The Proximal Workspace Architecture: A Latencyfocused Approach to Supporting Context-Aware Applications

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- Background and Motivation
 - Small Devices
 - Big Applications
 - Thin Clients
- System Architecture
- Adaptation of Google Earth
- Next Steps

Small Devices



Zypad Wearable



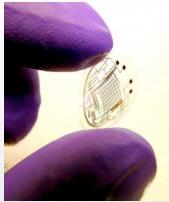
iPhone



Netbook



Nanotech



Contact Lens Display (UW)

Big Applications



Virtual Worlds



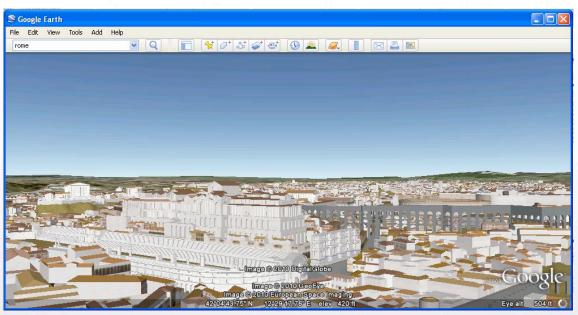
Maps



Augmented Reality

Data/Computation Intensive, Context Dependent

Google Earth 3D Ancient Rome



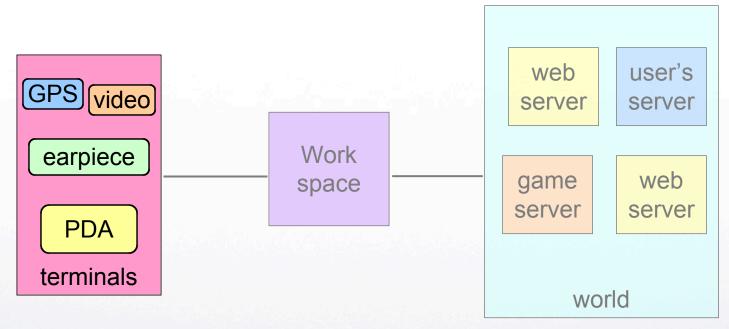
Interactively explore ancient Roman buildings

Application Characteristics

- Data Intensive
- Computation Intensive
- Sensor data
- Frequent user-interaction
- Poor native performance on client

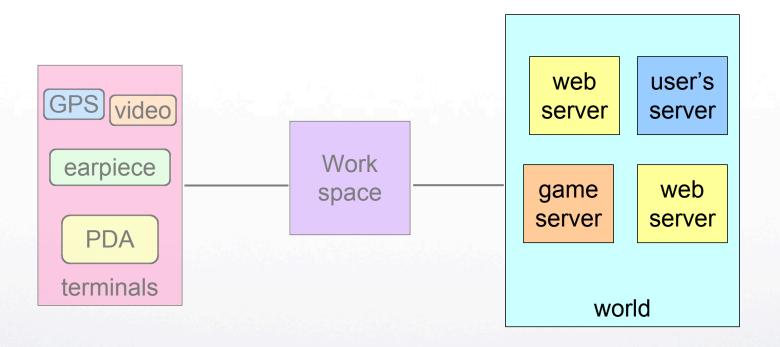
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 - Terminals
 - World
 - Architecture
- Adaptation of Applications
- Completed Work
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Terminals



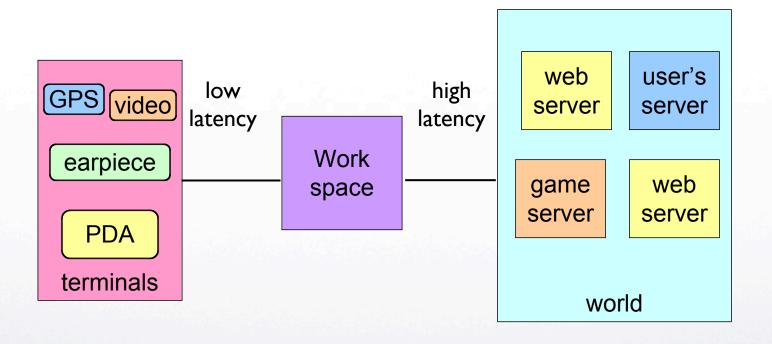
 A collection of input/output devices and sensors

World

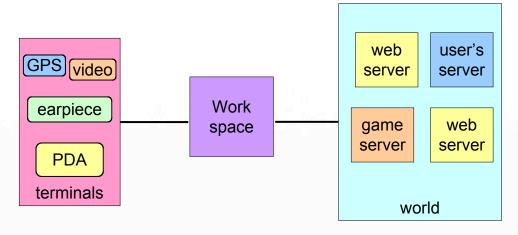


• Various servers scattered over the internet.

Architecture



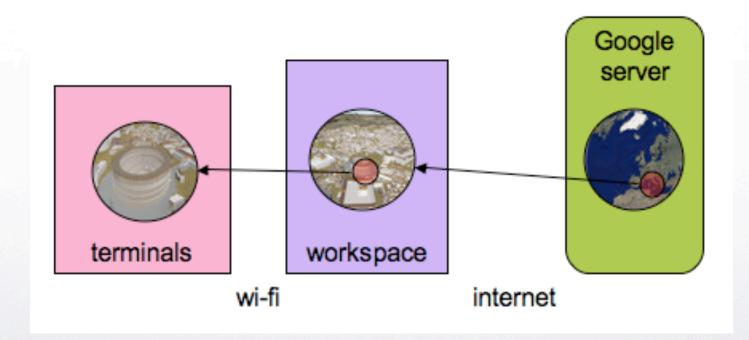
The Purpose of the Workspace



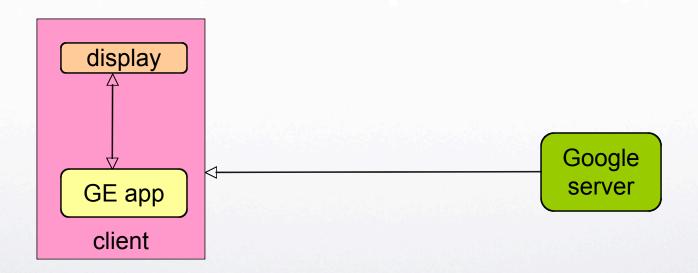
- Mediates between world and client, adjusting for performance
- Quick communication with the client
- Dependence on physical location runs
- Add additional functionality to programs
- Create mash-ups between multiple programs

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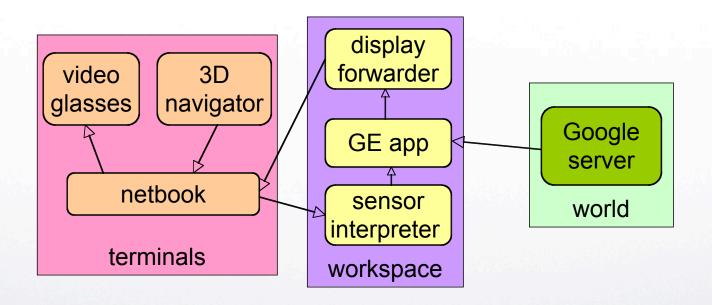
Data Model



Google Earth: Unmodified



Google Earth



Next Steps

Focus on I/O issues

I/O Devices

- camera
- microphone
- mouse
- accelerometer
- GPS
- temperature sensor
- light sensor

- RFID
- barcode reader
- keyboard
- biometric sensors
- touch sensor
- sound card
- video card

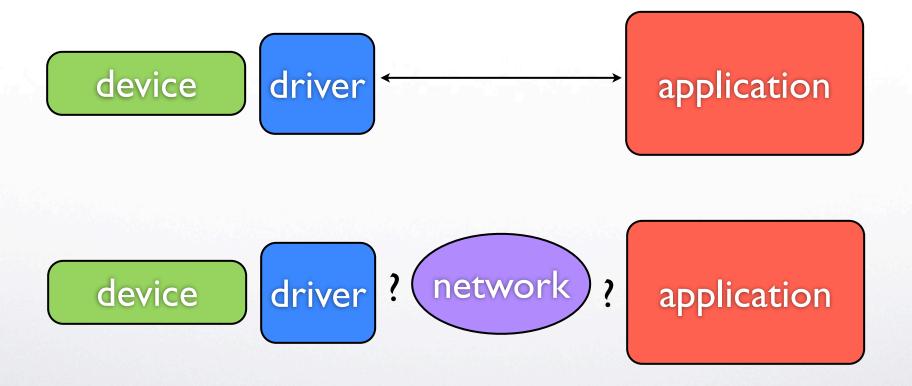
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device application

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application

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functions

- Caching
- Polling
- Buffering
- Encrypting
- Compressing
- Synchronizing Multiple
 Datastreams

- Transforming
 - Adding Timestamps
 - Averaging
 - Discarding Non-Recent Updates
 - Predicting Future Updates