



# REST Provider Support (PJ44281)

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# REST current support

- Expensive to code to handle all the parsing required
- No standardized way of describing REST services
- No infrastructure for providing API discovery services

# REST provider support

- Tooling from TPF Toolkit and z/OS Connect provides simplified way of creating REST services without much code
- OpenAPI (aka Swagger) is used for REST implementation
- API Discovery for API Connect, Swagger editor, etc

# REST current support

Create a service wrapper program that:

- 1) takes a HTTP request structure as input
- 2) parses the XML or JSON
- 3) puts the data where needed to call the service

```
void <PROG> (tpf_httpsvr_req *request, tpf_httpsvr_token tok);
```

# REST provider support

Create a service wrapper program that:

- 1) takes a single structure for input
  - no HTTP, XML, JSON knowledge
- 2) puts the data where needed to call the service

```
void <PROG> (void *input, unsigned int len, tpf_srvc_token tok);
```

# REST current support

Create response handlers that:

- 1) build a HTTP response structure
- 2) create the XML or JSON based on “Accept” request header.

```
int tpf_httpSendResponse(tpf_httpsvr_token token,  
                        tpf_httpsvr_resp *response);
```



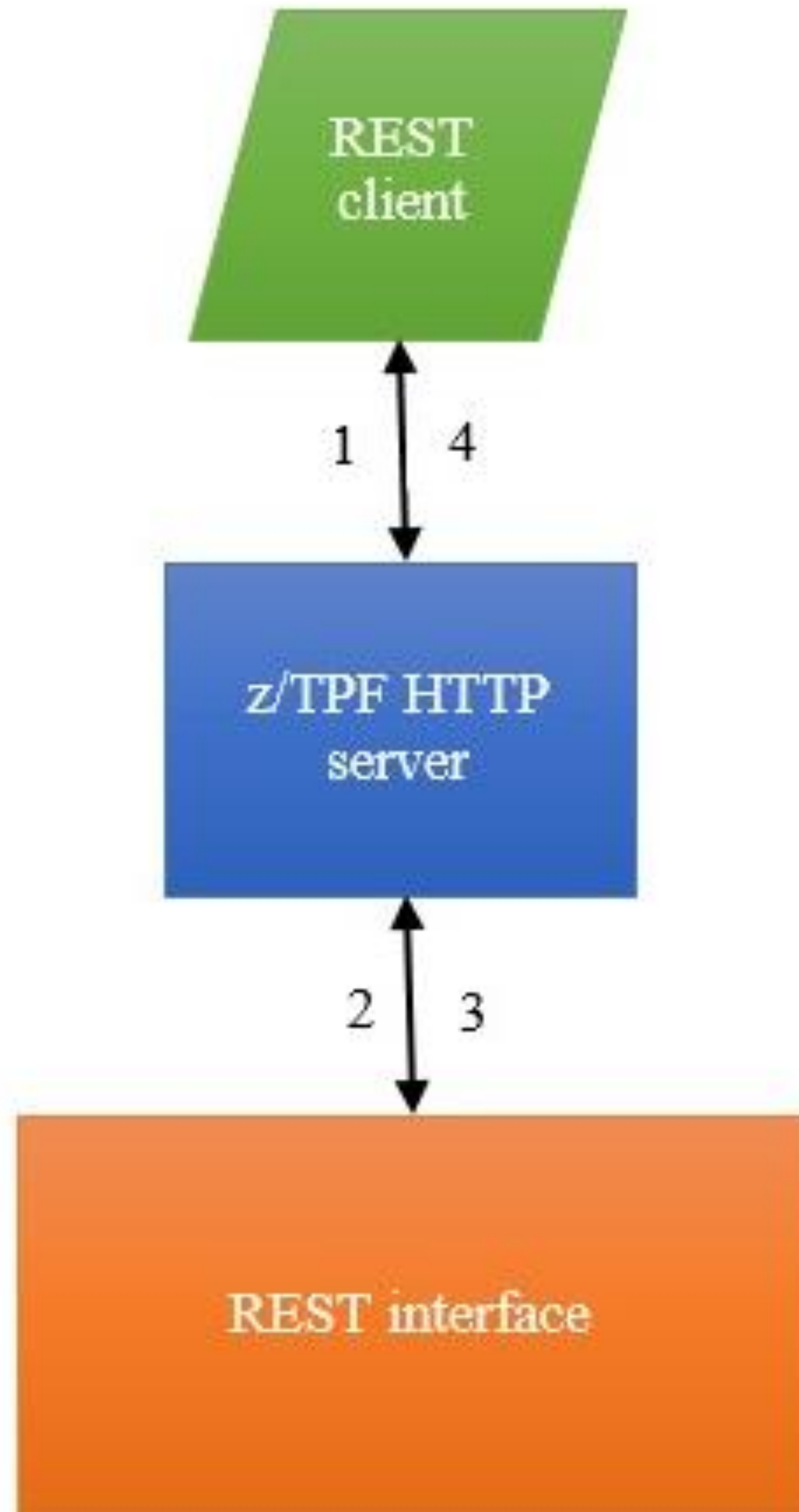
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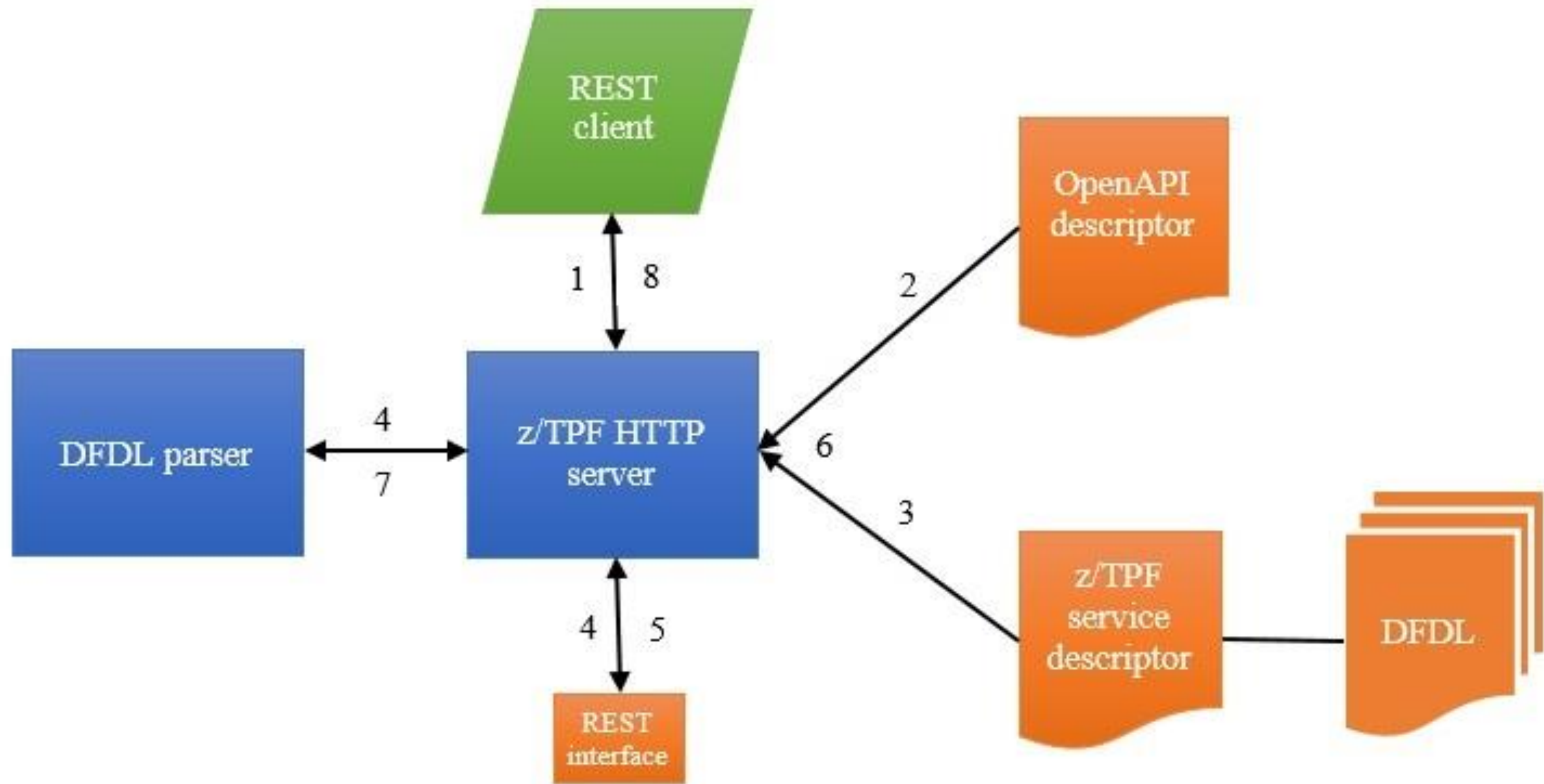
Create response handlers that:

1) build a single response structure

- no HTTP, XML, JSON knowledge (JSON has preference)

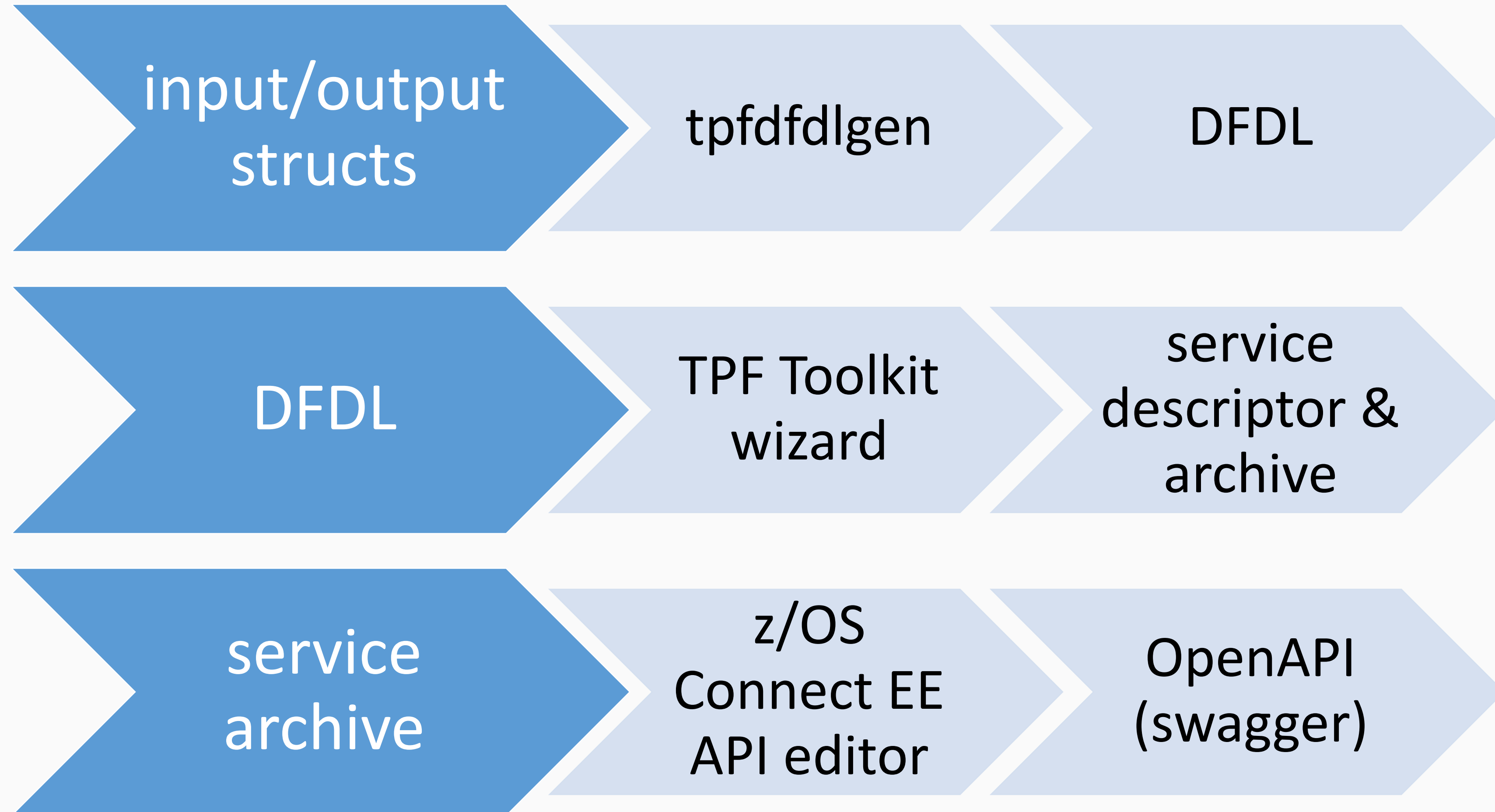
```
int tpf_srvcSendResponse(tpf_srvc_token token,  
                        tpf_srvc_resp *response, int options);
```





# REST Provider Support

- Tooling from TPF Toolkit and z/OS Connect provides simplified way of creating REST services without much code
- OpenAPI (aka Swagger) is used for REST implementation
- Demo in “TPF Toolkit” YouTube channel
- More details provided in Ongoing TPF Education



# Developer Process

1. Code service wrapper program: PRG1(<struct> \*input, uint length, tpf\_srvc\_token tok);
2. Generate DFDL for input/output structures (maketpf PRG1 dfdl)
3. Describe the service (z/TPF service descriptor – TPF Toolkit)
4. Design REST API (OpenAPI descriptor – z/OS Connect EE API Editor)
5. Load to z/TPF (wrapper program, DFDL, service descriptor, OpenAPI descriptor)
6. Update URL program mapping file for HTTP server and deploy OpenAPI descriptor
7. Use swagger tooling to unit test REST API
8. Use swagger tooling to generate client code and/or documentation



# 1. Code service wrapper

```
void PRG1 (struct prg1_input *input, unsigned int in_len,  
          tpf_srvc_token token) {  
  
    struct prg1_output output;  
    tpf_srvc_resp response;  
    int rc = 0;  
  
    // Do code to setup program call from input structure  
    PRG2 ();          // call internal service  
  
    // Do code to populate output structure  
  
    response.status = TPF_SRVC_OK;  
    response.data = &output;  
    response.datalen = out_len;  
    rc = tpf_srvcSendResponse(token, &response, 0);  
  
    exit(0);  
}
```

## 2. Generate DFDL

On z/linux:

```
> maketpf PRG1 dfdl
```

- Files are written to TPF\_DFDL\_DIR.
- File names are of format: <struct name>.gen.dfdl.xsd:

prg1\_input.gen.dfdl.xsd

prg1\_output.gen.dfdl.xsd



# 3. Describe service

Operation ID

Provider Type

Provider

DFDL input structure

DFDL output structure

Timeout

**New Service Artifacts Wizard**

**Service Artifacts Details**  
Specify the service artifacts details.

Version:\* 1

Operation ID:\* prg2op

Description: REST service for PRG2 operation

Provider Type:\* Program

Provider: PRG1

**Request Format**

DFDL File:\* \\LINUXTPF.POK.IBM.COM\home\braddk\test\prg1\_input.gen.dfdl.xsd

Root Element:\* prg1\_input

**Response Format**

DFDL File:\* \\LINUXTPF.POK.IBM.COM\home\braddk\test\prg1\_output.gen.dfdl.xsd

Root Element:\* prg1\_output

Timeout (in milliseconds):\* 5000

## 4. Design REST API

Name

Base path + Path = URI

Method

Operation ID

Free Download!

The screenshot shows the 'z/OS Connect EE API Editor' window. The title bar indicates the file path: 'Remote System Explorer - testAPI/package.xml - IBM Explorer for z/OS - C:\Users\IBM\_ADMIN\.zosexplorer'. The main area is titled 'testapi API' and contains the following fields:

- Name:** testapi
- Base path:** /newsrvc
- Version:** 1.0.0
- Description:** (empty text area)

Below these fields, there is a 'Path' section with a text input containing '/test'. To the right of the path input are three buttons: an up arrow, a down arrow, and a red 'X'.

Underneath the path is a 'Methods' section with a dropdown arrow. It lists four methods:

Method	Operation ID	Service...	Mapping...	Up	Down	Delete
POST	prg2op	Service...	Mapping...	Up	Down	Delete
GET		Service...	Mapping...	Up	Down	Delete
PUT		Service...	Mapping...	Up	Down	Delete
DELETE		Service...	Mapping...	Up	Down	Delete

# 5. Load to z/TPF

1. Service wrapper program  
PRG1.so
2. DFDL  
/sys/tpf\_pbfiles/tpf-fdes/prg1\_input.gen.dfdl.xsd  
/sys/tpf\_pbfiles/tpf-fdes/prg1\_output.gen.dfdl.xsd
3. Service descriptor  
/sys/tpf\_pbfiles/tpf-fdes/prg2op.srvc.json
4. REST API documentation  
/sys/tpf\_pbfiles/tpf-fdes/newsrvc.swagger.json

# 6. Update URL mapping file

Update /etc/tpf\_httpserver/url\_program\_map.conf on z/TPF

URL program mapping file format:

<Base path>\* <OpenAPI filename>

Example:

/newsrvc\* newsrvc.swagger.json

# 7. Use swagger tooling

Swagger Editor

Swagger UI

Swagger Codegen

<http://swagger.io/tools>

The screenshot shows the Swagger Editor interface in a browser window. The URL is `linuxtpf.pok.ibm.com/swagger.editor/`. The interface displays the configuration for a `POST /test` endpoint. The `Parameters` section shows a single parameter `prg2op_request` located in the `body`, with a description of `request body`, required status of `Yes`, and a schema of `prg2op_request`. The `Responses` section shows a `200` response with a description of `normal response` and a schema of `prg2op_response_200`. A `Try this operation` button is visible at the bottom.

**POST /test**

**Parameters**

Name	Located in	Description	Required	Schema
<code>prg2op_request</code>	<code>body</code>	<code>request body</code>	<code>Yes</code>	<pre> prg2op_request {   source:prg1_input.gen.dfdl.xsd,   rootElement:prg1_input,   rootInJSON:false   prg1_input: ▶ { } } </pre>

**Responses**

Code	Description	Schema
<code>200</code>	<code>normal response</code>	<pre> prg2op_response_200 {   source:prg1_output.gen.dfdl.xsd,   rootElement:prg1_output, rootInJSON:false   prg1_output: ▶ { } } </pre>

[Try this operation](#)



# REST Provider Artifacts

- DFDL
- z/TPF service descriptor
- Service archive
- OpenAPI descriptor

# DFDL (.dfdl.xsd)

- DFDL is required for the input and output structures to transform HTTP request/response.
- Includes data from HTTP query parameters, headers, and body.
- DFDL element names must match names used for parameters in HTTP interface.

# DFDL conversion (request)

```
POST http://mytpf:81/newsrvc/test?parm1=90210
content-type: "application/json"
content-length: "250"
parm2: "76"
{ "prg1_input": ..... }
```



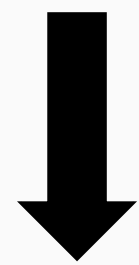
```
struct prg1_input {
  int parm1;
  short parm2;
  ...
};
```

```
// same name or change in dfdl file to match "prg1_input"
// same name or change in dfdl file to match
// must be a unique name for the dfdl file
```



# DFDL conversion (response)

```
struct prg1_output {           // same name or change in dfdl file to match "prg1_output"  
  short parm2;                // same name or change in dfdl file to match "parm2"  
  
  ...  
};
```



```
Status Code: <status> <status_reason>  
content-type: "application/json"  
content-length: "123"  
parm2: "76"  
{ "prg1_output": .... }
```

# Service descriptor (.srvc.json)

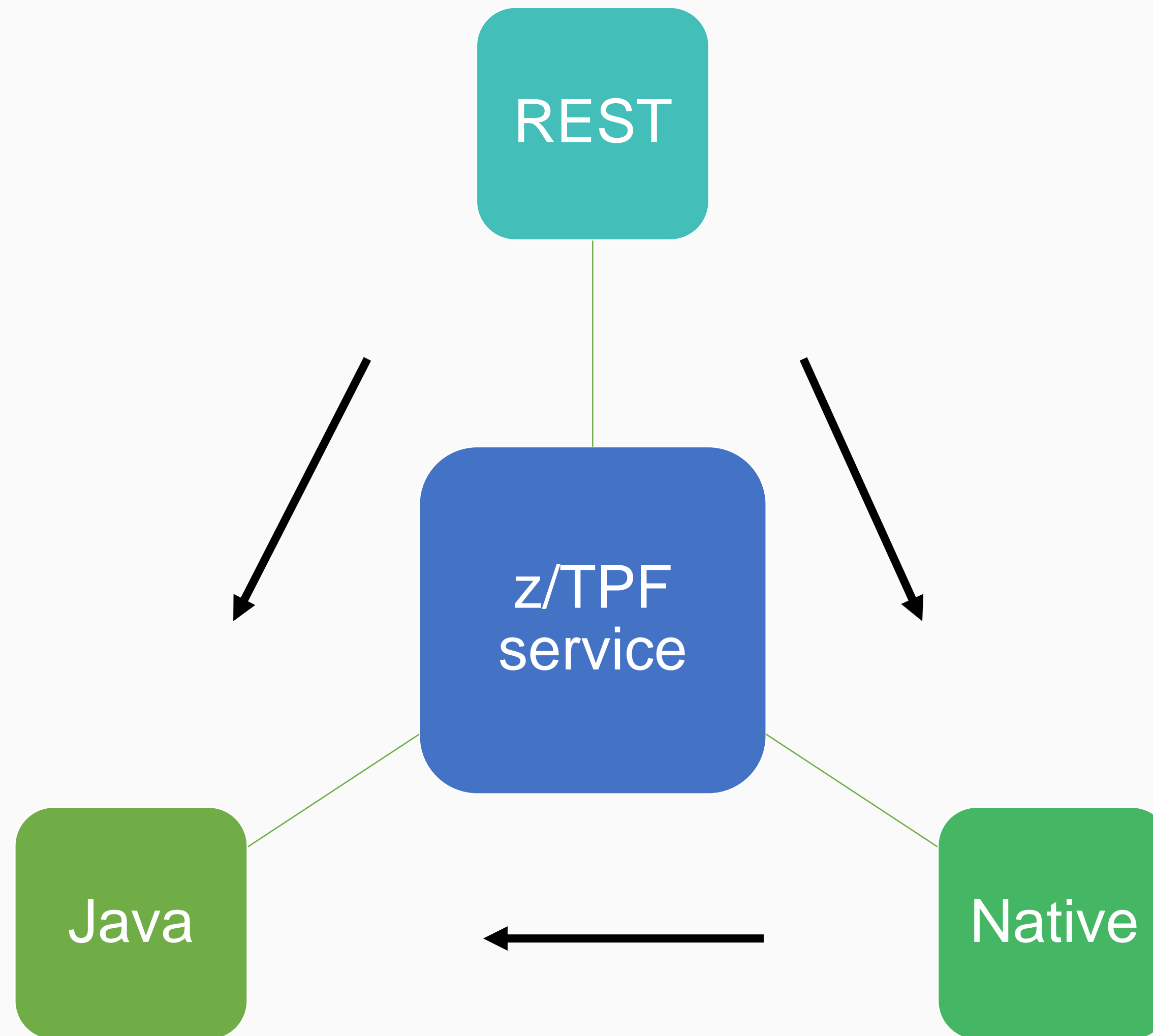
- Requires subsystem unique operationId  
Used to associate REST API to service provider
- Determines where the service is located:  
Program – Assembler/C/C++  
JAM – application manager for Java
- Timeout – regardless of internal or external call

# z/TPF service routing

REST call -> Native service

REST call -> Java service

Native call -> Java service



# Service archive (.sar)

- Created by TPF Toolkit Service Artifacts Wizard
  - IBM internal format
- Required by z/OS Connect EE API Editor (creates OpenAPI descriptor)
  - Common tooling with CICS, IMS, z/OS, etc.
- Does not get loaded to z/TPF

# OpenAPI (.swagger.json)

- Requires subsystem unique operationId per API  
Used to associate REST API to service provider (1-1 mapping)
- Describes the REST API details of the HTTP request/response
  - host
  - URI
  - method
  - parameters -> query, header, body
  - response status codes

# REST API request

**POST** http://mytpf:81/**newsrvc/test**?parm1=90210  
content-type: "application/json"  
content-length: "250"  
parm2: "76"  
{ "prg1\_input": ..... }



route to **operationId** (defined by z/TPF service descriptor)

# REST API response

tpf\_srvcSendResponse

**tpf\_srvc\_token** -> associated with connection and operationId

tpf\_srvc\_resp.data -> data for transformation

tpf\_srvc\_resp.dataLen

tpf\_srvc\_resp.**status** -> HTTP status code

tpf\_srvc\_resp.**status\_reason** -> HTTP status text



Status code: <**status**> <**status\_reason**>

parm2: ...

{“prg1\_output”: ... }

# DFDL with OpenAPI

Q. What happens for elements defined in DFDL but not OpenAPI?

A. During transformation to data (BLOB), they receive the DFDL default value.  
During transformation to HTTP, they are not included in the response (ignored).

Q. What happens for parameters defined in OpenAPI but not in DFDL?

A. On either a request/response they are ignored.  
A warning message will occur during OpenAPI deployment.

Q. What happens when the element/parameter is defined in both but not in HTTP?

A. The OpenAPI default value is used (if provided) else the DFDL default value is used.



# REST Provider APIs

- API Discovery
- z/OS Connect APIs
- z/TPF system APIs

# API Discovery

**GET <basePath>/api-docs**

returns the OpenAPI document

- Useful for tools that can import OpenAPI docs by URL such as API Connect (management & security) and Swagger Editor/Swagger UI (unit test).
- The “host” field in the OpenAPI descriptor is updated with the host and port values used for the request.
- Requires:
  - 1) URL program mapping file updated with OpenAPI descriptor and basePath.
  - 2) OpenAPI descriptor deployed through common deployment

# z/OS Connect APIs

## **GET /zosConnect/apis**

returns list of OpenAPI descriptors loaded to system

## **GET /zosConnect/apis/<OpenAPI filename>**

returns information about the OpenAPI descriptor

z/OS Connect admin APIs are currently not implemented

- start/stop services
- create/update/delete services

# z/TPF system APIs

- Reserved z/TPF system URIs:
  - /tpf...**
  - /zosConnect...**
- z/TPF may be releasing REST APIs documented and implemented through OpenAPI.
- Enablement would require:
  - 1) updating the URL-program mapping file
  - 2) deploying the OpenAPI descriptor
  - 3) starting/running the z/TPF HTTP server

# REST consumer support

- Provide configurable REST consumer support that doesn't require code for HTTP, JSON, or XML
- OpenAPI (aka Swagger) is used for REST implementation
- Integrate calling of Java services on z/TPF and REST services off z/TPF

# HTTP client support

Create a REST call that:

- 1) builds a HTTP request structure
- 2) creates the XML or JSON
- 3) provides connection information
- 4) consumes a HTTP response structure
- 5) parses the XML or JSON in the response

# REST consumer support

Create a REST call that:

- 1) builds a single request structure
  - no HTTP, XML, JSON knowledge (JSON has preference)
  - connection information is provided by configuration
- 2) consumes a single response structure
  - no HTTP, XML, JSON knowledge

# REST consumer support

- Uses same API used to call Java (tpf\_srvcInvoke)
  - Allows easy migration of a Java service on/off z/TPF
  - No application change needed!
- Implemented through OpenAPI & z/TPF service descriptor



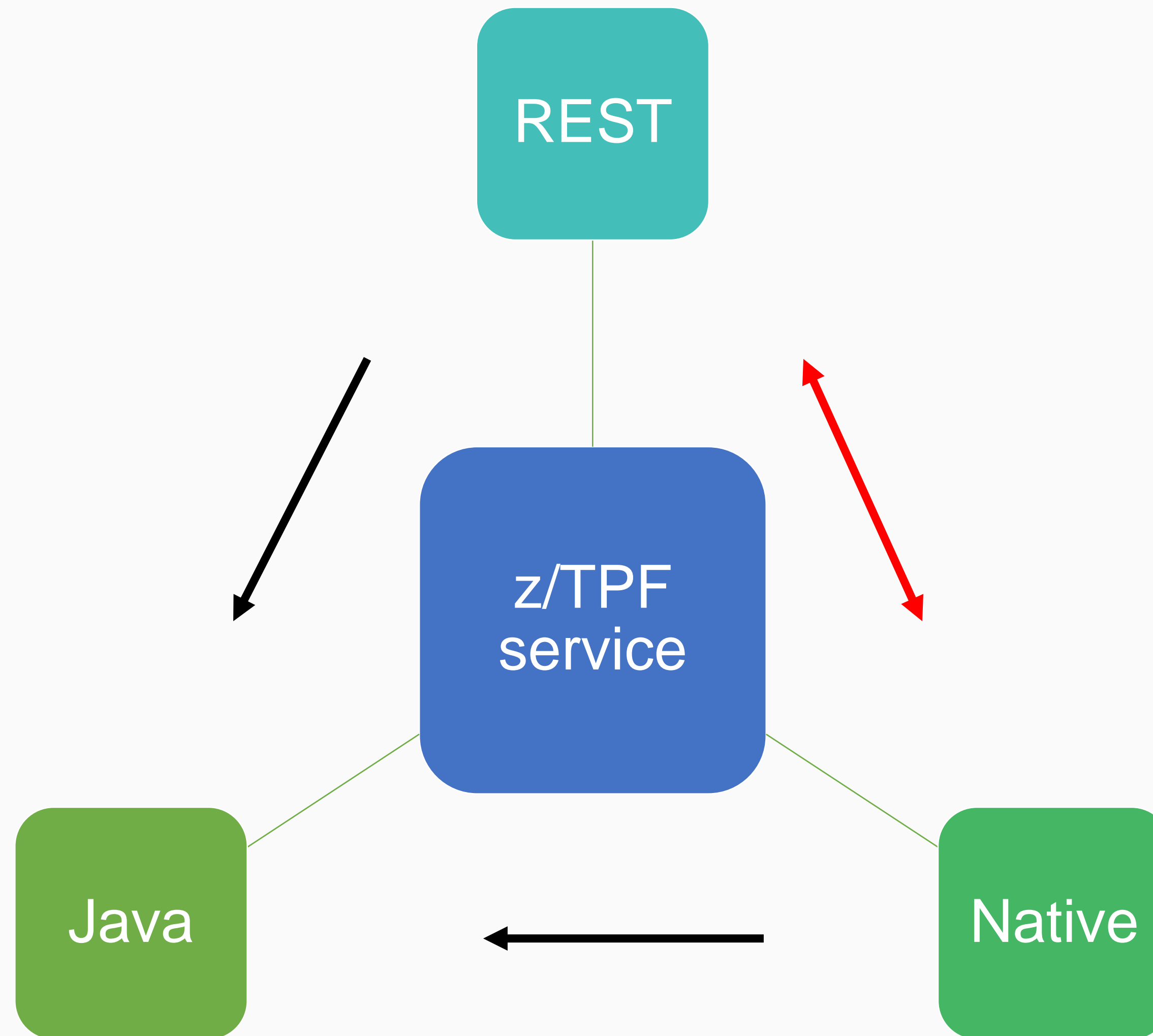
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Native call -> Java service

Native call -> REST service





# THANK YOU

Questions or comments?

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