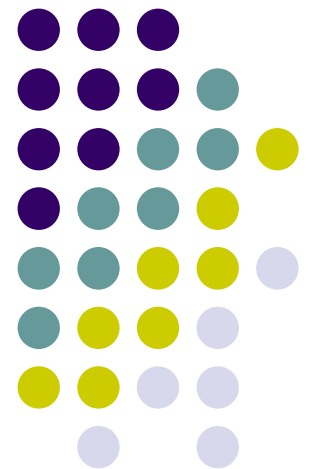


WAP

Bringing the internet to you





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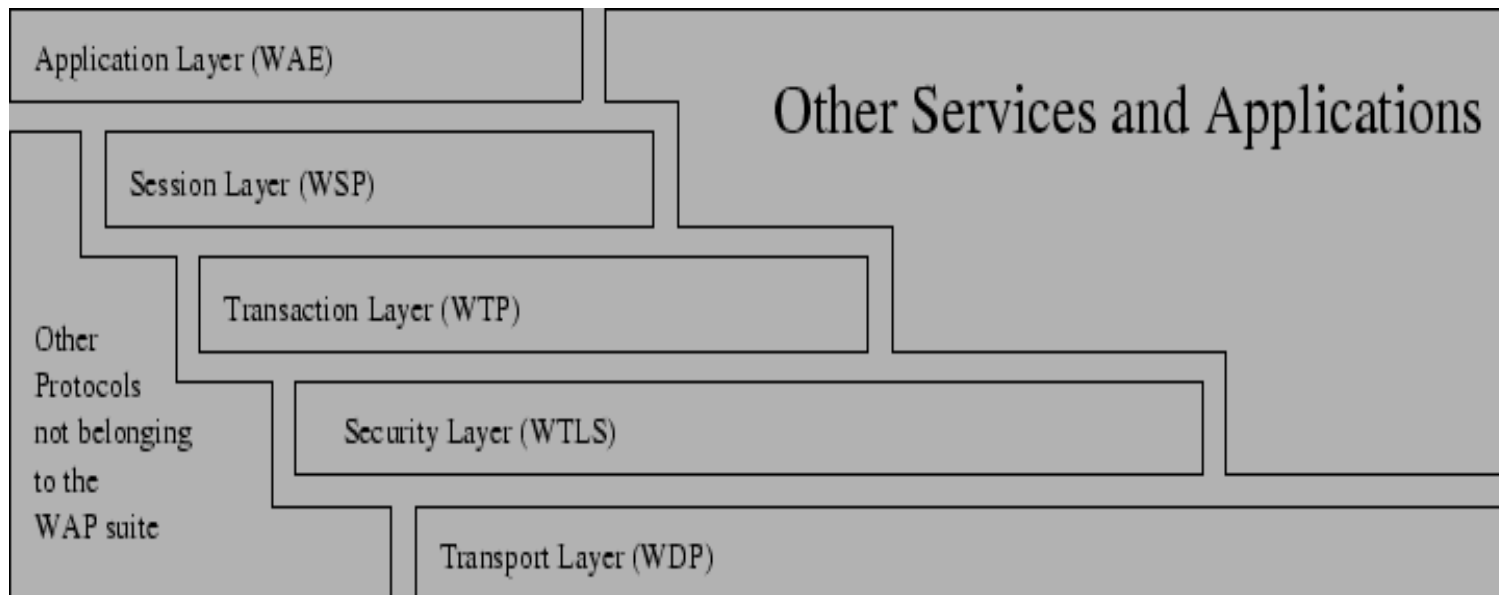
What is WAP?

- **Wireless Application Protocol**
 - Allows wireless devices to access the internet
 - Developed by Nokia, Ericsson, Motorola and Unwired Planet (formerly Phone.com) in mid 1997
 - Is an attempt to define the standard for how content from the Internet is filtered for mobile communications
 - WAP standards are created by members of the WAP Forum



The WAP protocol

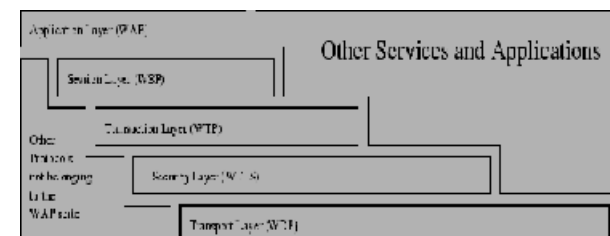
- The WAP protocol stack
 - Defined in layers to distinguish the different data treatments during a transaction





The WAP protocol (cont.)

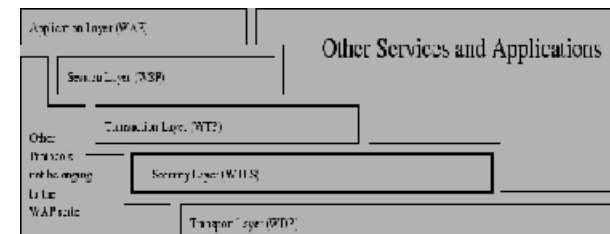
- WDP (Wireless Datagram Protocol)
 - Modeled after the User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
 - Allows WAP to be bearer independent by adapting the transport layer of the underlying bearer





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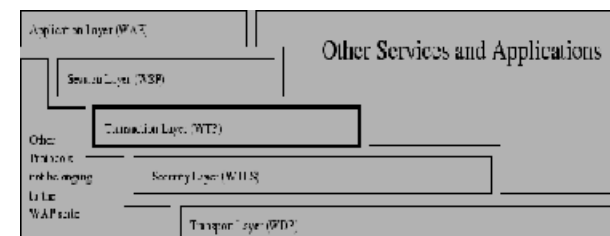
- WTLS (Wireless Transport Layer Security)
 - Based on SSL (Secure Socket Layer)
 - Ensures transmitted data integrity
 - Provides a mechanism to encrypt data
 - Provides a method of authentication between server and terminal





The WAP protocol (cont.)

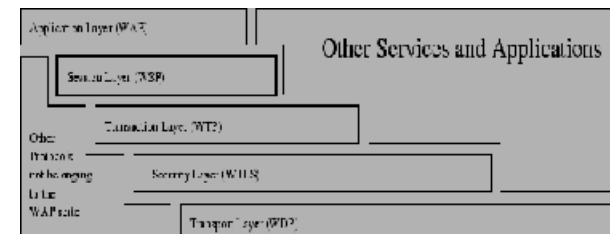
- WTP (Wireless Transaction Protocol)
 - Handles the passing of packets (like TCP)
 - Prevents duplicate copies of packets from being received by a destination
 - Supports retransmission (if necessary), in cases where packets are dropped





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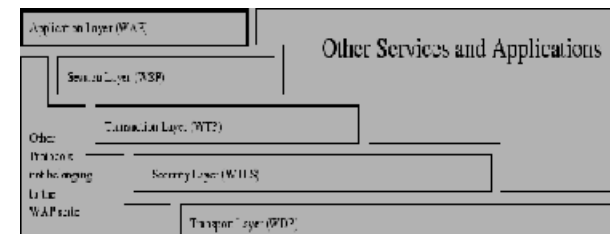
- WSP (Wireless Session Protocol)
 - Designed to implement a request – response protocol
 - Two different services: connectionless or connection – oriented service





The WAP protocol (cont.)

- WAE (Wireless Application Environment)
 - Defines the basics for WAP user agents and gateways
 - Includes WML, WMLScript, and WTA

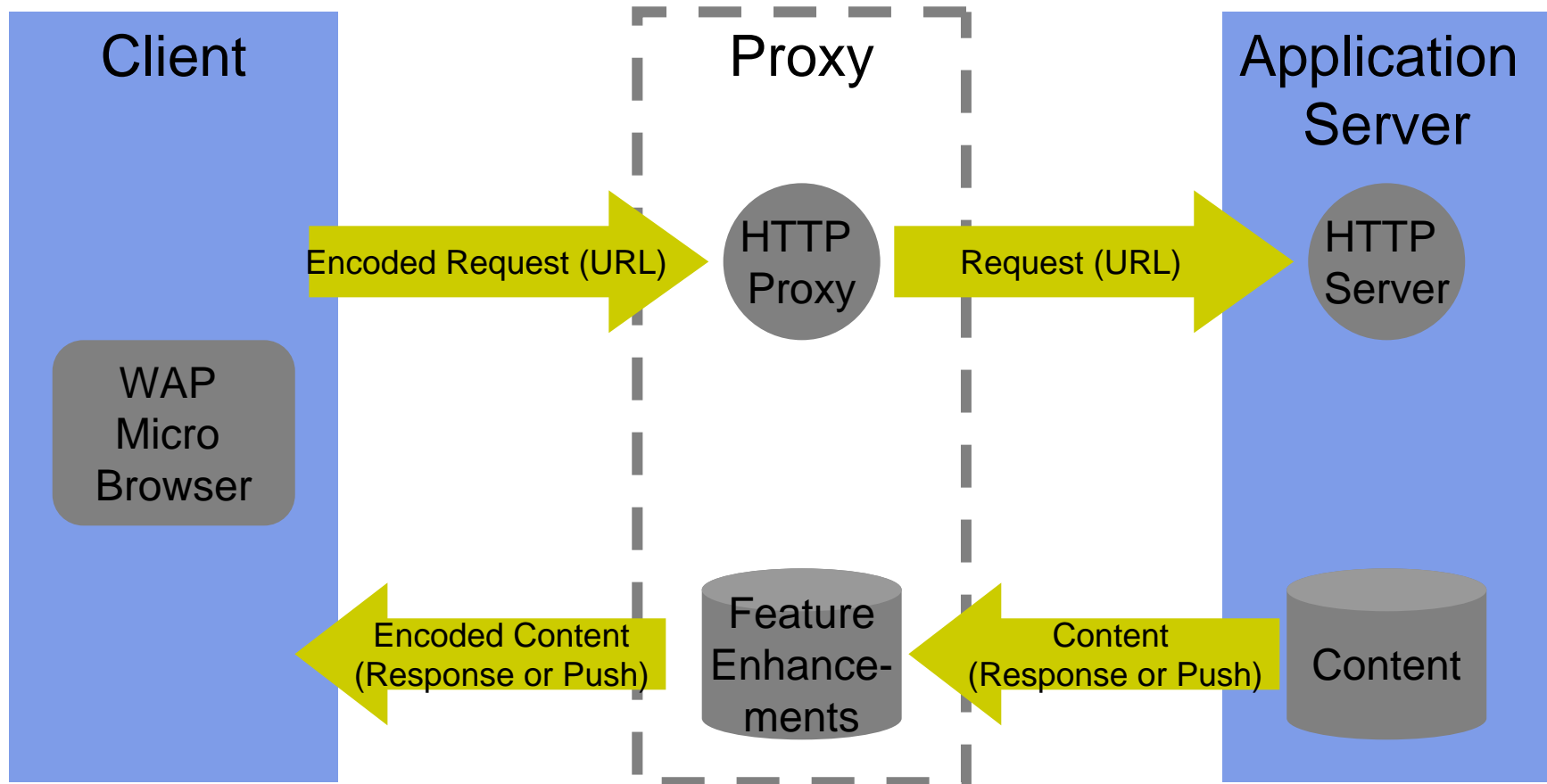




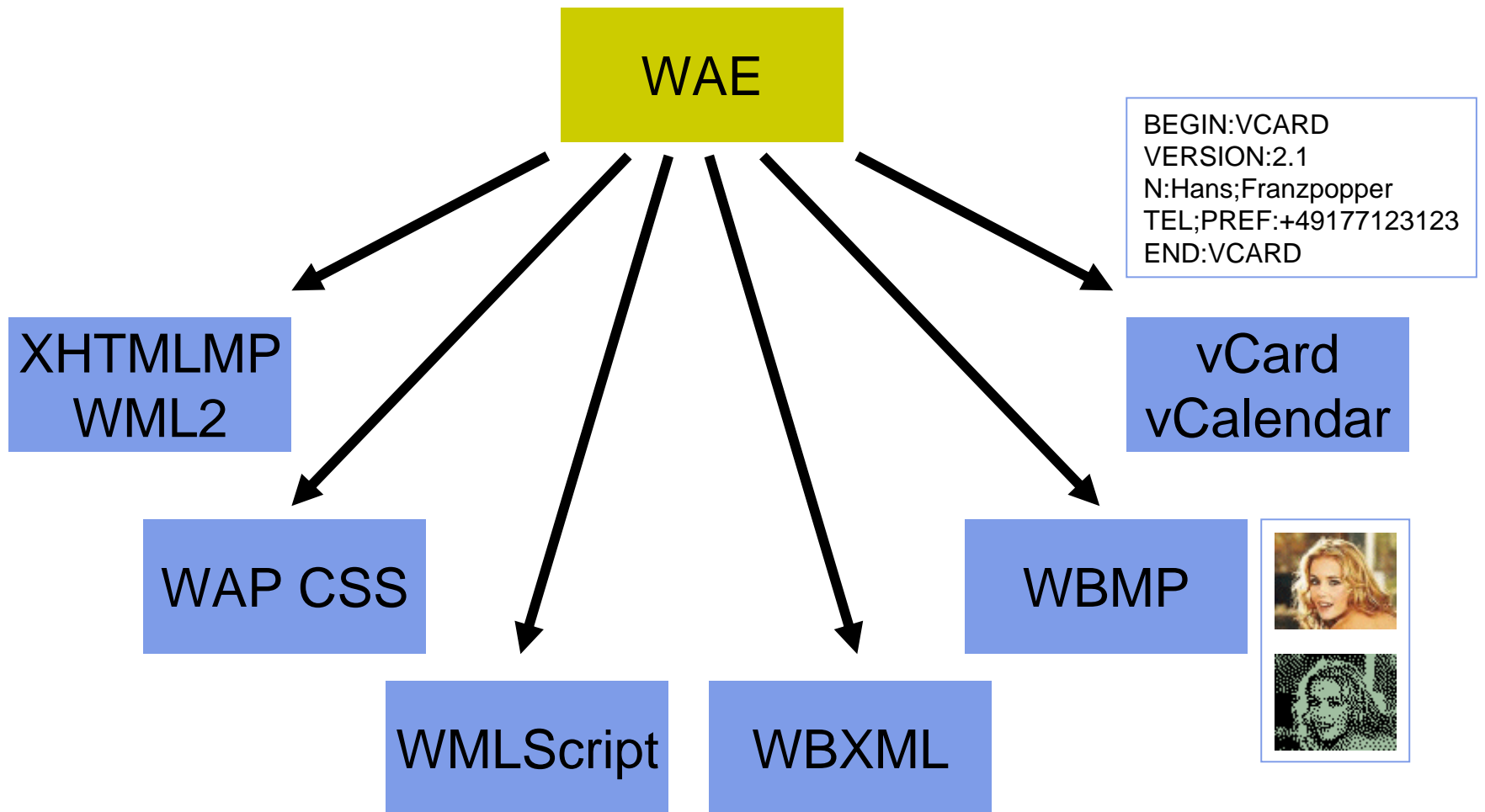
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WAP Programming Model



Wireless Application Environment



Features

- WAP Push
- User Agent Profile (UAProf)
- Wireless Telephony Application (WTA)
- External Functionality Interface (EFI)
- Persistent Storage Interface
- Data Synchronization
- Multimedia Messaging Service
- Provisioning
- Pictograms 😊





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Mobile Data Applications

- WAP
 - a protocol independent of vendor and air link
 - allows mobile users to access personalized internet content
- Wapaka for the Web, a WML micro-browser for content providers



Examples of Mobile devices that support WAP

The Future of WAP



- Today, functionality of mobile applications is still very basic
- WAP Forum develops protocols for a common environment in the wireless market
- The open specifications of WAP will allow wide-ranging services for mobile users
- The market for WAP will become more profitable
- The competition



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