Service Oriented Architecture and Web Services

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Overview

- RPC, RMI, SOA, Microservices
- Web Services
- SOAP/WSDL
- REST
- Web APIs
- OpenAPI
- AJAX, Mash ups
- Authentication and Authorization in Web Services
 - SAML, OAuth 2, OpenID Connect, JWT

Glossary

- AJAX Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
- **API Application Programming Interface**
- GUI Graphical User Interface
- HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol
- HTML Hypertext Markup Language
- IDL Interface Description Language
- JSON JavaScript Object Notation
- **REST Representational State Transfer**
- SSL/TLS Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security
- SAML Security Assertion Markup Language
- URL Uniform Resource Locator
- XML Extensible Markup Language

Communication in Distributed Systems

- synchronicity point of view
 - synchronous the calling side blocks until an answer is received
 - asynchronous the calling side does not wait, it is notified of an answer
- persistency point of view
 - **transient** (disappearing with time)
 - persistent (storing messages until receiver is ready)
- TCP is transient, JMS or IBM MQ are persistent
- all 4 combinations are possible

RPC - Remote Procedure Calls

- distributed systems are communicating by sending messages
- harder to use than local procedure calls
- **remote** procedure calls try to hide the complexity
- request-response communication:
 - o call a procedure, pass parameters by value
 - return values
- client **stub** and server **skeleton** generated from IDL
 - used locally in a given programming language
 - they do marshalling/serialization, communication, unmarshaling/deserialization
- examples: DCE/RPC, XML-RPC, SOAP

RMI - Remote Method Invocation

- distributed object-oriented systems need to pass parameters by reference
- a distributed object has *state*, *interface*, and *implementation*
- examples: CORBA, Java RMI, Microsoft DCOM
- original Java RMI (JRMP Java Remote Method Protocol) is pure Java, it can pass implementation of classes between the server and the client
- Java RMI works only between the same version of JVM
- later Java RMI-IIOP (Internet Inter-ORB [Object Request Broker] Protocol) is based on CORBA
- CORBA implementations from different vendors were never truly interoperable

RMI Problems

- RMI works only in systems under a centralized control
- thus RMI does not scale to Internet-size
- synchronous communication does not scale
- tight coupling versioning and evolution of both communicating ends are difficult
- distribution cannot be transparent because of possible partial failure

SOA - Service Oriented Architecture

- SOA is an architectural style whose goal is to achieve loose coupling among interacting software agents. A service is a unit of work done by a service provider to achieve desired end results for a service consumer [1]
- in SOA, services provide only interface
- the interface is defined by **messages**, not by operations on data types
- data types are not interoperable, e.g. String[] in Java is different from string[] in .NET, the former may contain nulls, the latter must not

Difference between OO and SOA

- from [1] Hao He: What is Service-Oriented Architecture:
 - a CD player offers a CD playing **service**
 - different quality of service on a portable player and on an expensive stereo
 - in object oriented programming style, every CD would come with its own player and they are not supposed to be separated
- SOA more corresponds to how interactions are organized in the real world
- *loose coupling* independent evolution of clients and services operated by different organizations

Microservices

- popular, but no sound definition
- services are fine-grained and the protocols are lightweight
- microservices are composed using Unix-like pipelines
- inter-service calls over a network have a higher cost in terms of network latency and message processing time than in-process calls
- difficult to maintain data consistency among transaction participants

A web service is a software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network.

(W3C, Web Services Glossary)

Brief web services history

- 1989 World Wide Web invented
- 1991 HTTP 0.9 specified
- 1992 Internet at Masaryk University :-)
- 1993 first GUI web browser Mosaic
- 1993 Common Gateway Interface for executing programs
- 1995 JavaScript introduced by Netscape browser
- 1996 SSL 3.0 (first usable encryption)
- 1998 XML 1.0 (the first interoperable text data format)
- 1998 SOAP 1.1 by Microsoft (text-based RPC)
- 2003 SOAP 1.2 by W3C (never used)
- 2004 WS-Interoperability Basic Profile (SOAP usable)

Brief web services history (2)

- 2000 REST defined by Roy Fielding
- 2001 JSON invented (simple interoperable data format)
- 2004 GMail, Google Maps, Web 2.0, wikis, mash-ups
- 2005 AJAX, Yahoo offers JSON web services, SAML
- 2006 OpenID 2.0 (decentralized authentication)
- 2008 HTML5 (first public working draft)
- 2010 mobile devices with Android and small screens
- 2012 OAuth 2.0 (authorization framework)
- 2013 responsive web design as an answer to devices with wildly different screen sizes

Brief web services history (3)

- 2006-2013 cloud computing (Amazon 2006, Microsoft 2008, Google 2013)
- 2014 HTML5 finalised (APIs for in-browser apps)
- 2014 OpenID Connect (authentication standard)
- 2015 HTTP/2, JSON Web Tokens
- 2016 OpenAPI (IDL for JSON web services)
- 2018 TLS 1.3 (weak points removed)
- 2019 WebAuthN (hardware authenticators)
- 2021 Self-sovereign identity

My definition of a web service

web service client communicates with a web server requesting a web resource identified by a URL, using HTTP protocol secured by TLS exchanging messages in JSON or XML formats

this definition covers

- SOAP/WSDL services
- REST APIs
- dynamic web pages using AJAX

SOAP/WSDL web services

- SOAP was Simple Object Access Protocol
- WSDL is Web Service Description Language
- technology for RPC (not RMI!) using exchange of XML messages
- syntax based on XML Schema and Namespaces
- used in API of the Czech eGovernment's "Data Boxes"
- WS-Interoperability Basic Profile needed to ensure interoperability, it requires SOAP 1.1
- many WS-* extensions

SOAP request

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

```
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/"
soap:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding">
```

```
</soap:Envelope>
```

SOAP response

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

```
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope/"
soap:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-encoding">
```

```
</soap:Envelope>
```

SOAP/WSDL history

- started as XML-based Remote Method Invocation protocol
- changed to Remote Procedure Call protocol (no objects - SOAP is not an abbreviation now)
- introduced its own type system
 - big problems with compatibility followed
- later replaced by XML Schema type system
- main lesson learned remote interfaces should be defined by *messages*, not *operations*

SOAP versus REST

- enterprises prefer complicated stack
 - XML
 - SOAP, WSDL, WS-Interoperability
 - WS-* (WS-Security, WS-Addressing, ...)
 - persistent connections queues
 - RPC based
 - complex tools and frameworks, need an IT department
- Internet crowd prefers simplicity
 - JSON
 - HTTP requests to URLs, OpenAPI
 - AJAX in browsers
 - transient connections TCP/IP, HTTP
 - scalable using REST

Web APIs

• well-known APIs

- Google APIs (Calendar, GMail, Maps, ...)
- Facebook API
- Twitter API
- based on HTTP+TLS+JSON+OAuth
- third party clients
 - web, mobile (Android, iOS), desktop, embedded (TV)

• OAuth

- developer registers an application at API provider
- user authorises the application to use certain operations in the API, giving the application an access token
- application uses the token to use the API on behalf of the user

JSON - JavaScript Object Notation

{

```
kind: "calendar#events".
 etaq: "\"GZxpEFttRDAOmLHnWRxLHHWPGwk/vpPWPyIKi2CubgzCWOVY8MIHGPo\"",
 summary: "EGI.eu Events",
 updated: "2013-04-22T06:00:02.000Z",
 timeZone: "Europe/Amsterdam",
 accessRole: "reader",
- items: [
   - {
        kind: "calendar#event",
        etag: "\"GZxpEFttRDAOmLHnWRxLHHwPGwk/Z2NhbDAwMDAxMjY50DQ0NDcwMDkzMDAw\"",
        id: "vs17ehlthhfrlake0a0o98hors".
        status: "confirmed".
        htmlLink: https://www.google.com/calendar/event?eid=dnMxN2VobHRoaGZvbGdrZTBhMG850GhvcnMgZXZlbnRzOGVnaS5ld0.
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        description: "A focus on the transition of the EGEE NA2, NA3 and NA4 activities to the EGI era with significa
        followed by more general transition of EGEE operations to NGI operations from Tuesday afternoon. A detailed a
        /conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1",
        location: "Nikhef",
      - creator: {
           email: "steven.newhouse@eqi.eu",
           displayName: "Steven Newhouse"
        }.
      - organizer: {
           email: "events@eqi.eu",
           displayName: "EGI.eu Events",
           self: true
       },
      - start: {
           dateTime: "2010-03-01T13:00:00+01:00"
       }.
      - end: {
           dateTime: "2010-03-03T12:00:00+01:00"
        }.
        visibility: "public".
        iCalUID: "vs17ehlthhfrlgke0a0o98hors@google.com",
        sequence: 0
    },
```

The same Google Cal event in XML

- <entry>

- <id>

http://www.google.com/calendar/feeds/events%40egi.eu/private/full/vs17ehlthhfrlgke0a0o98hors

</id>

<published>2010-02-12T08:47:42.000Z</published>

<updated>2010-03-29T06:34:30.000Z</updated>

<category scheme="http://schemas.google.com/g/2005#kind" term="http://schemas.google.com/g/2005#event"/>

- <title type="text">

EGEE to EGI Transition Meeting for User Community and Operations

</title>

- <content type="text">

A focus on the transition of the EGEE NA2, NA3 and NA4 activities to the EGI era with significantly reduced EC funding during the first to NGI operations from Tuesday afternoon. A detailed agenda is available - https://www.egi.eu/indico/conferenceDisplay.py?confld=1 </content>

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- <author>

<name>Steven Newhouse</name>

<email>steven.newhouse@egi.eu</email>

</author>

- <gd:comments>

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<gCal:sequence value="0"/>

<gCal:uid value="vs17ehlthhfrlgke0a0o98hors@google.com"/>

</entry> </feed>

YAML 1.2 is superset of JSON



REST

- **Representational State Transfer**
- software architecture style for creating scalable web services
- invented by Roy Fielding, author of HTTP 1.1
- resources identified by URIs
- representations of resources as JSON, XML or other formats
- uses HTTP methods GET, PUT, DELETE and POST for manipulating resources
- **verbs** (GET, PUT,...) manipulate **nouns** (resources)
- not every service using HTTP and JSON is RESTful

Web API Descriptions

- API described in human natural language
 - e.g. "image can be changed by HTTP PUT request to /image/{imageID} with the image in request body"
- WSDL 2.0 defined in 2007, but never used
- OpenAPI since 2016
 - machine-processable description of HTTP interfaces
 - a form of IDL (Interface Description Language)
 - written in YAML language, which is a more human-readable superset of JSON
 - can describe both RPC-like and RESTful APIs

OpenAPI

- "machine-readable interface files for describing, producing, consuming, and visualizing RESTful web services"
- developed since 2010 as Swagger, renamed to OpenAPI in 2016
- version 3.0.0 released in 2017
- latest version 3.1 released in February 2021
- API description in file **openapi.yml**
- tool **OpenAPI Generator** can generate client stubs in about 40 programming languages

```
1 openapi: 3.0.2
2 info:
 3
      title: My awesome API
 4
      version: 1.0.0
      description: Just an example of OpenAPI description
 5
6 servers:
      - url: 'https://my.example.org/api/v1'
7
8 components:
9 -
      schemas:
10 -
        User:
11
          type: object
12 -
          properties:
            id: { type: integer }
13
14
            firstName: { type: string }
15
            lastName: { type: string }
16 -
      responses:
17 -
        UserResponse:
18
          description: returns a User
19 -
          content:
20 -
            application/json:
21 -
               schema:
22
                 $ref: "#/components/schemas/User"
23 -
      parameters:
      id:
24 -
25
          name: id
26
          description: numeric id
27 -
          schema:
28
            type: integer
29
          in: query
30
          required: true
31 paths:
      '/getUser':
32 -
33 -
        get:
34
          operationId: "getUser"
35
          summary: "returns a User for a given id"
36 -
          parameters:
37
             - $ref: '#/components/parameters/id'
38 -
          responses:
39 -
             '200':
40
               $ref: '#/components/responses/UserResponse'
```

Java client library generated by OpenAPI Generator

```
/**
 * returns a User for a given id
 *
 * @param id numeric id (required)
 * @return User
 * @throws ApiException If fail to call the API, e.g. server error
 */
public User getUser(Integer id) throws ApiException {
    ApiResponse<User> resp = getUserWithHttpInfo(id);
    return resp.getData();
}
```

Python client library generated by OpenAPI Generator

```
class DefaultApi(object):
```

```
"""NOTE: This class is auto generated by the swagger code generator program.
```

```
Do not edit the class manually.
Ref: https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-codegen
```

```
def __init__(self, api_client=None):
    if api_client is None:
        api_client = ApiClient()
        self.api_client = api_client
```

```
def get_user(self, id, **kwargs): # noqa: E501
    """returns a User for a given id # noqa: E501
```

```
This method makes a synchronous HTTP request by default. To make an
asynchronous HTTP request, please pass async_req=True
>>> thread = api.get_user(id, async_req=True)
>>> result = thread.get()
```

AJAX

- Asynchronous JavaScript And XML
- (Ajax was a Greek mythological hero)
- AJAX does not need XML, uses JSON mostly
- enabled by introduction of XMLHttpRequest JavaScript object to web browsers around the year 2006
- asynchronous request to web server
- enables calling REST services from JavaScript
- same-origin security policy (protocol,host,port)
- Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS)

Mash ups

- combine data from various sources
- typically a Google map with some geospatial data
 - ships http://www.marinetraffic.com/
 - aircrafts http://www.flightradar24.com/

Mash-up of Google Maps with ships data



Authentication and Authorization in Web Services

- an important problem in web services is to know who is who (*authentication*) and what to allow them to do (*authorization*)
- the next section talks about
 - federated identity
 - SAML
 - OAuth
 - OpenID
 - OpenID Connect
 - JSON Web Tokens

Federated identity

- many authentication mechanisms were developed for the web
 - username+password (hard to remember)
 - X509 digital certificate (complicated to get)
 - digest, Kerberos etc. (not much support in browsers)
- users forget passwords to rarely used accounts
- in federated identity, account from one organisation can be reused at others
- protocols and identity providers:
 - SAML in academia, Microsoft O365, Google Apps
 - OAuth Google, Facebook, Twitter, ...
 - OpenID MojeID.cz, anybody (obsolete)
 - OpenID Connect mix of OpenID and OAuth

MUNI Unified Login

- OpenID Connect protocol for internal MUNI services
- **SAML** protocol for external services in federations eduld.cz and eduGAIN
- see <u>https://it.muni.cz/en/services/jednotne-prih</u> laseni-na-muni

IUII Login	UZ UZ
UČO	
Ĩ	
Primary password	
✓ Remember me	
LOG IN	

SAML

- Security Assertion Markup Language
- introduced in 2001
- provides web browser single sign-on
- SAML document is XML containing user attributes signed by an identity provider
- trust between identity providers (IdP) and service providers (SP) is established using federations
- a federation publishes list of trusted IdPs and SPs complying with federation's policy
- WAYF Where Are Your From? service / DS -Discovery Service



Full Mesh Federation

~80% of all NREN Federations (June 2013) E.g InCommon, UKAMF, SWITCHaai, SWAMID, HAKA, AAF

Hub-and-Spoke Federation with Distributed Login

~15% of all NREN Federations (June 2013) SURFconext, WAYF.dk, SIR, TAAT, Confia



OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework

- defined in RFC 6749 in the year 2012
- used by Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, LinkedIn, GitHub, ...
- designed for delegating limited access to third parties, but used for authentication too



OAuth 2 - involved parties

• resource owner - the user

• resource server

- maintains user's data
- provides API for operations on the data
- checks access token for permissions for sets of operations called scopes
- **client** application that wants to use the API on user's behalf

• authorization server

- registers all others the user, the client and the RS
- authenticates the user, asks which scopes to allow
- releases an access token to the client

OAuth 2 Features

- not limited to web apps, also for mobile, SmartTV, desktop, embedded
- various grant flows depending on abilities to store secrets and user interface
 - if you log into Youtube app in your SmartTV using QR code, that's OAuth's "Device Authorization Grant"
 - if you log in your mobile app into Google, that's
 "Authorization Code Grant with Proof Key for Code Exchange"
 - if you log into a server-side web app in your browser, that's "Authorization Code Grant" (on the next slide)

browser



OpenID versions 1 and 2

- obsolete
- introduced the idea of decentralized authentication protocol
- users were identified by URLs
- anybody could run an identity provider
- problem of trust
- only large identity providers like Google were trusted by service providers

OpenID Connect (OIDC)

- promoted as third version of OpenID
- authentication layer built on top of OAuth 2.0
- OAuth 2.0 is for authorization, it does not define API for obtaining user data
- OIDC defines:
 - **UserInfo API** for obtaining user data in JSON
 - scopes for the API openid, profile, email, address, phone
 - **claims** data about the user (e.g. family_name)
 - well-known URI (RFC 8615) for discovery
 /.well-known/openid-configuration

Example of UserInfo response

{ "sub": "3e65bd2aa4c818bd3579023939b546b69e1@einfra.cesnet.cz", "name": "Josef Novák", "preferred username": "pepa", "given name": "Josef", "family name": "Novák", "nickname": "Pepan", "profile": "https://www.muni.cz/en/people/3988", "picture": "https://secure.gravatar.com/avatar/f320c89e39d15da1608c8fc31210b8ca", "website": "http://pepovo.wordpress.com/", "gender": "male", "zoneinfo": "Europe/Prague", "locale": "cs-CZ", "updated at": "1508428216", "birthdate": "1975-01-01", "email": "pepa@gmail.com", "email verified": true, "phone number": "+420 603123456", "phone number verified": true, "address": { "street address": "Severní 1", "locality": "Dolní Lhota", "postal code": "111 00", "country": "Czech Republic" } }

JWT - JSON Web Tokens

- convenient for small digitally signed pieces of structured data
- TLS does not provide signatures of transported data
- JWT is often used for OAuth access tokens
- RFC 7515 JSON Web Signature
 - o <header>.<payload>.<signature>
 - all 3 parts are base64-encoded, safe for URLs
 - <header> is JSON metadata identifying signing key
- RFC 7519 JSON Web Tokens
 - JWS with JSON payload

JSON Web Token example https://jwt.io/

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJraWQiOiJyc2ExIiwiYWxnIjoiUlMyNTYifQ.e
yJzdWIiOiJtYWt1YiIsImlzcyI6Imh0dHBzOlwvX
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Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

```
HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

{
    "kid": "rsa1",
    "alg": "RS256"
}

PAYLOAD: DATA

{
    "sub": "makub",
    "iss": "https://my.example.org/",
    "exp": 1566302978,
    "iat": 1566302978,
    "iat": 1566302918,
    "jti": "6ac073a6-5090-492e-a2f3-24f40713adc4"
}
VERIFY SIGNATURE
```

```
RSASHA256(
   base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
   base64UrlEncode(payload),
```

JWKS - JSON Web Key Set

- JSON-formatted web document containing public parts of cryptographic keys
- its URL can be in JWT header in jku claim
- its URL can be in OIDC's metadata at /.well-known/openid-configuration in

```
jwks_uri claim
```

```
{
    "keys": [
    {
        "kty": "RSA",
        "e": "AQAB",
        "kid": "rsal",
        "alg": "RS256",
        "n": "mho5h_lz6USUUazQaVT3PHloIk_Ljs2vZl_RAaitkXDx6agpl1kGpS44eY
    }
    ]
}
```

That's it

Thank you for your attention