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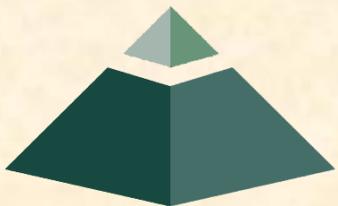
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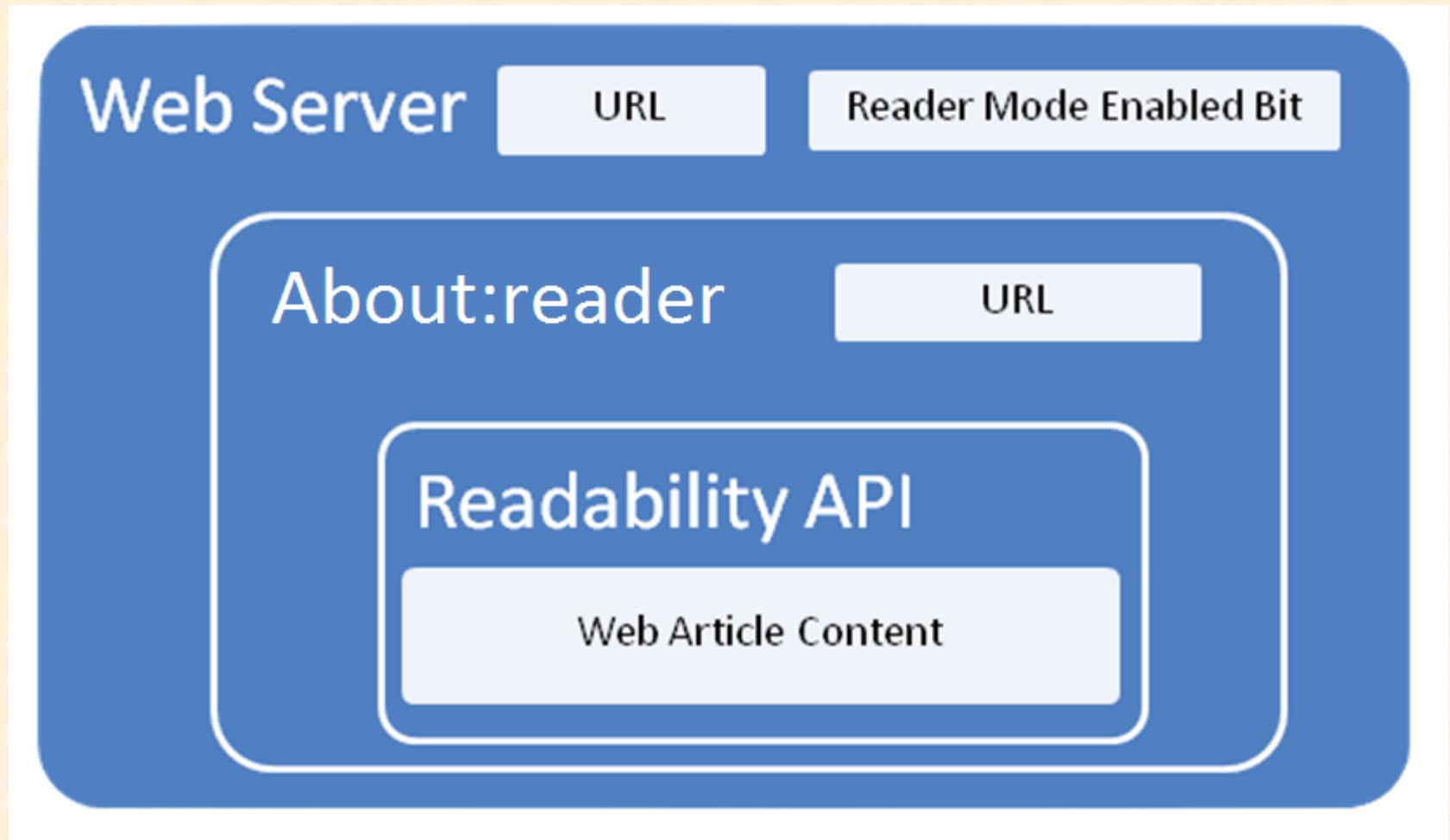
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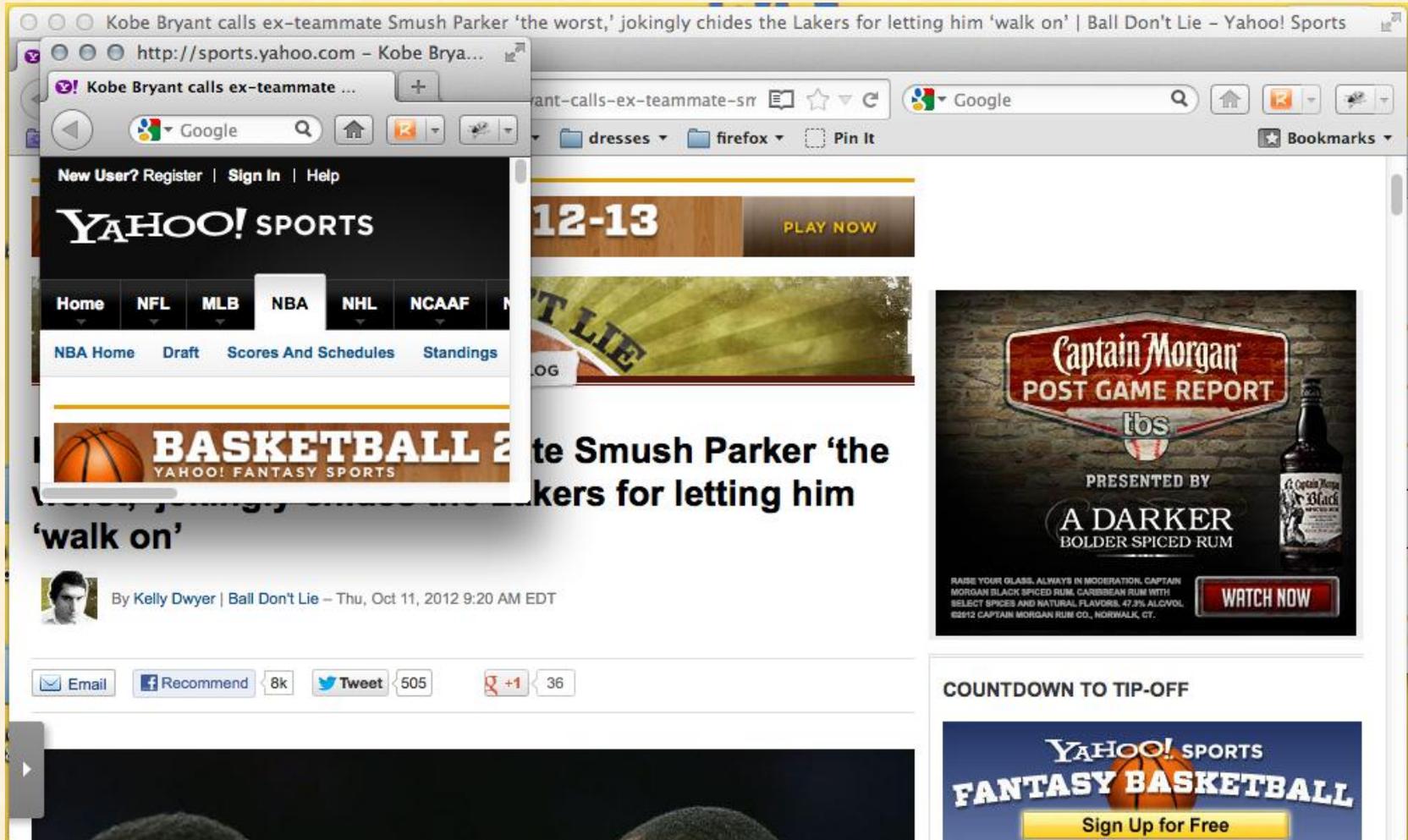
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System Architecture



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Smush Parker fires back at Kobe

Kobe Bryant confers with 'The Worst' (Getty Images)

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Kobe Bryant confers with 'The Worst' (Getty Images)

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Instead, Kobe's still a little chippy about the lineups that surrounded him during that 45-win season. Up to and including calling former starting point guard Smush Parker "the worst," just before [Wednesday night's exhibition loss](#) to the Portland Trail Blazers. [From Janis Carr at the Orange County Register:](#)

"I almost won an MVP with Smush Parker and [Kwame Brown](#) on my team," Bryant said before Wednesday's 93-75 exhibition loss to Portland. "I was shooting 45 times a game. What was I supposed to do? Pass it to [Chris Mihm](#) or Kwame Brown?"

Bryant was referring to 2005-06 when the Lakers' roster included Brian Cook, Stanislav Medvedenko, [Devean George](#) and Parker, Mihm and Brown.

Bryant continued, taking aim at his favorite whipping boy, Parker, calling him "the worst. He shouldn't have been in the NBA but we were too cheap to pay for a point guard. So we let him walk on."

Damn, dude. Daaaamn. Great players don't usually mind making indirect references to when their lives were tougher while working amongst less-heralded teammates -- "we've come a long way"-sort of nonsense. But rarely do you see players go on record with names like Kobe just did.

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About the talent surrounding him, or having to shoot 45 times ([27.2](#), actually) a game, Kobe is spot on. Though Jackson was back to employing the triangle offense, the mismatched parts acquired to run an isolation-heavy attack during Jackson's one year away made it so Bryant had to break away from the offense continually just to keep the Lakers in games. They may have featured the best player in the world that year, though eventual-champion Dwyane Wade might disagree, but 45 wins for that lot was, well, a lot. Bryant was masterful as he led that team back to the postseason.

Calling the guys out, though? Parker, we can understand &€" [he's been taking shots at Kobe for years](#), now, and any sort of contentious back and forth between the two is entirely Parker's fault. Players like Luke Walton and Devean George may have contributed less and hamstrung Kobe's efforts more than Parker in that season; but when you combine Smush's petulance towards Kobe, [lack of professionalism](#), and play he truly does come off as "the worst."

Kwame? His effort was lacking, per usual, and he turned the ball over on nearly 17 percent of the possessions he used up. Could have played better, had he cared more, so it's probably fine for Kobe to call him out. Especially when a still-active Brown, now a Philadelphia 76er, can lay a hard foul on Bryant the next time the Lakers come through Pennsylvania.

(Though he totally won't.)

Chris Mihm? We're not feeling that as much.



What's left to do?

- Adding pages to the reading list
- Reading list menu
- Hide reader mode when page is invalid
- Sync reading list between devices

