Announcements

Next week
Upcoming R2
APIs & Web Services

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Today

Need for APIs
Webservices
Types
  SOAP & REST
SOA
Microservices
API – (High-Level) Definition

Application Program Interface

“A set of routines, protocols, and tools for building software applications. The API specifies how software components should interact.”
API Benefits

**Efficiency:** Create the “functions” once

**Integration:** Components can work together much easier

**“Future Ready”:** Faster & easier data migration

**Wider Reach:** Allow a more diverse audience to use your tool/functionality
Map/View/Interact/Estimate/Calculate Distance/Geocode

Play/Add/Analyze/Report/Subscribe/Stream
Service Definition

• Discrete unit of software functionality with the purpose of reuse by different clients.
• Includes the policies, constraints and capabilities of its use.
• Remote access is provided using a prescribed interface.
What is A Web Service

“The term Web Services describes a standardized way of integrating Web-based applications using open standards over an Internet protocol backbone.”
A web service is different from a web application

- A web *application* is for use by humans
  Such as [http://www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

- A web *service* is for use by programs
  Such as Twitter APIs:
  [https://dev.twitter.com/rest/reference/get/followers/ids](https://dev.twitter.com/rest/reference/get/followers/ids)
Web Service

Provides application components and interoperable machine-to-machine interaction

**Self-contained** and self-described in a machine-processable format (such as WSDL).

Can be published, **found**, and used on the Web

Communicate using **open protocols**:

- SOAP messages using HTTP and XML/JSON serialization and other web-related standards.

Cross platform compatible
Web Service Benefits

Allow different applications from different sources to communicate with each other
  • Internal & external

Not tied to any one operating system or programming language.

Secure access to data
  Web services can tightly control access to the data and services they make available to other applications.
WS Design Patterns

Facade
Proxy
Others....
WEB Service API (Styles and impls)

- RPC API
- Message API
- Resource API
- SOAP
- REST
- Microservices
SOAP & REST
Web Services: SOAP & REST

SOAP = Protocol, REST = Architecture

SOAP:
- Heavier weight
- Tightly coupled to server
- Supports:
  - ACID transactions
    - ACID = Ensure reliable transactions
  - Adds some security features

REST:
- Lighter & Simpler
- No UDDI
- Not restricted to XML
ACID

ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability)

Atomicity. In a transaction involving two or more discrete pieces of information, either all of the pieces are committed or none are.

Consistency. A transaction either creates a new and valid state of data, or, if any failure occurs, returns all data to its state before the transaction was started.

Isolation. A transaction in process and not yet committed must remain isolated from any other transaction.

Durability. Committed data is saved by the system such that, even in the event of a failure and system restart, the data is available in its correct state.
Web Services: SOAP & REST

SOAP: Standards-based Web Services access protocol
   Been around a while
   Pushed by MS

REST
   Not so “new” kid on the block
   Simple method of accessing web services

Both use HTTP protocol
SOAP Based WS Components

1. **SOAP**: XML-based protocol for exchanging information between computers.

2. **WSDL**: XML-based language for describing web services and how to access them.

3. **UDDI**: XML-based standard for describing, publishing, and finding web services
   a. **UDDI**: UDDI (Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration) - XML based registry.
      i. Defines a way to publish and discover information about Web services.
   b. Now mostly used inside companies
SOAP Web Service Components
Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)

Foundation layer of WS Protocol stack
Components:
  Envelope: Defines message structure
  Encoding rules
  Convention for procedure calls & responses
Representational state transfer (REST)

“An architectural style, and an approach to communications that is often used in the development of Web services.”
RESTful API

Breaks down transactions to create series of small modules = → flexibility

**PUT:** Change state of or update resource

**GET:** Retrieve Resource

**PATCH**

**DELETE**
Service Oriented Architecture
Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

An approach used to create an architecture based upon the use of services.

Services (such as RESTful Web services) carry out some small function, such as producing data, validating a customer, or providing simple analytical services.

A primary goal is loose coupling

SOA Service:
- logically represents a **business activity** with a specified outcome.
- self-contained.
- is a **black-box** for its consumers.
- may consist of **other** underlying services.
SOA

Does not necessarily require Web Services
Build a system from autonomous services
**Integration is forethought**, not afterthought
May combine different:
  - Languages
  - Platforms
  - Security models
  - Business Processes

And this is ok!
How SOA Works
SOA meta-model, The Linthicum Group
## SOA - Myths & Facts

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SOA - Reuse

Connect into **what is already there** - Layer business process management, collaborative workflows, and reporting on top of existing IT assets. Extract more value from what is already there - Enable existing applications to be reused in new ways. **Extend and evolve** what we already have - Create IT support for new cross-functional business processes that extend beyond the boundaries of what the existing applications were designed to do.
Recap

What are the difference between REST & SOAP?
Primary goals of SOA
What technologies are used in SOA?
Microservices

Read about Microservices [1], [2]

Understand
  What are they?
  Benefits?
  Drawbacks?
  Where are they used?

Could/should you use it in your project?
Have/Will you use it in your project?