

# Ruby Meets Sony Camera Remote API

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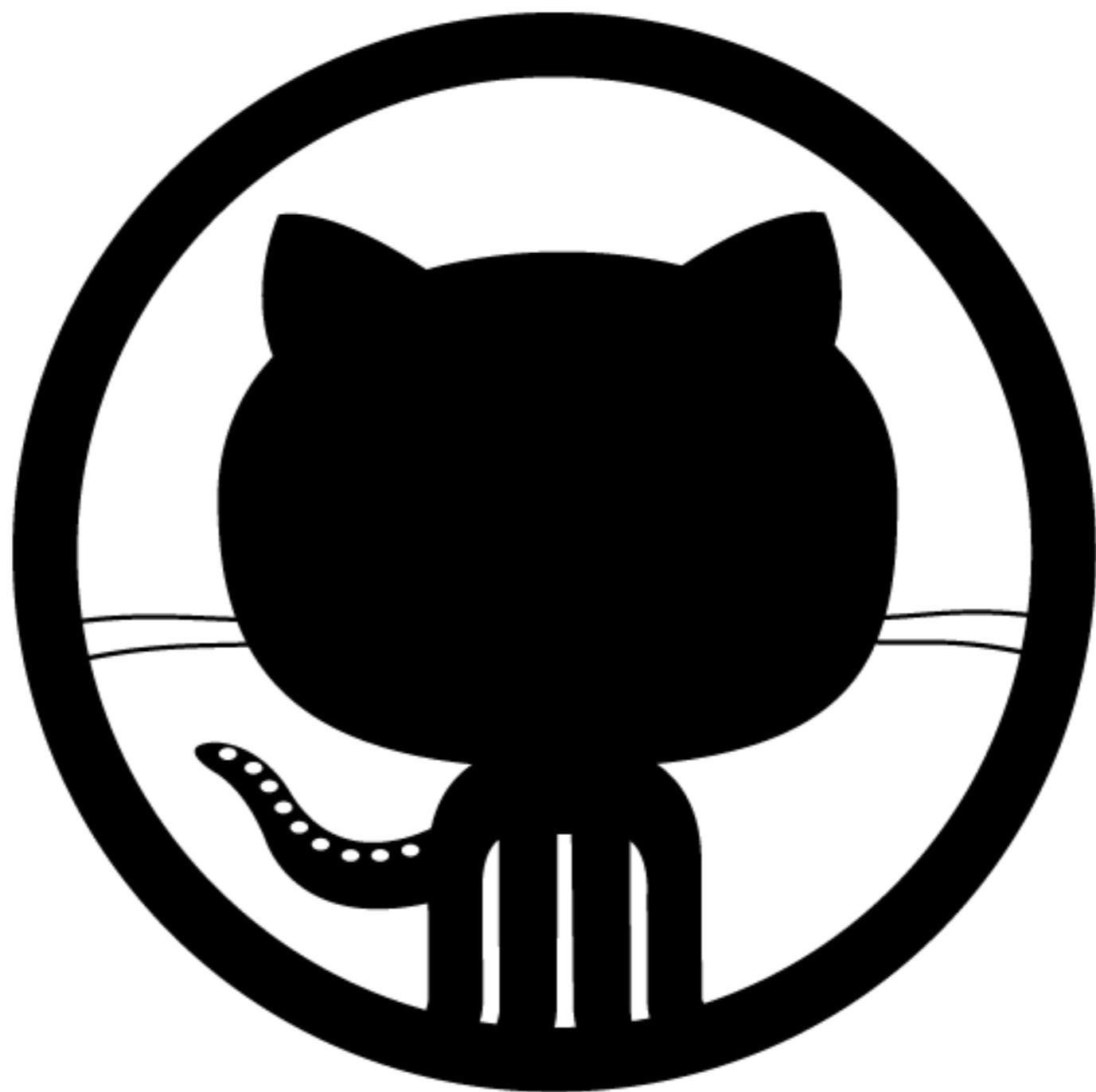
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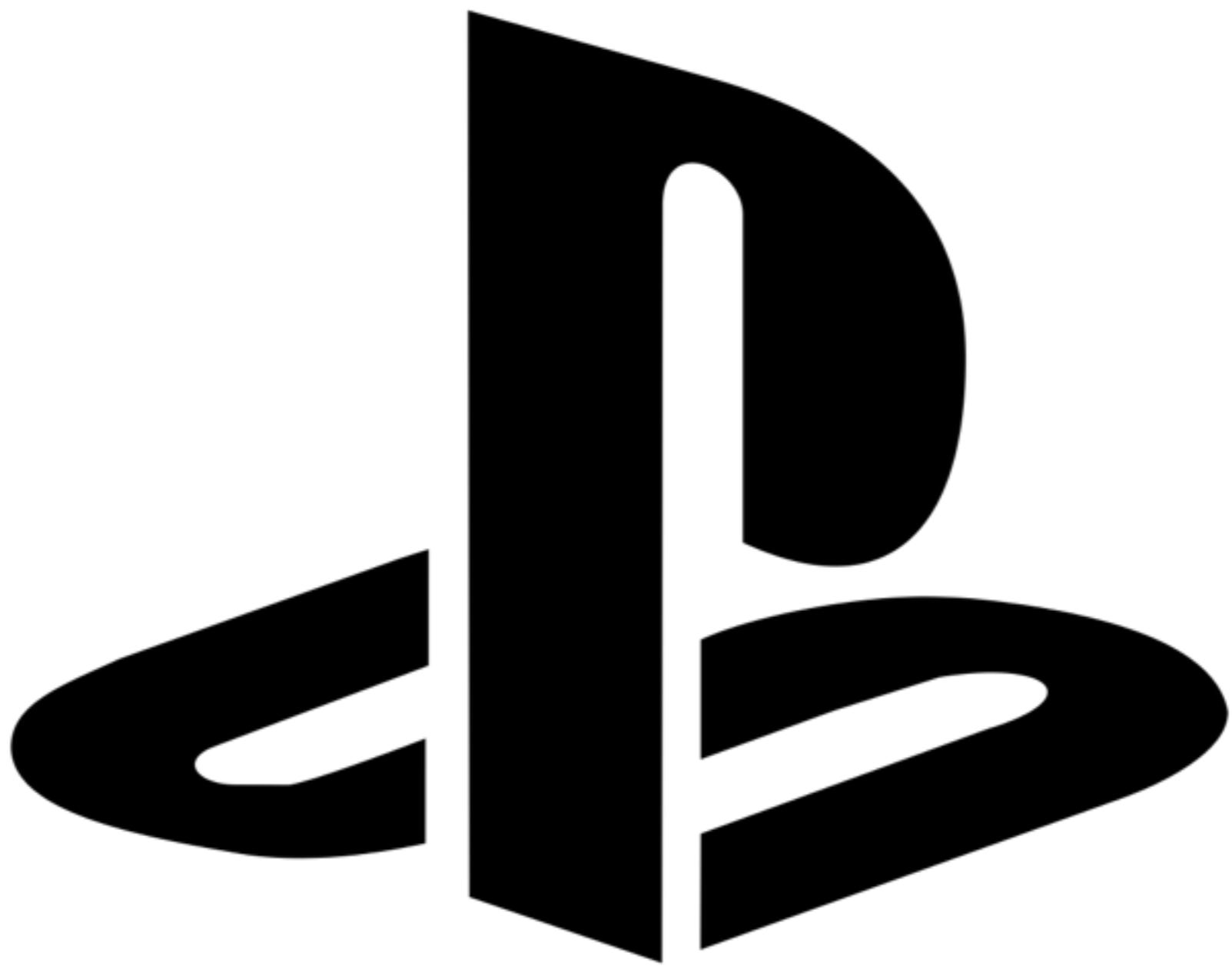
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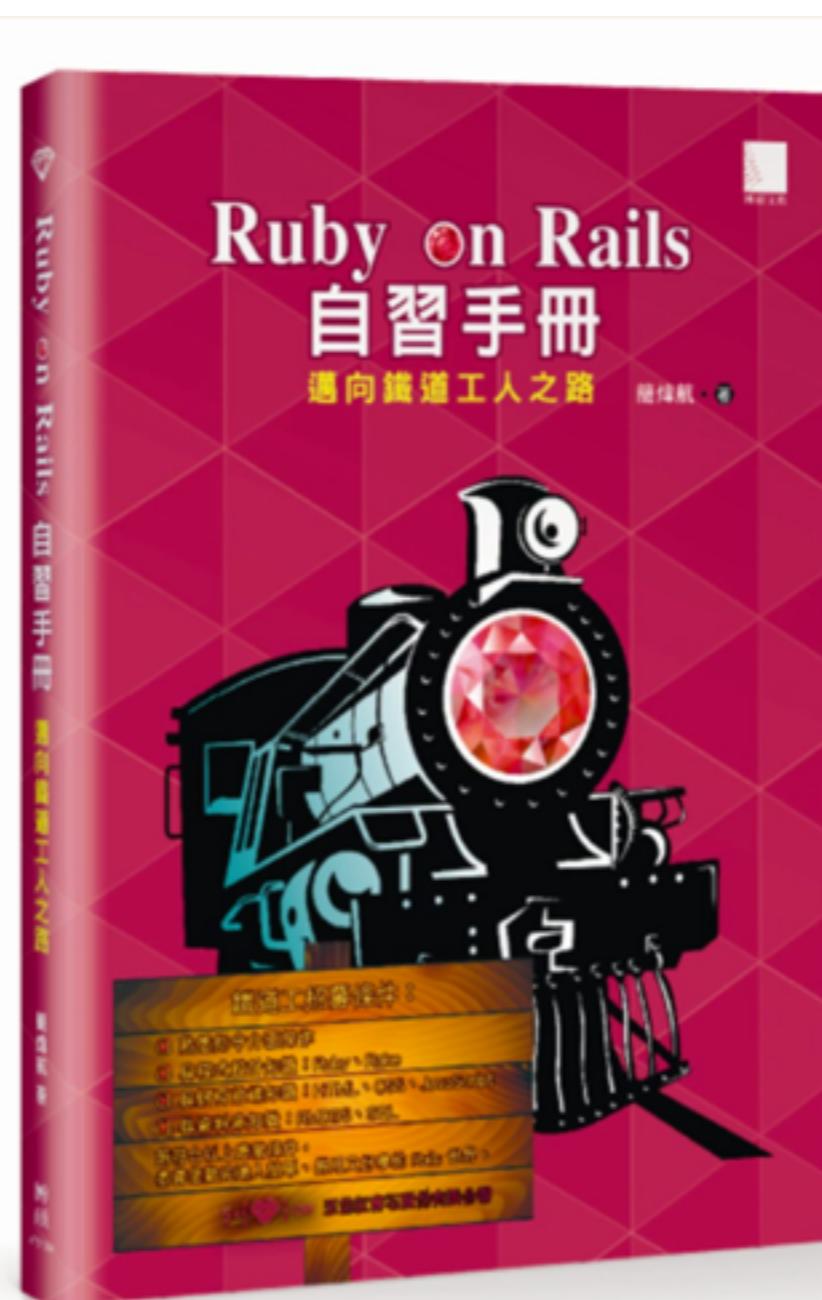


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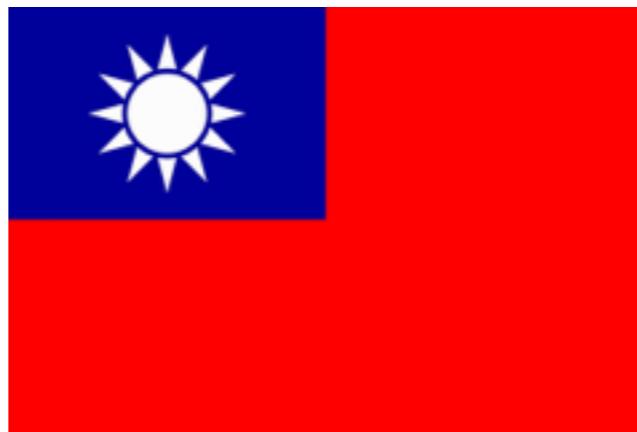


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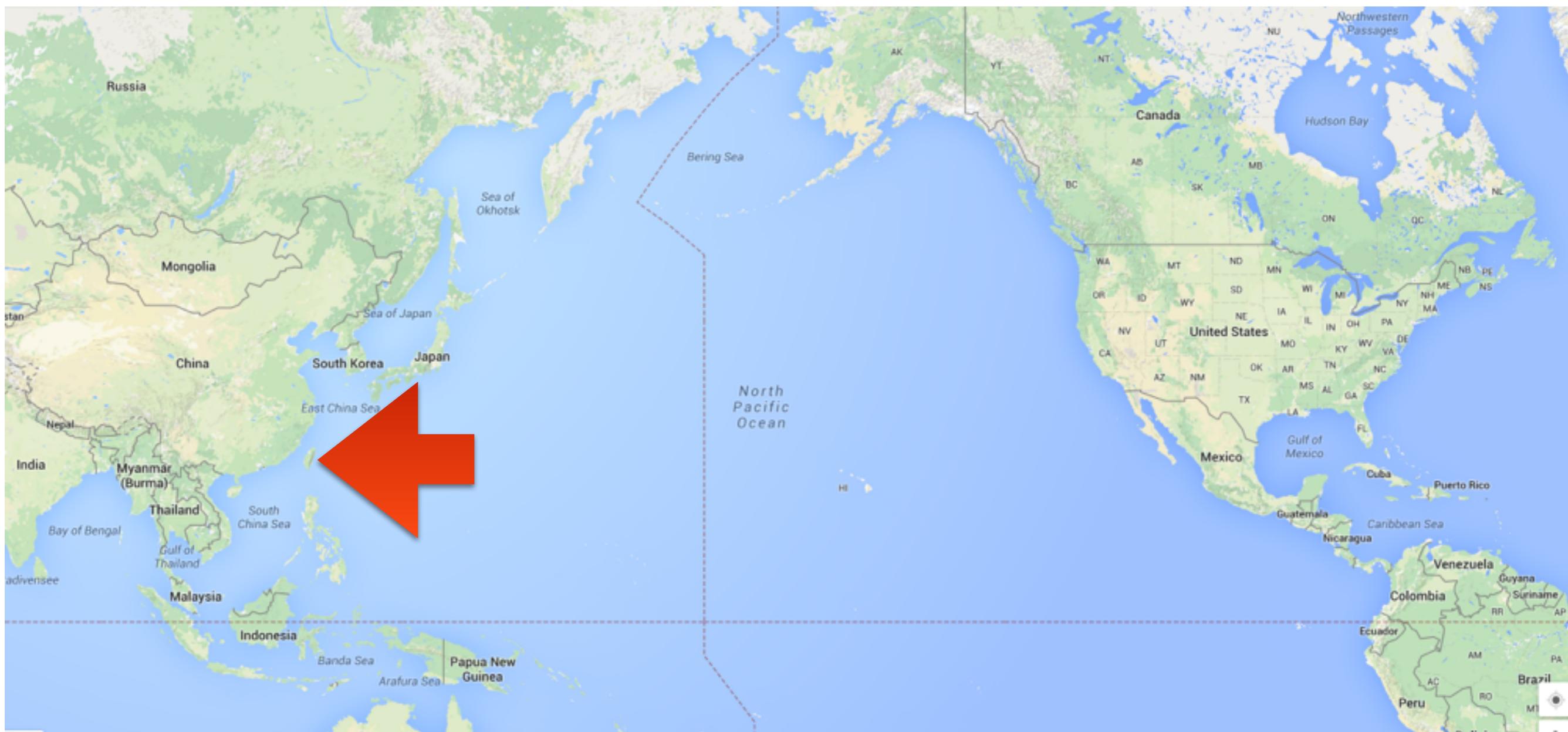
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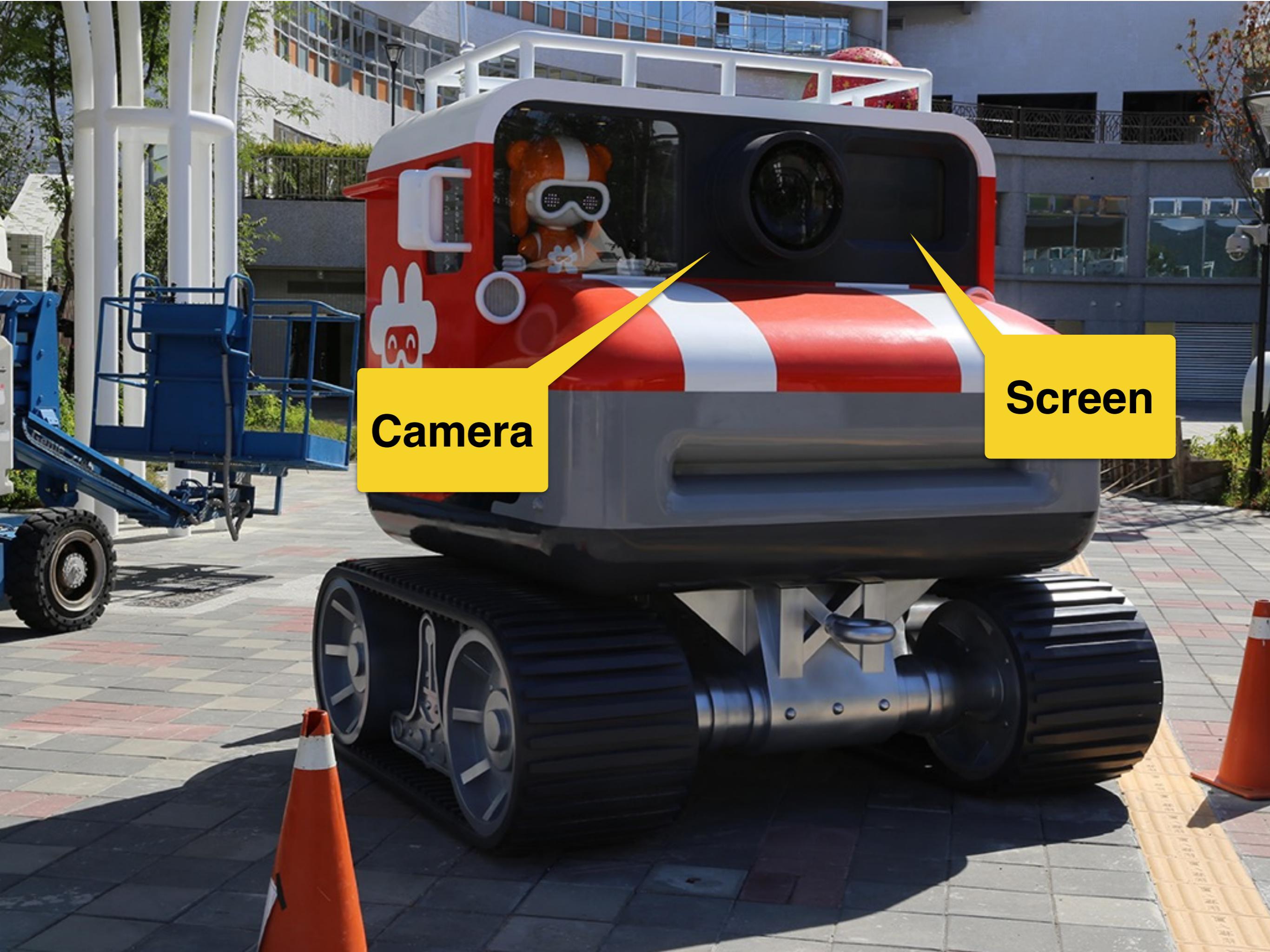
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**Camera**

**Screen**

# Flow

1. Play a short film.
2. Display camera live preview.
3. Take a picture.
4. Freeze the picture for 5 min
5. Repeat.





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# Solutions

# Solution to Display

- How about VLC API?
  - Easy to control over TCP (gem install vli-client)
  - Impossible to add effects (Countdown images, sounds)
- HTML5 over browser seems the first choice.

# Solution to Camera Control

- How about gphoto2?
  - Supports more than 1,800 cameras.
  - There is CLI mode.
  - Have to repeat capturing preview to stream.
  - It's surprising.

# Sony Remote Camera



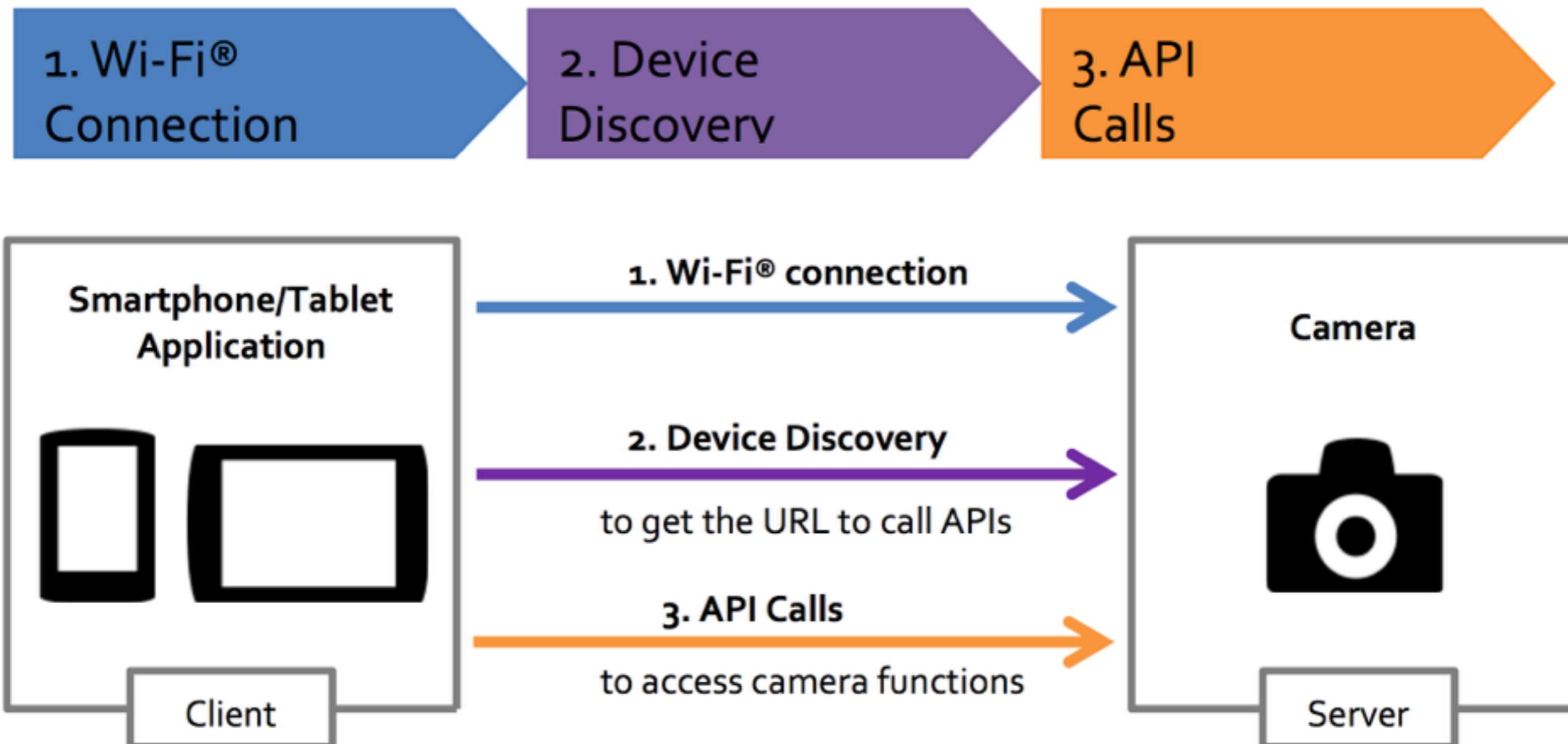
DSC-QX100

# Sony Camera Remote API

- It's free, and it's open.
- It's SSDP + UPnP over Wi-Fi, and it's open.
- It's easy (JSON-RPC over HTTP), and it's open.
- It's well documented, and it's open.

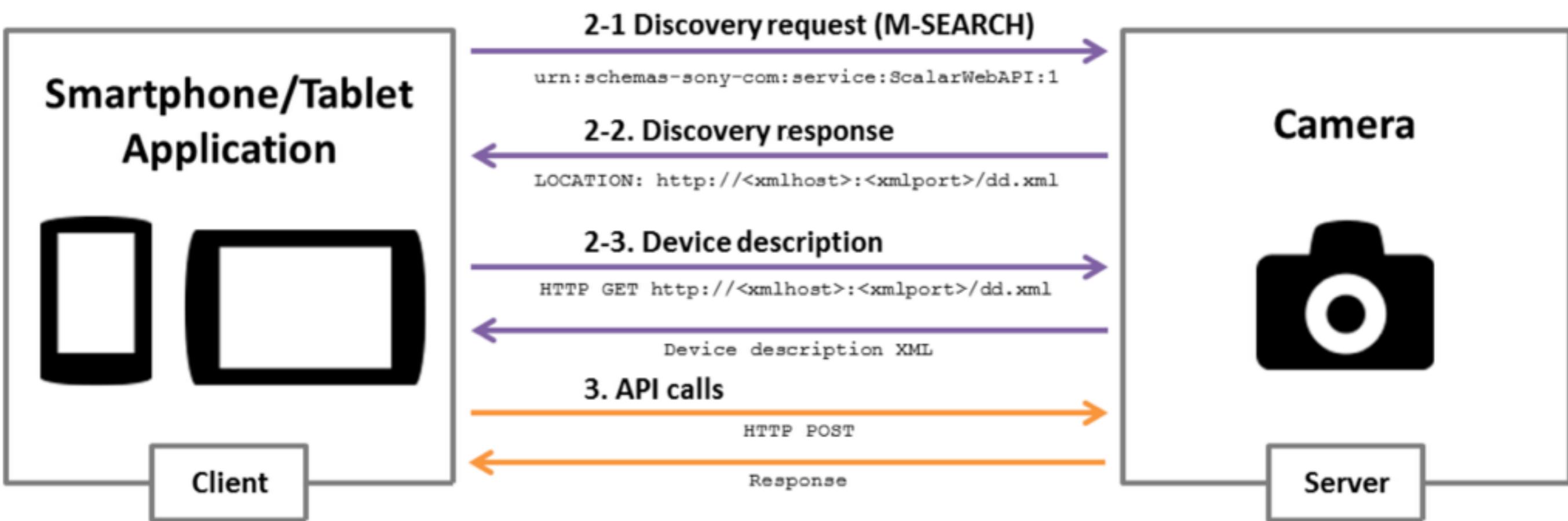
**Because opening matters**

# 3 Steps to Access Camera



# Device Discovery

# Get the API URL



# SSDP

Request

```
M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
HOST: 239.255.255.250:1900
MAN: "ssdp:discover"
MX: 10
ST: urn:schemas-sony-com:service:ScalarWebAPI:1
```

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Search Target

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
CACHE-CONTROL: max-age=1800
EXT:
LOCATION: http://10.0.0.1:64321/DmsRmtDesc.xml
SERVER: UPnP/1.0 SonyImagingDevice/1.0
ST: urn:schemas-sony-com:service:ScalarWebAPI:1
USN: uuid:00000000-0005-0010-8000-1c994c993998::urn:schemas-sony-com:service:ScalarWebAPI:1
X-AV-Physical-Unit-Info: pa="" ; pl=;
X-AV-Server-Info: av=5.0; hn="" ; cn="Sony Corporation"; mn="SonyImagingDevice"; mv="1.0";
```

# Get API URL

```
<av:X_ScalarWebAPI_Service>
  <av:X_ScalarWebAPI_ServiceType>camera</av:X_ScalarWebAPI_ServiceType>
  <av:X_ScalarWebAPI_ActionList_URL>http://10.0.0.1:10000/sony</av:X_ScalarWebAPI_ActionList_URL>
</av:X_ScalarWebAPI_Service>
```

URL: **http://10.0.0.1:10000/sony/camera**

# API Examples

There are more than 90 APIs

# JSON-RPC 1.0

Request

```
{  
  "method": "echo",  
  "params": ["Hello JSON-RPC"],  
  "id": 1  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "result": "Hello JSON-RPC",  
  "error": null,  
  "id": 1  
}
```

Camera Remote API uses JSON-PRC over HTTP POST request.

# Take Picture

Request

```
{  
  "method": "actTakePicture",  
  "params": [],  
  "id": 1,  
  "version": "1.0"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "result": [  
    "http://ip:port/postview/postview.jpg"  
  ],  
  "id": 1  
}
```

# Zoom in

Request

```
{  
  "method": "actZoom",  
  "params": ["in", "start"],  
  "id": 1,  
  "version": "1.0"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "result": [0],  
  "id": 1  
}
```

# Set Exposure

Request

```
{  
  "method": "setExposureMode",  
  "params": ["Intelligent Auto"],  
  "id": 1,  
  "version": "1.0"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "result": [0],  
  "id": 1  
}
```

## Available Modes

“Program Auto”, “Aperture, Shutter”,  
“Manual”, “Intelligent Auto”, “Superior Auto”

# Ruby Time

Integrate Remote API with Ruby.

# Discover Device - 1/2

```
m_search = <<-EOS
M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1\r
HOST: 239.255.255.250:1900\r
MAN: "ssdp:discover"\r
MX: 10\r
ST: urn:schemas-sony-com:service:ScalarWebAPI:1\r
\r
EOS
```

# Discover Device - 2/2

```
require 'socket'
sock = UDPSocket.new
sock.bind('10.0.1.1', 0)
sock.send(m_search, 0, '239.255.255.250', 1900)
sock.recv(1024)
# =>
# HTTP/1.1 200 OK
# ...
# LOCATION: http://10.0.0.1:64321/DmsRmtDesc.xml
# ...
```

Parse XML to get API URL (using nokogiri or rexml).

# Calling API

```
json = {  
    method: 'actZoom',  
    params: ['in', 'start'],  
    id: 1,  
    version: '1.0'  
}.to_json  
  
Net::HTTP.start(host, port){  
    http.request_post(path, json).body  
}
```

# Live Preview

# Get Liveview URL

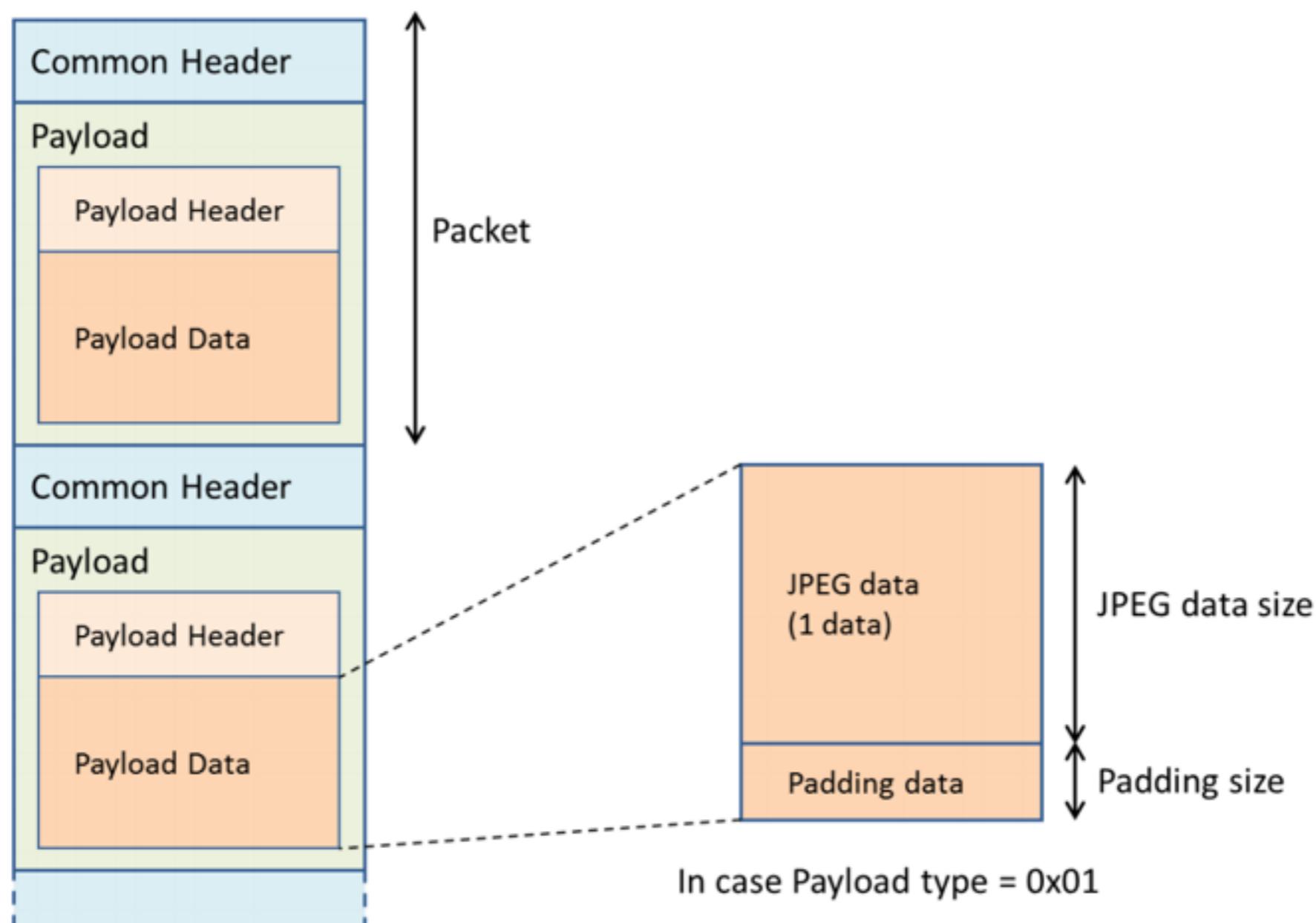
Request

```
{  
  "method": "startLiveview",  
  "params": [],  
  "id": 1,  
  "version": "1.0"  
}
```

Response

```
{  
  "result": [  
    "http://ip:port/liveview/liveviewstream"  
  ],  
  "id": 1  
}
```

# Packet Data Format



# Packet Format

- Comen Header: 8 bytes
- Payload Header: 128 bytes
  - Fist 4 bytes are fixed start code:  
"\x24\x35\x68\x79"
  - The following 3 bytes is JPEG data size.
- Payload data: depends on JPEG data size.

# Ruby Time

Processing Stream using Ruby

# HTTP Streaming (1/2)

```
1 Net::HTTP.start(uri.host, uri.port) do |http|
2   request = Net::HTTP::Get.new uri
3   http.request request do |response|
4     response.read_body do |chunk|
5       # ...
6     end
7   end
8 end
```

# HTTP Streaming (2/2)

```
1 Net::HTTP.start(uri.host, uri.port) do |http|
2   request = Net::HTTP::Get.new uri
3   http.request request do |response|
4     response.read_body do |chunk|
5       buf += chunk
6       until buf.empty?
7         # buf.slice!
8       end
9     end
10    end
11  end
```

# String#unpack

Decodes string, returning array of each value extracted.

# Common Header

# Common Header (1/2)

| 0          | 1            | 2               | 3 |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Start Byte | Payload Type | Sequence Number |   |
| 4          | 5            | 6               | 7 |
| Time Stamp |              |                 |   |

```
ary = common_header.unpack("aanN")
ary[2] # => Sequence Number
ary[3] # => Timestamp
```

# Common Header (2/2)

|     | return  | meaning                     |
|-----|---------|-----------------------------|
| --- | -----   | -----                       |
| a   | String  | arbitrary binary string     |
| n   | Integer | 16-bit unsigned, big-endian |
| N   | Integer | 32-bit unsigned, big-endian |

# Payload Header

# Payload Header (1/2)

| 0              | 1        | 2   | 3            |
|----------------|----------|-----|--------------|
| Start Code     |          |     |              |
| 5              | 6        | 7   | 8            |
| JPEG Data Size |          |     | Padding Size |
| 9              | 10       | 11  | 12           |
| Reserved       |          |     |              |
| 13             | 14       | ... | 127          |
| Flag           | Reserved |     |              |

```
ary = payload_header.unpack('a4H6Ca*')
ary[1].hex # => JPEG Size
ary[2]    # => Padding Size
```

# Payload Header (2/2)

|    | return  | meaning                        |
|----|---------|--------------------------------|
| -- | -----   | -----                          |
| C  | Integer | 8-bit unsigned (unsigned char) |
| H  | String  | hex string (high nibble first) |
| h  | String  | hex string (low nibble first)  |

# gem install bindata

```
class Rectangle < BinData::Record
  endian :little
  uint16 :len
  string :name, :read_length => :len
  uint32 :width
  uint32 :height
end

io = File.open(...)
r = Rectangle.read(io)
puts "Rectangle #{r.name} is #{r.width} x #{r.height}"
```

Ruby gem?

```
$ gem install sonycam
```

```
https://github.com/tonytonyjan/sonycam
```

# Ruby Usage

```
require 'sonycam'  
api = Sonycam::API.new "http://10.0.0.1:10000/sony/camera"  
api.request :actTakePicture  
# => [["http://....."]]  
api.request :actZoom, :in, :start  
# => 0
```

```
Liveview.stream(liveview_url) do |packet|  
  packet[:payload_data][:jpeg_data] # JPEG binary  
end
```

# CLI Usage

```
$ gem install sonycam  
$ sonycam scan  
$ sonycam api actTakePicture
```

# CLI Usage

```
~ $ sonycam help
Commands:
sonycam api method [PARAMETER ...]
sonycam help [COMMAND]
sonycam list [QUERY]
sonycam liveview
sonycam scan [IP]
```

`sonycam liveview` prints streaming data to STDOUT

# Record to mp4

```
$ sonycam liveview | ffmpeg \
-f image2pipe -c mjpeg \
-i pipe:0 -codec copy \
liveview.mp4
```

# Live Streaming

```
$ sonycam liveview | ffmpeg \
-f image2pipe -c mjpeg \
-i pipe:0 -codec copy \
http://127.0.0.1:8080/feed1 ffm
```

# Demo

# Friendly Reminder

# Secrets in DSC-RX100M2

- Others
  - <http://10.0.0.1:10000/sony/camera>
- DSC-RX 100M2
  - <http://10.0.0.1:10000/camera>



**It's not mentioned in any official document.**

# Mandatory Extensions (1/2)

M-SEARCH \* HTTP/1.1

HOST: 239.255.255.250:1900

MAN: "ssdp:discover"

MX: 10

ST: urn:schemas-sony-com:service:ScalarWebAPI:1

# Mandatory Extensions (2/2)

## MAN

REQUIRED by HTTP Extension Framework. Unlike the NTS and ST field values, the field value of the MAN header field is enclosed in double quotes; it defines the scope (namespace) of the extension.

MUST be **“ssdp:discover”**.

- Quoted from “UPnP Device Architecture 1.1”

# Conclusion

Sony's Cameras are  
friendly for developers

Ruby is easy to write  
even in handling binary

Thank You