Integrated Environment for Visual Data-level Mashup Development

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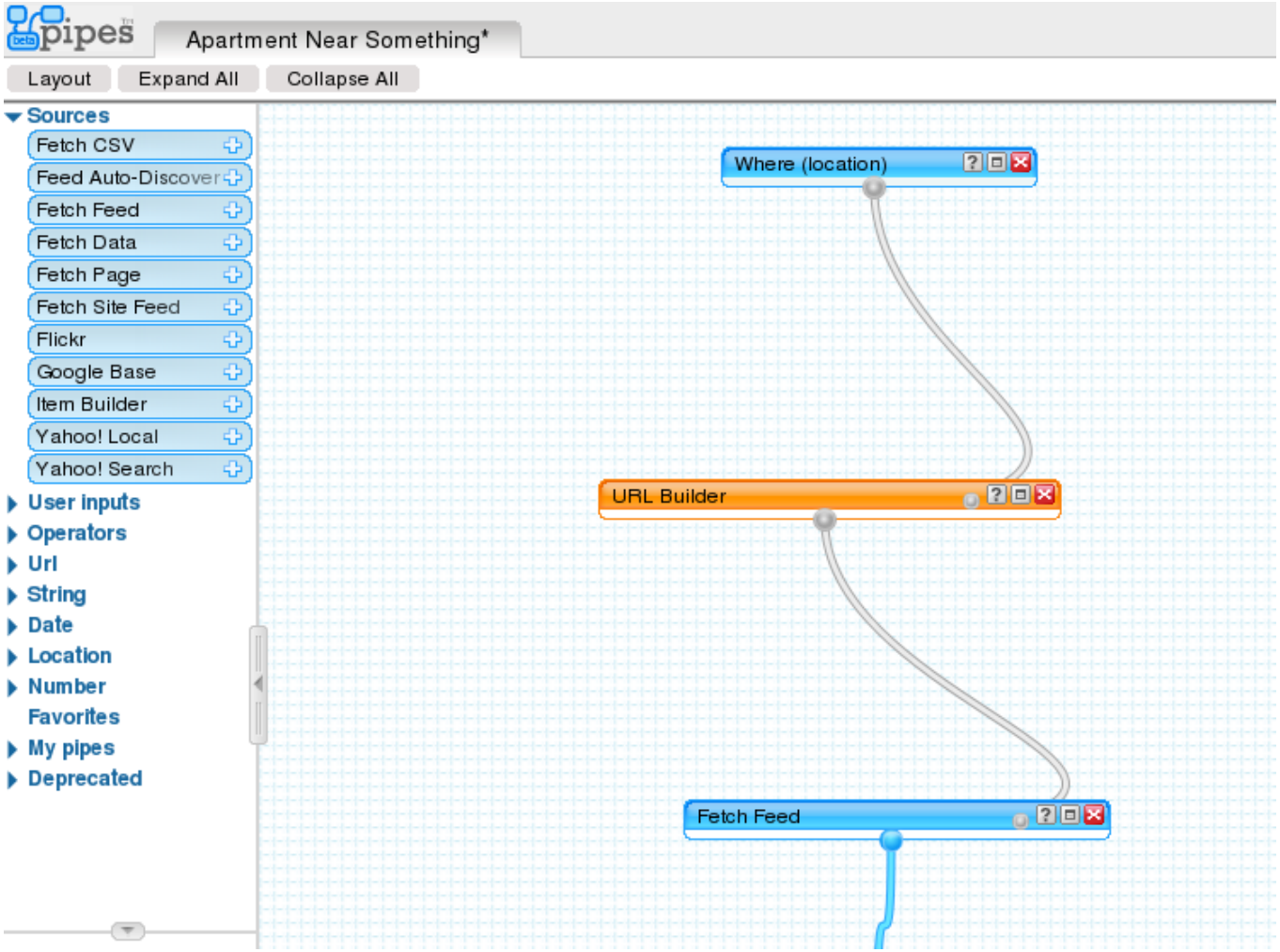
Mashup example

Mashup environments



Mashup environments

Mashup problems

- Not complex enough ?
- Too complex ?
- Not reliable enough ?
- Too narrow ?
- ....

- **Is it worth it ?**

Mashup tools integration:
Background

- Work done for EU project Romulus
  - Aid web application development
  - Mashups one of the ways to achieve that

- Lots of tools developed:
- ...
- DERI Pipes (Semantic Web Data Mashups)
- Romulus Mashup Builder (Service Mashups)

- **Question:** what to do with all of that ?

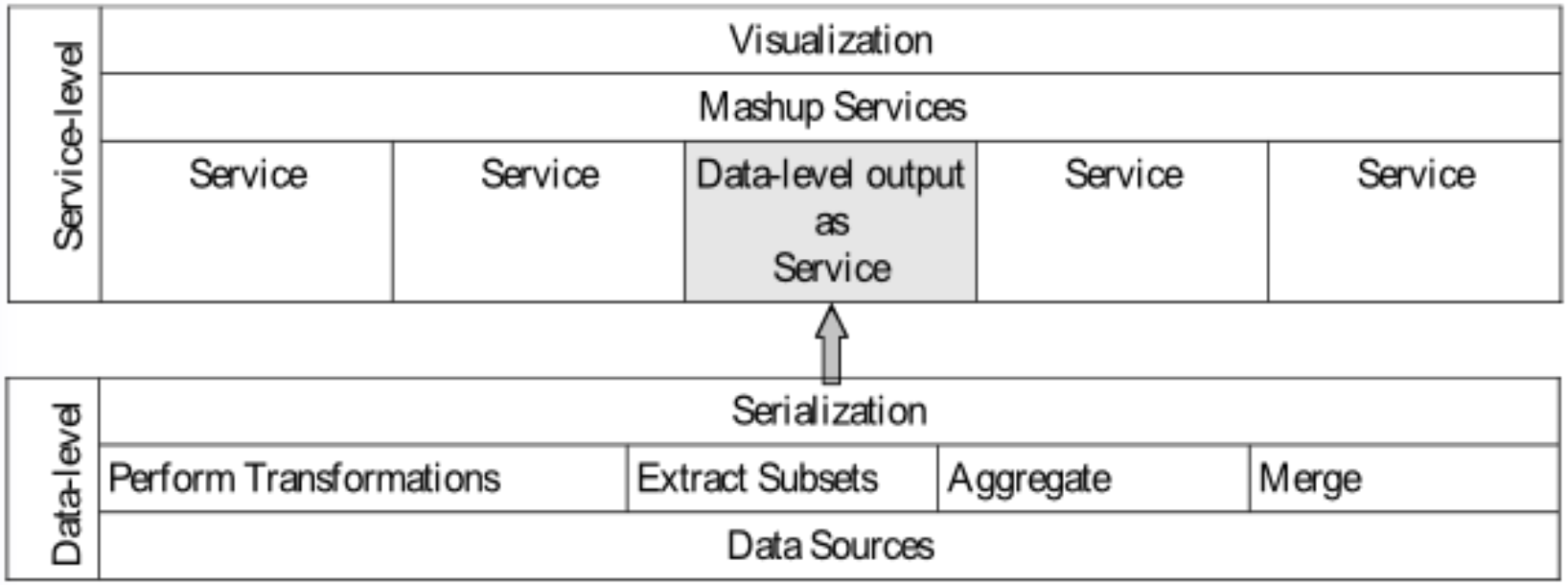
Mashup tools integration:
Motivation

- Integrate tools to facilitate better efficiency
- Domain specific data mashup tools lack functionality

Mashup tools integration:
Goals

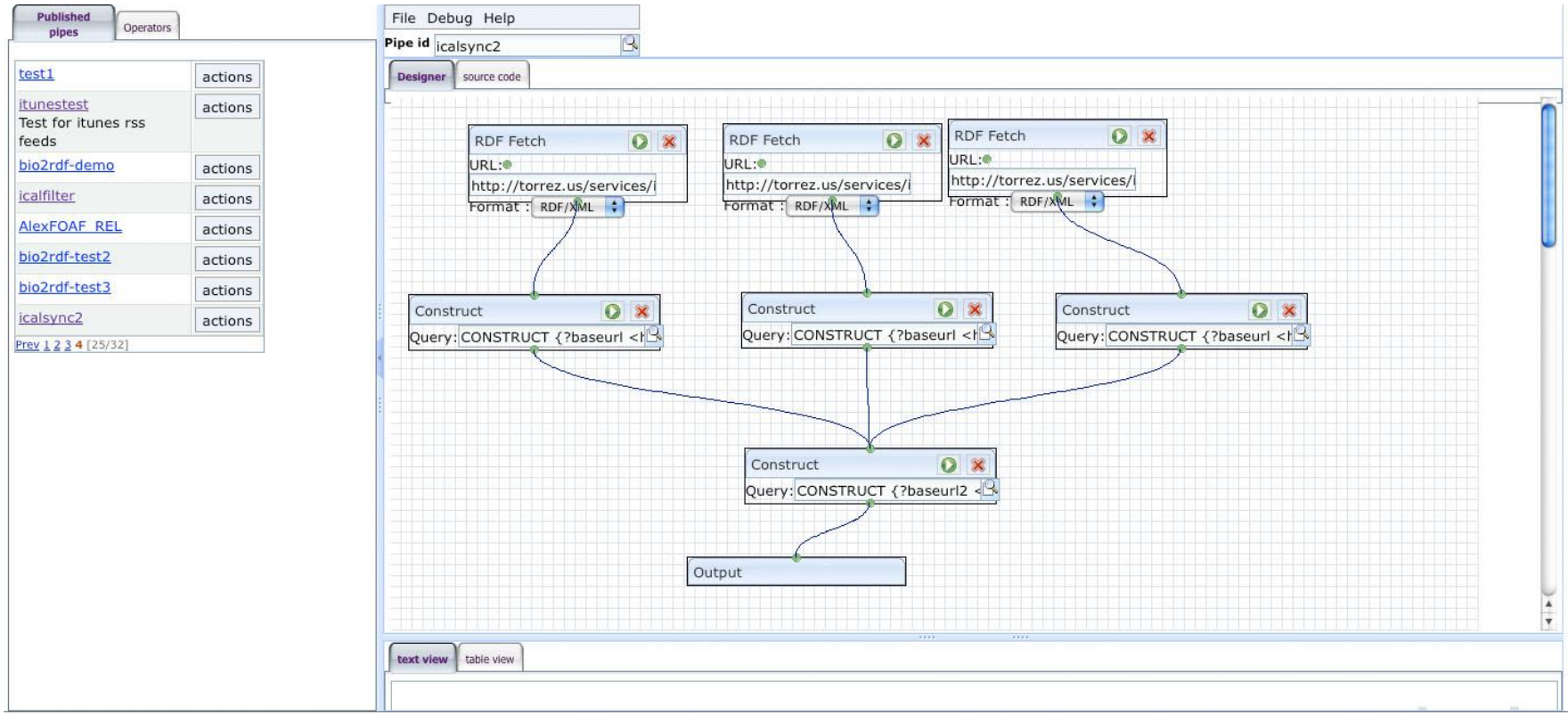
1. More effective mashup construction
2. Integrate mashup development as part of software engineering process
3. Drive the research and design for current mashup tools

Mashup tools integration:
Methodology



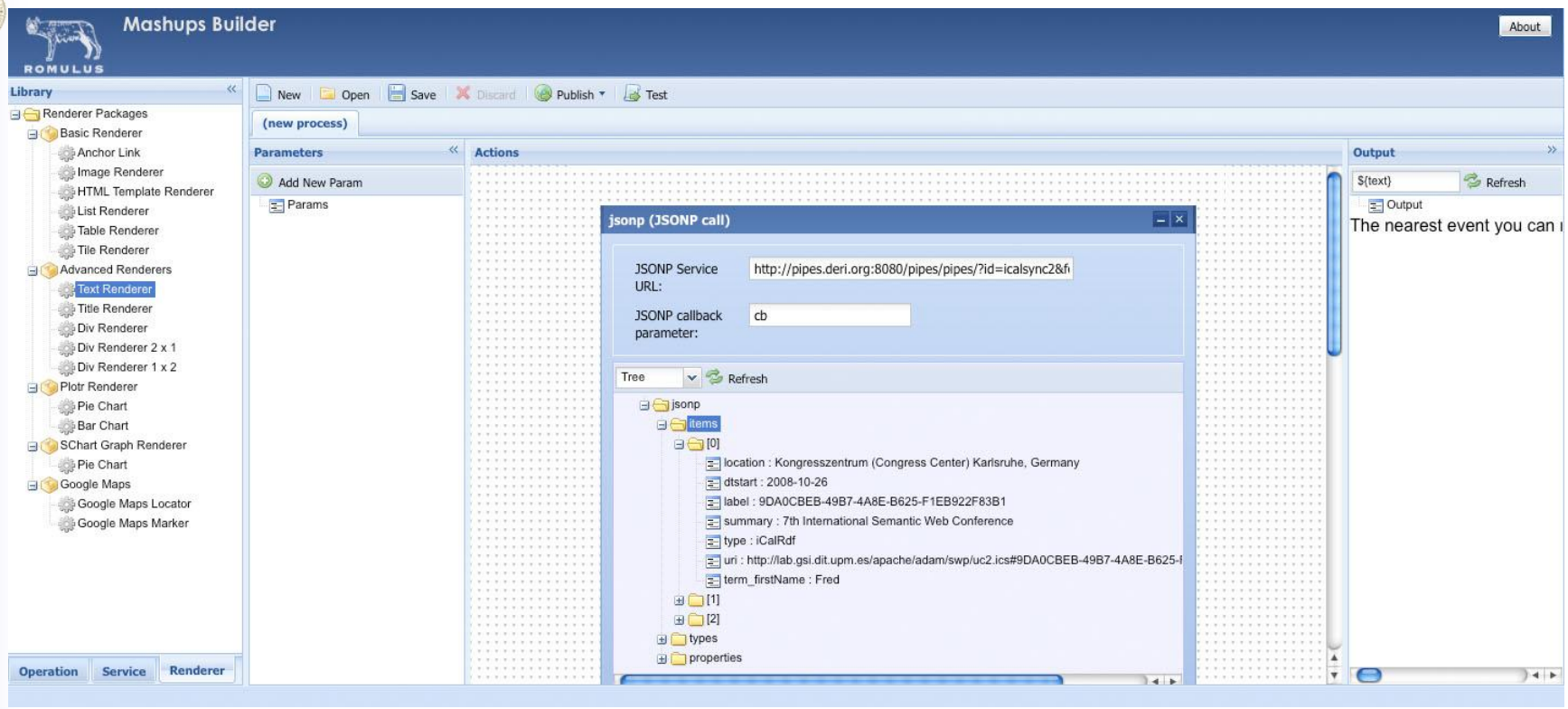
Experiments:

DERI Pipes



Experiments:

Romulus Mashup Builder



Experiments:

The mashup creation process

Goal: show upcoming event from personal calendar what friends can you meet there

How: analyze iCalendar instances

Experiments:
The mashup creation process

Data-level:

1. Convert iCal to RDF (where needed)
2. Filter out needed data (i.e. name, surname, event name, start date etc.) SPARQL Query
3. Mashup! (detect same events, people participating) SPARQL Constructs
4. Save and publish

Service-level:

1.Extract information from data level
2. Prepare the data before rendering and mashup again!
3. Render data (HTML/widget output)

Experiments:
Problems

- Still complex
- Data level fulfils most of the requirements but it takes most time and effort
- Often when needed something very particular -> **lack of operators again!**

Conclusions

- **Some thoughts**
- Big expensive environments from one vendor or integrate small/dedicated ones ?
- Data-level complexity vs. Service-level complexity
- Mashup output and construction Standardization ?

- **Future work**
- How about software development frameworks for creating mashups?