Crystal Ball

lesson #future

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Jim's Crystal Ball

These are my predictions for the "hot" topics and issues over the next five years :-/

These are followed by my predictions from five years earlier, for chuckles.

What's Hot?

XML just "is" ... everywhere, together with JSON

- Frameworks – client & server +3
- "Mobile" +3
- Social ... network, API, business +3
- Devops +3
- Analytics +3 :(
- CodeIgniter +3 (framework vs kitchen sink)

- Geo-aware +2? [issues]
- Cloud +2? [issues]
- Federated authentication +2 [issues]
- Internet of things +1-3? [clarity]
- Gesture APIs +1-2? [non-mobile resistance]

What Should Be Hot? (2011)

- XML for intra-app data transfer +3
  yup
- XML for inter-app integration +3
  yup + JSON
- XML for data representation +1.5
  yup? (CMS, momgodb)
- Markup languages galore +2
  nope -> -1 (JSON)

- Semantic web +1
  nope -> +3 (Google SEO)
- XUL for UI markup +1
  nope (CSS frameworks, widgets)
- HTML 5??? +2
  nope -> +3 (finally)
- XQL, XQuery +2
  nope -1
- OSGI architecture +3
  nope -> +3 (devops!)

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