5COM0085 Computer Science Development Exercise

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# Developing the D4 SAMS-P from the specimen application in VF1

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Technology perspective



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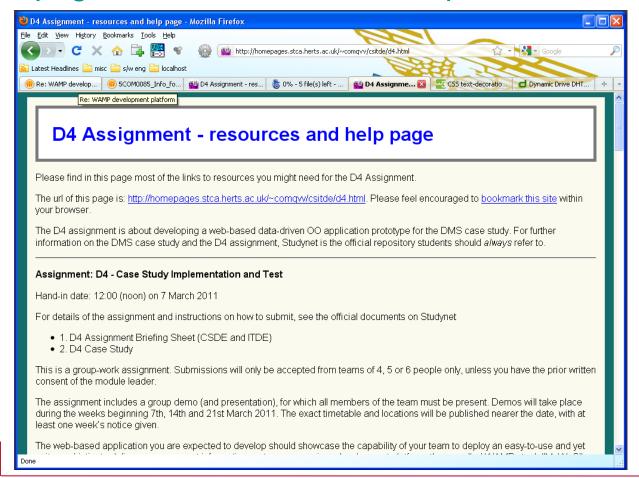




#### D4 Assignment - resources and help page

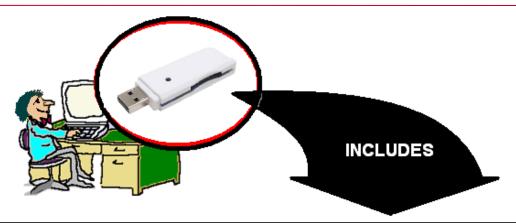
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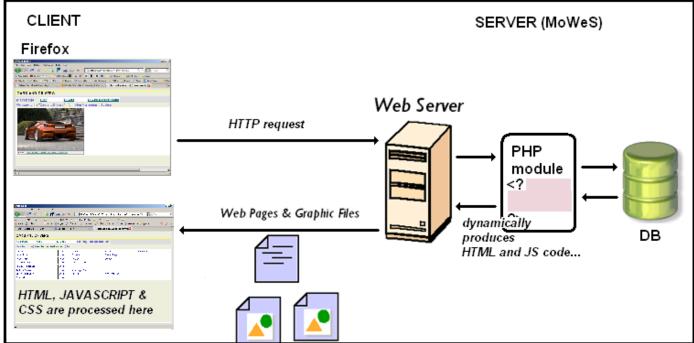
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#### An excursion into the MoWeS platform





Resources (to be used during and after these lectures)

Ensure you have available within your MoWeS platform the specimen application develop by using VF1. If nor, you can download it from:

http://homepages.feis.herts.ac.uk/~comqvv/vf1

Copy and unzip the file vf1\_application.zip within the folder www, and call it with the name of your application (e.g., "application"), as in C:\wos\_csitde\www\application.



#### Within the vf1\_application folder

#### Four folders and several files to be edited

- In the vf1 application root folder:
  - index.php,
- In the folder "include":
  - vf1-1024x768.css,
  - vf1.js,
  - many other files providing the feel & look of the application (images, calendar's css, etc.)
- In the folder "model":
  - model.php
- In the folder "view":
  - main\_page\_customization.php



## Launch the MoWeS platform, open Firefox and go to...

#### http://localhost:8080/vf1\_application/





#### Open the model.php file with a code editor

You might want to open also the MyActiveRecord.0.4.php file for consulting purposes: be sure you are not editing it!

```
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File Edit Search View Tools Options Language Buffers Help
1 model.php * 2 MyActiveRecord.0.4.php
    3
              // The application title is defined here
              $application title = "VF1 - Case Study: Airplane Ticket Booking Management System";
              // The application database and the connection string are defined here
              // syntax is: 'username@database.server/database name IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '
              define('MYACTIVERECORD_CONNECTION_STR', 'mysgl://root@localhost/airplaneticket');
   10
             // includes used implementation of MyActiveRecord class
   11
             include './include/MyActiveRecord.0.4.php';
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   13
              //in this array we list all and only those classes we like to CRUD manage from the main menu
   14
              $classes = array('airline','location','flight','ticket','customer','facility');
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   16
             // in this array we list all join tables which hold many to many relationships between two given classes of objects
              $join_tables = array('facility_location');
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   19
              // in this array below we list all foreign keys: this array MUST EXIST: if empty then uncomment line below (and
           camment the fallowing anel)
   20
              //foreign_keys=array();
   21
              $foreign_keys = array('airline_id','from_location_id','to_location_id','flight_id','customer_id',
           'status id','document id','title id');
```

### The VF1 model.php file (1)

#### Main elements:

... The application title is defined here

```
$application_title = "VF1 - Case Study: Airplane Ticket Booking Management System";
```

...The application database and the connection string are defined as follows: 'username@database.server/database\_name IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD'

```
define('MYACTIVERECORD_CONNECTION_STR', 'mysql://root@localhost/airplaneticket');
```

... includes used implementation of MyActiveRecord class

include './include/MyActiveRecord.0.4.php';



### The VF1 model.php file (2)

... in this array we list all and only those classes we like to CRUD manage from the main menu \$classes = array('airline','location','flight','ticket','customer','facility'); ... in this array we list all join tables which hold many to many relationships between two given classes of objects \$join\_tables = array('facility\_location'); ... in this array below we list all foreign keys: this array MUST EXIST: if empty then uncomment line below (and comment the following one!) //foreign\_keys=array();

array('airline\_id','from\_location\_id','to\_location\_id','flight\_i

d','customer\_id','status\_id','document\_id','title\_id');



\$foreign\_keys =

## The VF1 model.php file (3)

```
... relationships between entities/classes are named below: if no name has
  been given to a certain relationship, the bare foreign key would be displayed
  function
  name_child_relationship($class_name,$foreign_key)
       if ($class_name == 'customer' && $foreign_key ==
        'title id') {
               return " title ":
       else if ($class_name == 'flight' && $foreign_key ==
        'from_location_id') {
               return " from ";
```

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#### The VF1 model.php file (4)

```
// classes are defined below as extensions of MyActiveRecord class
class airline extends MyActiveRecord
When using MyActiverecord, an example of OO code would be as follows:
$airline = MyActiveRecord::FindBySql('airline', 'SELECT * FROM airline'
   WHERE id > 1 ORDER BY name');
From: class MyActiveRecord {
function FindBySql( $strClass, $strSQL, $strIndexBy='id' ) {} }
Returns an array of objects of class strClass mapped from SQL query strSQL
$airline = MyActiveRecord::FindBySql('airline', 'SELECT *
          FROM airline ORDER BY name');
foreach ( $airline as $this_company ) print $this_company->first_name;
```



#### The VF1 index.php file

```
<? include "model/model.php"; ?>
<html>
<link rel="shortcut icon" href="include/images/vf1_icon_big.ico" />
<link id="style_link" rel=StyleSheet href="include/vf1-1024x768.css"</pre>
   type="text/css" media=all />
<link id="style_link" rel=StyleSheet href="include/calendar.css" type="text/css"</pre>
   media=all />
<script src="include/vf1.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="include/calendar.js"></script>
<title><? echo $application_title; ?></title>
<? ...
   include "controller/controller.php";
?>
```



#### The VF1 controller.php file

```
Provides the main menu options ("Cars", "Drivers", "Drivings"...)
  $here = isset($_REQUEST['here']) ? $_REQUEST['here'] : "";
Assess status related to the CRUD operations for each "$here"
   ("update", "confirm_update", etc...)
   $mode = isset($_REQUEST['mode']) ? $_REQUEST['mode'] : "";
Hence creating context-sensitive menu (and submenus)
 determines main menu
   include "./view/menu.php";

    determines sub_menu

   include "./view/sub_menu.php";
determines content in the main page depending on $here and $mode
   include "./view/main_page.php";
```



## The VF1 index.php HTML STRUCTURE (1)

It is possible to retrieve and analyse the HTML structure of the index.php web-page by:

- Viewing the page source (right button, choose option)
- Identifying all relevant HTML <div> elements

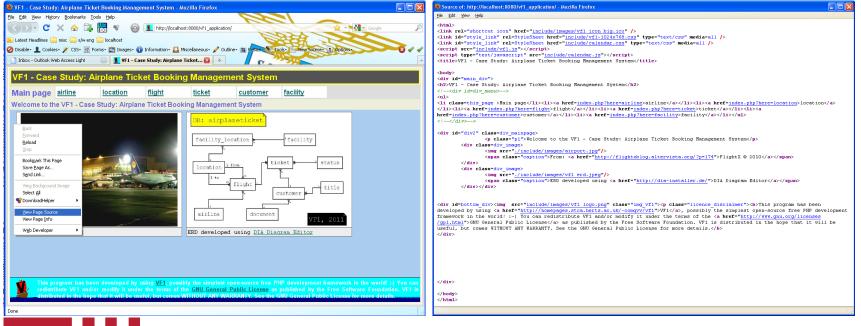
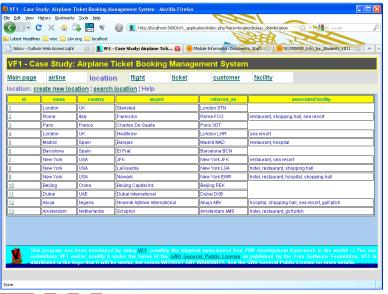


Fig. 1 Fig. 2

## The VF1 index.php HTML STRUCTURE (2)

## Understanding the HTML structure is due for several views of VF1-based applications, namely:

- the "Main page" (see previous slide, Figures 1 and 2)
- "General Listing" (see below, Figure 3)
- "CRUD-manage" (i.e., those views including search, create or update forms: see below, Figure 4)



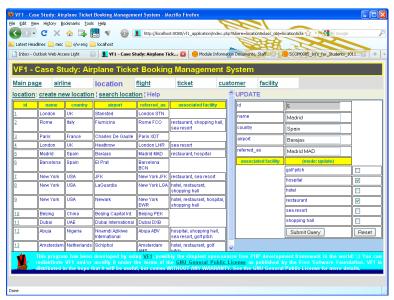




Fig. 3

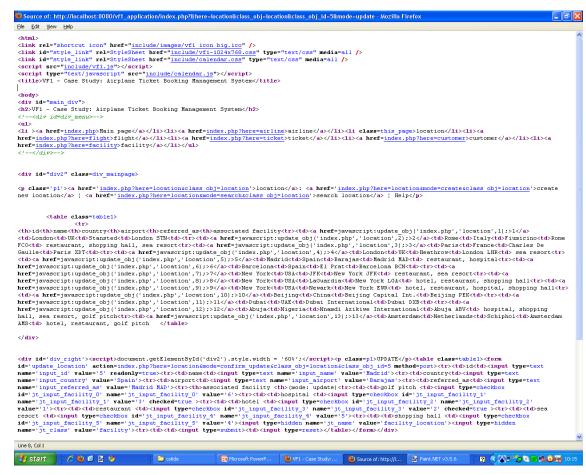
Fig. 4

## The VF1 index.php HTML STRUCTURE (3)

Let's consider the CRUD-manage view (see previous slide, Figure 4). Its HTML source code is retrieved by right-clicking on the web-page (see Figure 5).

Save it on an editable file.

Once saved...







### The VF1 index.php HTML STRUCTURE (4)

```
<html>
<body>
<div id="main div">
     <h2>VF1 - Case Study: Airplane Ticket Booking Management System </h2>
     <!-- Main menu --><| -- Main menu --><| a href=index.php</p>
Main page</a><| a href=index.php</p>
     href=index,php?here=airline>airline</a>... <!-- end Main menu -->
<!-- div containing whatever is below the main menu on the left side --><div id="div2" class=div_mainpage>
     <!-- CRUD submenu --> <a href='index.php?here=location&class obj=location'>location</a>:
     <a href='index.php?here=location&mode=create&class_obj=location'>create new location</a>|...|Help
     <!-- end CRUD submenu -->
     <!-- table containing listing of records -->   idnamecountryairport
     referred asassociated facility<a href=javascript:update_obj('index.php','location',1);>1
     </a> LondonUKStanstedLondon STN...
     </div> <!—end div containing whatever is below the main menu on the left side -->
<!-- div containing whatever is below the main menu on the right side --><div id='div right'>
     <script>document.getElementById('div2').style.width='60%';</script>UPDATE
     <form id='update location'
     action=index.php?here=location&mode=confirm_update&class_obj=location&class_obj_id=5
     method=post>id<input type=text name='input_id' value='5'
     readonly=true>...</form>
     </div><!-- end div containing whatever is below the main menu on the right side -->
<!-- div containing disclaimer in the bottom side --><div id=bottom_div>...</div><!-- end div disclaimer -->
</div><!-- end div id="main div"-->
</body>
</html>
```



Fig. 6

## The VF1 index.php HTML STRUCTURE (5)

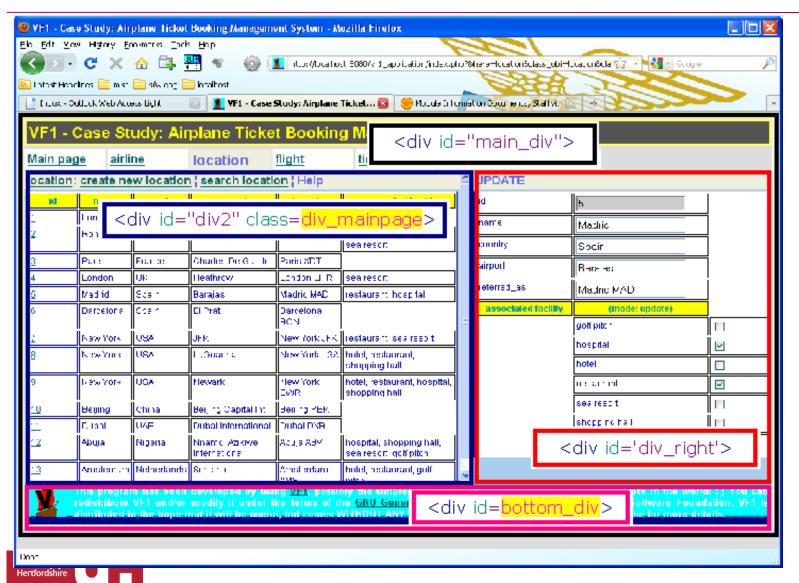
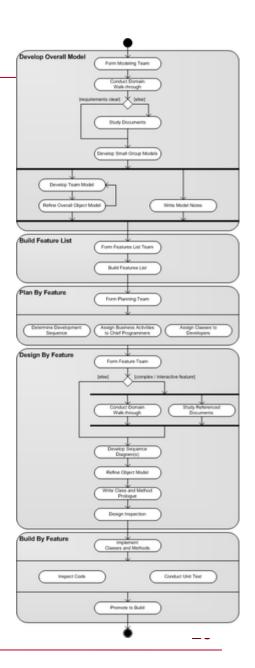


Fig. 7

#### In class code walkthrough...

- We'll get through the code live and see how it is possible to develop a simple and yet usable application
- We'll organise the user interface space by means of the *\$here* variable (a sort of "Feature Driven Development")
- (from wikipedia) "FDD is an iterative and incremental software development process. It is one of a number of Agile methods for developing software and forms part of the Agile Alliance. FDD blends a number of industry-recognized best practices into a cohesive whole. These practices are all driven from a client-valued functionality (feature) perspective. Its main purpose is to deliver tangible, working software repeatedly in a timely manner."





### FOCUS on vf1.js

It includes javascript functions, each of which calls HTML document objects.

```
function update_obj(file_name,class_name,obj_id)
        /* alert("CIAO"); */
document.location =
file_name+"?"+"&here="+class_name+"&class_obj="+class
_name+"&class_obj_id="+obj_id+"&mode=update";
function change_obj(obj_name)
        /* alert(obj_name); */
var selobj =
document.getElementById('select_'+obj_name);
document.getElementById('input_'+obj_name).value =
selobj.options[selobj.selectedIndex].value;
```



## From VF1 to SAMS-P (1)

#### Have a walkthrough along VF1

- Focus on the suggested HCI layout, but you are reminded to change it: main actions on understanding the existing .css file and create a completely different one for your SAMS-P application
- Focus on the structure of the .php files: main actions are to understand and possibly reproduce and customise them within your SAMS-P application
- Focus on the used functions: main actions on understanding, using and customising them within your SAMS-P.js file



## From VF1 to SAMS-P (2)

#### General actions:

- Understand how MyActiveRecord.0.4.php has been used in VF1
- Consider how the data model for your SAMS-P DB has been designed and manage the classes on your php application file accordingly
  - Take into account VF1 constraints on how to design and name tables within your VF1 application
  - Instructions on how to import it are available on this and next week's tutorials (PHPMYADMIN & CLASSMAKER2)



### From VF1 to SAMS-P (3)

#### Further general actions:

 Create a folder hosting your "SAMS-P" application within your MoWeS "www" folder, e.g.

```
U:/wos_csitde/www/D4-CW/
```

- All files for your D4 application should be stored into the above mentioned "D4-CW" folder
- Keep record of the development process, and manage it in a professional way (in your demo/presentation, your team will be assessed against this as well)



#### MAIN RESOURCES

- D4 Assignment resources and help page <a href="http://homepages.feis.herts.ac.uk/~comqvv/csitde/d4.html">http://homepages.feis.herts.ac.uk/~comqvv/csitde/d4.html</a>
- Vf1: <a href="http://homepages.feis.herts.ac.uk/~comqvv/vf1/">http://homepages.feis.herts.ac.uk/~comqvv/vf1/</a>
- Jake Grimley, MyActiveRecord.0.4.php <a href="http://freshmeat.net/projects/myactiverecord/">http://freshmeat.net/projects/myactiverecord/</a>
- Wikipedia (06 Dec 2009):
   <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature\_Driven\_Development">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feature\_Driven\_Development</a>
- All other lectures AND tutorials!
- Class discussions and news on StudyNet.

