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The Synoptic Display Studio (SDS)

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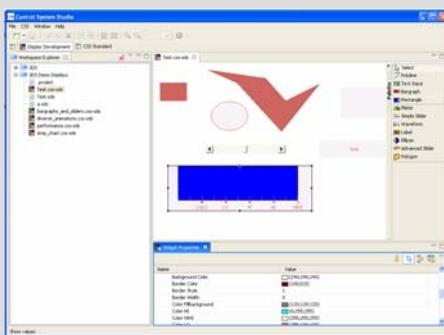
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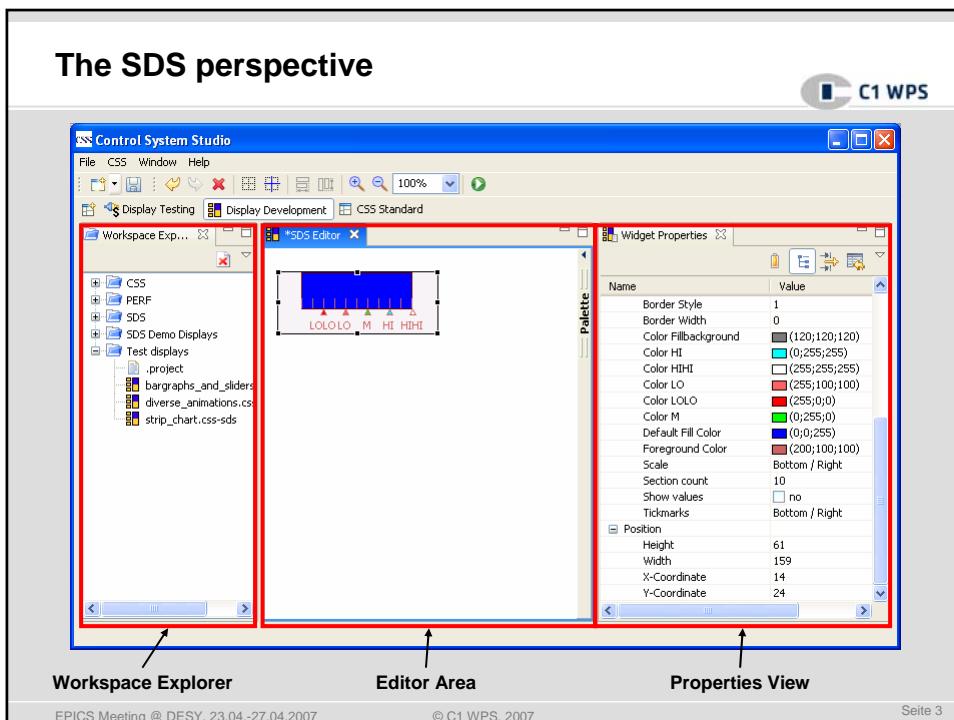
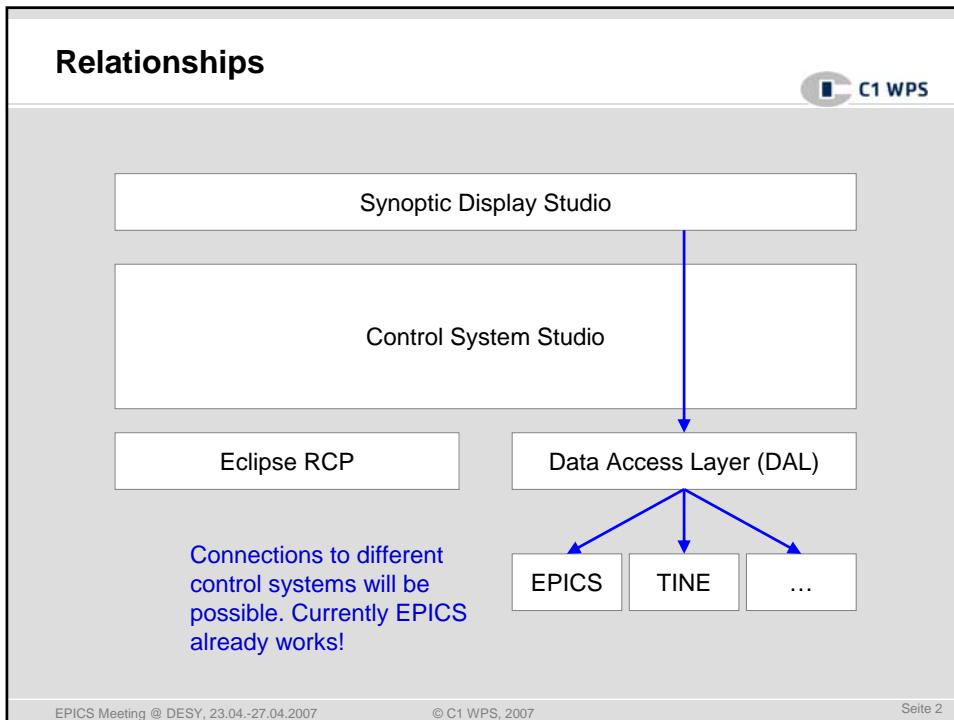
What is it?

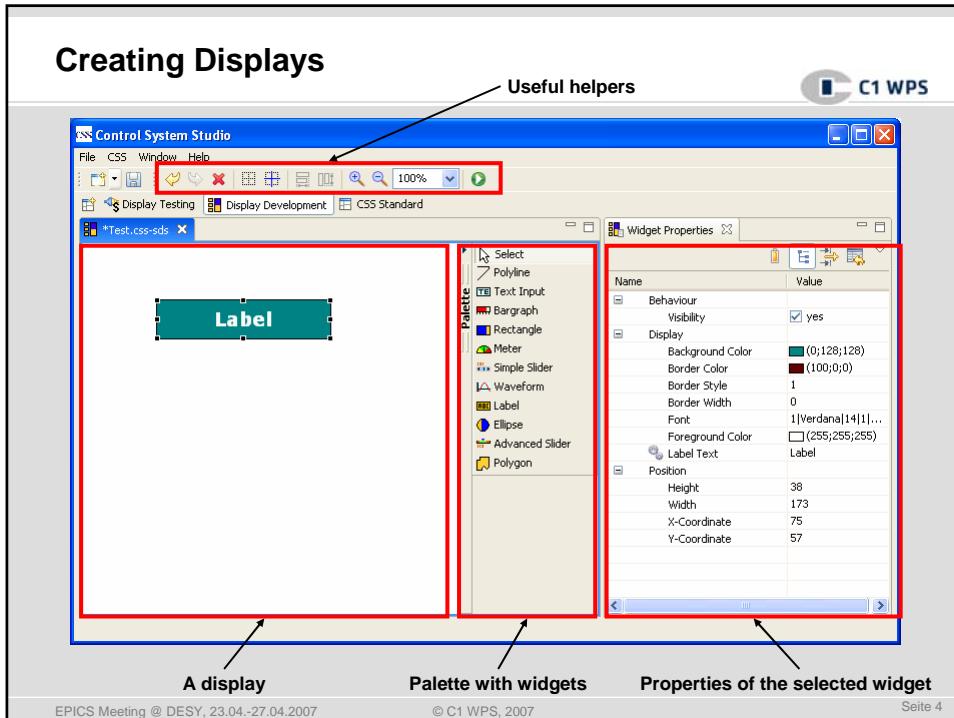
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- **Display Design + Runtime for the CSS**
- **Development started in October 2006**
- **Cooperation between DESY, C1 WPS and the University of Hamburg**



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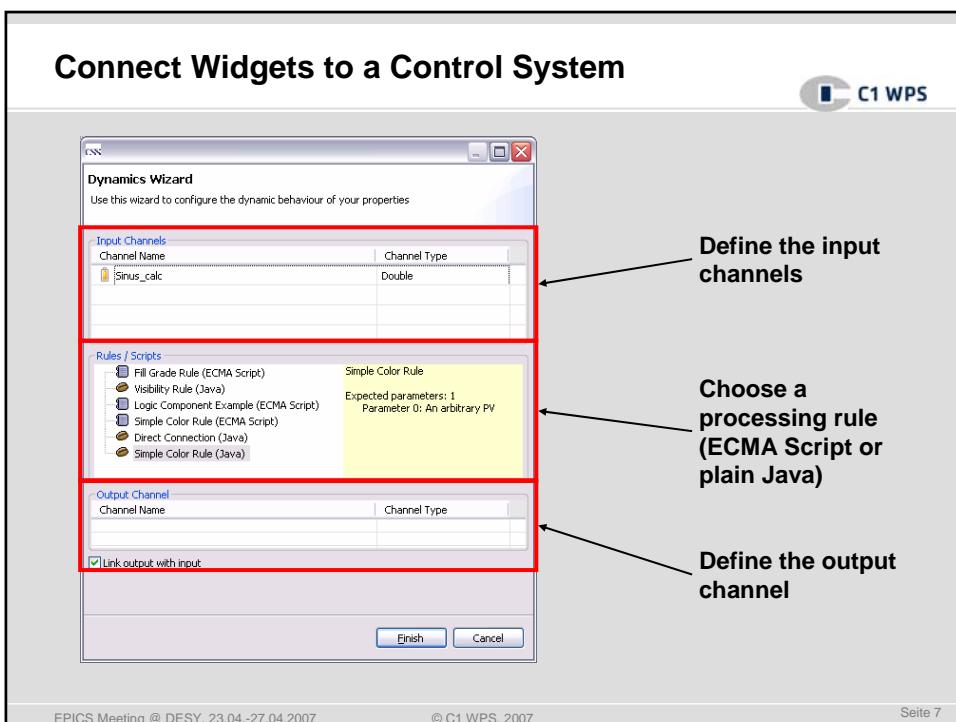
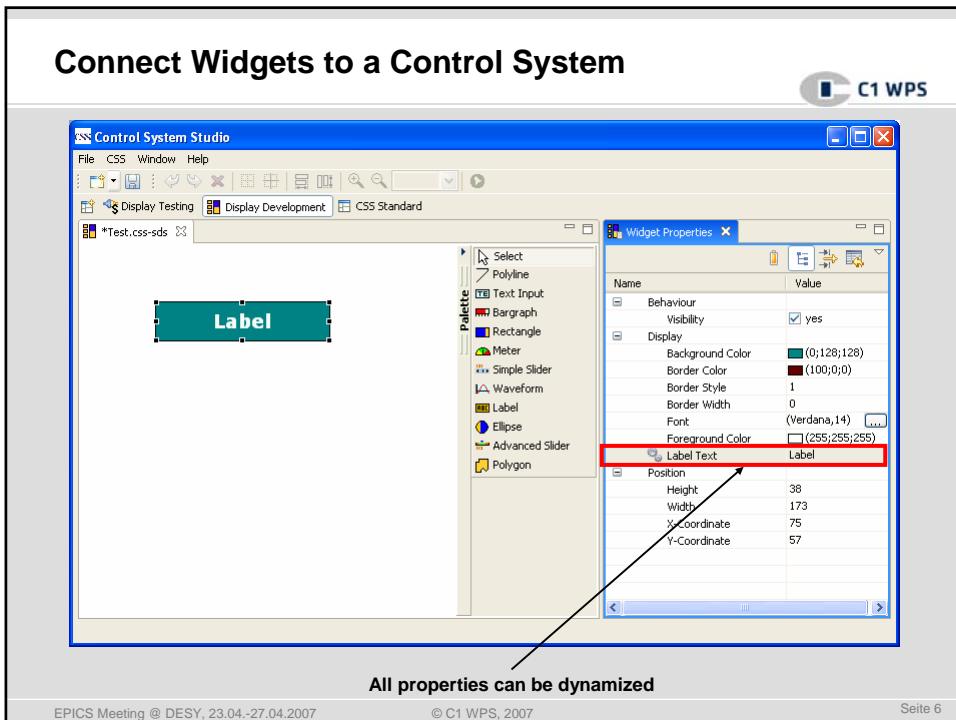




Available Widgets

- **Simple base widgets**
 - Rectangle
 - Ellipse
 - Polylines
 - Polygon
 - Label
 - still growing ...
- **More complex widgets**
 - Bargraph
 - Waveform
 - still growing ...
- **Input widgets**
 - Textfield
 - Slider
 - still growing ...

The screenshot shows the EPICS Control System Studio interface with a workspace containing several widgets: a blue circle, a blue triangle, a red rectangle, a grey rectangle, a text input field labeled "Enter Text", a button labeled "Label", and a waveform graph. To the right of the workspace is a "Palette with widgets" window listing the same set of widgets as the previous screenshot. A "Properties" window is also visible on the right side of the interface.



Pre-Initialization of Widgets

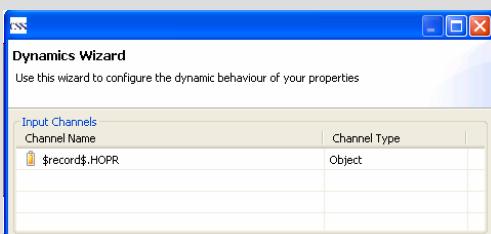


- The SDS supports Control System specific widget-initializations
- Even complex widgets can be initialized in one step - in most cases only one information (e. g. an EPICS record name) has to be entered
- This helps to speed up display development
- Initialization routines can easily be extended / added by developers and can be distributed as features
- → activate the initialization schema of “your” choice in the preferences (default = no schema)

Widget Initialization (Example)



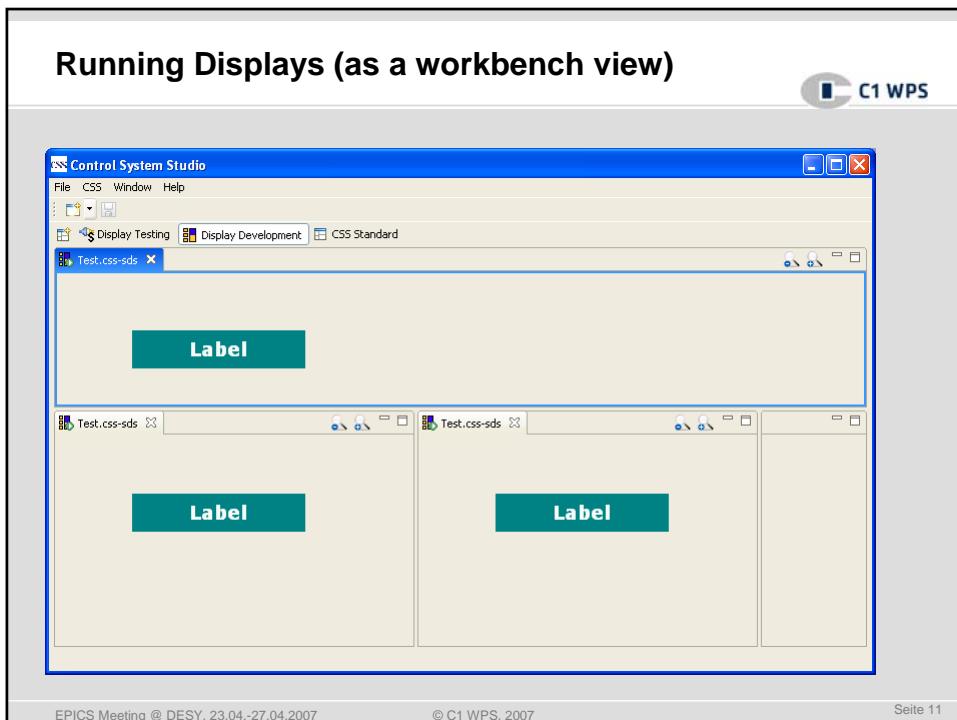
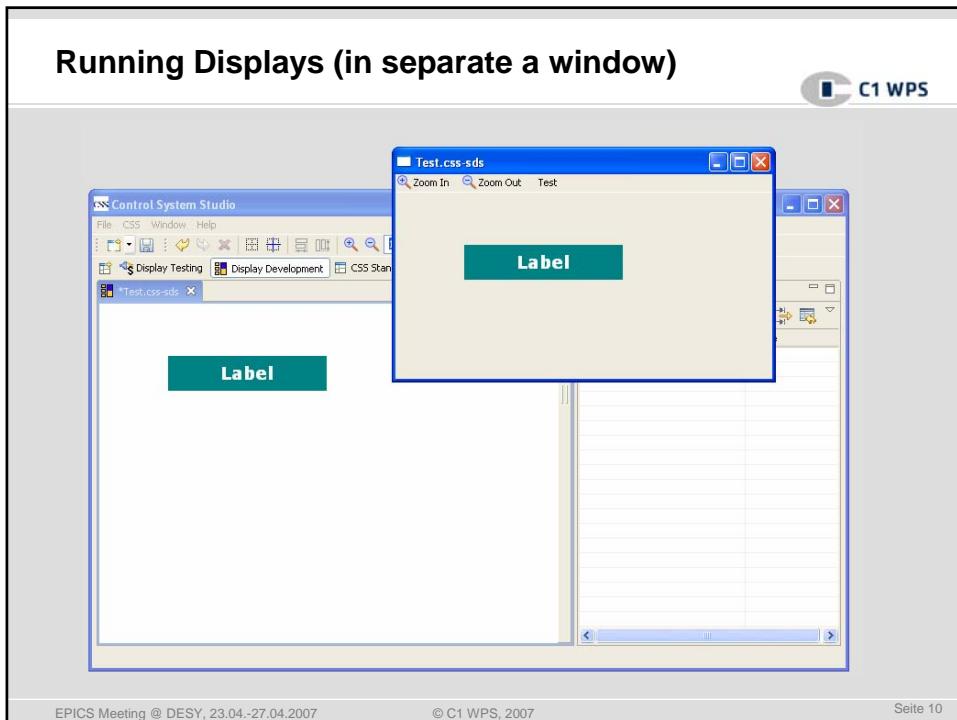
Behaviour	
Horizontal orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes
Level HI	0.8
Level HIFI	1.0
Level LO	0.4
Level LOLO	0.2
Level M	0.6
Maximum	1.0
Minimum	0.0
Value	0.4
Visibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes



Widget properties are already dynamized with **fields** of the same EPICS record:

- Level HI → \$record\$.HIGH
- Level HIFI → \$record\$.HIFI
- Level LOL → \$record\$.LOW
- Level LOLO → \$record\$.LOLO
- Maximum → \$record\$.HOPR
- Minimum → \$record\$.LOPR
- Value → \$record\$.VAL

The \$record\$ variable (or “macro”) is requested on widget creation.



Cheatsheet – try the examples!

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- The SDS is distributed with a set of example displays
- A “cheat sheet” helps you with your first steps and lets you install these samples
- Go to “Help → Cheat Sheets → Synoptic Display Studio” to display the sheet

The screenshot shows a window titled "Synoptic Display Studio - Example Displays". It contains a vertical checklist with five items:

- ✓ 1. Introduction
- ✓ 2. Download and install a Soft-IOC
- ✗ 3. Launch the Soft-IOC
- ✓ 4. Check Preference Settings
- ✓ 5. Open and Run Displays

The last item, "Open and Run Displays", is highlighted with a yellow background.

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Sample Displays

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The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. The left window, titled "device_animations.cs.uds", contains several controls for demonstrating visual effects:

- Color Changes + Visibility: A green circle.
- Fill Level: Two blue rectangles.
- Line Width Changes: A red line with varying thickness.
- Position Changes: A red square.
- Size Changes: A blue circle.
- Border Changes: A blue rectangle with a green border.
- Text Input (Doubleclick): An input field with "Effect Size: 75.0" and "Effect Speed: 1.0".

The right window, titled "graphics_and_styling.cs.uds", contains four analog-style displays:

- ChillerPressure1: Shows a red segment at the bottom.
- ChillerPressure2: Shows a red segment at the top.
- ChillerTemperature1: Shows a red segment at the bottom.
- ChillerTemperature2: Shows a red segment at the top.

Each display has four buttons below it labeled LO, LD, HI, and HD.

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Outlook: Currently on our work list

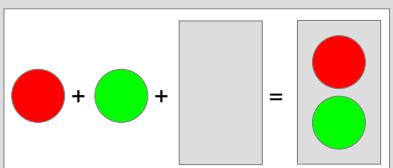


- Develop new widgets
 - action button for
opening other displays, processing scripts, setting values
 - image widget
 - ...
- Improve the graphical editor
 - Layers
 - Copy & Paste
 - Drag & Drop
 - ...
- Simultaneous connections to different Control Systems
- Visual creation of composite widgets, which are based on standard hard-coded widgets and ..
- ...provide a widget library for those composites

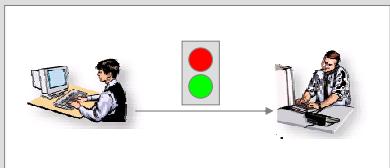
Outlook: Widget library



- Compose widgets visually



- Package and share composed widgets with other users



Finally



- **Test the SDS by yourself**
 - Version 1.0.2 is now available via the CSS Update Site
 - A pre-configured IOC can be downloaded at css.desy.de, too
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