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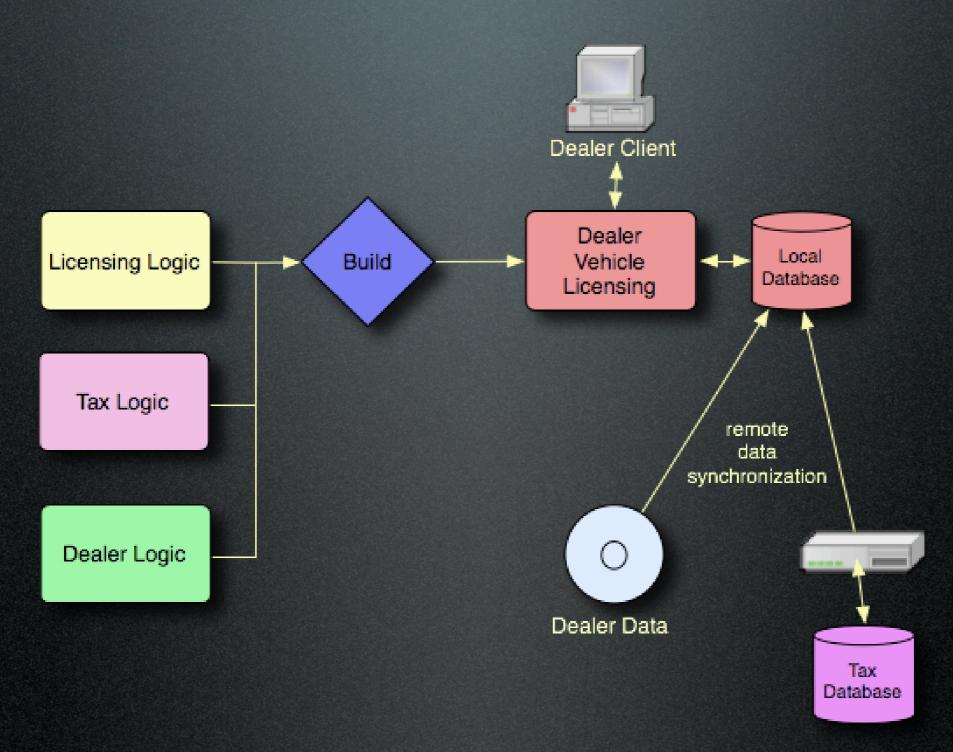
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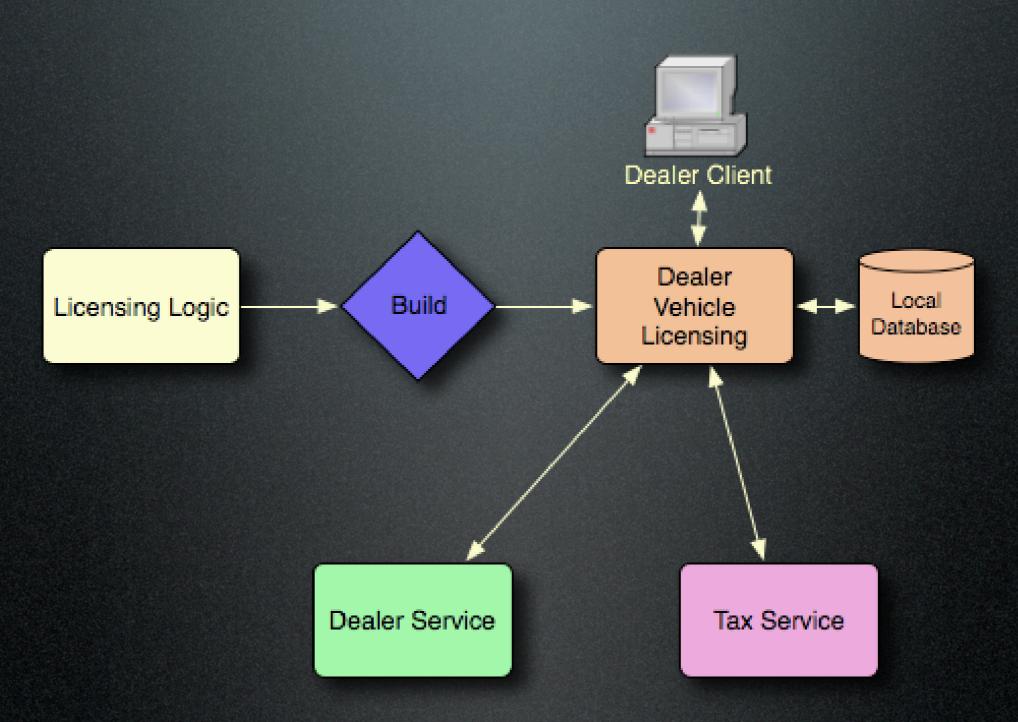
Railroad and Highways



Traditional Architecture



Service Oriented Architecture



Web Services

- Web services are self-contained pieces of code with three distinguishing properties:
 - Communicate in an interoperable XML protocol, such as SOAP.
 - Describe themselves in an interoperable XML meta-format, such as WSDL.
 - Federate globally through XML based registry services, such as UDDI.
- Not defined in terms of SOAP, WSDL, and UDDI.

Key Differences

- Creating applications by
 - integrating network services
 - that are very far away
 - and owned by strangers
- Primary abstraction:
 - network services
 - not subroutines or objects

Decentralized Computing

- Decentralized computing is different from distributed computing
- Decentralization means crossing organizational boundaries
- Extending a system to achieve consensus and cooperation between several separate organizations

Scaling in the Internet

- Effective services scale in three ways:
 - across time
 - across space
 - across organizations
- Level-3 routers (TCP) solve these problems for connectivity

Passenger Name Records



"PNRs unlock data stored in tickets, tariff filings, baggage claim checks, catering orders, security profiles, credit records, and myriad other components of this half-real, half-virtual distributed system called an airline"

Service Oriented Architecture Properties

- Discoverable and dynamic
- Loosely coupled
- Locationally transparent
- Diversely owned
- Interoperable
- Composable
- Network addressable
- Self healing

Loose Coupling

	Tight Coupling	Loose Coupling
Interface	Classes/methods	Fixed verbs
Messaging	Procedure call	Document passing
Typing	Static	Dynamic
Synchronization	Synchronous	Asynchronous
References	Named	Queried
Ontology	By prior agreement	Self describing
Schema	First-order	Higher-order
Communications	Point to point	Pub/Sub
Interaction	Direct	Brokered
Evaluation	Eager	Lazy
Motivation	Efficiency, performance	Interoperability
Behavior	Planned	Adaptive
Coordination	Centralized	Distributed
Contracts	Implicit	Explicit

Service Oriented Architecture Benefits

- Code Re-use
- Correctness
- Maintainability
- Productization
- Security
- Focused developer roles
- Better alignment with business goals
- Scalability
- Feature augmentation

A Word of Warning

- Good architects should do everything they can to avoid data serialization.
 - Web services is nothing but serialization.
- When serialization cannot be avoided, it can be mitigated through caching in some cases.
 - SOAP over HTTP makes caching difficult (uses POST).

Latency

- Absolute limit of system architecture
- One of the few physical limits on computation
- New York is always going to be 30ms from London regardless of Moore's Law





Lifestyle Services





Life Event: Moving to Utah

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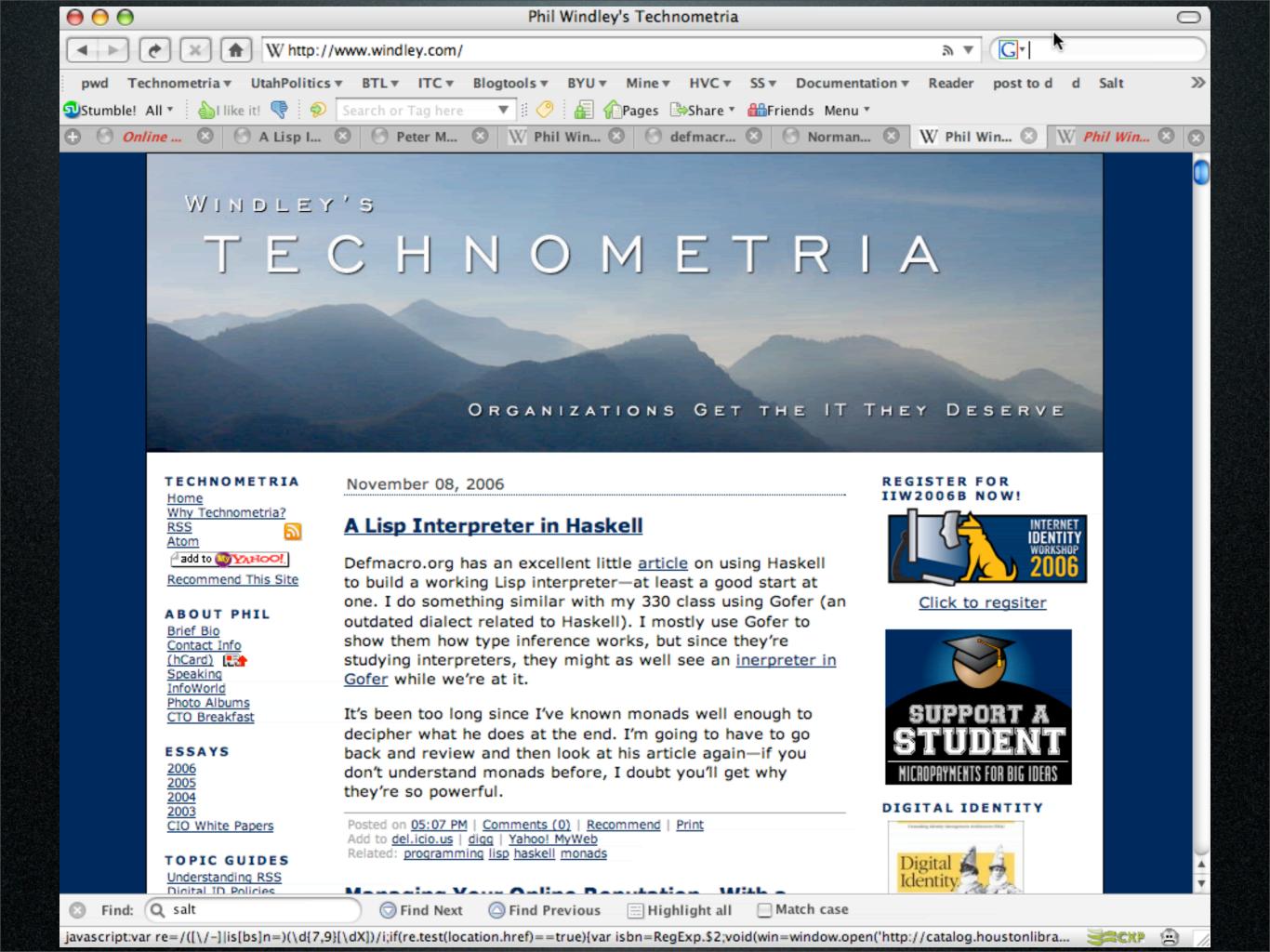
Legacy Data



Serendipitous Applications



Library Lookup Demo



How Does This Work?

- Amazon and most library software follows principles I'll outline in a minute
- As a result, the bookmarklet can coordinate two different Web services to produce a useful application
 - Just Javascript
 - Small, incremental effort

Serendipitous Services

- Start Web services now:
 - Incrementally expose your data
 - Incrementally expose your APIs
- The more data and APIs that you expose the greater the potential interoperability
- Small marginal cost and high return, but...design is important

A POX on Your House (with any luck)

every data element and collection is a resource

every resource must have a URI

cool URI's don't change

return XVII

preserve the structure of data until the last possible moment

describe data make XIML schemas available online

adhere to existing data standards

RSS and Atom are de facto formats

use metadata for XIML (RDF)

use HTTP correctly

data queries on existing resources should be done with a GET

use POST to create new resources

document your service API

advertise the presence of the service use WSIL use link/> tags

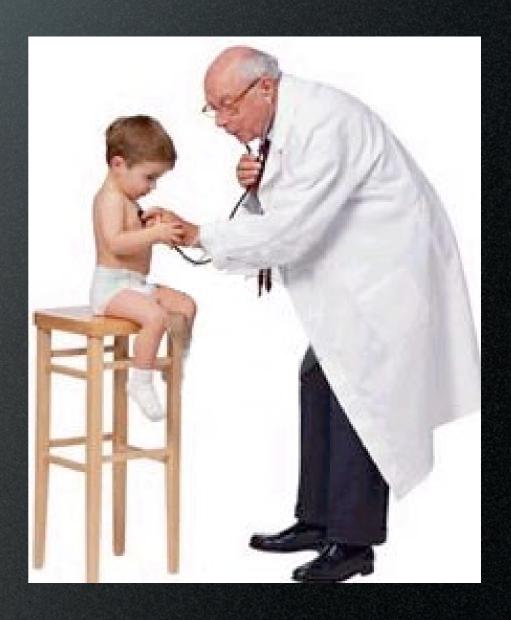
use HTTP authentication

adopting these principles is cheap and easy...

...but it can have big rewards

Brainstorming Two Websites





this is happening in spite of poor design and even official contempt

Sex Offender Registries Demo

RSS ^ Q+



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A Lisp Interpreter in Haskell

Defmacro.org has an excellent little article on using Haskell to build a working Lisp interpreter—at least a good start at one. I do something similar with my 330 class using Gofer (an outdated dialect related to Haskell). I mostly use Gofer to show them how type inference works, but since they're studying interpreters, they might as well see an inerpreter in Gofer while we're at it.

It's been too long since I've known monads well enough to decipher what he does at the end. I'm going to have to go back and review and then look at his article again—if you don't understand monads before, I doubt you'll get why they're so powerful.

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CTG (NY) Study:

- Five government agencies switch from HTML to XML
 - One agency saved 5hrs/week in production time
 - Easier to share data because of standards
 - Improved workflow and content creation

Case Study: RSS

Rich Site Summary

- LOVE
- XML-based content syndication
- Used by feedreaders as well as Web sites



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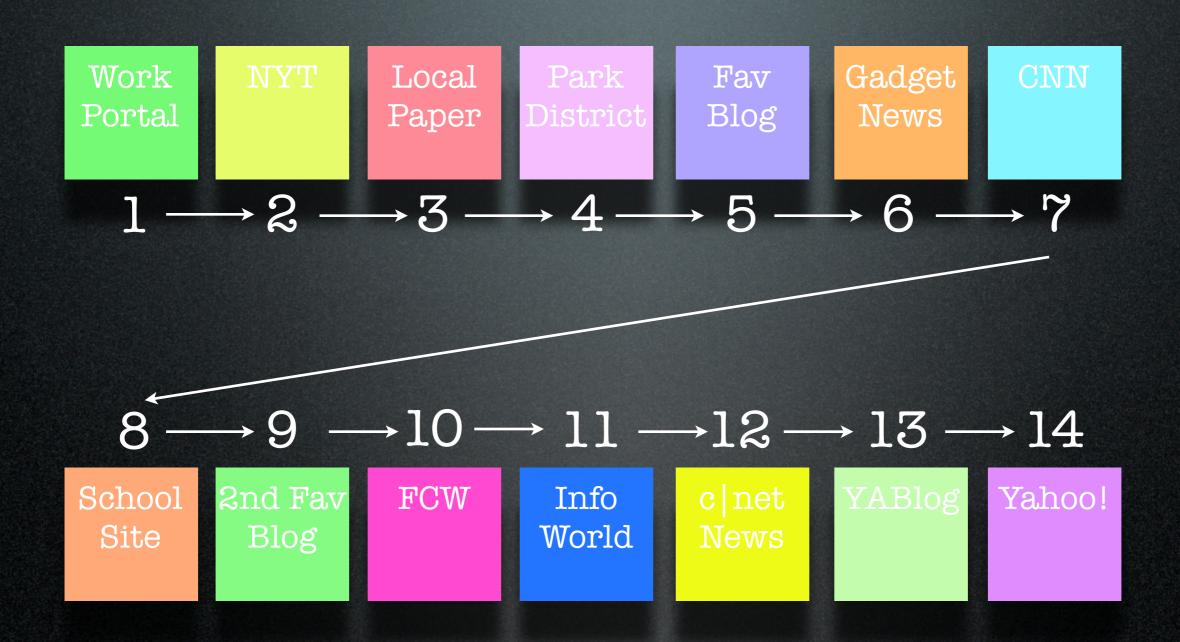
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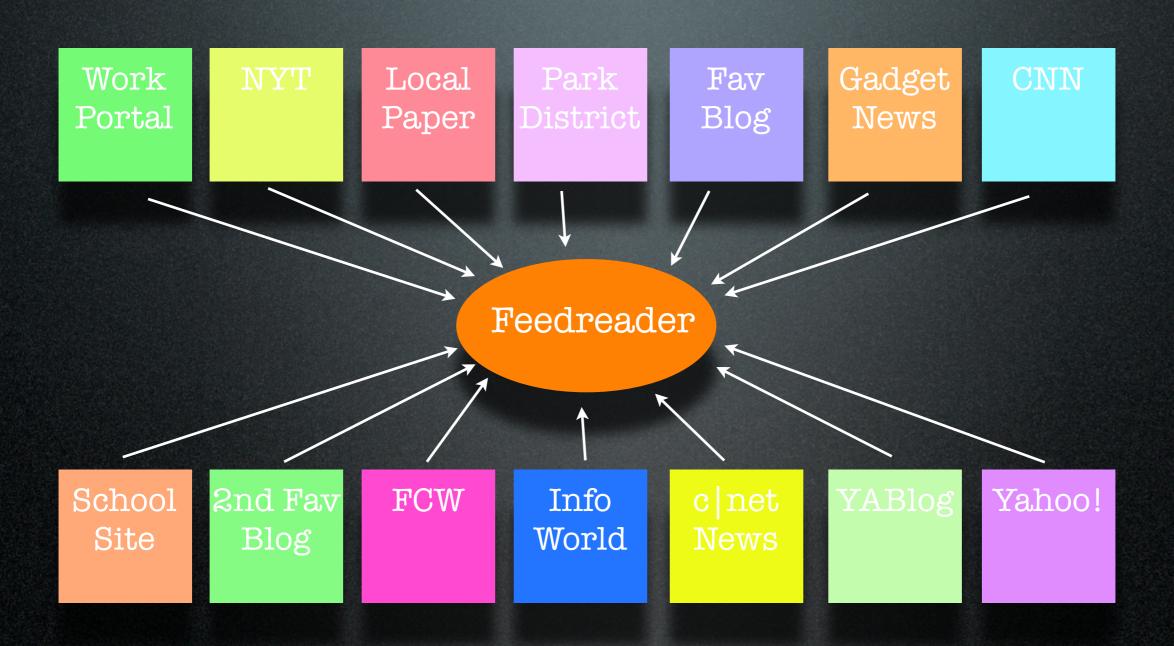
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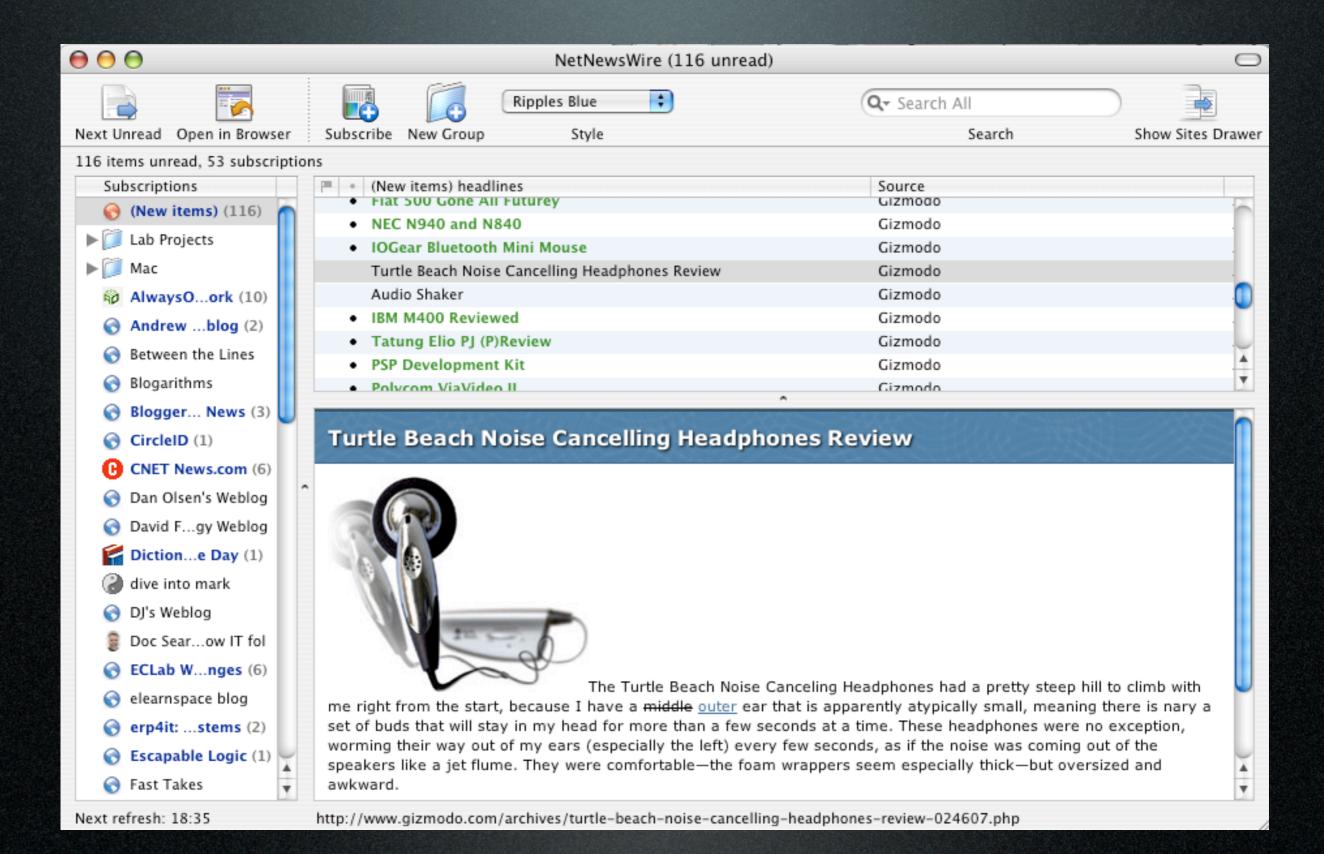




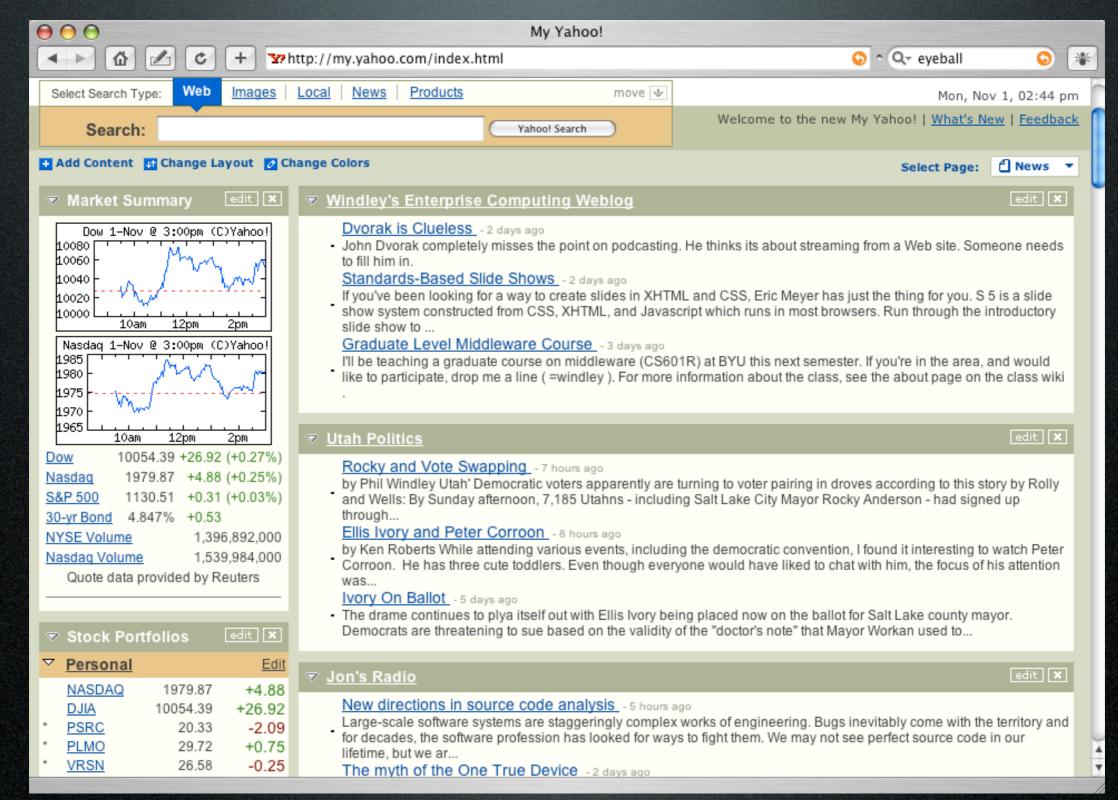




Feedreaders



My Yahoo!



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- Edit by hand (not recommended)
- Blog and content management software
- Calendaring tools
- Custom applications
 - RSS libraries for most programming languages

RSS Uses

- Aggregate feeds onto Web sites
- Portals
- Press releases
- Calendars
- Del.icio.us
- Enclosures and podcasting

RSS Web Services

- Simple, HTTP-based Web service
- Easy to create, easy to use
- RSS is an email replacement for many applications
 - No Spam, pull instead of push
- Works for infrequent updates (and frequent ones)

RSS and ATOM

Adam Bosworth on RSS:

- General data interface
- Represent sets
- ATOM API provides CRUD functionality



Cautions

- What about security?
- What about privacy?

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- What about security?
- What about privacy?

- Identity!!!
- Start with public data and learn skills

What Haven't We Talked About?

- Digital identity
- SOAP-based SOA
- Governance
- Registries, intermediaries
- Formal organizations

Summary

- First steps:
 - Don't let the hype scare you
 - Don't try to boil the ocean
 - Adopt simple principals
 - Jump in and do something
 - Start with public data
- The keys are
 - Plain Old XML (POX)
 - Incrementally exposing data and APIs

The End

Questions?

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