

Web

- Client-server architecture (request/reply oriented)
- Domain Name System (DNS) \triangleq server that maps names to IP addresses
- Client \triangleq make queries on behalf of users
- Server \triangleq await and respond to queries, serve many clients
- Frameworks support client-side and server-side app development
- Peer-to-peer \triangleq each participant is both a client and a server

TCP / IP

- IPv4 identity a physical network with four octets
 - Octet = 8 bit byte
 - 127.0.0.1 \triangleq localhost (even if not connected to internet)
- IP \triangleq no-guarantee, best-effort service that delivers packets from one IP to another
- TCP \triangleq make IP reliable by detecting ‘dropped’ packets, data arriving out of order, transmission errors, slow networks, etc.
- TCP ports allow multiple TCP apps on the same computer

Routing

- Route \triangleq HTTP method + URI
 - eg: GET http://srch.com/main/search?q=cloud&lang=en#top
 - GET \triangleq method
 - http \triangleq protocol
 - srch.com \triangleq host:port
 - /main/search \triangleq path
 - ?q=cloud&lang=en \triangleq optional query params
 - #top \triangleq optional fragment
- Types:
 - HEAD \triangleq get metadata
 - GET \triangleq get data
 - POST \triangleq send data
 - DELETE
- If you fetch a webpage, relative links cannot be loaded since you only fetch that specific page not the entire directory
 - Can use `curl` for this

Responses

- 2xx \triangleq all is well
- 3xx \triangleq resource moved
- 4xx \triangleq access problem
- 5xx \triangleq server error

Cookies

- Used because HTTP is stateless
 - Every HTTP request is independent of all prior requests BESIDES cookies
- Set in `set-cookie` header
 - Client is tasked with maintaining these cookies
 - Only on first visit to a page

Service-Oriented Architecture

- Web1 \rightarrow web2 \triangleq JS could dynamically update the page without loading a new page
 - Done with AJAX (Async. JS and XML)
 - Noting is XML specific
- Microservice \triangleq independently-deployable component that supports message-based communication
 - Often not designed to be called from ‘top level’
 - May provide only part of a page (requires AJAX)
 - May introduce performance issues (b/c async loading)
 - Must manage partial failure
 - More interfaces to keep track of (but REST helps)
 - Devs have to learn about operations and vice versa

RESTful APIs

- Callee \triangleq endpoint (base URI + path)
- Operations \triangleq path portion of URI
- How args are passed \triangleq part of URI or JSON/XML payload
- How values are returned \triangleq JSON or XML data structure (can technically be anything)
- How errors are indicated \triangleq HTTP status codes and returned data structure if it contains error message
- REST $:=$ representational state transfer
 - Canonical way of mapping URIs for remote procedure calls
 - Everything the server manages is a resource
 - Actions done on resource \triangleq {create, read, update, delete, index}
 - Side effects always use POST or PUT

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

- Primitive types: string, numeric, array, hash
- Usually API response or payload is a single top-level JSON object with well-defined slots

Display Tiers

- Presentation \triangleq front-end layer
- Logic \triangleq core capabilities
- Data \triangleq storage