

Introduction to Assignment 2

Distributed Systems Lecture
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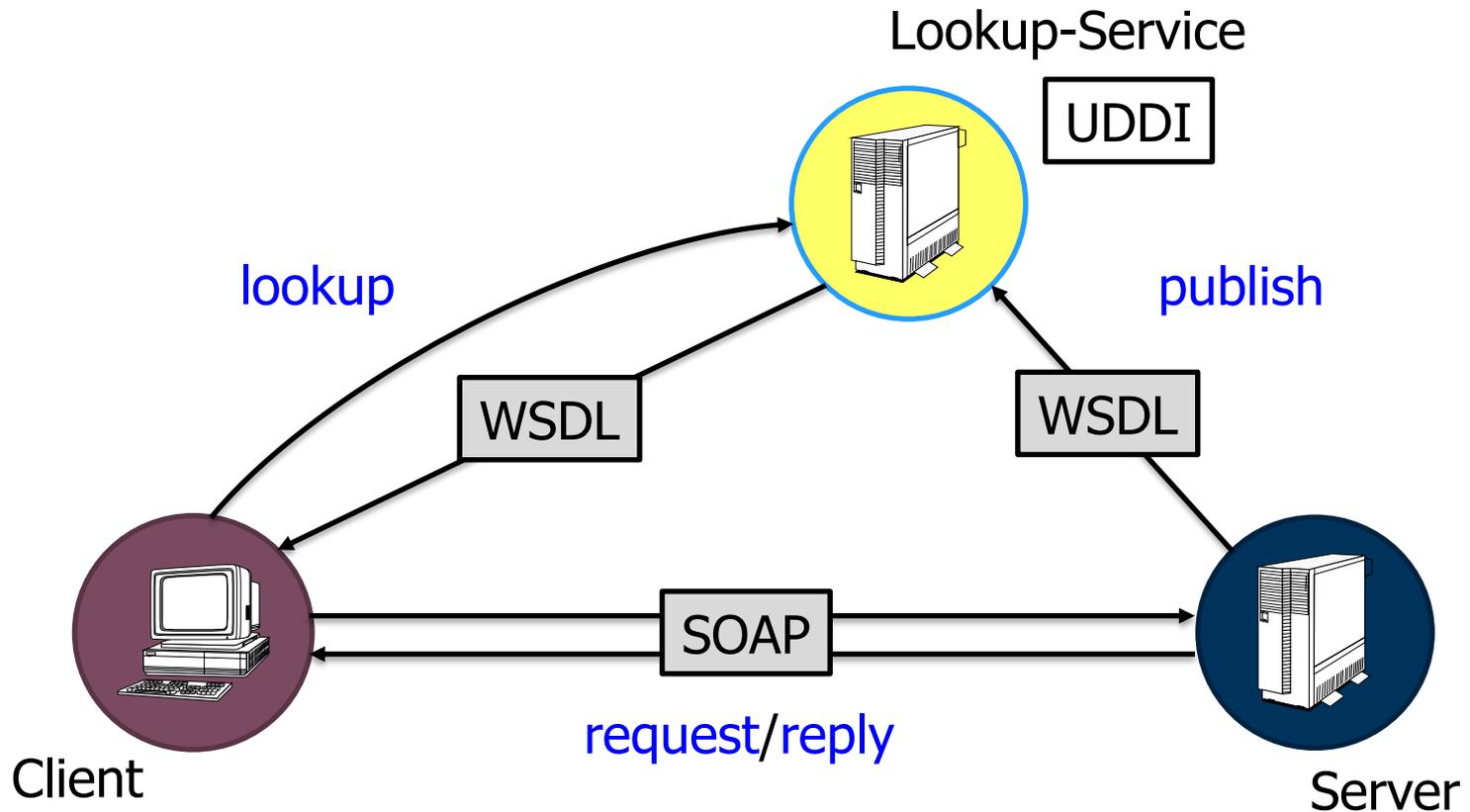
Today's Menu

- Quick rundown of Web application architectures
 - WS-* Web Services
 - Representational State Transfer

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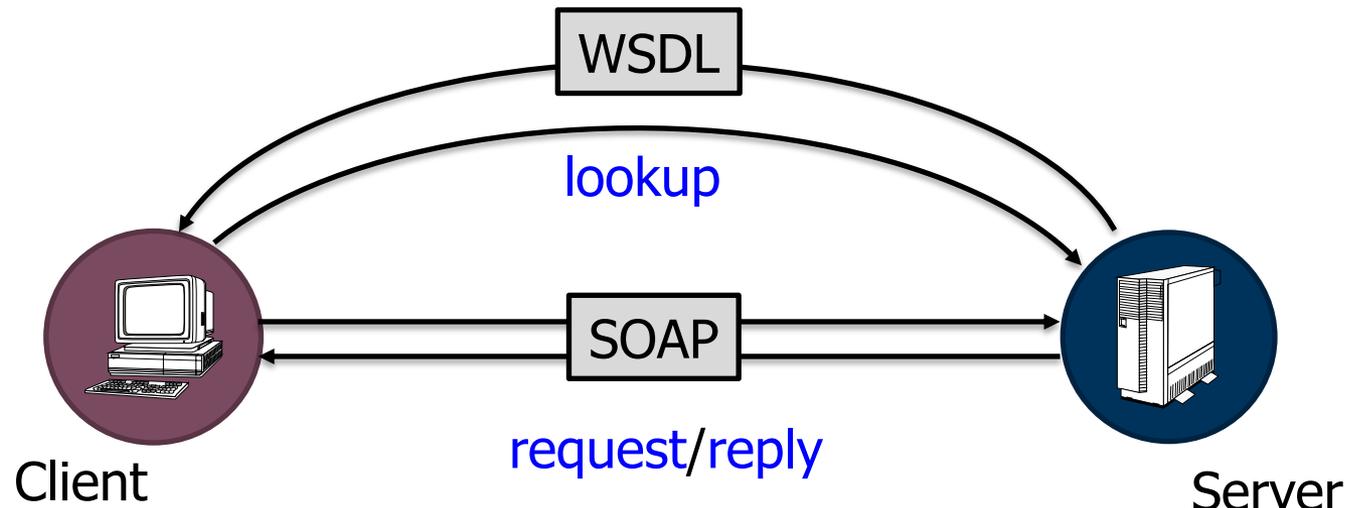
Web Services in a Nutshell





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- For the exercise, we let the service publish its WSDL without going through a UDDI...





Web Services - WSDL Overview

Exercise: <http://vswot.inf.ethz.ch:8080/SunSPOTWebServices/SunSPOTWebservice>

- *types, messages, portType, binding, port, service*



Quick WS-* Overview on next slide...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_web_service_specifications



REST in a Nutshell

- Every resource gets an ID

e.g., a sensor node: <http://vswot.inf.ethz.ch:8081/sunspots/>



[<http://code.google.com/p/hcsfsp/>]

- Resources are linked
- Resources have multiple representations
- Resources provide a uniform interface
- Stateless communication



REST and HTTP...

- REST and HTTP are not equivalent!
- REST uniform interface
 - REST nouns and verbs
 - HTTP: GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, OPTIONS, HEAD,...
 - WS-* verbs



Assignment 2 – Overview

■ Objectives – Exercise 2

- Learn to develop distributed Web applications
- Use the two different paradigms seen in the lecture:
 - Representational State Transfer (REST)
 - Web Services (WS-*)

■ Dates

- Exercise begins: **Now (October 10, 2011)**
- Exercise is due: **9:00am, October 24, 2011**



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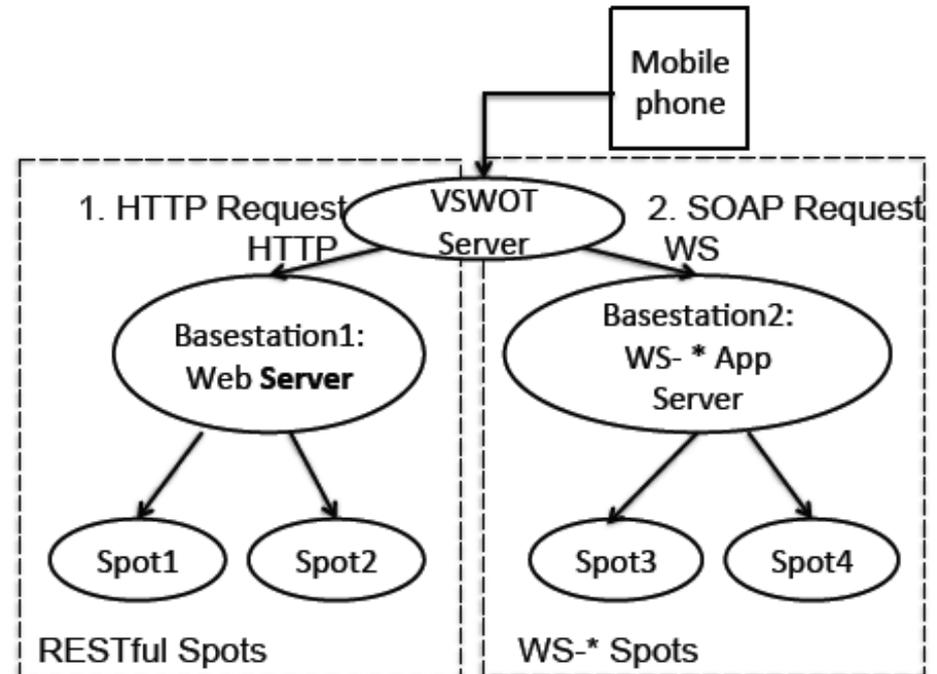


Assignment 2 – System Setup

- Access Sun SPOTs through WS-*/REST
- Sun SPOTs: Wireless sensor nodes (temp, acc, light,...)



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Assignment 2 – Tasks

1. Experimenting with RESTful Web Services (2P)
 - Create an HTTP request
 - a) “by hand” (i.e., without the use of any HTTP library)
 - b) Using *org.apache.http.**
 - Use HTTP content negotiation to get machine-readable data
 - Connect to a Sun SPOT and retrieve the temperature value.
2. Experimenting with WS-* Web Services (2P)
 - Explore WSDL, create SOAP requests
 - Connect to a Sun SPOT and retrieve the temperature value.
3. Assessing Web Service Technologies (1P)



Assignment 2 – Tasks

4. Cloud Services (1P)

- Visualization of retrieved measurements
 - a) Using the *native Android* graphics libraries
 - b) Using the *Google Chart API*

5. Your Phone as a Server (2P)

- Implement a Web Server on your phone that allows to access the phone's sensors and actuators

6. Report (2P)



Assignment 2 – Feedback & Study

- Study on REST and WS-^{*}
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&pli=1&formkey=dFFsbS1OVUVSaV9ld1dUYjZ1N0Jsdmc6MA#gid=0
 - Perceived easiness/speed of learning of technologies
 - Feedback: Previous knowledge, time spent for assignment
 - Anonymous & individual



Assignment 2 Hints - Relevant Terminology

- Media types: HTML, XML, JSON

- ROA – Resource-oriented Architecture
- REST – Representational State Transfer

- SOA – Service-oriented Architecture
- ~~SOAP – Simple Object Access Protocol (deprecated)~~
- WSDL – Web Services Description Language



REST Hints

- <http://www.infoq.com/articles/rest-introduction>
- RESTful Web Services (Leonard Richardson und Sam Ruby)
 - Available at D-INFK library



- Apache HTTP library (simplest sample code alive... 😊)
 - <http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/httpcomponents/httpclient/trunk/httpclient/src/examples/org/apache/http/examples/client/ClientWithResponseHandler.java>



WS-* Hints

- Patched version of kSOAP2
 - <http://code.google.com/p/ksoap2-android/>

- Short tutorial on kSOAP2 for Android
 - <http://www.android10.org/index.php/articleslibraries/167-using-ksoap2-for-android-soap-web-service>



Visualization Hints

- Google charts API example:

<https://chart.googleapis.com/chart?chs=250x100&chd=t:60,40&cht=p3&chl=Hello|World>

- Getting started:

http://code.google.com/apis/chart/image/docs/making_charts.html#usingthewizard



Submission

- Same as for Assignment 1
 - Programs/Code, Report

+ Assignment form:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dDIPSFruV1BocjNCTIA0d1FpMERGRIE6MA#gid=0

+ Feedback form (individual, anonymous):

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