

GRPC

REALTIME MICROSERVICES

GRPC WITH .NET

OVERVIEW

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ABOUT ME

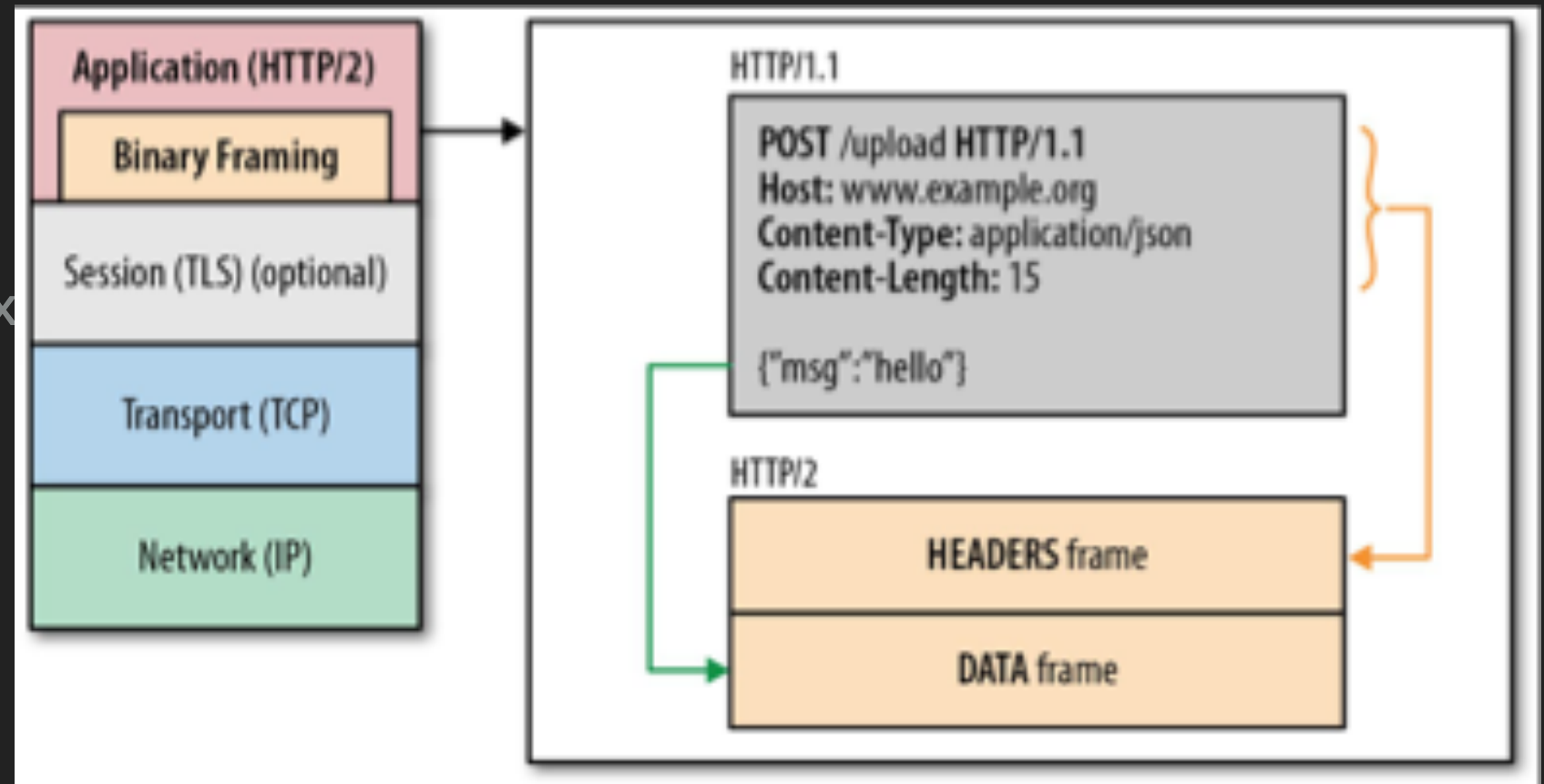
- ▶ Management information system studies
- ▶ 5 years Accenture
- ▶ 5 years ISV for exchange trading
- ▶ 10 Jahre CTO at a prop trading company which is a member of Eurex
- ▶ daily transformation of 250 - 400 Mio. price messages into orders and trades

GRPC OVERVIEW

- ▶ Public successor of Stubby at Google for Microservices
- ▶ A RPC/Remote Procedure Call library and framework
- ▶ GRPC = HTTP/2 + Protocol Buffer

HTTP/2 IN ONE SLIDE

- ▶ One TCP Verbindung
- ▶ Request -> Stream
 - ▶ Streams with Multiplex
 - ▶ Streams with Priority
- ▶ Binary core layer
 - ▶ Periodically
 - ▶ Flow control
 - ▶ Server push
- ▶ Header compression



PROTOBUF

- ▶ Structure representation of data
- ▶ Googles general description of data
 - ▶ 48.000 messages
 - ▶ 12000 Proto files
- ▶ Evolutionary development (currently version 3)

WHY PROTOBUF

- ▶ Efficiency in size
- ▶ Clear compatibility rules
- ▶ Idiomatic - one file for multiple languages(C++, C#, Java, Java Script, Objective-C, Ruby, Python, Go)
- ▶ Strongly typed for performance and safety

MESSAGE FORMAT (PROTO 3)

- ▶ Explicitly numbered fields
- ▶ Typed
- ▶ Hierarchical
- ▶ Arrays
- ▶ Extensible through sub structures

```
syntax = „proto3“  
  
message Person {  
  
    string Name = 1;  
  
    int32 Id = 2;  
  
}
```


PROTOBUF SCALAR VALUE TYPES

- ▶ double
- ▶ float
- ▶ int32/int64
- ▶ bool
- ▶ string
- ▶ bytes

PROTOBUF ENUMS

- ▶ Enums similar to C#

```
enum Corpus {  
  
    UNIVERSAL = 0;  
  
    WEB = 1;  
  
    IMAGES = 2;  
  
}  
  
Corpus corpus = 4;
```

PROTOBUF COMPOSITION

- ▶ Structs may contain other structs
- ▶ .proto may reference each other

```
message SearchResponse {  
    repeated Result results = 1;  
}
```

```
message Result {  
    string url = 1;  
    string title = 2;  
    repeated string snippets = 3;  
}
```

```
import "myproject/other_protos.proto";
```

PROTOCOL BUFFER COMPILER

<https://github.com/google/protobuf>

GRPC

- ▶ Service Definition via .proto files
- ▶ Code generation in 10 languages- in .NET via Nuget package using a C-core
- ▶ Using Http/2
- ▶ Point to point connection
- ▶ Streaming / Uni- and Bidirectional
- ▶ Authentication via SSL/TLS and OAUTH2

GRPC VS SIGNALR

- ▶ SignalR works via websockets
- ▶ SignalR ist a pure .NET architecture
- ▶ GRPC has advantages if you want to be language-agnostic
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- ▶ GRPC is unfortunately not supported straight in the browser => there are bridge solutions in development

PROJECT STRUCTURE OF GRPC

- ▶ ServiceDefinition Projekt
 - ▶ .Proto with definitions
 - ▶ Generated Code
 - ▶ Potentially add some basic logic in partial classes
- ▶ Client/Service Consumer project
- ▶ Server project

```
syntax = "proto3";  
  
package helloworld;  
  
service Greeter {  
  
    rpc SayHello (HelloRequest)  
    returns (HelloReply) {} }  
  
message HelloRequest { string  
    name = 1;}  
  
message HelloReply { string  
    message = 1;}
```

MY EXPERIENCE

- ▶ Server API is amodernes
async/await .NET API
- ▶ No decimals
- ▶ No nullables
- ▶ Lean and mean
implementation

LIVE CODING STRUCTURE

- ▶ 3 Projects will be created
- ▶ Nuget packages for Grpc.Core, Grpc.Tools and Google.Protobuf need to be added
- ▶ .proto file as first step
- ▶ code generation
- ▶ Add reference to generated code in ServiceDefinition project
- ▶ In client and server project add a reference to service definition
- ▶ Implement interfaces
- ▶ Present using command line

GRPC AND WPF

- ▶ In Client Code do not forget „ContinueWith“
- ▶ asynchrone Read methods should be called in the WindowLoaded Event, if you want a continuous push during the full app-lifetime and await or Task.AwaitAll should be used, to avoid deadlocks

- ▶ The `StreamWriter` inside the server is bound to the calling async task
- ▶ Blocking Collection is not adequate because it is only synchronous
- ▶ TPL Data Flow provides `BufferBlock` => FIFO Queue with synchronous and asynchronous methods for `Post/SendAsync` and `Receive/ReceiveAsync`

RESSOURCEN

- ▶ <http://www.grpc.io/>
- ▶ <https://github.com/grpc/grpc>
 - ▶ Important: One universal project for all languages
 - ▶ General and .NET specific directories