Links and Cycles in Web Databases - presentation slides

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What is Mashup?

- What kind of service?
 - To create new web contents combining more than one web contents.
 - Combing Web services and Web DBs with API and Web wrappers .
 - Address + "Google Map", Blogs + "flickr" (Photo upload site)....
- Reference: Programmableweb
 - http://www.programmableweb.com/
 - A portal site of mashups and WebAPIs.
 - There are 2581 mashups and 567 APIs registered. (Dec. 2007)

Purpose

Implementing composition of search engines

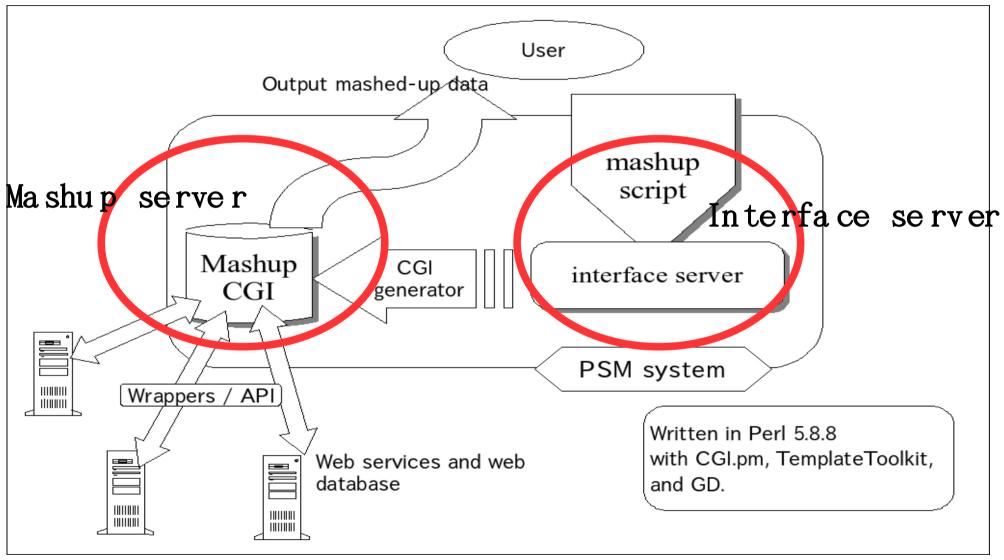
- A mashup generator system.
 - Personal-Scripting Meta-cgi (PSM) sytem
- Focusing on search engines of Web services and databases
 - Communication of REST style and web wrappers only.
 - Giving queries and getting search results.
- Supplying some pipe operators.

Related works

- Web Mashup Scripting Language
 - Sabbouh et al. 2007
- Mashup feeds
 - Tatemura et al. 2007
- Yahoo Pipes (2007)

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The outline of PSM



The system requirements

The system must meet the three requirements...

- 1. What kind of style is a simple description of composition?
- 2. What is the solution to display data?
- 3. What is the efficient way for next search?



1. Which style is a simple description of composition?

- Web services and web dbs: called "component".
- Components have input and output: called "channels".

component '.' chan (':' chan)*

Rhapsody.artist

Rhapsody.album:artist

Amazon. ItemSearch

Amazon. ItemSearch: ProductSearch

Rhapsody	
artist	artist
album	album
	track





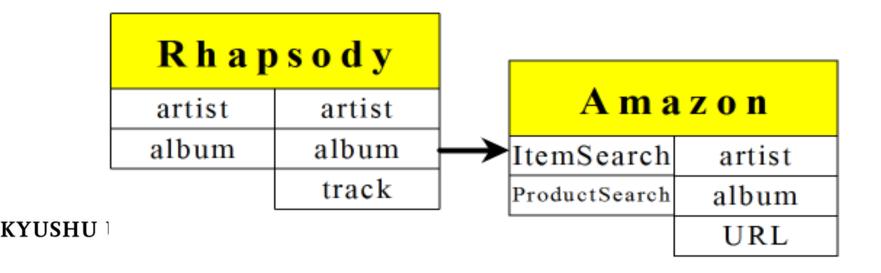
1. Which style is a simple description of composition?

 Composition is represented by edges of components and their channels.

"Functional Composition of components"

Rhapsody.album -> Amazon.ItemSearch

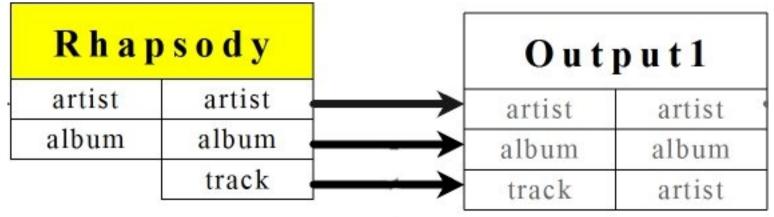
Functional Composition



2. What is the solution to display data?

- Regarding data as lists of records (tables).
- "User interface component" (UIC) = Web browsers

Rhapsody.artist:album:track -> Output1



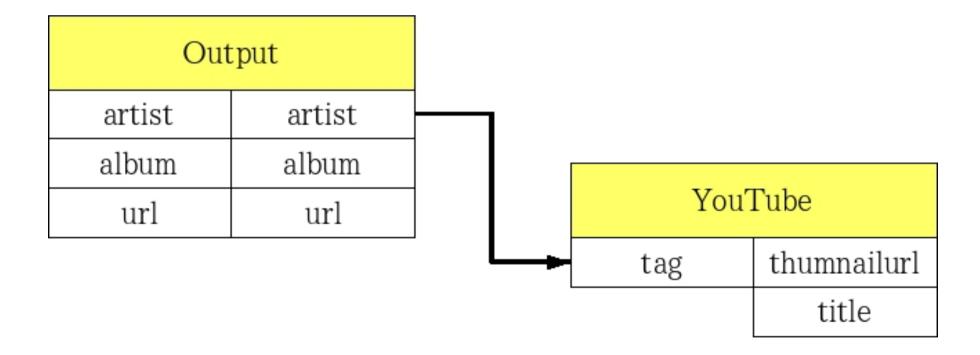


Use interface component

3. What is an efficient way for next search?

- Output channels of UIC are hyperlinks to the CGI with instances.

"CGI links"





Loops and filter components

- Loops in mashup scripts.... Cycle in the graph of mashup
 - One uses search engines repeatedly.
 - If there is at least one UIC components in the loop, its execution necessarily terminate at the UIC components.
- Filter/visualizing components are available.
 - Sort
 - Uniq
 - Histogram
 - BarGraph, LineGraph, PointGraph

The system requirements

The system must meet the following three requirements...

1. Which style is a simple description of composition?

We propose the "Functional Composition".

2. What is the solution to display data?

We define the "User interface component".

3. What is the efficient way for next search?

We define the "CGI links".

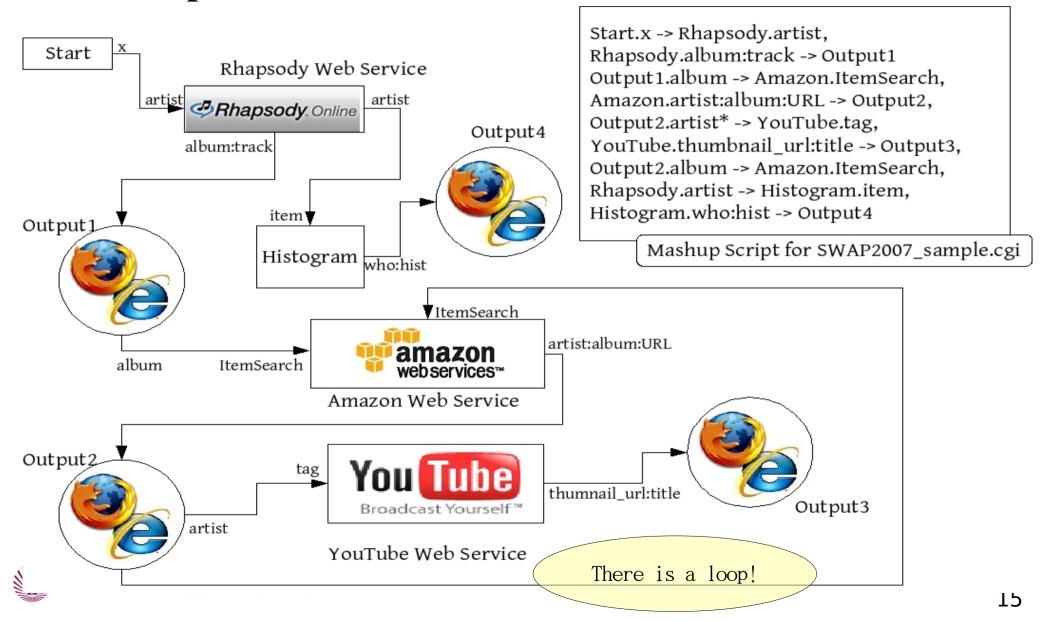
• See the movie of execution of PSM...

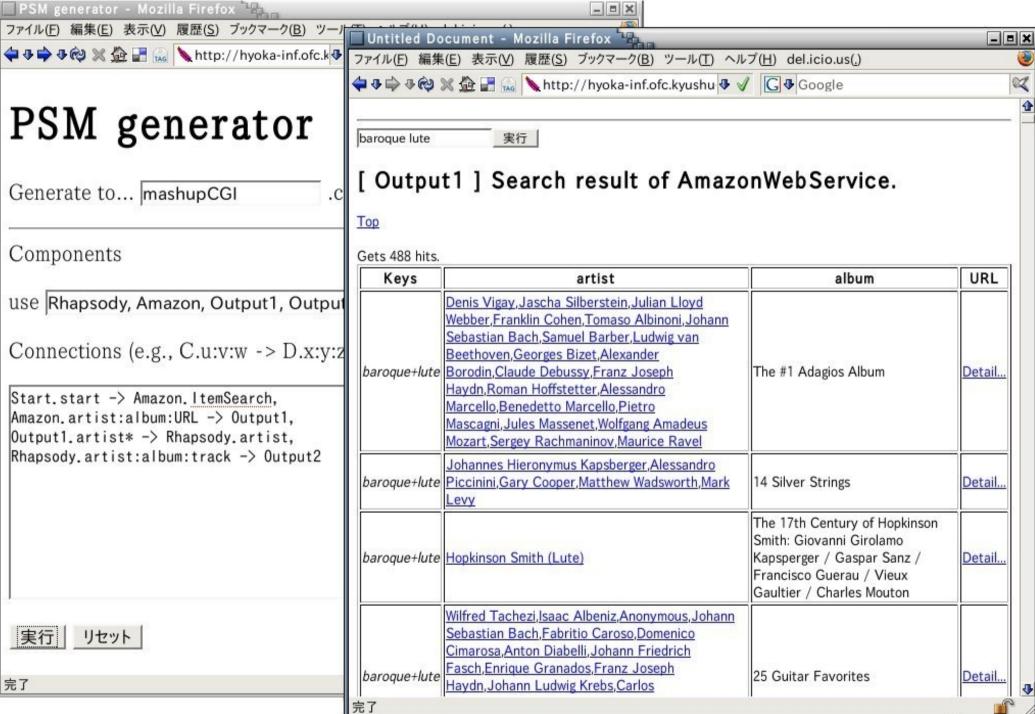


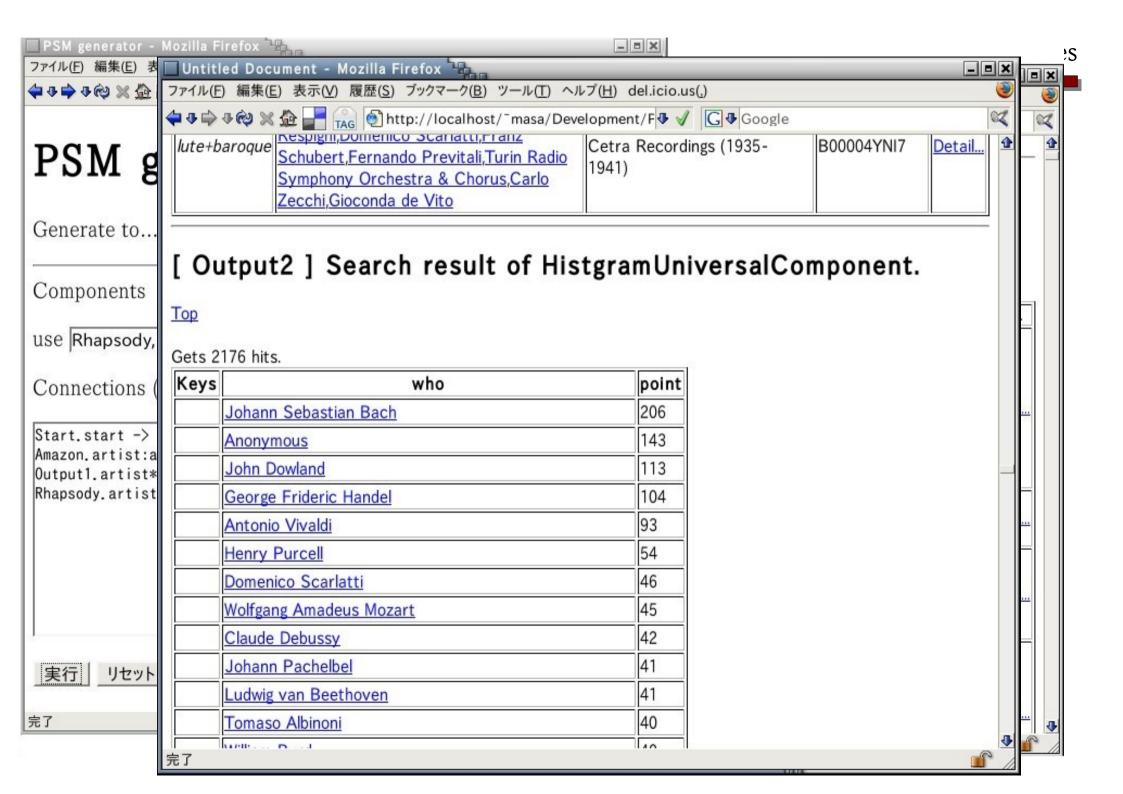
Example

Start.x -> Rhapsody.artist, Rhapsody.album:track -> Output1 Output1.album -> Amazon.ItemSearch, Amazon.artist:album:URL -> Output2, Output2.artist* -> YouTube.tag, YouTube.thumbnail_url:title -> Output3, Output2.album -> Amazon.ItemSearch, Rhapsody.artist -> Histogram.item, Histogram.who:hist -> Output4

Example







Implementation

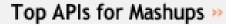
- Coded in Perl ver. 5.8.8
 - CGI.pm
 - TemplateToolkit
 - GD, ChartDirector
- Data structures
 - XML, table of HTML are transformed in lists of hashes.

Summery and future works

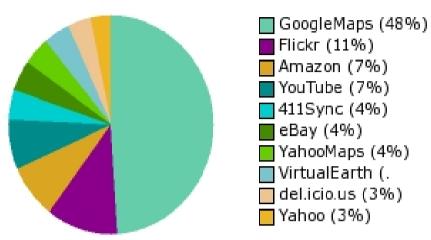
- We propose the mashup generator system.
 - Functional composition
 - User interface component
 - CGI link
 - Filters and visualizing component
- Future works
 - GUI improvement of the interface server



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