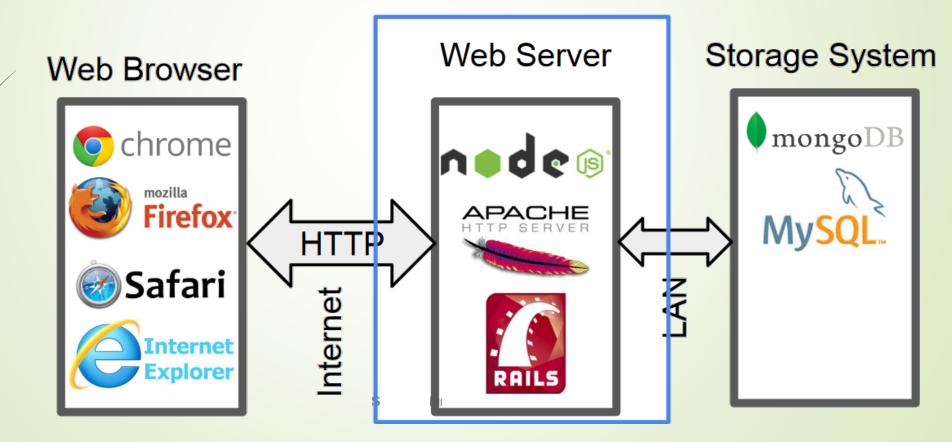
1 Basic Technologies

Web Server, Server-side Website Programming

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Web Application Architecture



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Fundamental Concepts

Web Servers

- Browsers speak HTTP and Web Servers speak HTTP
 - Browsers: send HTTP request and get HTTP responses
 - Web Server: get HTTP requests and send HTTP responses
- HTTP is layered on TCP/IP so a web server:
 - loop forever doing:
 - accept TCP connection from browser
 - read HTTP request from TCP connection
 - process HTTP request
 - write HTTP response to TCP connection
 - shutdown TCP connection (except if Connection: keep-alive)

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Web Servers - RESTful Web Services

- REST is an architectural style, not standard
- designed for distributed systems to address architectural properties such as performance, scalability, simplicity, modifiability, visibility, and portability
- REST architectural style is defined b
 - client-server autonomy
 - stateless interactions
 - service-oriented
 - resources as URI
 - operations as HTTP-methods
 - exchanging representations of resources

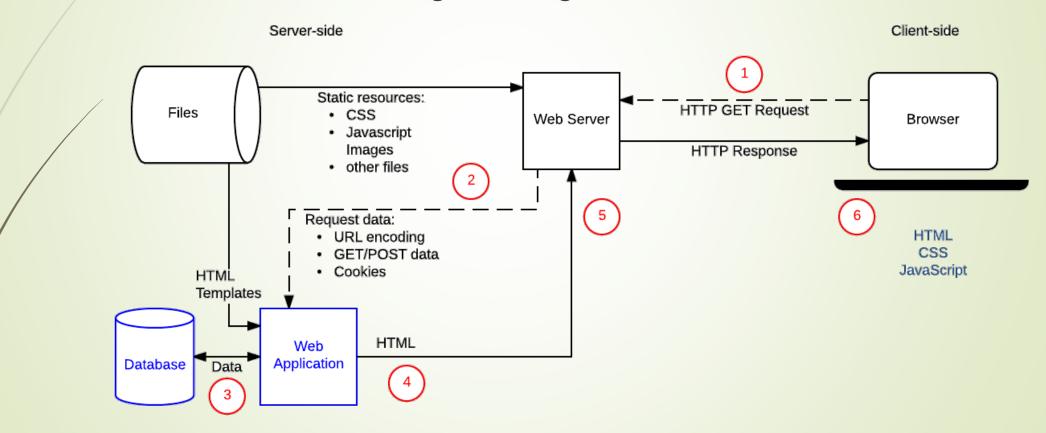
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- allows to efficiently deliver information tailored for individual users and thereby create a much better user experience
- efficient storage and delivery of information
- customized user experience
- controlled access to content
- store session/state information
- notifications and communication

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Server-side Website Programming



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Server-side Web Frameworks

- Web frameworks provide tools and libraries to simplify common web development operations
- work directly with HTTP requests and responses
- route requests to the appropriate handler

Flask

@app.route("/")
def hello():
 return "Hello World!"

Django

```
urlpatterns = [
    url(r'^$', views.index),
    url(r'^best/(?P<team_name>\w.+?) /$',
    views.best)
]
```

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- respond to incoming requests by running additional logic
 - specify which HTTP method is being handled
 - specify what URL routes are being handled
 - read an object representing the parsed HTTP request, which will contain fields with all the headers, other metadata, and body contents
 - interact with an object representing the in-progress HTTP response, which will contain fields and methods to help generate the final response contents
 - make it easy to access data in the request
 - abstract and simplify database access
 - rendering data

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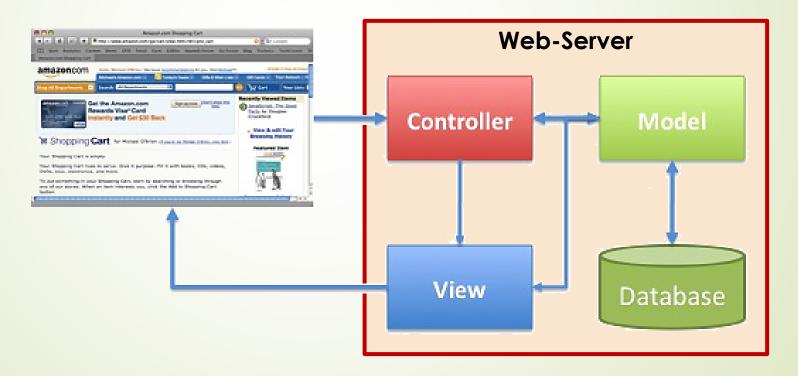
Server-side Web Frameworks

- frameworks implement some form of middleware, which are individual chunks of logic that are combined together
 - check the URL and HTTP method
 - check cookies for a session ID and look up a user's details internally
 - read query parameters, extract data from a request body
 - connect to a database to retrieve information.
 - update the database based on the calculations or the request contents
 - run some calculations
 - construct an HTML document or a JSON data structure
 - send that content back as the response body

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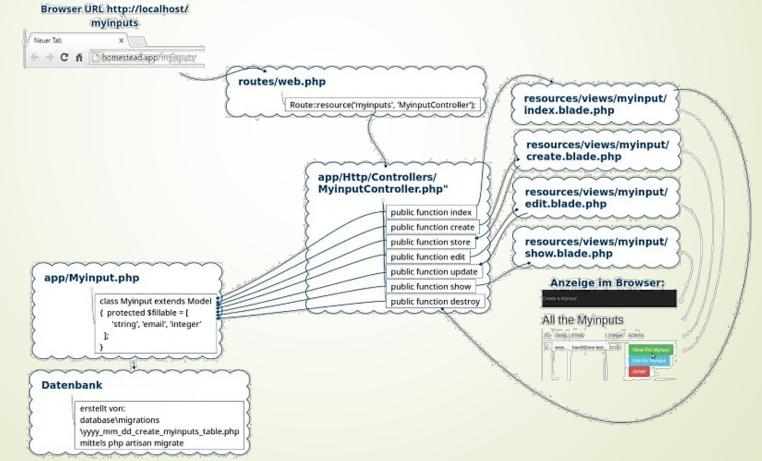
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separation of concerns: Model View Controller Framework



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