### Voyager 7 Tomcat WebVoyage Interface for Dummies

or: What will at take to eustomize our new user interface and remain sane?

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# Agenda

- Tomcat Overview
- · Cascading Style Sheets
- · XML/XSL
- webvoyage.properties
- Quick Changes
- · Resources & Tools
- Patches & Upgrades
- Why Tomcat? 5/25/10

### Tomcat Overview

- Different toolsets (CSS, XML, XSL, JavaScript).
- · Content is dynamically generated.
- Information from the Voyager database (and other sources like Google or Amazon) is combined with formatting properties of CSS, etc. to render displays.
- myAccount page = myAccount.xsl +  $5/25(1^{10})$ myAccount.xsl +

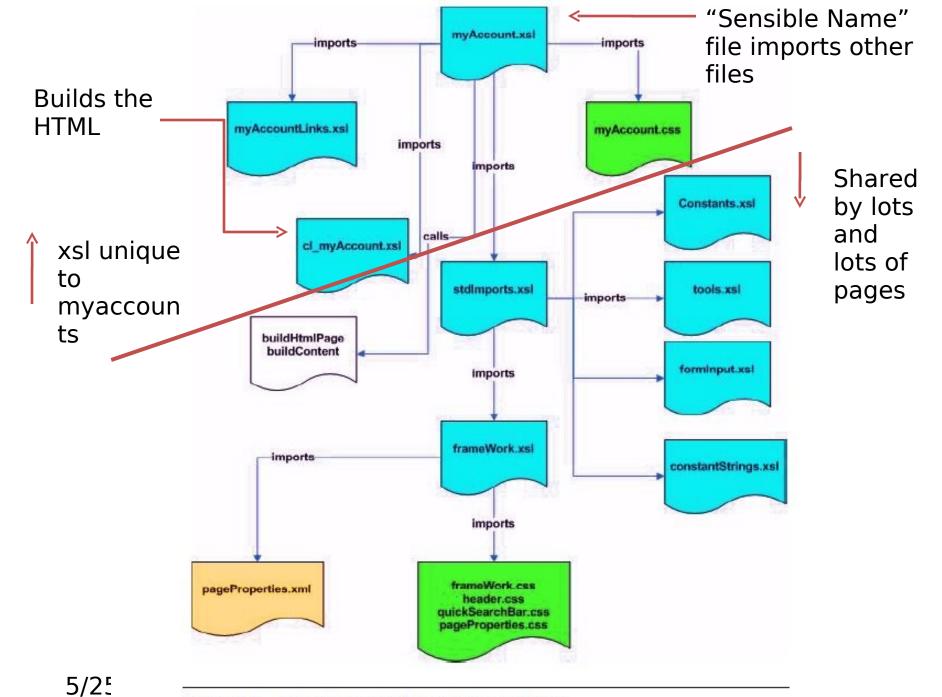


Figure 2-2. Flowchart example for myAccount page

## Out of the Box

- Tomcat "out of the box" is designed to be quite functional.
- Various searches are preconfigured (basic, advanced, subject, author).
- Default functions (limits, sorting) are working.
- · Format icons in results list.
- Google books embedded in record

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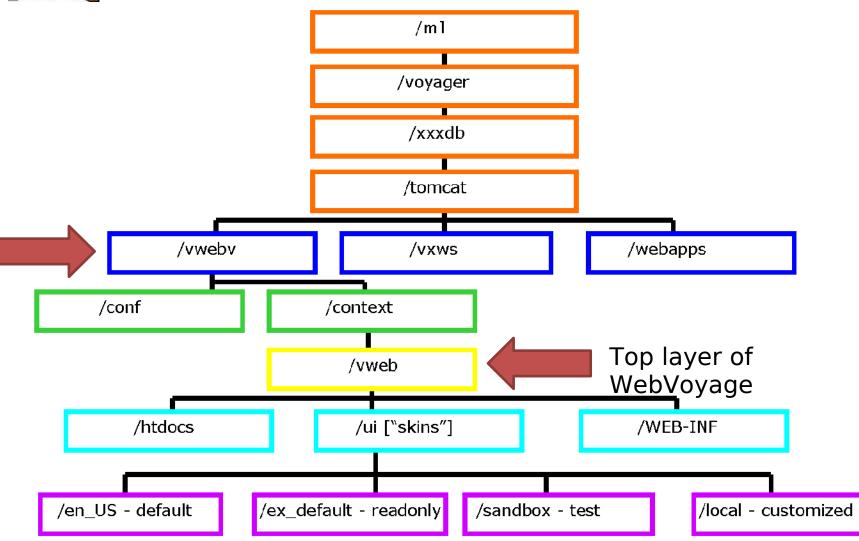
- · As we've seen it is pretty functional.
- There are a few things you'll probably want to change right away and we'll talk about those later.
- Meantime, in order to make changes you must understand Tomcat and how *it* works.
- Here the Architecture manual comes in very handy. Read it! Really!!
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# What is she talking about?

- Working with Tomcat means working with a set of files that live in directories on your Voyager server.
- As we'll see, these files are of various types. All, though, are "text" files that are "editable."
- But you must have server access via WinSCP or PuTTY or some other method.

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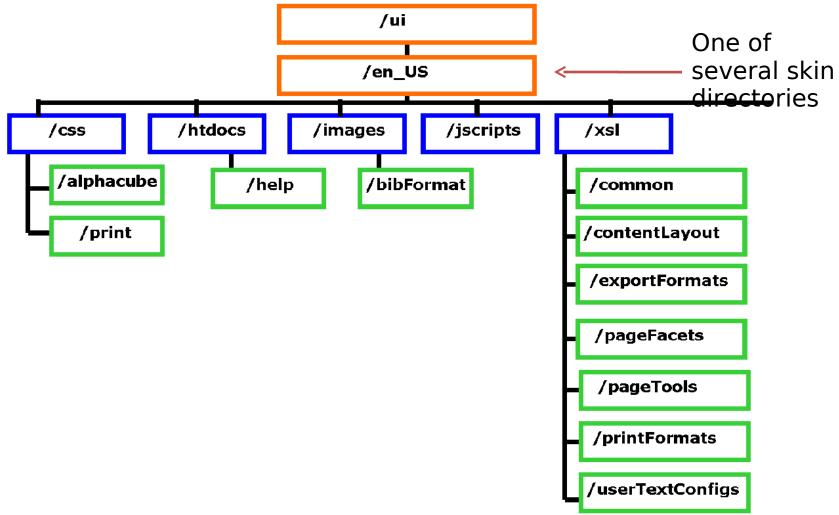
# Skins

- A skin is a user interface's appearance.
- $\cdot$  In the U.S. the default skin is /en\_US.
- /exl\_default is the ('read-only') skin.
   Never mess with it (note it is not really *read-only*!).
- To make a new skin:

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#### /ui/en\_US ["skin"] Organization



# File Naming

- · Recall the myAccount page example:
  - myAccount.xsl
  - myAccountLinks.xsl
  - cl\_myAccount.xsl (cl = content layout)
  - myAccount.css
- (In reality over 12 files! css, xsl, xml, etc.)
- Naming is used to show relationships
   5/20@tween files that build the HTML

# **Cascading Style Sheets**

- CSS is used to describe the presentation of a document.
- · Controls colors, fonts, layouts, etc.
- · Processed hierarchically.
- Specified priorities allow one style sheet to override another style sheet.
- "Baseline controls" are used in combination with page-specific
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Log in to your account Help

#### Main Navigation Bar

- Search
- My Searches
- My List
- My Account

#### **Basic Search**

Database: My Library Catalog

#### Search Tab Navigation Bar

- Basic
- Advanced
- Subject
- Author
- Course Reserve

#### Search History

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Search				

Search Tips: enter words relating to your topic, use quotes to search phrases: "world wide web", use + to mark essential terms: +explorer, use \* to mark important terms: \*internet, use ? to truncate: browser?

### Important CSS Files

These are the "baseline defaults" and are used

in almost every page:

- pageProperties.css
- quickSearch.qss<sup>The</sup>
- header.css
- frameWork.css

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...And within a given control the latest rule "wins"

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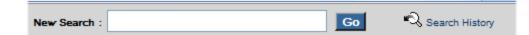
### pageProperties.css

- Trumps all other baseline controls
- $\cdot$  Search tips font sizes and colors
- $\cdot$  Instruction text font sizes and colors
- My Account instructions font sizes and colors
- $\cdot\,$  Error text font sizes and colors
- $\cdot\,$  Block messages font sizes and colors

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### quickSearchBar.css

- $\cdot$  Color of bar
- Positions of elements within bar (form, "Go" button, search history graphic, labels, etc.)
- Font sizes and colors; text alignment and decoration



#### header.css

- Position of tabs, horizontal and vertical
- Space provided for header and footer
- Placement of patron login and help links
- Font sizes and colors; alignment
- Default pointer for components in header
- Positien My Searches My List My Account Exit @Help D image
- Library link and copyright details in

#### frameWork.css

- Every page uses it.
- Font sizes and colors; alignment
- $\cdot$  Header size; position of components
- $\cdot$  Footer size; position of components
- · Hyperlink colors
- $\cdot$  Border width and height
- Position of main content

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# Other Important CSS Files

- resultsFacets.css (titles list)
- displayRecord.css
- $\cdot$  myAccount.css
- highLight.css
- displayCommon.css

# Changing CSS

- Some CSS changes are easy (for example, colors and other changes that don't alter the structure of the page).
- Other CSS changes are hard (like the ones that move elements such as search boxes around the page).
- All CSS changes require testing in various browsers different
   5/zdisplay types.

#### **CSS** Resources

- CSS Zen Garden: <u>http://www.csszengarden.com</u>
- Firebug home: <u>http://getfirebug.com</u> (more on this when I talk about tools)
- W3Schools CSS Tutorial: <u>http://www.w3schools.com/css/default.as</u>

#### XML/XSL

- XML (Extensible Markup Language): specifies document structure and like HTML before it, does markup – LOGIC of what displays.
- XSL (Extensible Stylesheet Language): takes input from other components, allows one to format or transform files encoded in the XML standard – What displays and how.
- •5/2**B**/oth are touchier than HTML.

### Important XSL Files

- displaycfg.xml
- displayHoldings.xml The logic of what displays
- pageProperties.xml
- · limits.xml
- · display.xsl

What displays and how

· frameWork.xsl

# displaycfg.xml

- Found in /contentLayout/configs
- Configure bibliographic record display.
- $\cdot$  Decide which MARC tags to include.
- Add Syndetics or other book covers to display.
- Change labels that describe Bibliographic MARC fields.

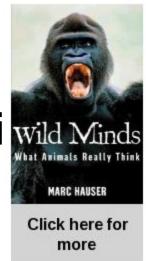
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# displayHoldings.xml

- Found in /contentLayout/configs
- Configure Holdings/Items record display.
- $\cdot$  Decide which MARC tags to include.
- Change labels that describe MFHD MARC fields and Item statuses.
- Change the display order of the MARC fields.
- ·5/25/et up redirects (Call Number

# display.xsl

- Found in contentLayout/display
- Like most xsl a very intimidatinglooking file!
- How the data in the displaycfg.xml and displayHoldings.xml files displays.
- Change how something I behaves on the record di wild h



Main Author:

Title:

Publisher/Date:

Primary Material:

Edition:

Description:

Subjects:

Click for Table of Contents, Reviews, Summary, etc.

Animal psychology. Social behavior in a

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Mouse-over

### pageProperties.xml

- Found in /userTextConfigs
- Change order or remove search tabs ("Basic" etc.)
- Change order of Browse bar buttons ("Print" etc.)
- Edit search tips for each search page
- Provide instructions for various activities
- ・5/M/のdify labels for Bib

### frameWork.xsl

- Found in /pageTools
- Takes input from numerous components including xml, js and css files as well as templates.
- Generates the HTML output including a header, quick search, main content, and a footer.
- $\cdot\,$  This is where you turn debugging on.

# limits.xml

- Found in xsl/userTextConfigs
- Identify the specific entries that are included on the Advanced Search page
- · Relates to the different limit groups
  - format
  - status
  - type

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# Other Important xml Files

- · emailcfg.xml
- · emailBody.xsl
- printCommon.xsl
- briefRecordconfig.xml
- fullRecordconfig.xml
- · 104X\_config.xml

### XML Resources

- W3Schools Online Web Tutorials (including tutorials on XML, XPath, and XSL): <u>http://www.w3schools.com/</u>
- WebVoyage "Show XML" button in .../ [skin]/xsl/pageTools/frameWork.xsl (change "false" to "true" to use for troubleshooting)

### webvoyage.properties

- Located under /en\_US
- Organized into three main sections:
  - Options (controls system behavior)
  - Connections (customize database connections)
  - Page Customizations (page-level customizations)
- $\cdot$  Each section has stanzas.

·5/25/uge, complicated, important...

## **Options Section**

- $\cdot$  Where to go after logout or timeout.
- $\cdot\,$  Retain last used Basic search code.
- Timeout setting (if you change this you may have to change the Tomcat timeout in web.xml).
- · Set up external authentication.

#### **Connections Section**

- Create one or more groups of remote database connections.
- · Enable setting of preferred database.

#### Select Database

Select database(s) to search:
Test Group
Arthur Lakes Library
✓ Prospector
Mines Photo Database (voyager)
WorldCat
Library_of_Congress
Select

## **Customizations Section**

- · Over 2000 lines!
- · Search codes
- $\cdot$  Headers and footers
- $\cdot$  Action Box
- · Limit To
- · Quick Search bar
- · Enable email

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## Quick Changes

- · Banner image
- · Get rid of "start page"
- · Page Footer
- Search Types on Basic Search Page
- · Quick Limits
- $\cdot\,$  Search Page Names and Tabs Text
- Enable Email, disable Holdings Jump Bar 5/25/10

### But First a Word From Our Sponsor

- Back up your files!
- · Comment your work!
- Make changes one at a time!
- $\cdot$  Move changed files in one at a time!
- Keep previous versions of good files!
- $\cdot$  TEST! TEST! TEST!

### Banner Image (Logo)

- Specified in webvoyage.properties.
- Don't change filename (webVoyageLogo.jpg).
- Easiest of you leave it the original size (175 pixel width by 35 pixel height).
- Create a transparent gif if you want it to work better with the default background.

## Get Rid of Default Start Page

- $\cdot$  Most sites do not want to use this.
- …/vwebv/context/vwebv/htdocs/inde x.html
- Change contents to (example!):

<script language="javascript"> window.location.href="http://catalyst.coalliance.org/vwebv/searchBasic? sk=en\_US" </script>

## Page Footer

- · Go to: webvoyage.properties file
- Look for "Footer" section or stanza and customize:
  - page.footer.library.linktext=Your Library
     Name Here
  - page.footer.library.link=http://your.librar ylink.here

Search	My Searches	My List	My Account	Help	Search Prospector	Find an Article Online	Look for Electronic Journals	Exit
					Arthur Lakes Library			
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## Customize Basic Search Types

- · Go to: webvoyage.properties file.
- · Basic Search Codes stanza.
- $\cdot$  Review the instructions there.
- Decide on your search types, what you want to call them, their order of display, and how they should behave.
- · There are four lines per code per  $_{5/2}$  (as we see in the next slide)

# Modify Search Codes

• Example (active):

page.search.basic.search.code.leftAnchorTitle=

page.search.basic.search.code.leftAnchorTitle.code=TALL

page.search.basic.search.code.leftAnchorTitle.order=5

page.search.basic.search.code.leftAnchorTitle.display=Title Browse (omit leading articles)

• Example (inactive; commented out):

5/25/10 #page.search.basic.search.code.titleKeyAnd=

# Modify Quick Limits

- · Go to: webvoyage.properties file.
- $\cdot$  Find the: Limit To stanza.
- Used both in Basic Search and postsearch filtering.
- Decide what limits you want to use, their order, display name.
- Each entry has four lines (as we see in the next slide).

#### Limit To Stanza

• Example:

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page.search.limitTo.selected=none
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page.search.limitTo.none=
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page.search.limitTo.none.limit=none
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page.search.limitTo.none.order=1
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page.search.limitTo.none.text=All Material

#

page.search.limitTo.Archive=

page.search.limitTo.Archive.limit=LOCA=Archive 5/25/10 page.search.limitTo.Archive.order=2

#### Enable Email

- · Go to: webvoyage.properties file.
- "Action Box" text:

actionBox.actions.email.linkText=E-mail

• Search Results bar:

page.searchResults.browseBar.email.button=E-mail

page.searchResults.browseBar.email.button.message=E-mail the search results

option.email variable:

option.email=Y

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## Disable Holdings Jump Bar

- webvoyage.properties file.
- Primarily used for multi-database sites

#### db.holdings.jumpBar=N

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Author:	Alloin, Danielle.		
Publisher:	Berlin, Heidelberg : Springer		
ISBN:	9783540346210		
Format:	Computer File		
Subjects:	Astronomy		
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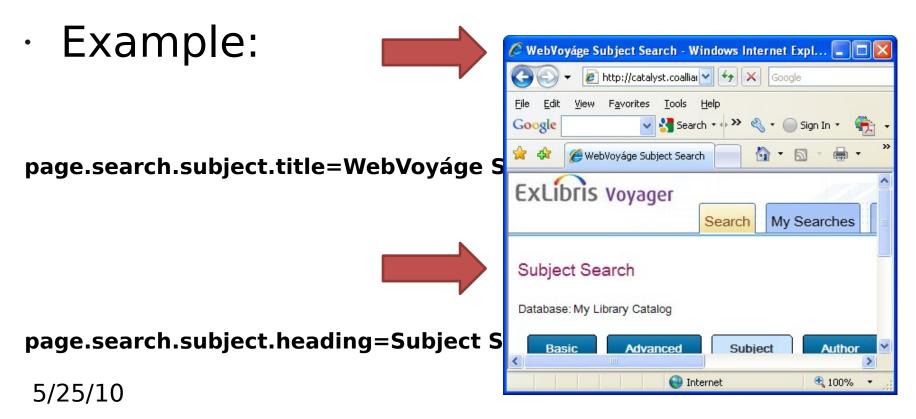
Local Database

Links: Held at:

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## Search Window Titles & Headings

- webvoyage.properties file.
- · Search Basic stanza.



#### Search "Button" Text

- webvoyage.properties file
- Search Pages stanza.
- Example:

page.search.buttons.author.button=Photographer

page.s Photographer Search

grapher

Database: The Image Database provides access to historical and recent images of mining



# Many Other Quick/Easy Changes

- Can be found in the Architecture Manual:
  - Favicon
  - Disable AutoComplete
  - Add a Persistent Link to the record display
  - Separate display for serials
  - Google Analytics

5/25/10 Etc.

# Quick Changes (Not!)

Colors are more difficult than one might think.



#### **Basic Search**

Database: The Image Database provides access to historical and recent images of mining, ropeways, Colorado scenery, and the Colorado School of Mines campus.

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#### Tab Colors

- The tabs (for both the header and the search tabs) are one of the few elements of the pages that are constructed with images. To change the colors, you need to replace those images. The easiest way to do it, though, is by editing those files using an application like PaintShop to replace the existing colors with what you would like to use.
- Each tab is composed of *two* images--a thin one on the left and a wide one (that stretches to the appropriate width) on the right. Both images have the same color, and there are two different versions of each image for active and inactive (for a total of four images per tab type). The images are all located in:

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search\_nav\_left\_off.gif <-- standard thin side</pre>

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se/arfg/fl\_0nav\_right\_on.gif <-- active (mouseover/selected) wide</pre>

#### Search Form Colors

 Update searchPages.css to change the color of the search form itself, as well as the little line between the active search form and its tab.

#searchForm

#### {

background-color: #ccccff; border: 1px solid #000; clear: left; margin: 0px; padding: 0px;

#### }

5/25/10 #searchNav li#on a. #searchNav a:hover

## Quick Search Bar Color, etc.

- $\cdot$  Colors live in many other places.
- For example: resultsFacets.css for browse bars at top and bottom of results and the alternating row colors in the results list.
- · Also: quickSearchbar.css
- Header background: img\_headerBackground.png
- $\cdot_{5/2}$  Endless fun for the whole family!

## More Complex Changes

- Can be found in the Architecture Manual:
  - Separate display for serials
  - Displaying book cover images
  - Add new search or header tab
  - Hide limits on the Advanced Search page
  - External authentication

- Add a new Search Tab (i.e., newBooks) <sup>5/25/1</sup>Add a new Header Tab (i.e., Exit)

#### Resources & Tools

- Architecture Manual, Basic Users Guide, etc.
- WebVoyáge Highlights (John Larson's posts)
- Voy-L, WIKI, KB, EL Commons, CodeShare, etc.
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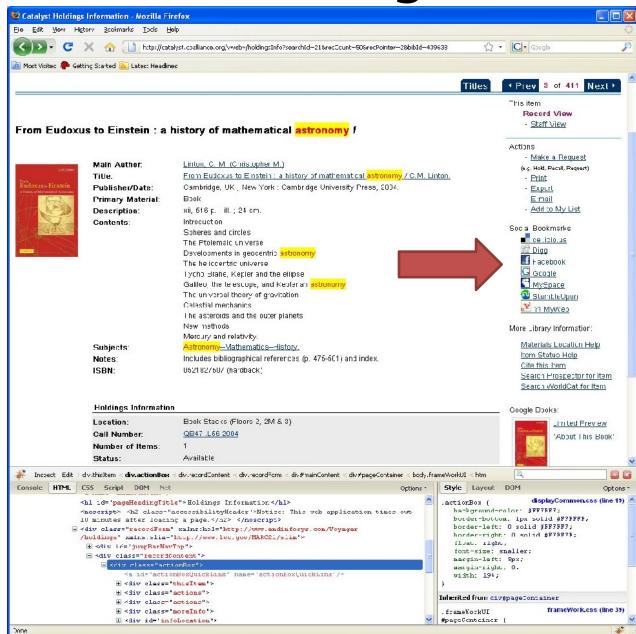
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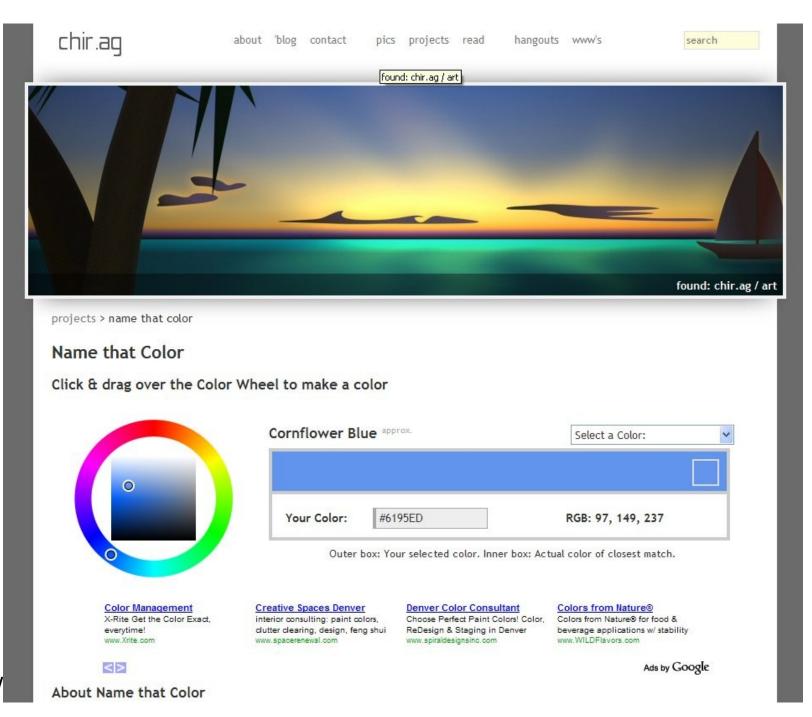
# WinMerge

- $\cdot$  Heard good things about it.
- $\cdot$  Haven't used it yet.
- · Open Source, free.
- $\cdot$  Compares both folders and files.
- Presents differences in an easy to understand visual text format.
- http://winmerge.org

#### Firebug



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## Microsoft Internet Explorer

- Turn on script debugging in I.E.
  - Tools->Internet Options...->Advanced >Disable Script Debugging
- I.E. Developer Toolbar (for IE8 use onboard dev. tools by pressing F12).

### Patches and Upgrades

- $\cdot$  Where the do-do hits the fan.
- $\cdot$  "Easy to create, hard to maintain."
- New Tomcat files moved into exl\_default.
- New files need to be moved to your production directories.
- Any changes/customizations you made need to be recommitted into 5/执序 new files.

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# Why Tomcat?

- It's all in the skins! You can create different skins for different contexts.
- Persistence: Copy any URL and use it later.
- Reliance on CSS means broad customization is possible.
- XSL allows you to easily add small, static elements (or even dynamic content)
- •<sup>5/25/10</sup> Lallows sophisticated

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