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REST in Practice

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Web Services as state machines

Consider a hypothetical online bookseller: Orinoco Books

When we create an order, the order may be in one of a number of discrete states:

- Open: we can add or remove items to our order
- Paid: we have successfully sent payment to Orinoco, and can no longer change our order
- Shipping: Orinoco is preparing and dispatching our order
- Delivered: we have received our order

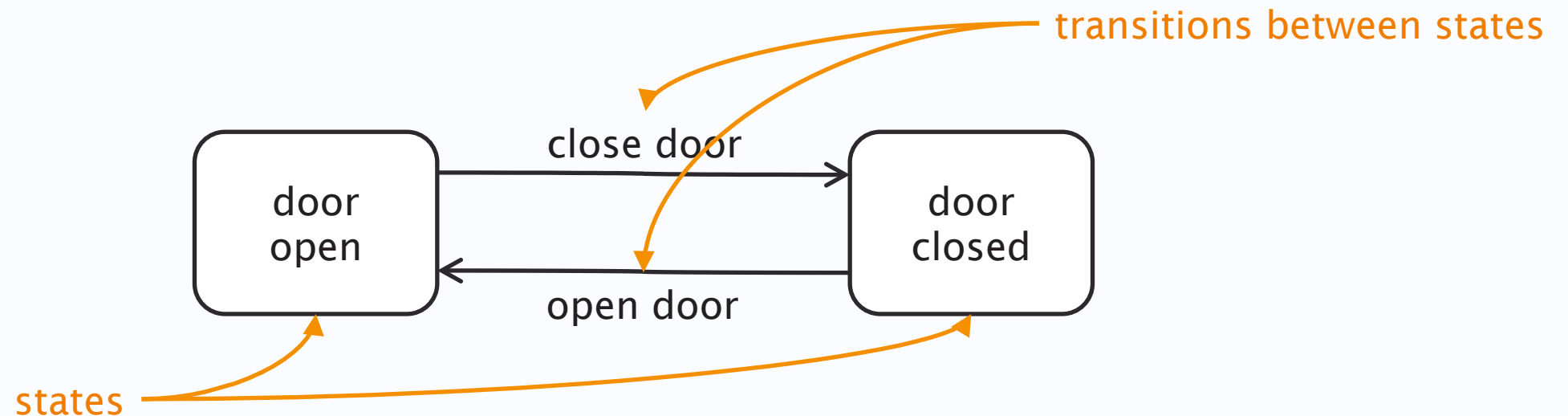
The order moves between states in response to our interactions with Orinoco

UML Statecharts: states and transitions

Common graphical notation for describing state machines

- Object-oriented extension to Harel's statechart
- (you'll need this for your coursework!)

Tip: label states with nouns or adjectives and transitions with verbs or verb phrases

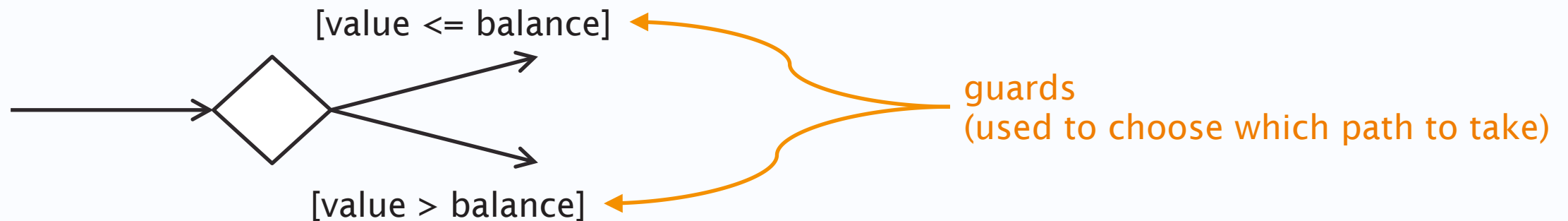


UML Statecharts: pseudostates

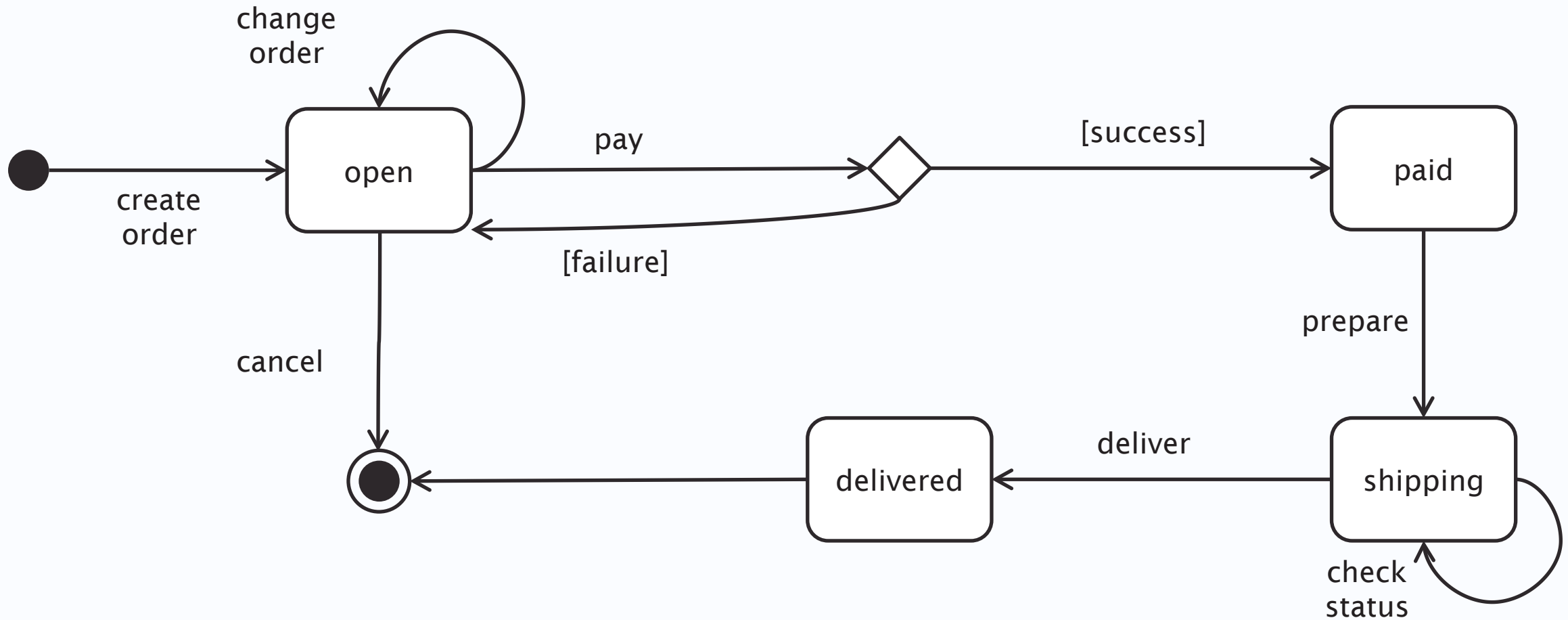
Two distinguished pseudostates:

- Initial state ●
- Final state ○

Choice pseudostate:

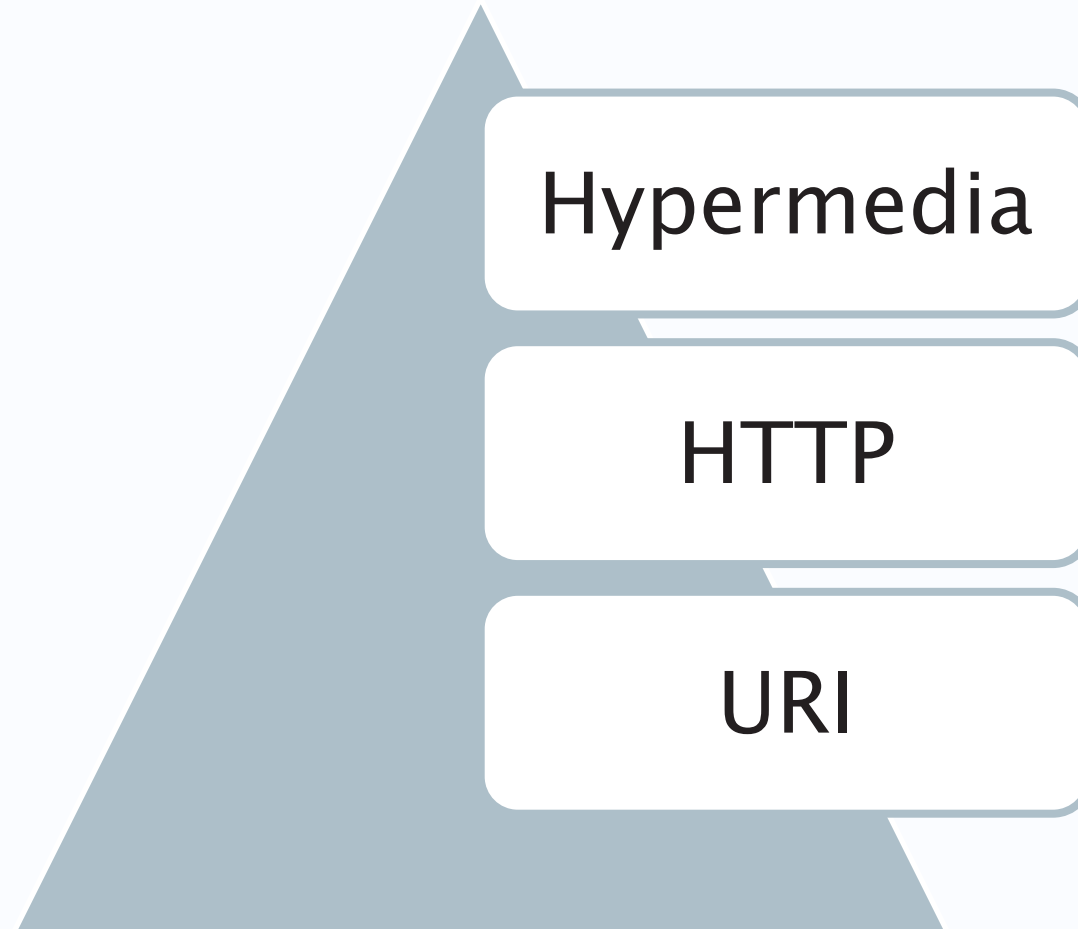


Orinoco Workflow



Revisiting the Richardson Maturity Model

Richardson Maturity Model



Richardson Level 1

Multiple URIs used for resources

Key resource type from the workflow is an *order*

- `http://orinoco.com/order/{order_id}`

Richardson Level 2

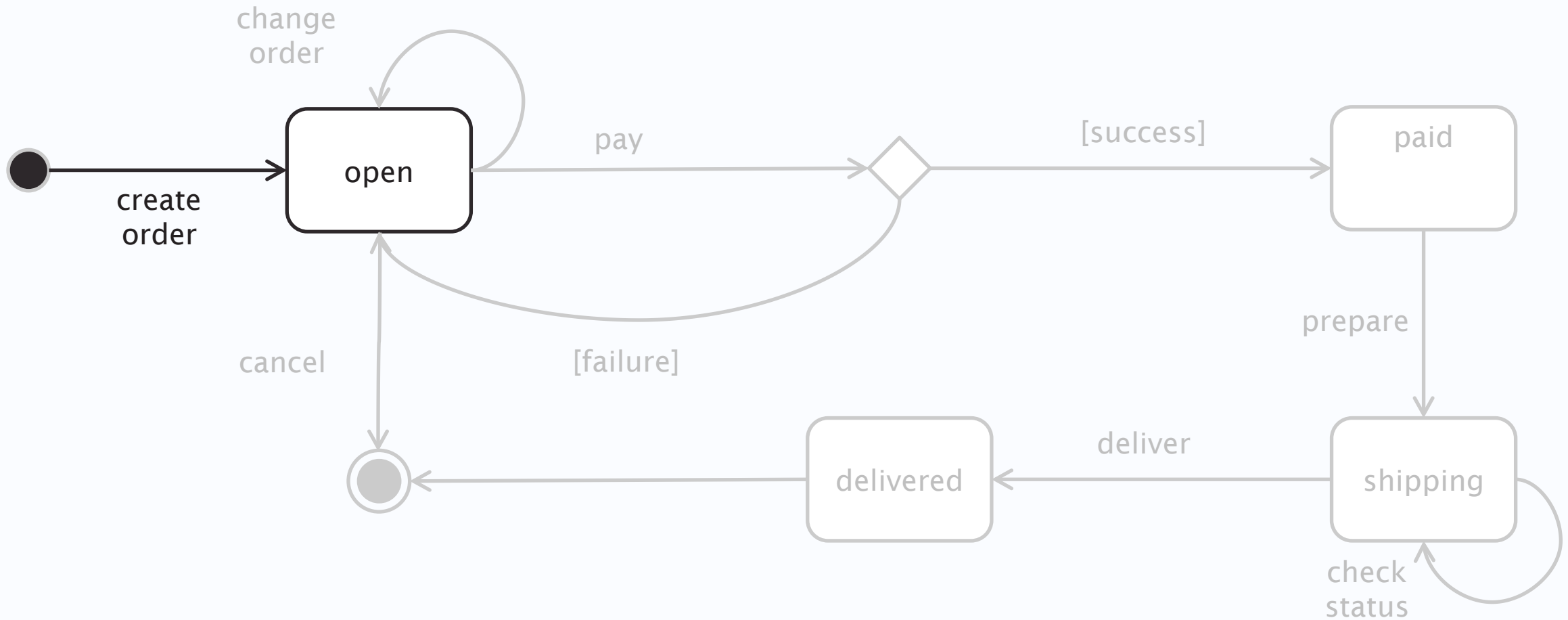
We have different URIs for each order (resource)

How do we interact with the orders?

- create a new order
- change order (add/remove items)
- cancel an order
- checkout and payment (submit order)
- check order status

Use appropriate HTTP methods!

Create an order



Create an order

Can use either PUT or POST:

PUT to a new URI

- new URI: `http://orinoco.com/order/{order_id}`
- client chooses order id

POST to an existing URI

- existing URI: `http://orinoco.com/order/`
- server chooses order id

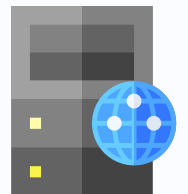
PUT to a new URI



```
PUT /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com  
Content-Type: application/xml  
Content-Length: 107
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">  
  <items>  
  </items>  
</order>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created  
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:10:00 GMT  
Content-Length: 0
```



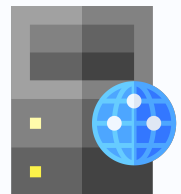
POST to an existing URI



```
POST /order/ HTTP/1.1
Host: orinoco.com
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 107
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
  </items>
</order>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Location: /order/1234
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:10:00 GMT
```



POST to an existing URI

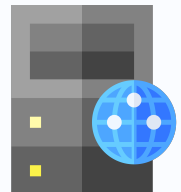


```
POST /order/ HTTP/1.1
Host: orinoco.com
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 107
```

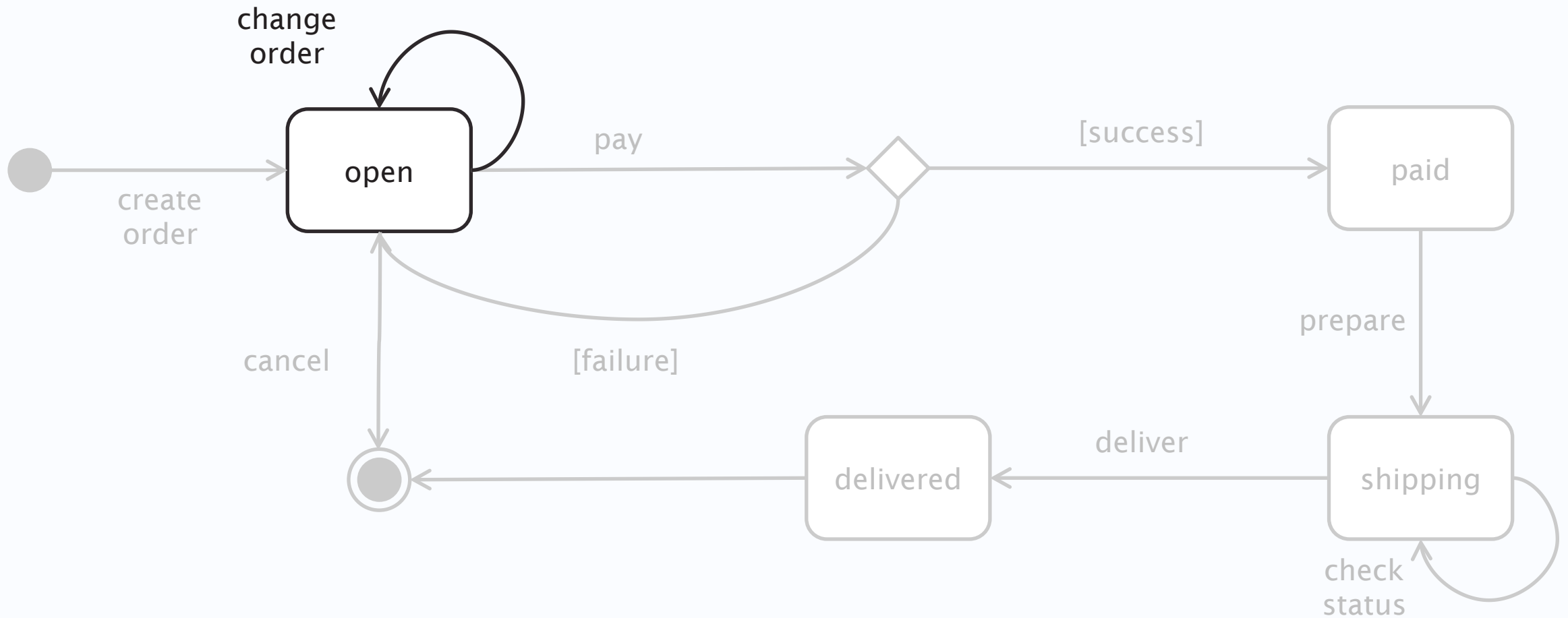
```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
  </items>
</order>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Content-Location: /order/1234
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:10:00 GMT
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
  </items>
</order>
```



Change order



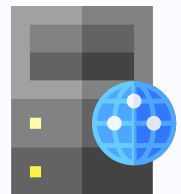
PUT to an existing URI



```
PUT /order/1234 HTTP/1.1
Host: orinoco.com
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 134
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
    <item quantity="1" isbn="1234567890"/>
  </items>
</order>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:15:00 GMT
```



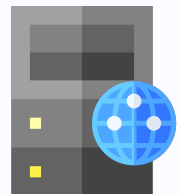
Conditional PUT



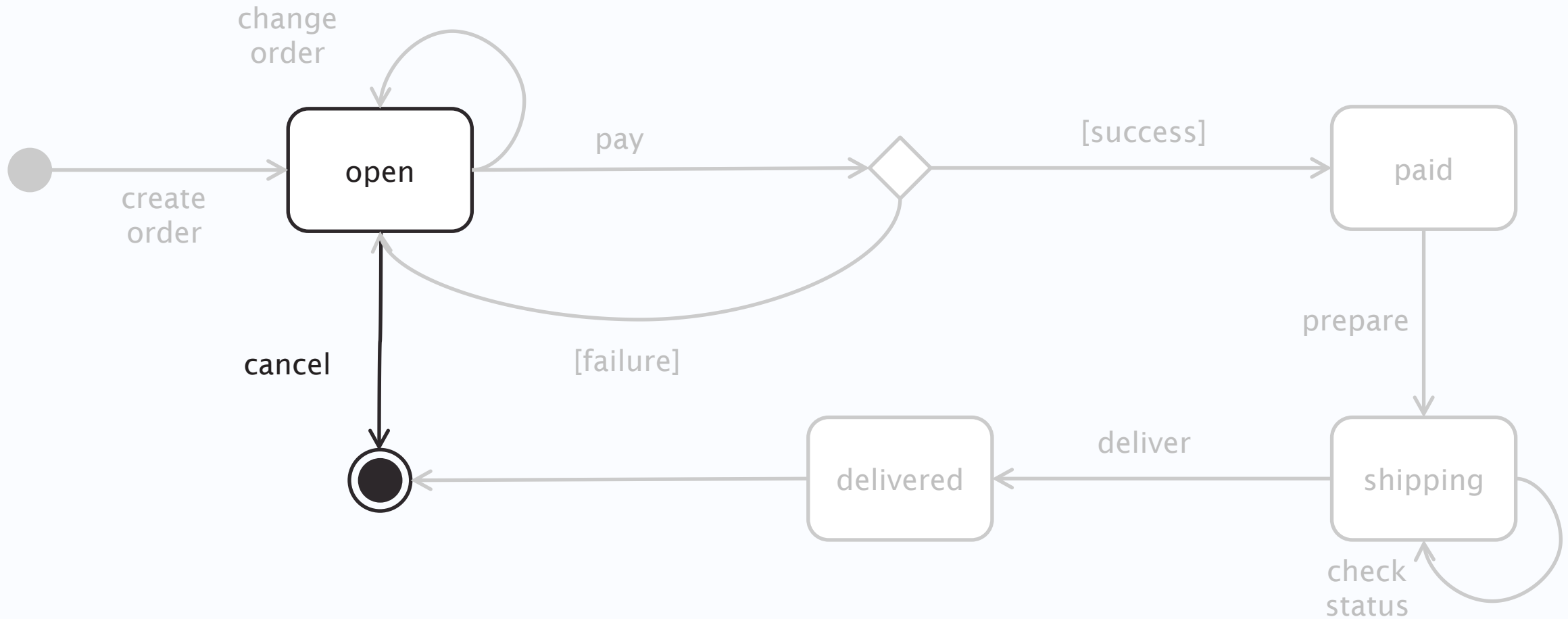
```
PUT /order/1234 HTTP/1.1
Host: orinoco.com
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 134
If-Unmodified-Since: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:15:00 GMT
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
    <item quantity="1" isbn="1234567890"/>
  </items>
</order>
```

```
HTTP/1.1 412 Precondition Failed
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:20:00 GMT
Content-Length: 0
```



Cancel an order



Cancel an order

Use DELETE

DELETE is idempotent

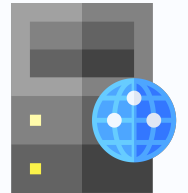
- Repeated DELETES have the same effect as a single DELETE
- Status codes may change (e.g. 404 for subsequent DELETES)

DELETE



```
DELETE /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content  
Content-Length: 0  
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:25:00 GMT
```

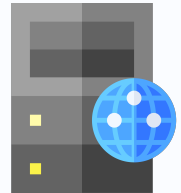


DELETE



```
DELETE /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found  
Content-Length: 0  
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:25:00 GMT
```

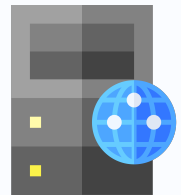


DELETE

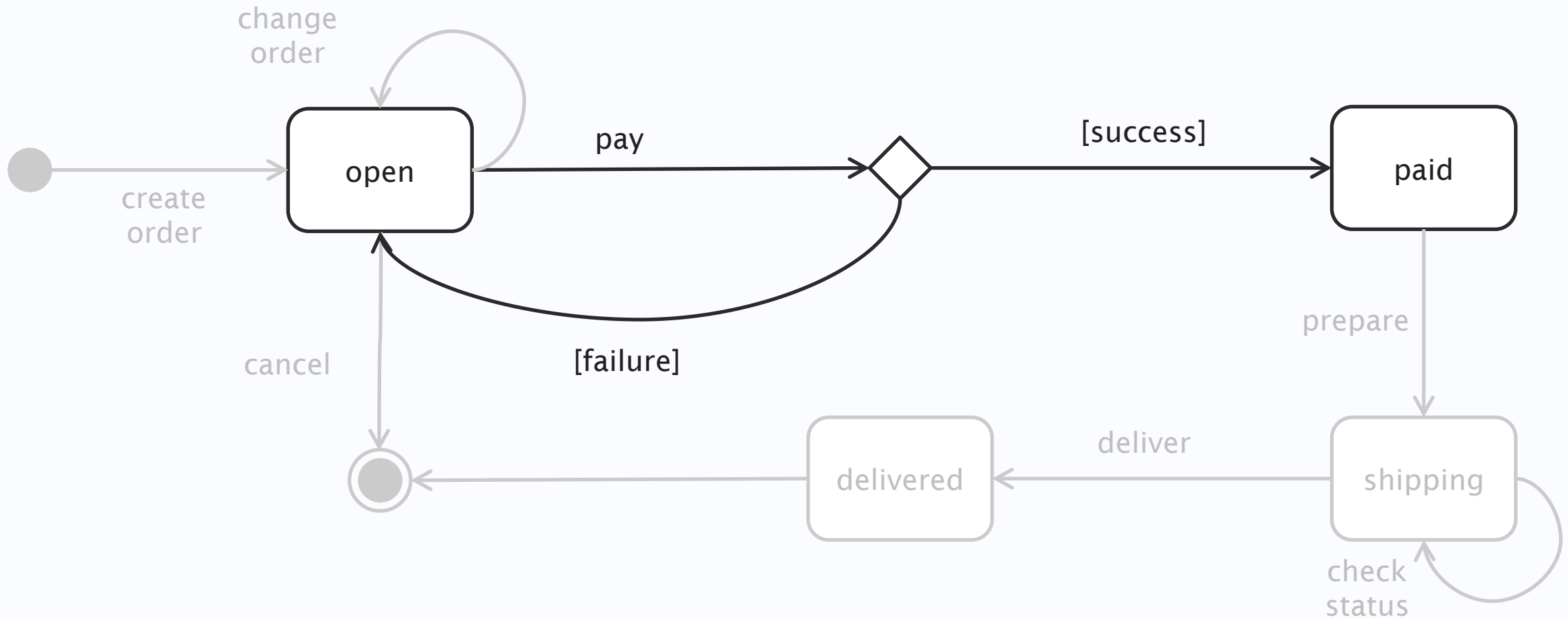


```
DELETE /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 410 Gone  
Content-Length: 0  
Date: Tue, 29 Oct 2019 17:25:00 GMT
```



Payment



Richardson Level Three

CRUD isn't everything!

- Limited application model
- In our scenario, payment doesn't fit cleanly into the CRUD model
- Encourages tight coupling through URI templates
- Simple pattern

Use hypertext links to indicate protocols

- What are the next steps that you can take?
- What are the next resources?

Where are the links?

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">  
  <items>  
    <item quantity="1" isbn="1234567890"/>  
  </items>  
  <status>open</status>  
</order>
```

What can you do next?

Media Types

application/xml doesn't have specific link semantics

Can adopt standard hypermedia format (HTML, Atom, etc)

- Widely understood by software agents
- Needs to be adapted to domain

Can create domain-specific format that supports application

- Direct supports domain
- Maintains visibility of messages at the protocol level
- Not widely understood

Use link types to define protocols

text/html

Use OPTIONS to determine the right HTTP method to use with links

- Allow: header in response lists allowed methods (for payment, PUT?)

Need to define link types for use with rel: microformats, RDF, etc

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <body>
    <div class="order">
      <ul class="items">
        <li class="item">
          <p class="isbn">1234567890</p>
          <p class="quantity">1</p>
        </li>
      </ul>
      <a href="https://orinoco.com/payment/1234" rel="payment">payment</a>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

application/vnd.orinoco+xml

Proprietary (vendor-specific) media type

- Uses POX for business data
- Uses (e.g.) Atom link elements for hypermedia control

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">
  <items>
    <item quantity="1" isbn="1234567890"/>
  </items>
  <link href="https://orinoco.com/payment/1234" rel="payment"/>
  <status>open</status>
</order>
```

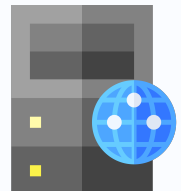
Link: header



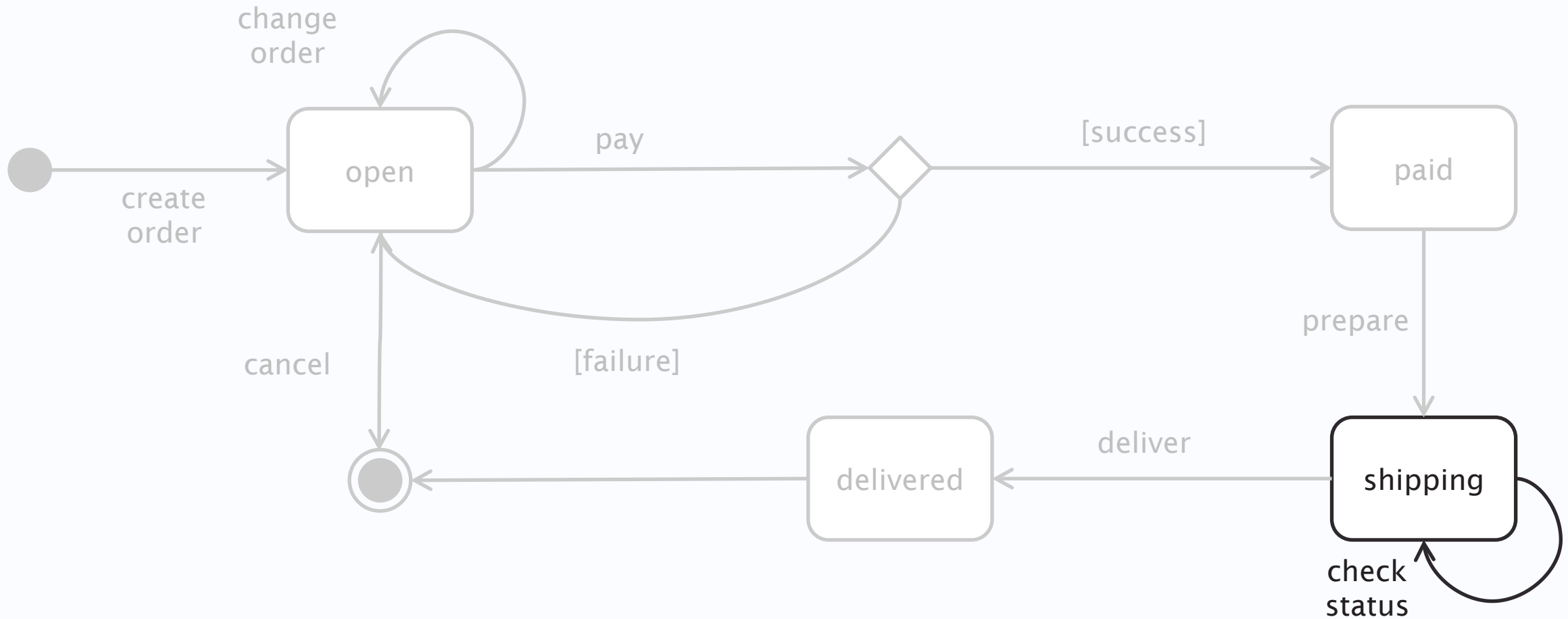
```
GET /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/vnd.orinoco+xml  
Link: <https://orinoco.com/payment/1234>; rel="payment">
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">  
  <items>  
    <item quantity="1" isbn="1234567890"/>  
  </items>  
</order>
```



Check order status



Check order status

Use GET

- GET is idempotent
- GET has no side-effects!

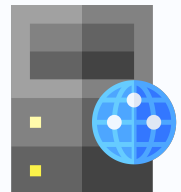
GET



```
GET /order/1234 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/xml  
Content-Length: 107  
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2018 16:30:00 GMT
```

```
<order xmlns="http://schema.orinoco.com/order">  
  <items>  
  </items>  
  <status>open</status>  
</order>
```

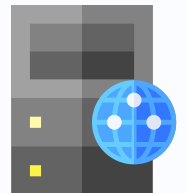


GET



```
GET /order/9999 HTTP/1.1  
Host: orinoco.com
```

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found  
Content-Length: 0  
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2018 16:30:00 GMT
```



Collections and Elements

Extra conventions for talking about collections of elements

- An order can be considered to be a collection
- An item in the order is an element of that collection

Some consensus of semantics of HTTP methods for these

In our case:

- `http://orinoco.com/order/` is a collection
- `http://orinoco.com/order/{order_id}` is an element

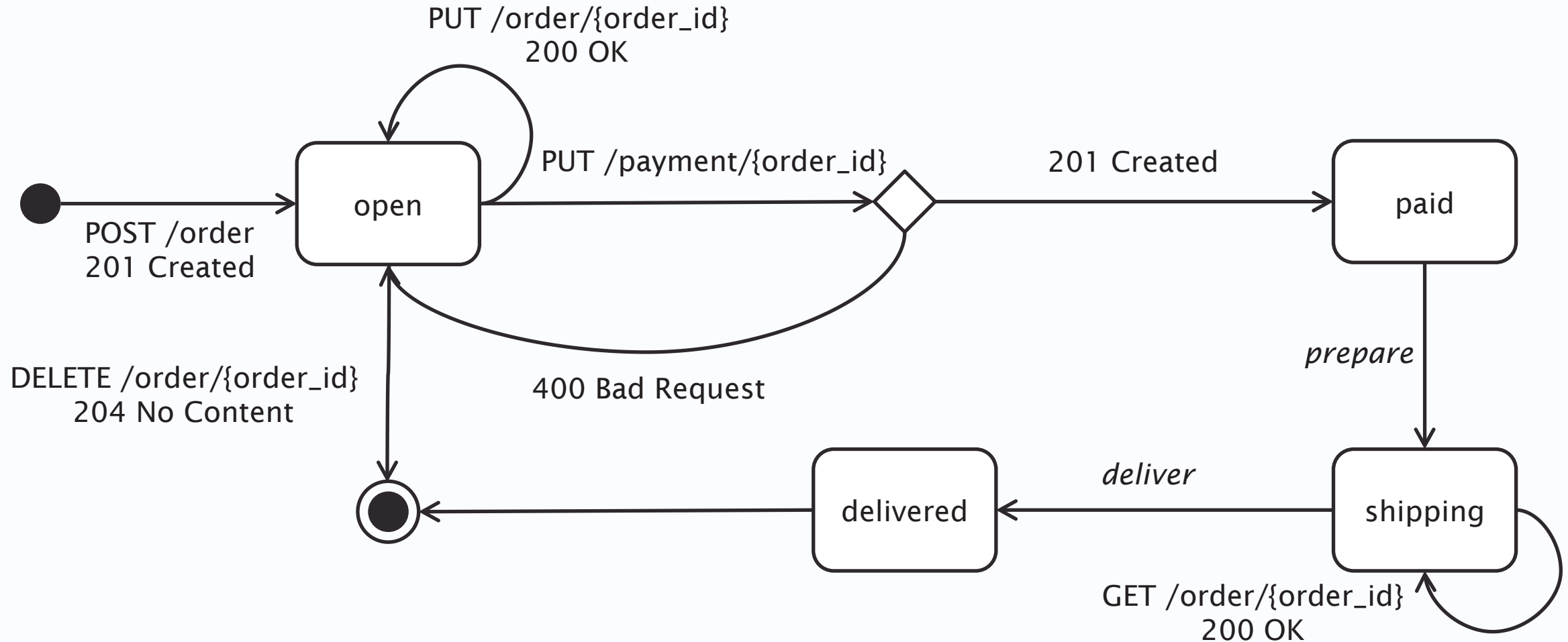
RESTful Methods for Collections

| Method | Behaviour |
|--------|---|
| GET | List the members of the collection (list of URIs) |
| PUT | Replace the entire collection with another collection |
| POST | Create a new member in the collection and automatically assign it a URI |
| DELETE | Delete the entire collection |

RESTful Methods for Collection Elements

| Method | Behaviour |
|--------|---|
| GET | Retrieve a representation of the specified element |
| PUT | Replace the specified element of the collection, or if it doesn't exist create it |
| POST | Treat the specified member as a collection and create a new element in it |
| DELETE | Delete the specified member of the collection |

Orinoco Workflow



Further Reading

REST in Practice tutorial slides

- <http://www.slideshare.net/guilhermecaelum/rest-in-practice>

Webber et al (2010) REST in Practice. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Media

Documenting REST

Documentation

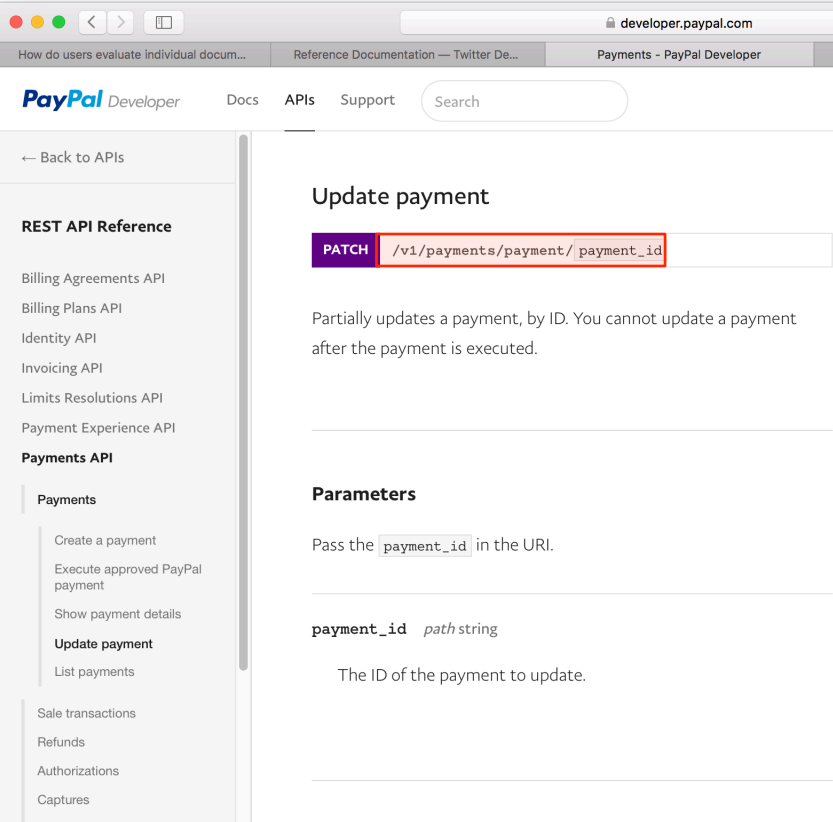
What are the key aspects of a RESTful interface?

How should we document each of these?

What does a developer need to know to use our service?

Identification

URIs



Update payment

PATCH `/v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}`

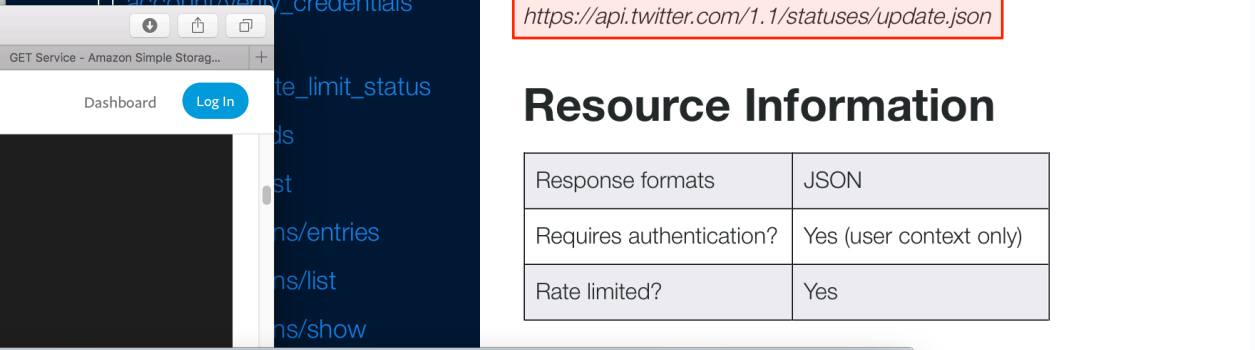
Partially updates a payment, by ID. You cannot update a payment after the payment is executed.

Parameters

Pass the `payment_id` in the URI.

payment_id *path* string

The ID of the payment to update.

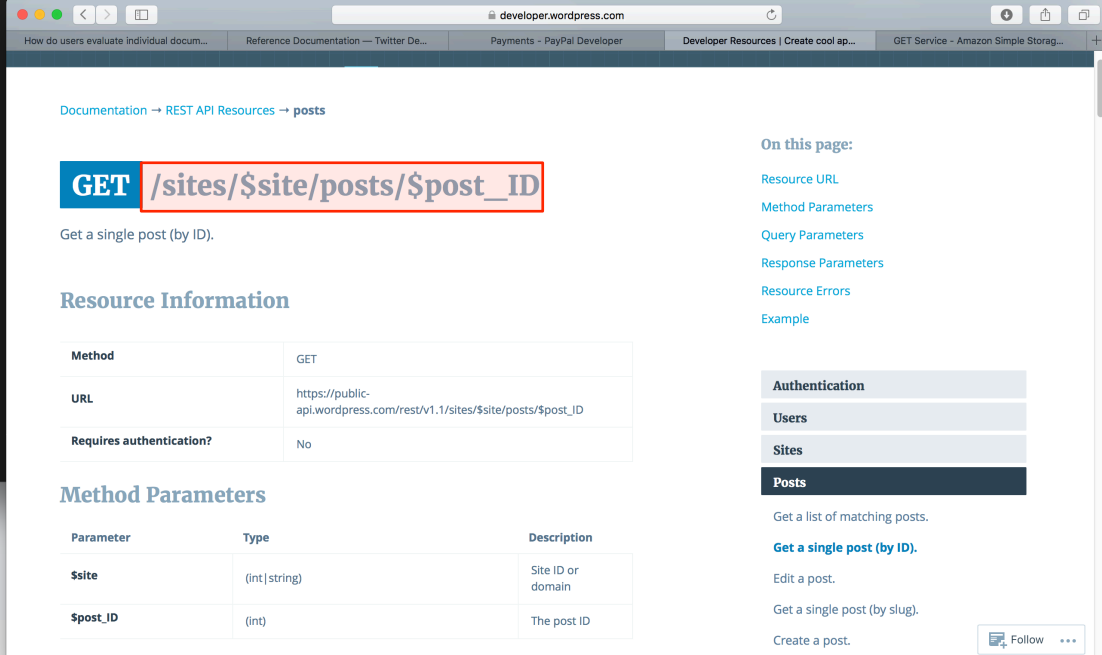


Resource URL

`https://api.twitter.com/1.1/statuses/update.json`

Resource Information

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Response formats | JSON |
| Requires authentication? | Yes (user context only) |
| Rate limited? | Yes |



GET `/sites/$site/posts/$post_ID`

Get a single post (by ID).

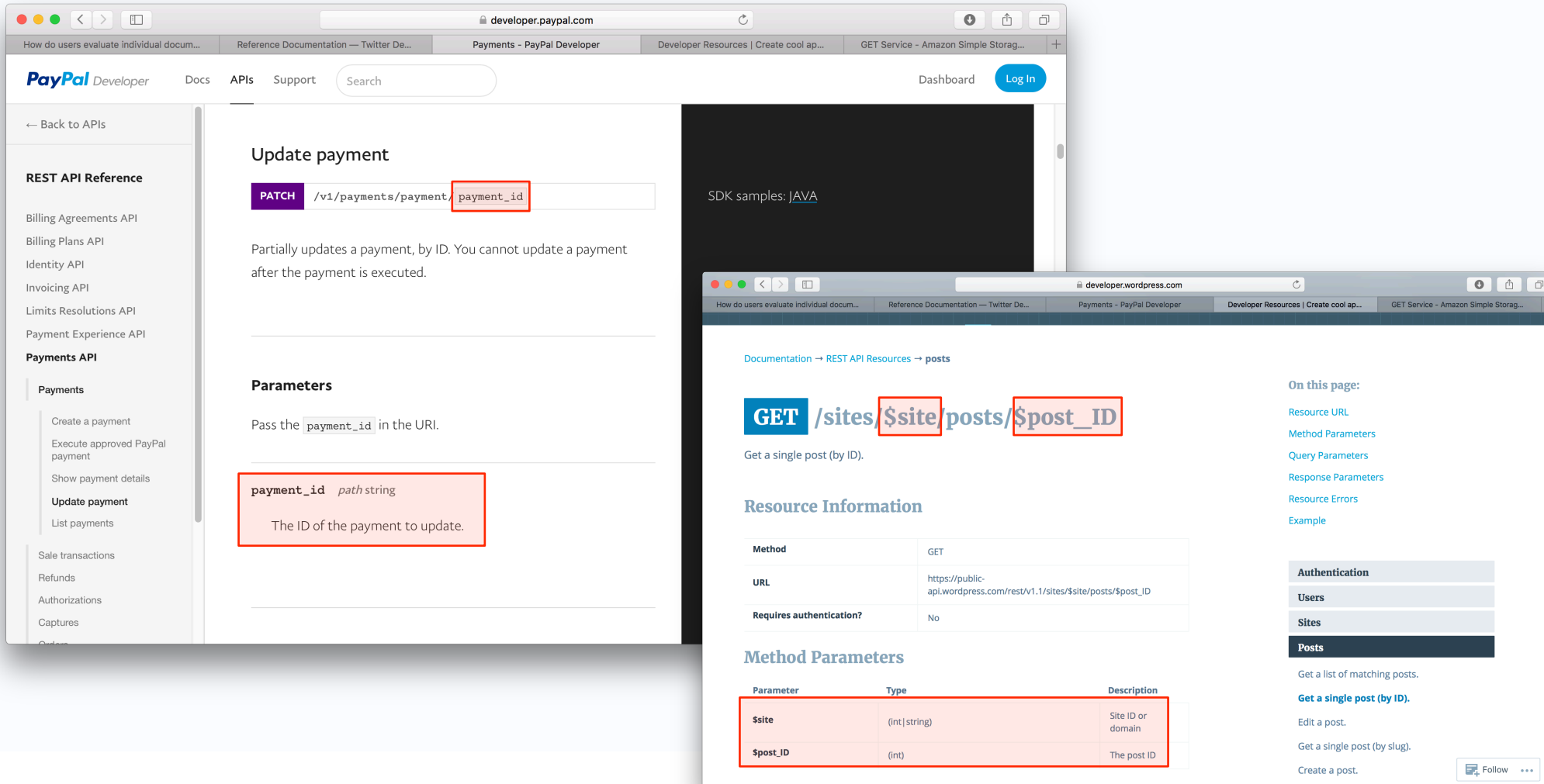
Resource Information

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Method | GET |
| URL | https://public-api.wordpress.com/rest/v1.1/sites/\$site/posts/\$post_ID |
| Requires authentication? | No |

Method Parameters

| Parameter | Type | Description |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <code>\$site</code> | (int string) | Site ID or domain |
| <code>\$post_ID</code> | (int) | The post ID |

URI Parameters



The image shows two overlapping browser windows illustrating URI parameters in REST APIs.

PayPal Developer API: Update payment

Method: PATCH

URL: `/v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}`

Description: Partially updates a payment, by ID. You cannot update a payment after the payment is executed.

Parameters: Pass the `payment_id` in the URI.

| Parameter | Type | Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <code>payment_id</code> | <code>path</code> string | The ID of the payment to update. |

WordPress REST API: posts

Method: GET

URL: `/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}`

Description: Get a single post (by ID).

Resource Information:

| Method | URL | Requires authentication? |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| GET | <code>https://public-api.wordpress.com/rest/v1.1/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}</code> | No |

Method Parameters:

| Parameter | Type | Description |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <code>{site}</code> | (int string) | Site ID or domain |
| <code>{post_ID}</code> | (int) | The post ID |

On this page:

- Resource URL
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- Resource Errors
- Example

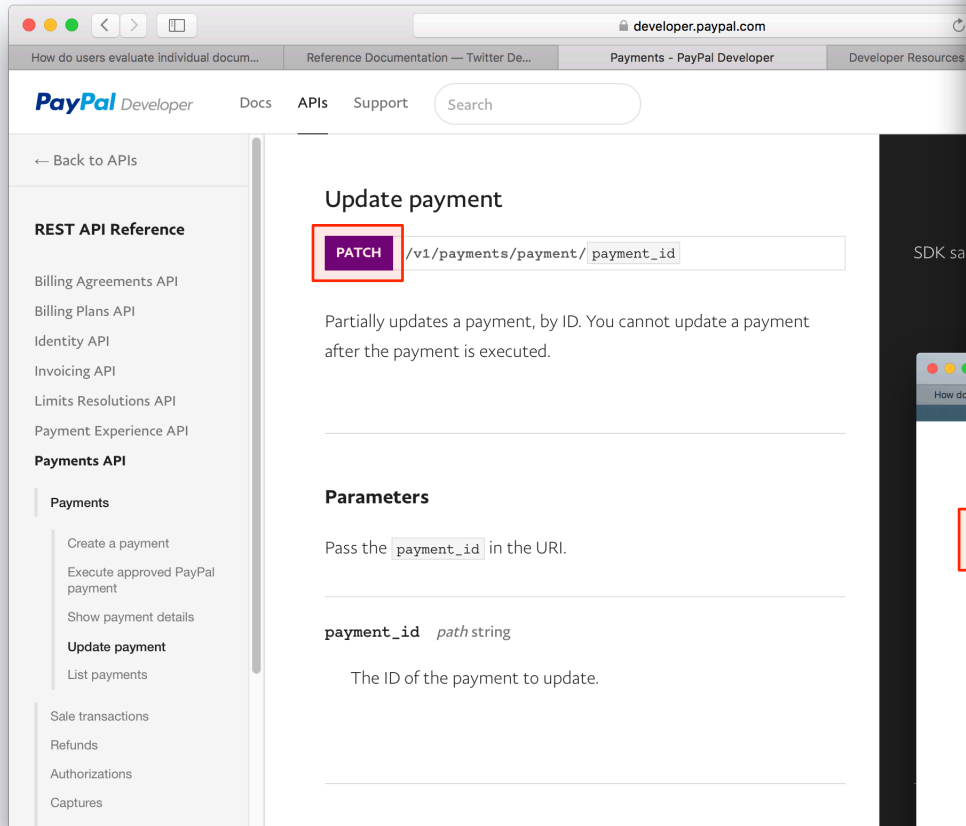
Authentication:

- Users
- Sites
- Posts

Example: Get a list of matching posts. **Get a single post (by ID).** Edit a post. Get a single post (by slug). Create a post.

Interaction

Methods



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REST API Reference

PATCH /v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}

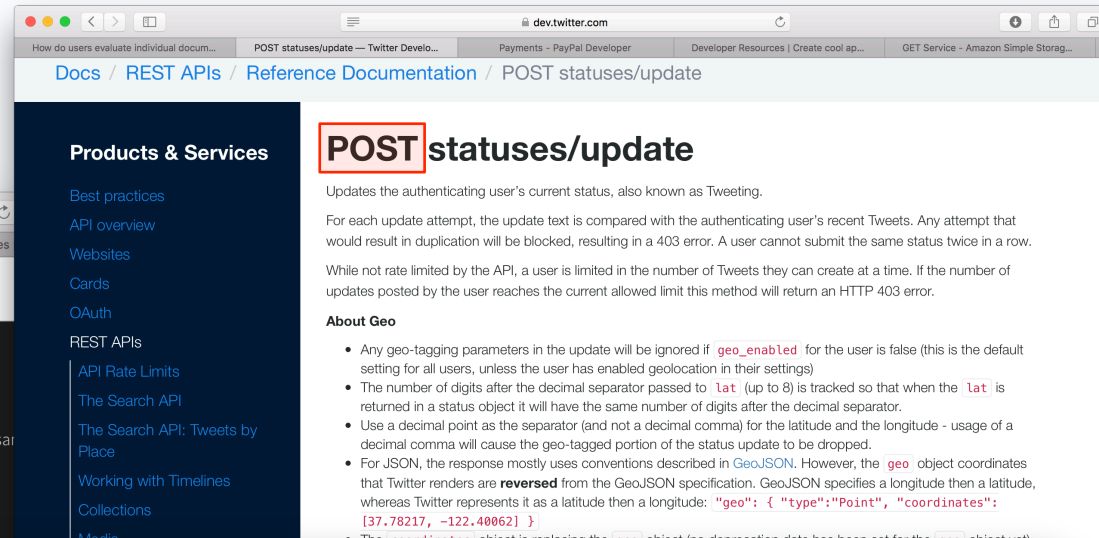
Partially updates a payment, by ID. You cannot update a payment after the payment is executed.

Parameters

Pass the `payment_id` in the URI.

`payment_id` *path string*

The ID of the payment to update.



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REST APIs / Reference Documentation / POST statuses/update

POST statuses/update

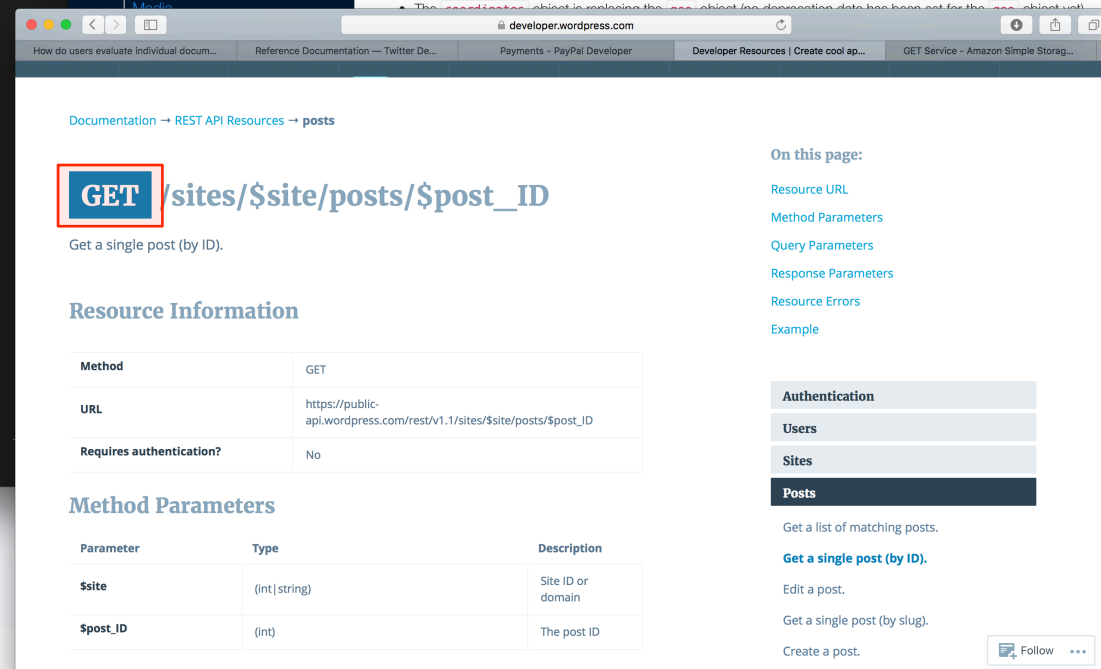
Updates the authenticating user's current status, also known as Tweeting.

For each update attempt, the update text is compared with the authenticating user's recent Tweets. Any attempt that would result in duplication will be blocked, resulting in a 403 error. A user cannot submit the same status twice in a row.

While not rate limited by the API, a user is limited in the number of Tweets they can create at a time. If the number of updates posted by the user reaches the current allowed limit this method will return an HTTP 403 error.

About Geo

- Any geo-tagging parameters in the update will be ignored if `geo_enabled` for the user is false (this is the default setting for all users, unless the user has enabled geolocation in their settings)
- The number of digits after the decimal separator passed to `lat` (up to 8) is tracked so that when the `lat` is returned in a status object it will have the same number of digits after the decimal separator.
- Use a decimal point as the separator (and not a decimal comma) for the latitude and the longitude - usage of a decimal comma will cause the geo-tagged portion of the status update to be dropped.
- For JSON, the response mostly uses conventions described in GeoJSON. However, the `geo` object coordinates that Twitter renders are **reversed** from the GeoJSON specification. GeoJSON specifies a longitude then a latitude, whereas Twitter represents it as a latitude then a longitude: `"geo": { "type": "Point", "coordinates": [37.78217, -122.40062] }`



developer.wordpress.com

Documentation → REST API Resources → posts

GET /sites/\$site/posts/\$post_ID

Get a single post (by ID).

Resource Information

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Method | GET |
| URL | https://public-api.wordpress.com/rest/v1.1/sites/\$site/posts/\$post_ID |
| Requires authentication? | No |

Method Parameters

| Parameter | Type | Description |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <code>\$site</code> | (int string) | Site ID or domain |
| <code>\$post_ID</code> | (int) | The post ID |

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Authentication

- Users
- Sites
- Posts**

Get a list of matching posts.

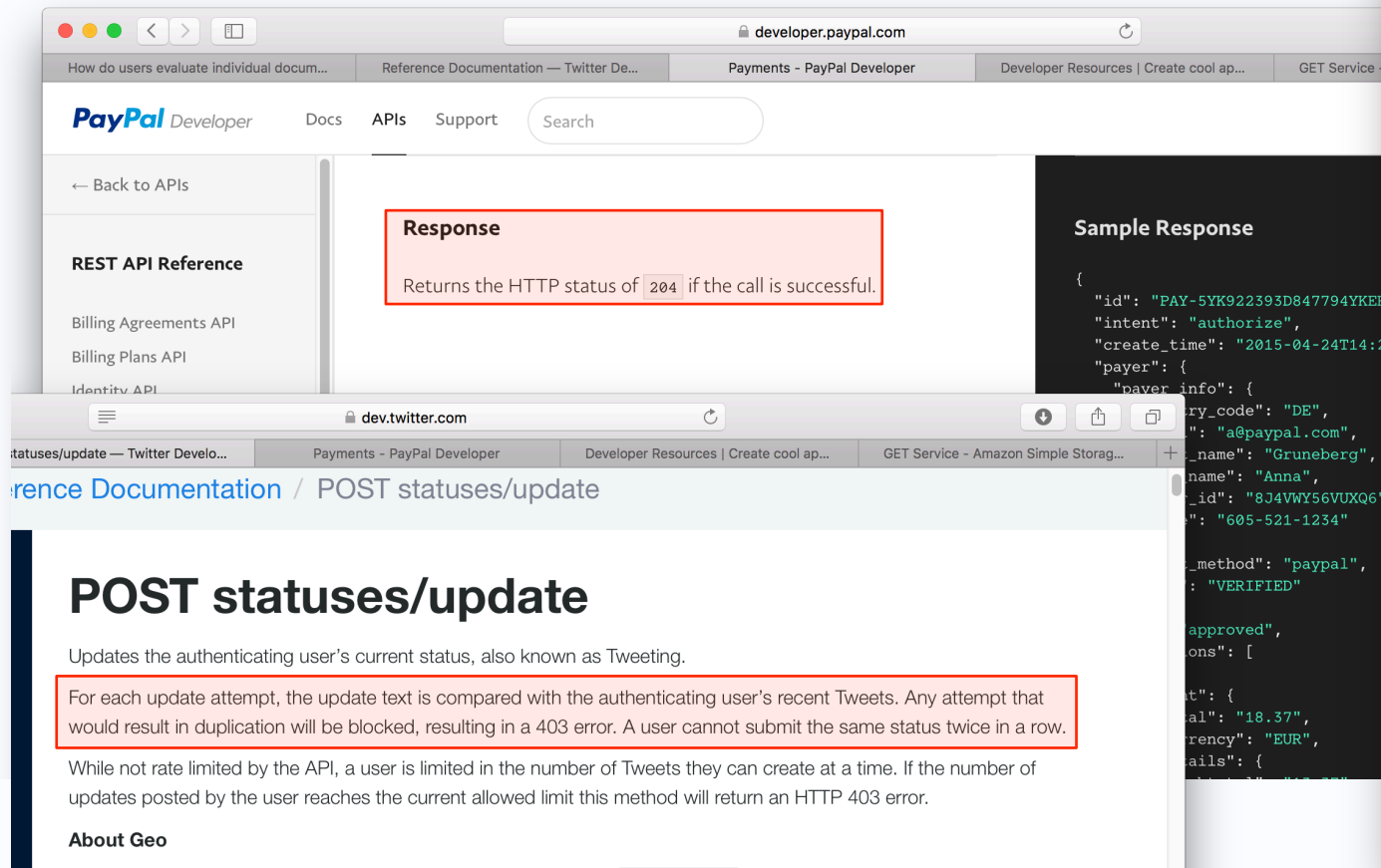
Get a single post (by ID).

Edit a post.

Get a single post (by slug).

Create a post.

Status Codes



PayPal Developer Docs APIs Support Search

← Back to APIs

REST API Reference

- Billing Agreements API
- Billing Plans API
- Identity API

Response

Returns the HTTP status of `204` if the call is successful.

Sample Response

```
{
  "id": "PAY-5YK922393D847794YKER7",
  "intent": "authorize",
  "create_time": "2015-04-24T14:26",
  "payer": {
    "payer_info": {
      "payer_id": "XXXXXXXXXX",
      "first_name": "Anna",
      "last_name": "Gruneberg",
      "email": "a@paypal.com",
      "phone": "605-521-1234",
      "country_code": "DE",
      "currency": "EUR",
      "time_zone": "Europe/Berlin",
      "verified": true
    }
  }
}
```

Reference Documentation / POST statuses/update

POST statuses/update

Updates the authenticating user's current status, also known as Tweeting.

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About Geo

| Field | Type | Description |
|---------------------|----------|---|
| metadata | (array) | protected meta keys are available for authenticated requests with access. meta keys can be made available with rest_api_allowed_public_metadata filter. |
| meta | (object) | API result meta data |
| capabilities | (object) | List of post-specific permissions for the user. Supported capabilities include publish_post, edit_post, delete_post, and undelete_post. |
| revisions | (array) | List of post revision IDs. Only available when retrieved with context=edit. |
| other_urls | (object) | List of URLs for this post. Permalink and suggestions. |

Resource Errors

These are the possible errors returned by this endpoint.

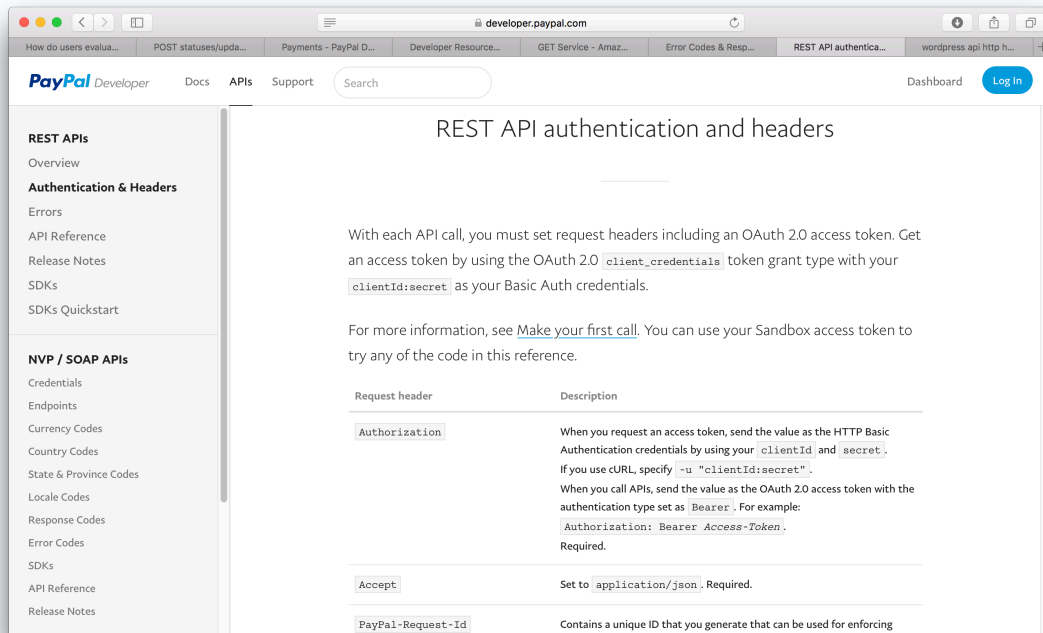
| HTTP Code | Error Identifier | Error Message |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| 400 | invalid_field | Invalid API FIELD |
| 403 | unauthorized | User cannot access this private blog. |
| 403 | unauthorized | User cannot access this restricted blog |
| 400 | invalid_context | Invalid API CONTEXT |
| 404 | unknown_post | Unknown post |

Headers

Mostly for Authorisation

- OAuth 2.0, etc

Consider how the various `Accept-*` headers might be used.



The screenshot shows the PayPal Developer REST API authentication and headers page. The page title is "REST API authentication and headers". The main content area contains the following text:

With each API call, you must set request headers including an OAuth 2.0 access token. Get an access token by using the OAuth 2.0 `client_credentials` token grant type with your `clientId:secret` as your Basic Auth credentials.

For more information, see [Make your first call](#). You can use your Sandbox access token to try any of the code in this reference.

| Request header | Description |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <code>Authorization</code> | When you request an access token, send the value as the HTTP Basic Authentication credentials by using your <code>clientId</code> and <code>secret</code> . If you use cURL, specify <code>-u "clientId:secret"</code> . When you call APIs, send the value as the OAuth 2.0 access token with the authentication type set as <code>Bearer</code> . For example: <code>Authorization: Bearer Access-Token</code> . Required. |
| <code>Accept</code> | Set to <code>application/json</code> . Required. |
| <code>PayPal-Request-Id</code> | Contains a unique ID that you generate that can be used for enforcing |

Representation

Representation

Response Parameters

| Parameter | Type | Description |
|------------------|---------------------|--|
| ID | (int) | The post ID. |
| site_ID | (int) | The site ID. |
| author | (object) | The author of the post. |
| date | (iso 8601 datetime) | The post's creation time. |
| modified | (iso 8601 datetime) | The post's most recent update time. |
| title | (html) | context dependent. |
| URL | (url) | The full permalink URL to the post. |
| short_URL | (url) | The wp.me short URL. |
| content | (html) | context dependent. |
| excerpt | (html) | context dependent. |
| slug | (string) | The name (slug) for the post, used in URLs. |
| guid | (string) | The GUID for the post. |
| | | publish: The post is published. draft: The post is saved as a draft. pending: |

Examples

developer.wordpress.com

Example

cURL PHP

```
1 | curl 'https://public-api.wordpress.com/rest/v1.1/sites/en.blog.wordpress.com'
```

Response

```
1 {
2   "ID": 7,
3   "site_ID": 3584907,
4   "author": {
5     "ID": 5,
6     "login": "matt",
7     "email": false,
8     "name": "Matt",
9     "first_name": "Matt",
10    "last_name": "Mullenweg",
11    "nice_name": "matt",
12    "URL": "http://matt.wordpress.com",
13    "avatar_URL": "https://1.gravatar.com/avatar/767fc9c11",
14    "profile_URL": "http://en.gravatar.com/matt",
15    "site_ID": 492382
16  },
17  "date": "2005-09-26T21:43:58+00:00",
18  "modified": "2005-09-26T21:43:58+00:00",
19  "title": "So should we be, like, blogging and stuff too?",
20  "URL": "http://en.blog.wordpress.com/2005/09/26/blogg-21",
21  "short_URL": "http://wp.me/pf285-7",
22  "content": "<p>It is absolutely is criminal we don't have an of",
23  "excerpt": "<p>It is absolutely is criminal we don't have an of",
24  "slug": "blogging-and-stuff",
```

dev.twitter.com

Example Request

POST https://api.twitter.com/1.1/statuses/update.json?status=Maybe%20he%27%20finally%20find%20his%20keys.%20%23peterfalk

Example Response

```
{
  "coordinates": null,
  "favorited": false,
  "created_at": "Wed Sep 05 00:37:15 +0000 2012",
  "truncated": false,
  "id_str": "24314573521277472",
  "entities": {
    "urls": [
      ],
    "hashtags": [
      {
        "text": "peterfalk",
        "indices": [
          35,
          45
        ]
      }
    ],
    "user_mentions": [
      ]
    },
  "in_reply_to_user_id_str": null,
  "text": "Maybe he'll finally find his keys. #peterfalk",
  "retweet_count": 0,
  "id": 24314573521277472,
  "in_reply_to_status_id_str": null,
```

developer.paypal.com

REST API Reference

Response

Returns the HTTP status of 204 if the call is successful.

Sample Response

```
{
  "id": "PAY-5YX922393D847794YKER7MUI",
  "intent": "authorize",
  "create_time": "2015-04-24T14:26:59.059Z",
  "payer": {
    "payer_info": {
      "country_code": "DE",
      "email": "a@paypal.com",
      "first_name": "Gruneberg",
      "last_name": "Anna",
      "payer_id": "8J4WY56VUX06",
      "phone": "605-521-1234"
    },
    "payment_method": "paypal",
    "status": "VERIFIED"
  },
  "state": "approved",
  "transactions": [
    {
      "amount": {
        "total": "18.37",
        "currency": "EUR",
        "details": {
          "subtotal": "13.37",
          "shipping": "5.00"
        }
      },
      "description": "Uber",
      "item_list": {
        "items": [
          ]
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

HATEOAS

```
    },
    "description": "Uber",
    "item_list": {
      "items": [
        {
          "currency": "EUR",
          "name": "iPad",
          "price": "13.37",
          "quantity": "1"
        }
      ],
      "shipping_address": {
        "recipient_name": "Gruneberg, Anna",
        "line1": "Kathwarinenhof 1",
        "city": "Flensburg",
        "postal_code": "24939",
        "country_code": "DE"
      }
    },
    "payee": {
      "email": "paypal-de@paypal.com"
    }
  ],
  "links": [
    {
      "href":
        "https://api.paypal.com/v1/payments/payment/PA
        Y-5YK922393D847794YKER7MUI",
      "method": "GET",
      "rel": "self"
    }
  ]
}
```

Listings

PayPal provides various payment-related operations through the `/payment` resource and related sub-resources. Use `payment` for direct credit card payments and PayPal account payments. You can also use sub-resources to get payment-related details.

Create a payment

POST `/v1/payments/payment`

Depending on the `payment_method` and the `funding_instrument`, you can use the payment resource for [direct credit card payments](#), [stored credit card payments](#), or [PayPal account payments](#).

Execute approved PayPal payment

POST `/v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}/execute`

Executes a PayPal payment that payer has approved. Optionally, one or more transactions to update transaction information when you execute the payment.

Show payment details

GET `/v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}`

Shows details for a payment, by ID, that is yet completed. For example, a payment that was created, approved, or failed.

Update payment

PATCH `/v1/payments/payment/{payment_id}`

Partially updates a payment. A payment cannot be updated if a payment is executed.

List payments

GET `/v1/payments/payment`

Lists payments that were created by the `create_payment` call and are in any state. The list shows the payments that are made to the merchant who makes the call.

POSTS

View and manage posts including reblogs and likes.

| Resource | Description |
|--|--|
| GET <code>/sites/{site}/posts/</code> | Get a list of matching posts. |
| GET <code>/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}</code> | Get a single post (by ID). |
| POST <code>/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}</code> | Edit a post. |
| GET <code>/sites/{site}/posts/slug/{post_slug}</code> | Get a single post (by slug). |
| POST <code>/sites/{site}/posts/new</code> | Create a post. |
| POST <code>/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}/delete</code> | Delete a post. Note: If the trash is enabled, this request will send the post to the trash. A second request will permanently delete the post. |
| POST <code>/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}/restore</code> | Restore a post or page from the trash to its previous status. |
| GET <code>/me/posts</code> | Get a list of posts across all the user's sites. |
| GET <code>/sites/{site}/posts/{post_ID}/likes/</code> | Get a list of the likes for a post. |

- GET friends/ids
- GET friends/list
- GET friendships/incoming
- GET friendships/lookup
- GET friendships/no_retweets/ids
- GET friendships/outgoing
- GET friendships/show
- GET geo/id/{place_id}
- GET geo/reverse_geocode
- GET geo/search
- GET help/configuration
- GET help/languages
- GET help/privacy
- GET help/tos
- GET lists/list
- GET lists/members
- GET lists/members/show
- GET lists/memberships
- GET lists/ownerships
- GET statuses/retweeters/ids
- GET statuses/retweets/{id}
- GET statuses/retweets_of_me
- GET statuses/show/{id}
- GET statuses/user_timeline
- GET trends/available
- GET trends/closest
- GET trends/place
- GET users/lookup
- GET users/profile_banner
- GET users/search
- GET users/show
- GET users/suggestions
- GET users/suggestions/slug
- GET users/suggestions/slug/members

POST

- POST account/remove_profile_banner
- POST account/settings
- POST account/update_profile
- POST account/update_profile_background_image
- POST account/update_profile_banner
- POST account/update_profile_image
- POST blocks/create
- POST blocks/destroy
- POST collections/create
- POST collections/destroy
- POST collections/entries/add
- POST collections/entries/curate
- POST collections/entries/move

OpenAPI

OpenAPI

Originated with Swagger tool for designing RESTful APIs

Represents API descriptions in JSON or YAML (Yet Another Markup Language)

- We'll concentrate on the YAML serialization

OpenAPI metadata

OpenAPI description starts with:

- Version number of OpenAPI in use
- Simple metadata about the service in the `info:` block

```
openapi: 3.0.0
info:
  version: 1.0.0
  title: Orinoco API
  description: The API for the Orinoco online bookseller
```


Servers

API endpoints are defined relative to a base URI

- Defined in OpenAPI using the servers: block

servers:

- url: `https://orinoco.com`
description: Live server
- _ url: `https://test.orinoco.com`
description: Test server (uses dummy data)

Components

components: block used to define repeatedly-used information

- Most often used to define format of message bodies

```
components:  
  schemas:  
    order:  
      type: object  
    properties:  
      items:  
        type: array  
        item:  
          type: string  
    status:  
      type: string
```

Paths

Lists available paths on the server

- e.g. `https://orinoco.com/order/1234`

For each path, lists:

- The methods which can be used on that path
- The content of any request body which should accompany the method (for PUT, POST)
- The responses which may be received from the method (including response bodies)

Path Example

```
paths:  
  /order/{order_id}:  
    get:  
      description: Obtain information about an order  
      parameters:  
        - name: order_id  
          in: path  
          required: true  
          schema:  
            type: string
```

Path Example

```
paths:
  /order/{order_id}:
    get:
      ...
      responses:
        '200':
          description: Successfully returned an order
          content:
            application/xml:
              schema:
                $ref: '#/components/schemas/order'
```

Summary

Documentation should cover all the bases of the web architecture

- Identification – parameterised URIs
- Interaction – HTTP methods, status codes and headers
- Representation – formats for request and response, with examples

Listings of all of the above

RESTful API Examples

Twitter

<https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs/api-reference-index>

Paypal

<https://developer.paypal.com/docs/api/payments/>

Imgur

<https://apidocs.imgur.com>

Wordpress

<https://developer.wordpress.org/rest-api/>

Tools and Further Reading

Swagger API development tool

<https://swagger.io/>

Overview of OpenAPI

<https://swagger.io/docs/specification/about/>

OpenAPI Specification

<https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification>

Next: CORS and Memento