

Uniface and RIA

"Desktop sophistication in a browser"

Uniface 25 Years

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Define RIA

Identify the demand for RIA

Uniface and RIA







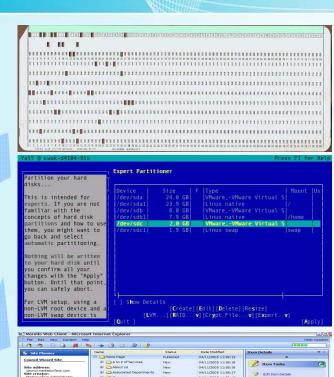
Defining RIA "Desktop Sophistication In A Browser"







- User interface evolution
 - -Punch Card
 - -CHUI / Desktop
 - -Web
 - -RIA
- Desktop like interface
 - -Rich controls
 - -Responsive screens









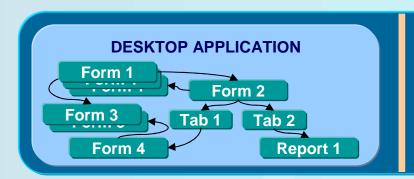
Desktop vs. Web

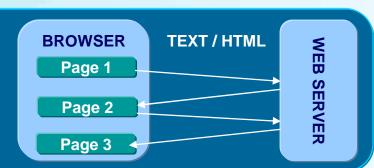
Desktop application

- Feature rich interface
- Client install
- Objects keep state

Web 1.0 application

- No client footprint
- Delay between actions (request/response)
- Little state persistence









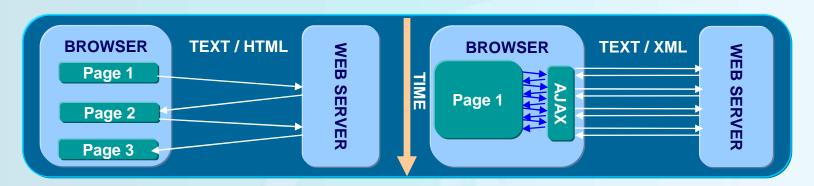


Web 1.0 Interface

- Full page requests (PIA)
- Page / batch processing
- Delay between actions

Ajax based RIA

- Specific requests
- Event driven, inline logic
- Dynamic page updates

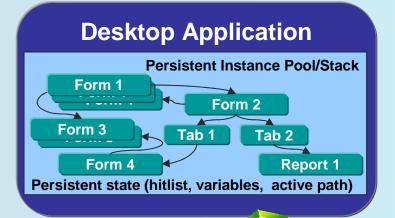


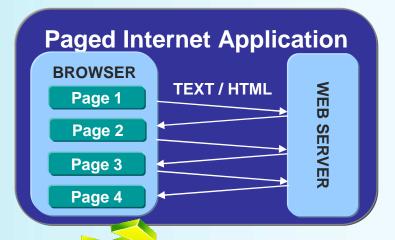




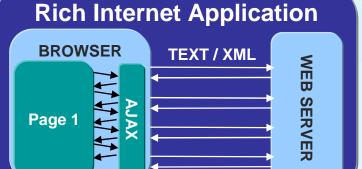


■ Desktop → PIA → RIA



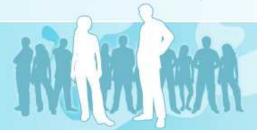


- Rich interface
- High usability
- Reactive screens
- State persistence



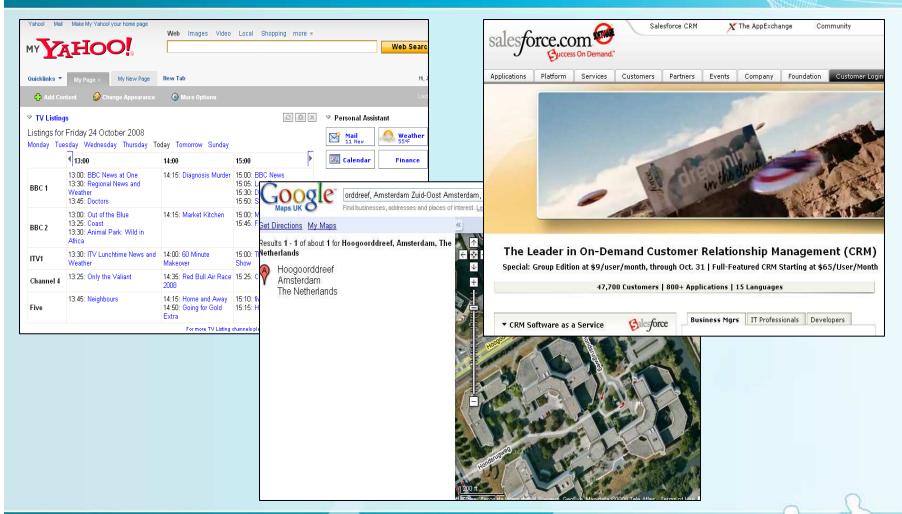
- Easy deployment
- Simple upgrades
- No client footprint
- Multi channel
- Flexible pricing







RIA examples







Demand for RIA

"The world wants more"







Jakob Nielsen Usability Heuristics

Principle	Desktop	Web	RIA
Consistency and standards	√	√	✓
Aesthetic and minimalist designs	✓	✓	✓
Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors	~	~	~
Match between system and real world	✓	√	✓
Error prevention (in a timely manner)	✓	?	✓
Clearly marked exits (undo, redo, exit etc)	✓	?	✓
Recognition rather than recall	√	?	✓
Help and documentation (context sensitive, inline)	✓	?	✓
Flexibility and efficiency of use (accelerators)	✓	×	✓
Visibility of system status (immediate communication of status)	~	×	~







- End users demand more
 - -Technical users always want more
 - -Non-technical users are becoming 'technical'
- Users need portable applications
 - -Cross platform
 - -Anywhere, Anytime, Anyplace







Business wants RIA

- Reduced upfront costs
 - Hardware dependencies reduced
- Consistent browser and desktop interface
 - Minimal retraining / increased user engagement
- Simple rollout
 - Centralised deployment / transparent updates
- Security
 - Restricted client system access







RIA benefits for providers

Increased competitiveness

- 'Software as a Service' enabler
- Reach global market
- Flexible pricing models
- Security
 - Application objects protected from client
- Simplify deployment







The world is ready for RIA

- Web access is common these days
- High speed connections are readily available

- 3G, EDGE, HSPA etc... (speeds up to 14MB+)

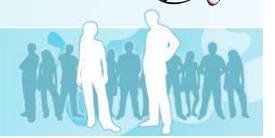
- (A)DSL Broadband (speeds up to 24MB+)

- Wi-Fi / WLAN (IEEE 802.11) (speeds up to 200MB+)

Ethernet

Much of the world is now web capable





(speeds up to 1GB+)



RIA & Uniface

"Introducing Dynamic Server Pages"







Uniface RIA Overview

- Web 2.0 development simplified
 - RIA constructs managed by Uniface
- Integrated WYSIWYG editor
 - Standards compliant
 - XHTML, CSS etc....
- Leverage the full power of Uniface
 - Integrated APS (Uniface, Flow & View)
 - Model driven development
 - Platform independence
 - Multichannel deployment
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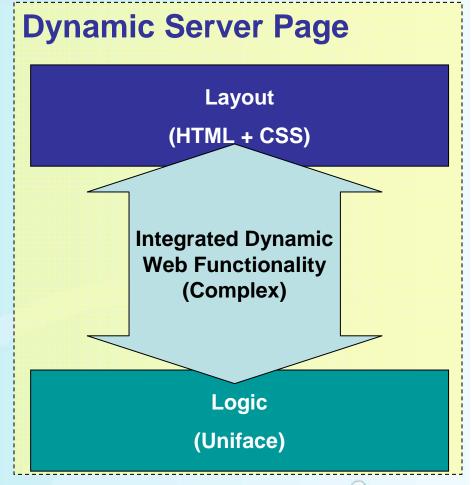
New component type: Dynamic Server Page







- Model-driven development
- Proc is primary language
- Client-side declarative validation
- Procedural error handling
- Layout-logic split
- Dynamic page updates (AJAX)
 - Synchronous & Asynchronous
- Binding/HTML generator wizard
- Layout mash-up enablement
- Security features



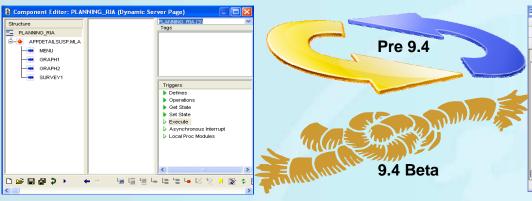


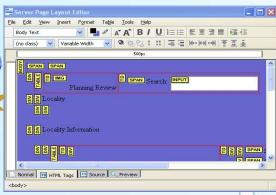




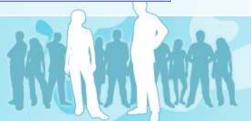
Component Editor

- Logic Structure & Layout Separate
 - No more synchronisation
- Simple Binding
 - Easy as "copy & paste"











DSP Rich Widgets

- Logical widgets (INI-file)
- Widgets (DOJO)
 - EditBox, TextArea, Password, CommandButton, RadioGroup
 - DropDownList, CheckBox, ListBox, DatePicker
- Widgets (DSP)
 - PictureButton, StaticText, FlatButton
 - RawHTML, AttributesOnly
 - Picture
 - Raw database data, Glyph reference
 - UServer image file, Web Server image file (URL)







DSP Enhancements

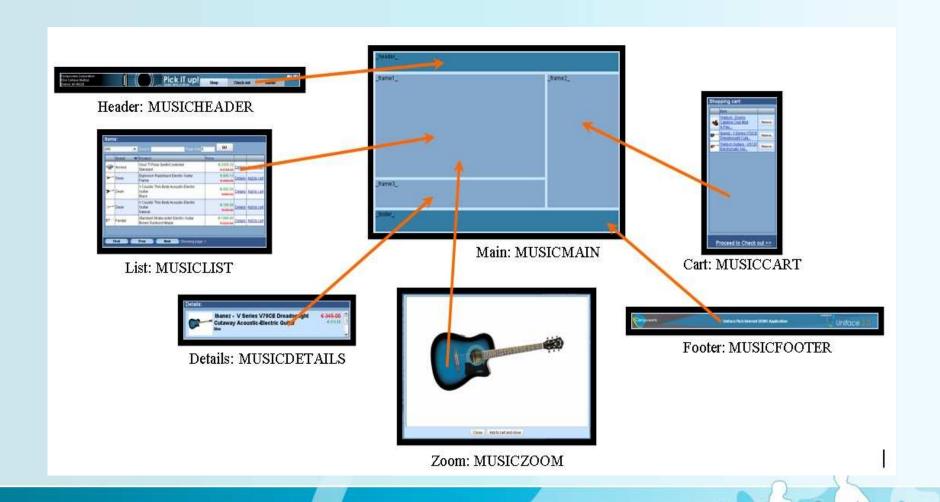
- No more uniface specific X-Tags
 - Possible to use any XHTML compliant layout editor
- Proc enhancements
 - webmessage, webdefinitions, weblayout, websave ...
- AttributesOnly widget
 - Allows proc manipulation of any HTML element in layout
- Triggers
 - Detail (single/double click), on Change
- Many widget properties (~50 per widget)
 - HTML, Style, Trigger







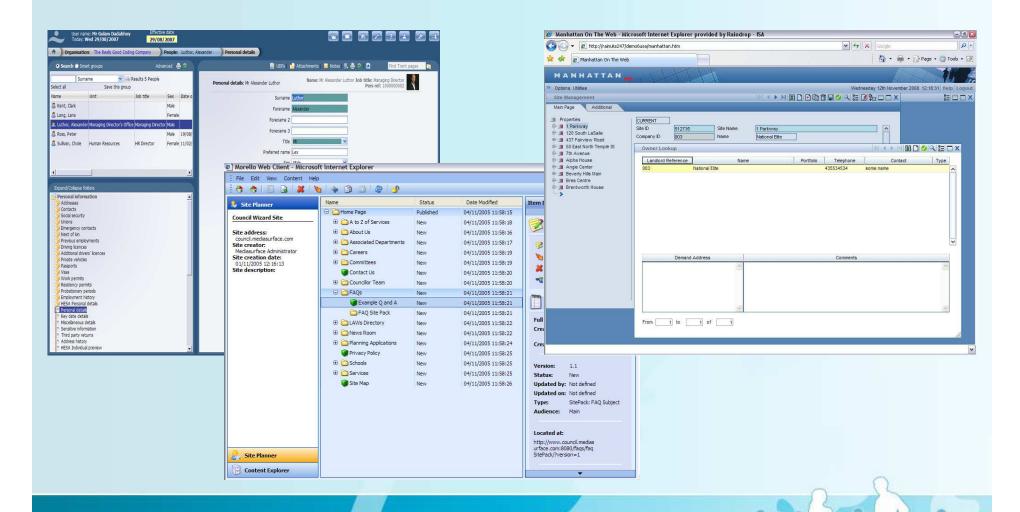
Layout mash-ups







Example Uniface RIA







Demo

"Visualise The Change"







- Desktop sophistication in a browser
- Application consumers demand more
- RIA is the next generation of UI
- Uniface supports RIA







Thank You



