



Web API and client generation using OpenAPI specification

Enrico Zimuel, *Principal Software Engineer*

May 20, 2022



Enrico Zimuel

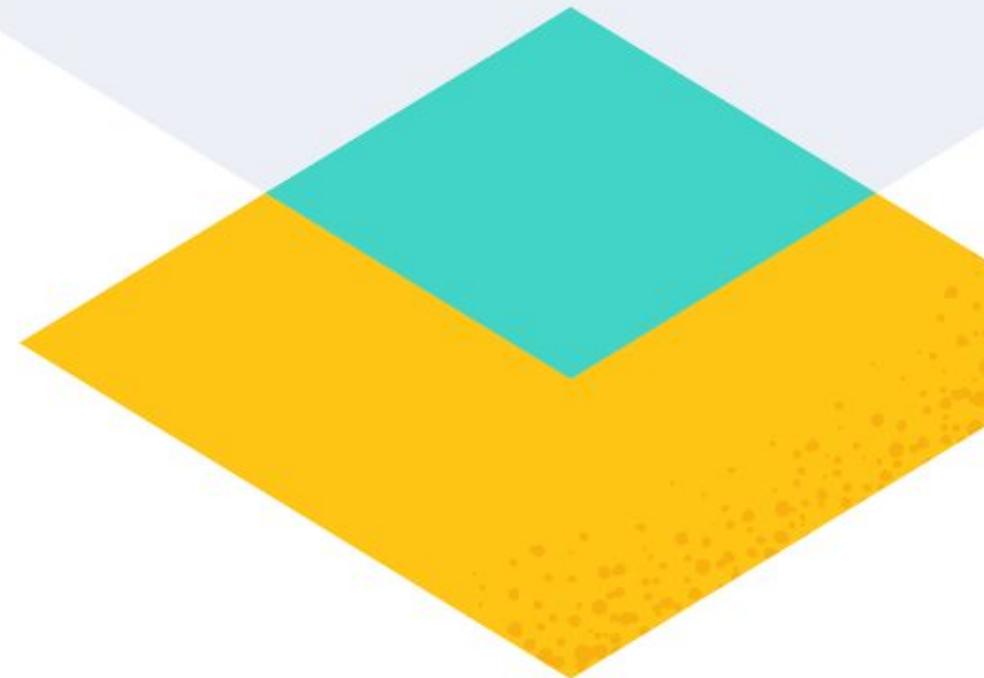


Principal Software Engineer

- Developer since 1996
- Principal Software Engineer @ [Elastic](#)
- ex [Zend Framework](#) core developer @ Zend
- ex Research Programmer @ [UvA](#)
- PHP FIG core committee member
- [TEDx](#) and international speaker [+110](#) conferences
- Author of the book [Sviluppare in PHP 7](#) by Tecniche Nuove, 2019
- Adjunct Professor at [University of Turin](#) and [ITS ICT Piemonte](#)
- Co-founder [PUG Torino](#)

Summary

- OpenAPI specification
- PHP Tools
- Web API client
- Generating a web client from OpenAPI
 - elasticsearch-php
 - enterprise-search-php



OpenAPI

- The **OpenAPI Specification** (OAS) defines a standard, programming language-agnostic interface description for HTTP APIs, which allows both humans and computers to discover and understand the capabilities of a service without requiring access to source code
- Focus on **RESTful API**
- Last version **3.1.0** (released 2021-02-15)

OpenAPI (2)

- Previously known as the **Swagger Specification**, it became a separate project in 2016, overseen by the **OpenAPI Initiative** an open-source collaboration project of the **Linux Foundation**
- Use JSON (or YAML 1.2)
- Official site: openapis.org



A standard for describing web API

- Applications implemented based on OpenAPI interface files can automatically generate documentation of methods, parameters and models
- This helps keep the documentation, client libraries, and source code in sync
- The goal is to have an automated system for:
 - **Annotate** the server side code
 - Generate the **API documentation**
 - Generate a **client library**

OAS: root document object

- **openapi***: string
- **info***: Info obj
- **servers**: [Server obj]
- **paths***: Paths obj
- **components**: Components obj
- **security**: [Security required obj]
- **tags**: [Tag obj]
- **externalDocs**: External doc obj

* = required

Example

```
openapi: 3.0.3
info:
  title: Sample API
  description: Here the description
  version: 0.1.0
servers:
  - url: http://api.example.com/v1
    description: Optional server description, e.g. Main (production) server
  - url: http://staging-api.example.com
    description: Optional server description, e.g. Internal staging server for testing
paths:
  /users:
    get:
      summary: Returns a list of users.
      description: Optional extended description in CommonMark or HTML.
      responses:
        '200': # status code
          description: A JSON array of user names
          content:
            application/json:
              schema:
                type: array
                items:
                  type: string
```



Request and response body

```
responses:  
  '200':  
    description: A User object  
    content:  
      application/json:  
        schema:  
          type: object  
          properties:  
            id:  
              type: integer  
              description: The user ID.  
            username:  
              type: string  
              description: The user name.
```

Reference: \$ref

```
responses:  
  '200':  
    description: A User object  
    content:  
      application/json:  
        schema:  
          $ref: '#/components/schemas/User'
```

```
components:  
  schemas:  
    User:  
      type: object  
      properties:  
        id:  
          type: integer  
          description: The user ID.  
        username:  
          type: string  
          description: The user name.
```

PHP Tools

zircote/swagger-php

- [zircote/swagger-php](#)
- Generate interactive OpenAPI documentation for your RESTful API using doctrine annotations

```
 /**
 * @OA\Info(title="My First API", version="0.1")
 */

/**
 * @OA\Get (
 *     path="/api/users",
 *     @OA\Response(response="200", description="An example resource")
 *     @OA\Response(response="401", description="Not allowed")
 * )
 */
```



Attributes

- Swagger-php uses also PHP 8 attributes

```
# [OA\Get (
    path: '/api/users',
    responses: [
        new OA\Response(response: 200, description: 'An example resource'),
        new OA\Response(response: 401, description: 'Not allowed'),
    ]
) ]
public function users() { /* ... */ }
```

Generate API documentation

- Generate always-up-to-date documentation:

```
$openapi = \OpenApi\Generator::scan(['path/to/project']);  
header('Content-Type: application/x-yaml');  
echo $openapi->toYaml();
```

The screenshot shows the Swagger UI interface for an API. At the top, it displays the URL `https://localhost/swaggercore/swagger.json` and an **Explore** button. Below this, the API version is listed as **1.0.0 OAS3**. The main content area is titled **API** and shows the following details:
- API description: <https://localhost/swaggercore/swagger.json>
- Contact the developer: [Contact the developer](#)
- License: Apache 2.0

Under the **Users** section, there are three API endpoints listed:

- POST /swaggercore/api.php?apicall=register** Register User
- GET /swaggercore/api.php?apicall=getallregisteruser** Get all register user
- DELETE /swaggercore/api.php?apicall=deleteuser** Delete User

openapi-psr7-validator

- [the-phpleague/openapi-psr7-validator](https://github.com/the-phpleague/openapi-psr7-validator)
- This package can validate PSR-7 messages against OpenAPI (3.0.x) specifications expressed in YAML or JSON

```
use League\OpenAPIValidation\PSR7\OperationAddress;
use League\OpenAPIValidation\PSR7\ValidatorBuilder;

$jsonFile = 'openapi.json';
$validator = (new ValidatorBuilder)->fromJsonFile($jsonFile)->getRequestValidator();
// validate a PSR-7 $request
$match = $validator->validate($request);

$validator = (new ValidatorBuilder)->fromJsonFile($jsonFile)->getResponseValidator();
$operation = new OperationAddress('/some/operation', 'post');
// validate a PSR-7 $response
$validator->validate($operation, $response);
```

Swagger Editor Validate Github Action

- [char0n/swagger-editor-validate](#)
- GitHub Action to validate OpenAPI (OAS) definition file using [Swagger Editor](#)

```
on: [push]

jobs:
  test_swagger_editor_validator_remote:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    name: Swagger Editor Validator Remote

    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v2
      - name: Validate OpenAPI definition
        uses: char0n/swagger-editor-validate@v1
        with:
          definition-file: examples/openapi-2-0.yaml
```

Nette PHP Generator

- [nette/php-generator](#)
- Generator of PHP code
- Object oriented architecture
- Supports the latest PHP 8.1 features: enum, attributes, etc
- PSR-12 compliant

Nette PHP Generator: example

```
$class = new Nette\PhpGenerator\ClassType('Demo');

$class->setFinal()
->setExtends(ParentClass::class)
->addImplement(Countable::class)
->addComment("Description of class.\nSecond line\n")
->addComment('@property-read Nette\Forms\Form $form');

// to generate PHP code simply cast to string or use echo:
echo $class;
```

```
/**
 * Description of class.
 * Second line
 *
 * @property-read Nette\Forms\Form $form
 */
final class Demo extends ParentClass implements Countable
{}
```

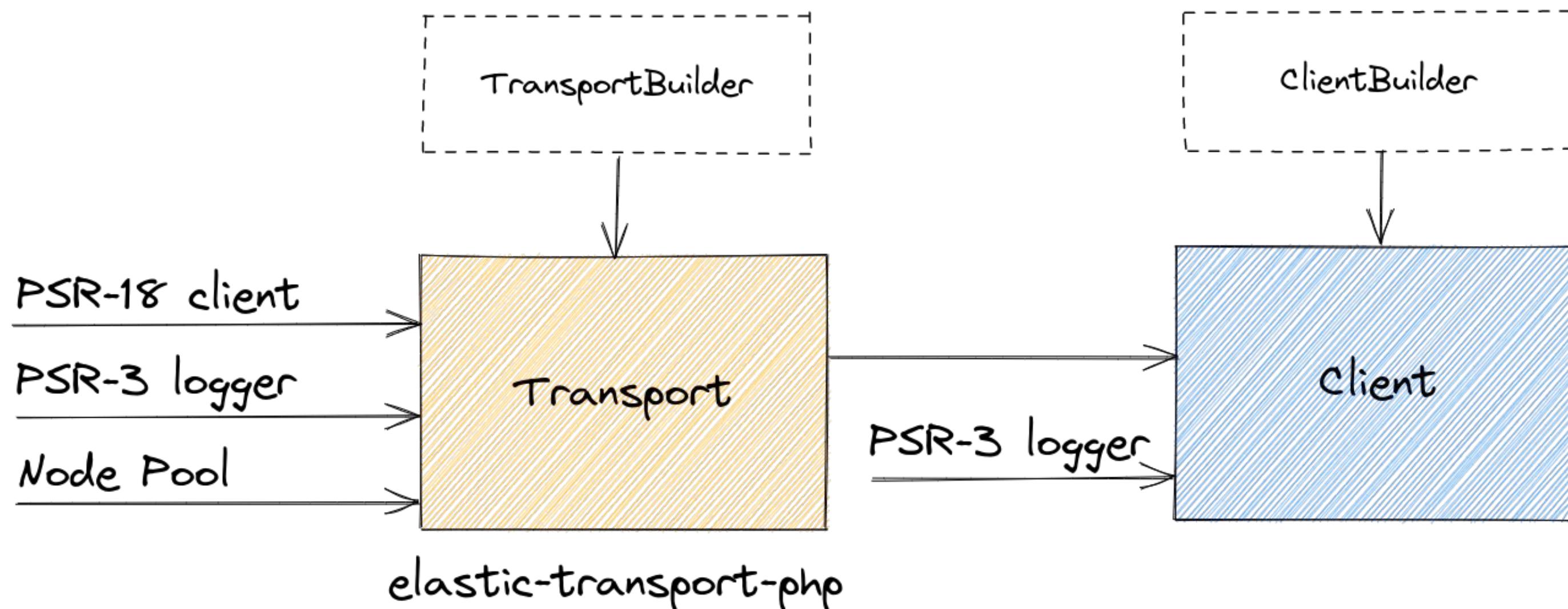
Web API client

Goals

- Generate code from OpenAPI specification
- Use PSR standards:
 - PSR-7 for HTTP messages
 - PSR-18 for HTTP client
 - PSR-3 for logging
- Consume the API endpoint as functions of a class
- Simplify the serialization and deserialization of the body request and response

elastic-transport-php

- [elastic/elastic-transport-php](#)
- A PSR-18 wrapper client for Elastic products



enterprise-search-php

- [elastic/enterprise-search-php](#)
- PHP client for Enterprise Search, App Search and Workplace Search
- Supports PSR standards
- Request types (object with schema from OpenAPI spec)
- Response as object, array, string

Example: enterprise-search-php

```
use Elastic\EnterpriseSearch\Client;
use Elastic\EnterpriseSearch\AppSearch\Request;

$client = new Client([
    'host' => 'http://localhost:3002',
    'app-search' => [ 'token' => '<insert here the API-KEY>' ]
]);
$appSearch = $client->appSearch();
// Create a 'test' engine
$result = $appSearch->createEngine(
    new Request\CreateEngine(
        new Schema\Engine('test')
    )
);
var_dump($result->name); // test
var_dump($result->document_count); // 0, since just created
```

[Create Engine API](#)

POST <URL>/api/as/v1/engines



If you don't have OpenAPI spec

- No OpenAPI spec in place
- The server API is a black box (eg. no PHP code)
- You can record the HTTP request and response (e.g. use the test environment of the API endpoints to store the HTTP traffic)
- You can write an OpenAPI custom generator or use an existing tool (e.g. [Swagger Inspector](#), [Akita](#))

Elasticsearch

- [elastic/elasticsearch](https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch)
- **Elasticsearch** is a distributed, multitenant-capable full-text search engine with an HTTP web interface and schema-free JSON documents
- Written in Java, very big project (64'263 commit)
- Dual license: Server Side Public License, Elastic
- ≈ 400 API endpoints
- API test suite already in place (custom YAML format)

YAML tests of Elasticsearch

[/rest-api-spec/src/yamlRestTest/resources/rest-api-spec/test](#)

```
---
```

```
"Help":
```

```
- skip:
```

```
    version: " - 7.3.99"
```

```
    reason: "is_write_index is shown in cat_aliases starting version 7.4.0"
```

```
- do:
```

```
    cat_aliases:
```

```
        help: true
```

```
- match:
```

```
    $body: |
```

```
        / ^ alias .+ \n
```

```
        is_write_index .+ \n
```

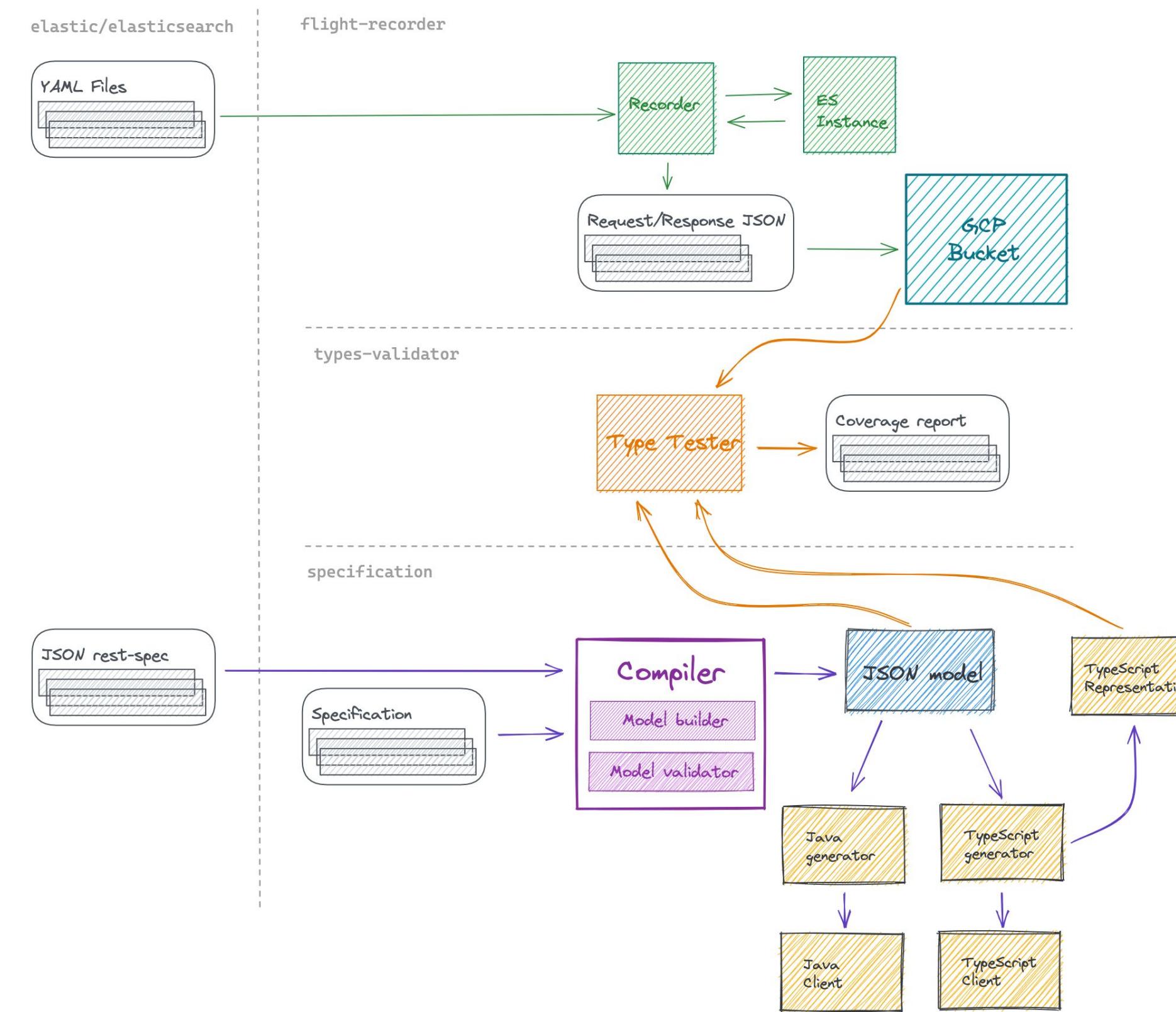
```
    $ /
```



Elasticsearch clients

- Library clients in [different languages](#)
- Need: automate the code generation using API spec
- Elastic supports libraries for:
 - Go
 - Java
 - Javascript
 - .NET
 - Perl
 - PHP
 - Python/Eland
 - Ruby/Ruby on Rails
 - Rust

Elasticsearch specification



PHP client for Elasticsearch 8

- [elastic/elasticsearch-php](#)
- ≈ 70 million installations
- A brand new library based on PSR standards
- Ensure backward compatibility with v7
- Add new features: request/response types (coming!)

Elasticsearch-php: example

```
$client = Elastic\Elasticsearch\ClientBuilder::create()
    ->setHosts(['localhost:9200'])
    ->build();

// Info API

$response = $client->info();

echo $response['version']['number']; // 8.2.0
echo $response->version->number; // 8.2.0
// $response is PSR-7 response
echo $response->getStatusCode(); // 200
echo (string) $response->getBody(); // Response body in JSON

var_dump($response->asArray()); // response body content as array
var_dump($response->asObject()); // response body content as object
var_dump($response->asString()); // response body as string (JSON)
var_dump($response->asBool()); // true if HTTP response code between 200 and 300
```



@generated

- **@generated** is a new [PSR-19](#) tag
- Used to denote a class or a function that has been generated using an automation script
- This tag should be used to warn to not change the code, since the change will be overwritten by the automation script

```
/**  
 * @generated This file is generated, please do not edit  
 */
```

Metadata

- Using a code generator you can add interesting metadata (phpdoc, attributes) to PHP code

```
/**
 * Shows information about ...
 *
 * @see https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/master/cat-alias.html
 * @param array{
 *     name: list, // A comma-separated list of alias names to return
 *     format: string, // a short version of the Accept header, e.g. json, yaml
 * } $params
 *
 * @throws MissingParameterException if a required parameter is missing
 *
 * @return Elasticsearch|Promise
 */
public function aliases(array $params = [])
```

References

- Satis A. [How we can create documentation for API while development in simple way Swagger \(PHP\)](#), Medium, 2021
- Dev Drawer, [Create REST API Documentation with Swagger UI using PHP](#), Youtube video
- Phil Sturgeon, [Creating OpenAPI from HTTP Traffic](#), APIs you won't hate
- [Swagger OpenAPI tools](#)
- [OpenAPI specification](#)
- [Elasticsearch PHP client documentation](#)
- E. Zimuel, [Introducing the new PHP client for Elasticsearch 8](#), Elastic, blog, 2022

Thanks!

For more information:

<https://www.elastic.co/>

