

Web Programming-II

Assignment - 2

Q.1) Illustrate how to integrate web forms and databases in PHP? Explain with example.

→ Requirements - XAMP server (Web server)

HTML, PHP, MySQL.

HTML form: First we create an HTML form that need to take user input from keyboard.

It stores information of a user on a web server using interactive controls. It contains info like username, password, contact number, email id etc. The elements used in HTML form are checkbox, radio buttons, submit button etc.

SYNTAX: `<form> Form elements... </form>`
or

To pass the value to next page, we use the page name with the following syntax, we can use either GET or POST method to send data to server.

`<form action = other_page.php method = POST/GET> form elements... </form>`

Database Connection: The collection of related data is called a database. In PHP, we connect to database using local host XAMPP web server.

SYNTAX: <?PHP

```
$servername = "localhost";
$username = "username";
$password = "password";
$dbname = "database_name";

// Create connection
$conn = new mysqli($servername,
$username, $password, $dbname);
// check connection
if ($conn->connect_error) {
    die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect
    - error);
}
```

Now to collect the form data submitted through HTML form. PHP \$_REQUEST method is a PHP super global variable which is used to collect data.

Syntax: <?PHP

```
if ($_SERVER["REQUEST_METHOD"] == "POST") {
    // collect value of input field.
    $data = $_REQUEST['val1'];
    if (empty($data)) {
        echo "data is empty";
    } else {
        echo $data;
    }
}
```

```
// closing connection.
$conn->close();
?>
```


Q.2) How to work with authentication among users -

→ In order to gain access, users must prove to the website or webpage that they are who they say they are.

To put it simple, user authentication has three tasks:

- ① Manage the connection between the human (user) and the website's server (computer)
- ② Verify user's identities.
- ③ Approve (or decline) the authentication so the system can move to authorizing the user.

The process is fairly simple; users input their credentials on the website's login form. That information is then sent to the authentication server where the information is compared with all the users and grant them access to their accounts. ~~If a match~~ When a match is found, the system will authenticate users and grant them access to their accounts. If a match is ~~if~~ found, users will be prompted to re-enter their credentials and try again.

Q.3) Explain session with example.

→ A PHP session is easily started by making a call to the `session_start()` function.

This function first checks if a session is started and if none is started then it starts one.

It is recommended to put the call to `session_start()` at the beginning of the page. Session variables are stored in an associative array called `$_SESSION`. These variables can be accessed during lifetime of a session.

Counter variable is used to increment the session each time (no of times visited the page).

isset() function to check if session variable is set or not.

test.php

`<?php`

`session_start();`

`if (isset($_SESSION['counter'])) {`

`$_SESSION['counter'] += 1;`

`} else {`

`$_SESSION['counter'] = 1;`

`}`

`$msg = 'You have visited the page';`

`$_SESSION['counter'];`

`$msg = 'in the current session';`

`?>`

`</html>`

`<head><title>Setting up a PHP session`
`</title></head>`

`<body><?php echo ($msg); ?>`
`</body></html>`

Output :- You have visited the
page 1 in the current session

Q.4) Explain cookies with example.

→ A cookie is often used to identify a user.
A cookie is a small file that the server embeds on the user's computer.

A cookie is created with the setcookie() function

Syntax: `setcookie(name, value, expire, path, domain, secure, httponly);`

The following example creates cookie named "user" with value "Saarthak". The cookie will expire after 30 days (86400×30). The "/" means that cookie is available in entire website.

Code :- `<?php`

`$cookie_name = "user";`

`$cookie_value = "Saarthak";`

`setcookie($cookie_name, $cookie_value, time() + (86400 * 30), "/")`

`?>`

`</html>`

`<body>`

`<?php`

`if (!isset($_COOKIE[$cookie_name]))`
`{`

`echo "Cookie named ". $cookie_name . " is not set!"`

`} else`

`{ echo "Cookie ". $cookie_name . " is set!
`

`echo "value is : - $cookie_value[" $cookie_name"]`

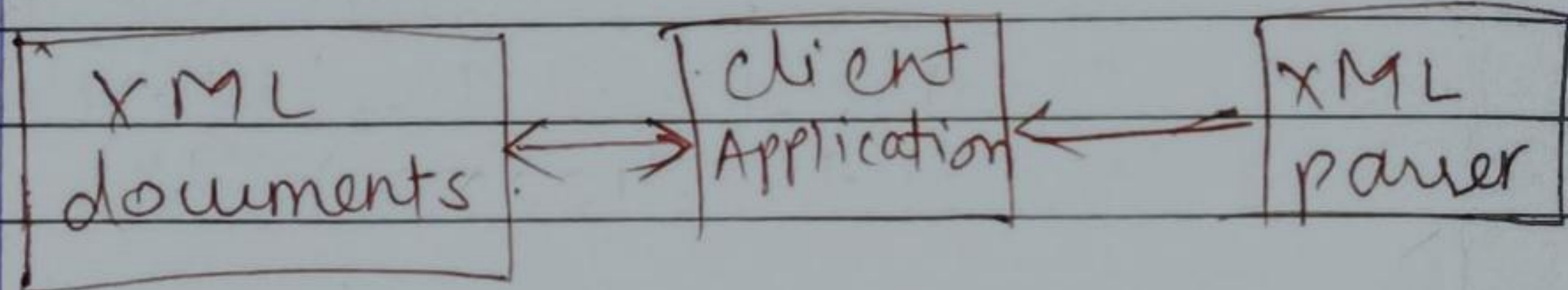
Output : Cookie 'user' is set!
Value is : Saathak.

Q.5) What is XML Parsing? Explain its usage with example.

→ XML parser is a software library or a package that provides interface for client applications to work with XML documents.

Modern day browsers have built-in XML parser.

Following diagram shows how XML parser interacts with XML document.



The goal of parser is to transform XML into a readable code.

Some commonly used parsers are listed below:-

- * MSXML : (Microsoft Core XML service). This is a standard set of XML tools from Microsoft that include a parser.

* System.Xml.XmlDocument :-

This class is part of .NET library which contains number of different classes related to working with XML.

* Java builtin Parser :- The Java library has its own parser.

The library is designed such that you can replace built in parser with an external implementation such as Xerces from Apache or Saxon.

* Saxon :- Saxon offers tools for parsing transforming and querying XML.

* Xerces :- Xerces is implemented in Java and is developed by the famous open source Apache Software Foundation.