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Languages and Software to Be Used

Three major technologies will be used in this course:

- LAMP, including Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP,
- Android, including Android Studio, Java, and XML, and
- AJAX, including (X)HTML, CSS, HTML DOM, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, and XML.

AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)

With AJAX, web applications can send data to and retrieve from a server asynchronously (in the background) without interfering with the display and behavior of the existing page. AJAX is a group of technologies to create asynchronous web applications:

- XHTML and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) can be used in combination to mark up and style information.
- Dynamic display and interaction use the <u>DOM (Document Object Model)</u>, which defines a standard way for accessing and manipulating HTML documents.
- Data interchange and manipulation use <u>XML</u> and <u>XSLT</u>.
- Asynchronous data retrieval uses <u>XMLHttpRequest</u>. By using the XMLHttpRequest object, a web developer can change a page with data from the server after the page has loaded.
- <u>JavaScript</u> binds everything together.

The AJAX example below shows how a web page can communicate with a web server online via a standard HTML form:

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