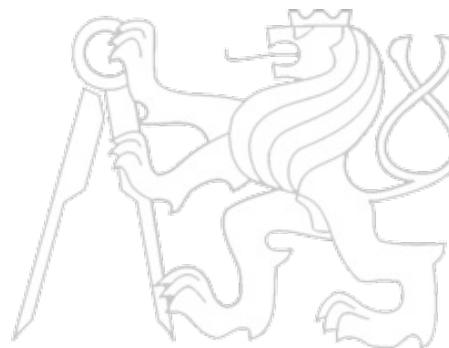


# Middleware and Web Services

## Lecture 2: Service Architecture and Technologies

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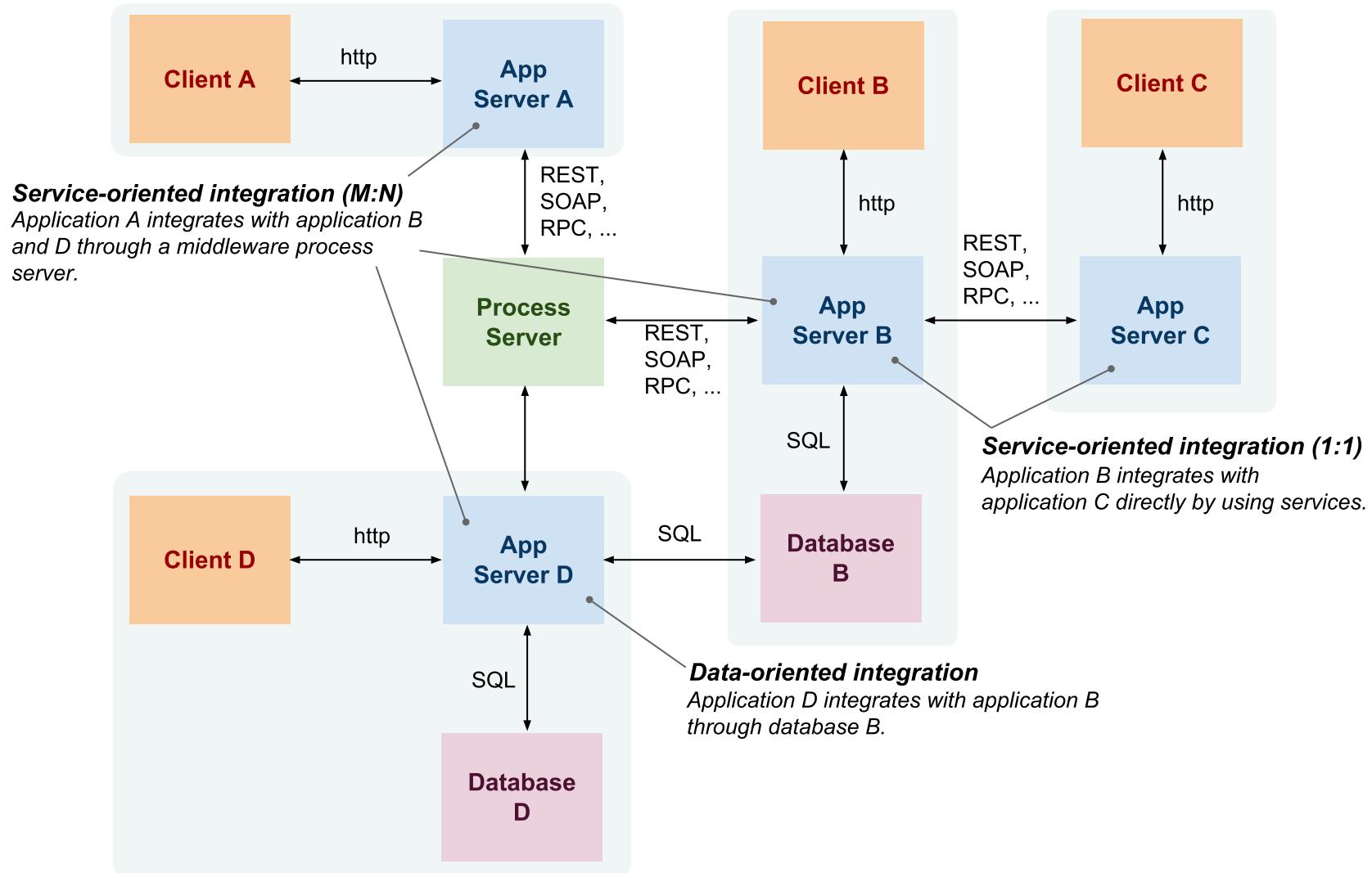
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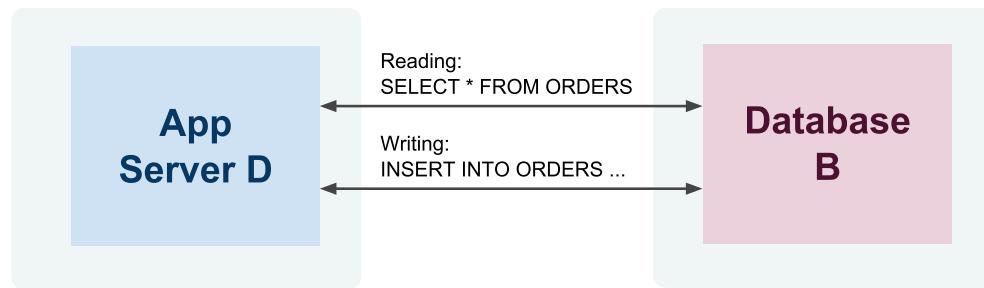
# Integration and Interoperability

- Integration
  - *A process of connecting applications so that they can exchange and share capabilities, that is — information and functionalities.*
  - *Includes methodological approaches as well as technologies*
- Interoperability
  - *Ability of two or more applications to understand each other*
  - *Interoperability levels*
    - *Data – syntax/structure and semantics*
    - *Functions/Processes – syntax and semantics*
    - *Technical aspects – protocols, network addresses, etc.*

# Integration Approaches Overview

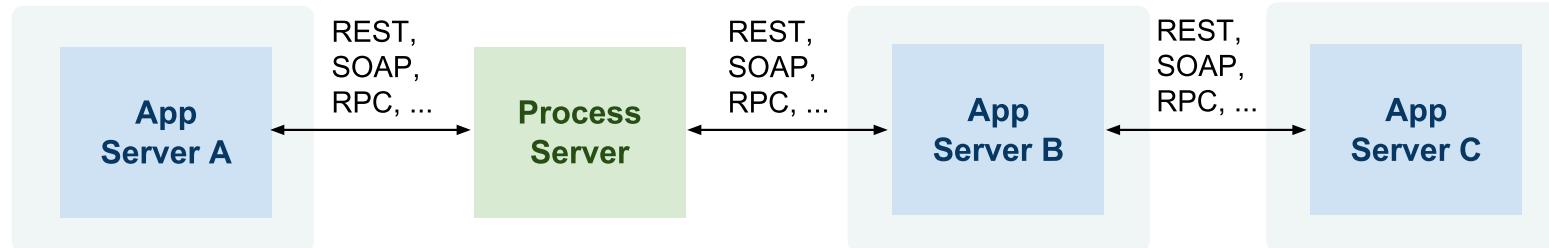


# Data-oriented Integration



- Third-party database access
  - *Application D accesses a database of application B directly by using SQL and a knowledge of database B structure and constraints*
  - *In the past: monolithic and two-tier client/server architectures*
  - *Today: ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) technologies*
- Problems
  - *App D must understand complex structures and constraints*
    - *Data – very complex, includes structure and integrity constraints*
    - *Functions/processes – hidden in integrity constraints*
    - *Technical – access mechanisms can vary*

# Service-oriented Integration



- Integration at the application layer
  - *Application exposes services that other applications consume*
  - *Services hide implementation details but only define interfaces for integration*
- Problems
  - *Can become unmanageable if not properly designed*
  - *Interoperability*
    - *Data – limited to input and output messages only*
    - *Functions/processes – limited to semantics of services*
    - *Technical – access mechanisms can vary*

# Integration and Types of Data

- Transactional data – Web services
  - *Service-oriented integration*
  - *online, realtime communication between a client and a service*
  - *Usually small amount of data and small amount of service invocation in a process*
- Bulk data – ETL
  - *Data-oriented integration*
  - *processing of large amount of data in batches*
- **ESB provides both Web service and ETL capabilities**

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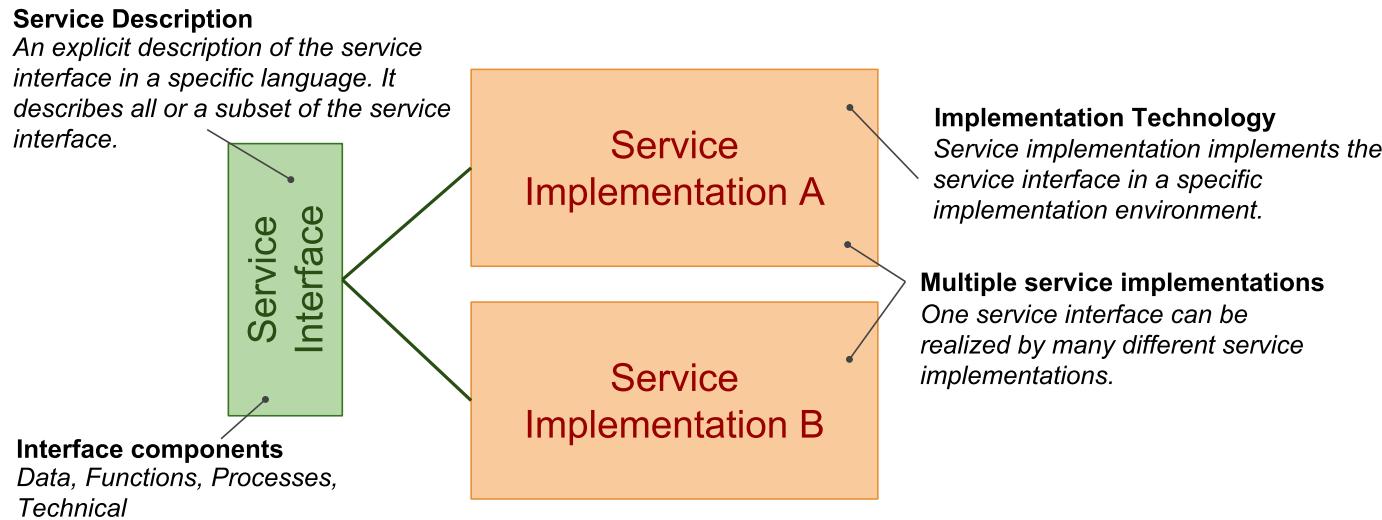
# Web Service Architecture

- Web Service Architecture
  - *Defined by W3C in Web Service Architecture Working Group Note* [↗](#)
  - *Defines views*
    - message-oriented view (*WSDL and SOAP*)
    - resource-oriented view (*REST and HTTP*)
  - *Defines architecture entities and their interactions*
    - Abstraction over underlying technology
    - Basis for service usage processes and description languages
- Service Oriented Architecture
  - *Collection of tools, methods and technologies*
  - *There is some implicit understanding of SOA in the community such as*
    - SOA provides advances over Enterprise Application Integration
    - SOA is realized by using *SOAP, WSDL, (and UDDI) technologies*
    - SOA utilizes *Enterprise Service Bus (ESB)*
  - ⇒ ~ a realization of Web Service Architecture message-oriented view

# Service

- Difficult to agree on one definition
- Business definition
  - *A service realizes an effect that brings a business value to a service consumer*  
→ *for example, to pay for and deliver a book*
- Conceptual definition
  - *service characteristics*  
→ *encapsulation, reusability, loose coupling, contracting, abstraction, discoverability, compositability*
- Logical definition
  - *service interface, description and implementation*
  - *service usage process*  
→ *service use tasks, service types*
- Architectural definition
  - *business service (also application service)*  
→ *external, exposed functionality of an application*
  - *infrastructure service*  
→ *internal/technical, supports processing of requests*

# Interface, Description and Implementation



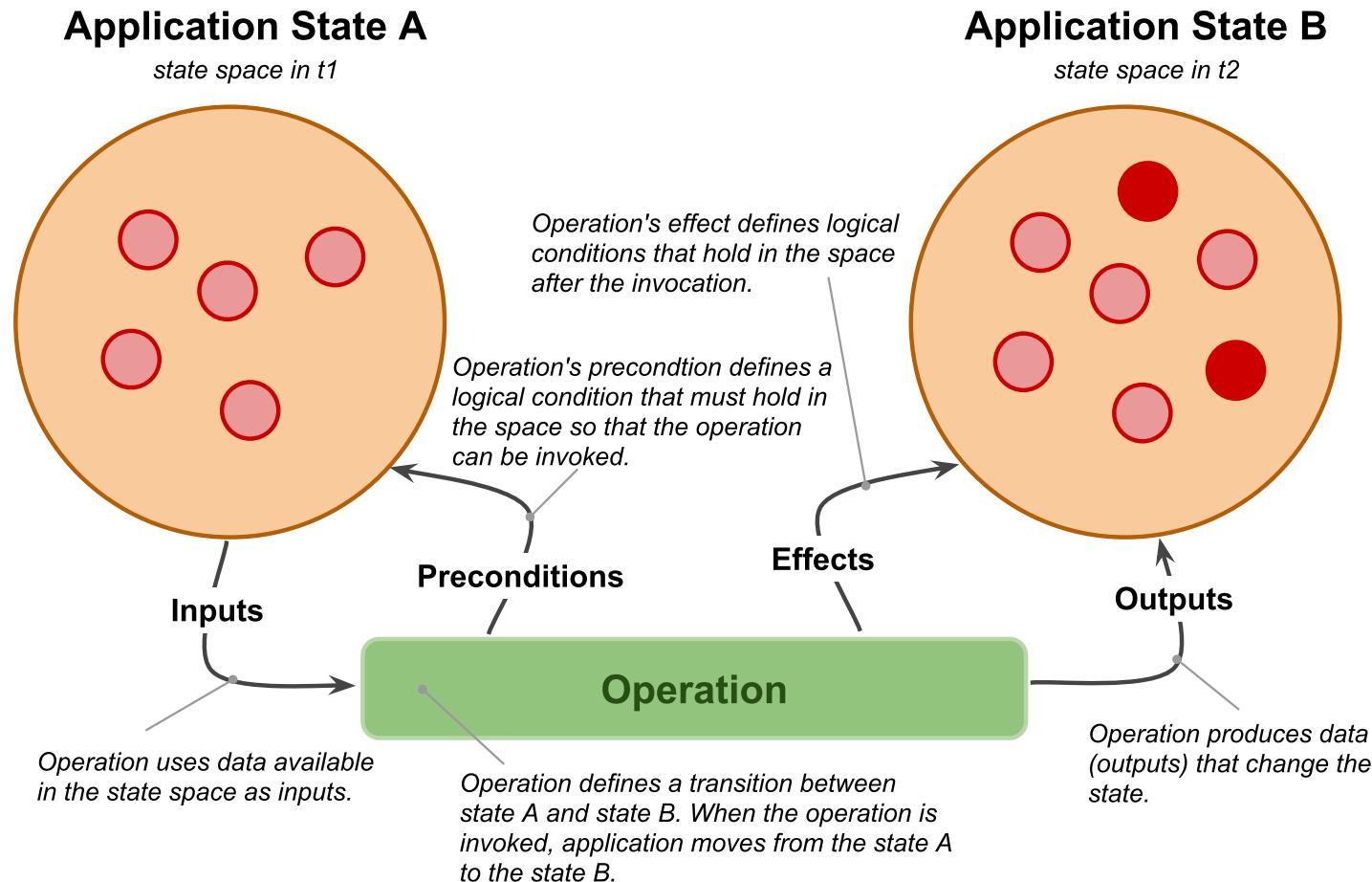
- Terminology clarification
  - *service* ~ *service interface + service implementation*
  - *WSDL service* ~ *service description in WSDL language*
  - *SOAP service* ~ *a service interface is possible to access through SOAP protocol; there is a WSDL description usually available too.*
  - *REST/RESTful service* ~ *service interface that conforms to REST architectural style and HTTP protocol*

# Service Interface

- Service interface components
  - *Data*
    - *Data model definition used by the service*
    - *for example, input and output messages, representation of resources*
  - *Functions*
    - *operations and input and output data used by operations*
  - *Process*
    - *public process: how to consume the service's functionality*
    - *orchestration: realization of the service's functionality by its implementation*
  - *Technical*
    - *security, usage aspects (SLA-Service Level Agreement)*
    - *other technical details such as IP addresses, ports, protocols, etc.*

# Public Process

- A state diagram
  - *operation of a service defines a state transition between two states.*



# Service Characteristics

## Loose Coupling

The requester agent's implementation is independent from service usage. That is, there is no "hard-wired" knowledge required to use the service.

## Reusability

The service can be used in many different scenarios by different requester agents that are unforeseen during the service design.

## Encapsulation

The provider agent implementation is hidden to the requester agent accessing the service. The requester agent only knows the service interface to consume its functionality.

## Contracting

The service interface is a contract between the requester and the provider. They both agree to follow the service description in order to achieve interoperability.

## Abstraction

Service interface is abstracted from underlying service implementation as well as all software and hardware technology.

## Discoverability

Requester can discover the service interface and decide how to use it.

## Composability

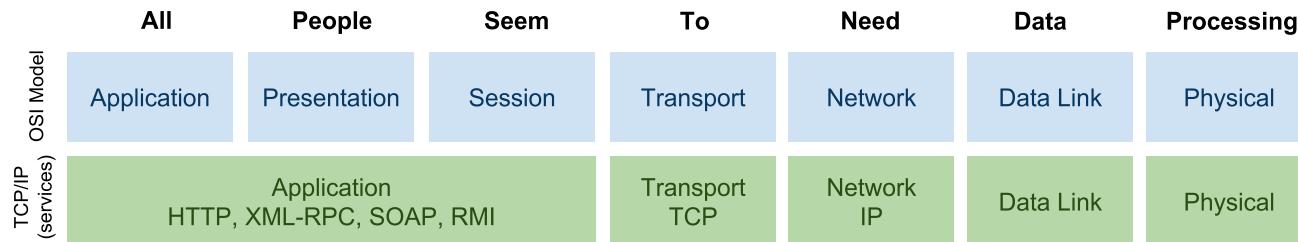
It is possible to compose services into more complex processes. Such processes can again be accessed as services.

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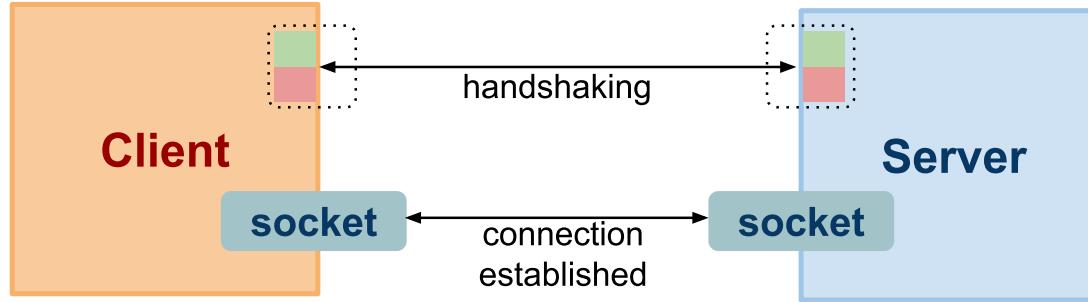
# Application Protocols

- Remember this



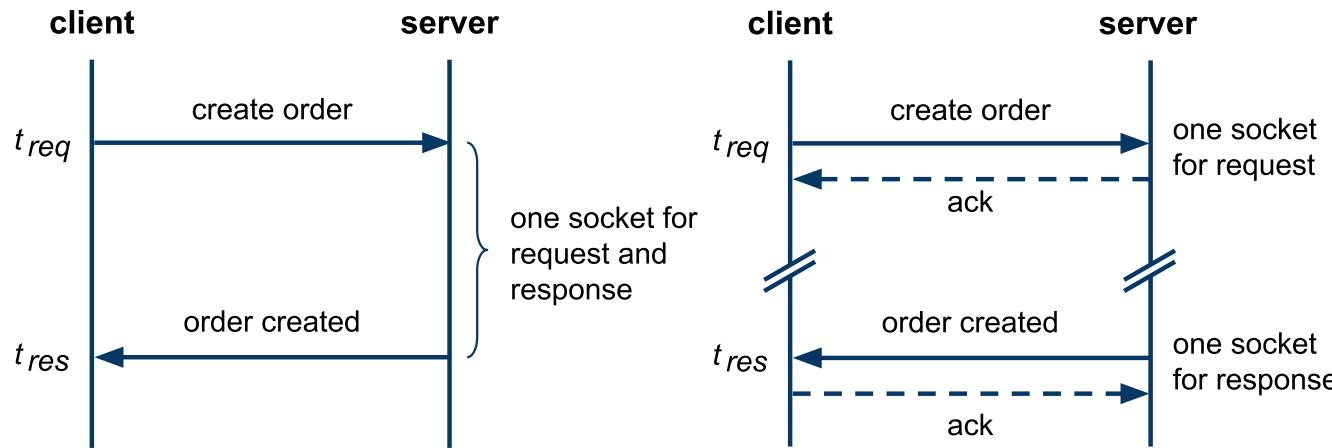
- App protocols mostly on top of the TCP Layer
  - *use TCP socket for communication*
- Major protocols
  - *HTTP – most of the app protocols layered on HTTP*
    - wide spread, but: *implementors often break HTTP semantics*
  - *RMI – Remote Method Invocation*
    - Java-specific, rather interface
    - may use HTTP underneath (among other things)
  - *XML-RPC – Remote Procedure Call and SOAP*
    - Again, *HTTP underneath*
  - *WebSocket – new protocol part of HTML5*

# Socket



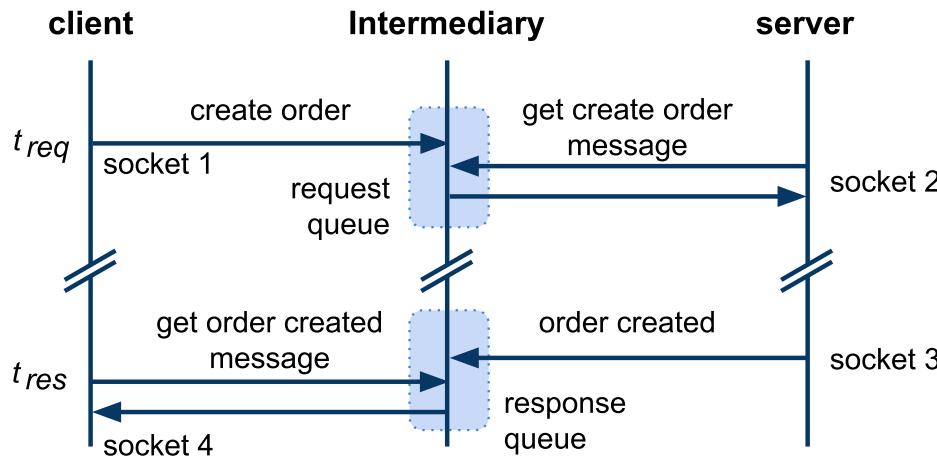
- Handshaking (connection establishment)
  - *The server listens at [dst\_ip,dsp\_port]*
  - *Three-way handshake:*
    - *the client at [src\_ip,src\_port] sends a connection request*
    - *the server responds*
    - *the client acknowledges the response, can send data along*
  - *Result is a socket (virtual communication channel) with unique identification:*  
 $\text{socket}=[\text{src\_ip}, \text{src\_port}; \text{dst\_ip}, \text{dst\_port}]$
- Data transfer (resource usage)
  - *Client/server writes/reads data to/from the socket*
  - *TCP features: reliable delivery, correct order of packets, flow control*
- Connection close

# Synchronous and Asynchronous Communication



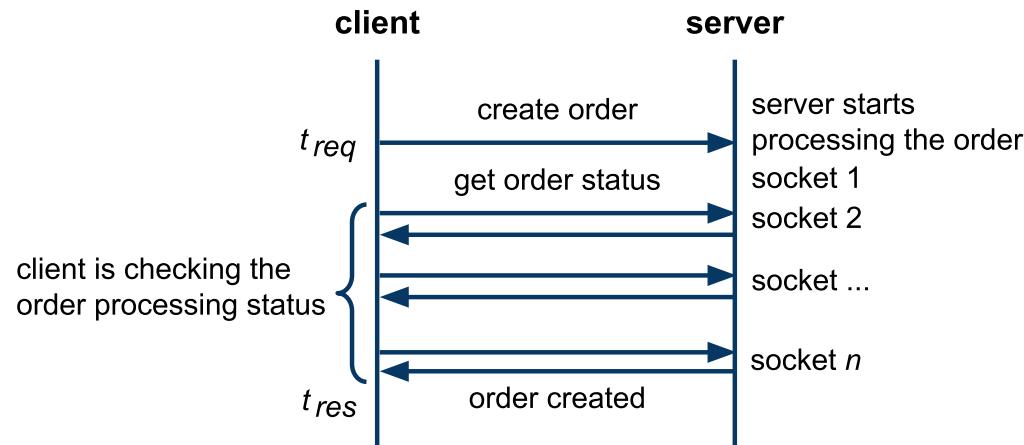
- Synchronous
  - one socket,  $|t_{req} - t_{res}|$  is small
  - easy to implement and deploy, only standard firewall config
  - only the server defines endpoint
- Asynchronous
  - request, response each has socket, client and server define endpoints
  - $|t_{req} - t_{res}|$  can be large (hours, even days)
  - harder to do across network elements (private/public networks issue)

# Asynchronous via Intermediary



- **Intermediary**
  - *A component that decouples a client-server communication*
  - *It increases reliability and performance*
    - *The server may not be available when a client sends a request*
    - *There can be multiple servers that can handle the request*
- **Further Concepts**
  - *Message Queues (MQ) – queue-based communication*
  - *Publish/Subscribe (P/S) – event-driven communication*

# Asynchronous via Polling

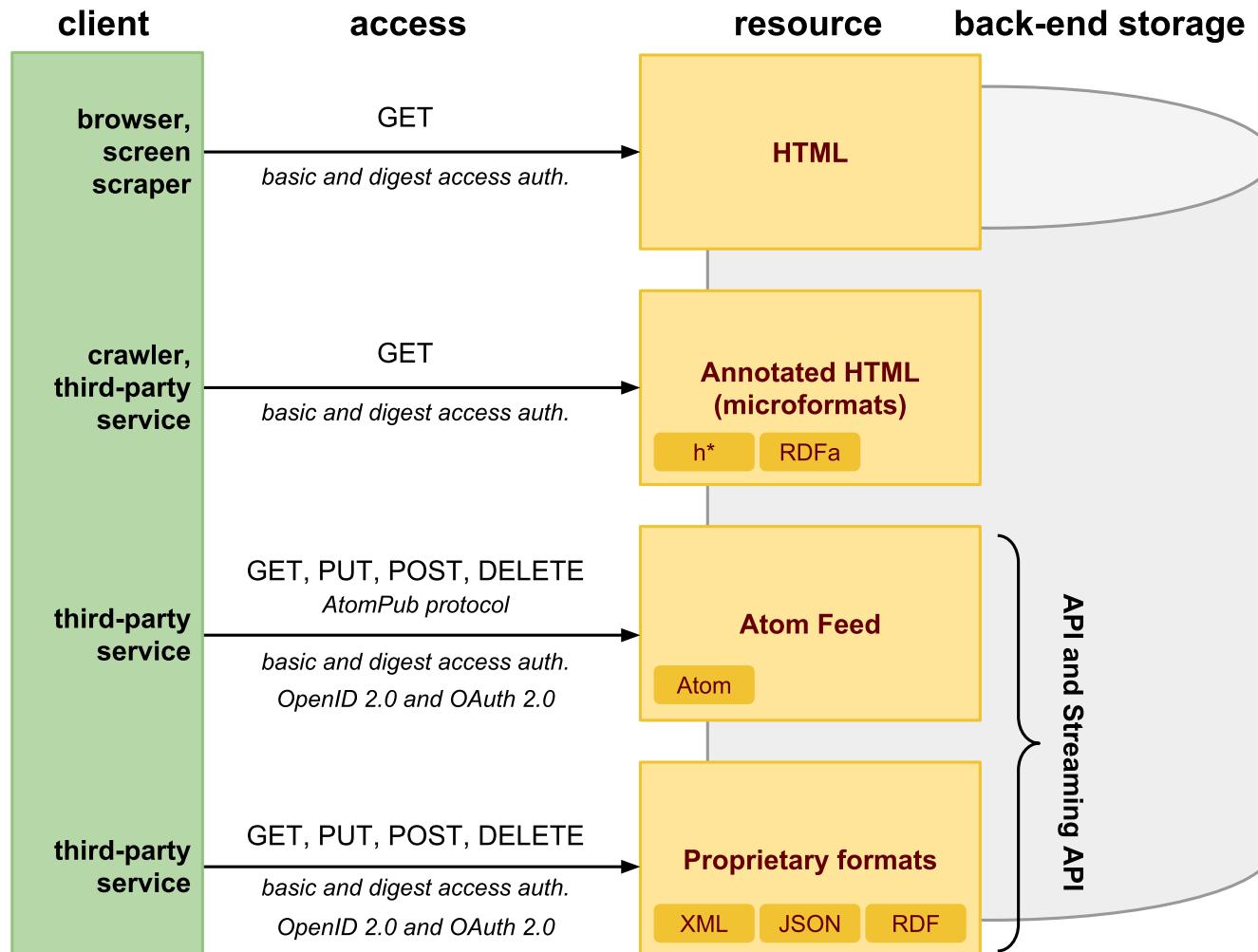


- Polling – only clients open sockets
  - *A client performs multiple request-response interactions*
    - *The first interaction initiates a process on the server*
    - *Subsequent interactions check for the processing status*
    - *The last interaction retrieves the processing result*
- Properties of environments
  - *A server cannot open a socket with the client (network restrictions)*
  - *Typically on the Web (a client runs in a browser)*

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# Data on the Web



# REST

- REST
  - *Representational State Transfer*
- Architecture Style
  - *Roy Fielding – co-author of HTTP*
  - *He coined REST in his PhD thesis* ↗.
    - *The thesis abstracts from HTTP technical details*
    - *HTTP is one of the REST implementation* → **RESTful**
    - *REST is a leading programming model for Web APIs*
- REST (RESTful) proper design
  - *people break principles often*
  - *See REST Anti-Patterns* ↗ *for some details.*
- REST and Web Service Architecture
  - *REST is a realization of WSA resource-oriented model*

# REST and Web Architecture

- Tim-Berners Lee
  - *"creator", father of the Web*
- Key Principles
  - *Separation of Concerns*  
→ *enables independent innovation*
  - *Standards-based*  
→ *common agreement, big spread and adoption*
  - *Royalty-free technology*  
→ *a lot of open source, no fees*
- Architectural Basis
  - ***Identification:*** *universal linking of resources using URI*
  - ***Interaction:*** *protocols to retrieve resources – HTTP*
  - ***Formats:*** *resource representation (data and metadata)*

# HTTP Advantages

- Familiarity
  - *HTTP protocol is well-known and widely used*
- Interoperability
  - *All environments have HTTP client libraries*
    - *technical interoperability is thus no problem*
    - *no need to deal with vendor-specific interoperability issues*
  - *You can focus on the core of the integration problem*
    - *application (domain, content) interoperability*
- Scalability
  - *you can use highly scalable Web infrastructure*
    - *caching servers, proxy servers, etc.*
  - *HTTP features such as HTTP GET idempotence and safe allow you to use caching*

# REST Core Principles

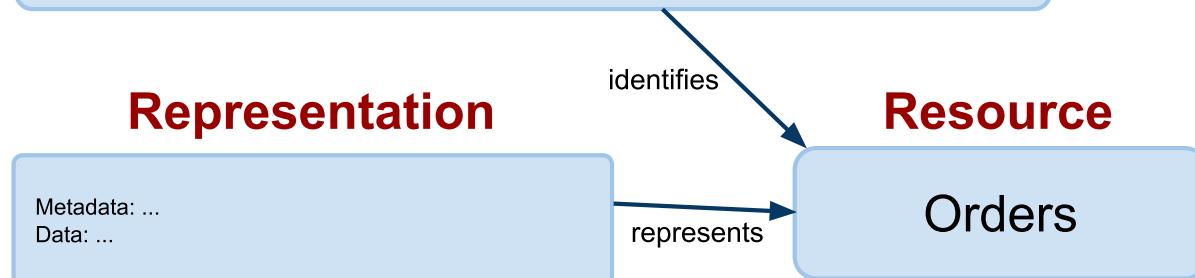
- REST architectural style defines constraints
  - *if you follow them, they help you to achieve a good design, interoperability and scalability.*
- Constraints
  - *Client/Server*
  - *Statelessness*
  - *Cacheability*
  - *Layered system*
  - *Uniform interface*
- Guiding principles
  - *Identification of resources*
  - *Representations of resources and self-descriptive messages*
  - *Hypermedia as the engine of application state (HATEOAS)*

# Resource

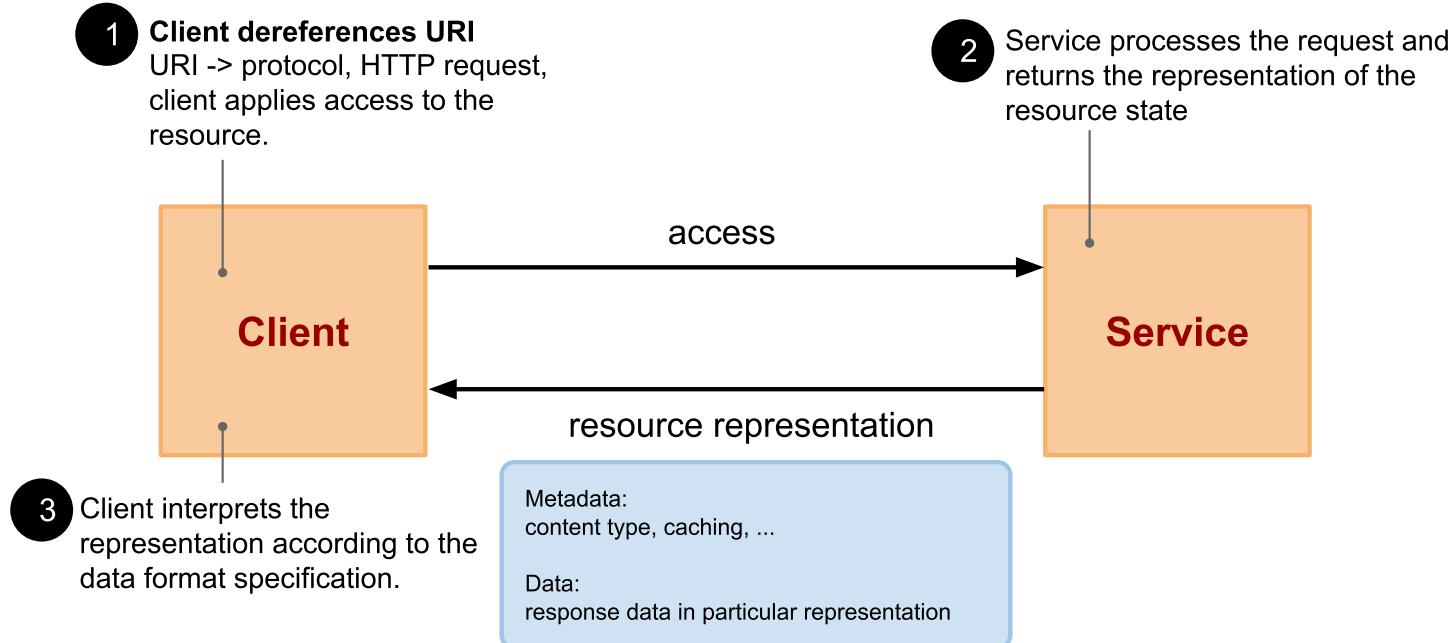
- A resource can be anything such as
  - *A real object: car, dog, Web page, printed document*
  - *An abstract thing such as address, name, etc. → RDF*
- A resource in REST
  - *A resource corresponds to one or more entities of a data model*
  - *A representation of a resource can be conveyed in a message electronically (information resource)*
  - *A resource has an identifier and a representation and a client can apply an access to it*

## Uniform Resource Identifier

`http://www.company.com/tomas/orders`



# Access to a Resource



- Terminology
  - *Client = User Agent*
  - **Dereferencing URI** – *a process of obtaining a protocol from the URI and creating a request.*
  - **Access** – *a process of sending a request and obtaining a response as a result; access usually realized through HTTP.*

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# URI, URL, URN

- URI – Uniform Resource Identifier
  - *URI only identifies a resource*  
→ *it does not imply the resource physically exists*
  - *URI could be URL (locator) or URN (name)*
- URL – Uniform Resource Locator
  - *in addition allows to locate the resource*  
→ *that is — its network location*
  - *every URL is URI but an URI does not need to be URL*
- URN – Uniform Resource Name
  - *refers to URI under "urn" scheme (RFC 2141 [↗](#))*
  - *require to be globally unique and persistent*  
→ *even if the resource cease to exist/becomes unavailable*

# URI

- Definition

```
URI = scheme ":" [ "//" authority ] [ "/" path ] [ "?" query ] [ "#" frag ]
```

- Hierarchical sequence of components

- **scheme**

- refers to a spec that assigns IDs within that scheme

- examples: **http**, **ftp**, **mailto**, **urn**

- **scheme != protocol**

- **authority**

- registered name (domain name) or server address

- optional port and user

- **path and query**

- identify resource within the scheme and authority scope

- path – hierarchical form

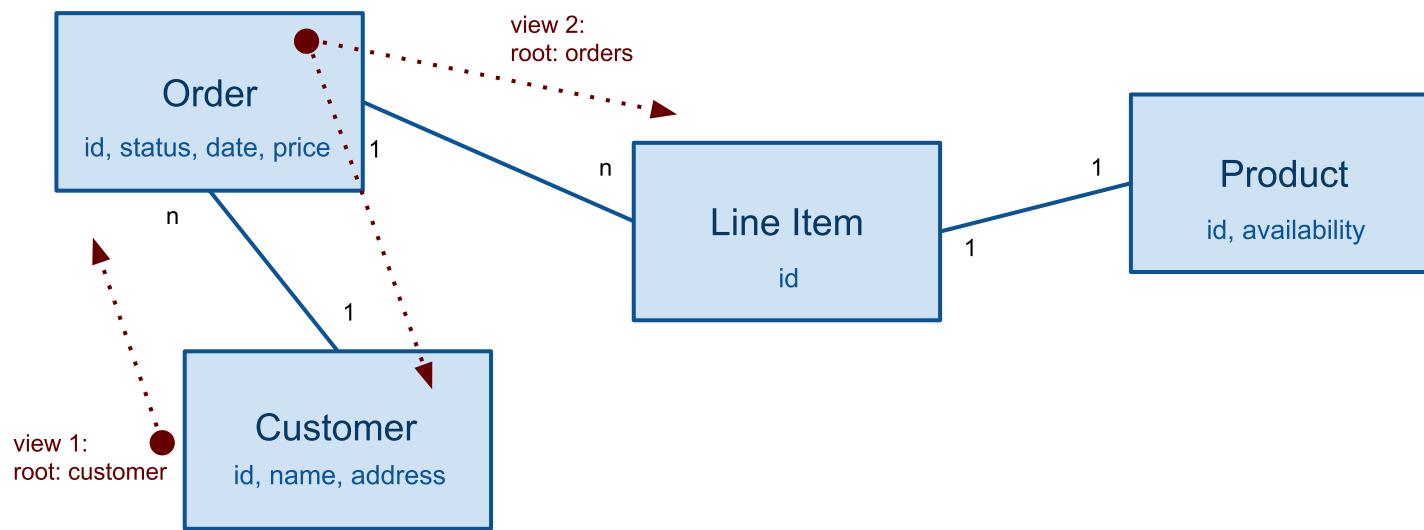
- query – non-hierarchical form (parameters key=value)

- **fragment**

- reference to a secondary resource within the primary resource

# Resources over Entities

- Application's data model
  - *Entities and properties that the app uses for its data*



- URI identifies a resource within the app's data model
  - **path** – a "view" on the data model
    - data model is a graph
    - URI identifies a resource using a path in a tree with some root

# Examples of Views

- View 1
  - *all customers*: /customers
  - *a particular customer*: /customers/{customer-id}
  - *All orders of a customer*: /customers/{customer-id}/orders
  - *A particular order*: /customers/{customer-id}/orders/{order-id}
- View 2
  - *all orders*: /orders
  - *All orders of a customer*: /orders/{customer-id}
  - *A particular order*: /orders/{customer-id}/{order-id}
- ⇒ Design issues
- Good design practices
  - *No need for 1:1 relationship between resources and data entities*
    - *A resource may aggregate data from two or more entities*
    - *Thus only expose resources if it makes sense for the service*
  - *Try to limit URI aliases, make it simple and clear*

# Path vs. Query

- Path
  - *Hierarchical component, a view on the data*
  - *The main identification of the resource*
- Query
  - *Can define selection, projection or other processing instructions*
  - *Selection*
    - *filters entries of a resource by values of properties*
    - `/customers/?status=valid`
  - *Projection*
    - *filters properties of resource entries*
    - `/customers/?properties=id,name`
  - *Processing instructions examples*
    - *data format of the resource → cf. URI opacity*
    - `/customers/?format=JSON`
    - *Access keys such as API keys*
    - `/customers/?key=3ae56-56ef76-34540aeb`

# Fragment

- Primary resource
  - *Defined by URI path and query*
  - *could be complex, composed resources*
- Sub-resource/secondary resource
  - *Can be defined by a fragment*
  - *No explicit relationship between primary and sub-resource*
    - *For example, we cannot infer that the two resources are in part-of, or sub-class-of relationships.*
  - *Fragment semantics defined by a data format*
- Usage of fragment
  - *identification of elements in HTML*
  - *URI references in RDF*
  - *State of an application in a browser*

# Fragment Semantics

- Fragment semantics for HTML
  - assume that `orders.html` are in `HTML` format.

1 | `http://company.com/tomas/orders.html#3456`

⇒ there is a `HTML` element with `id=3456`

- But:
  - Consider `orders` resource in `application/xml`

```
1 | <orders>
2 |   <order id="3456">...</order>
3 |   ...
4 | </orders>
```

- Can't say that `http://company.com/tomas/orders.xml#3456` identifies an `order` element within the `orders` resource.
- `application/xml` content type does not define fragment semantics

# Resource ID vs. Resource URI

- Resource ID
  - *Local ID, part of an entity in a data model*
  - *Unique within an application where the resource belongs*
  - *Usually generated on a server (cf. PUT to update and insert)*
  - *Exposed to the resource URI as a path element*  
*/orders/{order-id}*
- Resource URI
  - *Global identifier, valid on the whole Web*
  - *Corresponds to the view on the data model of the app*
  - *Include multiple higher-level resources' IDs*
  - *Example:*  
*/customers/{customer-id}/orders/{order-id}/*
  - *There can be more URIs identifying the same resource*

# Major characteristics

- Capability URL
  - *Short lived URL generated for a specific purpose*
  - *For example, an user e-mail verification*
- URI Alias
  - *Two URIs identifying the same resource*
- URI Collision
  - *Two URIs identifying the same resource (misuse of an URI authority)*
- URI Opacity
  - *Content type encoded as part of an URI*
  - <http://www.example.org/customers.xml>
- Resource versions encoded in an URI
  - *Two URIs identifying the same resource of different versions*
  - <http://www.example.org/v1/customers.xml>
- Persistent URL
  - *URL is valid even when the resource is obsolete*
  - *For example, a redirection should be in place*

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# Representation and Data Format

- Representation
  - *Various languages, one resource can have multiple representations*
    - XML, HTML, JSON, YAML, RDF, ...
    - *should conform to Internet Media Types*
- Data format
  - *Format of resource data*
  - *Binary format*
    - *specific data structures*
    - *pointers, numeric values, compressed, etc.*
  - *Textual format*
    - *in a defined encoding as a sequence of characters*
    - *HTML, XML-based formats are textual*

# Metadata

- Metadata ~ self-description
  - *Data about the resource*
  - *e.g., data format, representation, date the resource was created, ...*
    1. *Defined by HTTP response headers*
    2. *Can be part of the data format*
      - *Atom Syndication Format such as author, updated, ...*
      - *HTML http-equiv meta tags*
- Resource anatomy



# Content-Type Metadata

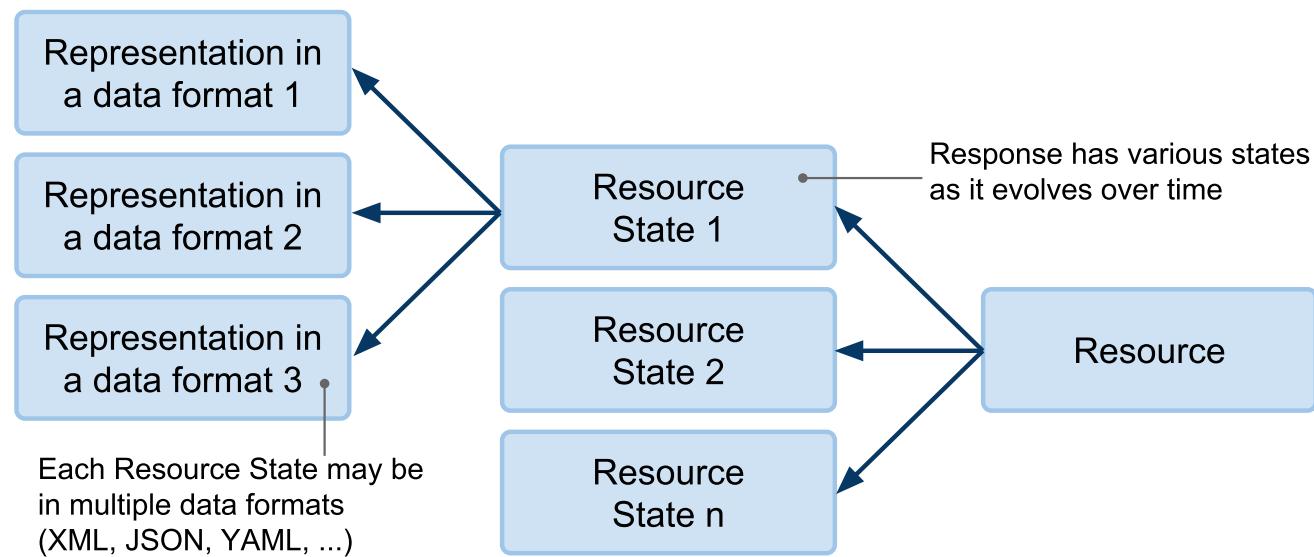
- Access
  - *to be retrieved (GET)*
  - *to be inserted or updated (PUT, POST)*
  - *to be deleted (DELETE)*
- Request
  - *HTTP header **Accept**, part of content negotiation protocol*
- Response
  - *HTTP header **Content-Type: type/subtype; parameters***
  - *Specifies an Internet Media Type [↗](#) of the resource representation.*
    - *IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) manages a registry of media types [↗](#) and character encodings*
    - *subtypes of **text** type have an optional charset parameter **text/html; charset=iso-8859-1***
  - *A resource may provide more than one representations*
    - *promotes services' loose coupling*

# Major Media Types

- Common Standard Media Types
  - **text/plain**  
→ *natural text in no formal structures*
  - **text/html**  
→ *natural text embedded in HTML format*
  - **application/xml, application/json**  
→ *XML-based/JSON-based, application specific format*
  - **application/wsdl+xml**  
→ *+xml suffix to indicate a specific format*
- Non-standard media types
  - *Types or subtypes that begin with x- are not in IANA*  
**application/x-latex**
  - *subtypes that begin with vnd. are vendor-specific*  
**application/vnd.ms-excel**

# Resource State

- State
  - *Resource representation is in fact a representation of a resource state*
  - *Resource may be in different states over time*



- In REST resource states represent application states

# Resource State Example

- Time **t1**: client A retrieves a resource `/orders` (GET)

```
1 | <orders>
2 |   <order id="54467"/>
3 |   <order id="65432"/>
4 | </orders>
```

- Time **t2**: client B adds a new order (POST)

```
1 | <order>
2 | ...
3 | </order>
```

- Time **t3**: client A retrieves a resource `/orders` (GET)

```
1 | <orders>
2 |   <order id="54467"/>
3 |   <order id="65432"/>
4 |   <order id="74567"/>
5 | </orders>
```

- The resource `/orders` has different states in **t1** and **t3**.

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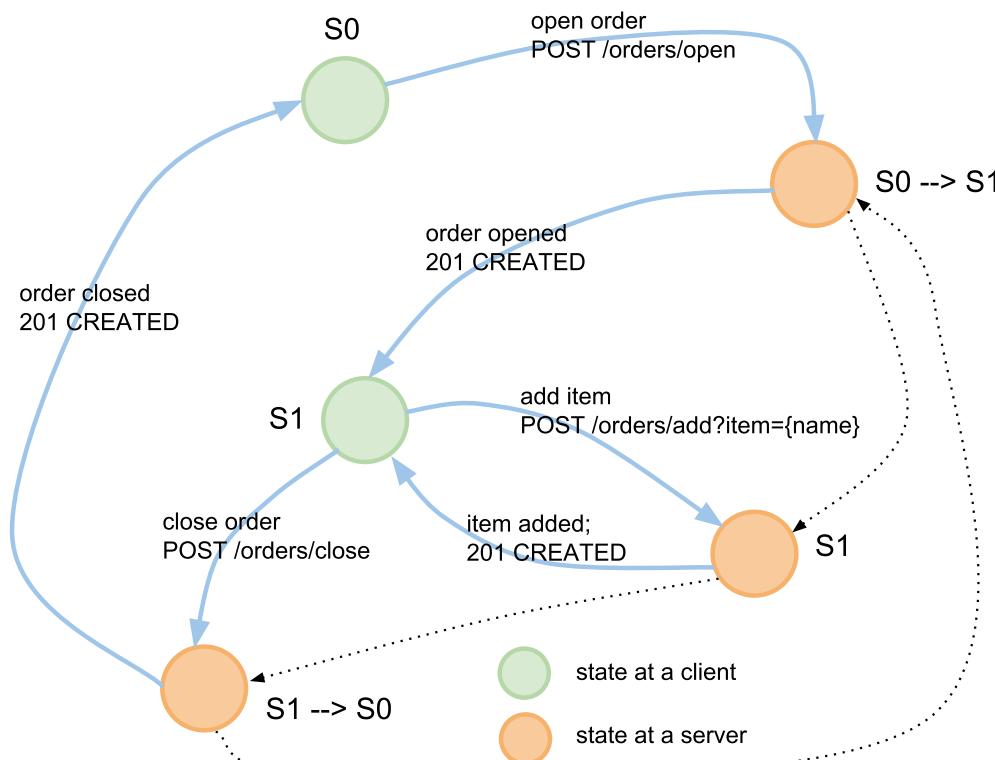
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# HATEOAS

- HATEOAS = Hypertext as the Engine for Application State
  - *The REST core principle*
  - ***Hypertext***
    - *Hypertext is a representation of a resource with links*
    - *A link is an URI of a resource*
    - *Applying an access to a resource via its link = state transition*
- Statelessness
  - *A service does not use a memory to remember a state*
  - *HATEOAS enables stateless implementation of services*

# Stateful server

- Sessions to store the application state
  - *The app uses a server memory to remember the state*
  - *When the server restarts, the app state is lost*

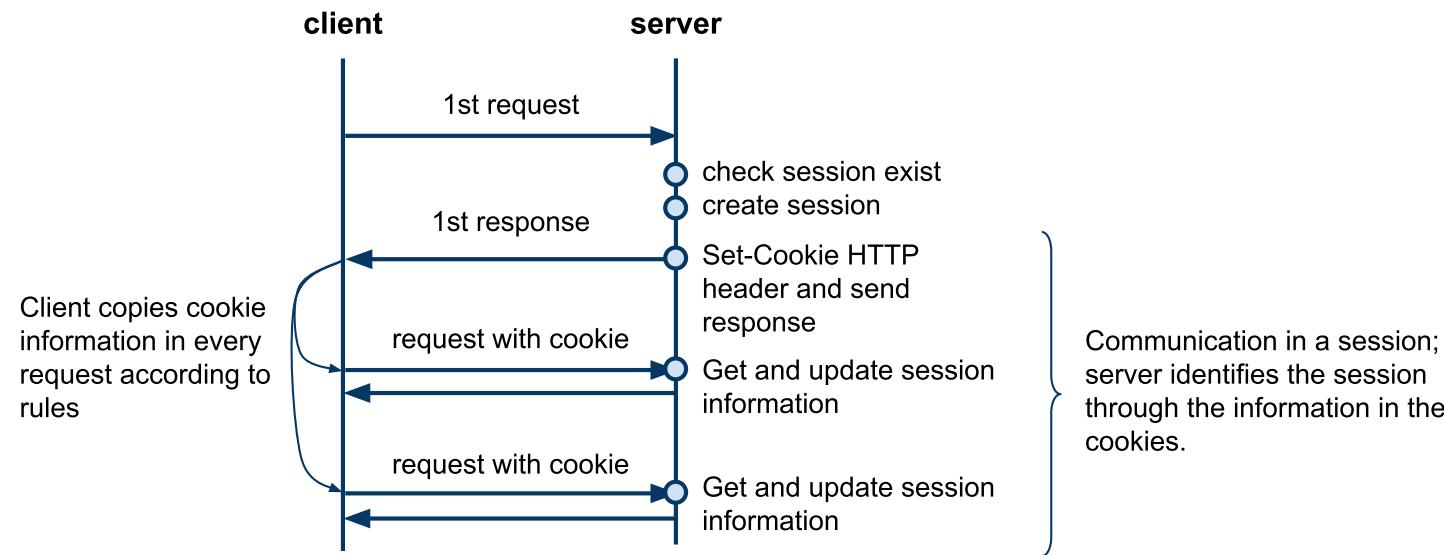


# State Management

- HTTP is a stateless protocol – original design
  - *No information to relate multiple interactions at server-side*
    - Except **Authorization** header is copied in every request
    - IP addresses do not work, one public IP can be shared by multiple clients
- Solutions to check for a valid state at server-side
  - **Cookies** – *obvious and the most common workaround*
    - RFC 2109 – *HTTP State Management Mechanism* ↗
    - Allow clients and servers to talk in a context called **sessions**
  - **Hypertext** – *original HTTP design principle*
    - App states represented by resources (*hypermedia*), links define transitions between states
    - Adopted by the REST principle **statelessness**

# Interaction with Cookies

- Request-response interaction with cookies
  - *Session is a logical channel maintained by the server*



- Stateful Server
  - *Server remembers the session information in a server memory*
  - *Server memory is a non-persistent storage, when server restarts the memory content is lost!*

# Set-Cookie and Cookie Headers

- **Set-Cookie** response header

```
1 | set-cookie = "Set-Cookie:" cookie ("," cookie)*
2 |   cookie    = NAME "=" VALUE (";" cookie-av)*
3 |   cookie-av = "Comment" "=" value
4 |         | "Domain" "=" value
5 |         | "Max-Age" "=" value
6 |         | "Path" "=" value
```

- **domain** – a domain for which the cookie is applied
- **Max-Age** – number of seconds the cookie is valid
- **Path** – URL path for which the cookie is applied

- **Cookie** request header. A client sends the cookie in a request if:

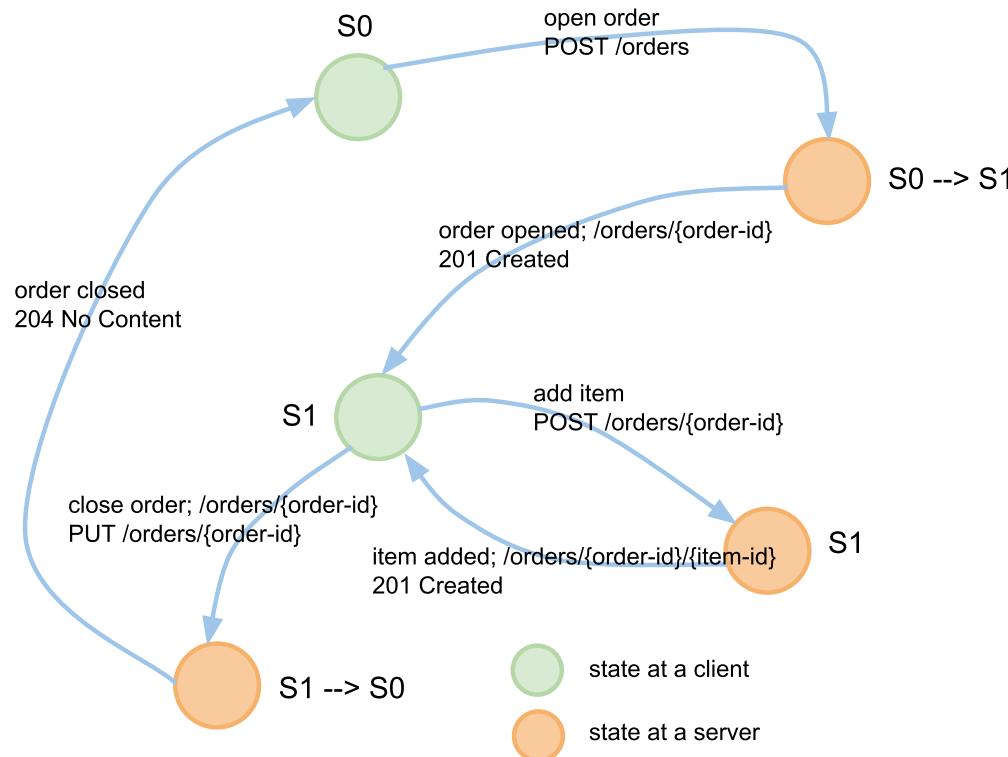
- **domain** matches the origin server's fully-qualified host name
- **path** matches a prefix of the request-URI
- **Max-Age** has not expired

```
1 | cookie  = "Cookie:" cookie-value (";" cookie-value)*
2 |   cookie-value    = NAME "=" VALUE [";" path] [";" domain]
3 |   path            = "$Path" "=" value
4 |   domain          = "$Domain" "=" value
```

- **domain**, and **path** are values from corresponding attributes of the **Set-Cookie** header

# Stateless server

- HTTP and hypermedia to transfer the app state
  - Does not use a server memory to remember the app state
  - State transferred between a client and a service via HTTP metadata and resources' representations

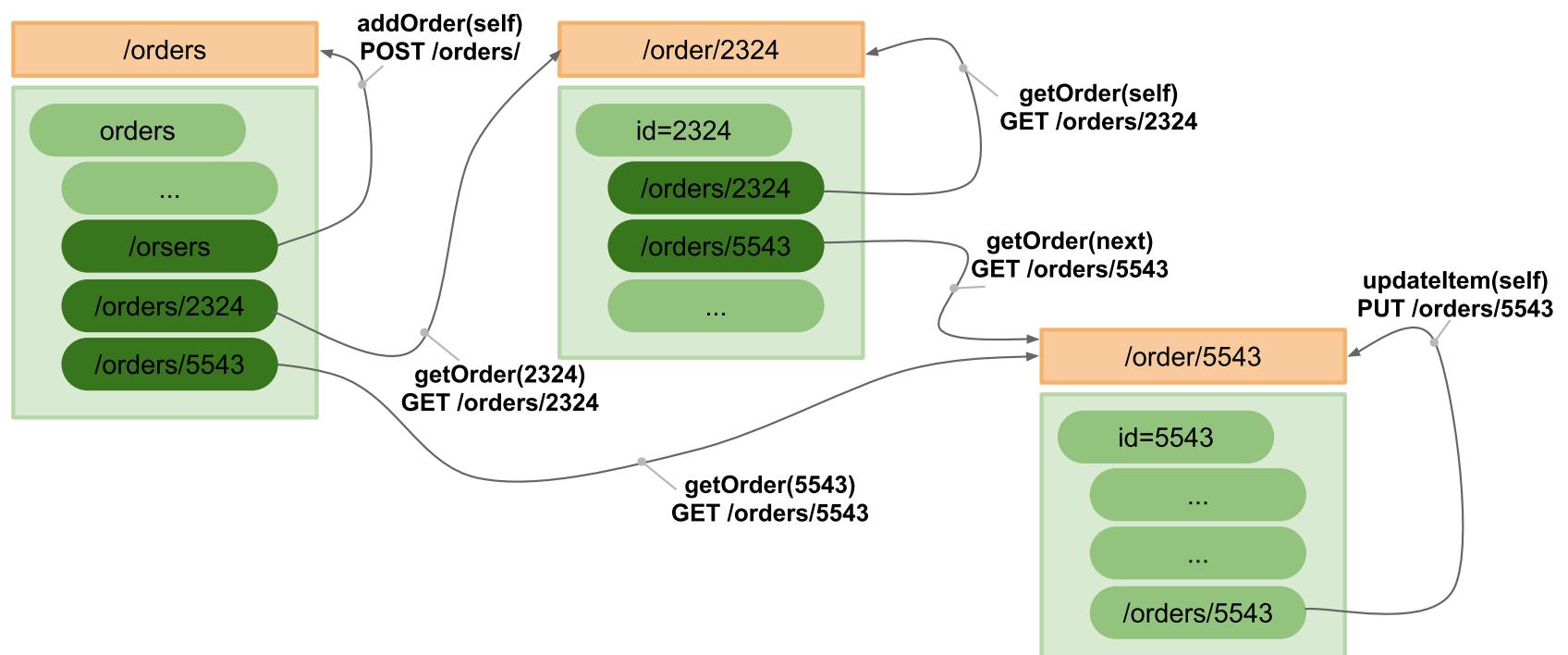


# Persistent Storage and Session Memory

- Persistent Storage
  - *Contains the app data*
  - *Data is serialized into resource representation formats*
  - *All sessions may access the data via resource IDs*
- Session Memory
  - *Server memory that contains a state of the app*
  - *A session may only access its session memory*
  - *Access through cookies*
  - *Note*
    - *A session memory may be implemented via a persistent storage (such as in Google AppEngine)*

# Link

- Service operation
  - Applying an access to a link (*GET, PUT, POST, DELETE*)
  - Link: *HTTP method + resource URI + optional link semantics*
- Example: **getOrder**, **addOrder**, and **updateItem**



# Atom Links

- Atom Syndication Format
  - *XML-based document format; Atom feeds*
  - *Atom links becoming popular for RESTful applications*

```
1 <order a:xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom" xmlns="...">
2   <a:link
3     rel="next"
4     href="http://company.com/orders/5543"
5     type="application/xml"/>
6   <customer>Tomas</customer>
7   <items>...</items>
8 </order>
```

- *Link structure*

**rel** – *name of the link*

~ *semantics of an operation behind the link*

**href** – *URI to the resource described by the link*

**type** – *media type of the resource the link points to*

# Link Semantics

- Standard **rel** values
  - *Navigations: next, previous, self*
  - *Does not reflect a HTTP method you can use*
- Extension **rel** values
  - *You can use rel to indicate a semantics of an operation*
  - *Example: add item, delete order, update order, etc.*
  - *A client associates this semantics with an operation it may apply at a particular state*
  - *The semantics should be defined by using an URI*

```
1 <order a:xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom" xmlns="...">
2   <id>2324</id>
3   <a:link rel="http://company.com/op/addItem"
4     href="http://company.com/orders/2324"/>
5   <a:link rel="http://company.com/op/deleteOrder"
6     href="http://company.com/orders/2324"/>
7 </order>
```

# Link Headers

- An alternative to Atom links in resource representations
  - *links defined in HTTP Link header, Web Linking IETF spec* ↗
  - *They have the same semantics as Atom Links*
  - *Example:*

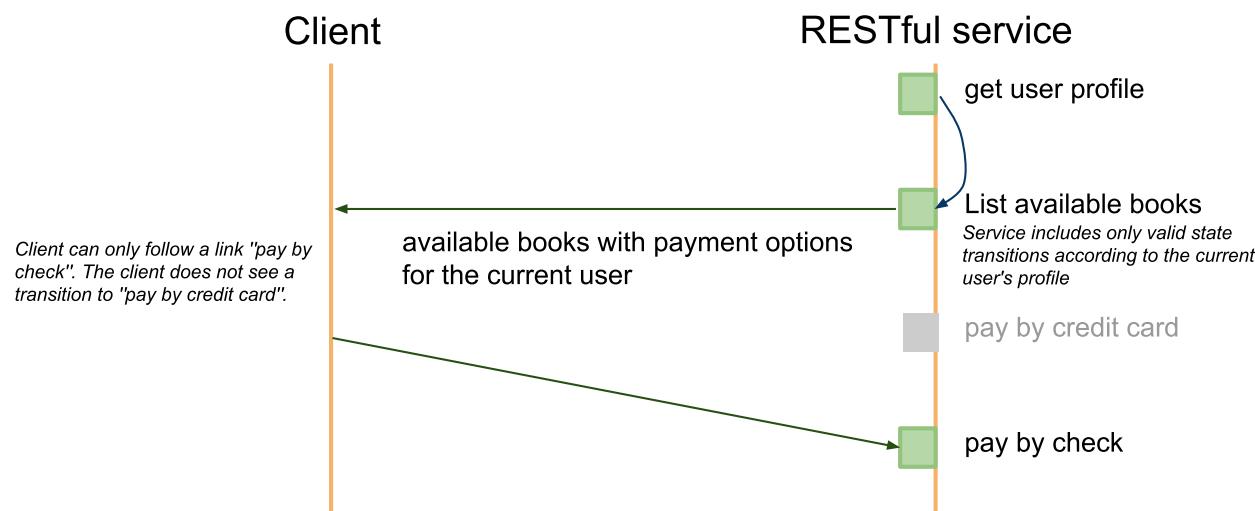
```
> HEAD /orders HTTP/1.1

< Content-Type: application/xml
< Link: <http://company.com/orders/?page=2&size=10>; rel="next"
< Link: <http://company.com/orders/?page=10&size=10>; rel="last"
```
- Advantages
  - *no need to get the entire document*
  - *no need to parse the document to retrieve links*
  - *use HTTP HEAD only*

# Preconditions and HATEOAS

- Preconditions in HATEOAS

- *Service in a current state generates only valid transitions that it includes in the representation of the resource.*
- *Transition logic is realized at the server-side*



# Advantages

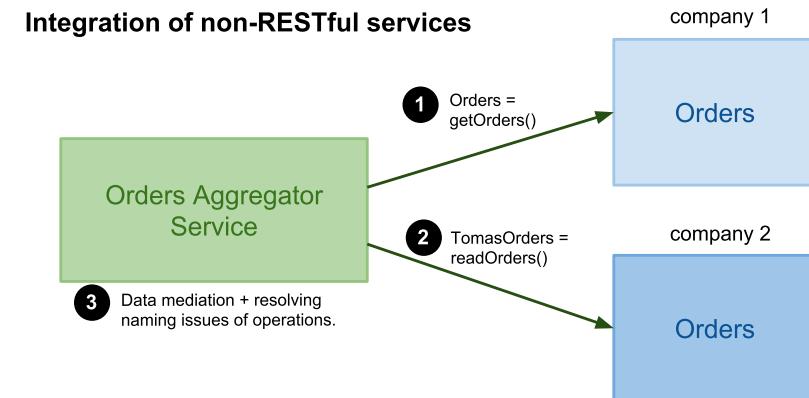
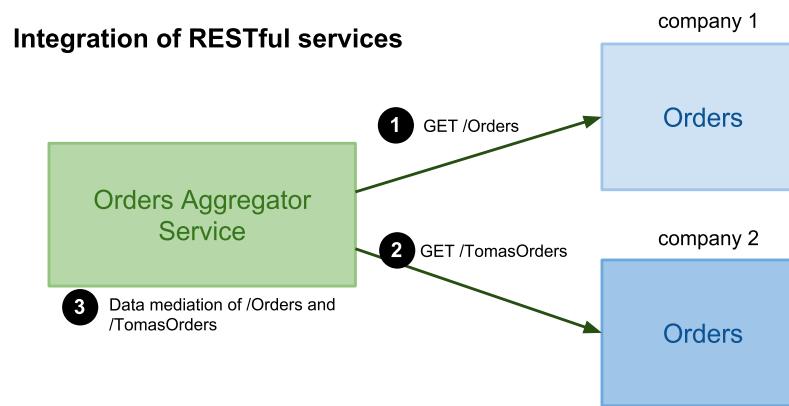
- Location transparency
  - *only "entry-level" links published to the World*
  - *other links within documents can change without changing client's logic*
  - *Hypertext represents the current user's view, i.e. rights or other context*
- Loose coupling
  - *no need for a logic to construct the links*
  - *Clients know to which states they can move via links*
- Statelessness and Cloud
  - *Better implementation of scalability*

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# Uniform Interface

- Uniform interface = finite set of operations
  - *Resource manipulation*
    - CRUD – Create (POST/PUT), Read (GET), Update (PUT/PATCH), Delete (DELETE)
  - *operations are not domain-specific*
    - For example, **GET /orders** and not **getOrders()**
    - This reduces complexity when solving interoperability
- Integration issues examples



# Safe and Unsafe Operations

- Safe operations
  - *Do not change the resource state*
  - *Usually "read-only" or "lookup" operation*
  - *Clients can cache the results and refresh the cache freely*
- Unsafe operations
  - *May change the state of the resource*
  - *Transactions such as buy a ticket, post a message*
  - *Unsafe does not mean dangerous!*
- Unsafe interactions and transaction results
  - **POST** response may include transaction results
    - *you buy a ticket and submit a purchase data*
    - *you get transaction results*
    - *and you cannot bookmark this..., why?*
  - *Should be referable with a persistent URI*

# Idempotence

- Idempotent operation
  - *Invoking a method on the same resource always has the same effect*
  - *Operations **GET, PUT, DELETE***
- Non-idempotent operation
  - *Invoking a method on the same resource may have different effects*
  - *Operation **POST***
- Effect = a state change
  - *recall the effect definition in MDW*

# GET

- Reading
  - **GET** retrieves a representation of a state of a resource

```
> GET /orders HTTP/1.1
> Accept: application/xml

< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Content-Type: application/xml
<
< ...resource representation in xml...
```

- It is read-only operation
- It is safe
- It is idempotent
- **GET** retrieves different states over time but the effect is always the same, cf. *resource state* hence it is idempotent.
- Invocation of **GET** involves content negotiation

# PUT

- Updating or Inserting
  - **PUT** *updates or inserts a representation of a state of a resource*
  - *Updating the resource is a **complete replacement of the resource***
    - > PUT /orders/4456 HTTP/1.1
    - > Content-Type: application/xml
    - >
    - > <**order**>...</**order**>
  
    - < HTTP/1.1 CODE
  - *where CODE is:*
    - **200 OK** or **204 No Content** *for updating: A resource with id 4456 exists, the client sends an updated resource*
    - **201 Created** *for inserting: A resource does not exist, the client generates the id 4456 and sends a representation of it.*
  - *It is **not safe** and it is **idempotent***

# PATCH

- PATCH to partial update a resource
  - IETF specification, see *PATCH Method for HTTP* [↗](#)
- Use in GData Protocol
  - To add, modify or delete selected elements of an Atom feed entry
  - Example to delete a description element and add a new title element

gd:**fields** uses the partial response syntax

```
1 PATCH /myFeed/1/1/
2 Content-Type: application/xml
3
4 <entry xmlns='http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom'
5   xmlns:gd='http://schemas.google.com/g/2005'
6   gd:fields='description'>
7   <title>New title</title>
8 </entry>
```

- Rules
  - Fields not already present are added
  - Non-repeating fields already present are updated
  - Repeating fields already present are appended

# POST

- Inserting
  - **POST** inserts a new resource
  - A server generates a new resource ID, client only supplies a content and a resource URI where the new resource will be inserted.

```
> POST /orders HTTP/1.1
> Content-Type: application/xml
>
> <order>...</order>

< HTTP/1.1 201 Created
< Location: /orders/4456
```
  - It is **not safe** and it is **not idempotent**
  - A client may "suggest" a resource's id using the **Slug** header  
→ Defined in AtomPub protocol 

# DELETE

- Deleting
  - **DELETE** deletes a resource with specified *URI*
    - > `DELETE /orders/4456 HTTP/1.1`
    - < `HTTP/1.1 CODE`
  - where *CODE* is:
    - **200 OK**: the response body contains an entity describing a result of the operation.
    - **204 No Content**: there is no response body.
  - It is **not safe** and it is **idempotent**
    - Multiple invocation of **DELETE /orders/4456** has always the same effect – the resource `/orders/4456` does not exist.

# Other

- HEAD
  - *same as **GET** but only retrieves HTTP headers*
  - *It is **safe** and **idempotent***
- OPTIONS
  - *queries the resource for resource configuration*
  - *It is **safe** and **idempotent***

# Types of Errors

- Client-side – status code **4xx**
  - **400 Bad Request**
    - *generic client-side error*
    - *invalid format, such as syntax or validation error*
  - **404 Not Found**
    - *server can't map URI to a resource*
  - **401 Unauthorized**
    - *wrong credentials (such as user/pass, or API key)*
    - *the response contains **WWW-Authenticate** indicating what kind of authentication the service accepts*
  - **405 Method Not Allowed**
    - *the resource does not support the HTTP method the client used*
    - *the response contains **Allow** header to indicate methods it supports*
  - **406 Not Acceptable**
    - *so many restrictions on acceptable content types (using **Accept-\***)*
    - *server cannot serialize the resource to requested content types*

# Types of Errors (Cont.)

- Server-side – status code **5xx**
  - **500 Internal Server Error**
    - *generic server-side error*
    - *usually not expressive, logs a message for system admins*
  - **503 Service Not Available**
    - *server is overloaded or is under maintenance*
    - *the response contains Retry-After header*

# Use of Status Codes

- Service should respect semantics of status codes!

```
> GET /orders HTTP/1.1
> Accept: application/json

< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Content-Type: application/json
<
< { "error" :
<   { "error_text" :
<     "you do not have rights to access this resource" }
< }
```

- *Client must understand the semantics of the response.*
- *This breaks loose coupling and reusability service principles*
- *The response should be:*

```
< HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
< ...
< ...optional text describing the error...
```

# Respect HTTP Semantics

- Do not overload semantics of HTTP methods
  - *For example, **GET** is read-only method and idempotent*
  - *REST Anti-pattern:*  
**GET /orders/?add=new\_order**
    - *This is not REST!*
    - *This breaks both safe and idempotent principles*
- Consequences
  - *Result of **GET** can be cached by proxy servers*
  - *They can revalidate their caches freely*
  - *You can end up with new entries in your storage without you knowing!*
- The same is true for other methods

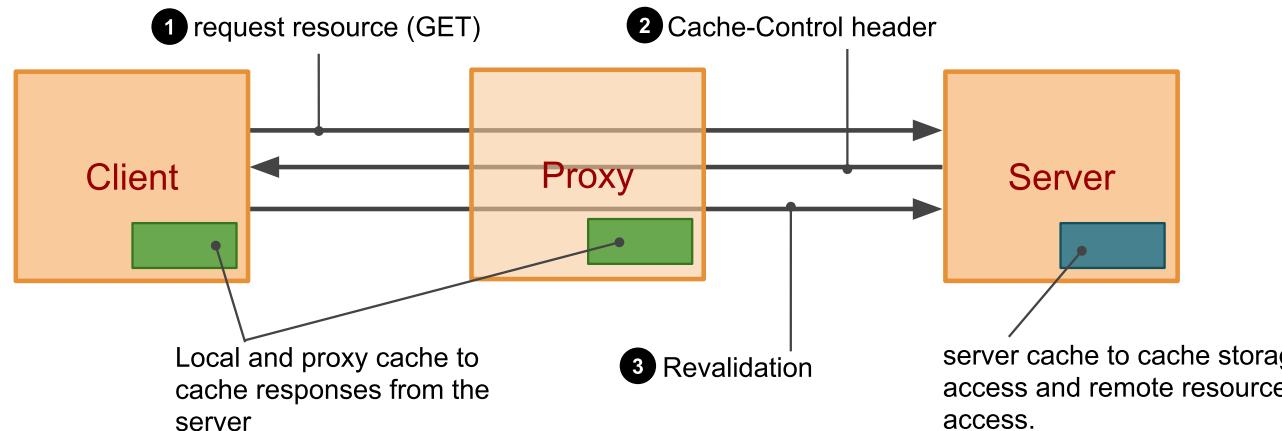
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# Scalability

- Need for scalability
  - *Huge amount of requests on the Web every day*
  - *Huge amount of data downloaded*
- Some examples
  - *Google, Facebook: 5 billion API calls/day*
  - *Twitter: 3 billions of API calls/day (75% of all the traffic)*  
→ *50 million tweets a day*
  - *eBay: 8 billion API calls/month*
  - *Bing: 3 billion API calls/month*
  - *Amazon WS: over 100 billion objects stored in S3*
- Scalability in REST
  - *Caching and revalidation*
  - *Concurrency control*

# Caching



- Your service should cache:
  - *anytime there is a static resource*
  - *even there is a dynamic resource*
    - *with chances it updates often*
    - *you can force clients to always revalidate*
- three steps:
  - *client GETs the resource representation*
  - *server controls how it should cache through Cache-Control header*
  - *client revalidates the content via conditional GET*

# Cache Headers

- **Cache-Control** response header
  - controls over local and proxy caches
  - **private** – no proxy should cache, only clients can
  - **public** – any intermediary can cache (proxies and clients)
  - **no-cache** – the response should not be cached. If it is cached, the content should always be revalidated.
  - **no-store** – can cache but should not store persistently. When a client restarts, content is lost
  - **no-transform** – no transformation of cached data; e.g. compressions
  - **max-age**, **s-maxage** a time in seconds how long the cache is valid; **s-maxage** for proxies
- **Last-Modified** and **ETag** response headers
  - Content last modified date and a content entity tag
- **If-Modified-Since** and **If-None-Match** request headers
  - Content revalidation (conditional GET)

# Example Date Revalidation

- Cache control example:

```
> GET /orders HTTP/1.1
> ...

< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Content-Type: application/xml
< Cache-Control: private, no-store, max-age=200
< Last-Modified: Sun, 7 Nov 2011, 09:40 CET
<
< ...data...
```

- *only client can cache, must not be stored on the disk, the cache is valid for 200 seconds.*

- Revalidation (conditional GET) example:

- *A client revalidates the cache after 200 seconds.*

```
> GET /orders HTTP/1.1
> If-Modified-Since: Sun, 7 Nov 2011, 09:40 CET

< HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
< Cache-Control: private, no-store, max-age=200
< Last-Modified: Sun, 7 Nov 2011, 09:40 CET
```

# Entity Tags

- Signature of the response body
  - A hash such as MD5
  - A sequence number that changes with any modification of the content
- Types of tag
  - Strong ETag: reflects the content bit by bit
  - Weak ETag: reflects the content "semantically"
    - The app defines the meaning of its weak tags
- Example content revalidation with ETag

```
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Cache-Control: private, no-store, max-age=200
< Last-Modified: Sun, 7 Nov 2011, 09:40 CET
< ETag: "4354a5f6423b43a54d"

> GET /orders HTTP/1.1
> If-None-Match: "4354a5f6423b43a54d"

< HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
< Cache-Control: private, no-store, max-age=200
< Last-Modified: Sun, 7 Nov 2011, 09:40 CET
< ETag: "4354a5f6423b43a54d"
```

# Design Suggestions

- Composed resources use weak ETags
  - *For example /orders*
    - a composed resource that contains a summary information
    - changes to an order's items will not change semantics of /orders
  - *It is usually not possible to perform updates on these resources*
- Non-composed resources use strong ETags
  - *For example /orders/{order-id}*
  - *They can be updated*
- Further notes
  - *Server should send both Last-Modified and ETag headers*
  - *If client sends both If-Modified-Since and If-None-Match, ETag validation takes preference*

# Weak ETag Example

- App specific, `/orders` resource example

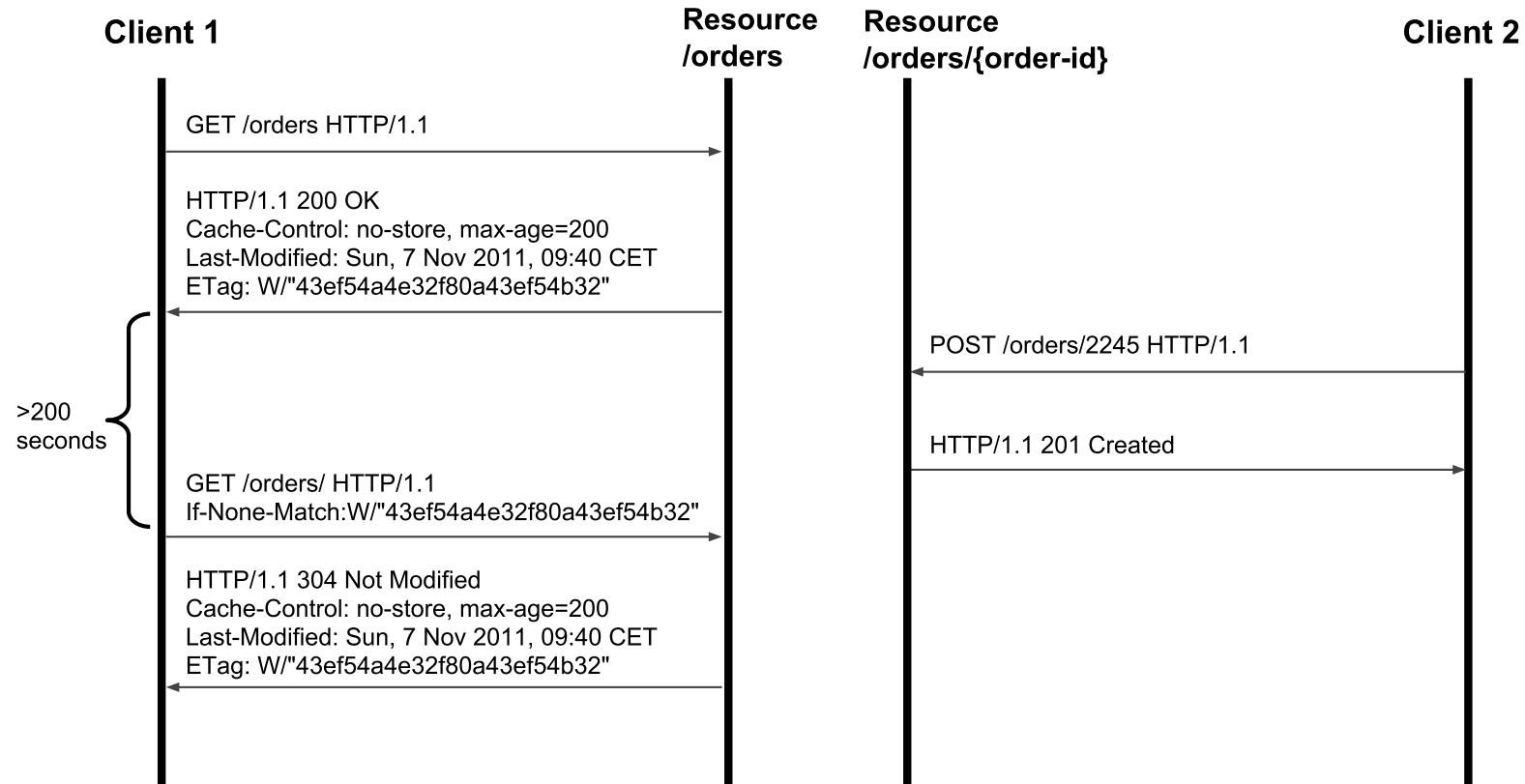
```
1  {
2    "orders" :
3      [
4        { "id" : 2245,
5          "customer" : "Tomas",
6          "descr" : "Stuff to build a house.",
7          "items" : [...] },
8        { "id" : 5546,
9          "customer" : "Peter",
10         "descr" : "Things to build a pipeline.",
11         "items" : [...] }
12      ]
13 }
```

- Weak ETag compute function example
  - *Any modification to an order's items is not significant for `/orders`:*

```
1  var crypto = require("crypto");
2
3  function computeWeakETag(orders) {
4    var content = "";
5    for (var i = 0; i < orders.length; i++)
6      content += orders[i].id + orders[i].customer + orders[i].descr;
7    return crypto.createHash('md5').update(content).digest("hex");
8  }
```

# Weak ETag Revalidation

- Updating `/orders` resource
  - `POST /orders/{order-id}` inserts a new item to an order
  - Any changes to orders' items will not change the Weak ETag

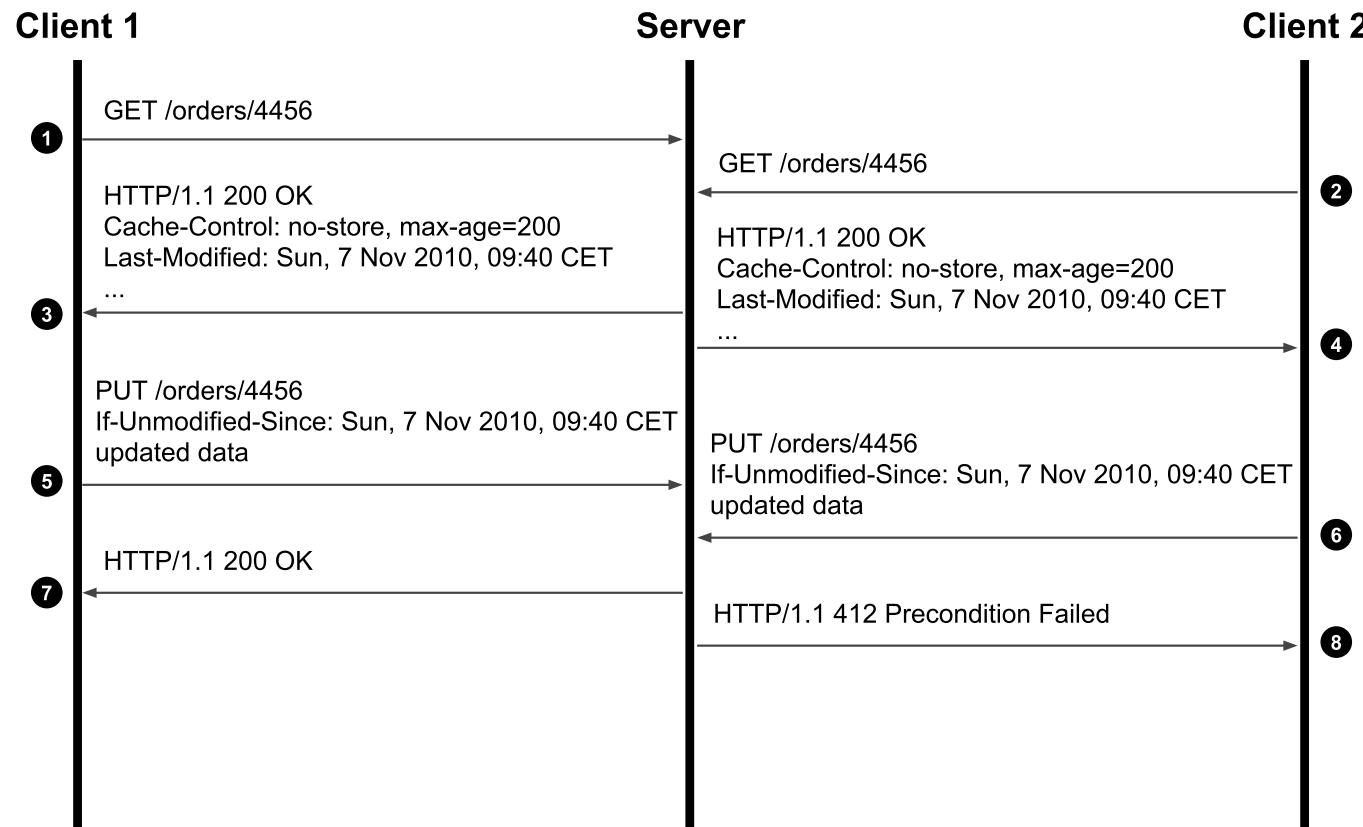


# Concurrency

- Two clients may update the same resource
  - 1) a client GETs a resource **GET /orders/5545**
  - 2) the client modifies the resource
  - 3) the client updates the resource via **PUT /orders/5545 HTTP/1.1**

*What happens if another client updates the resource between 1) and 3) ?*
- Concurrency control
  - *Conditional PUT*
    - Update the resource only if it has not changed since a specified date or a specified ETag matches the resource content
  - **If-Unmodified-Since** and **If-Match** headers
  - *Response to conditional PUT:*
    - **200 OK** if the PUT was successful
    - **412 Precondition Failed** if the resource was updated in the meantime.

# Concurrency Control Protocol

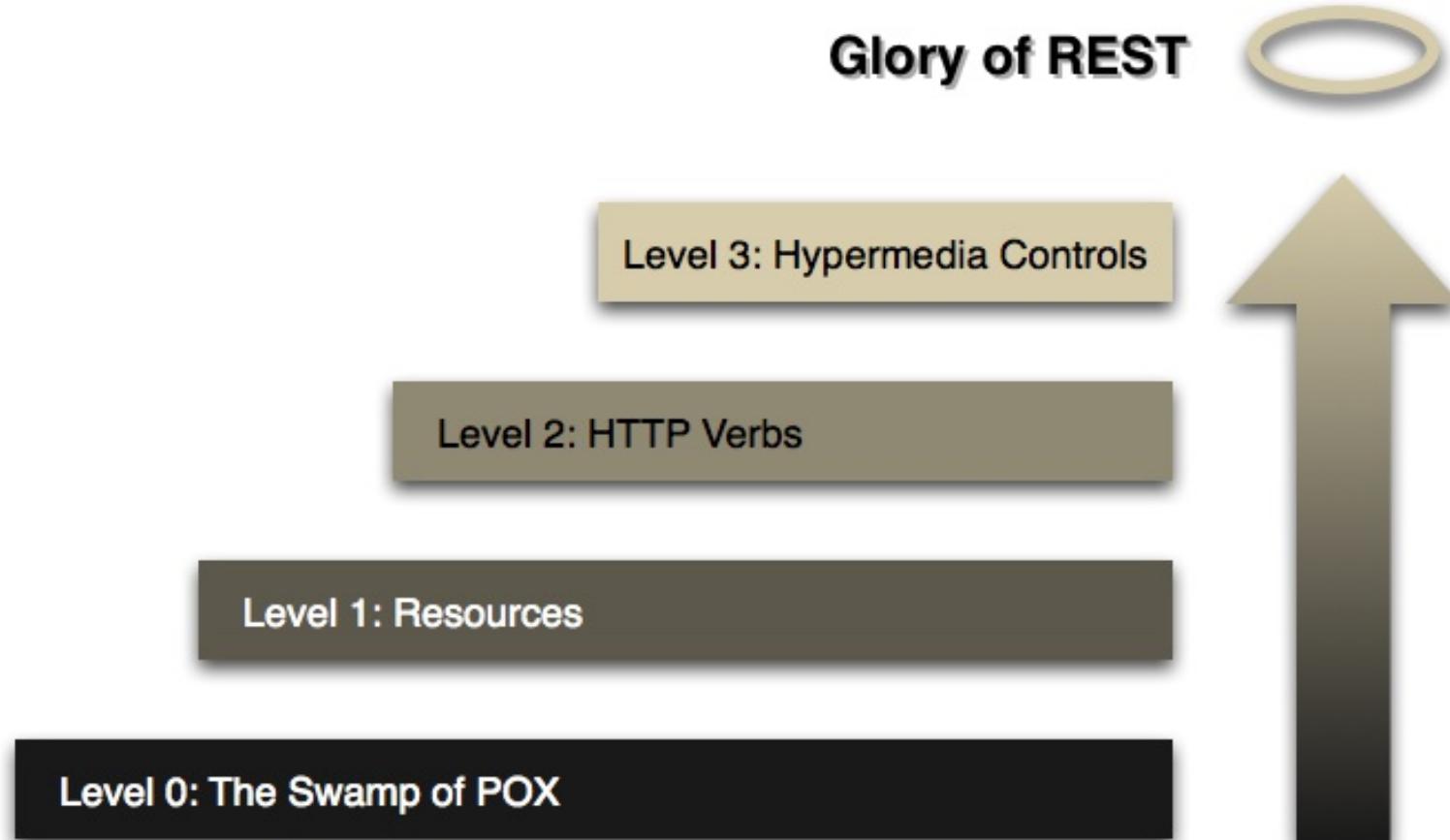


- Conditional PUT and ETags
  - *Conditional PUT must always use strong entity tags or date validation*

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# Steps towards REST



See Richardson Maturity Model [↗](#) details.

# Levels

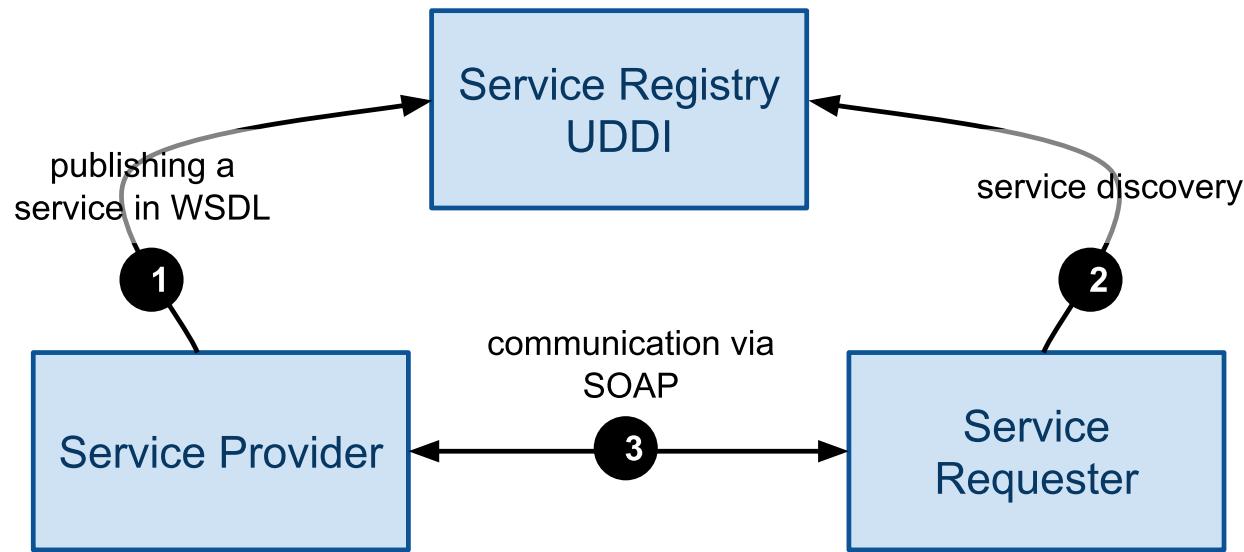
- LEVEL 0 – POX (Plain Old XML)
  - *HTTP as a tunneling mechanism*
  - *URL defines a service endpoint*
  - *No Web principles*
- LEVEL 1 – Resources
  - *Take advantages of resources and URIs*
- LEVEL 2 – HTTP Verbs
  - *Use HTTP methods and respect their semantics*
- LEVEL 3 – Hypermedia Controls
  - *HATEOS*

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# Web Service Architecture

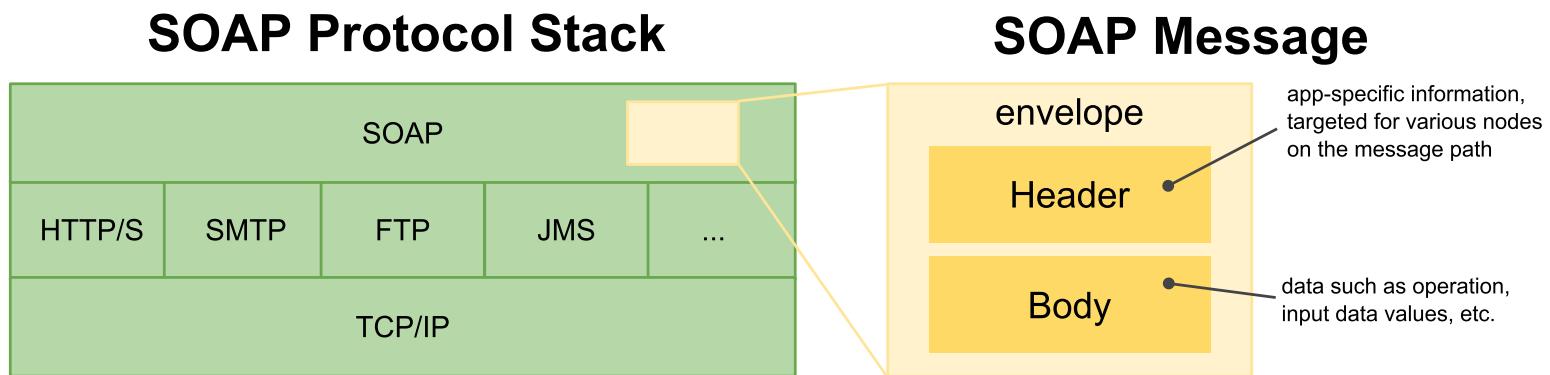
- WSDL, SOAP and UDDI



- *Realization of SOA*
- *Message-Oriented view*
  - *SOAP messaging (header, body)*
  - *types of messages – input, output, fault*

# SOAP Protocol

- SOAP defines a messaging framework



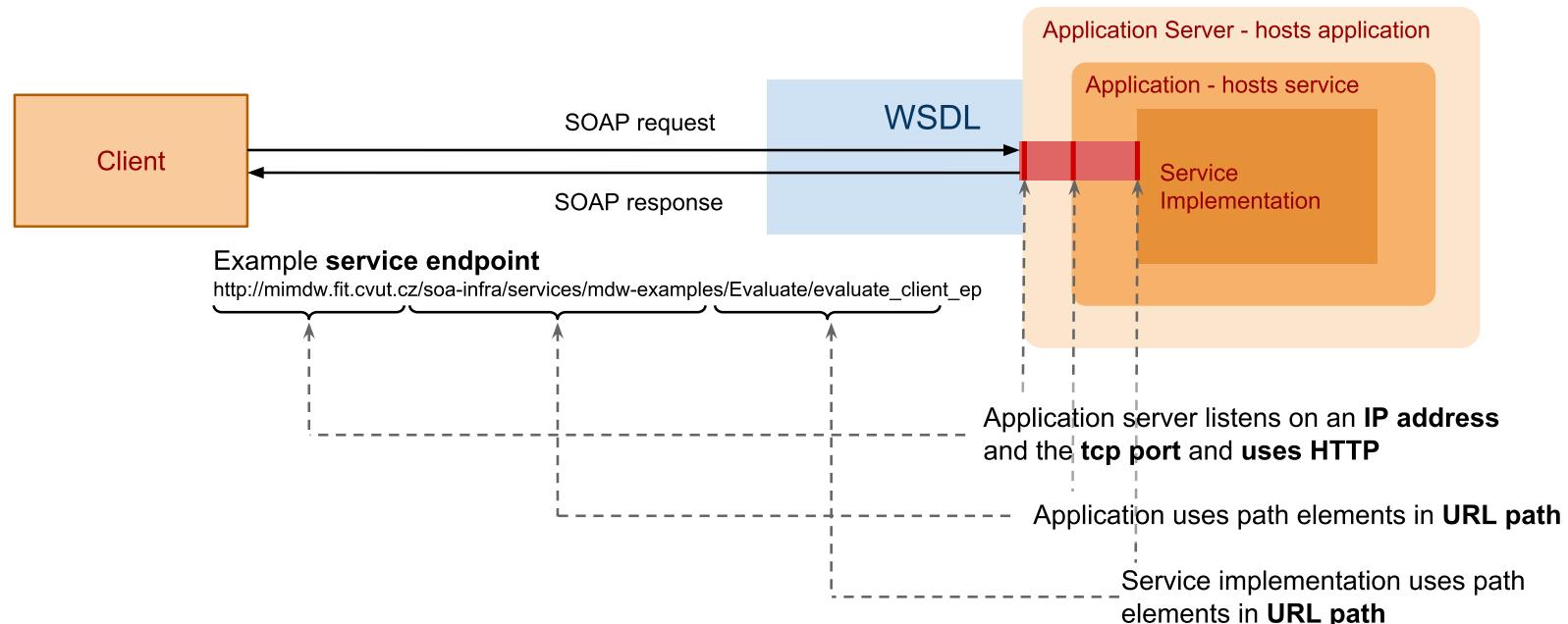
- *XML-based protocol*
- *a layer over transport protocols*
  - *binding to HTTP, SMTP, JMS, ...*
- *involves multiple nodes (message path)*
  - *sender, receiver, intermediary*

# SOAP Message

- Envelope
  - *A container of a message*
- Header
  - *Metadata – describe a message, organized in header blocks*
    - *routing information*
    - *security measures implemented in the message*
    - *reliability rules related to delivery of the message*
    - *context and transaction management*
    - *correlation information (request and response message relation)*
  - *WS extensions (WS-\*) utilize the message header*
- Body (payload)
  - *Actual contents of the message, XML formatted*
  - *Contains also faults for exception handling*
- Attachment
  - *Data that cannot be serialized into XML such as binary data*

# Endpoint

- SOAP service endpoint definition



- *Endpoint – a network address used for communication*
- *Communication – request-response, SOAP messages over a communication (application) protocol*
- *Synchronous communication – only service defines endpoint*
- *Asynchronous communication – service and client define endpoints*

# Service Invocation Example (1)

- Example service implementation
  - *A service that evaluates an expression*
  - *Uses SOAP over HTTP*
    - *We can use standard HTTP tools to invoke the service*
- SOAP request message

**evaluate-input.xml**

```
1 <soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
2   <soap:Body>
3     <ns1:evaluateRequest
4       xmlns:ns1="http://xmlns.oracle.com/mdw_examples/Evaluate/evaluate"
5         <ns1:x>12</ns1:x>
6         <ns1:y>18</ns1:y>
7       </ns1:evaluateRequest>
8     </soap:Body>
9   </soap:Envelope>
```

- Invoking the service using **curl**

```
1 curl -s -X POST --header "Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8" \
2   --header "SOAPAction: \"evaluate\"" --data @evaluate-input.xml \
3   http://mimdw.fit.cvut.cz/soa-infra/services/mdw-examples/Evaluate/evaluate_client_
```

# Service Invocation Example (2)

- Invocation result

```
1  * About to connect() to mimdw.fit.cvut.cz port 80 (#0)
2  *   Trying 147.32.233.55... connected
3  * Connected to sb.vitvar.com (147.32.233.55) port 80 (#0)
4  > POST /soa-infra/services/mdw-examples/Evaluate/evaluate_client_ep HTTP/1.1
5  > User-Agent: curl/7.19.7 (x86_64-redhat-linux-gnu) libcurl/7.19.7 NSS/3.14.0.0 zl
6  > Host: mimdw.fit.cvut.cz
7  > Accept: */*
8  > Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8
9  > SOAPAction: "evaluate"
10 > Content-Length: 302
11 >
12 } [data not shown]
13 < HTTP/1.1 200 OK
14 < Date: Sun, 17 Nov 2013 11:24:59 GMT
15 < Server: Oracle-Application-Server-11g
16 < Content-Length: 569
17 < X-ORACLE-DMS-ECID: 004upqiWhdD0zkWLybQ8A0005uX0004Y^
18 < SOAPAction: ""
19 < X-Powered-By: Servlet/2.5 JSP/2.1
20 < Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8
21 < Content-Language: en
```

# Service Invocation Example (3)

- SOAP response message

```
1  <?xml version="1.0"?>
2  <env:Envelope xmlns:env="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
3      xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
4      <env:Header>
5          <wsa:MessageID>urn:E42018C04F7A11E3BFD5D1953058407C</wsa:MessageID>
6      </env:Header>
7      <env:Body>
8          <evaluateResponse
9              xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/mdw_examples/Evaluate/evaluate">
10             <result>30</result>
11         </evaluateResponse>
12     </env:Body>
13 </env:Envelope>
```

# Client Implementation

- WSDL – Web Service Description Language
  - *definitions for the client to know how to communicate with the service*
    - *which operations it can use*
    - *data formats for input (request), output (response) and fault messages*
    - *how to serialize the data as payloads of a communication protocol (binding)*
    - *where the service is physically present on the network*
- Clients' environments
  - *Clients implemented in a language such as Java*
    - *Tools to generate service API for the client, e.g. WSDL2Java*
    - *Can be written manually too, e.g. our example in bash*
  - *Clients reside on the middleware, e.g. on an Enterprise Service Bus*
    - *They provide added values in end-to-end communication, proxy services, SOAP intermediaries*

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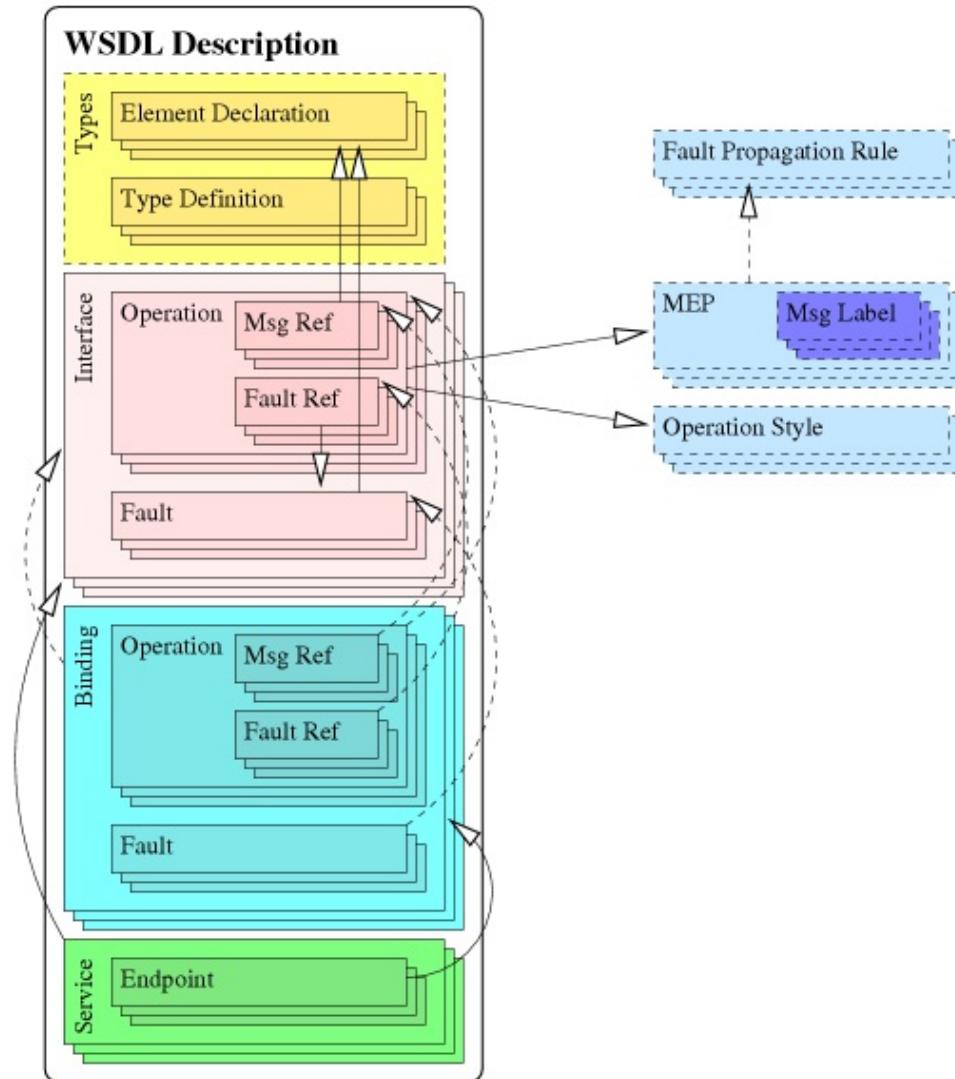
# Specifications

- WSDL = Web Service Description Language
  - *A standard that allows to describe Web services explicitly (main aspects)*
  - *A contract between a requester and a provider*
- Specifications
  - *WSDL 1.1 – still widely used*
    - *Web Service Description Language 1.1* [↗](#)
  - *WSDL 2.0 – An attempt to address several issues with WSDL 1.1*
    - *SOAP vs. REST, naming, expressivity*
    - *WSDL 2.0 Primer (part 0)* [↗](#)
    - *WSDL 2.0 Core Language (part 1)* [↗](#)

# WSDL Overview and WSDL 1.1 Syntax

- Components of WSDL
  - *Information model* (**types**)
    - Element types, message declarations (XML Schema)
  - *Set of operations* (**portType**)
    - A set of operations is "interface" in the WSDL terminology
    - operation name, input, output, fault
  - *Binding* (**binding**)
    - How messages are transferred over the network using a concrete transport protocol
    - Transport protocols: HTTP, SMTP, FTP, JMS, ...
  - *Endpoint* (**service**)
    - Where the service is physically present on the network
- Types of WSDL documents
  - **Abstract WSDL** – only information model and a set of operations
  - **Concrete WSDL** – everything, a concrete service available in the environment

# WSDL Components and Dependencies



# Overview

- Integrating Applications
- Service Definition
- Service Communication
- REST
- SOAP and WSDL
  - *Introduction to SOAP*
  - *WSDL*
  - *WS-Addressing*

# Overview

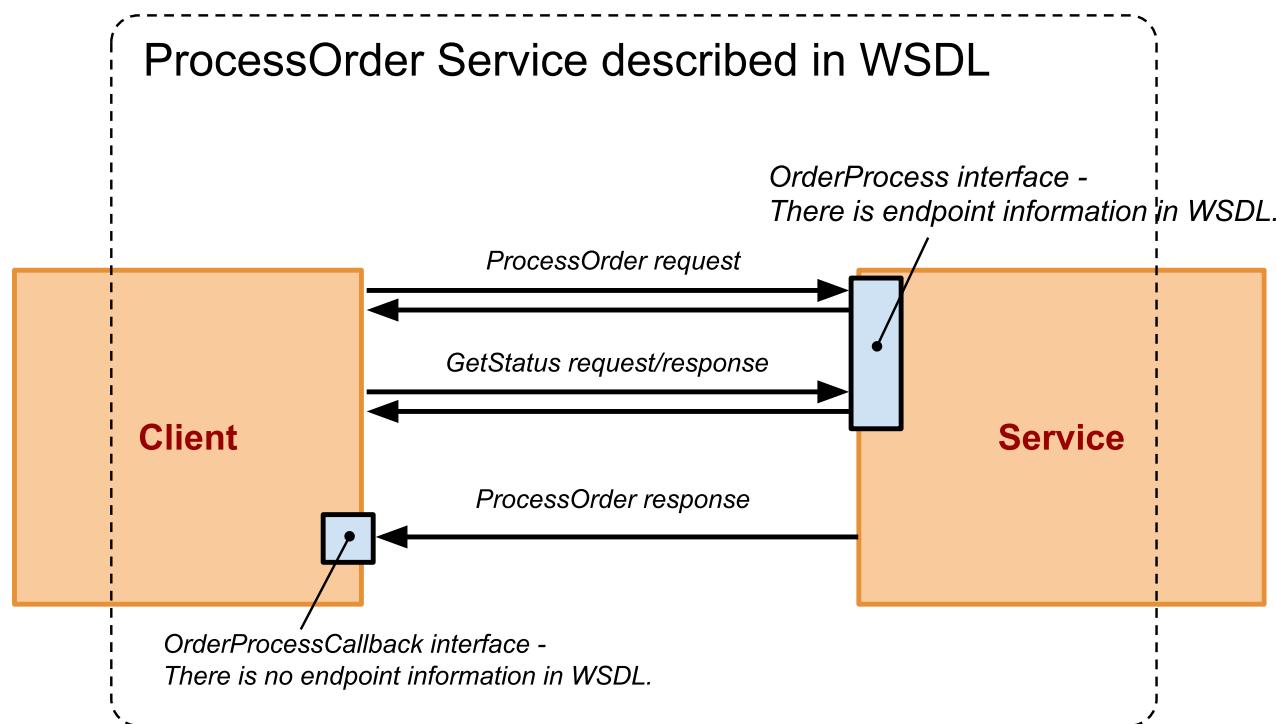
- WS-Addressing
  - *W3C Recommendation, May 2006* ↗
  - *A transport-independent mechanisms for web services to communicate addressing information*
  - *WSDL describes WS-Addressing as a policy attached to a WSDL binding*

```
1  <binding name="OrderProcessBinding" type="op:OrderProcess">
2    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>
3    <PolicyReference xmlns:wsp="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy"
4      URI="#wsaddr_policy" wsdl:required="false"/>
```

- Two main purposes
  1. *Asynchronous communication*
    - *Client sends an endpoint where the server should send a response asynchronously*
  2. *Relating interactions to a conversation*
    - *Client and service communicate conversation ID*

# Order Processing Example

- Asynchronous communication via callback, steps:
  - Client submits an order request
  - Service starts processing of the order (CRM, OMS, back-office)
  - Client can retrieve the order status
  - Service responds asynchronously with an order response message



# Interface Example (1)

- Order process complex conversation
  1. *The client invokes **processOrder**.*
  2. *The service responses back **synchronously** with order status.*
  3. *The client gets the status of order processing by invoking synchronous **getStatus** operation (this can be invoked several times).*
  4. *The service responses back **asynchronously** by invoking **processOrderResponse** – callback on client's interface*
- Interface implemented by the order process service
  - **getStatus** operation must be executed in the same **conversation** as **processOrder** operation

```
1 <portType name="OrderProcess">
2   <operation name="processOrder">
3     <input message="op:OrderProcessRequestMessage"/>
4     <output message="op:OrderStatusResponseMessage"/>
5   </operation>
6   <operation name="getStatus">
7     <input message="op:OrderStatusRequestMessage"/>
8     <output message="op:OrderStatusResponseMessage"/>
```

# Interface Example (2)

- Interface implemented by the client

```
1  <portType name="OrderProcessCallback">
2    <operation name="processOrderResponse">
3      <input message="op:OrderProcessResponseMessage"/>
4      <fault message="op:OrderProcessFaultMessage"/>
5    <operation>
6  </portType>
```

# ProcessOrder Request Message

- Client sends process order request – **processOrder**
  - it sends addressing information where the client listens for the callback
  - it sends conversation ID (message ID) to start the conversation on the server

```
1 | > POST /soa-infra/services/mdw-examples/ProcessOrder/orderprocess_client_ep HTTP/1.1
2 | > Host: mimdw.fit.cvut.cz
3 | > Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8
4 | > SOAPAction: "processOrder"
5 | > Content-Length: 810
6 |
7 | <soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
8 |   xmlns:ord="http://mimdw.fit.cvut.cz/mdw-examples/cdm/order">
9 |   <soap:Header xmlns:wsa='http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing'>
10|     <wsa:ReplyTo>
11|       <wsa:Address>http://192.168.94.110:2233/path/to/service</wsa:Address>
12|     </wsa:ReplyTo>
13|     <wsa:MessageID>urn:AXYYBA00531111E3BFACA780A7E5AF64</wsa:MessageID>
14|   </soap:Header>
15|   <soap:Body>
16|     <ord:Order>
17|       <ord:CustomerId>1</ord:CustomerId>
18|       <ord:LineItems>
19|         <ord:item>
20|           <ord:label>Apple MacBook Pro</ord:label>
21|           <ord:action>ADD</ord:action>
22|         </ord:item>
23|       </ord:LineItems>
24|     </ord:Order>
25|   </soap:Body>
26| </soap:Envelope>
```

# GetStatus Request Message

- Client sends get status request – **getStatus**
  - *after it invokes **processOrder** with conversation ID (message ID)*
  - *it uses the same conversation ID for get status request too*  
→ *the request will be processed by the running service instance*

```
1  > POST /soa-infra/services/mdw-examples/ProcessOrder/orderprocess_client_ep HTTP/1.1
2  > Host: mimdw.fit.cvut.cz
3  > Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8
4  > SOAPAction: "getStatus"
5  > Content-Length: 472
6
7  <soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
8      <soap:Header xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
9          <wsa:RelatesTo>urn:AXYYBA00531111E3BFACA780A7E5AF64</wsa:RelatesTo>
10     </soap:Header>
11     <soap:Body>
12         <ns1:StatusRequest
13             xmlns:ns1="http://mimdw.fit.cvut.cz/mdw_examples/ProcessOrder/OrderProcess"
14             <ns1:process-id>18a9baec2d5ac0a2:64d155de:1425c4185f1:-7ff2</ns1:process-i
15         </ns1:StatusRequest>
16     </soap:Body>
17 </soap:Envelope>
```