

BPMN for REST

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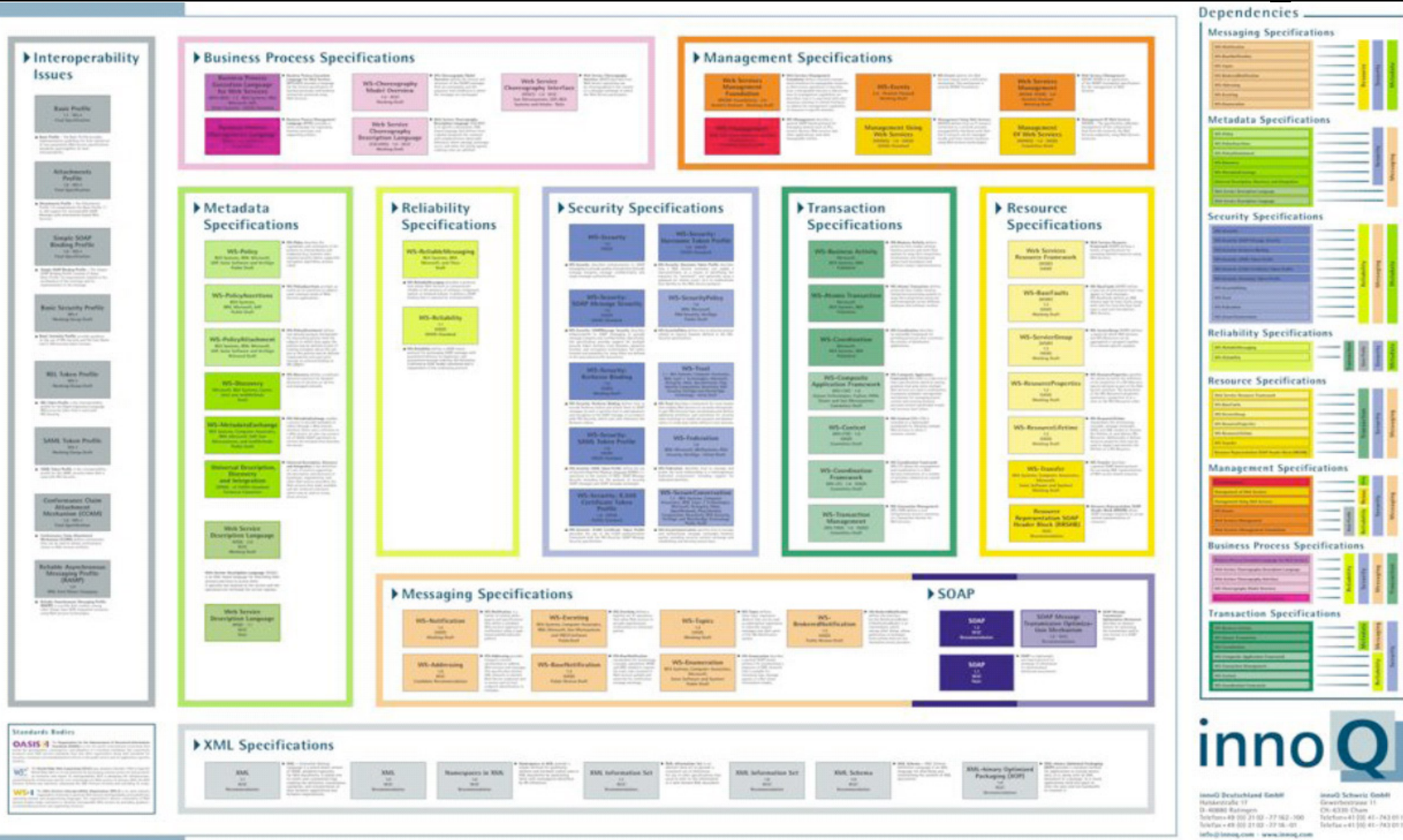
BPM



REST

**Business
Process
Management**

**RESTful
Web Services**





Interoperability

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Metadata

Reliability

Security

Transactions

State

Can you do it
with REST?



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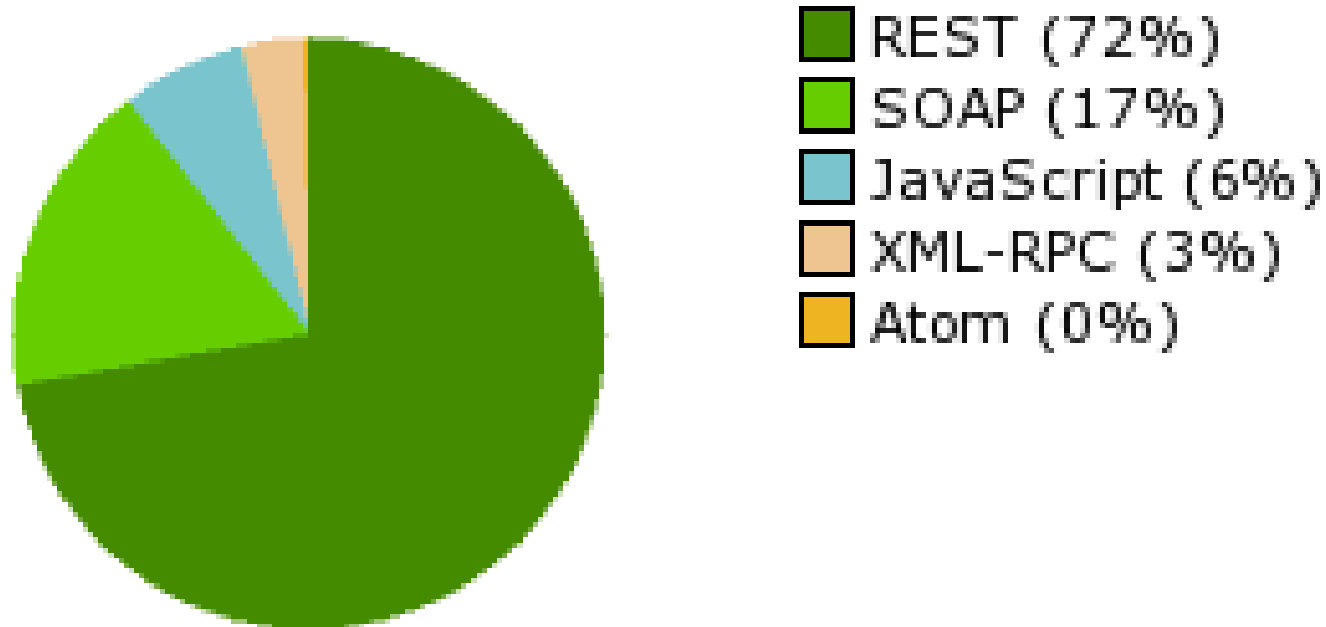
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RESTful APIs...



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Protocol Usage by APIs



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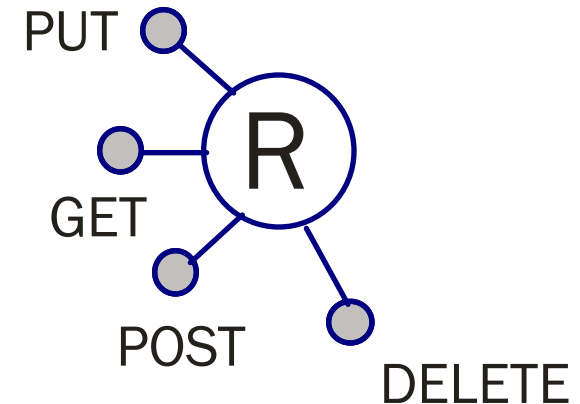


BPM
resource



REST
resource

- Web Services expose their data and functionality through **resources** identified by **URI**
- **Uniform Interface** constraint: Clients interact with resources through a fix set of verbs.
Example HTTP:
GET (read), POST (create), PUT (update), DELETE
- **Multiple representations** for the same resource
- **Hyperlinks** model resource relationships and valid state transitions for dynamic protocol description and discovery



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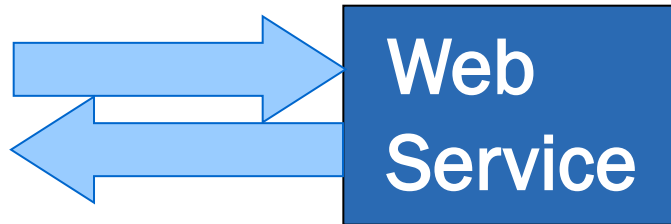
- The HATEOAS (hypermedia and linking) principal of REST is logically a dynamic state machine and **fits very well** with how workflow and BPM systems are designed.
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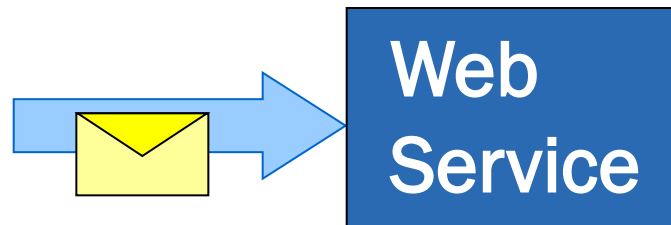
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2. Analytical Modeling

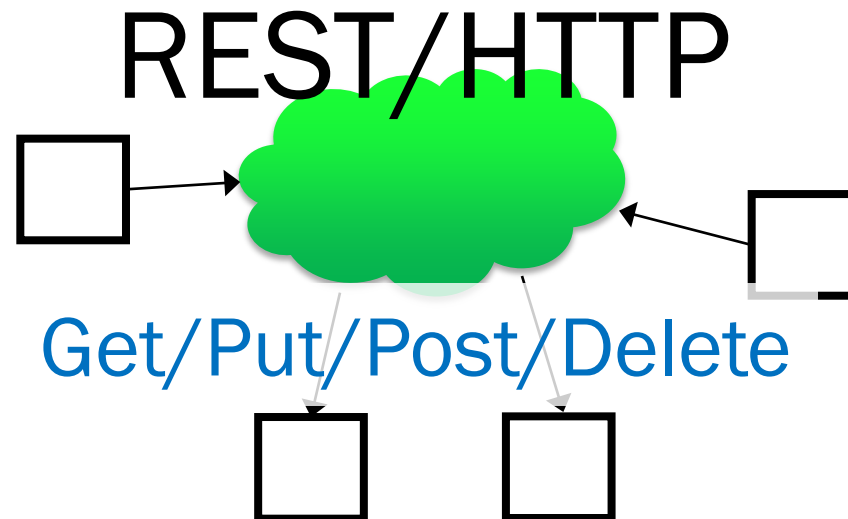
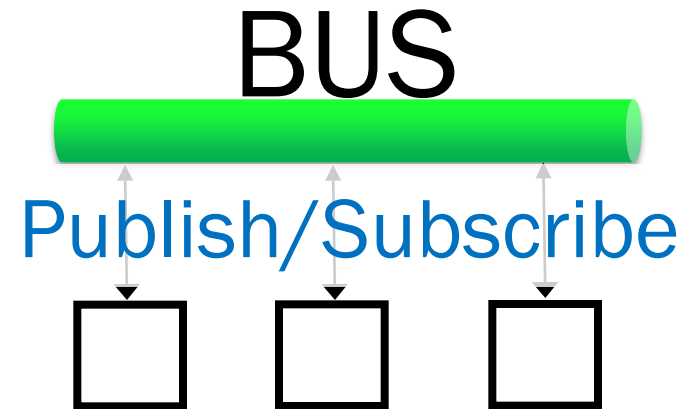
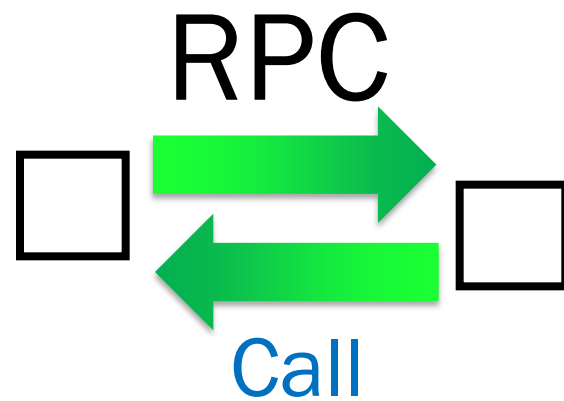
3. Executable Modeling



Service Task



Send/Receive Task



1. Goal: use a business process model to:
 - orchestrate a set of distributed resources
 - specify the behavior of stateful resources

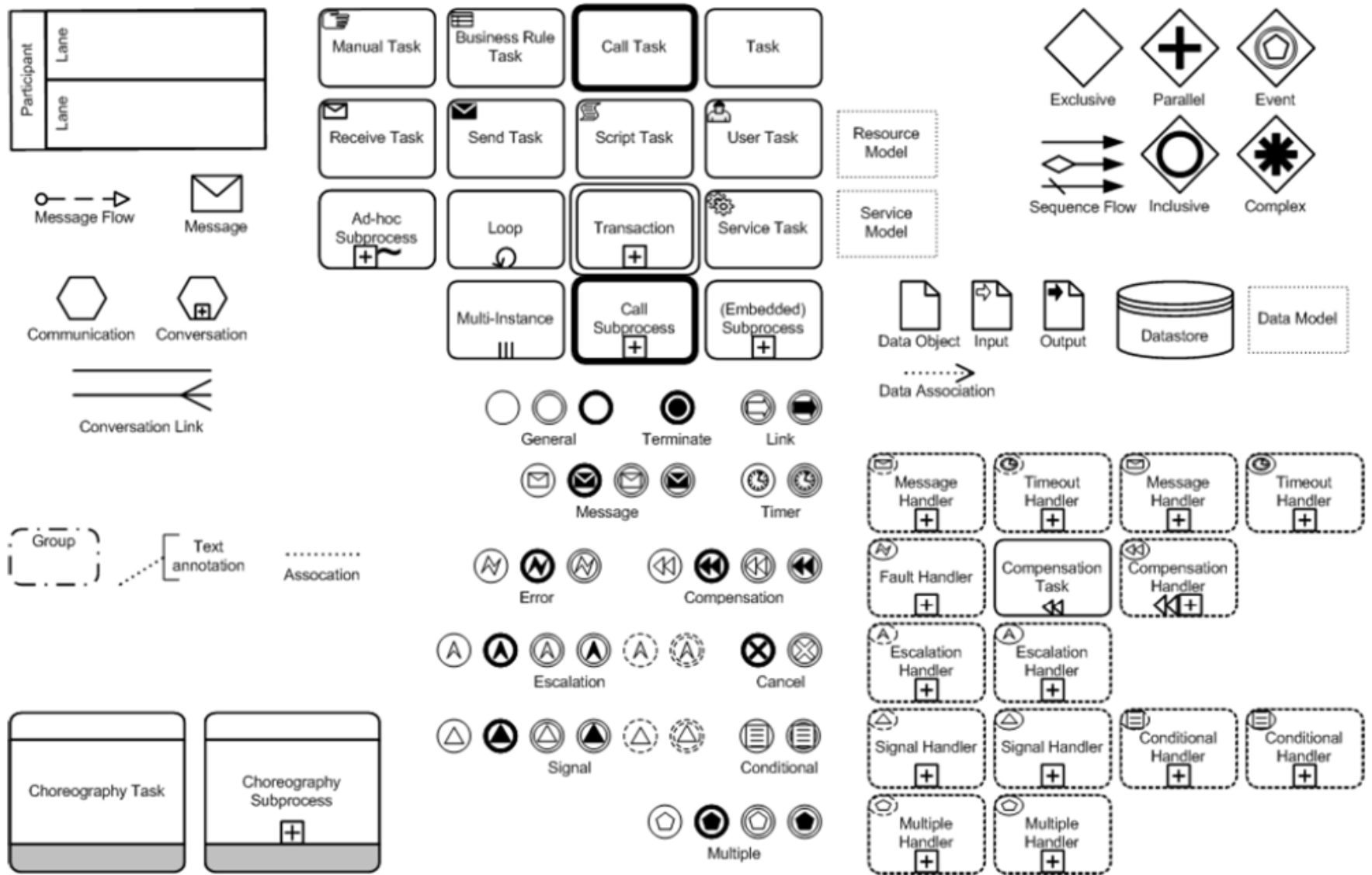
2. BPMN for REST Extension
 - Resource Symbol
 - Invoking external resources
 - Publishing process elements as resources

3. Examples

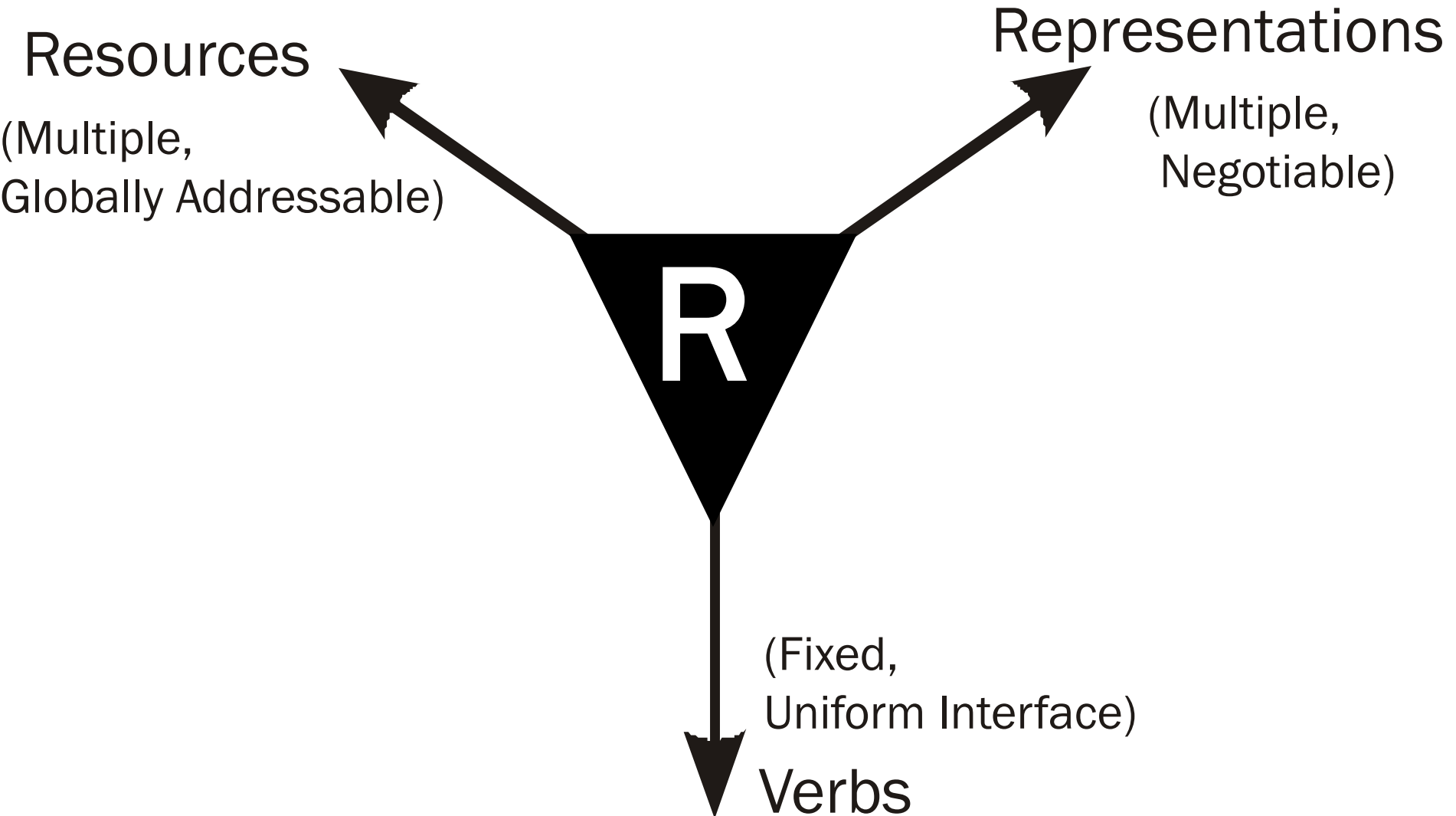
Modeling questions

- Which are the resources that a process depends upon for a successful execution?
- Which are the resources that are affected by the execution of a process?
- Can we reason about the behavior of stateful resources using a process model?
- Which are the tasks of a process that have been made accessible to clients as a resource?
- Which are the possible requests that can be sent to a resource whose behavior is specified by a process?

BPMN 2.0 Notation



REST Triangle



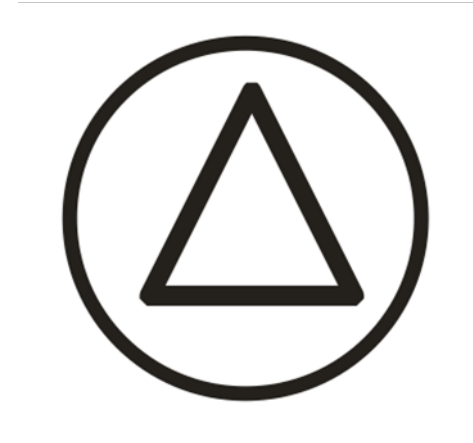




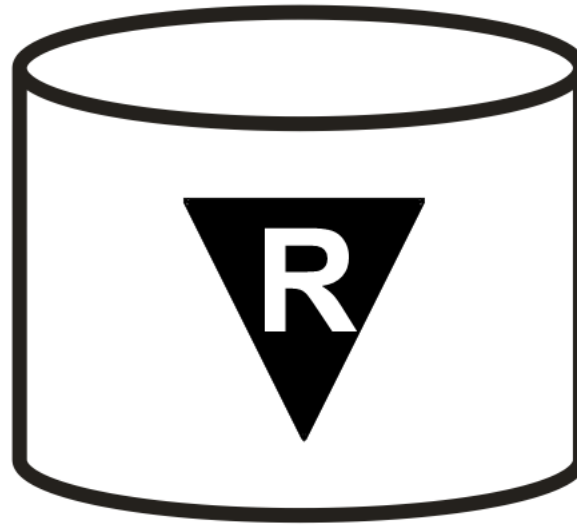
Task published as a resource



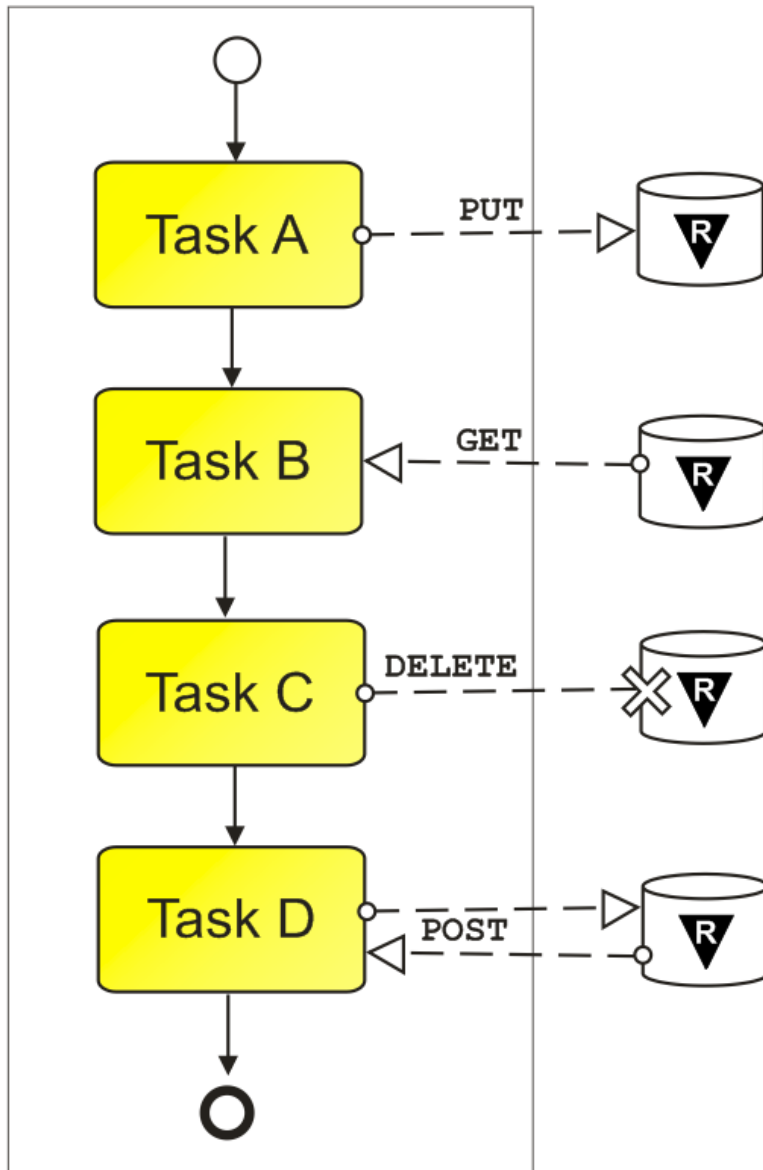
Resource Request Event
(BPMN for REST)



Signal
(BPMN 2.0)

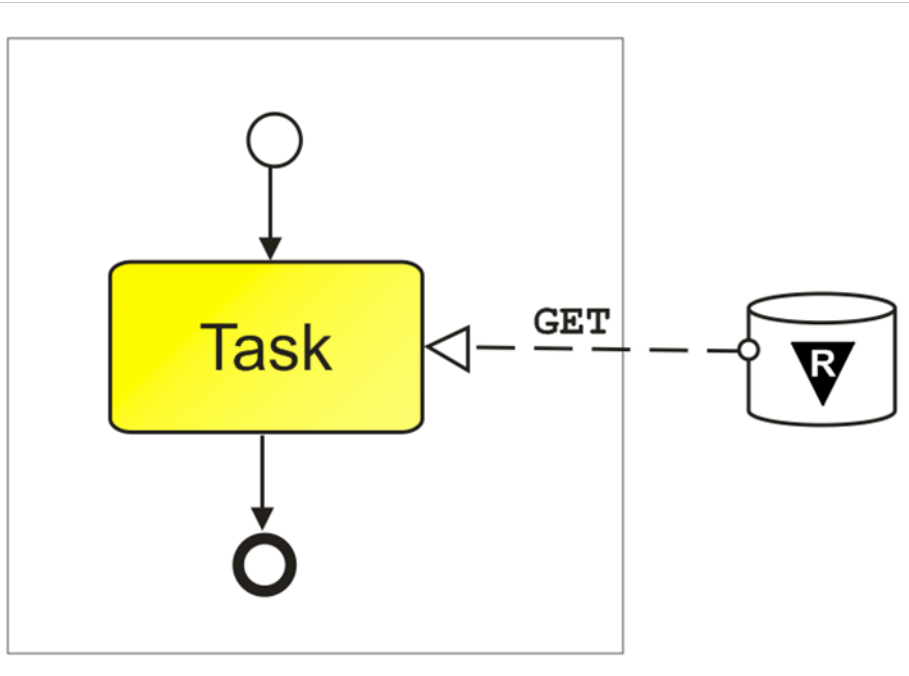


External Resource
(RESTful Datastore)

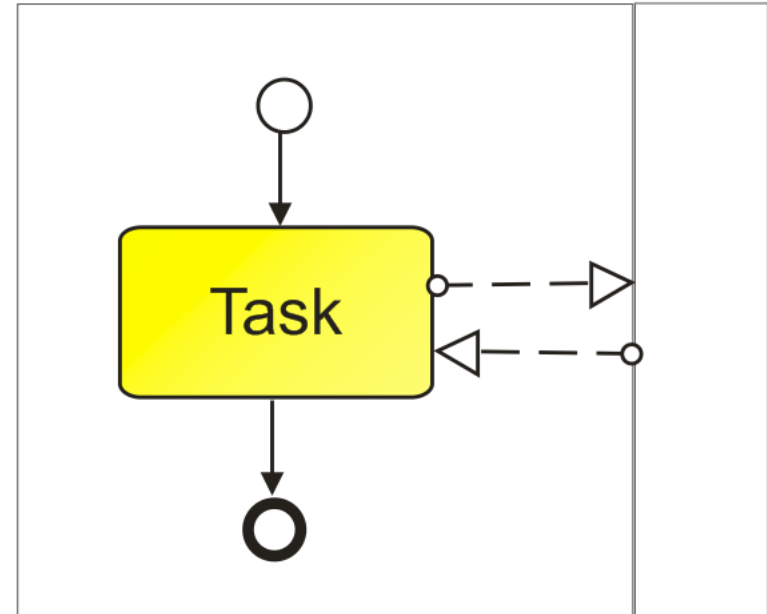


GET PUT DELETE POST
Message Flows
(Visualize the semantics
of the HTTP method)

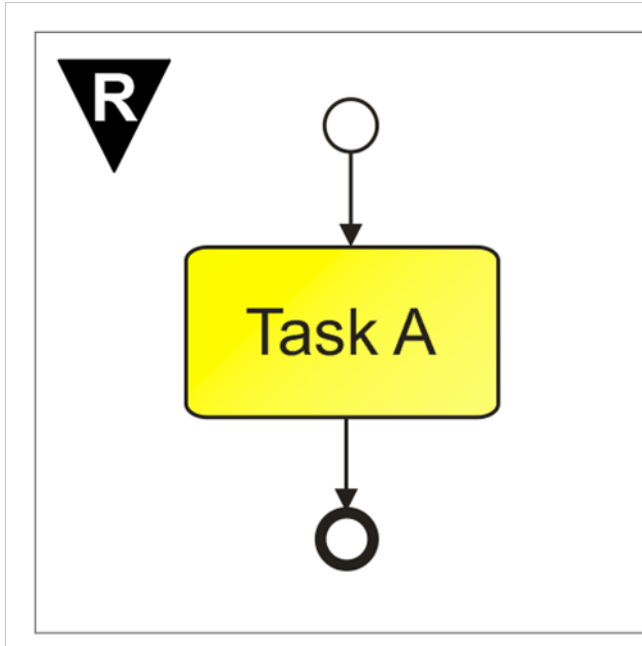
External
Resources:
(Resource lifecycle is
independent
of process instance)



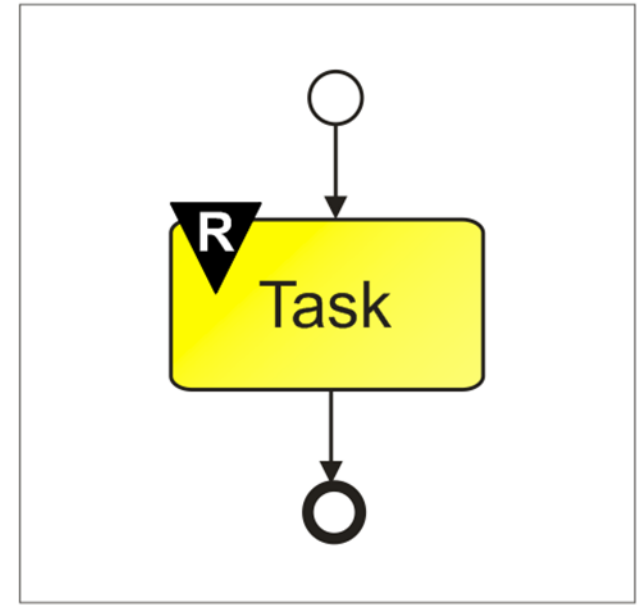
GET message flow
with external resource
(BPMN for REST)



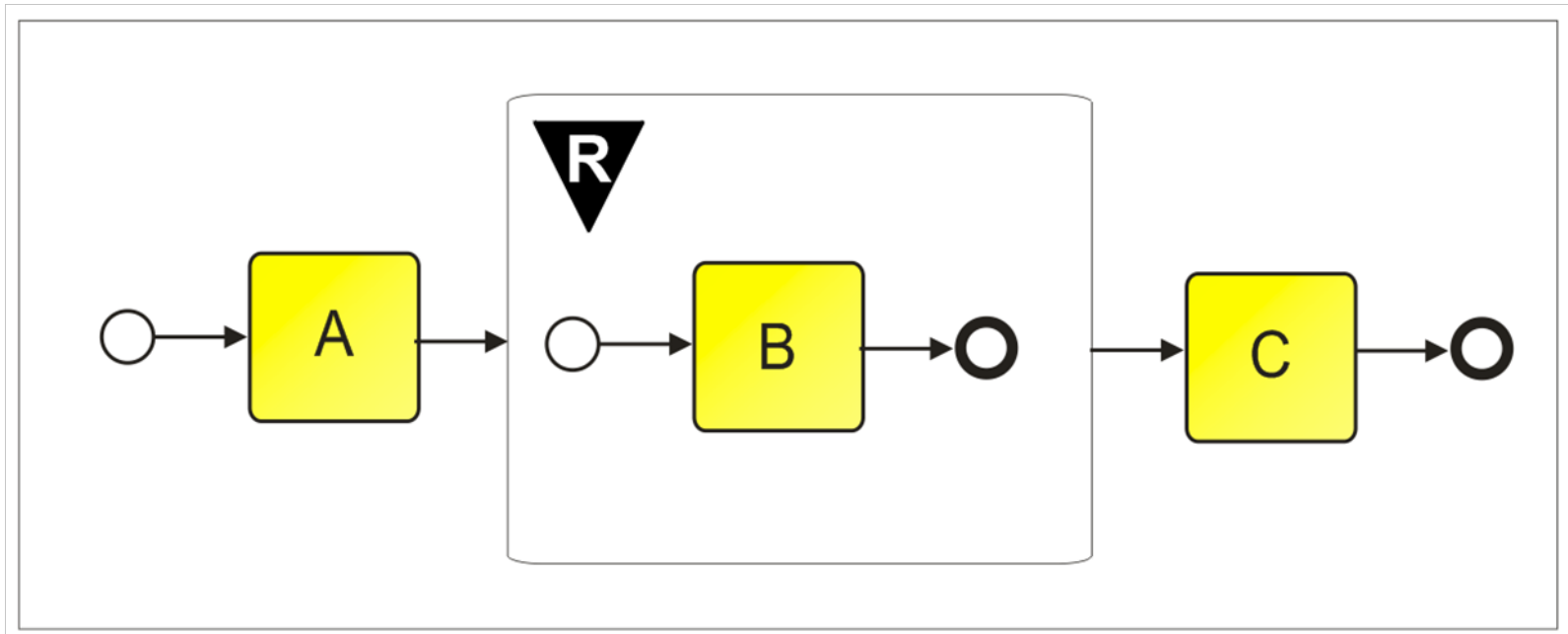
Synchronous RPC
with participant lane
(BPMN)



Process
published as resource

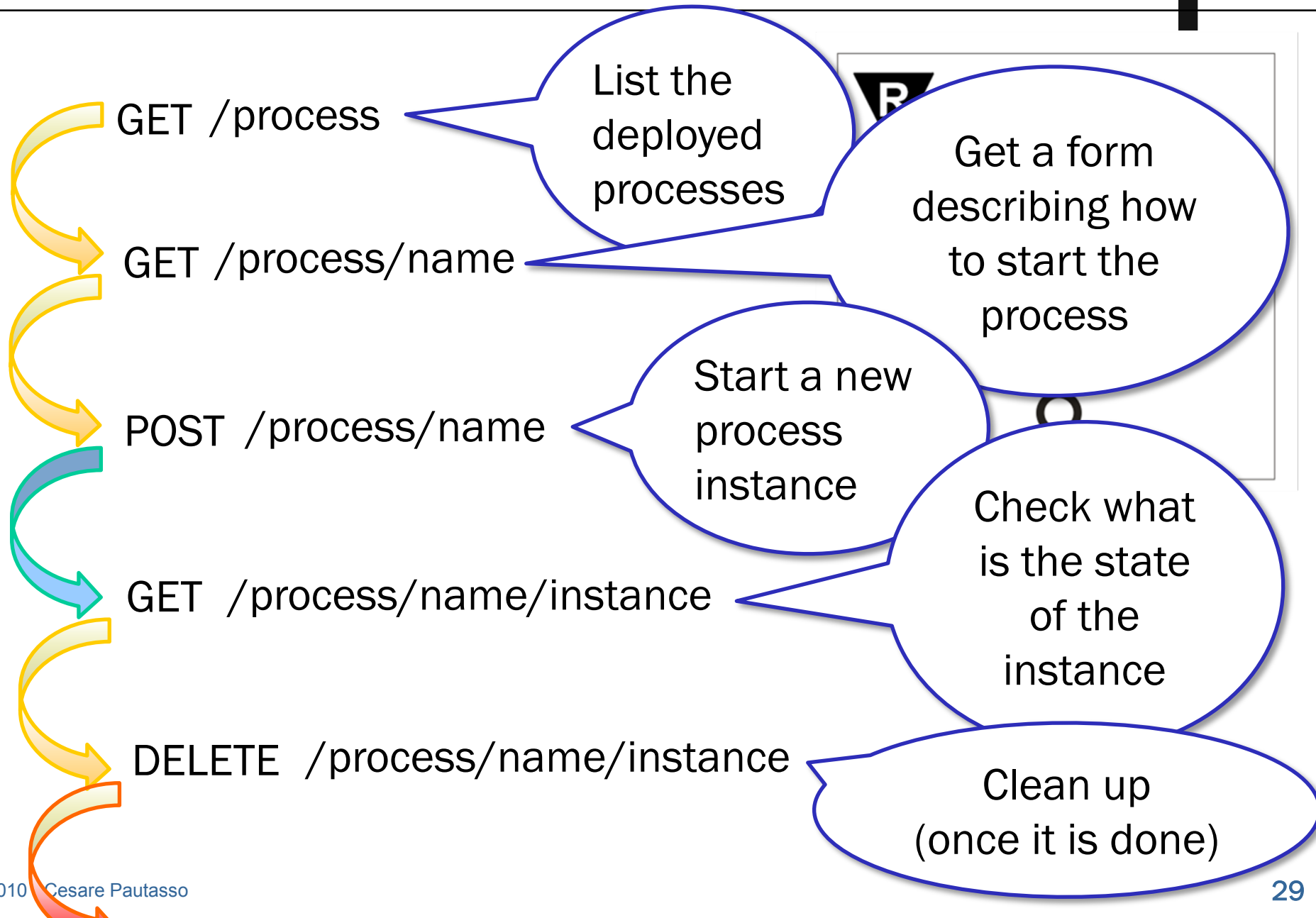


Task
published as resource

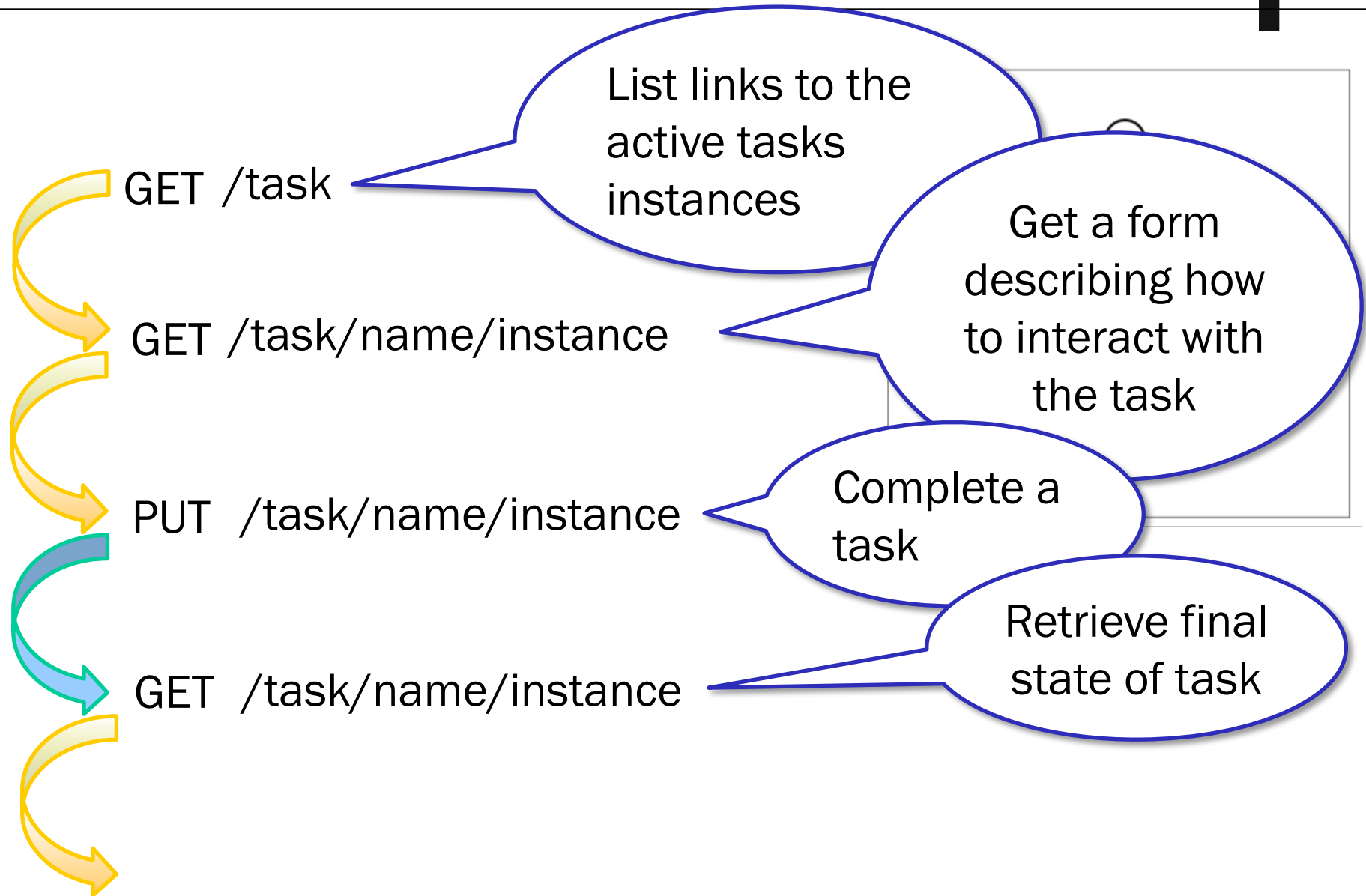


SubProcess
published as resource

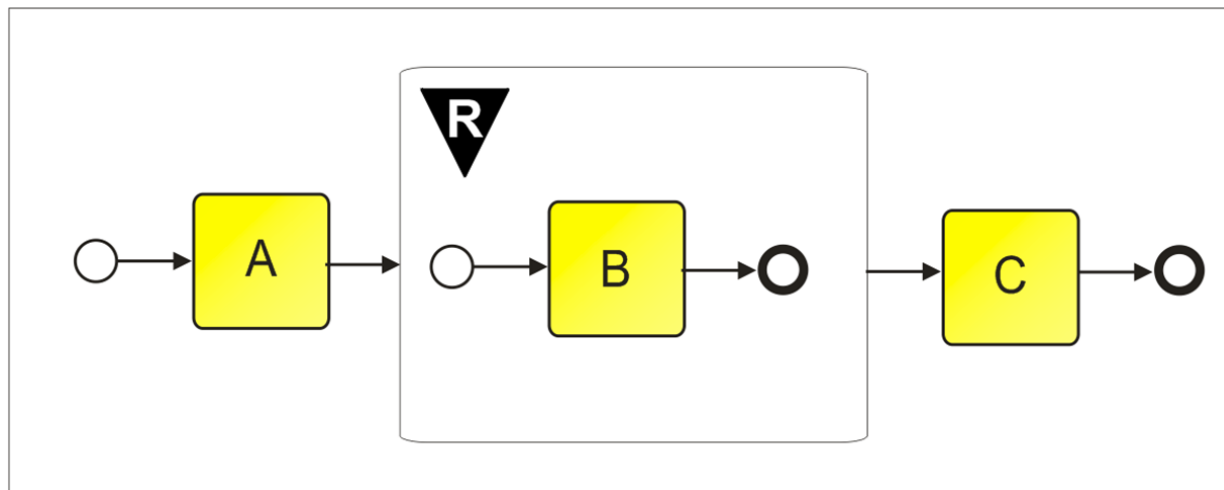
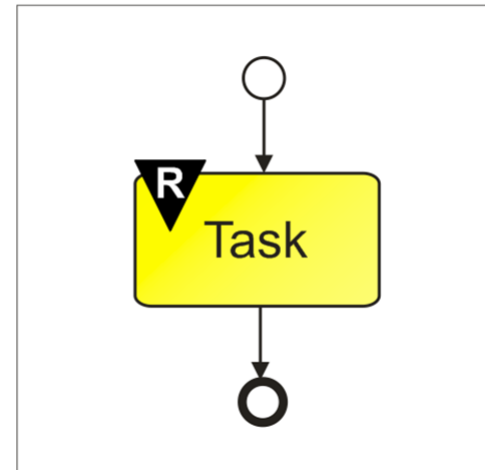
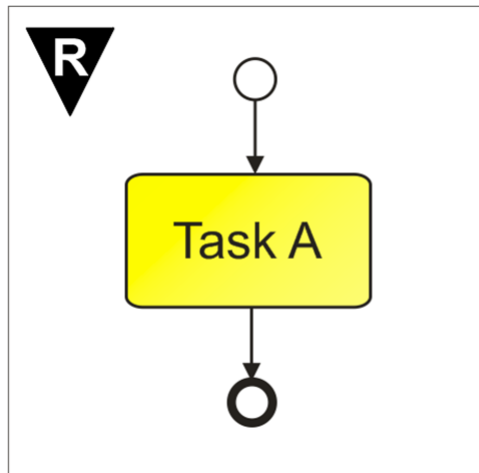
Publish Process as Resource

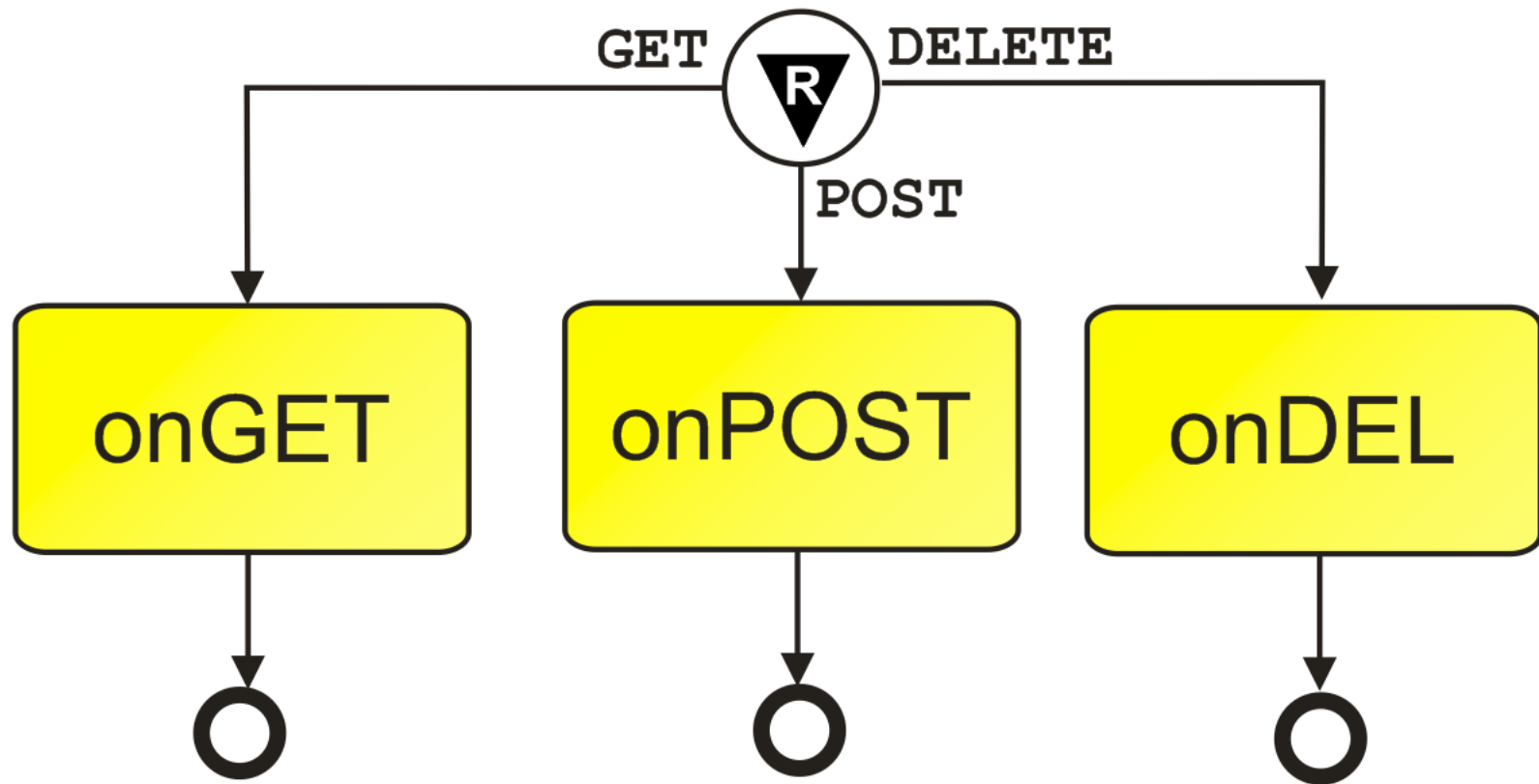


Publish Task as Resource



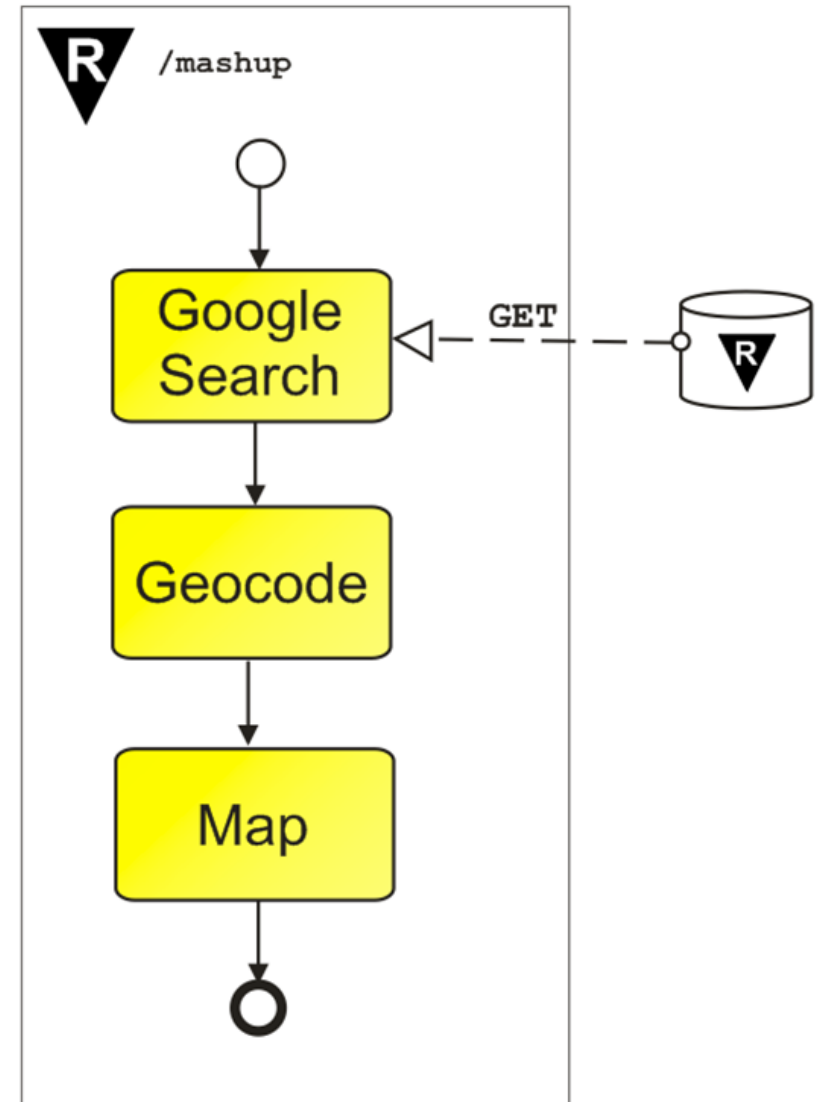
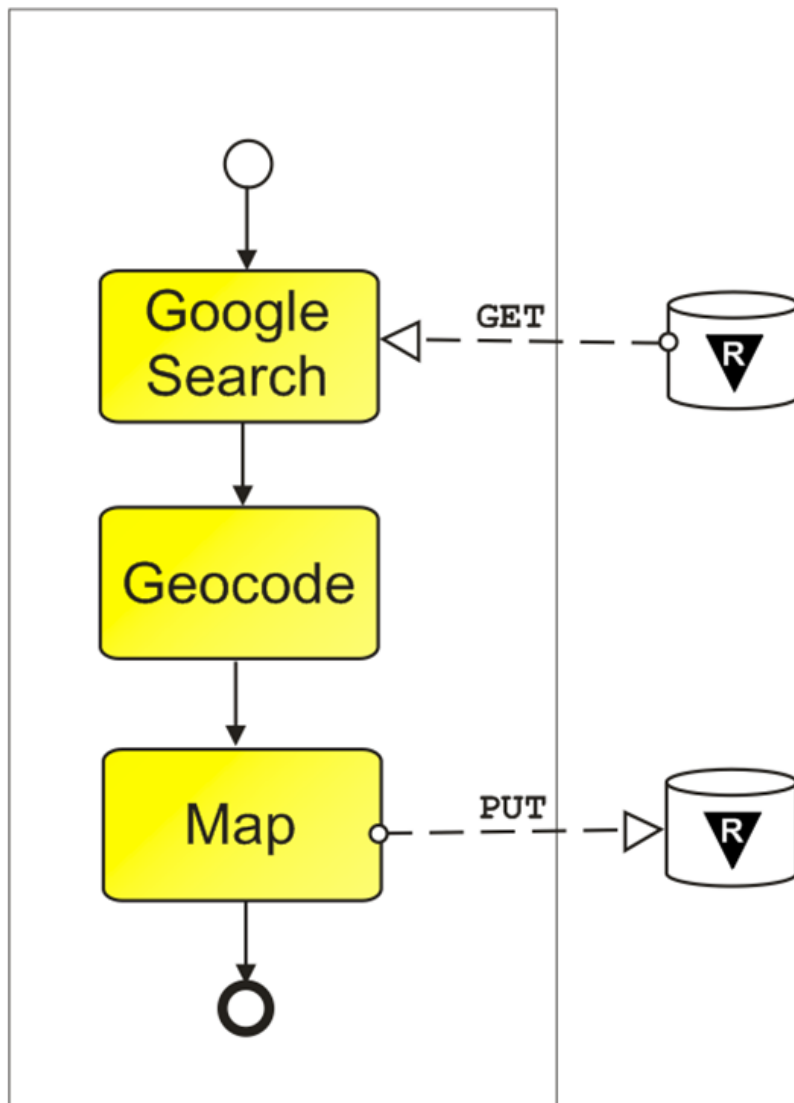
Publishing X as Resource



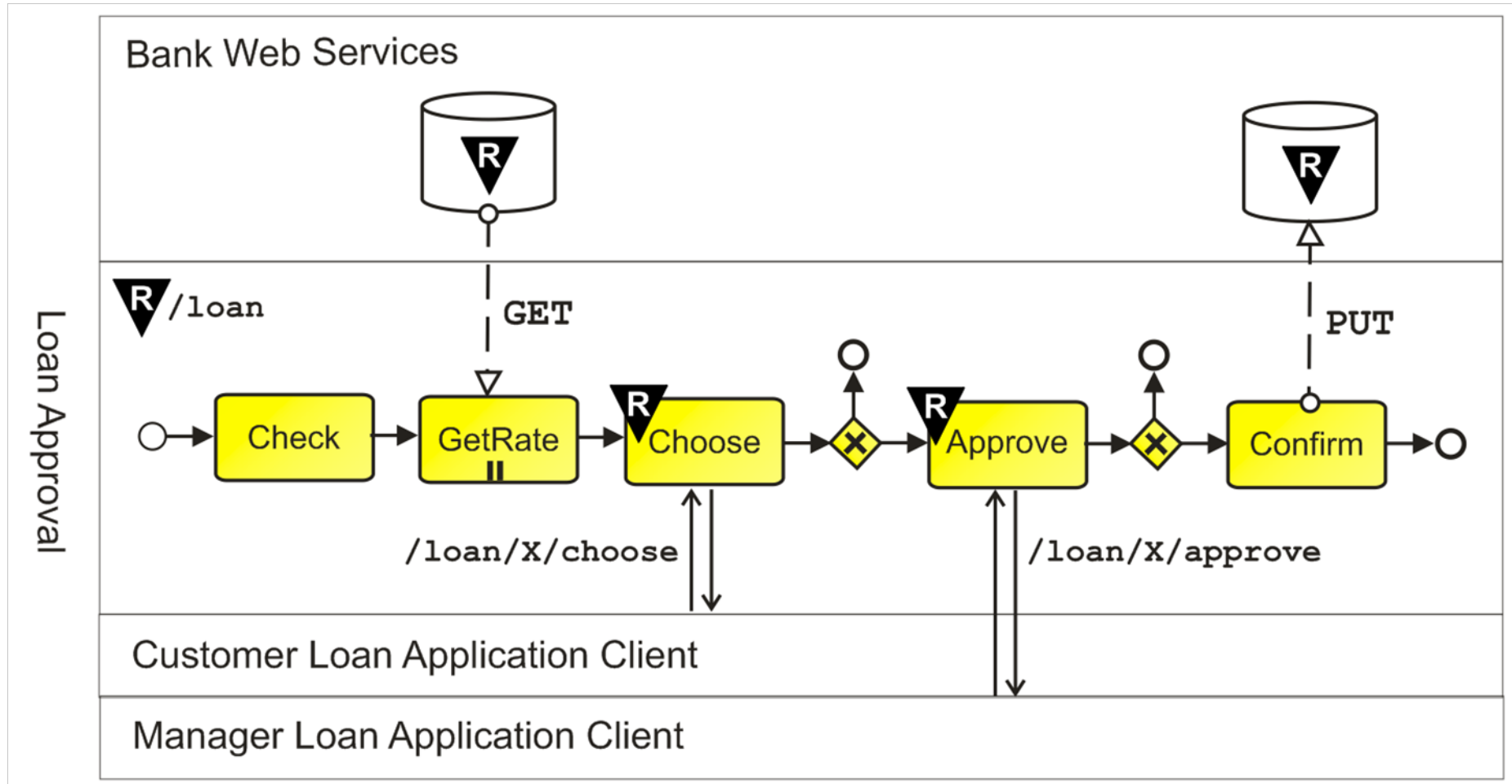


The event models the arrival of a specific resource request method

Local Search Mashup



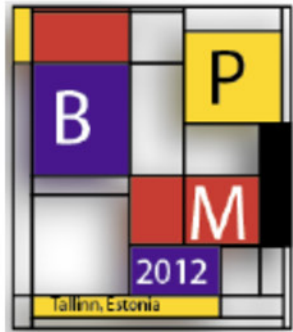
Loan Approval Example



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- RESTful business process can be modeled using our simple BPMN for REST notation extension
- Processes interact with external resources (e.g., Web 2.0 APIs) which are fully decoupled from their lifecycle
- Processes publish their state as a resource:
 - Entire Tasks and SubProcesses
 - Use Events to model Resource Requests
- The graphical syntax and extended semantics of BPMN for REST was only informally sketched, more work is needed to specify the XML meta-model for the extension and its formal semantics



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