Using Web Services

Chapter 13

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Data on the Web

- With the HTTP Request/Response well understood and well supported there was a natural move toward exchanging data between programs using these protocols
- We needed to come up with an agreed way to represent data going between applications and across networks
- There are two commonly used formats: XML and JSON

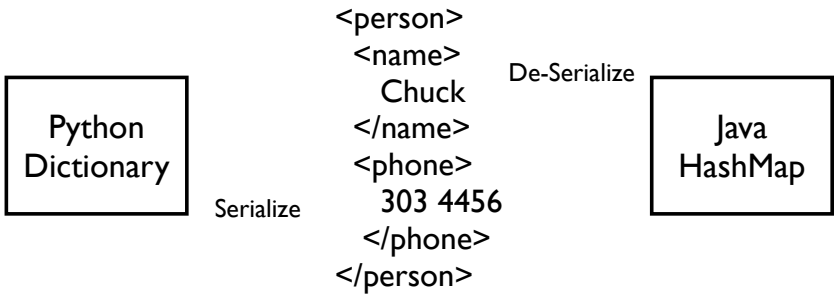
Sending Data across the "Net"

Python Dictionary

Java HashMap

a.k.a. "Wire Protocol" - What we send on the "wire"

Agreeing on a "Wire Format"



XML

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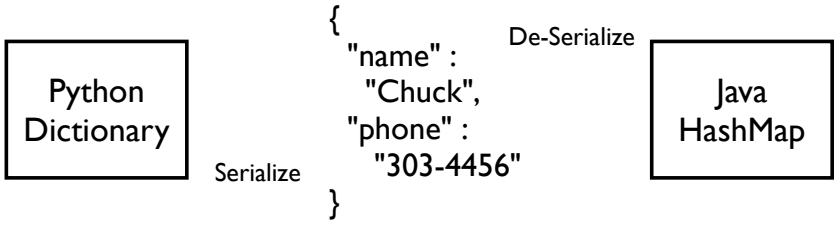


JSON

XML "Elements" (or Nodes)

- Simple Element
- Complex Element

```
<people>
  <person>
    <name>Chuck</name>
    <phone>303 4456</phone>
  </person>
  <person>
    <name>Noah</name>
    <phone>622 7421</phone>
  </person>
</people>
```

XML

Marking up data to send across the network...

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

eXtensible Markup Language

- Primary purpose is to help information systems share structured data
- It started as a simplified subset of the Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML), and is designed to be relatively human-legible

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

XML Basics

- Start Tag
- End Tag
- Text Content
- Attribute
- Self Closing Tag

```
<person>
  <name>Chuck</name>
  <phone type="intl">
    +1 734 303 4456
  </phone>
  <email hide="yes" />
</person>
```

```
<person>
  <name>Chuck</name>
  <phone type="intl">
    +1 734 303 4456
  </phone>
  <email hide="yes" />
</person>
```

White Space

Line ends do not matter. White space is generally discarded on text elements. We indent only to be readable.

```
<person>
  <name>Chuck</name>
  <phone type="intl">+1 734 303 4456</phone>
  <email hide="yes" />
</person>
```

Some XML...

```
<recipe name="bread" prep_time="5 mins" cook_time="3 hours">
  <title>Basic bread</title>
  <ingredient amount="8" unit="dL">Flour</ingredient>
  <ingredient amount="10" unit="grams">Yeast</ingredient>
  <ingredient amount="4" unit="dL" state="warm">Water</ingredient>
  <ingredient amount="1" unit="teaspoon">Salt</ingredient>
  <instructions>
    <step>Mix all ingredients together.</step>
    <step>Knead thoroughly.</step>
    <step>Cover with a cloth, and leave for one hour in warm room.</step>
    <step>Knead again.</step>
    <step>Place in a bread baking tin.</step>
    <step>Cover with a cloth, and leave for one hour in warm room.</step>
    <step>Bake in the oven at 180(degrees)C for 30 minutes.</step>
  </instructions>
</recipe>
```

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

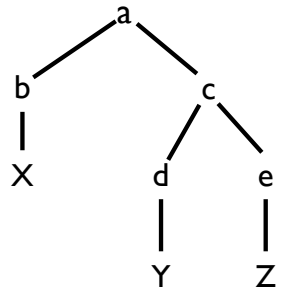
XML Terminology

- Tags indicate the beginning and ending of elements
- Attributes - Keyword/value pairs on the opening tag of XML
- Serialize / De-Serialize - Convert data in one program into a common format that can be stored and/or transmitted between systems in a programming language independent manner

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

XML as a Tree

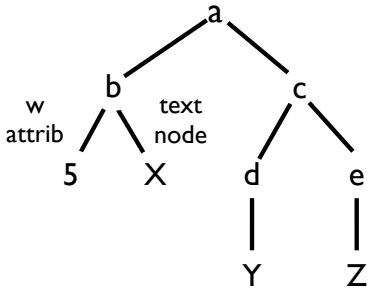
```
<a>
   <b>X</b>
   <c>
      <d>Y</d>
      <e>Z</e>
   </c>
</a>
```



Elements Text

XML Text and Attributes

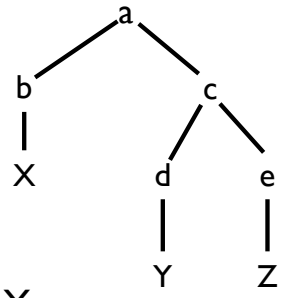
```
<a>
   <b w="5">X</b>
   <c>
      <d>Y</d>
      <e>Z</e>
   </c>
</a>
```



Elements Text

XML as Paths

```
<a>
   <b>X</b>
   <c>
      <d>Y</d>
      <e>Z</e>
   </c>
</a>
```



/a/b X
/a/c/d Y
/a/c/e Z

Elements Text

XML Schema

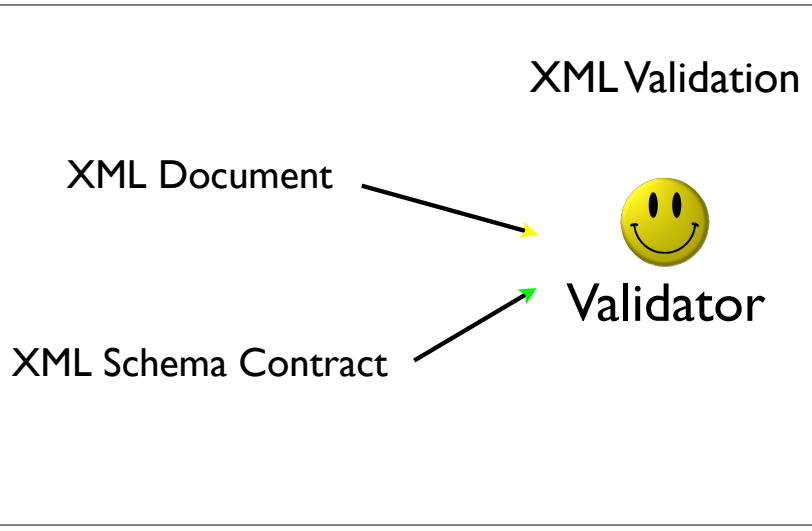
Describing a "contract" as to what is acceptable XML.

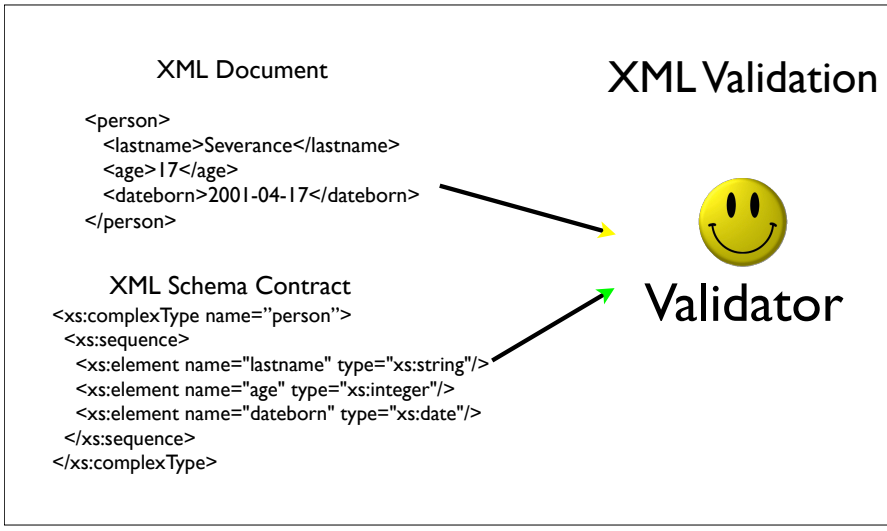
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xml_schema
http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/XML_Schema

XML Schema

- Description of the legal format of an XML document
- Expressed in terms of constraints on the structure and content of documents
- Often used to specify a "contract" between systems - "My system will only accept XML that conforms to this particular Schema."
- If a particular piece of XML meets the specification of the Schema - it is said to "validate"

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





Many XML Schema Languages

- Document Type Definition (DTD)
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Document_Type_Definition
- Standard Generalized Markup Language (ISO 8879:1986 SGML)
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SGML
- XML Schema from W3C - (XSD)
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XML_Schema_(W3C)

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

XSD XML Schema (W3C spec)

- We will focus on the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) version
- It is often called "W3C Schema" because "Schema" is considered generic
- More commonly it is called XSD because the file names end in .xsd

http://www.w3.org/XML/Schema

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XML_Schema_(W3C)

XSD Structure

```
<person>
  <lastname>Severance</lastname>
  <age>17</age>
  <dateborn>2001-04-17</dateborn>
</person>
```

- xs:element
- xs:sequence
- xs:complexType

```
<xs:complexType name="person">
  <xs:sequence>
    <xs:element name="lastname" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:element name="age" type="xs:integer"/>
    <xs:element name="dateborn" type="xs:date"/>
  </xs:sequence>
</xs:complexType>
```

XSD Constraints

```
<xs:element name="person">
  <xs:complexType>
    <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="full_name" type="xs:string"
          minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" />
      <xs:element name="child_name" type="xs:string"
          minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="10" />
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
```

```
<person>
  <full_name>Tove Refsnes</full_name>
  <child_name>Hege</child_name>
  <child_name>Stale</child_name>
  <child_name>Jim</child_name>
  <child_name>Borge</child_name>
</person>
```

http://www.w3schools.com/Schema/schema_complex_indicators.asp

XSD Data Types

```
<xs:element name="customer" type="xs:string"/>
<xs:element name="start" type="xs:date"/>
<xs:element name="startdate" type="xs:dateTime"/>
<xs:element name="prize" type="xs:decimal"/>
<xs:element name="weeks" type="xs:integer"/>
```

```
<customer>John Smith</customer>
<start>2002-09-24</start>
<startdate>2002-05-30T09:30:10Z</startdate>
<prize>999.50</prize>
<weeks>30</weeks>
```

It is common to represent time in UTC/GMT given that servers are often scattered around the world.

http://www.w3schools.com/Schema/schema_dtypes_numeric.asp

ISO 8601 Data/Time Format

2002-05-30T09:30:10Z

Year-month-day

Time of day

Time-zone - typically specificed in UTC / GMT rather than local time zone.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601

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

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<xs:schema elementFormDefault="qualified" xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <xs:element name="Address">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="Recipient" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="House" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="Street" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="Town" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="County" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="PostCode" type="xs:string" />
        <xs:element name="Country">
          <xs:simpleType>
            <xs:restriction base="xs:string">
              <xs:enumeration value="FR" />
              <xs:enumeration value="DE" />
              <xs:enumeration value="ES" />
              <xs:enumeration value="UK" />
              <xs:enumeration value="US" />
            </xs:restriction>
          </xs:simpleType>
        </xs:element>
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Address
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance
    xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="SimpleAddress.xsd">
  <Recipient>Mr. Walter C. Brown</Recipient>
  <House>49</House>
  <Street>Featherstone Street</Street>
  <Town>LONDON</Town>
  <PostCode>EC1Y 8SY</PostCode>
  <Country>UK</Country>
</Address>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<xs:schema xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
<xs:element name="shiporder">
 <xs:complexType>
  <xs:sequence>
   <xs:element name="orderperson" type="xs:string"/>
   <xs:element name="shipto">
    <xs:complexType>
     <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="name" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="address" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="city" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="country" type="xs:string"/>
     </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
   </xs:element>
   <xs:element name="item" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xs:complexType>
     <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element name="title" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element name="note" type="xs:string" minOccurs="0"/>
      <xs:element name="quantity" type="xs:positiveInteger"/>
      <xs:element name="price" type="xs:decimal"/>
     </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
   </xs:element>
  </xs:sequence>
  <xs:attribute name="orderid" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
 </xs:complexType>
</xs:element>
</xs:schema>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<shiporder orderid="889923"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="shiporder.xsd">
 <orderperson>John Smith</orderperson>
 <shipto>
  <name>Ola Nordmann</name>
  <address>Langgt 23</address>
  <city>4000 Stavanger</city>
  <country>Norway</country>
 </shipto>
 <item>
  <title>Empire Burlesque</title>
  <note>Special Edition</note>
  <quantity>1</quantity>
  <price>10.90</price>
 </item>
 <item>
  <title>Hide your heart</title>
  <quantity>1</quantity>
  <price>9.90</price>
 </item>
</shiporder>
```

http://www.w3schools.com/Schema/schema_example.asp

xml1.py

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET

data = '''
<person>
  <name>Chuck</name>
  <phone type="intl">
     +1 734 303 4456
   </phone>
   <email hide="yes"/>
</person>'''

tree = ET.fromstring(data)
print 'Name:',tree.find('name').text
print 'Attr:',tree.find('email').get('hide')
```

xml2.py

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET

input = '''
<stuff>
    <users>
        <user x="2">
            <id>001</id>
            <name>Chuck</name>
        </user>
        <user x="7">
            <id>009</id>
            <name>Brent</name>
            </user>
        </users>
</stuff>'''

stuff = ET.fromstring(input)
lst = stuff.findall('users/user')
print 'User count:', len(lst)

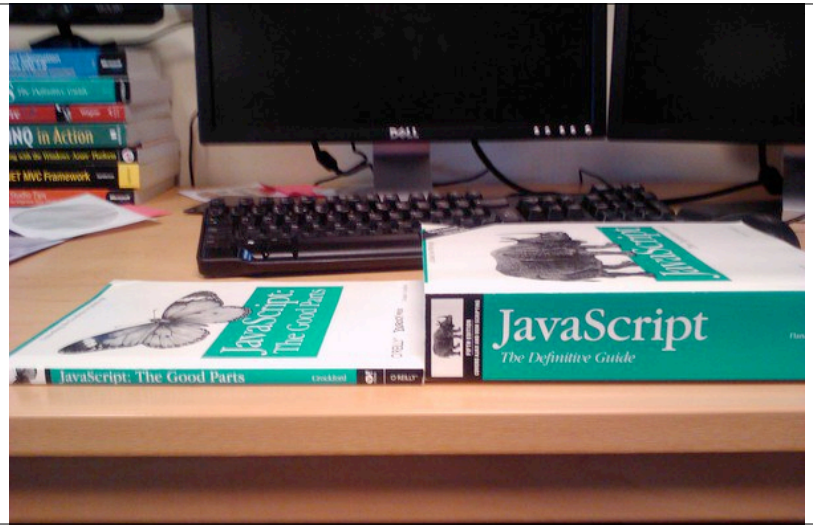
for item in lst:
    print 'Name', item.find('name').text
    print 'Id', item.find('id').text
    print 'Attribute', item.get("x")
```

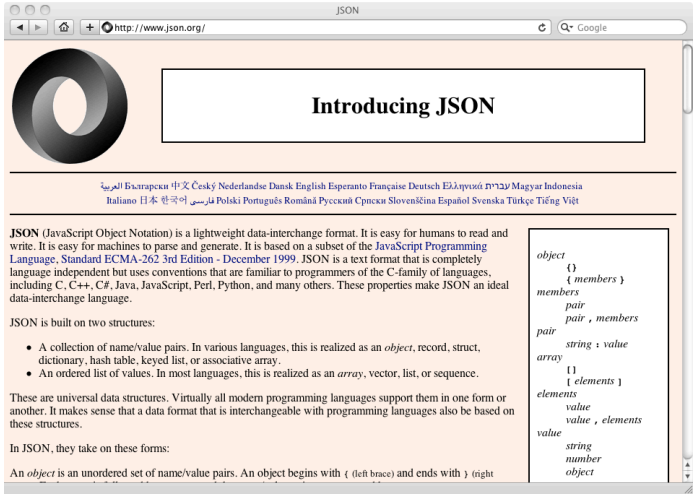
JavaScript Object Notation

JavaScript Object Notation

- Douglas Crockford - "Discovered" JSON
- Object literal notation in JavaScript

https://vimeo.com/38054451
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C-JoyNuQJs





json1.py

```
import json

data = '''
{
  "name" : "Chuck",
  "phone" : {
    "type" : "intl",
    "number" : "+1 734 303 4456"
   },
   "email" : {
     "hide" : "yes"
   }
}'''

info = json.loads(data)
print 'Name:',info["name"]
print 'Hide:',info["email"]["hide"]
```

JSON represents data as nested "lists" and "dictionaries"

json2.py

```
import json

input = '''
[
  { "id" : "001",
    "x" : "2",
    "name" : "Chuck"
  } ,
  { "id" : "009",
    "x" : "7",
    "name" : "Chuck"
  }
]'''

info = json.loads(input)
print 'User count:', len(info)

for item in info:
    print 'Name', item['name']
    print 'Id', item['id']
    print 'Attribute', item['x']
```

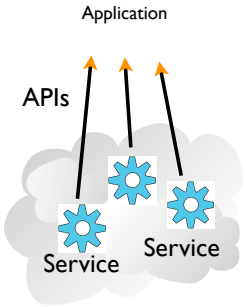
JSON represents data as nested "lists" and "dictionaries"

Service Oriented Approach

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service-oriented_architecture

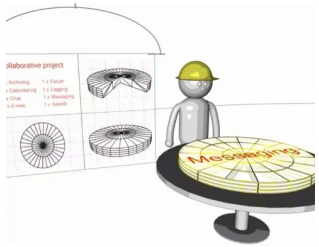
Service Oriented Approach

- Most non-trivial web applications use services
- They use services from other applications
  - Credit Card Charge
  - Hotel Reservation systems
- Services publish the "rules" applications must follow to make use of the service (API)



Multiple Systems

- Initially - two systems cooperate and split the problem
- As the data/service becomes useful - multiple applications want to use the information / application



http://www.vimeo.com/7591954

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Application Program Interface

The API itself is largely abstract in that it specifies an interface and controls the behavior of the objects specified in that interface. The software that provides the functionality described by an API is said to be an "implementation" of the API. An API is typically defined in terms of the programming language used to build an application.

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

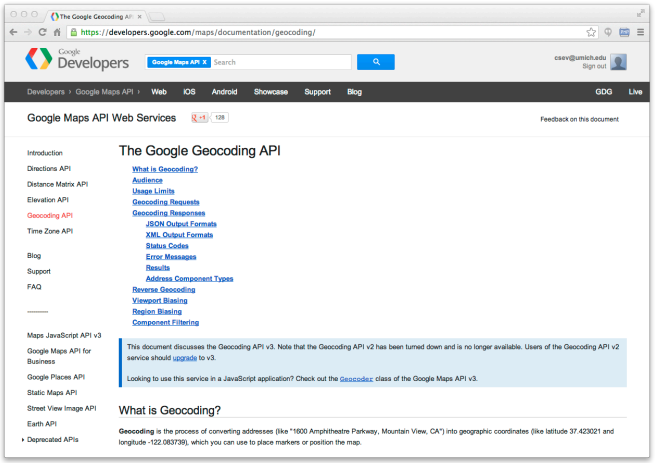
Web Services

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

Web Service Technologies

- SOAP - Simple Object Access Protocol (software)
  - Remote programs/code which we use over the network
  - Note: Dr. Chuck does not like SOAP because it is overly complex
- REST - Representational State Transfer (resource focused)
  - Remote resources which we create, read, update and delete remotely

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOAP_(protocol)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/REST



https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/geocoding/

```
{
    "status": "OK",
    "results": [
        {
            "geometry": {
                "location_type": "APPROXIMATE",
                "location": {
                    "lat": 42.2808256,
                    "lng": -83.7430378
                }
            },
            "address_components": [
                {
                    "long_name": "Ann Arbor",
                    "types": [
                        "locality",
                        "political"
                    ],
                    "short_name": "Ann Arbor"
                }
            ],
            "formatted_address": "Ann Arbor, MI, USA",
            "types": [
                "locality",
                "political"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```


http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?sensor=false&address=Ann+Arbor%2C+MI

geojson.py

```
import urllib
import json

serviceurl = 'http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?'

while True:
    address = raw_input('Enter location: ')
    if len(address) < 1 : break

    url = serviceurl + urllib.urlencode({'sensor':'false',
          'address': address})
    print 'Retrieving', url
    uh = urllib.urlopen(url)
    data = uh.read()
    print 'Retrieved',len(data),'characters'

    try: js = json.loads(str(data))
    except: js = None
    if 'status' not in js or js['status'] != 'OK':
        print '==== Failure To Retrieve ===='
        print data
        continue

    print json.dumps(js, indent=4)

    lat = js["results"][0]["geometry"]["location"]["lat"]
    lng = js["results"][0]["geometry"]["location"]["lng"]
    print 'lat',lat,'lng',lng
    location = js['results'][0]['formatted_address']
    print location
```

```
Enter location: Ann Arbor, MI
Retrieving http://maps.googleapis.com/...
Retrieved 1669 characters
lat 42.2808256 lng -83.7430378
Ann Arbor, MI, USA
Enter location:
```

geojson.py

API Security and Rate Limiting

- The compute resources to run these APIs are not "free"
- The data provided by these APIs is usually valuable
- The data providers might limit the number of requests per day, demand an API "key" or even charge for usage
- They might change the rules as things progress...

Usage Limits

The Google Geocoding API has the following limits in place:

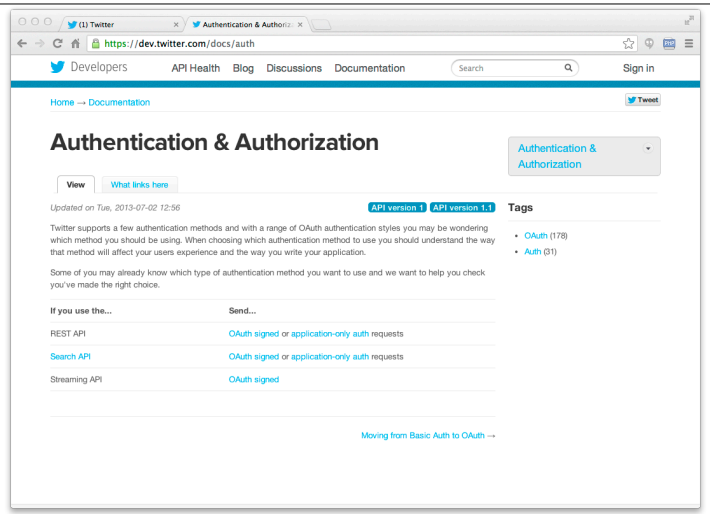
- 2,500 requests per day.

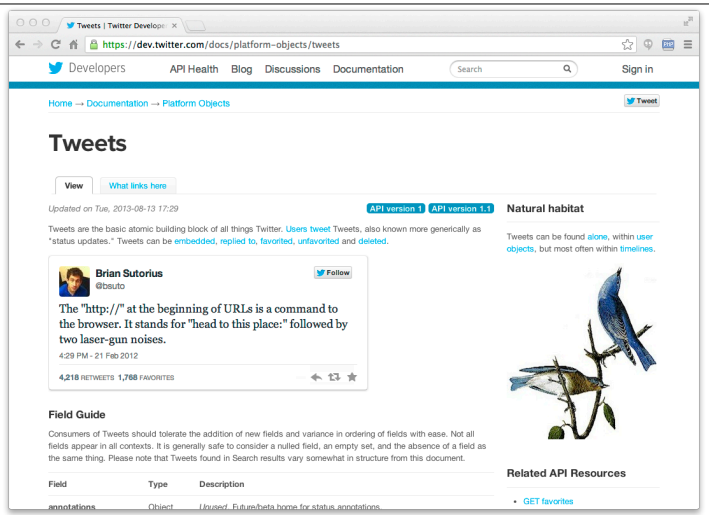
Google Maps API for Business customers have higher limits:

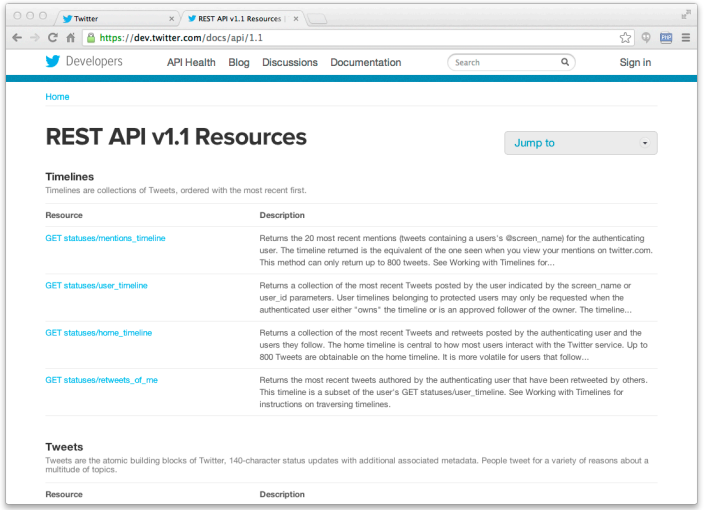
- 100,000 requests per day.

These limits are enforced to prevent abuse and/or repurposing of the Geocoding API, and may be changed in the future without notice. Additionally, we enforce a request rate limit to prevent abuse of the service. If you exceed the 24-hour limit or otherwise abuse the service, the Geocoding API may stop working for you temporarily. If you continue to exceed this limit, your access to the Geocoding API may be blocked.

The Geocoding API may only be used in conjunction with a Google map; geocoding results without displaying them on a map is prohibited. For complete details on allowed usage, consult the Maps API Terms of Service License Restrictions.







twitter2.py

```
import urllib
import twurl
import json

TWITTER_URL = 'https://api.twitter.com/1.1/friends/list.json'

while True:
    print ''
    acct = raw_input('Enter Twitter Account:')
    if ( len(acct) < 1 ) : break
    url = twurl.augment(TWITTER_URL,
        {'screen_name': acct, 'count': '5'} )
    print 'Retrieving', url
    connection = urllib.urlopen(url)
    data = connection.read()
    headers = connection.info().dict
    print 'Remaining', headers['x-rate-limit-remaining']
    js = json.loads(data)
    print json.dumps(js, indent=4)

    for u in js['users'] :
        print u['screen_name']
        s = u['status']['text']
        print '  ',s[:50]
```

twitter2.py

```
Enter Twitter Account:drchuck
Retrieving https://api.twitter.com/1.1/friends ...
Remaining 14
{
    "users": [
        {
            "status": {
                "text": "@jazzychad I just bought one .__.",
                "created_at": "Fri Sep 20 08:36:34 +0000 2013",
            },
            "location": "San Francisco, California",
            "screen_name": "leahculver",
            "name": "Leah Culver",
        },
        {
            "status": {
                "text": "RT @WSJ: Big employers like Google ...",
                "created_at": "Sat Sep 28 19:36:37 +0000 2013",
            },
            "location": "Victoria Canada",
            "screen_name": "_valeriei",
            "name": "Valerie Irvine",
    ],
}
leahculver
   @jazzychad I just bought one .__.
_valeriei
   RT @WSJ: Big employers like Google, AT&amp;amp;T are h
ericbollens
   RT @lukew: sneak peek: my LONG take on the good &a
halherzog
   Learning Objects is 10. We had a cake with the LO,
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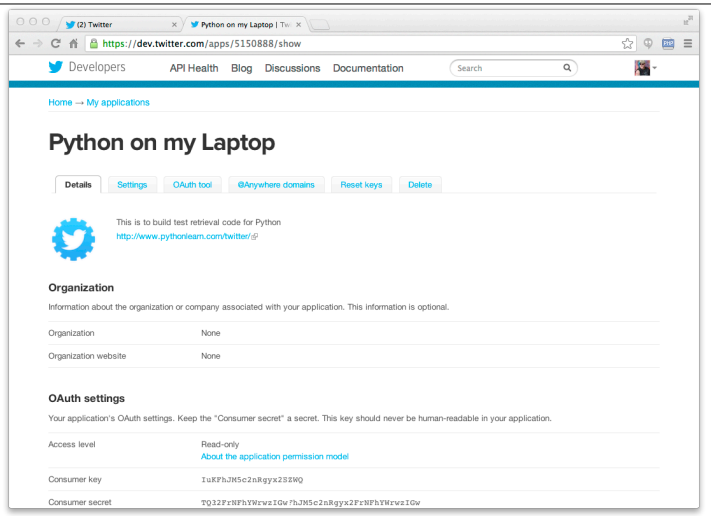
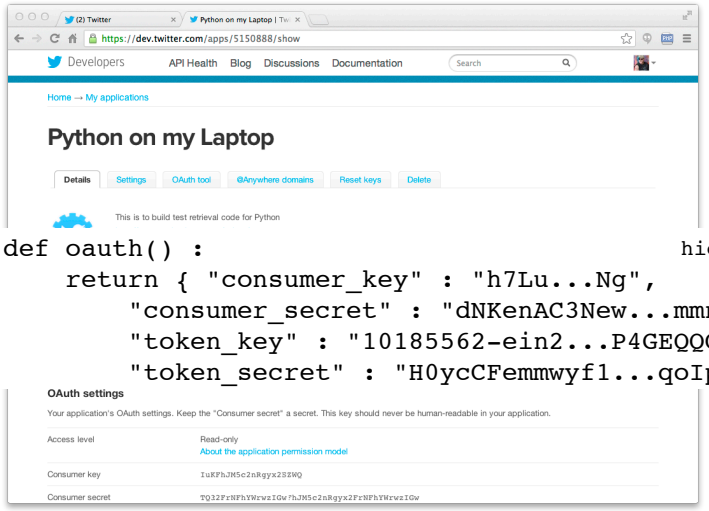
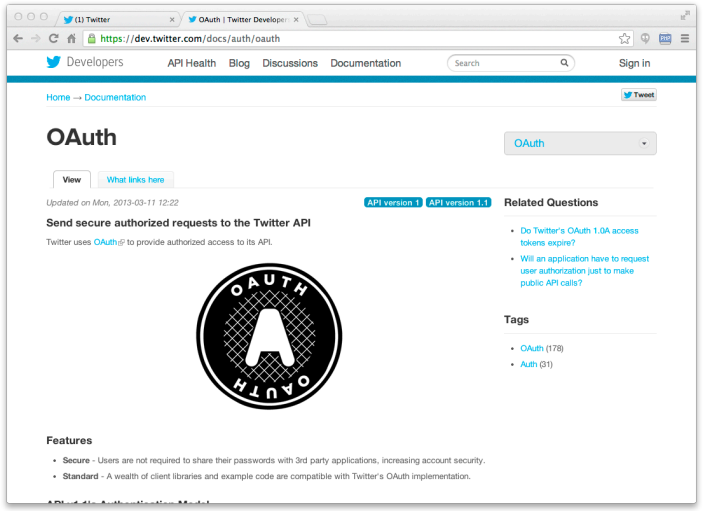




hidden.py

```
def oauth() :
    return { "consumer_key" : "h7Lu...Ng",
             "consumer_secret" : "dNKenAC3New...mmn7Q",
             "token_key" : "10185562-ein2...P4GEQQOSGI",
             "token_secret" : "H0ycCFemmwyf1...qoIpBo" }
```



twurl.py

```
import urllib
import oauth
import hidden

def augment(url, parameters) :
    secrets = hidden.oauth()
    consumer = oauth.OAuthConsumer(secrets['consumer_key'], secrets['consumer_secret'])
    token = oauth.OAuthToken(secrets['token_key'],secrets['token_secret'])

    oauth_request = oauth.OAuthRequest.from_consumer_and_token(consumer,
        token=token, http_method='GET', http_url=url, parameters=parameters)
    oauth_request.sign_request(oauth.OAuthSignatureMethod_HMAC_SHA1(), consumer, token)
    return oauth_request.to_url()
```

```
https://api.twitter.com/1.1/statuses/user_timeline.json?count=2
&oauth_version=1.0&oauth_token=101...SGI&screen_name=drchuck
&oauth_nonce=09239679&oauth_timestamp=1380395644
&oauth_signature=rLK...BoD&oauth_consumer_key=h7Lu...GNg
&oauth_signature_method=HMAC-SHA1
```

Summary

- Service Oriented Architecture - allows an application to be broken into parts and distributed across a network
- An Application Program Interface (API) is a contract for interaction
- Web Services provide infrastructure for applications cooperating (an API) over a network - SOAP and REST are two styles of web services
- XML and JSON are serialization formats