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Web 2.0 Development with ArcGIS Server and Java

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Agenda

- ArcGIS Server and the Web ADF
- ArcGIS Server and Web 2.0
- You Could Use a REST
- Server Object Extensions (SOEs) in Java
- Playing Nice with Frameworks
- Consider the Future: New in ArcGIS 10
- session.close();

ArcGIS Server

- Enterprise access to core GIS functions:
 - Visualization (maps/globes)
 - Data management
 - Analysis
- Service-oriented architecture
 - -SOAP
 - -REST
 - -OGC (WMS, WFS, WCS)



Developing with ArcGIS Server

- ArcObjects
- ADF = Application Development Framework
 - Java Web ADF
 - -.NET Web ADF
- Web APIs
 - JavaScript
 - -Flex
 - Silverlight
 - SharePoint

ArcGIS Server Java Web ADF

- Component-based Web GIS development
- Based on JavaServer Faces (JSF)
- Out-of-the-box applications
- API for common GIS functionality

Benefits of the Web ADF

- MVC—separation of presentation and logic
- Built-in user interface elements
 - Tasks (widgets)
 - Tools/commands
- Pre-built applications
- Works with ArcGIS Server, ArcIMS, and WMS

Tradeoffs of Using the Web ADF

- Performance issues
- JSF not widely used
- Tricky to customize user interface
- User interface focuses on GIS users

- Can ArcGIS Server do Web 2.0?
- Better question: what is Web 2.0?

Web 2.0

No single definition, but in general:

- 1.Efficient, pleasant user interfaces
- 2.User-generated content
 - VGI = volunteered geographic information

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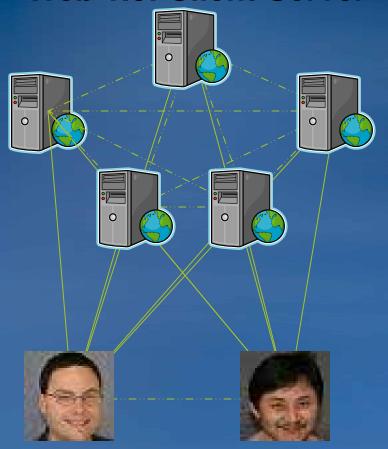
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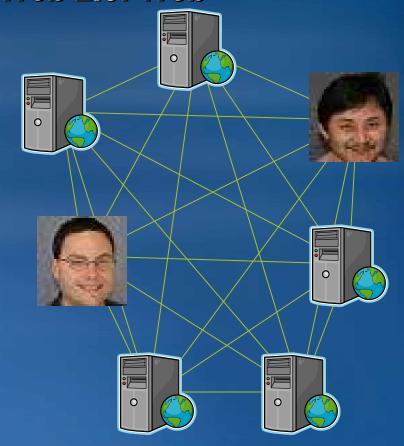


Web 1.0 vs. Web 2.0

Web 1.0: Client-Server



Web 2.0: Web



Well, can ArcGIS Server do Web 2.0?

a.Yes

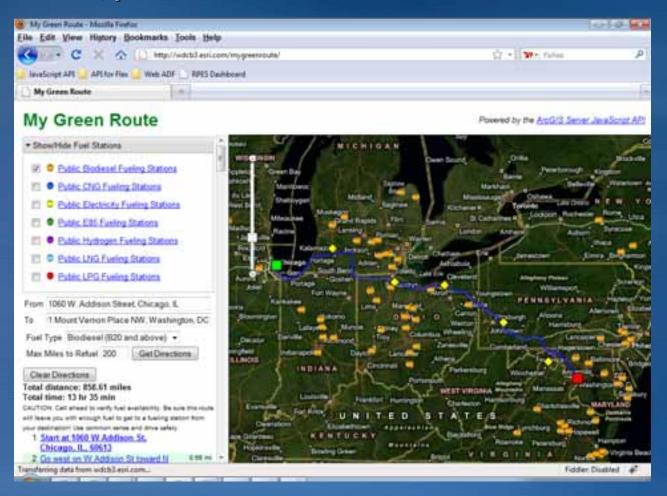
b.Heck yes!

c.Indubitably

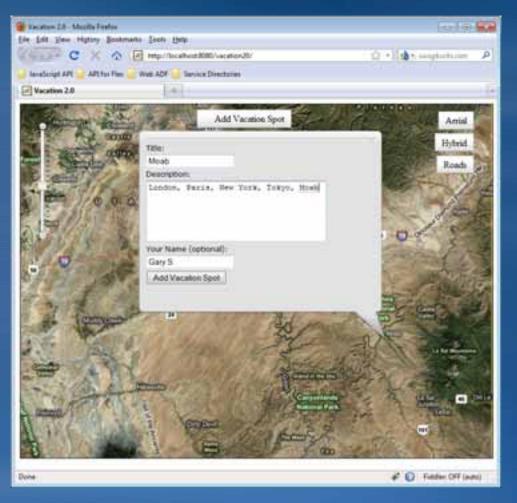
d.All of the above

Let us elaborate...

1. Efficient, pleasant user interfaces



2. User-generated content



You Could Use a REST

- REST = Representational State Transfer
- REST is an architectural style
 - Not a technology
 - Not a standard
 - Not a specification
 - -Not an API
 - Try as people might!
- Most commonly used for Web services

REST Key Ideas

- Client-Server
- Stateless
- Outputs are cacheable or non-cacheable
- Client and server are decoupled
- Layered system
 - REST services using REST services
 - Encapsulation

REST Services Demystified

- There's not much to demystify!
- Resources as URLs
- Operations as HTTP methods
 - GET (like SQL SELECT)
 - DELETE (like SQL DELETE)
 - POST (like SQL INSERT)
 - -PUT (like SQL UPDATE or INSERT)
- See http://ajaxpatterns.org/RESTful Service

REST Responses

- Again, REST is not a specification
- Common response format: JSON
 - JavaScript Object Notation
 - Simple object structure
 - Java library available at http://json.org/java

REST Service Example (non-GIS)

- Sports database at http://www.gnfsports.com (fictional)
- Request:
 HTTP GET http://www.gnfsports.com/scores/NBA/2010/02/06/UTH

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    Response:

            "gameld": 300206026
            "home": "UTH",
            "visitor": "DEN",
            "homeScore": 116,
            "visitorScore": 106,
            "attendance": 19911
            "highScorerld": 4000
            }
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Note: http://www.gnfsports.com/scores/NBA/2010/02/06/DEN should return the same thing

REST Service Example (GIS)

- ArcGIS Services Directory
 - Installed with ArcGIS Server 9.3 and higher
 - .NET: http://servername/arcgis/rest
 - Java: http://servername:8399/arcgis/rest
- Demo: ArcGIS Online Services Directory
 - http://server.arcgisonline.com/arcgis/rest

Providing REST Services

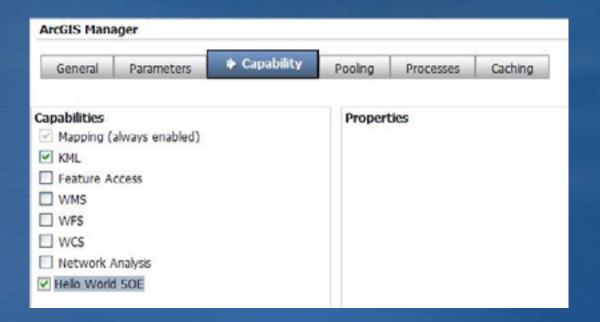
- Publish GIS content in ArcGIS Server
 - Map
 - Feature access and editing (new)
 - Globe
 - Geocode
 - Geodata
 - Geoprocessing
 - Geometry
 - Image
 - Search (new)
- Build your own Java-based REST services
 - Servlets/JSP
 - JSON libraries
 - IDE tools

Taking Advantage of REST Services

- Use ArcGIS Web APIs
 - JavaScript
 - Flex
 - Silverlight
- Use Ajax to call REST services
 - dojo.xhrGet
 - Built in to ArcGIS JavaScript API
 - XMLHttpRequest
 - All modern browsers
- Tools
 - Fiddler
 - Firebug

Server Object Extensions (SOEs) in Java

- Java code to add new capabilities to services
- Java interfaces and and annotations



http://servername/arcgis/services/Springfield/NuclearPowerPlants/MapServer/HelloWorldSOE

ArcGIS Enterprise Integration With Java Open Source Frameworks

- ArcGIS Server becomes more widely used in enterprise
- Open Source Frameworks have been widely deployed in many enterprise applications

Top 10 Java Web Frameworks

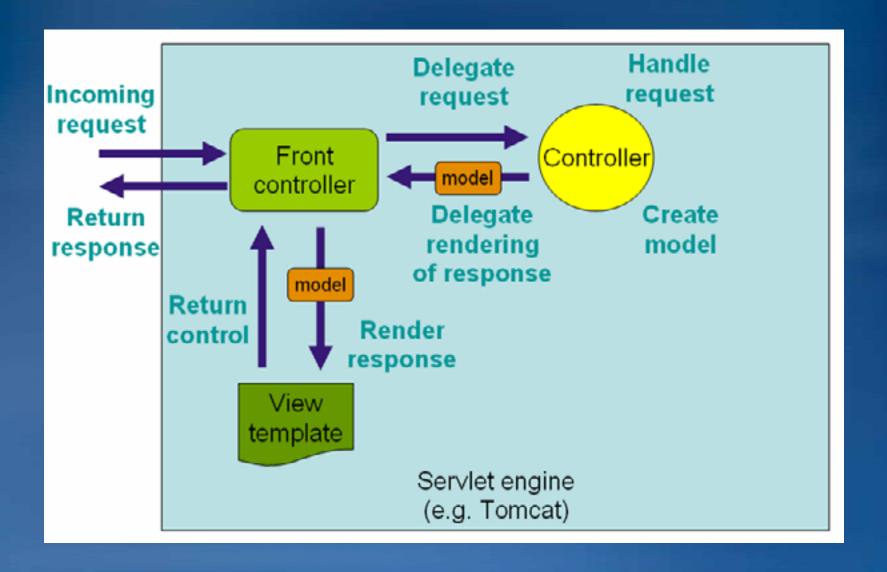
- -Struts 2.0
- -JSF
- -Spring
- -Wicket
- -Stripes
- -Tapestry
- -RIFE
- -SEAM
- -GWT
- -OpenXava

http://blo.taragana.com/index.php/archive/10-best-java-web-development-framework/

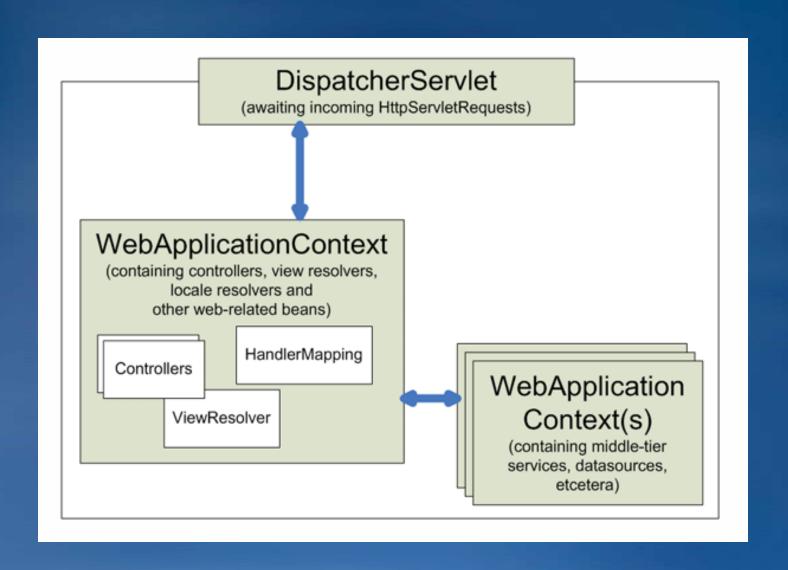
Spring Framework

- Lightweight
- Flexible, modular, pluggable
- Pioneer in POJO programming for enterprise and web apps
- Easy to integrate with other frameworks such as Tapestray and Struts for viewing, Hibernate for persistency
- http://www.springsource.org/

Request Processing Workflow



Spring Container (IoC)



Demo

- Generate PDF with a map from ArcGIS Server via REST APIs
 - Contents can be customized and personalized
 - PDF content can be saved to an archive database

Consider the Future: New in ArcGIS 10

- Better performance in Web ADF
- Caching
- New options in optimized map services
- REST endpoints for SOEs
- Search service
- Feature editing service
- Time
- iPhone

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- Our challenges to you:
 - Think about Web 2.0 (i.e. think about your users)
 - Submit great Web 2.0 code to Code Gallery
 - http://resources.esri.com/arcgisserver
 - Click "Communities"
 - Click an API or ADF
 - Click "Add An Entry"

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