Web Services

What are they and why should we use them?

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Agenda

What we're going to be exploring today:

- ✦ What is a web service?
- ✦ Why use web services?
- ✦ Code Along: Lets build a web-service
- ✦ Demo: Web-services in action
- ✦ Q&A Session

What is a Web Service?

- ✦ Any arbitrary piece of software that is made available over a network
- ✦ Language Agnostic: Can be written in any programming language
- ✦ Can be internal (Private Network) or external (Internet)
- ✦ Comes in two Flavors: SOAP & REST

“A web service is a generic term for an interoperable machine-to-machine software function that is hosted at a network addressable location.”

- IBM

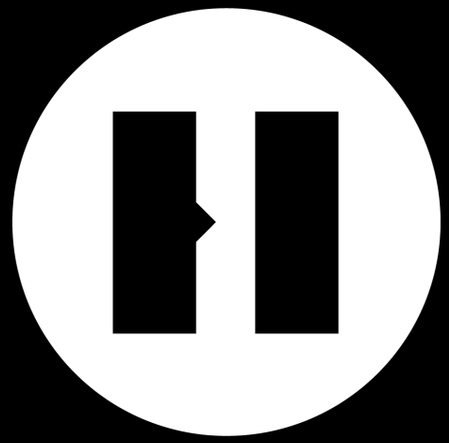
Why use Web services?

- ✦Code once, use anywhere: Reuse code to share functionality across multiple applications
- ✦Expose custom or third-party libraries and packages (ex. NPM, pip, Composer, etc.) via HTTP
- ✦Facilitate communication between applications written in different languages
- ✦Makes our applications more modular, thus making it easier to scale

How we use Web services here at Harmonic

We …

- ✦Deploy internal RESTful Web services for any code/ functionality that we want to be able to re-use
- ✦Use our internal services to quickly build out prototypes
- ✦Integrate web services into our FileMaker Solutions to add/ extend functionality



Code Along: Lets build a web-service

Date/Time API

We'll be building a NodeJS Web Service to format and convert timestamps

Lets Code! 👨🏾‍💻

Demo Time! 🙌🏽

Lets grab a book from:

La Biblio-Tech-a

What we've learned ✨

A Web services is…

A piece of software that performs some tasks and is made available over a network.

Web services can help us…

✦Share common code and data with multiple applications

✦Facilitate communication between applications written in different languages

✦Add or extend functionality to our FileMaker Solutions

✦Speed up our prototyping and development process

✦Help us design and build more scaleable resilient applications

Questions?