

## Re: The Empire Strikes Back

**Source:** <http://coding.derkeiler.com/Archive/Delphi/borland.public.delphi.non-technical/2003-11/0295.html>

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"Ben" <crashcodes@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
news:3fa71d76\$1@newsgroups.borland.com...

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>>> *"Dennis Landi" <none[at]none.com> wrote:*

>>> *>The Patent, itself, was essentially awarded for content loaded from an*

>>> *>"external source" which can be interacted with in the*

>>> *>browser! How*

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>>> *"external source", what does this do to role webservice plays?*

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>> *none, we are talking about the browser here. any file external to the*

>> *webpage, pulled into the web page, On Load, is what is at issue.*

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> *Isn't a web page that calls a webservice using an external file?*

Read some of the links I provided.

There is a distinction between the webpage pulling in content and an "active agent" already loaded into the web page pulling in content. Thusly, If I have a Flash Application on the webpage calling web services and pulling in XML, it is not the web page doing it since the Flash SWF originated externally to it. What matters is how the `_web_page_` loads the external agent (eg. Flash SWF file); which is why Macromedia recommends calling a script that then loads the Flash app. Apparently this simple machination side-steps the patent, which seems pretty ridiculous; but I am just reporting the news...

-dennis