

Apache Roller, Acegi Security and Single Sign-on

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Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Integrating Roller with LDAP and CAS on Tomcat
- Introduction to Acegi Security
- Introduction to Apache Roller
- Conclusions
- Q and A

Introductions

- Do you blog?
- Do you use Roller or JRoller?
- What do you want to get from this session?
- Experience with Acegi Security, LDAP, or SSO Solutions?
- Preferred Server: Tomcat, Geronimo, JBoss or GlassFish?

Who is Matt Raible?

- One of the first Roller users and Committers - started in August 2002
- Java Blogger since 2002
- Power user of Java Web Frameworks
- Author of Spring Live and Pro JSP 2.0
- Founder of AppFuse (<http://appfuse.org>)
- Member of Java EE 5, JSF 1.2 and Bean Validation Expert Groups



Integrating Roller with CAS on Tomcat



<http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/ROLLER/Roller+4.0+with+LDAP+and+CAS>

Installing Roller on Apache Geronimo



<http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/ROLLER/Roller+4.0+on+Geronimo>

Acegi Security

- A powerful, flexible security solution for enterprise software, with a particular emphasis on applications that use Spring.

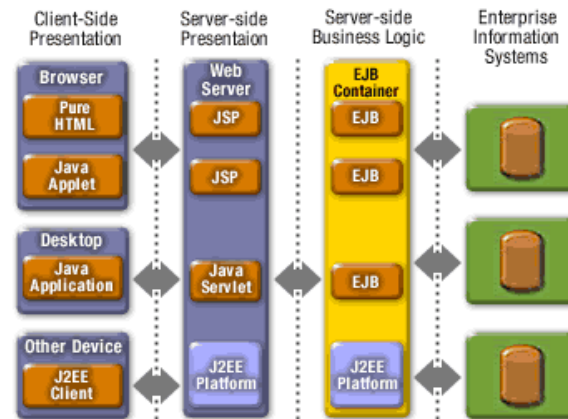


Acegi
**SECURITY
SYSTEM**
FOR SPRING



J2EE's CMA

- Container Managed Authentication (CMA) built into the Servlet API
- Configure security-constraints in web.xml
- Configure Authentication Realm in your application server



Form Authentication

```
<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>Secure Area</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>*.html</url-pattern>
  </web-resource-collection>

  <auth-constraint>
    <role-name>*</role-name>
  </auth-constraint>
</security-constraint>

<login-config>
  <auth-method>FORM</auth-method>
  <form-login-config>
    <form-login-page>/login.jsp</form-login-page>
    <form-error-page>/loginError.jsp</form-error-page>
  </form-login-config>
</login-config>
```

Form Authentication

/login.jsp

```
<form id="loginForm" method="post" action="j_security_check">
  <p>
    <label for="j_username">Username:</label>
    <input type="text" name="j_username" id="j_username"/><br/>

    <label for="j_password">Password:</label>
    <input type="password" name="j_password" id="j_password"/>

    <button type="submit">Login</button>
  </p>
</form>
```

/loginError.jsp

```
<p>
  Login failed - please <a href="index.jsp">try again</a>.
</p>
```

Tomcat Realms

- MemoryRealm, JDBCRealm, DataSourceRealm, JAASRealm, JNDIRealm
- JDBCRealm Example:

```
<Context path="" docBase="roller" debug="99"
  reloadable="true" antiJARLocking="true" antiResourceLocking="true">

  <Realm className="org.apache.catalina.realm.JDBCRealm" debug="99"
    driverName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"
    connectionURL="jdbc:mysql://localhost/roller?autoReconnect=true"
    connectionName="root" connectionPassword=""
    userTable="users" userNameCol="username" userCredCol="password"
    userRoleTable="user_roles" roleNameCol="rolename"/>
</Context>
```

Problems with CMA

- Not as portable as you'd think
- Every server has proprietary configuration
- Form-based authentication problems:
 - Often can't control SQL for user/role query
 - No way to filter on /j_security_check to trap when users first login
 - Implementation different on various servers
- **However** - Vendors *love* it!

Solution: Acegi Security

- Everything can be configured in your application
- Secure URLs by role with regular expressions
- URL patterns can be regular expressions or Ant-style patterns (i.e. `/**/admin*.html`)
- Authentication methods supported: Basic, Digest, Form, Yale Central Authentication Service (CAS)
- Authentication Providers: JDBC, XML, LDAP, CAS

Configuration: web.xml

```
<filter>
  <filter-name>securityFilter</filter-name>
  <filter-class>org.acegisecurity.util.FilterToBeanProxy</filter-class>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>targetClass</param-name>
    <param-value>org.acegisecurity.util.FilterChainProxy</param-value>
  </init-param>
</filter>

<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>securityFilter</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>/*</url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```

security.xml

- The **filterChainProxy** bean contains the filter list that will process the authentication process. These filters each perform specific duties:
 - **httpSessionContextIntegrationFilter**: This filter is responsible for communicating with the user's session to store the user's authentication in the SecurityContextHolder.
 - **basicProcessingFilter**: This filter processes an HTTP request's BASIC authorization headers, placing the result into the SecurityContextHolder.
 - **exceptionTranslationFilter**: Defines exceptions and entry point (URL and SSL)

security.xml

```
<bean id="filterChainProxy" class="org.acegisecurity.util.FilterChainProxy">
  <property name="filterInvocationDefinitionSource">
    <value>
      CONVERT_URL_TO_LOWERCASE_BEFORE_COMPARISON
      PATTERN_TYPE_APACHE_ANT
      /**=httpSessionContextIntegrationFilter,authenticationProcessingFilter,
        remoteUserFilter,rememberMeProcessingFilter,anonymousProcessingFilter,
        exceptionTranslationFilter,filterInvocationInterceptor
    </value>
  </property>
</bean>
```


Form Authentication

- Changing from Basic to Form-based authentication is just XML configuration
- Login and Error pages can be same as CMA pages
- No code needed to support Remember Me and Password Encryption - just XML
- Can configure SSL “channels” based on URL-pattern

Authentication Providers

- **Custom:** write your own
- **In-Memory:** credentials in XML file
- **JAAS:** provided by LoginModule
- **JDBC:** credentials in database
- **LDAP:** credentials in database
- **OpenID:** experimental support, see [SEC-432](#)
- **Windows NT:** experimental support, see [SEC-8](#)
- **SSO:** Yale's CAS, SiteMinder

Authentication Providers

```
<bean id="daoAuthenticationProvider"  
      class="org.acegisecurity.providers.dao.DaoAuthenticationProvider">  
  <property name="userService" ref="inMemoryDaoImpl"/>  
</bean>
```

...

```
<bean id="inMemoryDaoImpl"  
      class="org.acegisecurity.providers.dao.memory.InMemoryDaoImpl">  
  <property name="userMap">  
    <value>  
      tomcat=tomcat,ROLE_USER  
      springlive=springlive,ROLE_USER  
    </value>  
  </property>  
</bean>
```

Password Encryption

```
bean id="inMemoryDaoImpl"
    class="org.acegisecurity.providers.dao.memory.InMemoryDaoImpl">
    <property name="userMap">
        <value>
            tomcat=536c0b339345616c1b33caf454454d8b8a190d6c,ROLE_USER
            springlive=2a9152cff1d25b5bbaa3e5fbc7acdc6905c9f251,ROLE_USER
        </value>
    </property>
</bean>

<bean id="daoAuthenticationProvider"
    class="org.acegisecurity.providers.dao.DaoAuthenticationProvider">
    <property name="userService" ref="inMemoryDaoImpl"/>
    <property name="passwordEncoder" ref="passwordEncoder"/>
</bean>

<bean id="passwordEncoder"
    class="org.acegisecurity.providers.encoding.ShaPasswordEncoder"/>
```

JDBC Provider

- To use JDBC, just define a bean with a dataSource dependency:

```
<bean id="jdbcDaoImpl"  
      class="org.acegisecurity.providers.dao.jdbc.JdbcDaoImpl">  
  <property name="dataSource" ref="dataSource"/>  
</bean>
```

- Default SQL for select users and roles:

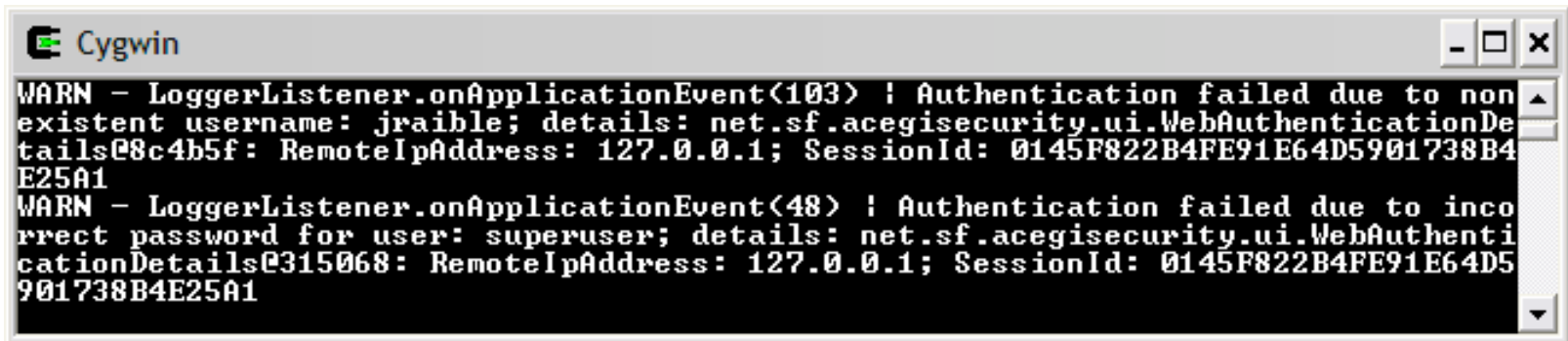
```
"SELECT username,password,enabled FROM users WHERE username = ?";  
"SELECT username,authority FROM authorities WHERE username = ?";
```

Cool Features

- Event Listeners
- SecurityContextAwareRequestFilter
- Secure Methods by Role
- Remember Me
- SSL Switching

Other Features

- **Anonymous Filter:** Creates Authentication object with anonymous user information
- **Access Control Lists (ACLs):** Control permissions per object
- **AfterMethodInvocation Interceptor:** Removes objects from collections when user can't read them



```
Cygwin
WARN - LoggerListener.onApplicationEvent(103) ! Authentication failed due to non
existent username: jraible; details: net.sf.acegisecurity.ui.WebAuthenticationDe
tails@8c4b5f: RemoteIpAddress: 127.0.0.1; SessionId: 0145F822B4FE91E64D5901738B4
E25A1
WARN - LoggerListener.onApplicationEvent(48) ! Authentication failed due to inco
rrect password for user: superuser; details: net.sf.acegisecurity.ui.WebAuthenti
cationDetails@315068: RemoteIpAddress: 127.0.0.1; SessionId: 0145F822B4FE91E64D5
901738B4E25A1
```

J2EE vs. Acegi Security

Security Framework	Pros	Cons
J2EE Security	<p>It is easy to set up from an application perspective.</p> <p>User Realm configuration is in the hands of the deployer.</p> <p>Because it's a standard, many sources of documentation are available.</p>	<p>It can be difficult to port from one application server to the other.</p> <p>Even though the application-developer configuration is standardized, the realm configuration for servers is not.</p> <p>Service layer methods can only be secured if using EJBs.</p>

J2EE vs. Acegi Security


Security Framework	Pros	Cons
Acegi Security	<p>Security configuration is completely self-contained in the application – you don't have to worry about application server portability.</p> <p>It solves many of the shortcomings of J2EE security and allows all the same things, with the option to customize.</p> <p>It supports single sign-on with CAS.</p> <p>It's evolving and improving very rapidly.</p> <p>It allows you to secure methods of any Spring-managed bean and filtering objects based on their ACLs.</p>	<p>It requires a lot of XML to configure.</p> <p>The learning curve can be a little steep and seem overwhelming at first.</p> <p>Realm information is packaged with the application, making it tough for a deployer to change.</p>

Apache Roller

- What is Apache Roller?
- Installing Roller
- Roller Architecture
 - Blog Customization
 - Server Customization
- Other Features: Clients and Planet

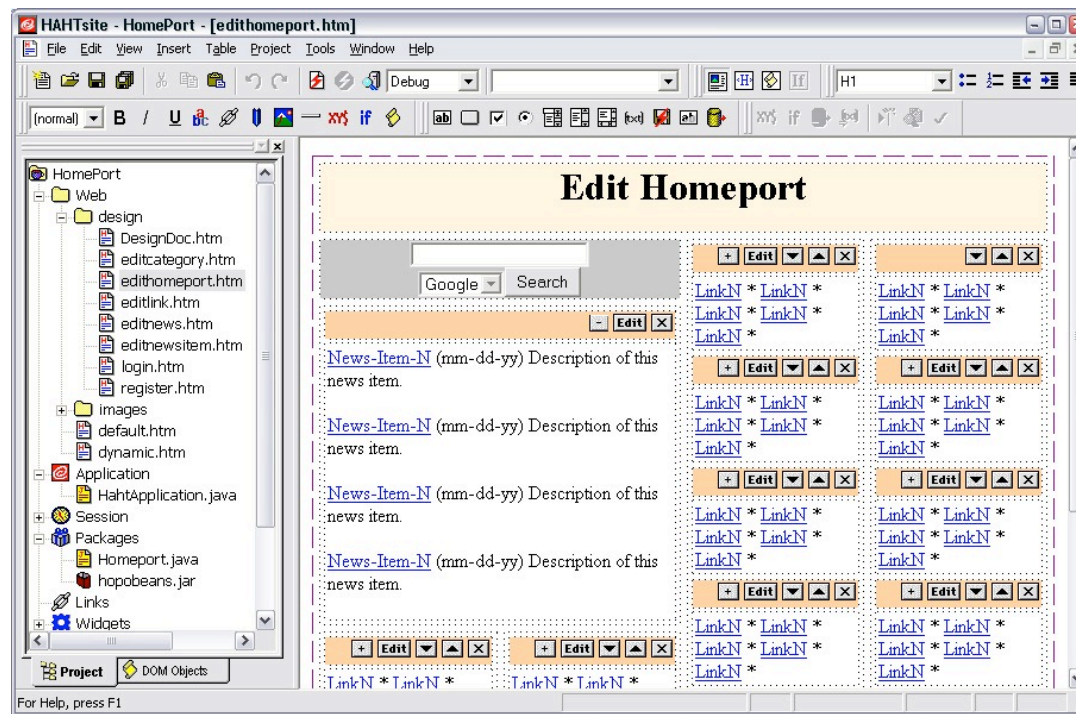


What is Apache Roller?

- Apache Roller is a full-featured, multi-user and group-blog server suitable for blog sites large and small
- Cool Features:
 - Multi-user and Group blogging
 - Comment moderation and spam prevention
 - Complete control over UI with templates
 - Built-in Search
 - RSS 2.0 and Atom 1.0 Support 

History

- Started by Dave Johnson in 2000 as “Homeport”



<http://rollerweblogger.org/roller/date/20021231>

History of Roller

- In 2002, Dave ditched EJBs and HAHTsite IDE for open source tools (Ant, Castor, Struts, and Velocity)
- April 5, 2002: Roller 0.9.0 Released
- April 17, 2002: O'Reilly Article "[Building an Open Source J2EE Weblogger](#)" Published
- July 31 - August 7, 2002: The world starts blogging with Roller

<http://rollerweblogger.org/roller/date/20021231>

Roller since 2002

- Roller now powers jroller.com, blogs.sun.com, IBM [developerWorks blogs](#) and many others
- Dave hired by Sun to work on Roller full-time in September 2004
- Roller began incubation at Apache in June 2005
- April 23, 2007: Graduated and released 3.1

But what *is* Roller?

- Roller is a **blogging** engine
- **Blogs** make web publishing easy
 - Everyone can do it
 - No need for IT or Webmasters
 - Tools are in the users hands
- **Feeds** make reading blogs easy
 - Feeds are XML-based: RSS or Atom
 - You *subscribe* to a feed in a **Feed Reader**
 - **Feed Readers** are like inboxes for the web

Posting a Weblog Entry

Home: Edit Entry

logged in as **rd** - editing weblog **rd**

[Home](#) | [Main Menu](#) | [Logout](#)

Edit Entry

Create & Edit | Preferences

[New Entry](#) | [Entries](#) | [Comments](#) | [Categories](#) | [Bookmarks](#) | [File Uploads](#) | [Referrers](#)

Editing weblog entry in weblog **rd**

Title


Status **Published** (Last updated 5/8/07 6:25 PM)

Permalink http://raibledesigns.com/rd/entry/what_a_trip_amsterdam_was


Category

Tags

Content




Last week's trip to Europe for ApacheCon EU was nothing short of spectacular. Amsterdam was an incredible city that amazed me with its awesome biking system (and usage!), incredible atmosphere and a nice sense of relaxation. I think the picture below sums up our trip nicely. The weather couldn't have been better - sunny and warm with a cool breeze.



Path:

Done


Comments

 Comments [3]



















Pending Entries

None

Recent Drafts

 WebFlow Navigation Manager ...

Recent Entries

-  Webinar on Wednesday: Introduction ...
-  Summer Gigs
-  The good ol' Job Hunt ...
-  Bus Project Update
-  JAR Hell with XFire 1.2.6 ...
-  Why hasn't JBoss "bought&..."
-  Canoo WebTest vs. Selenium ...
-  Live Coding for 4 Days Straight ...
-  The Security Annotation Framework ...
-  A couple of good blog posts ...
-  AppFuse 2.0 M5 Released - now with ...
-  Proof that Abble is growing up fast...
-  Thanks Erik!
-  A Story about My Mom
-  Off to Florida
-  What a Trip - Amsterdam was a blast...
-  ApacheCon EU: Comparing Java Web Fr...
-  Java Web Framework Tools: How many ...

Viewing a Weblog Entry



Reading a Weblog Entry

NetNewsWire (17 unread)

Refresh All Mark All As Read Next Unread Subscribe Unsubscribe Sites Drawer Post to Weblog Search All

(New items) (17)


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- Mailing Lists
- Open Source
- The Web
- Java
- Ruby
- News
- AppFuse
- Fisheye
- Humor
- Jobs
- Interesting

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• Having fun in Amsterdam	02 May 2007
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• Chelan Cider to be carried by Hale's Ales	23 Apr 2007

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Spotlight

Why choose Roller?

- Proven, full-featured blogging solution for big sites
 - Used by Sun, IBM, Yale University, Covalent and ESRI
- Open Source and Apache Licensed
- Active and growing community at Apache
- Standard Java Web Application Architecture

Why choose Roller?

- It works great if you know what you're doing
- Nice looking example sites:
 - <http://blogs.sun.com/greimer>
 - <http://blogs.sun.com/jonathan>
 - <http://blogs.usd.edu/jrbethke>
 - <http://rollerweblogger.org/roller>
 - <http://raibledesigns.com>
 - <http://ryandelaplante.com>
- **Awesome** themes at <http://rollerthemes.com>!

Installing Roller

- Download Roller 3.1 from <http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/ROLLER/Roller+Downloads>
- Download Hibernate and other JARs from <https://roller.dev.java.net/servlets/ProjectDocumentList?folderID=6962>
- Copy JARs from java.net download into **apache-roller-3.1/webapp/roller/WEB-INF/lib**

Installing Roller: Java &

- Download and Install Java 5 from:
 - <http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads>
- Download and install MySQL 5 from:
 - <http://dev.mysql.com/downloads>
- Create database with files in **WEB-INF/dbscripts**:

```
mysqladmin -u root -p create roller  
cd webapp/roller/WEB-INF/dbscripts/mysql  
mysql -u root -p roller < createdb.sql
```

NOTE: Use */WEB-INF/classes/dbscripts* in Roller 4.0.

Installing Roller: Tomcat

- Download and install Tomcat 6 from:
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/download-60.cgi>
- Copy **apache-roller-3.1/webapp/roller** to **\$CATALINA_HOME/webapps/ROOT**
- Copy activation.jar, mail.jar and mysql-connector-java-5.0.3-bin.jar to \$CATALINA_HOME/lib (common/lib for Tomcat 5.x)

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Installing Roller: Tomcat

- Create ROOT/META-INF/context.xml with the following contents:

```
<Context path="" reloadable="false" antiJARLocking="true"
    antiResourceLocking="false" allowLinking="true">
```

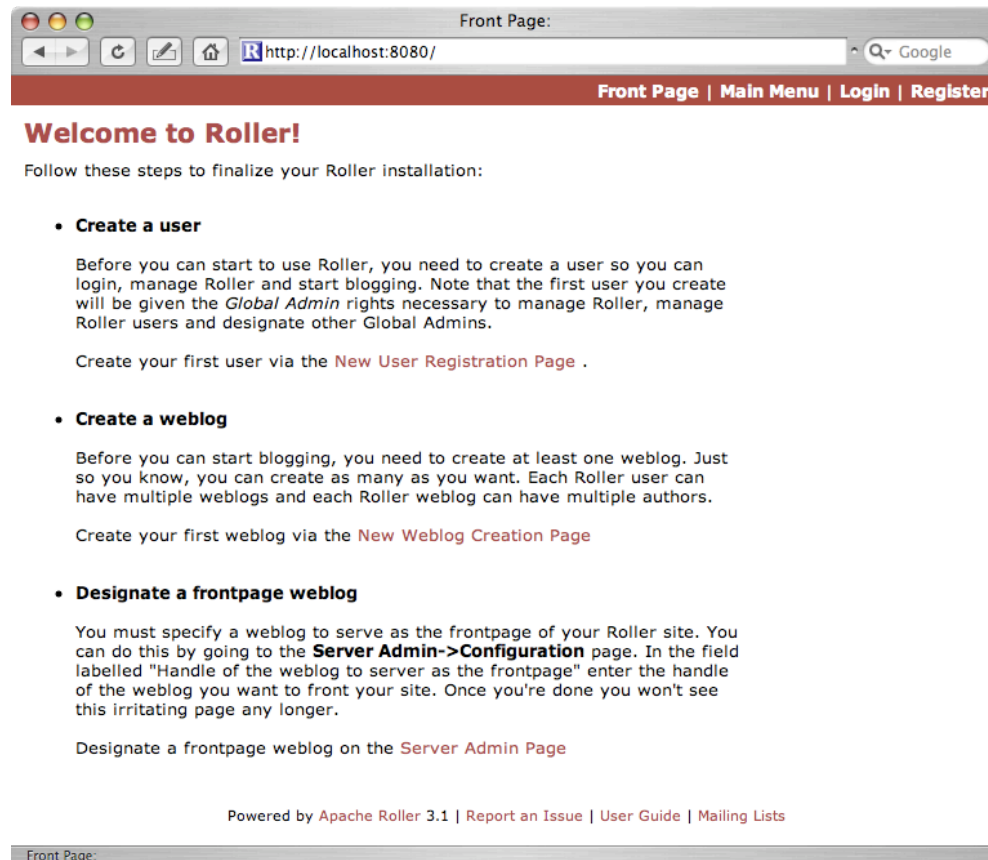
```
    <Resource name="jdbc/rollerdb" auth="Container"
        type="javax.sql.DataSource"
        maxActive="20" maxIdle="10" maxWait="100"
        driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver"
        username="root" password=""
        url="jdbc:mysql://localhost/roller"/>
```

```
    <Resource name="mail/Session" auth="Container"
        type="javax.mail.Session"
        mail.smtp.host="localhost" />
```

```
</Context>
```


Roller Install: Startup

Start Tomcat and create your weblog at <http://localhost:8080>



Create a User

Front Page: New User Registration

Front Page | Main Menu | Login | Register

New User Registration

Use this form to register a new Roller user, please create only one user account per person.

Full Name	<input type="text" value="Matt Raible"/>	Your full name (with no HTML).
Username	<input type="text" value="mraible"/>	A short one word username for your user account. Please limit it to simple ASCII alphanumeric characters (a-z, A-Z and 0-9) and do not use HTML.
Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>	Your password.
Password (Confirm)	<input type="password" value="....."/>	Confirm your password.
Email	<input type="text" value="matt@raibledesigns.com"/>	Please enter valid email address, the site administrator may disable your account if he/she cannot reach you via email.
Locale	<input type="text" value="English (United States)"/>	Your preferred locale.
Timezone	<input type="text" value="MDT - America/Denver"/>	Your preferred timezone.

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Front Page: New User Registration

Create a Weblog


Front Page: Create Weblog

logged in as mraible Front Page | Main Menu | Logout

Create Weblog

Use this form to create a new weblog for you or for you and a group of your friends.

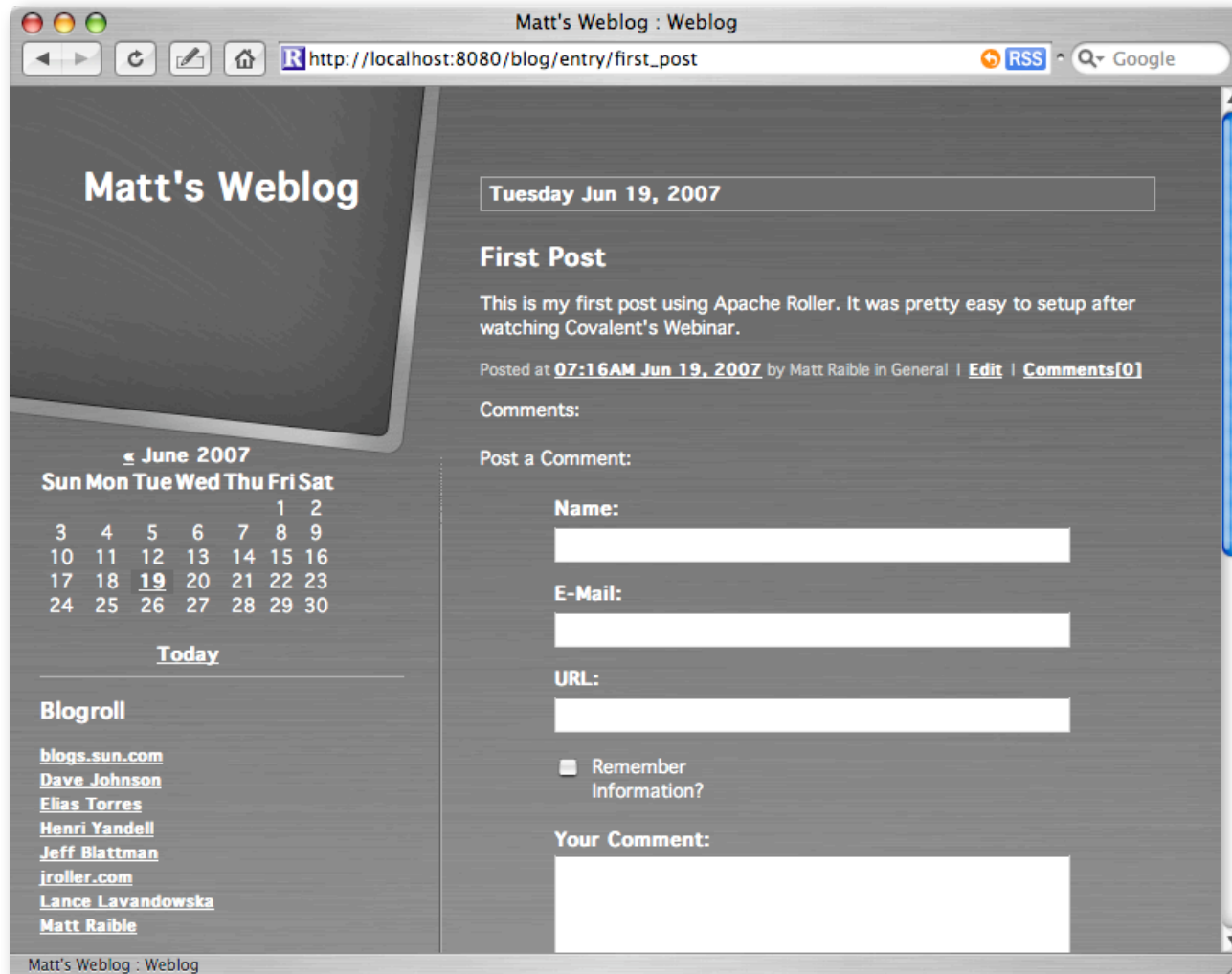
Name	<input type="text" value="Matt's Weblog"/>	The name is the title of your weblog, it will be displayed at the top of your weblog page, and in the title field of your weblog's newsfeed. This field should not include HTML.
Description	<input type="text"/>	The description of your weblog may be displayed at the top of your weblog (depending on the theme you choose) and it will be used in description or subtitle field of your newsfeed. This field should not include HTML.
Handle	<input type="text" value="blog"/> URL: http://localhost:8080/blog	The handle is a short one word name for your weblog. It will be used in your URL, so please limit it to simple ASCII alphanumeric characters (a-z, A-Z and 0-9) and do not use HTML.
Email Address	<input type="text" value="matt@raibledesigns.com"/>	Your email address or the email address of the person responsible for the weblog that you are creating.
Locale	<input type="text" value="English (United States)"/>	The default locale to be used for the display of this weblog when the browser does not specify a locale.
Timezone	<input type="text" value="MDT - America/Denver"/>	The timezone to be used for entry and display of this weblog.
Theme	<input type="text" value="brushedmetal"/>	The theme to be used to display this weblog. Later, you can easily switch to another theme or edit the themes templates to customize it to your liking.



The preview shows a weblog titled "brushedmetal's Weblog" with a date of "October 23, 2004". It features a calendar for October 2004, a list of links (Home, News, Newsfeeds), and a list of recent entries. The first entry is titled "test" and contains a large block of placeholder text. The second entry is titled "Rabbit eats time dinner" and also contains placeholder text. The third entry is titled "A-10 Warthog rules the sky" and contains a short paragraph of placeholder text.

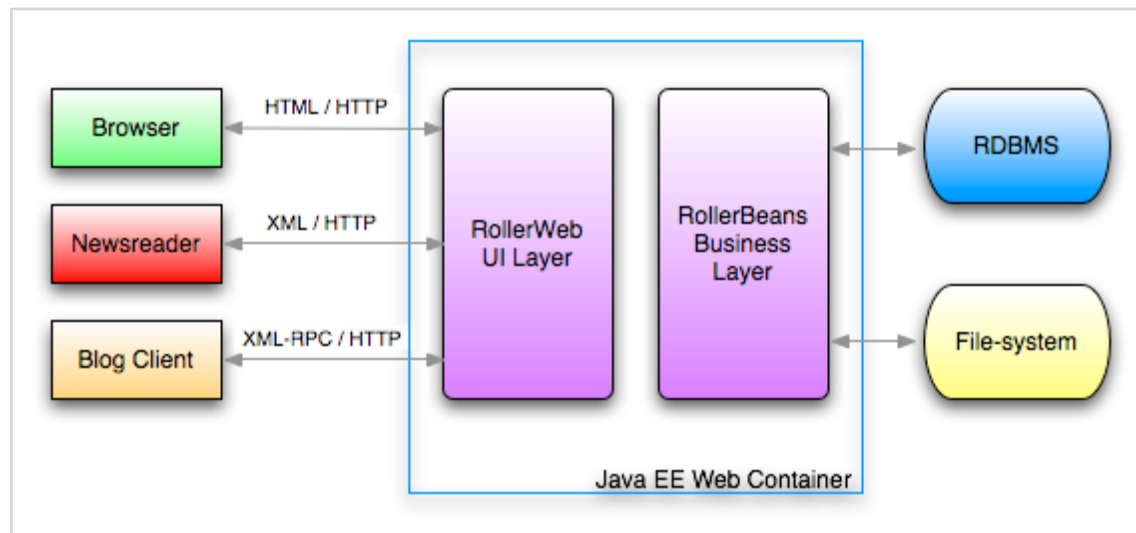
Front Page: Create Weblog

The obligatory first post



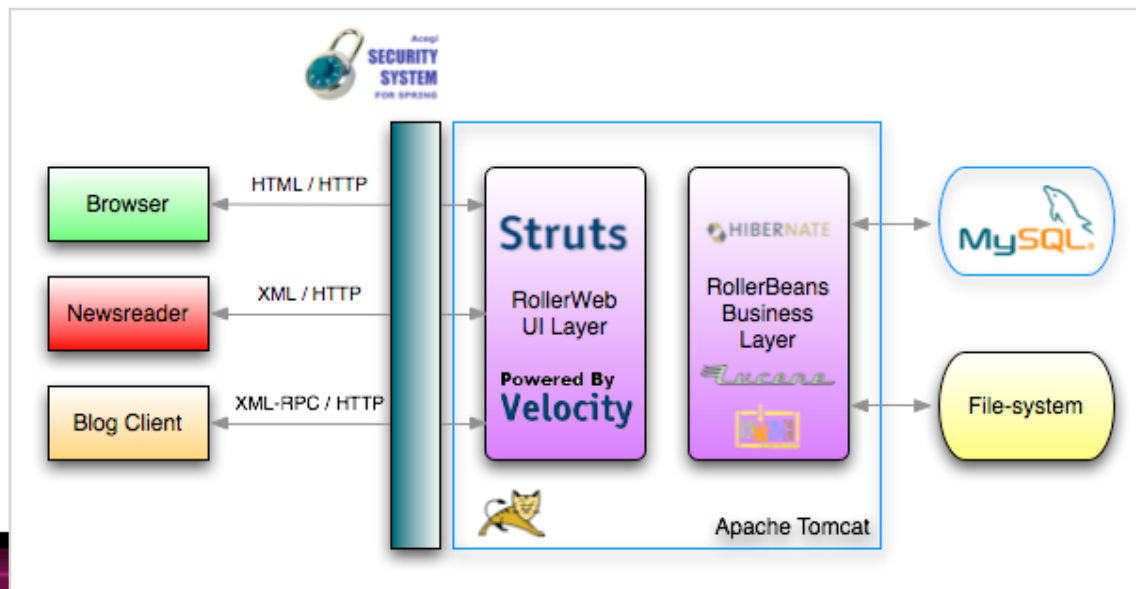
Roller Architecture:

- Web UI via Java Servlets and JSP
 - Front controller, Web MVC and Open Session In View patterns
- Persistence via JDBC
 - Factory, Façade and Data Mapper patterns



Roller Architecture: Geek

- Roller Web: Web and UI Layer
 - Editor UI via **Struts** and **JSP**, blog and feed rendering via **Velocity**
 - Feed parsing via **ROME**, Blogger API via **Apache XML-RPC**
- Roller Beans: Business and Persistence Layer
 - **Hibernate/JPA** for DBMS, **Lucene** for search



What's New in Roller 4.0

- Easier Theme Customization
- Easy Installation
- Java 5, Open JPA and Struts 2
- <http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/ROLLER/What%27s+New+in+Roller+4.0>



Conclusion

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- Installing Roller is Easy
- Integrating with SSO is Painless
- Blogging is fun - and great for your career!

Additional Resources

- Acegi Security Forums:
 - <http://forum.springframework.org/forumdisplay.php?f=33>
- Yale's CAS:
 - <http://ja-sig.org/products/cas/community/lists/index.html>
- Roller User Mailing List:
 - user@roller.apache.org



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