

# REST

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Web services

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## Web services

what exactly are web services?

# Web services

API for web applications

## Web services

some examples:

- weather
- sport results
- stock market

## Web services

a bit of history

## Web services

Remote Procedure Call

## Web services

XML-RPC



## Web services

uses XML over HTTP

## XML RPC sample request

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<methodCall>
  <methodName>examples.getStateName</methodName>
  <params>
    <param>
      <value><i4>40</i4></value>
    </param>
  </params>
</methodCall>
```

## XML RPC sample response

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<methodResponse>
  <params>
    <param>
      <value><string>South Dakota</string></value>
    </param>
  </params>
</methodResponse>
```

Web services

this evolved into

Web services

SOAP

## Web services

Simple Object Access Protocol

## Web services

this acronym was dropped with version 1.2 of the standard

- it was confused with SOA
- it's not that simple after all

## Web services

uses XML over HTTP



## SOAP sample request

```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
  xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <m:GetEndorsingBoarder xmlns:m="http://namespaces.snowboard-info.com">
      <manufacturer>K2</manufacturer>
      <model>Fatbob</model>
    </m:GetEndorsingBoarder>
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

## SOAP sample response

```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
  xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <m:GetEndorsingBoarderResponse xmlns:m="http://namespaces.snowboard-info.co
      <endorsingBoarder>Chris Englesmann</endorsingBoarder>
    </m:GetEndorsingBoarderResponse>
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

## Web services

services are defined using  
Web Services Description Language  
(WSDL)

# WSDL sample

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>

<!-- root element wsdl:definitions defines set of related services -->
<wsdl:definitions name="EndorsementSearch"
  targetNamespace="http://namespaces.snowboard-info.com"
  xmlns:es="http://www.snowboard-info.com/EndorsementSearch.wsdl"
  xmlns:esxsd="http://schemas.snowboard-info.com/EndorsementSearch.xsd"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">

  <!-- wsdl:types encapsulates schema definitions of communication types; here using xsd -->
  <wsdl:types>

    <!-- all type declarations are in a chunk of xsd -->
    <xsd:schema targetNamespace="http://namespaces.snowboard-info.com"
      xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/1999/XMLSchema">

      <!-- xsd definition: GetEndorsingBoarder [manufacturer string, model string] -->
      <xsd:element name="GetEndorsingBoarder">
        <xsd:complexType>
          <xsd:sequence>
            <xsd:element name="manufacturer" type="string"/>
            <xsd:element name="model" type="string"/>
          </xsd:sequence>
        </xsd:complexType>
      </xsd:element>
    
```

## Web services

... about 100 lines of XML later ...

## WSDL sample

```
<!-- wsdl:service names a new service "EndorsementSearchService" -->
<wsdl:service name="EndorsementSearchService">
  <wsdl:documentation>snowboarding-info.com Endorsement Service</wsdl:documentation>

  <!-- connect it to the binding "EndorsementSearchSoapBinding" above -->
  <wsdl:port name="GetEndorsingBoarderPort"
    binding="es:EndorsementSearchSoapBinding">

    <!-- give the binding an network address -->
    <soap:address location="http://www.snowboard-info.com/EndorsementSearch"/>
  </wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>

</wsdl:definitions>
```

## Web services

- lets tools create client APIs
- client developers see methods with parameters

## Web services

### WS-\* specifications

- WS-Addressing
- WS-Security
- WS-Trust
- WS-SecureConversation
- WS-ReliableMessaging
- WS-AtomicTransaction
- WS-Coordination
- WS-Policy
- WS-MetadataExchange
- ...



# Web Services Standards Overview

## Interoperability Issues

**Basic Profile**  
WS-BasicProfile

**Basic Profile**  
WS-BasicProfile-EP

**Basic Profile**  
WS-BasicProfile-ES

**Interchange Profile**  
WS-InterchangeProfile

**Simple SOAP Binding Profile**  
WS-SimpleSOAPBindingProfile

**Basic Security Profile**  
WS-BasicSecurityProfile

**WS-Trust Profile**  
WS-TrustProfile

**WS-Event Profile**  
WS-EventProfile

**WS-Transfer Profile**  
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**WS-Data Transfer Profile**  
WS-DataTransferProfile

**WS-Reliability Profile**  
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**Standards Bodies**

- OASIS**  
Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards
- ISO**  
International Organization for Standardization
- W3C**  
World Wide Web Consortium
- ECMA**  
European Computer Manufacturers Association
- IEEE**  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- ANSI**  
American National Standards Institute
- ISO/IEC**  
International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission

## Business Process Specifications

**Business Process Execution Language for Web Services 1.1**  
BPEL 1.1

**WS-Changeable Model Exchange**  
WS-ChangeableModelExchange

**WS-Security Changeable Exchange**  
WS-SecurityChangeableExchange

**WS-Transfer Changeable Exchange**  
WS-TransferChangeableExchange

**Business Process Execution Language for Web Services 2.0**  
BPEL 2.0

**Business Process Management**  
BPM

**XML Process Definition Language 1.0**  
XPDL 1.0

## Management Specifications

**Management Web Policy**  
MWP

**Management of Web Services Extensions**  
MWSExt

**WS-Management**  
WS-Management

**Service Monitoring Language**  
SML

## Presentation Specifications

**WS-Presentation**  
WS-Presentation

## Metadata Specifications

**WS-Policy**  
WS-Policy

**WS-PolicyAssertions**  
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## Reliability Specifications

**WS-ReliableMessaging**  
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## Security Specifications

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## Transaction Specifications

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## Resource Specifications

**WS-Resource**  
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## Messaging Specifications

**WS-Addressing**  
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**WS-Addressing - Core**  
WS-Addressing - Core

**WS-Addressing - HTTP Binding**  
WS-Addressing - HTTP Binding

**WS-Addressing - SOAP Binding**  
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**WS-Transfer**  
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## SOAP

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## XML Specifications

**XML 1.1**  
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**XML 1.0**  
XML 1.0

**XML Schema**  
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## Dependencies

**Messaging Specifications**

**Metadata Specifications**

**Security Specifications**

**Reliability Specifications**

**Resource Specifications**

**Management Specifications**

**Business Process Specifications**

**Transaction Specifications**

**Presentation Specifications**

**Interoperability Issues**

**Standards Bodies**

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## Web services

service oriented design

## Web services

- UserManager
  - createUser(u:User)
  - getUserDetails(id:ID)
- StatusManager
  - submitStatus(u\_id:ID, s:Status)
  - getStatus(u\_id:ID)

## Web services

### Cons of SOAP services:

- complex
- strong typing
- XML is not necessarily the best data format for the web
- non-uniform interface
- uses HTTP POST only

## Web services

not everyone needs enterprisey and complex web services

## Web services

you don't have to use SOAP

## Web services

others don't

# Dirty Harry





## Web services

- Amazon Web Services - provides both
  - 20% uses SOAP
  - 80% uses REST
- Google Search API - deprecated SOAP in favor of REST
- Yahoo API - uses REST only

REST

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# REST

introduced by Roy Fielding, who also worked on the following specifications:

- URI
- HTTP
- HTML

REST

very short demo

REST

URI

REST

resources



# REST

uniquely addressable using URIs

# REST

`http://localhost/users/1`

# REST

`http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1`

# REST

`http://localhost/users`

# REST

`http://localhost/users/1/statuses`

REST

HTTP

REST

CRUD

REST

ACTION

CREATE

READ

UPDATE

DELETE



# REST

ACTION

SQL

CREATE

INSERT

READ

SELECT

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# REST

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# REST

ACTION	SQL	HTTP
CREATE	INSERT	POST
READ	SELECT	GET
UPDATE	UPDATE	PUT
DELETE	DELETE	DELETE

# REST

think of REST as a sentence:

- HTTP actions are verbs
- resources' URIs are nouns

## REST

POST	<code>http://localhost/users</code>
GET	<code>http://localhost/users/1</code>
PUT	<code>http://localhost/users/1</code>
DELETE	<code>http://localhost/users/1</code>



## REST

POST	<a href="http://localhost/users">http://localhost/users</a>
GET	<a href="http://localhost/users/1">http://localhost/users/1</a>
PUT	<a href="http://localhost/users/1">http://localhost/users/1</a>
DELETE	<a href="http://localhost/users/1">http://localhost/users/1</a>

# REST

uniform interface to interact with resources

## REST

POST	<a href="http://localhost/users/1/statuses">http://localhost/users/1/statuses</a>
GET	<a href="http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1">http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1</a>
PUT	<a href="http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1">http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1</a>
DELETE	<a href="http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1">http://localhost/users/1/statuses/1</a>

# REST

resources can have many representations



## REST

“Get XML representation of user with ID 1”

GET http://localhost/users/1.xml

GET Accept: application/xml http://localhost/users/1

# REST

“Get JSON representation of user with ID 1”

GET http://localhost/users/1.json

GET Accept: application/json http://localhost/users/1

## REST

“Get HTML representation of user with ID 1”

GET http://localhost/users/1.html

GET Accept: text/html http://localhost/users/1



## REST

“Get vCard representation of user with ID 1”

GET <http://localhost/users/1.vcf>

GET **Accept: text/x-vCard** <http://localhost/users/1>

# REST

REST is not a standard  
it's a style of software architecture



REST in Rails

REST in Rails

## REST in Rails

in Rails it's easier to build RESTful  
than non-RESTful apps

# REST in Rails

quick demo

# REST in Rails

how does it work?

# REST in Rails

REST actions

POST

GET

PUT

DELETE



# REST in Rails

## Rails actions

create

show

update

destroy

new

edit

index

# REST in Rails

## Rails actions

create

show

update

destroy

new

edit

index

# REST in Rails

7 default actions

## REST in Rails

Rails actions	HTTP request	
create	POST	/users
show	GET	/users/1
update	PUT	/users/1
destroy	DELETE	/users/1
index	GET	/users
new	GET	/users/1/new
edit	GET	/users/1/edit

## REST in Rails

how does Rails know how to map URI to an action?

# REST in Rails

routes

config/routes.rb

```
ActionController::Routing::Routes.draw do |map|  
  
  map.resources :users  
  
end
```

## REST in Rails

generates mapping for 7 default actions  
for user resource



## REST in Rails

generates helper methods for 7 default actions  
for user resource

## REST in Rails

Rails actions	URI	helpers
create	/users	users_path
show	/users/1	user_path(1)
update	/users/1	user_path(1)
destroy	/users/1	user_path(1)
index	/users	users_path
new	/users/1/new	new_user_path
edit	/users/1/edit	edit_user_path(1)

# REST in Rails

resource representations

## REST in Rails

`respond_to`

## app/controllers/users\_controller.rb

```
class UsersController < ApplicationController

  # GET /users/1
  # GET /users/1.xml
  def show
    @user = User.find(params[:id])

    respond_to do |format|
      format.html # show.html.erb
      format.xml { render :xml => @user }
    end
  end
end

end
```

# Consuming RESTful web services

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system tools

- cURL

## Consuming RESTful web services

we get raw XML/JSON response  
that we still need to parse





**FAIL**

# Consuming RESTful web services

## Ruby libraries

- HTTParty
- ActiveSupport

# Consuming RESTful web services

HTTParty

# Consuming RESTful web services

for RESTful and RESTful-like web services

# Consuming RESTful web services

what does it do for you:

- sends request
- processes response

## HTTParty client example

```
class TwitterCloneClient
  include HTTParty
  base_uri "localhost:3000"
  format :xml
end
```

```
TwitterCloneClient.get("/statuses/1")
#{"status"=>{
#  "id"=>1,
#  "body"=>"First message",
#  "created_at"=>"Wed Apr 26 20:38:19 UTC 2009",
#  "user_id"=>1...}
#}
```

# Consuming RESTful web services

demo

# Consuming RESTful web services

ActiveResource



# Consuming RESTful web services

for strictly RESTful web services

## Consuming RESTful web services

- part of Rails core
- works best with Rails apps
- provides ActiveRecord like API to RESTful web services

## Consuming RESTful web services

what does it do for you:

- forms request URI
- sends request
- processes response
- provides OO access to response

# Consuming RESTful web services

how to write a client?

## ActiveResource client example

```
class Status < ActiveResource::Base
  self.site = "http://localhost:3000/"
end
```

```
# Find
status = Status.find(:first)
status.body # => "First message"
```

## ActiveResource client example

*# Create*

```
status = Status.create(:body => "New message")
```

*# Update*

```
status.body = "Updated"  
status.save
```

*# Delete*

```
status.destroy
```

# Consuming RESTful web services

demo