

Toward Ubiquitous Web

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What's Ubiquitous Web?

- Our Definition] Web environment that is available anytime, anywhere, from any devices.
 - Although standards such as CC/PP are available and where MWI, DCI addresses several Ubiquitous Web use cases, we still see a huge challenge for web accessibility – we introduce here few gap fillings requirements

Access terminals in a Ubiquitous Web environment

Access terminals can be categorized as follows:

Shared Terminal (ST)



- Fixed terminals shared by (un)specified people located in a living room or at public spaces.
- TV, Public Display, Kiosk terminal, etc.
- Personal Terminal (PT)
 - Terminals used by a specified person. There are 2 types of personal terminals: fixed terminal such as desktop PC and personal mobile terminal (PMT) such as cellular phone.

Web access from shared terminals

- Current Web is designed for personal terminals usage, especially developed for PC,
- there are new requirements that could be addressed by W3C to allow shared terminals web access, we see uses cases in relation with
 - Input Interface,
 - Personal information management,

Use case 1 Input Interface

Text input handicap

- It is quite difficult for terminals without keyboard such as TV to input long text, e.g. URI,
- In Web, text input is often requested by search engines, traffic guides, e-commerce services, etc.

Lack of secrecy for password input

- Although password is usually masked by "****", it is meaningless if a user inputs the password by use of a software keyboard,
- There is more information that should not be displayed in shared terminals.

Use Case 2 Personal Information Management

- From the viewpoint of user's data security and privacy protection, it is not good to manage personal information in STs,
 - Application Information
 - Web access history, cookie, bookmark, address book, form input history, etc.
 - Personal information
 - name, address, credit card number, etc.
 - Security information
 - ID, password, etc.
- The situation where several terminals separately manage such personal information is also not good.

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 Web access from STs is to grow. Thus, we should seek a method to support easy and secure Web access from STs,

 The previously described issues associated with Web access can be solved thru collaborative Web access with personal mobile terminals.

Personal mobile terminal (PMT)

- Nowadays, people tend to carry always a personal mobile terminal (PMT) such as cellular phone, PDA.
- Main features of PMT
 - small size display
 - text input interface
 - secure communication function
 - storage for personal information
 - Web browsing



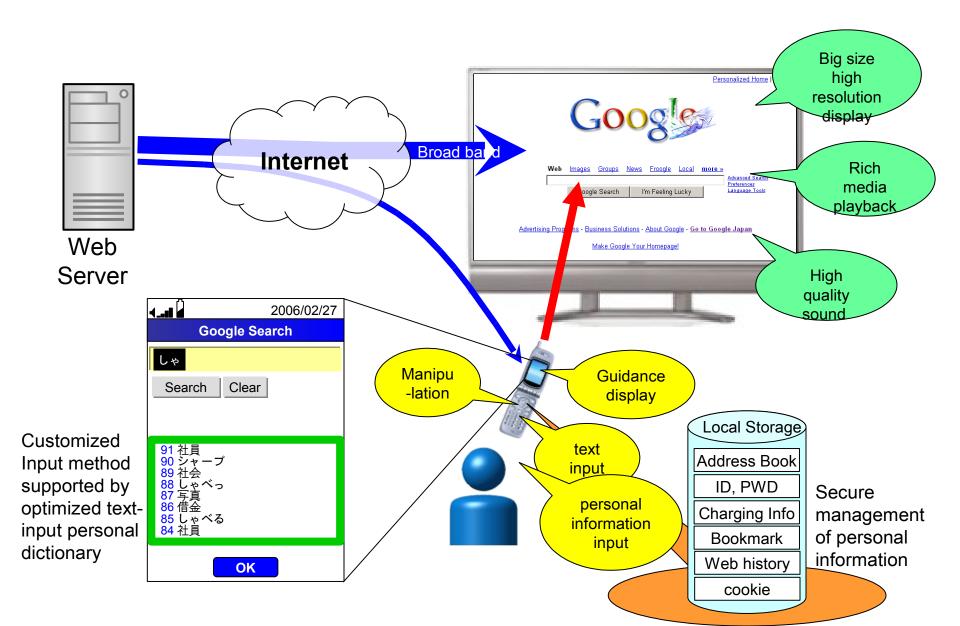
Features of ST and PMT

	Shared Terminal (TV)	Personal Mobile Terminal (Cellular Phone)
Display	Big size and high resolution • Much of information can be displayed in the screen and can be shared by many people	 Small size in Private Although it can display small size of information at one time, the information can be kept in secret.
Sound	 High volume and high quality Some sound effects such as 3D surround may be available and can be shared by many people. 	Low volume in Private • Although it is poorer than that of ST, the information can be kept in secret. • It is also available in high noise situation.
Text Input	 NG Although it is not impossible for ST to input text by using software keyboard, it is usually troublesome work. 	 Possible Although it is not better than full keyboard, it provides better text input method than software keyboard of ST. If the method is customized for a user, she/he can input text more effectively.
Voice Input	N/A •It needs external microphone unit.	Good •It has effective microphone.
Personal Information Management	NG • It is not good to manage personal information in STs from the viewpoint of security and privacy protection.	Good • It can be securely managed in local storage. • It also allows to input personal information by collaborating with text input method.

Collaborative Web Access

- Web access by use of both ST and PMT
 - Both ST and PMT interfaces are linked and synchronized when accessing Web
 - According to the features of each interface, each role should be appropriately defined,
 - A framework that allows Web application's author to design Collaborative Web Access applications should be provided.

Collaborative Web Access Concept



1. Linkage of ST and PMT

- When accessing from ST, a PMT available to the user is discovered and certificated, and logically connected with the ST.
 - Device discovery method (UPnP etc.)
 - Certification method of device and user (Client Certification etc.)
 - Linkage framework of ST and PMT
- The connection between ST and PMT should be encrypted with an appropriate method.
- This connection will be discontinued at the end of the Web access from the ST.
 - Secure session management between multiple devices

2. Linkage of Shared page and Personal page

- Shared Page displayed in ST and Personal Page displayed in PMT are linked and synchronized.
 - Shared Page on ST
 - Web contents presentation powered by big size and high quality display
 - Personal Page on PMT
 - Interaction method for Shared Page
 - hyperlink selection
 - menu selection
 - form selection
 - text input
 - zoom and scroll
 - input of personal information
 - Private information presentation
 - detailed information etc.
 - Interaction with the Private Page affects the Shared Page in real time.
 - Both Private Page and Shared Page are updated when required
 - Framework that allows to define Personal Page connected with the Shared Page.
 - Synchronization method of Personal Page and Shared Page.
 - Shared Page update method based on interaction for Personal Page.

Solution 1: Input Interface

- Shared Page is updated based on the interaction with the Personal Page,
 - Effective text input
 - User can use input interface of his/her favorite mobile terminal,
 - Dictionary for forecast conversion (ex. Kanji input) can be optimized based on the user needs,
 - Form auto complete based on input history is also available,
 - Easy entry input of address book or schedule book.
 - Web navigation by PMT
 - Regardless of the ST type, user can always use same PMT interface,
 - Hyperlink traverse in Shared Page is realized by the corresponding hyperlink traverse in Personal Page,
 - Back, Forward, Zoom, Scroll, Bookmark browser operations on the PMT affects the Shared Page on the ST.

Solution 2: Personal Information Management

- Personal information is stored and managed in PMT.
- If necessary, user can input the information on the Personal Page and then the Shared Page is updated according to the provided information.
 - The risk of leak of personal information from ST is very low if the Web application is designed not to handle such information in Shared Page on ST,
 - Personal information such as bookmark entry of address book entry can be consolidated in PMT.

Conclusion

- For Ubiquitous Web, it is important to support Web access from Shared Terminals.
- Collaborative Web Access of Shared Terminal and Personal Mobile Terminal enables easy and secure Web access from Shared Terminal.