Web Services for Remote Portals (WSRP) Overview

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Overview

Web Services for Remote Portals (WSRP) will define a standard for interactive, user-facing web services that plug and play with portals.

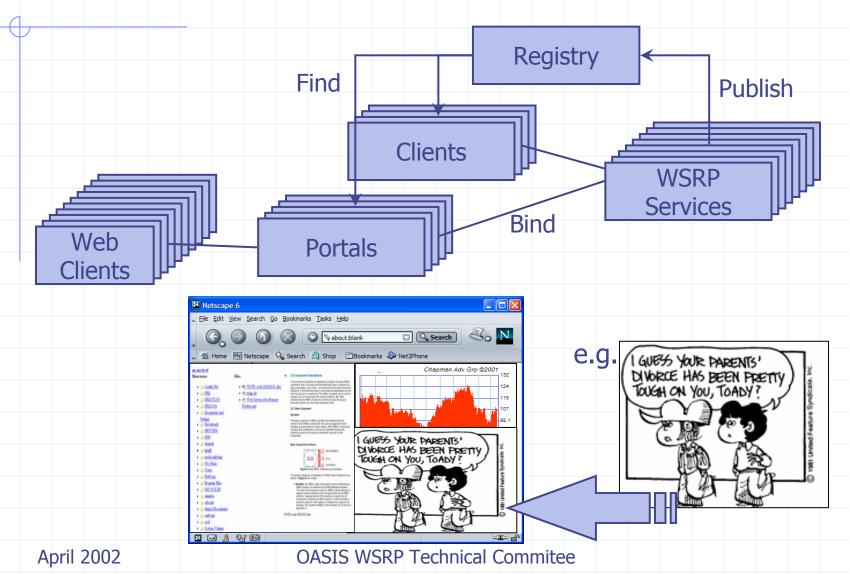
WSRP will define:

- A WSDL interface description for invocation of WSRP services
- How to Publish, Find, Bind WSRP services and metadata
- Markup Fragment Rules for markup emitted by WSRP services
- Applicable Security Mechanisms, Billing information ?, ...

Companies involved in WSRP:

Bea, Bowstreet, Divine, Epicentric, Factiva, France Telecom, Fujitsu,
 HP, IBM, Interwoven, Lexis-Nexis, Lotus, Moravia IT, Netegrity, Oracle,
 Peoplesoft, Plumtree, Silverstream, Stellent, SUN, Sybase, Tibco,
 WebCollage, SAP Portals, SeeBeyond

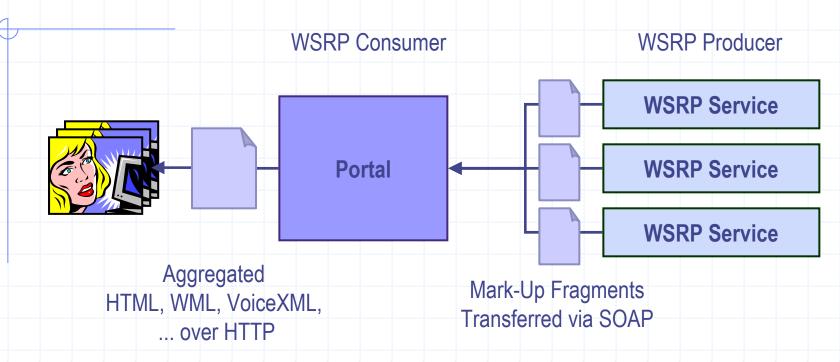
WSRP Services Plug&Play with Portals



WSRP Goals

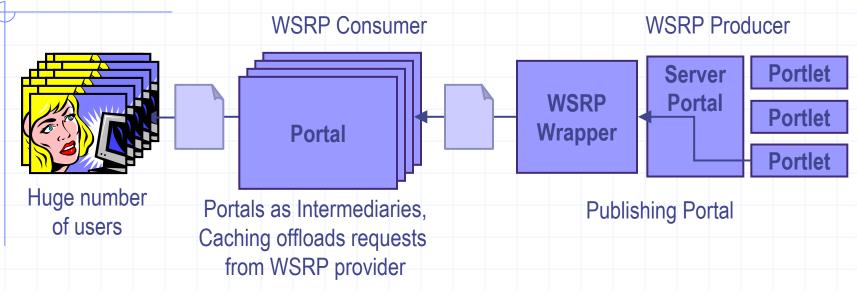
- Enable interactive, user-facing web services to be easily plugged into standards-compliant portals
- Let anybody create and publish their content and applications as user-facing web services
- Let admins browse directories for WSRP services to plug into their portals without programming effort
- Let portals publish portlets so that they can be consumed by other portals without programming
- Make the Internet a marketplace of visual web services, ready to be integrated into portals

Scenario: Use of WSRP in Portals



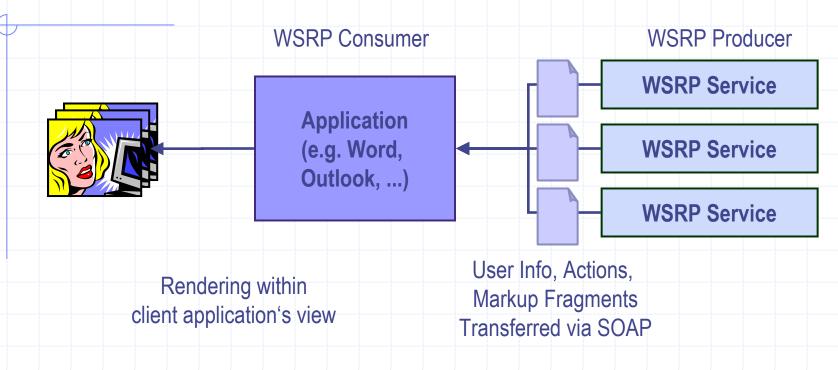
- Portals can aggregate presentation from many WSRP services
- WSRP services can be aware of portal context
 - User profile from portal
 - Desired locale and markup-type
 - User's device type

Scenario: Portal sharing Portlets



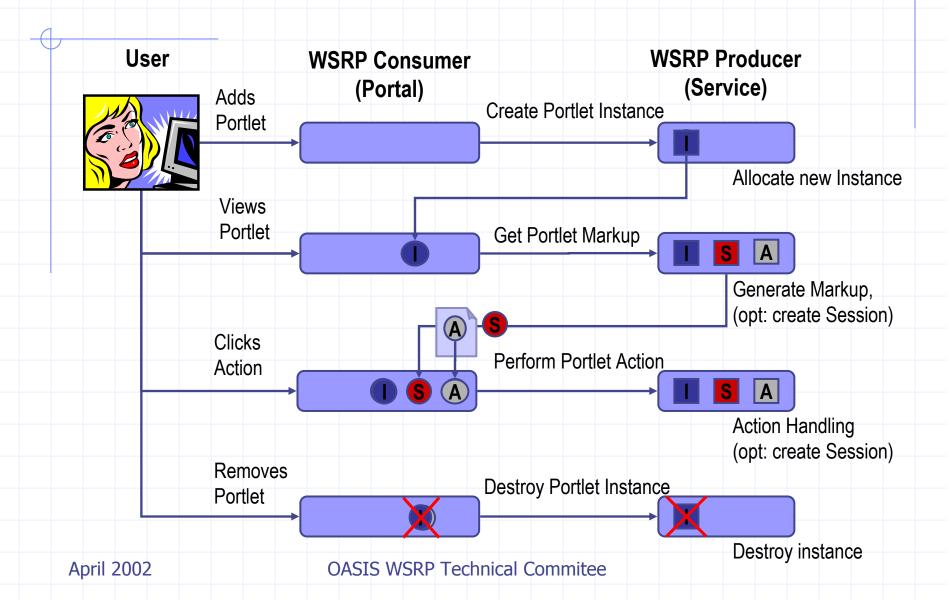
- Administrator publishes portlet as WSRP service to UDDI using portal's adminuser interface
- Administrator of other portal finds WSRP service using portal's UDDI browser and binds to it with a few mouse-clicks
- Users of the second portal can select remote portlets like any local portlet and put them on their pages
- In this case, the portal providing a portlet as a WSRP service adheres to the WSRP protocol and contracts just like any other WSRP service, the

Scenario: Use of WSRP in Client Apps

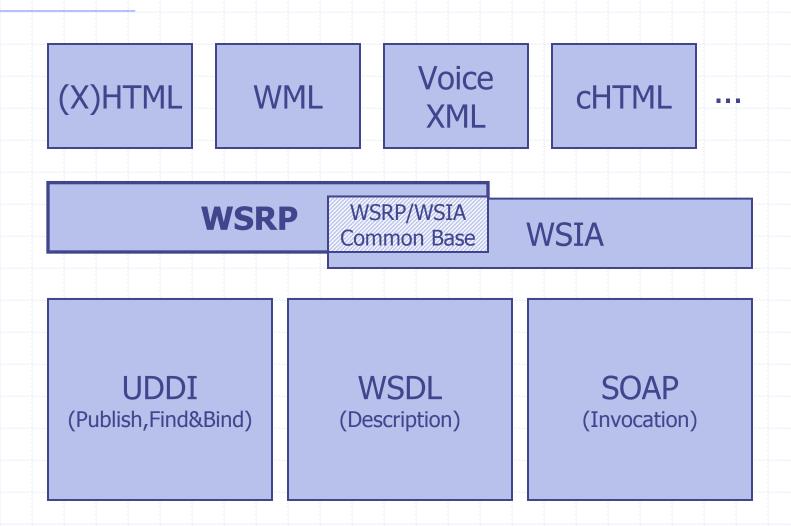


- Applications may embed WSRP Services through plugin mechanisms, e.g. COM Components or ActiveX Controls
- In this case, the plugin in the client application adheres to the WSRP protocol and contracts, just like a portal would

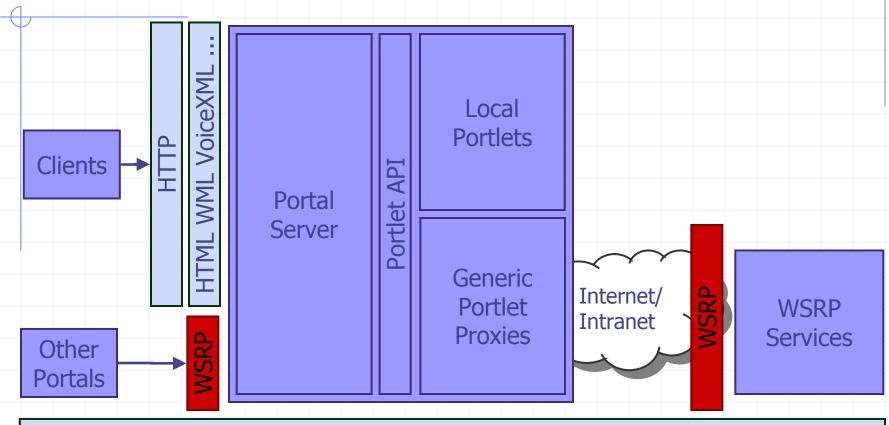
Abstract Portal WSRP Interaction



WSRP and related Standards



Portal Architecture and WSRP



Publish/Find Web Services (SOAP)

UDDI Registry

WSRP and Portlet API(s)

Platform
Independent
Web Service
Interface

Web Services for Remote Portals (WSRP)

Platform specific, local Portlet APIs

Java Portlet API (JSR 168) C#
"Portlet API"
(.NET)

WSRP Impl. on plain J2EE or .NET platform

Portlet APIs may be defined for different programming languages; WSRP can bridge between the different platforms, leveraging platform independence of Web services

Goal:

Portlets written to Portlet API can be published as WSRP services WSRP services can be integrated through Portlet Proxies written to Portlet API

WSRP TC Areas of Work

- Business Scenarios
- WSRP/WSIA Common Interfaces
- WSRP Interfaces & Protocol
- WSRP Publish, Find, Bind & Metadata
- WSRP Markup Fragments Rules/Styles
- WSRP and Security, Identity, SSO

Business Scenarios

- Content/Application Provider providing WSRP Service
- Portal publishing Portlets as WSRP Services
- Syndicated Content / Billing via WSRP
- Enterprise Application
- Current Awareness
- Cooperating WSRP Services
- Multimedia Sports Portal / Mobility

WSRP/WSIA – Common Interfaces

- Define common interfaces to be shared by WSRP and WSIA
 - Basic life-cycle operations
 - Basic operations for processing actions and getting markup

WSRP Interfaces & Protocol

- Define the operations for WSRP services
 - Advanced life-cycle operations, e.g. for creation of instances
 - Advanced operations for processing actions/getting markup
 - User profile information contained in requests
 - Device information contained in requests
 - Locale information contained in requests
 - Protocol defining interaction between portals and services
 - Allowed order of operation invocation
 - Contracts for handling instances and sessions
 - Caching considerations

WSRP Publish, Find, Bind & Metadata

- Define method used to publish services to UDDI
- Define metadata to be provided when publishing service
 - Name, Titles, Descriptions
 - Supported Markups / Locales
 - Hints for caching
 - ...
- Define method to find WSRP services in UDDI

WSRP Markup Fragments Rules/Styles

- Define valid markup fragments for
 - HTML / XHTML (#1 priority)
 - WML, cHTML, VoiceXML (after covering HTML / XHTML)
- Define URL rewriting
- Define namespacing/prefixing

WSRP and Security, Identity, SSO ...

- Define how security mechanisms and protocols can be employed with WSRP
- Define how Identity is to be provided by consumers to producers
- Define how SSO via a consumer to multiple producers may be achieved

Planned WSRP Milestones for 2002

May 2002: WSRP Scenarios / Use Cases

July 2002: First draft of WSRP Specification

August 2002: First version of Impl proving that spec works

October 2002: Final draft of WSRP Specification

November 2002: Update of Impl to reflect final draft

December 2002: WSRP Specification 1.0, Update of Impl. to reflect 1.0 spec, Compliance Test Kit

2003 Start next cycle for WSRP Specification 2.0 ...

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