CWS4DB: A Customizable Web Service for Efficient Access to Distributed Nuclear Physics Relational Databases

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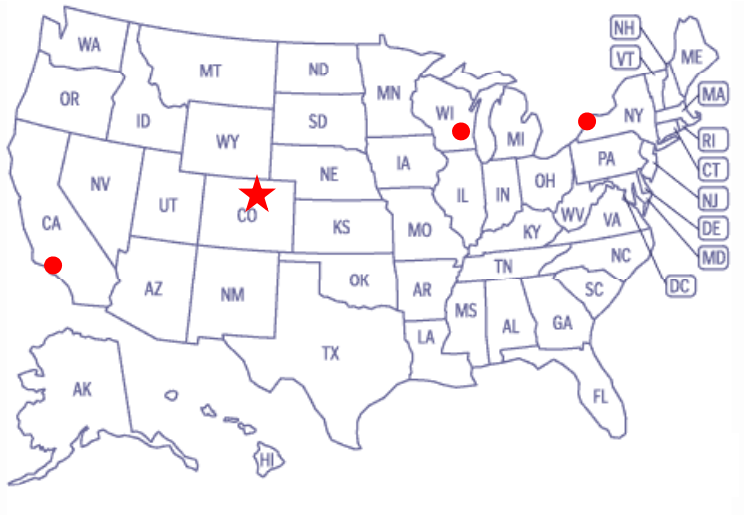

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Tech-X Orbiter Project

- **Orbiter is an end-to-end framework** delivering fast and secure solutions through both thin-client web access and thick-client desktop application suites and modules. These applications leverage the information-sharing capabilities of Orbiter in providing powerful and personalized web-accessible components.
- **Service Oriented Architectures (SOAs)** have been proven to be a popular design for building reliable and scalable large-scale software systems, borrowing from earlier Object Oriented Programming (OOP) techniques of encapsulation, cohesion, and the use of abstraction layers behind well-defined public APIs. Orbiter Federation services, built upon industry standards, offer fast and secure access to a wide range of capabilities.

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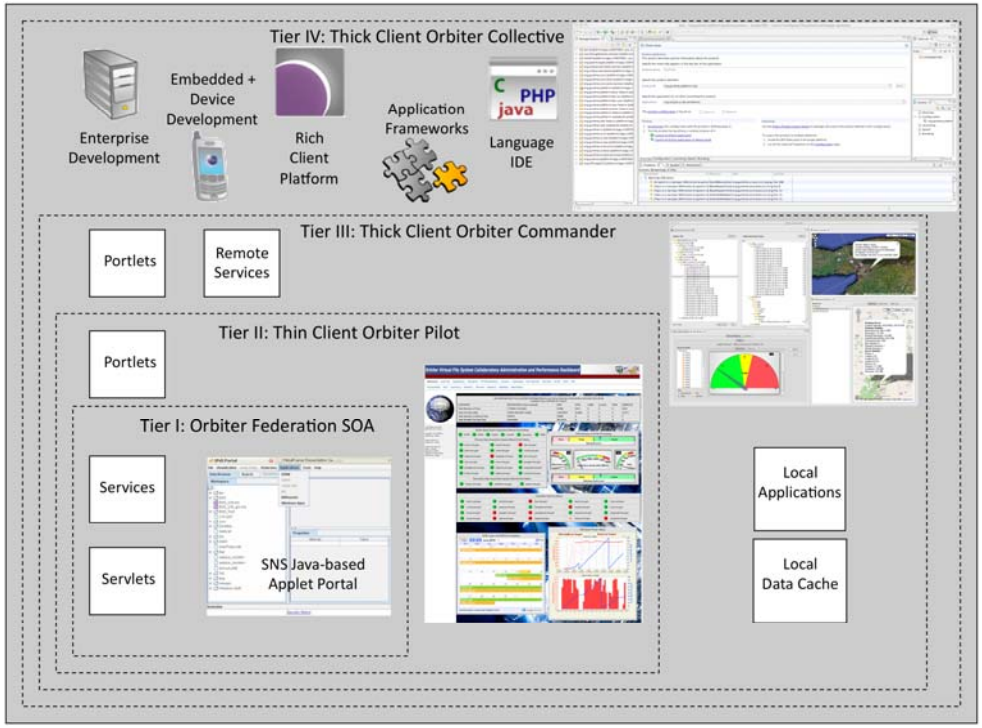
Orbiter Multitier Portal Architecture (MPA)

- Through the Multitier Portal Architecture (MPA) Orbiter Federation services are delivered directly to end-users via a variety of rich interactive interfaces. The MPA allows increasingly sophisticated capabilities to be rapidly developed to suit a wide range of user requirements, and the foundation provided by Orbiter Federation enables these capabilities to be delivered swiftly and securely to end-users.
- Framework for delivering capabilities to thin- and thick-clients using the Orbiter RESTful SOA
- Flexible and re-usable architecture for developing capabilities for thin web clients and thick local clients
- Comprised of four tiers:
  - Tier I: Orbiter Federation SOA
    - Low-level RESTful services
  - Tier II: Thin-Client Orbiter Pilot
    - Light weight client access
  - Tier III: Thick-Client Orbiter Commander
    - Fully capable installed application
  - Tier IV: Thick-Client Orbiter Collective
    - IDE for Orbiter development



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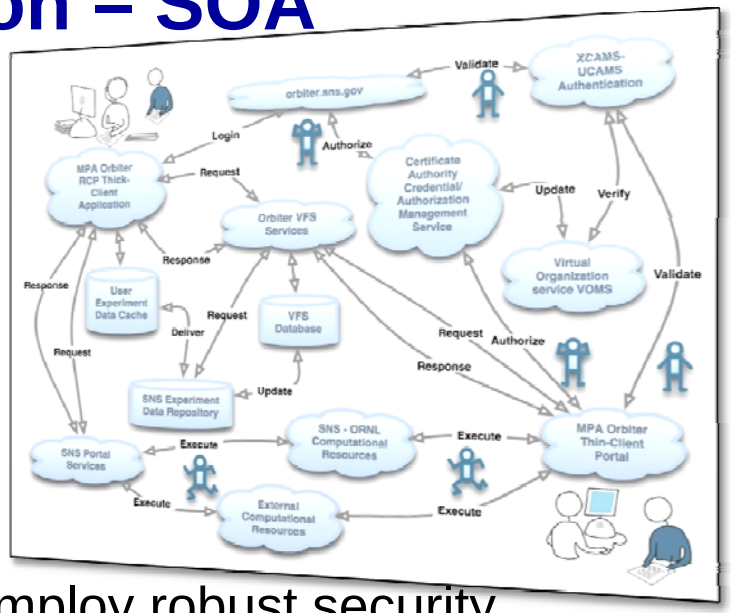
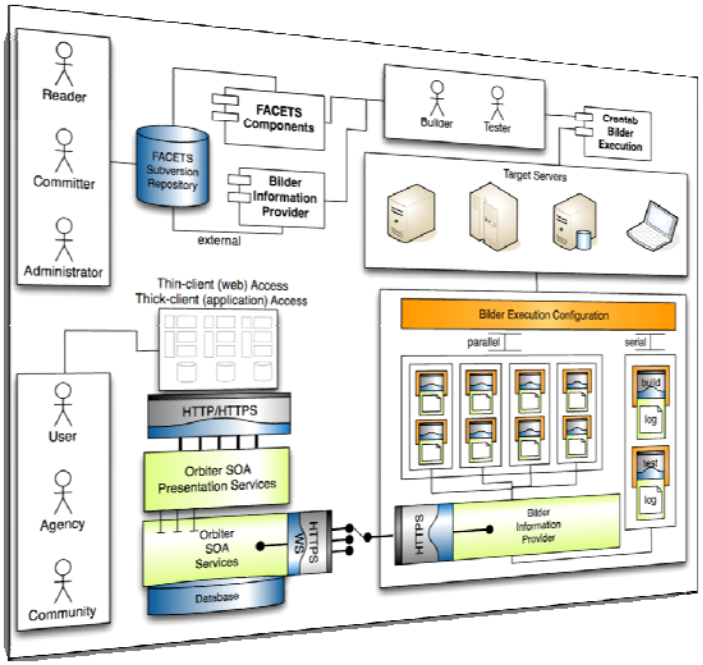
- **Federation** provides a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) of web services, delivering powerful, lightweight, secure, and scalable capabilities.
- **Pilot** delivers Federation web services through web-accessible thin-clients. These gateway and portal clients deliver Orbiter capabilities through easy-to-use web interfaces.
- **Commander** is a rich cross-platform desktop application that provides access to Federation services while allowing Orbiter systems to interact directly with local compute resources.
- **Collective** opens the door to advanced collaboration across a wide range of associations, facilities, and institutions. Orbiter meets the needs of these organizations through the development of integrated cross-platform applications that enable the full value of third party products and services.

Orbiter Federation – SOA

- Tier I of the Orbiter Multitier Portal Architecture
- Orbiter services are implemented as Representational State Transfer (RESTful) web services that deliver functionality through a well-defined API.





- These services employ robust security standards including SSL and signed requests that ensure client identities, the integrity of their RESTful service calls, and the privacy of their transmissions.
- Orbiter Web Services use SSL encryption, access key identifiers, timestamps, and private key signatures, ensuring the privacy, authorization, and request integrity of all interactions.

Tech-X Orbiter Project

- Orbiter Pilot, Orbiter Commander, and the Orbiter Collective demonstrate how access to Orbiter Federation resources and services can be provided through **reliable, scalable, and interactive scientific gateways**.
- Its **flexible cross-platform desktop solutions** present the user with a rich and customizable interface to data, information, computational resources, and enterprise application bases.
- Orbiter **solutions are inherently scalable**, where Federation, Pilot, Commander, and Collective each build modular capabilities that are focused on particular needs.
- Orbiter solutions have been routinely used for the **management and retrieval of large amounts of data** and information.

CWS4DB Project

A customizable Web Service for Efficient Access to Distributed Nuclear Physics Relational Databases

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Tech-X: Mark L. Green (PI), Catherine L. Ruby, Sean Burley, Krishna Kantam, Srilakshmi Ramireddy

Need: As the size of NP data grows and the collaborative nature of HENP experiments increases, the ability to access differently organized relational databases remotely, efficiently, and yet in a user-friendly and interoperable manner is becoming very important.

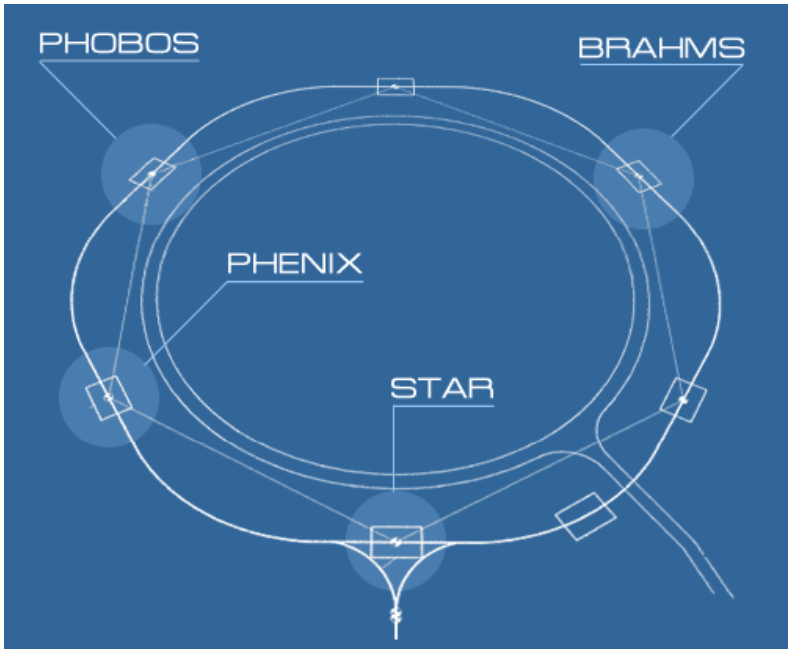
Partners: Jerome Lauret, Dmitry Arkhipkin (STAR project at BNL), Kate Keahey (Nimbus project at ANL), Doug Olson (Open Science Grid), Alexandre Vaniachine (ATLAS project ANL/CERN)

DOE Beneficiaries: Nuclear and high energy physics communities, national laboratories, and collaborative projects

Commercial Beneficiaries: Companies requiring efficient web service access to distributed relational databases with high-level database and user APIs

Problem Identification

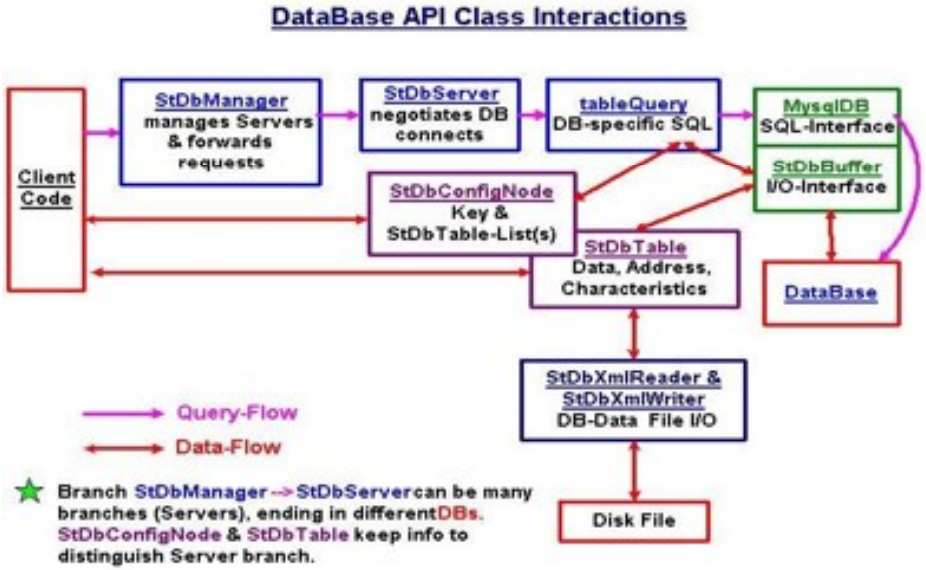
- The importance of this project comes from the fact that a large fraction of the ever-growing data generated by Nuclear Physics (NP) experiments is stored in relational databases. For example:
  - The BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) supports STAR (Solenoidal Tracker at the at the RHIC) which composed of 52 institutions from 12 countries, with a total of 529 collaborators;
  - relational databases (such as Condition databases, Calibration databases, and Geometry databases) are heavily used in the STAR experiment;
  - while accessing data in such databases is convenient and available for local users who are familiar with a particular database, the situation becomes more complicated when the databases are distributed and heterogeneous.



- Tech-X therefore proposed a system to overcome the outlined challenges by bridging relational databases with high-level APIs through Web services.
  - In particular, the distributed and heterogeneous nature of the databases will be addressed by creating Web services in the Orbiter Federation Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), which provides mechanisms coordinating access to diversified data resources through REST (Representational State Transfer) services, caching, authentication, and authorization.

CWS4DB Technical Objectives

- Tech-X proposes to develop a customizable Web service for efficient access to distributed NP databases. The proposed system will consist of:
  - a generic Web service for accessing arbitrary distributed relational databases,
  - a reference client implemented at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), for the Solenoidal Tracker at the at the RHIC (STAR) experiment, and
  - a tool for creation of the high-level and domain-specific clients required by particular applications.
- The Phase II objectives include:
  - Take into account what was learned from the research in Phase I and extend the CWS4DB prototype into a production-quality, load-balanced, auto-caching, grid-enabled, fault-tolerant, and on-demand system.
  - Use a flexible work plan involving a separate piece of technical functionality that can be implemented in a way that can be exercised in the STAR computing environment, yet developed in a general way for application's from other NP projects.
  - ***The ultimate goal is to produce a set of software tools and services that can be easily adapted by the NP application developer.***



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  - Extend the Phase I developed requirements and properties and continue prototype work with our partners.
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  - Develop a tiered deployment based protocol for the CWS4DB system.
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  - Provide a sophisticated auto-caching mechanism in order to increase the effective system performance based on work with our partners.
- Task 4: Enable Multi-Virtual Organization Role-Based Capabilities (Tech-X)
  - Develop the CWS4DB infrastructure required for user-friendly management and caching capabilities.
- Task 5: Develop Dynamic On-Demand Data Resource Access (Tech-X)
  - This on-demand service provides a STAR MySQL database instance using the Amazon EC2 deployments.

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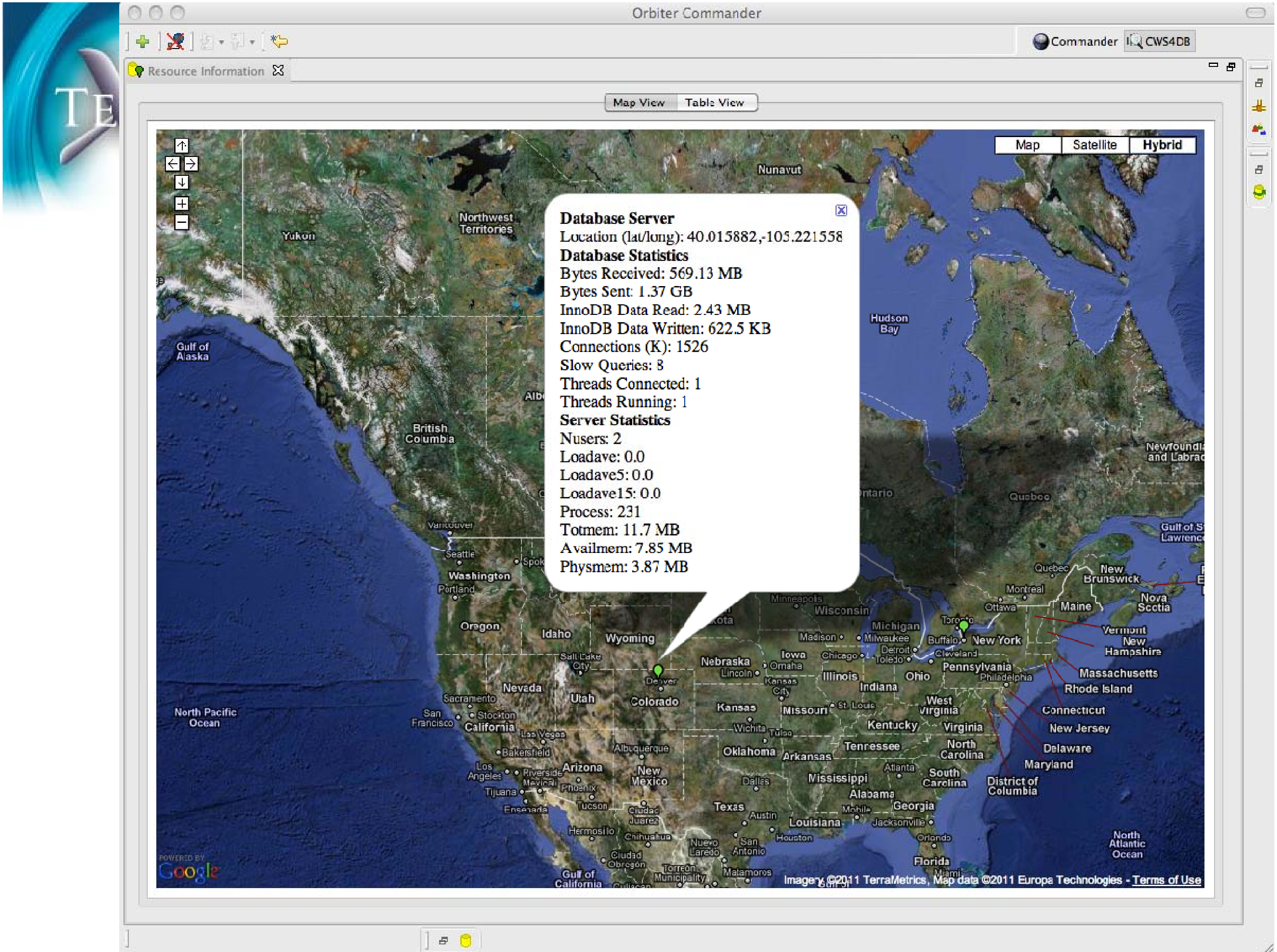
Orbiter Federation – SOA

https://{ServiceProvider}/{ResourceAddress}/{Attributes}
/{ID}/{ExpirationTime}/{Signature}

- Orbiter Access Key *{ID}* declares user identity
- *{Expiration Time}* ensures request lifetime/validity
- RSA Private Key *{Signature}* ensures data integrity

Similar to the Amazon AWS Security Model


Orbiter Commander
Commander
CWS4DB
Resource Information
Map View
Table View
Map
Satellite
Hybrid
Database Server
Location (lat/long): 40.015882,-105.221558
Database Statistics
Bytes Received: 569.13 MB
Bytes Sent: 1.37 GB
InnoDB Data Read: 2.43 MB
InnoDB Data Written: 622.5 KB
Connections (K): 1526
Slow Queries: 8
Threads Connected: 1
Threads Running: 1
Server Statistics
Nusers: 2
Loadave: 0.0
Loadave5: 0.0
Loadave15: 0.0
Process: 231
Totmem: 11.7 MB
Availmem: 7.85 MB
Physmem: 3.87 MB
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File Name : txc02.ccr.buffalo.edu.config.inc.php

```
// ********************************* STAR specific config ************************************
/**
 * @var STRING ORBITERCACHEFILELOCATION Cache file location.
 */
define('ORBITERCACHEFILELOCATION', '/tmp/cache');
/**
 * @var STRING ORBITERHASHTYPE Orbiter Hash type
 */
define('ORBITERHASHTYPE', 'sha1');
/**
 * @var integer ORBITERQUERYCONNECTIONSTRINGS Number of Orbiter Query Connection strings.
 */
define('ORBITERQUERYCONNECTIONSTRINGS', 2);
/**
 * @var boolean ORBITERUSEQUERYDB Defines whether to use Orbiter Query DB.
 */
define('ORBITERUSEQUERYDB', true);
/**
 * @var integer ORBITERQUERYDBSERVICEADDRESS Orbiter Query DB Load balancer service address.
 */
define('ORBITERQUERYDBSERVICEADDRESS', 'http://txc02.ccr.buffalo.edu/orbiter/'.ORBITERVERSION.'/service/webservice');
/**
 * @var string ORBITERSQLFILELOCATION Orbiter Sql file location to run the pre-cache for new resource.
 */
define('ORBITERSQLFILELOCATION', '/tmp/sqlfiles/auau200_log.txt');
```

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Task: DB Timings (DONE)

Using sequences of SQL operations that are recorded from actual STAR DB usage, we evaluated database performance under load by timing numerous repetitions of these operations against local and remote databases. The sample SQL sequences are:

Name	# Operations
db-perf-test.txt	6,667
offline.auau200.full.sql	8,911
offline.dau200.full.sql	8,784
offline.pp500.full.sql	6,667

CWS4DB Database Query Caching and Optimization

- Network bandwidth is important and depends on the last mile normally
- Database server load is minimal
- Investigate the database service payload size
- Wrote a custom ReSTful PHP database service with a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) payload to compare with the XML payload

Timing results for *db-perf-test.txt*:

DB Host	# Repetitions	Avg Time (sec)
dbx.star.bnl.gov	10	921.66
orbiter.txcorp.com	10	3.42
cyber.txcorp.com	10	11.63
dbx.star.bnl.gov	20	922.02
orbiter.txcorp.com	20	3.49
cyber.txcorp.com	20	11.7
dbx.star.bnl.gov	30	898.57
orbiter.txcorp.com	30	3.61
cyber.txcorp.com	30	11.88

Timing results for *offline.auau200.full.sql*:

DB Host	# Repetitions	Avg Time (sec)
orbiter.txcorp.com	5	4.16
dbx.star.bnl.gov	5	1134.09
orbiter.txcorp.com	10	4.14
dbx.star.bnl.gov	10	1090.29
orbiter.txcorp.com	15	4.1
dbx.star.bnl.gov	15	1616.98

Timing results for *offline.dau200.full.sql*:

DB Host	# Repetitions	Avg Time (sec)
orbiter.txcorp.com	5	2.56
dbx.star.bnl.gov	5	993.93
orbiter.txcorp.com	10	2.66
dbx.star.bnl.gov	10	1256.02
orbiter.txcorp.com	15	2.66
dbx.star.bnl.gov	15	999.29

Timing results for *offline.pp500.full.sql*:

DB Host	# Repetitions	Avg Time (sec)
orbiter.txcorp.com	5	4.2
dbx.star.bnl.gov	5	921.82
orbiter.txcorp.com	10	3.52
dbx.star.bnl.gov	10	921.82
orbiter.txcorp.com	15	3.39
dbx.star.bnl.gov	15	907.23

CWS4DB Database Query Caching and Optimization

- Log performance data for each SQL operation
- Calculate and log JSON and XML payload size

- On average over a dataset the equivalent JSON payload is 8.8 – 10.1 times smaller
- In general an order of magnitude lower bandwidth loading is required with the JSON PHP service

←T→	entry_id	query_id	json_size	xml_size	duration	timestamp
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CWS4DB Summary

File Name : star.pp500.full.sql

https://cyber.txcorp.com/orbiter/service/star/OrbiterStarSimulatorService.php
/cache/off/
/format/XML/
/host/local/
/file//tmp/testfiles/star.pp500.full.sql/
/address/http://64.240.154.24/orbiter/service/star/

Result:

Number of trials averaged: 1
Total number of queries: 6549
Total size of queries: 38,926,201 bytes
Total query time: 76.9 seconds
Total query rate: 85.1 query/second.

CWS4DB Summary

mlgreen@txc01:/tmp/cache/cache/320d4ba27a423be50a0c5b4c0cc7ce8f4cc7e034/star/admin — ssh — 139×30

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[mlgreen@txc01 tmp]$ cd cache/
[mlgreen@txc01 cache]$ ls
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star
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[mlgreen@txc01 admin]$ more 87bf0e8d5c399c607ca644580b1b07d3abccb45a
a:1:{i:0;a:1:{s:12:"file_type_id";s:1:"1";}}
[mlgreen@txc01 admin]$
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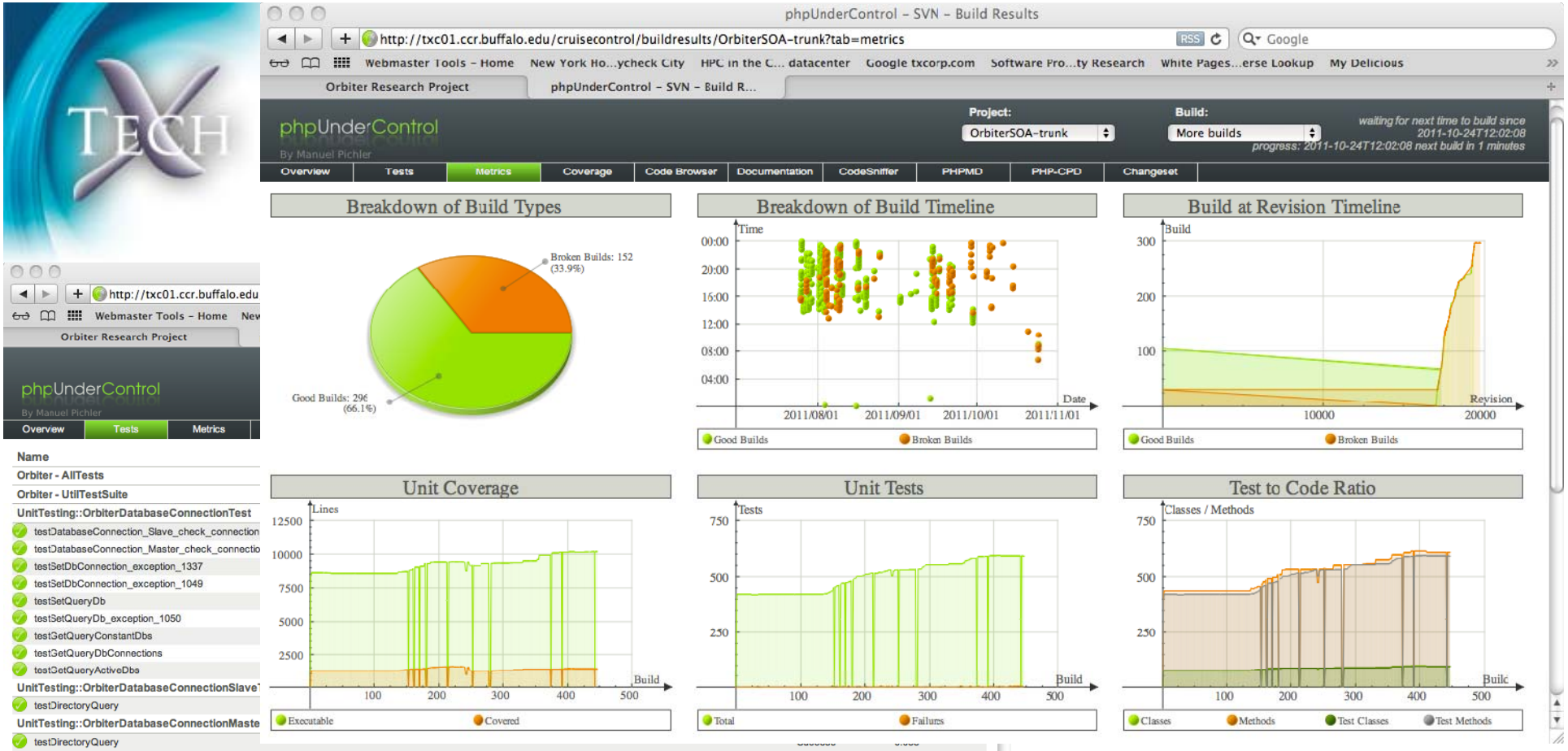

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testDatabaseConnection_Master_check_connectio		
testSetDbConnection_exception_1337		
testSetDbConnection_exception_1049		
testSetQueryDb		
testSetQueryDb_exception_1050		
testGetQueryConstantDbs		
testGetQueryDbConnections		
testGetQueryActiveDbs		
UnitTesting::OrbiterDatabaseConnectionSlave		
testDirectoryQuery		
UnitTesting::OrbiterDatabaseConnectionMaste		
testDirectoryQuery		
UnitTesting::Services_JSONTest		**0.048**
testFilterWrite	Success	0.036
testNonFilterWrite	Success	0.012
UnitTesting::OrbiterAutoLoaderTest		**0.025**
testORBITERHOSTNAME	Success	0.007
testORBITERCONFIGURATIONFILE	Success	0.006
testSMTPMODE	Success	0.006
testCONSTANTS	Success	0.007
UnitTesting::OrbiterCacheTest		**0.066**
testGetConString_exception	Success	0.019
testSetConString	Success	0.010
testSetFileLocation	Success	0.007
testSetFilePath	Success	0.007
testCheckFileExist	Success	0.008
testCheckFileWritable	Success	0.008
testGetFilePath	Success	0.007
UnitTesting::OrbiterFileTypeHandlerTest		**0.078**
testGetFileTypeId	Success	0.040
testConstruct	Success	0.038

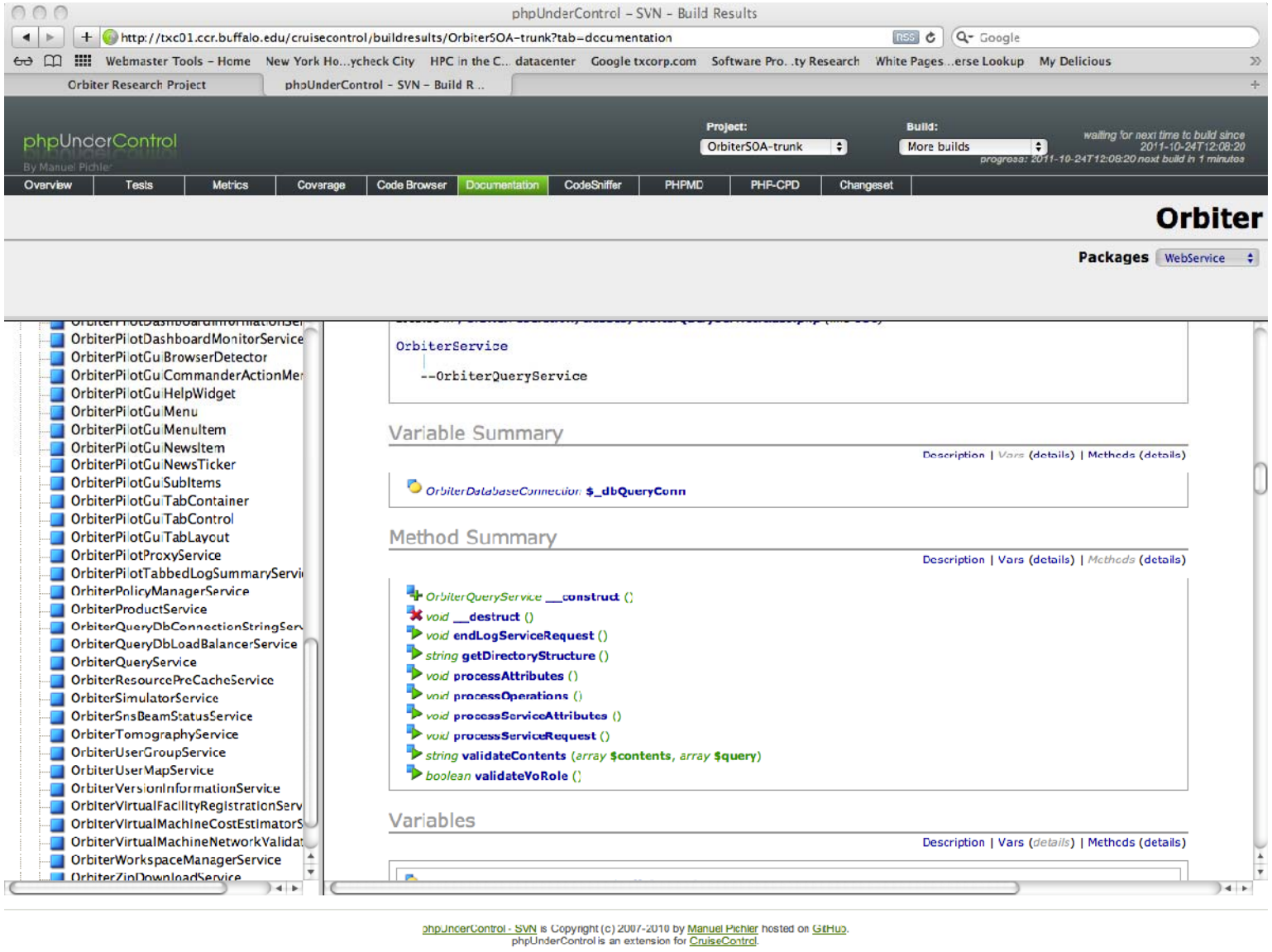
Project Summary

PHP Code:

- 92 classes
- 642 functions/methods
- 10200 lines

API:

- Includes source code links
- Usage
- Dynamically updated



Orbiter Federation SOA: Python Client Service Access Example

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import os, sys, base64, hmac, commands, time
from hashlib import sha1 as sha
from urllib import urlencode
from urllib import urlopen
from urllib import quote_plus

myhome = os.environ.get('HOME')
os.environ['TZ']='GMT'
time.tzset()

idfile = open(myhome + "/.orbiter/my.id")
ACCESS_KEY = idfile.read().strip()
idfile.close()
keyfile = open(myhome + "/.orbiter/user.key")
PRIVATE_KEY = keyfile.read()
keyfile.close()

URI = sys.argv[1]
EXPIRES = str(int(time.mktime(time.localtime(time.time()+60))))
str = URI + '/OrbiterAccessKeyId/' + ACCESS_KEY + '/Expires/' + EXPIRES
SIGNATURE = base64.b64encode(hmac.new(PRIVATE_KEY, str, sha).digest()).strip()
print urlopen(str + '/Signature/' + SIGNATURE, params).read()
```

Scripts and libraries are also available for: C/C++, CURL, Java, Python, PHP that can access the Orbiter Federation.

Orbiter Federation – SOA

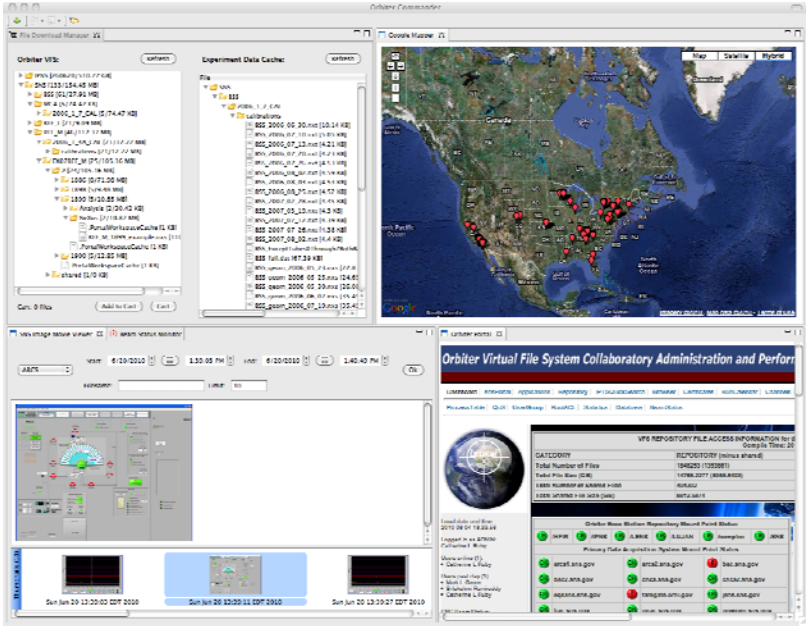
- Orbiter Federation addresses security threats facing web services as identified by Web Services Interoperability Organization which include:
  - **Message alteration:** Attackers cannot alter an Orbiter request without breaking the RSA SHA hash signature. Orbiter will reject a request that does not match canonical string signed resource identifier for the specified Orbiter access key ID.
  - **Loss of confidentiality:** The SSL protocol ensures that Orbiter service transactions are handled privately and provides transport-level encryption.
  - **Falsified messages:** Secure Orbiter services cannot be reached without a signed canonical string resource identifier that matches the signature for the specified Orbiter Federation SOA resource address.
  - **Man in the middle:** The SSL protocol prevents an attacker from reviewing requests and responses send securely between the Orbiter Federation SOA web services and their clients.
  - **Principal spoofing:** The Orbiter infrastructure is the only provider of valid Orbiter access key identifiers and RSA private keys that are authorized to use Orbiter Federation SOA secure web services.

Orbiter Federation – SOA

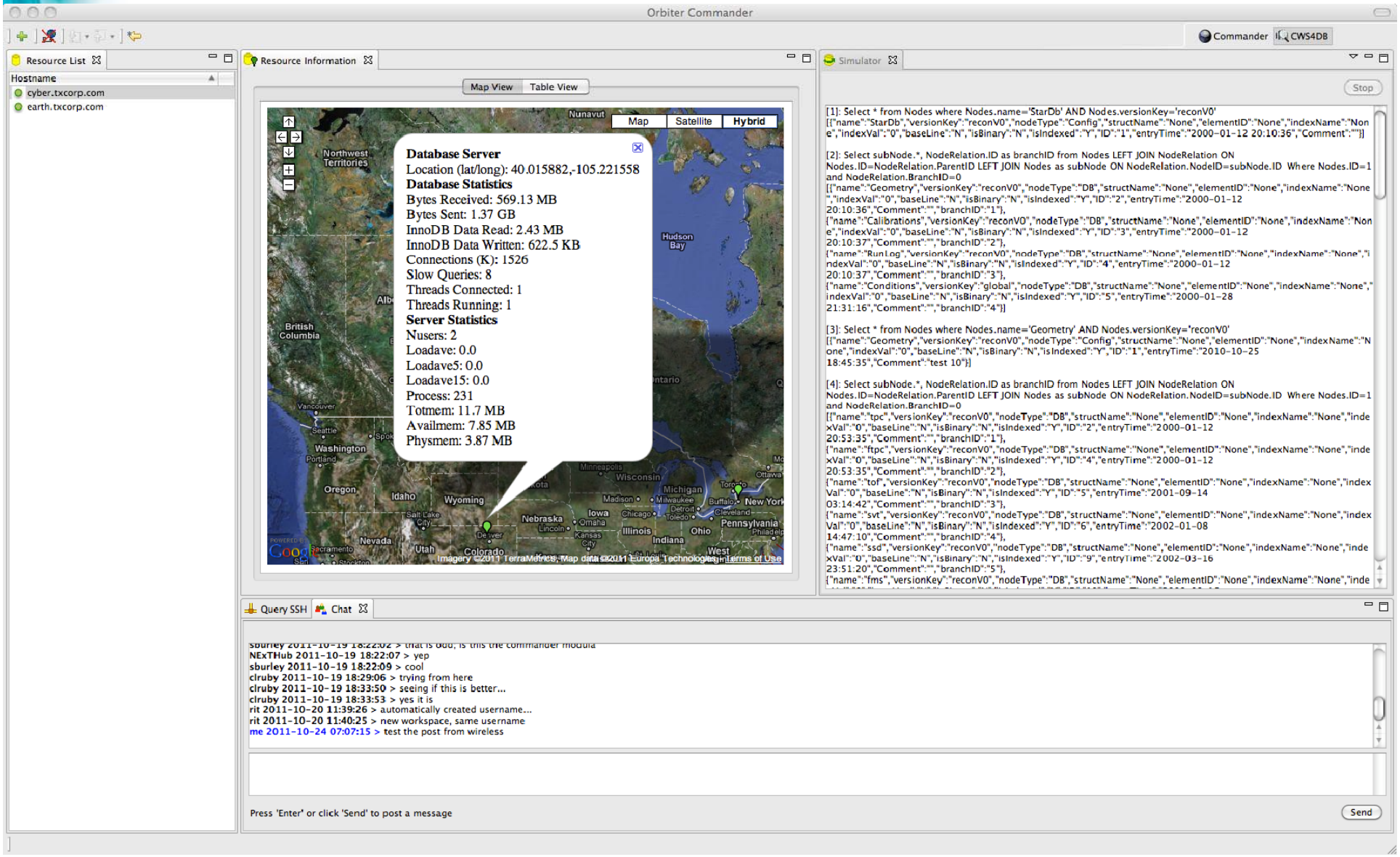
- Orbiter Federation addresses security threats continued:
  - **Forging claims:** Attackers cannot create valid Orbiter Federation SOA service requests without obtaining an Orbiter access key identifier and valid RSA private key from the Orbiter Federation SOA authentication/authorization infrastructure.
  - **Replay of message:** Attackers cannot repeat a RESTful request to secure Orbiter Federation services, as subsequent identical requests will be rejected. Attackers cannot alter the user-provided expiration time without breaking the RSA signature.
  - **Replay of message parts:** An Orbiter RESTful service request is not complete without a valid signature that is applied to all other message parts. Attackers cannot construct a new request from any part of a previous request without altering the service request canonical string resource identifier and generating a valid signature.
  - **Denial of service*:** The denial of service propensity is greatly reduced by the listed security measures in place at the current time within the Orbiter Federation SOA. Furthermore, more specific measures are planned which will ban specific offending IP addresses to further reduce the threat. *Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks, however, are extremely difficult to defend against utilizing known security measures.

Orbiter Commander – Thick Client

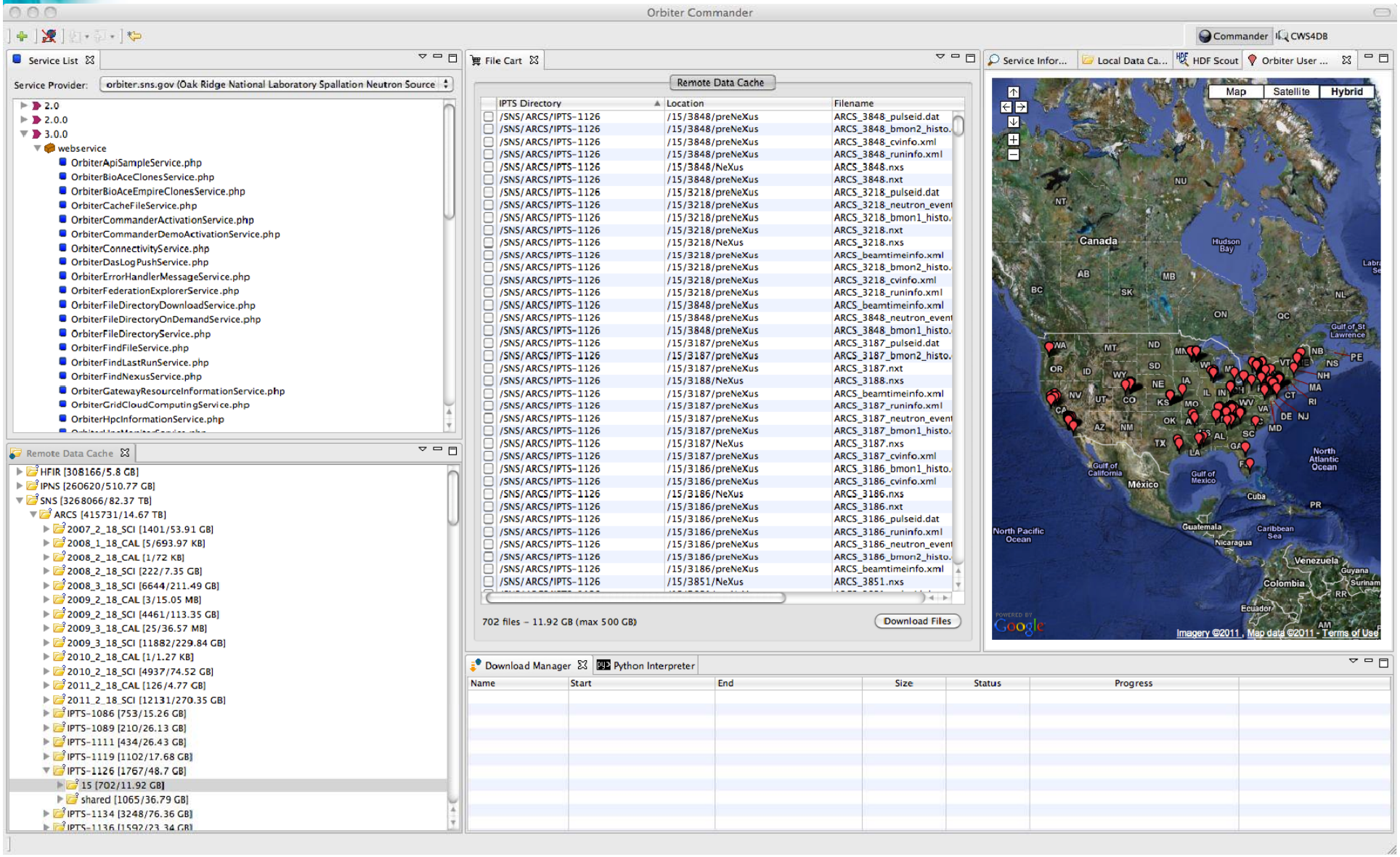
- Tier III of the Orbiter Multitier Portal Architecture
- Orbiter Commander is a Application Framework where a:
  - **Application Framework** defines how to solve common problems, not solutions themselves
    - Using well placed abstraction layers
    - Defining points for extending functionality
- Utilizes Eclipse Rich Client Platform for generating multi-platform applications
  - Mature Integrated Development Environment
  - Simplified Standard Widget Toolkit
  - Automatic handling of core GUI implementation
- Built on Orbiter Federation Services
- Modular design for plug-and-play capabilities
- Well-defined extension points for code-reuse and future development
- Highly customizable interface



STAR Commander Implementation

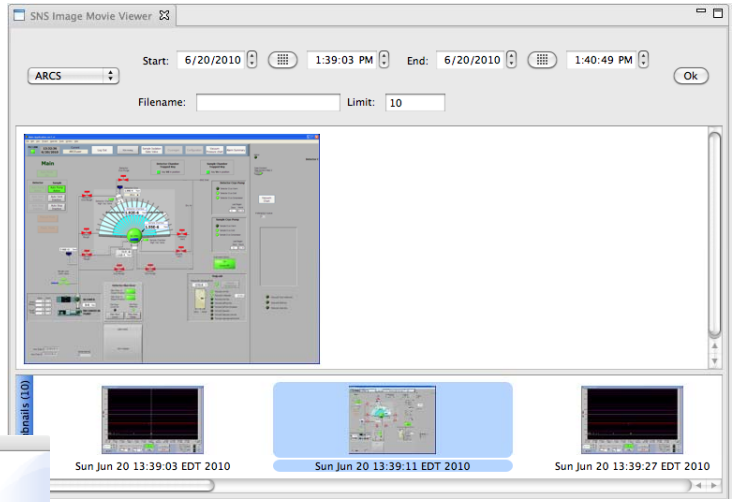


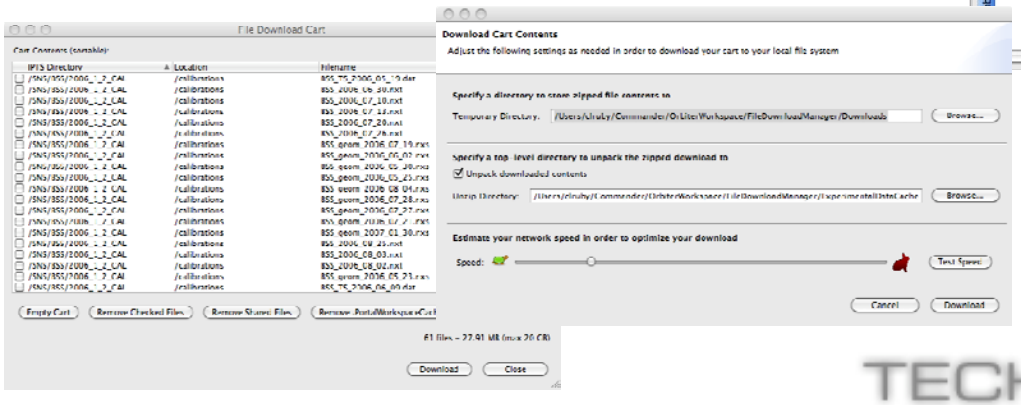
Commander Explorer Implementation



Orbiter Commander – Thick Client (continued)

- Atomic capabilities are provided as *modules* that can be installed as needed from a central module repository
- The Orbiter Federation RESTful SOA provides robust access to diverse capabilities, such as:
  - Multi-threaded streaming downloads of repository files
  - Live status monitoring of the beam
  - Slideshows of instrument application screenshots
  - Organization of modules into "*Suites*"





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