



Applications

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Control System Studio

- Goal: New control system (GUI) tools.
 - Consistent Look and Feel
 - Data exchange beyond copy/paste of PV names
 - Run on Windows, Linux, Mac OS X, ...
 - Interface to more than one control system

Approach:

- Build on the Eclipse (Java) framework
- Add
 - Data types and APIs for Front-End Computer (FEC), Process Variable (PV), Live and archived data samples
 - Guidelines for integration into menu, online help, preferences, ...
- See Software Technology talk: "Control System Studio", Jan Hatje (DESY)

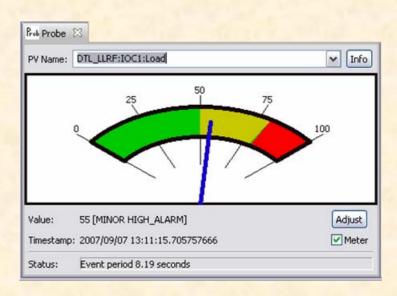


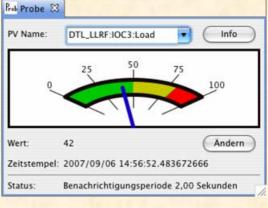


Simple 'Probe' Example

- Basic function
 - Enter PV name, see values.
- CSS Version
 - Portable: Win32, Linux, OS-X
 - Localized
 - Window resizes
 - Drop-down list of recently entered PV names

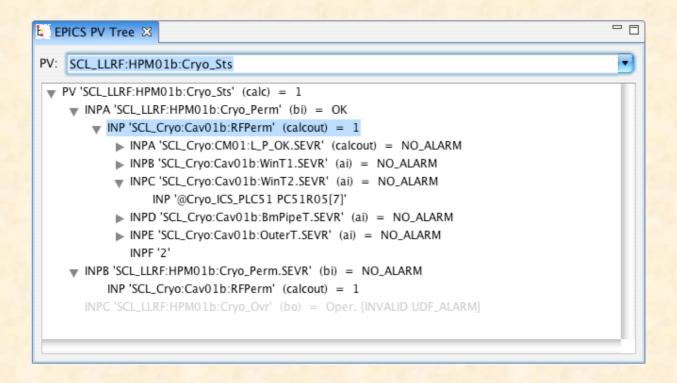








EPICS 'PV Tree'



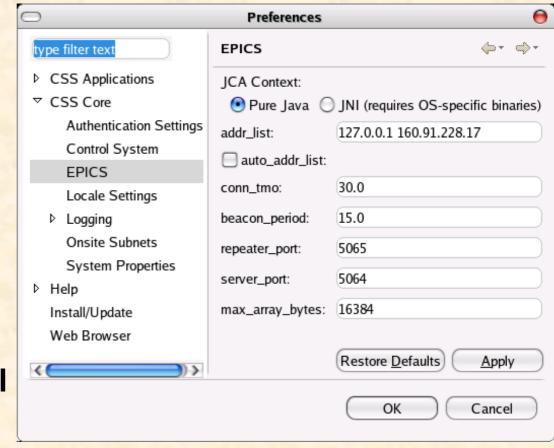
- CSS Application plugin for Eclipse that displays **EPICS** record data flow
 - Inputs of 'calc' record etc.
 - Recursively descending





Common Preferences

- CSS apps use the Eclipse preference system
 - Not just for apps!
 Also for libs like
 EPICS Channel
 Access support
 - No environment variables, nor special setup files for each application
 - GUI

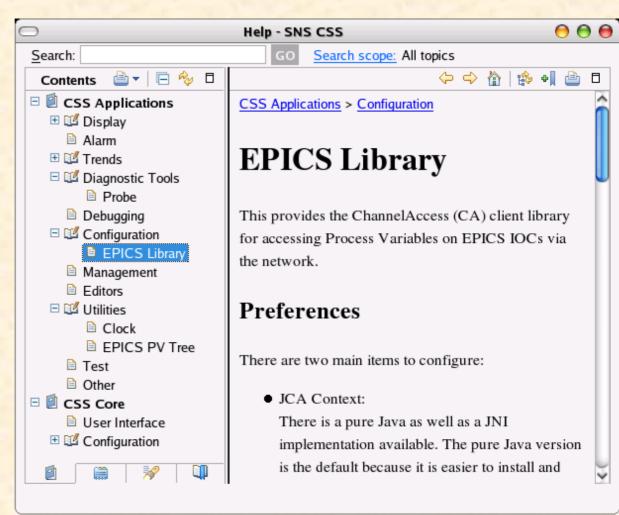






Common Online Help

- Applications
- Support Libraries
- ... from different
 - authors,
 - sites

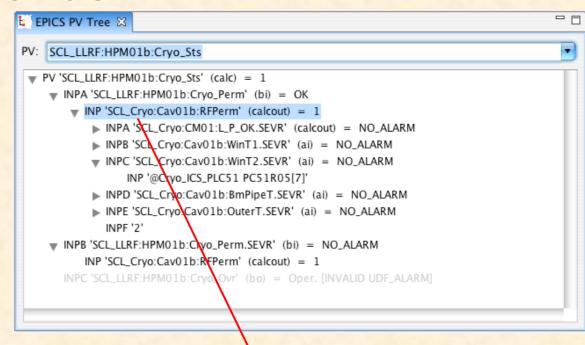


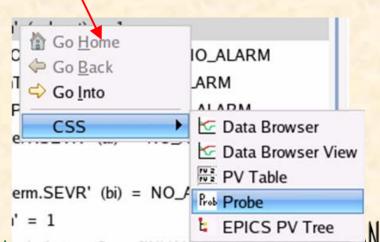




CSS Context Menus

- Send "PV" to other application that handles PVs
 - or FEC, Data, ...
- Based on Eclipse
 "Object
 Contributions"
 - No compilation, no configuration when adding new application

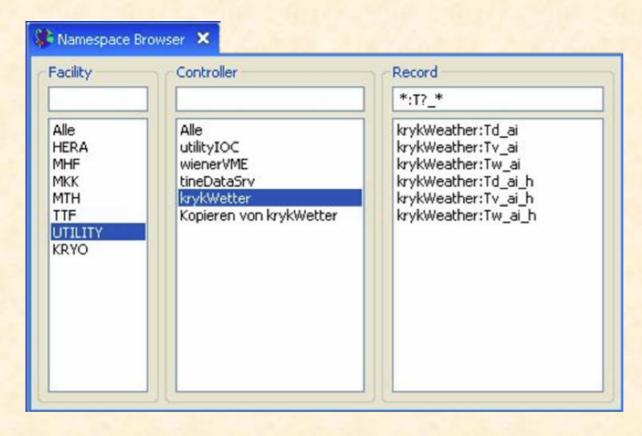






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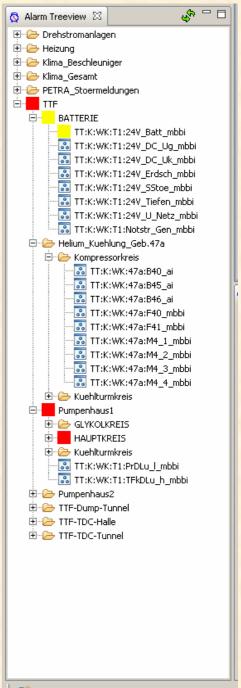
DESY Namespace Browser, Alarm Tree



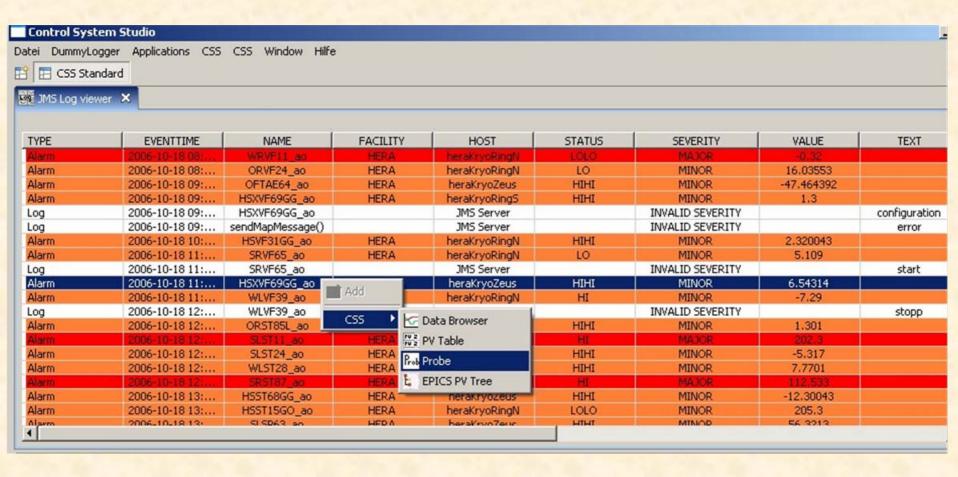
 CSS Applications that browse DESY LDAP server



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DESY Message Log Viewer

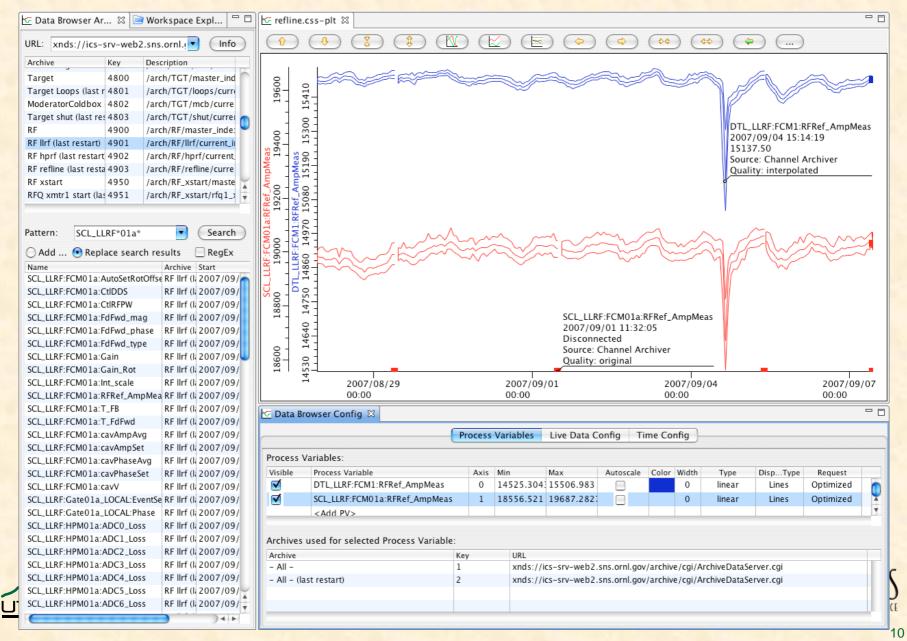


- Alarm System development would fill another talk.
- Point: CSS Integrates generic, CS- and site-specific tools



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Data Browser



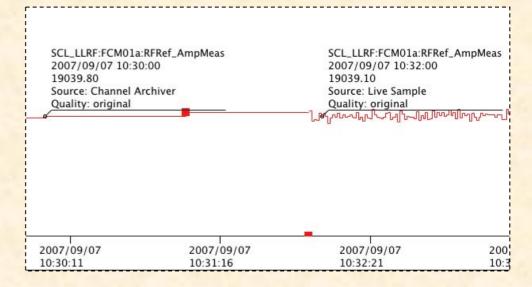
CSS Samples

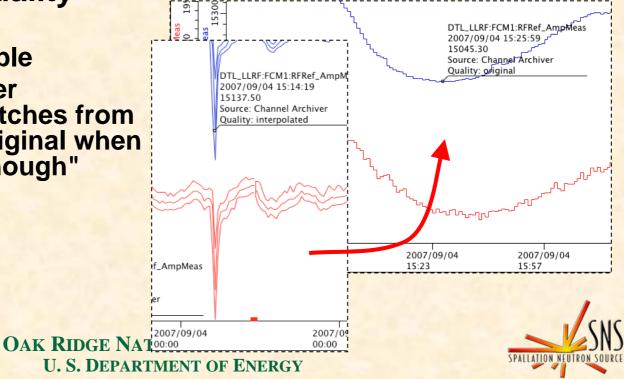
Markers indicate source

- Live Sample?
- Channel Archiver?
- Archive Record?

Samples have 'quality'

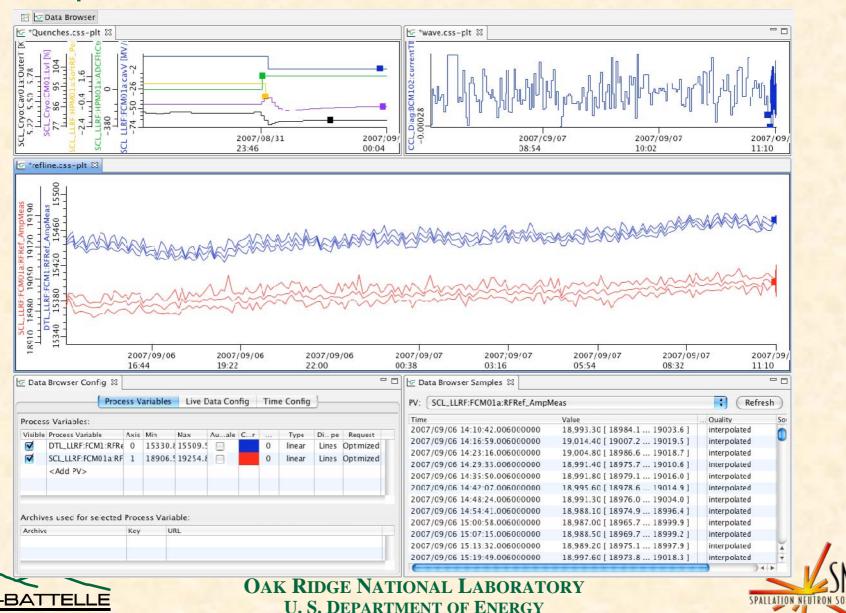
- Original sample
- Interpolated Sample
- Ideally, data server automatically switches from interpolated to original when zoomed in "far enough"





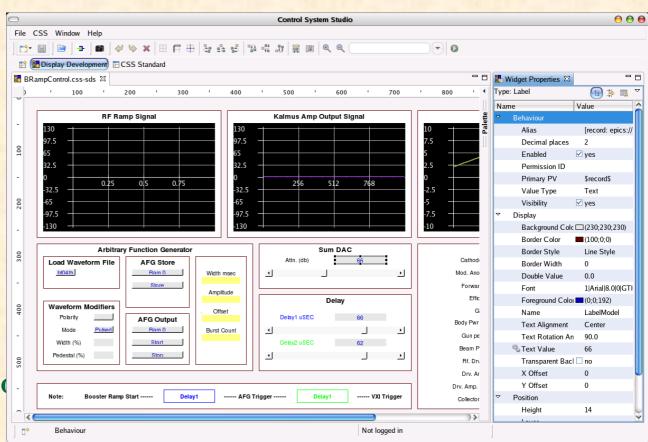


Multiple Data Browser Instances



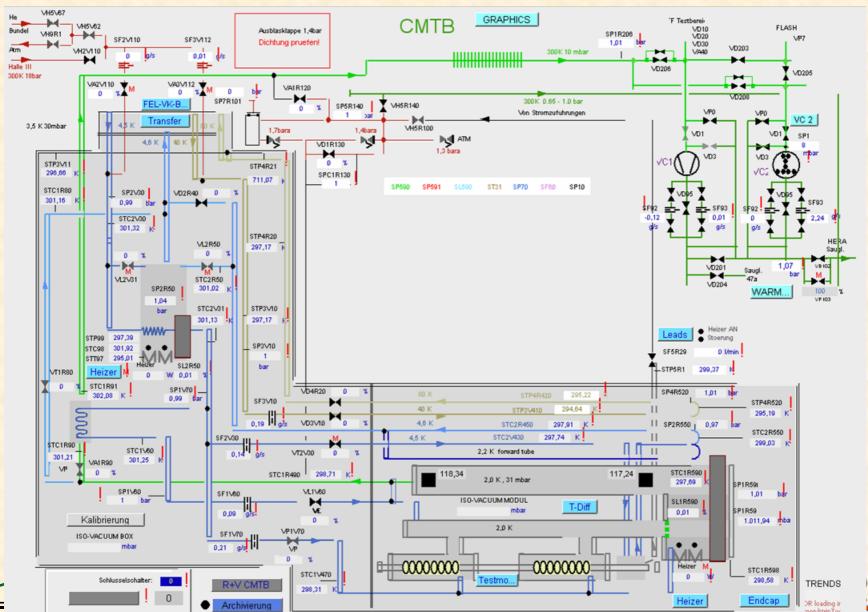
Synoptic Display

- Operator interface tool for multiple protocols
- Promising ideas
 - Everything is dynamic
 - "Text Update" widget
 - = Label with dynamic text





Synoptic Display Example

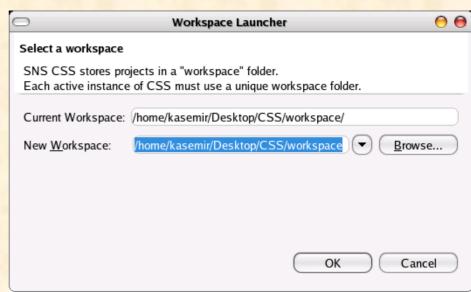


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CSS Startup Choices

- Startup with login/password for your XMPP server
- .. or workspace selector



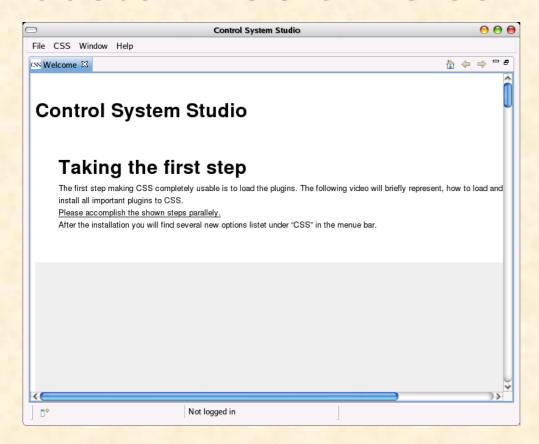


.. or other site-specific authentication

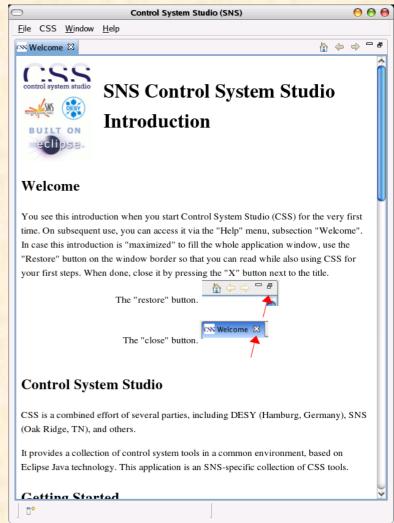




Customizable Welcome Screen



 Different sites can customize depending on local needs.







Conclusion

Eclipse offers a modern, portable application framework



- CSS adds control-system specific APIs and guidelines
- There are already several useful general-purpose CSS applications
- You can add site-specific CSS applications
- All can be packaged as needed, everything is integrated; common look, behavior, data exchange, ...



