

Evolvable APIs with APIO Architect

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Ask any doubt!

vulcan?

APIO?

Hypermedia?

Liferay APIs in 2018

- SOAP
- JSONWS API (/api/jsonws)
- JAX-RS (7.0)

...

APIO Goals

- Easy versions
- Code reuse
- Auto-documentation
- Fun!

How do we design APIs that are capable of evolving?

Evolvable APIs

Hypermedia

Shared
Vocabularies

REST Foundation

Evolvable APIs

These aren't new
concepts

Hypermedia

Shared
Vocabularies

REST Foundation

*REST style is an abstraction
of the architectural
elements within a
distributed hypermedia
system*

— Roy Fielding, 2000

**what's
Hypermedia?**


```
{  
  "total": 43,  
  "count": 30,  
  "_links": {  
    "collection": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people"  
    },  
    "first": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people?page=1&per_page=30"  
    },  
    "last": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people?page=1&per_page=30"  
    },  
    "self": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people?page=1&per_page=30"  
    }  
  },  
}  
}
```

Standard link types ([IANA Link Relations](#))

```
{  
  "resources": {  
    "blog-postings": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/blog-postings"  
    },  
    "people": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Entrypoint with all the "root" APIs (JSON HOME)

```
{  
  "@id": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people",  
  "@type": [  
    "Collection"  
,  
  "members": [  
    ...  
,  
  "numberOfItems": 10,  
  "operation": [  
    {  
      "@id": "people/create",  
      "@type": "Operation",  
      "expects": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/f/c/people",  
      "method": "POST"  
    }  
,  
  ]  
}
```

Actions (Hydra + JSON-LD)

```
{  
  "@id": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people",  
  "@type": [  
    "Collection"  
,  
  "members": [  
    ...  
,  
  ],  
  "numberOfItems": 10,  
  "operation": [  
    {  
      "@id": "people/create",  
      "@type": "Operation",  
      "expects": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/f/c/people",  
      "method": "POST"  
    }  
,  
  ]  
}
```

Actions (Hydra + JSON-LD)

```
{  
  "@context": "http://www.w3.org/ns/hydra/context.jsonld",  
  "@id": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/f/c/people",  
  "@type": "Class",  
  "description": "This form can be used to create or update a person",  
  "supportedProperty": [  
    {  
      "@type": "SupportedProperty",  
      "property": "#familyName",  
      "readable": false,  
      "required": true,  
      "writeable": true  
    },  
    ...  
  ],  
  "title": "The person form"  
}
```

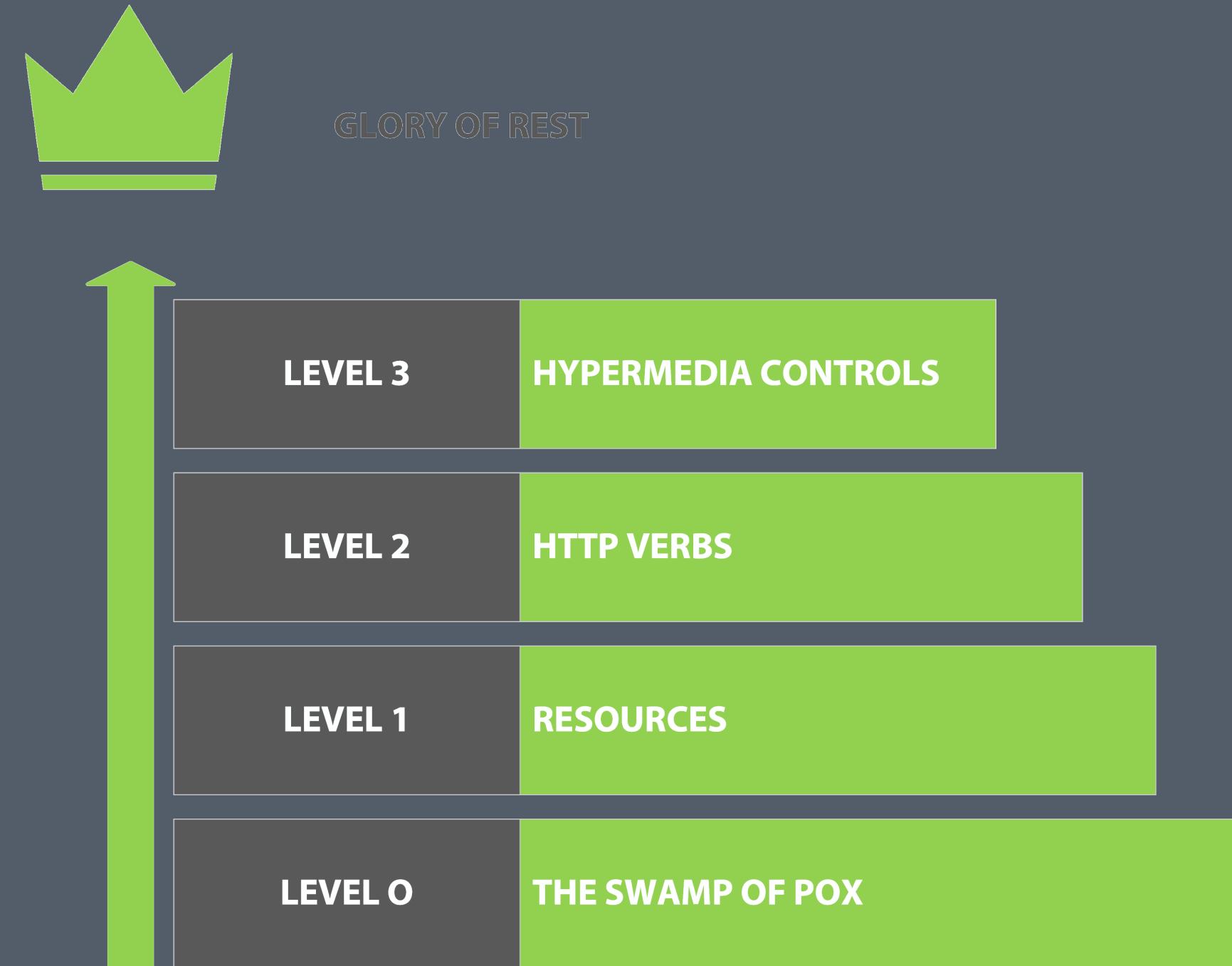
Forms (Hydra + JSON-LD)

```
{  
  "headline": "A blog",  
  "alternativeHeadline": "A subtitle",  
  "_links": {  
    "creator": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/people/1"  
    },  
    "self": {  
      "href": "http://apiosample.wedeploy.io/p/blog-postings/12"  
    }  
  },  
}  
}
```

Links to other resources (HAL)

REST "well" done (Richardson Maturity Model)

— *Martin Fowler's blog*



code time!

api-o-architect-workshop



Problems creating APIs?

**1 - Which
format is
better?**


```
{  
  "gender": "female",  
  "familyName": "Hart",  
  "givenName": "Sophia",  
  "jobTitle": "Junior Executive",  
  "name": "Sophia Hart",  
  "birthDate": "1965-04-12T00:00Z",  
  "email": "sophia.hart@example.com",  
  "@id": "http://localhost:8080/o/api/p/people/30723",  
  "@type": "Person",  
  "@context": "http://schema.org"  
}
```

JSON-LD

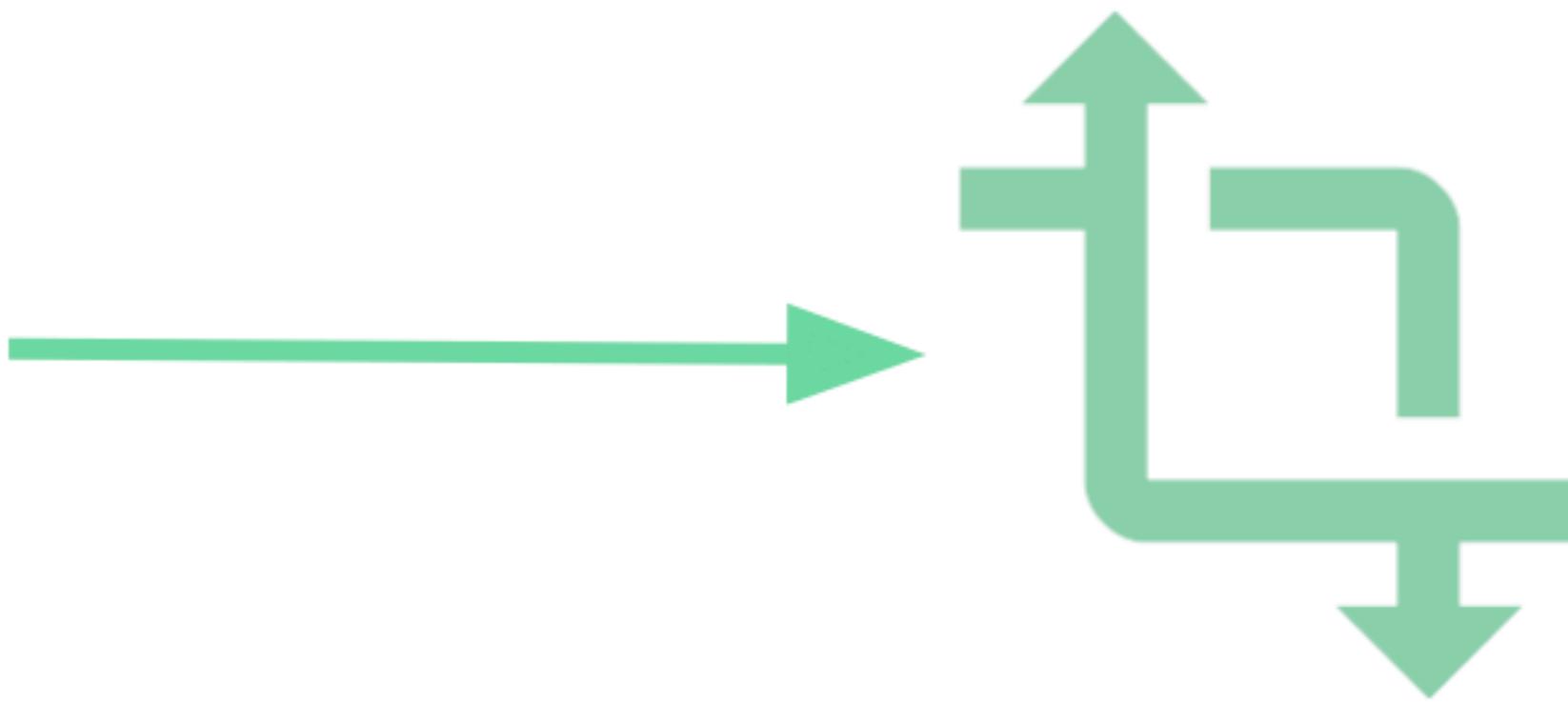
All of them

**All of them
or none**

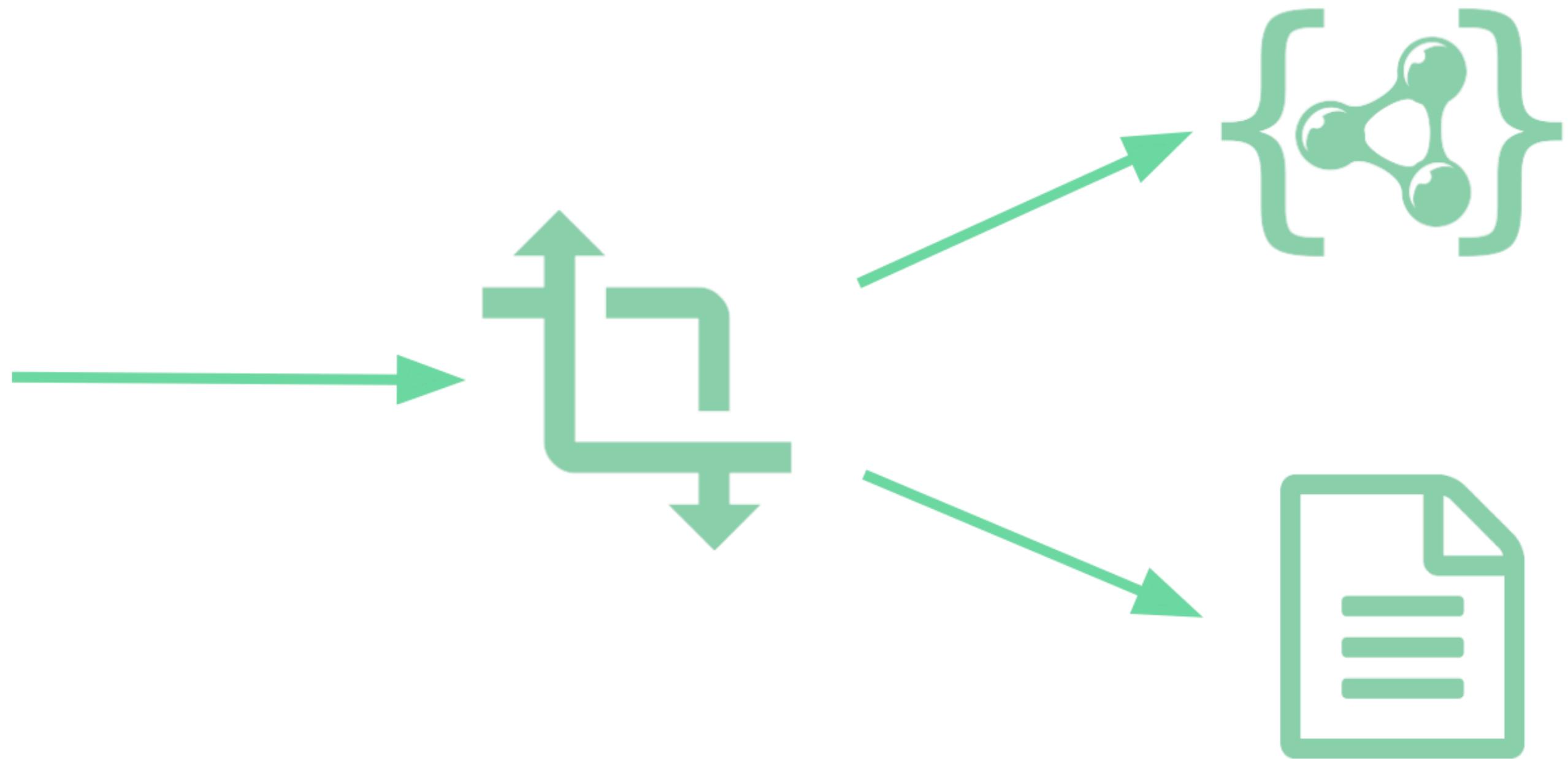
**It depends on
your case**

**What's the
solution
then?**

APIO Architect



**Write to one
format**



```
@Component(immediate = true)
public class BlogPostingResource
    implements CollectionResource<BlogsEntry, Long, ??> {

    @Override
    public String getName() {
        return "blog-postings";
    }

    @Override
    public Representor<BlogsEntry, Long> representor(
        Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {

        return builder.types(
            "BlogPosting"
        ).identifier(
            BlogsEntry::getEntryId
        ).build();
    }

}
```



```
public Representer<BlogsEntry, Long> representer(Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {  
  
    return builder.types(  
        "BlogPosting"  
    ).identifier(  
        blogsEntry -> blogsEntry.getEntryId()  
    ).build();  
}
```

The Representer

```
public Representer<BlogsEntry, Long> representer(Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {  
  
    return builder.types(  
        "BlogPosting"  
    ).identifier(  
        blogsEntry -> blogsEntry.getEntryId()  
    ).addDate(  
        "displayDate", BlogsEntry::getDisplayDate  
    ).addLink(  
        "license", "https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0"  
    ).addString(  
        "alternativeHeadline", BlogsEntry::getSubtitle  
    ).addString(  
        "articleBody", BlogsEntry::getContent  
    ).addString(  
        "description", BlogsEntry::getDescription  
    ).addString(  
        "headline", BlogsEntry::getTitle  
    ).build();  
}
```

The Representer

Mappers:

→ JSON

→ HAL

→ JSON+LD

→ HTML?

→ ...

Problems creating APIs?

2 - Routes

**What do we
want to
achieve?**

Decouple route and representation code

Reuse code to represent CRUD

Clearly express the supported routes

CollectionRoutes.Builder

```
@Override
public CollectionRoutes<BlogsEntry> collectionRoutes(
    CollectionRoutes.Builder<BlogsEntry> builder) {

    return builder.addGetter(
        this::_getPageItems
    ).build();
}

private PageItems<BlogsEntry> _getPageItems(Pagination pagination) {
    List<BlogsEntry> blogsEntries = _blogsService.getGroupEntries(
        20143, 0, pagination.getStartPosition(),
        pagination.getEndPosition());

    int count = _blogsService.getGroupEntriesCount(20143, 0);

    return new PageItems<>(blogsEntries, count);
}

@Reference
private BlogsEntryService _blogsService;
```

```
@Override
public CollectionRoutes<BlogsEntry> collectionRoutes(
    Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {

    return builder.addGetter(
        this::_getPageItems
    ).addCreator(
        this::_addBlogsEntry, BlogPostingForm::buildForm
    ).build();
}
```


**what about
item routes?**

ItemRoutes.Builder

```
@Override  
public ItemRoutes<BlogsEntry> itemRoutes(  
    Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {  
  
    return builder.addGetter(  
        this::_getBlogsEntry  
    ).addRemover(  
        this::_deleteBlogsEntry  
    ).addUpdater(  
        this::_updateBlogsEntry, BlogsEntryForm::buildForm  
    ).build();  
}
```

Problems creating APIs?

3 - Converting fields, links, dates

Why?

Types! (dates, strings, numbers)

Links

Shared vocabularies!

BlogPosting

Canonical URL: <http://schema.org/BlogPosting>

Thing > CreativeWork > Article > SocialMediaPosting > BlogPosting

A blog post.

Usage: Over 1,000,000 domains

[more...]

Property	Expected Type	Description
Properties from SocialMediaPosting		
<code>sharedContent</code>	CreativeWork	A CreativeWork such as an image, video, or audio clip shared as part of this posting.
Properties from Article		
<code>articleBody</code>	Text	The actual body of the article.
<code>articleSection</code>	Text	Articles may belong to one or more 'sections' in a magazine or newspaper, such as Sports, Lifestyle, etc.
<code>pageEnd</code>	Integer or Text	The page on which the work ends; for example "138" or "xvi".
<code>pageStart</code>	Integer or Text	The page on which the work starts; for example "135" or "xiii".
<code>pagination</code>	Text	Any description of pages that is not separated into pageStart and pageEnd; for example, "1-6, 9, 55" or "10-12, 46-49".
	SpeakableSpecification or URL	Indicates sections of a Web page that are particularly 'speakable' in the sense of being highlighted as being especially appropriate for text-to-speech conversion. Other sections of a page may also be usefully spoken in particular circumstances; the 'speakable' property serves to indicate the parts most likely to be generally useful for speech. The <i>speakable</i> property can be repeated an arbitrary number of times, with three kinds of possible 'content-locator' values:

BlogsEntry

getTitle()

getContent()

getSubtitle()

getLastPublishedDate()

BlogPosting

headline

articleBody

alternativeHeadline

lastPublishedDate

Mapping BlogsEntry to BlogPosting

```
public Representer<BlogsEntry, Long> representer(Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {  
  
    return builder.types(  
        "BlogPosting"  
    ).identifier(  
        blogsEntry -> blogsEntry.getEntryId()  
    ).addDate(  
        "displayDate", BlogsEntry::getDisplayDate  
    ).addLink(  
        "license", "https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0"  
    ).addString(  
        "alternativeHeadline", BlogsEntry::getSubtitle  
    ).addString(  
        "articleBody", BlogsEntry::getContent  
    ).addString(  
        "description", BlogsEntry::getDescription  
    ).addString(  
        "headline", BlogsEntry::getTitle  
    ).build();  
}
```

Problems creating APIs?

4 - Relations between resources

Embedded resources (save requests)

Navigation between resources

```
public class PersonResource
    implements CollectionResource<User, Long, PersonId> {

    @Override
    public String getName() {
        return "people";
    }

    @Override
    public Representor<User, Long> representor(
        Representor.Builder<User, Long> representorBuilder) {

        return representorBuilder.types(
            "Person"
        ).identifier(
            User::getUserId
        ).addString(
            "additionalName", User::getMiddleName
        ).addString(
            "email", User::getEmailAddress
        ).addString(
            "familyName", User::getLastName
        ).addString(
            "givenName", User::getFirstName
        ).addString(
            "jobTitle", User::getJobTitle
        ).build();
    }

}
```

```
public Representor<BlogsEntry, Long> representor(Builder<BlogsEntry, Long> builder) {  
  
    return builder.types(  
        "BlogPosting"  
    ).identifier(  
        BlogsEntry::getEntryId  
    ).addDate(  
        "displayDate", BlogsEntry::getDisplayDate  
    ).addLinkedModel(  
        "creator", PersonId.class, blogsEntry -> blogsEntry.getUserId()  
    ).addString(  
        "articleBody", BlogsEntry::getContent  
    ).addString(  
        "headline", BlogsEntry::getTitle  
    ).build();  
}
```

**What else?
I want more**

API Consumer

```
val id = "http://.../o/api/p/web-sites/5745/blogs"  
thingScreenlet.load(id, credentials)
```

Clients for Java (+Android), iOS and Javascript (coming...)



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