Peregrine: Web-enhanced Antelope

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Peregrine

- Antelope Base System + Web Infrastructure
  - New program ***rtwebserver***
  - New program ***rtcache***
  - Host of supporting python libraries

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- Web-based Monitoring
- Web-based Information distribution
- Web-based Interaction

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- Python-based web server
- Along with the various python extensions, provides a comprehensive toolkit for developing custom web servers that are highly integrated into the Antelope environment (configuration, connectivity, etc.)
- Along with other components, will be sold as a separate BRTT product or as an addon to existing Antelope site licenses
- A demo version of the complete ***Peregrine*** product will be made available on request

Peregrine Goals

- Robust Web Presence for users and operators
- Capitalize on informative power of real-time system
- Platform for revealing more about RT system to operators
- Clean integration with real-time system
- Familiar configuration patterns for operators
- Low user-maintenance cost and complexity
- Flexible and Extensible
- Self-contained
- Maintainable software base

What We Did

- Wrote our own web server
- Made it run under a real-time system (rtexec)
- Made it look and feel like our existing programs
- Made it connect easily to Antelope
- Wrote a caching daemon to generate products for it

Why not Existing Technologies?

- E.g. operator-managed Apache?
- And open-source PHP?
- And hand-linked Python?
- And user-compiled ImageMagick?
- And consultant-developed custom apps?

Why not Existing Technologies?

- One Simple Reason:
  - It hasn't worked in commercial context
    - (works for a few places with advanced development staff and strong sysadmin resources)
  - Hasn't provided generally accessible platform
- Apache installations are highly variable
- Linking in buzzword technologies is complex
- Configurable elements are heterogeneous
- Underlying open-source is constantly changing
- High cost of ownership, high cost of development

Why not distribute an existing stack?

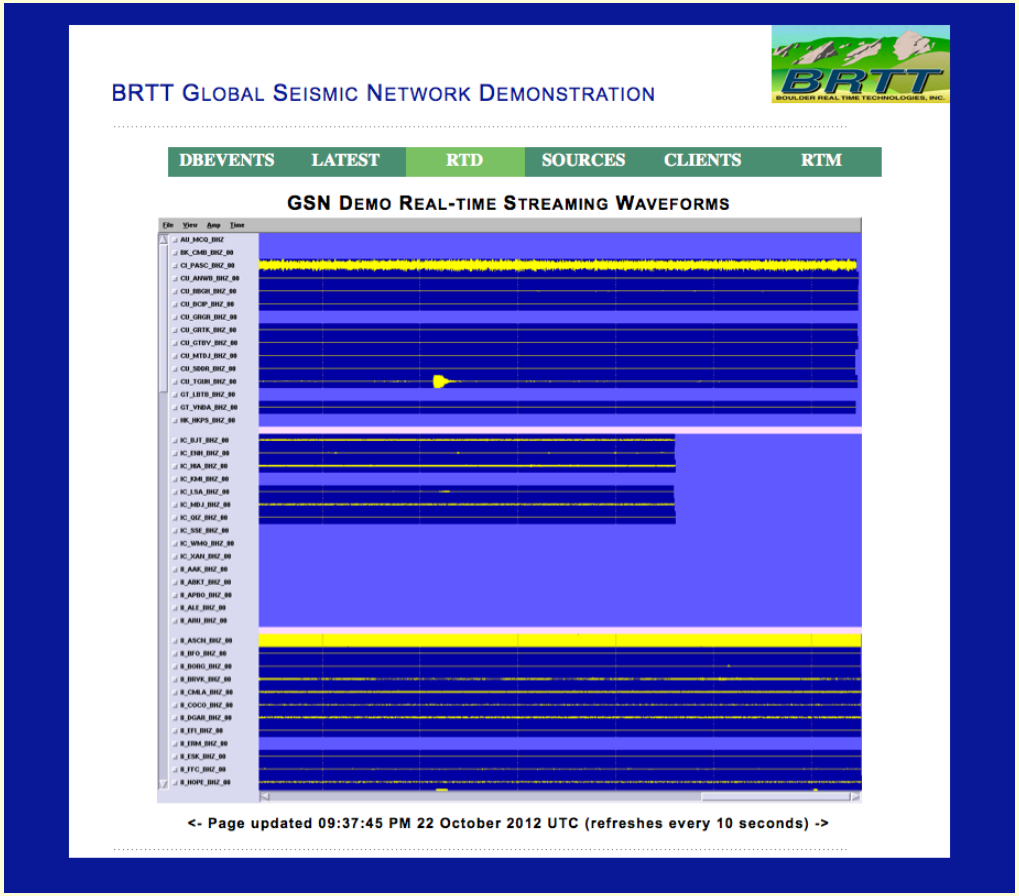
- Lots of work; worth doing right
- We can create something better tuned for our users
- Ours is fully self-contained
- Ours is maintainable by us
- Actually we did start with an existing stack:
  - Python
  - Twisted Web Platform

Summary --

- Hard to maintain what we don't control
- Hard to support what we haven't built
- Hard to come up with strategies to integrate our apps with organic free-for-all code base
  - Much less explain those strategies…

- ("Hard" => "Very Expensive")

Peregrine Example: *orbmonrtd* on the web



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Peregrine Example: *dbevents* on the Web

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Users
And
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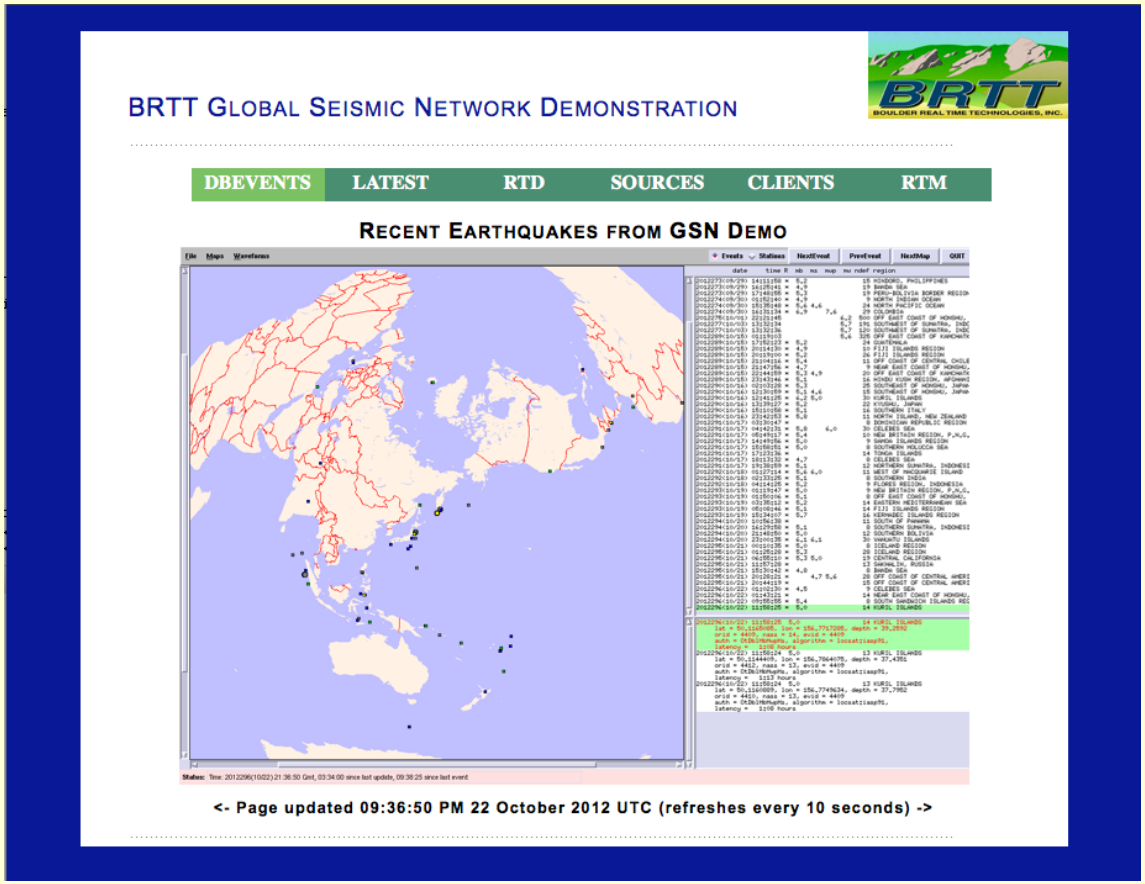

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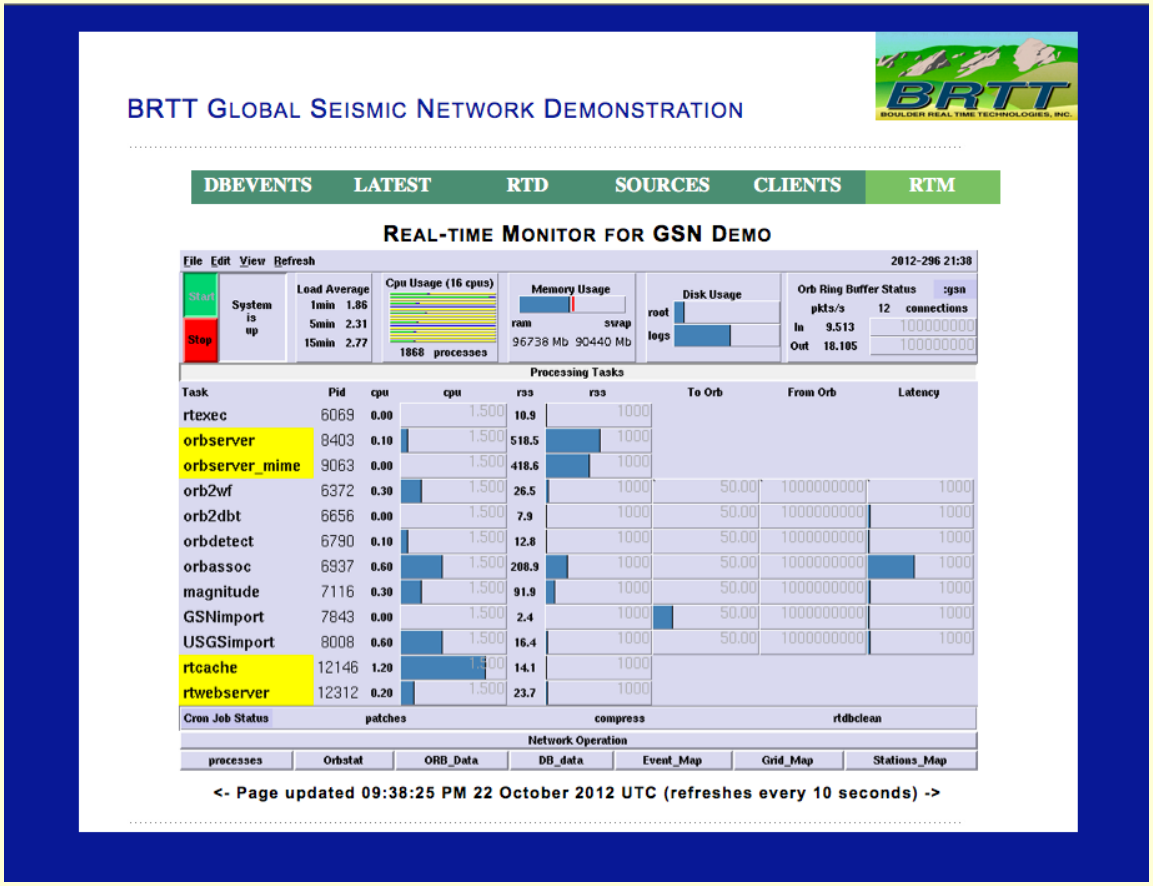
Peregrine Example: *RTM* on the Web

For Operators



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Peregrine: What's the difference?

- No ImageMagick! (whew)
- No Installation sysadmin of open-source code
- No Configuration sysadmin of 3rd party code
- Little or no custom development
- Much more plug-n-play
- Generalized Platform, Streamlined Tools
  - Custom development still possible!

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Peregrine: What's the difference?

- Single command-lines to launch programs
- Entirely contained within rtexec system
- Parameter-file configured
- Python modules included to provide capabilities

rtwebserver

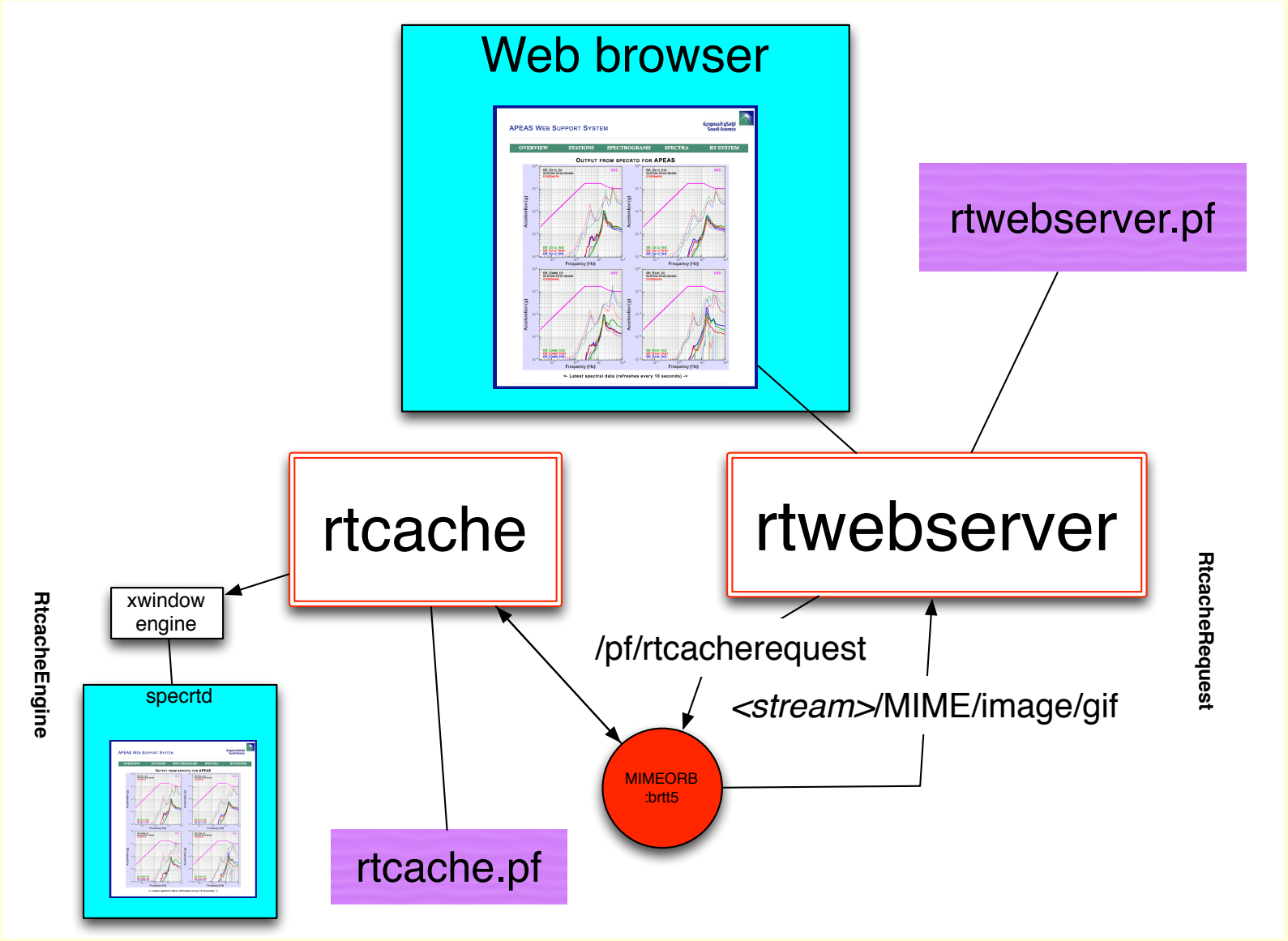
- Self-contained web-server

```
% rtwebserver -v -P 8000
```

- Runs under rtexec
- Parameter-file configures entire site
  - *rtwebserver.pf*
- Logs connections to database
- Python and Twisted (*http://twistedmatrix.com*)

rtcache

- Generalized Caching Daemon
- Pre-builds products for the web server
- E.g.:
  - Dynamic X-window screen-shots
  - Strong-motion alarm reports
  - Anything you can code into Python
- Exchanges request/response via orbserver
- Can show on the web any GUI you can run as X-client



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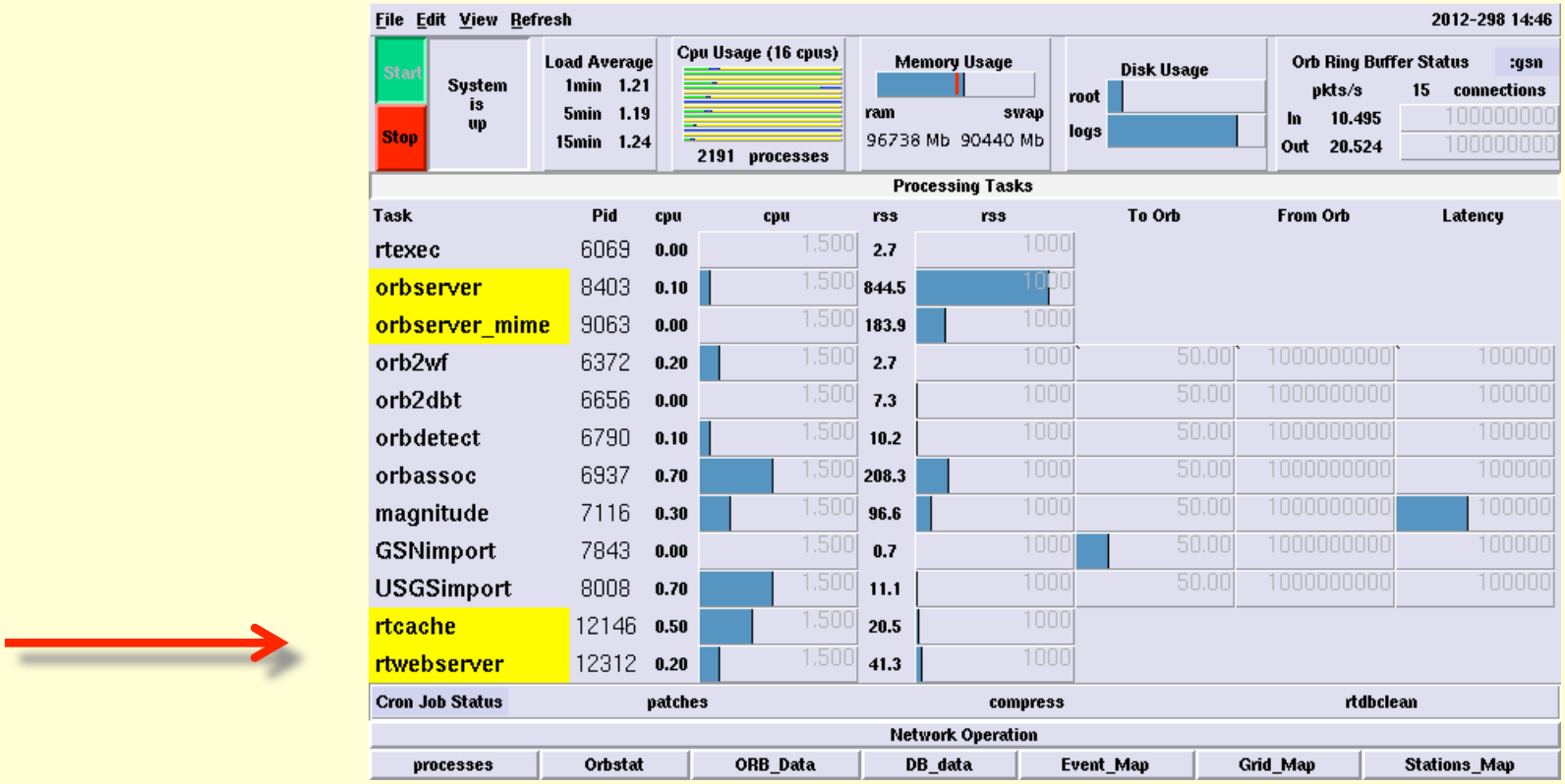
Rtwebserver / rtcache in real-time system



rtwebserver.pf

```
site &Arr{
   pages &Arr{
      index              rpy:webitems/index.rpy  index
      latest             rpy:webitems/latest.rpy
      rtm                rpy:webitems/rtm.rpy
      orbmonrtd          rpy:webitems/orbmonrtd.rpy
      sources            rpy:webitems/sources.rpy
      clients            rpy:webitems/clients.rpy
      dynamic &Arr{
        ximage           rtcache:ximage
      }
      images &Arr{
        brtt_logo.gif    file:webitems/images/brtt_logo.gif
        dots.gif         file:webitems/images/dots.gif
      }
      css &Arr{
        style.css        pf:stylesheet   text/css
      }
   }
```

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rtwebserver page types

- file
- pf
- rpy
- rtcache
- (revproxy)

rtwebserver.pf

```
site &Arr{
   siteconfig &Arr{
        time_format             %I:%M:%S %p %d %B %Y %Z
        centerimage_width       640
        refresh_sec             10
   }
   ximage &Arr{
        orbname                 :gsn2
        diagnostics             1
        maxwait_sec             5.0
        rtcache_targetname
    }
    phrases &Arr{
        header &Literal{
                <div id="header">
                <span class="private"><img id="logo" src="/images/brtt_logo.gif"/></span>
                <p id="banner">BRTT Global Seismic Network Demonstration</p>
                </div>
                <img class="dots" alt="dots" src="/images/dots.gif"/>
        }
    }
}
```

rtwebserver.pf

```
site &Arr{
 stylesheet &Literal{

        html, body {
          background: #0c2093 ;
          margin: 0px ;
          padding: 0px ;
        }

        h1 {
          color: #000 ;
          font-family: arial, helvetica, geneva, sans-serif ;
          font-size: 1.3em ;
          margin: 2px ;
          margin-top: 20px ;
          font-variant: small-caps ;
          letter-spacing: 1px ;
          text-align: center ;
        }
   }
}
```

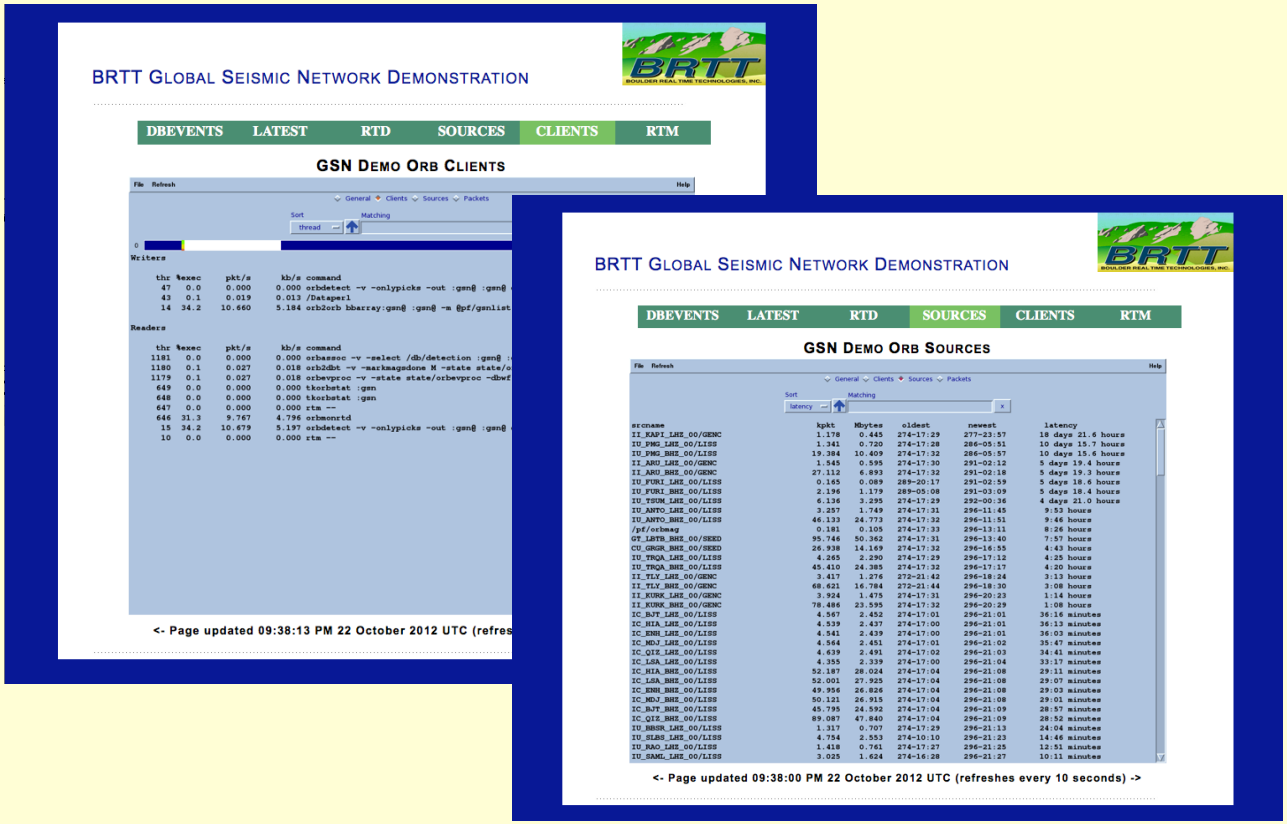
rtcache.pf

```
caches &Arr{
    defaults &Arr{
        enginetype xwindow
        command_env &Arr{
                PATH    &env(PATH)
                ANTELOPE        &env(ANTELOPE)
                PFPATH          &env(PFPATH)
}
        image_format GIF
        window_name
        virtual_display auto
        virtual_screen_geometry 1280x1024
        startup_sleep_sec 0.2
        xwindow_restart_sec 86400
    }
    rtm &Arr{
        command rtm
    }
    dbevents &Arr{
        command dbevents db/gsn
    }
    orbmonrtd &Arr{
        command orbmonrtd :gsn -wmax 1200 -hmax 1000
    }
```

Peregrine Development Successes

- Easy display of generic X clients
- rtdemo_gsn web display
- Bighorn Web interaction platform

Easy display of generic X clients



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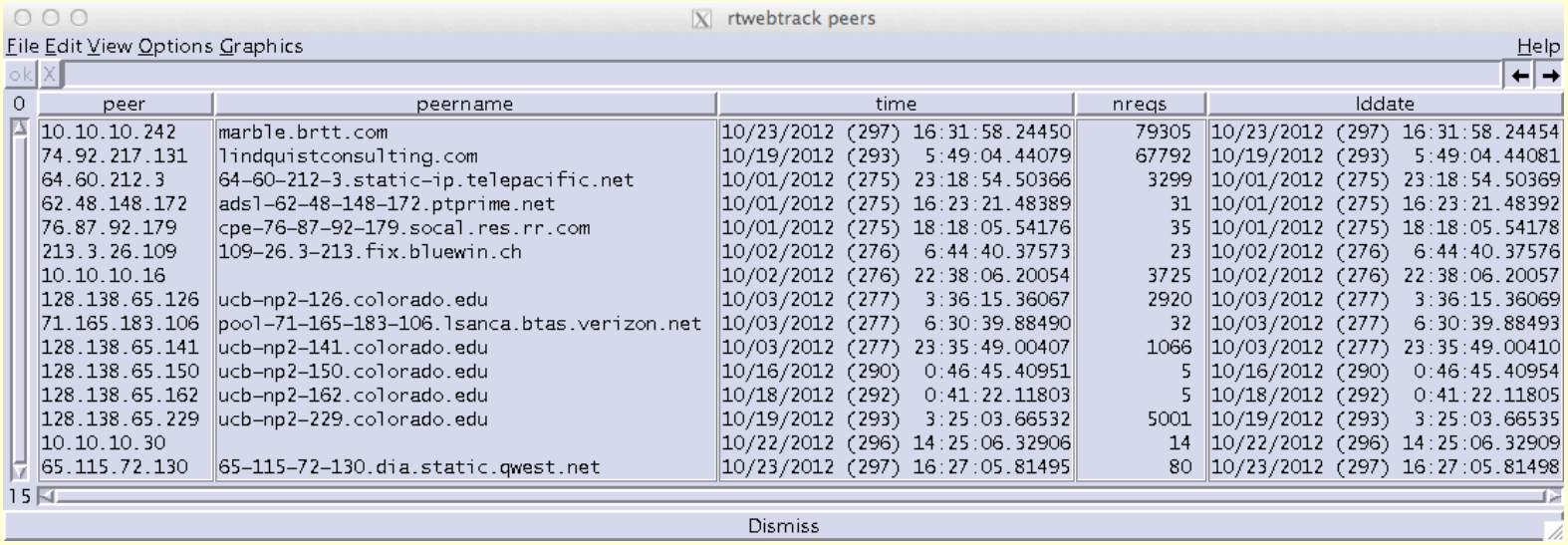
rtwebserver connection logging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10.10.10.16		10/02/2012 (276) 22:38:06.20054	3725	10/02/2012 (276) 22:38:06.20057
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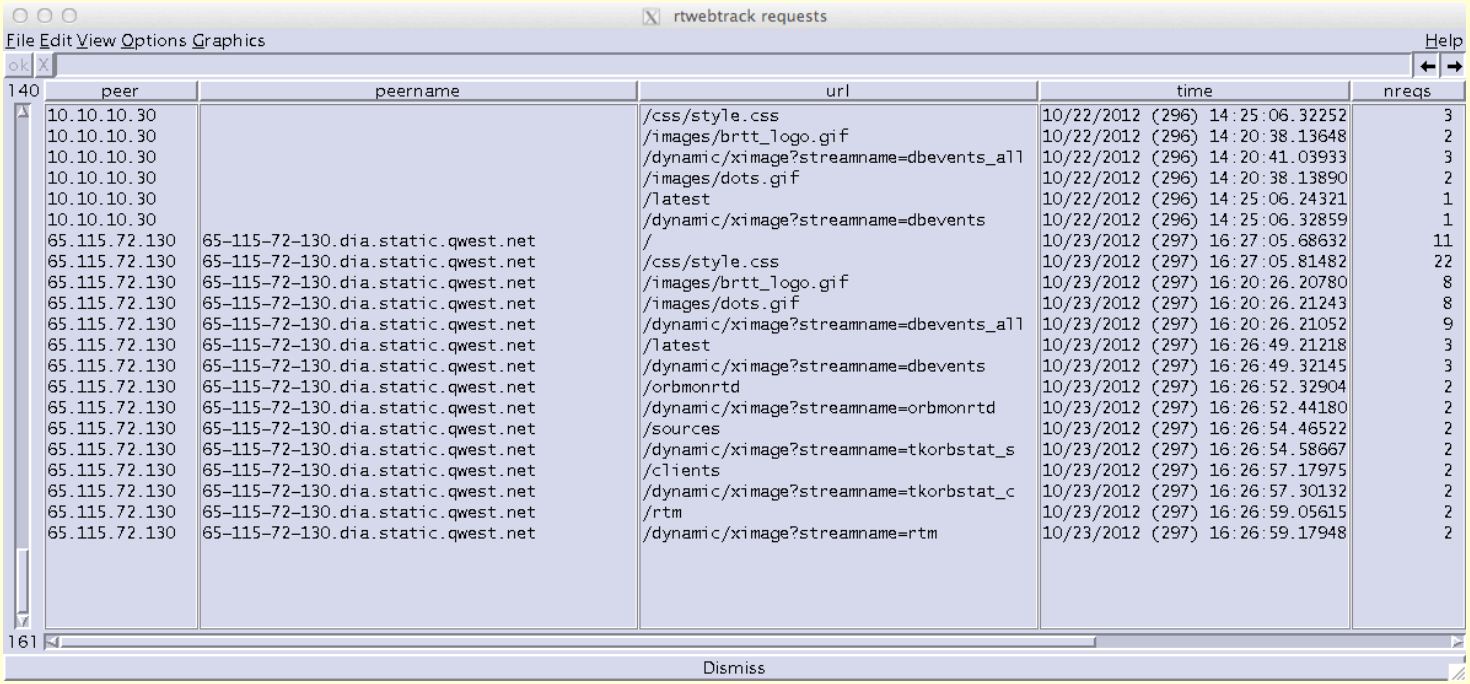

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Peregrine Future

- Web sockets
- Interaction
- More applications
  - (Wish list?)

Thank You

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