Web Service Facade for PHP5

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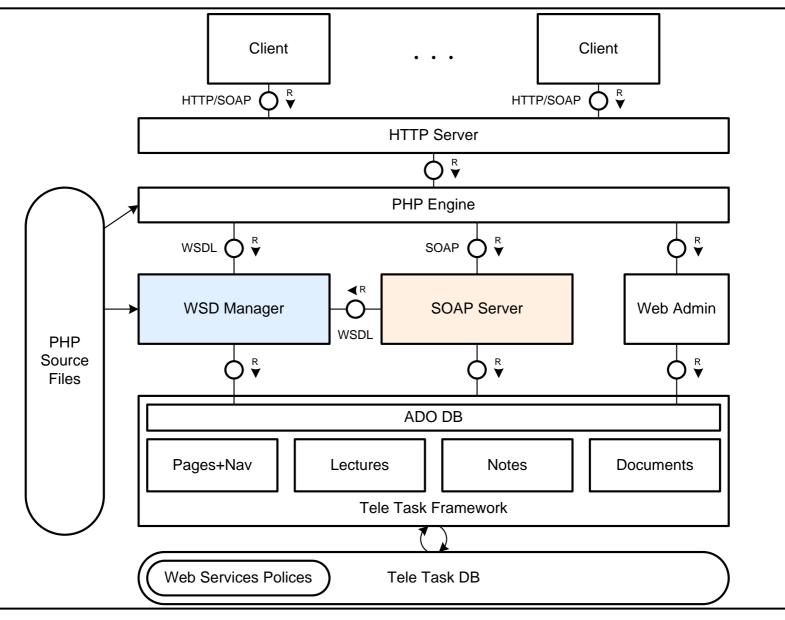


Objectives

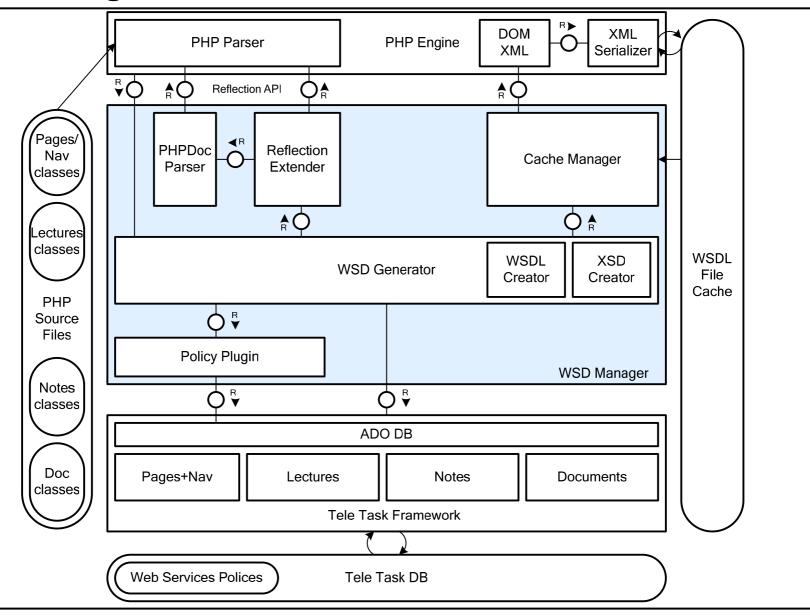
- → Tool for generating WSDL-files from PHP5 code
- Inspect code and generate XSD-files for used parameter types
- Building a framework
 - Combine tools
 - Provide SOAP-Server for TT
 - Consider security aspects
 - Personalized services
 - Authentication
 - Web-Based SOAP-Server Configuration
 - Example implementation based on old TT database
 - Part of framework documentation
 - Including guidelines and hints for usage



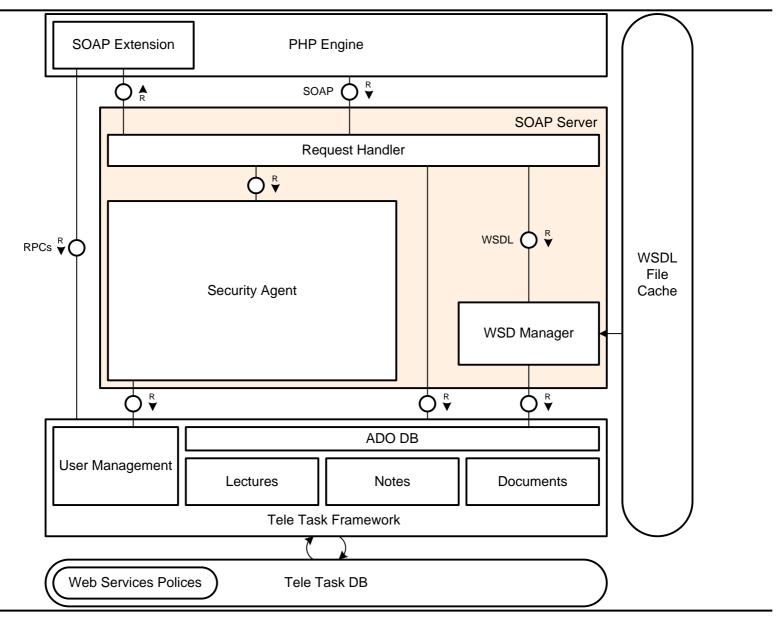
Architecture



WSD Manager

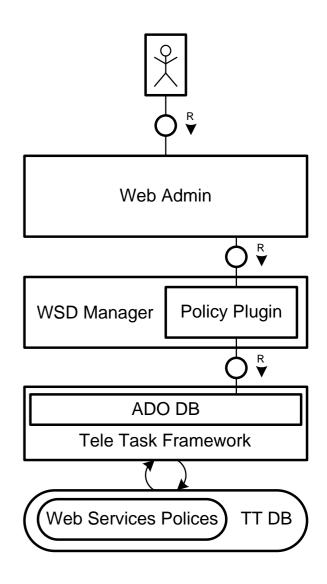


SOAP Server



Web Admin Features

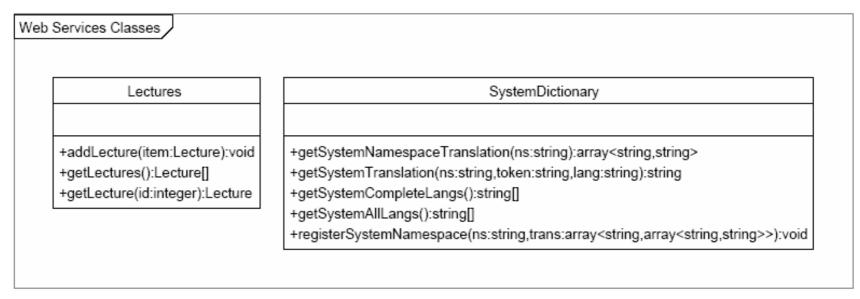
- Set polices for provided web services
 - Activate classes to provide Web Services
 - Choose published methods
 - Only public methods
- Adjust documentation published in WSDL





Constrains for this Approach

 General expectations on classes intended to be used as Web Services



Problem: inputs via SOAP are only plain objects with members, no methods



Status

- Conceptual Design
- Security Standards
 - WSS Approach
 - HTTP based
- Generation of WSDL- and XSD-Files
 - Extended Reflection API
- Example Implementation
- Documentation
 - Style Guide

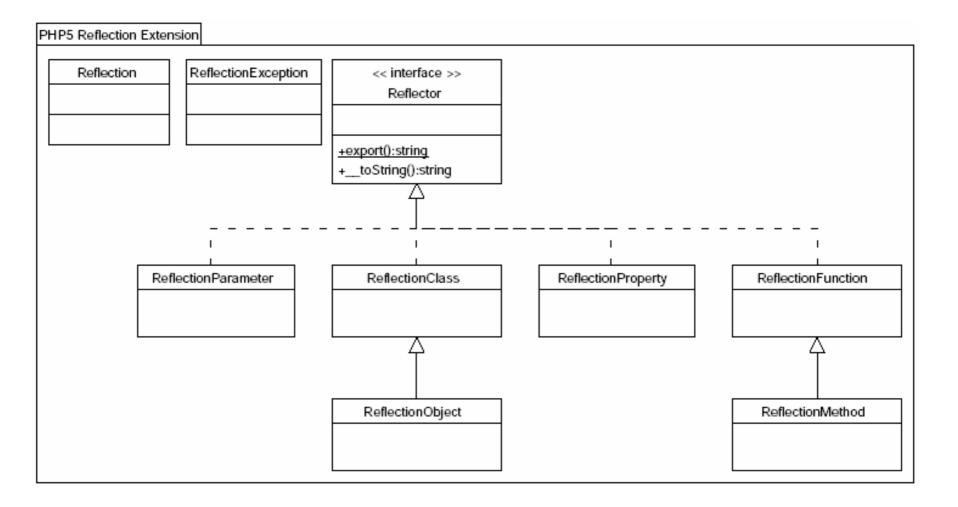


WSD Generator - PHP5 Reflection API

- PHP5 provides complete reflection API
 - reverse-engineer
 - Classes
 - Interfaces
 - Functions
 - Methods
 - Extensions
 - retrieve doc comments
- object-oriented extension to Zend Engine
- used to gather information for generate WSDL- and XSD-files



PHP5 Reflection API



Security Aspects

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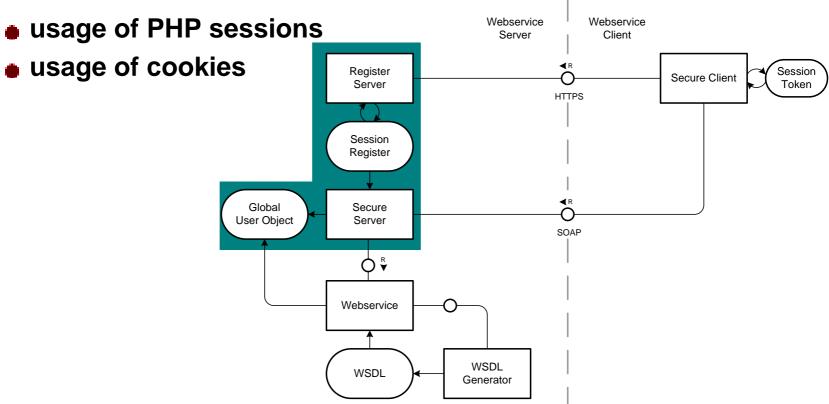
Security: Aims

- usage of security aspects independently from WSDL-files
- prevent stateful webservices
- general procedure
 - a proxy catches the messages
 - controls the security aspects
 - forward the messages to a worker
- implemented classes should be unattached by security aspects
- implementation of two different possibilities
 - Token Framework
 - Username Token Profile 1.0



Security: Token Framework

- General Information
 - client connects to the register server and gets a token depending on username and password
 - by the use of this token the access to the user's functions is controlled





Security: Token Framework

- Advantages
 - usage of existing standards
 - stateful Web Services possible
- Disadvantages
 - plaintext
 - **■** counteractive measures
 - SSL
 - HTTPS
 - stateful Web Service



Security: Username Token Profile 1.0

- General Information
 - implementation of parts of the OASIS Web Services Security (WSS)
 - xml syntax:

```
<wsse:Security>
    <wsse:UsernameToken wsu:Id="our-Example">
        <wsse:Username> Andreas </wsse:Username>
        <wsse:Password Type="...#PasswordDigest">
                 weYl3nXd8LjMNVksCKFV8t3rgHh3Rw==
        </wsse:Password>
        <wsse:Nonce>
                 WScqanjCEAC4mQoBE07sAQ==
        </wsse:Nonce>
        <wsu:Created> 2003-07-16T01:24:32Z </wsu:Created>
    </wsse:UsernameToken>
</wsse:Security>
```

Password_Digest
= Base64 (SHA-1 (nonce + created + password))



Security: Username Token Profile 1.0

- security considerations
 - the secret is put at the end of the input an not the front
 - replay attacks: using message timestamps, nonces and caching
 - recommends against replay attacks:
 - reject any UsernameToken using not both nonces and timestamps
 - using timestamp freshness limitation and rejecting all UsernameToken with "stale" timestamps
 - caching nonces for a period of time and rejecting all UsernameToken with already used nonces



Security: Username Token Profile 1.0

- Advantages
 - open standard (supported by IBM, SUN (java), ...)
 - independent of PHP, e.g. other clients with different programming languages can use it
 - there are only 'self-writing-alternatives'
- Disadvantages
 - Password_Digest valid for a specified time-frame
 - counteractive measures: one-time nonce
 - Possibly plaintext passwords



Coding Guidelines

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Coding and Style Guidelines

- WSDL-files are necessary to define communication between Web Service Client and Server
 - Interface specification of Web Service needed
- Documentation is added to compensate the lack of datatype info
- phpDocumentor-Tags:
 - existing parsers can be used
 - common standard
- Enhanced readability and easier maintenance as a plus



WSDL Example

```
<wsdl:tvpes>
  <schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" targetNamespace="http://www.tele-task.de/webservices/LectureWebService.wsdl">
    <xsd:import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"/>
    <xsd:import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"/>
    <complexType name="LectureListType">
      <complexContent>
        <restriction base="SOAP-ENC:Array">
          <attribute ref="SOAP-ENC:arrayType" wsdl:arrayType="string[]"/>
        </restriction>
      </complexContent>
   </complexType>
  </schema>
</wsdl:types>
<message name="getLectures"/>
<message name="getLecturesResponse">
  <part name="return" type="tns:LectureListType"/>
</message>
<portType name="getLecturesPortType">
  <operation name="getLectures">
    <input message="tns:getLectures"/>
    <output message="tns:getLecturesResponse"/>
  </operation>
</portType>
```



General Guidelines

- One header block comment per file
- One comment per class, method or function
- Short documentation for every variable
- DocComments start with /** and end with */, beginning with a description followed by the DocTags
- Maximum of 77 chars per line
- CamelCase, avoid underscores



Datatype Declaration

- Tags needed for WSDL Parser:
 - @return datatype description
 - States the datatype of the return value and additional information
 - @var datatype description
 - States the datatype and additional information for variables
 - @param datatype \$paramname description
 - States the datatype and information for function arguments
 - datatype may be
 - Integer
 - String
 - Double
 - Boolean
 - AnyClass
 - array of a datatype (string[], integer[], MyClass[], ...)
 - Associative arrays as: array<datatype,datatype>
 - No mixed



Header Block Comments

```
<?php
//***************************
//**
//* class.dbNews.php - used for instancing of dbNewsObjects
                                                                   * *
1/*
                                                                   * *
//* Projekt: Teletask, Konzepte und Methodern der Web-Programmierung
                                                                   * *
1/*
                                                                   * *
//* @package dbTables
                                                                   * *
//* @author Stefan Marr <stefan.marr@hpi.uni-potsdam.de>
                                                                   * *
//* @author Sebastian Böttner <sebastian.boettner@hpi.uni-potsdam.de>
                                                                   * *
//* @copyright 2005 by Andreas Meyer, Sebastian Böttner, Stefan Marr
                                                                   * *
//* @license http://example.org/examplelicense.php Example License
                                                                   * *
//* @lastchange: 2005-11-30 altered News, phpDocumentor-Tags added
                                                                   * *
1/*
                                                                   * *
//***********************
```

- Short description
- Optional long description
- Project name
- → At least:
 - @package @author @copyright @license @lastchange
- Optional:
 - @deprecated @internal @see @since @uses @version



Classes and Attributes

```
//***** dbNews *********************************
/**

* dbNews - represents and sets elements of the table news

*

* Projekt: Teletask, Konzepte und Methodern der Web-Programmierung

*

* @package dbTables

* @author Stefan Marr <stefan.marr@hpi.uni-potsdam.de>

* @author Sebastian Böttner <sebastian.boettner@hpi.uni-potsdam.de>

* @copyright 2005 by Andreas Meyer, Sebastian Böttner, Stefan Marr

* @license http://example.org/examplelicense.php Example License

*/
```

- Similar to Header Block Comments (same Tags)
 - Optical differences for distinguishing

```
/**
  * @var string
  */
private $zeuqs = 'something important';
```

- **→** There must be one comment for each variable
 - At least datatype must be present
 - Description optional



Methods and Functions

- Short description
- Optional long description
- → At least @param and @return must be present if existent
- //end of functionName if method spans more than 15 lines



Control Structures

```
/**
* shows how to use brackets, whitespaces and indentations
*/
public function styleExample() {
  if (a == b | | !(c > d + e)) {
    //do something
  } //end if
  elseif ($f) {
   //do something
  } //end elseif
  else {
    //do something
  } //end else
  for|foreach|while (...) {
    //do
  } //end for|foreach|while
  do {
  } while ($g);
  switch ($h) {
    case ...:
      . . . ;
      break;
    default:
      . . . ;
  } //end switch
} //end of styleExample
```

→ //end of structure comment if structure spans more than 15 lines



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