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# Web applications 2 SoA and REST

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# Communication, remote procedure call

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RMI = Remote Method Invocation

Sun Microsystems

Java platform only

RPC = Remote Procedure Calls

Sun Microsystems

Platform dependent

CORBA = Common Object Request Broker Architecture

OMG

Platform independent, not easy to use

DCOM = Distributed Common Object Model

Microsoft

Platform dependent

Web services

Platform independent

REST, SOAP



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# What is SoA

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## SOA is a software architecture model

- in which business functionality are logically grouped and encapsulated into
  - self contained,
  - distinct and reusable units
    - called **services** that
  - represent a high level business concept
  - can be distributed over a network
  - can be reused to create new business applications
  - contain contract with specification of the purpose, functionality, interfaces (coarse grained), constraints, usage

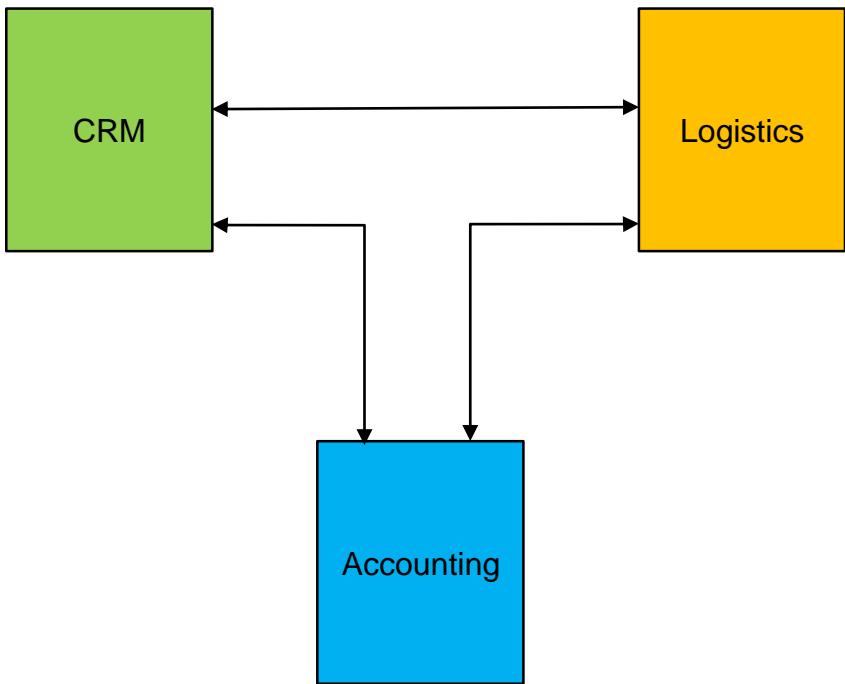


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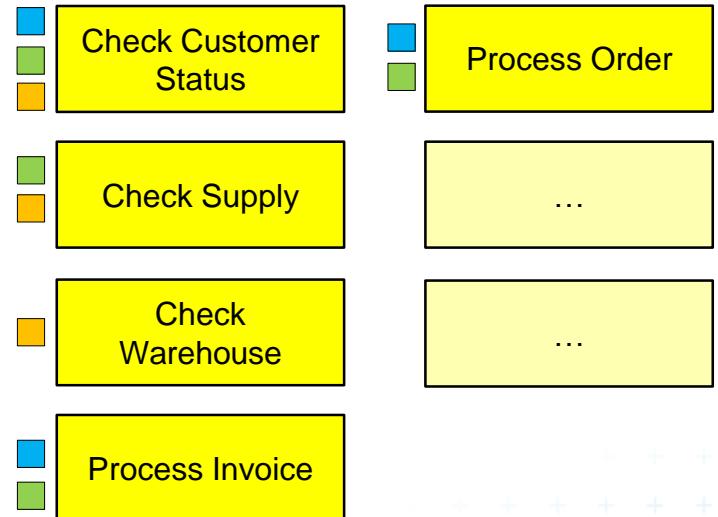


# Practical problems

Application centric view



SoA view – set of services



# Advantages of SoA?

Enabling a virtual federation of participants to collaborate in an end-to-end business process



Ordering



Logistics

Service



Service



Inventory

Service



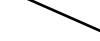
Manufacturing

Enabling alternative implementations



Identification

Service



Service

Ticket Sales



Ticket Sales

Service



Ticket Collection

Service

Service

Service

Availability



Enabling virtualization of business resources

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Enabling aggregation from multiple providers

source: TietoEnator AB,  
Kurts Bilder



# SoA Principles

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- Standardized Service Contracts
- Loose Coupling
- Abstraction
- Reusability
- Autonomy
- Statelessness
- Discoverability
- Composability

Other common properties

Asynchronous  
Communication over internet  
Web based

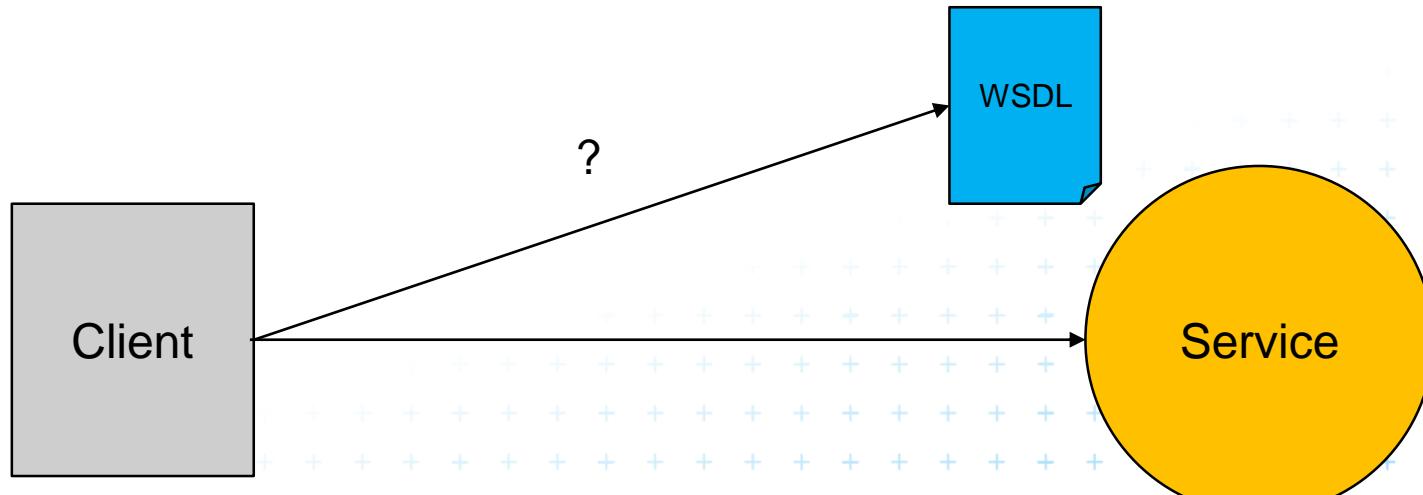


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# Standardized Service Contracts

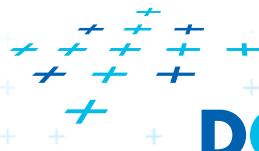
- Services use service contract to
  - Express their purpose
  - Express their capabilities
- Use formal, standardized service contracts



# Statelessness

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- Very strong principle!
- "*Services minimize resource consumption by deferring the management of state information when necessary.*"
- Serve and forget
  - Does not prevent usage of external data sources including DBs.
- Scalability
  - Important for clouds.

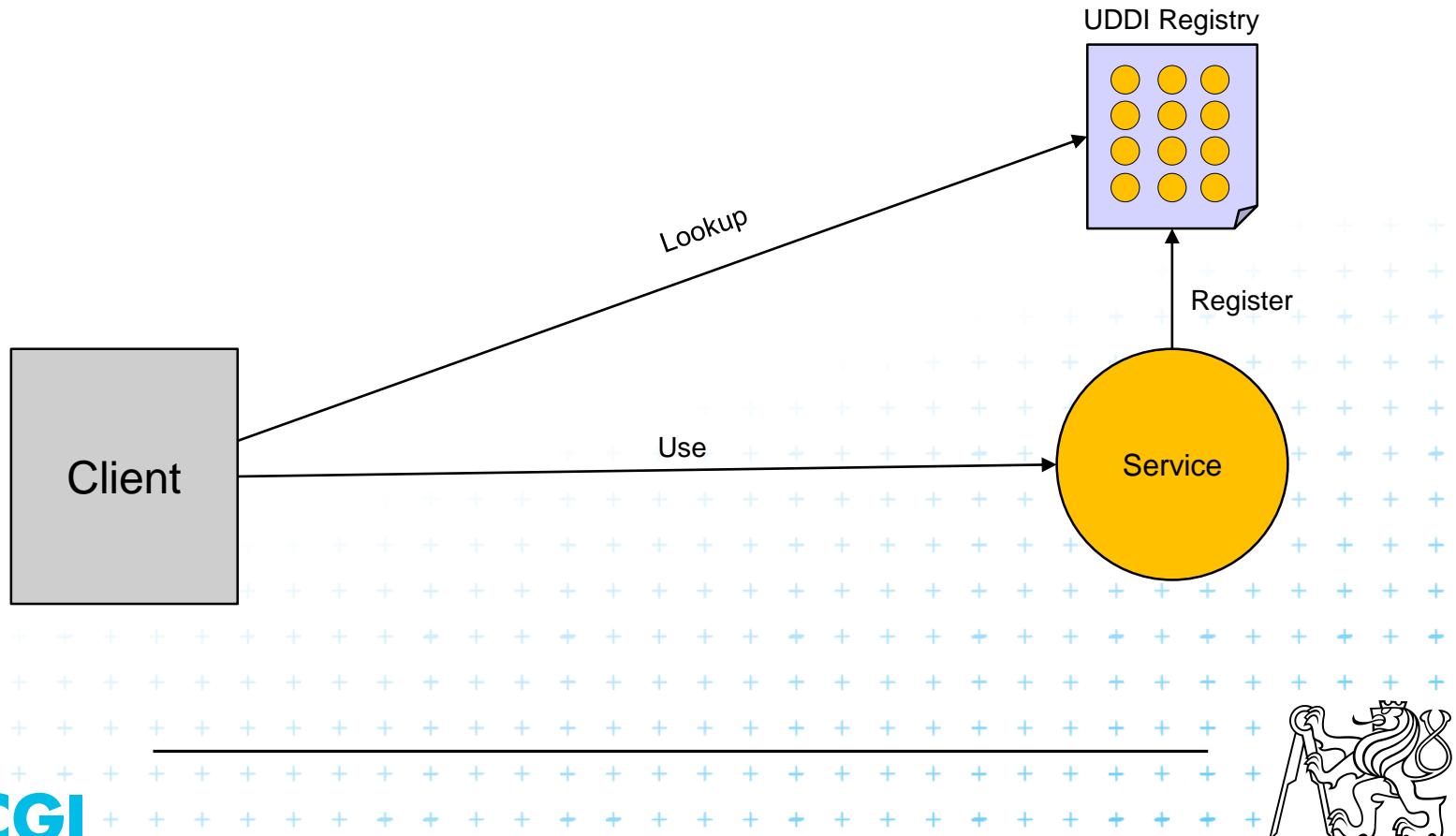


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# Discoverability

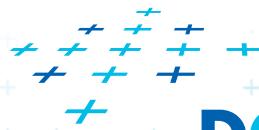
- Build service registry
  - UDDI = Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration
- Use metadata for discovery



# Web Services

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- Call a remote service over Internet
- Accessible via Internet protocols
  - HTTP
  - HTTPS
  - XML, JSON
  - SOAP
- Platform independent
- Messaging in SOAP = based on XML
- Firewall friendly, uses HTTP (ports 80, 443)



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# WS Protocols

Vrstva	Technologie
Service Directory	UDDI
Service Description	WSDL
Messaging	SOAP
Encoding	XML
Transport	HTTP,...



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# SOAP

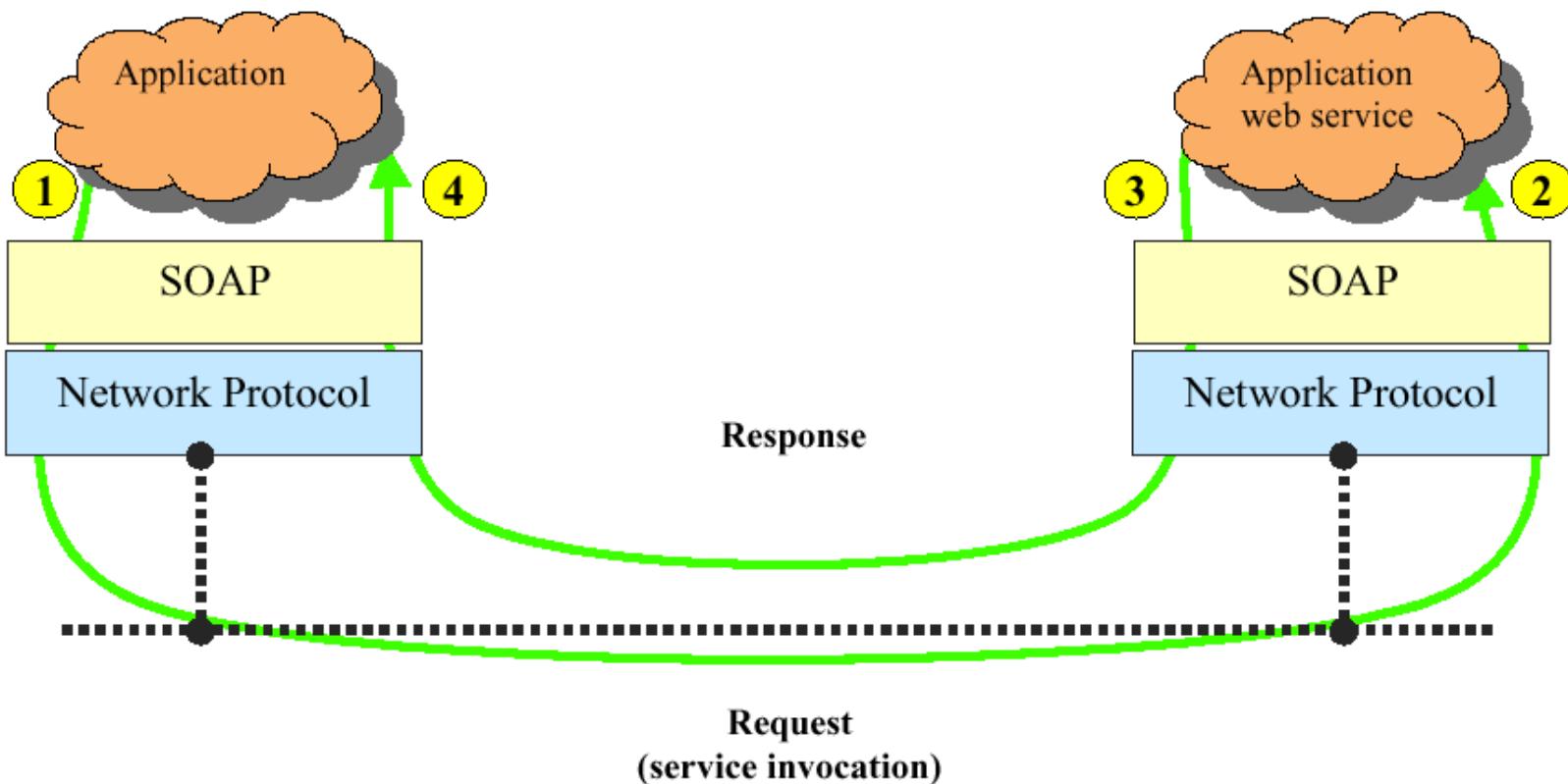
## ■ Simple Object Access Protocol

- How to call a service
- How to encode a message

■ <http://www.w3c.org/TR/SOAP/>

Service Requestor

Service Provider



# WSDL

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- Web Services Definition Language
  - <http://www.w3.org/TR/wsdl/>
- Based on XML
- What it defines
  - What the web service does (description)
  - How to use it (method signatures)
  - Where to find it
- Independent on protocols of lower level
  - HTTP, IMAP



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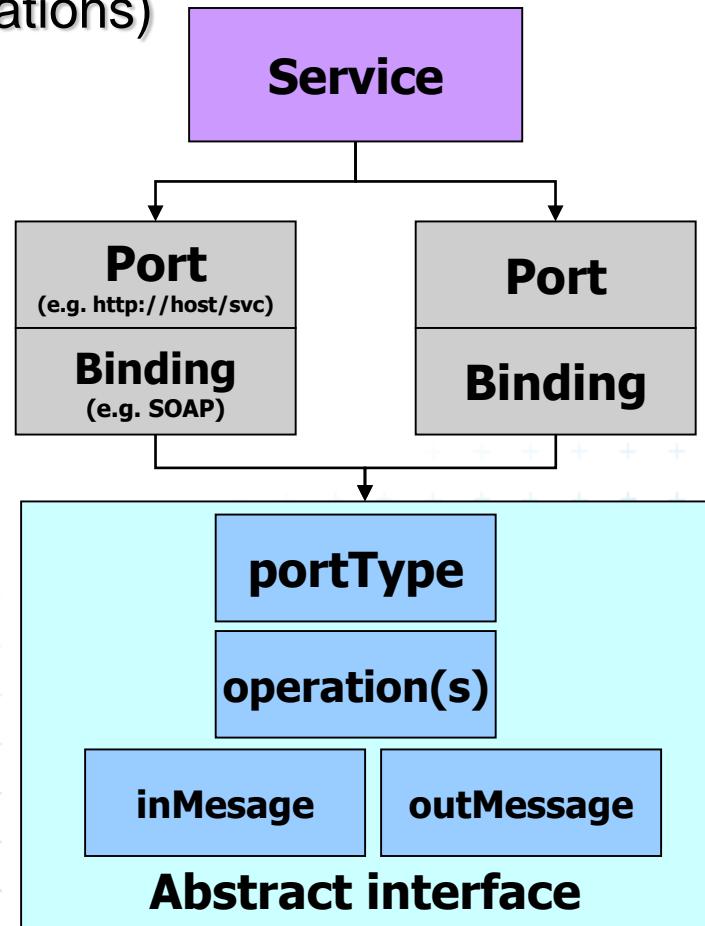
# WSDL Structure

## ■ portType

- Abstract service definition (set of operations)
- How to call the service
- SOAP, JMS, direct call

## ■ Ports

- Where is it accessible



# Web services in Java

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## ■ Java Web Services

- JAX-WS
  - Mapping to and from WSDL
- JAXB 2.0
  - (un)marshal
  - XML, XML Schema
- WS-Metadata
- WSEE



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# Example WS

```
package cz.cvut.fel.wa2.ws;

import javax.jws.WebService;
import javax.jws.WebMethod;
import javax.jws.WebParam;

/**
 * @author klima
 */
@WebService(serviceName = "WA2WebServiceHello")
public class WA2WebServiceHello {

    /**
     * This is a sample web service operation
     */
    @WebMethod(operationName = "hello")
    public String hello(@WebParam(name = "name") String txt) {
        return "Hello " + txt + " !";
    }
}
```

# WSDL

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<definitions targetNamespace="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/" name="WA2WebServiceHello"
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/" xmlns:wsp="http://www.w3.org/ns/ws-policy"
  xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"
  xmlns:wsp1_2="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/09/policy" xmlns:tns="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns:wsam="http://www.w3.org/2007/05/addressing/metadata">
  <types>
    <xsd:schema>
      <xsd:import namespace="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/" schemaLocation="WA2WebServiceHello_schema1.xsd"/>
    </xsd:schema>
  </types>
  <message name="hello">
    <part name="parameters" element="tns:hello"/>
  </message>
  <message name="helloResponse">
    <part name="parameters" element="tns:helloResponse"/>
  </message>
  <portType name="WA2WebServiceHello">
    <operation name="hello">
      <input wsam:Action="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/WA2WebServiceHello/helloRequest"
        message="tns:hello"/>
      <output wsam:Action="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/WA2WebServiceHello/helloResponse"
        message="tns:helloResponse"/>
    </operation>
  </portType>
  <binding name="WA2WebServiceHelloPortBinding" type="tns:WA2WebServiceHello">
    <soap:binding transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http" style="document"/>
    <operation name="hello">
      <soap:operation soapAction="" />
      <input>
        <soap:body use="literal"/>
      </input>
      <output>
        <soap:body use="literal"/>
      </output>
    </operation>
  </binding>
  <service name="WA2WebServiceHello">
```

# Test client

## WA2WebServiceHello Web Service Tester

This form will allow you to test your web service implementation ([WSDL File](#))

To invoke an operation, fill the method parameter(s) input boxes and click on the button labeled with the method name.

### Methods :

```
public abstract java.lang.String cz.cvut.fel.wa2.ws.WA2WebServiceHello.hello(java.lang.String)
hello (abcd )
```



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# SOAP Communication

## Request - client

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><S:Envelope  
xmlns:S="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"  
xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">  
    <SOAP-ENV:Header/>  
    <S:Body>  
        <ns2:hello xmlns:ns2="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/">  
            <name>abcd</name>  
        </ns2:hello>  
    </S:Body>  
</S:Envelope>
```

## Response - server

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><S:Envelope  
xmlns:S="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"  
xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">  
    <SOAP-ENV:Header/>  
    <S:Body>  
        <ns2:helloResponse  
        xmlns:ns2="http://ws.wa2.fel.cvut.cz/">  
            <return>Hello abcd !</return>  
        </ns2:helloResponse>  
    </S:Body>  
</S:Envelope>
```

## SOAPMessage (an XML document)

### SOAPPart

#### SOAPEnvelope

SOAPHeader (optional)

header

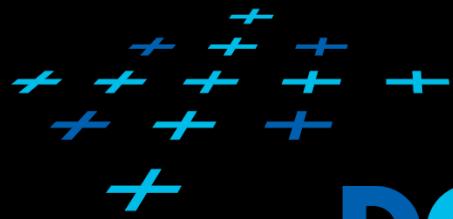
header

#### SOAPBody

XML content

SOAPFault  
(optional)





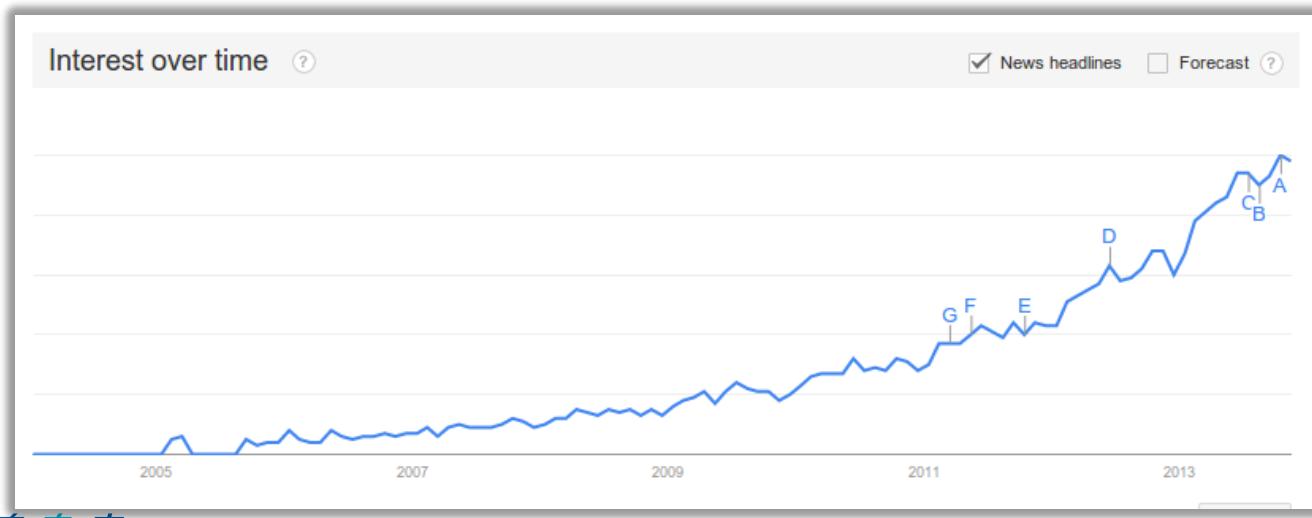
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# REST web services

# What is REST

- REST stands for Representational State Transfer
- REST is an architectural style for distributed hypermedia systems
- First described by Roy Thomas Fielding
- Google trends – REST API



# REST vs Web Services

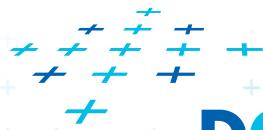
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## REST

- In practice HTTP only
- No prescribed data format
- Lightweight
- Scalable: yes
- Defined API: yes  
WADL
- Describes resources

## WS

- Protocol independent
- SOAP / XML
- Heavyweight
- Scalable: yes
- Defined API: yes  
WSDL
- Describes functions



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# Resources

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- Resource is an abstraction of “peace of” information
- Resources is uniquely identified by URL
- A resource can be represented by an arbitrary format (XML, TXT, JSON, CSV, ...)
- A representation of a resource is serialized data and metadata.



# Clients

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- Most of clients are thick clients  
...compare to thin web clients.
- Clients use content negotiation to get a resource representation.
- HTTP protocol is a perfect means to use.
  - HTTP methods denote operations on resource



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# CRUD

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**CREATE**      -> HTTP POST

creates a new resource and its identifier

**READ**      -> HTTP GET

gets a representation of a resource

**UPDATE**      -> HTTP PUT

updates or creates resource with given identifier

**DELETE** -> HTTP DELETE

permanent resource removal

**All methods except POST are idempotent!**



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# Other HTTP methods

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## READ METADATA -> HTTP HEAD

returns just HTTP headers (aka metadata), content/body is empty

## METHOD DISCOVERY -> HTTP OPTION

returns list of allowed methods

## PARTIAL UPDATE -> HTTP PATCH (RFC proposed)

in contrast to PUT this method allows update just some data



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