

Powering Air with Rails

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Agenda

Overview of AIR

AIR APIs

10 AIR Apps

Questions

Get the slides and apps

If you have git:

```
git clone git://github.com/danielwanja/railsconf2008.git
```

If you don't have git:

<http://github.com/danielwanja/railsconf2008>

Resources

<http://www.adobe.com/products/air/> - AIR home

<http://www.adobe.com/go/marketplace> - AIR apps

AIR with HTML:

<http://livedocs.adobe.com/air/1/devappshtml/>

<http://ajaxian.com/archives/adobe-air-free-book-download>

AIR with Flex:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/air/develop/flex/>

<http://livedocs.adobe.com/flex/3/langref/index.html>

Watch This Space:

<http://flexonrails.com>

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Insurance, online food ordering

Own startup: MySpyder.net (not
starting up!)

<http://onrails.org>

twitter: danielwanja

Customer Work

Digital-Seed.com - Rails

The screenshot displays the 'mind fitness' web application interface. At the top, a yellow banner contains a notification: 'Hey there! You have a pod group meeting in 3 days and you haven't said if you'll be there. [Respond now.](#)'. Below this, the header features the 'mind fitness' logo with the tagline 'PERSONAL MASTERY SERIES'. On the right side of the header, it states 'You have 2 new discussion items.' and 'You are logged in as sean', with a 'Logout' link and a user profile picture. The main navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'Learning Modules', 'Your Pod', 'Your Notebook', 'Settings', and 'Account'. The 'Overview' section shows a list of learning modules with a 'View' button on the left. The modules are: 'Introduction' (Welcome and Introduction), 'Week 1' (Mindfulness, Presence and the Mastery of Attention, Oct 23 - Oct 28), 'Week 2' (Living on Purpose: Exploring Mindfields of Personal Mastery, Oct 30 - Nov 4), 'Week 3' (Living and Working in the Zone, Nov 6 - Nov 11), 'Week 4' (Synergy of Inner and Outer Work, Nov 11 - Nov 18), and 'Conclusion' (Wrap-Up and Conclusion). Below the modules, there is a 'Latest Comments from Your Pod Group' section showing two comments by 'Sean said:' with timestamps and a '16 mom!' rating. To the right, a 'Keep in Mind ...' box提醒用户尚未完成任何活动，并提示在27天内完成 pod 组活动。底部右侧的 'Upcoming Events' 部分显示了一个即将到来的活动：'Friday, October 13 (2 days away)'，活动名称为 'Kickoff'，地点为 'San Diego Office'，时间为 '11:00AM on October 13'。

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mind fitness
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Overview

View

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Thumb	Week 1	Mindfulness, Presence and the Mastery of Attention Oct 23 - Oct 28
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Thumb	Week 4	Synergy of Inner and Outer Work Nov 11 - Nov 18
Thumb	Conclusion	Wrap-Up and Conclusion

Hide Module Navigator

Latest Comments from Your Pod Group

Sean said:
Posted about 6 hours ago on October 10 at 11:45 AM...
16 mom!

[Respond to this comment](#) or [see all discussions](#)

Sean said:
Posted about 6 hours ago on October 10 at 11:45 AM...
16 mom!

Keep in Mind ...

You have not completed any activities yet. Head on over to [Welcome & Introduction](#) to get started.
You have 27 days left before your pod group moves to the next module.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 13 (2 days away)
What: Kickoff
Where: San Diego Office ([map it](#))
When: 11:00AM on October 13

EffectiveUI - Rails - helped out with beta signup



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- Exercise Bikes
- Elliptical Machines
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- Home Gyms
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[View all 7 subcategories >](#)

Free Weight Equipment

- Dumbbells/Barbells
- Weight Sets
- Weight Racks
- Weight Bars
- Collars

[View all 11 subcategories >](#)

Accessories

- Boxing Equipment
- Inversion Tables
- Pilates Balls
- Pedometers
- Massage Tables

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Women's Fitness

- Pilates
- Yoga
- Fitness Balls
- Dumbbells & Weights
- Accessories

Spas

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- Keys 3 Person 30 Jet Corner Spa
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You have chosen location **1962 E. Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80206** Phone: 720 482-7823

ORDER TO BE READY AT: **May 21, 2008 09:29 AM**

1. When Are You Coming?

2. What Are You Hungry For?

3. Check Out: See You Soon!

[Starters and Sides](#) [Salads](#) [Sandwiches](#) [Burgers](#) [Steak & Entrees](#) [Pizza](#) [Desserts](#)



Choose from these great Sides and Starters!



ONION RINGS - \$4.25



BUFFALO WINGS - \$6.25
They flew to town just for you

Select this item »



CHICKEN FINGERS - \$5.95

View Order

Create your **TERIYAKI WINGS**
Base price: \$6.25

Add to Order

Who is this for?

How many of these do you need?

Special Instructions:

Add to Order

Compassionate Communication - Rails

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Hello, Daniel. (Not Daniel? [Sign in here.](#))

STEP 1
Choose a charity.

STEP 2
Select recipients.

STEP 3
Place your order.

Select Recipients

Your Card Recipients

You have selected 5 card recipients. Congratulations! [Please place your order »](#)

[Jordan H.](#) [Sarah C.](#) [Matthew C.](#) [Annalisa T.](#) [Savannah R.](#)

Make A Child Smile

Want a different charity? [Go back to step 1.](#)



Tyler B.

Treatment Status: *In Treatment*

Tyler was born 5/12/93. At the age of 6 months, custody of him and his 3 year old sister was transferred to his g ...

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Narrow Your Search

Age Range:

Gender:

Language:

Treatment Status:

Fiserv - Flash/Flex Insurance Software

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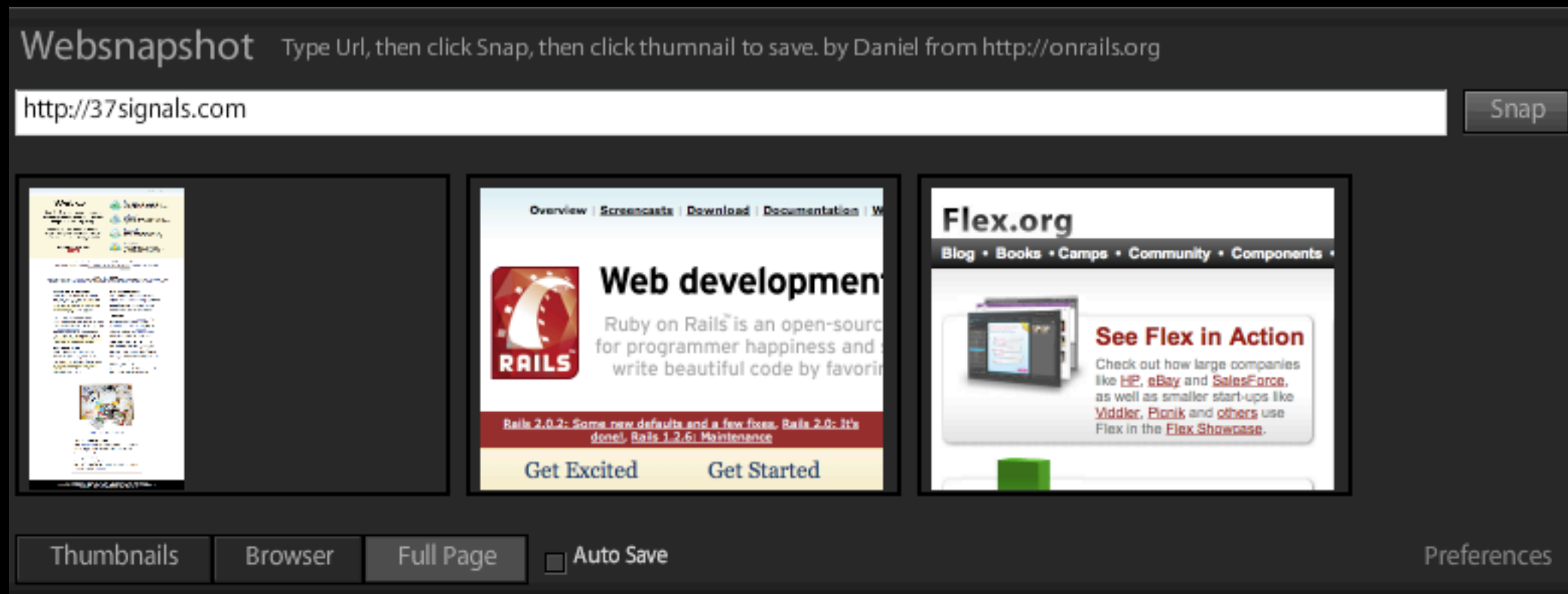
time.onrails.org - Rails (2005)

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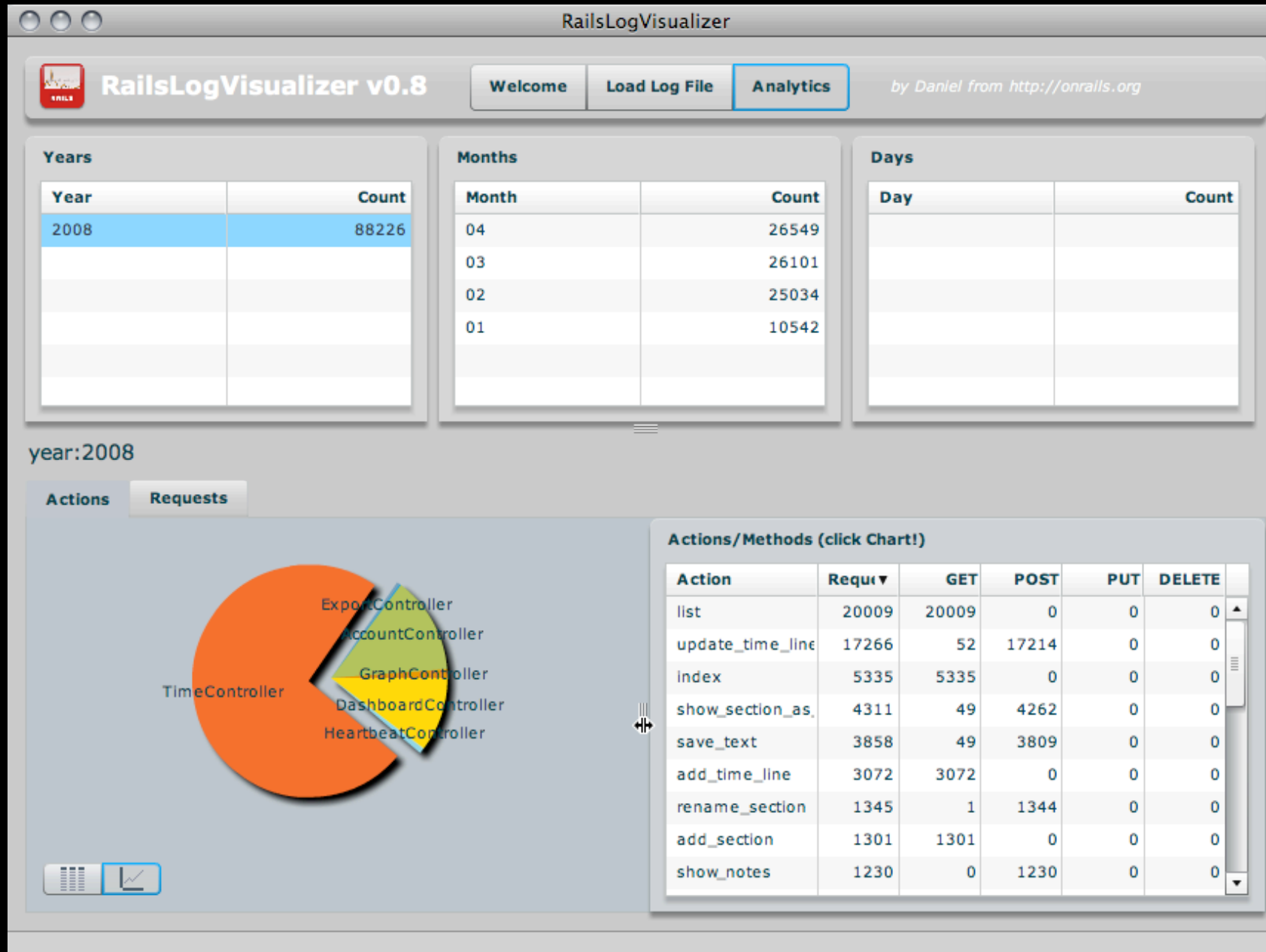
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11	12:45-13:15	16:00-16:39	Start Now	01:09 [1.15]		
12	08:27-09:40	11:30-End Now	11:19 [11.33]			
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Total 25:25 [25.43]						

[New Day](#) [Add Notes](#)

WebSnapshot - AIR



RailsLogVisualizer - AIR



MySpyder.net - Rails (not public yet)

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A Brief History (not to scale)

1998 ---- dot bomb! ----- Present

Flash => Flex/AIR

Perl => Cold Fusion =>

Java => Rails

Fiserv - Flash/Flex Insurance Software

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Rails Remoting for Flash/Flex

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What is Air?

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Adobe Integrated Runtime

What is Air?

Desktop Applications
built with
Web Technologies

What is Air? > Desktop Applications

Offline/Online

Windowing

OS and File System

Device Access

What is Air? > Web Technologies

HTML/JS

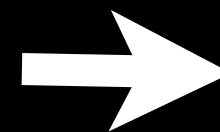
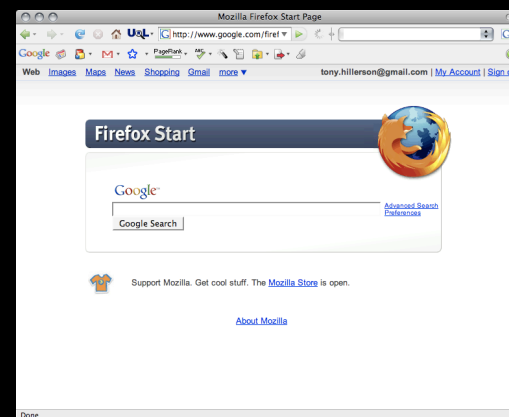
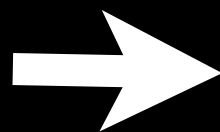
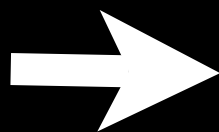
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Flex

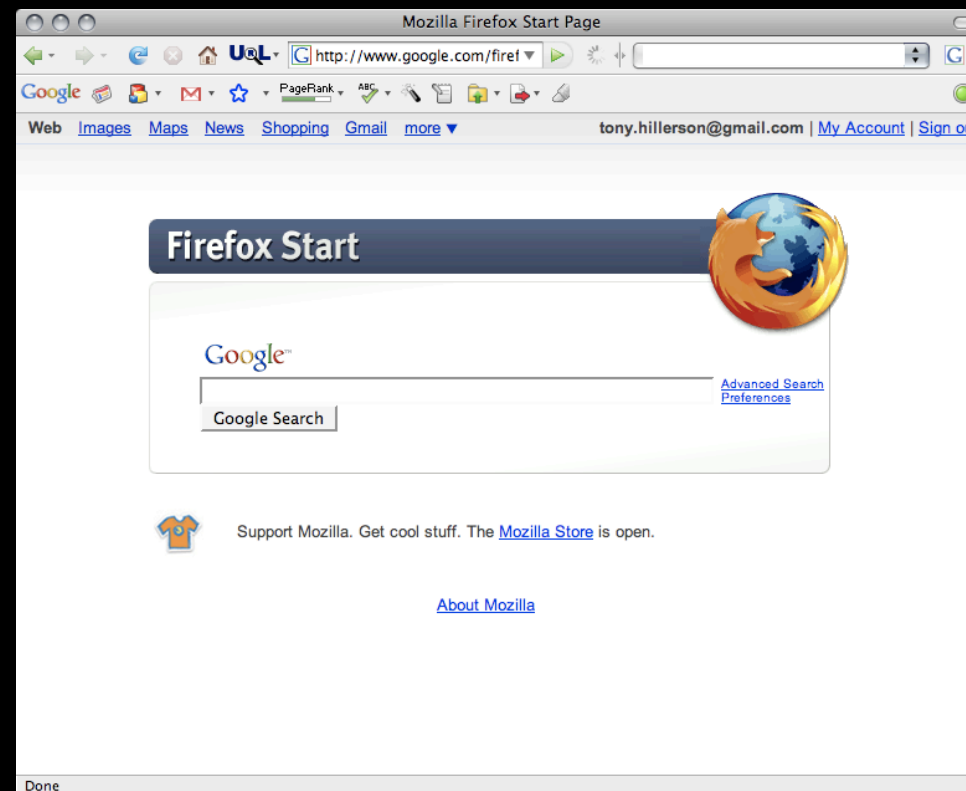
How To Think About AIR

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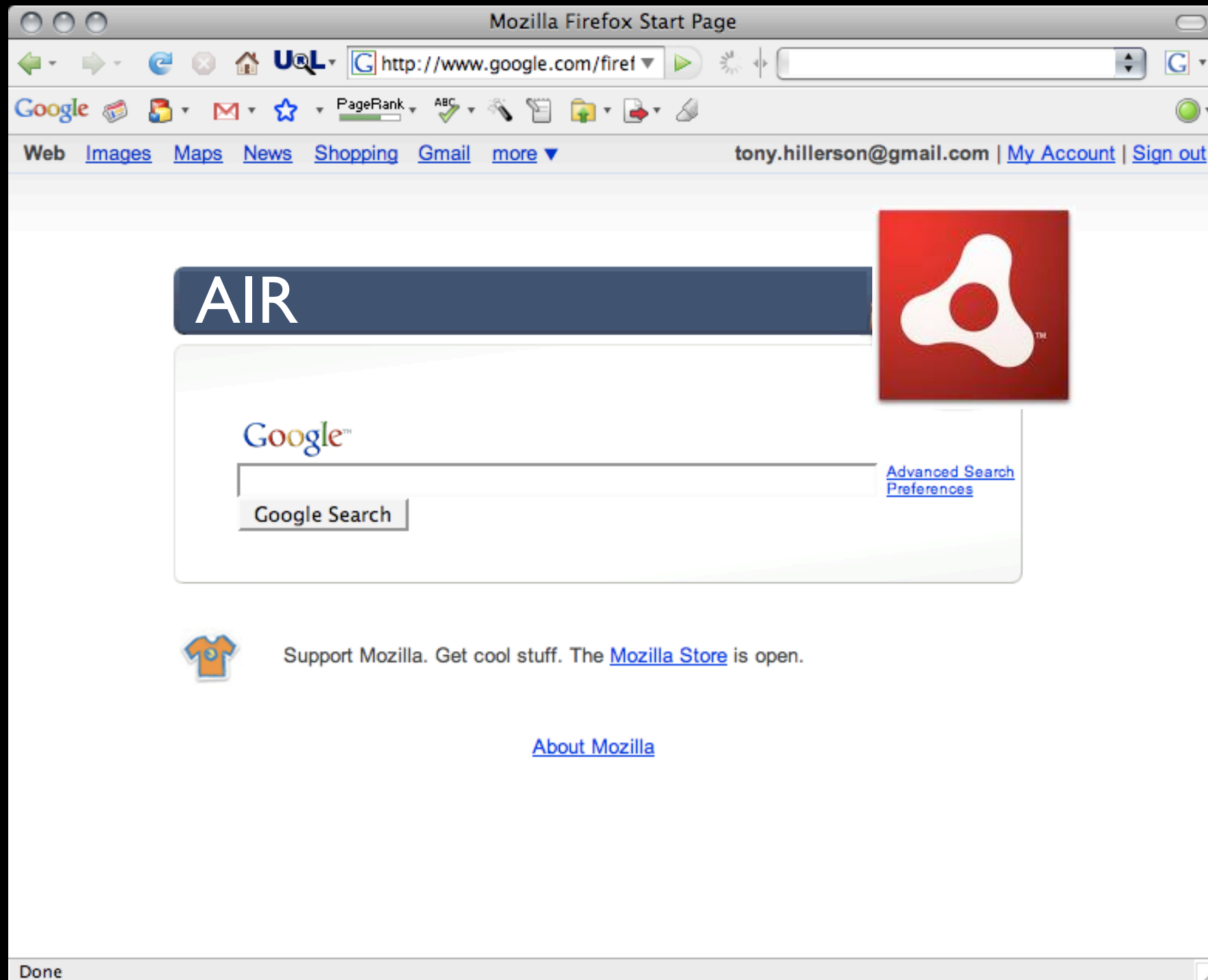
How NOT to think about AIR



How To Think About AIR



How To Think About AIR



How To Think About AIR

New Capabilities
for
Your Users

How To Think About AIR

AIR isn't a revolution,
it's a bunch of little wins

Why Air? > Why Rails?

Rails Apps don't need Air

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Why Air? > Why Rails?

You already know -
Rails is great
for building services

Why Air? > Why Rails?

AIR can extend the services
your app provides

Why Air?

With AIR, you can find
pictures on your hard drive

Why Air?

With AIR, you can find
pictures on your hard drive
... or take pictures

Why Air?

AIR works on airplanes
(if you're into that...)

Why Air?

AIR helps you break out of
the browser

Why Air?

AIR helps you stay out of
your users' faces

Why Air?

AIR helps you stay out of
your users' faces

... but stay in contact more
often

Five simple strategies to take
advantage of AIR

How? > Simple Strategies

Do something someone
already did

How? > Simple Strategies

Wrap your existing app

How? > Simple Strategies

Extend a specific use case

How? > Simple Strategies

Take advantage of your
services

How? > Simple Strategies

Take advantage of someone
else's services

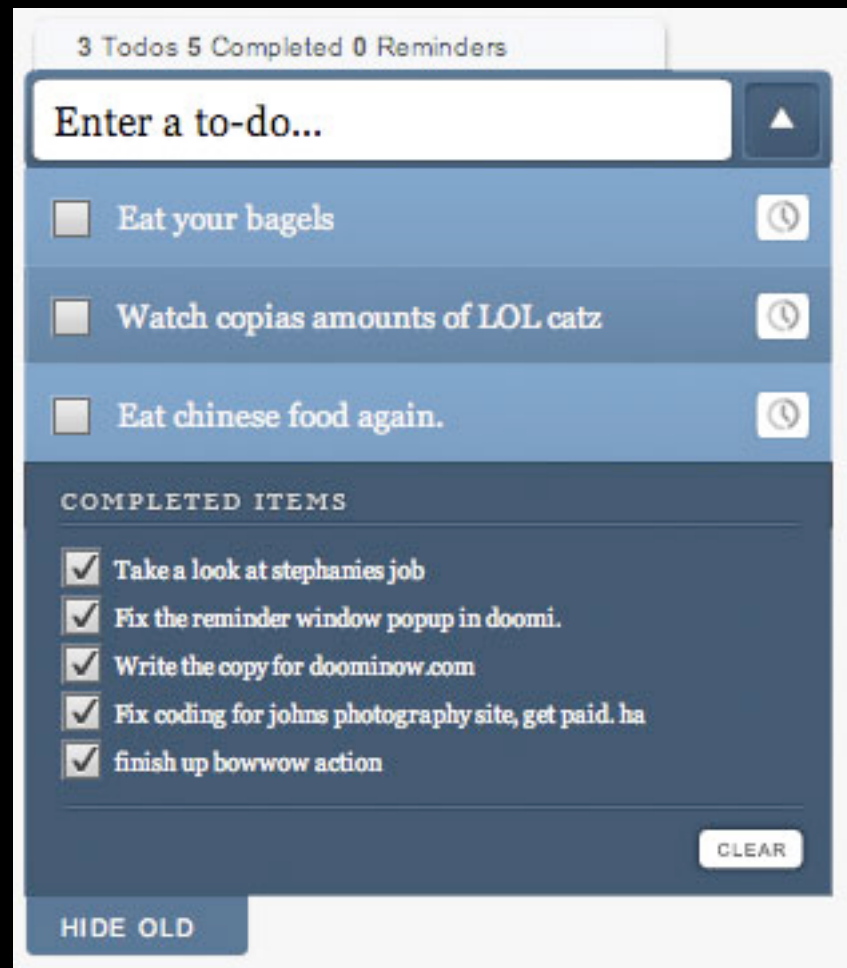
Why Air?

AIR isn't a revolution,
it's a bunch of little wins

AIR in the wild



Adobe Media Player



Doomi

<http://doomnow.com>

<http://twhirl.org/>

<http://getsnitter.com/>

The Universe of Twitter Clients

<http://tweet-r.com/>

(and <http://pownce.com> too)

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AIR APIs

Drag and Drop/Clipboard
Files and Local Data
System Integration
Network Monitoring
Windowing & Menu API

Drag and Drop/Clipboard

Drag and Drop makes use of
the Clipboard

Drag and Drop/Clipboard

Drag from/to Desktop

Drag from/to an Application

Drag and Drop/Clipboard

Read from Clipboard

Write to Clipboard

Drag and Drop/Clipboard > Data Types

Text

HTML

URL

Bitmap

File List

Files and Local Data

File

SharedObject

EncryptedLocalStore

Embedded SQLite

Files and Local Data > File

The File API is very similar to
Java's File API

Files and Local Data > Useful Constants

File.applicationDirectory

File.applicationStorageDirectory

File.desktopDirectory

File.documentsDirectory

File.userDirectory

Files and Local Data > File

File Operations can be
Synchronous or
Asynchronous

Files and Local Data > SharedObject

SharedObjects are Serialized
Actionscript Objects

Files and Local Data > ELS

EncryptedLocalStore
for auth and pref data

Files and Local Data > SQLite

Embedded Local Database

Files and Local Data > SQLite

Create DB at Runtime or
Ship a Prepopulated File

Files and Local Data > SQLite

Event Driven,
Standard SQL APIs

Windowing & Menu API > Windows

Normal Windows

Utility Windows

Lightweight Windows

Windowing & Menu API > Chrome

System Chrome

Custom Chrome, Normal
Geometry

Transparent, Custom
Geometry

Windowing & Menu API > Windows

Maximize

Minimize

Restore

Resize

Position

Order

Close

Windowing & Menu API > Windows

Always on Top

Full Screen

Number of Screens

Main Screen

Windowing & Menu API > Menus

Application Menus (a la Mac)

Window Menus (a la Windows)

Dock Menus (Mac)

Systray Menus (Windows)

Popup and Context Menus

System Integration

Start at Login

File Associations

User Idling

Exiting

Network Monitoring

Network Events,
Not Offline/Online
Detection

IDEs & SDKs

Rails sdk

```
git clone git://github.com/  
rails/rails.git
```

AIR sdk?

[http://www.adobe.com/
products/air/tools/](http://www.adobe.com/products/air/tools/)

adl - Air Debug Launcher

application.xml - defines
content

index.html - your content

```
$ adl application.xml
```

adt - AIR Developer Tool

Package, Sign, and Distribute you app

```
$ adt -certificate -cn SelfSign -ou  
RailsDev -o "Example, Inc" -c US  
2048-RSA newcert.p12 password
```

```
$ adt -package -storetype pkcs12 -  
keystore newcert.p12 MyAIRApp.air  
application.xml .
```

Flex sdk

amxmlc - compile Flex app

acompc - compile

Actionscript library

+ adl, adt

FlexBuilder

Eclipse based IDE

Heavier, Visual Editing

No HTML AIR apps (??)

Debugging, Profiling

IDEs

Aptana Studio - AIR support,
RadRails plugin

Eclipse - via Plugin

Others?



TextMate

<http://www.towerkraut.com/adobe-air-textmate-bundle/>

Air.tmbundle

<http://macromates.com/svn/Bundles/trunk/Review/Bundles>

ActionScript 3.tmbundle

Flex.tmbundle/

10+ apps

10 apps

AIRBrowser HTMLFileBrowser SQLiteExample
TwitterFriends

HelloBlog OfflineCampfire PhotoBooth

WebSnippet S3Browser TwitterSpider

AIRBrowser



```
<mx:HTML id="browser" />
```

HelloBlog

rails

```
$ ./script/generate scaffold entry title:string body:text  
$ rake db:migrate
```

flex

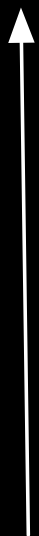
```
<mx:HTML id="html"  
  location="http://localhost:3000/entries"  
  width="100%" height="100%"  
  locationChange="checkEditMode()"  
  complete="if (currentState=='editMode')  
            listenToBodyChange()" />
```

HelloBlog

```
html.domWindow.$('entry_body').addEventListener("keyup", entryChanged);
```



html: The Flex HTML browser component



domWindow: The JavaScript window object for the root frame of the HTML DOM inside this control.



\$: the prototype javascript that is the shortcut of getElementById



'entry_body' : name of the dom element



addEventListener : javascript function to add an event listener

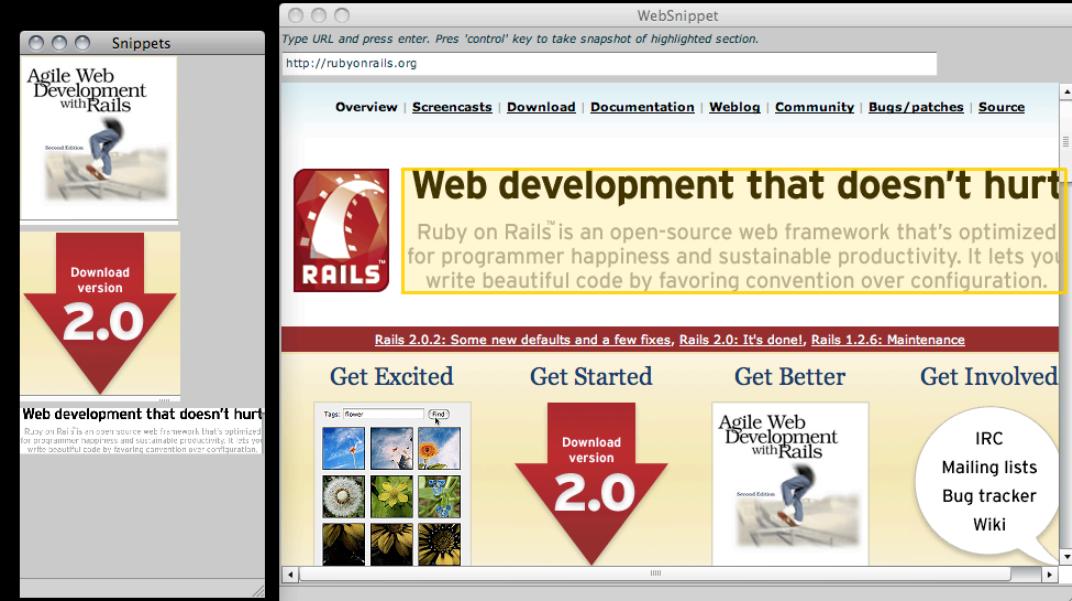


keyup : the event to listen to



entryChanged : the ActionScript function

WebSnippet



```
<mx:HTML id="html" complete="loaded()" />
```

WebSnippet

Inject Javascript in any page

```
var scriptElement:Object =  
html.domWindow.document.createElement("script");  
  
scriptElement.setAttribute("type", "text/javascript");  
scriptElement.text = 'alert("I\'m in!")';  
  
html.domWindow.document.body.appendChild(scriptElement);
```


WebSnippet

Add JS event listener invoking AS method

```
html.domWindow.document.body.addEventListener('mouseover'  
, mouseOverHandler);
```


WebSnippet

Use Flex to draw over HTML

```
highlighter = new Sprite();  
highlighter.mouseEnabled = false; // click goes behind
```

```
html.stage.addChild(highlighter);
```

```
highlighter.graphics.clear();  
highlighter.graphics.beginFill(0xFFCC00, 0.2);  
highlighter.graphics.lineStyle(3, 0xFFCC00, 0.9, false);  
highlighter.graphics.drawRect(x, y, w, h);
```

HTMLFileBrower

include AIRAliases.js

air.File.desktopDirectory

folder.nativePath

folder.getDirectoryListing()

file.isDirectory

+

air.Inspector

KampfireKlient

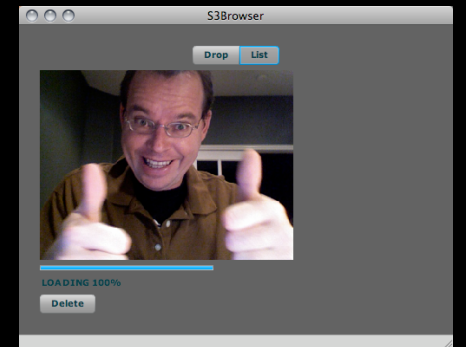
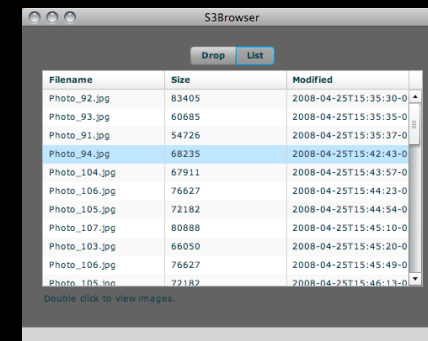
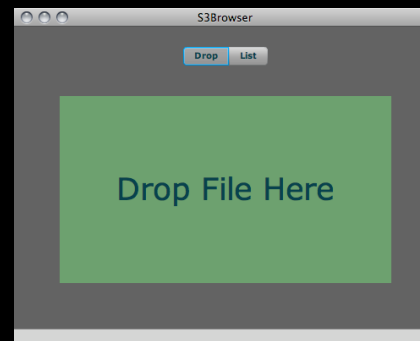
Local Storage

Network Detection

System

Non-standard Windows

S3 Browser



AIR → Rails → S3

attachment_fu (AWS::S3)

flash.filesystem.File.upload

S3 Browser

flex

```
var request:URLRequest = new URLRequest();  
request.url = "http://localhost:3000/assets";  
request.method = "POST";  
new File('path/name.txt').upload(request)
```

S3 Browser

rails

```
params[:asset] = {'uploaded_data' =>  
params[:Filedata]}  
@asset = Asset.new(params[:asset])  
@asset.save
```

SQL Example

Database file Options

SQL API

PhotoBooth



Uses Flash Player Camera

```
import flash.media.Camera;
import flash.media.Video;

camera = Camera.getCamera();
camera.setMode(640, 480, 5);
video = new Video(camera.width, camera.height);
video.attachCamera(camera);
```


PhotoBooth

Take Image

```
import flash.display.BitmapData;
```

```
var snapshot:BitmapData = new BitmapData(640, 480, true);  
snapshot.draw(video)
```

```
<mx:Image id="img" x="4" y="3" width="80" height="75"  
source="{new Bitmap(snapshot)}" scaleContent="true"/>
```

PhotoBooth

Send to Server

```
// 1. convert to Png
var pngEncoder:PNGEncoder = new PNGEncoder();
var bytes:ByteArray =
pngEncoder.encode(event.currentTarget.data.bitmapData);
// 2. send to server
var loader:URLLoader = new URLLoader();
loader.addEventListener(Event.COMPLETE,sendComplete);
loader.dataFormat = URLLoaderDataFormat.BINARY;
loader.load(MultiPartRequestData.getRequest("http://localhost:3000/photos", bytes));
```

PhotoBooth

MultiPartRequestData

custom ActionScript class based on

<http://www.actionscript.org/forums/showpost.php3?p=636159&postcount=4>

```
var sendBytes: ByteArray = new ByteArray();  
var request: URLRequest = new URLRequest(url);  
request.data = sendBytes;  
request.method = URLRequestMethod.POST;  
request.contentType = "multipart/form-data; boundary=" +  
boundary;
```

PhotoBooth

Rails using attachment_fu

```
class PhotosController < ApplicationController
  def create
    params[:photo] = {'uploaded_data' => params[:Filedata]}
    @photo = Photo.new(params[:photo])
    @photo.save
  end
end
```

TwitterSpider



Twitter Stats using Flex's DataVisualization Framework

TwitterSpider

```
<mx:ArrayCollection id="tweetsReplies"/>

<mx:PieChart id="repliesChart"
dataProvider="{tweetsReplies}" width="100%" height="100%">
  <mx:series>
    <mx:PieSeries
      field="value"
      nameField="key"
      labelPosition="insideWithCallout"
    />
  </mx:series>
</mx:PieChart>
```

TwitterSpider

```
<mx:ArrayCollection id="tweetsByMonth"/>

<mx:ColumnChart id="c1"
    dataProvider="{tweetsByMonth}" >
    <mx:horizontalAxis>
        <mx:CategoryAxis categoryField="key"/>
    </mx:horizontalAxis>
    <mx:series>
        <mx:ColumnSeries
            xField="key" yField="value"
            displayName="Month"
        />
    </mx:series>
</mx:ColumnChart>
```


TwitterSpider

```
<mx:ArrayCollection id="tweetsHourAndDay"/>
<mx:SeriesInterpolate id="interpolateIn" duration="1000"/>
<mx:BubbleChart id="chart" dataProvider="{tweetsHourAndDay}" maxRadius="25">

    <mx:horizontalAxis>
        <mx:LinearAxis id="hAxis" labelFunction="formatHours"/>
    </mx:horizontalAxis>
    <mx:horizontalAxisRenderers>
        <mx:AxisRenderer axis="{hAxis}" showLabels="true" canDropLabels="false" />
    </mx:horizontalAxisRenderers>
    <mx:verticalAxis>
        <mx:LinearAxis id="vAxis" labelFunction="formatDays" />
    </mx:verticalAxis>
    <mx:verticalAxisRenderers>
        <mx:AxisRenderer axis="{vAxis}" showLabels="true" canDropLabels="false" />
    </mx:verticalAxisRenderers>
    <mx:series>
        <mx:BubbleSeries yField="w" xField="h" radiusField="count"
showDataEffect="{interpolateIn}" />
    </mx:series>
</mx:BubbleChart>
```


TwitterSpider

save to file system

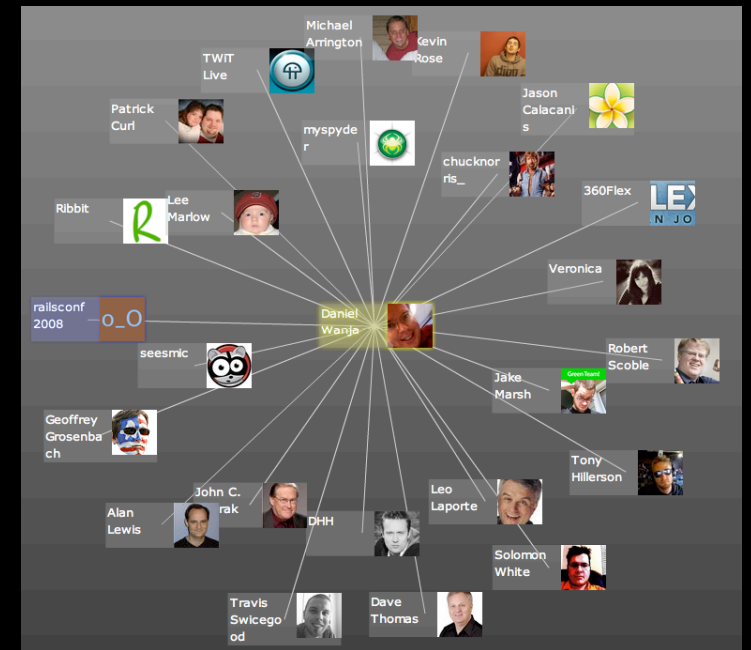
```
private function saveData():void {  
    var tweets:Array = dataAggregator.getTweets();  
    var file:File = File.documentsDirectory;  
    file = file.resolvePath("TwitterSucker/testFile.txt");  
    var fileStream:FileStream = new FileStream();  
    fileStream.open(file, FileMode.WRITE);  
    fileStream.writeObject(tweets);  
    fileStream.close();  
}
```

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load from file system

```
private function loadData():void {  
    var file:File = File.documentsDirectory;  
    file = file.resolvePath("TwitterSucker/testFile.txt");  
    var fileStream:FileStream = new FileStream();  
    fileStream.open(file, FileMode.READ);  
    var tweets:Array = fileStream.readObject();  
    fileStream.close();  
}
```

TwitterFriends



Rails:

twitter4r

AIR:

com.adobe.flex.extras.controls.

springgraph.Roamer

twitter4r

Configuration API

Friendship API

Messaging API

Model API

twitter4r

```
twitter = Twitter::Client.from_config(config_file)
user = Twitter::User.find('danielwanja', twitter)
user.friends
user.name
user.location
user.profile_image_url
```

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Rails

```
class TwitterController < ApplicationController
  @@twitter = Twitter::Client.from_config(config_file)
  def user
    u = Twitter::User.find(params[:id], @@twitter)
    render :xml => to_hash(u).to_xml(:root => :user, :dasherize => false)
  end
  def friends
    u = Twitter::User.find(params[:id], @@twitter)
    f = u.friends
    a = f.collect {|f| to_hash(f) }
    render :xml => a.to_xml(:dasherize => false)
  end
end
```

TwitterFriends

AIR (Flex) - Getting Data From Rails

```
<mx:HTTPService id="user" url="http://localhost:3000/twitter/user/  
{currentUser}"  
    resultFormat="e4x"  
    showBusyCursor="true"  
    result="showUser(event)"  
    fault="mx.controls.Alert.show(event.fault.faultString, 'Retrieve User  
Failed')" />
```

```
<mx:HTTPService id="friends" url="http://localhost:3000/twitter/friends/  
{currentUser}"  
    resultFormat="e4x"  
    showBusyCursor="true"  
    result="showFriends(event)"  
    fault="mx.controls.Alert.show(event.fault.faultString, 'Retrieve  
Friends Failed')" />
```


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Flex

```
<fc:Roamer id="roamer" width="100%" height="100%"  
  itemRenderer="XMLItemView"  
  maxDistanceFromCurrent="2"  
  itemLimit="400"  
  autoFit="false"  
  repulsionFactor="1.5"  
  motionThreshold="1" />
```


TwitterFriends

```
import com.adobe.flex.extras.controls.springgraph.Graph;

private function showUser(event:ResultEvent):void {
    var user:XML = event.result as XML;
    var item:Item = new Item(user.name);
    item.data = user;
    graph.add(item);
    roamer.dataProvider = graph;
}
```

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```
private function showFriends(event:ResultEvent):void {  
    var result:XML = event.result as XML;  
    var users:XMLList = result.record;  
    var currentUser:Item = event.token.currentUser;  
    graph.disableNotification();  
    try {  
        for each (var user:XML in users) {  
            var friend:Item = new Item(user.name);  
            friend.data = user;  
            graph.add(friend);  
            graph.link(currentUser, friend);  
        }  
    } finally {  
        graph.enableNotification();  
    }  
    roamer.currentItem = currentUser;  
}
```

Resources

<http://www.adobe.com/products/air/> - AIR home

<http://www.adobe.com/go/marketplace> - AIR apps

AIR with HTML:

<http://livedocs.adobe.com/air/1/devappshtml/>

<http://ajaxian.com/archives/adobe-air-free-book-download>

AIR with Flex:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/air/develop/flex/>

<http://livedocs.adobe.com/flex/3/langref/index.html>

Watch This Space:

<http://flexonrails.com>

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