

A Future Vision for the Web, and Some Tools to Get There

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Overview

- A vision for the future of the Web
- An architecture for the vision
- *Brazil a sample implementation
- Sample applications
- Using the toolkit
- Summary

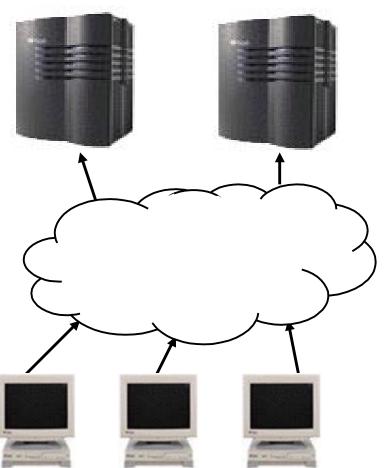


"Research is like driving a car at night. You can only see as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way."

- E.L. Doctorow

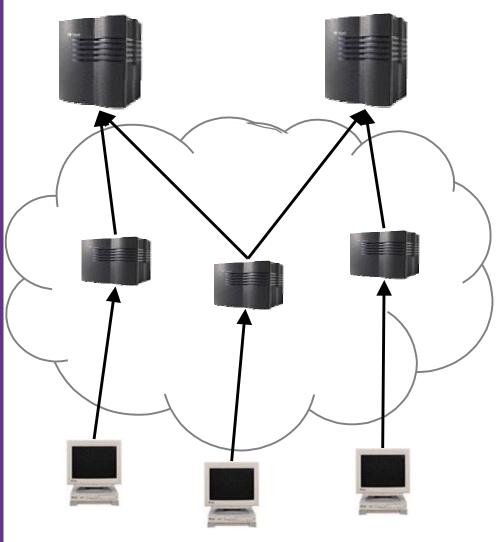


The Web Today



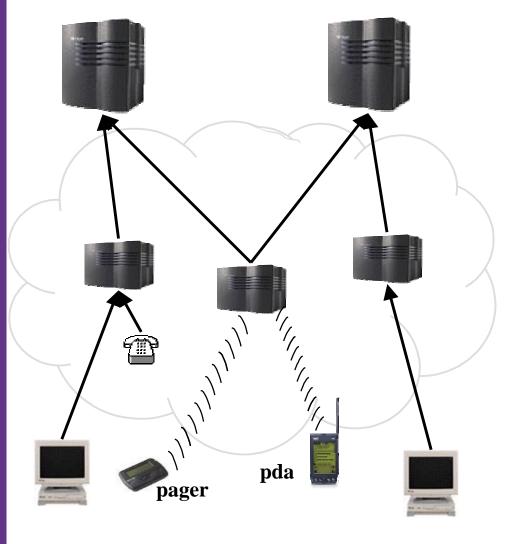
- Same client for every application
 - > browser
- Content supplied by the server:
 - > Web server
 - Business logic
 - Database/transactions





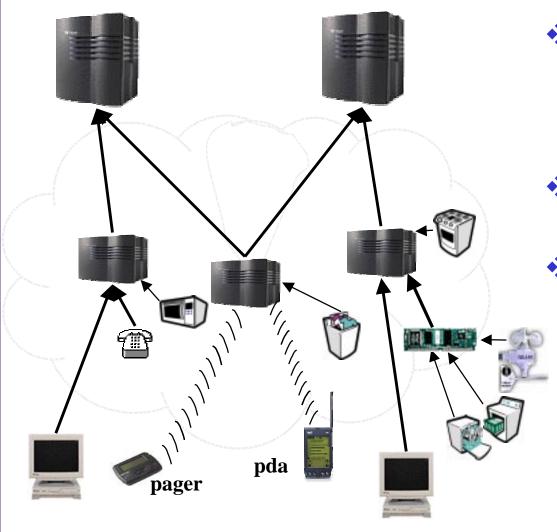
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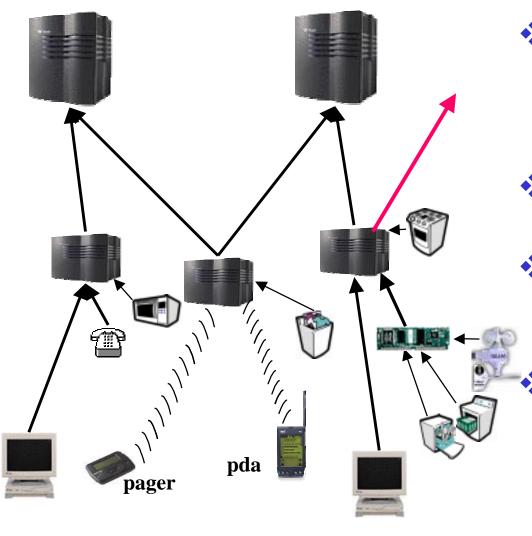
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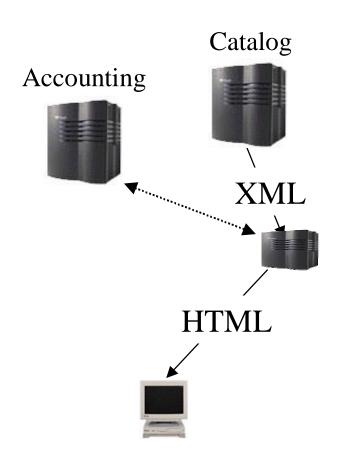
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- Provide content aggregation for micro servers
- Extend reach of applications to external content

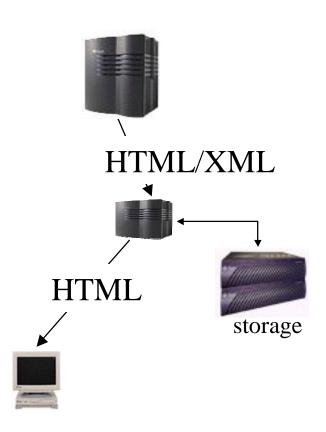




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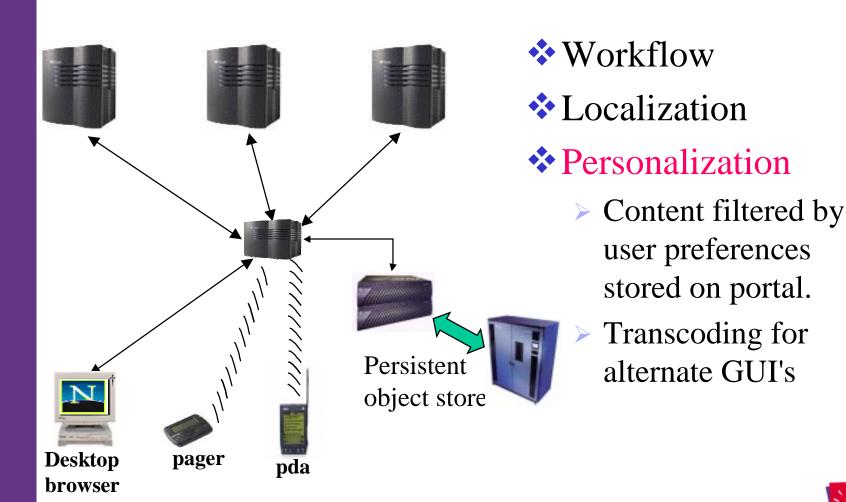
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- Portal proxies and filters content, mediating with the accounting system
- Company discounts, billing info added



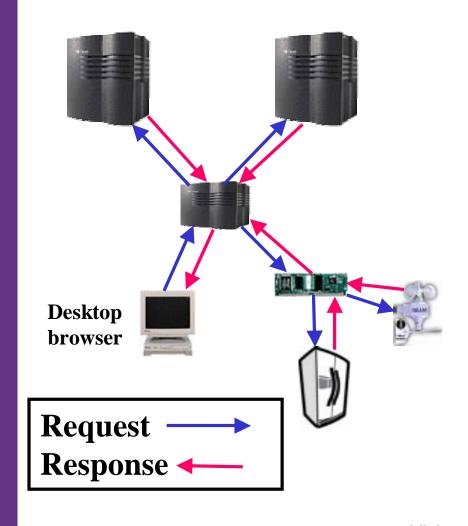


- Workflow
- Localization
 - Legacy application provides a generic user interface
 - Portal proxies and filters content, adding localization

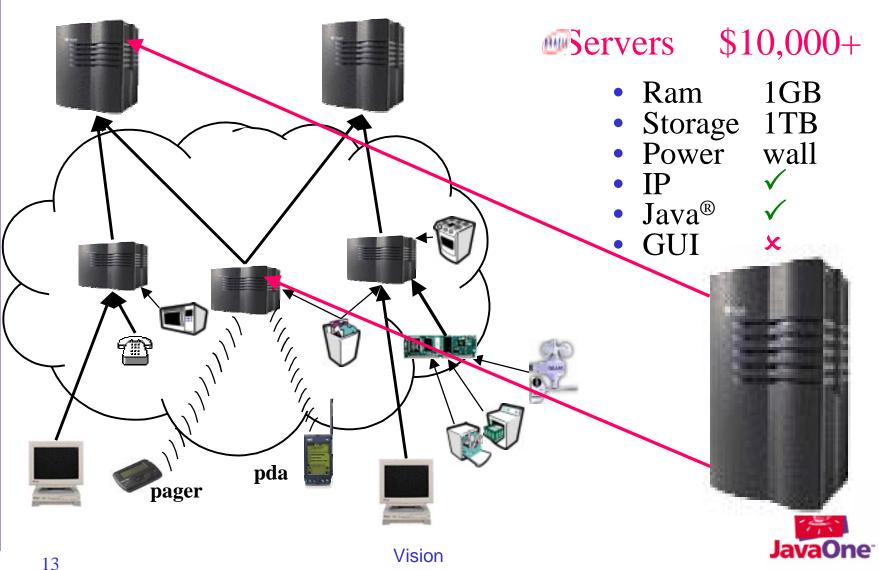


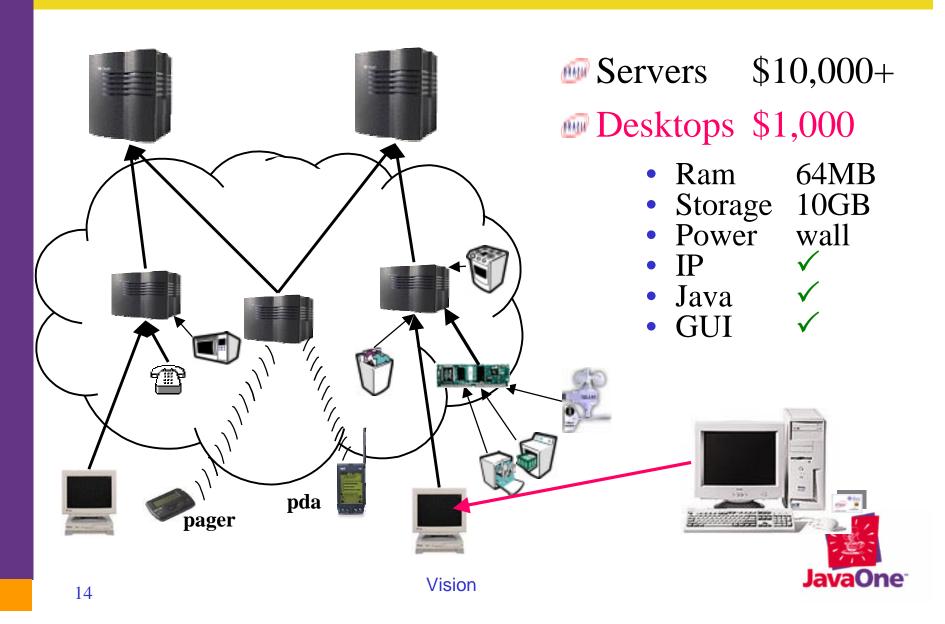


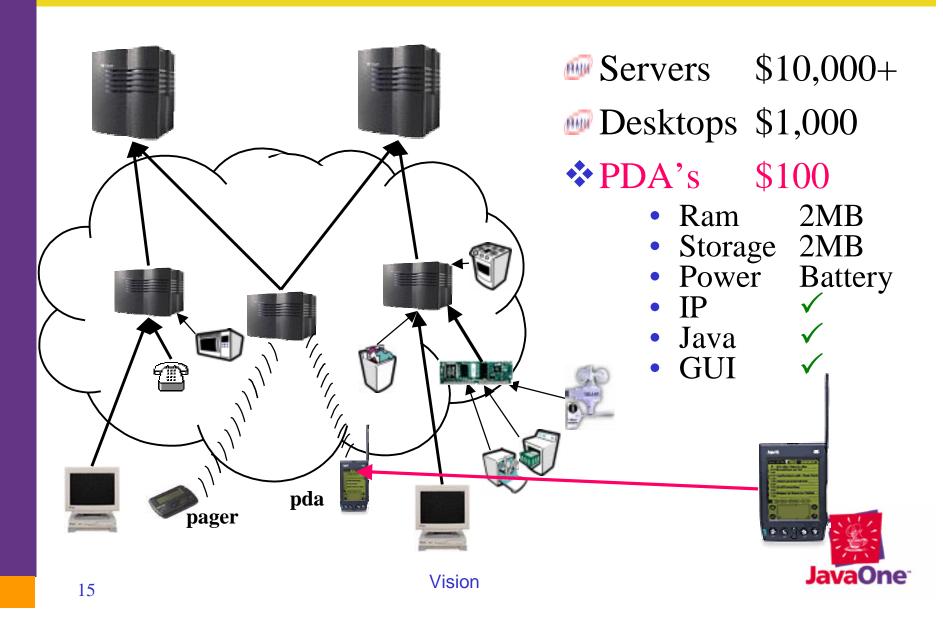


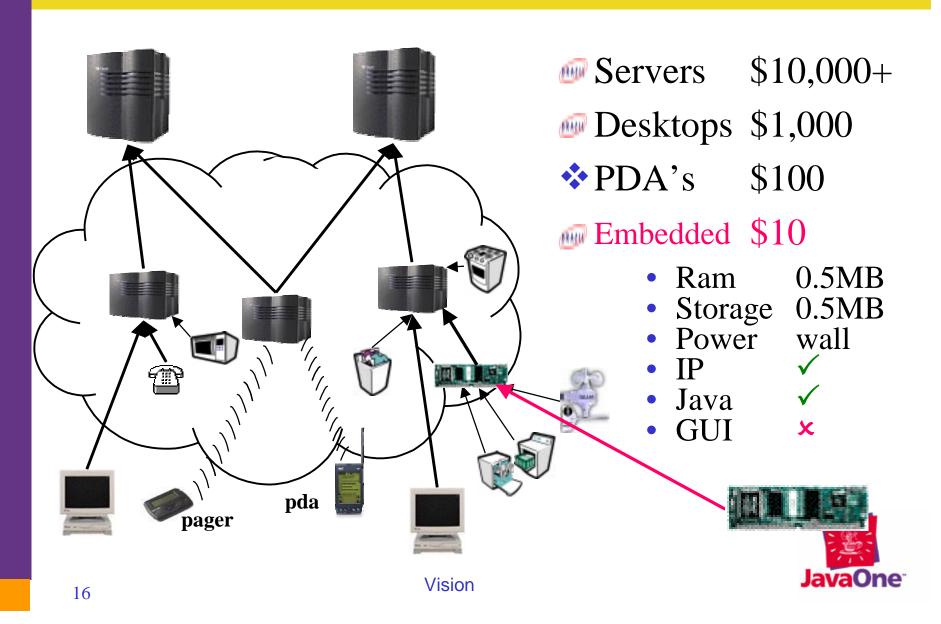


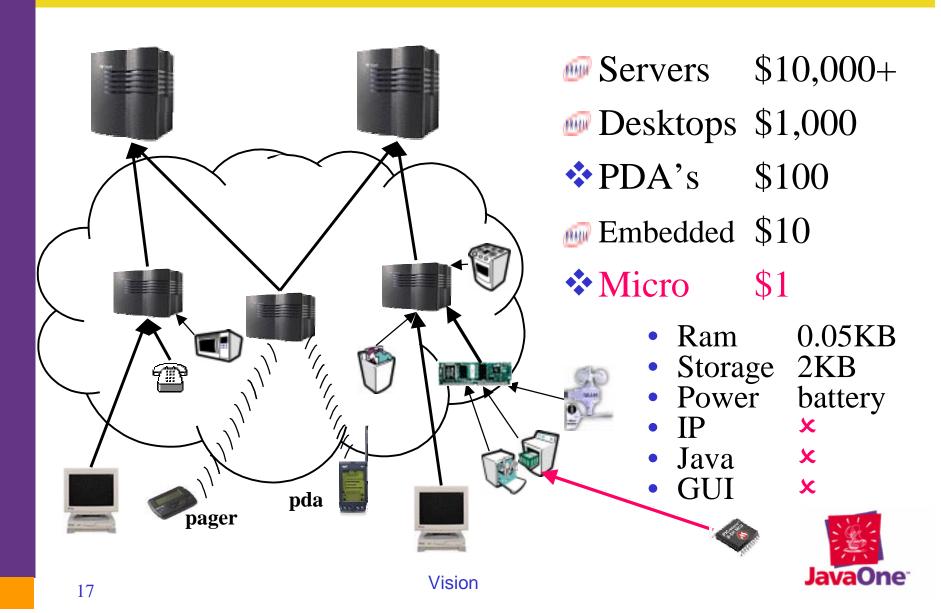
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- Localization
- Personalization
- Device Integration
 - Request filtered by portal
 - Content gathered from multiple sources
 - Integrated content delivered to client







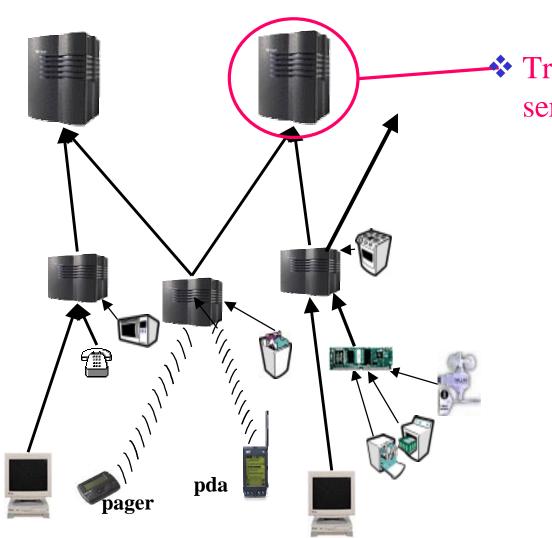






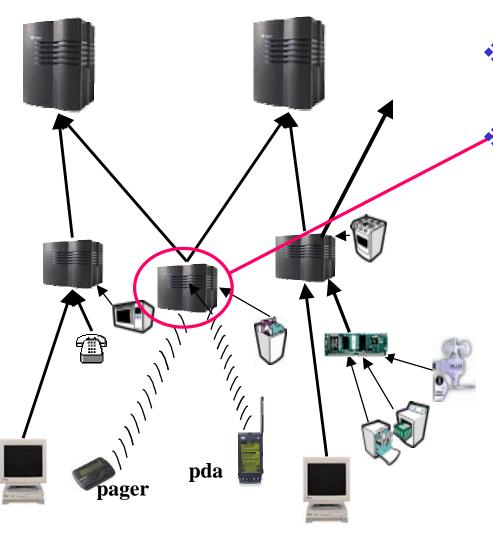
- A common infrastructure for a wide range of systems:
 - > Small applications are simple to do
 - Large applications achieved by combining simple parts in consistent ways
- A methodology that encourages reuse at the appropriate granularity to manage complexity.
- *Rich toolkit of powerful, composable parts.





Traditional content services

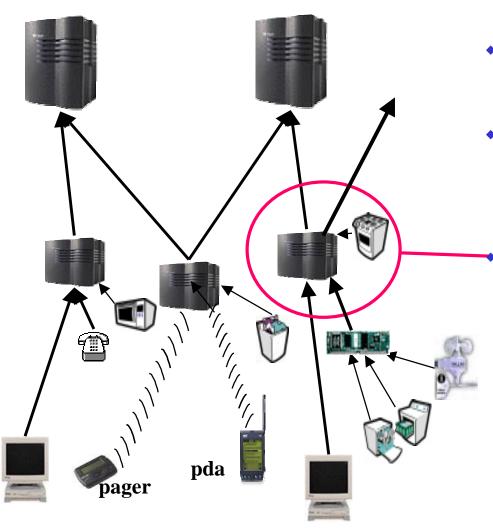




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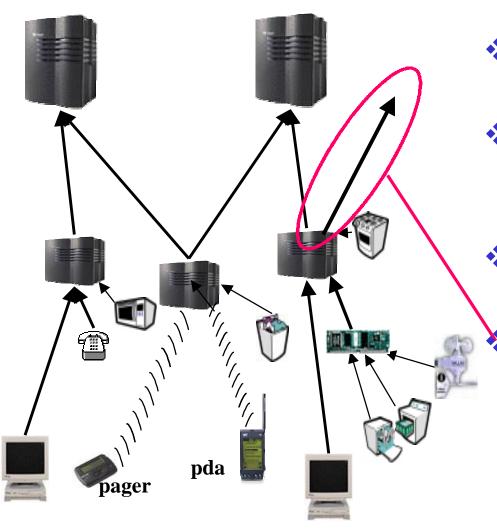
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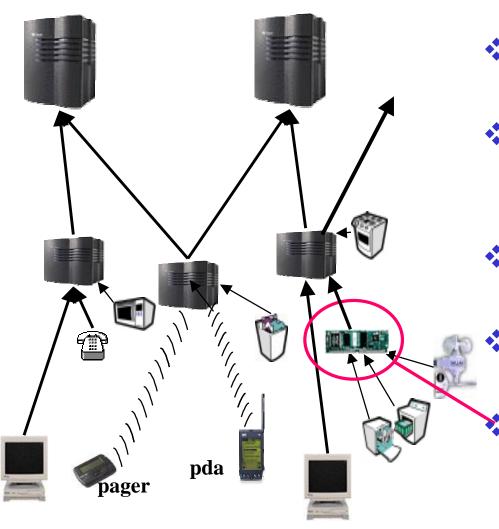
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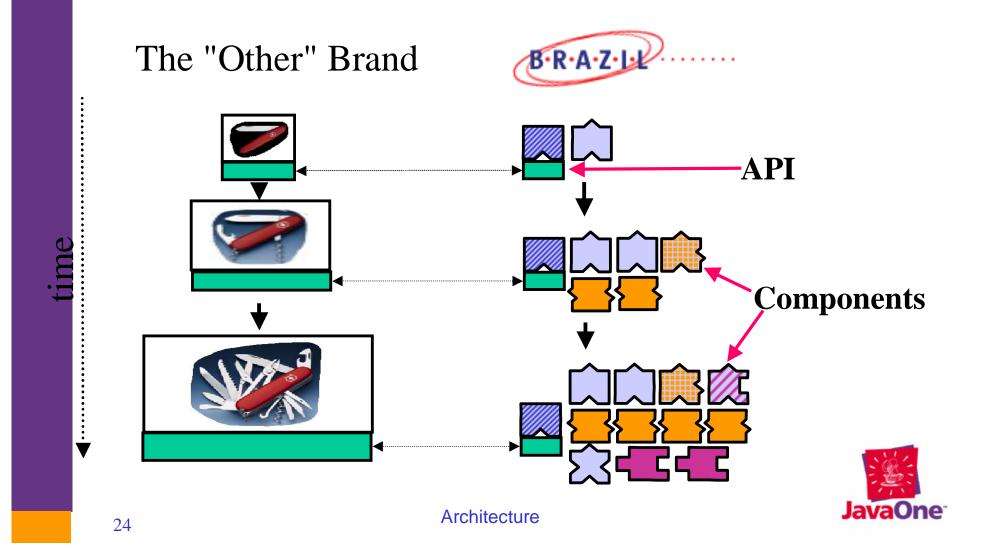
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- Communication with Sub-IP Devices via proxies

Architecture Comparison: How Complexity Increases

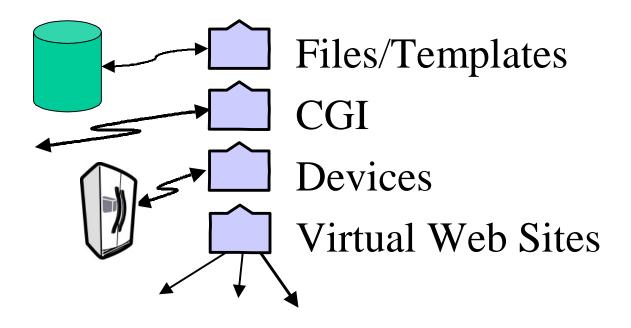


Brazil Functional Components

- Content retrieval
- Request infrastructure
- Content transformation
- Special Purpose
- Support



Content retrieval





Request Infrastructure

Session management

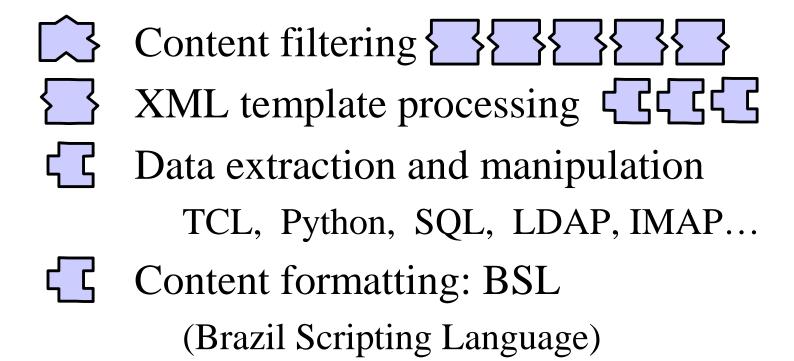
Authentication

Access control

Request distribution



Content Transformation





Special Purpose

X10

Jini[®]

SmartCards

Certificate Authorities

ActiveX/Com connectivity

JRMS

Gnutella



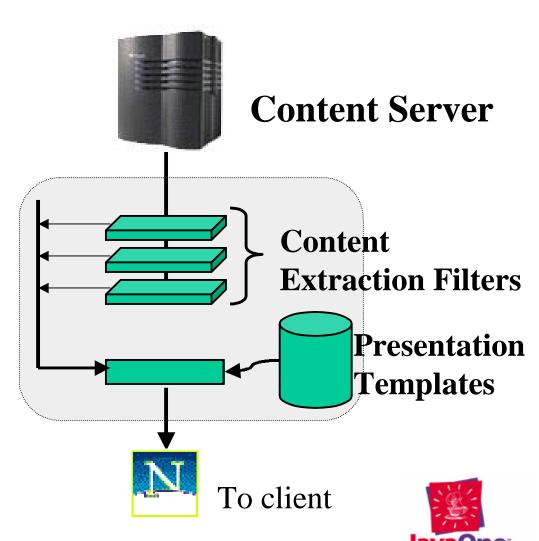
Support

- XML processing
 - URL rewriting
 - Templates
- HTTP/HTML utilities
- Regular expressions
- Proxy services

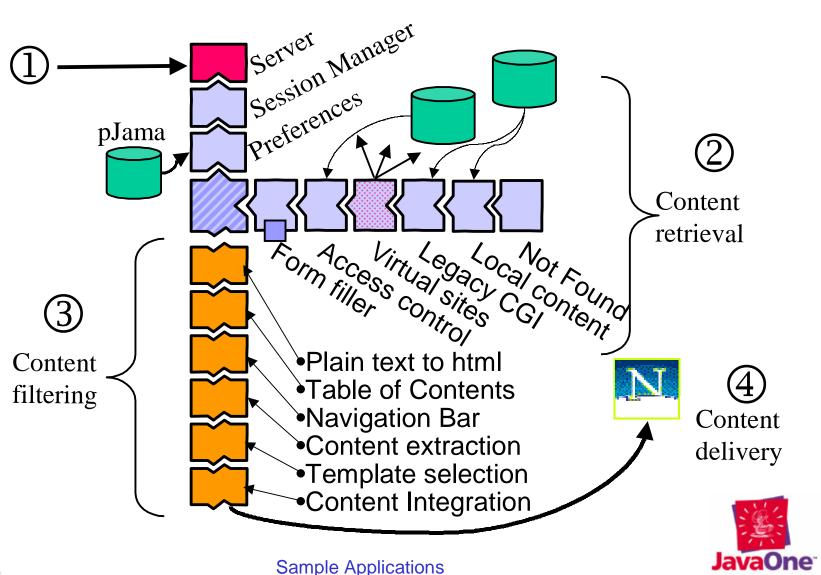


Sample Portal Configuration (conceptual view)

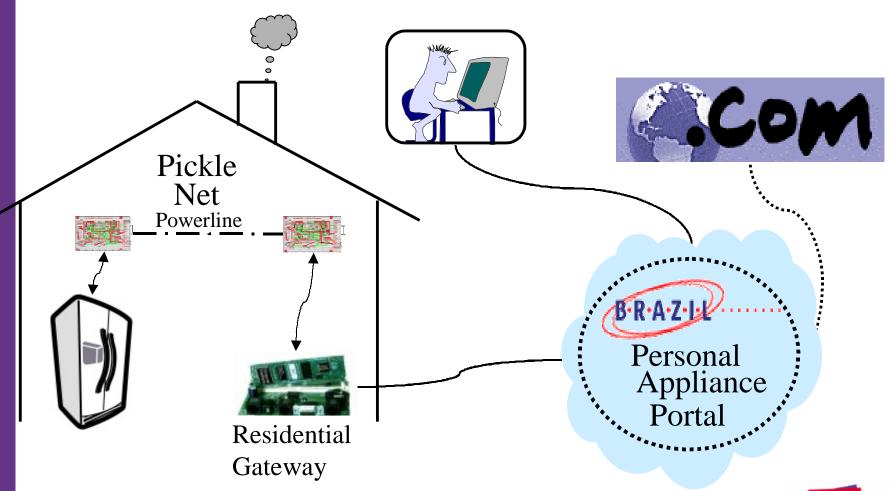
- Pages are retrieved from remote sites.
- Content is extracted
- A new page is created, combining extracted content with desired *look*.



Portal Configuration (concrete view)



FridgeNet (conceptual view)





FridgeNet in Operation





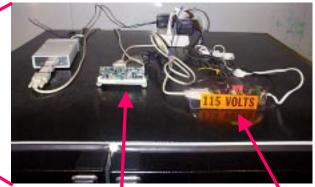
Fridge.eng@Moscone





Fridge.eng @ home





Residential Gateway

Pickle Net Interface



How to get Started

- Download your own copy
 - http://www.experimentalstuff.com/
- View the built-in documentation
 - run: java -jar brazil.jar
 - > Point your browser to: http://localhost:8080/
- *Add brazil.jar to your CLASSPATH
- Unpack the archive
 - Sample applications
 - Source code



How to get Started

- New combinations of existing pieces
- Write your own application specific code

Provided by:

- ► Handlers*..... Server
 - Filters..... FilterHandler
 - ➤ Templates*. TemplateFilter
 - ➤ Scripting *Tcl -or- Python Template*



Existing Application

```
Class MyApp {
   ...
  public static void main(String[] args) {
   ...
  }
}
```



Hello World (handler version)

```
Class MyApp implements Handler {
 public boolean
 init(Server server, String name) {
   return true;
 public boolean
 respond(Request request) {
   request.sendResponse("Hello World!");
   return true;
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   new Server(new ServerSocket(8080),
           "MyApp", new Properties()).start();
 } }
```

Hello world (template version)

Source code

```
Class MyApp extends Template {
  public void
  tag_myapp(RewriteContext rc) {
    rc.append("Hello World!");
}}
```

Sample template



Using Templates (source code)

- *Application specific functionality
 - > Invent application specific "query" language
 - > Return "results" as name/value pairs
 - > No presentation markup

```
Class MyApp extends Template {
  public void
  tag_myapp(RewriteContext rc) {
    String p=rc.get("prefix");
    rc.request.props.put(p + ".h", "Hello");
    rc.request.props.put(p + ".w", "World");
}
```

Using Templates (template)

Presentation

- Call application specific "query" language
- > Use templates to generate presentation



Using Templates (configuration)

Integration

Use server "properties" to tie functionality together

Summary

Advantages

- **Composability**: Parts **do** fit together
- > Reusability: Special purpose handlers reused
- > Slicers and Formatters allow separation of content from presentation
- **Less structure**: Easy to get started

Disadvantages

- > **Performance**: Everything funnels through small interface
- > Security: Uniform access to all information
- **Less structure**: Less framework for large systems



Some Numbers

Size

- > 25k lines of code¹ in core system
- > 75k lines of code¹in sample applications
- > 30k 250k bytes Jar file size

❖Performance²

- > 700 hits/sec (500 if every page is rewritten)
- > 14Mbytes/sec throughput

Distribution

> 10,000+ copies downloaded

¹Java Programming Language (JDK1.1)

²Sun 420R (entry level server)



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