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## Ubiquitous Location-based Services: A Database Perspective

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#### **Ubiquitous Location-based Services**



#### **Scalability**



#### Personalization

Privacy

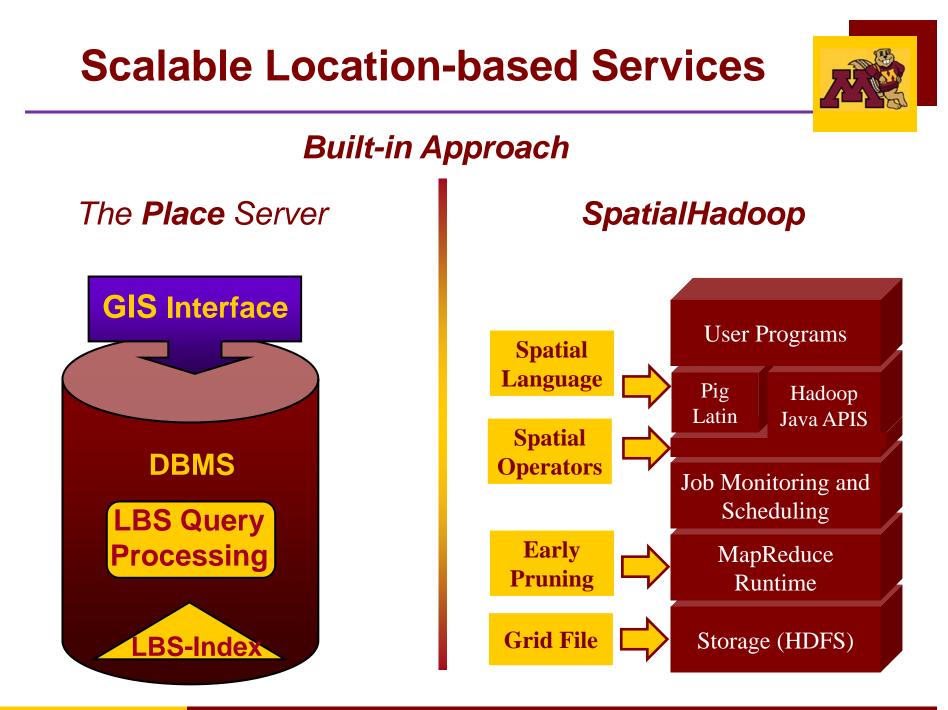


Web 2.0





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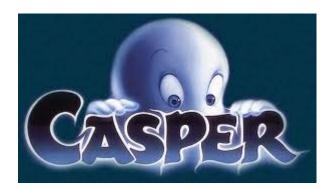
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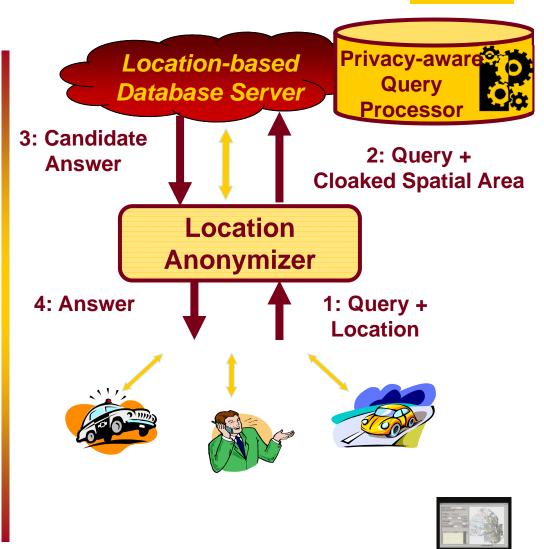
#### **Privacy-Aware Location-based Services**



### Casper

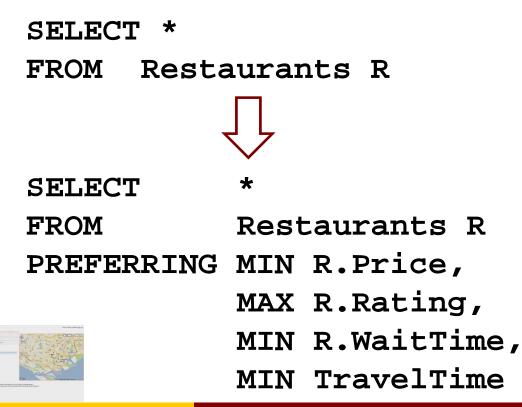
A *privacy-preserving* locationbased database server that is still able to answer locationbased queries *without* the need to know the user exact location

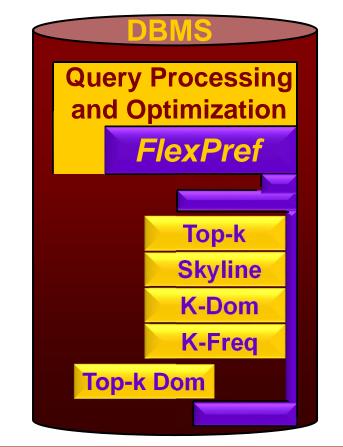






**CaredDB.** A database that is aware of *user preferences* and *surrounding contextual information*, and uses this information to give *personalized* query answers to the user.



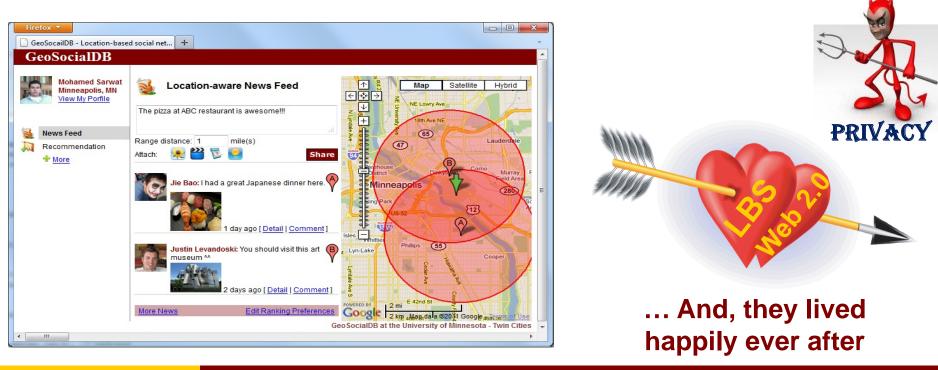


### **Location-based Services 2.0**





**Sindbad** is a social networking system that injects the *location-awareness* into the core functionally of social networks. Each decision in Sindbad is taken while consulting the *locations* of both users and events.



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### The Family of "Towards" Papers

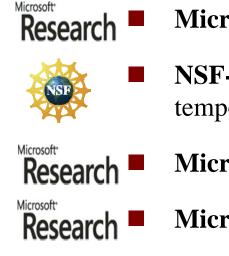


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