

JIO and WebViews: interoperability for Javascript and Web Applications

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- JIO: accessing Web Applications from Javascript applications
- WebViewers: building cross-applications Javascript viewers and editors for content types
- Question and Answers





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About the Speakers

Ludovic Dubost, XWiki SAS

- Creator of XWiki in 2004
- 15 years of Web Development
- French company, 30 employees
- Services and Solutions based on XWiki
- 1,6M revenue
- Independent company owned by employees
- Participating to research projects, including RESILIENCE
- LGPL Open Source Software
- Improving Information organization and sharing in companies
- Recognized project with more than 1 Million downloads
- 8 participations to the Google Summer of code
- Tens of thousand XWiki installed



Viktor Horvath, Alixen

- R&D engineer at Alixen since 2008
- Alixen: Free software development, maintenance, infrastructures, consulting
- Founded in 2002, merged with Systemis in 2012
- Mioga2: Collaborative Extranet
- Biblio-PAM: remote access to library resources
- Alixen participates in the Resilience project: J-IO, RenderJS

Resilience

- collaborative research project (FUI12)
11 labs and small / mid-size companies
- Resilient Computing
- "decentralised cloud"
- SlapOS, J-IO, RenderJS, OfficeJS
- Members: Alcatel, Alixen, Alterway, le CEA, l'INRIA, Institut Télécom Université Paris 13, Mopho, Nexedi, Wallix et XWiki





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Why Interoperability ?

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We can make Web Applications
communicate with each other

We can reduce the effort needed for
Open Source projects to support more features





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JIO

<http://j-io.org>

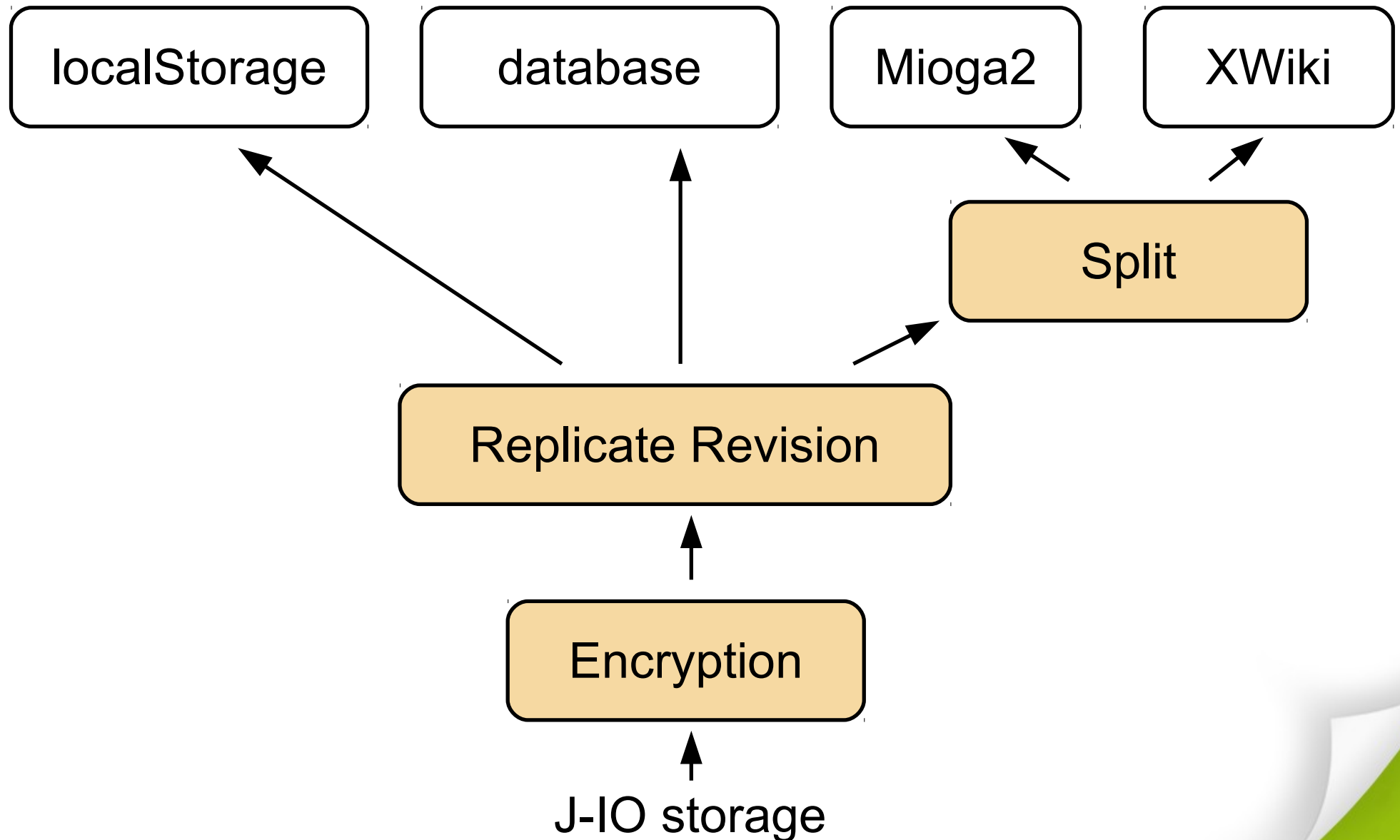
Why JIO ? - Some years ago :

- Web servers, databases are expensive
- Server-side applications
- Apache web server

Why JIO ? - Now :

- Web servers, databases are ~~expensive~~ much cheaper
- ~~Server-side~~ applications
Client-side
- Apache web server
or asynchronous web and application servers
- many more users per server
- ...data storage cost remains!

Separate web application and its data



Characteristics

- document-oriented storage
- files as attachments
- similar to NoSQL / JSON storages
- enrich a basic storage: indexes, revisions

```
{
  "_id": "my_document",
  "title": "New Title",
  "_attachments": {
    "its_attachment": {
      "length": 3,
      "digest": "md5-e0089e[...]",
      "content_type": "text/plain"
    }
  }
}
```

Storage Connector: API methods

- post / put / putAttachment
- get / getAttachment
- remove / removeAttachment
- allDocs (complex queries)

Connection example

```
var local_jio = jIO.newJio({  
  type: 'local',  
  username: 'viktor',  
  application: 'test' });
```

```
local_jio.put({  
  _id: '123',  
  title: 'My Document',  
  setting: 'important_data'  
}, function(err, response) { console.log(response); });
```

Object { ok=true, id="123"}

```
local_jio.get({ _id: '123' },  
  function(err, doc) { console.log(doc.setting); })
```

important_data

Complex Queries

```
local_jio.allDocs({  
  query: 'setting: "important_data"  
}, function(err, response) { console.log(response); });
```

*Object { total_rows=1, rows=
[Object { id="123", key="123", value={...}}] }*

```
local_jio.allDocs({  
  query: '(title:"% Document"  
        AND (setting: "important_data"))',  
  limit: [0, 100],  
  sort_on: [['last_modified', 'descending']],  
  select_list: ['title'],  
  wildcard_character: '%'  
}, function(err, response) { console.log(response); });
```


What is Mioga2 ?

- Collaborative Extranet for 14 years
- Project and mission management
- within and across organisational borders
- workgroups, document sharing, applications
- GPLv2 download: <http://www.alixen.org>

Mioga2 as a JIO Storage Connector

- Workgroups have WebDAV spaces
- WebDAV - JIO / filesystem - documents

The screenshot displays the Mioga2 web interface. On the left, a file explorer shows a directory structure under 'Mioga' with folders like 'home', 'admin', 'Administrateurs', 'Commun', 'avec "des" guillemet', 'b1252', 'Form2Mail', 'Fouquet', 'gal1', 'temp', 'test espace', 'test_b1212', 'Test', 'TestSNI', 'truc', and 'public'. A context menu is open over the 'temp' folder, listing actions such as 'Rename', 'Delete', 'Move', 'Copy', 'History', 'Edit', 'Lock', 'Manage rights', 'Set properties', 'Download current selection', and 'Mail link to current selection'. A green double-headed arrow points from this menu to a console window on the right. The console shows a JavaScript command: `>>> mioga_jio.allDocs({}, function(err, response) { console.log(response); })` followed by an 'undefined' response and a GET request to `https://mioga2-dev-vhh/Mioga2/Mioga/bin/Administ.../AllDocs.json?include_docs=false&_=138079`. The response is a JSON array of document objects. At the bottom, a file details panel for 'README.txt' shows its type as 'Document texte', size as '13 bytes', and permissions as 'Read/Write'. It also includes a 'Dernière modification' (Last modified) timestamp of '10/12/2012 11:47 am' and the user 'Administrateur Mioga2'. The 'Commentaire(s)' (Comments) section shows 'No comment', and the 'Description' is 'Some file'. The 'Étiquettes' (Tags) section has buttons for 'Help' and 'Text file'.

Nom : [README.txt](#)
Type : Document texte
Taille : 13 bytes ⓘ
Droits : Read/Write
Dernière modification : 10/12/2012 11:47 am
Modifié par : Administrateur Mioga2

Commentaire(s) : No comment
Description : Some file
Étiquettes :

When should you use JIO ?

- enable the user to control his data
 - ease your burden
 - unify your data access
 - custom user interface
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- ...towards democratic, truly Free web apps



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Web Viewers

WebViewers: the Problem

- Many web applications store files (pdf, office, graphs, etc..)
- We need ways to view/edit these files in your browser
- JavaScript viewers and editors exist but they are complex to integrate



WebViewers: Objectives

- One viewer/editor for all Web Applications
- One viewer/editor macro for all viewers
- Automatic selection of viewer based on content-type
- JavaScript only viewers (backend technology agnostic)



WebViewers: How does it work in a Web Application

- Viewers are distributed as zip files
- A module to install viewers
- A way to activate the viewer
 - Macro to use in content
 - View/Edit button next to a file
- A way to read/write the file content in JavaScript



WebViewers: technologies used

- RenderJs: gadget technology
- JIO: api to read/write files (optional)
- Require.js



WebViewers: demo on XWiki, Wordpress

- Install a viewer in XWiki
- Attach a file in XWiki
- Use a macro to view/edit the file in XWiki
- Show viewers in Wordpress



WebViewers: support level

- Web Applications
 - Available: XWiki view/edit, Wordpress view
 - Coming: ERP5, Mioga2, Drupal, MediaWiki, ?
- Web Viewers
 - Available: text, pdf, jquery sheet
 - Coming: SVG Edit, Realtime editor, ?



WebViewers: future

- Reaching out to Web Applications developers for native support
- Reaching out to Viewer/Editor developers for native support

<http://www.webviewers.org>





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Questions ?



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