NetBEAMS A System Overview

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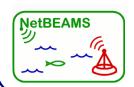
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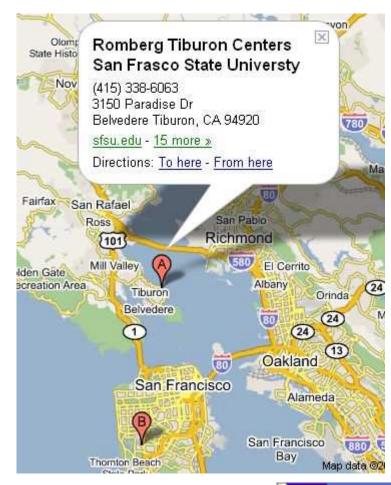
- Introduction
 - What NetBEAMS is
- Components
 - What NetBEAMS is comprised of
- Examples
 - What NetBEAMS is providing right now
- Future
 - Where is NetBEAMS headed





What is NetBEAMS?

- NetBEAMS –
 Networked Bay
 Environmental Asset
 Monitoring System
- A distributed system
 of water sensors
 around the San
 Francisco Bay Area
 for SFSU's Romburg
 Tiburon Center







Before NetBEAMS

- Sensors made measurements and stored data in internal memory
- Data needed to be manually downloaded and analyzed
- Issues with this method
 - Not real time
 - Not easily shared
 - Not really persistent





Seabird Sensor



- Mfg: Seabird Electronics
- Directly measures
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
 - Conductivity
 - Photosynthetically available radiation
 - Transmittance
- Calculates
 - Salinity





JDDAC

- Data acquisition framework from Agilent Technologies
- Provides measurement descriptions and transport to the JDDAC measurement server
- Runs on J2EE, J2SE* and J2ME
- NetBEAMS is ultimately a J2ME application
- *Note Nice to have J2SE for debugging!





Phone/Controller

- Motorola i730 cellular phone with Nextel service running J2ME
- Phone is used as a controller for the sensor
- Communication is via RS-232
- Benefits
 - Existing reliable network
 - Relatively easy to program using JDDAC
 - Built-in GPS
 - Same code base, build script determines J2SE or J2ME

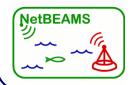






Measurement Cycle

- Configure our JDDAC application to run every six minutes
- Commands are then sent to the sensor
 - Wake up
 - Take measurement
 - Go to sleep
- Parse the measurement string, update variables
- JDDAC sends measurements off to the server





Data Dissemination via NRSS

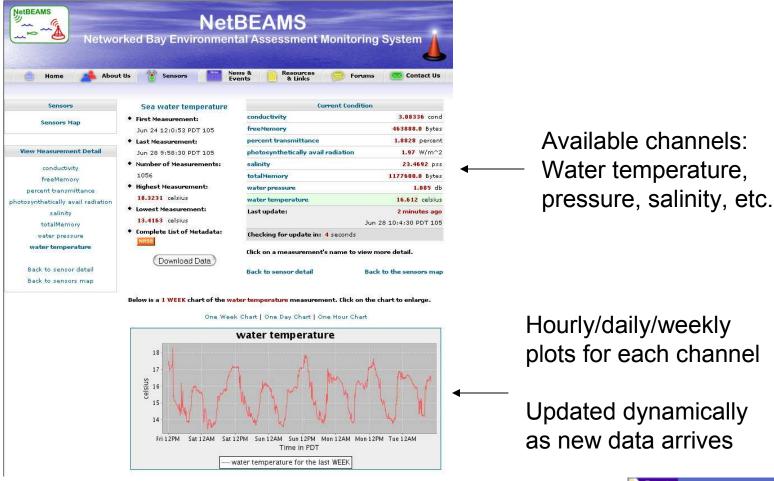
- NRSS Numeric RSS
- NRSS is a superset of RSS
- Adds metadata and numeric data to fully describe measurements

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<nrss:arg n="category">Seabird</nrss:arg>
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<nrss:arg n="midt">246</nrss:arg>
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NetBEAMS.org

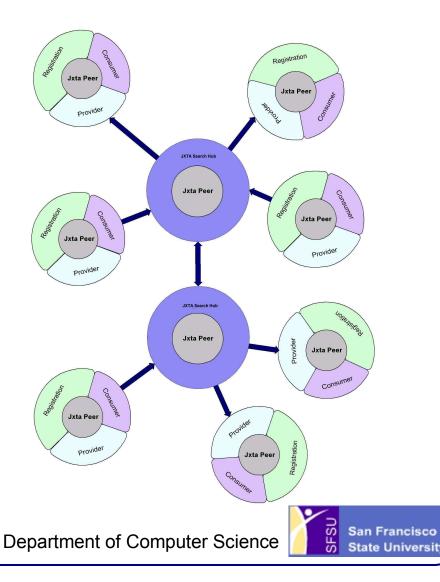


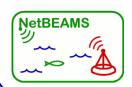




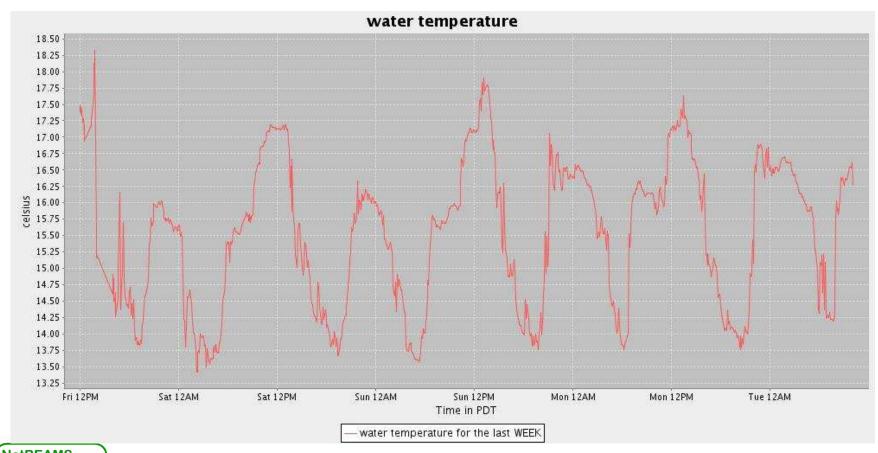
JXTA

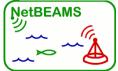
- The same data that is available to netbeams.org can be shared among peers using JXTA (peer-topeer)
- Able to pull in measurements from various data feed





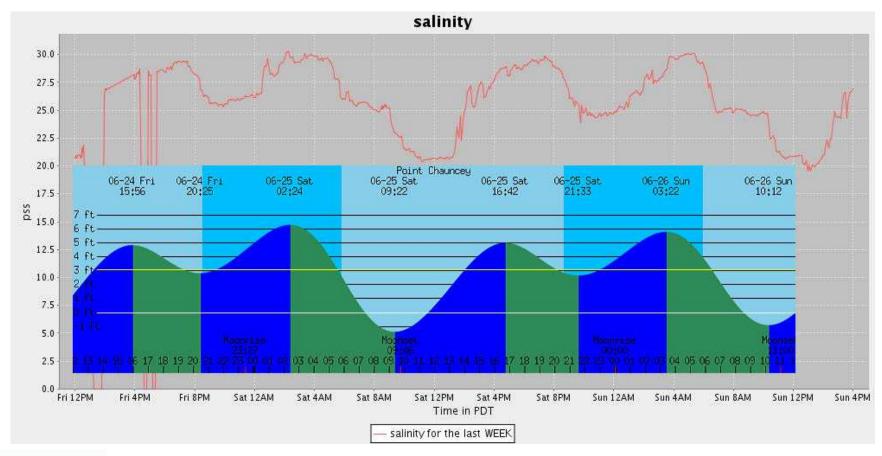
Up and Running at RTC







Data Example

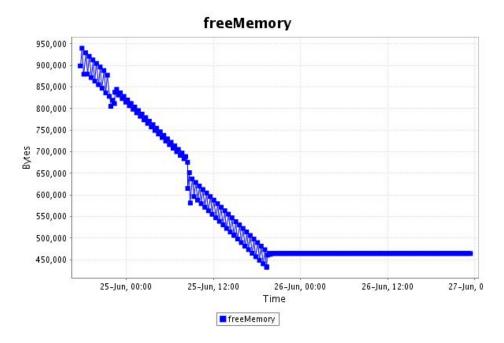






Flexibility of JDDAC

- Our phone in Tiburon was running out of memory due to echos to stdout
- Solution: Turn it off remotely using JDDAC!







Future

- Deploy more sensors for Romburg Tiburon
 Center
- Dynamically supply GPS
- Bluetooth multiplexer to control multiple sensors with one phone



