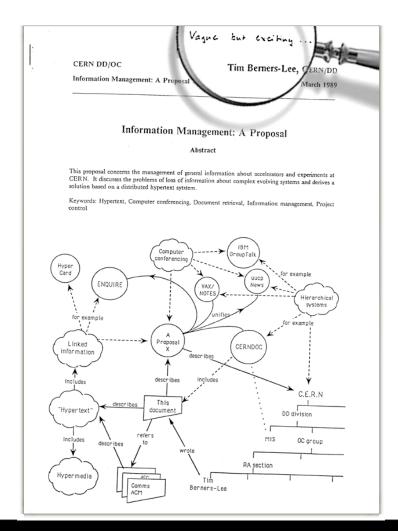


The Web: origins



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

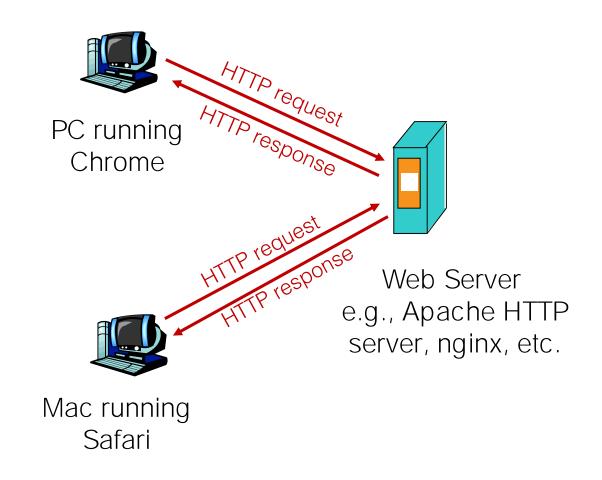
- HTTP stands for "HyperText Transfer Protocol"
- A web page consists of many objects
- Object can be HTML file, JPEG image, video stream chunk, audio file,...
- Web page consists of base HTML-file which includes several referenced objects.
- Each object is addressable by a uniform resource locator (URL)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



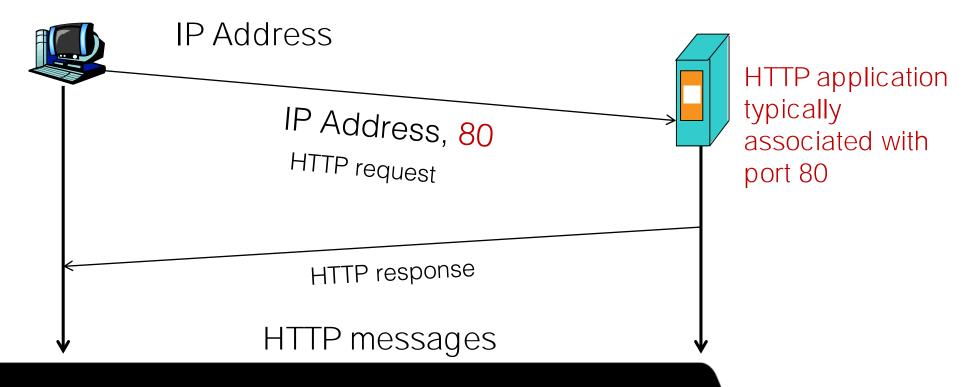


Client server connection

Hostname IP address

Cs.Rutgers.edu 10.0.1.2

DNS





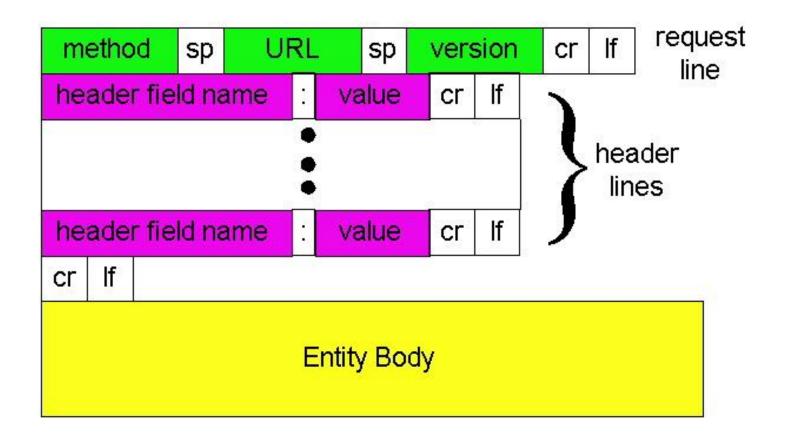
HTTP messages: request message

ASCII (human-readable format)

```
request line
                      GET /352/syllabus.html HTTP/1.1
  (GET, POST,
                      Host: www.cs.rutgers.edu
HEAD commands)
                      User-agent: Mozilla/4.0
                      Connection: close
        Header lines
                      Accept-language: en
 Carriage return,
                      (extra carriage return, line feed)
    line feed
  indicates end
   of message
```



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

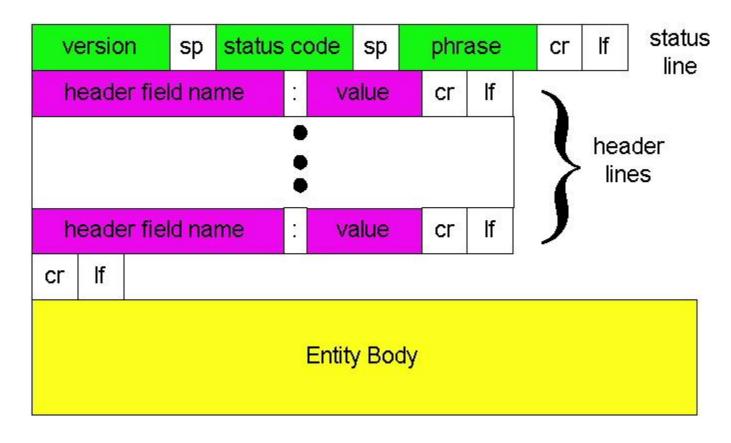
GET method:

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



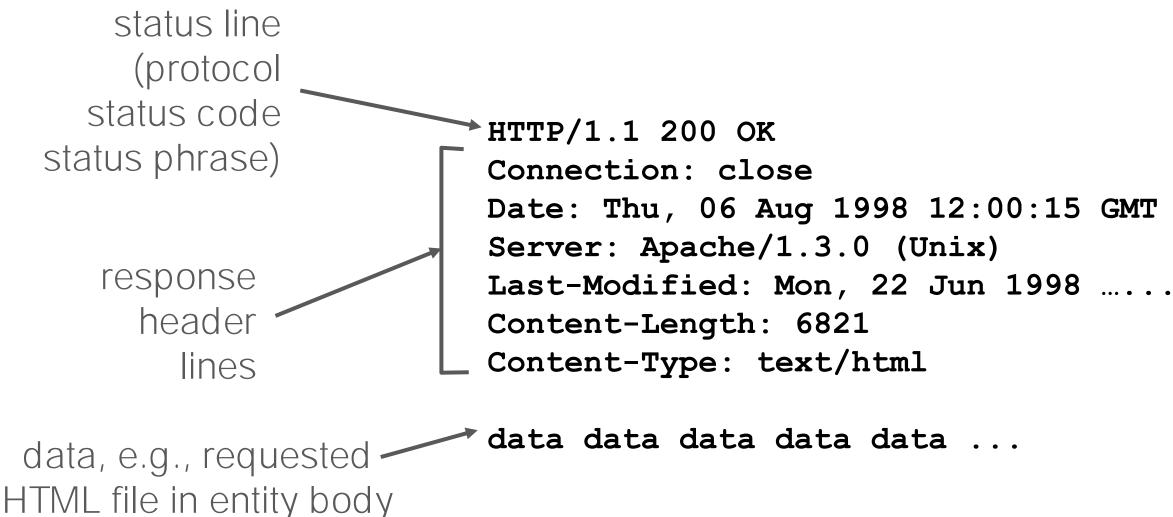
HTTP Response: General format

Unlike HTTP request, No method name





HTTP message: response message





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



