

REMI Database

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Why we doing what we doing?



Positron emission tomography (PET) machine

Single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) machine



REMI (Research Medical Imaging)



LBL Research Medical Imaging (REMI Database)

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Welcome to REMI

- Medical Imaging data acquisition and processing are expensive ventures in terms of personnel time and resources. Keeping track of data files and information about them (metadata) is extremely important.
- Accessing appropriate data according to respective on metadata is very difficult if not properly organized. Proper data-metadata organization is a non-trivial task.
- Given the current emphasis on reducing health care cost and economic downturn, sharing data openly between researchers is imperative. This is more true for public funded research data.
- Fast processing power and cheap memory causes a spiral effect of data glut in almost every area of science. Unless proper organization is laid out early enough expensive data loss (or worse, data corruption - producing erroneous science) is bound to happen sooner or later.

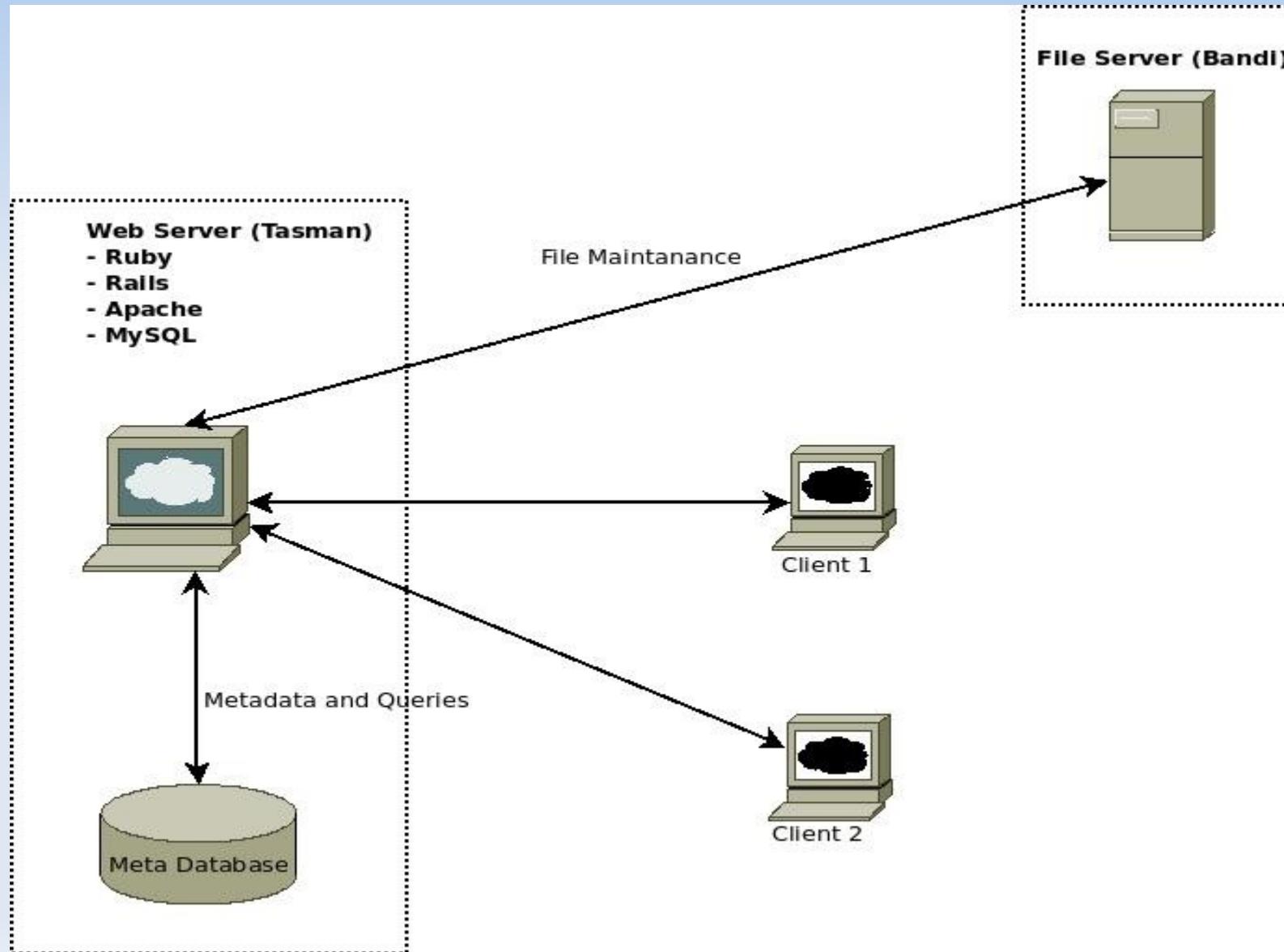
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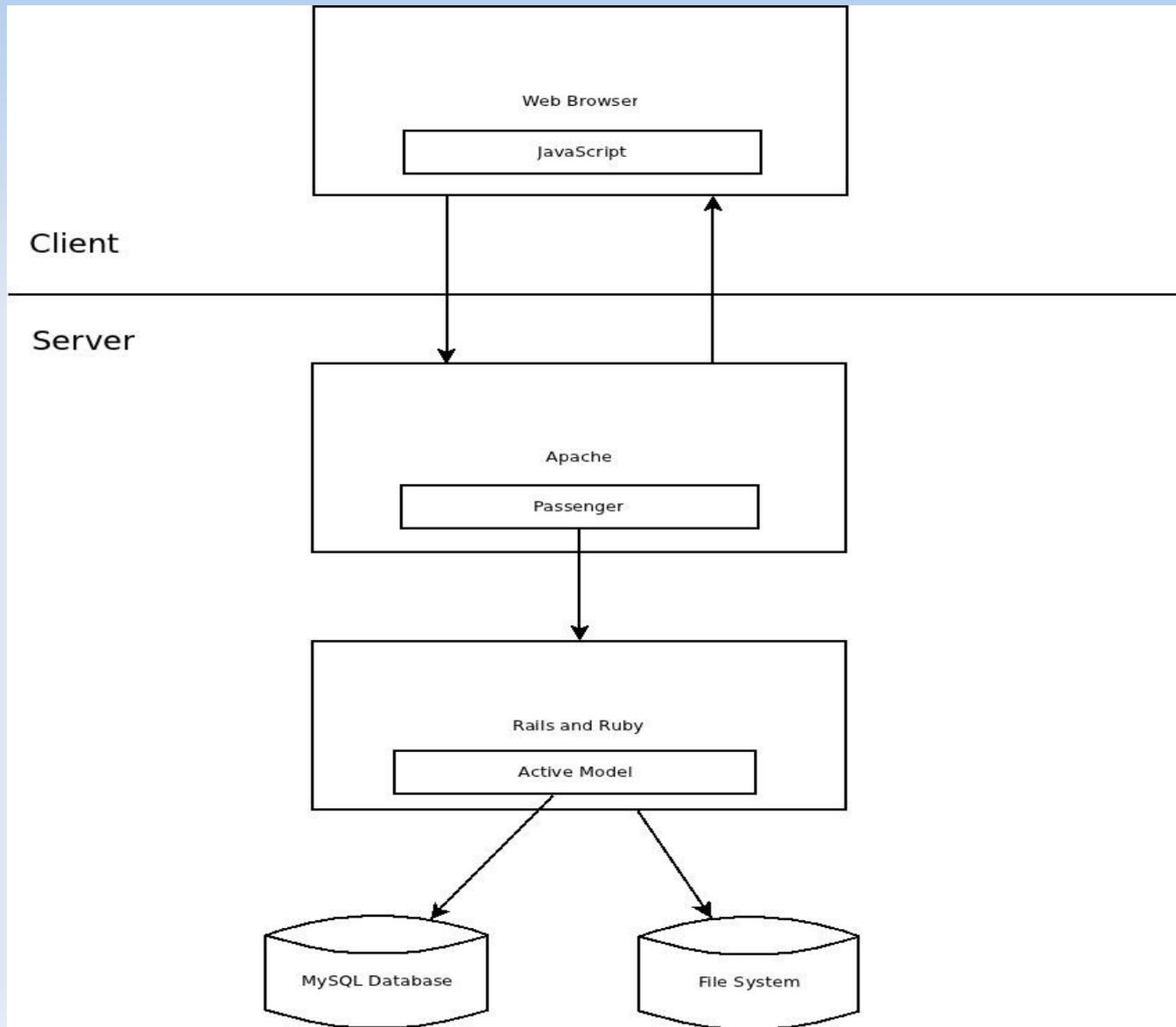
REMI is all about...

- Consolidating study data along with meta data
- Creating of logical collections
- Physical data handling
- Security support
- Data ownership
- Knowledge and information discovery

System Layout



Whats under the REMI hood?



REST (Representational State Transfer)

- REMI follows the **RESTful** software architecture.
- simple HTTP as opposed to RPC (Remote Procedure Calls) and Web Services (SOAP, WSDL, et al.)
- RESTful applications use HTTP requests to
 - post data (create and/or update)
 - read data (e.g., make queries)
 - delete data.
- REST uses HTTP for all four CRUD (Create/Read/Update/Delete) operations.

REST vs SOAP Example

Using Web Services and SOAP, the request would look something like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<soap:Envelope
xmlns:soap="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-envelope"
soap:encodingStyle="http://www.w3.org/2001/12/soap-encoding">
  <soap:body pb="http://www.acme.com/phonebook">
    <pb:GetUserDetails>
      <pb:UserID>12345</pb:UserID>
    </pb:GetUserDetails>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

RESTful API

<http://www.acme.com/phonebook/UserDetails/12345>



Ruby on Rails (RoR)

- **Ruby on Rails** uses the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture pattern to organize application programming.
- Is intended to emphasize
 - Convention over Configuration (CoC)
 - principle of Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY).
- Utilizes RESTful web services

Configuration File

```
-- CONFIGURATION FILE
<hibernate-mapping>
<class name="User" table="users">
  <id name="ID" column="id" type="string">
    <generator class="assigned"></generator>
  </id>
  <property name="password" column="password" type="string" />
</class>
</hibernate-mapping>

-- DDL ON DATABASE
CREATE TABLE users (
  id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
  password VARCHAR(20),
  PRIMARY KEY(id)
);|
```

Developing REMI

- Behaviour Driven Development (BDD) using Cucumber
 - describe how software should behave in plain text

```
Feature: Addition
  In order to avoid silly mistakes
  As a math idiot
  I want to be told the sum of two numbers

Scenario: Add two numbers
  Given I have entered 50 into the calculator
  And I have entered 70 into the calculator
  When I press add
  Then the result should be 120 on the screen
```

Another Cucumber example

Feature: pay bill on-line

In order to reduce the time I spend paying bills

As a bank customer with a checking account

I want to pay my bills on-line

Scenario: pay a bill

Given checking account with \$50

And a payee named Walmart

And an Walmart bill for \$37

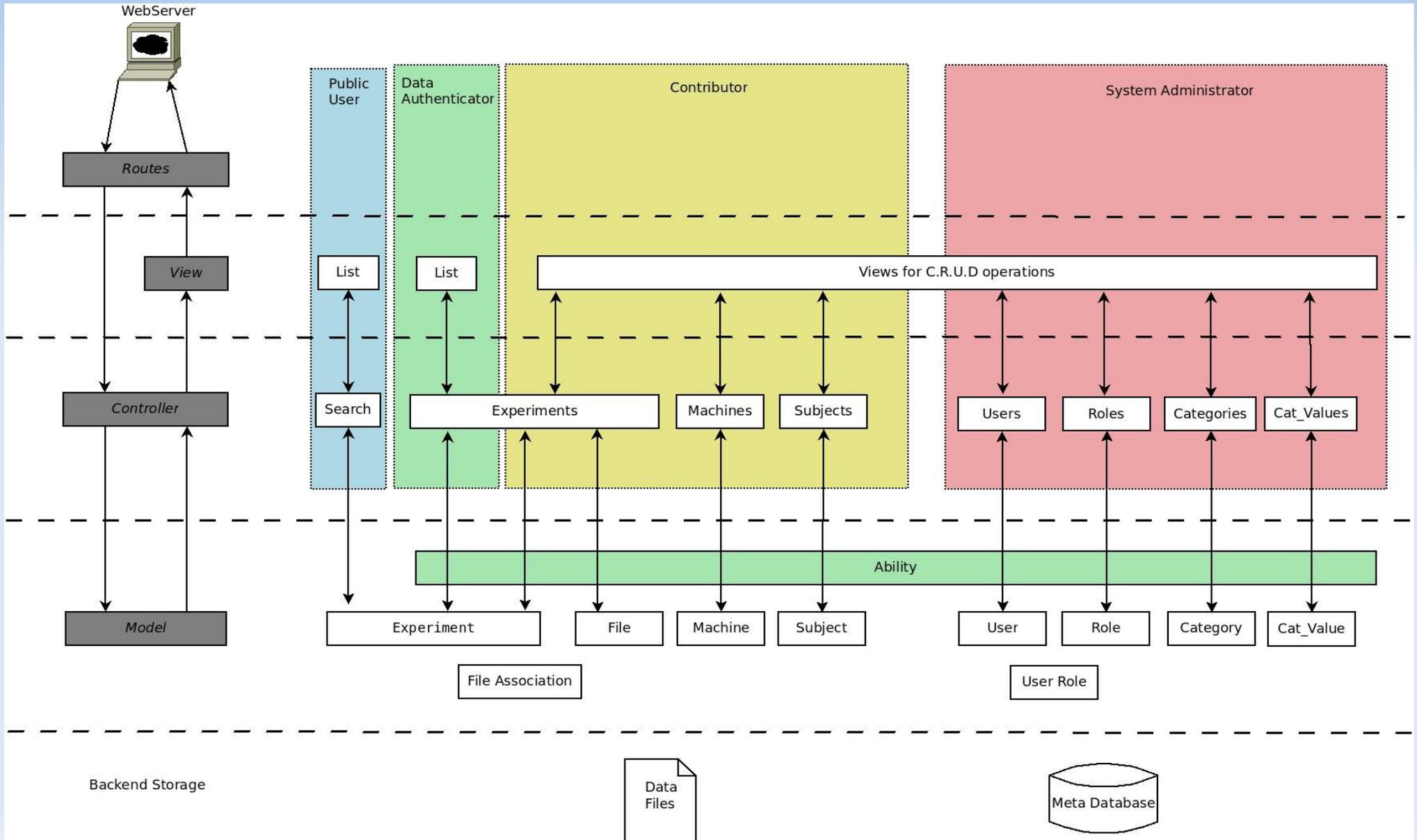
When I pay the Walmart bill

Then I should have \$13 remaining in my checking account

And the payment of \$37 to Acme should be listed in Recent Payments



Component/System Design



REMI Test System
Thank You

Future Work

- Validating moving from MRI to JRuby
 - MRI – Ruby execution engine written in C
 - JRuby – Ruby execution engine written in Java
- Move to a dynamic schema design
 - NoSQL could be the way to go
- Handle large downloads more efficiently
- Design a better file upload functionality

Things you will learn...

- Rails
- MySQL
- RSpec
- Cucumber
- Ruby
- Git
- BDD