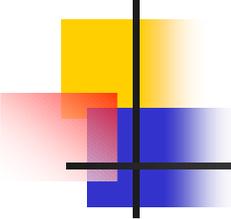


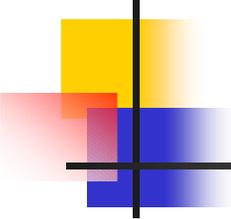
Webware for Python

- Developers:
 - Chuck Esterbrook
 - Jay Love
 - Tom Schwaller
 - Geoff Talvola
 - And many others have contributed patches
- <http://webware.sourceforge.net/>
- Mailing lists: webware-discuss and webware-devel
- Very helpful Wiki
- Birds of a Feather session 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM tonight!



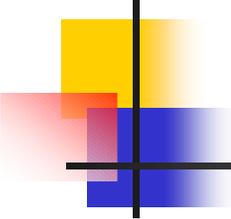
What is Webware?

- Python-oriented
- Object-oriented
- Cover common needs of web developers
- Modular architecture: components can easily be used together or independently
- Excellent documentation and examples
- Open source development and community
- Python-style license
- Cross-platform; works equally well on:
 - Unix in its many flavors
 - Windows NT/2000/XP



What is in Webware?

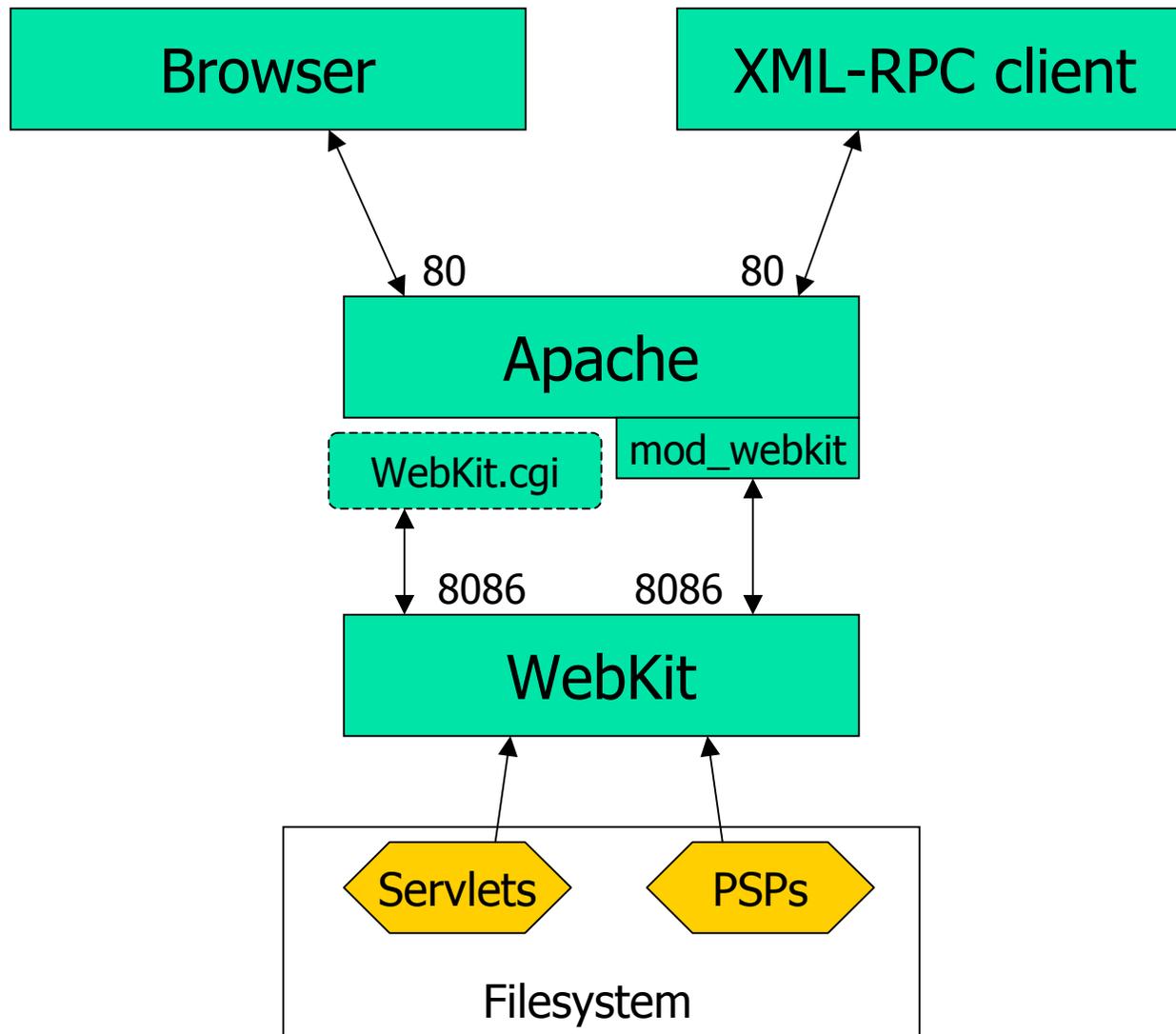
- The heart of Webware is WebKit
- We will also cover:
 - Python Server Pages (PSP)
 - TaskKit
 - MiddleKit
 - UserKit

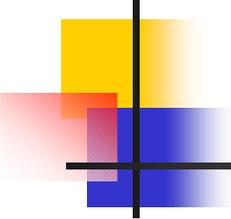
The logo for WebKit, featuring a stylized 'W' composed of overlapping yellow, red, and blue squares, with a black crosshair overlaid on it.

WebKit

- A fast, easy-to-use application server
- Multi-threading, not forking
 - Makes persistent data easier
 - Works well on Windows
- Stable and mature
- Used in several real-world, commercial projects
- Supports multiple styles of development:
 - Servlets
 - Python Server Pages

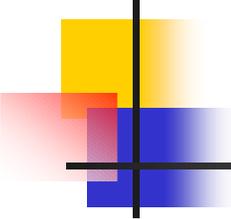
Architecture





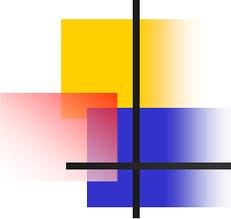
Installing Webware

- Download
 - Latest official release can be downloaded from <http://webware.sourceforge.net/>
 - Or use CVS to pull in newer sources
- Install
 - Unpack the tarball, creating a Webware directory
 - Run **python install.py** in the Webware directory



Working Directory

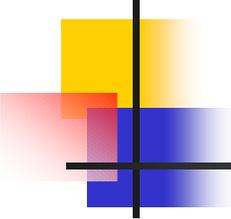
- You can run WebKit directly from the installation directory.
- But it's easy to create a separate working directory.
- Advantages:
 - Keeps configuration, logs, caches, servlets, etc. separate from the Webware directory
 - Lets you run multiple instances of WebKit without having to make multiple copies of Webware
 - Makes it easier to keep Webware up-to-date, since you don't have to modify it



Working Directory continued

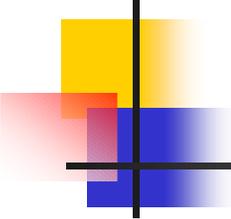
- How to do it:
 - **python bin/MakeAppWorkDir.py /path/to/workdir**
- This creates this directory structure:

workdir/	Cache/	<i>used by Webware</i>
	Cans/	<i>???</i>
	Configs/	<i>edit these to alter your configuration</i>
	Application.config	
	AppServer.config	
	ErrorMsgs/	<i>Webware stores error messages here</i>
	Logs/	<i>Webware stores logs here</i>
	MyContext/	<i>Sample context is placed here; you can modify it to create your application</i>
	Sessions/	<i>Session data is stored here</i>
	AppServer	<i>Starts the AppServer on Unix</i>
	AppServer.bat	<i>Starts the AppServer on Windows</i>
	Launch.py	<i>Used by AppServer[.bat]</i>
	NTService.py	<i>Win NT/2000 Service version of AppServer</i>
	WebKit.cgi	<i>Install in your cgi-bin dir</i>
	OneShot.cgi	<i>Install in your cgi-bin dir to use One-Shot mode</i>



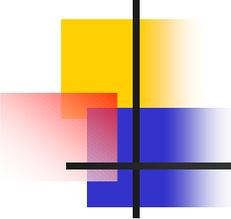
WebKit.cgi

- Easy to install
- Should work with any web server that supports CGI
- To install:
 - Copy WebKit.cgi from your working directory (not from the Webware installation directory) to your web server's cgi-bin directory
 - On Windows, you will probably have to change the first line of WebKit.cgi from
 - #!/usr/bin/env python**
 - to
 - #! C:\Python22\python.exe**
 - (or wherever Python is installed...)



mod_webkit

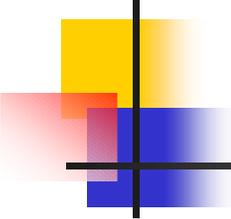
- Custom Apache module for Webware written in C
- Much faster than WebKit.cgi:
 - Does not have to start the Python interpreter on every request
- Located in
Webware/WebKit/Native/mod_webkit
- On Unix:
 - use **make** and **make install**
- On Windows:
 - Download precompiled mod_webkit.dll from <http://webware.sourceforge.net/MiscDownloads/>
 - Place mod_webkit.dll into the **Apache/modules** directory



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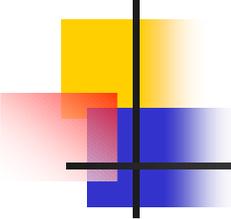
- Edit your Apache httpd.conf file:

```
# Load the mod_webkit module  
# On windows you'd use mod_webkit.dll instead of mod_webkit.so  
LoadModule webkit_module modules/mod_webkit.so  
AddModule mod_webkit.c  
  
# Include this if you want to send all .psp files to WebKit,  
# even those that aren't found in a configured WebKit context.  
AddType text/psp .psp  
AddHandler psp-handler .psp  
  
# This sends requests for /webkit/... to the appserver on port 8086.  
<Location /webkit>  
WKServer localhost 8086  
SetHandler webkit-handler  
</Location>
```



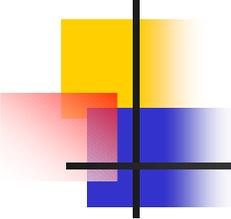
Starting the app server

- In your working directory, run:
 - Unix: **./AppServer**
 - Windows: **AppServer.bat**



Using the Example servlets and PSP's

- To use the CGI adapter, surf to:
 - <http://localhost/cgi-bin/WebKit.cgi>
- To use the mod_webkit adapter, surf to:
 - <http://localhost/webkit>
- Experiment and enjoy!

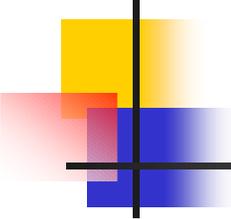


Servlets

- A Python class located in a module of the same name
- Must inherit from **WebKit.Servlet** or one of its subclasses:
 - **WebKit.HTTPServlet**
 - **WebKit.Page**
- A common technique is to make your own subclass of **WebKit.Page** called **SitePage** which will contain:
 - Utility methods
 - Overrides of default behavior in **WebKit.Page**
- Simplest servlet:

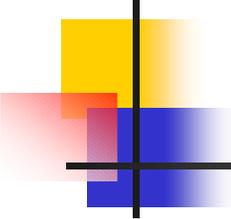
```
from WebKit.Page import Page
```

```
class HelloWorld(Page):  
    def writeContent(self):  
        self.writeln('Hello, World!')
```



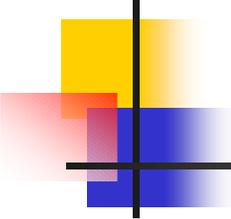
Contexts

- Servlets are located in Contexts
- A context is a Python package
 - Like a Python package, it contains an **__init__.py** module which:
 - Is imported before any servlets are executed
 - Is a good place to put global initialization code
 - If it contains a contextInitialize function, then contextInitialize(application, path_of_context) is called
- **Application.config** contains settings that map URL's to contexts
- Best to put non-servlet helper modules into a separate package, instead of putting them into the context package.



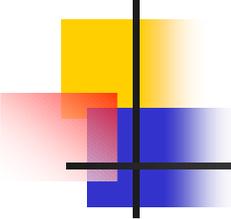
The Request-Response Cycle

- User initiates a request:
 - <http://localhost/webkit/MyContext/MyServlet>
- This activates the MyContext context, and the MyServlet servlet, based on settings in Application.config
 - Note: no extension was specified, even though the file is called MyServlet.py
 - There are several settings in Application.config that control the way extensions are processed
- An instance of the MyServlet class is pulled out of a pool of MyServlet instances, OR if the pool is empty then a new MyServlet instance is created.
- A Transaction object is created.
- These methods are called on the MyServlet instance:
 - Servlet.awake(transaction)
 - Servlet.respond(transaction)
 - Servlet.sleep(transaction)
- The MyServlet instance is returned to its pool of instances.



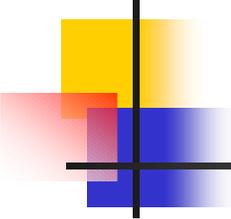
The Transaction Object

- Groups together several objects involved in processing a request:
 - Request: contains data received from the user
 - Response: contains the response headers and text
 - Servlet: processes the Request and returns the result in the Response
 - Session: contains server-side data indexed by a cookie
 - Can also use a variable embedded in the URL
 - Application: the global controller object
- You rarely use the transaction object directly



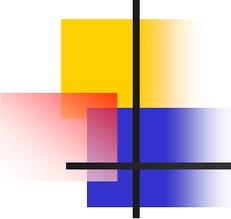
HTTPRequest

- Derived from generic Request base class
- Contains data sent by the browser:
 - GET and POST variables:
 - **.field(name, [default])**
 - **.hasField(name)**
 - **.fields()**
 - Cookies:
 - **.cookie(name, [default])**
 - **.hasCookie(name)**
 - **.cookies()**
 - If you don't care whether it's a field or cookie:
 - **.value(name, [default])**
 - **.hasValue(name)**
 - **.values()**
 - CGI environment variables
 - Various forms of the URL
 - Server-side paths
 - etc.



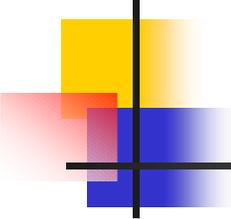
HTTPResponse

- Derived from generic Response base class
- Contains data returned to the browser
 - **.write(text)** – send text response to the browser
 - Normally all text is accumulated in a buffer, then sent all at once at the end of servlet processing
 - **.setHeader(name, value)** – set an HTTP header
 - **.flush()** – flush all headers and accumulated text; used for:
 - Streaming large files
 - Displaying partial results for slow servlets
 - **.sendRedirect(url)** – sets HTTP headers for a redirect



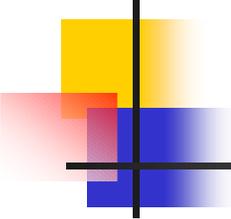
Page: Convenience Methods

- Access to the transaction and its objects:
 - **.transaction(), .response(), .request(), .session(), .application()**
- Writing response data:
 - **.write()** – equivalent to `.response().write()`
 - **.writeln()** – adds a newline at the end
- Utility methods:
 - **.htmlEncode()**
 - **.urlEncode()**
- Passing control to another servlet:
 - **.forward()**
 - **.includeURL()**
 - **.callMethodOfServlet()**
- Whatever else YOU decide to add to your SitePage



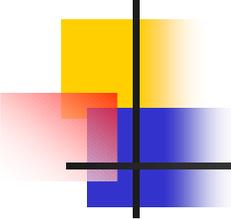
Page: Methods Called During A Request

- **.respond()** usually calls **.writeHTML()**
- Override **.writeHTML()** in your servlet if you want your servlet to provide the full output
- But, by default **.writeHTML()** invokes a convenient sequence of method calls:
 - **.writeDocType()** – override this if you don't want to use HTML 4.01 Transitional
 - **.writeln('<html>')**
 - **.writeHead()**
 - **.writeBody()**
 - **.writeln('</html>')**



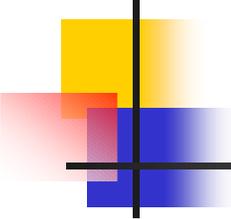
Page: `.writeHead()`

- **`.writeHead()`** calls:
 - **`.write('<head>')`**
 - **`.writeHeadParts()`** which itself calls:
 - **`.writeTitle()`**
 - Provide a **`.title()`** in your servlet that returns the title you want
 - Otherwise, the title will be the name of your servlet class
 - **`.writeStyleSheet()`** – override if you use stylesheets
 - **`.write('</head>')`**



Page: `.writeBody()`

- **`.writeBody()`** calls:
 - **`.write('<body %s>' % self.htBodyArgs())`**
 - override **`.htBodyArgs()`** if you need to provide arguments to the `<body>` tag
 - **`.writeBodyParts()`** which itself calls:
 - **`.writeContent()`**
 - usually this is what you'll override in your servlets or SitePage
 - **`.write('</body>')`**

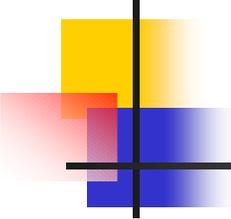


Actions

- Actions are used to associate different form submit buttons with different servlet methods
- To use actions:
 - Add submit buttons like this to a form:

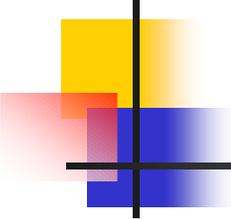
```
<input name=_action_add type=submit value="Add Widget">
```
 - Provide a **.actions()** method which returns list of method names:

```
def actions(self):  
    return ['add', 'delete']
```
 - **.respond()** checks for a field **_action_ACTIONNAME** where **ACTIONNAME** is in the list returned by **.actions()**
 - If such a field is found, then **.handleAction()** is called instead of **.writeHTML()**



Actions continued

- **.handleAction()** calls:
 - **.preAction(ACTIONNAME)** which itself calls:
 - **.writeDocType()**
 - **.writeln('<html>')**
 - **.writeHead()**
 - **.ACTIONNAME()**
 - **.postAction(ACTIONNAME)** which itself calls:
 - **.writeln('</html>')**
- In other words, your action method is called instead of **.writeContent()**
- Of course, you don't have to use actions at all; you can simply write code in your **writeContent** that examines the `HTTPResponse` object and acts accordingly.

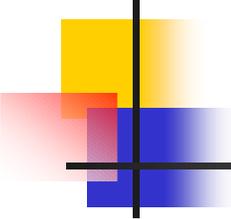


Forwarding

- **self.forward('AnotherServlet')**

- Analogous to a redirect that happens entirely within WebKit
- Bundles up the current Request into a new Transaction
- Passes that transaction through the normal Request-Response cycle with the indicated servlet
- When that servlet is done, control returns to the calling servlet, but all response text and headers from the calling servlet are discarded
- Useful for implementing a "controller" servlet that examines the request and passes it on to another servlet for processing
- Until recently, you had to write:

self.application().forward(self.transaction(), 'AnotherServlet')

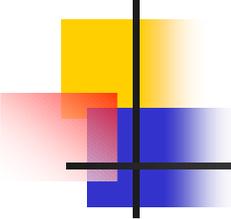


Including

- **self.includeURL('AnotherServlet')**

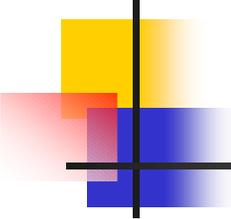
- Similar to **.forward()**, except that the output from the called servlet is *included* in the response, instead of *replacing* the response.
- Until recently, you had to write:

self.application().includeURL(self.transaction(), 'AnotherServlet')



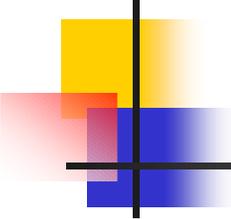
Calling Servlet Methods

- **self.callMethodOfServlet('AnotherServlet', 'method', arg1, arg2, ...)**
 - Instantiates the indicated servlet
 - Calls **servlet.awake()**
 - Calls the indicated method with the indicated args
 - Calls **servlet.sleep()**
 - Returns the return value of the method call back to the calling servlet
 - Example: suppose you have a table-of-contents servlet that needs to fetch the title of other servlets by calling the **.title()** method on those servlets:
 - **title = self.callMethodOfServlet(servletName, 'title')**



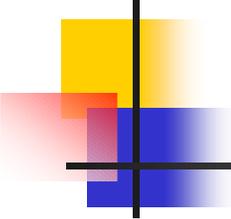
Sessions

- Store user-specific data that must persist from one request to the next
- Sessions expire after some number of minutes of inactivity
 - Controlled using **SessionTimeout** config variable
- The usual interface:
 - `.value(name, [default])`
 - `.hasValue(name)`
 - `.values()`
 - `.setValue(name, value)`



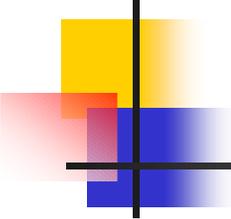
Session Stores

- Three options for the **SessionStore** config variable:
 - Memory – all sessions are kept in memory
 - Dynamic – recently used sessions are kept in memory, but sessions that haven't been used in a while are pickled to disk and removed from memory
 - This is the default, and it is recommended.
 - File – sessions are pickled to disk and unpickled from disk on every request and are not stored in memory at all.
 - Not recommended.
- All sessions are pickled to disk when the appserver is stopped, and unpickled when the appserver starts.
 - You can restart the appserver without losing sessions.



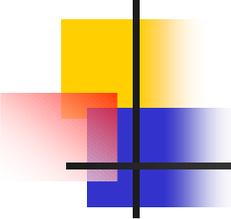
Session Options

- Sessions are keyed by a random session ID
- By default, the session ID is stored in a cookie
- Alternative: set **UseAutomaticPathSessions** to 1
 - The session ID is automatically embedded as a component of the URL
 - Cookies not required
 - But: URLs become much longer and uglier
- No way (yet) to have WebKit choose the appropriate strategy based on whether the browser supports cookies



PSP: Python Server Pages

- Mingle Python and HTML in the style of JSP or ASP
- Include code using `<% ... %>`
- Include evaluated expressions using `<%= ... %>`
- Begin a block by ending code with a colon:
`<%for I in range(10):%>`
- End a block using the special tag:
`<%end%>`
- When the user requests a PSP:
 - It is automatically compiled into a servlet class derived from **WebKit.Page**
 - The body of your PSP is translated into a **writeHTML()** method



PSP Example

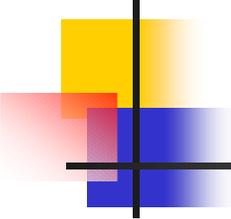
```
<%  
def isprime(number):  
    if number == 2:  
        return 1  
    if number <= 1:  
        return 0  
    for i in range(2, number/2):  
        for j in range(2, i+1):  
            if i*j == number:  
                return 0  
    return 1
```

```
%>
```

<p>Here are some numbers, and whether or not they are prime:

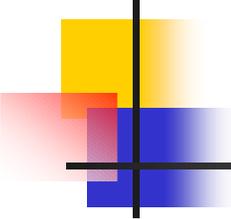
<p>

```
<%for i in range(1, 101):%>  
    <%if isprime(i):%>  
        <font color=red><%=i%> is prime!</font>  
    <%end%><%else:%>  
        <%=i%> is not prime.  
    <%end%>  
<br>  
<%end%>
```



PSP Directives

- **<%@ page imports="module, package.module, package:module" %>**
 - equivalent to at module level:
 - **import module**
 - **import package.module**
 - **from package import module**
- **<%@ page extends="MyPSPBaseClass" %>**
 - makes the generated servlet derive from the specified class
- **<%@ page method="writeContent" %>**
 - makes the body of your PSP be placed into a **writeContent** method instead of the **writeHTML** method.
- **<%@ page indentType="braces" %>**
 - Ignores indentation; uses braces for grouping



PSP: Braces Example

```
<%@page indentType="braces"%>
```

```
<%
```

```
def isprime(number): {  
    if number == 2: {  
        return 1  
    } if number <= 1: {  
        return 0  
    } for i in range(2, number/2+1): {  
        for j in range(2, i+1): {  
            if i*j == number: {  
                return 0  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return 1  
}
```

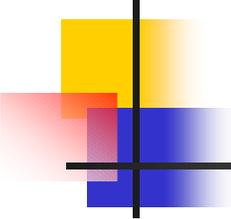
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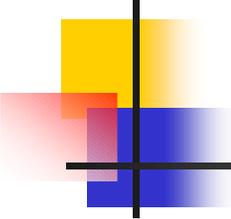
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<%
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for i in range(1, 101): {  
    if isprime(i): { %>  
        <font color=red><%=i%> is prime!</font>  
    } else: { %>  
        <%=i%> is not prime.  
    } %>  
    <br>  
} %>
```



PSP: Four Ways To Include

- **<%@ include file="myinclude.psp"%>**
 - Includes the specified file at compile time and parses it for PSP content, like #include in C
 - If included file's contents changes, you must restart the app server to pick up the change
- **<psp:include path="myinclude">**
 - Equivalent to **self.includeURL('myinclude')**
 - Changes to the included file's contents are reflected immediately
- **<psp:insert file="myinclude.html">**
 - File is included verbatim in the output. No PSP parsing.
 - File is read from disk for every request, so changes to the included file's contents are reflected immediately
- **<psp:insert file="myinclude.html" static="1">**
 - Includes the specified file at compile time verbatim, without parsing for PSP content.
 - If included file's contents changes, you must restart the app server to pick up the change



PSP: Methods

- Adding methods to a PSP servlet with the psp:method directive:

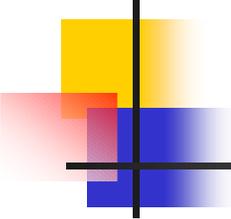
```
<psp:method name="add" params="a,b">  
return a + b  
</psp:method>
```

100 + 200 = `<%=self.add(100, 200)%>`

- Here's a slightly less contrived example:

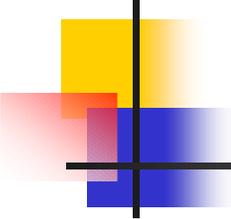
```
<%@ page method="writeContent" %>
```

```
<psp:method name="title">  
return 'Prime Numbers'  
</psp:method>
```



Web Services: XML-RPC

- Turn your Webware site into a “web service”
- Write a servlet derived from **XMLRPCServlet**
 - Define **exposedMethods()** method that lists the methods you want to expose through XML-RPC
 - Write your methods



Web Services: XML-RPC Servlet Example

```
from WebKit.XMLRPCServlet import XMLRPCServlet
```

```
class XMLRPCExample(XMLRPCServlet):
```

```
    def exposedMethods(self):
```

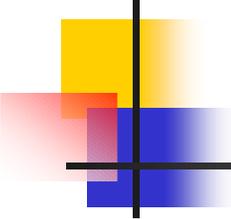
```
        return ['multiply', 'add']
```

```
    def multiply(self, x, y):
```

```
        return x*y
```

```
    def add(self, x, y):
```

```
        return x+y
```



Web Services: XML-RPC Client Example

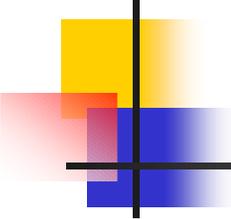
```
import xmlrpclib
```

```
servlet = xmlrpclib.Server(  
    'http://localhost/webkit/Examples/XMLRPCExample')
```

```
print servlet.add('foo', 'bar')
```

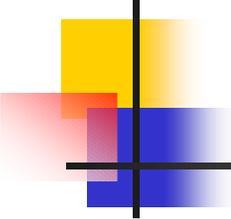
```
print servlet.multiply('foo', 3)
```

```
Print servlet.add('foo', 3) # This raises an exception
```



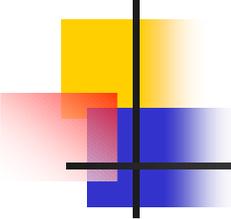
Web Services: XML-RPC continued

- Exceptions are propagated as XML-RPC Faults
 - Configuration setting **IncludeTracebackInXMLRPCFault** controls whether or not the full traceback is included in the Fault
- Easy to customize XML-RPC Servlet behavior
 - Just override **call()** in a subclass
 - Examples:
 - Suppose you want an authentication token or session ID to be the first parameter of every method
 - Rather than add that parameter to every method, just write a custom **call()** method



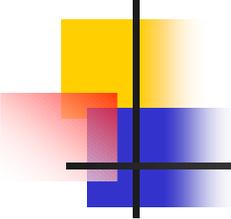
PickleRPC

- Brand-new in Webware CVS
- Uses Python's pickle format instead of xmlrpc format
- Advantages:
 - Works correctly with all Python types that can be pickled, including longs, None, mx.DateTime, recursive objects, etc.
 - Faster (?)
- Disadvantages:
 - Python-specific
 - Security holes (may be addressed soon)



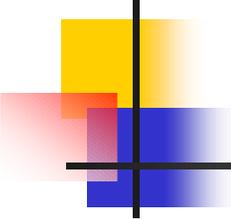
ShutDown handlers

- As we learned before, the **contextInitialize(application, path)** function in an **__init__.py** in a context is a good place to put global initialization code
- Where do you put global finalization code?
- Answer:
 - Register a shutdown handler function with **application.addShutdownHandler(func)**
 - On shutdown, all functions that have been registered using **addShutdownHandler** get called in the order they were added.
- New in CVS



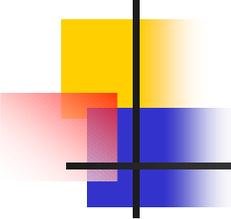
Tracebacks

- If an unhandled exception occurs in a servlet:
 - Application.config settings:
 - If **ShowDebugInfoOnErrors** = 1, an HTML version of the traceback will be shown to the user; otherwise, a short generic error message is shown.
 - You can configure WebKit so that it sends the traceback by email: **EmailErrors**, **ErrorEmailServer**, **ErrorEmailHeaders**
 - Include “fancy” traceback using **IncludeFancyTraceback** and **FancyTracebackContext**
- Your users will NOT report tracebacks, so set up emailing of fancy tracebacks!



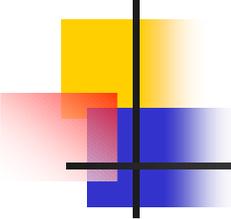
Admin pages

- Password-protected
- Detailed activity log
- Detailed error log
- View configuration settings
 - Application.config
 - AppServer.config
- View plug-ins
- View servlet cache
- Application Control
 - Shut down the app server
 - Clear the servlet cache
 - Reload selected modules
- My opinion: probably NOT a good idea to enable the admin pages in a production site due to security concerns



One-Shot

- Webware automatically reloads servlets whose source code has changed on disk
- Webware does NOT reload dependencies when they change
- Solution: **OneShot.cgi**
 - CGI script that fires up the app server, handles one request, and shuts down
 - Very useful for debugging if you have a fast machine and are not using any libraries that take a long time to load
 - Otherwise, can be unbearably slow
- Alternatives:
 - Custom **WebKit.cgi** that restarts the app server only if files have changed; see the Wiki
- Put a restart icon on your desktop. Windows example:
net stop WebKit
net start WebKit



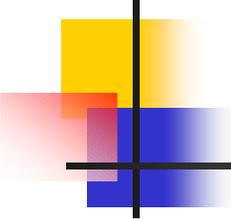
Deployment issues: Unix

- **WebKit/webkit**

- Unix shell script launching WebKit at boot time using the standard "init" mechanisms
- See the WebKit Install Guide and Wiki for hints

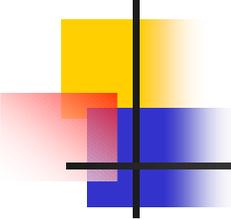
- **Monitor.py**

- This starts up WebKit and monitors its health, restarting it if necessary.
- I've never used this one



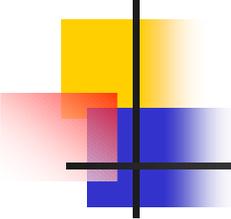
Deployment issues: Windows NT/2000

- Installing as a Service
 - Run **python NTService.py install** in your working dir
 - This creates a service called **WebKit App Server** with a short name of **WebKit**
 - Use the Services Control Panel to configure a user account and a startup policy (manual or automatic)
- Controlling the service
 - Use the Services Control Panel
 - From the command-line:
 - **net start WebKit**
 - **net stop WebKit**
- Removing the service
 - Stop the service
 - Run **python NTService.py remove**
- "Secret" AppServer.config setting: **NTServiceLogFilename**
(will change in the future)



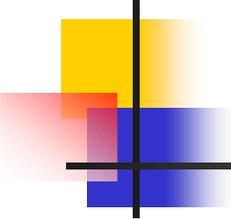
IIS: wkcgi.exe

- CGI adapter written in C for greater speed
- If you have to use IIS, this is your best option
- Not as fast as Apache with mod_webkit
- Download compiled version from <http://webware.sourceforge.net/MiscDownloads/>
- Connects to localhost:8086 by default
 - If you need to connect elsewhere, place a webkit.cfg file in the same directory
 - See Webware/WebKit/Native/wkcgi/webkit.cfg for a sample



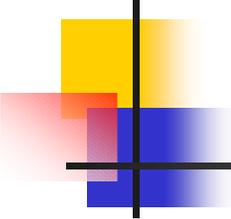
IIS: wkISAPI

- Experimental ISAPI module for IIS that could result in speed equal to Apache with mod_webkit
- Needs testing
- Rumored to have memory leaks



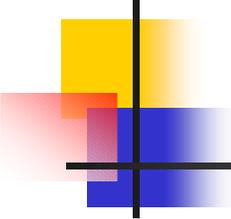
MiddleKit

- Object-Relational mapper
- Supports MySQL and MS SQL Server.
 - PostgreSQL support soon?
- Can be used anywhere, not just WebKit applications.
- Write an object model in a Comma-Separated Values (CSV) file using a spreadsheet
 - Inheritance is supported
 - Numbers, strings, enums, dates/times, object references, lists of objects (actually sets of objects)
- Compile the object model
 - This generates Python classes for each of your objects that contain accessor methods for all fields
 - Also, an empty derived class is provided where you can add your own methods
 - And, a SQL script is generated that you can run to create the tables



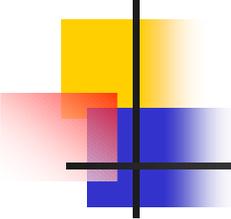
MiddleKit continued

- In your application code:
 - Create a singleton instance of `SQLObjectStore` pointing it to your SQL Database and your object model CSV file
 - Use `store.fetchObjectsOfClass()` to fetch objects from the store as needed
 - Create objects using their constructor
 - Modify the objects using the accessor methods that were generated for you
 - Add objects to the store using `store.addObject()`
 - Save changes to the database using `store.saveChanges()`
 - Delete objects using `store.deleteObject()`
 - See the MiddleKit documentation for all the details



UserKit

- Basic framework for user and role management
- Pre-alpha status; needs much more work



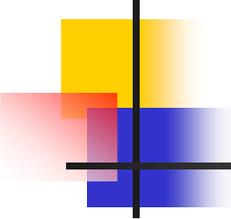
TaskKit

- Useful framework for scheduling periodic tasks
- Can be used outside of WebKit
- Example:

```
from TaskKit.Task import Task  
from TaskKit.Scheduler import Scheduler
```

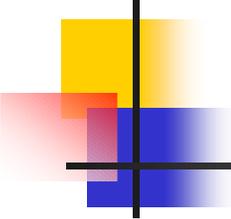
```
class MyTask(Task):  
    def run(self):  
        # Do something useful...
```

```
scheduler = Scheduler()  
scheduler.start()  
scheduler.addPeriodicAction(time() + 60*5, 60*5, MyTask(),  
    'MyTask')
```



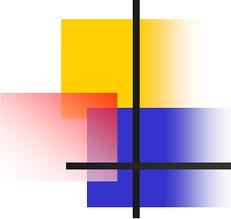
Cheetah

- <http://www.cheetahtemplate.org/>
- A Python-powered template engine and code generator
- Integrates tightly with Webware
- Can also be used as a standalone utility or combined with other tools
- Compared with PSP:
 - Much more designer-friendly
 - Perhaps less programmer-friendly?
- Paper on Cheetah being presented from 3:30-5:00 PM today



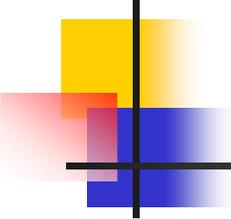
FunFormKit

- <http://colorstudy.net/software/funformkit/>
- A package for Webware that does:
 - Form validation
 - Value conversion
 - HTML generation
 - Re-querying on invalid input
 - Compound HTML widgets (for example a Date widget)
- LGPL license



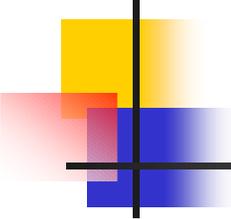
Who's using Webware?

- Public sites:
 - <http://foreclosures.lycos.com/> - searchable database of foreclosure property
 - <http://www.electronicappraiser.com/> - online home valuations
 - <http://www.vorbis.com/> - home page for ogg vorbis audio encoding technology
- Private sites – intranets and extranets
 - Parlance Corporation: reporting and administrative capabilities for their customers
 - HFD: The Monkey, a content management system
 - Juhe: a membership management system for the Austrian Youth Hostel Association
 - Several others listed in the Wiki



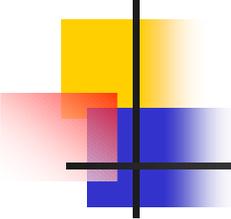
Future Plans

- Releases:
 - New release every 2 months
 - Next release 0.7 in 2nd half of February
- Planned features (partial list):
 - Comprehensive test suite
 - Improve documentation
 - Some features are undocumented
 - Install guide needs to be updated
 - PostgreSQL support in MiddleKit
 - Built-in HTTP server
 - Multi-application support
 - Distutils support



I Want To Contribute!

- See the Wiki for ideas on areas where we could use help
- Contribute patches on SourceForge
- Write a module for use with Webware
 - Could be useable independent of Webware (like Cheetah)
 - Could be Webware-specific (like FunFormKit)
 - Give it a "Kit" suffix
 - If it needs to hook into WebKit, make it a "Plug-In"
 - See WebKit/PlugIn.py for details
 - PSP is an example of a plug-in that happens to be included with Webware
- Please follow the Webware Style Guidelines
 - See the documentation



That's All!

- Any questions?