# **REST API in APEX**

#### **Architectural constraints/Characteristics**

#### Stateless

Each request from client to server must contain all the information necessary to understand the request, and not use any stored context on the server.

#### Caching behavior

Responses are labeled as cacheable or non-cacheable.

#### Uniform interface

All resources are accessed with a generic interface over HTTP.

#### Named resources

All resources are named using a base URI that follows your Lightning Platform URI.

#### Layered components

allows for the existence of such intermediaries as proxy servers and gateways to exist between the client and the resources.

#### Authentication

Uses Oath 2.0.

#### Support for JSON and XML

JSON is the default. You can use the HTTP ACCEPT header to select either JSON or XML, or append json or xml to the URI

# **Compression**

The REST API allows the use of compression on the request and the response, using the standards defined by the HTTP 1.1 specification. Compression is automatically supported by some clients, and can be manually added to others. For better performance.

Request compression: Add Accept-Encoding: gzip or Accept-Encoding: deflate in a request Header.

Response compression: in response header Content-Encoding: gzip/Content-Encoding: deflate

# **Authorization Through Connected Apps and OAuth 2.0**

A connected app requests access to REST API resources on behalf of the client application.

OAuth 2.0 is an open protocol that authorizes secure data sharing between applications through the exchange of tokens.

OAuth authorization flows grant a client app restricted access to REST API resources on a resource server. Each OAuth flow offers a different process for approving access to a client app, but in general the flows consist of three main steps.

- 1. a connected app, on behalf of a client app, requests access to a REST API resource.
- 2. In response, an authorizing server grants access tokens to the connected app.
- 3. A resource server validates these access tokens and approves access to the protected REST API resource.

# Perform Cross-Origin Requests from Web Browsers

Suppose a user visits http://www.example.com and the page attempts a cross-origin request to fetch the user's data from http://service.example.com. A CORS-compatible browser will attempt to make a cross-origin request to service.example.com.

In Salesforce, add the origin serving the code to a CORS allowlist.

- 1. enter CORS in the Quick Find box, then select CORS
- 2. New
- **3.** Enter a URL Pattern

You can add (\*) wildcard at 2<sup>nd</sup> level domain, Example: https://\*.example.com.

If a browser that supports CORS makes a request to an origin in the allowlist, Salesforce returns the origin in the **Access-Control-Allow-Origin** HTTP header along with any additional CORS HTTP headers. If the origin isn't included in the allowlist, Salesforce returns HTTP status code 403.

# Connected App and OAuth Terminology

https://help.salesforce.com/articleView?id=sf.remoteaccess\_terminology.htm&type=5

**Access Token:** Instead of using the user's Salesforce credentials, a consumer (connected app) can use an access token to gain access to protected resources on behalf of the user. For OAuth 2.0, the access token is a session ID and can be used directly.

**Authorization Code**: In Oath 2.0, The authorization code is used to obtain an access token and a refresh token. It expires after 15 minutes.

**Authorization Server:** server that authorizes a resource owner, and upon successful authorization, issues access tokens to the requesting consumer.

**Callback URL:** A callback URL is the URL that is invoked after OAuth authorization for the consume.

**OAuth Endpoint:** OAuth endpoints are the URLs that you use to make OAuth authorization requests to Salesforce.

**Consumer**: A consumer is the website or app that uses OAuth to authorize both the Salesforce user and itself on the user's behalf. Referred to as client in OAuth 2.0.

**Consumer Key**: A consumer uses a key to identify itself to Salesforce. Referred to as client\_id in OAuth 2.0.

**Consumer Secret :** A consumer uses a secret to establish ownership of the consumer key. Referred to as client\_secret in OAuth 2.0.

**Refresh Token**: Only used in OAuth 2.0, a consumer can use a refresh token to obtain a new access token, without having the end user approve the access again.

**Resource Owner:** The resource owner is the entity (usually the end user) that grants access to a protected resource.

**Resource Server :** The resource server is the server that hosts the protected resource. Your Salesforce org is the resource server that protects your data.

**Token Secret**: A consumer uses this secret to establish ownership of a given token, both for request tokens and access tokens.

# **Connected Apps**

A connected app is a framework that enables an external application to integrate with Salesforce using APIs and standard protocols, such as Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML), OAuth, and OpenID Connect. Connected apps use these protocols to authorize, authenticate, and provide single sign-on (SSO) for external apps.

Developers create and configure authorization flows for connected apps, and admins set policies and permissions to control connected app usage.

- **1. Access Data with API Integration**: web-based or mobile applications that need to pull data from your Salesforce org, you can use connected apps as the clients to request this data. Use OAuth 2.0 **Security**.
  - a. Web Server integration Web -> connected app -> Salesforce
  - b. Mobile integration -> mobile to salesforce/ can use mobile SDK instead of connected app.
  - c. Server to Server integration -> no need to be real time, can do authorization and authentication in advance by sending JSON WEB TOKEN or JWT
  - d. IOT integration -> for devices like TV, having limited input capabilities.

#### 2. Integrate Service Providers with Salesforce: SSO

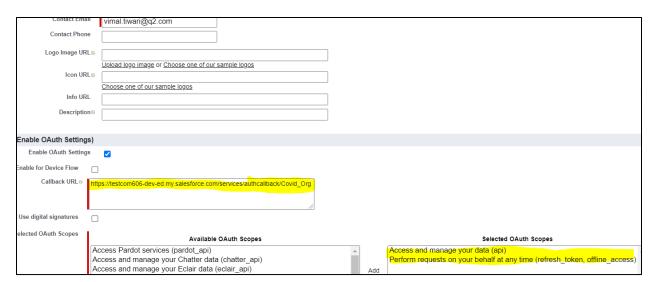
- a. You want your users to be able to log in to their app with their Salesforce credentials. Using SAML 2.0 for user **authentication**.
- b. OpenID Connect is a protocol that enables SSO between two services, like SAML2.0. It adds an authentication layer on top of OAuth 2.0 to enable secure exchange of ID tokens that contain user information alongside OAuth access tokens.
- **3. Provide Authorization for External API Gateways:** Using OpenID Connect dynamic client registration, resource servers can dynamically create client apps as connected apps in Salesforce, by sending request to authorization server. The authorization server

verifies the resource server's request and creates the connected app, giving it a unique client ID and client secret.

# Basic Rest Based data movement Demo using Connected App and OAuth2.0

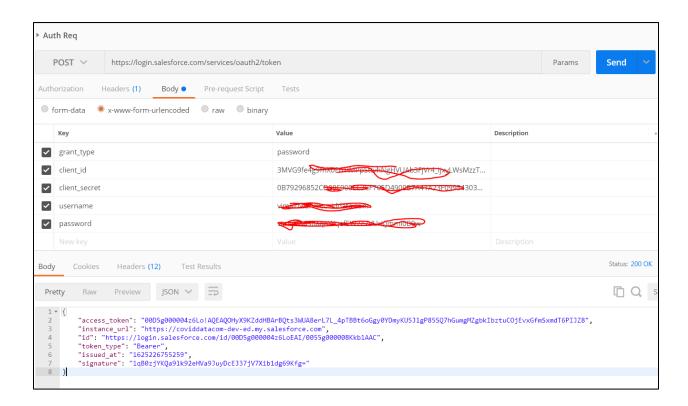
#### Steps for Org 1 acting as Server.

- 1. In response Server i.e. your org providing service, create Apex class for <u>Account Rest Services</u>
- 2. Create a connected App there.



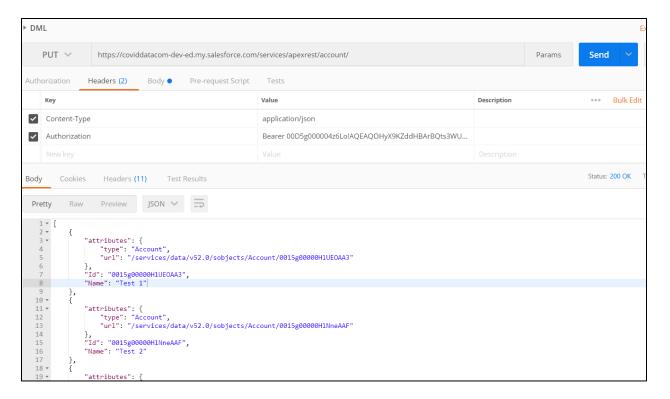
3. Use <u>Basic Tutorial of Rest API with Oauth2.0</u> for creation and testing Rest Services.

#### Auth:



#### **Rest Testing**

#### In authorization: Bearer <access-token>// bearer is a prefix



#### Steps for Org 2 acting as Client

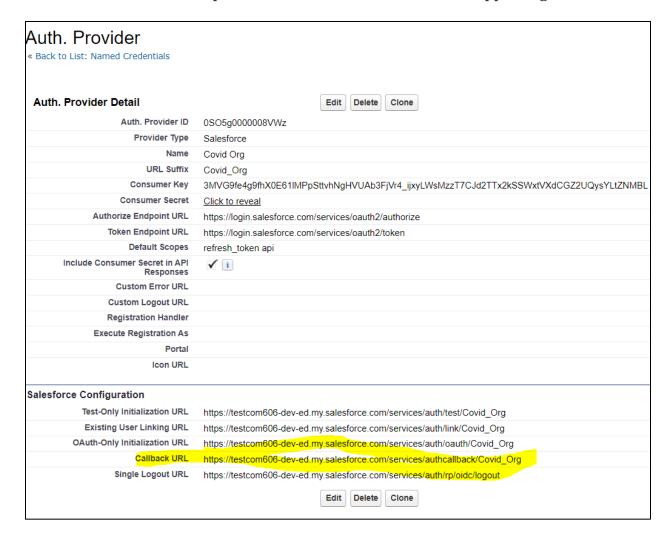
- 1. Create Authorization Provider req. in Named Credentials
  - a. Setup -> Auth. Provider
  - b. Default scope refresh\_token full

**refresh\_token** means – It will get updated token each time the existing token expires for authentication.

full means - full access,

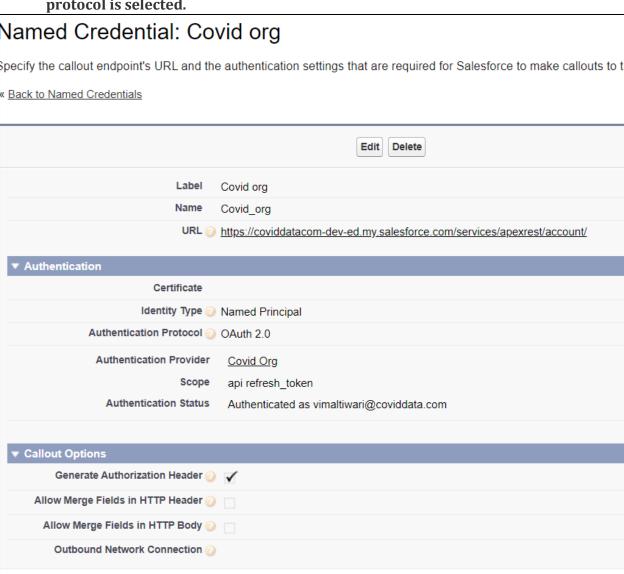
Api - Api access.

Call back url - Need to be updated in call back field of connected app in org1.

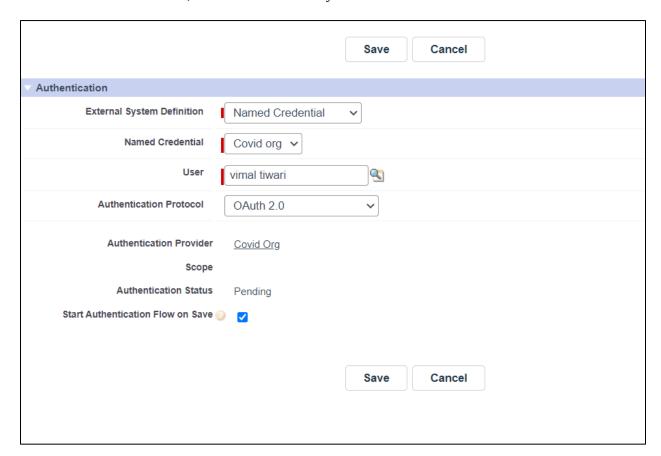


#### 2. Create Named Credentials

- a. Provide Auth. Provider for Oauth 2.0
- b. Identity type
  - i. Per user Api callout based on calling user's context
  - ii. Named Principal One user will be used for all callouts, might be the owner.
- c. URL: the base url.
- d. Authentication protocol **if it is selected, that means system will take care of authentication. No need to do callout for authentication explicitly.**
- e. Authentication status should not be pending. If it is there, setup is not complete.
- f. Generate authorization header need to be checked, if any Authentication protocol is selected.



- 3. Give Access of Named Credential to Users Need in case of **Per user** setting. I have used Permission set.
- 4. Authentication Settings for External Systems **Needed in Per user setting**.
  - a. Go to my settings -> personal -> Authentication Settings for External Systems
  - b. Click new, add NC as external system definition.



It's time to write some apex code and do some fun.
 Create new class <u>AccountRestClientWithOAuth2</u> and use its methods to get and put data.

#### For custom Authorization and callouts:

- 1. Create remote site setting for base URL.
- 2. AccountRestClient
  - a. Call setAccessToken to get access token and set it in **platform cache and set time to live**. It is a field in seconds which can save the token expire time, based on server's details. Ex. 10 min, 5 min etc.
  - b. For each callout, check if token is there, then go for other methods

c. Else refresh -> call the setAccessToken again and get new token, save it again in cache.

#### Reference:

 $\frac{https://www.jitendrazaa.com/blog/salesforce/login-to-salesforce-from-salesforce-using-authentication-provider/\#more-4516$ 

https://developer.salesforce.com/docs/atlas.enus.apexcode.meta/apexcode/apex callouts named credentials.htm

 $\underline{https://sales force.stack exchange.com/questions/102484/use-of-named-credentials-seem-to-be-tied-to-external-data-source}$ 

### **Integration Framework**

**Overview**: Since from UI, we can do real time callouts, because we can prevent user actions, for process based callouts, can't do it real time. It can be near real time. The framework takes callout request from any context and saves it. Then there will be some process which takes the request Queue and process it.

#### **Classes Skeleton**

```
global class ResponseWrapper{
      global List<SubResponseWrapper> jsonResponses; // bulk Responses
      global String returnCode;
global class RequestWrapper{
      global String endpoint;
      global List< SubRequestWrapper > bodies;//bulk Request
global abstract class AbstractHTTPServiceClass{
      global abstract ResponseWrapper process(String httpType, RequestWrapper rw);
}
public class SampleHTTPServiceClass extends AbstractHTTPServiceClass {
      public override ResponseWrapper process (String methodNam, RequestWrapper rw){
             if(methodName == 'getRecord'){
                    return getRecord(rw);
             }else if .....
      }
       @httpGet
      public ResponseWrapper getRecord(RequestWrapper rw){
             Http h =new Http();
             HttpRequest req = new HttpRequest();
             req.setEndpoint(rw.endpoint);
             HttpResponse\ res = h.send(req);
             return new ResponseWrapper(res.getBody());
      }
}
```

#### Data model

- 1. **Integration Log** to save the details of an integration callout that is to be called.
  - a. Service config Unique name of corresponding service meta data record.
    - i. Can create String like "Service.ClassName.Method" etc
  - b. Log Status New, In Progress, Success, Failed.
  - c. Retry count.
  - d. Status code
  - e. Child records Notes and Attachment
    - i. Save Request as file Request in Json converted in file
    - ii. Save Response as file Response in Json converted in file
- 2. **Service Configuration** Custom Meta data to save callout information.
  - a. Callout Service Class Name
  - b. Callout method name Method name
  - c. END-POINT Named credential name.
  - d. Relative URL service URL that gets added after End point.
  - e. Max Retry count
  - f. Request Wrapper class
  - g. Response Wrapper class
- 3. **Exception log** log exception per callout
  - a. Error
  - b. Error type
  - c. Callout Id Integration log id

#### Execution

- 1. Add in Queue From the Context, where Callout needs to be made,
  - a. Create Integration log by putting required Values.
    - i. Provide the meta data records' unique name to it.
    - ii. From the meta data,
      - 1. get the request Wrapper class Name,
      - 2. create JSON from wrapper.
      - 3. attach it on integration log as file.
    - iii. Mark status as In-Progress. As we cannot update it before Callout In same context.

- 2. **Process Queue** Some process which takes the set of requests and process them one by one. For example, **Batch**, **Queueable** etc
  - a. Get the set of Logs which are not successful yet.
  - b. For each Integration log that is in In-Progress.

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- i. Take the meta data record from Pre-queried Meta data list.
- ii. If retry count on log < Max retry in Meta data
  - 1. Get the service class name.
  - 2. Get the instance of Service class using Reflection. (Type.forName)
  - 3. Call the Service Class *process* method
    - a. pass the method type from Meta data record.
    - b. get the Request Json from Attachment file, create a RequestWrappper and pass it.
  - 4. The method will do **Callout**, and returns a response.
  - 5. If the return code is 200,
    - a. update records status to Success.
    - b. Get the Response Wrapper as response, Convert into JSON and save it on log's attachment.
  - 6. Else
    - a. increase the retry count.
    - b. Change status of log to FAIL.
  - 7. Save the return code on Log record.

}catch(Exception e){

Use platform event to Create exception log record. And publish it.

- c. Once the loop gets over. We can again go for retrying the failed logs. For this, don't do step 6b. Let the log be in IN-Progress, and again trigger the same process.
- d. For some response codes, we don't want to do anything such as 404, 403. In those cases, remove them from iterating list based on status codes.

#### Bulk Request - Sending more than 1 log in single callout.

#### ( Request + Response ) size can be 6 MB(sync) and 12MB(Async)

In case of bulk Requests, the RequestWrapper will contain request for multiple records, and receives responses corresponding to each record in a single ResponseWrapper. Based on the responses, update individual logs.

If the endpoint takes time to process i.e., possibility of Time out (time more than 120 sec), and response is not gonna be realtime.

- **a.** The Endpoint should some response to notify that, the process will take time.
- **b.** We will expose an endpoint from our system. That Endpoint will be hit by the other system once it finishes the processing.
- **c.** We will update the required records.

#### **Return type constraints for HTTP methods**

public, private, or global class member variables must be types allowed by Apex REST:

- Apex primitives (excluding sObject and Blob). in wrapper, no Blob or sobjects can be sent.
- sObjects
- Lists or maps of Apex primitives or sObjects (only maps with String keys are supported).

#### Request:

```
global String string1;
global String string2 { get; set; }
private String privateString;
global transient String transientString; - won't go in response
global static String staticString; - won't go in response
```

#### Response:

```
{
"string1" : "value for string1",
"string2" : "value for string2",
"privateString" : "value for privateString"
}
```

#### Named Credentials

It specifies the URL of a callout endpoint and its required authentication parameters in one definition. It handles the authentication by itself, which is not possible in case of Remote site settings.

#### Fields

- 1. **URL**: Root/BASE\_URL of endpoint.
- 2. **Certificate**: used for digital signature at the time of request.
- 3. **Identity Type**: Determines whether you're using one set or multiple sets of credentials to access the external system.
  - a. **Anonymous**: No identity and therefore no authentication.
  - b. Per User: Use separate credentials for each user who accesses the external system via callouts. Select this option if the external system restricts access on a per-user basis. After you grant user access through permission sets or profiles in Salesforce, users can manage their own authentication settings for external systems in their personal settings. Also set Authentication Settings for External Systems, in my settings of that user for External Data source/NC.
  - c. Named Principal: <u>Use the same set of credentials for all users who access the external system from your org</u>. Select this option if you designate one user account on the external system for all your Salesforce org users.
- 4. **Authentication protocol**: secure communication between the two systems.
  - a. Password Authentication: Username and password
  - b. **OAuth2.**0
    - i. Authentication Provider
    - ii. **Scope**: provide the scope for access token. Some common scopes are
      - 1. "api" allow current current logged in users account using API.
      - "full" Allows access to all data accessible by the logged-in user. full
        doesn't return a refresh token. You must explicitly request the
        refresh\_token scope to get a refresh token.
      - 3. "refresh\_token": Allows a refresh token to be returned when the requesting client is eligible to receive one.

- 4. "refresh\_token, offline\_access": With a refresh token, the app can interact with the user's data while the user is offline. This token is synonymous with requesting offline access
- iii. **Start Authentication Flow on Save :** To authenticate to the external system and obtain an OAuth token.
- c. JWT/ JWT Token Exchange
  - i. Issuer: who issued the JWT
  - ii. Scope: Used in JWT token Exchange
  - iii. **Token End point:** Used in JWT Token Exchange, JSON Web Token requests are sent to the provider in exchange for access tokens.
  - iv. **Per User Subject**: In case per user selected, Per user identity like user Id.
  - v. **Named Principal Subject**: In case named Principal selected. Provide some string specifies subject.
  - vi. Audiences: External service or other allowed recipients for the JWT.
  - vii. **Token Valid For:** Time for which token is valid, in Seconds, min, hours, days.
  - **viii. JWT Signing Certificate:** Certificate verifying the JWT's authenticity to external system.
- **d. AWS Signature Version 4 -** A protocol to authenticate callouts to resources in Amazon Web Services over HTTP. **The identity type must be named principal.** 
  - i. AWS Access Key ID
  - ii. AWS Secret Access Key
  - iii. AWS Region: AWS region name for NC endpoint.
  - iv. AWS service : AWS utility to access.

#### 5. Custom Headers and Bodies of Apex Callouts

- a. **Generate Authorization Header:** By default, Salesforce generates an authorization header and applies it to each callout that references the named credential.
- b. Allow Merge Fields in HTTP Header: HTMLENCODE can't be used on merge fields in HTTP headers.

```
// non-standard authentication
req.setHeader('X-Username', '{!$Credential.UserName}');
req.setHeader('X-Password', '{!$Credential.Password}');
// The external system expects "OAuth" as
// the prefix for the access token.
```

- req.setHeader('Authorization', 'OAuth {!\$Credential.OAuthToken}');
- c. Allow Merge Fields in HTTP Body: HTTP request bodies of callouts, you can apply the HTMLENCODE formula function to escape special characters.

  req.setBody('UserName:{!HTMLENCODE(\$Credential.Username)}')

  req.setBody('Password:{!HTMLENCODE(\$Credential.Password)}')

**Authentication Providers:** They authenticate users for SSO and authorize Salesforce to access protected third-party data.

#### Setup

Setup | Administer | Security Controls | Auth. Providers | Create New

- 1. "Consumer Key" and "Consumer Secret".
- 2. "Default Scope", it should have value as "refresh\_token full". "refresh\_token" and "full" should be separated by space.
- 3. Authorize Endpoint URL should be something like: https://AuthenticationProviderinstance/services/oauth2/authorize
- 4. Token Endpoint URL: https://AuthenticationProviderinstance/services/oauth2/token
- 5. Once you save "Auth. Provider" in previous step, it will provide you list of URL Copy Callback URL and edit Connected App we created in service provider Salesforce instance and paste link in callback URL field.

### **Streaming API**

Streaming API lets you push a stream of notifications from Salesforce to client apps based on criteria that you define.

- 1. Use Change data capture
- 2. Platform events
- 3. PushTopics and subscribe using Bayeus client.

A **PushTopic** is an sObject that contains the criteria of events you want to listen. PushTopic queries support all custom objects and some of the popular standard objects, such as Account, Contact, and Opportunity.

```
PushTopic pushTopic = new PushTopic();
pushTopic.Name = 'AccountUpdates';
//The SELECT statement's field list must include Id.
//aggregate queries or semi-joins aren't supported.
pushTopic.Query = 'SELECT Id, Name, Phone FROM Account WHERE BillingCity=\'USA\'';
pushTopic.ApiVersion = 37.0;
//operation preferences, default all are true
pushTopic.NotifyForOperationCreate = true;
pushTopic.NotifyForOperationUpdate = true;
pushTopic.NotifyForOperationUndelete = true;
pushTopic.NotifyForOperationDelete = true;
//field preferences
pushTopic.NotifyForFields = 'Referenced';
insert pushTopic;
```

NotifyForFields	Description
All	Notifications are generated for all record field changes.
Referenced (default)	Changes to fields referenced in the SELECT and WHERE clauses are evaluated.
Select	Changes to fields referenced in the SELECT clause are evaluated.
Where	Changes to fields referenced in the WHERE clause are evaluated.

## Soap API

Web Services Description Language (WSDL) contains the bindings, protocols, and objects to make API calls. Salesforce provides two SOAP API WSDLs for two different use cases.

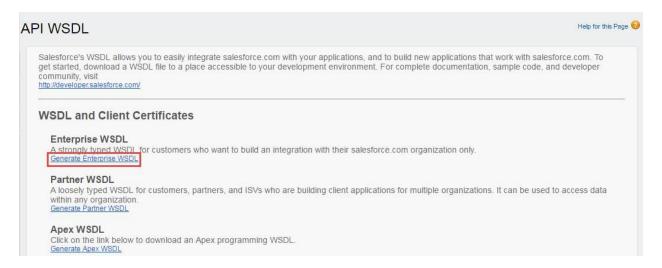
#### The enterprise WSDL - integration for single org

- 1. It is optimized for a single Salesforce org.
- 2. It's strongly typed, and it reflects your org's specific configuration.

#### The partner WSDL - integration for multiple org

- **1.** is optimized for use with many Salesforce orgs.
- 2. It's loosely typed, and it doesn't change based on an org's specific configuration.

#### Setup-> quick find -> api



#### **Demo using Soap Client:**

https://trailhead.salesforce.com/en/content/learn/modules/api basics/api basics soap

- 1. Install the soap client.
- 2. New soap project and upload WSDL. Once it is successful, it shows all the request that can be made to WSDL org.
- 3. Login-> request 1-> Provide username and password+Security Token
- 4. Once login is successful, you get Session ID and instance url.

- 5. For any other request, for example create, Use session Id in SessionHeader.
- 6. Hit Instance url, with the requests.

#### **Apex Callout using SOAP web Service**

- **1.** Get the WSDL file, from resource server.
- 2. Convert wsdl to apex using WSDL2Apex. The size of any WSDL document can be at most 1MB.
- **3.** The Apex classes construct the SOAP XML, transmit the data, and parse the response XML into Apex objects. Instead of developing the logic to construct and parse the XML of the web service messages, let the Apex classes generated by WSDL2Apex internally handle all that overhead.

#### Expose a Class as a SOAP web Service

#### Source System.

- 1. Define your class as global.
- **2.** Add the **webservice** keyword and the **static** definition modifier to each method you want to expose.
- 3. The webservice keyword provides global access to the method it is added to.

```
global with sharing class MySOAPWebService {
  webservice static Account getRecord(String id) {
    // Add your code
  }
}
```

- 4. Generate this WSDL for your class and send it to target developers.
- 5. For Authentication, external applications must use either the Enterprise WSDL or the Partner WSDL for login functionality.

#### **Target System:**

- 1. Go to Apex Classes an Click button "Generate from WSDL" using WSDL.
- 2. Generate class from Webservice WSDL. It will generate 2 classes. One for Sync and other for Async calling, i.e. future based.
- 3. Generate another Class with Enerprise/partner WSDL. It will have all standard meta data methods, like describe() calls, login, logout, create, insert etc

- 4. Develop a class in Target system where you generated apex class to use **Login** method of Enterprise/partner WSDL using credentials from Source.
- 5. Then call the SOAP method developed.

classGeneratedByWSDL. MySOAPWebService instance = new classGeneratedByWSDL.
MySOAPWebService();

instance.getRecord(id);

#### when should you use REST vs SOAP?

- If developing public APIs, in which you don't have to control over whats going on with he consumer.
- 2. APIs that require, a lot of back-and-forth messaging, with SOAP being stateful the same type of service would require more initialization and state code. Because REST is stateless, the client context is not stored on the server between requests, giving REST services the ability to be retried independently of one another.
- 3. Services, that do not need connection all the time SOAP services require maintaining an open stateful connection with the client. REST, in contrast, enables requests that are completely independent of each other.
- 4. Json response is easy to parse and lightweight. So, response will be quick.

# Which API Do I Use?

API Name	Protocol	Data Format	Communication	When to Use
REST API	REST	JSON, XML	Synchronous	
SOAP API	SOAP (WSDL)	XML	Synchronous	SOAP API to create, retrieve, update, or delete records. You can also use SOAP API to perform searches and much more.
Chatter REST API	REST	JSON, XML	Synchronous (photos are processed asynchronously)	For chatter based use cases.
User Interface API	REST	JSON	Synchronous	Build Salesforce UI for native mobile apps and custom web.
Analytics REST API	REST	JSON, XML	Synchronous	For gathering datasets from Analytics Platform
Bulk API	REST	CSV, JSON, XML	Asynchronous	Submits a batch for use cases,
Metadata API	SOAP (WSDL)	XML	Asynchronous	migrate customization changes
Streaming API	Bayeux	JSON	Asynchronous (stream of data)	For near-real-time streams of data that are based on changes in Salesforce records or custom payloads.
Apex REST API	REST	JSON, XML, Custom	Synchronous	
Apex SOAP API	SOAP (WSDL)	XML	Synchronous	
Tooling API	REST or SOAP (WSDL)	JSON, XML, Custom	Synchronous	fetch the metadata such as Apex classes, Apex triggers, custom objects, custom fields, etc. If we need to get the list of Custom Objects or Custom fields

#### Platform cache

- 1. Using cached data improves the performance of your app and is faster than performing SOQL queries repetitively, making multiple API calls, or computing complex calculations.
- 2. Use the cache to store static data or data that does not change often.
- 3. Salesforce evicts cached data based on a least recently used (LRU) algorithm

#### **Types Of Cache**

- 1. **Org cache** stores org-wide data that anyone in the org can use.
  - a. time-to-live Max 48 hours, default is 24 hours.
- 2. **Session cache** stores data for an individual user and is tied to that user's session. The maximum life of a session is 8 hours. Min is 300 sec.

**Partitions:** Caching data to designated partitions ensures that the cache space is not overwritten by other apps or by less critical data.

```
Cache.Org.put('namespace.partition.key', 0, TTL(optional));
```

Among all partitions, **there can be only one default partition**. In Default partition, we don't have to use the fully qualify the key name with the namespace and partition name when adding a key-value pair.

```
Cache.Org.put('key', 0, TTL(optional));
```

Namespace.Partition.Key is the cache key Name format.

- 1. Namespace org namespace. Can use "local" too.
- 2. Partition partition name.
- 3. Key the key which needs to be put.

#### Store and Retrieve Data in Org Cache

```
// Get partition

Cache.OrgPartition orgPart = Cache.Org.getPartition('local.CurrencyCache');

// Add cache value to the partition. Usually, the value is obtained from a

// callout, but hardcoding it in this example for simplicity.

orgPart.put('DollarToEuroRate', '0.91');

// Retrieve cache value from the partition

String cachedRate = (String)orgPart.get('DollarToEuroRate');

if (cachedRate != null) {

// Display this exchange rate

} else {

// We have a cache miss, so fetch the value from the source.

// Call an API to get the exchange rate.

}
```

#### Store and Retrieve Data in Session Cache

```
// Get partition

Cache.SessionPartition sessionPart = Cache.Session.getPartition('local.CurrencyCache');

// Add cache value to the partition

sessionPart.put('FavoriteCurrency', 'JPY');

// Retrieve cache value from the partition

String cachedRate = (String)sessionPart.get('FavoriteCurrency');
```

```
remove () :- to delete an item from cache.
```

**MAX\_TTL\_SECS:** A constant in Org and Session class represents maximum amount of time, in seconds, to keep the cached value in the session cache.

Aggregate functions are available only for the Cache.Org class.

Don't add many small items to the Platform Cache within one request. Instead, wrap data in larger items, such as lists, Wrapper Class.

Access cached values stored in the platform cache from a Visualforce page by using the **\$Cache.Session** or **\$Cache.Org** global variables.

\$Cache.Session.namespace.partition.key \$cache.org. namespace.partition.key

#### **Encryption-Decryption - Classic encryption**

#### 1. EncodingUtil

- Blob base64Decode(String inputString)
- String base64Encode(Blob inputBlob)
- Blob convertFromHex(String inputString)
- String convertToHex(Blog inputBlob)
- String urlDecode(String inputString, String encodingScheme)
- String urlEncode(String inputString, String encodingScheme)
   Note: for URL encode and decode second parameter will be encoding scheme i.e.,
   UTF-8. All methods are static so you can call by class name.

#### 2. Crypto

Provides methods for creating digests, message authentication codes, and signatures, as well as encrypting and decrypting information. These functions are using AES algorithm to generate the private key and these functions are using AES128, AES256, AES192 algorithms to encrypt and decrypt information. The AES algorithm requires initialization vector to encrypt and decrypt data. **AES stands for Advanced Encryption Standard algorithm** 

```
// Security key must be 16 characters string
    public static key=Crypto.generateAesKey(128);

public static String encodeString(String encodingString){
        Blob blobData = Crypto.encryptWithManagedIV('AES128', key,
        Blob.valueOf(encodingString));
        return EncodingUtil.base64Encode(blobData);
}

public static String decodeString(String str){
        Blob blobData = EncodingUtil.base64Decode(str);
        Blob decryptedBlob = Crypto.decryptWithManagedIV('AES128', key,
        encodedEncryptedBlob);
        return decryptedBlob.toString();
}
```

#### Platform encryption - Shield Platform Encryption

Classic encryption uses 128-bit (AES) keys. Shield Encryption uses a stronger 256-bit AES key.

**tenant** secrets are used to derive your encryption keys. They work with the Salesforce-generated master secret, but your tenant secret is specific to your org.

#### Setup

- 1. Provide access to **Manage Encryption Keys** (System permission) to user.
- 2. Go to **Key Management** and **Generate Tenant Secret**. Export it.
- 3. Go to **Encryption Policy**, choose **Encrypt fields** and select required ones.
- 4. Destroy the key. Data will be encrypted now.
- 5. Upload the key to see the data again.

#### **Outbound messaging In workflows**

*Outbound messaging* allows you to specify that changes to fields within Salesforce can cause messages with field values to be sent to designated external servers.

It Uses SOAP API.

#### **Authorization vs Authentication**

Authorization means, the user is allowed to access the data. Authentication means, who the user is.

#### **Authentication Techniques**

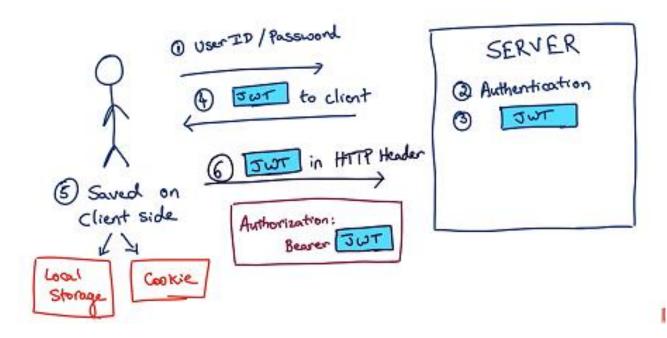
- 1. **Basic Auth** Username & Password
- 2. Bearer / Token based
  - a. **OAuth 1.0** get access token by using client key and client secret. Use it for further requests. It is only for web apps.
  - b. **OAuth 2.** same work as OAuth 1.0.
    - i. Added delegation of security to Transport layer. So only necessary data is transfers to TL. Also, supports multiple client mode, not only web.
    - ii. OAuth2 also introduced the use of refresh tokens that allow authentications to expire, unless "refreshed" on a periodic basis.
    - iii. The password grant is one of the simplest OAuth grants and involves only one step.
- 3. SAML Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) is an open standard that allows identity providers (IdP) to pass authorization credentials to service providers (SP). Generally used for SSO.

#### **Authorization Techniques.**

- 1. **API-keys** using a unique key in header for each service.
- 2. **Basic Auth** verify Credentials and decide.
- 3. **HMAC (Hash-based message authorization code)** Server and client have a secret key. Sender creates a message, encrypt by key and convert into hash by secure hasing algo. The it is sent to Receiver. Receiver will decodes the value using SHA and secret key, and verify the message.
- 4. OAuth 2.0
- 5. JWT

#### <u>IWT - ISON WEB TOKEN - For Authorization NOT Authentication</u>

**The JWT Bearer Flow** is an OAuth flow in which an external app (also called client or consumer app) sends a signed JSON string to Salesforce called JWT to obtain an access token. The access token can then be used by the external app to read & write data in Salesforce.



#### Why JWT?

For authorization, we can use Session Ids. By the problem with the session ids are

- 1. The server needs to cache the session Ids to identify the user.
- 2. If there are multiple servers, we need a shared cache which saves session Ids.
- 3. If cache failed, user needs to authenticate again.

With JWT, Server doesn't need to save any kind of data, for any user. At the time of authentication. Servers gives User a signed JWT with a private key and creates a signature., which the users need to use every time while requesting. In each request, the JWT comes, and server verifies the signature and authorizes the user.

Unlike some other OAuth Flows, the JWT flow does not require end-user interaction to operate. The external app sends the JWT and authenticates itself without manual intervention.

- 1. Generate a private Key and a digital Certificate.
- 2. Create connected app and upload digital certificate. **We need to pre-authenticate it once**, because <a href="IWT">IWT</a> is for authorization not for authentication.
  - a. Hit below URL.

https://<yourinstance>.salesforce.com/services/oauth2/authorize?response\_ type=token&client\_id=<consumer key>&redirect\_uri=sfdc://oauth/jwt/success

- i. Either by Web server
- ii. User-Agent OAuth Flow
- 3. Create JWT.

```
a. Header - Algo and type
{
    "alg": "RS256",
    "typ": "JWT"
}
```

- b. JWT Claim
  - i. Issuer consumer key
  - ii. Subject username
  - iii. Audience login.salesforce.com
  - iv. Expiration now + time
    {
     "iss": "Consumer key",
     "sub": "Username",
     "aud": "https://<login or test>.salesforce.com",
     "exp": "now + 2 minutes in Unix timestamp"

c. Base64 URL encode the Header and the Claims.

```
jwt_part1 = Base64URLencode(JWT Header);
jwt part2 = Base64URLencode(JWT Claims);
```

d. Using the private key sign the encoded header and claims separated by a dot using SHA256 with RSA

```
jwt signature = sign sha256 RSA( jwt part1+"."+jwt part2, "private key")
```

4. Build the final JWT assertion - header + claim + signature.

jwt\_assertion = jwt\_part1+"."+jwt\_part2+"."+jwt\_signature

5. Create a post request.

```
POST https://login.salesforce.com/services/oauth2/token

Header:
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Body
grant_type=urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:jwt-bearer
assertion=<put the jwt assertion here>
OR
Authorization= Bearer <JWT assertion >
```

6. Response will be having **access\_token**, which can be used in subsequent requests to perform allowed operations in Salesforce.

 $\label{lem:reference:https://medium.com/@salesforce.notes/salesforce-oauth-jwt-bearer-flow-cc70bfc626c2$ 

https://medium.com/swlh/how-json-web-tokens-work-211ce7b705f7

# OAuth 2.0 Authorization Errors

access_denied	User denied access to the client app.
	For the device flow, the user hasn't approved the device for
authorization_pending	access.
	The immediate parameter is set to true, and the user isn't
immediate_unsuccessful	logged in or hasn't previously approved the client's access.
inactive_org	Org is locked, closed, or suspended.
inactive_user	User is set to inactive by the org's admin.
invalid_app_acess	User isn't approved by an admin to access this app.
invalid_assertion_type	Specified assertion type isn't supported.
invalid_client_credentials	Client secret is invalid.
invalid_client_id	Client identifier is invalid.

	One of the following:		
	one of the following.		
invalid grant	<ul> <li>Invalid authorization code. For the SAML assertion flow, make sure that the client sends a URLencoded assertion and assertion_type.</li> <li>Invalid user credentials.</li> <li>Invalid user.</li> <li>Invalid assertion.</li> <li>Invalid audience.</li> <li>IP restricted or invalid login hours.</li> <li>Indicates that the code_verifier value was invalid (not base64 encoded, for example) or wasn't the valid verifier for the given code_challenge.</li> <li>Indicates that a code_challenge wasn't specified, so the code_verifier wasn't expected but was specified.</li> <li>User hasn't approved the connected app.</li> <li>Authentication failure.</li> <li>For the device flow, the device flow isn't enabled for the connected app or the Salesforce server isn't able to grant an access token.</li> <li>For the refresh token flow, the refresh or access token is expired.</li> </ul>		
invalid_grant			
	One of the following errors.		
invalid_request	<ul> <li>HTTPS is required.</li> <li>HTTP GET is required.</li> <li>HTTP POST is required.</li> <li>The code_challenge value was invalid, such as not being base64 encoded.</li> <li>Flow doesn't support and didn't expect a code_challenge parameter.</li> <li>Out-of-band isn't supported.</li> <li>The JWT bearer and SAML assertion bearer flows require a refresh_token scope. Install and preauthorize the app.</li> <li>For the device flow, the device code specified in the polling request is invalid.</li> <li>For the username-password flow, the scope parameter isn't supported.</li> <li>For the refresh token flow, the secret type isn't supported.</li> </ul>		
invalid_scope	The requested scope is invalid, unknown, or malformed.		
rate_limit_exceeded	Number of login attempts has been exceeded.		
redirect_uri_mismatch	Redirect URI mismatch with connected app definition.		
redirect_uri_missing	Redirect URI not provided.		
server_error	The number of authorization requests from the client app exceeds the hourly limit.		
	For the device flow, the client app is polling the authorization server more frequently than the recommended minimum		
slow_down	interval.		

### **CrypotGraphy**

Symmetric algorithms - A single key is used to encrypt data.

**Asymmetric algorithms** -Two keys are used to encrypt and decrypt messages. While one key(public) is used to encrypt the message, the other key(private) can only be used to decrypt it.

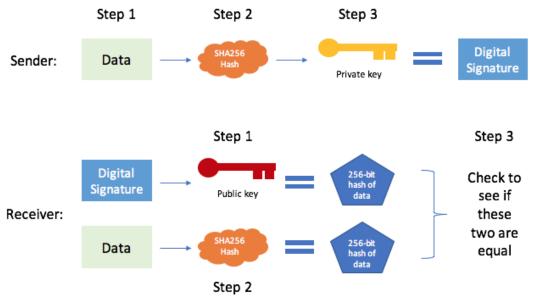
#### HS256 and RS256 Scenario

HS256 can create a signature for a given sample of data using a single key.

RS256 uses pair of keys to do the same. A signature can only be generated using the private key. And the public key has to be used to verify the signature.

Digital Signature

SHA256 – Secure hashing algo generated 256 bit hashed bits.



#### **OAuth 2.0**

#### **Grant Types** - 5 grant\_type for acquiring an access token:

- Authorization code grant signed into an application using your Facebook or Google account.
  - a. Get authorization code from authorization Server.

```
Request - GET (Authorization Endpoint)
?response_type=code
&client_id={CLIENT ID}
&redirect_uri={REDIRECT URI}
&scope={SCOPES}
&state={STATE}

Response - LOCATION : {REDIRECT URI}
?code={AUTHORIZATION CODE}
&state={STATE}
```

b. Send Post request Token Endpoint with AUTHORIZATION CODE

• Implicit grant - It is intended to be used for user-agent-based clients (e.g. single page web apps) that can't keep a client secret because all of the application code and storage is easily accessible. Secondly instead of the authorization server returning an authorization code which is exchanged for an access token, the authorization server returns an access token directly.

#### Request -

```
GET (Authorization Endpoint)
?response_type=token
&redirect_uri={REDIRECT URI}
&scope={SCOPES}
&state={STATE}
```

#### Response -

```
LOCATION : {REDIRECT URI}
#access_token={ACCESS TOKEN}
&token_type={TOKEN TYPE >> Bearer}
&expires_in={EXPIRES IN}
&state={STATE}
```

• Resource owner credentials grant - Grant type is password

```
POST (Token Endpoint)
Authorization: Basic <BASE64({CLIENT ID}:{CLIENT
SECRET})> grant_type=password
    &username={USERNAME}
    &password={PASSWORD}
    &scope={SCOPES}
```

Client credentials grant - this grant is suitable for machine-to-machine authentication
where a specific user's permission to access data is not required. uses the client\_id and the
client\_secret credentials of a Client to authorize and access protected data from a Resource
Server.

```
POST (Token Endpoint)
Authorization : Basic <BASE64({CLIENT ID}:{CLIENT_SECRET})>
grant_type=client_credentials
   &scope={SCOPES}
```

• **Refresh token grant -** The Refresh Token Grant Flow is specially used to gain new access\_token from the Authorization Server by providing the refresh\_token to the Token Endpoint.

```
POST (Token Endpoint)
Authorization: Basic <BASE64({CLIENT ID}:{CLIENT SECRET})>
grant_type=refresh_token
refresh_token={REFRESH TOKEN}
scope={SCOPES}
```

https://athiththan11.medium.com/oauth-2-grant-types-a-story-guide-582580a3c4c2

### **Caching in Rest -**

When a consumer requests a resource representation, the request goes through a cache or a series of caches (local cache, proxy cache, or reverse proxy) toward the service hosting the resource. If any of the caches along the request path has a fresh copy of the requested representation, it uses that copy to satisfy the request. If none of the caches can satisfy the request, the request travels to the service (or origin server as it is formally known).

- Usually, browsers treat all GET requests cacheable.
- POST requests are not cacheable by default but can be made cacheable
  - a. if either an **Expires** header or
    - i. The Expires HTTP header specifies an absolute expiry time for a cached representation

Expires: Fri, 20 May 2016 19:20:49 IST

b. a **Cache-Control** header with a directive, to explicitly allows caching, is added to the response. These directives determine whether a response is cacheable, and if so, by whom, and for how long e.g. max-age or s-maxage directives.

Cache-Control: max-age=3600

Responses to PUT and DELETE requests are not cacheable at all.

#### **Application layer Protocols**

#### HTTP -

#### Codes

- 1xx: Informational Communicates transfer protocol-level information.
- **2xx: Success** Indicates that the client's request was accepted successfully.
- **3xx: Redirection** Indicates that the client must take some additional action in order to complete their request.
- **4xx: Client Error** This category of error status codes points the finger at clients.
- **5xx: Server Error** The server takes responsibility for these error status codes.

#### Examples

- **200** OK request has been successful. Generally GET/POST
- **201** Created new resource has been created. POST/PUT
- **202** long running process
- 204 Request Successful but doesn't need to return anything Delete/Patch
- **304** for caching if response has not been modified, can use same cached response, if it gets modified, 200 will come.
- **400** can't understand the request & process a request due to a client error. Missing data, domain validation, and invalid formatting
- **401** Authentication failed
- 403 Request is valid, but not authorized to access some resources, permission needed.
- **404** Resource not found
- **409** When the resource is already being used by some other process.
- 410 Resource requested is no longer available and will not be available again.
- **500** Request can't be completed due to unexpected issue. Need to log issue and debug.

# <u>Transport layer protocols</u>

Transmission control protocol (TCP)	<u>User datagram protocol (UDP)</u>
TCP is a connection-oriented protocol. Connection-orientation means that the communicating devices should establish a connection before transmitting data and should close the connection after transmitting the data.	UDP is the Datagram oriented protocol. This is because there is no overhead for opening a connection, maintaining a connection, and terminating a connection. UDP is efficient for broadcast and multicast type of network transmission.
TCP is reliable as it guarantees the delivery of data to the destination router.	The delivery of data to the destination cannot be guaranteed in UDP.
TCP provides extensive error checking mechanisms. It is because it provides flow control and acknowledgement of data.	UDP has only the basic error checking mechanism using checksums.
Sequencing of data is a feature of Transmission Control Protocol (TCP). this means that packets arrive in-order at the receiver.	There is no sequencing of data in UDP. If the order is required, it has to be managed by the application layer.
TCP is comparatively slower than UDP.	UDP is faster, simpler, and more efficient than TCP.
Retransmission of lost packets is possible in TCP, but not in UDP.	There is no retransmission of lost packets in the User Datagram Protocol (UDP).
TCP has a (20-60) bytes variable length header.	UDP has an 8 bytes fixed-length header.
TCP is heavy weight.	UDP is lightweight.
TCP does not support Broadcasting.	UDP supports Broadcasting.
TCP is used by HTTP, HTTPs, FTP, SMTP and Telnet.	UDP is used by DNS, DHCP, TFTP, SNMP, RIP, and VoIP.

# **Integration Patterns and Practices**

### **List of Patterns**

Pattern	Scenario
Remote Process Invocation— Request and Reply	Salesforce invokes a process on a remote system, waits for completion of that process, and then tracks state based on the response from the remote system.  Example: Calling Rest/Soap callout in Sync
	Salesforce Lightning Component/VF Page  Action()  CallWebService()  Response  ProcessResponse()

Pattern	Scenario
Remote Process Invocation— Fire and Forget	Salesforce invokes a process in a remote system but doesn't wait for completion of the process. Instead, the remote process receives and acknowledges the request and then hands off control back to Salesforce.  Example:  1. Platform events, 2. Outbound msgs, 3. future methods and do callouts.
	Salesforce Process Builder Platform Event Bus Subscriber Subscriber Subscriber Queue Application  Create or Update  Create Platform Event ()  Event Stream JSON)  Event (JSON)  Call Remote APP

Pattern	Scenario
Batch Data Synchronizatio n	Data stored in Salesforce is created or refreshed to reflect updates from an external system, and when changes from Salesforce Platform are sent to an external system. Updates in either direction are done in a batch manner.  1. Salesforce Change Data Capture – near real time – to insert into other system.  Change Data Capture - Salesforce Master
	Change Data  Create/ Update Data  Change Data Capture  Publish Event  App Listener  Transform Data  Write Data to Local Data Store  Ferror Cocured?  Write to Error Tables
	2. Salesforce Bulk API to insert in salesforce

Pattern	Scenario
Remote Call-In	Data stored in salesforce Platform is created, retrieved, updated, or deleted by a remote system.
	Remote System  Client  Authenticate (OAuth)  Event Occurred  Create Event (POST)  Response  Response  Notify  Notify
	Client  Salesforce  SOAP API Object  login() query()  ProcessResponse()  ProcessResponse()  ProcessResponse()

Pattern	Scenario
UI Update Based on Data Changes	The Salesforce user interface must be automatically updated as a result of changes to Salesforce data.  The recommended solution to this integration problem is to use the Salesforce Streaming API  A PushTopic with a query definition that allows you to: Specify what events trigger an update Select what data to include in the notification A JavaScript-based implementation of the Bayeux protocol (currently CometD) that can be used by the user interface A Visualforce page or Lightning component A JavaScript library included as a static resource

Pattern	Scenario
<u>Data</u> <u>Virtualization</u>	Salesforce accesses external data in real time. This removes the need to persist data in Salesforce and then reconcile the data between Salesforce and the external system. It consists of view, search, and modify data that is stored outside of Salesforce, without moving the data from the external system into Salesforce.
	<ol> <li>Salesforce Connect - Salesforce Connect maps data tables in external systems to external objects in your org. External objects are similar to custom objects, except that they map to data located outside your Salesforce org.</li> <li>Request-Reply pattern</li> </ol>
	Browser  Salesforce  Integration Layer  Services Layer  SOR/APP  Std Ctrl (AJAX)  Iookup Ext Obj Adaptor type  Translate to ODATA
	JSON  Transform from ODATA
	Browser Salesforce Integration Layer Services Layer SOR/APP

# **Pattern Selection Matrix**

Source/Target	Туре		Timing		Key Patterns to Consider	
	Process Integration	Data Integration	Virtual Integration	Synchronous	Asynchronous	
Salesforce -> System	X			X		Remote Process Invocation—  Request and Reply
					X	Remote Process Invocation— Fire and Forget
		X		X		Remote Process Invocation—  Request and Reply
					X	UI Update Based on Data Changes
			X	х		<u>Data Virtualization</u>
System -> Salesforce	X			Х		Remote Call-In
					Х	Remote Call-In
		X		X		Remote Call-In
					X	Batch Data Synchronization

https://developer.salesforce.com/docs/atlas.enus.224.0.integration\_patterns\_and\_practices.meta/integration\_patterns\_and\_practices/integ\_ pat\_intro\_overview.htm

## **Data - Kind & Volume**

One of the major considerations while designing the integration system is Data volume.

- 1. What kind of data as request/response, the system is going to deal with?
  - a. JSON
  - b. XML
  - c. Blob/File
  - d. Hybrid
- 2. What is the max volume of data that the system needs to serve per request?
  - a. In Lacs
  - b. Close to million might need to divide
  - c. More than million needs chunking

# Real-time, near real-time, and batch processing/Schedules

Type of data processing	When do you need it?
Real-time	When you need information processed immediately (such as at a bank ATM, OTP)
Near real-time	When speed is important, but you don't need it immediately (Notifications)
Batch	When you can wait for days (or longer) for processing (Payroll is a good example.)

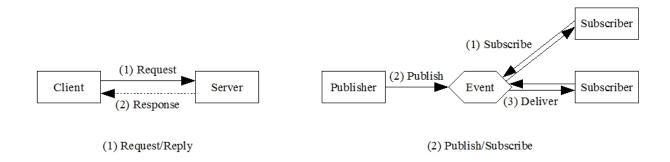
# **Architechtures**

**Data driven programming** is a programming model where the data itself controls the flow of the program (not the program logic) where in case of **Event driven programming**, it is the event not the data itself controls the flow of the program.

#### **Event Driven Protocols**

PROTOCOL	RELATED TO	STANDARD BODY	NOTES
WebSockets	TCP, HTTP-like	IETF, W3C	<ul> <li>Two-way communication over TCP</li> <li>Designed for web browsers &amp; web servers</li> <li>Good for lower overhead scenarios</li> <li>Supported in all major browsers</li> </ul>
Webhooks	URI, HTTP	_	<ul> <li>User defined "HTTP callbacks"</li> <li>Triggered by an event HTTP</li> <li>Requests are made to Webhook URI</li> <li>Enables real-time event triggering</li> </ul>
REST Hooks	HTTP	Zapier	<ul> <li>Lightweight subscription layer</li> <li>Manipulated by a REST API</li> <li>Essentially a WebHook in REST</li> </ul>
Pub-Sub	-	_	<ul> <li>Client subscribes to classes</li> <li>Bidirectional</li> <li>Middleman layer between client and server</li> <li>Loose coupling</li> </ul>
Server Sent	HTTP, HTML5 , DOM	WHATWG, W3C	<ul> <li>Server constantly sends updates to the client</li> <li>Unidirectional push notifications as DOM events</li> </ul>

# Pub - Sub Vs Polling (Request-reply)



Where you have lots of updates at Server versus a few queries in Client then "pull" i.e. Request Reply is the obvious choice.

Where you have relatively few updates at Server and lots of queries in Client then "push" i.e. Pub-Sub is the way to go.

Where you have lots of updates and lots of queries either choice is equally good (or bad!).

# Throughput Per Second (TPA) / Fan-In

It is the ability of an endpoint to cater Number of requests per second.

Based on the TPA, the target system can decide

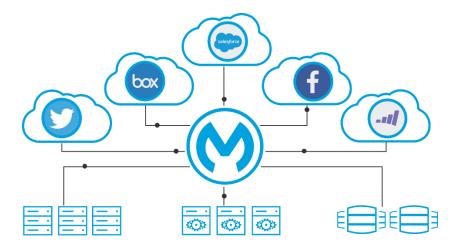
- 1. Real time or scheduled
- 2. Number of callouts <= TPA range, to reduce failure chances

To increase TPA,

1. Add Middleware, which request to single endpoint to multiple servers.

## Middle ware

A middleware solution is essentially a layer between two systems that makes it easy for the two to communicate. It can be considered the glue that holds together applications, making seamless connectivity possible without requiring the two applications to communicate directly. Example: Enterprise Service bus, Mulesoft, etc.



### Why Middle ware?

1. **Reduce latency** – Adding a node between source and destination, will defiantly add latency but that node has everything which is needed by the destination, the latency is bearable. For example, if a request came which needs to query data from multiple tables, if the source can create a view and provide the view to middle ware, destination can directly get the data from the view, rather than source performing queries and then sending the response.

### 2. Rate Limiting/Throttling/TPA

- *3.* **Caching** for frequent similar requests
- 4. **Data format conversion** when source and destination are not request/response compatible, Middle ware needs to convert the request/response to respective formats and send ahead.
- 5. **Different Protocols** System A accepts HTTP while, System B accepts FTP, then they can't connect directly. Middle ware adds the request response conversion from HTTP to FTP and vice versa.

#### **Types of Middleware**

- 1. **Database middleware**: This **database middleware** helps to make communication in between database and other applications or different databases. Its main objective is to fetch all information from local otherwise remotely located databases.
- 2. *RPC (Remote procedure call):* one client machine can fire any requests a service from program that is situated in other computer machine over the network without any getting knowledge of network.
- 3. **Object Request Broker (ORB):** communication between all objects in distributed system.
- 4. **Web related applications server** helps to produce better interfaces for using of different types of applications are implemented like as middleware in between browser and other system. *Browsers are used on your PCs, laptops or notebooks while traveling. App servers allow supporting all huge range of server-side processing.*
- **5. Message Oriented**: This middleware helps to send and receive all messages over different types of distributed applications. *For example, Email from different servers.*
- **6. (Application Programming Interface) API:** *it allows communication without getting to know about both side implementations.*

#### Advantages of Middleware

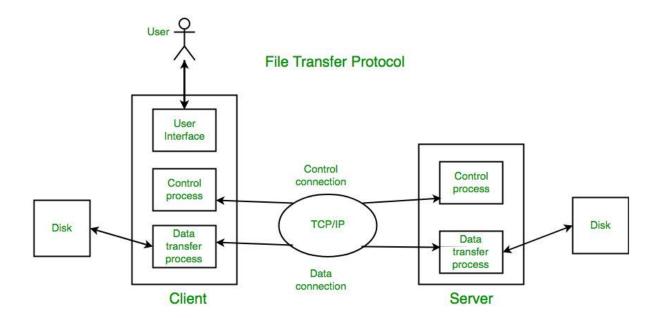
- Real time information can be accessed in the different platform systems.
- Information integrity can be kept maintaining over couple of systems.
- It helps to developers for designing of different types of network applications.
- It also helps to deliver streamline processes and enhances efficiency for various organizations.
- It can be used in different types of areas like as distributed Objects and components, message-oriented communication, and mobile application support.

#### **Disadvantages of Middleware**

- Its development cost is more expensive.
- Some people have good expertise in this area.
- Middleware often threatens the real-time performance of a system
- Too many platforms to be covered
- Middleware' tools are not efficient for optimal operation yet.

## File Transfer Protocol(FTP)

FTP is an application layer protocol which moves files between local and remote file systems. It runs on the top of TCP, like HTTP. To transfer a file, 2 TCP connections are used by FTP in parallel: control connection and data connection.



#### What is control connection?

For sending control information like user identification, password, commands to change the remote directory, commands to retrieve and store files, etc., FTP makes use of control connection. The control connection is initiated on port number 21.

#### What is data connection?

For sending the actual file, FTP makes use of data connection. A data connection is initiated on port number 20.

FTP sends the control information out-of-band as it uses a separate control connection. Some protocols send their request and response header lines and the data in the same TCP

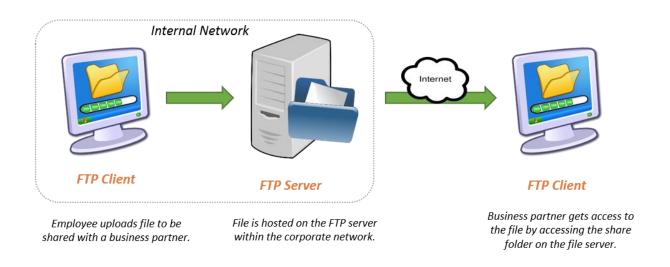
connection. For this reason, they are said to send their control information in-band. HTTP and SMTP are such examples.

#### FTP Session:

When a FTP session is started between a client and a server, the client initiates a control TCP connection with the server side. The client sends control information over this. When the server receives this, it initiates a data connection to the client side. Only one file can be sent over one data connection. But the control connection remains active throughout the user session. As we know HTTP is stateless i.e. it does not have to keep track of any user state. But FTP needs to maintain a state about its user throughout the session.

#### **FTP Server:**

FTP servers are the solutions used to facilitate file transfers across the internet. If you send files using FTP, files are either uploaded or downloaded to the FTP server. When you're uploading files, the files are transferred from a personal computer to the server. When you're downloaded files, the files are transferred from the server to your personal computer. TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol), or the language the internet uses to execute commands, is used to transfer files via FTP.



#### Summary:

- FTP is a two-way system as files are transferred back and forth between server and workstation.
- FTP, where entire files are transferred from one device to another and copied into memory
- FTP file uploaded is used in cases when the file size is more than 70 MB
- FTP uses an FTP client server and an FTP client.

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# **Uploading large files using Rest**

I would recommend taking a look at the Amazon S3 Rest API's solution to multipart file upload. The documentation can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

To summarize the procedure Amazon uses:

- The client sends a request to initiate a multipart upload, the API responds with an upload id
- The client uploads each file chunk with a part number (to maintain ordering of the file), the size of the part, the md5 hash of the part and the upload id; each of these requests is a separate HTTP request. The API validates the chunk by checking the md5 hash received chunk against the md5 hash the client supplied and the size of the chunk matches the size the client supplied. The API responds with a tag (unique id) for the chunk. If you deploy your API across multiple locations you will need to consider how to store the chunks and later access them in a way that is location transparent.
- The client issues a request to complete the upload which contains a list of each chunk number and the associated chunk tag (unique id) received from API. The API validates there are no missing chunks and that the chunk numbers match the correct chunk tag and then assembles the file or returns an error response.

Amazon also supplies methods to abort the upload and list the chunks associated with the upload. You may also want to consider a timeout for the upload request in which the chunks are destroyed if the upload is not completed within a certain amount of time.

In terms of controlling the chunk sizes that the client uploads, you won't have much control over how the client decides to split up the upload. You could consider having a maximum chunk size configured for the upload and supply error responses for requests that contain chunks larger than the max size.

I've found the procedure works very well for handling large file uploads in REST APIs and facilitates the handling of the many edge cases associated with file upload. Unfortunately, I've yet to find a library that makes this easy to implement in any language so you pretty much have to write all of the logic yourself.

# **Difference between HTTP and FTP**

S.NO.	НТТР	FTP	
1.	It stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol.	It stands for File Transfer Protocol	
2.	It is the set of rules that how web pages are transferred on different computers over the internet.	It is the set of rules that permit the downloading and uploading the files on the computer over the internet.	
3.	It only supports the data connection.	It supports both data connection and control connection	
4.	It uses Transmission Control Protocol and runs on TCP port 80.	It uses Transmission Control Protocol and runs on TCP port 20 and TCP port 21.	
5.	The URL using the HTTP protocol will start with HTTP.	The URL using the FTP will start with FTP.	
6.	It does not require authentication.	It requires authentication.	
7.	It is efficient in transferring small files.	It is efficient in transferring large files.	
8.	The files transferred to the computer over the internet are not saved to the memory.	The files transferred to the computer over the internet are saved to the memory.	
9.	HTTP is used to provide the web pages to the web browser from the webserver	FTP is used to upload or download files between client and server.	
10.	It is a stateless protocol.	It is not a stateless protocol, and it maintains states.	
11.	It supports an In-band type of band transfer.	It supports an Out-of-band type of band transfer.	
12.	It can use both types of Persistent and Non- persistent TCP connection.	It uses a Persistent TCP connection for the Control connection and a Non-persistent TCP Connection for Data Connection.	