WEB SERVICES BOOTCAMP

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Why Web Services?
- Demos
- Key Terms & Background
- Practice and Exercises
- Code Samples
- Questions

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WHAT ABOUT YOU?

- HTML and CSS proficiency?
- Javascript or PHP (server-side) programming proficiency?
- Why interested in web services?

WEB SERVICES AN INTRO

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WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

- Web Services are the backbone of mashups
- Web Services enable you to access and recombine data
- Move and share data across systems in real time

WEB SERVICES FOR INTEROPERABILITY

- Lots of different ways in which people can access information
- Different devices
 - Mobile devices, computers, special purpose devices
- Machine access to data

WHAT IS A MASHUP?

 a Web application that uses and/or combines data from multiple sources within a single tool

WHY CREATE A MASHUP

- Want to bring together disparate data sources
- Want to enhance a existing source of data
- Want to improve usability and user interfaces
- Want to make a web page more dynamic and engaging

TOP MASHUP TYPES



 <u>http://www.programmableweb.com/</u> <u>mashups</u>

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- MSU Theses Research Locations
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For the foreign visitor is Johann Ulrich Voss, a German explorer who is to lead an expedition to traverse the unexplored Australian interior. Awkward and antisocial, he is nonetheless a secular messiah with an almost divine sense of his own destiny. Funded by Laura's uncle, he gathers together a motley collection of misfits and visionaries: a secret poet, a sensitive ornithologist, a simple-minded boy, a rich dilettante, and a former convict whose practical know-how rivals Voss's own. [White's fondness for visionary loners will get even greater play in his next book, RIDERS IN THE CHARIOT.] Accompanied by two aborigines, Voss leads the party into the bush and through the desert, encountering both beauty and hardship, but ultimately tested less by the physical world than by the terrible discovery of their own inner natures.

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HOW DO MASHUPS WORK?

- Retrieve data from another source(s) typically via a web service
- Mix these datasets together and integrate them into your website

BASIC CONCEPTS

- API
- Web Service
- Structured Data

TERMS: API

 An application programming interface (or API) is a way for developers to access parts of a remote web site and integrate it with their own site.

MSU Libraries "lofiAPI" Example

TERMS: WEB SERVICE

- Provides access to data and/or procedures (API)
- On a remote / external system (usually)
- Use structured data for data exchange (often XML)
- Come in 3 flavors : RPC, SOAP, REST

TERMS: STRUCTURED DATA

- Structured data = XML and JSON
 - Extensible Mark-up Language and Javascript Object Notation
 - Flexible mark-up languages
 - Lightweight and easy to parse
 - Allow communication between disparate systems

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Data access = Web Services (REST, SOAP, XML-RPC)
- Data typically formatted in XML or JSON
- Data display = 1 or more scripting languages (javascript, PHP, python, etc)

WHAT IS XML-RPC

- XML Remote Procedure Call
- Provides a means to call methods/ procedures on a remote server and make changes and/or retrieve data
- Most common implementation of XML-RPC used today is that of blog ping services: Technorati, Flickr, FeedBurner, others

WHAT IS SOAP?

- "Simple Object Access Protocol"
- Specification maintained at w3.org
- XML based
- There's nothing simple about SOAP!

SOAP EXAMPLE

• EBAY wsdl

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WHAT IS REST?

- The greatest thing since sliced...
- Representational State Transfer
- Unique data resources with addresses

THEORY OF REST

- Focus on diversity of resources (nouns), not actions (verbs)
- Every resource is uniquely addressable
- All resources share the same constrained interface for transfer of state (actions)
- Must be stateless, cacheable, and layered

REST = WEB PROTOCOL

- Web As Prime Example
 - URLs uniquely address resources
 - HTTP methods (GET, POST, HEAD, etc.) and content types provide a constrained interface
 - All transactions are atomic
 - HTTP provides cache control

REST VERBS

Create, Read, Update DeletePOST, GET, PUT, DELETE

REST IN PRACTICE

• REST

- Google APIs
 - Google Calendar
 - Google Spreadsheet
- RESTful
- Flickr

REST: FINAL THOUGHTS

- Similarity to web easy to understand
- URL is the method
- Most popular type of web service

FORMATS FOR DATA FROM WEB SERVICES

- XML
 - Can use a particular standard, such as: MARC XML, Dublin Core, RSS, Atom
 - May be a proprietary format
- JSON (Javascript Object Notation)
 - very popular
 - easy to use with Javascript
 - can be simpler to work with
- HTML

WHAT IS JSON?

- Javascript Object Notation
- Text file used to pass information from one system to another
- Javascript treats it as an object
 - which makes it easily navigated and specific pieces cherry-picked

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CROSS SERVER SCRIPTING ISSUES

- AJAX doesn't allow you to access "scripts" across servers
 - XML, PHP or other scripting languages
- •Can access JSON across servers
 - Reason why JSON popular
- •Workaround

CROSS SERVER SCRIPTING WORKAROUNDS

• Proxy the script via the webserver

- Apache mod_proxy
- •Use an intermediary to transform content into JSON
 - Use PHP to convert XML to JSON

SOME SKILLS YOU'LL NEED

- XML
- XPath
- Basic understanding of namespaces
- JSON
- Javascript, preferably a library like JQuery
- Some server side scripting language
- PHP, Ruby on Rails, Python, Perl, etc

PRACTICE AND EXERCISES

- XML and JSON Parsing
- Yahoo Pipes
- Code Preview

GETTING STARTED

• Practice & Exercises

www.lib.montana.edu/~jason/files/web-services/

• Handouts & Code

www.lib.montana.edu/~jason/talks/amigos2011-web-services-handout.pdf

SOME TOOLS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- •Bitnami
- Text editor or some other IDE (Eclipse)
- •oXygen XML Editor
- •JSONLint
- Firefox Extensions
 - Firebug, JSONovich, Web Developer's Toolbar

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The JSON Validator

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• Jason Clark Demos <u>www.lib.montana.edu/~jason/files.php</u>

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