

# Web API Design



# Agenda day 1

- Understanding APIs
- Principles of modern Web APIs
- Make a great APIs
- Modeling APIs
- From modelling to API design
- Workshop



# Agenda day 2

- Working with REST
- Documenting your APIs
- Secure your APIs
- Testing your APIs
- Workshop

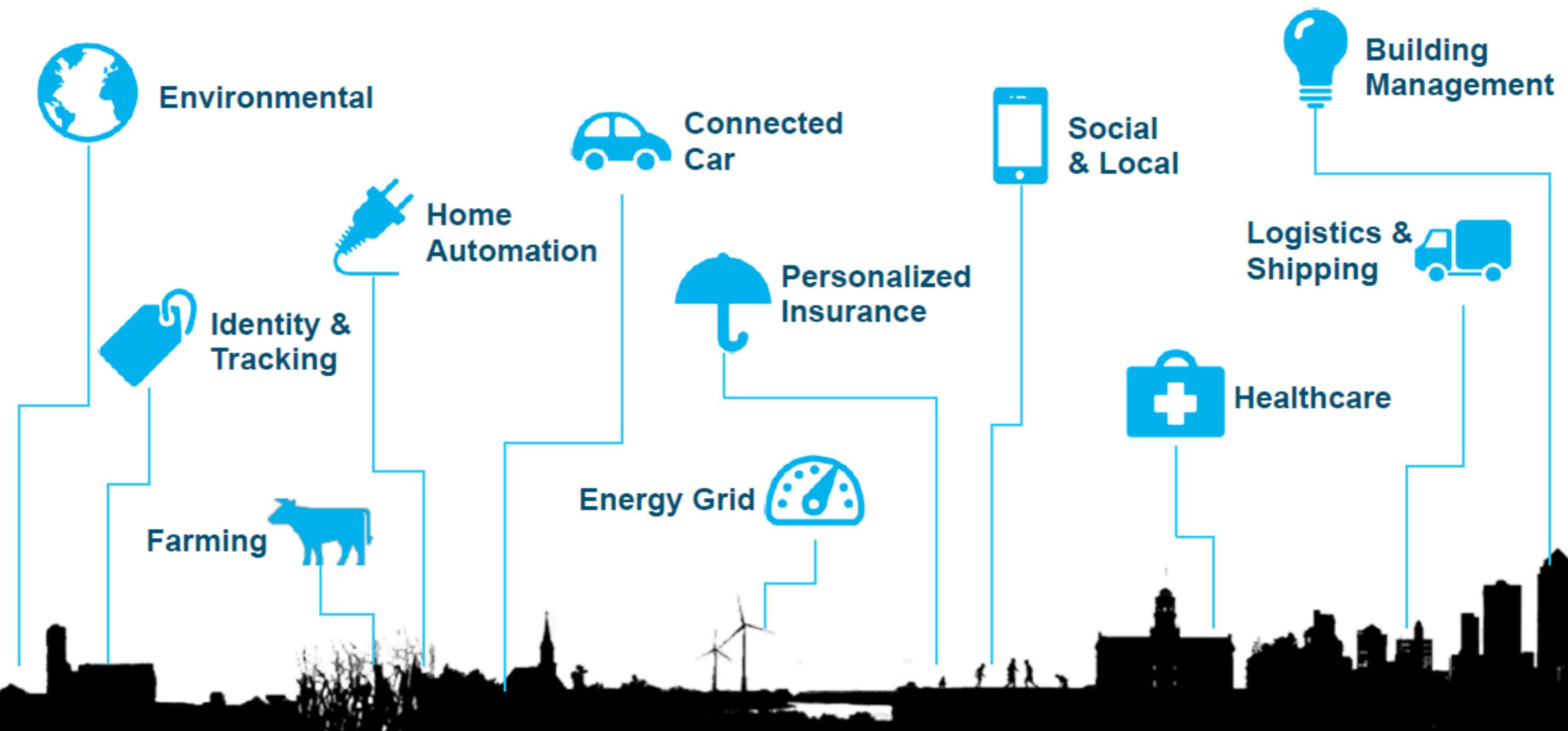


# Understanding APIs





# The world of APIs



# What is an APIs ?

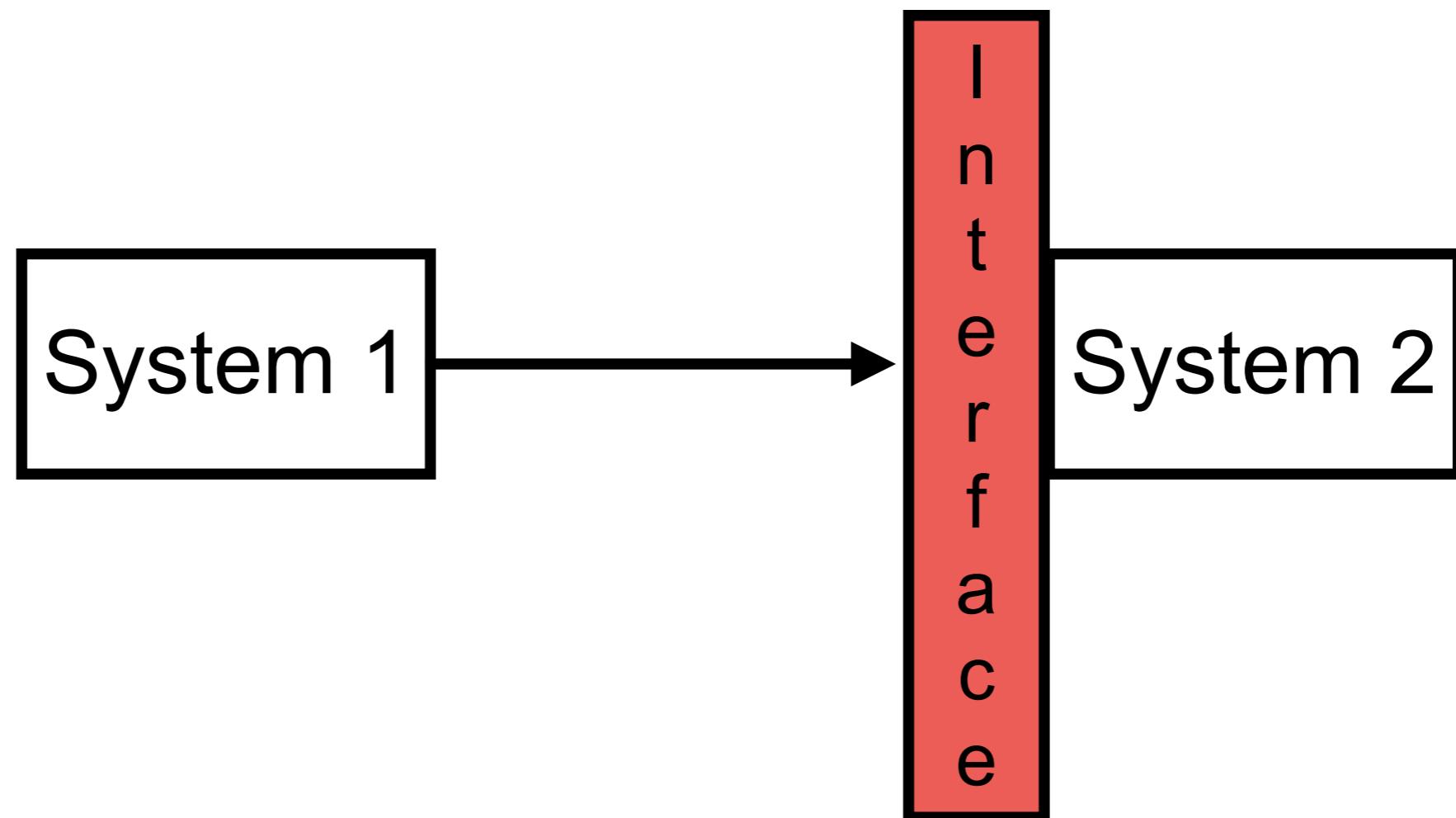


# Application Programming Interfaces



# What is an APIs ?

Software uses **interfaces** to communicate



# User Interface

**facebook**

Facebook ช่วยคุณเชื่อมต่อและ  
แชร์กับผู้คนมากมายรอบตัวคุณ

อีเมลหรือหมายเลขโทรศัพท์มือถือ

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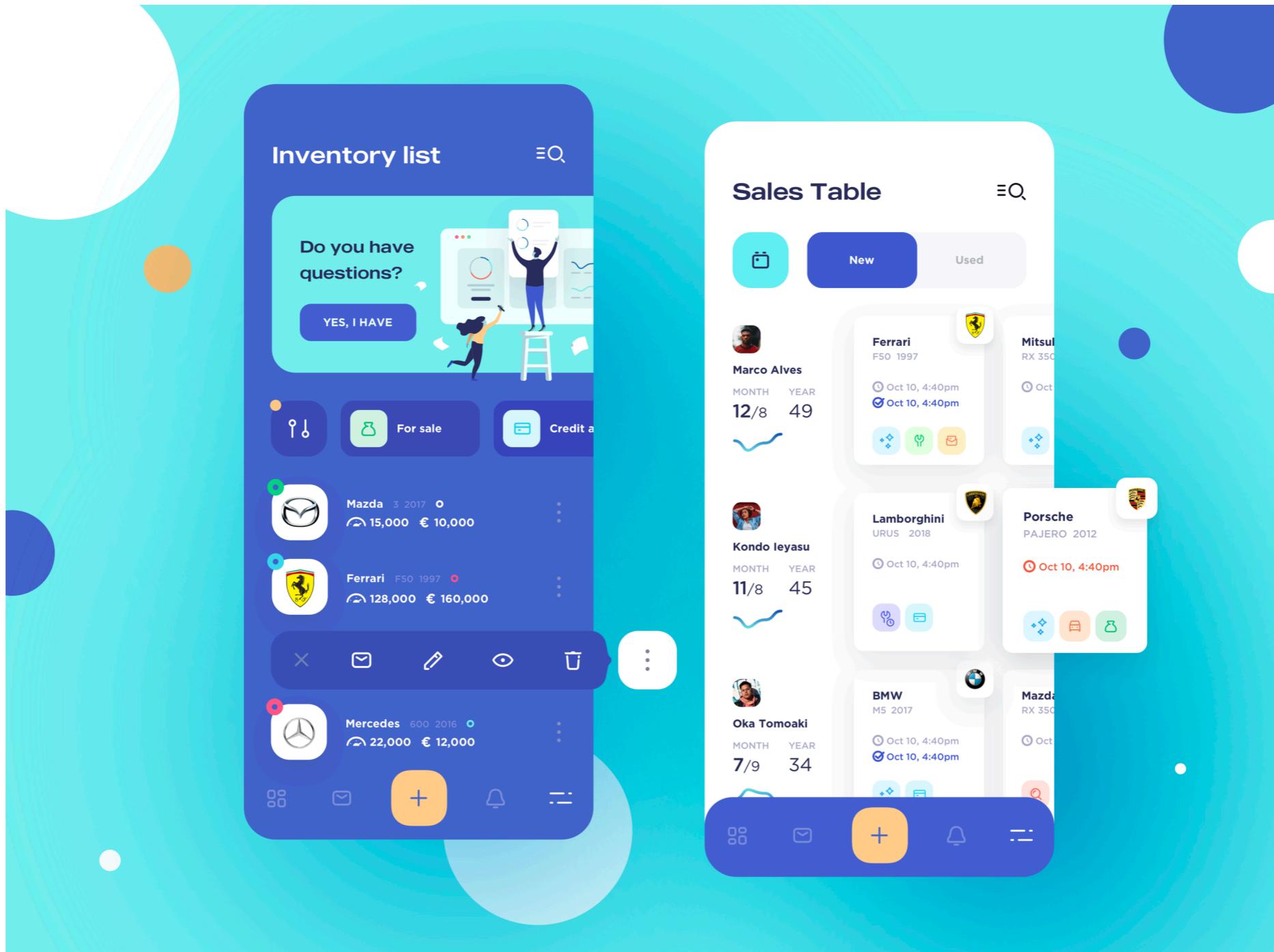
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# User Interface



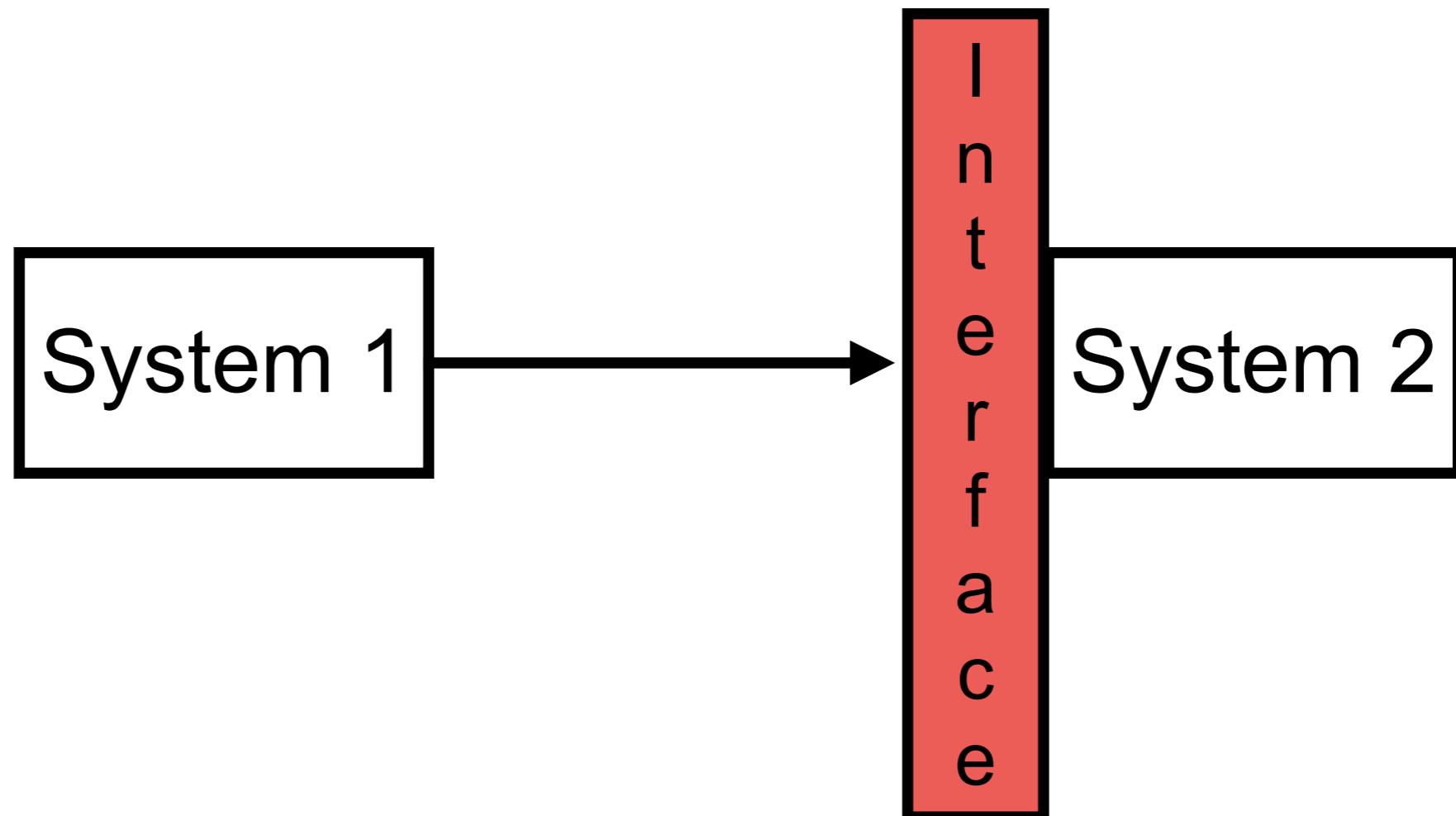
# Interface

```
{  
    age: "69",  
    age_display: "69 year",  
    + aliases: [...],  
    @context: "/terms/",  
    + lab: {...},  
    + biosample_ontology: {...},  
    references: [ ],  
    status: "released",  
    + dbxrefs: [...],  
    internal_tags: [ ],  
    description: "mammary gland, adenocarcinoma",  
    @id: "/biosamples/ENCBS000AAA/",  
    age_units: "year",  
    uuid: "56e94f2b-25ac-4c58-9828-f63b66220999",  
    parent_of: [ ],  
    + submitted_by: {...},  
    + documents: [...],  
    genetic_modifications: [ ],  
    + organism: {...},  
    health_status: "breast cancer (adenocarcinoma)",  
    + @type: [...],  
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    url: "http://www.atcc.org/Products/All/HTB-22.aspx",
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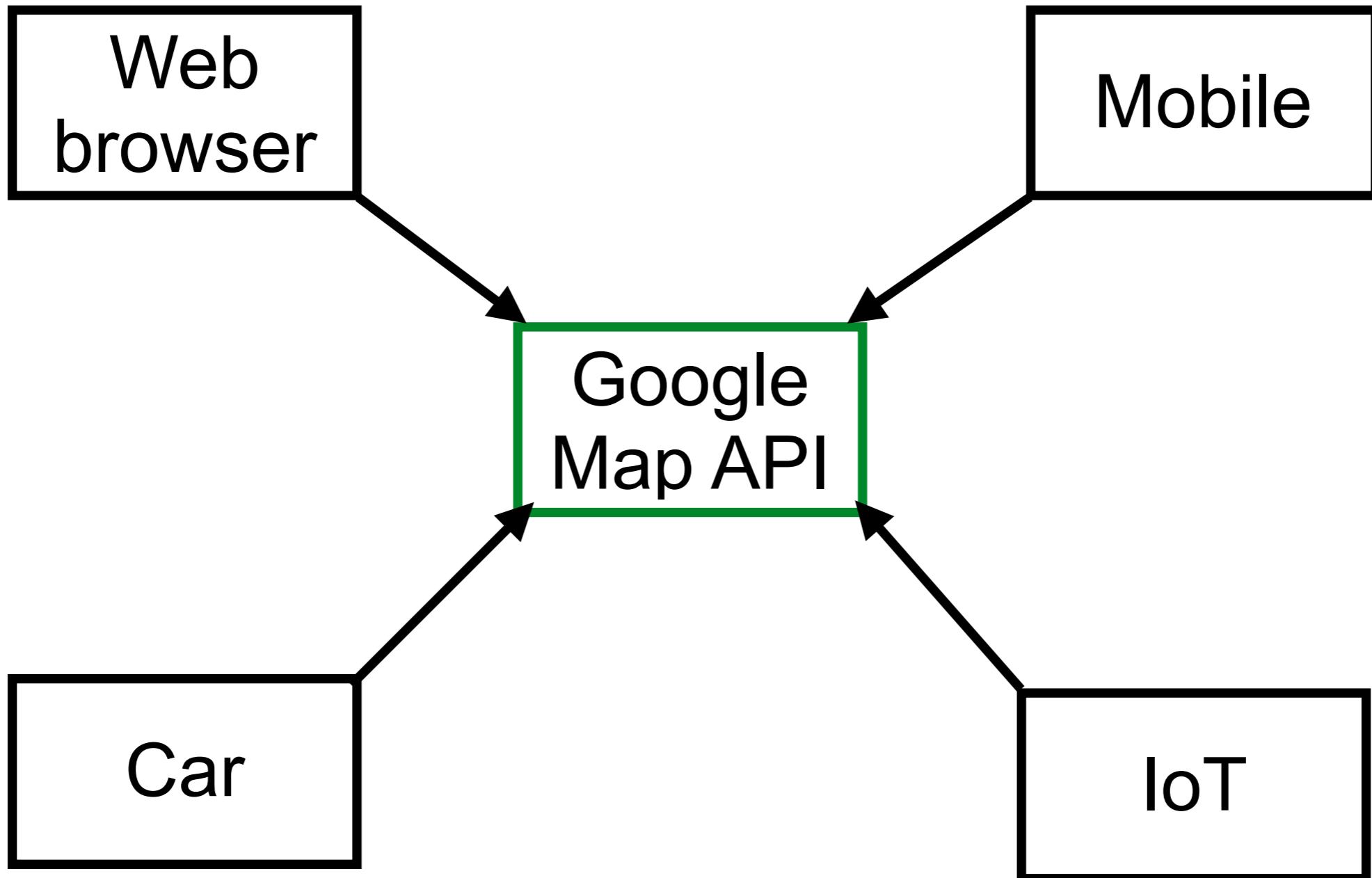
# What is an APIs ?

The interface that a software program presents to other programs, to humans

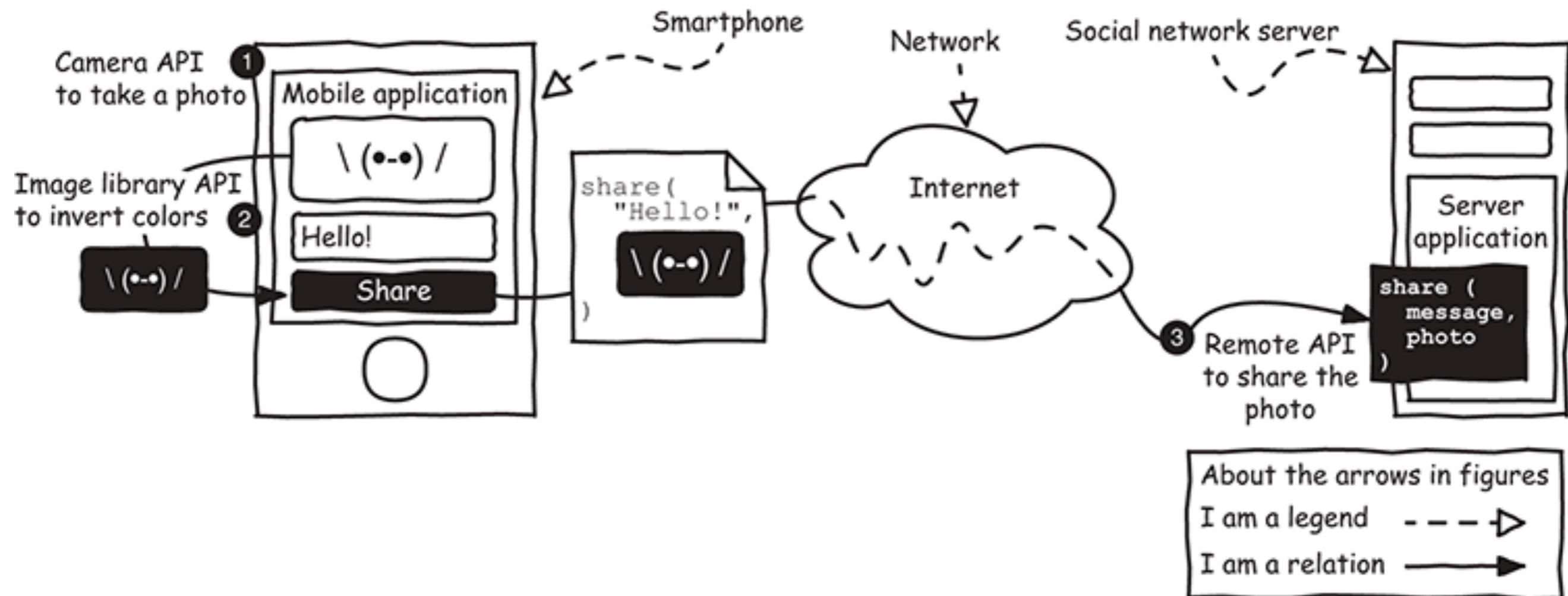


# Google Map

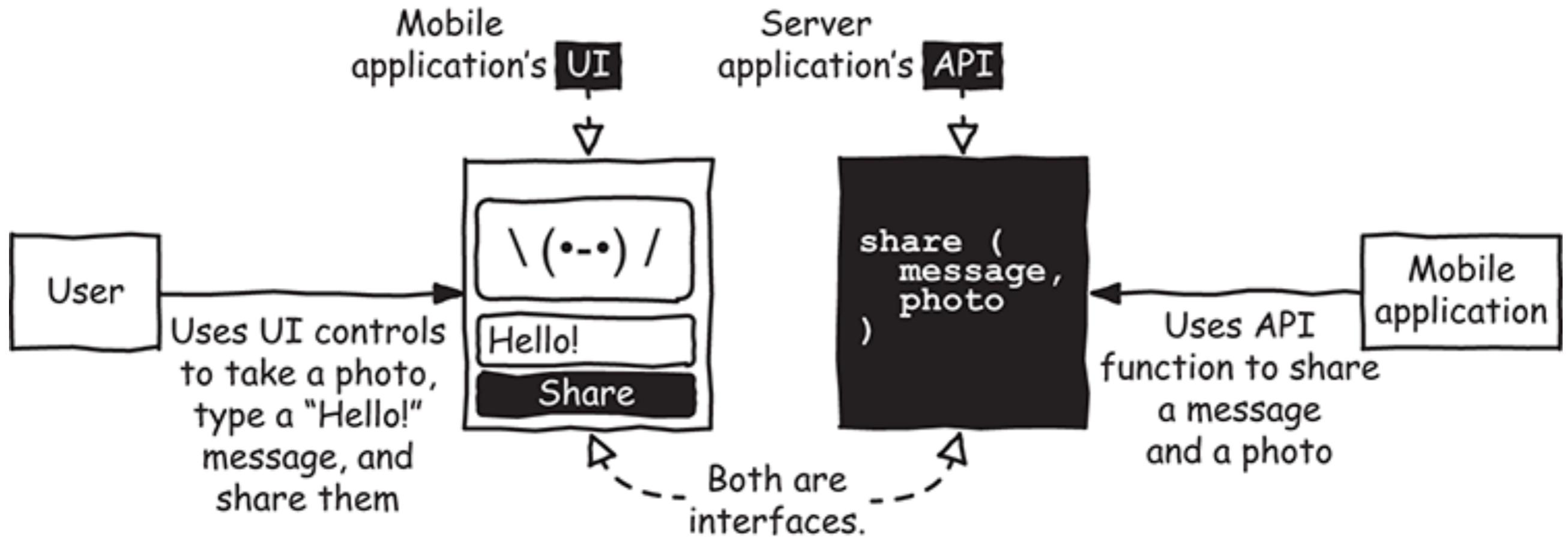




# Example of APIs with Mobile



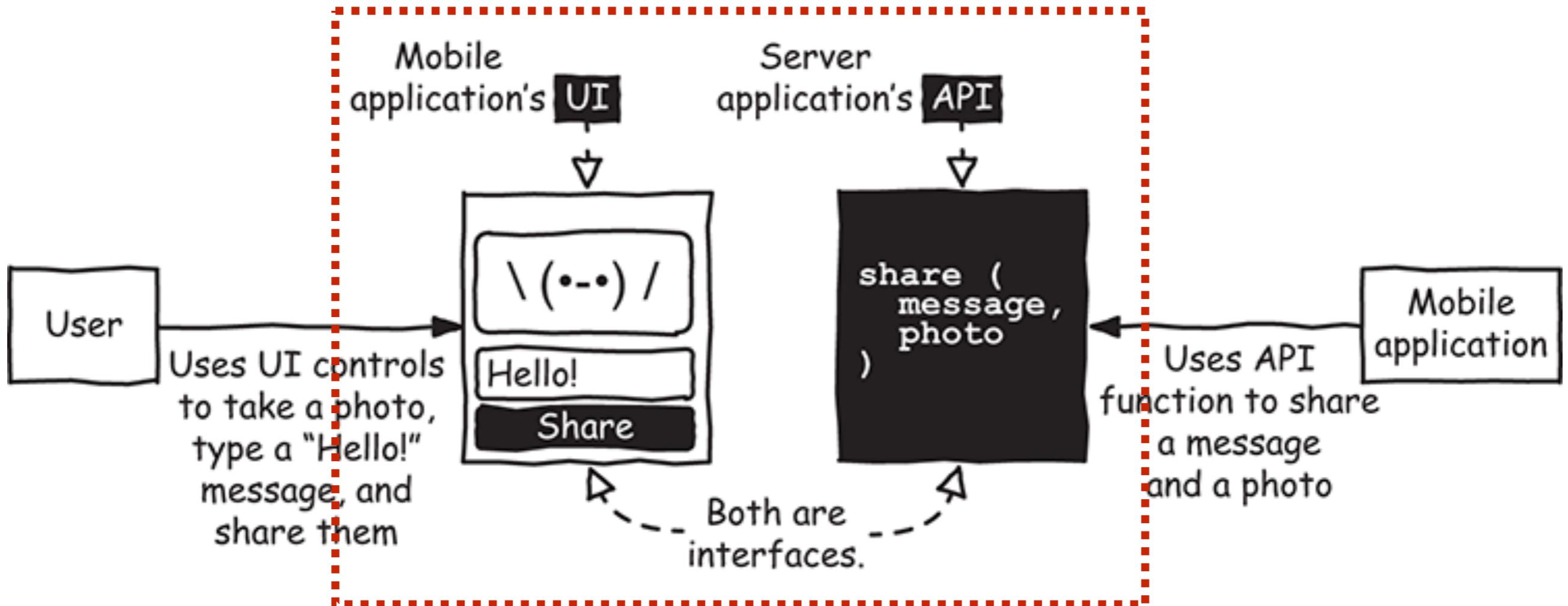
# UI to API

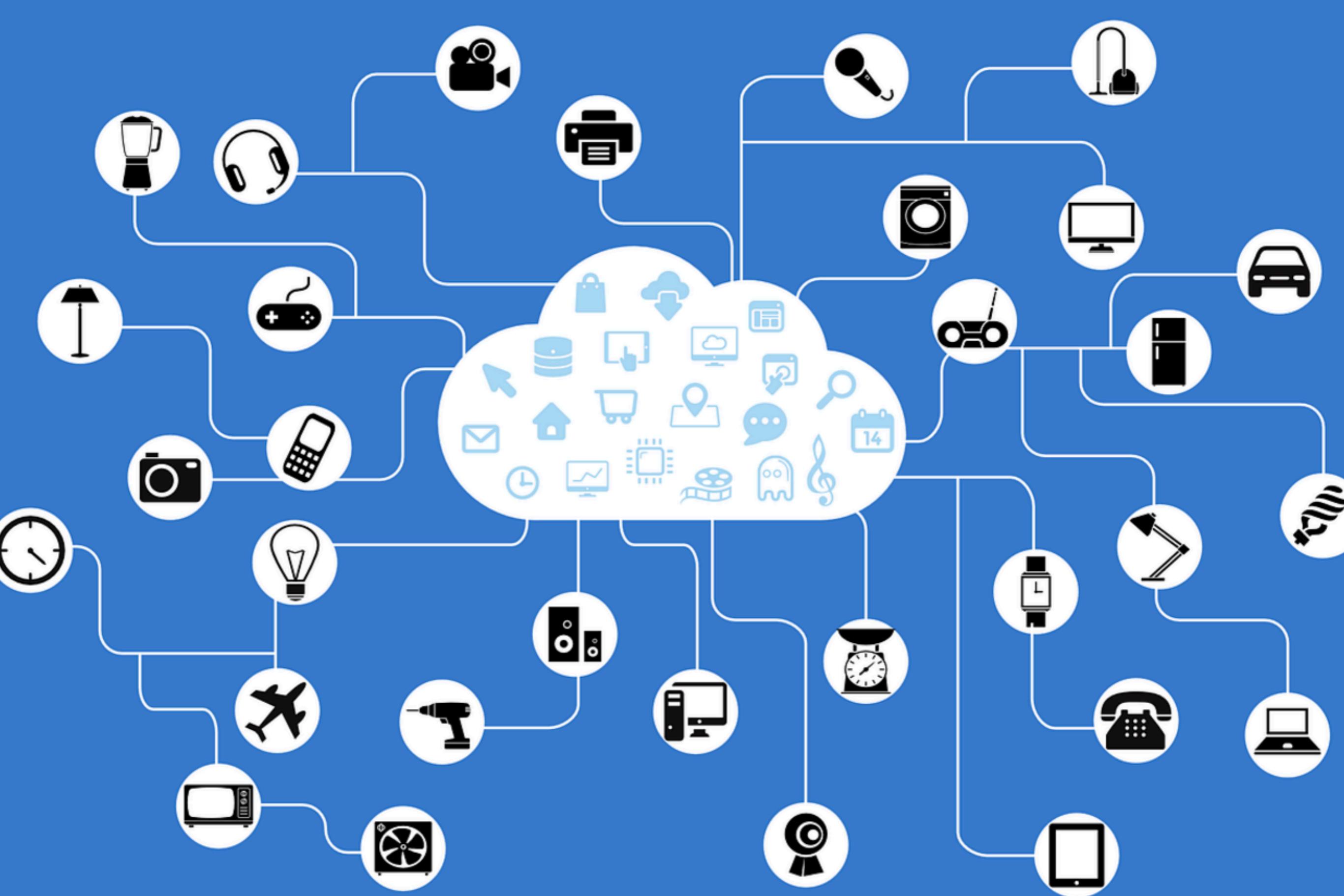


# Communication protocol ?

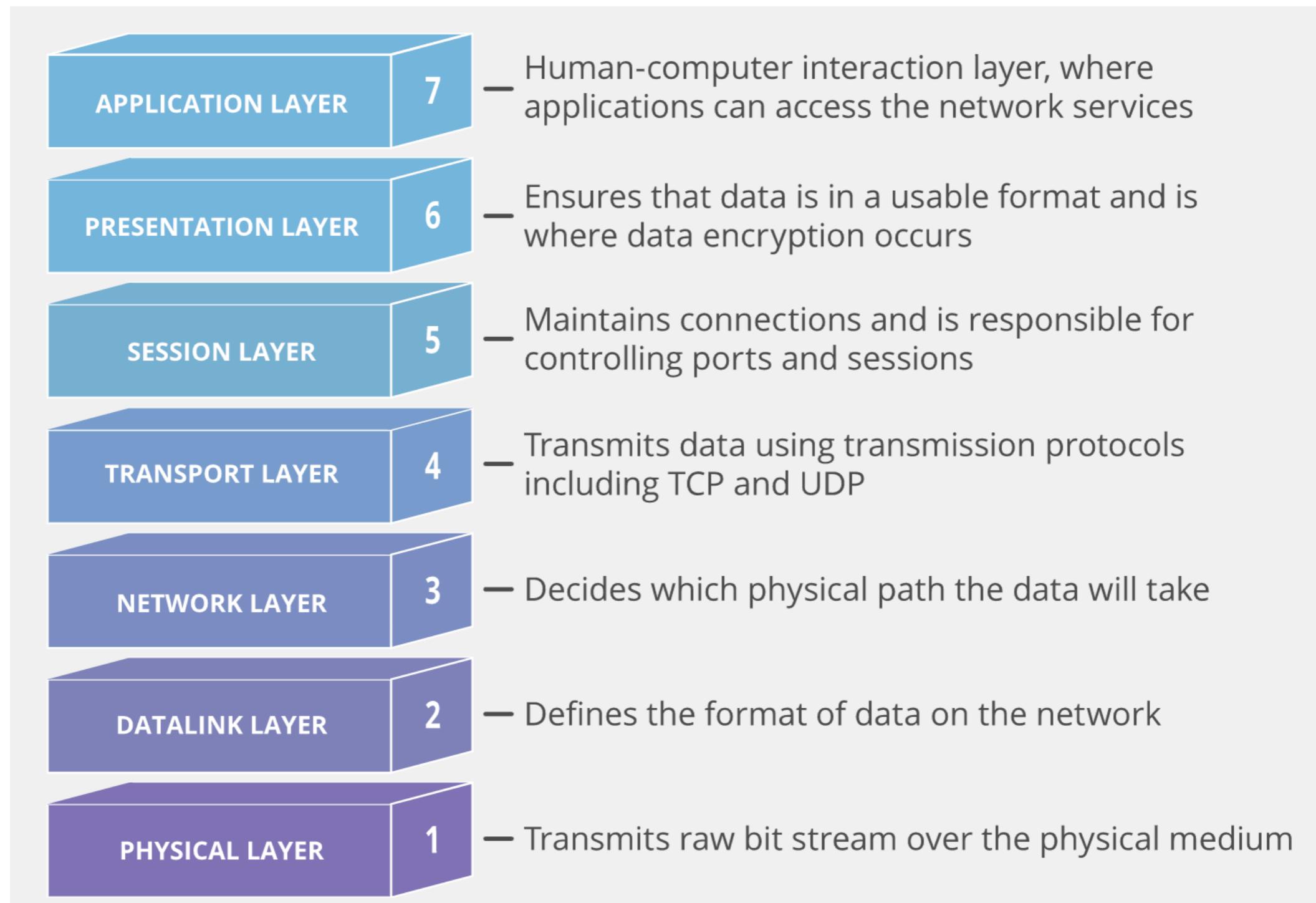


# Communication protocol ?





# Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)



<https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/network-layer/what-is-a-protocol/>



# Web APIs



# **HTTP**

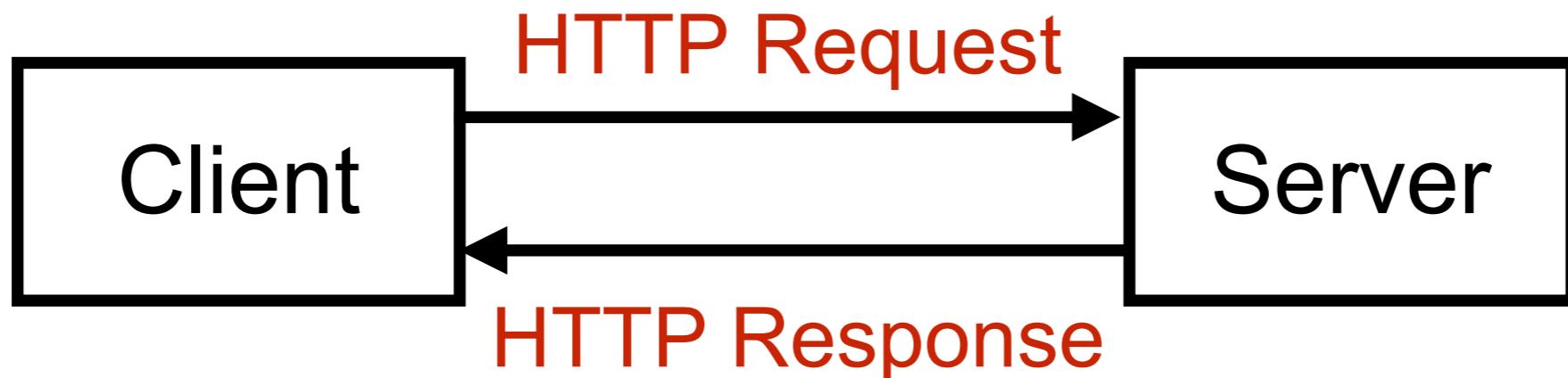
# **Hyper Text Transfer Protocol**



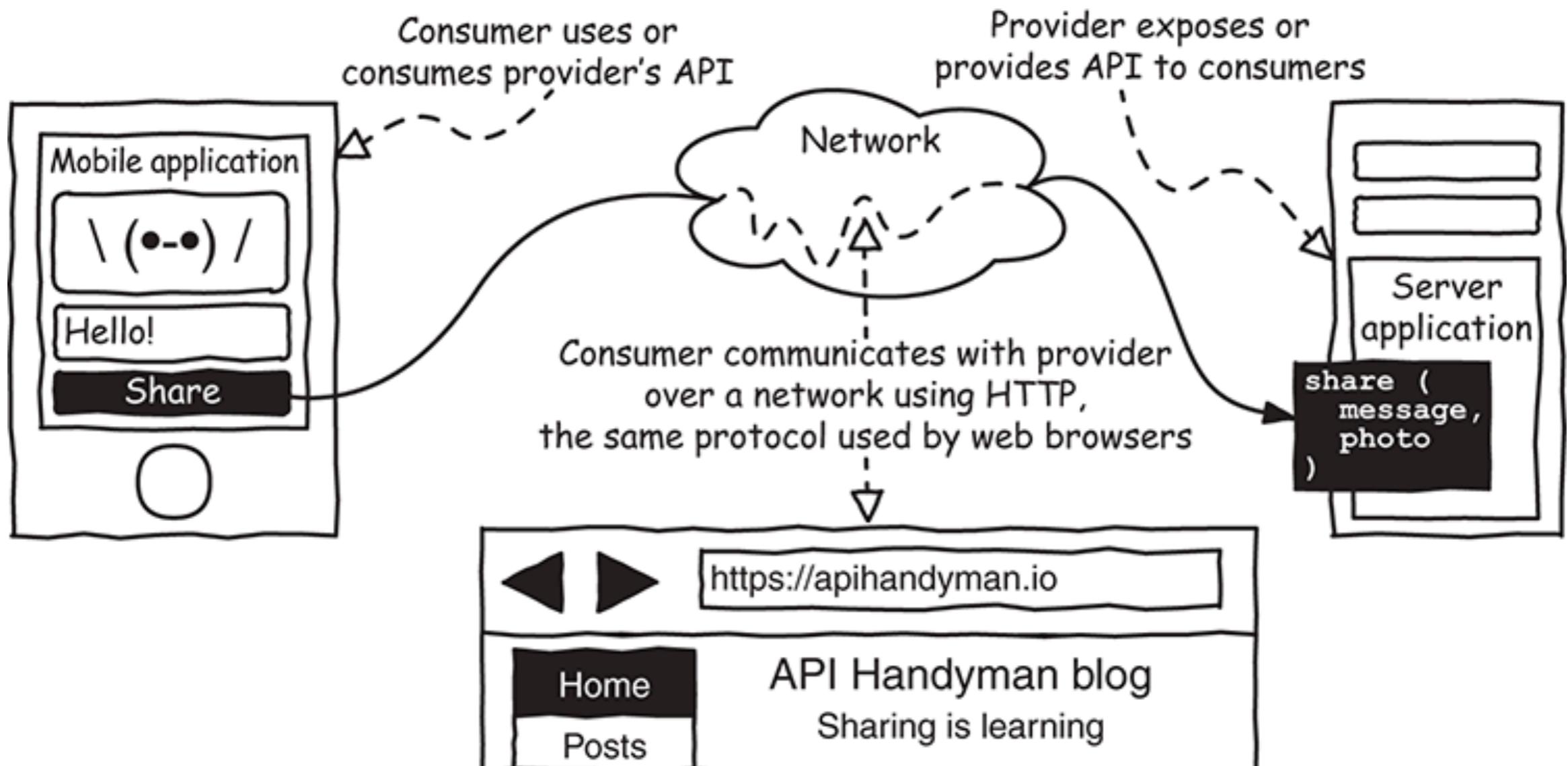
# HTTP ?

Foundation of World Wide Web (www)  
Application layer protocol

Designed to transfer information networked  
devices

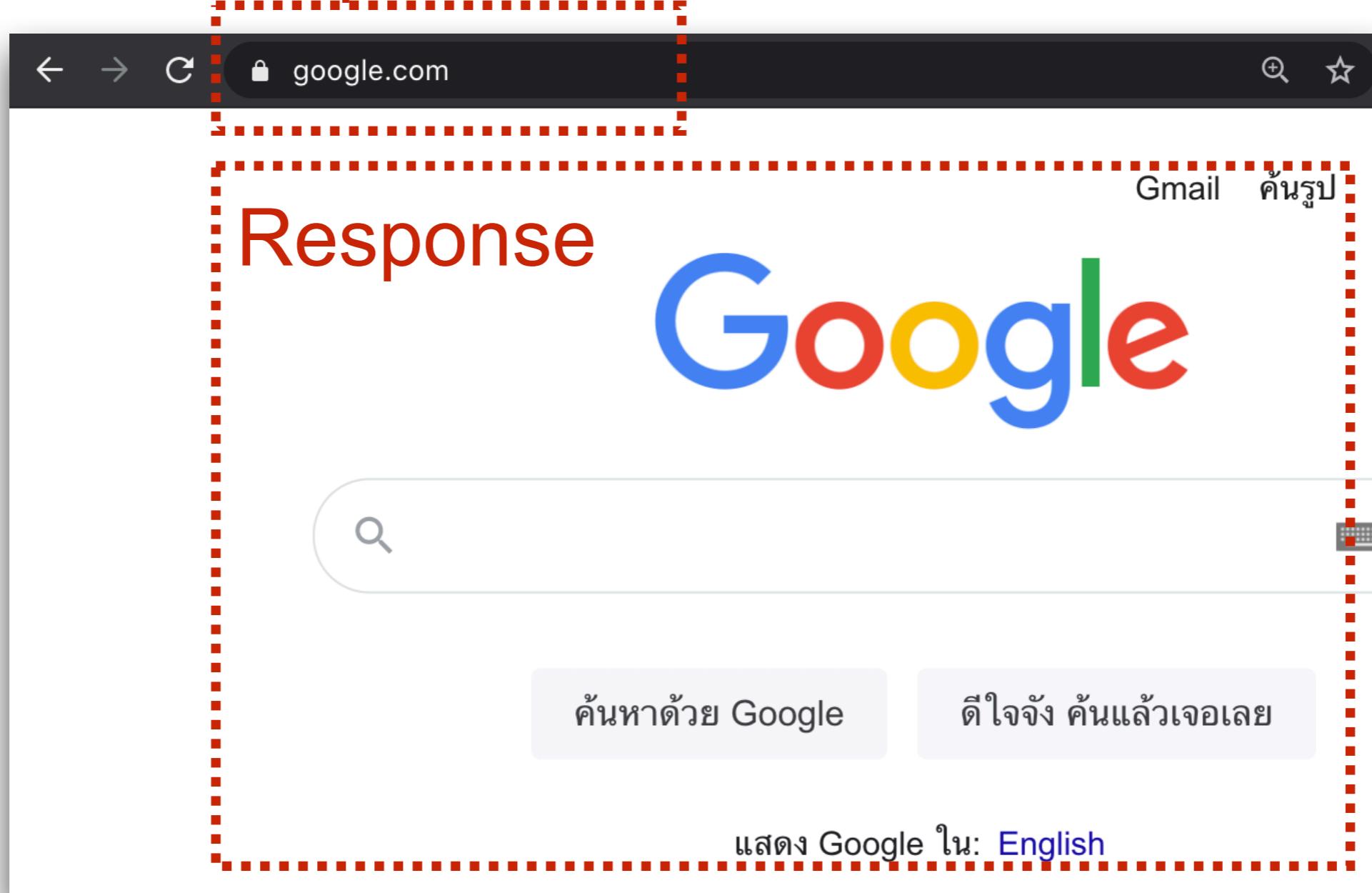


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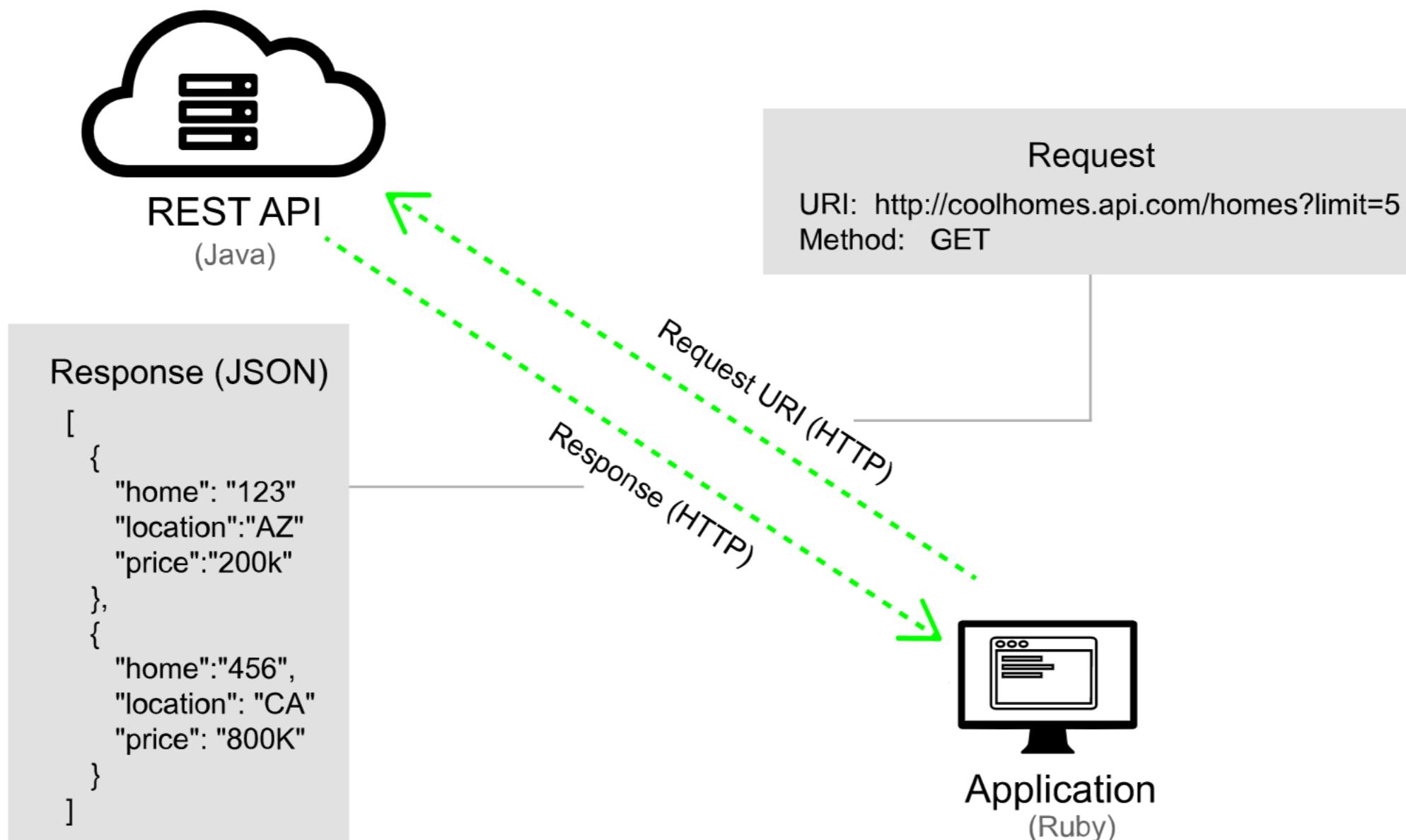
# Example of request and response

Request



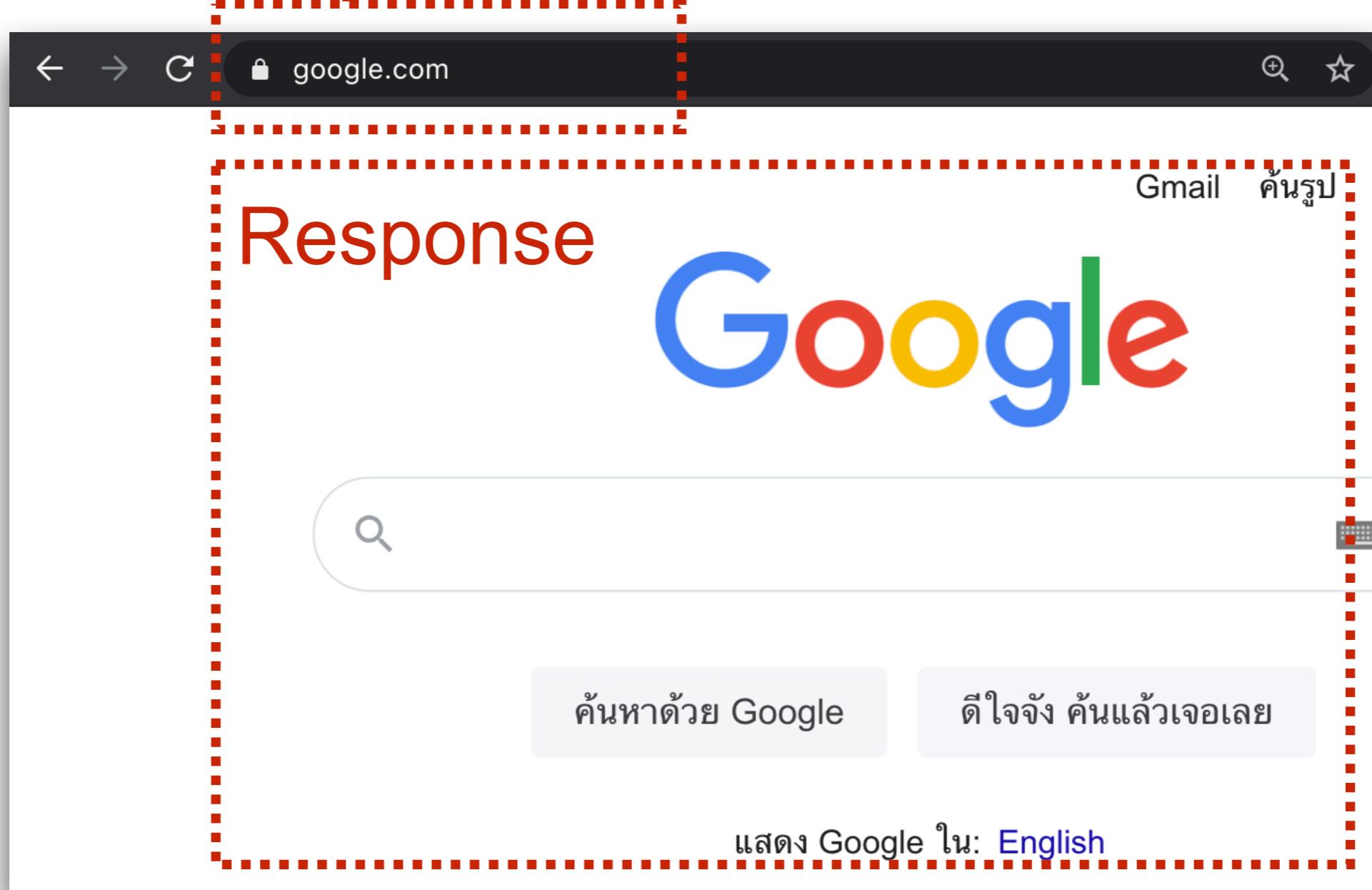
# Web APIs + HTTP

## Working with Request and Response



# Example

Request



# Example !!

## ▼ General

**Request URL:** [https://www.google.com/complete/search?q&cp=0&c0jv0X9qyCv\\_az7sPufWhmAE.1607351250444&dpr=2.5](https://www.google.com/complete/search?q&cp=0&c0jv0X9qyCv_az7sPufWhmAE.1607351250444&dpr=2.5)

**Request Method:** GET

**Status Code:** 200

**Remote Address:** 216.58.221.196:443

**Referrer Policy:** origin

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## ▼ Response Headers

**alt-svc:** h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000, h3-T051=":443"; ma=2592000, h3-43=":443"; ma=2592000, quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="46,43"

**cache-control:** private, max-age=3600

**content-disposition:** attachment; filename="f.txt"

**content-encoding:** br



# Example !!

## ▼ Request Headers

**:authority:** www.google.com

**:method:** GET

**:path:** /complete/search?q&cp=0&client=psy-ab&xssi=t&gs\_ri  
51250444&dpr=2.5

**:scheme:** https

**accept:** \*/\*

**accept-encoding:** gzip, deflate, br

**accept-language:** en-US,en;q=0.9,th;q=0.8

**cookie:** CGIC=IocBdGV4dC9odG1sLGFwcGxpY2F0aW9uL3hodG1sK3h-



# Example !!

## ▼ Query String Parameters

[view source](#)[view URL encoded](#)**q:****cp: 0****client: psy-ab****xssi: t****gs\_ri: gws-wiz****hl: en-TH****authuser: 0****psi: 0jv0X9qyCv\_az7sPufWhmAE.1607351250444****dpr: 2.5**

# Let's Start with Web APIs



# APIs

REST

RPC

GraphQL

WebSocket

WebHook

etc...



# Request and Response APIs

Using HTTP

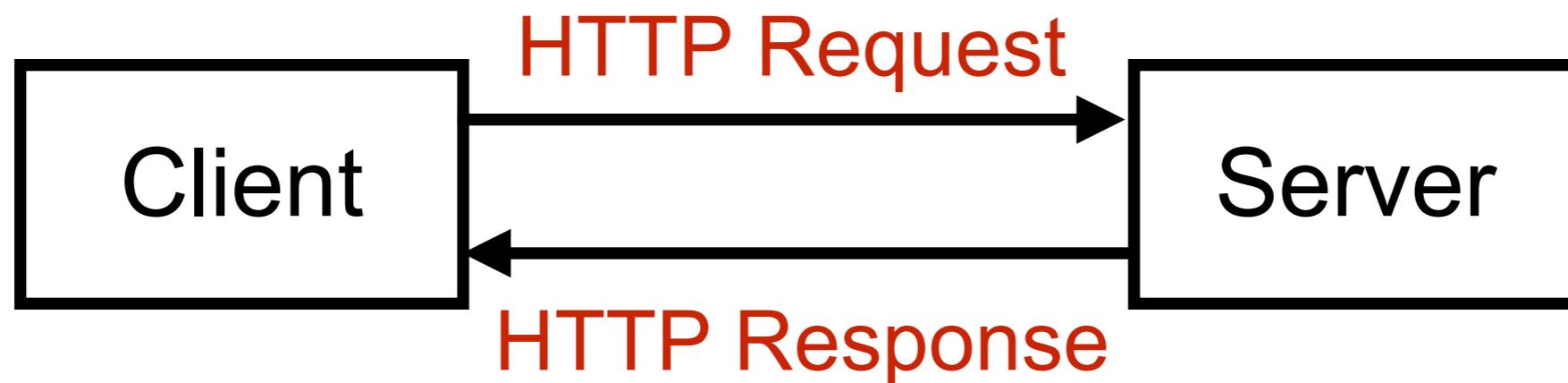
APIs define a set of **endpoints**  
**Client and Server**



# Working with HTTP

Client make HTTP requests for data to endpoint on server

Server returns responses



# HTTP Request



# HTTP Request ?

HTTP version

URL

HTTP method

HTTP request header

HTTP body (optional)

```
1 | GET / HTTP/1.1
2 | Host: developer.mozilla.org
3 | Accept-Language: fr
```



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HTTP version = 1.1



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HTTP method = GET



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PATH = /



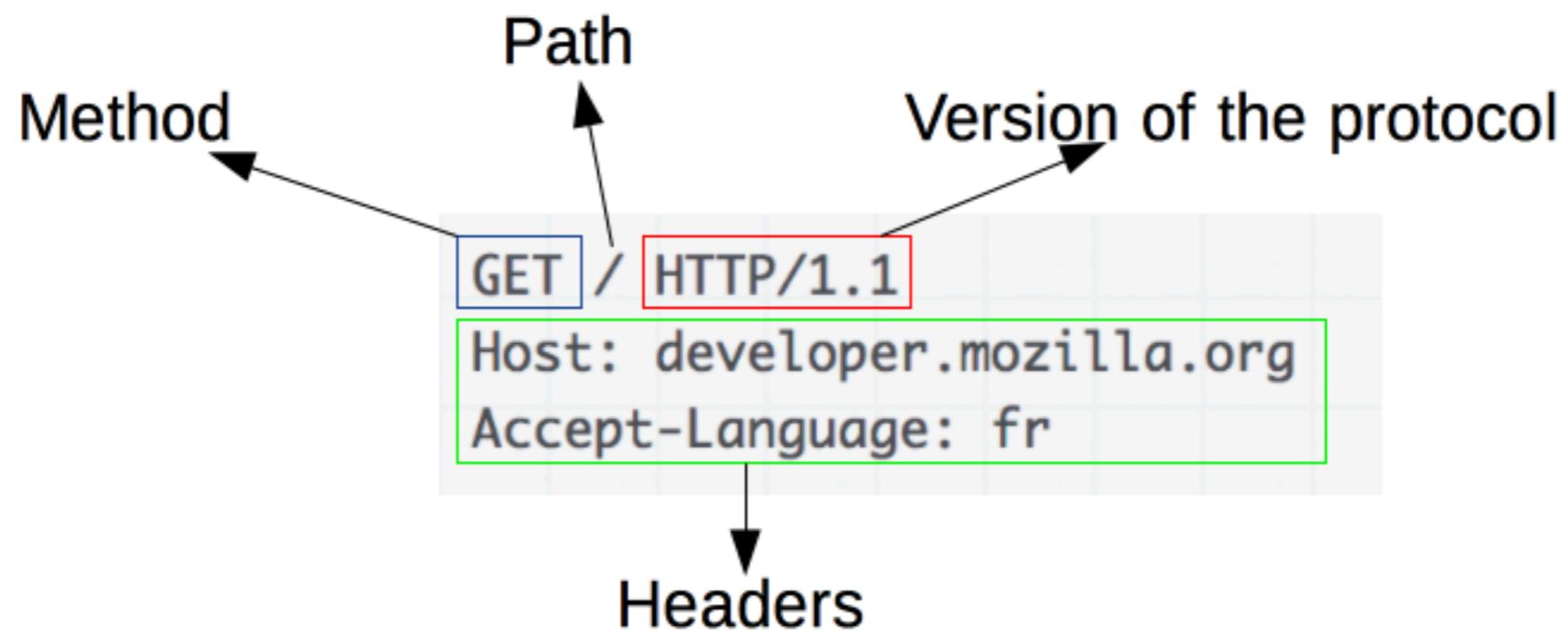
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HTTP request header



# HTTP Request ?



# HTTP method ?

HTTP defines a set of **request methods** to indicate the desired action to be performed for a given **resource**.

Called “**HTTP Verbs**”



# HTTP method ?

HTTP method	Description
GET	Retrive data
POST	Create data
PUT	Update data
DELETE	Delete data

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Methods>



# Path ?

The path of the **resource** to fetch from URL

`http://developer.mozilla.org/`

**URL = Uniform Resource Locator**

`https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/URL`



# Path ?

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Protocol = http, https

`https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/URL`



# Path ?

The path of the **resource** to fetch from URL

http://developer.mozilla.org/

Domain name

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain\_name



# Path ?

The path of the **resource** to fetch from URL

http://developer.mozilla.org:80/

TCP port = 80 (default)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain\_name



# Path ?

The path of the **resource** to fetch from URL

http://developer.mozilla.org:80/

Path = / = resource to access/use

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain\_name



# Resources ?

Employee  
Product  
Message  
Department



# Example

HTTP method	Path	Description
GET	/product	Retrieve all product
GET	/product/1	Retrieve product detail of 1
POST	/product	Create new product
PUT	/product/1	Update existing product 1
DELETE	/product/1	Delete product 1



# More complexity

**/product/1 or /product/?id=1**



Path variables



Query parameters

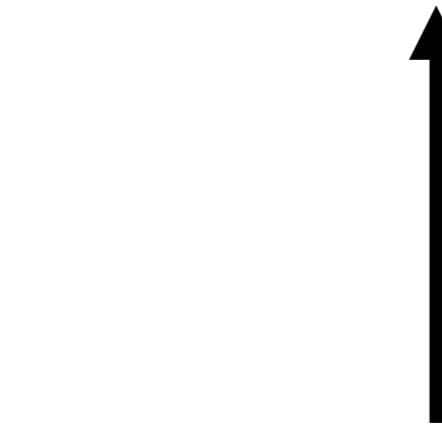


# More complexity

`/product/1` or `/product/?id=1`



Path variables



Query parameters



# **Path variable vs Query parameter**



# Recommendation

## Path variables

Used to **identify** from resource directly

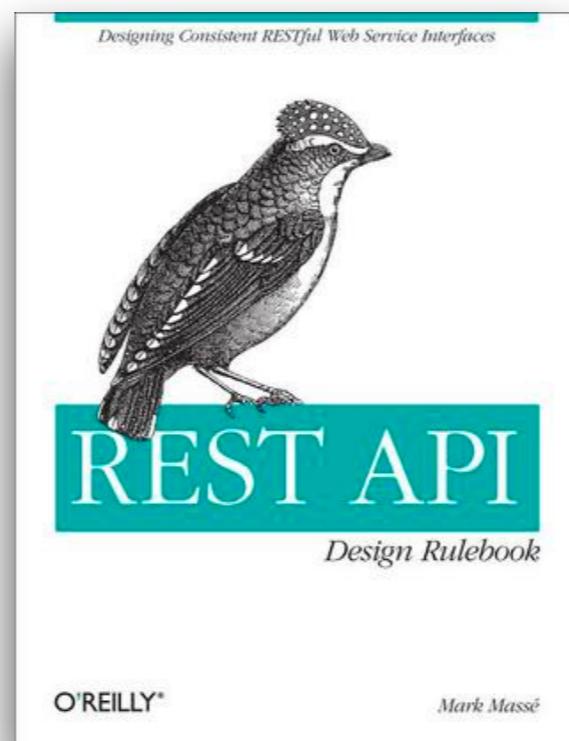
## Query parameters

Used to **sort** or **filter** from resource

<https://hackernoon.com/restful-api-designing-guidelines-the-best-practices-60e1d954e7c9>



# REST API Design rules



# Use / for hierarchy data

Country => province

**http://api/countries/thailand/provinces**



# Naming

Using **hyphen (-) over underscore (\_)**

Using **lowercase**

**<http://api.com/blog/hello-my-world>**



# Workshop



# HTTP Response



# HTTP Response ?

HTTP version  
HTTP status code  
HTTP response header  
HTTP body (optional)

```
1 | HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 | Date: Sat, 09 Oct 2010 14:28:02 GMT
3 | Server: Apache
4 | Last-Modified: Tue, 01 Dec 2009 20:18:22 GMT
5 | ETag: "51142bc1-7449-479b075b2891b"
6 | Accept-Ranges: bytes
7 | Content-Length: 29769
8 | Content-Type: text/html
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HTTP status code = 200



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HTTP response header



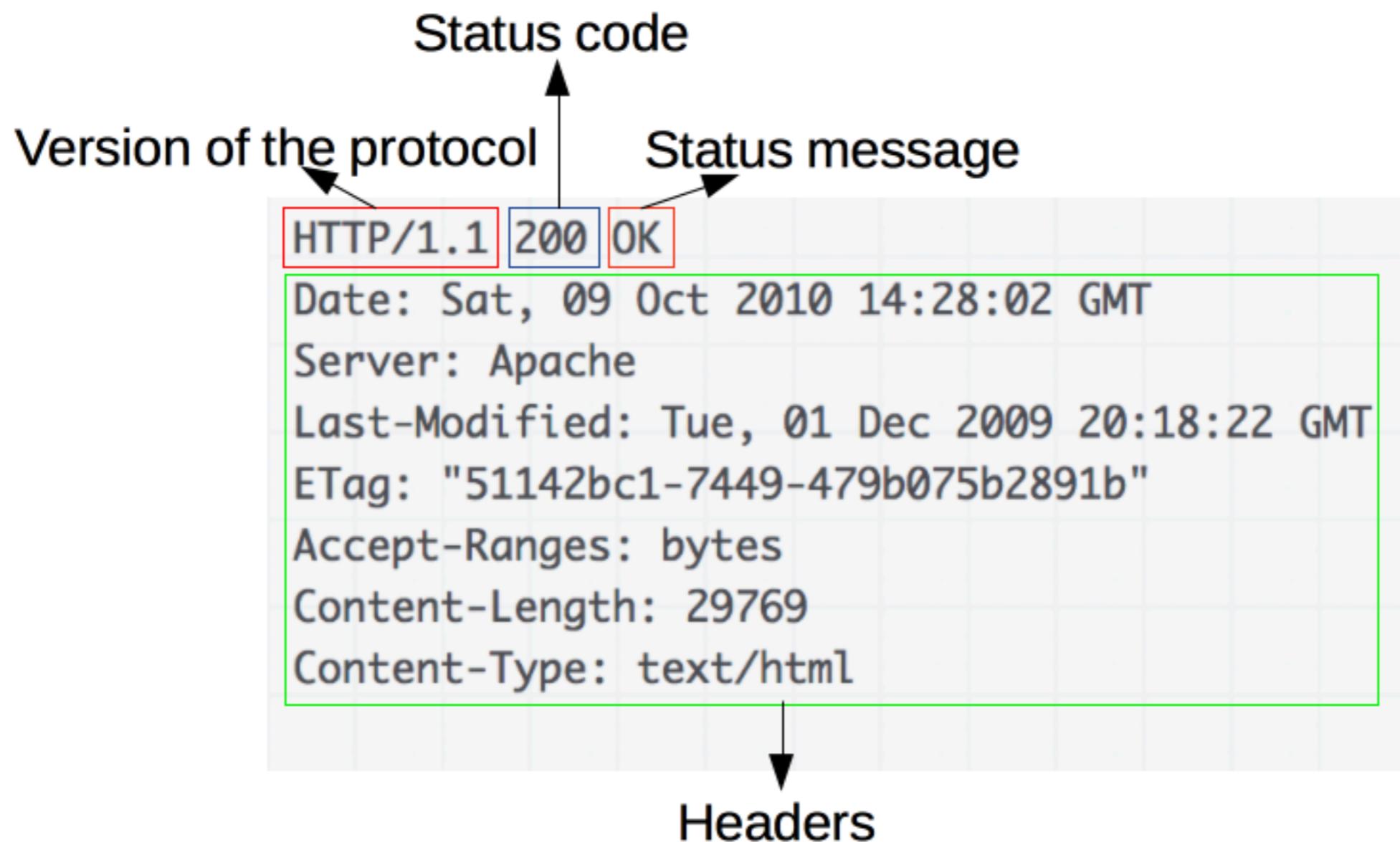
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HTTP body



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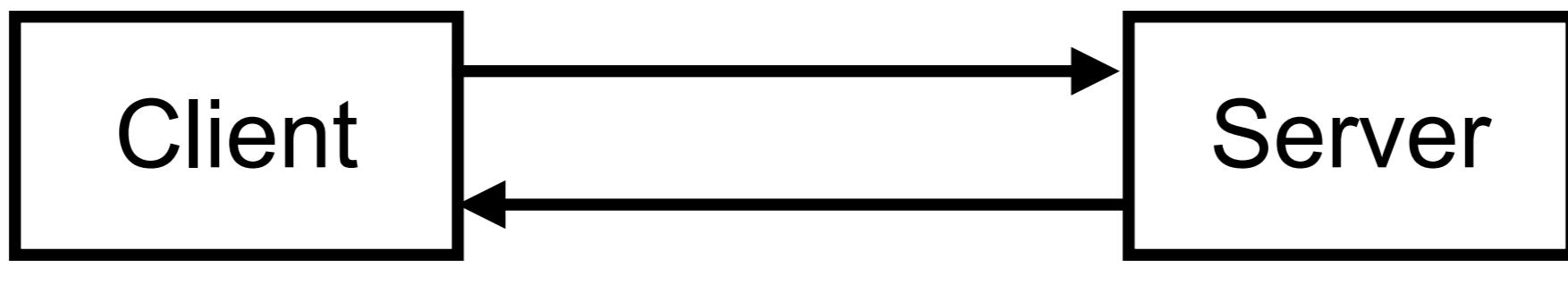
# HTTP Status Code

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP>Status>



# HTTP Status Code

HTTP response status codes indicate whether a specific HTTP request has been successfully completed.



# 5 groups of status codes

Code	Name
100-199	Information responses
200-299	Successful responses
300-399	Redirects
400-499	Client errors
500-599	Server error



# Successful Responses

Code	Name
200	OK
201	Created
202	Accepted



# Redirection message

Code	Name
301	Move permanently
302	Found, Move temporarily



# Client Errors Responses

Code	Name
400	Bad request
401	Bad authorized
403	Forbidden
404	Not found
405	Method not allowed



# Server Errors Responses

Code	Name
500	Internal server error
502	Bad gateway
503	Service unavailable
504	Gateway timeout

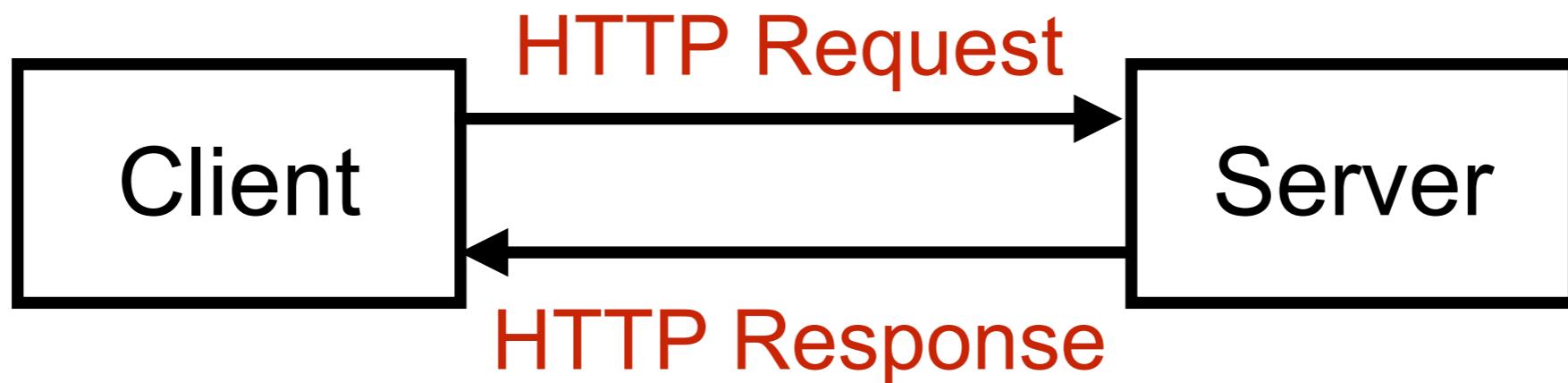


# HTTP Body



# HTTP Body

Information's format of request and response body  
Plain text, XML, JSON, Binary ... etc



# What is JSON ?

**JavaScript Object Notation**

**Lightweight** format to store and transport data

**Self-descriptive** and easy to understand

<https://www.json.org/json-en.html>



# Example of JSON message

## List of products

```
{  
  "products": [  
    { "id": 1, "name": "name 1", "price": 1.00},  
    { "id": 2, "name": "name 2", "price": 2.00},  
    { "id": 3, "name": "name 3", "price": 3.00},  
    { "id": 4, "name": "name 4", "price": 4.00},  
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  ]  
}
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```

{ } = Object



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    ]  
}
```

[ ] = List or Array



# Example of JSON message

```
{  
    Key  
    "products": [  
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```



# JSON syntax rules

Data is in name/value pairs

Data is separated by comma (,)

Curly braces ({} ) holds objects

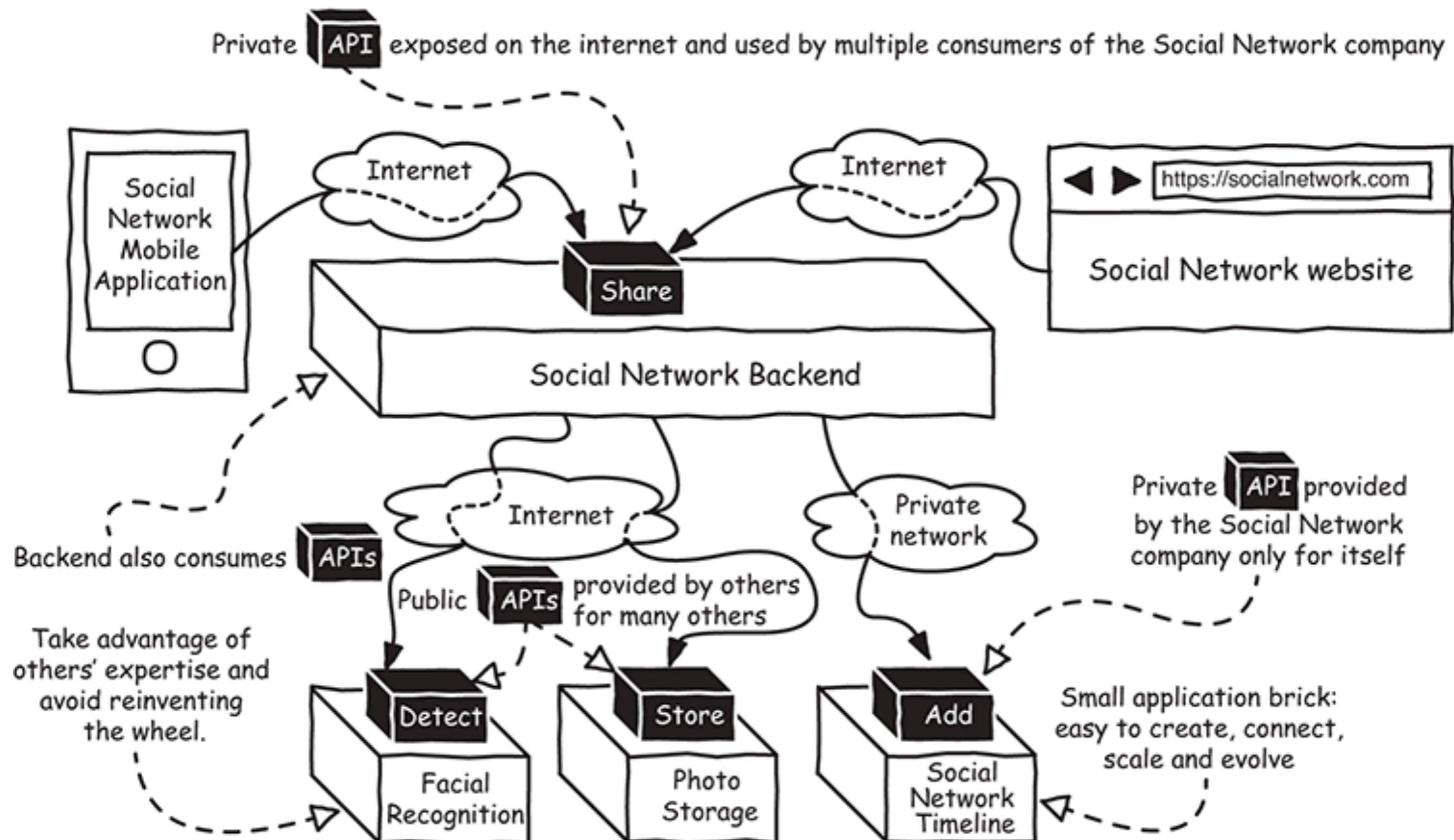
Square braces ([]) holds arrays/lists



# Workshop



# Complexity in real world



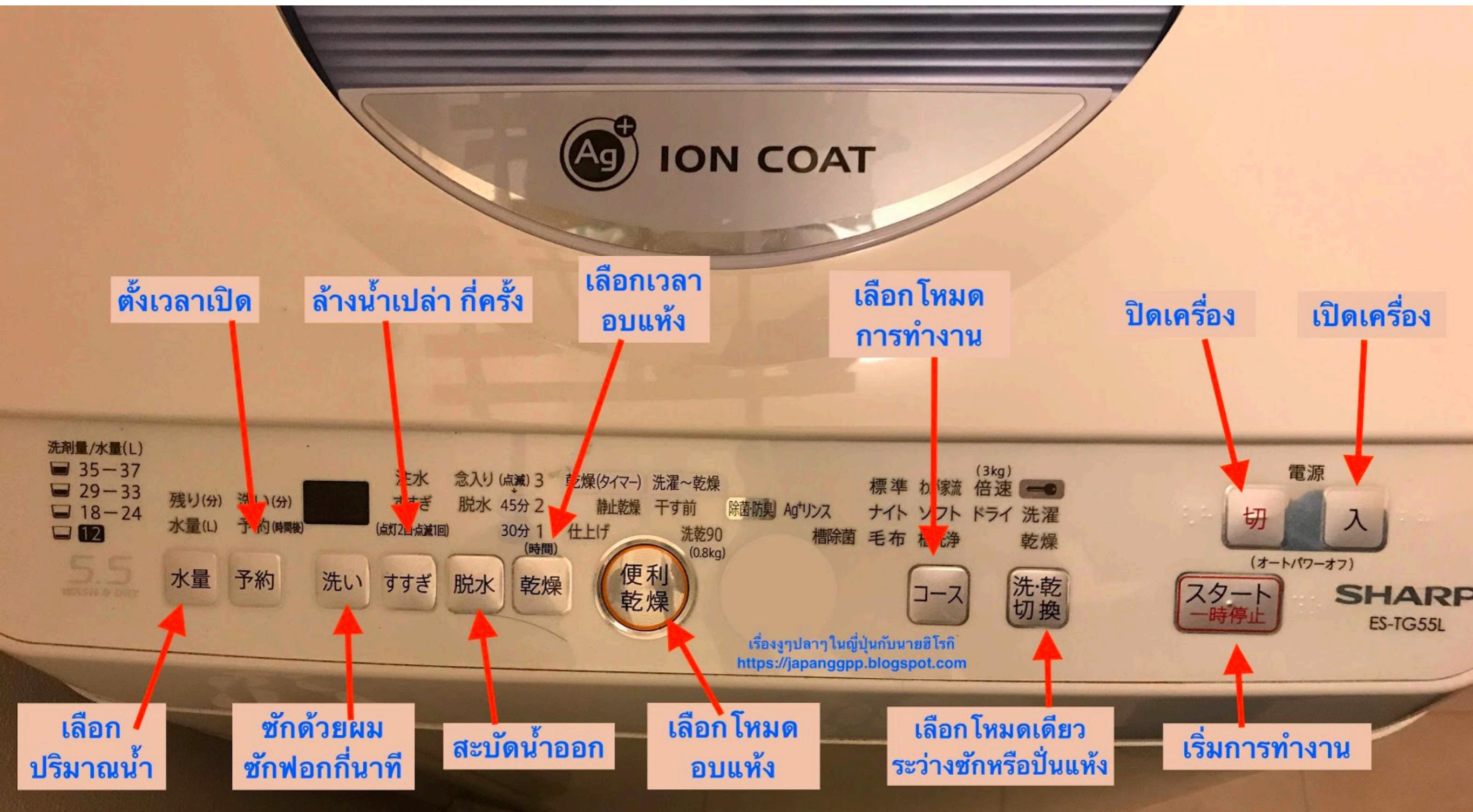
# Need API design



# Customer-First !!



# Customer-First !!



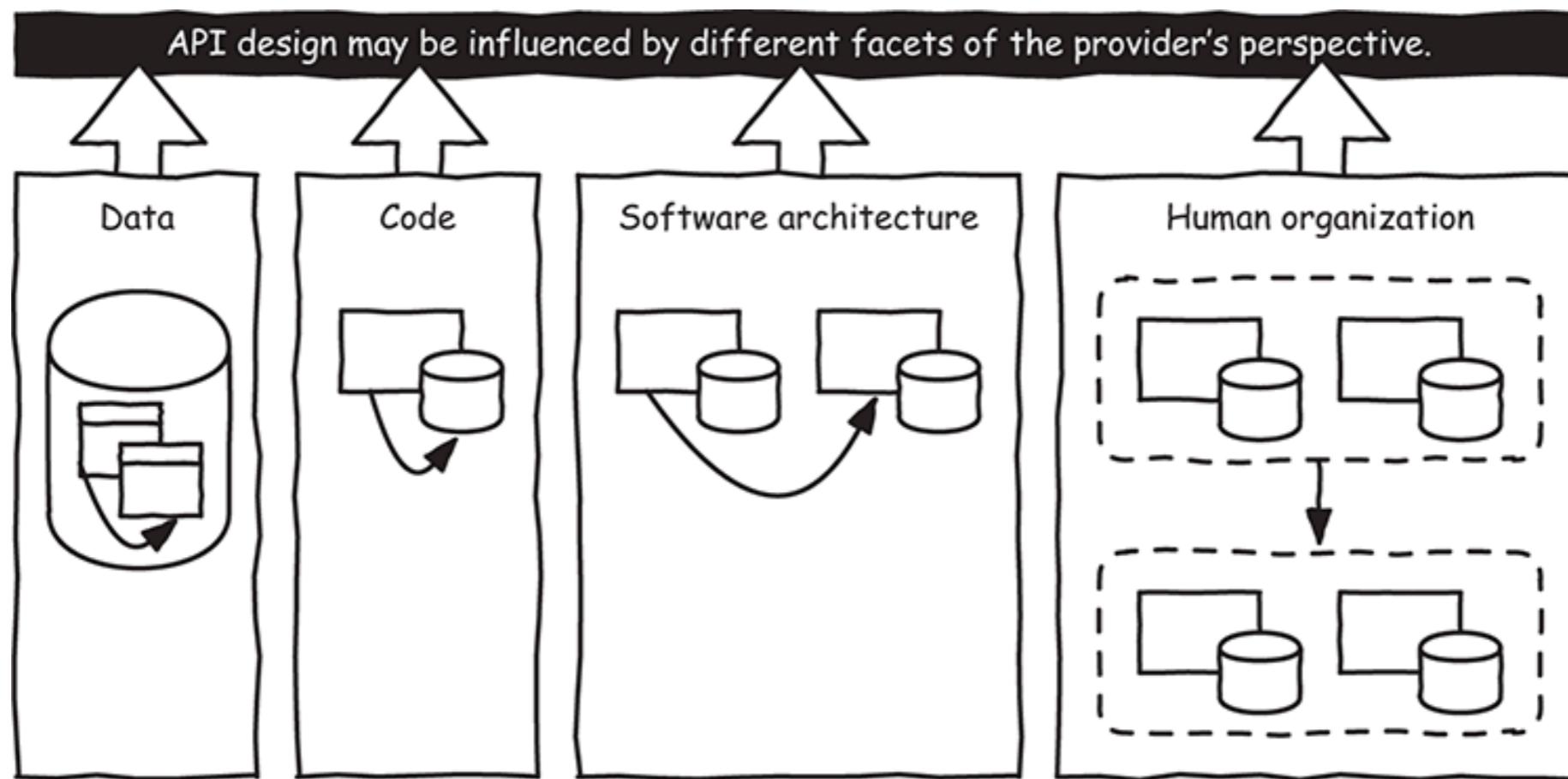
# Provider vs Consumer View



# How to design APIs ?

Identify API's goals

Avoid provider's view when designing



# Identify API's Goals



# Identify API's Goals

Who can use the API ?

What they can do ?

How they do it ?

What they need to do it ?

What they get in return ?



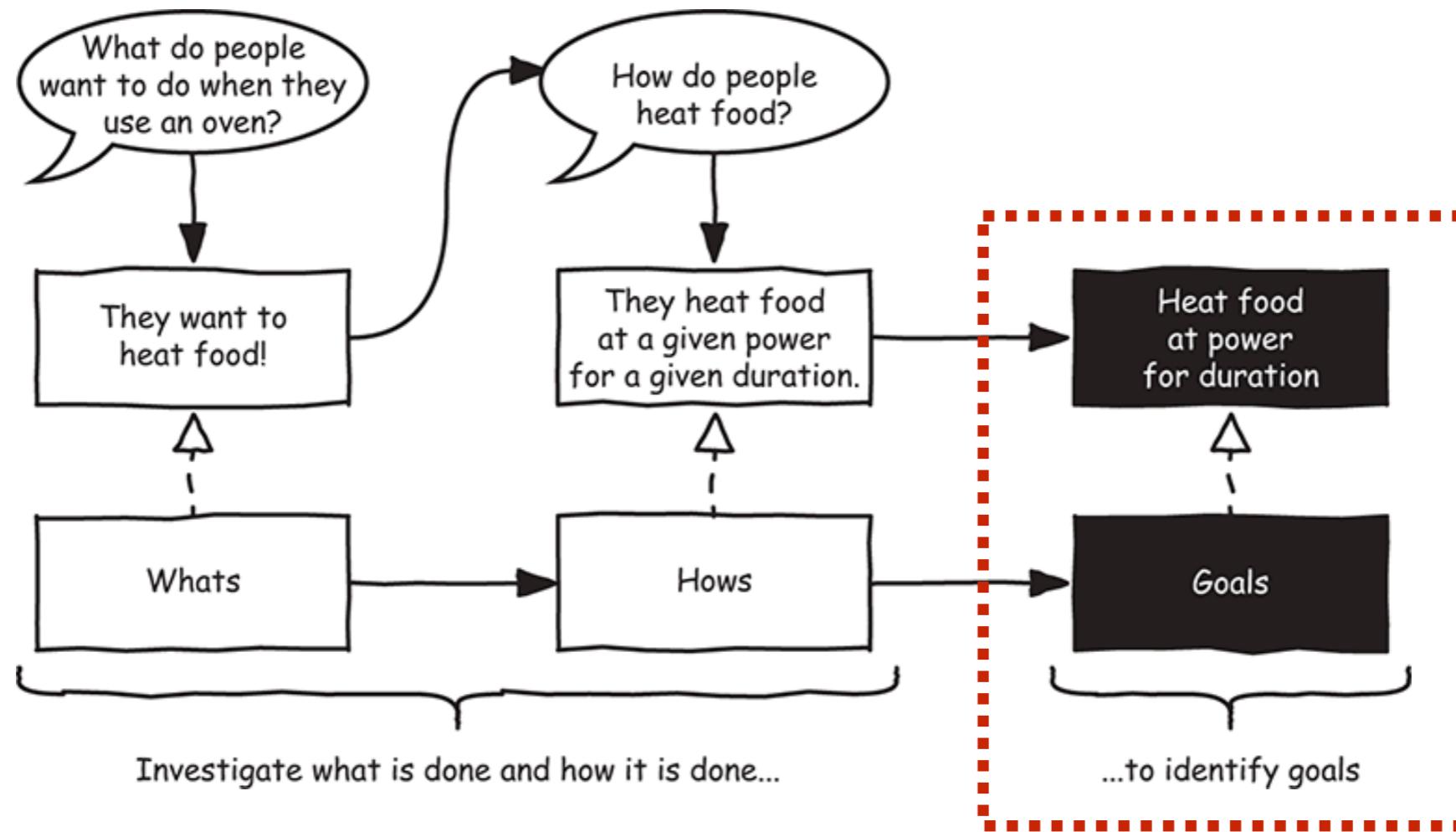
# Let's start



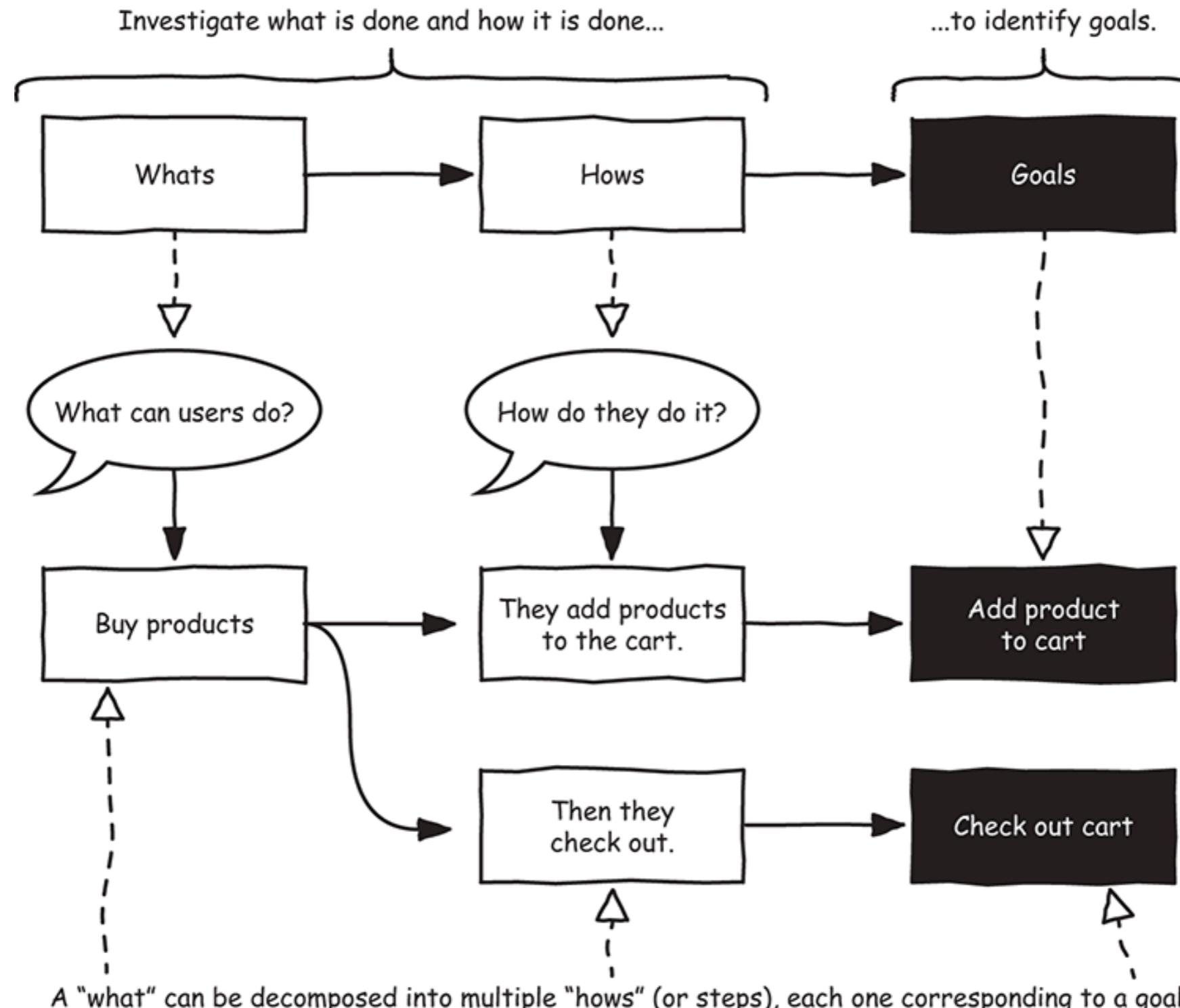
# 1. What and How ?

What can users do ?

How they do it ?



# User buy a product



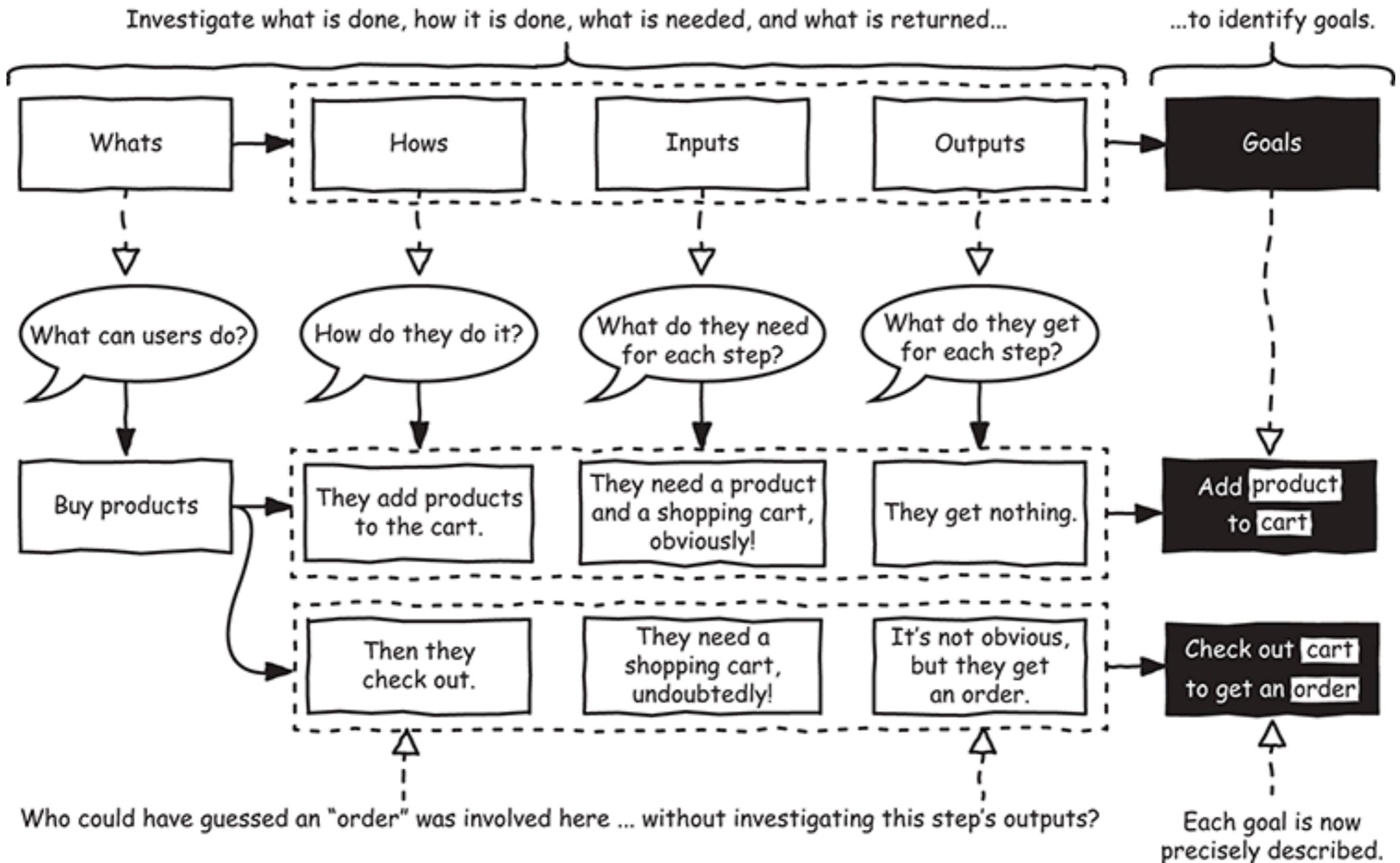
# 2. Input and Output ?

What they need to do it ?

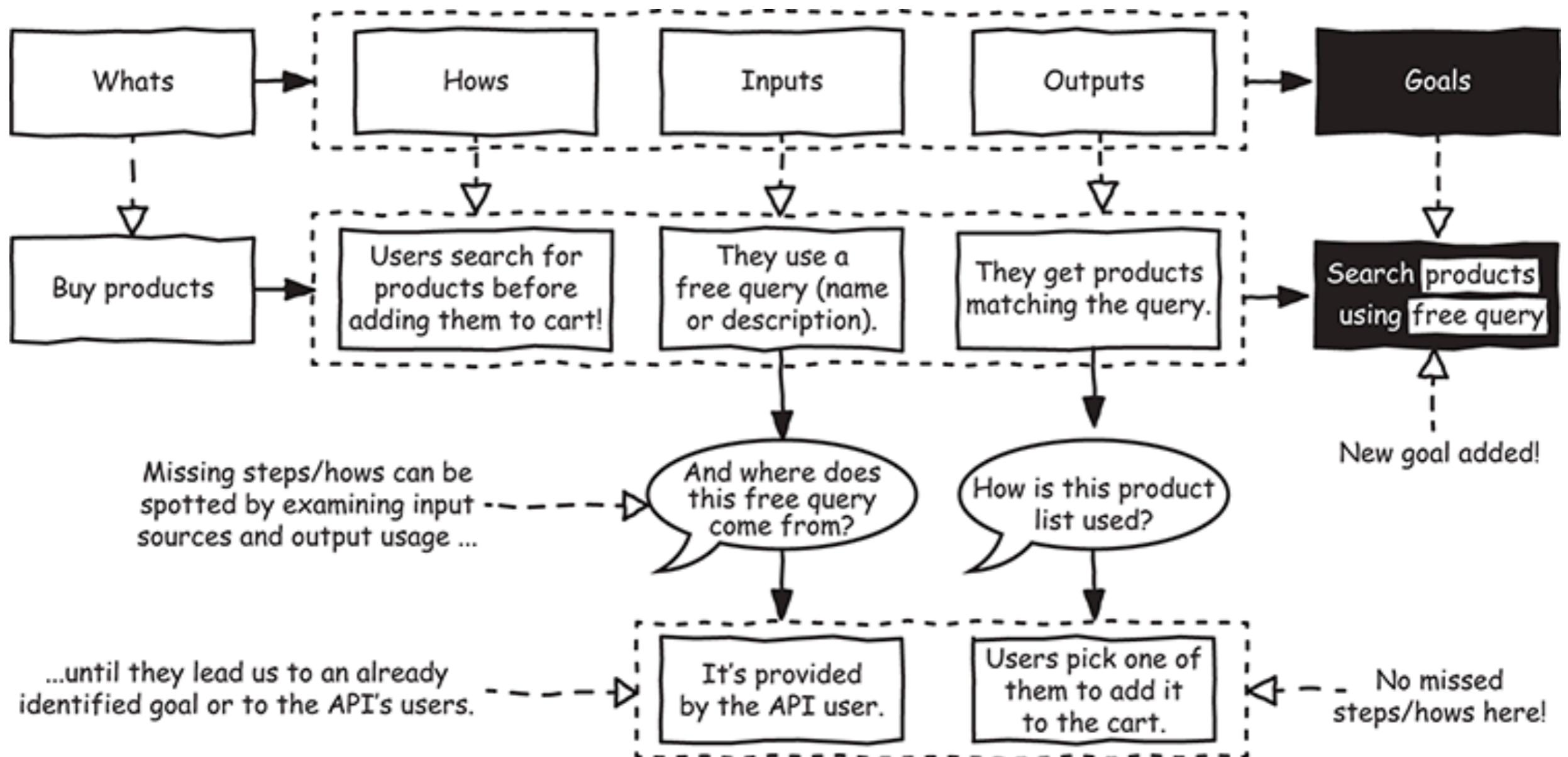
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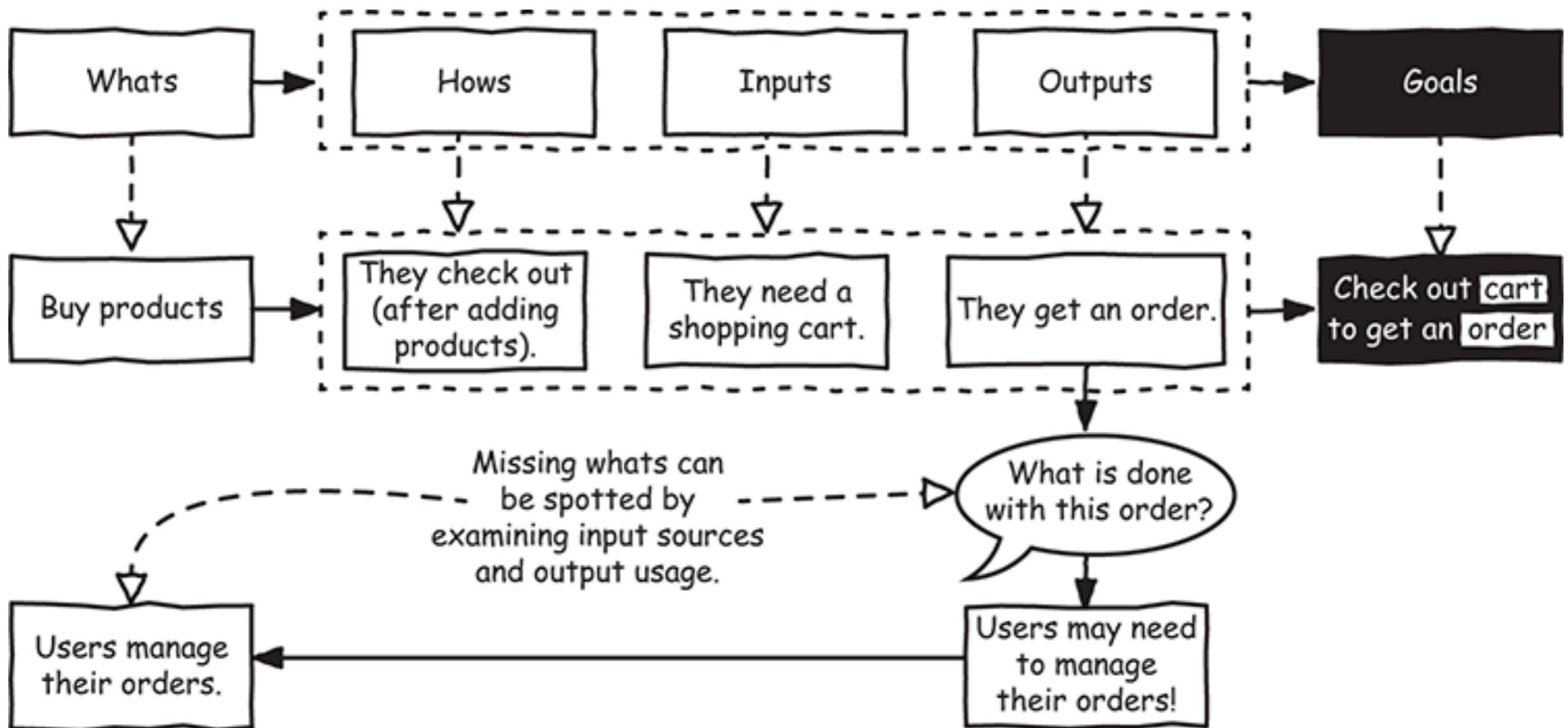
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# 3. Find missing goals ?



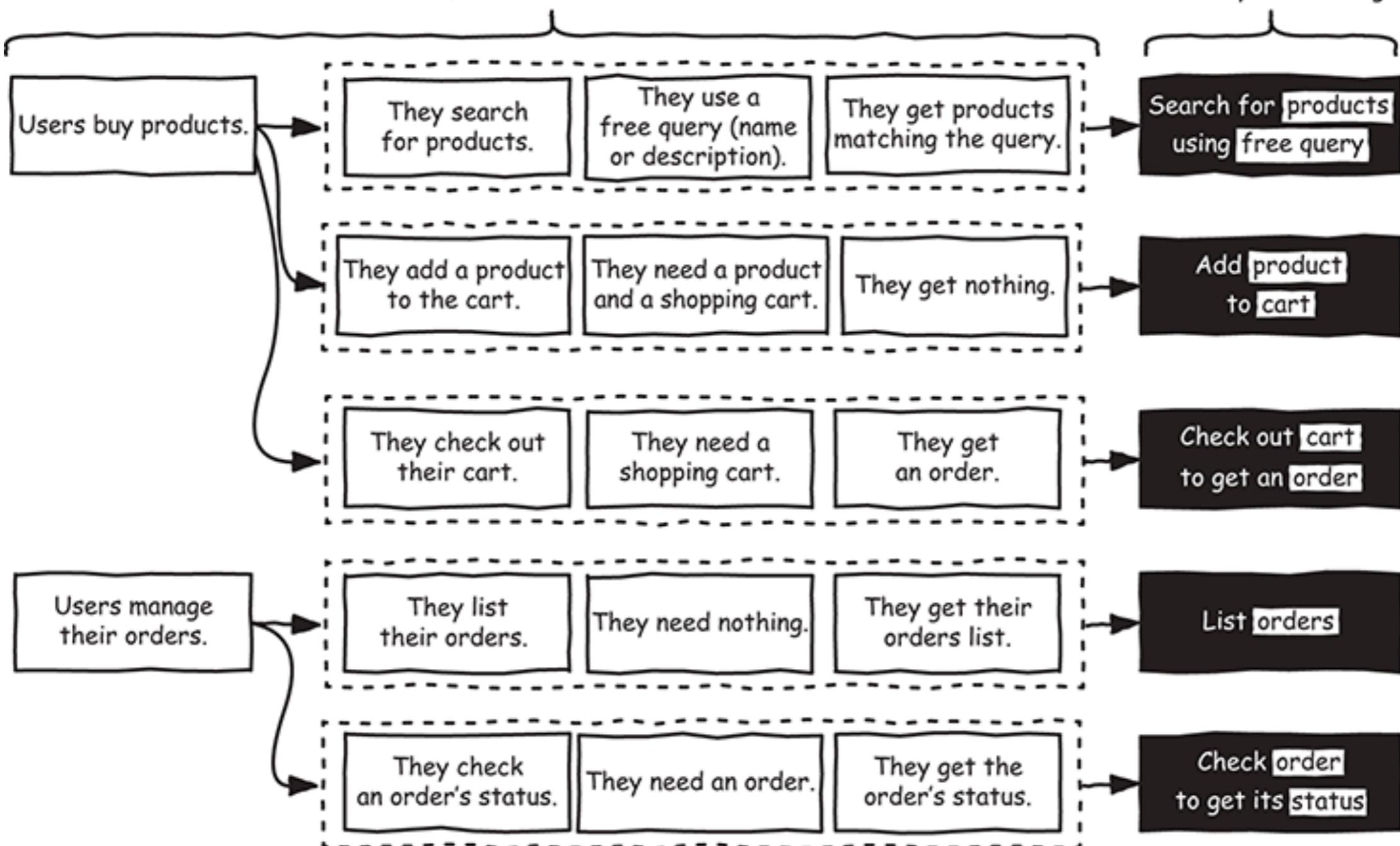
# 3. Find missing goals ?



# Add to Goals

Investigate what is done, how it is done, what is needed and where it comes from, what is returned and how it is used ...

...to identify accurately and exhaustively the API's goals.

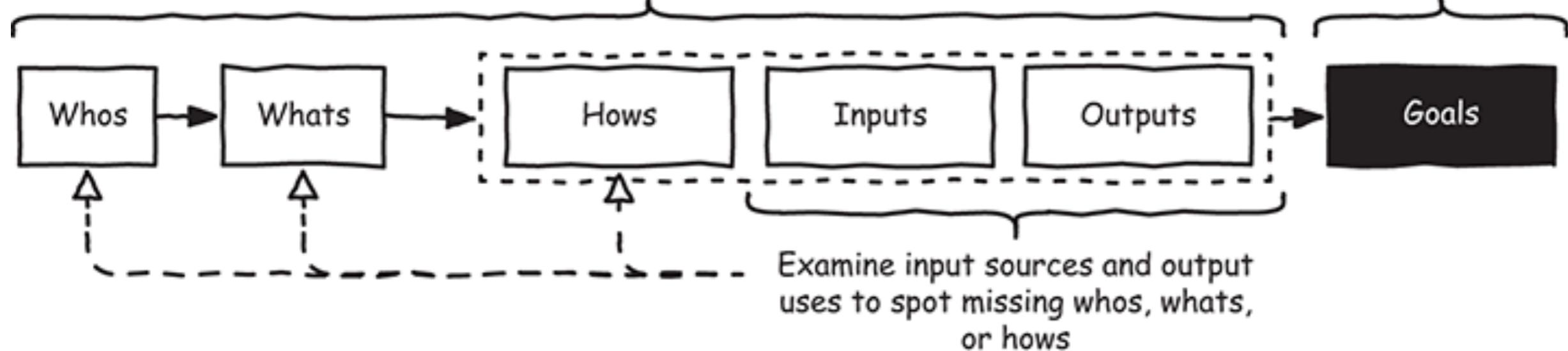


# 4. Identify all users (Who)

## Who are the users ?

Investigate who the users are, what they can do, how it is done, what is needed and where it comes from, what is returned and how it is used...

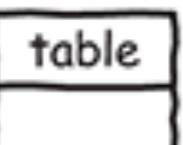
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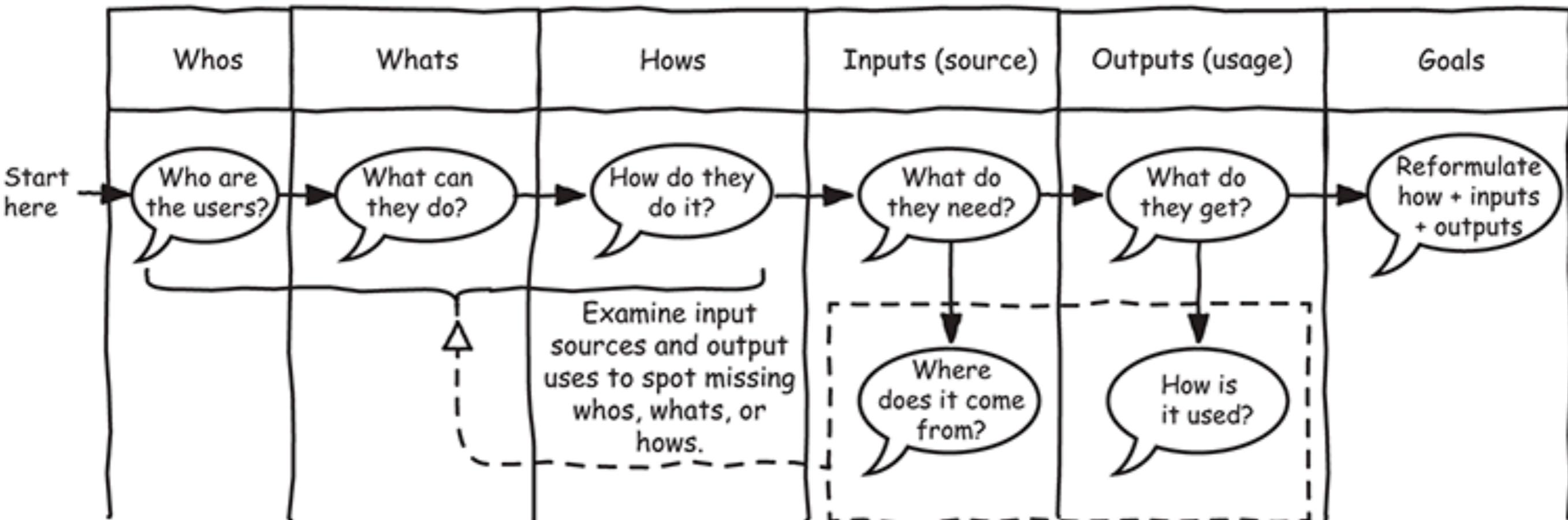


# API Goals Canvas



# API Goals Canvas

Draw this  on a whiteboard, flipchart, sheet of paper, or spreadsheet and start the questioning.



# Example

Whos	Whats	Hows	Inputs (source)	Outputs (usage)	Goals
Customers	Buy products	Search for products	Catalog (manage catalog), free query (provided by user)	Products (add product to cart)	Search for products in catalog using free query
		Add product to cart	Product (search for products), cart (owned by user)		Add product to cart
Admin	Manage catalog	Add product to catalog	Catalog (owned by user), product (provided by user)		Add product to catalog



# Workshop

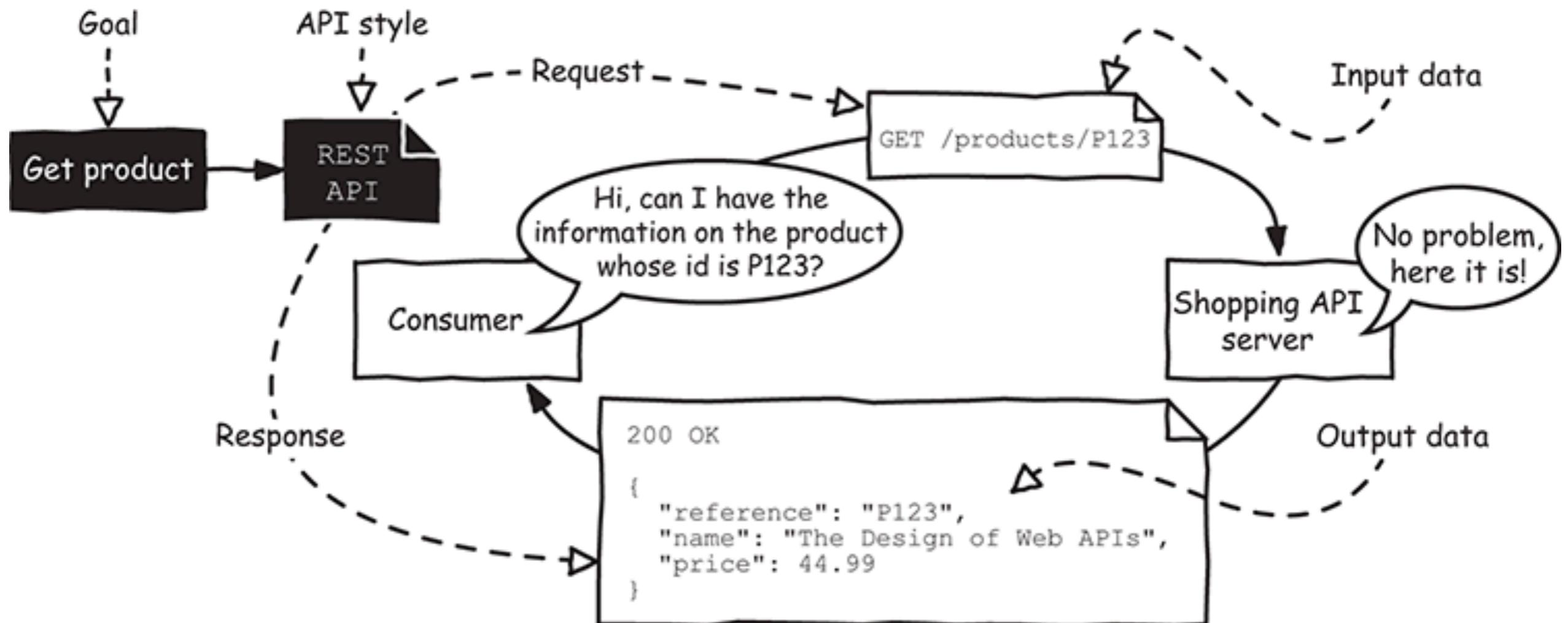


# **Next Step Design Programming Interface**



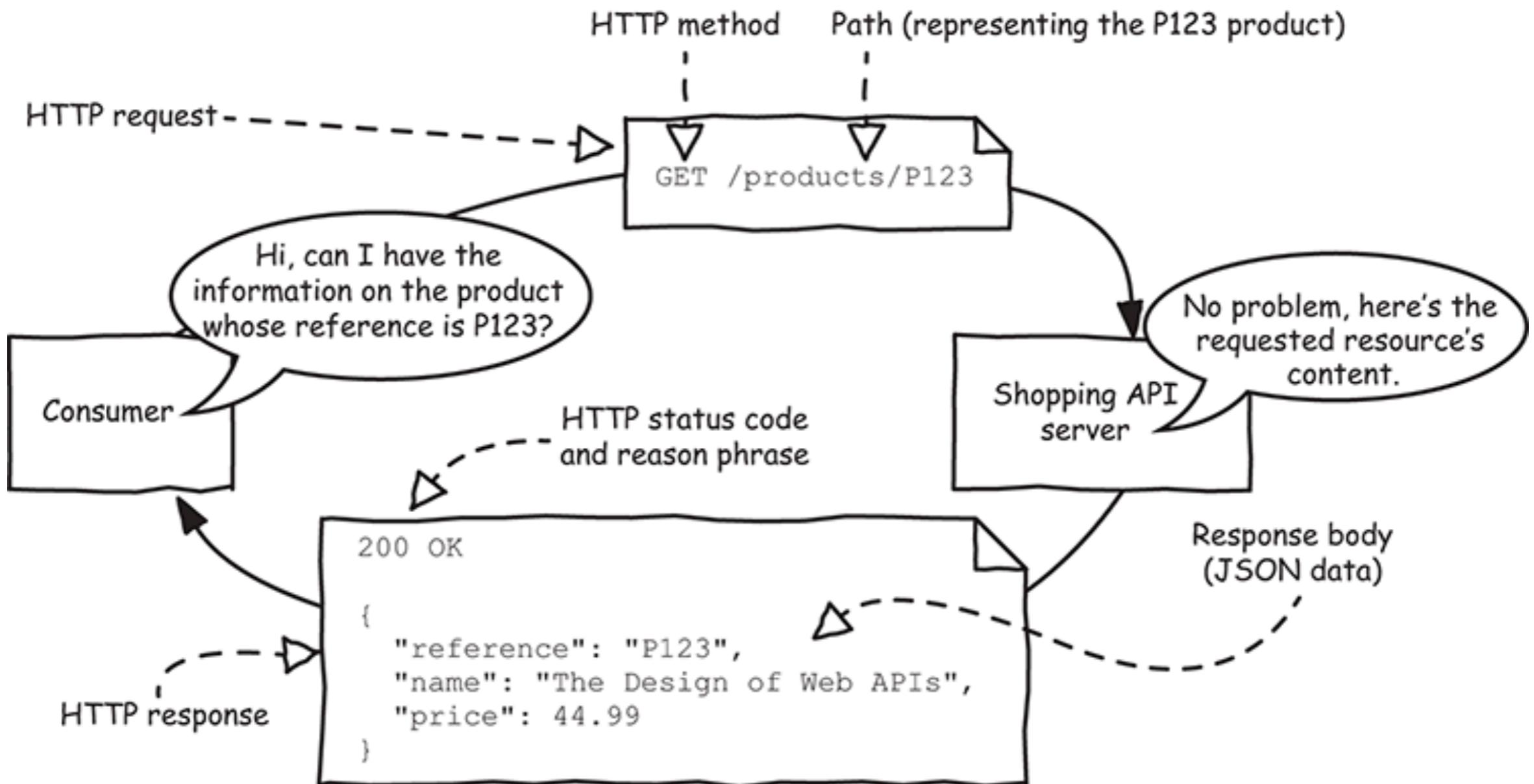
# Example

## Get product detail



# Example

## Get product detail



# **Next Step**

# **Develop + Testing + Deploy**

