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Embracing New Platforms: Building RIAs Beyond AJAX

Curl's Bert Halstead's Upcoming AJAXWorld Conference Session

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There is now a spectrum of Rich Internet Application (RIA) technologies - including Adobe Flex, Adobe AIR, Microsoft Silverlight, and Curl - that go beyond the traditional functionality that AJAX provides. These platforms provide distinct benefits for moving complex desktop and client-server applications to the Web.

An independent study by Sonata Software compared the performance and ease of

development of applications using Curl, AJAX, and Flex, highlighting strengths and weaknesses of each platform. This session will look at the application characteristics that developers should consider before choosing a platform, as well as provide specific examples of the interactivity and performance that these platforms offer.

Speaker Bio: Bert Halstead is the chief architect of Curl, Inc., and a founding member of the Curl technical team. Previously, he was a research staff member at Digital Equipment Corporation. He received his Ph.D. degree from MIT and spent ten years teaching computer science there.