

Light-weight Web-based Control Applications with the Web2cToolkit

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Web2c Overview

• Web2c:

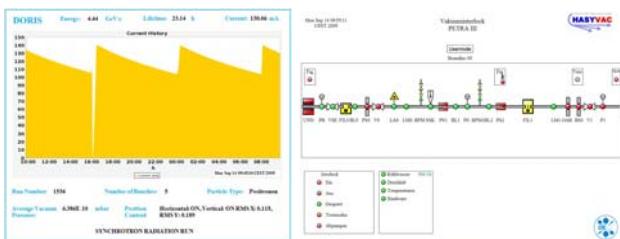
- Acronym for Web-based controls client
- Framework for internet control system applications

• General features:

- Browser-hosted, interactive, graphical
- User-friendly look-and-feel
- OS platform independent
- Runs without additional specific software installation
- Secure user authentication and authorization
- Access allowed from everywhere if not explicitly restricted, no firewall constraints
- Common device access (live and archived data) interface for various accelerator control systems
- Common video receiver interface for various video transmitting standards

• Implemented tools:

- Synoptic display viewer (Web2c)
- Graphical synoptic display editor (Web2cEditor)
- Archive viewer (Web2cArchiveViewer)



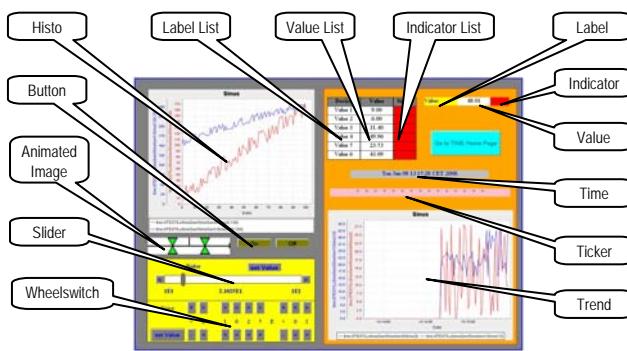
Web2c Synoptic Display Viewer

• Features:

- Configurable data update interval (typically 1 - 3s)
- Access restriction (optional)
 - IP number specific
 - user role specific
- Multi-language support
- Supports different user roles (layman, expert and supervisor)
- Automatic reconnect after server restart

• Implemented GUI widgets:

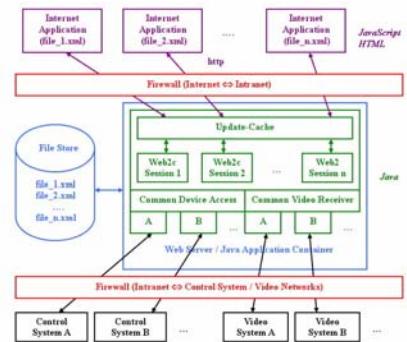
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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| - Web2cSection | - Web2cText | - Web2cTicker |
| - Web2cEmbeddedPage | - Web2cTextList | - Web2cTime |
| - Web2cLabel | - Web2cImage | - Web2cTrend |
| - Web2cLabelList | - Web2cAnimatedImage | - Web2cHisto |
| - Web2cValue | - Web2cButton | - Web2cVideo |
| - Web2cValueList | - Web2cSlider | - Web2cChat |
| - Web2cIndicator | - Web2cWheelSwitch | |
| - Web2cIndicatorList | - Web2cInput | |



Web2c System Architecture

• Client:

- Dynamic Web page, runs in web browser
- Contains only HTML tags and JavaScript code snippets
- Compatible with all major browsers (including mobile versions)
- Asynchronous communication with web application server (Java servlet) via XMLHttpRequest / XMLHTTP method, no page re-load
- MD5-encrypted password transmission



• Server:

- Database-driven user sessions (.xml)
- Multi-user session management
- Update cache with n to 1 mapping
- User name registry

• Interfaces:

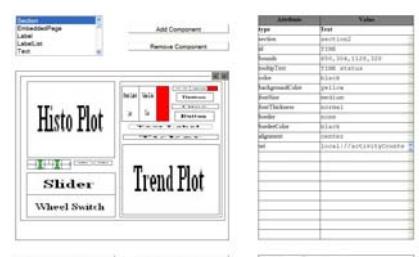
- Accelerator control systems:
 - TINE
 - DOOCS
 - TANGO (via DOOCS)
 - EPICS (via DOOCS)

- Video systems (protocol / format):
 - rtp / jpeg
 - TINE / jpeg

Web2c Synoptic Display Editor

• Features:

- Browser-hosted
- Page preview
- Simple input consistency check
- Magnification option of design frame (200%)



Web2c Archive Viewer

• Features:

- Browser-hosted
- Configurable channel lists
- On-line zoom option
- Multi-line plots
- Plot types:
 - Linear y-scale
 - Logarithmic y-scale
 - Gantt-chart like

