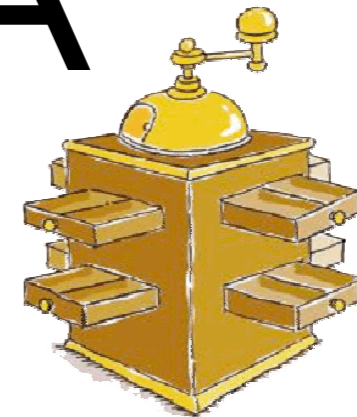


The State of REST vs. SOA

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REST vs. ... ?

REST vs. SOA?

REST vs. SOAP?

REST vs. WS-*?

**What is the “correct”
debate?**

**First, let's define some
things**

What is SOA?

SOA: An Approach to Business/IT Alignment

A different approach to an enterprise's IT architecture ...

... driven by business, not technology

... focusing on shared and re-used functionality

... aligning business and IT

... relying on strong governance

SOA: An Approach to Business/IT Alignment

... can be implemented using any architecture,
technology, or set of products

SOA: A Technical Architecture

Services with clearly defined interfaces

... autonomous and with explicit boundaries

... relying on shared schema, not shared code

... programming language-independent

... separating interface and implementation

... containing multiple specific operations

SOA = Technical Architecture

... *somewhat* technology-independent – can be built with e.g. CORBA, DCE RPC, DCOM, RMI, or Web services.

SOA = Web Services

Business data as XML messages

... sent in a SOAP body

... enriched with metadata in SOA headers

... described with WSDL and XML Schema

... configured through WS-Policy

... registered in a UDDI registry

SOA = Web Services

... implemented using technologies and products
from the WS-* universe

**Why is SOA so
hard to define?**

“Service Oriented Architecture is a paradigm for organizing and utilizing distributed capabilities that may be under the control of different ownership domains. It provides a uniform means to offer, discover, interact with and use capabilities to produce desired effects consistent with measurable preconditions and expectations.”

OASIS SOA Reference Model

http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=soa-rm

*“An **Economy** is a paradigm for organizing and utilizing distributed capabilities that may be under the control of different ownership domains. It provides a uniform means to offer, discover, interact with and use capabilities to produce desired effects consistent with measurable preconditions and expectations.”*

Nick Gall, VP, Gartner

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/service-orientated-architecture/message/9065>

What is REST?

REST: An Architectural Style

Defining a set of key “constraints”

... that, if met, make an architecture “RESTful”

... with the Web as one example

REST: The Web Used Correctly

A system or application architecture

... that uses HTTP, URI and other Web standards “correctly”

... is “on” the Web, not tunneled through it

REST: XML without SOAP

Send plain XML (w/o a SOAP Envelope) via HTTP

... violating the Web as much as WS-*

... preferably use GET to invoke methods

... making it damn easy to use.

Let's equate "REST" with
"RESTful HTTP usage" ...

REST Explained in 5 Easy Steps

I. Give Every “Thing” an ID

`http://example.com/customers/1234`

`http://example.com/orders/2007/10/776654`

`http://example.com/products/4554`

`http://example.com/processes/sal-increase-234`

2. Link Things To Each Other

```
<order self='http://example.com/customers/1234'>  
  <amount>23</amount>  
  <product ref='http://example.com/products/4554' />  
  <customer ref='http://example.com/customers/1234' />  
</order>
```

3. Use Standard Methods

GET	retrieve information, possibly cached
PUT	Update or create with known ID
POST	Create or append sub-resource
DELETE	(Logically) remove

4. Allow for Multiple “Representations”

GET /customers/1234

Host: example.com

Accept: application/vnd.mycompany.customer+xml

<customer>...</customer>

GET /customers/1234

Host: example.com

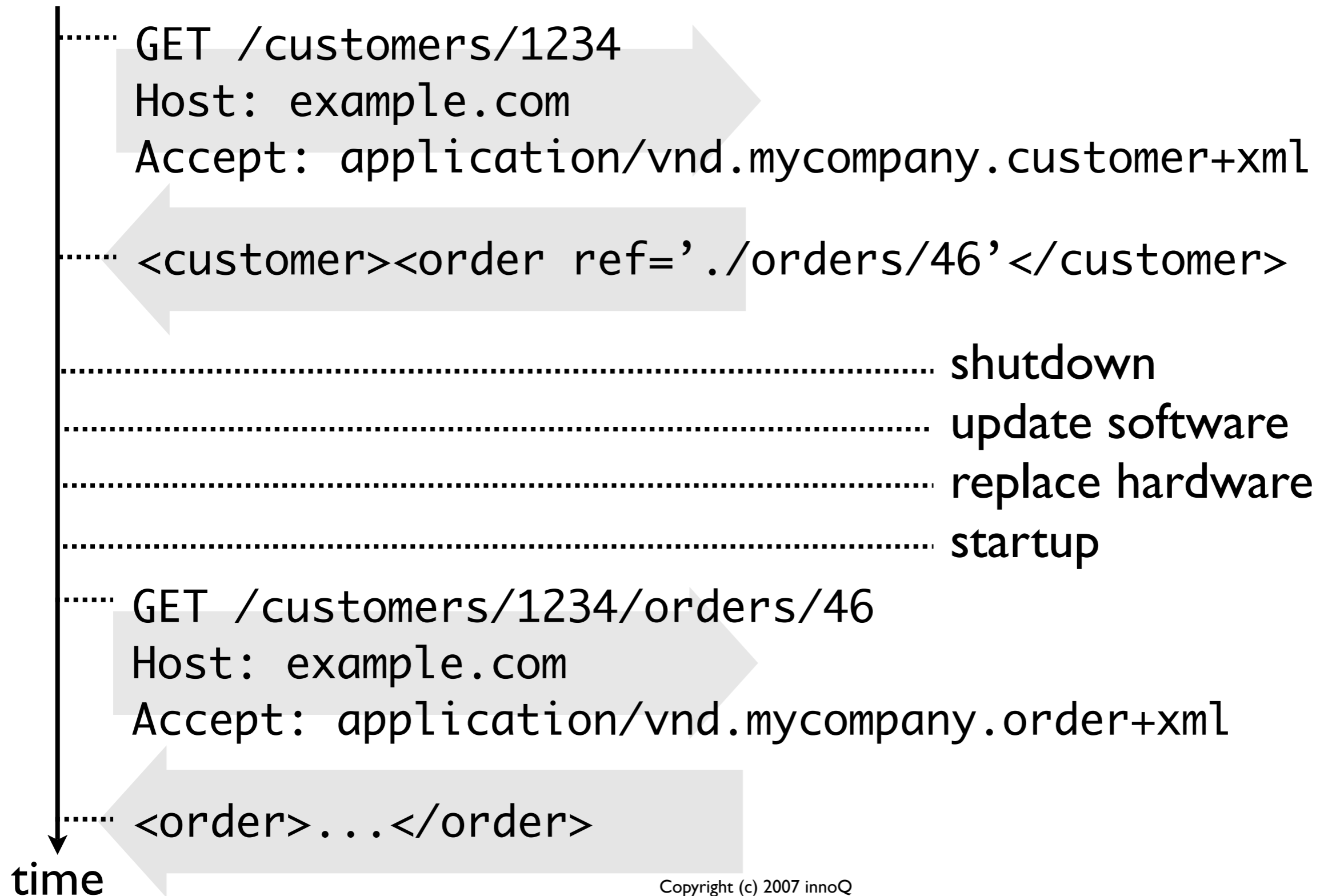
Accept: text/x-vcard

begin:vcard

...

end:vcard

5. Communicate Statelessly

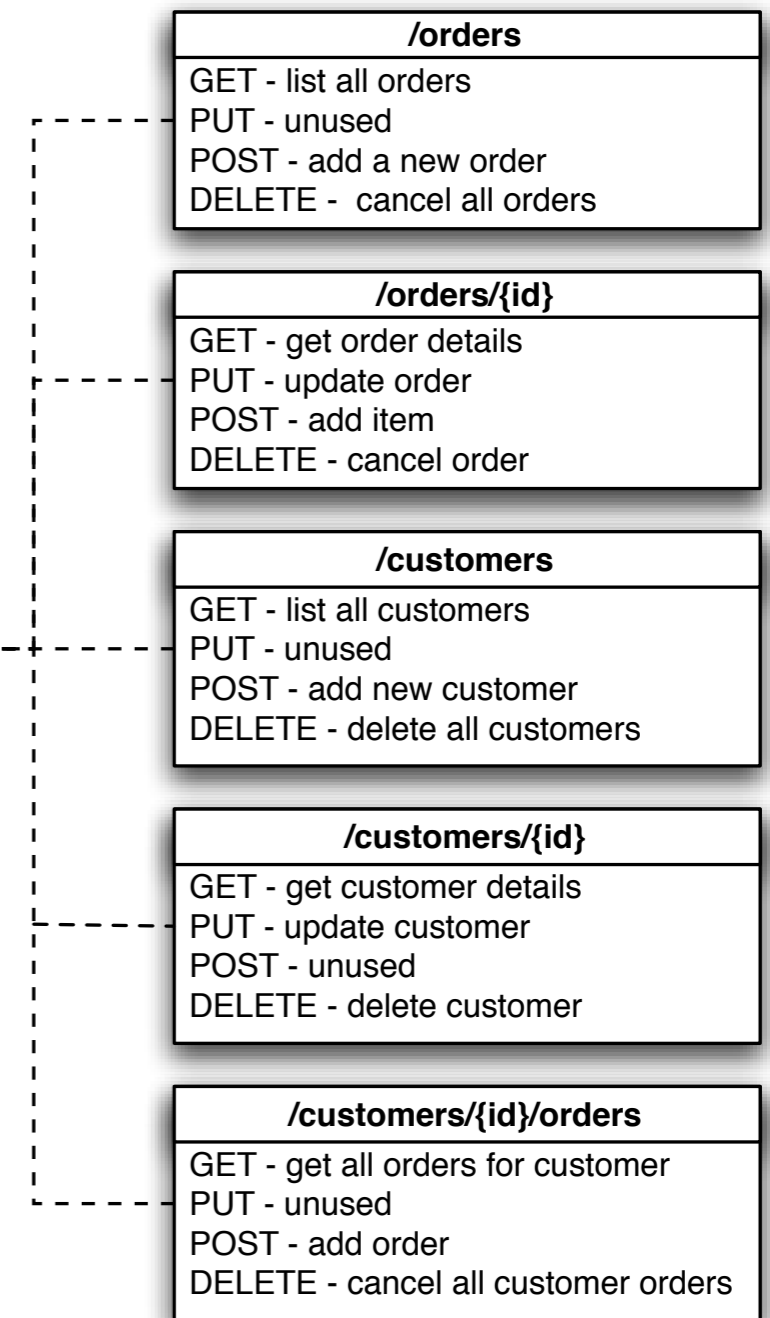
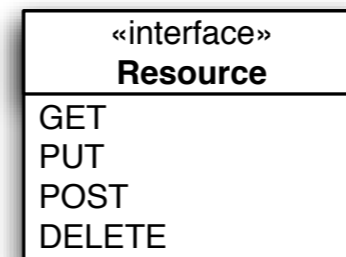
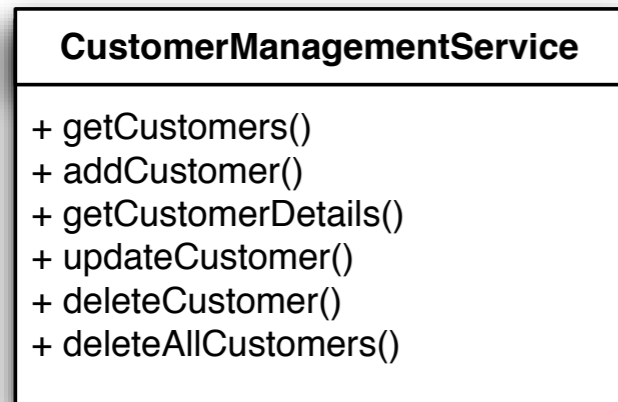
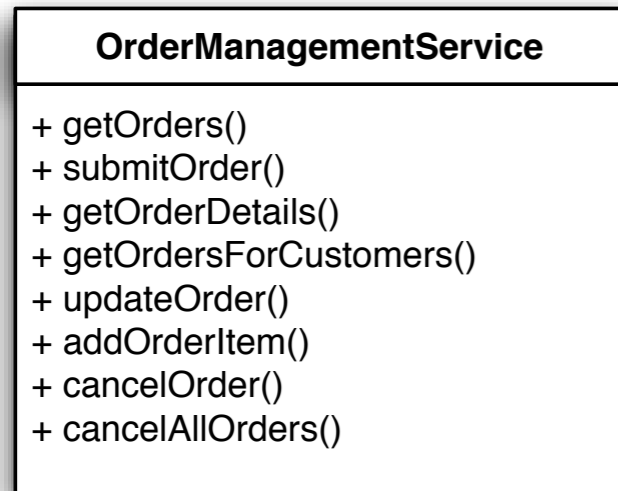


What The Discussion Should be

<i>Business</i>	SOA as an approach to business/IT alignment	
<i>Architecture</i>	Technical SOA	REST
<i>Technology</i>	SOAP, WSDL, WS-*	(RESTful) HTTP, URI, ...

(T)SOA

REST



Why You Should Care

WS-* Roots

The Enterprise

RPC, COM, CORBA, RMI, EJB

Transaction Systems

Controlled Environment

Top-down Approach

REST Roots

The Internet

Text formats

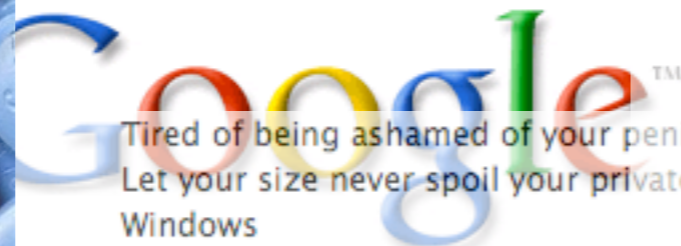
Wire Standards

FTP, POP, SMTP

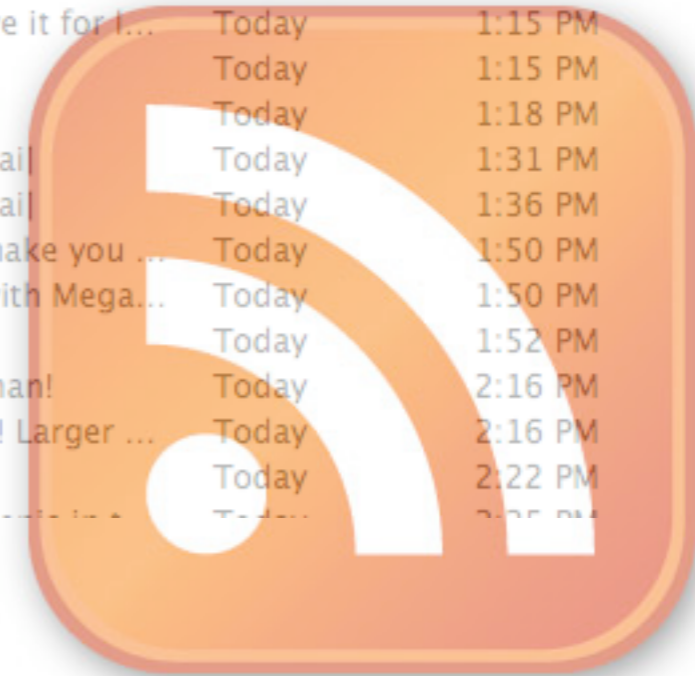
Bottom-up Approach



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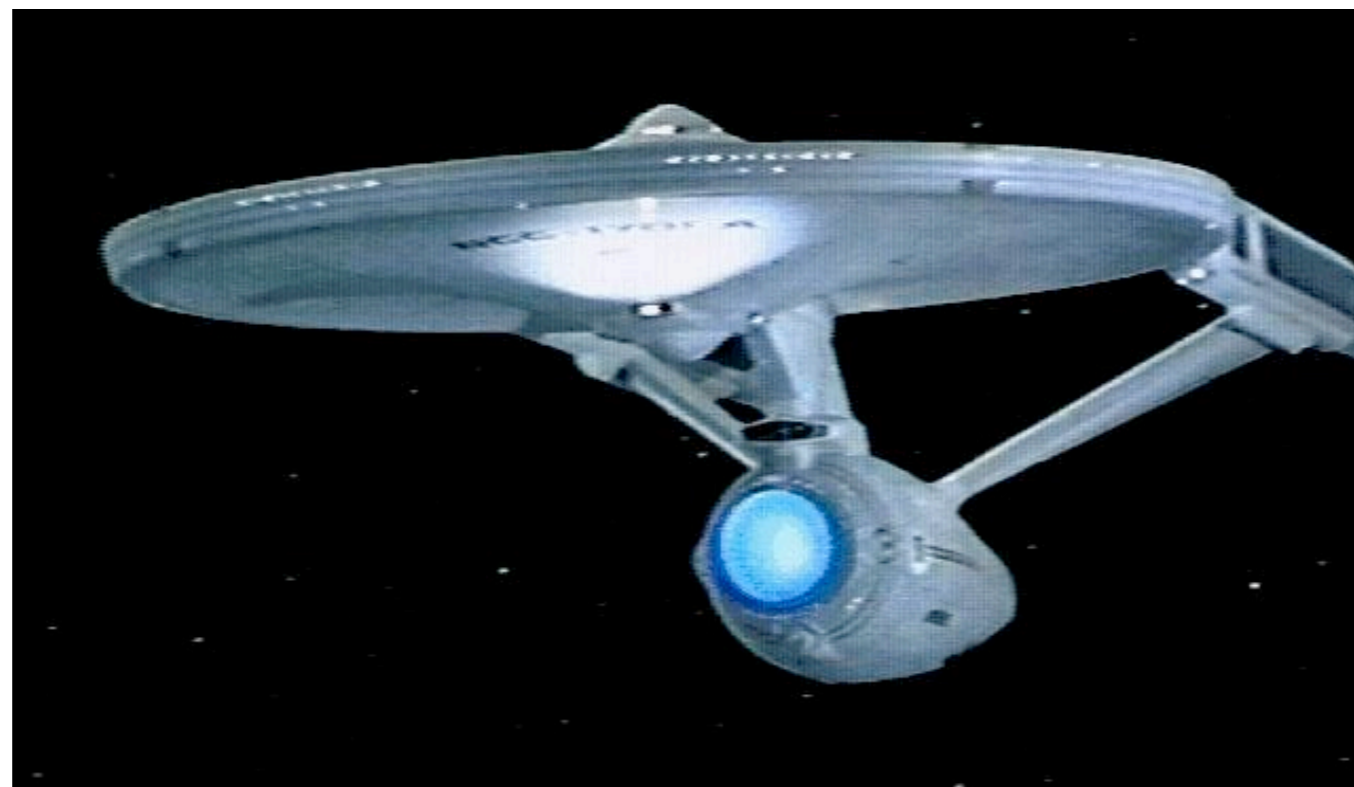


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Internet vs. Enterprise



**What's the difference
between the Internet
and a typical
enterprise?**

Internet vs. Enterprise

One is a gigantic, uncontrollable anarchy of heterogeneous systems with varying quality that evolve independently and constantly get connected in new and unexpected ways.

The other is a worldwide, publicly accessible series of interconnected computer networks that transmit data by packet switching using the standard Internet Protocol (IP).

What Others Say

“No matter how hard I try, I still think the WS- stack is bloated, opaque, and insanely complex. I think it is going to be hard to understand, hard to implement, hard to interoperate, and hard to secure.”*

Tim Bray, XML Co-inventor

<http://www.tbray.org/ongoing/When/200x/2004/09/18/WS-Oppo>

“Show me the interoperable, full and free implementations of WS- in Python, Perl, Ruby and PHP. You won’t see them, because there’s no intrinsic value in WS-* unless you’re trying to suck money out of your customers. Its complexity serves as a barrier to entry at the same time that it creates ‘value’ that can be sold.”*

**Mark Nottingham, ex BEA, now Yahoo!,
former WS-Addressing WG Chair**

<http://www.mnot.net/blog/2006/05/10/vendors>

*Frankly, if I were an enterprise architect today, and I were genuinely concerned about development costs, agility, and extensibility, I'd be looking to solve everything I possibly could with dynamic languages and REST, and specifically the HTTP variety of REST. I'd avoid ESBs and the typical enterprise middleware frameworks unless I had a problem that really required them [...]. I'd also try to totally avoid SOAP and WS-**

Steve Vinoski, formerly IONA

<http://steve.vinoski.net/blog/2007/10/04/the-esb-question/>

*“Want to be cool? Learn REST.
Want a career? Learn WS.”*

Steve Jones, Cap Gemini

<http://service-architecture.blogspot.com/2006/11/want-to-be-cool-learn-rest-want-career.html>

If you're ready for REST I suggest you jump on board right away and get ahead of the curve [...] You'll have to train your developers in REST principles. [...] You definitely need to provide guidance to your people. What you want to do is work to the point where REST becomes the default for all your distributed applications.

Anne Thomas Manes, Burton Group

http://searchwebservices.techtarget.com/originalContent/0,289142,sid26_gci1256796,00.html

What Others Build

Everybody

HTTP Servers, Clients, Proxies, Libraries, ...

DHH & The Rails Community

Ruby on Rails

Google

Base
GData
Calendar
Document Lists
Blogger
Notebook
Picasa

Amazon

Simple Storage Service (S3)
Queue Service
Flexible Payment
Search

Sun

JSR 311
Jersey

IBM

Abdera
Project Zero

Microsoft

Astoria
WCF

What You Should Do

(in my very humble opinion)

Be skeptical of WVS-*
Learn more about REST
Learn to love the URI

Appreciate the Web

If You Want to Know More

<http://www.innoq.com/resources/REST>



<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596529260/>

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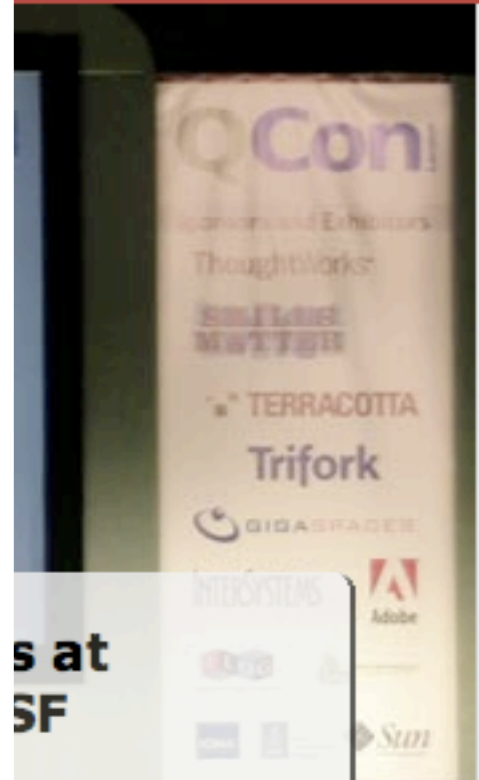
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