
Subject: Re: Web interface development

Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Thu, 08 Jan 2009 09:05:12 GMT

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Julio wrote:

> Hello,
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> I'm not sure if my problem can be solved using IDL. I need to develop
> a Web interface to access a database based on metadata extracted from
> satellite images. The metadata includes date of image, satellite id,
> number of rows and columns, geographical coordinates, etc. The system
> must allow the user to find satellite images, making searches based on
> some information of metadata. Has someone tried to do something
> similar with IDL? Isn't there some open source application to do that?
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> Any comments welcome,
> Julio

From your description it seems that what you require is HTTP server-side code to access a database to find the relevant satellite image and return it to the web client (browser). You could do this using CGI (PHP or Perl would probably be the easiest) or some more complicated solution using web services such as Java and a servlet engine (e.g. Tomcat).

I don't see where IDL fits into this. I expect that you could use IDL in the CGI script and get it to access the database, fetch an image and send it to the client. But it's hardly the right tool for the job.

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Nigel Wade
