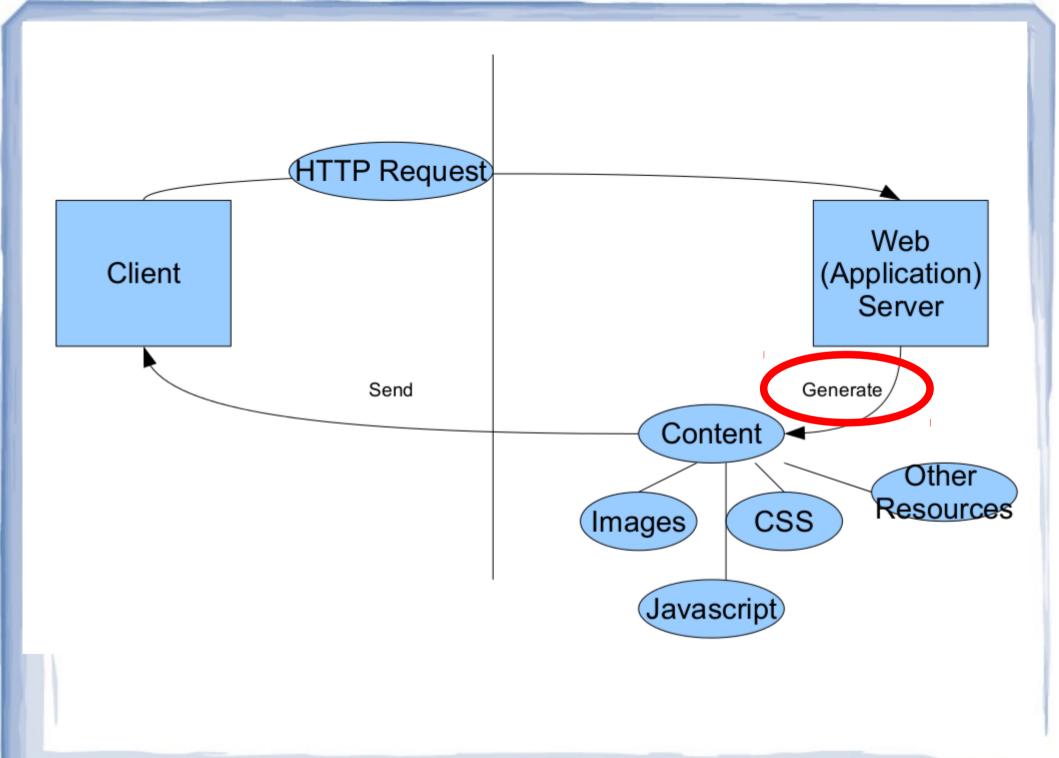
CMSC 100 Web Programming

PHP



Goals/purposes of the Server-side Script

- To generate content according to the specification indicated by a request.
- To generate content depending on the user.

PHP

- General purpose scripting language
 - Designed for web development and generally runs on a web server.
- Interpreted language
- Open source and free software
- Used in many websites and other open source projects.

PHP Installation

For Windows:

- Easy to Install bundles: WAMPServer, XAMP, etc.
- Get Installers for Apache WS, PHP, MySQL individually.

For Linux:

- Linux-Apache-MySQL-PHP (LAMP)
 - Standard installation (i.e. apt-get/Package Manager)

Syntax

Scripting Blocks – PHP code embedded/mixed into the content.

```
<?php
echo "This is PHP Code";
?>
```

Syntax: Variables

- PHP is a loosely typed language.
 - Data types are not declared with the variable
 - Variables need not to be declared before adding a value to it.
 - The type of the value can change during runtime.

Syntax: Variables

- Variables start with \$.
- Must start with a letter or underscore.
- May contain alphanumberic and underscore characters after the first.
- No spaces.

Syntax: Variables

```
$_myVar = 10;
```

- \$____ = "also a variable";
- \$_myVar = "Now a string!";
- \$index7 = 'Also a string.';

Syntax: Comments

Simillar to C/Java comments

```
<?php
//Single line comment
/*
Multi-line comment
*/
?>
```

Syntax: Functions

Simillar to Javascript
 function functionName() {
 //code to be executed
 }

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Syntax: Global Variables

 Generally \$vars you have outside functions are "global" variables.

```
<?php
$g = 10;

function useG(){
    echo "g = ".$g;
}</pre>
```

Syntax: Classes

Object Oriented Programming via classes <?php class SimpleClass { //property (attribute) declaration public x = 10; //method public function getVar() { return \$this->x;

Syntax: Classes/Objects

- \$obj = new SimpleClass();
- \$another = \$obj; // cloned
- \$ref =& \$obj; //reference

PHP Data Types

- Scalar types
 - boolean
 - Integer
 - float
 - string
- Compound types
 - array
 - object

PHP Data Types

- \$boolean_val = true; //or TRUE or True
- \$string_val = "This is a string.";
- \$string_val = 'Another string.';
- \$anumber = 12; //integer, may use octal or hex
- \$hexnum = 0XABC;
- \$octal = 012;
- \$float = 12.34;

Strings

- Maybe enclosed in " " or ' ' (single quotes).
- Note: Variables are evaluated inside " ".

```
<?php
$myStr = 'this is it.';
echo "Well, $myStr";
?>
```

PHP Arrays

```
<?php
//Numeric index
$sections = array("UV-1L", "UV-2L", "UV-
3L");
echo $sections[0]; //0 based automatic
$subjs = array(); //manual assignment
$subjs[0] = 'CMSC 100';
?>
```

PHP Arrays: Associative Arrays

```
<?php
//Associative
$difficulty = array( "CMSC100"=>"hard",
                  "CMSC22"=>"hard");
echo $difficulty['CMSC100'];
$difficulty['MATH17'] = "easy";
?>
```

PHP Multidimentional Arrays

```
<?
$multi = array (
"Cartoon"=> array ("Ben", "Bubbles"),
"Action"=> array("Arnold", "Bruce")
);
echo $multi['Cartoon'][0];
?>
```

Reading Assignment

- Predefined Variables in PHP
 - \$_GET
 - \$_POST
 - \$_REQUEST

- ...