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### **ADO.NET DATA SERVICES**

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### **Agenda**

- Overview of ADO.NET Data Services
- Exposing Data Sources
  - Custom data sources, LINQ to SQL, LINQ to Entities
- Building Clients
  - NET Clients, AJAX based clients
- More "advanced" topics
  - Interception
  - Service Operations
  - Batching of operations
  - Dealing with concurrency



#### **Data Services - Overview**

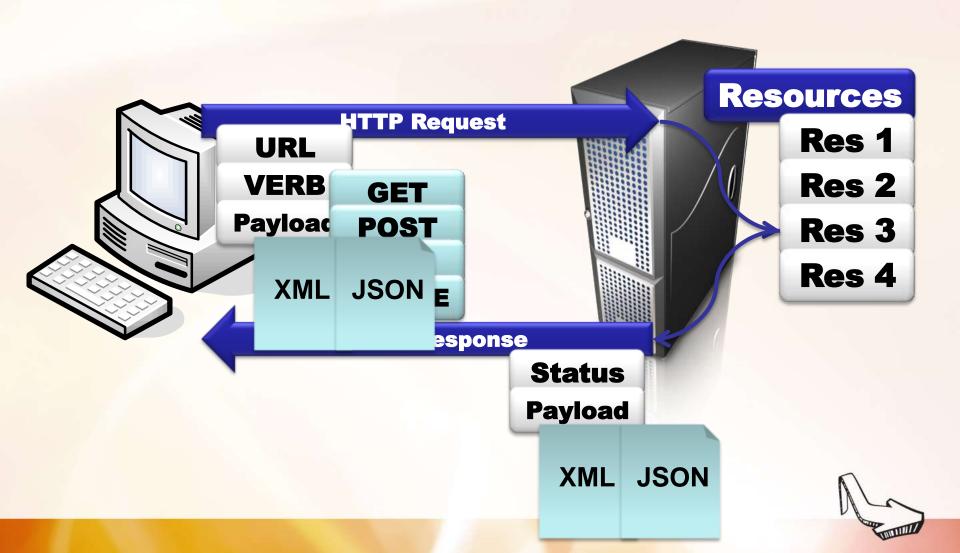
- Builds on top of WCF V3.5
- Provides new functionality
  - CRUD access to data over RESTful web services
  - Built-in URI-based query syntax
  - Client-side libraries for .NET, AJAX and Silverlight

#### Status

- In VS 2008 Service Pack 1, Ships Summer 2008
- Current version is in Sp1 Beta 1 but has been through various previews



#### **RESTful Web Services?**



#### **RESTful?**

#### REpresentational State Transfer

- Server-side resources identified by a URI
- Access is over HTTP, verb tied to action
  - GET to read the value of a resource
  - POST to create a new resource
  - PUT to update an existing resource
  - DELETE to delete a resource
- Returned data is "plain" XML or JSON
- Is this "the death of SOAP"?



#### **Data? What Kind of Data?**

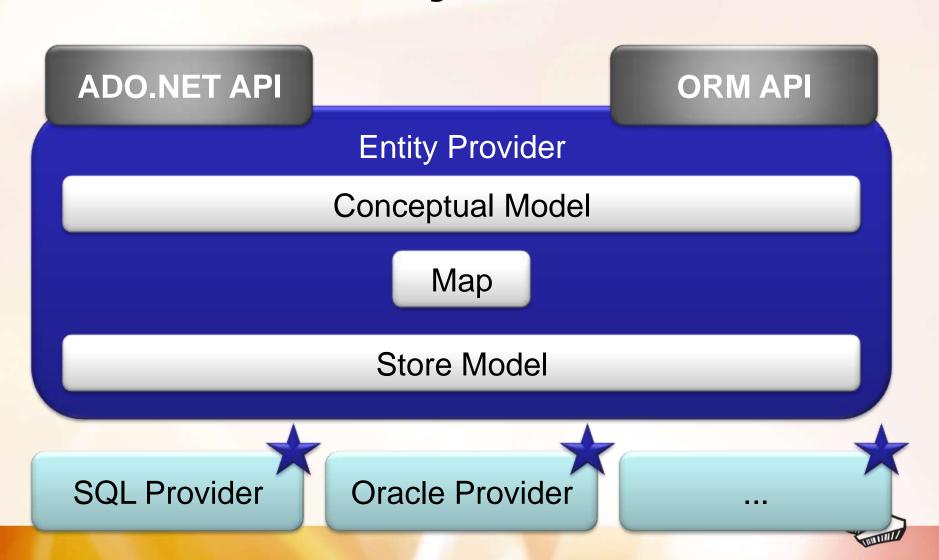
- Provide a type with public properties which are IQueryable<T>
  - Some rules about how T has to be formed
  - Remember the extension method AsQueryable()
- Only get write access if your type implements IUpdatable
- Works well with generated code from;
  - ADO.NET Entity Framework (ObjectContext)
  - LINQ to SQL (DataContext\*)



**Exposing Data with ADO.NET Data Services** 



### **ADO.NET Entity Framework????**



**Exposing EF Data with ADO.NET Data Services** 



### **Querying with ADO.NET Data Services**

- URI based query mechanism
  - http://myservice.svc/MyEntitySet
- Supports the notion of navigating by primary key
  - MyEntitySet (MyPrimaryKeyCol1, Col2, ...)
- Supports various operators
  - sorderby, \$top, \$skip, \$expand, \$filter, \$value



### **Operators for \$filter**

Logic
eq
ne
gt
gteq
It
Iteq
and
or
not

Arithmetic
add
sub
mul
div
mod
round
floor
ceiling

String
contains
endswith
startswith
length
indexof
insert
remove x 2
replace
substring
tolower
toupper
trim
concat

Date/Time
second
hour
minute
day
month
year

Type isof cast



**Querying Data with the URI** 



### **Building Clients**

- Services offer metadata
  - MyService.svc/\$metadata
- .NET clients made easier through a proxy generation tool
  - datasvcutil.exe
- AJAX clients made easier through a script library
  - Data Service AJAX Client Library
  - Available as a download on Codeplex



**Building .NET and AJAX clients** 



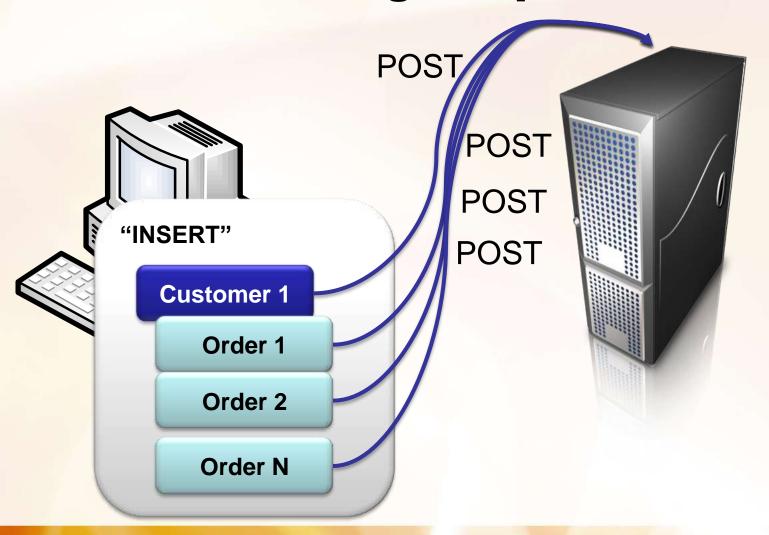
### **Interception & Operations**

- Possible to hook code into the dispatch mechanism
- For queries we can write
  - Query interceptors
- For modifications we can write
  - Change interceptors
- Can also expose custom functionality
  - Service Operations
  - Useful for providing "canned" functionality, can be parameterised

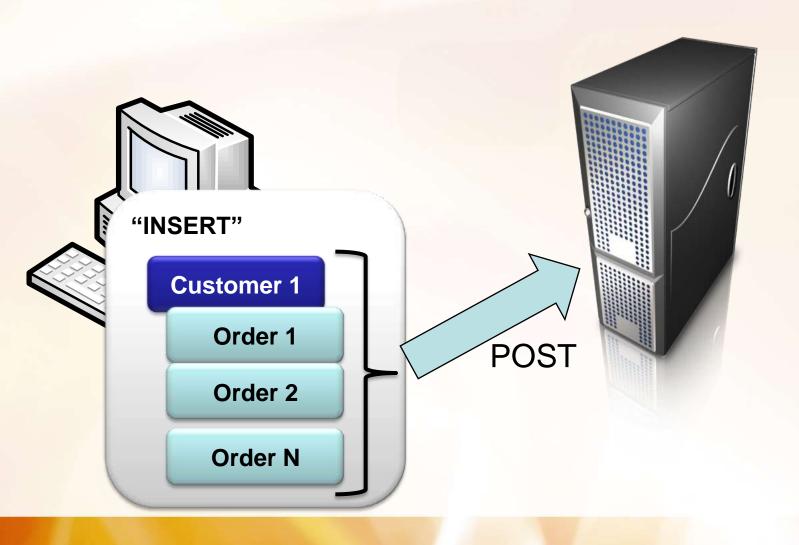


**Interception and Service Operations** 









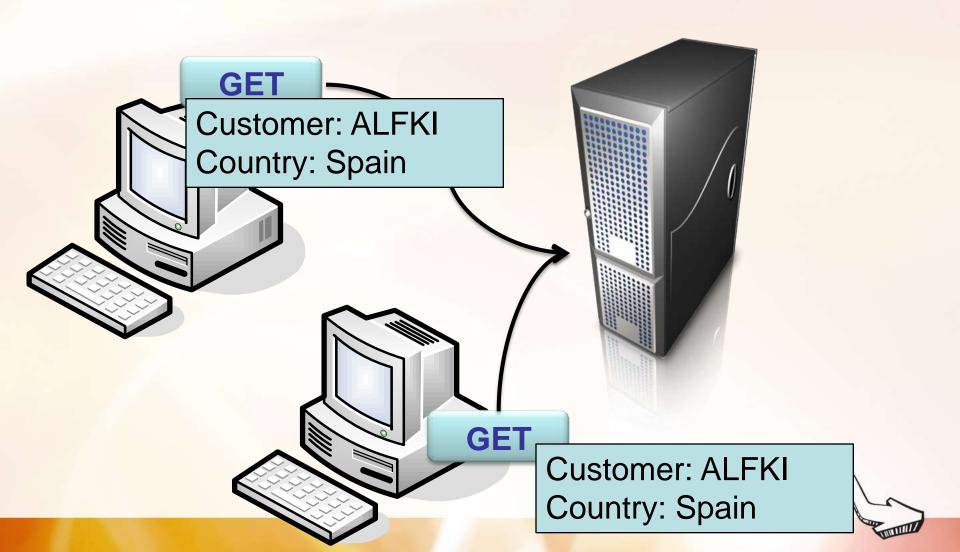


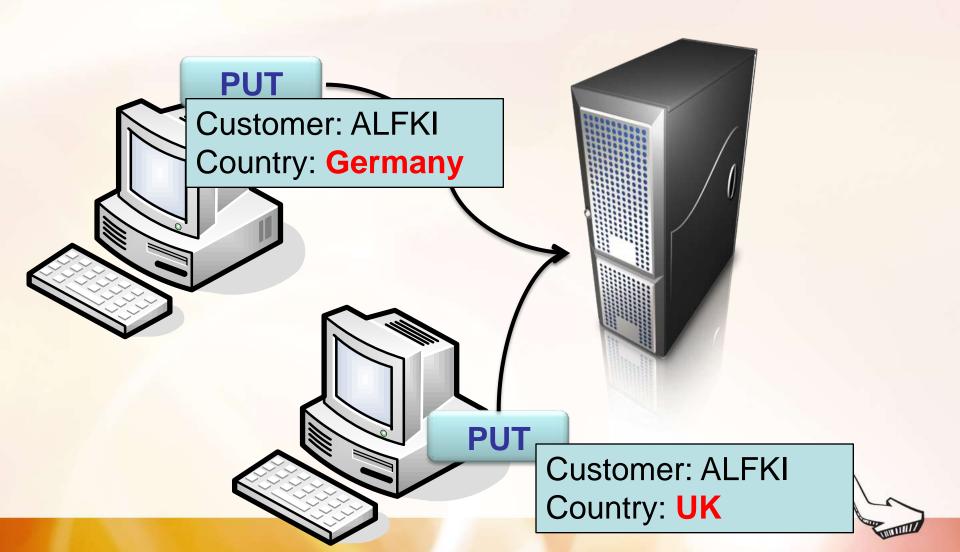
- Provides a mechanism to process a batch
  - 0 or more Query operations
  - 0 or more [Create/Update/Delete] operations
- Uses multipart/mixed MIME type sent to a \$batch endpoint
- Use
  - SaveChanges(SaveChangesOptions.Batch)
  - ExecuteBatch()















#### Resources

- New Data Developer Site
  - http://www.datadeveloper.net
- Data Services ("Astoria") Team Blog
  - http://blogs.msdn.com/astoriateam
- My website ©
  - http://www.miketaulty.com ( search Data Services )



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