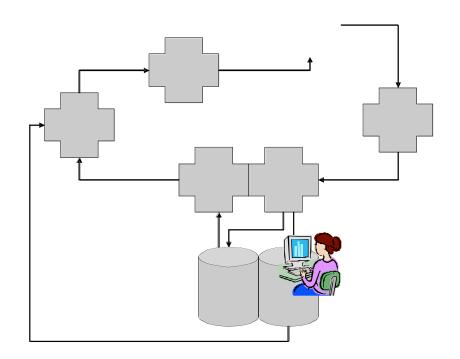
WikiD (Wiki/Data)



Jeffrey A. Young
OCLC Office of Research

jyoung@oclc.org

code4lib 2006
Oregon State University, Corvallis,
Oregon
15 February 2006

WikiD Overview

- WikiD is an open-source online database for servicing multiple data collections involving arbitrary schemas of XML
- J2EE webapp
- Customizable and extensible
 - Displays (XSL)
 - Crosswalks (XSL)
 - Services (Java abstractions)
- Built using modular standards-based APIs
 - SRU/SRU Update
 - OpenURL 1.0
 - OAI-PMH 2.0
 - RSS 2.0

OAI/WikiD Comparisons

OAI-PMH

- Identifiable distributed "repositories"
- oai:gsafd.oclc.org:localID
- Identifiable "items"
- oai:gsafd.oclc.org:GSAFD000001
- Multiple metadataFormats
- OAI Registry at UIUC
- oai:urlregistry.uiuc.edu:gsafd.oclc.org
- Fixed OAI "verbs"
- Repository-level "branding"
- Read-only
- Access latest records only

WikiD

- Identifiable local "collections"
- CollectionGsafd
- Identifiable "items"
- CollectionGsafd:GSAFD000001
- Multiple recordFormats
- "CollectionCollection"
- CollectionCollection: CollectionGsa fd
- Extensible wiki-style "actions"
- Collection-level XSL
- Read/write
- Access historical records

Primary Bootstrap Collections

CollectionCollection

Collection items: descriptions of collections

CollectionExternalSchemas

- Collection items: descriptions of XML Schemas that are referenced by items in CollectionCollection
 - Schema title (for use in pull-down menus)
 - Namespace URI
 - Schema URL

CollectionWikiPages

- Collection items: wiki markup pages
- Provides the user interface for WikiD

Persistent URIs

- All items in all collections are referred to internally by URIs
 - info:wikid/CollectionCollection:CollectionGsafd
 - info:wikid/CollectionGsafd
 - info:wikid/CollectionGsafd:GSAFD000001
- The WikiD API can recognize and service shorthand forms
 - CollectionCollection:CollectionGsafd
 - CollectionGsafd
 - CollectionGsafd:GSAFD000001
- Persistent in the same sense that OAI identifiers persist

WikiD



Message: Action complete: Update

<u>To the</u> <u>FrontPage</u> RSS Collection: Wiki Pages

(config)

Item: CollectionWikiPages:WikiDSandbox Display xhtml x

WikiD Sandbox

GSAFD Thesaurus

■ ?CollectionGsafd



OAI-PMH Identify (CollectionWikiPages)

Content Storage Overview

- Updates to items in WikiD are written to the fileserver according to the collection's "native format"
- But WikiD can't intelligently index arbitrary XML, so it creates and indexes metadata instead
- Metadata fields: (with their approximate OAI equivalents)
 - Persistent item identifier ("local-identifier")
 - Collection identifier ("namespace-identifier")
 - Sort/brief display value (e.g. dc:title or MARC 245)
 - Date created
 - Date last updated (oai:datestamp)
 - Relative URL containing the native record (dc:identifier)
- The metadata records for all items in all collections get stored in a single SRU database (and also to the fileserver)

Content Storage Detail: WebEdit

- A lightweight open-source web service to transform HTML form submittals into a target XML format
 - 1. HTML form fields get encoded in a linear XML structure
 - <document><fieldName1>fieldValue1</fieldName1><fieldName2>fieldValue2</fieldName2>

... </document>

- 2. This document gets transformed into a *metadata* record by an XSL Stylesheet indicated by a hidden form field
- 3. Included in this stylesheet are templates to construct the native record and Base64-encode it as an element in the metadata record

Content Storage Detail: SRU Update

- A standards-based web service protocol developed by the SRU community to update XML records in an SRU database
- Ralph Levan's open-source implementation automatically handles the strange version-controlled native/metadata bifurcation described earlier
 - Yanks the Base64-encoded native record from the metadata record, decodes it, and stores it on the fileserver
 - Inserts the relative URL of the native record back into the metadata record
 - Touches the metadata record's date fields
 - Stores/indexes the metadata record in the database

GSAFD Collection Description (Metadata)

- Persistent item identifier
 - CollectionGsafd
- Collection identifier
 - CollectionCollection
- Sort/brief display value
 - GSAFD Thesaurus
- Relative URL containing the native record
 - 2006/01/27/20/inf_3awikid_2fCollectionCollection n_3aCollectionGsafd_5f200601272016502020

WikiD





RSS Collection: GSAFD Thesaurus (config)

New item identifier: Create Item

Item identifier

Item label

Edit link

Deposit record link

Record content link

There are no records in this collection

Import records:

(marc)



OAI-PMH Identify (CollectionGsafd)

GSAFD Item (Metadata)

- Persistent item identifier
 - GSAFD000001
- Collection identifier
 - CollectionGsafd
- Sort/brief display value (taken from the MARC 245 field)
 - Adventure fiction
- Relative URL for the native file
 - 2005/06/10/23/inf_3awikid_2fCollectionGsafd_3 aGSAFD000001_5f20050610232847520

<u>To the</u> <u>FrontPage</u> RSS Collection: GSAFD Thesaurus (config)

New item identifier:

| Item identifier | Item label | Edit link | Deposit record link | Record content link |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| GSAFD000153 | Western television programs | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000152 | <u>Western stories</u> | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000151 | <u>Western radio programs</u> | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000150 | <u>Western films</u> | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000149 | Western comic books, strips, etc. | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000148 | War television programs | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000147 | <u>War stories</u> | Edit item | <u>View deposit</u> | <u>View raw data</u> |
| GSAFD000146 | War radio programs | Edit | View deposit | View raw data |

The Need for OpenURL 1.0

- SRU is great for interactive searching, but sometimes we want to provide services involving more complex operations
 - Dereference the native items in the metadata records
 - Perform complex query chains
 - Include a pull-down menu of alternative record formats obtained from the collection description record on an item-level record display
 - Result transformations
 - Crosswalks
 - SRU to OAI-PMH
 - SRU to RSS
- OpenURL 1.0 gives us a single consistent API for performing any and all services that reference these items

To the **FrontPage** RSS Collection: GSAFD
Thesaurus (config)

Item: CollectionGsafd:GSAFD000001 Display . zthes 🔻

Display Edit

History Raw

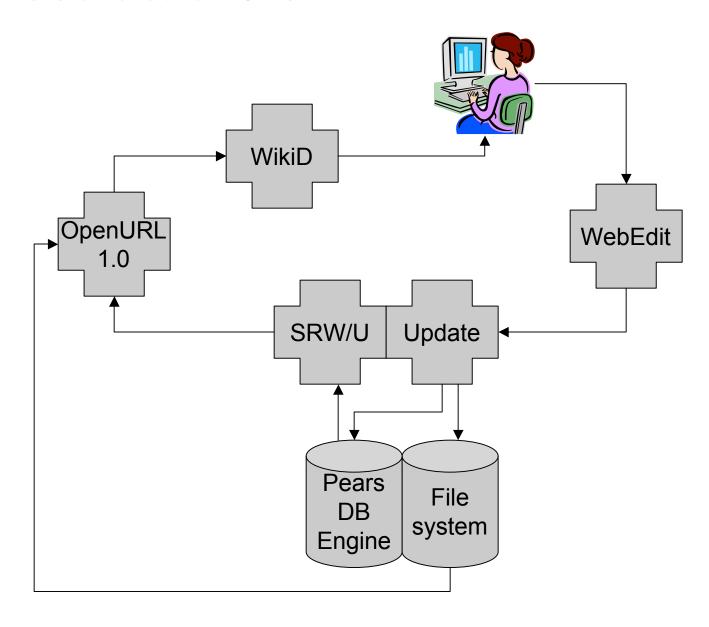
| | Raw |
|------|---|
| Term | Adventure fiction |
| SN | Use for works characterized by an emphasis on physical and often violent action, exotic locales, and danger, generally with little character development. |
| UF | Adventure stories |
| UF | Swashbucklers |
| UF | Thrillers |
| RT | <u>Sea stories</u> |
| NT | <u>Picaresque literature</u> |
| NT | Robinsonades |
| NT | Western stories |
| MT | Adventure and adventurers — Fiction [<u>lcshac</u>] |
| MT | Adventure stories [lcsh] |
| | |



WikiD API

- Although the OpenURL 1.0 API can mediate all conceivable functionality, the URLs involved are hideous
 - http://localhost:8080/wikid/resolver?url_ver=Z39.88-2004&url_ctx_fmt=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&ct x_enc=info%3Aofi/enc%3AUTF-8&rft_id=info%3Awikid/CollectionWikiPages%3AFrontPage &svc_dat=action%3Dedit&rfr_id=info%3Asid/oclc.org%3Are ferrer/WikiD
- In contrast, the WikiD Servlet accepts wiki-style URLs
 - http://localhost:8080/wikid/FrontPage?action=edit
 - WikiD performs a simple mechanical mapping into the OpenURL equivalent and hands it off to the OpenURL resolver
- Human users will generally prefer the WikiD API, but automated clients might prefer to access the OpenURL, SRU, WebEdit, and SRU Update APIs directly

Servlets and data flows



Reference Links

- WikiD project page
 - http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/wikid/
- WikiD demo
 - http://alcme.oclc.org/wikid/