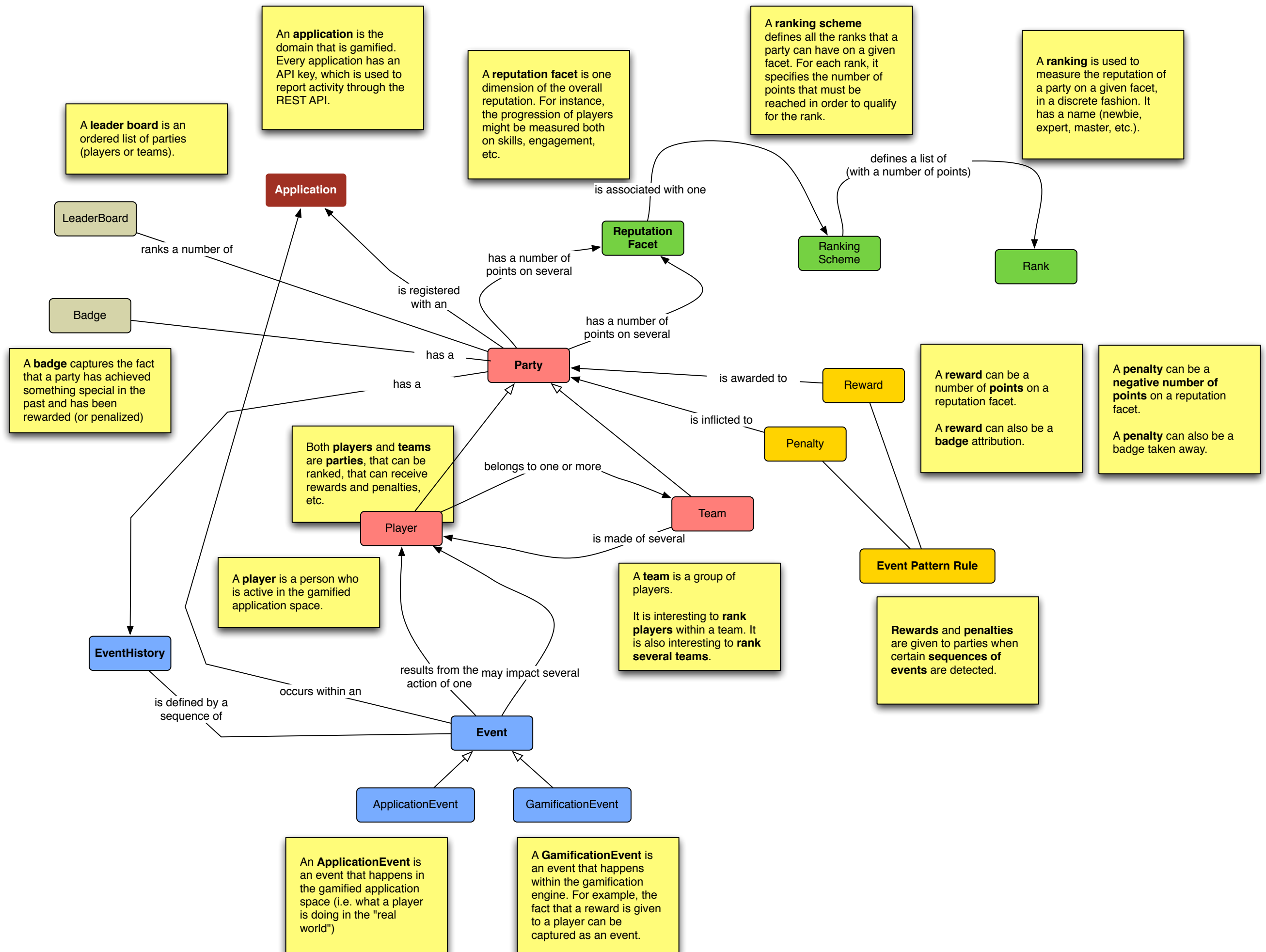
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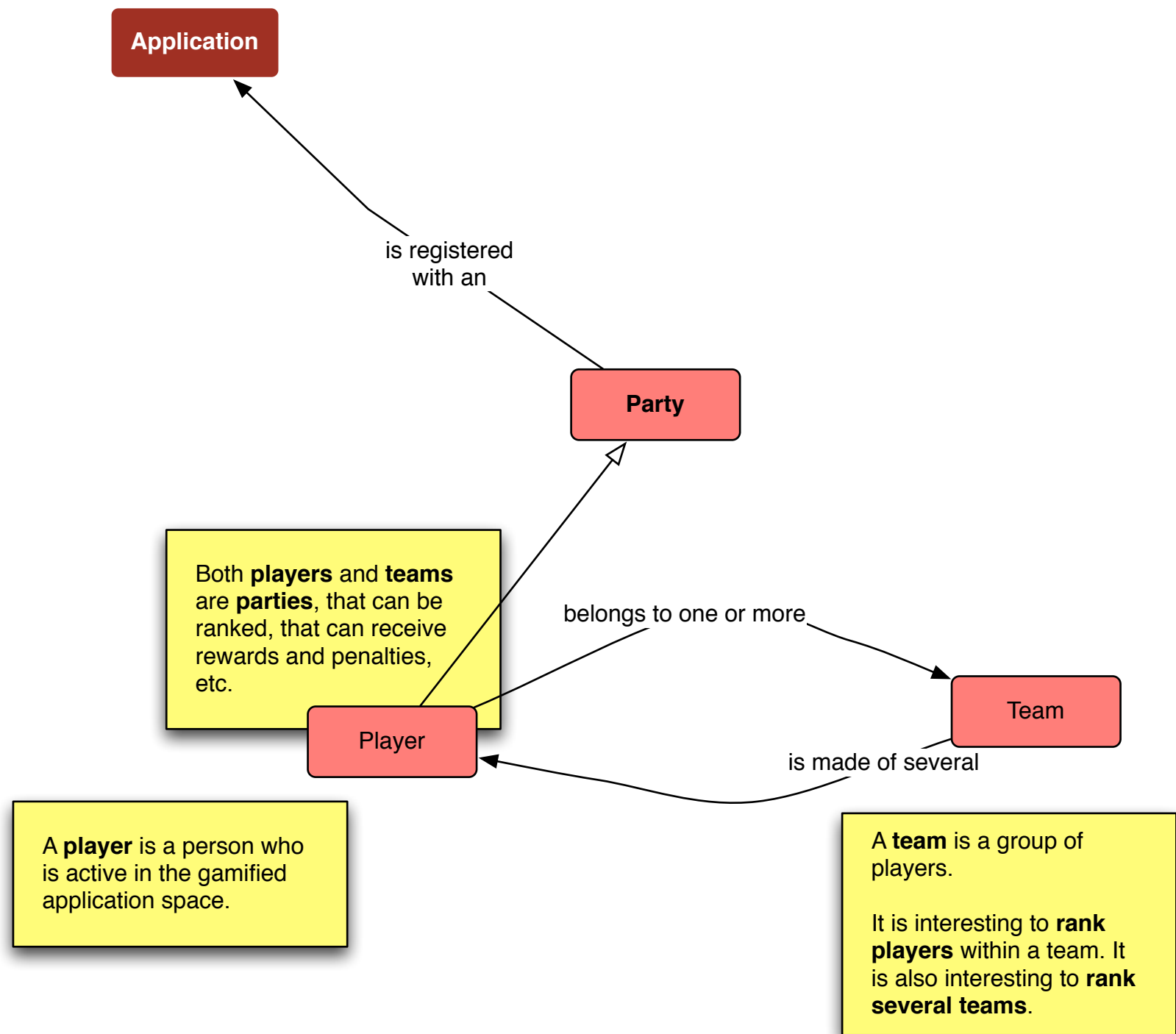
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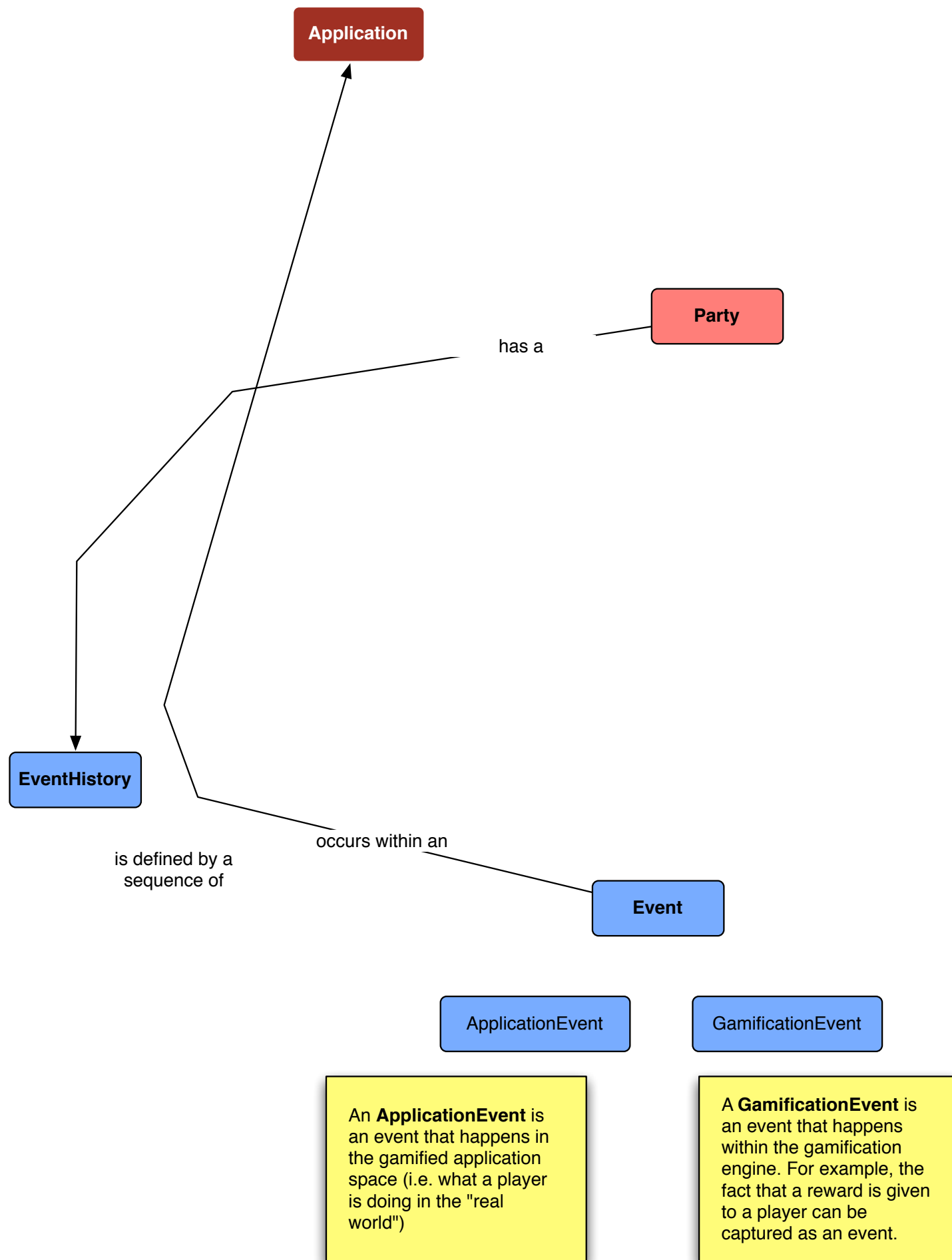
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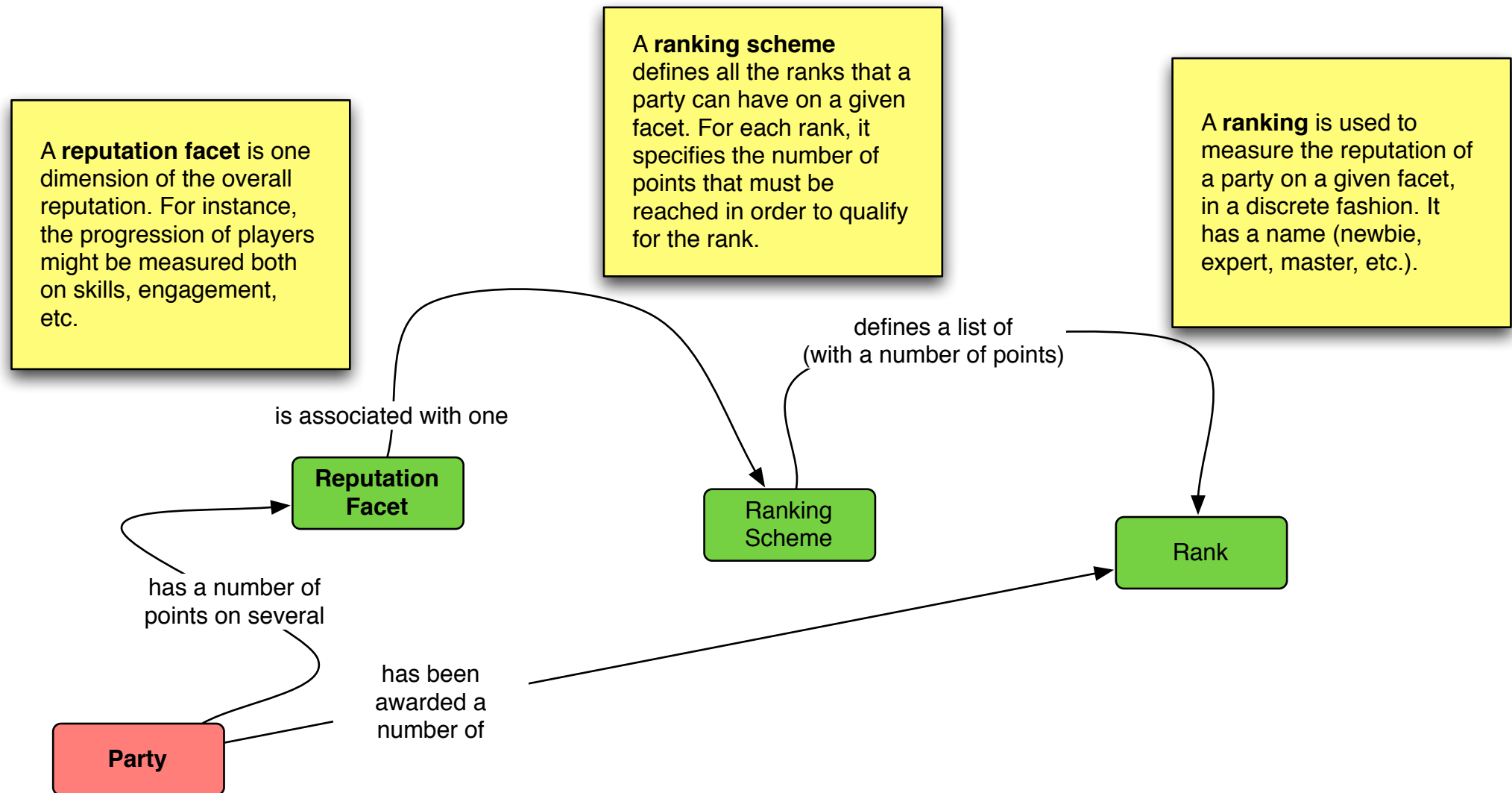
Date	Java EE Frameworks	Gamification Project
20.02.13	Overview + Business Tier (EJB)	Group formation + domain model analysis
27.02.13	Web Services (JAX-RS / JAX-WS)	10' presentation of the domain model + review
06.03.13	Design of the gamification REST API / project setup on Github	
13.03.13	15' presentation of the REST API + 15' discussion / documentation on Github	
20.03.13	Intro to javascript / node.js frameworks	node.js + express.js tutorial
27.03.13	Spring Framework	Implementation of the REST API
03.04.13	<i>Eastern Break</i>	<i>Eastern Break</i>
10.04.13	Persistence Tier (JPA)	NoSQL tutorial + relevance to the project
17.04.13	Project implementation	
24.04.13	Message Oriented Middleware (JMS)	Project implementation
01.05.13	20' presentation of your NoSQL back-end and its role in your project	
08.05.13	Presentation Tier (MVC / Frameworks)	javascript framework tutorial
15.05.13	Project implementation	
22.05.13	Project implementation	
29.05.13	Final Presentations & Demos (30')	

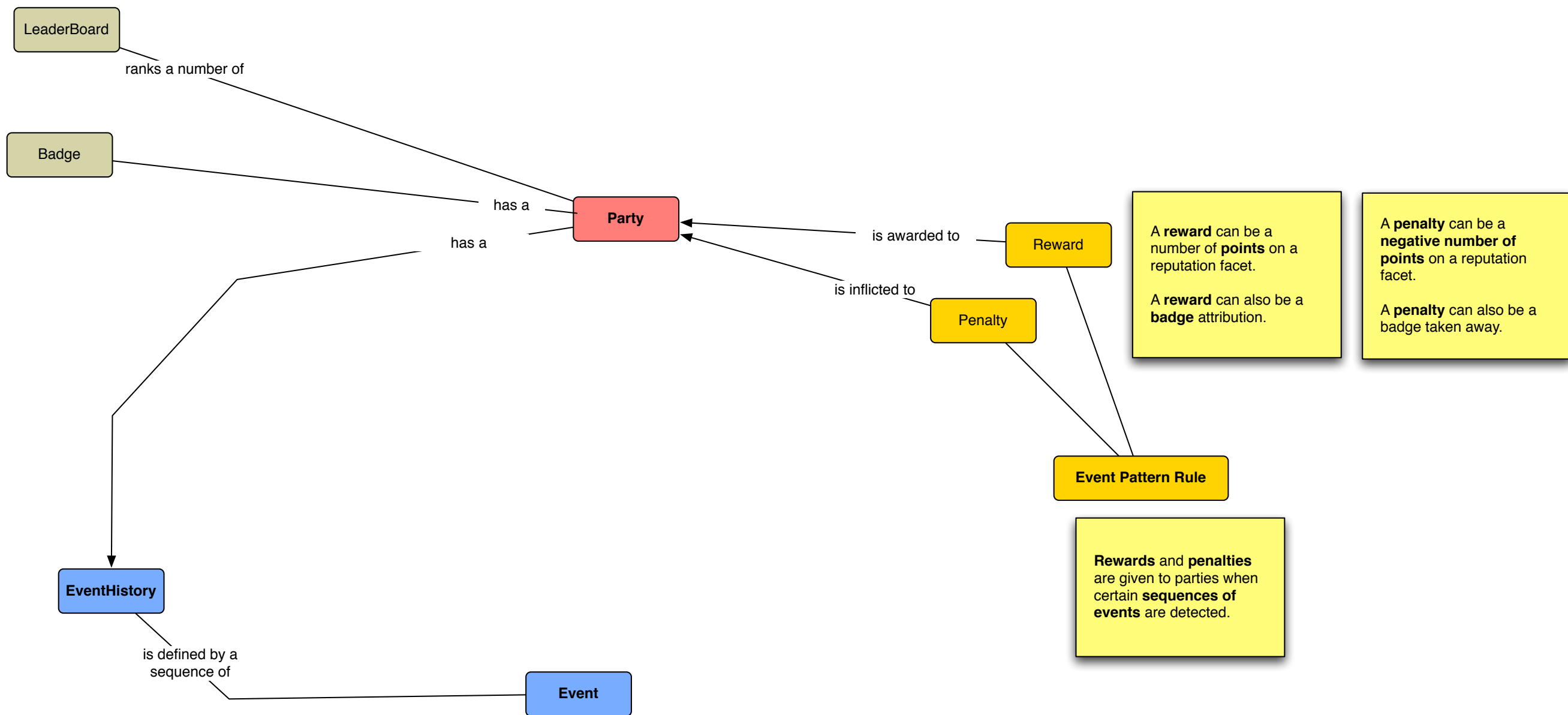
Gamification Domain Model (work-in-progress)





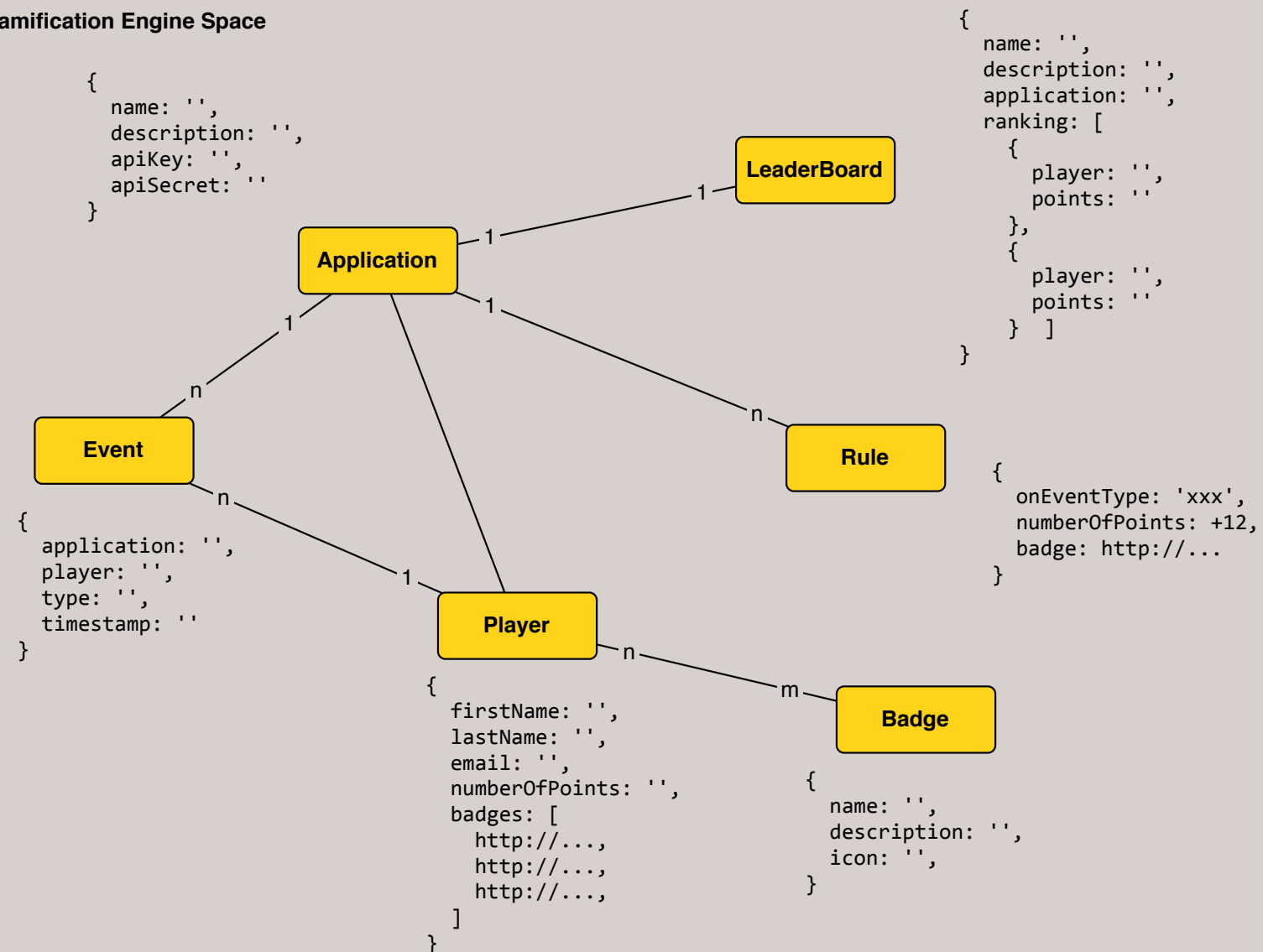




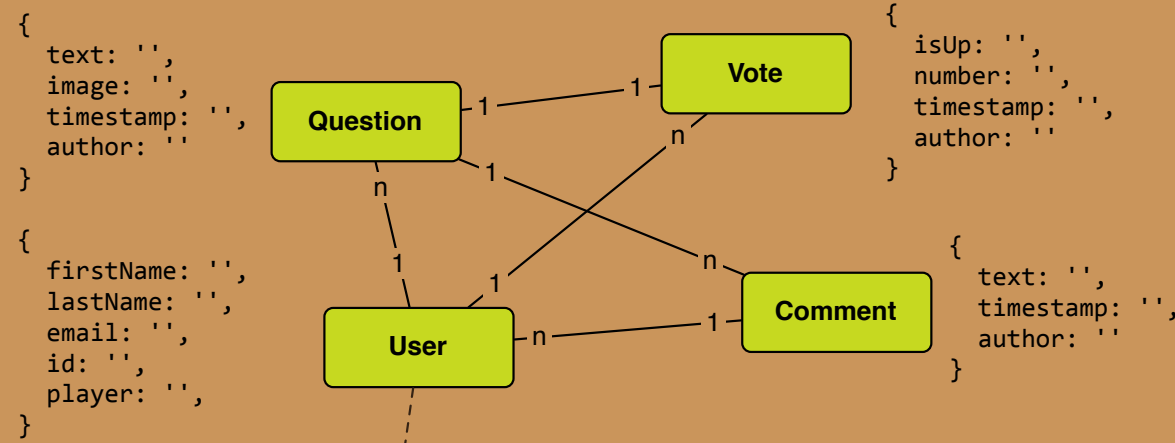


Gamification Domain Model (simple version)

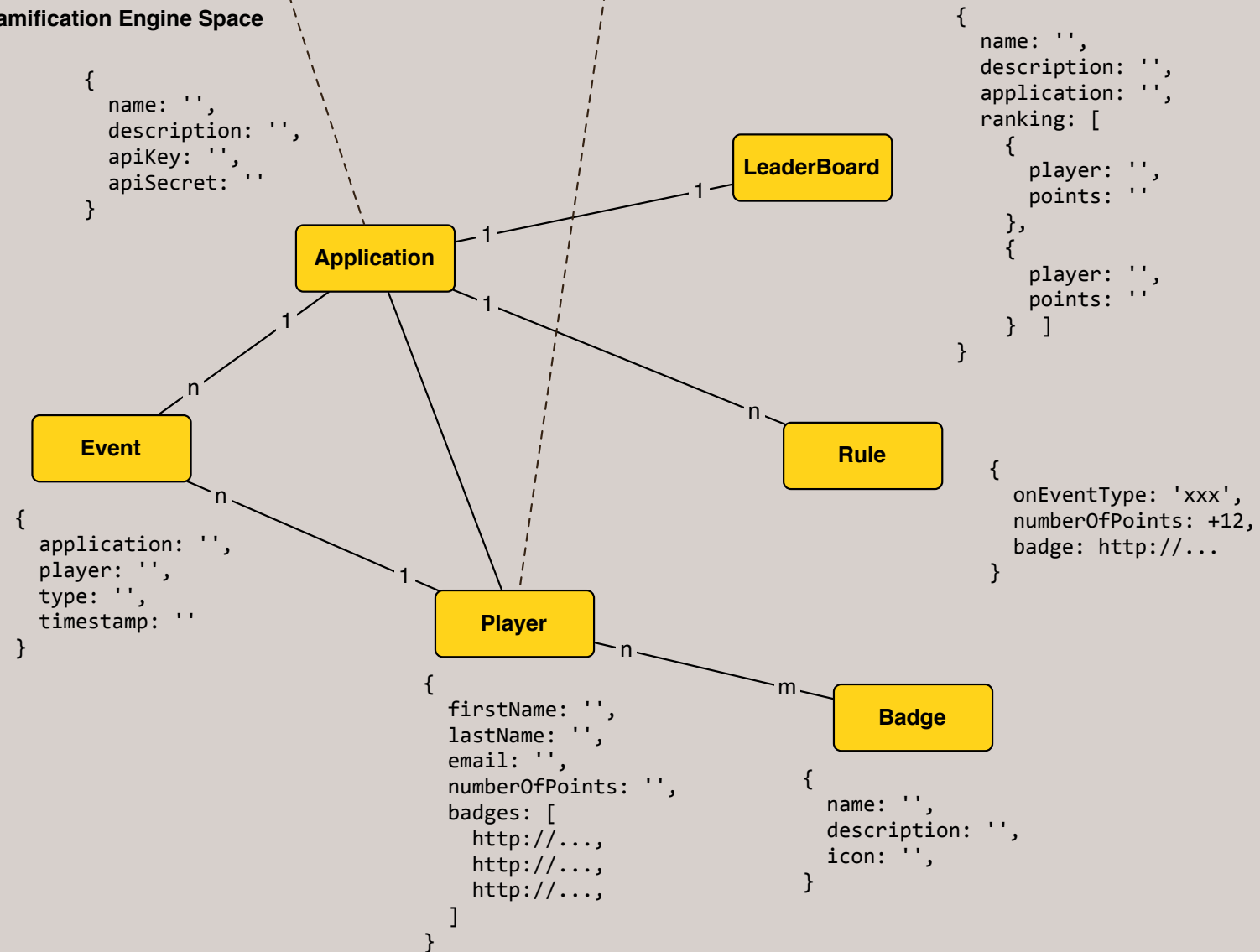
Gamification Engine Space



Gamified Application Space

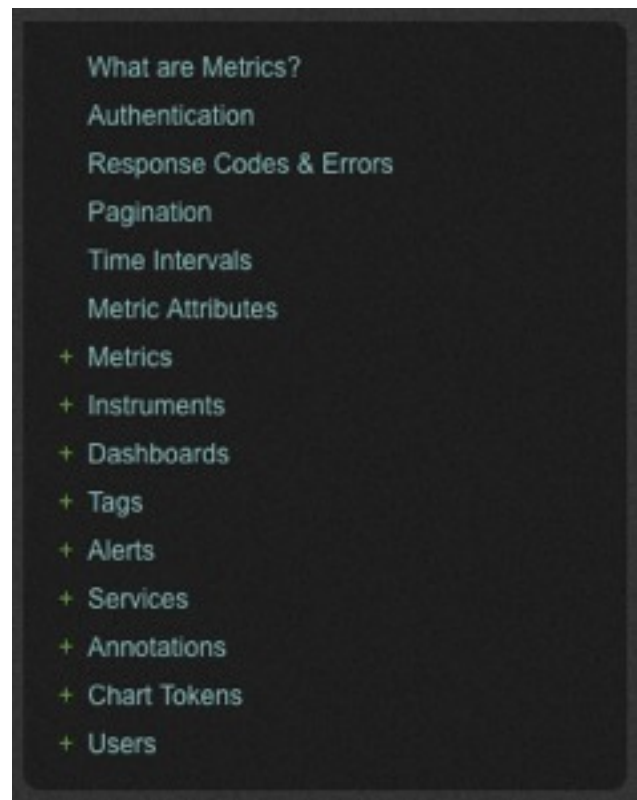


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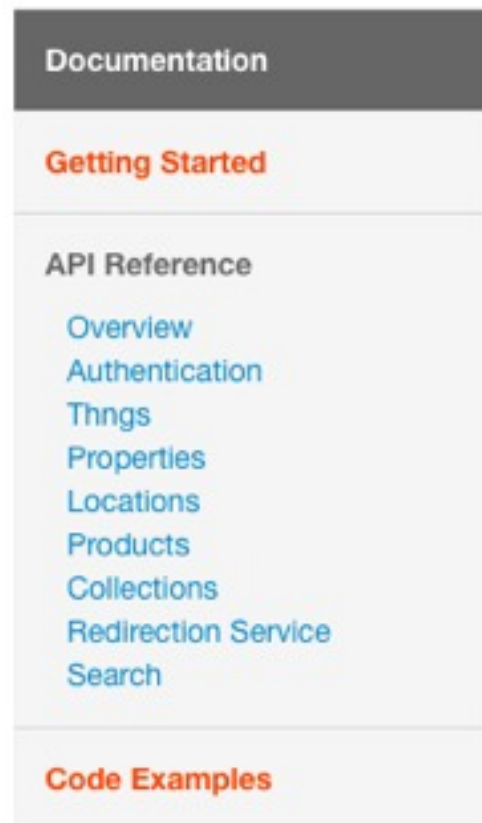


How should I specify/document my REST API?

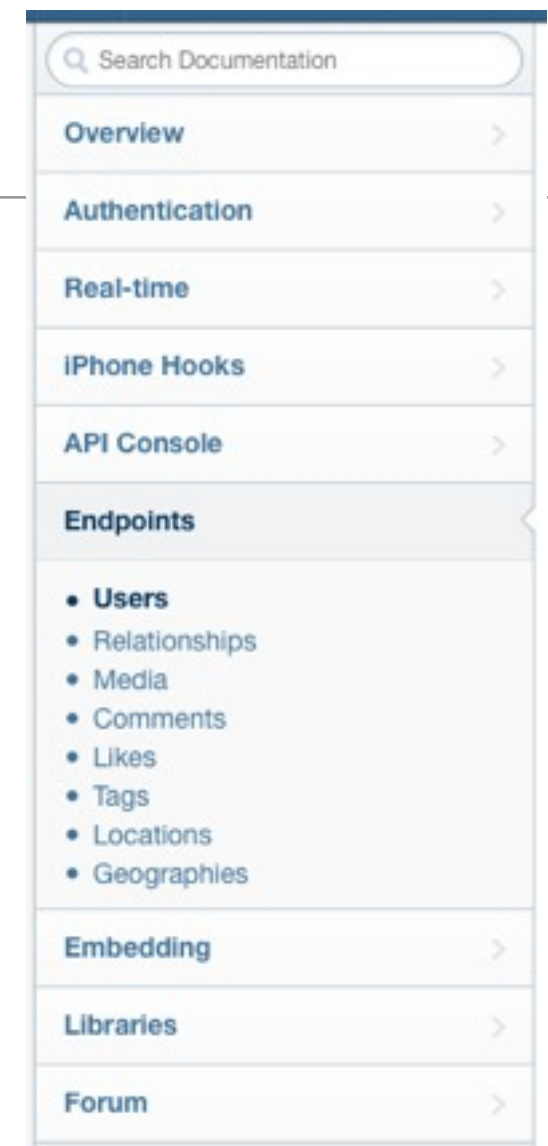
Look at Some Examples



<http://dev.librato.com/v1>



<https://dev.evrythng.com/documentation/api>



<http://instagram.com/developer/endpoints/>



Instagram



Short description of the resource (domain model)

What Are Metrics?

Metrics are custom measurements stored in Librato's Metrics service. These measurements are created and may be accessed programmatically through a set of RESTful API calls. There are currently two types of metrics that may be stored in Librato Metrics, **gauges** and **counters**.

Gauges

Gauges capture a series of measurements where each measurement represents the value under observation at one point in time. The value of a gauge typically varies between some known minimum and maximum. Examples of gauge measurements include the requests/second serviced by an application, the amount of available disk space, the current value of \$AAPL, etc.

Counters

Counters track an increasing number of occurrences of some event. A counter is unbounded and always monotonically increasing in any given run. A new run is started anytime that counter is reset to zero. Examples of counter measurements include the number of connections made to an app, the number of visitors to a website, the number of a times a write operation failed, etc.

Metric Properties

Some common properties are supported across all types of metrics:

name

Each metric has a name that is unique to its class of metrics e.g. a gauge name must be unique to gauges. The name identifies a metric in subsequent API calls to store/query individual measurements. The name can be up to 63 characters in length. Valid characters for metric names are 'A-Za-z0-9.-_,'.

period

The **period** of a metric is an integer value that describes (in seconds) the standard reporting interval for the metric. Setting the period enables Metrics to detect abnormal interruptions in reporting and to

Examples & payload structure

CRUD method description

Examples

Return the metric named `cpu_temp` with up to four measurements at resolution 60.

```
curl \
-u <user>:<token> \
-X GET \
https://metrics-api.librato.com/v1/metrics/cpu_temp?resolution=60&count=4
```

Response Code

200 OK

Response Headers

** NOT APPLICABLE **

Response Body

```
{
  "type": "gauge",
  "display_name": "cpu_temp",
  "resolution": 60,
  "measurements": [
    {
      "source": "librato.com": {
        "name": "cpu_temp",
        "value": 84.5,
        "_time": 1234567890,
        "resolution": 60
      },
      "source": "librato.com": {
        "name": "cpu_temp",
        "value": 86.7,
        "_time": 1234567950,
        "resolution": 60
      },
      "source": "librato.com": {
        "name": "cpu_temp",
        "value": 84.6,
        "_time": 1234568010,
        "resolution": 60
      },
      "source": "librato.com": {
        "name": "cpu_temp",
        "value": 89.7,
        "_time": 1234568070,
        "resolution": 60
      }
    ],
    "ts_short": "8#176;F",
    "ua": "librato-metrics/0.7.4 (ruby; 1.9.3p194; x86_64-linux) direct-faraday/0.8.4",
    "ts": null,
    "ts_long": "Fahrenheit",
    "checked": true
  ],
  "description": "Current CPU temperature in Fahrenheit",
  "temp"
}
```

GET /v1/metrics/:name

API VERSION 1.0

Description

Returns information for a specific metric. If time interval search parameters are specified will also include a set of metric measurements for the given time span.

URL

https://metrics-api.librato.com/v1/metrics/:name

Method

GET

Measurement Search Parameters

If optional **time interval search parameters** are specified, the response includes the set of metric measurements covered by the time interval. Measurements are listed by their originating source name if one was specified when the measurement was created. All measurements that were created without an explicit source name are listed with the source name **unassigned**.

source

Deprecated: Use **sources** with a single source name, e.g [mysource].

sources

If **sources** is specified, the response is limited to measurements from those sources. The **sources** parameter should be specified as an array of source names. The response is limited to the set of sources specified in the array.

navigator

What are Metrics?

Authentication

Response Codes & Errors

Pagination

Time Intervals

Metric Attributes

- Metrics

GET /metrics

POST /metrics

DELETE /metrics

GET /metrics/:name

PUT /metrics/:name

DELETE /metrics/:name

+ Instruments

+ Dashboards

+ Tags

+ Alerts

+ Services

+ Annotations

+ Chart Tokens

+ Users



Short description of the whole domain model

Overview

The central data structure in our engine are **Things**, which are data containers to store all the data generated by and about any physical object. Various **Properties** can be attached to any Thing, and the content of each property can be updated any time, while preserving the history of those changes. Things can be added to various **Collections** which makes it easier to share a set of Things with other **Users** within the engine.

Thing

An abstract notion of an object which has location & property data associated to it. Also called Active Digital Identities (ADIs), these resources can model real-world elements such as persons, places, cars, guitars, mobile phones, etc.

Property

A Thing has various properties: arbitrary key/value pairs to store any data. The values can be updated individually at any time, and can be retrieved historically (e.g. "Give me the values of property X between 10 am and 5 pm on the 16th August 2012").

Location

Each Thing also has a special type of Properties used to store snapshots of its geographic position over time (for now only GPS coordinates - latitude and longitude).

User

Each interaction with the EVERYTHING back-end is authenticated and a user is associated with each action. This dictates security access.

Collection

A collection is a grouping of Things. Call one collection.

Creating a new Product

To create a new **Product**, simply POST a JSON document that describes a product to the **/products** endpoint.

```
POST /products
Content-Type: application/json
Authorization: $EVERYTHING_API_KEY
```

```
{
  "fn": <String>,
  "description": <String>,
  "brand": <String>,
  "categories": [<String>, ...],
  "photos": [<String>, ...],
  "url": <String>,
  "identifiers": {
    <String>: <String>,
    ... },
  "properties": {
    <String>: <String>,
    ... },
  "tags": [<String>, ...]
}
```

Mandatory Parameters

fn

<String> The functional name of the product.

Optional Parameters

description

<String> An string that gives more details about the product, a short description.

More details about the Product resource (domain model) & payload structure

Products

Products are very similar to things, but instead of modeling an individual object instance, products are used to model a class of objects. Usually, they are used for general classes of things, usually a particular model with specific characteristics. Let's take for example a specific TV model (e.g. [this one](#)), which has various properties such as a model number, a description, a brand, a category, etc. Products are useful to capture the properties that are common to a set of things (so you don't replicate a property "model name" or "weight" for thousands of things that are individual instances of a same product category).

The Product document model used in our engine has been designed to be compatible with the [hProduct microformat](#), therefore it can easily be integrated with the hProduct data model and applications supporting microformats.

The Product document model is as follows:

```
<Product>={
  "id": <String>,
  "createdAt": <timestamp>,
  "updatedAt": <timestamp>,
  "fn": <String>,
  "description": <String>,
  "brand": <String>,
  "categories": [<String>, ...],
  "photos": [<String>, ...],
  "url": <String>,
  "identifiers": {
    <String>: <String>,
    ... },
  "properties": {
    <String>: <String>,
    ... },
  "tags": [<String>, ...]
}
```

Cross-cutting concerns

Pagination

Requests that return multiple items will be paginated to 30 items by default. You can specify further pages with the **?page** parameter. You can also set a custom page size up to 100 with the **?per_page** parameter.

Authentication

Access to our API is done via HTTPS requests to the <https://api.everything.com> domain. Unencrypted HTTP requests are accepted (<http://api.everything.com> for low-power device without SSL support), but we **strongly** suggest to use only HTTPS if you store any valuable data in our engine. Every request to our API must include an API key using **Authorization** HTTP header to identify the user or application issuing the request and execute it if authorized.

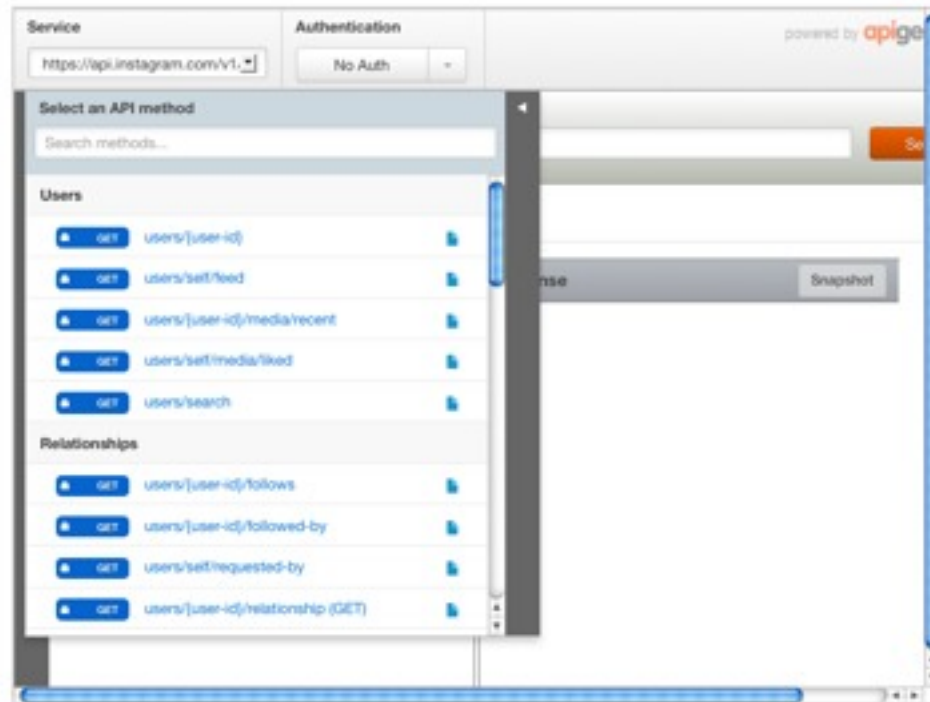
CRUD method description



Interactive test console

API Console

Our API console is provided by Apigee. Tap the Lock icon, select OAuth, and you can experiment with making requests to our API. [See it in full screen](#) →



List of supported CRUD methods for each resource (R, R/W)

User Endpoints

GET	/users/ user-id	... Get basic information about a user.
GET	/users/self/feed	... See the authenticated user's feed.
GET	/users/ user-id /media/recent	... Get the most recent media published by a user.
GET	/users/self/media/liked	... See the authenticated user's list of liked media.
GET	/users/search	... Search for a user by name.

Comment Endpoints

GET	/media/ media-id /comments	... Get a full list of comments on a media.
POST	/media/ media-id /comments	... Create a comment on a media. Please email apide...
DEL	/media/ media-id /comments/ comment-id	... Remove a comment.

GET /media/ **media-id** /comments

https://api.instagram.com/v1/media/555/comments?access_token=ACCESS-TOKEN

RESPONSE

```
{
  "meta": {
    "code": 200
  },
  "data": [
    {
      "created_time": "1288788324",
      "text": "Really amazing photo!",
      "from": {
        "username": "snoopdogg",
        "profile_picture": "http://images.instagram.com/profiles/profile_16_75sq_1385612434.jpg",
        "id": "1574883",
        "full_name": "Snoop Dogg"
      },
      "id": "420"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

Get a full list of comments on a media.
Required scope: comments

Cross-cutting concerns

Limits

Be nice. If you're sending too many requests too quickly, we'll send back a 503 error code (server unavailable).

You are limited to 5000 requests per hour per access_token or client_id overall. Practically, this means you should (when possible) authenticate users so that limits are well outside the reach of a given user.

PAGINATION

Sometimes you just can't get enough. For this reason, we've provided a convenient way to access more data in any request for sequential data. Simply call the url in the next_url parameter and we'll respond with the next set of data.

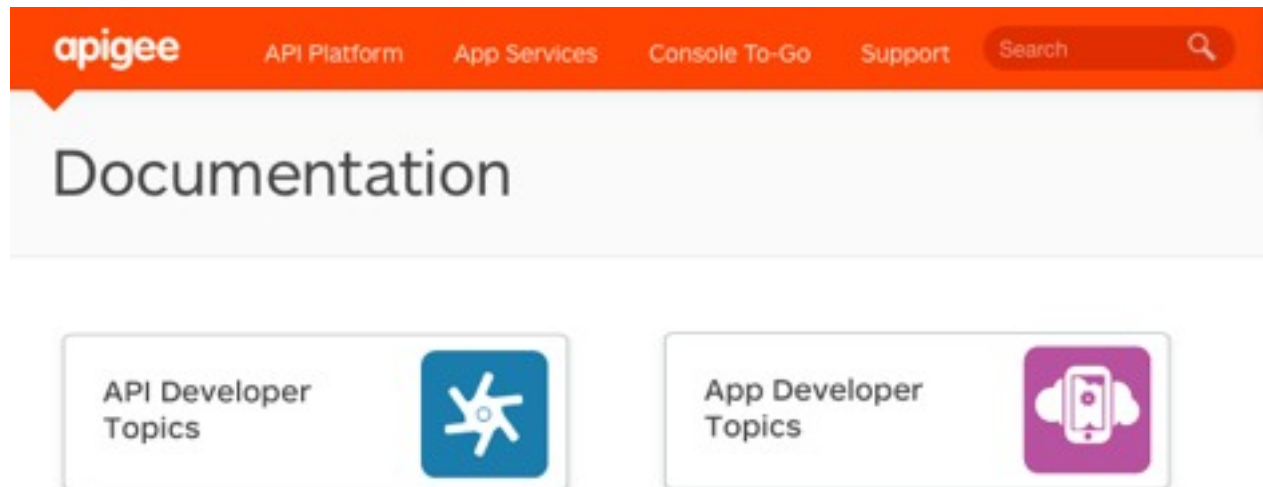
The Envelope

Every response is contained by an envelope. That is, each response has a predictable set of keys with which you can expect to interact:

```
{
  "meta": {
    "code": 200
  },
  "data": {
    ...
  },
  "pagination": {
    "next_url": "...",
    "next_max_id": "13872296"
  }
}
```

CRUD method description

Some Tools that Might Help/Inspire You



<http://apigee.com/docs/>

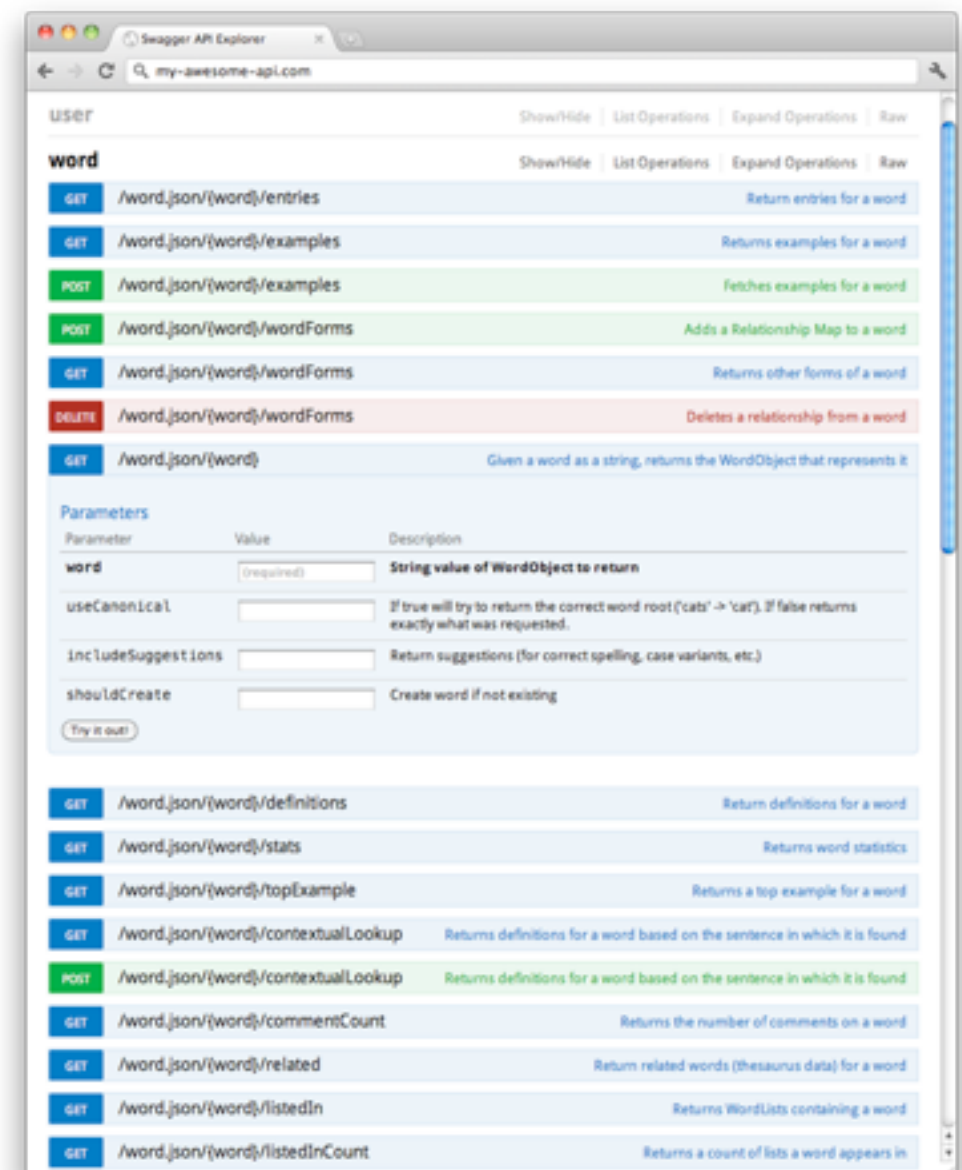


REST API documentation. Reimagined.

It takes more than a simple HTML page to thrill your API users. The right tools take weeks of development. Weeks that apiary.io saves.

```
GET /shopping-cart
> Accept: application/json
< 200
< Content-Type: application/json
{ "items": [
  { "url": "/shopping-cart/1", "product": "2ZPZ",
    "quantity": 1, "name": "New socks", "price": 1.25 }
  ] }
```

<http://apiary.io/>



<https://developers.helloverb.com/swagger/>