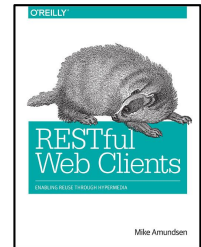
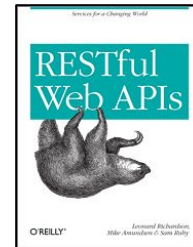


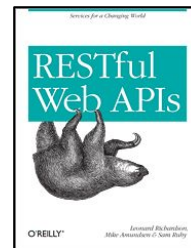
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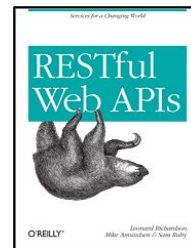
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- 9:00 - 9:45 : What are RESTful Microservices?
- 9:45 - 10:30 : Models, Messages, and Vocabularies
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- 10:45 - 11:30 : Runtime Service Infrastructure
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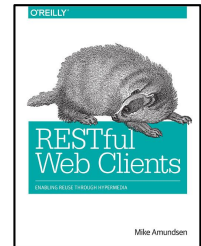


# Materials

- Laptop w/ wifi
- NodeJS
- Browser and cURL
- Your favorite editor
- Github and Heroku
- Pen and Paper



# What are RESTful Microservices?



# What are RESTful Microservices?

- Microservices
- RESTful-ness
- Microservice Constraints
- *Analysis Exercise*

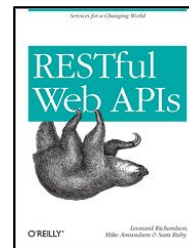
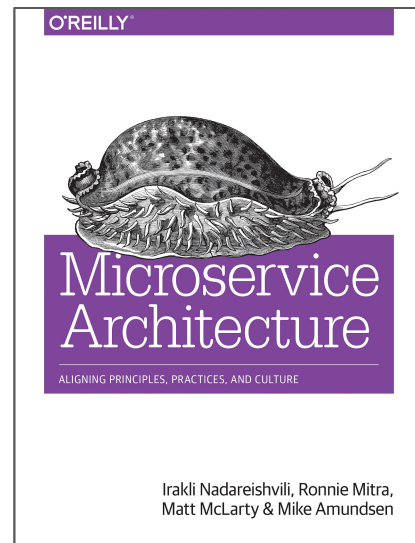


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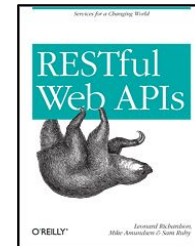
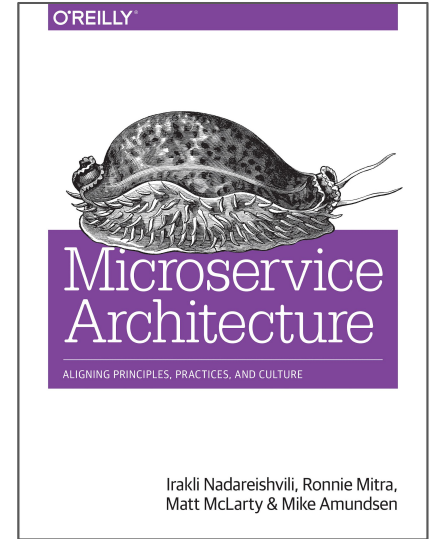


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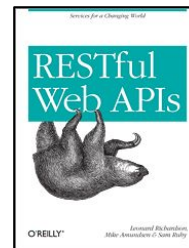
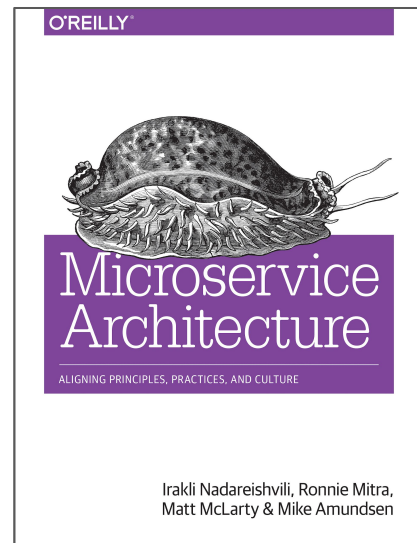


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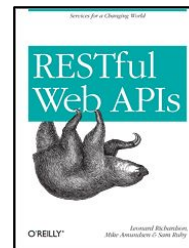
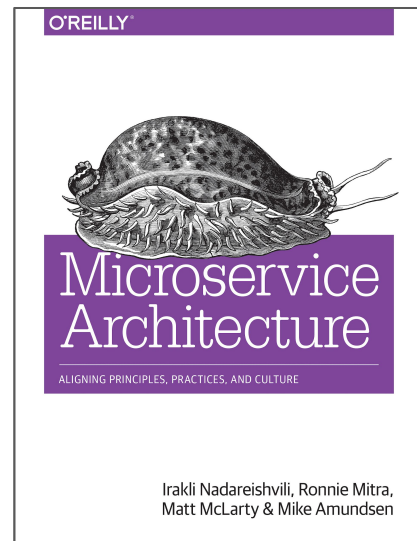


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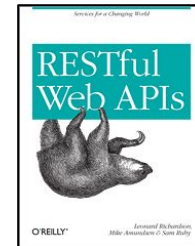
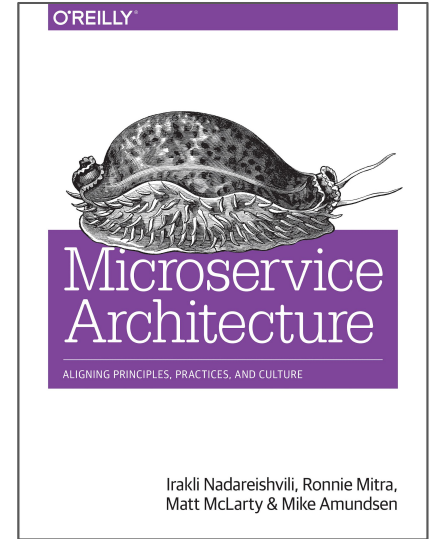


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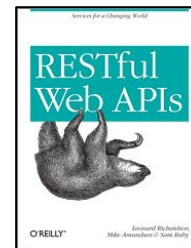
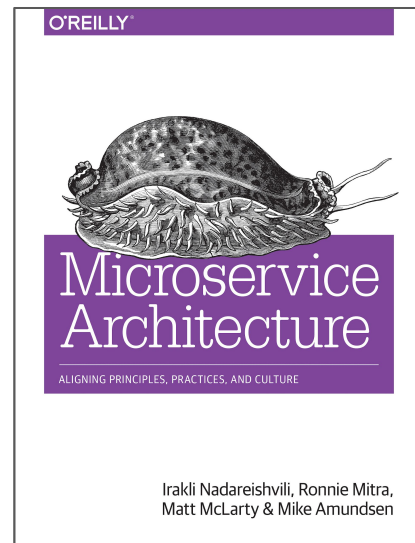


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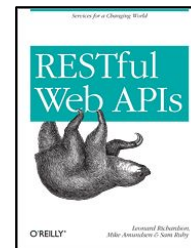
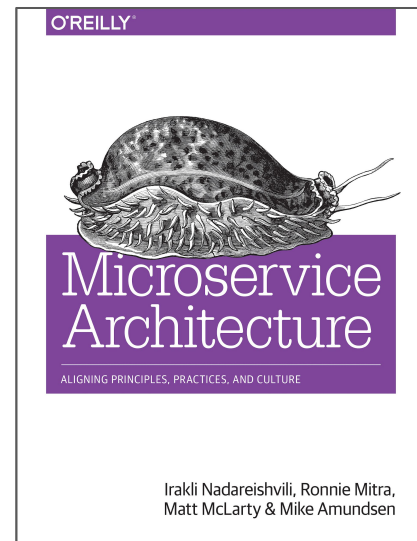


# Microservices

- Independently deployable
- Bounded scope
- Message-based
- Highly automated
- Evolvable



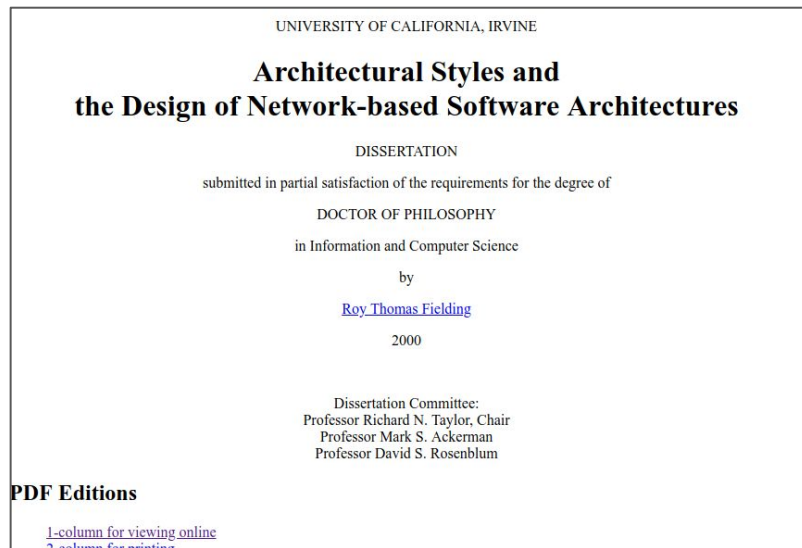
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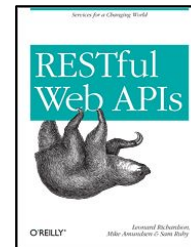
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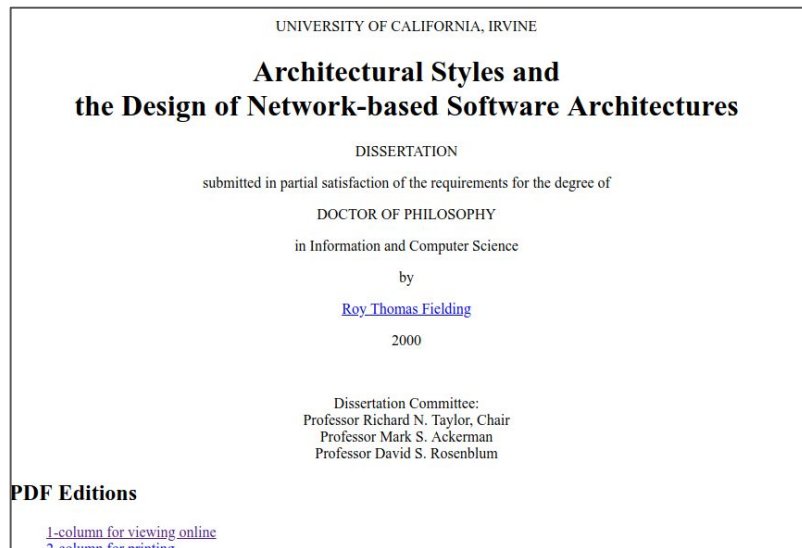
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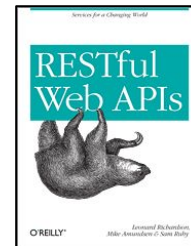
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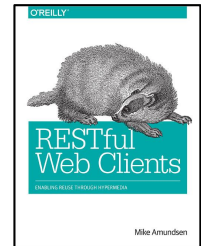
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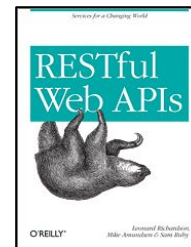
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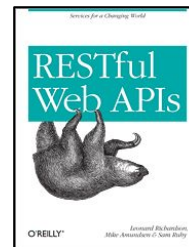
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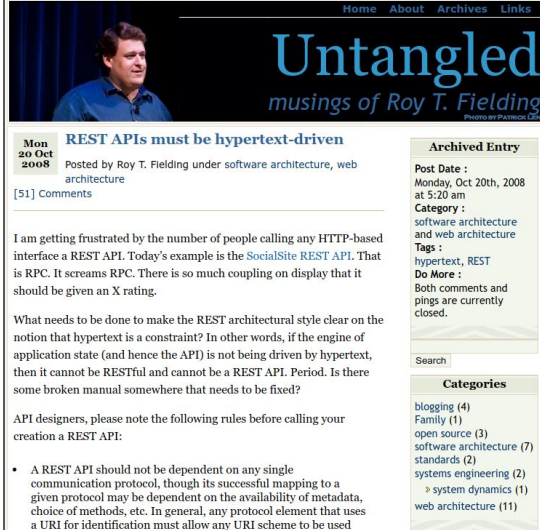
- Client-Server
- Stateless
- Cache
- Uniform Interface
- Layered System
- Code on Demand



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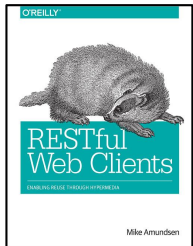
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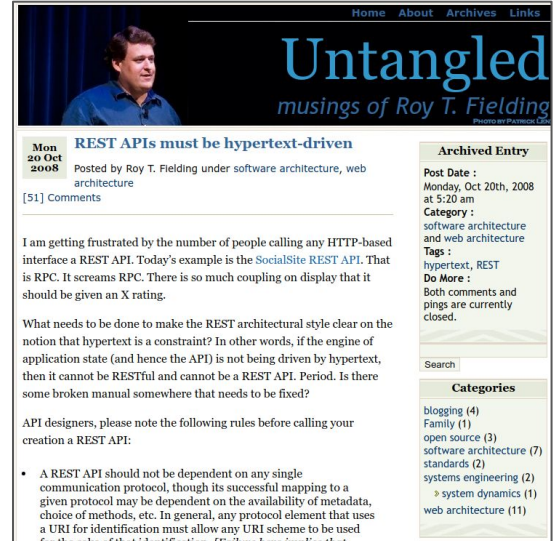
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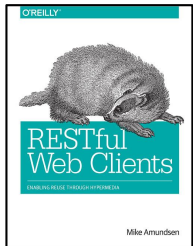
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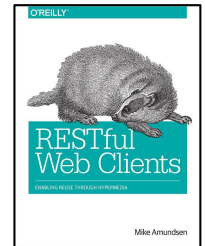
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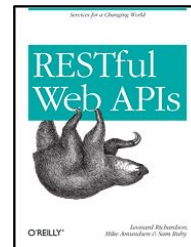


*Fielding's REST ticks many of the boxes for Microservices*

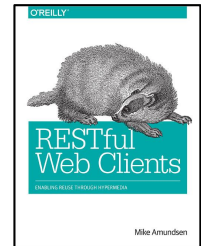


# Microservice Constraints

- Manage only service-state, not client state (no persistent sessions)
- Rely on Uniform Interface protocols (HTTP, MQTT, CoAP, etc.)
- Communicate in Structured Formats (HTML, Atom, Cj, HAL, etc.)
- Support Shared Vocabularies (ALPS, DCAP, etc.)
- Support Advertising, Discovery, and Health-Check



# Analysis Exercise



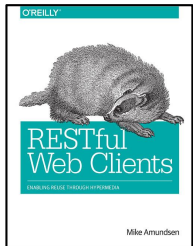
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# Models, Messages, and Vocabularies

- Models on the Inside
- Messages on the Outside
- Vocabularies Everywhere
- *Design Exercise*



# Data on the Inside vs. Data on the Outside

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-- Pat Helland, 2005

## Data on the Outside versus Data on the Inside

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### Abstract

Recently, a lot of interest has been shown in SOA (Service Oriented Architectures). In these systems, there are multiple services each with its own code and data, and ability to operate independently of its partners. In particular, atomic transactions with two-phase commit do not occur across multiple services because this necessitates holding locks while another service decides the outcome of the transaction. This paper proposes there are a number of seminal differences between data inside a service and data sent into the space outside of the service boundary. We then consider objects, SQL, and XML as different representations of data. Each of these models has strengths and weaknesses when applied to the inside and outside of the service boundary. The paper concludes that the strength of each of these models in one area is derived from essential characteristics underlying its weakness in the other area.

### 1. Introduction

Service Oriented Architectures (SOA) is an exciting topic of discussion lately. While we can easily look to the past and see examples of large enterprise solutions that we can now characterize as SOA, the discussion of this applications style as a design paradigm is relatively recent. This section attempts to describe what is meant by

### 1.1 Service Oriented Architectures

Service Oriented Architecture characterizes a collection of independent and autonomous services. Each *service* comprises a chunk of code and data that is private to that service. Services are different than the classic application living in a silo and interacting only with humans in that they are interconnected with messages to other services.

Services communicate with each other exclusively through messages. No knowledge of the partner service is shared other than the message formats and the sequences of the messages that are expected. It is explicitly allowed (and, indeed, expected) that the partner service may be implemented with heterogeneous technology at all levels of the stack including hardware, operating system, database, middleware, and/or application vendor or implementation team.

The essence of SOA lies in *independent* services which are *interconnected* with messaging.

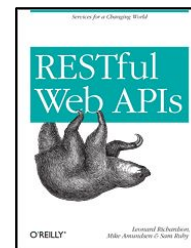
### 1.2 Bounding Trust via Encapsulation

Services interact via a collection of messages whose formats (schema) and business semantics are well defined. Each service will only do limited things for its partner services based upon the well defined message.

The act of defining a limited set of behaviors provides a very firm encapsulation of the service. The only way to interact with the service is via the prescribed messages each of which will invoke application logic to decide if and when to access the data encapsulated within the

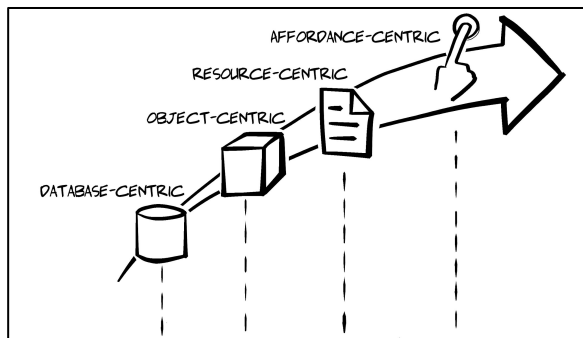


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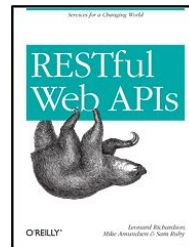


# Models on the Inside

- Inside is immediate, transactional
- Data storage models (`customers.db`, `orders.db`)
- Programming object models (`objCustomer`)
- Inside is local, controllable
- Inside relies on a shared "now"

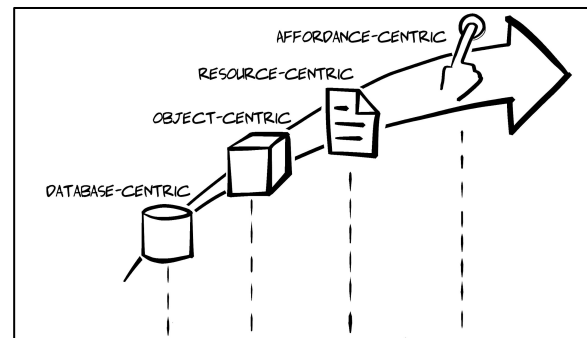


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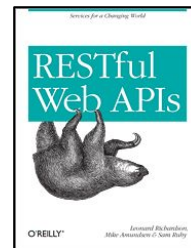


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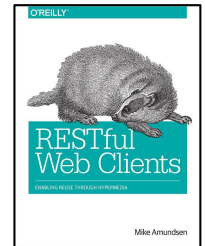
- Outside is always in the past, non-transactional
- Resource models (`/customers/`, `/orders/`)
- Message models (`customer.html`, `order.html`)
- Outside is remote, uncontrollable
- There is no shared "now"



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*If the models are different inside and out, what is shared?*



# Vocabularies Everywhere

- Vocabulary is how humans share (language, slang, etc.)
- We use the same vocabulary for many models
- Vocabularies delineate domains (medicine, IT, etc.)
- IT vocabularies already exist:
  - Dublin Core
  - schema.org
  - microformats
  - IANA Link Relation Values
- ALPS is a media-type and protocol independent description format

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**Application-Level Profile Semantics (ALPS)**  
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Abstract

This document describes ALPS, a data format for defining simple descriptions of application-level semantics, similar in complexity to HTML microformats. An ALPS document can be used as a profile to explain the application semantics of a document with an application-agnostic media type (such as HTML, HAL, Collection+JSON, Siren, etc.). This increases the reusability of profile documents across media types.

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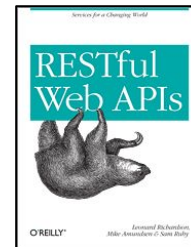
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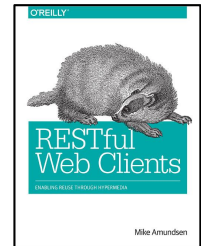
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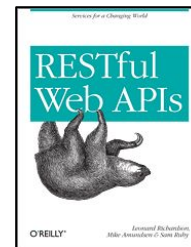
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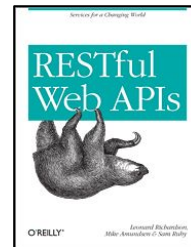


# Runtime Service Infrastructure



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- Advertising Services
- Discovering Services
- Health Checking
- *Discovery Exercise*



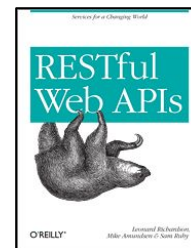
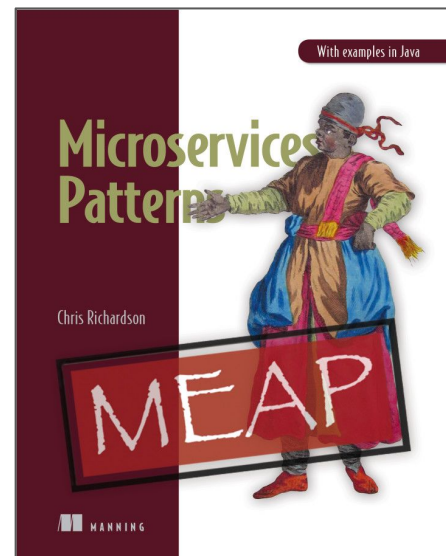
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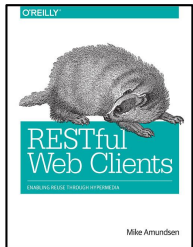
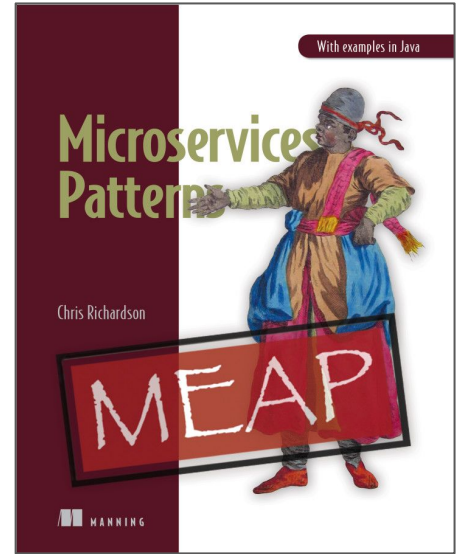
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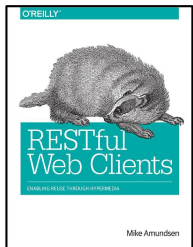
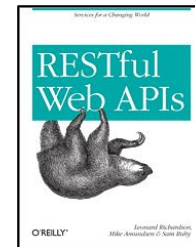
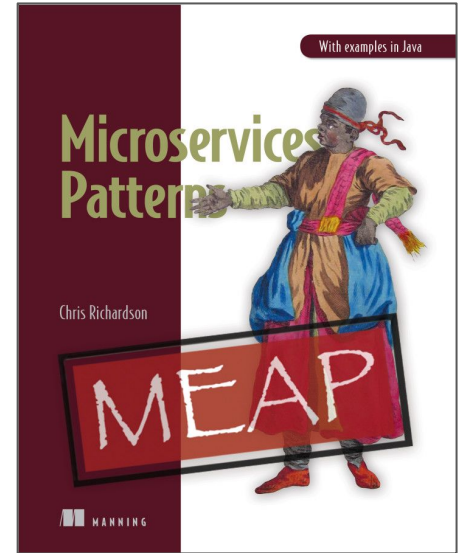


# Advertising Services

- Register upon startup
- De-Register at shutdown
- Renew at intervals
- De-Register after crashes



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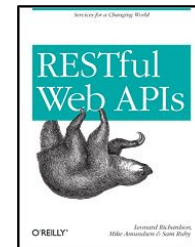
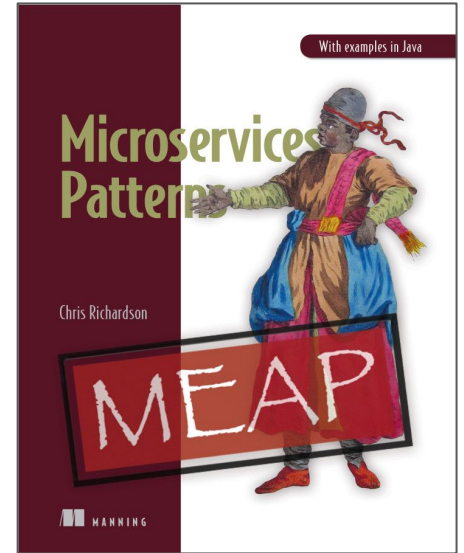


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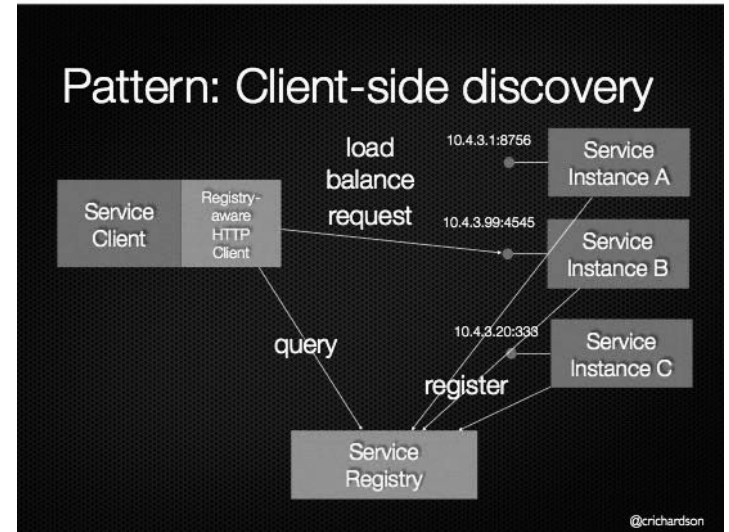
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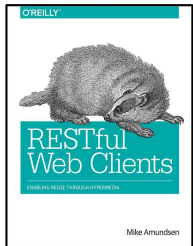
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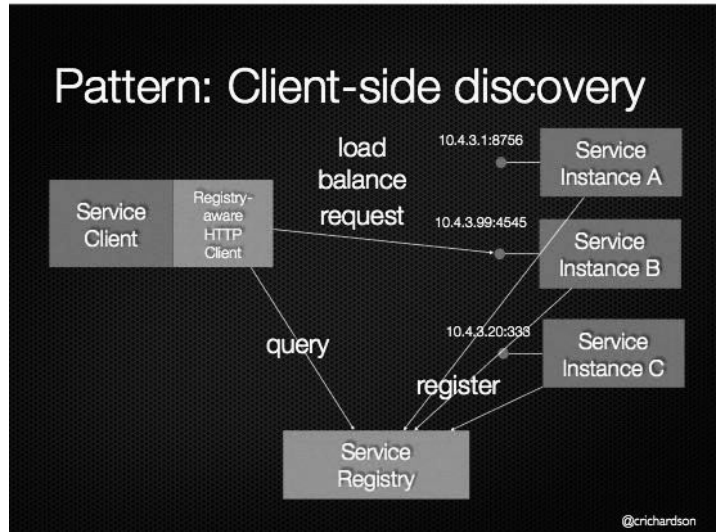
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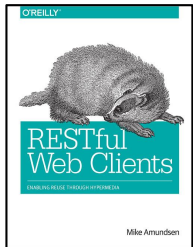
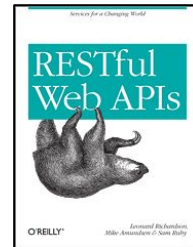
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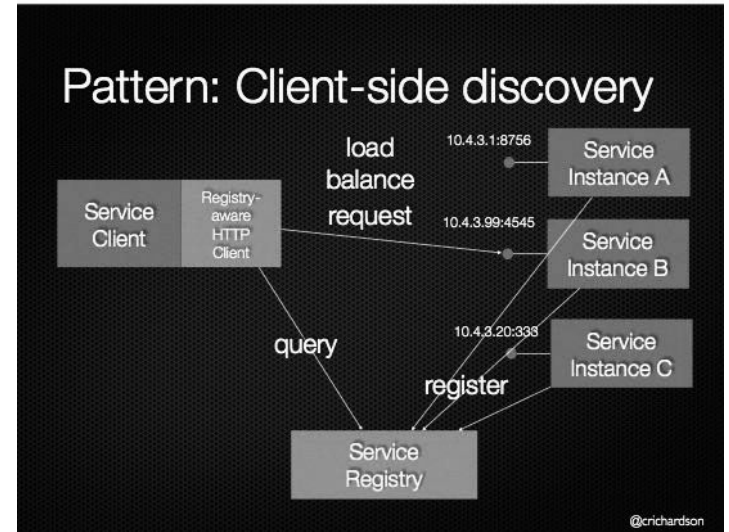
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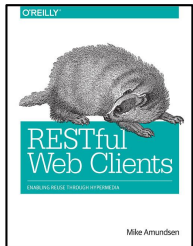


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- Configure client w/ `registryURL`
- Query Registry w/ `serviceURI`
- Registry returns `serviceURL`
- Client uses `serviceURL`
- Renewal optional

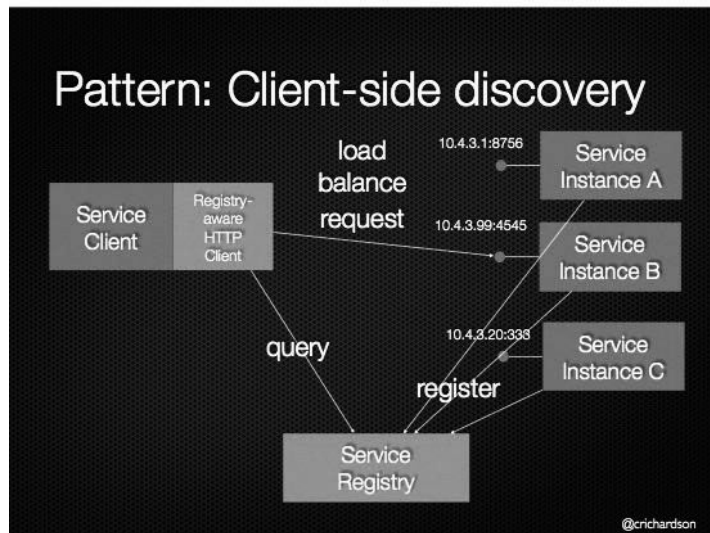


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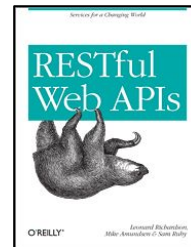


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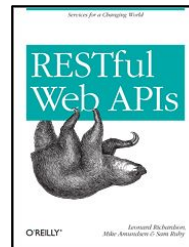
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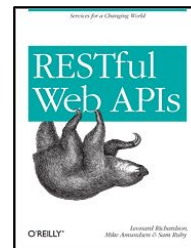
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- Services support health-checks
- Services renew with the registry
- Registry drops service on failed checks
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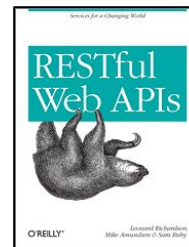
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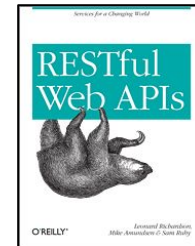
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*Discovery patterns are the DNS of application services.*



# Discovery Exercise





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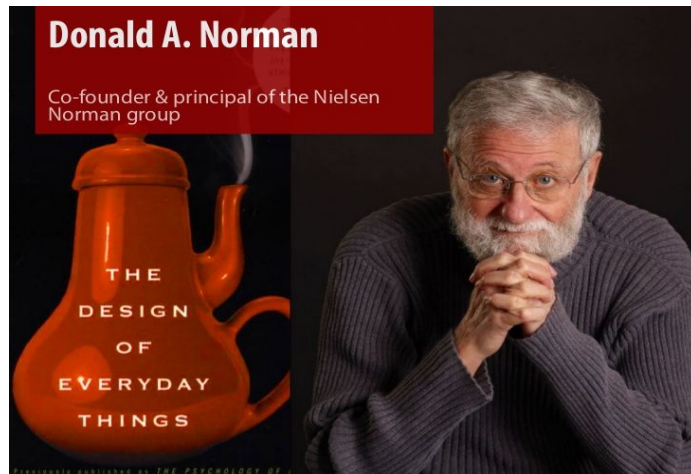
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# Service/API Designers

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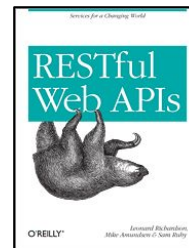
-- Donald Norman, 1994



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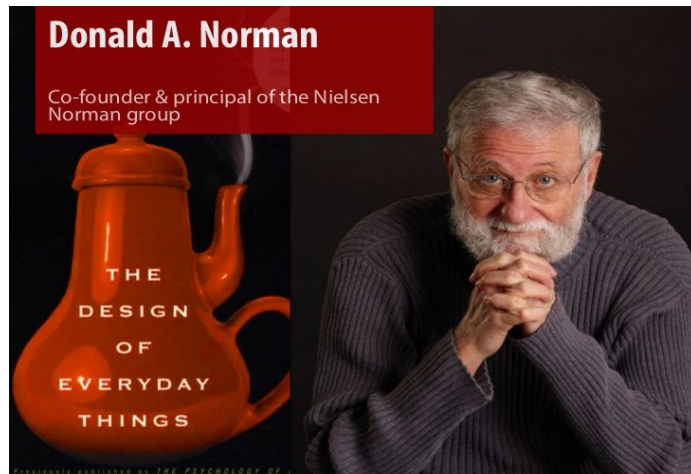


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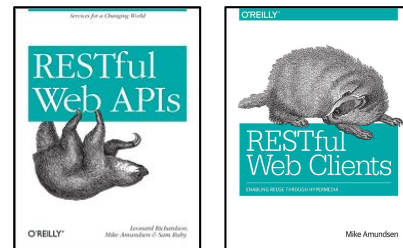
- Promise message models, not object types
- Document link identifiers, not URLs
- Publish vocabularies, not API definitions



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# Evolvable Providers

*"When people are building on top of our API, we're really asking them to trust us with the time they're investing in building their applications. And to earn that trust, we can't make changes [to the API] that would cause their code to break."*

-- Jason Rudolph, Github (2013)



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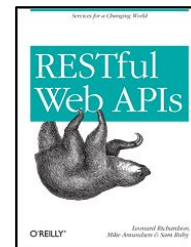
- Don't take things away
- Don't change the meaning of things
- Make all additions optional



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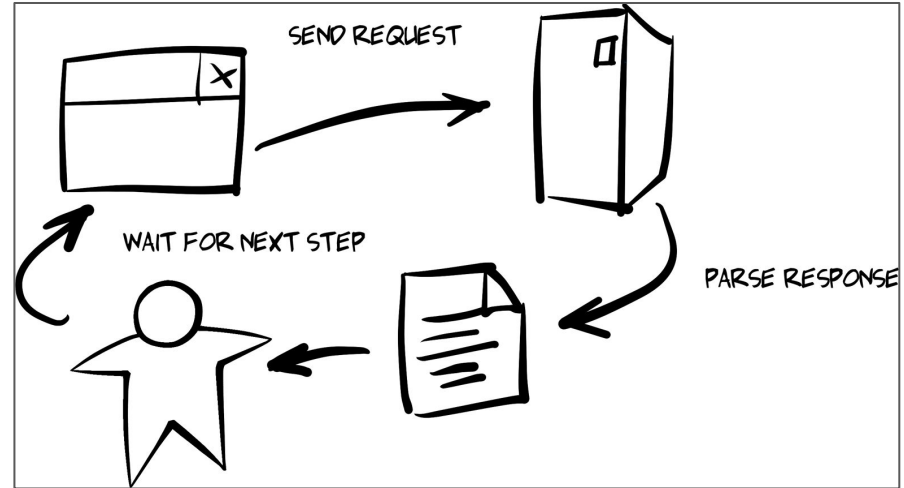
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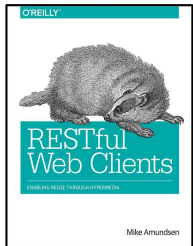
# Adaptable Consumers

*"When you can build a client that doesn't have to memorize the solution ahead of time you can start building clients who are 'smart' enough to adapt to new possibilities as the service presents them."*

-- Mike Amundsen, 2016

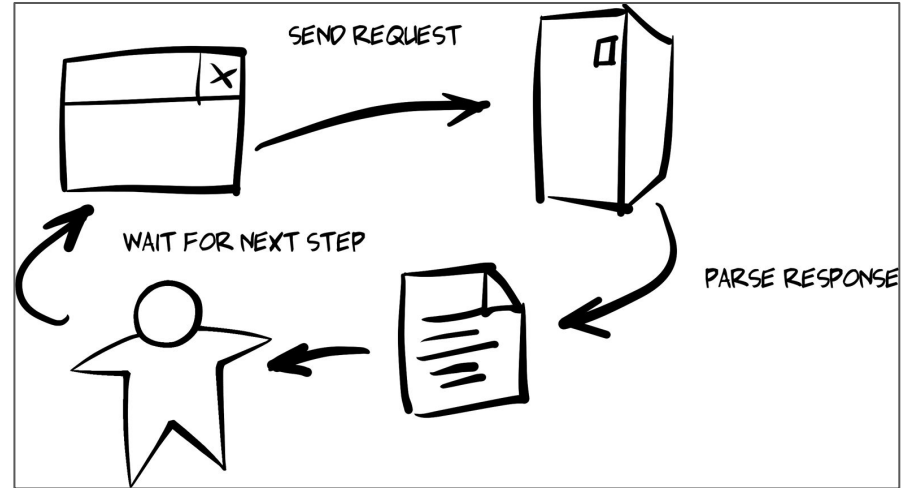


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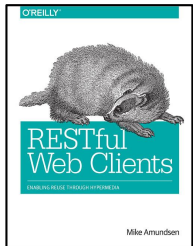


# Adaptable Consumers

- Code defensively
- Code to the media type
- Leverage the API vocabulary
- React to link relations for workflow



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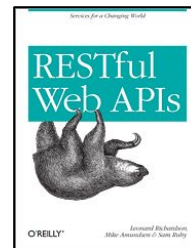
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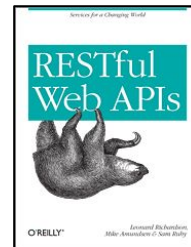


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# A RESTful Design

- Microservices means independent & loosely-coupled
- REST properties are close to Microservice properties
- Adopt Microservice Constraints



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# Message-Oriented Implementation

- Models on the Inside
- Messages on the Outside
- Vocabularies Everywhere

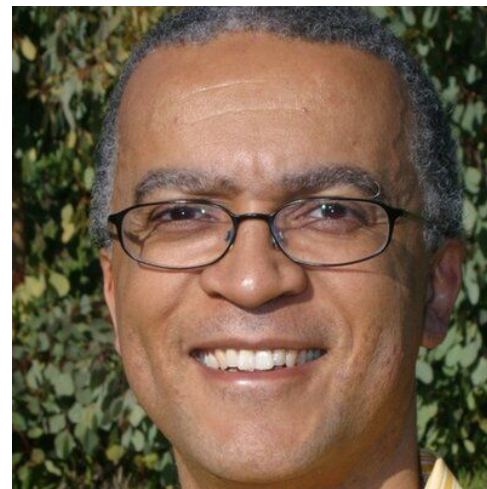


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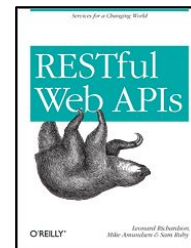


# Discovery Patterns

- Advertising Services
- Discovering Services
- Health Checking/Renewals



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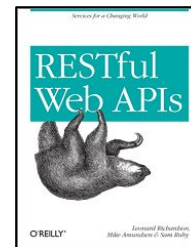


# Emergent Adaptability

- Designers promise messages
- Services implement non-breaking changes
- Consumers code defensively



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# RESTful Microservices from the Ground Up

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