MERN Stack Training

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Application: It is a computer program that can perform some task, there are two types of applications

1. Standalone or Desktop
2. Web Application or Distributed

Standalone application: You can use this application only after installing on your machine

ex: MS Word, Antivirus, VSCode editor and so on

Web application: These applications can be accessed over the internet without installing on your machine

ex: Bank Applications, Gmail, twitter, e-commerce website and so on.

How you can access these web applications

You need to access via browser (which itself is another application which is a standalone application that helps accessing any distributed application).



Client & Server



Both client & server are machines, where you can launch or run the applications, but servers are the one who hosts the application and client would send the request to these applications and get the response.

Web application vs Web pages

Web application can produces many web pages, it can perform various tasks and can handle the request & generate the response, these response are shown in web pages

Web application’s can show two kinds of pages

1. Static pages - These contents doesn’t change, it would be common to all the users

ex: Wikipedia

1. Dynamic pages - These contents change at runtime, it would be different for different users

ex: Facebook, Twitter, Online shopping applications, Gmail

Technologies used for static pages & dynamic pages

Static pages can be developed using HTML & CSS

Dynamic pages can be developed using various technologies like Javascript, Servlets, PHP, ASP.net, Django

Various programming languages helps you to develop dynamic web applications

1. Java: Servlets & JSP
2. JavaScript: Node.js & Express.js
3. C#: ASP.net
4. Python: Django.

URL: Uniform Resource Locator, it is used to access any web application over the internet, this is a name for a web application running in any particular server

HTTP: Hyper Text Transfer Protocol, it is used to communicate between the client and the server, it is used to exchange the data in request & response formats, which are also called as HTTP messages

HTTP messages: These are the data exchanged between server & the client, there are two types of http messages

1. Request: Sent by client
2. Response: Sent by server

Request & Response are divided into two sections

1. Header: It will have header information’s of request & response like content-type, accept, length and so on
2. Body: It will have the data, which is very much important for both client & server

History of browsers

1. WorldWideWeb Browser
2. Mosaic
3. Internet Explorer
4. Opera
5. Safari
6. Mozilla Firefox
7. Google Chrome
8. Microsoft Edge



Standalone applications are the applications that need to be installed before using

Desktop applications need to be installed in Laptops or Desktops ex: MS Word, Antivirus, VSCode and so on

Mobile applications need to be installed on your mobile phones ex: Mobile banking applications, Facebook application, Google pay, phone pay, Zomato, Swiggy and so on

Distributed applications are the applications that can be accessed over the internet, there are two types of Distributed applications

1. Web application
2. Enterprise application

Web applications are accessed only via browsers and it returns HTML as a response so that browser can easily show the content to the user

Enterprise applications are more complex applications that can be accessed by any kind of applications, they don’t provide service only for browsers, they provide service for all kind of applications like web applications, mobile applications, desktop applications, VR devices, Swiping machines, ATM machines and so on



Enterprise applications returns data not in HTML format rather in one common format called JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) that is easily readable by any applications written in any programming language, these applications are called as client applications they convert the data to the format the environment understands means, mobile applications converts the data to the format which can be displayed in the mobile screen, web applications can convert these data to the format that is displayed in the browser i.e., HTML, similarly ATM machines can convert the data in a format that can be displayed on ATM monitors and so on with Swiping devices, VR Devices.

Examples of enterprise applications

Banking applications, Google map, Facebook application, Twitter



Here the enterprise applications provide services to many client applications, ex: a banking applications are enterprise applications that can be accessed via many client applications like ATM, mobile banking apps, google pay, phone pay, paytm, swiping mahines and so on

These type of enterprise applications are allowing multiple client applications to connect and share data via webservices

Webservices: These are online services or Online API’s which are made available on the internet with URL’s for variety of client applications, webservices can convert the data in one language to JSON and vice versa.



Distributed applications are not just web applications, they are more than that

What are the other formats the webservices can use

1. JSON (More widely used is JSON)
2. XML : It is heavy weight & used rarely

Day 3:

Layered architecture

It is an architecture which is followed in every complex application as in an application there will be 1000’s of functions & you must not mix the roles of each function, every function has to perform a particular task, hence an application must have layers like

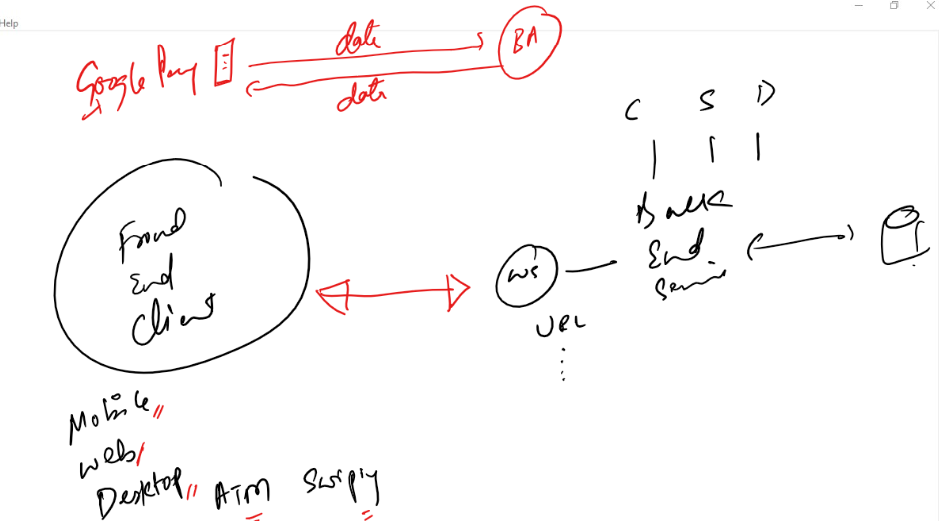
1. Presentation layer: Will have UI which user can access
2. Controller layer: Takes data from the UI and decides what is the next view the user must see and also passes the data to the UI and Business layer
3. Business layer: It is also called service layer, it applies business logic, like performing business validations before interacting with the database, it returns the data to the controller layer
4. DAO layer: DAO stands for Data Access Object, it interacts with the database and returns the data to the business layer.

Day 4

Front-end and Back-end applications

Front end applications will have only UI’s that use can access, it will not have any kind of business logics or database logics it interacts with backend webservices

Back end applications will have business logics that can interact with the database, it will have the webservices which front-end would interact with.



Ex of front end applications

1. Google pay
2. Phone pay
3. IRCTC mobile app
4. Zomato
5. Swiggy
6. Ola mobile
7. Uber mobile

Ex of Back end applications

1. Google map Api’s
2. Facebook Api’s
3. Banking application Api’s

Technologies or Programming languages that developers use to develop front end and back end applications

For front-end we have below technologies

* JavaScript
* Angular
* React.js
* Ember.js
* Vue.js
* ASP.Net

For Back end we have below technologies

* JavaScript
* Python
* Java
* C#
* C++

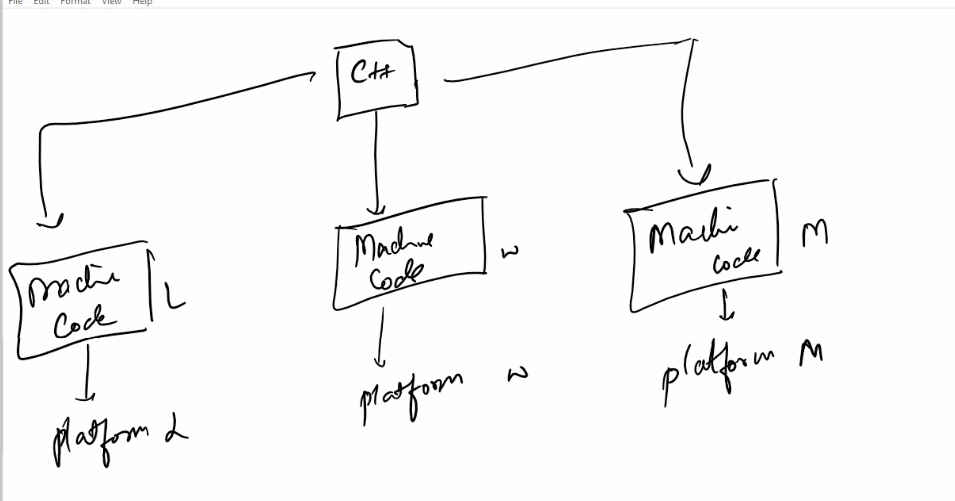
Evolution Programming languages

MLL: It is a language only Machine can understand 0’s and 1’s

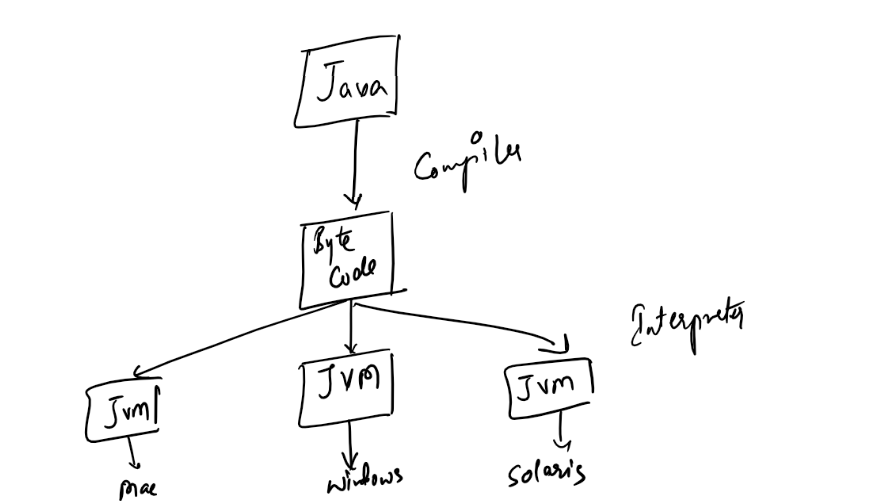
ALL: It is an Assembly Level Language, which is understood by humans, but it works only on specific processors, if you change processors, then you need to change your entire program

C: It is an High level language which is procedure oriented, but it doesn’t secure the data, as the data you create is accessible by all the procedures

C++: It is an Object Oriented Programming language, which binds the data & functions in a unit so that they are accessible only withing that unit not to the outsiders, it is platform dependent, which means the code you compile in one machine doesn’t work in another machine



Java: It is a platform independent language, it converts the source code into byte code and the byte code is converted to suitable platform specific code by JVM (Java Virtual Machine)



JavaScript: It is a language used to develop front end web pages, it is understood by all the browsers, but Java Script can also be used now for developing backend applications i.e., you can create web services with Java Script.

JavaScript needs browser to run at the front end

JavaScript needs node.js to run at the back end, node.js is a Javascript runtime environment it allows you to perform various backend operations like connecting to databases, IO operations on files, Socket IO operations (chatting applications).

Three main things a beginner must know before understanding/writing code to solve a problem

1. Algorithms
2. Flowcharts
3. Pseudocode

Algorithm:

* It is a step by step procedure which are followed to get the result for a particular problem.
* It is independent from any programming language
* It is not understood by computers/compilers, it is a design done by developers to solve the problem in English language
* Algorithms can be written in any ways, there’s no any rules that algorithms must be written in some standard way

Flowchart:

* It is also language independent
* It is used for better understanding of algorithm
* It gives the graphical representation of program sequence, it has some shapes and symbols to mention the program statements



Pseudocode:

* They are set of instructions which mimics programming language and they are also programming language independent
* It gives the idea what all the programming constructs you have to use to solve a problem, but it is still not understood by any compiler/interpreter
* Algorithms gives step by step instructions in simple English language but Pseudocode uses programming basic components/constructs like loops, conditional blocks and etc.

Writing algorithms

There’s no standard rule to write an algorithm you can write algorithm with your own statement, but it must solve the problem to give the solution

Problem:

Multiplying two numbers and display the result

Solution 1:

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Create 3 variables a, b, c

Step 3: Set value for a and b

Step 4: Multiply a and b and store the result in c

Step 5: Display c

Step 6: Stop

Alternatively you can write the above algorithm below way

Step1: Start

Step2: Take 2 numbers

Step3: Multiply the 2 number got in Step2

Step4: Print the result you got in Step3

Step5: Stop

The above algorithm is language independent, it can be implemented in any programming languages

How to implement in C

void add() {   
 int a, b, c  
 printf(“enter value for a”);  
 scanf(“a = %d“, &a);

printf(“enter value for b”);  
 scanf(“b = %d“, &b);  
 c = a \* b;  
 printf(“result c = %d “, c);  
}

How to implement in C++

void add() {  
 int a, b, c;

cout<<”Enter value for a”;  
 cin>>a;  
 cout<<”Enter value for b”;  
 cin>>b;  
 c = a \* b;  
 cout<<”Value of c = “<<c;  
}

How to implement in Javascript

function add() {

var a = prompt(“Enter value for a”);  
var b = prompt(“Enter value for b”);  
var c = a \* b;

alert(“c = “+c);  
console.log(“c = “+c);  
document.write(“c = “+c);

}

Problem: Find the area of a circle and print the area

Step1: Start

Step2: Take radius and create area variable

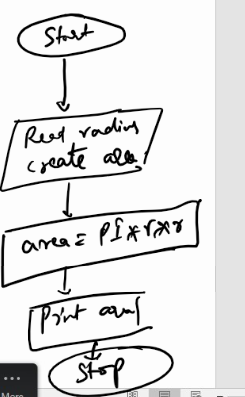
Step3: Multiply radius with radius

Step4: Multiply PI with result of Step3 and store in area

Step5: Print area

Step6: Stop

Flowchart:



pseudocode:

BEGIN  
READ radius, area  
SET radius <- value  
CALCULATE area = PI \* radius \* radius  
PRINT area  
END

Problem: Find the highest number in the two numbers

Algorithm:

Step1: Start  
Step2: Read x, y value  
Step3: check is x > y print x is greater  
Step4: else print y is greater  
Step5: End

Pseudocode:

BEGIN  
READ x, y  
IF (x > y) THEN PRINT “x is greater”  
ELSE PRINT “y is greater”  
END IF  
END

Problem: Print all the numbers from 1 to 10

Algorithm:

Step1: Start  
Step2: Initialize num to 1  
Step3: Check if(num <= 10) goto Step4 else goto Step7  
Step4: Print num  
Step5: Increment num by 1  
Step6: Goto Step3  
Step7: Stop

Pseudocode:

BEGIN  
INITIALIZE num = 1  
WHEN (num <= 10) THEN LOOP  
PRINT num  
num = num + 1  
END LOOP

Writing the program for the above Pseudocode

var num = 1;  
while(num <= 10) {  
 console.log(“num = “+num);  
 num = num + 1;  
}

Day 6:

Linux: It is one of the popular server OS which is used to deploy many applications and install servers to launch the applications, it is faster than any GUI based OS

Linux follows Unix feature, Unix is command line base OS but it is not free, however Linux is free and open source.

Open Source: You can customize as per your requirement so that it meets your organization requirement

Unix vs Linux

Unix is licensed OS, it is used in mainframes, Linux follows the same architecture of Unix but Linux is free & open source, Linux is a clone of Unix, learning linux/unix one and the same

Linux comes in 2 flavours

1. Terminal based OS: Meant for hosting servers and applications
2. GUI based: Meant for users who needs UI ex: Fedora, Ubuntu.

Installing Linux

You can install linux directly in your machine or through virtual box

Virtual box: It is a software that can host OS from the another OS, it is available for Mac, Ubuntu, Windows and other GUI based OS.

<https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>

Once you install either Linux terminal based or Ubuntu you will get access to the OS, but you need to use terminal of the OS to perform any operations,

Below is the snapshot of how Linux based machine looks.



Here we need to perform all the activities via commands

Some of the important commands in linux are:

date: Shows date

cal: It shows the calendar

pwd: Present Working Directory

ls: List files & folders

mkdir: It is used to create folder/directory

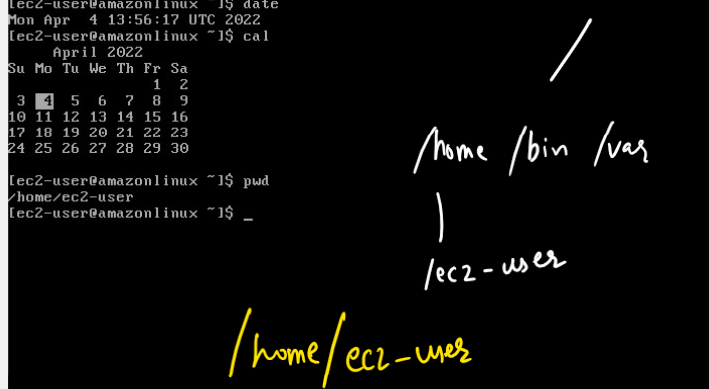
touch: It is used to create a new file

cat: It is used to concatenate files and print the files content

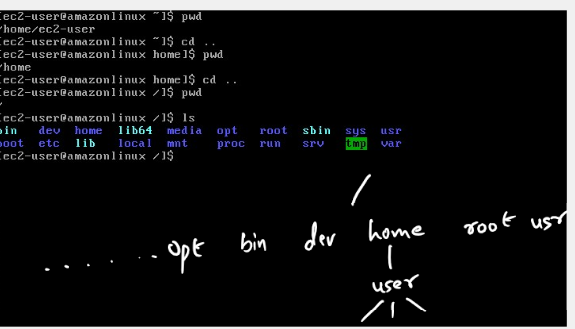
rm: It is used to remove the files & directories

mv: It is used to move or rename files & directories

In Linux/Unix you will have one root director i.e., / which is the top level directory and everything is inside this /



You can navigate backward to /home or / using cd ..



/home/ec2-user: It is the current working directory of the user, in everyone’s case the username will be different ex: /workspace/linux/playground

Some of the important commands

cd, ls, pwd