



ColdBox



ColdFusion Powered

Mobile Applications
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ColdBox



Who am I?



Who am I?

- ✦ Luis Majano - Computer Engineer
- ✦ Born in El Salvador ----->
- ✦ President of Ortus Solutions
- ✦ Manager of the IECFUG
(www.iecfug.com)
- ✦ Creator of ColdBox, MockBox, LogBox, CacheBox, WireBox, ContentBox, or anything Box!
- ✦ Documentation Weirdo!



Professional Open Source



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- **ColdBox Platform, Relax, ContentBox, CodexWiki, etc**
- Professional Training & Books
- Support & Mentoring Plans
- Architecture & Design Sessions
- Server Tuning & Setup
- Code Reviews & Sanity Checks
- Consulting
- We can teach salsa dancing too!

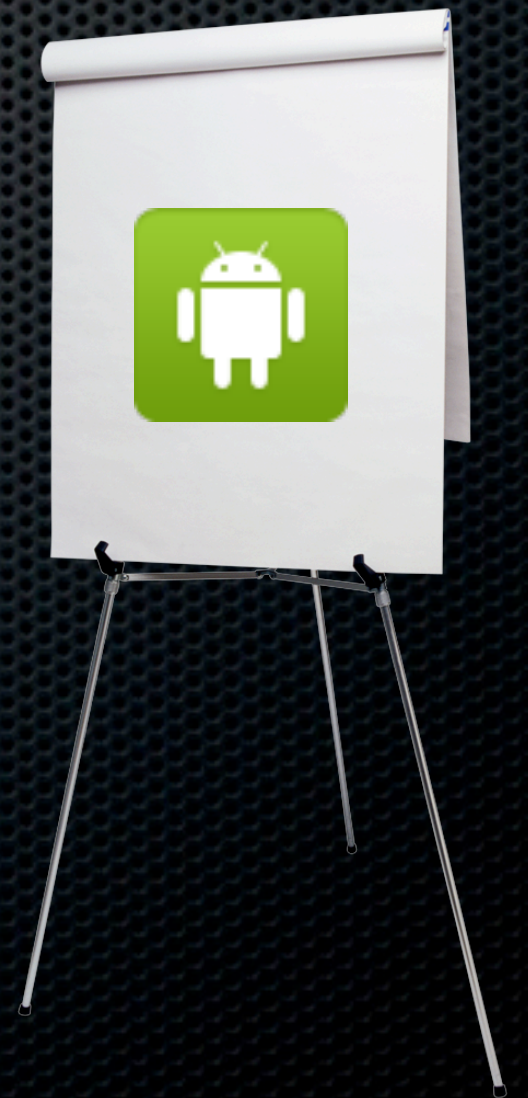


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What we will cover?

- ✦ Communication protocols & data formats
- ✦ Why power a mobile app via ColdFusion
- ✦ ColdBox RESTful web services
- ✦ Resources identification & domain analysis
- ✦ RESTful Modeling via Relax!
- ✦ Application development basics
- ✦ Documentation, yes Documentation!
- ✦ Cool Demo



Getting Started



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Mobile



CFServer



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Communication Protocols

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- ✦ HTTP/S is our main protocol of communication
 - ✦ **RESTful web services** or
 - ✦ SOAP
 - ✦ XML-RPC
- ✦ Data Formats
 - ✦ XML
 - ✦ **JSON**



Our Recommendations



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- ✦ **RESTful** web services
 - ✦ low ceremony services
 - ✦ resource oriented & not RPC method oriented
 - ✦ readability & abstractions
 - ✦ easy to refactor & expand
 - ✦ > bandwidth
- ✦ **JSON** over XML
 - ✦ less verbose
 - ✦ lightweight communication
 - ✦ better iPhone support



Representational State Transfer (REST)



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- ✦ Identify Resources to an URI
- ✦ The resource responds to different HTTP verbs
- ✦ The deeper you go in the resource -> More detail
- ✦ Use URL params + HTTP Headers
- ✦ Basic Verbs
 - ✦ GET - Represent resource(s)
 - ✦ PUT - Update
 - ✦ POST - Save
 - ✦ DELETE - Delete

```
/resource  
/resource/detail  
/resource/detail/moredetail?param1=value
```





What powers our Mobile Devices



What do I do?





ColdFusion+ColdBox



Testing

Modularity

Extensibility

Utilities

SES URLs

Logging

Scalability

Caching

Debuggers

Data Formats

HTTP Security

HTTP Verb Recognition

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“Everything you need to power a mobile app!”



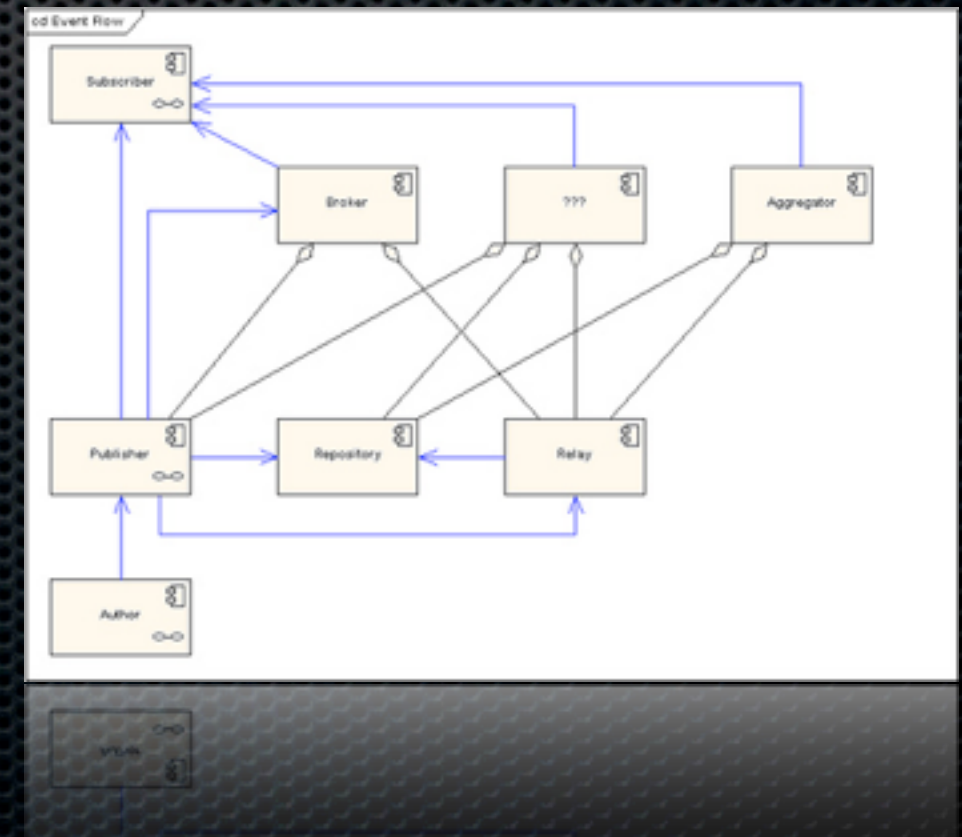
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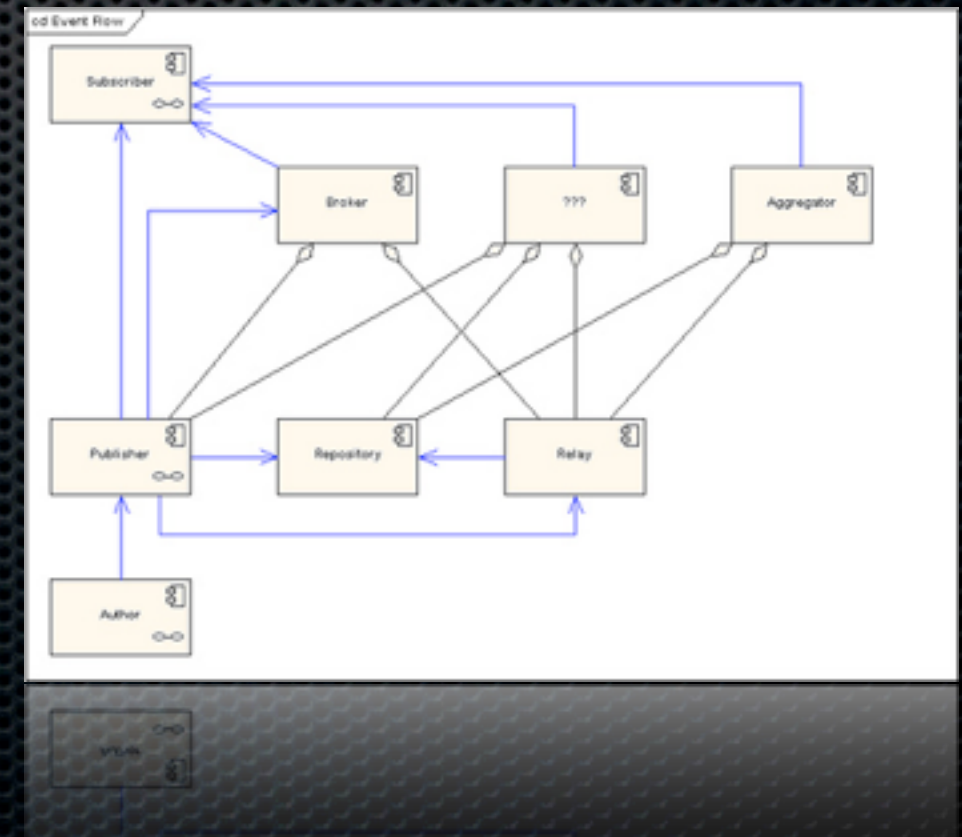
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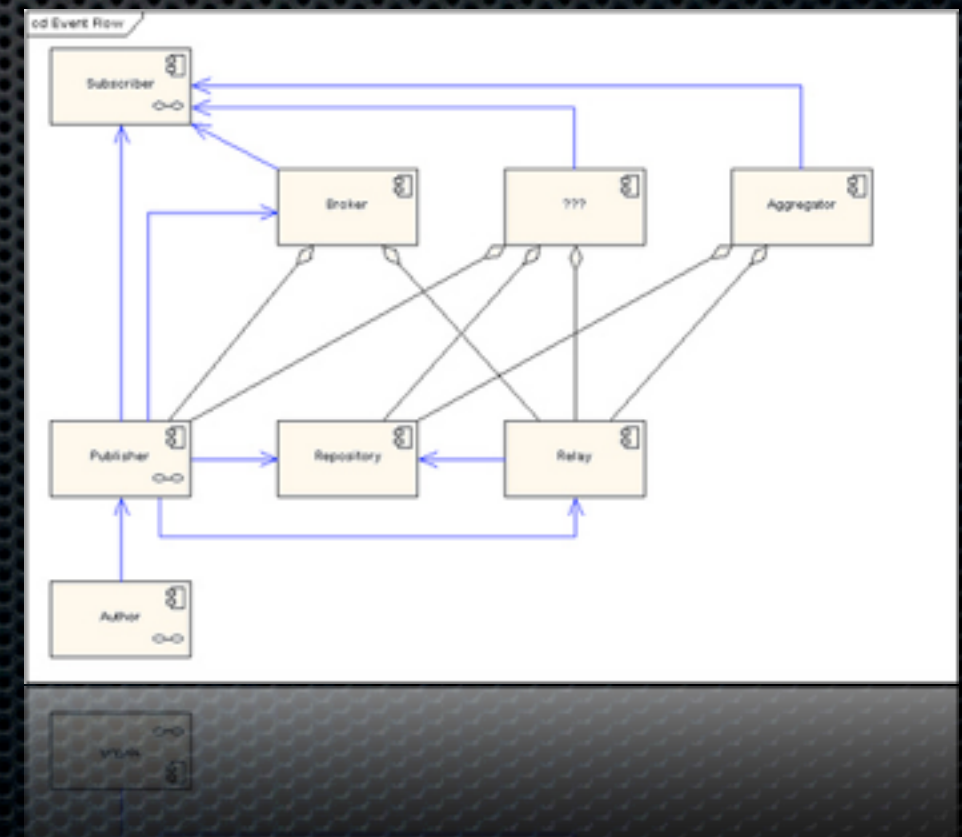
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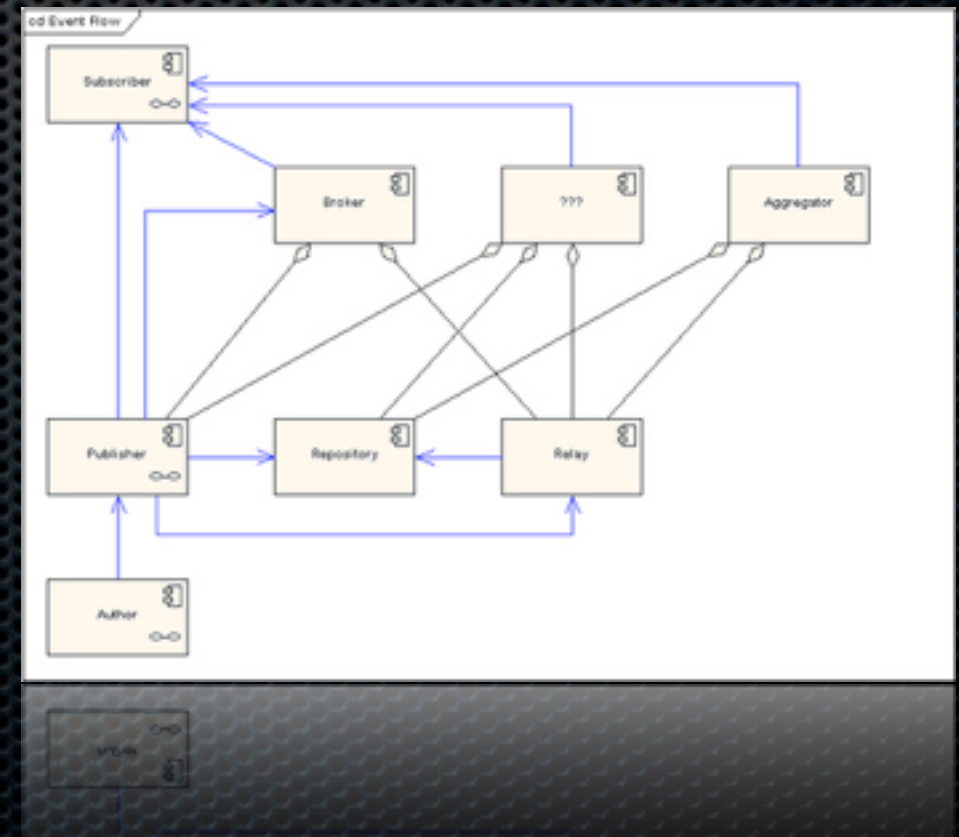




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```
/api/user/:username?  
- GET -> index  
- POST -> create  
- PUT -> update  
- DELETE -> remove
```



API Security



API Security

- ✦ Approaches:
 - ✦ Registered Client API Keys or Tokens
 - ✦ API Key + Secret Encryption Keys (Like Amazon)
 - ✦ Basic Authentication (At least its something!)
 - ✦ IP Based Filtering/Tagging (Programmatic/Firewall/Etc)
 - ✦ Headers
- ✦ HTTPS is a must!
- ✦ HTTP Method Security
- ✦ Request Throttling
- ✦ How secure do you need to be?





Let's build our service!



now?



Right Tools





Right Tools



- ✦ CFBuilder + ColdBox Platform Utilities
 - ✦ Code Generation
 - ✦ Templating
 - ✦ Syntax Highlighting
 - ✦ Code Introspection
 - ✦ API Quick Docs
 - ✦ Much more..



Right Tools





Right Tools



- ✦ HTTP Monitors/Proxies
 - ✦ Charles, FireBug, HTTPFox
- ✦ RESTFul Consoles
 - ✦ Relax
 - ✦ Eclipse
 - ✦ REST Client for FireFox





Right Tools



RELAX



Right Tools



- ✦ **RESTFul Tools For Lazy Experts**
- ✦ ColdBox Module
- ✦ RESTful API resource modeling
- ✦ Documentation Generation
 - ✦ CodexWiki, Mediawiki, Trac, PDF, HTML
- ✦ Service Logging & Monitoring
- ✦ RelaxURL Console (Pronounced “Relaxer”)
 - ✦ Test your resources
 - ✦ Save your requests for later testing



Service Setup

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- ✦ Generate application
- ✦ Configure Logging (LogBox)
 - ✦ DB Appender 4 Relax Monitoring
- ✦ Configure 4 Full URL Rewrites
 - ✦ mod_rewrite, ISAPI, etc
- ✦ Install Relax Module
- ✦ Create our own Relaxed API

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Let's Start This Bad Boy Up!



RESTful Tools For Lazy Experts

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Relax v.1.5

ColdBox Relax

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Welcome To Relax

Welcome to your Relax Console. We have successfully read the Relax DSL for your loaded API: **myapi**. Below is the RESTful documentation. From here you can also tap into our RelaxURL console to test the resources or any web RESTful service or view our awesome RelaxLogs log viewer.

Service Overview

Defined Resources

HTTP Codes

Generated Routes

My RESTful Service

A very cool RESTful Service

Service Entry Point(s)

DEV

1 | http://dev.myapi.com

PRODUCTION

1 | http://www.myapi.com

API Return Formats

This service can detect the incoming resource extension in order to provide to you the resource represented according to the extension:

1 | resource.{format}

2 | resource.json

3 | resource.xml

Service Extension Detection:	Yes
Allowed Extensions:	xml,json,jsonp,wddx,html
Throw On Invalid Extension:	No

API Global Headers

Header	Type	Required	Default	Description
apikey	string	true	---	The apikey needed for request authentication.

API Global Parameters

Parameter	Type	Required	Default	Description
paramKey	string	true	---	The parameter key needed for request authentication.

Loaded Relaxed APIs

From here you can switch to another Relaxed API:

myapi

API Export/Import

You can export your Relaxed Service API to JSON and also import one.

ExportImport

Docs Export Lounge

You can export your Relaxed Service Documentation in several formats:

PDFHTMLWord

Need Help?

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Ortus Solutions is the company behind anything ColdBox. Need professional support, architecture analysis, code reviews, custom development or anything ColdFusion, ColdBox related? [Contact us](#), we are here to help!

Check For Updates



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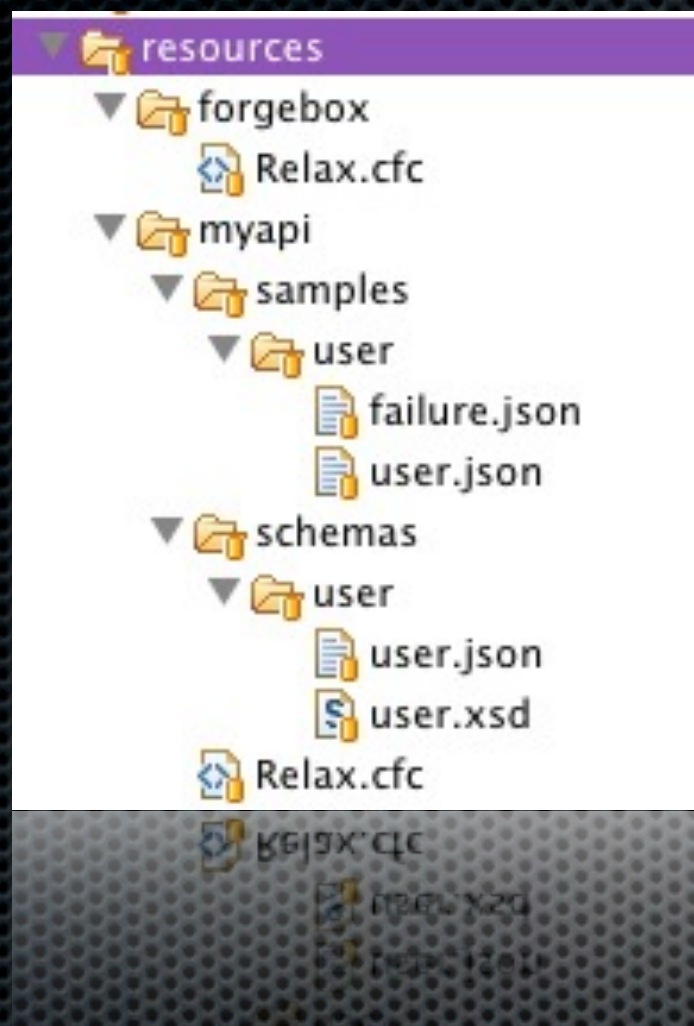
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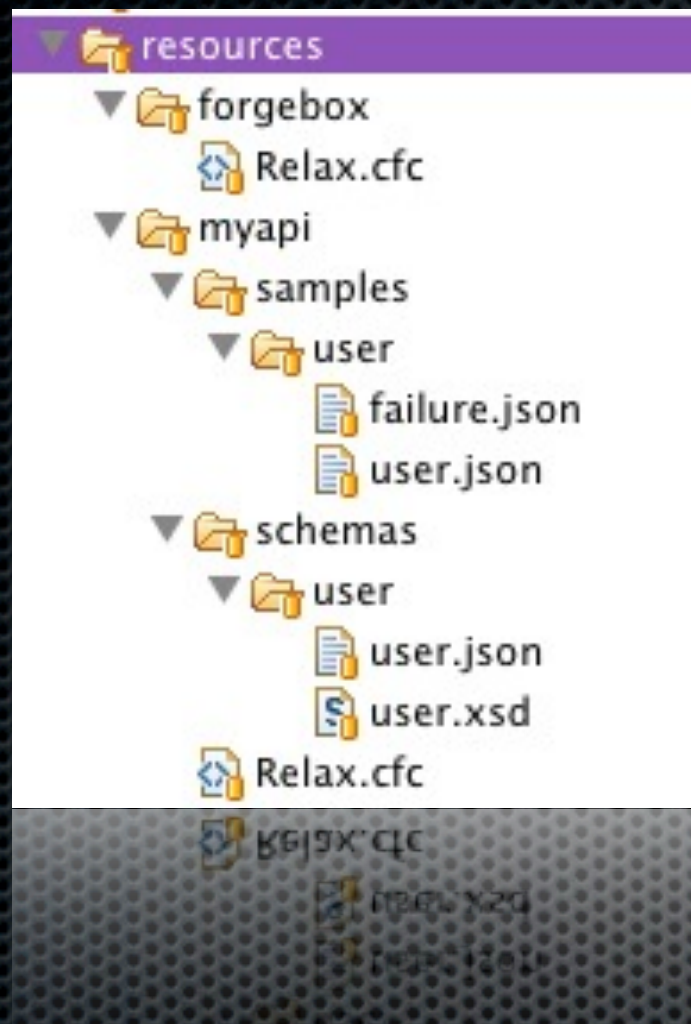


Prepare API Resources





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- ✦ Create directory structure to model your API
- ✦ MyAPI
 - ✦ Relax.cfc
 - ✦ Describes & Models Your RESTful service
 - ✦ Samples/Schemas (optional)



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Key	Description
this.relax	Service title, description, tiered entry points, extension detection, valid format extensions, etc
this.globalHeaders	Define service global headers: [name,description,required,default,type]
this.globalParameters	Define service global parameters: [name,description,required,default,type]
this.resources	A collection of resources that identify your service



Resource Modeling DSL



Resource Modeling DSL

Resource Keys	Description
pattern	The SES pattern also used for coldbox route generation
handler	The handler that responds to the pattern used for route generation
action	Simple or RESTful action used for route generation
placeholders	Collection that describes the pattern placeholders: [name,description,type,required,default]
description	Resource description, can use HTML
methods	HTTP methods implemented by this resource
headers	A collection of headers this resource responds to
parameters	A collection of parameters this resource responds to
response	Holds more metadata about resource response schemas and samples
response.schemas	A collection of different schema representations: [format,description,body]
response.samples	A collection of different sample representations: [format,description,body]



RESTful Routing

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```
addRoute(pattern="API/settings", handler="General", action="settings");  
addRoute(pattern="API/echo/:name?", handler="General", action="{ 'POST': 'echo' }");  
addRoute(pattern="API/user/:username?",  
          handler="admin:rest.user",  
          action="{ 'GET': 'index', 'PUT': 'update', 'POST': 'add', 'DELETE': 'remove' }");
```

- ✦ **Pattern** = The URI of the resource (Dynamic)
- ✦ **Handler** = The controller to handle the event
- ✦ **Action** = Implicit Struct or JSON Struct
 - ✦ Maps HTTP verbs to handler methods



RESTful Handlers

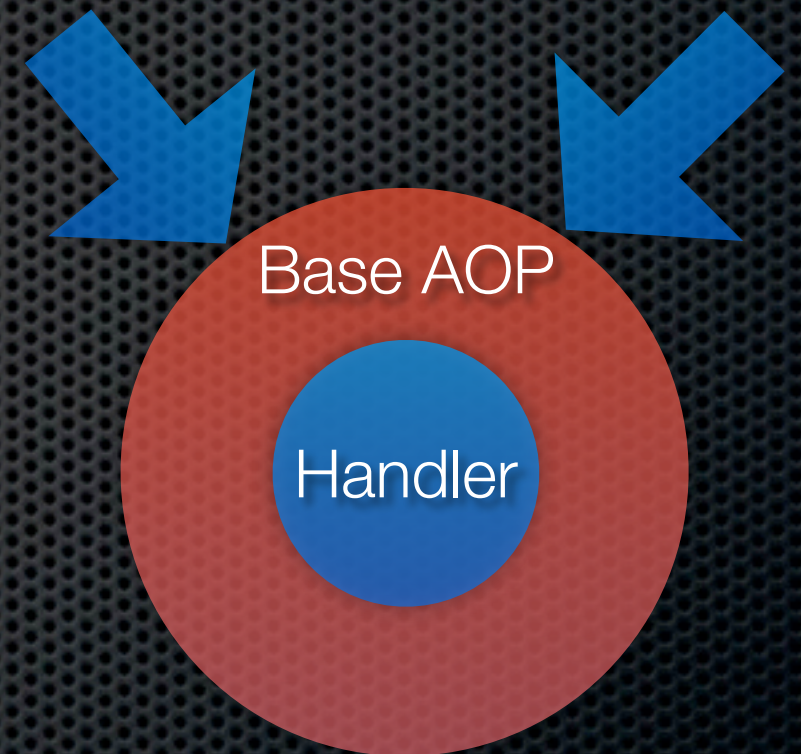
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  // DI
  property name="userService" inject;
  // HTTP Security
  this.allowedMethods = {
    index = "get,post", echo="post,put", remove="delete"
  };

  function index(event,rc,prc){
    prc.results.data = userService.get(id=event.getValue("id",0));
  }

  function echo(event,rc,prc){
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component cacheTimeout="30" {  
  // DI  
  property name="userService" inject;  
  // HTTP Security  
  this.allowedMethods = {  
    index = "get,post", echo="post,put", remove="delete"  
  };  
  
  function index(event,rc,prc) {  
    prc.results.data = userService.get(id=event.getValue("id",0));  
  }  
  
  function echo(event,rc,prc) {  
    prc.results.data = "My name is #event.getValue("name","nobody")#";  
  }  
}
```

- ✦ Handler Persistence
- ✦ Autowire Domain Objects
- ✦ HTTP Action Security
- ✦ AOP Transformations

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- ✦ Create two resources:
- ✦ /api/data
GET
- ✦ /api/echo/:nickname
GET then POST

RESTful Results



POST <http://app.com/api/echo> {name="Louis Mahoney"}
StatusCode = 200

GET <http://app.com/api/echo/hacker>
StatusCode = 403

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```
{error: 'false', messages : '', data: 'My Name is Louis Mahoney'}
```

```
{error: 'false', messages : '', data: 'My Name is Josue TierraAlta'}
```

GET <http://app.com/api/echo/hacker>
StatusCode = 403

```
{error: 'true', messages : 'HTTP Verb Security Action Echo cannot be executed via a  
GET', data: ''}
```


Integration Testing



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- ✦ Top-Down test of your entire app
- ✦ Target specific events
- ✦ Assert transformations and data retrievals
- ✦ Code confidence
- ✦ HTTP Verb Mocking
- ✦ Data Mocking



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