

Dynamic Web Pages and Servlets



Static Web Pages

- Static files stored on disk (HTML, images, etc)
- Web server
 - olisten for HTTP requests
 - oextract path
 - ofetch and return contents of specified file

Limited use

- o most web applications you use are *dynamic*
- ofacebook, twitter, news sites



Components

Development Platform

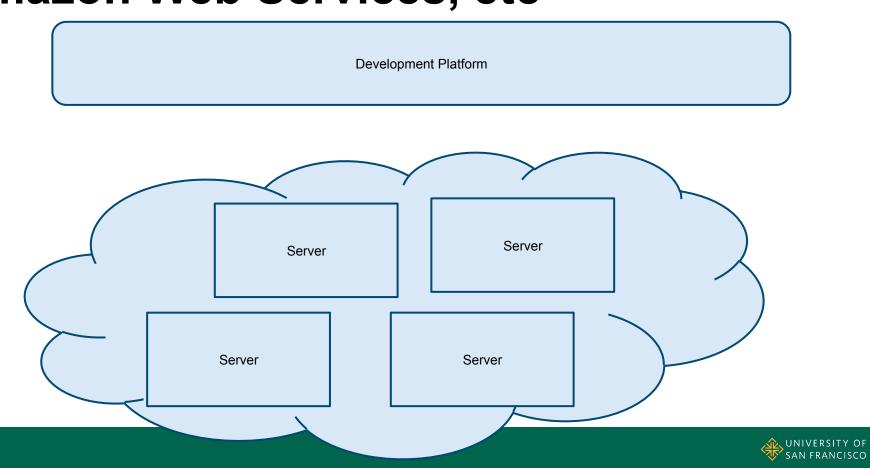
Web Server

Storage

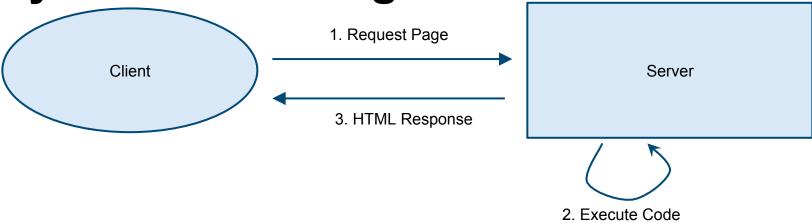
Operating System



Amazon Web Services, etc



Dynamic Web Pages - Server Side



- LAMP
 Linux, Apache, mySQL, PHP/Perl/Python
- Note, the client sees only the HTML and/or Javascript



Components

Apache mySQL



Python/PHP

Python

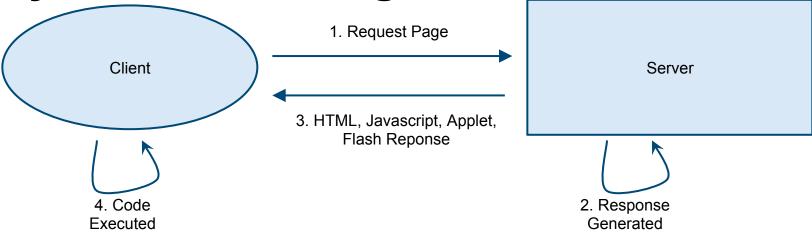
- ostandard python code
- ouse print statements to generate the HTML
- Servlets will look like a Java version of this

PHP

- oinside out
- o HTML contains snippets of code
- o Java Server Pages (JSP) use a similar model



Dynamic Web Pages - Client Side



- Server may still generate response dynamically
- Client sees both HTML and code
 code could be js, etc.
- Client executes code



Web Frameworks

- Django python
- Rails ruby
- ◆Play Java, Scala

Benefits

- oeasy to reuse code
- o easy to adhere to standard models (MVC)
- oconvenient configuration
- odatabase mapping
- ○URL mapping

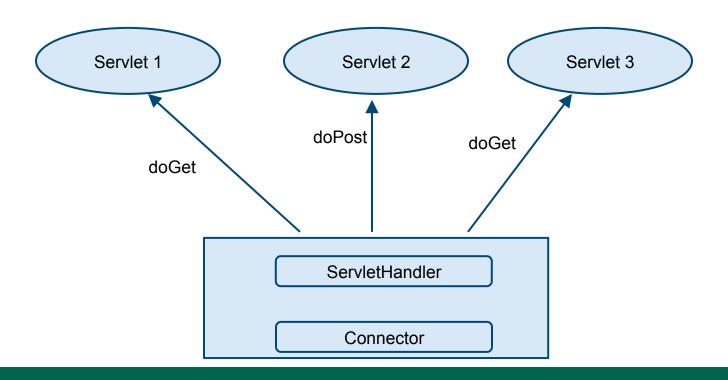


Servlets

- Servlets are an API designed to make it easy to provide dynamic web applications in an object-oriented way.
- jetty is a servlet container
 - oprovides a web server and implementation of the servlet API
- Map a URL to a Servlet
- HTTP parameters are parsed and packed into an object
- Response code/headers are generated from response object



Overview





SimpleServletExample

- •/hello?name=<name>
 - oreturns a hello message customized with name
- •/goodbye?name=<name>
 - oreturns a goodbye message customized with name



Other Features

- ResourceHandler can be used to serve static pages
 in example FileServer class
- init method
 - ocalled when Servlet is created, used to initialize state

● Also see: http://java.sun.com/j2ee/tutorial/1_3-fcs/doc/Servlets.html



Embedding Jetty

- Useful for development and/or single purpose applications
- The application deploys jetty rather than the other way around
- Alternative: deploy jetty and the deploy several applications using WAR files

