



Consuming HTTP at Scale

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<https://github.com/ql-io/ql.io>
Open source (Apache 2)

API Billionaires Club, 2011 edition



13 billion API calls / day *(May 2011)*



10 billion API calls / month *(January 2011)*



Over 260 billion objects stored in S3 *(January 2011)*



1.6 billion API-delivered stories / month *(October 2010)*



5 billion API calls / day *(April 2010)*



5 billion API calls / day *(October 2009)*



8 billion API calls / month *(Q3 2009)*



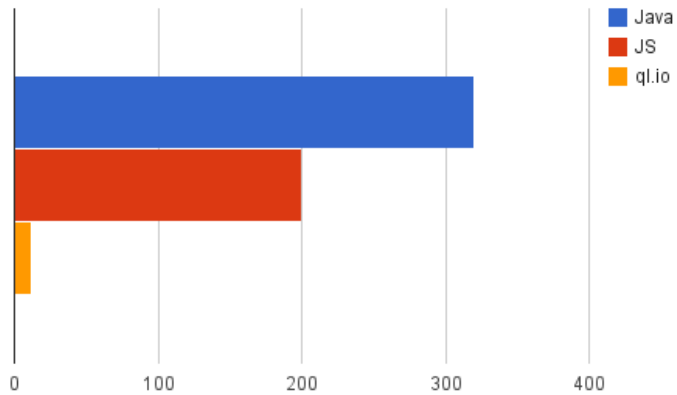
3 billion API calls / month *(March 2009)*

[<http://blog.programmableweb.com/2011/05/25/api-business-models-then-and-now/>]

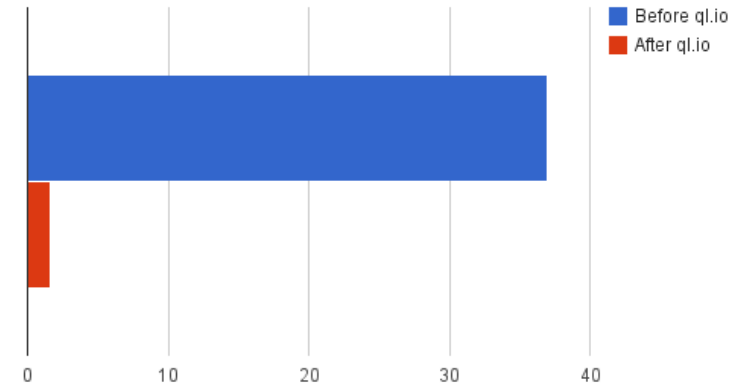
A **DSL** for HTTP
An HTTP **gateway**
Built on **node.js**

Make HTTP APIs **easy**
and **fast** to consume

Lines of code for API calls



Data size (k)



before

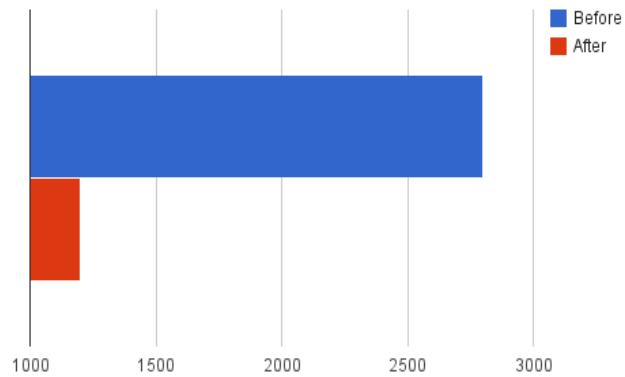
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11 requests, Total request 0 bytes, Total response 37332 bytes

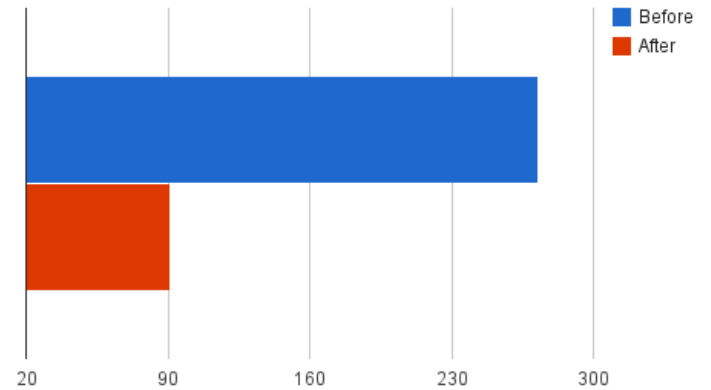
after

Name	Method	Status	Type	Size	Time	Timeline
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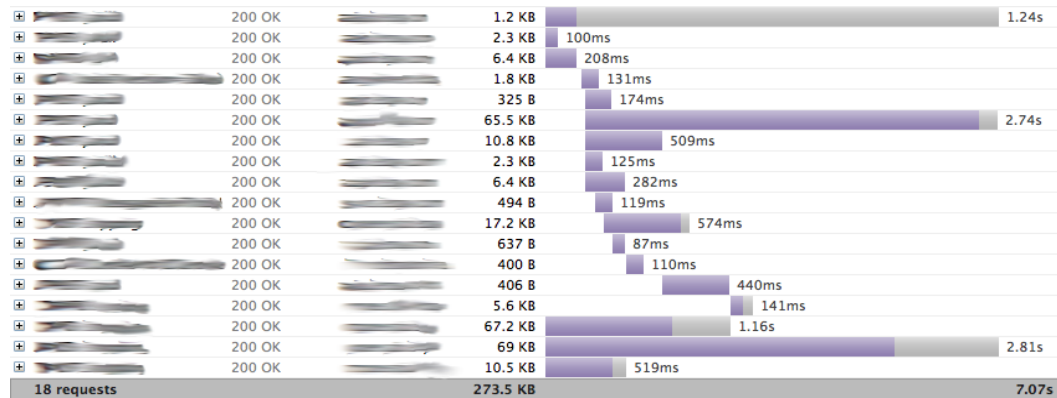
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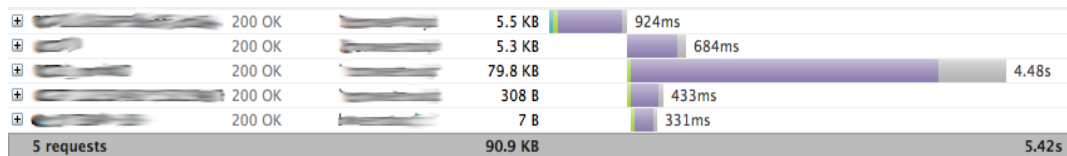
Data size (k)



before



after



Home Come?

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// HTTP and network coding is already easy
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var http = require('http');
var client = http.request({
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  host : 'my host',
  path : 'my path'}, function(res) {
  res.on('data', function(chunk) { ... });
  res.on('end', function() { ... });
});
client.end();
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Real code (randomized)

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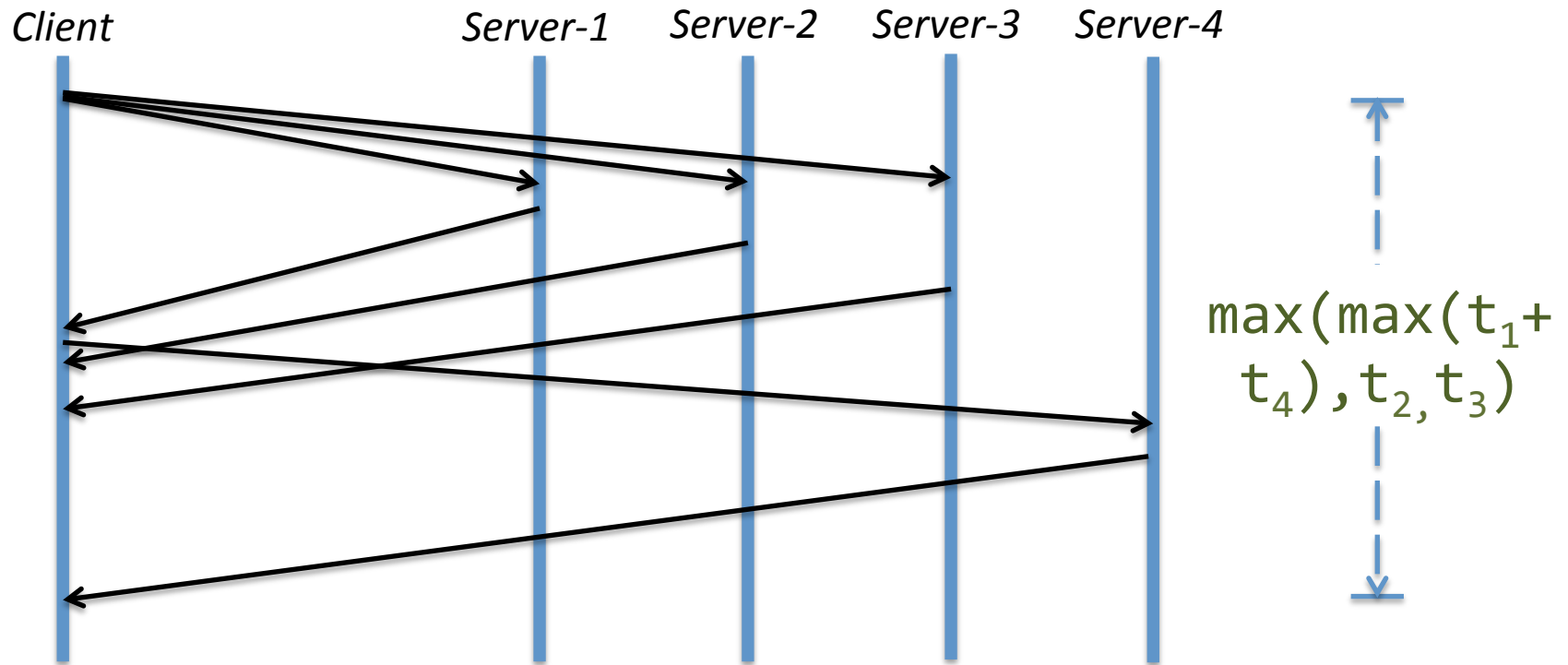
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Mobile and front-end

5+

requests per UI paint

[Jan 2011 ad hoc testing on an iPhone] Bing – 4, Google - 13, Mint – 26, Netflix – 13, Amazon – 2, LinkedIn 5, Facebook - 9



Fork/join dance

I/O

Parallellizing
Sequencing
Joining
Normalizing

Writing such code once or twice is fun – writing tens of times is not.

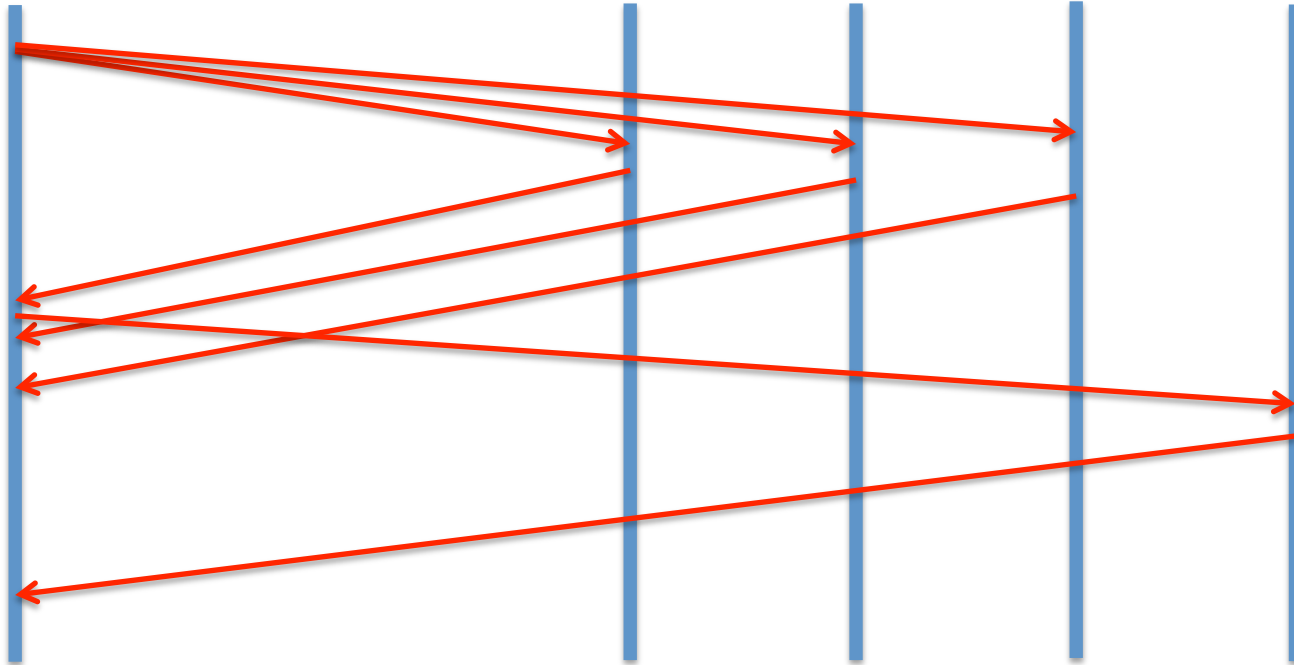
*Native, mobile
Single page apps*

Server-1

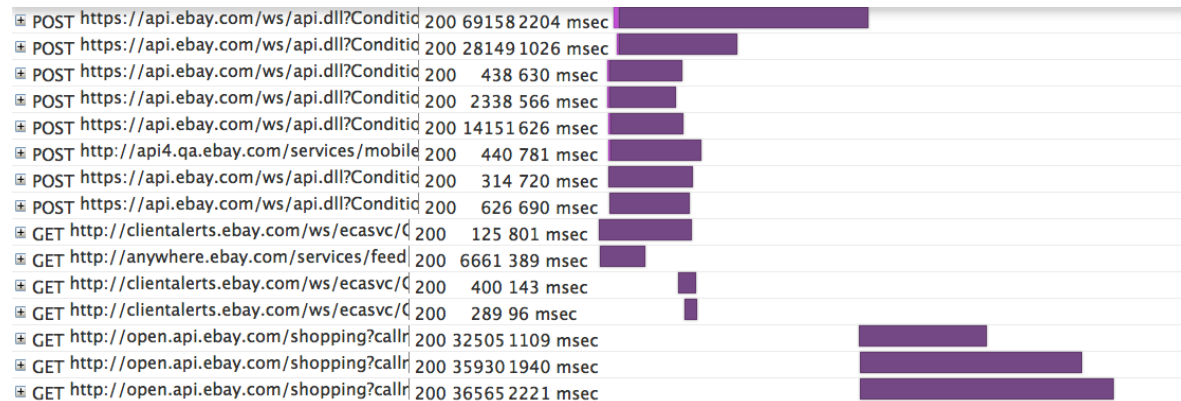
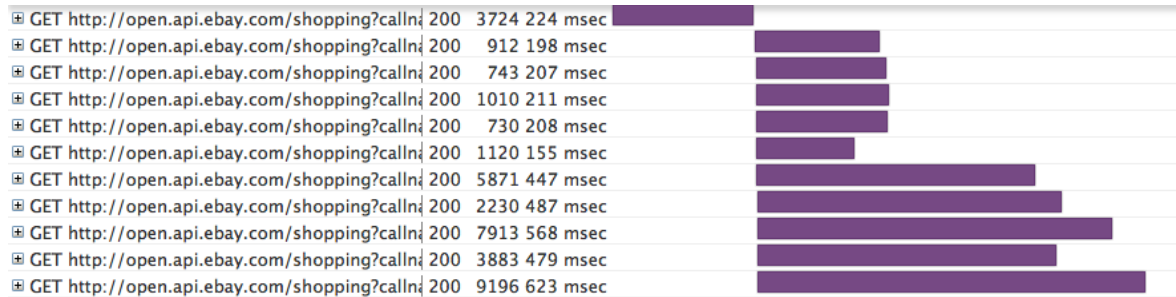
Server-2

Server-3

Server-4



Bad for far-away clients



Many requests and connections, high bandwidth use, high latency, low reliability

Easy Button

HTTP CRUD to SQLish CRUD

- create table for each resource
- select to read
- insert into to add or create
- update to update
- delete to delete

HTTP requests with one line of code

```
select long_url from bitly.shorten  
  where shortUrl = 'http://bit.ly/uZIvmY'
```

```
select Url from bing.soap.search  
  where q = "ql.io"
```

Designed for the lazy

```
// GET on a resource bound to SELECT
create table bing.search
  on select get from 'http://api.bing.net/xml.aspx?
Appid={appid}&query={q}&sources=web'
  using defaults appid = '{config.bing.appid}'
  resultset
'SearchResponse.web:Web.web:Results.web:WebResult';

// POST on a resource bound to SELECT
create table bing.soap.search
  on select post to 'http://api.bing.net/soap.asmx'
  using defaults appid = '{config.bing.appid}'
  using bodyTemplate 'bing.soap.xml.mu'
  type 'application/xml'
  resultset
'soapenv:Envelope.soapenv:Body.SearchResponse.parameters.
Web.Results.WebResult';
```

No Async Mind-Bending

```
# Sequential
minis = select * from finditems where
    keywords = 'mini cooper' limit 10;
return select PictureURL from details where
    itemId = "{minis.itemId}";

# Or parallel
keyword = "ql.io";
web = select * from bing.search where q = "{keyword}";
tweets = select id as id, from_user_name as user_name,
    text as text from twitter.search where q = "ql.io";

return {
    "keyword": "{keyword}",
    "web": "{web}",
    "tweets": "{tweets}"
}
```

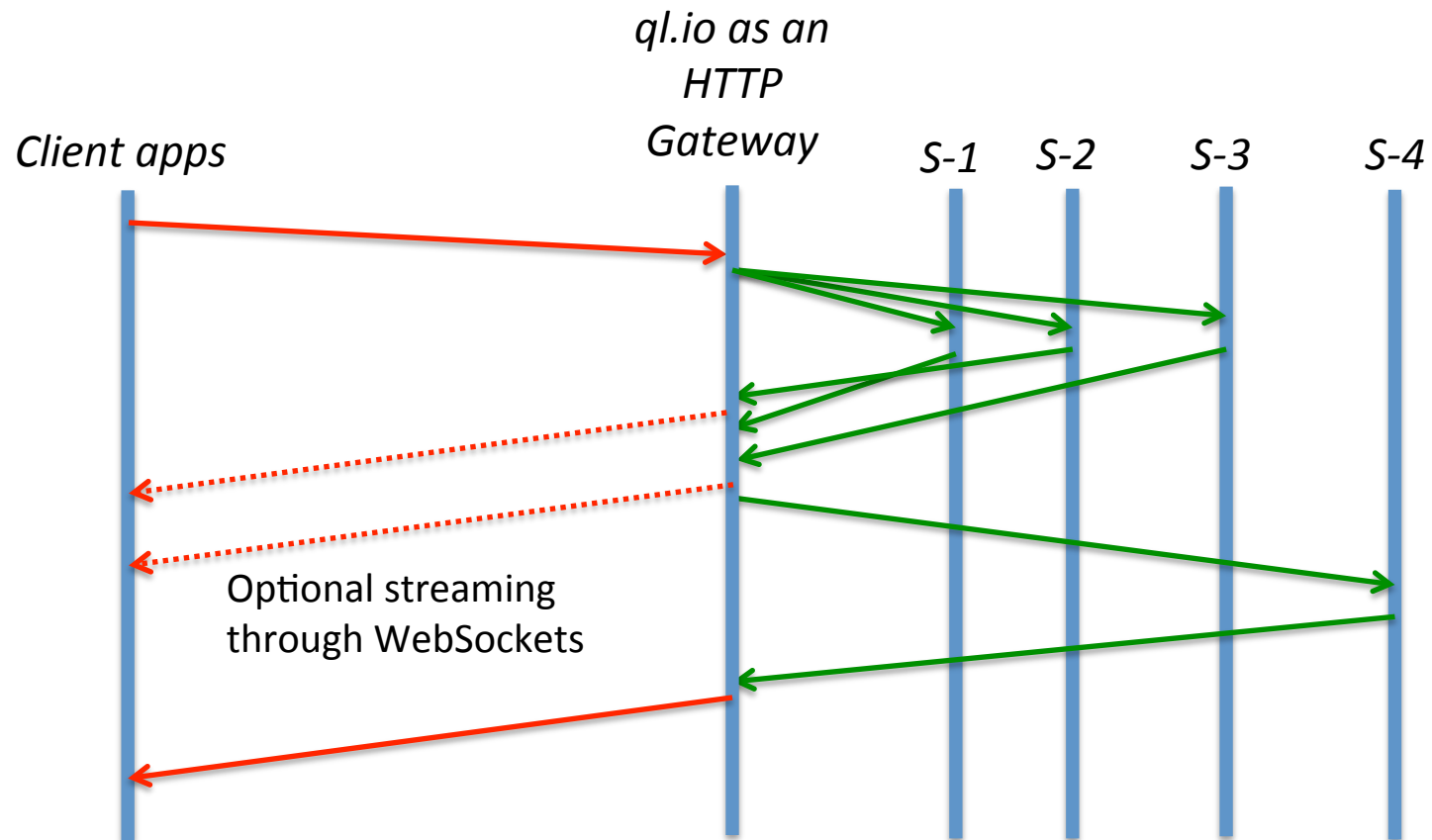
Implicit Fork-Join and Routing

```
prodid = select ProductID[0].Value from eBay.FindProducts
    where QueryKeywords = 'macbook pro';
details = select * from eBay.ProductDetails where
    ProductID in ('{prodid}') and
    ProductType = 'Reference';
reviews = select * from eBay.ProductReviews where
    ProductID in ('{prodid}') and
    ProductType = 'Reference';

return select d.ProductID[0].Value as id,
    d.Title as title, d.ReviewCount as reviewCount,
    r.ReviewDetails.AverageRating as rating
from details as d, reviews as r
    where d.ProductID[0].Value = r.ProductID.Value
    via route '/myapi' using method get;
```

How to Use

As a Gateway



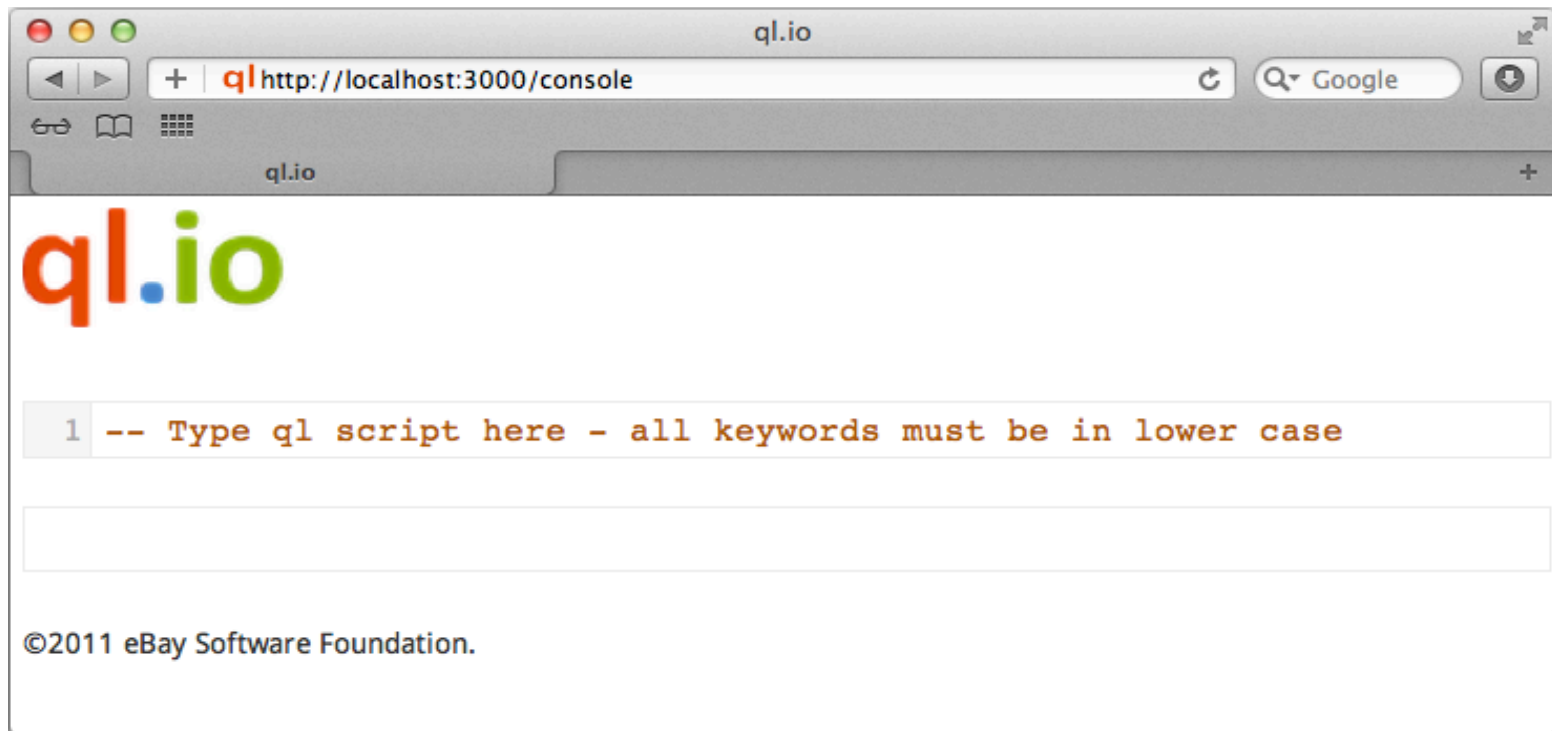
Node.js Module

```
/> npm install ql.io-engine
```

```
var Engine = require('ql.io-engine'), fs = require('fs');
var engine = new Engine({tables : __dirname + '/../tables'});
var script = fs.readFileSync(__dirname + '/myapi.ql', 'UTF-8');
engine.execute(script, function(emitter) {
  emitter.on('prodid', function(data) {
    console.log('found ' + data.length + ' product IDs');
  });
  emitter.on('details', function(data) {
    console.log('found ' + data.length + ' details');
  });
  emitter.on('reviews', function(data) {
    console.log('found ' + data.length + ' reviews');
  });
  emitter.on('end', function(err, result) {
    console.log('Got results');
  });
});
```



```
mkdir myapp  
cd myapp  
curl -L "http://tinyurl.com/7cgglby" | bash  
  
bin/start.sh
```



<http://ql.io>

ql.io