

JBoss Portal

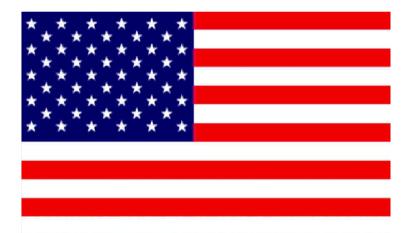
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Language Selection







Out tonight's agenda

- What is portal and why use it?
- Java specifications
- Introducing JBoss portal
- Real life use case
- How to obtain and deploy JBoss portal
- Live demo with "hands on"
- Q&A

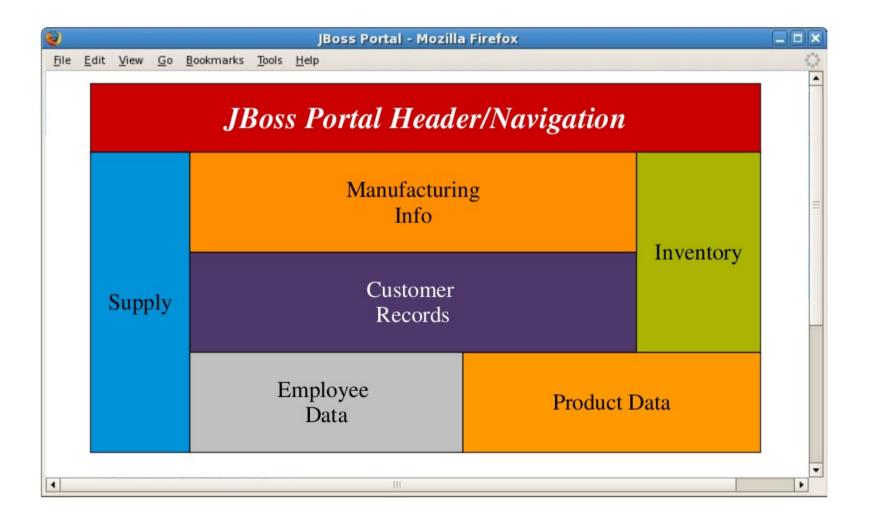
Get ready... 40 slides and a demo ahead!



Portals in general

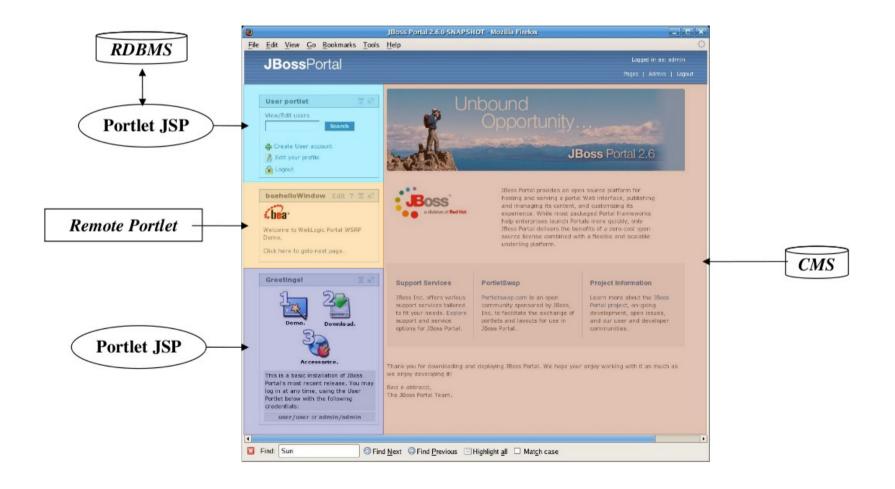


Portals provide Integration & Aggregation





Portal consumption





Why use a portal?

Why not just use a "regular" web framework?

- Requires all components to be written using the same technology
- Enterprise environments, soon or later, deal with multiple technologies
- Some web frameworks have support for portals

Speed up deployment of a portal

- Existing standard portlets
- Build-in authentication (with SSO)



Integration of different technologies

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CMS, JSF, JSP, PHP, Netvibes, Google...





Portals and SOA

Split your services

- Maintenance
- Lifecycle
- Technology independent

Split your web applications

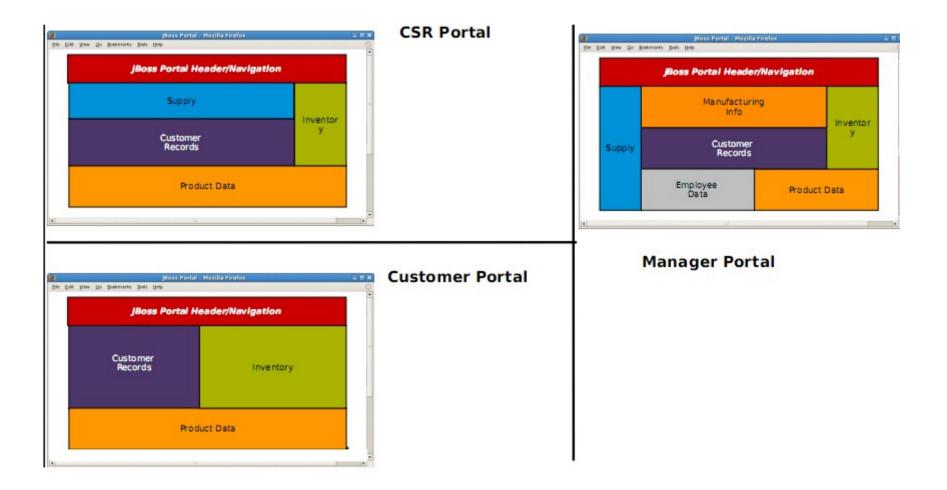
- Maintenance
- Lifecycle
- Technology independent
- Don't split the user interface !

The user doesn't like to have to deal with multiple applications

A portal is a window on the services - Unify access to your web applications



Multiple users – Multiple views





When to use a portal?

- Simple application like a web blog No?
- Intranet, Insurance Portal, Banking & Finance Portal Yes!
- Have aggregation and integration of content from different sources?
- Need more than simple personalization?



JBoss Portal in general



JBoss Portal

Focus on core portal functionality

Aggregation

- Provides a standards-based environment for serving a portal's web interface and publishing/managing portal applications and content
- Consistent look and feel

Performance and scalability

Centralized security

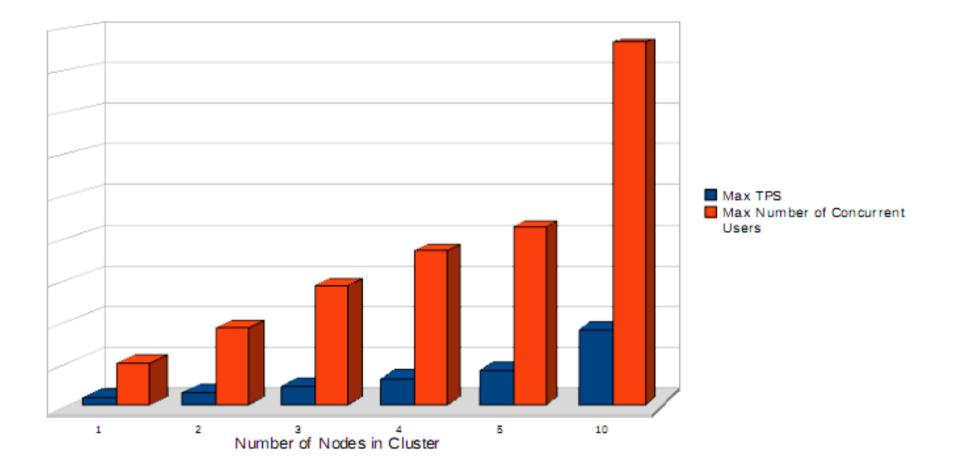
- Single Sign On across elements of the portal
- Identity manager

Presentation framework (Portal vs Portlet level)



Scalability

- JBoss Enterprise Portal Platform scales well
- Don't forget you still need to scale other resources (e.g. database)





Standards based

- JSR-168: Portlet Specification
 (Final release: Oct 27th, 2003)
- JSR-286: Portlet Specification 2.0

(Proposed Final Draft: Dec 13th, 2007)

 JSR-301: Portlet Bridge Specification for JavaServer Faces (Early Draft Review 2: Sep 10th, 2007)



What is a Portlet?

User interface component targeted at the portal ecosystem

- implementing given interface
- standardized

Similar to web applications in

- Deployed in a portlet container
- Can better focus on single task
- Can delegate common (\rightarrow shareable) concerns
- Reusable



What is new in JSR-286 Portlet Specification 2.0

Better interaction with a portal in a various manners

Public render parameters feature (to show improved interoperability)

- Use cases
 - Several portlets on the same page share the same zipcode, and are able to display informations related to the geographic location
- Weather
- Map
- Address



Public render parameters use case - XML

```
<portlet-app>
 <portlet>
      <portlet-name>GoogleMap</portlet-name>
      <supported-public-render-parameter>zipcode
</supported-public-render-parameter>
 </portlet>
 <public-render-parameter>
    <identifier>zipcode</identifier>
    <qname xmlns:g='urn:google'>g:zipcode</qname>
 </public-render-parameter>
</portlet-app>
```



Public render parameters use case - Java

```
public void render(RenderRequest req, RenderResponse resp)
   String zipcode = req.getParameter("zipcode");
   render(zipcode, resp);
}
public void processAction(ActionRequest req,
ActionResponse resp) {
   String newZip = req.getParameter("zipcode");
resp.setRenderParameter("zipcode", newZip);
}
```



Leverage of other JBoss Enterprise Middleware Software components

JBoss SX

JAAS based domain security subsystem

JBoss Cache

- Performance
- Fault tolerance

Hibernate

- ORM
- database independence



Leverage of other JBoss Enterprise Middleware Software components 2

jBPM

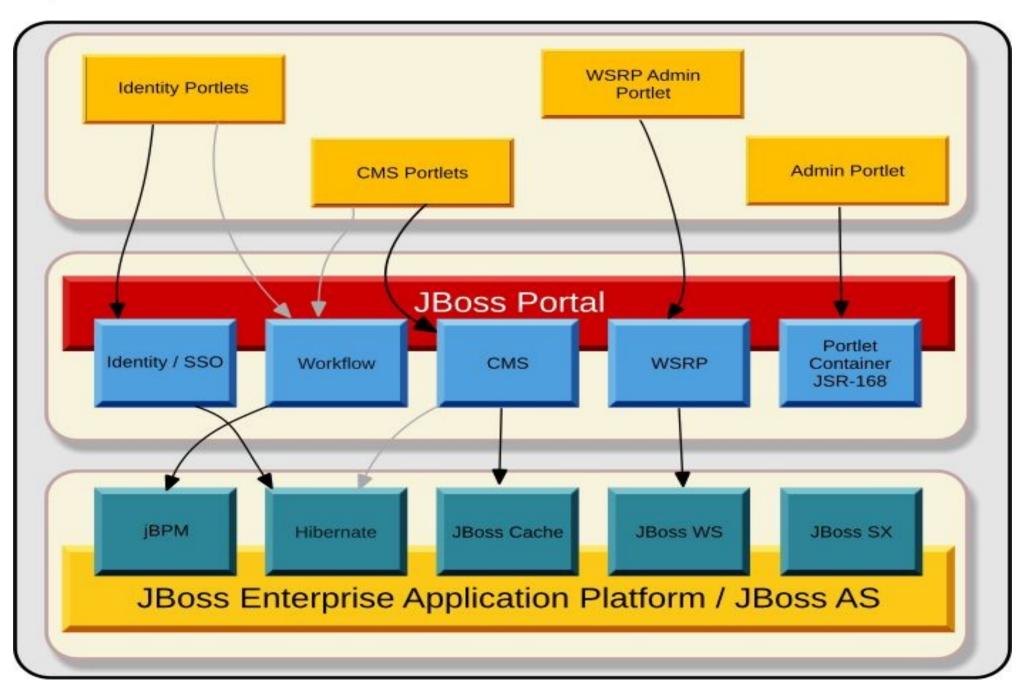
- Business process
- Better flexibility

JBoss Web Services

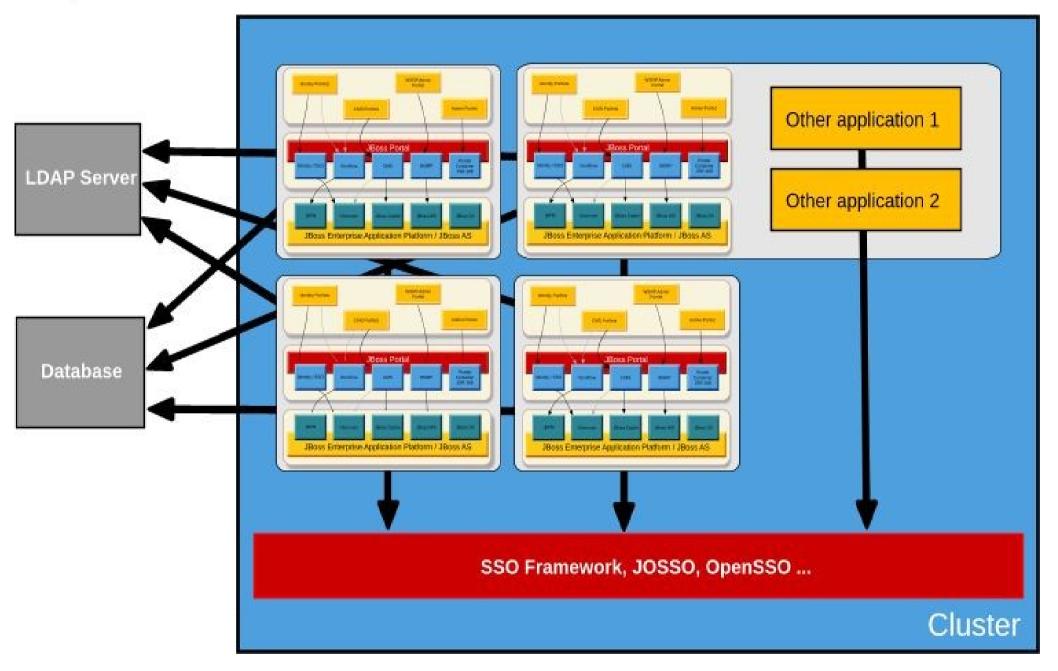
- WSRP
- REST

... because it runs in JBoss Application Server











Identity Server integration

A set of interfaces to integrate with any identity server:

- OpenLDAP
- Red Hat Directory Server
- OpenDS
- Sun Directory Server
- Microsoft Active Directory
- others

...it's all about integration!



Single Sign-On integration

Several applications but a single login challenge to the user

Single sign-on (SSO) is a method of access control that enables a user to log in once and gain access to the resources of multiple software systems without being prompted to log in again. Single sign-off is the reverse process whereby a single action of signing out terminates access to multiple software systems.

Provided set of interfaces to integrate with any SSO framework

- CAS
- JOSSO
- Open SSO
- others



JBoss Portal as a community driven OSS



Community

- a large base of users
- active forums
- multiple environments, OS, database... supported
- user input
- early feedback
- helps OSS to anticipate needs before final releases
- 10,000 downloads a month



Strong points given by users: Why use <u>JBoss</u> Portal?

- Modularity
- Seamless integration
- Reduced costs
- Scalable architecture
- Professional support quality



Related projects

JBoss Wiki

Wiki portlet

JBoss Forums

- Forums portlet
- More portlets on portletswap.com (being revamped)
- Increasing number of portlets available globally



JBoss Portal as a product

- Open Source with LGPL license use freely, business friendly licence
- Backed up to 24x7 by "Support from the Source"
- Many JBoss certified partners (HP, Cap Gemini, Alfresco, Atos Origin, Unisys...) – solution you can trust!



Future plans

- Server agnosticism run everywhere!
- Federated search is the simultaneous search of multiple online databases or web resources and is an emerging feature of automated, web-based library and information retrieval systems. It is also often referred to as a portal or a federated search engine.
- WSRP 2.0 Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP) is an OASIS-approved network protocol standard designed for communications with remote portlets.
- New presentation framework
- Improved content framework
- Our needs!



Standards/OSS in enterprise in general

What are standards?

 uniform engineering or technical criteria, methods, processes and practices that everyone follows

Why use them?

- easy to start using
- easy to stop using
- easy to migrate to different solution provider
- shareable components

As a developer?

You are getting the entire budget because you don't have to pay for the license!



JBoss Portal live demo



"Installation"

JBossAS/Portal Bundle

- Zero Installation Required (this is Java life!)
- Get supported Java (JDK 4, JDK 5)
- Start Server (./run.sh -c default)
- Point your browser to http://localhost:8080/portal

Standalone JBoss Service Archive (SAR)

- jboss-portal.sar Core framework code
- portal-core.war stores layouts/themes
- portal-server.war portal server root context



Database to use

- Get your favorite (RDBMS) database
- Get JDBC driver (copy to ./server/default/lib)
- Hibernate DDL/DML executed on initial startup
- HSQL embedded (this is not for production!)



Q&A