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**EXPOSING  
A FLEXIBLE, COMPOSABLE & EXTENSIBLE  
REST API**



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# AGENDA

- Quick introduction
  - *provide some context*
- API design constraints & principles
  - *explain the problem we want to solve*
- Building Nuxeo API
  - *REST + Automation + Composition*
- Design consequences
  - *price of flexibility*



# SOME CONTEXT

*What we Do and What Problems We Try to Solve*





*we provide a **Platform** that **developers** can use to  
build **highly customized** Content Applications  
we provide **components**, and the **tools** to assemble them  
everything we do is **open source***

<https://github.com/nuxeo>

various **customers** - various **use cases**



*Track game builds*



*Electronic Flight Bags*



*Central repository for Models*



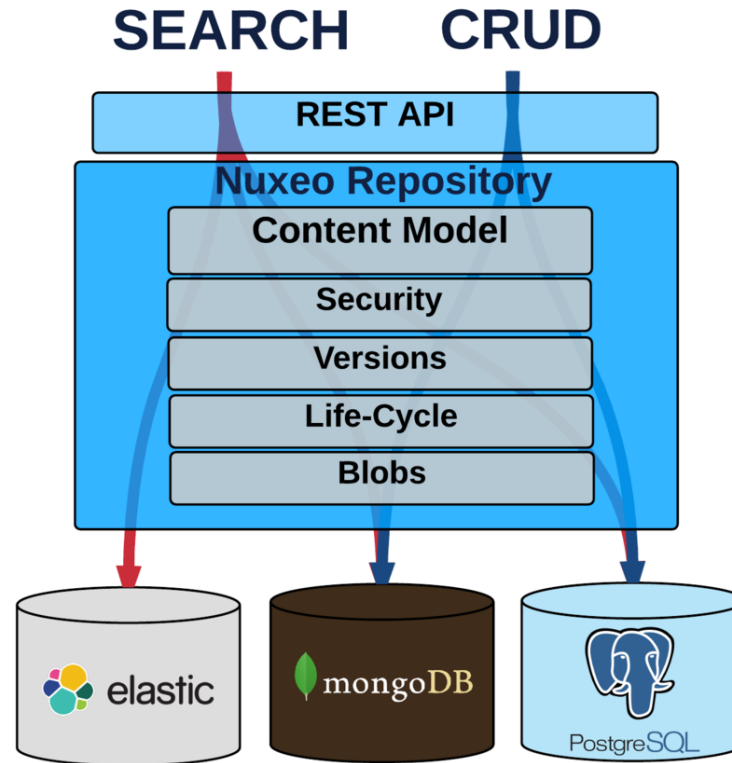
*Food industry PLM*

me: developer & CTO - joined the Nuxeo project 10+ years ago

# NUXEO PLATFORM

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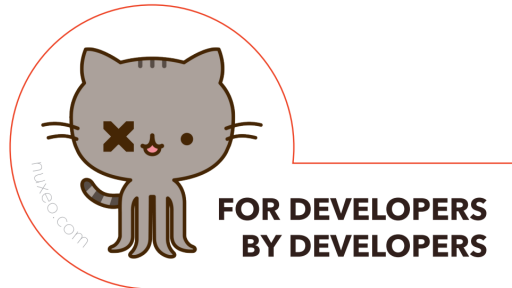
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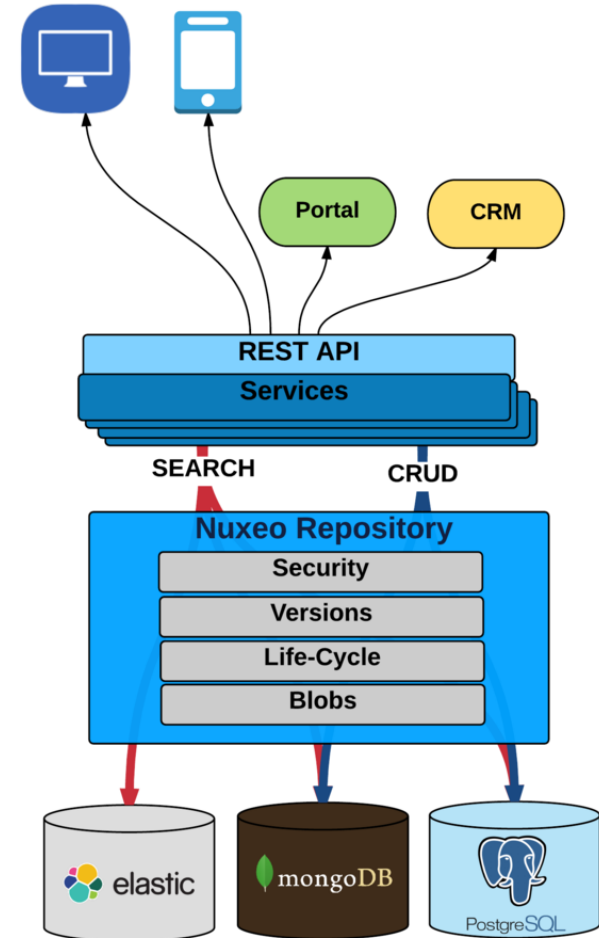
Services

- *Workflows, Conversions, Diff, Notifications, Activity ...*

# WHY API IS KEY FOR US

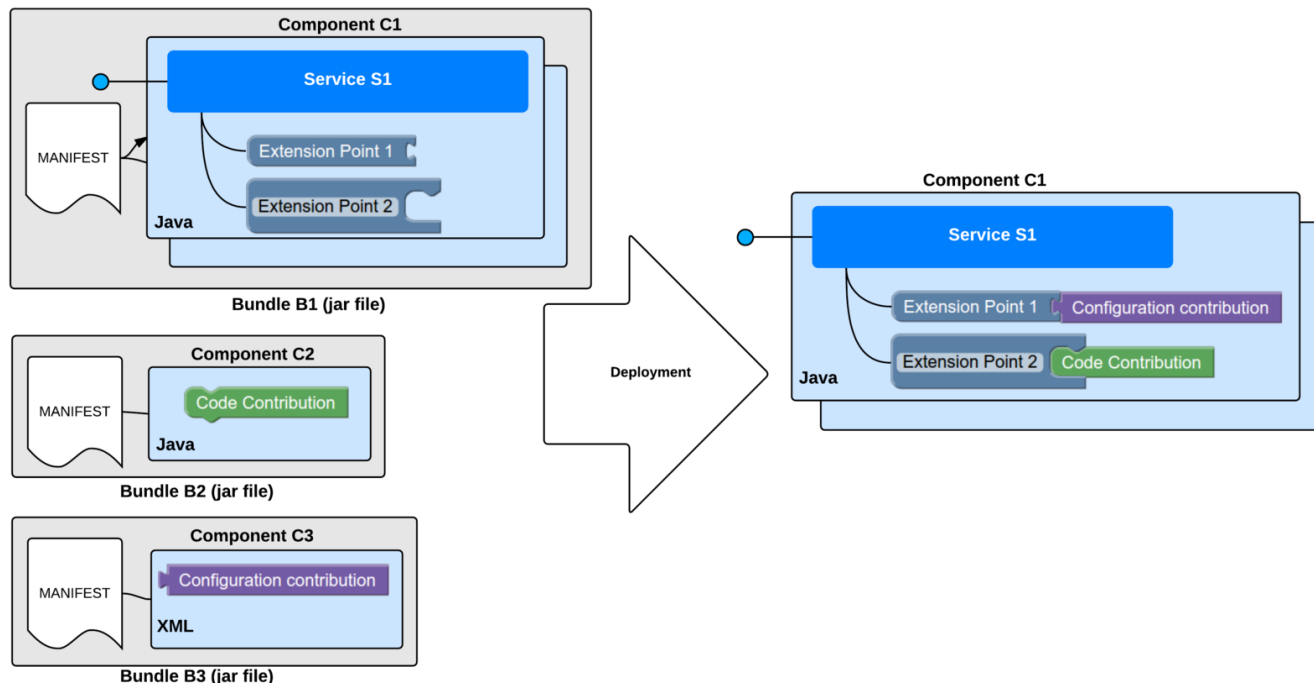


- Nuxeo Repository is a **backend**
  - *Portals, Mobile Apps, ERP, CRM ...*
- API is **UI**
  - *for the developers*
  - *HTML5/JS*



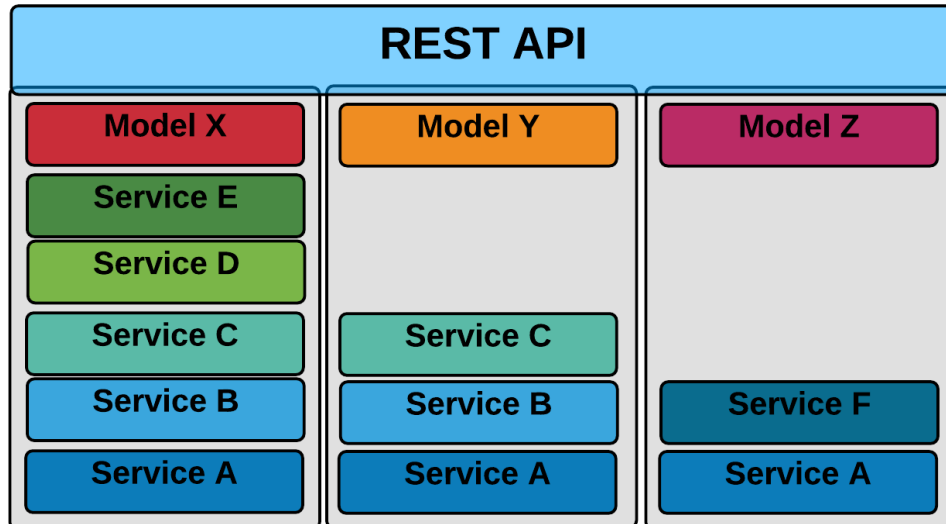
# PLUGABILITY CHALLENGE

- In Nuxeo architecture **everything is a plugin**
  - *Nuxeo Server can provide a single service or 100's of services*
- Everything is **configurable**
  - *Logic and Data Structures depends on configuration*



# API CHALLENGE

Expose a Platform: not an application



"One API"

*but*

**Multiple** combinations

*of*

services, plugins  
and Domain Models

*developers using the platform  
want to expose the API of their Application*



## NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION

One Platform → "One API"





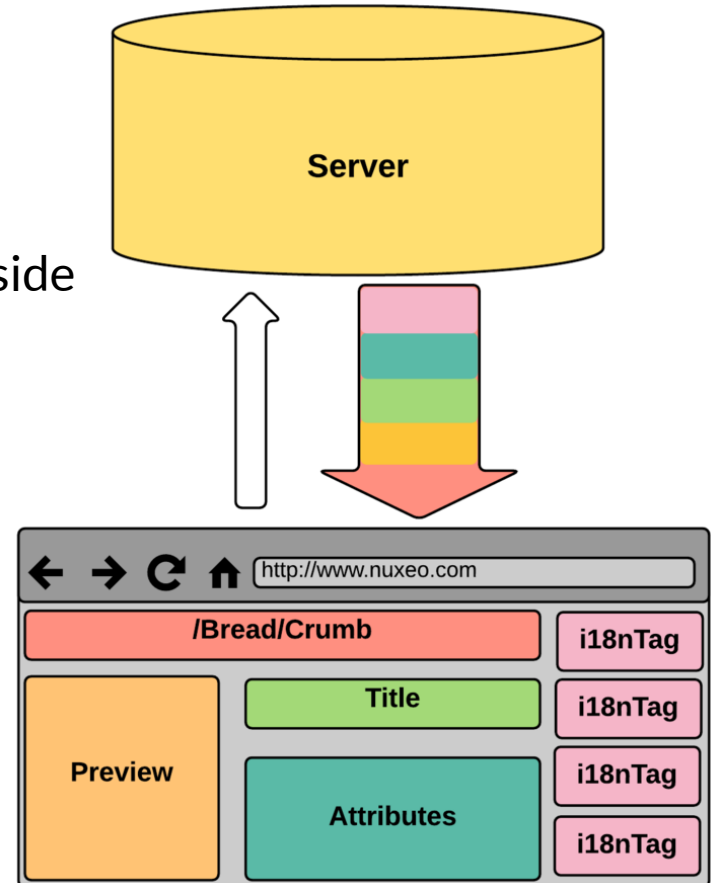
# REST API DESIGN PRINCIPLES

*what we want to have*



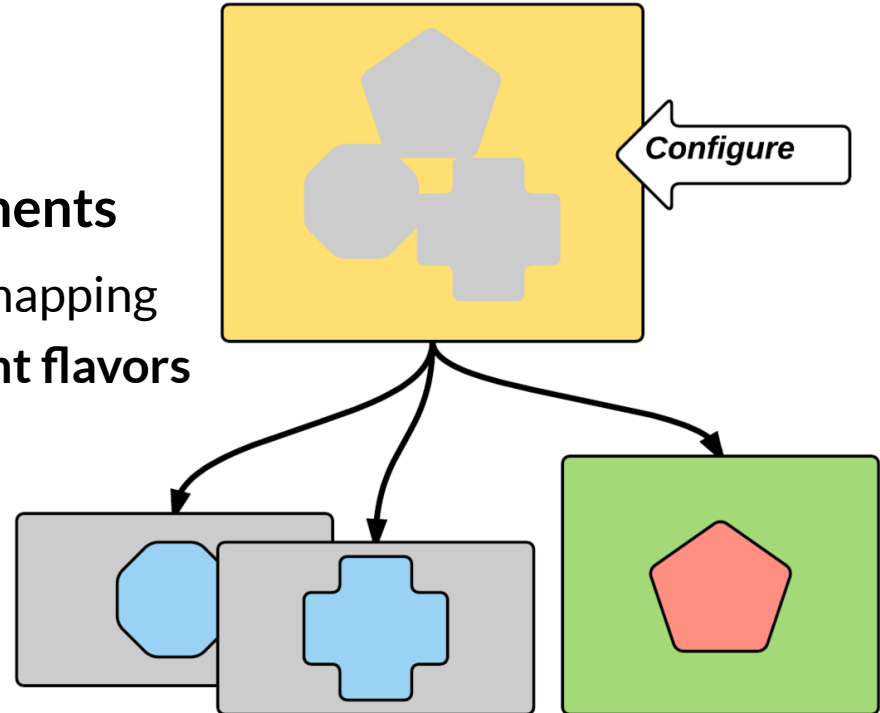
# BE EFFICIENT

- Avoid round trips
  - Get all needed data in one call
  - Resolve some data on the server side
- Avoid fetching too much data



# BE FLEXIBLE

- **Adapt to the server side configuration**
  - Domain model definition
- **Adapt to client side requirements**
  - Provide data for the screen mapping
  - Application can have **different flavors**



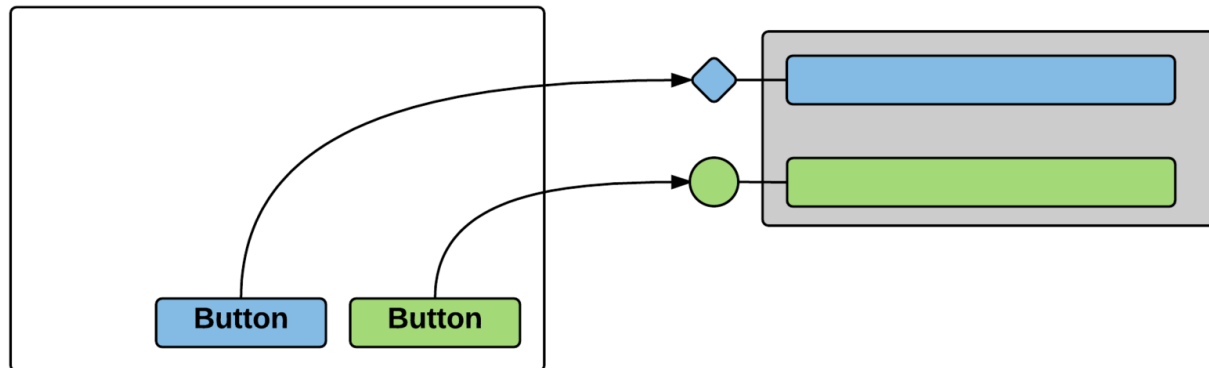
# KEEP IT CLEAN

- Work between **transaction boundaries**
  - do all the work in one call
- Ensure **isolation**
  - Other users should not see inconsistent data
- Maintain **encapsulation**
  - Client should not make assertion on server implementation

*Client consumes a service, it does not build the service.*

# BE EXTENSIBLE

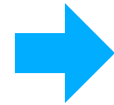
- Expose *any* meaningful business API
  - Make API clean and application maintenance easy
- Adapt API granularity to the target Applications
  - one API behind each single button



*We can not build the target Business API: users/devs will do it*

# BALANCE CLIENT/SERVER ROLES

"one-size-fits-all" does not work



*Client driven*

**CLIENTS**

Ask for the data they need  
Use custom API

"open bar" seems too messy



*Server controlled*

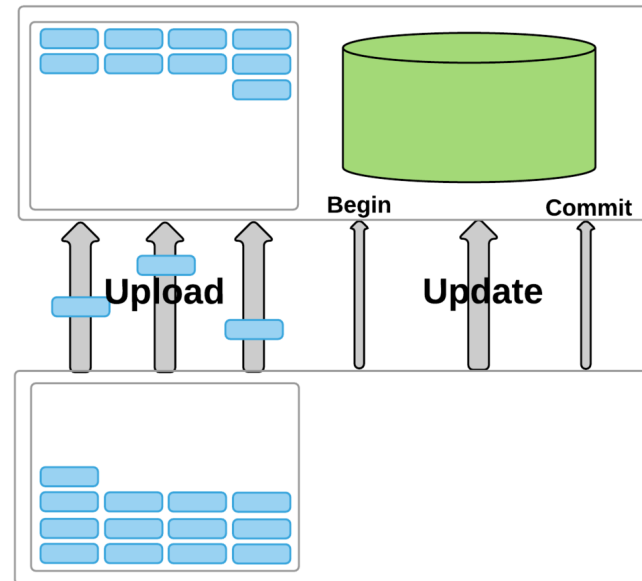
**SERVER**

Manage the meta-model  
Choose what API is exposed  
(*versioned software artifact*)

# BLOB FRIENDLY

- Chunked & Out of band upload

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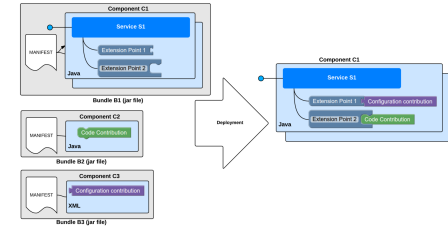


- Cachable and Seekable download



# BE SENSIBLE

- Do not lose our soul
  - *fight to keep the dynamicity of the platform!*
- No REST integrism
  - *Useful is more important than Beautiful*
- Dogfooding is key
  - *if this is not good enough internally, this is not good*
- Building API is part of the development cycle
  - *adding http API should never be a task for later*



**PRINCIPLES**



**BUILD SOMETHING THAT WORKS**

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*Actually, just the chronology has been adjusted !*



# BUILDING THE REST API

*Exposing Resources*



# EXPOSING RESOURCES

Expose **Use Cases** !?

**PLATFORM**  *Target use cases are not defined*

Expose the **Domain Model** !?

**CONFIGURABLE**  *Target Domain Model is unknown*

*Expose raw technical resources !*

# EXPOSE SIMPLE RESOURCES

## Expose raw resources as EndPoint with REST Bindings

### Documents

```
GET /repo/{repoId}/path/{docPath} HTTP 1.1
```

```
GET /repo/{repoId}/id/{docId} HTTP 1.1
```

### Users & Groups

```
GET /user/{userName} HTTP 1.1
```

```
GET /group/{groupName} HTTP 1.1
```

```
GET /directory/{directoryName}/{entryId} HTTP 1.1
```

### Tasks & Workflows

```
GET /workflowModel/{modelName} HTTP 1.1
```

```
GET /workflow/{workflowInstanceId} HTTP 1.1
```

```
GET /task/{taskId} HTTP 1.1
```

# EXPOSE SIMPLE RESOURCES

## path : Access documents by their path

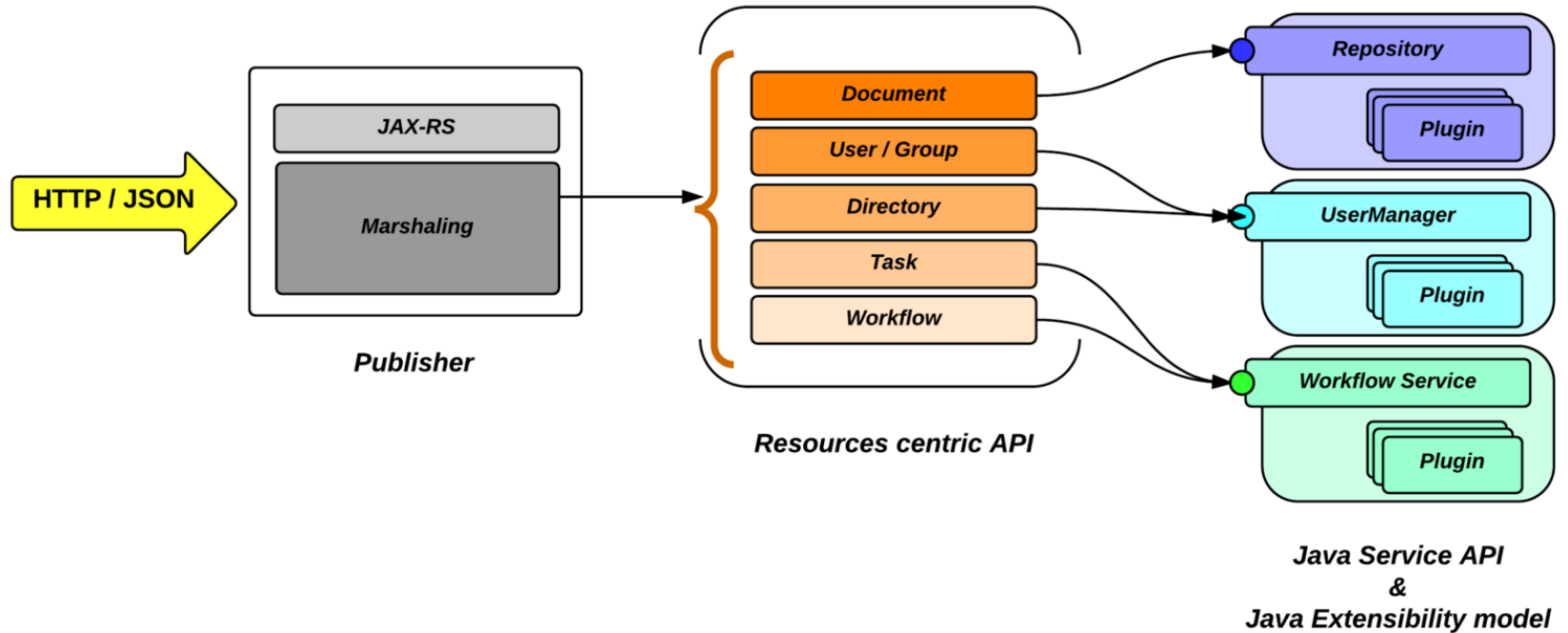
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GET	/path/{docPath}	Find a document by its path
PUT	/path/{docPath}	Updates a document by its path
DELETE	/path/{docPath}	Deletes a document by its path
POST	/path/{docPath}	Creates a document by its parent path
GET	/repo/{repold}/path/{docPath}	Find a document by its path
PUT	/repo/{repold}/path/{docPath}	Updates a document by its path
DELETE	/repo/{repold}/path/{docPath}	Deletes a document by its path
POST	/repo/{repold}/path/{docPath}	Creates a document by its parent path

## id : Access documents by their id

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# EXPOSE SIMPLE RESOURCES





# GET A DOCUMENT

```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars HTTP/1.1
```



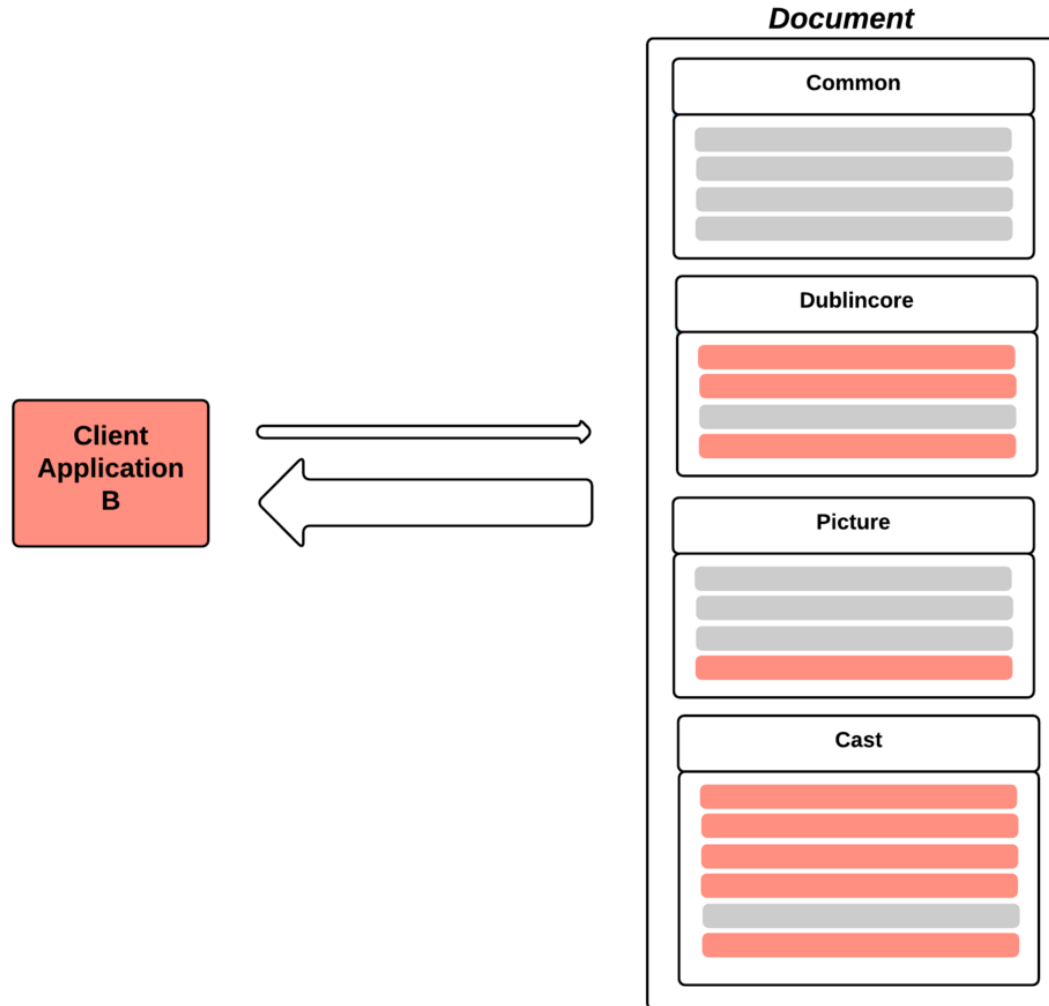
```
{  
  "entity-type": "document",  
  "repository": "default",  
  "uid": "5b352650-e49e-48cf-a4e3-bf97b518e7bf",  
  "path": "/movies/star-wars",  
  "type": "MovieCollection",  
  "isCheckedOut": true,  
  "title": "Star Wars",  
  "facets": [  
    "Folderish"  
  ]  
}
```



*Server returns a minimal payload*

# ADAPTATIVE MARSHALING

Client need to control what **data schemas** are sent



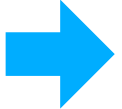
# ADAPTATIVE MARSHALING

- Control what **data schemas** are sent to the client

```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars HTTP/1.1
```

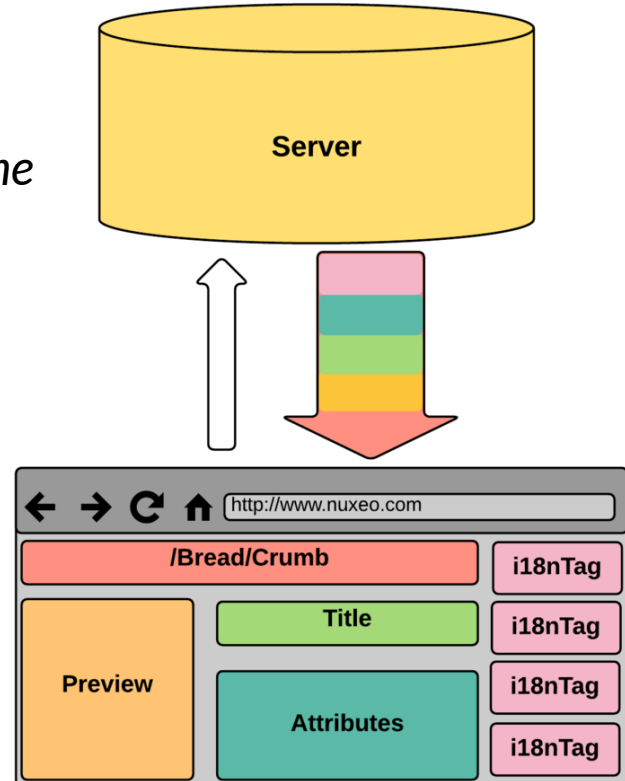
```
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```

```
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  "path": "/movies/star-wars",
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  "properties": {
    ...
    "common:icon": "/icons/movieCollection.png",
    "dc:description": "Star Wars collection",
    "dc:creator": "tiry",
    "dc:modified": "2015-10-22T02:12:59.07Z",
    "dc:lastContributor": "tiry",
    "dc:created": "2015-10-22T02:12:59.07Z",
    "dc:title": "Star Wars",
    ...
    "dc:contributors": [tiry, "system" ]
  },
  "facets": [
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  ]
}
```



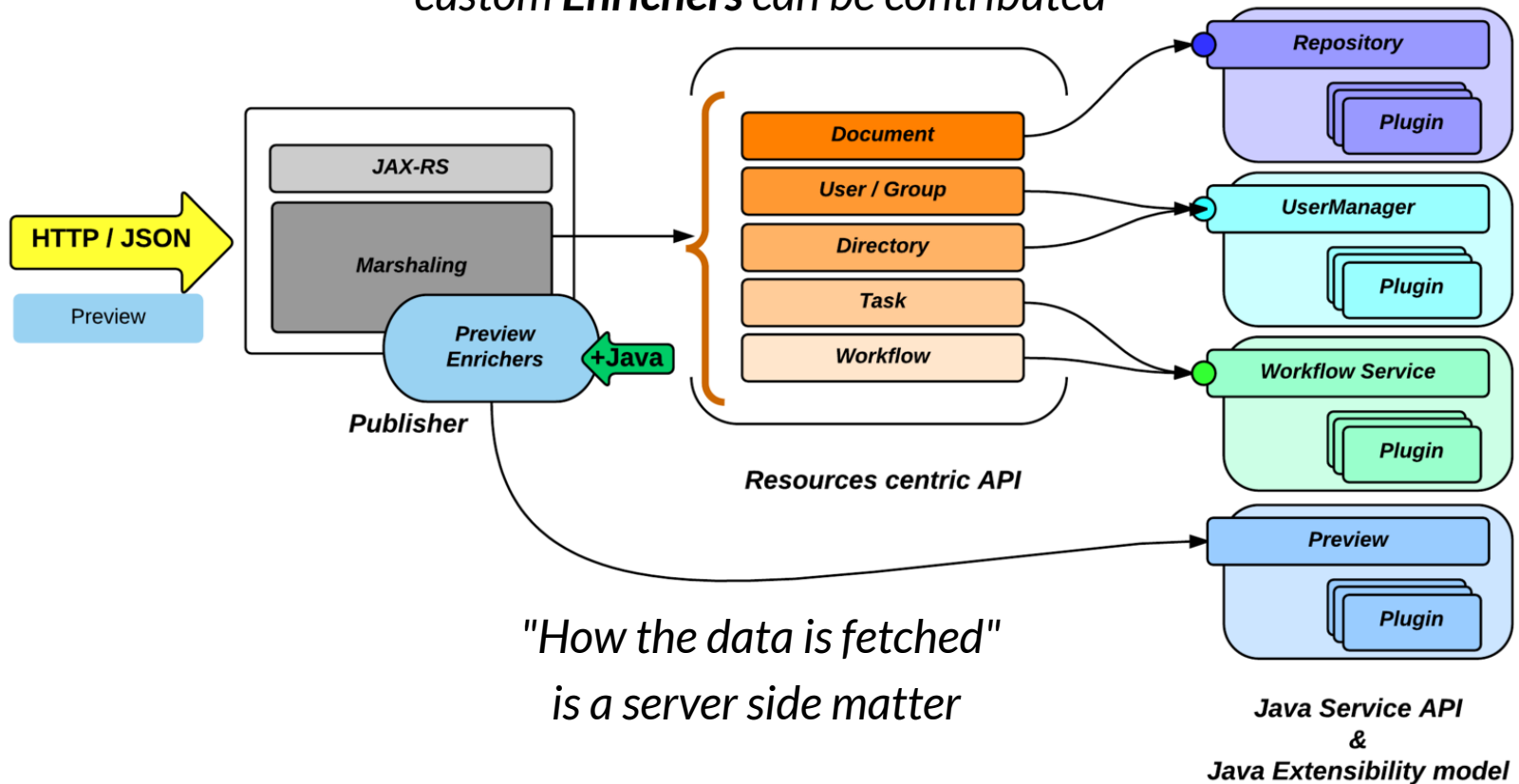
# FETCHING CONTEXTUAL DATA

- Client may require **more data**
  - *get Document children at the same time*
  - *get the breadcrumb data*
  - *get thumbnail or preview url*
  - ...
- Client ask for the data
  - *using Headers*
  - *using Query String parameters*



# FETCHING CONTEXTUAL DATA

Marshaling registry is pluggable  
*custom Enrichers can be contributed*



# FETCHING CONTEXTUAL DATA

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```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars?enrichers.document=thumbnail HTTP/1.1
```

```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars HTTP/1.1
```

```
X-NXenrichers.document: thumbnail
```

```
{
  "entity-type": "document",
  "repository": "default",
  "uid": "5b352650-e49e-48cf-a4e3-bf97b518e7bf",
  "path": "/movies/star-wars",
  "type": "MovieCollection",
  "isCheckedOut": true,
  "title": "Star Wars",
  "contextParameters":
    {
      "thumbnail":
        {
          "url": "/nuxeo/nxthumb/default/5b352650-e49e-48cf-a4e3-bf97b518e7bf"
        }
    },
  "facets": [
    "Folderish"
  ]
}
```

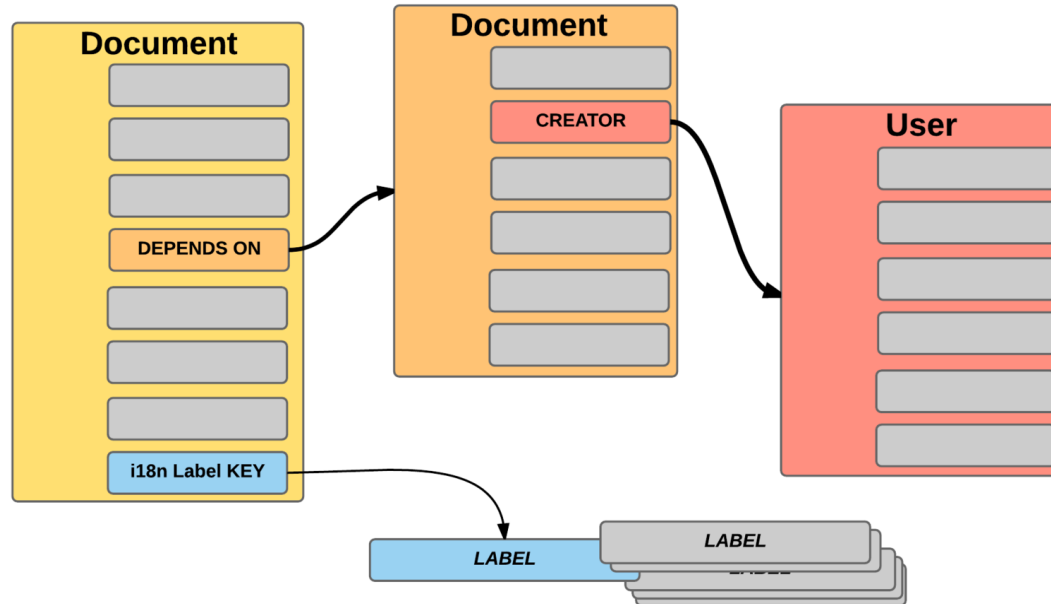


# RETRIEVE LINKED DATA

- Resolve entity fields

- *pointing to a label*
- *pointing to an other Document*
- *pointing to a User*
- ...

## Implicit JOIN



# RETRIEVE LINKED DATA

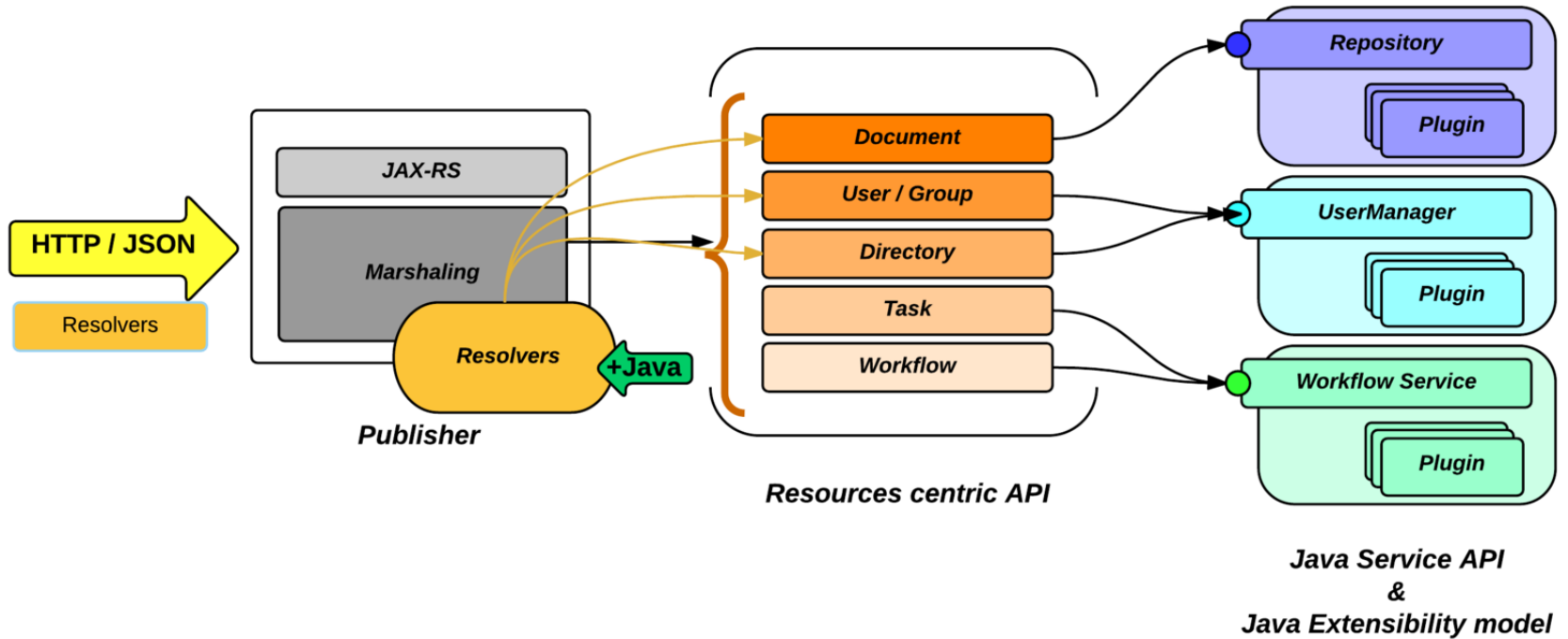
- Use client side parameter to know what to resolve
  - *header*
  - *QueryString parameter*

```
fetch.objectType=fieldToFetch  
translate.objectType=fieldToTranslate  
depth=children
```

- Can be **recursive**
  - *client need to control that too!*



# RETRIEVE LINKED DATA



# ADAPTERS

- Change the **return type**
  - *get only **ACLs** or **History** info about the Document*
  - *get the **tasks** associated to document*

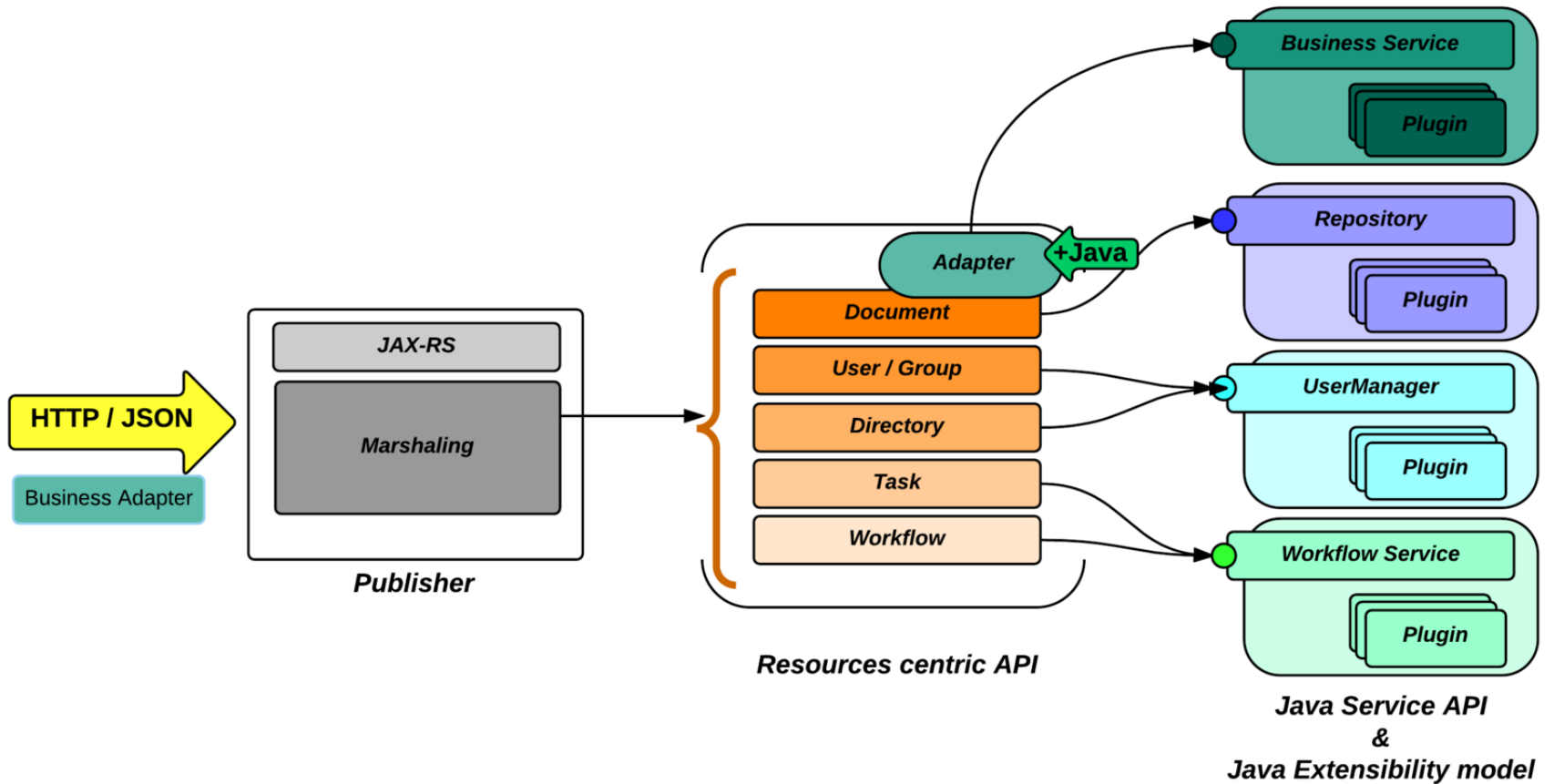
```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars@acl HTTP/1.1
```

```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars@audit HTTP/1.1
```

- Use your own **business object**
  - use **business Adapters**
    - wrap document or documents
    - provide custom marshaling

```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars@bo/MyBusinessObject HTTP/1.1
```

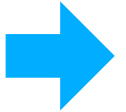
# ADAPTERS



# ADAPTERS

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```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars@bo/MovieCollection HTTP/1.1
```



```
{  
  entity-type: "MovieCollection"  
  id: "5b352650-e49e-48cf-a4e3-bf97b518e7bf",  
  "title": "Star Wars"  
  "episodes": 7  
}
```



# BLOBS

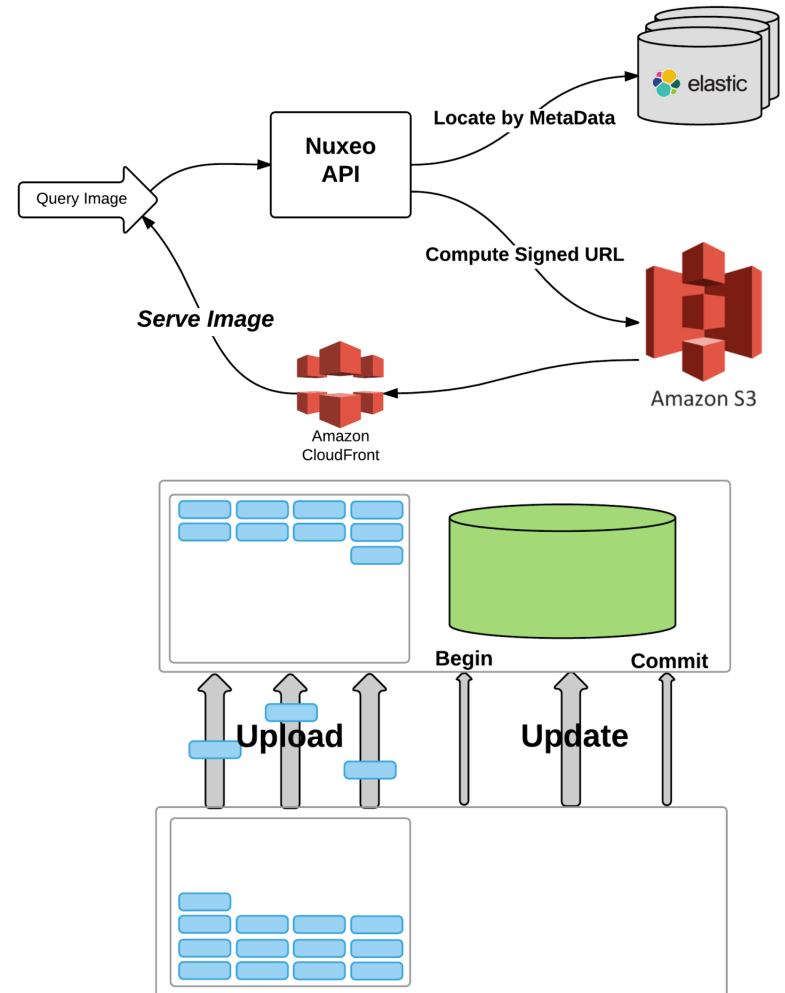
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- Sent as links

- Digest
- CDN

- Uploaded out-of-band

- chunking
- reference in JSON



# BLOB UPLOAD

- Upload EndPoint

```
POST /api/v1/upload/{batchId}/{fileIdx} HTTP 1.1
X-Upload-Chunk-Index 0
X-Upload-Chunk-Count 5
```

- Reference Blobs from JSON Payload

```
PUT /nuxeo/api/v1/path/movies/star-wars HTTP/1.1
```

```
{"entity-type": "document",
  "properties": {
    {
      "file:content" : {
        "upload-batch" : "0b0061d48f69b072",
        "upload-fileId" : 0,
        "type" : "blob"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# ARE WE HAPPY WITH THAT ?



- **Efficiency**
  - *we can get all data in one call*



- **Flexibility**
  - *we can configure the data we want*



- **Extensibility: partial**
  - *enrichers, resolvers & adapters are not always enough*



- **Coverage: poor**
  - *100+ services and only 5 endpoints*
  - *not everything is CRUD*

# NEED A WAY TO MAP 100+ SERVICES

*Without creating 100 endpoints!*

*Need an other paradigm !*



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# AUTOMATION API

*Exposing service API over HTTP*

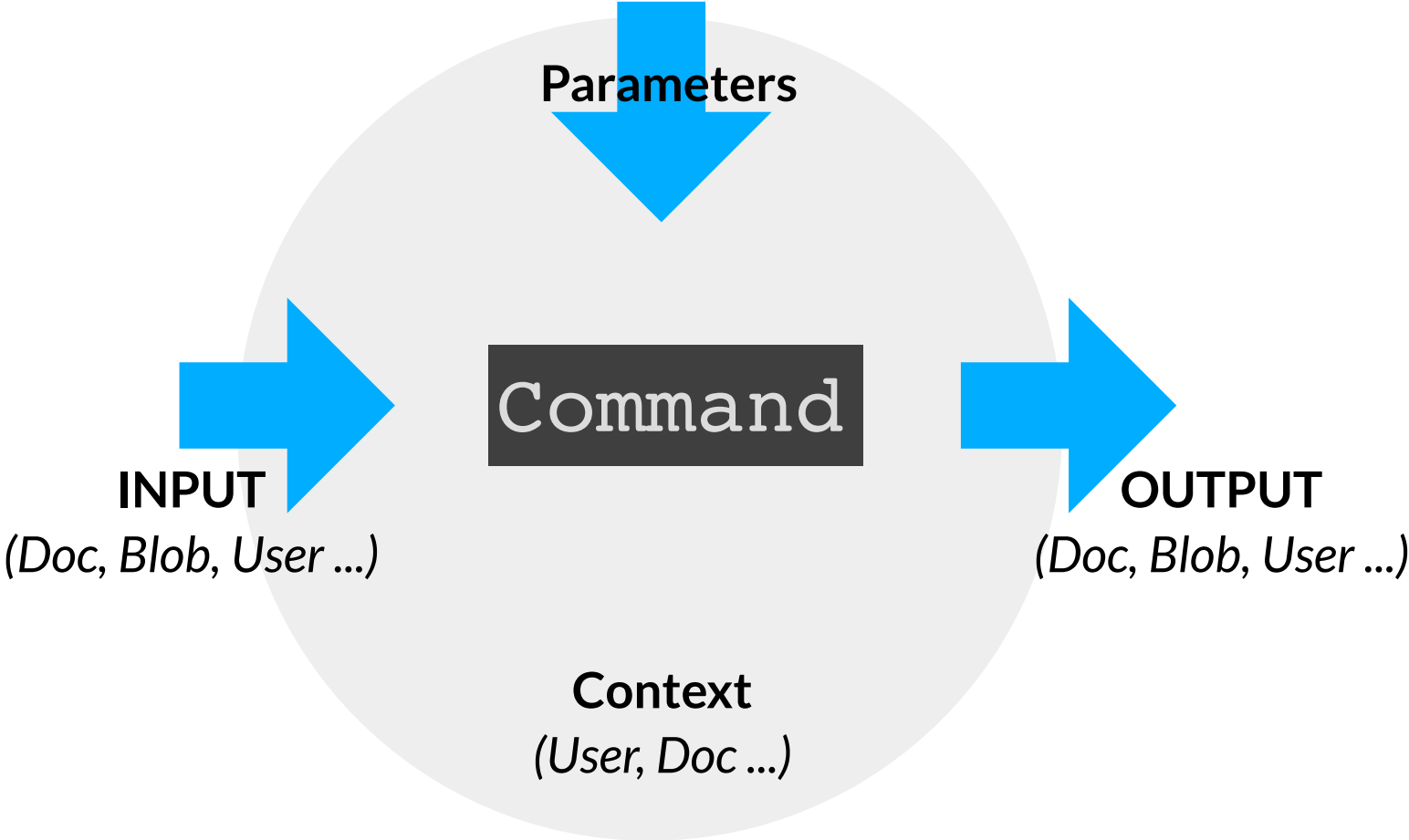


# PRINCIPLES

- Build a **coarse grained API** on top of service Java API
  - select simple **Commands**
- **Shell like** commands !
  - *each service can contribute*

```
> commandA(p1, p2) | commandB(p3, p4)
```

# COMMAND SYNOPSIS



# COMMANDS



WebUI.AddErrorMessage WebUI.AddInfoMessage WebUI.AddMessage Document.AddPermission Document.AddToCollection DocumentMultivaluedProperty.addItem Task.ApplyDocumentMapping Blob.AttachOnDocument BlobHolder.AttachOnCurrentDocument AttachFiles Audit.QueryWithPageProvider Blob.ImportClipboard d Blob.ImportWorklist Blob.RunConverter Document.BlockPermissionInheritance WorkflowModel.BulkRestartInstances Business.BusinessCreateOperation Business.BusinessFetchOperation Business.BusinessUpdateOperation Navigation.GoBack WorkflowInstance.Cancel Navigation.ChangeCurrentTab Document.t.CheckIn Document.CheckOut Update.NewVersionKind LocalWorkflow WebUI.ClearClipboard WebUI.ClearSelectedDocuments WebUI.ClearWorklist WorkflowTask.Complete Blob.ConcatenatePDFs Context.FetchDocument Context.FetchFile Blob.ToPDF Blob.Convert Document.Copy Document.Create FileManager.Import UserWorkspace.CreateDocumentFromBlob Seam.CreateDocumentInUI Picture.Create Document.CreateLiveProxy Document.AddRelation 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Workflow.CreateRoutingTask

Favorite.GetDocuments

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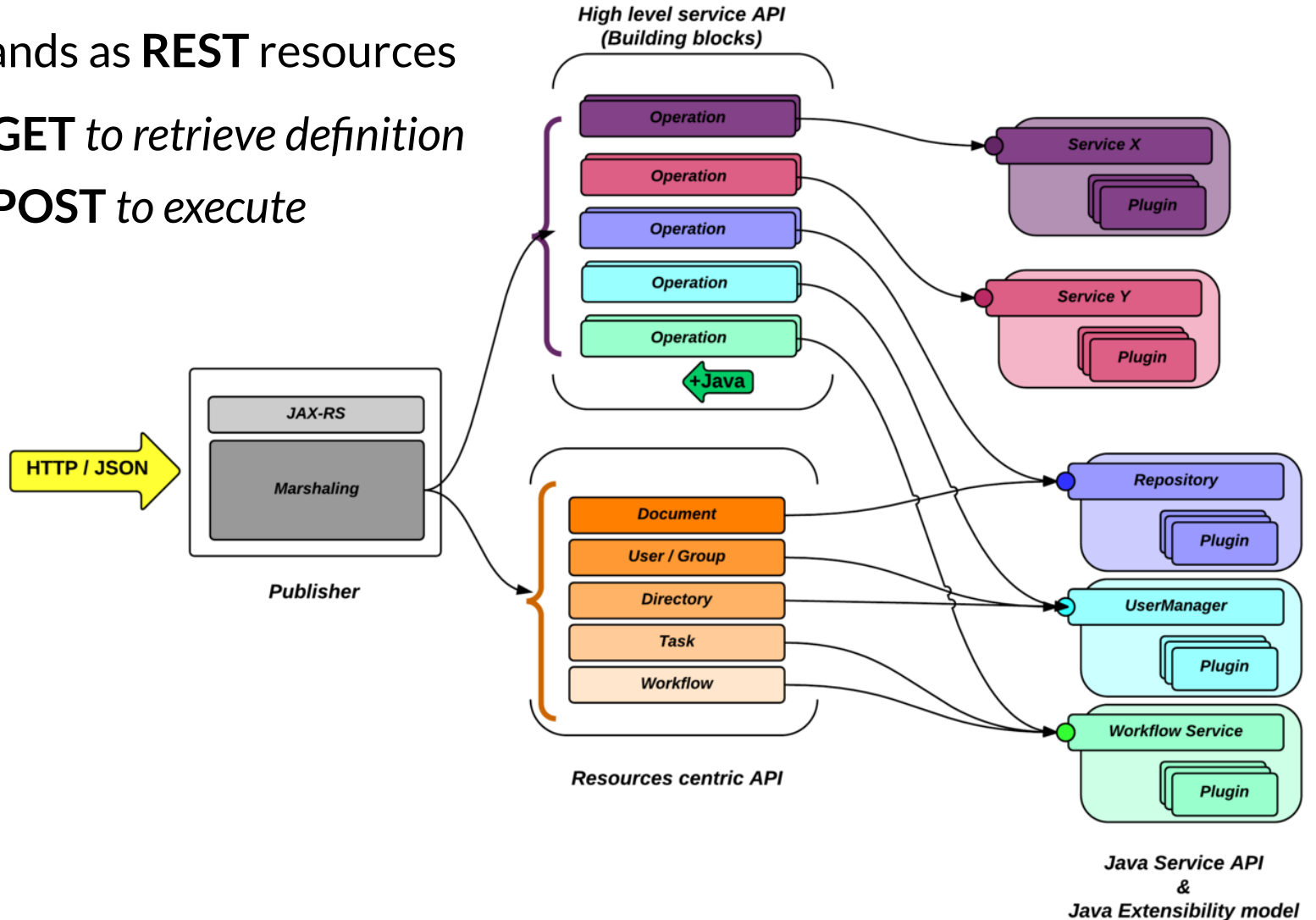
Document.AddRelation

lot of contributed operations

# PRINCIPLES

Commands as **REST** resources

- **GET** to retrieve definition
- **POST** to execute



# GET AN OPERATION

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```
GET /nuxeo/api/v1/automation/Document.PageProvider HTTP/1.1
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

```
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{
  "id": "Document.PageProvider",
  "label": "PageProvider",
  "description": "Perform a query ...",
  "signature": [ "void", "documents" ],
  "params": [
    { "name": "page",
      "type": "integer",
      "required": false
    }, {
      "name": "query",
      "type": "string",
      "required": false,
    },
    ... ]
}
```



# GET AN OPERATION

## Operation *Repository.PageProvider* (PageProvider)

### Description

Perform a query or a named provider query on the repository. Result is paginated. The query result will become the input for the next operation. If no query or provider name is given, a query returning all the documents that the user has access to will be executed.

### General information

<b>Operation id:</b>	Repository.PageProvider
<b>Aliases:</b>	[ Document.PageProvider ]
<b>Category:</b>	Fetch
<b>Label:</b>	PageProvider
<b>Requires:</b>	
<b>Since:</b>	

### Parameters

Name	Description	Type	Required	Default value
currentPageIndex		integer	no	
documentLinkBuilder		string	no	
language		string	no	NXQL
maxResults		string	no	
namedParameters	Named parameters to pass to the page provider to fill in query variables.	properties	no	
page		integer	no	
pageSize		integer	no	
providerName		string	no	
query		string	no	
queryParams		stringlist	no	
sortBy	Sort by properties (separated by comma)	string	no	
sortInfo		stringlist	no	
sortOrder	Sort order, ASC or DESC	string	no	ASC, DESC

### Signature

<b>Inputs:</b>	void
<b>Outputs:</b>	documents

# RUN AN OPERATION

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```
POST /nuxeo/api/v1/automation/Document.PageProvider HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json+nxrequest
{ "params" :
  { "query" : "select * from Note",
    "page" : 0
  }
}
```



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
{
  "entity-type": "documents",
  "pageIndex": 0,
  "pageSize": 2,
  "pageCount": 2,
  "entries": [
    {
      "entity-type": "document",
      "repository": "default",
      "uid": "3f76a415-ad73-4522-9450-d12af25b7fb4",
      ...
    }, { ... }, ...
  ]
}
```



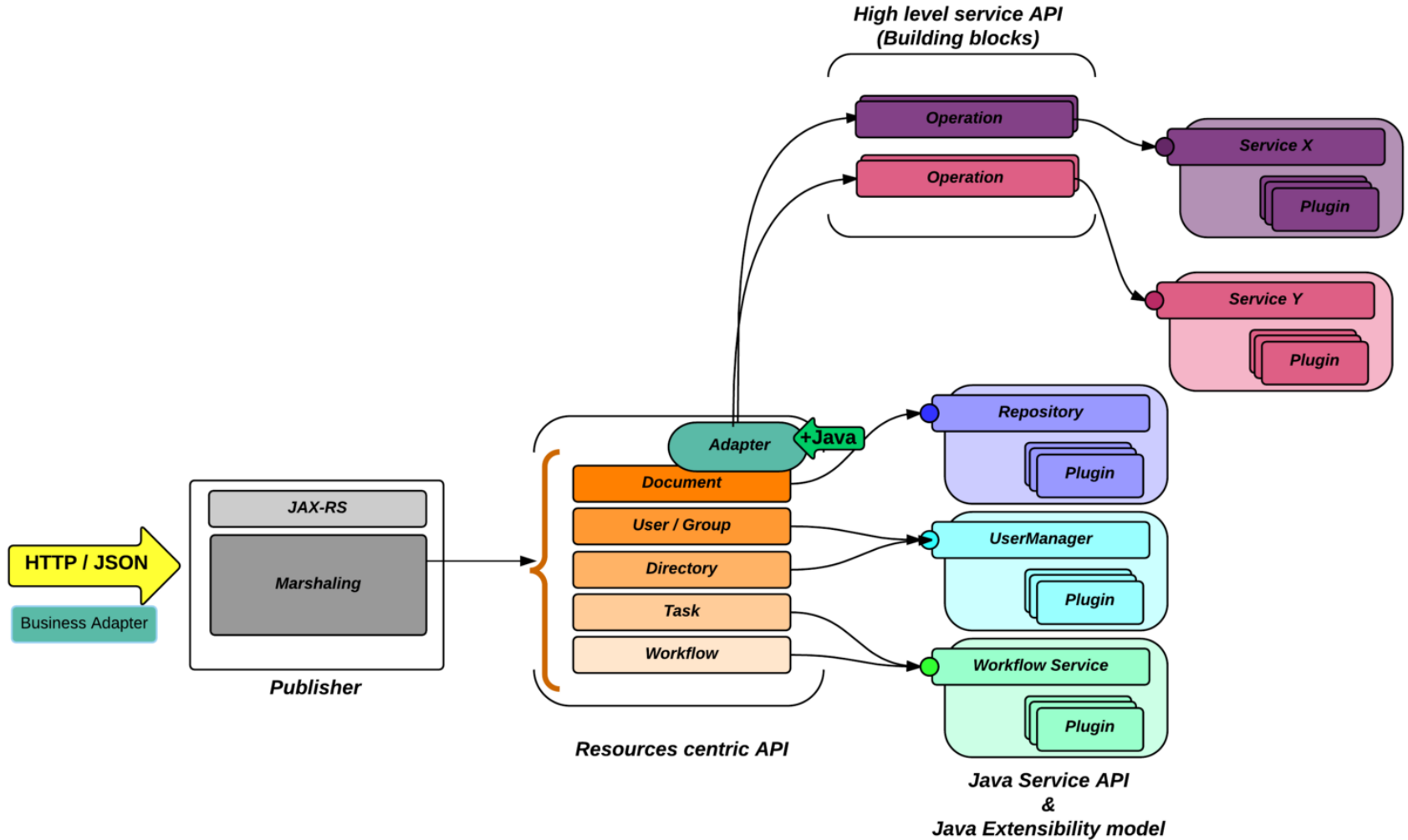


# RESOURCES & AUTOMATION

- Share the **marshaling layer** and **extension**
  - *Enrichers, Resolvers are available too*
- **Compose Resources and Automation API**
  - *Pipe Resources as input for Automation Operation*

```
> cat /doc/path/somedoc | command(p3,p4)
```

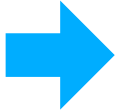
# RESOURCES & AUTOMATION



# RESOURCES > AUTOMATION

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```
POST /nuxeo/api/v1/path/somePath/@op/Blob.ToPDF HTTP/1.1
```



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/pdf  
...
```



# ARE WE HAPPY WITH THAT ?



- **Efficiency**



- **Flexibility**



- **Coverage**

- *all services and plugins can contribute*



- **Extensibility**

- *good, but limited to Java Developers*



- **Consistency**

- *still no way to align Application Transactions*

# MORE COMPOSITION

*assemble API blocks without having to code*

*build business API*

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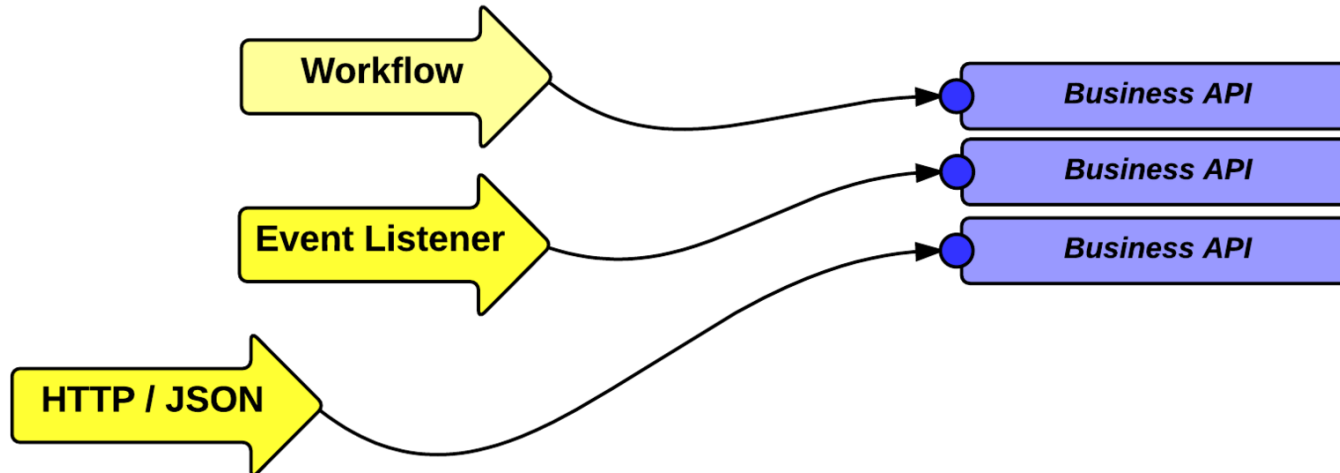
# COMPOSABLE API

Expose the API that matches client needs

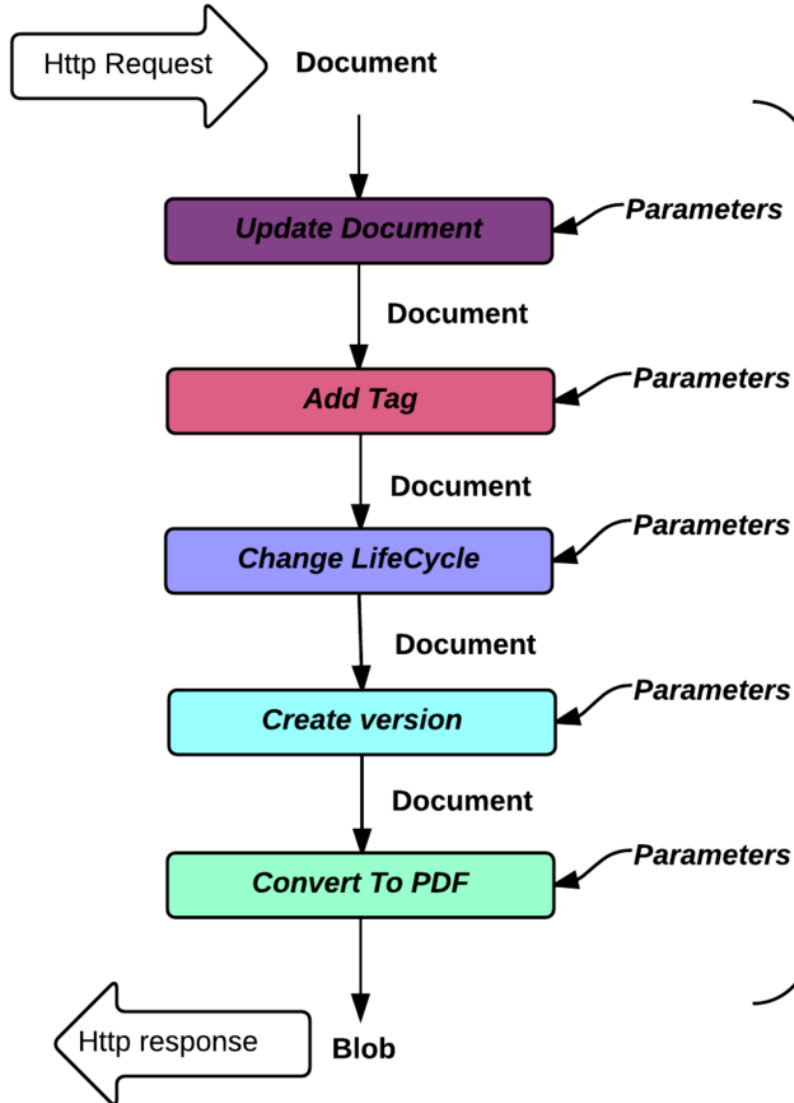


# GOALS

- **Tailor the API** to match application requirements
  - *one API behind every action / button*
- Allow **business analysts** or **UI developers** to tailor the API
  - define what API is exposed
    - UI & Workflow needs



# AUTOMATION CHAIN



- Assemble operations in a **chain**
- Pipe Output / Input
- Give it a **name**
- Call and execute within a **single transaction**

**One Transaction**

**One Context**

**Server side assembly**



# ASSEMBLING CHAINS

Chain editor ?

Chain parameters ?

## Documentation

- Conversion
- Document
- Execution Context
- Execution Flow
- Fetch
- Files
- Local Configuration
- Notification
- Push & Pop
- Scripting
- Services
- User Interface
- Users & Groups
- Workflow Context

- Blob.RunConverter [Add](#)
- Concatenate PDFs [Add](#)
- Convert To PDF [Add](#)
- Convert to given mime-type [Add](#)
- Render Document [Add](#)
- Render Document Feed [Add](#)

Convert the input file to a PDF and return the new file.

**Accepts:** bloblist, blob, document

**Produces:** bloblist, blob, blob

[See Online Help](#)

The context document represents either the current document in the user interface or the target document of a repository event.

[Edit all operations](#)

- Fetch > Context Document(s)** [Edit](#) x ?
- Document > Update Property** [Edit](#) x ?
  - XPath: dc:description
  - save: true
  - value: Changed
- Services > Tag Document** [Edit](#) x ?
  - tags: Changed
- Document > Follow Life Cycle Transition** [Edit](#) x ?
  - Value: validate
- Document > Snapshot Version** [Edit](#) x ?
  - increment: Minor
  - saveDocument: true
- Conversion > Convert To PDF** [Edit](#) x ?

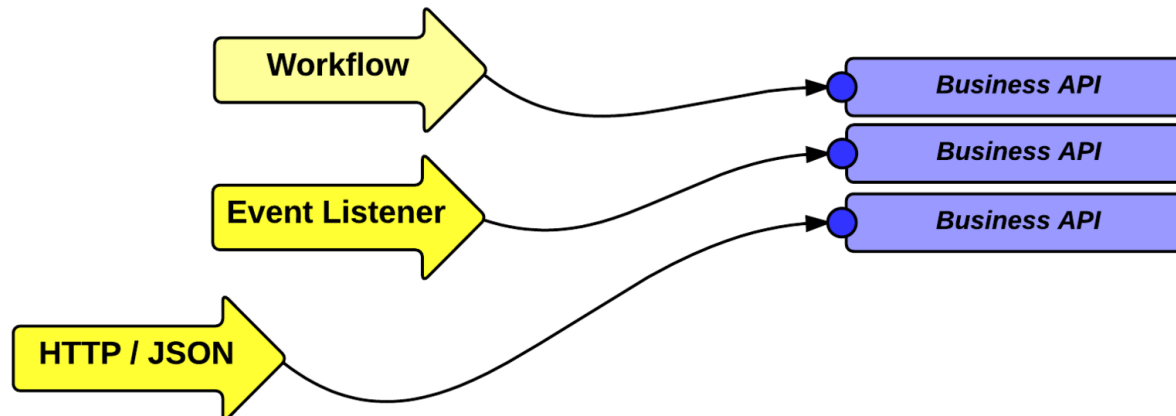
Drop the next operation.

Discard Changes

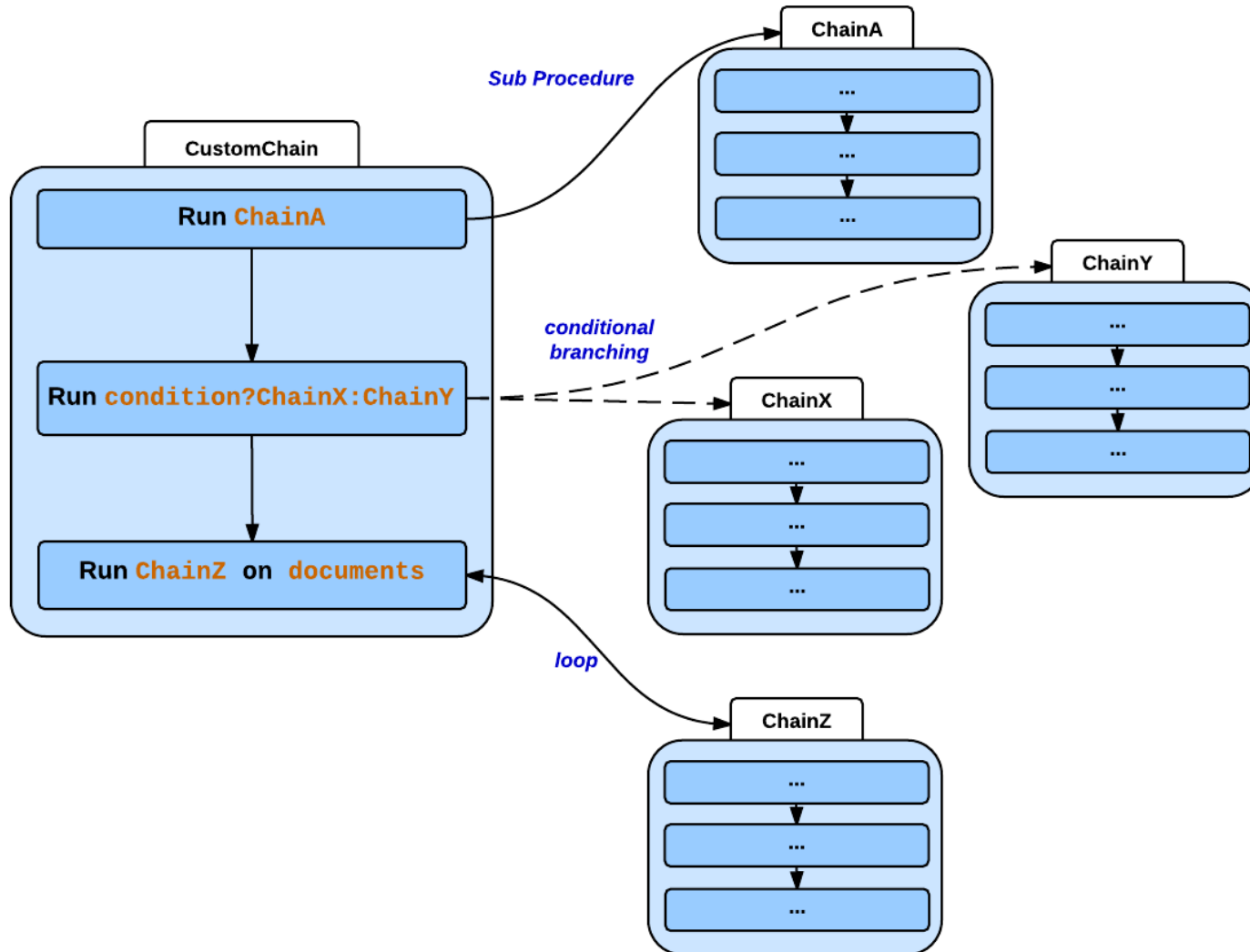
Save

# IT DOES WORK !

- Business users & Front end developers leverage this
  - *to expose custom API for their UI*
  - *to build custom logic inside their Workflows*
  - *to add automatic processing (listeners)*
- Actually it **works almost too well**
  - *users do awfully complicated things*
  - *chains calling chains calling chains ...*



# HAVE WE CREATED A MONSTER ?



## GO FURTHER THAN THE CHAIN MODEL

## USE NASHORN TO ASSEMBLE OPERATIONS

- *Operations remain the building blocks*
- *JavaScript is the glue code to assemble them*

 *better control of the flow*

```
1 function run(input, params) {
2
3     var docs = Seam.GetSelectedDocuments(input, {
4     });
5     /* Description: Fetch the documents selected in the current folder listing */
6
7     if(docs.length>3){
8         var index;
9         for(index=0;index<docs.length;++index){
10             Document.SetProperty(input, {
11                 /*required:true - type: string*/
12                 'xpath': "dc:title",
13                 /*required:false - type: boolean*/
14                 'save': true,
15                 /*required:false - type: serializable*/
16                 'value': "test"
17             });
18             WebUI.Refresh(input, {});
19         }
20     }
21     else{
22         WebUI.AddMessage(input, {
23             /*required:true - type: string*/
24             'message': "DISPLAY IT",
25             /*required:true - type: string*/
26             'severity': "WARN"
27         });
28     }
29 }
30 }
```

Document|

- Document.AddACL
- Document.AddToCollection
- Document.CheckIn
- Document.CheckOut
- Document.Copy
- Document.Create
- Document.CreateLiveProxy
- Document.AddRelation
- Document.Delete
- Document.DeleteRelation
- Document.Export
- Document.FetchByProperty
- Document.Filter
- Document.FollowLifecycleTransi
- Document.GetBlobs
- Document.GetChild
- Document.GetChildren

# Nuxeo Automation Scripting : Blockly Editor

Blockly Editor [Generated JavaScript](#) [XML Blocks](#) [Convert Automation Chains](#)

operation name  Filter

- Control
- Functions
- Variables
- Text
- Math
- Logic
- Automation
  - Helpers
  - Business
  - Chain
  - Conversion
  - Document**
  - Execution Context
  - Execution Flow
  - Fetch
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  - Scripting
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  - Workflow Context

**AddEntryToMultivaluedProperty**

Input value xpath

checkExists

save

**Blob.Set**

Input file

save

xpath

**Collection.AddToCollection**

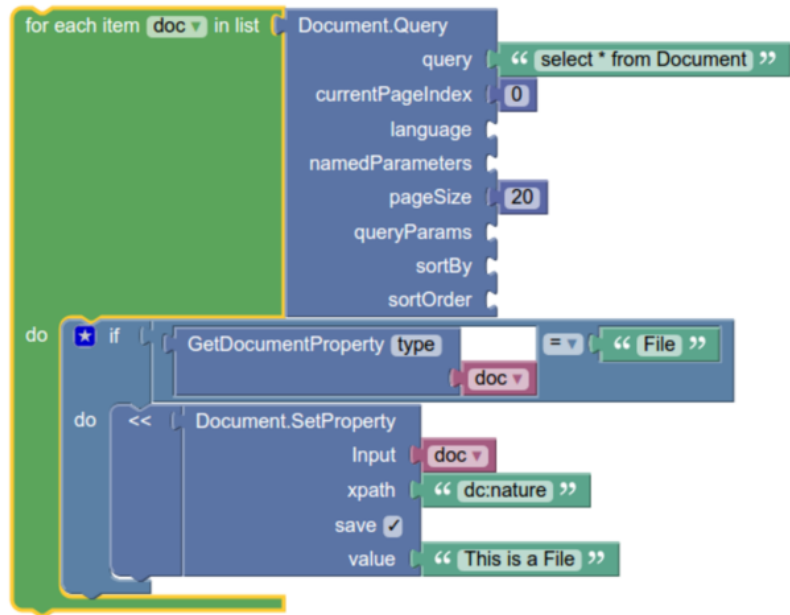
Input collection

**Collection.CreateCollection**

Input name description

**Collection.GetCollections**

searchTerm



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- Coverage
- Extensibility
- Consistency



# DYNAMIC AND COMPOSABLE API

What about the trade-off ?






# DYNAMIC API COMES WITH A PRICE

- **Documentation** is a challenge
  - *maintain up to date and exhaustive*
- **Clients** needs to deal with the dynamic aspect
  - *data mapping*
  - *discover APIs*
- **Debugging** API calls can be challenging

*Introspection is a requirement*

# INTROSPECTION

- **Trace feature**
    - *Allow client to retrieve traces of nested executions (dev mode)*
  - **Introspect the Command API**
    - *GET retrieve definition + doc*
  - **Add REST API to introspect configuration resources**
    - *Document types, Schemas*
    - *(Widgets & Forms)*
-  Provide a **Playground** to test
- *connect to a remote server*
  - *introspect server API and structures*

# Introspect Data Structures

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<http://nuxeo.github.io/api-playground/>

nuxeo API Playground

Data Structures

Search...



Schemas

advanced\_search

audio

authtoken

basicauditsearch

collection

collectionMember

comment

common

conditional\_step\_folder

conditional\_task\_step

Administrator, connected to <http://demo.nuxeo.com/nuxeo>

SIGN OUT

/ Data Structures / Schemas / dublincore

## dublincore

PREFIX: DC

Name	Type
contributors	null#anonymousType[]
coverage	coverage#anonymousType
created	date
creator	creator#anonymousType
description	string
expired	date
format	string
issued	date
language	string

# Introspect Resources



<http://nuxeo.github.io/api-playground/>

Resources Endpoints

- Directory
- Group
- Id
- Path**
  - GET**  
/path/{docPath}
  - PUT**  
/path/{docPath}
  - DELETE**  
/path/{docPath}
  - POST**  
/path/{docPath}
  - GET**  
/repo/{repoid}/path/{docPath}
  - PUT**  
/repo/{repoid}/path/{docPath}
  - DELETE**  
/repo/{repoid}/path/{docPath}
  - POST**  
/repo/{repoid}/path/{docPath}
- Query

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Resources Endpoints / Path / GET


## GET /api/v1/path/{docPath}

Find a document by its path

### Parameters

Name	Value	Description	Type
docPath	<input type="text"/>	Path of the document, ex: 'default-domain'	string <small>PATH</small>

*Click on Run for executing the request. You can also click on the "settings" icon for adding custom headers to your request. Then click on the "CURL request" tab for seeing the details of the request.*

 **RUN**

# Introspect Command API



<http://nuxeo.github.io/api-playground/>

Command Endpoint

Search...

- User Interface
- Document
- Add Permission
- Add document to collection
- Add entry into multi-valued metadata
- Check In
- Check Out
- Copy
- Create
- Create Proxy Live
- Create a collection

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Command Endpoint / Document.Copy

## POST /api/automation/Document.Copy

**COPY**

Copy the input document into the given folder. The name parameter will be used as the copy name otherwise if not specified the original name will be preserved. The target folder can be specified as an absolute or relative path (relative to the input document) as an UID or by using an EL expression. Return the newly created document (the copy).

### Input

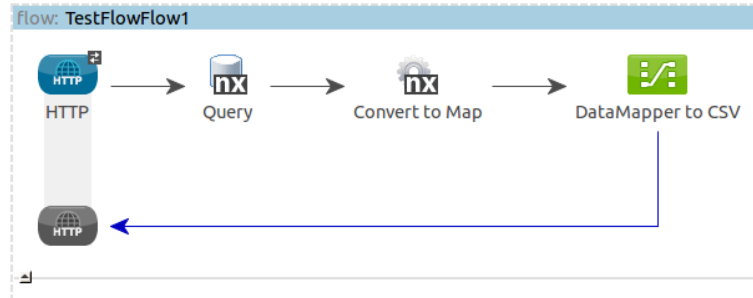
document

### Parameters

Name	Value
target	<input type="text"/>
name	<input type="text"/>

# INTROSPECTION IN ACTION

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There are no errors

Element Mapping For each Note --> Invoice

Graphical Script Preview

type filter text

- dc\_modified : DateTime
- dc\_nature : String
- dc\_publisher : String
- dc\_rights : String
- dc\_source : String
- dc\_title : String
- dc\_valid : DateTime
- ecm\_id : String
- ecm\_path : String
- ecm\_repository : String
- ecm\_state : String
- ecm\_type : String
- note\_mime\_type : String
- note\_note : String
- uid\_major\_version : Long
- uid\_minor\_version : Long
- uid\_uid : String
- dc\_contributors : dc\_contributors
  - item : String
- dc\_subjects : dc\_subjects

INVOICES XML

- INVOICE : INVOICE
  - ACCEPTED\_PAYMENTS
    - CHANNEL : String
    - INVOICE-ID : String
    - CONTENT : String
    - TYPE : String
    - REGULATORY\_COUNTRY : String
    - ACOUNTANCY\_CATEGORY : String
    - AMOUNT : String

Output arguments

- Drag an Input attribute to an Output attribute to assign/concatenate.
- Drag an Input element list to an Output one to map their attributes.

Using introspection from Mule ESB DataSense

# CLIENTS LIBS

Dynamic API → more complex to use !?

## client libraries



# NEXT CHALLENGES



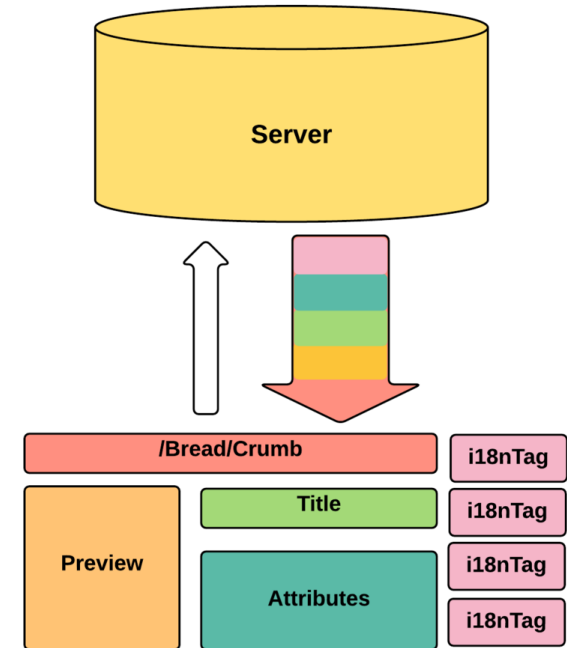
# UI INTROSPECTION



- **Introspect UI components tree**
  - *gather needed data*



- **Auto-configure Nuxeo Calls**
  - *schemas, enrichers, resolvers ...*
- **Post back aggregated data**
  - *reverse enrichers and resolvers ?*



# SOME LINKS



<http://nuxeo.github.io/api-playground/>

<https://university.nuxeo.io/>

<https://doc.nuxeo.com/display/NXDOC/REST+API>

*<https://github.com/nuxeo>*

[nuxeo-workshop-restapi](#)

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**ANY QUESTIONS ?**

*Thank You !*

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