

Portals and Web Services

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ABSTRACT

"Portal" is more than just the latest buzzword of the web literati. The term, in fact, describes a new approach to interconnecting web sites. For you and me, it means web sites that are more intuitive, information that is more convenient, and a World Wide Web that is attuned to our individual work styles. Operating a bit like a modern cable or satellite television service, a web portal is comprised of "channels", each offering a unique service. This talk will take a look at Web Services, the particular technology at the heart of a web channel. We will explore some sample channels now under development for the new AgNIC Portal and talk about how these channels can be utilized by other web sites.