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# WHAT IS A WEB SERVICE



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The term Web service (WS) is either:

- a service offered by an electronic device to another electronic device, communicating with each other via the World Wide Web, or
- a server is running on a computer device, listening for requests at a particular port over a network, serving web documents (HTML, JSON, XML, images).



*Wikipedia*



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## Types of Web Services:

- ☞ SOAP web services.  
Simple Object Access Protocol.
- ☞ RESTful web services.  
Representational State Transfer.



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## One Example:

We all know smart home, right! It can be programmed to use a weather web service to know what the weather is today and then act upon that data—for example, closing your skylights when it is going to rain.



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## Another Example:

The same weather web service can be used by your mobile; when you ask **Siri** about the weather, it gets the data from the weather web service and then reads the weather report for you using text to speech technology.



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# Do you want to know what **SOAP** & **REST** are?

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