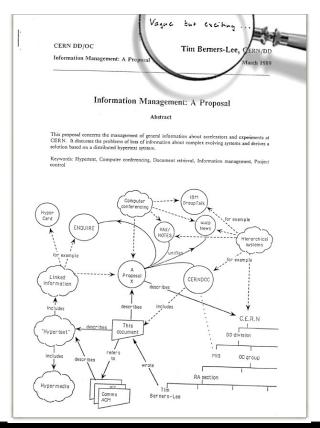


The Web: origins



Tim Berners-Lee: a way to manage and access documents at CERN research lab

Info containing links to other info, accessible remotely, through a standardized mechanism.



Web and HTTP: Some terms

- HTTP stands for "HyperText Transfer Protocol"
- A web page consists of many objects
- Object can be HTML file, JPEG image, video stream chunk, audio file,...
- Web page consists of base HTML-file which includes several referenced objects.
- Each object is addressable by a uniform resource locator (URL)
 - sometimes also referred to as uniform resource identifier (URI)
- Example URL:

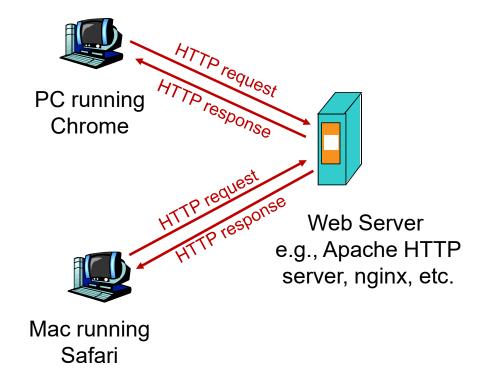
www.cs.rutgers.edu/~sn624/index.html
host name
path name



HTTP overview

HTTP: hypertext transfer protocol

- Client/server model
 - Client: browser that requests, receives, "displays" Web objects
 - Server: Web server sends objects in response to requests





Client server connection

Hostname IP address

Cs.Rutgers.edu 10.0.1.2

IP Address, 80
HTTP request

HTTP application typically associated with port 80

HTTP response

HTTP messages

DNS



HTTP messages: request message

ASCII (human-readable format)

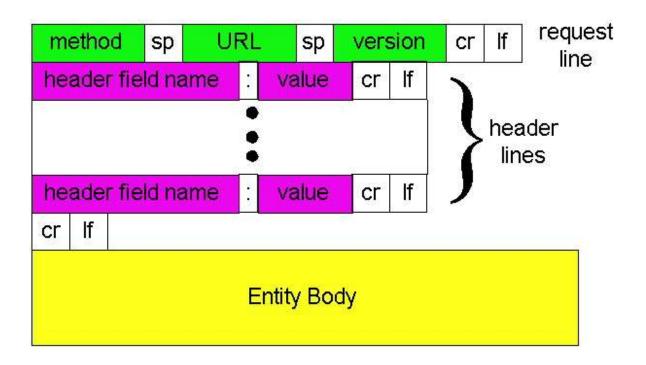
```
request line
(GET, POST,
Host: www.cs.rutgers.edu
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Connection: close
Accept-language:en

Carriage return,
line feed
indicates end
of message

ALGEBRA

GET /352/syllabus.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.cs.rutgers.edu
User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
Connection: close
Accept-language:en
```

HTTP Request: General format



http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec14.html#sec14



HTTP most common method types

GET

 Get the resource specified in the requested URL. URL may refer to a data-handling process

POST

 Send entities (specified in the entity body) to a data-handling process at the requested URL – create new resource

PATCH

 Update part of a resource at the requested URL with the new entity specified in the entity body

PUT

 Update a resource at the requested URL with the new entity specified in the entity body

DELETE

Deletes file specified in the URL

Uploading form input: GET and POST

POST method:

- Web page often includes form input
- Input is uploaded to server in entity body
- Posted content not visible in the URL
 - Free form content (ex: images) can be posted since entity body interpreted as data bytes

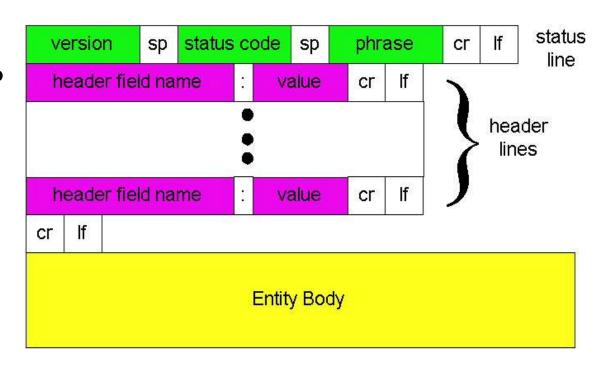
GET method:

- Entity body is empty
- Input is uploaded in URL field of request line
- Example:
 - http://site.com/form?first=jane&last=austen



HTTP Response: General format

Unlike HTTP request, No method name





HTTP message: response message

```
status line
       (protocol
    status code
                           HTTP/1.1 200 OK
  status phrase)
                           Connection: close
                           Date: Thu, 06 Aug 1998 12:00:15 GMT
                           Server: Apache/1.3.0 (Unix)
     response
                           Last-Modified: Mon, 22 Jun 1998 .....
       header
                           Content-Length: 6821
                           Content-Type: text/html
         lines
                           data data data data ...
 data, e.g., requested
HTML file in entity body
```



HTTP response status codes

In first line in server->client response message. A few sample codes:

200 OK

request succeeded, requested object later in this message

301 Moved Permanently

 requested object moved, new location specified later in this message (Location:)

403 Forbidden

Insufficient permissions to access the resource

404 Not Found

requested document not found on this server

505 HTTP Version Not Supported



