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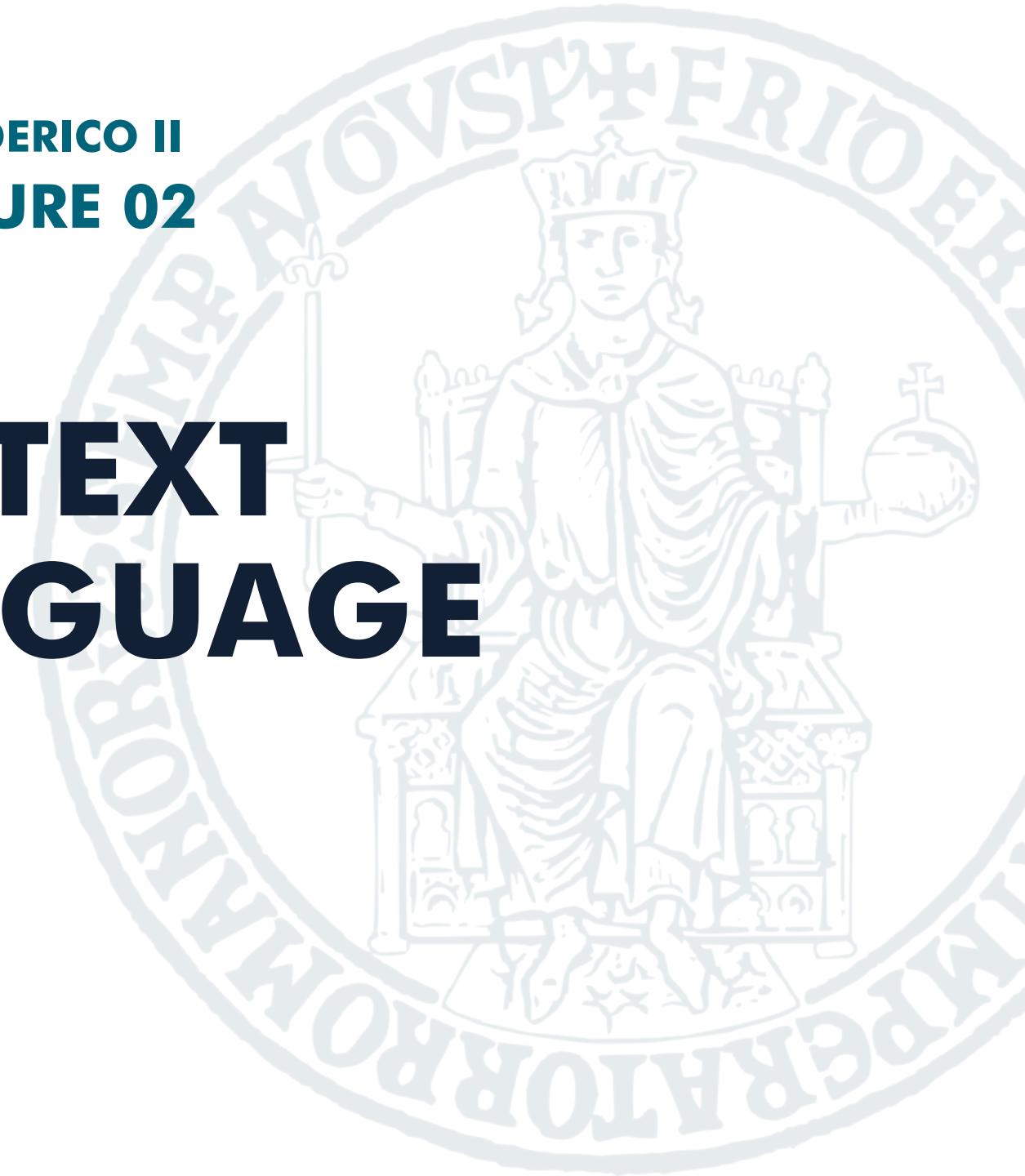
HTML: HYPERTEXT MARKUP LANGUAGE

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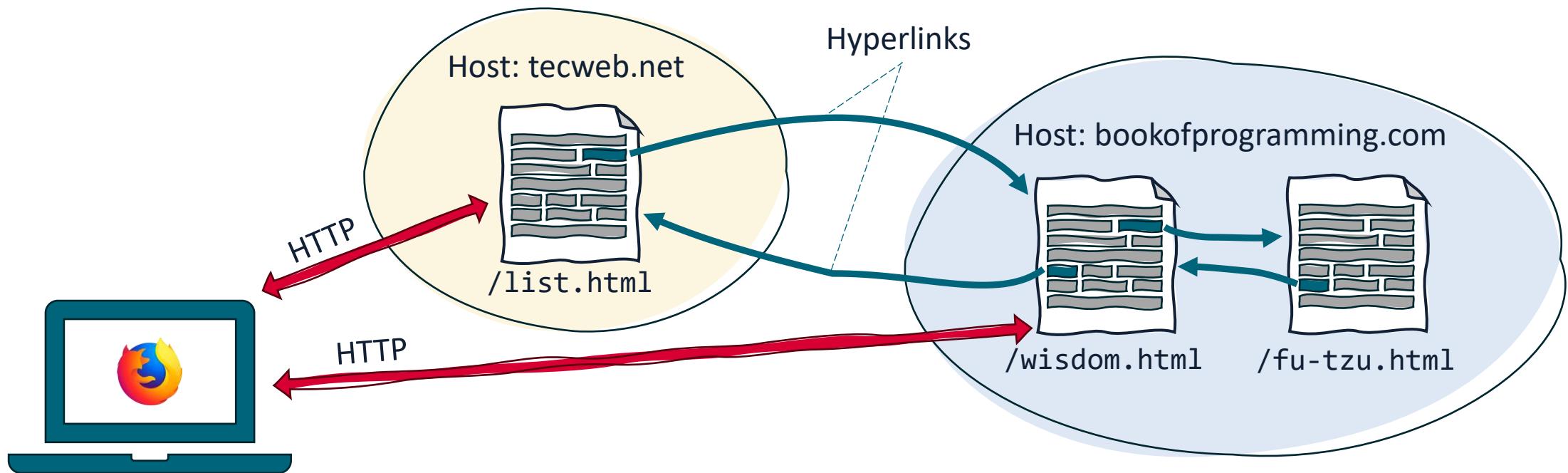
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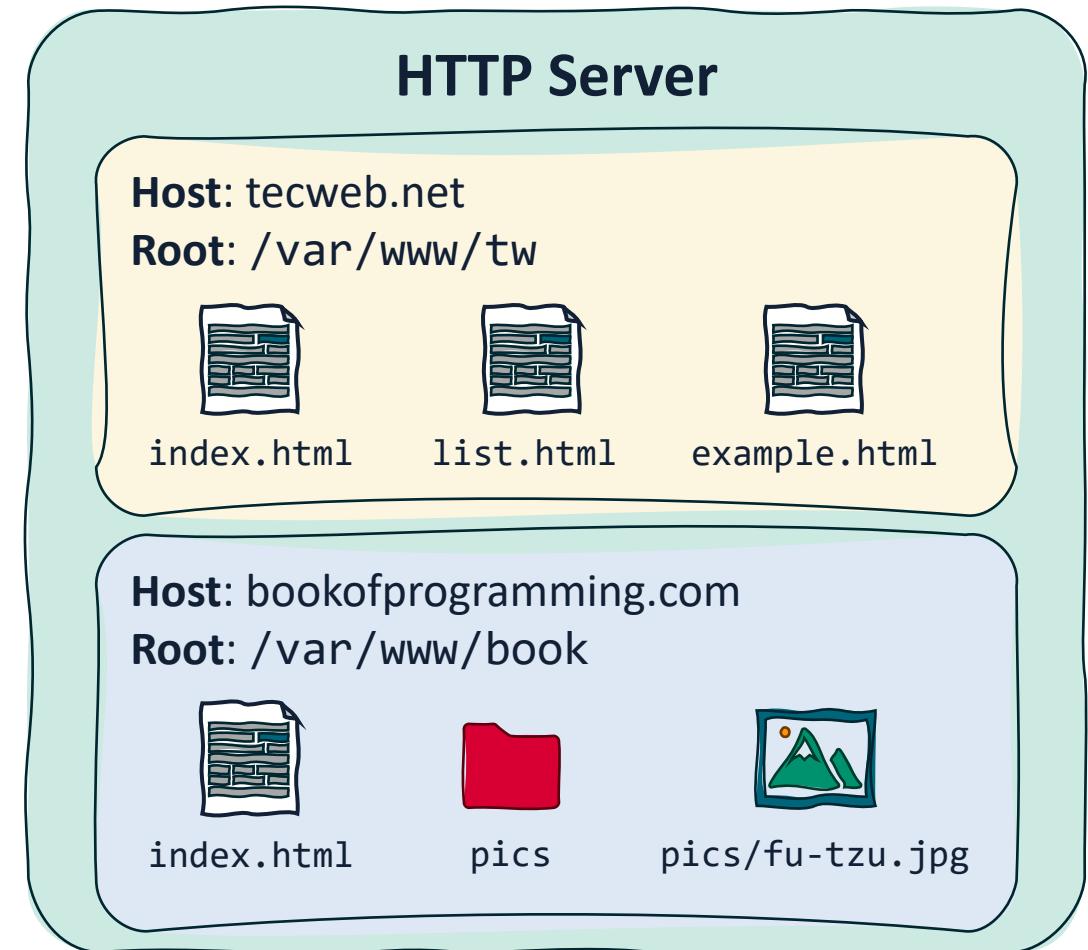
PREVIOUSLY, ON WEB TECHNOLOGIES

- We've seen **the web** is a system of interconnected **hypertext documents**, which are linked to each other through **hyperlinks**.
- Clients (typically web browsers) use HTTP to fetch these hypertexts



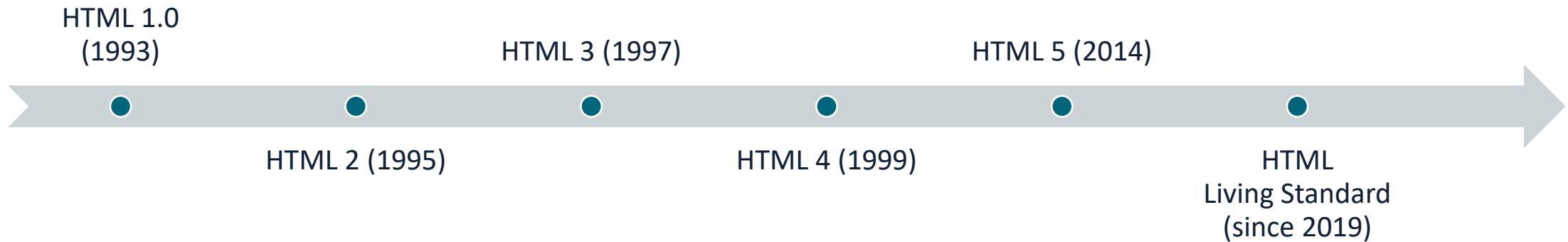
INSIDE AN HTTP SERVER

- An HTTP Server is a **software**
- **Listens** for HTTP requests on a certain port (e.g.: 80)
- Might manage multiple hosts
 - That's why theres a **Host** header in HTTP requests!
- Handles connections by serving files from the **Document root** in its filesystem
 - We do not want all our files to be accessible via HTTP, right?



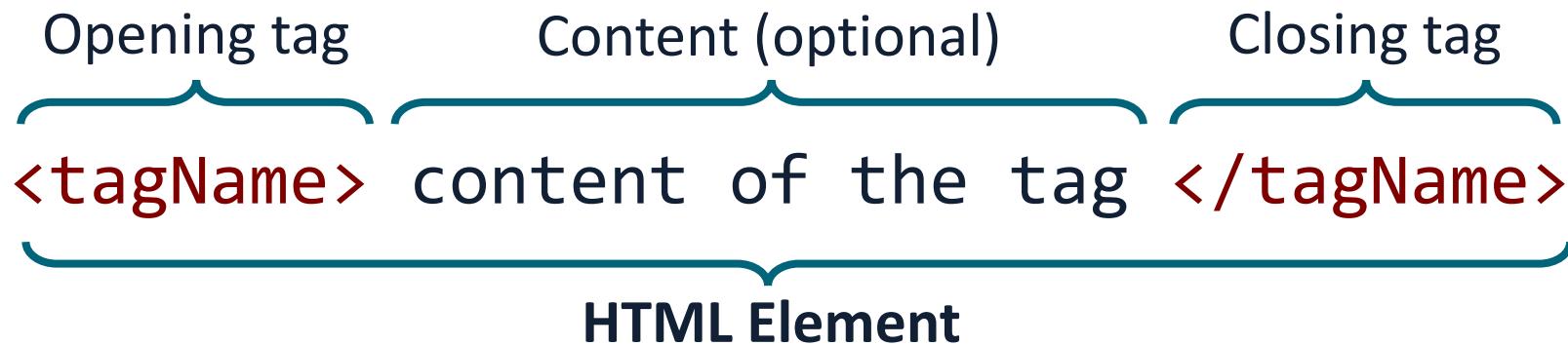
HTML: HYPERTEXT MARKUP LANGUAGE

- Web Browsers display **Documents** described using **HTML**
- A **Web App** consists of one or more documents (a.k.a. web pages)
- Key concept: **Markup Language**
- Documents are enriched with a set of annotations to control their **structure, formatting, or the relationship between their parts.**
- Several versions since 1993. We'll focus on **HTML Living Standard**



HTML: HYPERTEXT MARKUP LANGUAGE

- In HTML, the annotations are called **tags**
- Tags are denoted using angle brackets



- Opening tags may also contain key-value **attributes** (value optional)

`<tagName attribute1="value" attribute2>`

HTML: DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

- HTML documents must start with a `<!DOCTYPE HTML>` declaration
- Not a tag, it just tells the client what document type to expect
- The `<html>` tag represents the entire document
- It contains a `<head>` and a `<body>`

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html lang="en">←
<head>
  <title>Hello World!</title>
</head>
<body> <!-- a comment --&gt;
  &lt;p&gt;Hello World!&lt;/p&gt;
&lt;/body&gt;
&lt;/html&gt;</pre>
```

`lang` attribute is encouraged for **accessibility**

`<head>` contains document **metadata**

`<body>` contains the actual document contents

THE HEAD ELEMENT

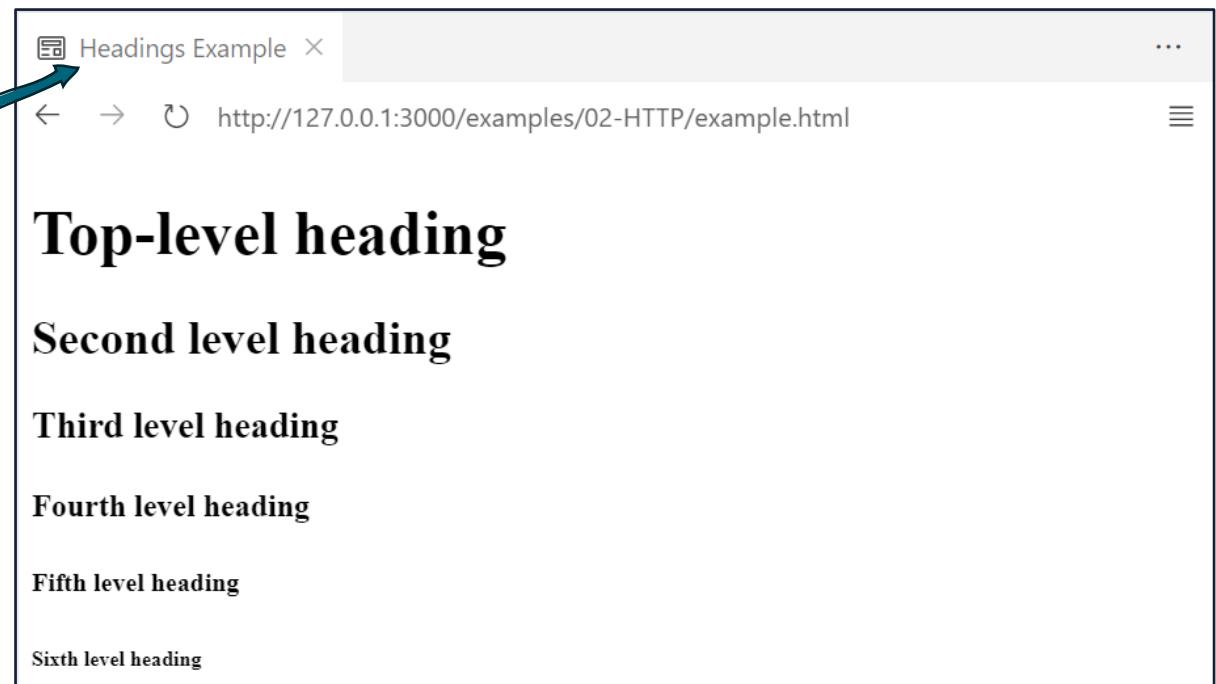
- Is a container for **metadata**
- Metadata are data about data, i.e.: data about the current document
- Often not shown to users, but useful for browsers and search engines
- It is required to contain a **<title>**

```
<head>
  <title>The Book of Programming</title>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="description" content="Fragments from the Book of Programming">
  <meta name="keywords" content="Wisdom, programming">
  <meta name="author" content="L. L. L. Starace">
  <meta http-equiv="refresh" content="30">
</head>
```

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: HEADINGS

- **<h1>** to **<h6>**: Represent titles or subtitles

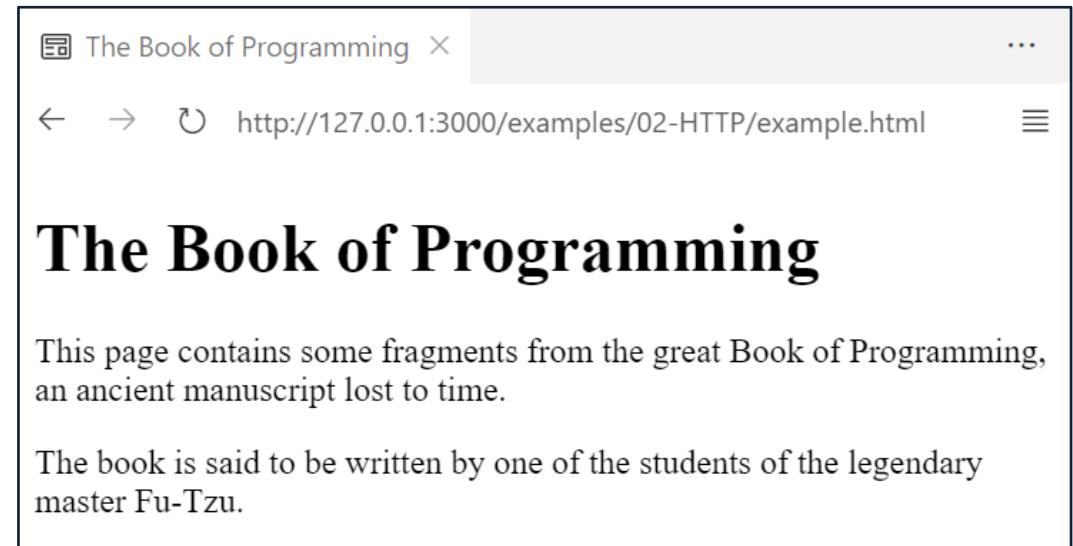
```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>Headings Example</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Top-level heading</h1>
  <h2>Second level heading</h2>
  <h3>Third level heading</h3>
  <h4>Fourth level heading</h4>
  <h5>Fifth level heading</h5>
  <h6>Sixth level heading</h6>
</body>
</html>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: PARAGRAPHS

- **<p>**: Represent paragraphs, typically start on a new line.

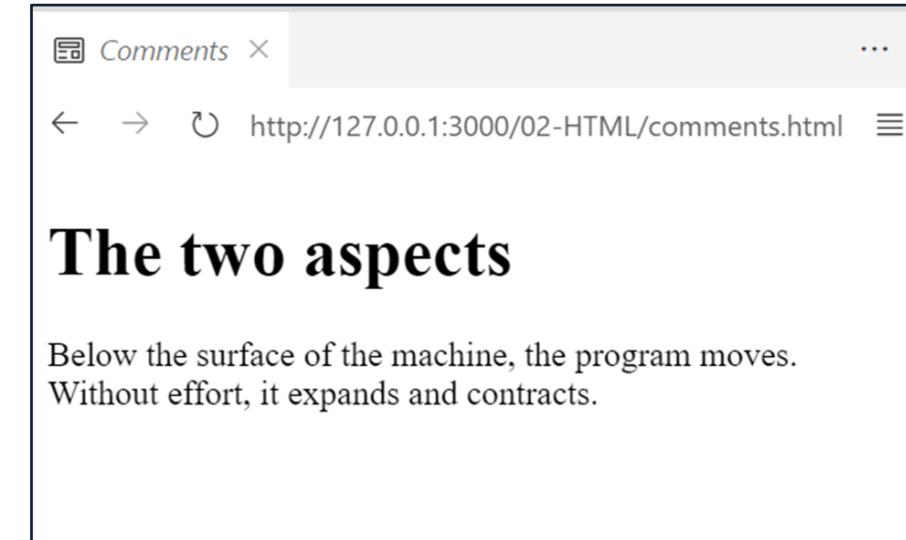
```
<h1>The Book of Programming</h1>
<p>
  This page contains some fragments
  from the great Book of Programming,
  an ancient manuscript lost to time.
</p>
<p>
  The book is said to be written by
  one of the students of the legendary
  master Fu-Tzu.
</p>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: COMMENTS

- Are ignored by Browsers, delimited by `<!--` and `-->`
- Can be useful to add notes or temporarily hide content

```
<h1>The two aspects</h1>
<!-- TODO: add more wisdom -->
<p>
    Below the surface of the machine,
    the program moves. Without effort,
    it expands and contracts.
</p>
<!--
<p>
    The forms on the monitor are but
    ripples on the water. The
    essence stays invisibly below.
</p> -->
```



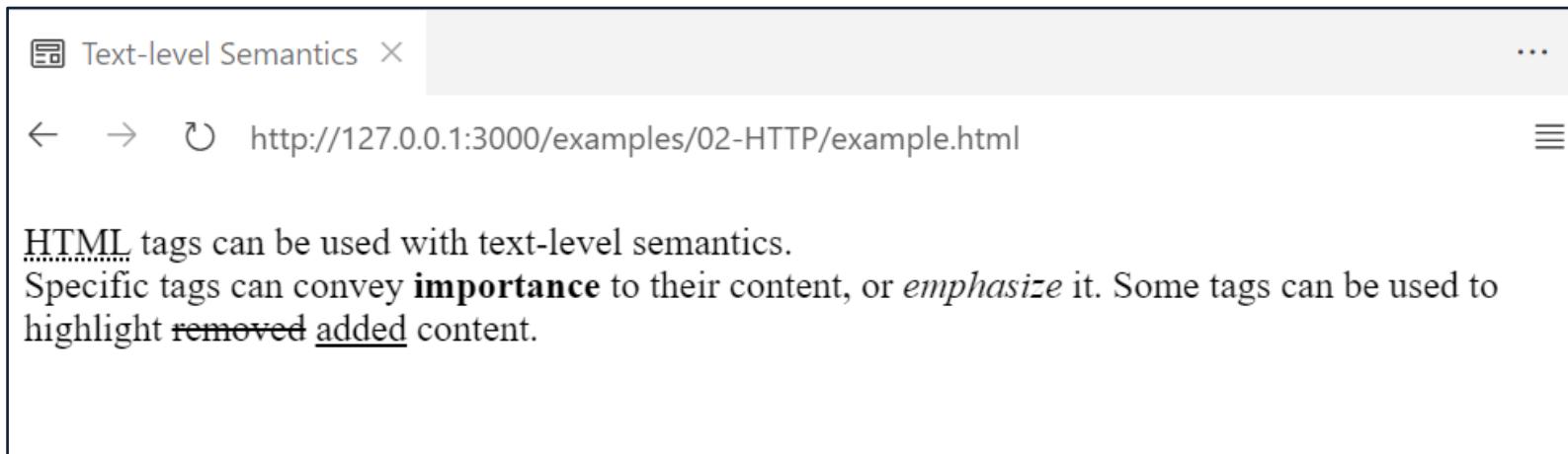
CORE HTML ELEMENTS: TEXT SEMANTICS

Tags can specify text-level semantics:

- <`em`>: *Emphasize* content
- <`strong`>: Represents **Strong** importance
- <`br/`>: Line Break (void tag, can be self-closing)
- <`abbr title="description"`>: Define acronyms and abbreviations
- <`del`>: Content that has been deleted from document
- <`ins`>: Content that has been inserted in document

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: TEXT SEMANTICS

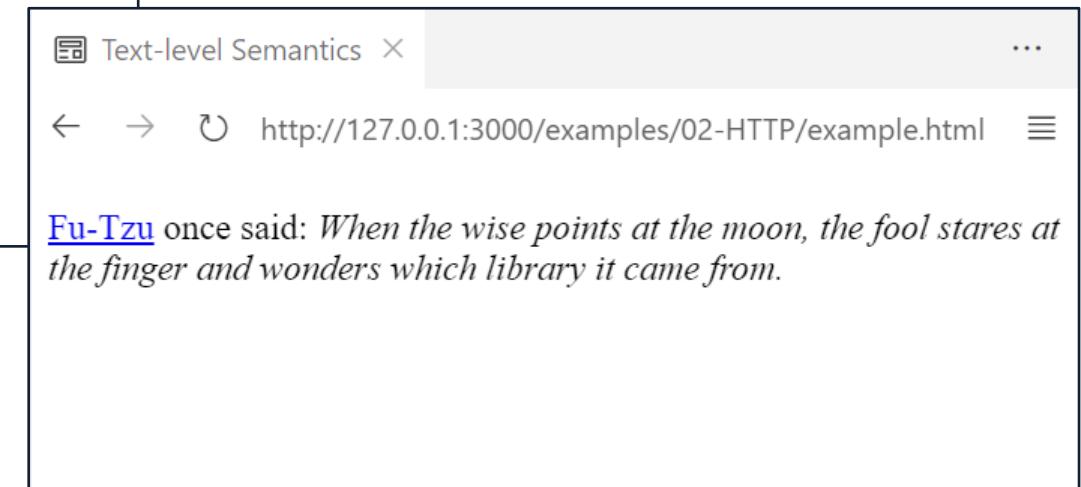
```
<p>
  <abbr title="HyperText Markup Language">HTML</abbr> tags can be used with
  text-level semantics.<br/> Specific tags can convey <strong>importance</strong>
  to their content, or <em>emphasize</em> it.
  Some tags can be used to highlight <del>removed</del> <ins>added</ins> content.
</p>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: ANCHORS

- Hyperlinks can be defined using the anchor tag `<a>`
- The `href` attribute can be used to point to the target URL

```
<p>
  <a href="/fu-tzu.html">Fu-Tzu</a> once said:
  <em>
    When the wise points at the moon, the
    fool stares at the finger and wonders
    which library it came from.
  </em>
</p>
```



A LOOK BACK ON URLs



ANCHORS: RELATIVE VS ABSOLUTE URLs

- URLs specified by `href` can be **absolute** or **relative**
- Absolute URLs include scheme and hostname, and contain all the information necessary to reach the resource
 - e.g.: ``
- Relative URLs specify only a path. Scheme and hostname are inferred from the current context
 - e.g.: `` or ``

ANCHORS: RELATIVE URLs

When a relative URL starts with a "/", the **entire path** is replaced

- If the current context is the page at

`http://bookofprogramming.com/fu-tzu/fu-tzu.html`

- An anchor such as `` points to

`http://bookofprogramming.com/index.html`

ANCHORS: RELATIVE URLs

When a relative URL does **not** start with a "/", only the last part of the path is replaced

- If the current context is the page at
http://bookofprogramming.com/fu-tzu/fu-tzu.html
- An anchor such as **** points to
http://bookofprogramming.com/fu-tzu/pic.jpg

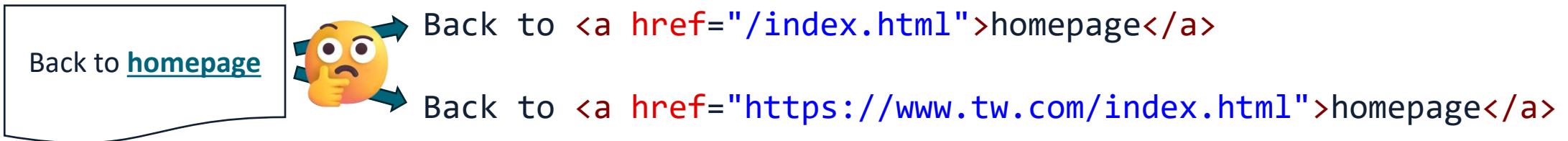
ANCHORS: DOT SEGMENTS IN URLs

- Relative URLs can also contain «dot» segments: «.» and «..»
- Dot («.») represents the current directory
- Double-dot («..») represent the parent directory
- Assume the current path is **/a/b/c/hello.html**

HREF	RESULTING PATH
./index.html	/a/b/c/index.html
../foo.html	/a/b/foo.html
.../../pic.jpg	/a/pic.jpg
../../../../pic.jpg	/a/pic.jpg (same as above)

ANCHORS: RELATIVE OR ABSOLUTE URLs?

- Should we use **relative** or **absolute** URLs?



- Relative URLs should be preferred when linking resources **within** the same web application
 - This way, if the host name changes, there is no need to change the html pages
- When linking **external** web pages or resources, there is no choice but to use absolute URLs.

ANCHORS: TARGET ATTRIBUTE

- The **target** attribute can be used to specify **where** to open the linked resource
- `` should be opened in the same browser window/tab than the current page (this is the default behaviour, if you don't specify a target attribute)
- `` should be opened in a new browser window/tab

ON URLs AND INDEX.HTML

- What happens when a URL points to a **directory** and not to a file?
- Web servers typically respond with the content of the **index.html** file, if it exists in the requested directory
- This behaviour is configurable:
 - Other default filenames used include: **home.html, default.html**
 - If there is no default file, HTTP servers can be configured to automatically generate an index for the directory.



A screenshot of a Firefox browser window showing the contents of a directory. The title bar says "Index of /02-HTML/" and the address bar shows "127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/". The main content area displays a table of files in the directory:

Name	Size	Date Modified
..		
comments.html	406.0 B	8/10/23, 7:40:49
divs.html	251.0 B	8/09/23, 11:26:52
forms.html	2.4 kB	8/11/23, 8:18:06
fu-tzu.html	432.0 B	8/09/23, 8:41:24
image.html	288.0 B	8/09/23, 12:10:43
lists.html	454.0 B	8/09/23, 11:27:27
pic.jpg	107.3 kB	8/09/23, 8:45:14
semantics.html	786.0 B	8/09/23, 11:26:53
special.html	134.0 B	8/09/23, 11:26:55
tree.html	308.0 B	8/11/23, 8:49:22

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: TABLES

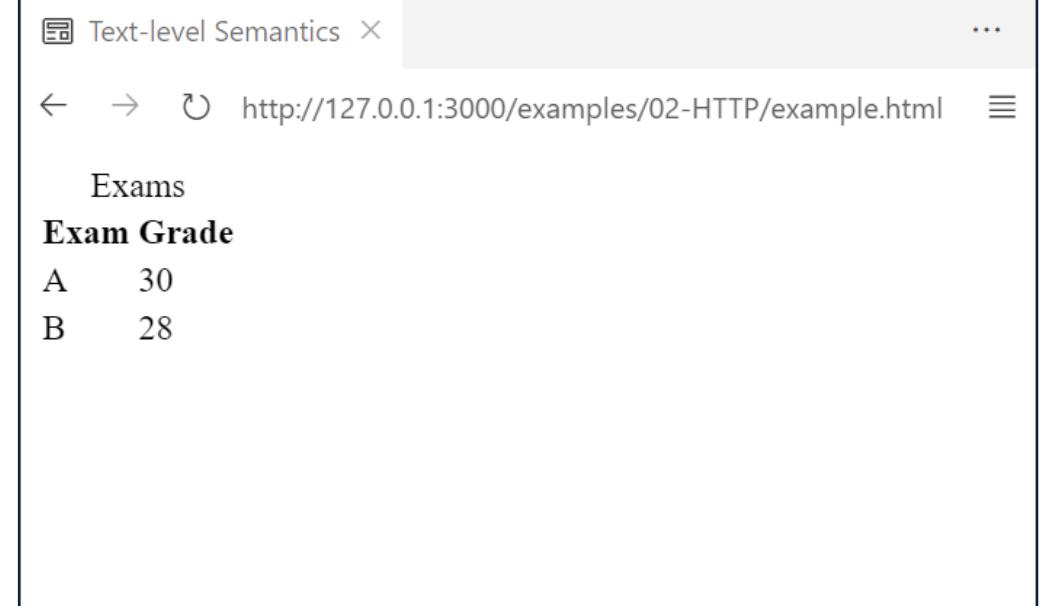
A `<table>` contains a set of `<tr>` (table rows).

- Each `<tr>` can contain one or more:
 - `<td>` (table data cells)
 - `<th>` (table headers)
- `<td>` and `<th>` contain the values to show in the respective cell.

A `<table>` might also contain a `<caption>` that describes it.

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: TABLES

```
<table>
  <caption>Exams</caption>
  <tr>
    <th>Exam</th><th>Grade</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>A</td><td>30</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>B</td><td>28</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: LISTS

HTML defines three kinds of lists

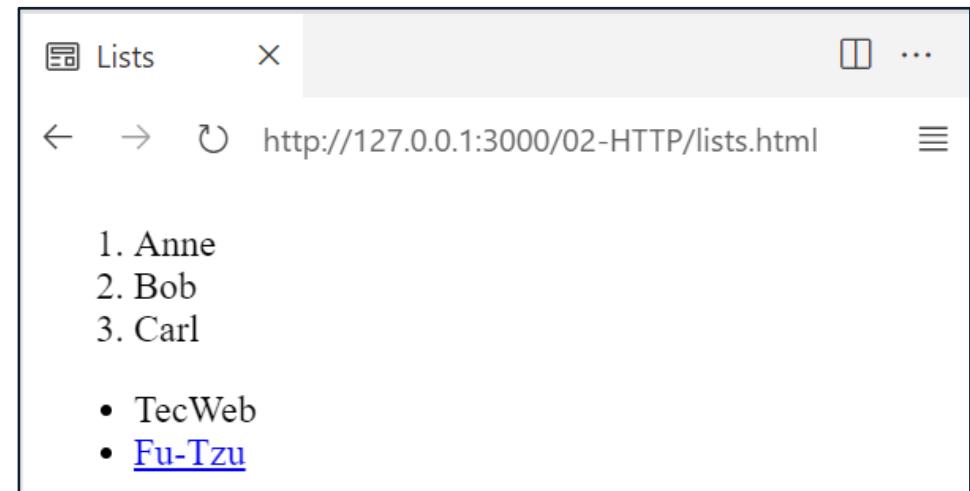
- Ordered lists ``, used for enumerations
- Unordered lists ``, used for bullet lists
- Description lists `<dl>`, consisting of terms and their descriptions.
Often used for glossaries.

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: (UN)ORDERED LISTS

- Ordered and unordered lists contain a sequence of list items

```
<ol>
  <li>Anne</li>
  <li>Bob</li>
  <li>Carl</li>
</ol>

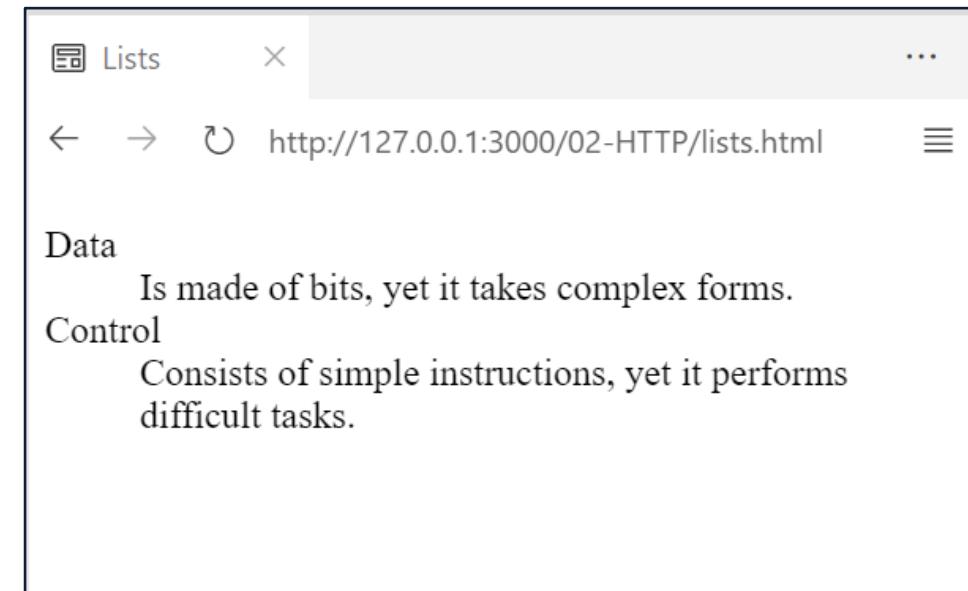
<ul>
  <li>TecWeb</li>
  <li><a href="/">Fu-Tzu</a></li>
</ul>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: DESCRIPTION LISTS

- Description lists contain a sequence of terms `<dt>` and descriptions for the prior terms `<dd>`

```
<dl>
  <dt>Data</dt>
  <dd>
    Is made of bits,
    yet it takes complex forms.
  </dd>
  <dt>Control</dt>
  <dd>
    Consists of simple instructions,
    yet it performs difficult tasks.
  </dd>
</dl>
```



CORE HTML ELEMENTS: ENTITIES

- Some characters are **reserved** in HTML
- What if we want to write in a document: <p>3<x and y>6</p>?
- The Browser might mix the symbols with tags
- **Character entities** should be used to display reserved characters
- Character entities look like this:
 - *&entity_name;* or *&#entity_number;*

SOME USEFUL HTML ENTITIES

Result	Description	Entity Name
	Non-breaking space	
<	Less than	<
>	Greater than	>
&	Ampersand	&
"	Double quote	"
'	Single quote (apostrophe)	'
©	Copyright	©

The example in the previous slide should be: <p>3<x and y>6</p>

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: IMAGES

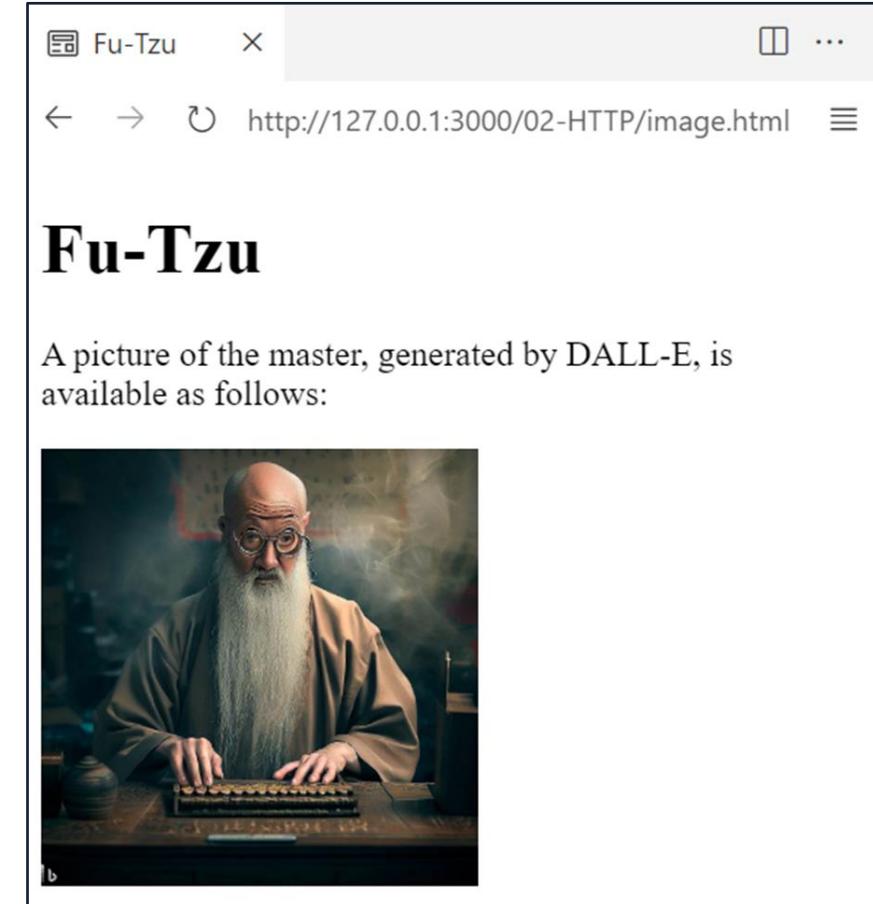
`` is used to embed an image in a HTML document

- It's a void element (it shouldn't contain other elements)
- `src` attribute specifies the URL of the image to include
- `alt` attribute specifies an alternate text description for the image
- `width` and `height` attributes can be used to specify the size (in pixels) of the embedded picture in the web page

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: IMAGES

```
<h1>Fu-Tzu</h1>
<p>
    A picture of the master,
    generated by DALL-E, is
    available as follows:
</p>

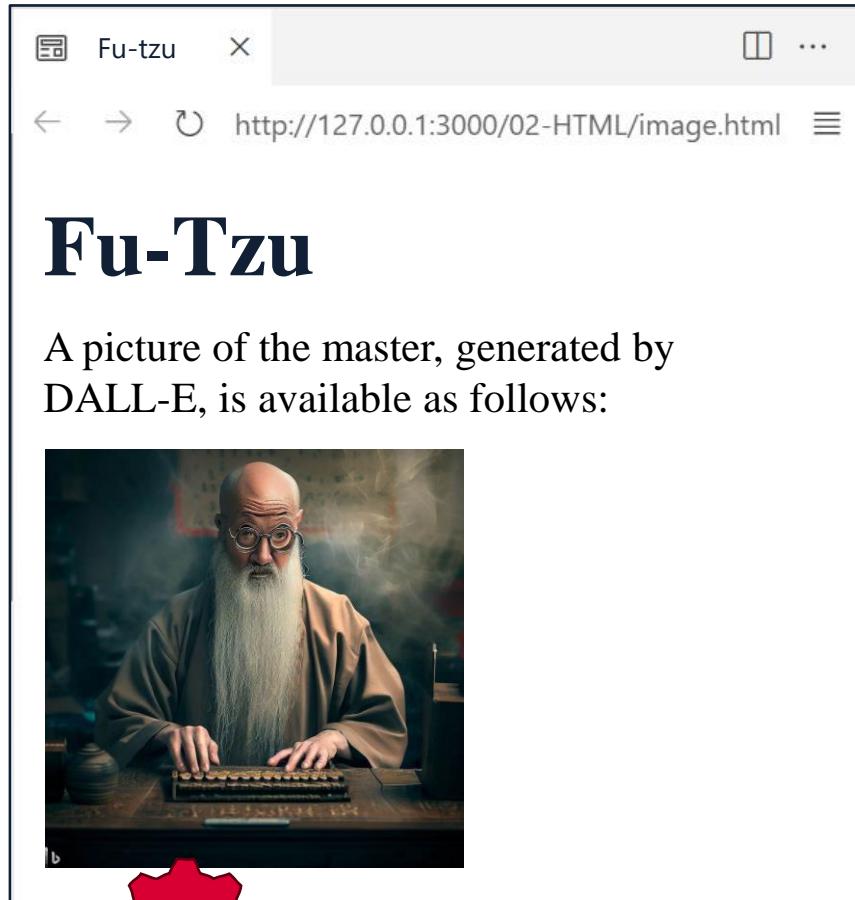
```



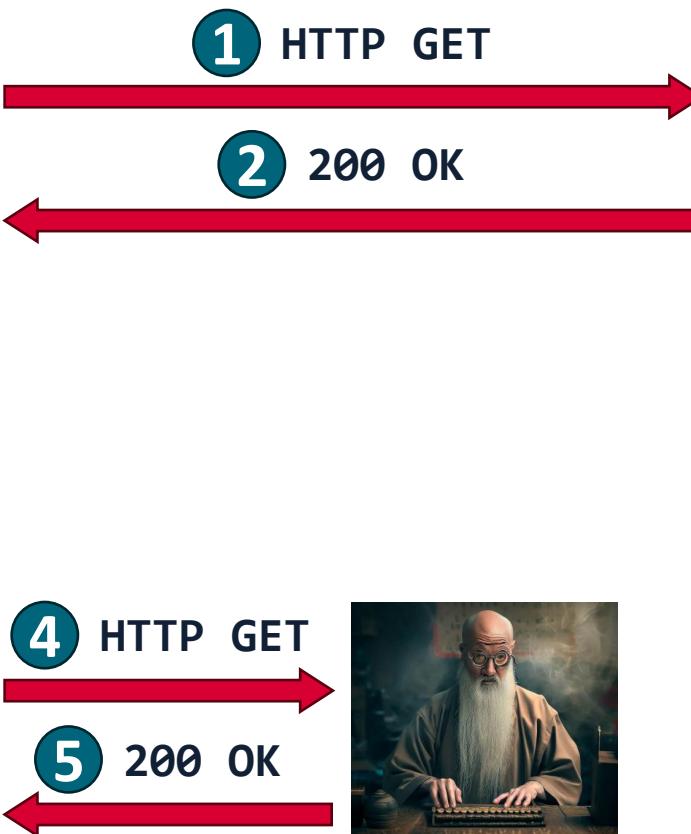
IMAGES: BEHIND THE SCENES

- Something new (and quite interesting) is going on!
- Until now, HTML documents were entirely **self-contained**
 - All the data in the document was **within** the document
 - We had links, but we were free not navigate them
- The last example web page included some **external content** (the image) by providing only its URL
- The image **itself** is **not included** in the HTML document
- To visualize the document, Browsers need to **fetch** additional resources!

IMAGES: BEHIND THE SCENES



3 Browser Parses Document
from top to bottom



/02-HTML/pic.jpg

<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html lang="en"> Parsing

<head>
 <title>Fu-Tzu</title>
</head>

<body>
 <h1>Fu-Tzu</h1>
 <p>
 A picture of the master,
 generated by DALL-E, is
 available as follows:
 </p>

 </body>
</html>

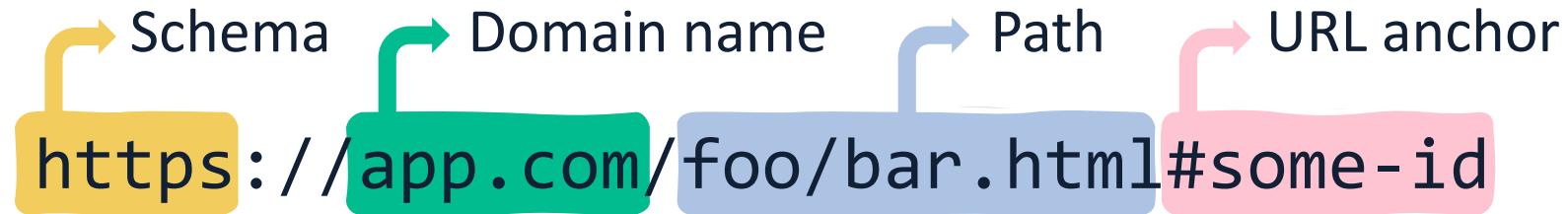
/02-HTML/image.html

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: GLOBAL ATTRIBUTES

- We've seen some attributes (e.g.: `href`, `target`, `src`, `alt`)
- These attributes are meaningful only for some elements
 - `<strong src="pic.jpg">Hi!` would make no sense!
- Some attributes are **global**, i.e.: can be used with any HTML element
- Some examples of global attributes in HTML are:

Global Attr.	Description
<code>id</code>	Specifies a unique (in the document) identifier for an element
<code>lang</code>	Specifies the language for the element's content
<code>style, class</code>	Used for styling (we'll see in the next lecture)

URLS: ANCHORS

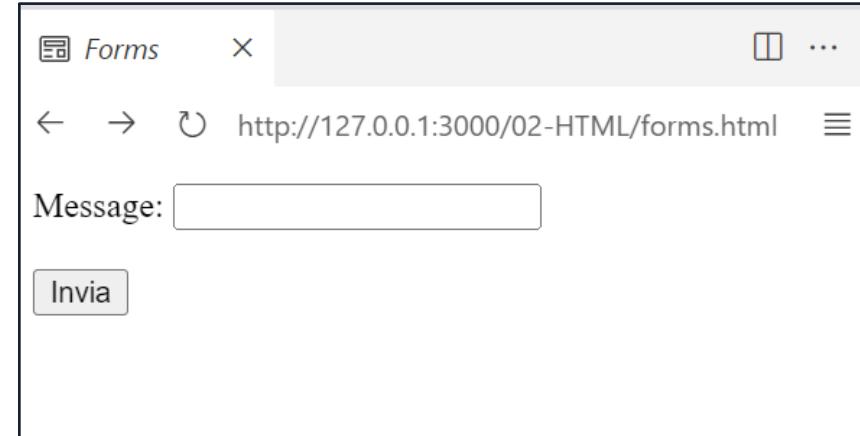


- The **id** attribute in html element can be used also in **URL anchors**
- An anchor represents a sort of “bookmark” inside the resource, used to tell browsers to show the content located at that bookmarked spot.
- In the example, **#some-id** is an anchor, pointing to a specific part of the resource itself, namely the element with id “**some-id**”
 - E.g.: <https://luistar.github.io/publications/#conference>

CORE HTML ELEMENTS: FORMS

- <form> elements are used to **collect user inputs**
- The input is typically sent to a server for processing (we'll see that!)
- Forms contain form elements such as <input>, <label>, <textarea>, <select>, <form>

```
<form>
  Message:
  <input type="text"><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```



FORMS: INPUTS

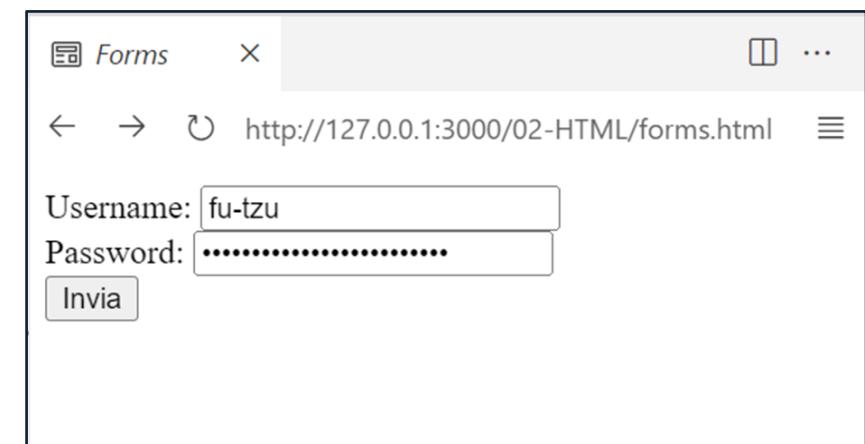
- Different kinds of input elements are available via the **type** attribute
- Some supported types include:

Type	Description
<code><input type="text"></code>	Displays a single-line text input field
<code><input type="password"></code>	Displays an input field for passwords (input is hidden with *****)
<code><input type="number"></code>	Displays an input for numbers
<code><input type="radio"></code>	Displays a radio button (for selecting one of many choices)
<code><input type="checkbox"></code>	Displays a checkbox (for selecting zero or more of many choices)
<code><input type="button"></code>	Displays a clickable button

FORMS: LABELS

- <label> can be used to label each input element
- Using labels is a good **usability** and **accessibility** practice
- The **for** attribute of the label should be equal to the **id** of the corresponding input

```
<form>
  <label for="id_usr">Username: </label>
  <input type="text" name="usr" id="id_usr">
  <br/>
  <label for="id_pwd">Password: </label>
  <input type="password" name="pwd" id="id_pwd">
  <br/>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```



FORMS: SUBMISSION

- Forms can be **submitted** to send collected data to some form-handler
- Upon submission, a new HTTP request is typically performed
- The URL of the form-handler, to which such request is sent, is specified by the **action** attribute on the form (defaults to the same page the form is on)
- It is also possible to specify the HTTP method to use, leveraging the **method** attribute (default is **GET**)

```
<form action="/handler.html" method="GET">
    <!-- form elements here -->
</form>
```

FORMS: SUBMISSION

- Upon submission, the collected user input is represented a series of name/value pairs of the form: **name1=value1&...&nameN=valueN**
- Each name is the name of an input element
- The corresponding value is its value at the moment of submission



FORMS: SUBMISSION WITH GET

- If the method is GET, the inputs are appended to the handler's URL
- URL of the request is: /handler.html?msg=Hello!&num=42
- The part in bold of the URL is also called **query string**

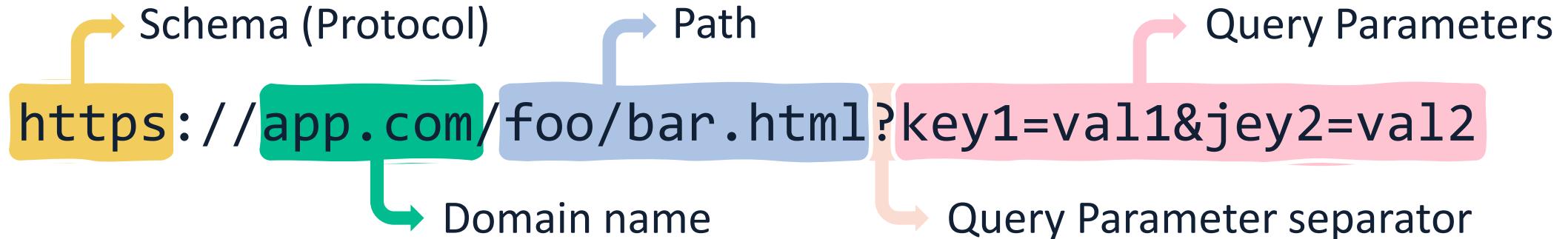
```
<form action="/handler.html" method="GET">  
  Message: <input type="text" name="msg"><br>  
  Number: <input type="number" name="num"><br>  
  <input type="submit">  
</form>
```



msg and num are called
query parameters

```
GET /handler.html?msg=Hello!&num=42 HTTP/1.1  
Host: example.com  
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0  
Accept: text/plain  
Accept-Language: en-us  
Connection: keep-alive
```

URLS: QUERY PARAMETERS



- Query Params are extra parameters provided to the server.
- Those parameters are a list of key/value pairs separated with “&”
- The Web server can use those parameters to do extra stuff before returning the resource.
 - E.g.: <https://search-engine.com/search?q=web+technologies&lang=en>

FORMS: SUBMISSION WITH POST

- If the method is POST, the inputs are sent in the request's body
- URL of the request is: /handler.html

```
<form action="/handler.html" method="POST">  
  Message: <input type="text" name="msg"><br>  
  Number: <input type="number" name="num"><br>  
  <input type="submit">  
</form>
```

A screenshot of a web browser window titled "Forms". The address bar shows the URL "http://127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/forms.html". The page contains a form with two input fields: one for "Message" with the value "Hello!" and one for "Number" with the value "42". Below the inputs is a button labeled "Invia".

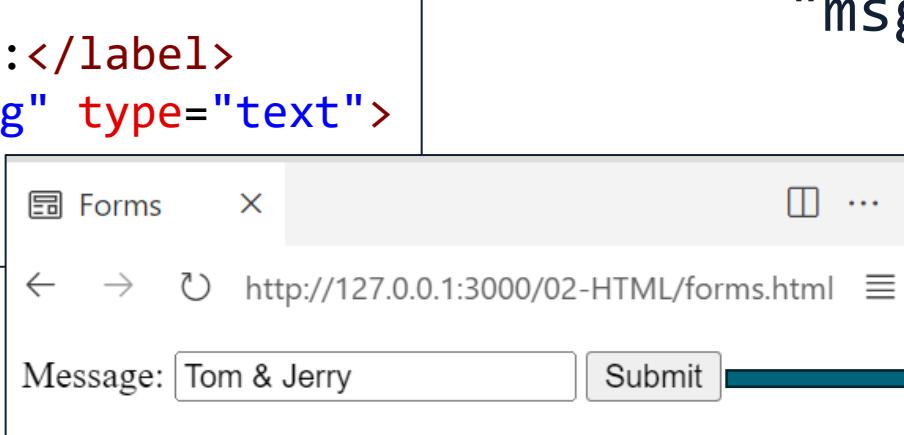
```
GET /handler.html HTTP/1.1  
Host: example.com  
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0  
Accept: text/plain  
Accept-Language: en-us  
Connection: keep-alive
```

msg=Hello!&num=42

URL ENCODING

- Form input is encoded as a string of key-values, separated by ‘&’
- What happens if a user inputs special characters, such as ‘&’?
- These characters are replaced by character triples of the form **%XX**
 - **XX** are two hexadecimal digits representing the replaced character in ASCII
 - Spaces can be replaced by **%20** or by the **+** symbol

```
<form>
  <label for="msg">Message:</label>
  <input id="msg" name="msg" type="text">
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/forms.html`. Inside, there is a form with a label "Message:" and a text input field containing "Tom & Jerry". A blue arrow points from the text in the input field to the resulting URL on the right.

"msg=Tom%26Jerry"

URL ENCODING: ASCII TABLES

Dec	Hex	Char	Description	Dec	Hex	Char	Description
32	20	space	Space	43	2B	+	Plus
33	21	!	Exclamation mark	44	2C	,	Comma
34	22	"	Double quote	45	2D	-	Minus
35	23	#	Number	46	2E	.	Period
36	24	\$	Dollar sign	47	2F	/	Slash
37	25	%	Percent	91	5B	[Left square bracket
38	26	&	Ampersand	92	5C	\	Backslash
39	27	'	Single quote	93	5D]	Right square brack.
40	28	(Left parenthesis	94	5E	^	Caret / circumflex
41	29)	Right parenthesis	95	5F	_	Underscore
42	2A	*	Asterisk	96	60	`	Grave / accent

MORE INPUTS: CHECKBOX

```
<form>
  <p>Which exams will you take?</p>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="web" id="web_tech">
  <label for="web_tech">Web Technologies</label><br>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="pl2" id="pl2">
  <label for="pl2">Programming Languages II</label><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```

Forms

← → ⌂ http://127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/forms.html ⌂

Which exams will you take?

Web Technologies

Programming Languages II

Invia

On submit → "exams=web"

MORE INPUTS: CHECKBOX

```
<form>
  <p>Which exams will you take?</p>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="web" id="web_tech">
  <label for="web_tech">Web Technologies</label><br>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="pl2" id="pl2">
  <label for="pl2">Programming Languages II</label><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```

The screenshot shows a browser window titled "Forms" with the URL <http://127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/forms.html>. The page content is:

Which exams will you take?

Web Technologies
 Programming Languages II

An annotation with a blue arrow points from the browser window towards the URL bar. Above the arrow, the text "On submit" is written, and to the right of the arrow, the URL "exams=web&exams=pl2" is displayed.

MORE INPUTS: CHECKBOX

```
<form>
  <p>Which exams will you take?</p>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="web" id="web_tech">
  <label for="web_tech">Web Technologies</label><br>
  <input type="checkbox" name="exams" value="pl2" id="pl2">
  <label for="pl2">Programming Languages II</label><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```

Forms

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...

Which exams will you take?

Web Technologies

Programming Languages II

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On submit → " " (empty string)

MORE INPUTS: RADIO BUTTONS

```
<form>
  <p>What's your favourite course?</p>
  <input type="radio" name="fav" value="web" id="web_tech">
  <label for="web_tech">Web Technologies</label><br>
  <input type="radio" name="fav" value="net" id="net">
  <label for="net">Computer Networks</label><br>
  <input type="radio" name="fav" value="se" id="se">
  <label for="se">Software Engineering</label><br><br>
  <input type="submit" value="Submit your opinion">
</form>
```

Forms

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What's your favourite course?

Web Technologies
 Computer Networks
 Software Engineering

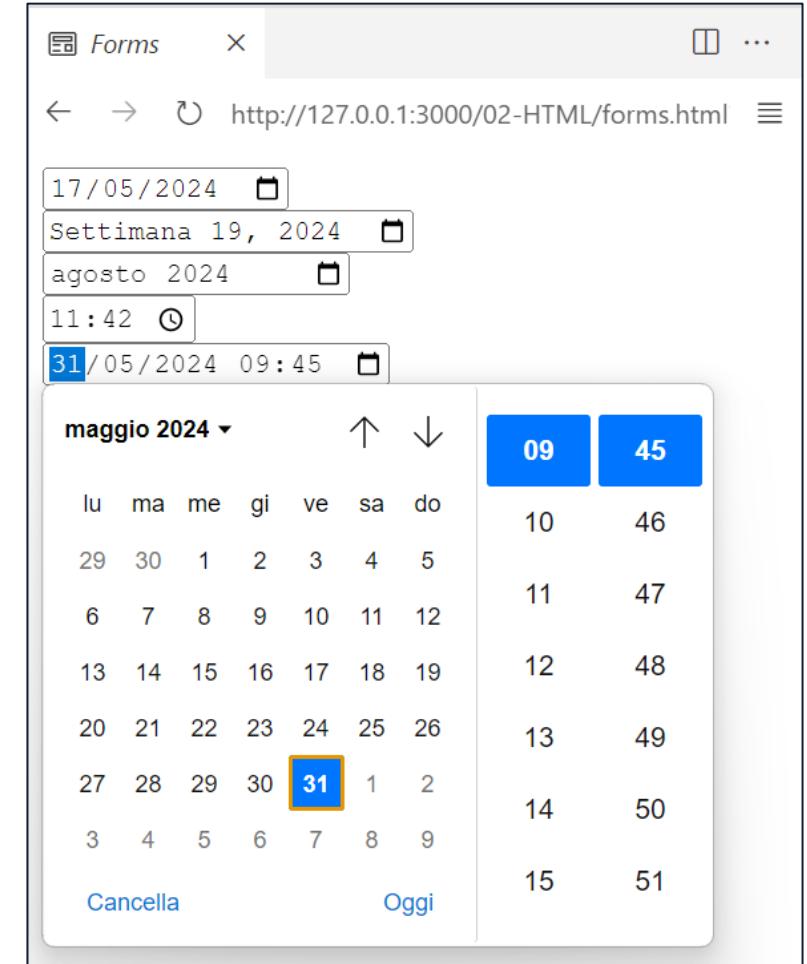
Submit your opinion

On submit → "fav=web"

MORE INPUTS: DATES

- Dedicated input types exist for **dates** and **times**:

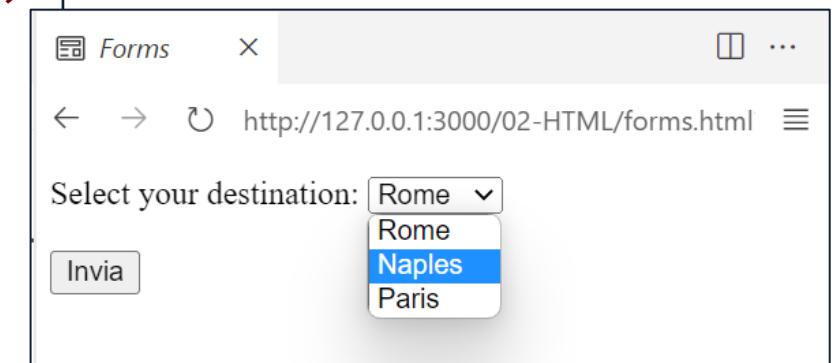
```
<form>
  <input type="date"><br>
  <input type="week"><br>
  <input type="month"><br>
  <input type="time"><br>
  <input type="datetime-local"><br>
</form>
```



MORE INPUTS: SELECT

- <select> can be used to define dropdowns
- The **multiple** attribute can be used to allow selecting more than one option

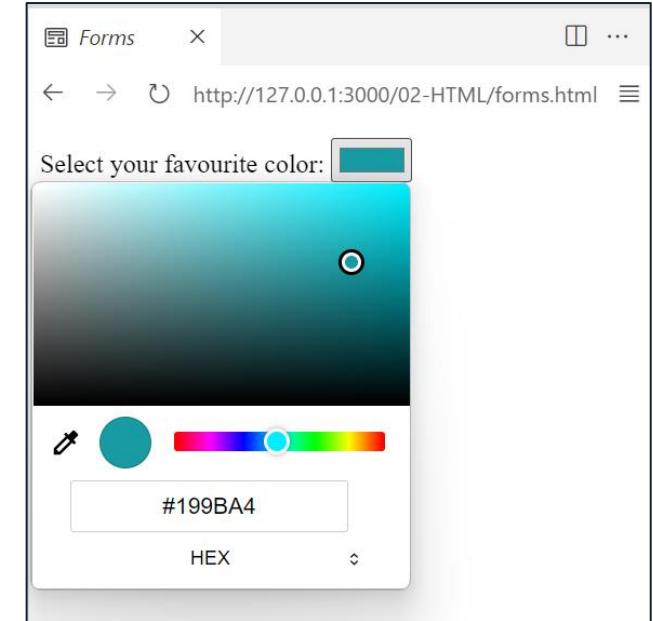
```
<form>
  <label for="dest">Select your destination:</label>
  <select name="destination" id="dest">
    <option value="Rome">Rome</option>
    <option value="Naples">Naples</option>
    <option value="Paris">Paris</option>
  </select><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```



THERE'S MORE TO INPUTS

- There's more to inputs! (e.g.: color picker, file picker, datalists...)

```
<form method="POST">
  <label for="col">Select your favourite color:</label>
  <input name="color" id="col" type="color"><br><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```



- Check out [MDN web docs](#) for a complete reference

FORMS: GROUPING INPUTS

```
<form>
  <fieldset>
    <legend>Personal data:</legend>
    <label for="fname">First name:</label><br>
    <input type="text" id="fname" name="fname"><br>
    <label for="lname">Last name:</label><br>
    <input type="text" id="lname" name="lname">
  </fieldset>
  <fieldset>
    <legend>Exam Registration:</legend>
    <label for="grade">Grade:</label><br>
    <input type="number" id="grade" name="grade"><br>
    <label for="date">Date:</label><br>
    <input type="date" id="date" name="date">
  </fieldset><br>
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```

Personal data:

First name:
John

Last name:
Doe

Exam Registration:

Grade:
30

Date:
30/09/2024

Submit

fname=John&lname=Doe&grade=30&date=2024-09-30

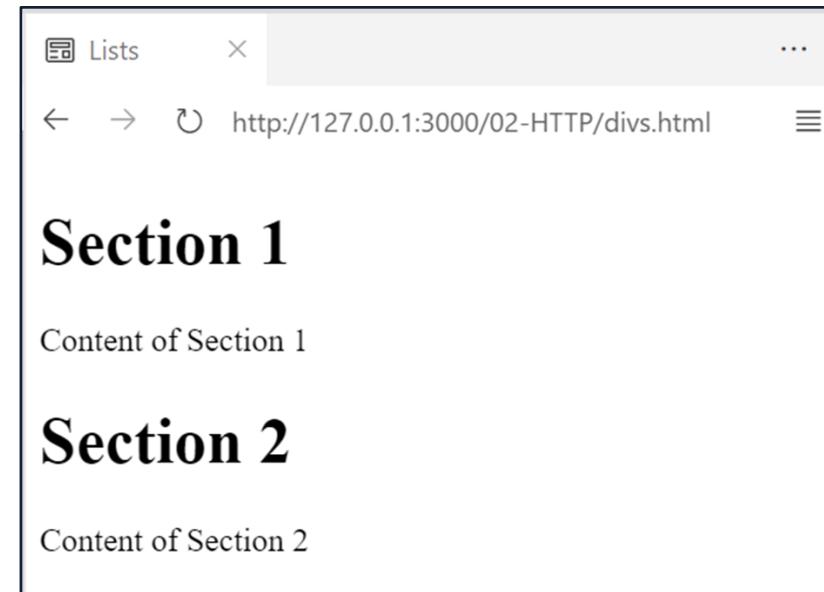
GROUPING AND ORGANIZING CONTENT

- The content of a web page can be organized (**grouped**) in parts
- This can be done by using **divisions** `<div>...`
- ... or **semantic tags** such as `<header>`, `<nav>`, `<main>`, `<article>`, `<section>`, `<aside>`, `<footer>` , and others

DIVISIONS

- Divisions `<div>` were the main ways of grouping content in older versions of HTML, before semantic tags were introduced.
- They bear no specific semantics, other than grouping contents that are somewhat related to each other.

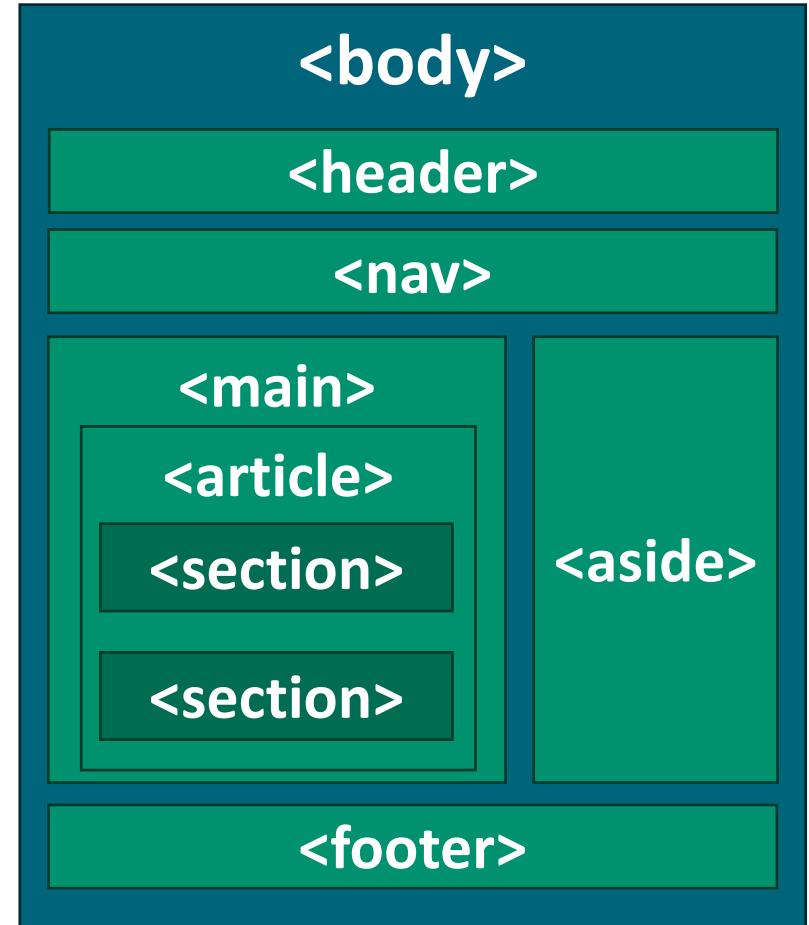
```
<div>
  <h1>Section 1</h1>
  <p>Content of Section 1</p>
</div>
<div>
  <h1>Section 2</h1>
  <p>Content of Section 2</p>
</div>
```



SEMANTIC TAGS

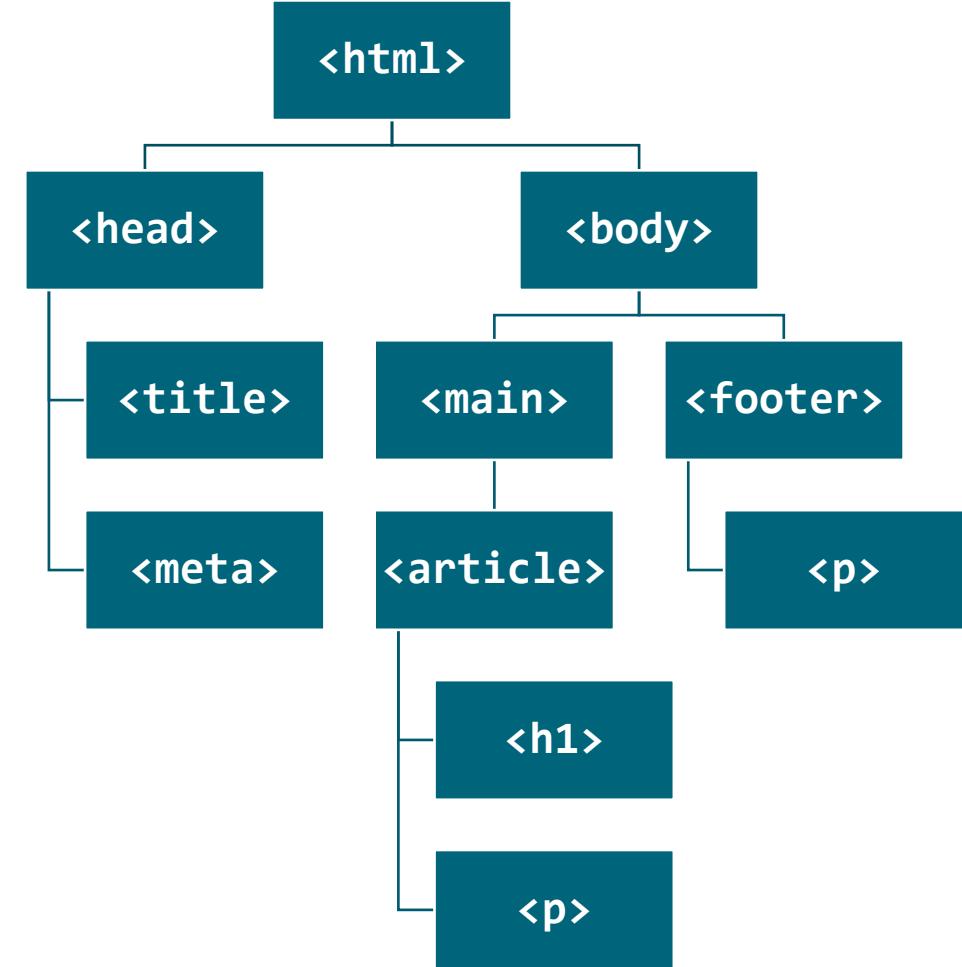
Describe the **meaning** of their content to browsers, developers, and software

- **<nav>** contains navigation links
- **<main>** indicates the main content
- **<article>** used for independent and self-contained content
- **<aside>** for tangentially-related content
- **<header>**, **<footer>**, **<section>** are self-explanatory



HTML DOCUMENTS AS TREES

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>The Book of Programming</title>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
</head>
<body>
  <main>
    <article>
      <h1>Title</h1>
      <p>Body</p>
    </article>
  </main>
  <footer>
    <p>&copy; Web Technologies 2024</p>
  </footer>
</body>
</html>
```



```
<header>
  <h1>Web Technologies!</h1>
  <p>This page contains some contents on Web Technologies.</p>
</header>
<main>
  <article>
    <h2>Semantic elements are good</h2>
    <p>Let's discuss semantic elements.</p>
    <section>
      <h3>Pros</h3>
      <p>They convey more information.</p>
    </section>
    <section>
      <h3>Cons</h3>
      <p>Literally none.</p>
    </section>
  </article>
  <article>
    <h2>HTML is nice</h2>
    <p>And you ain't seen styling and scripting yet!</p>
  </article>
</main>
<footer> © Web Technologies course, 2024. </footer>
```



The screenshot shows a browser window with the title "Semantic Elements". The URL in the address bar is "http://127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTTP/semantics.html". The page content is as follows:

Web Technologies!

This page contains some contents on Web Technologies.

Semantic elements are good

Let's discuss semantic elements.

Pros

They convey more information.

Cons

Literally none.

HTML is nice

And you ain't seen styling and scripting yet!

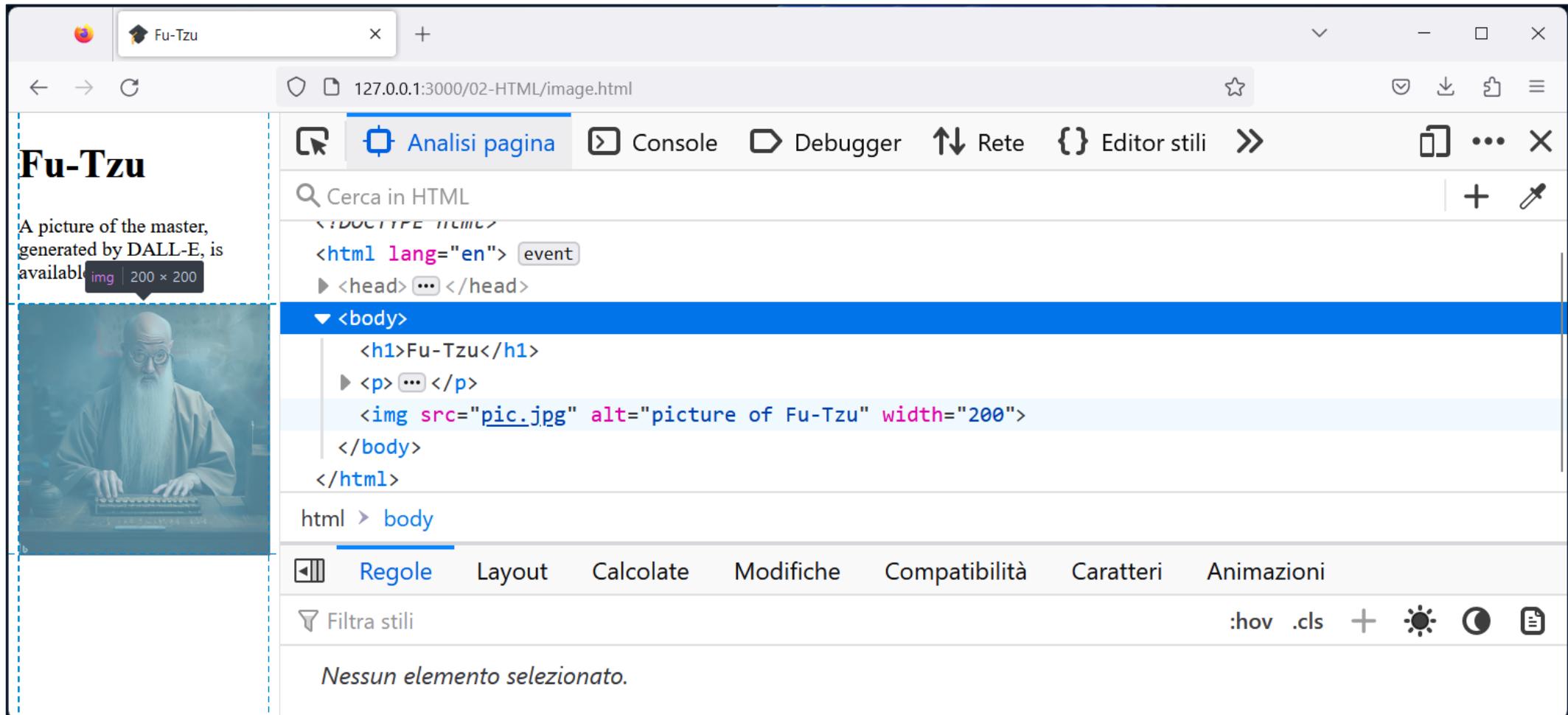
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BROWSER DEV TOOLS

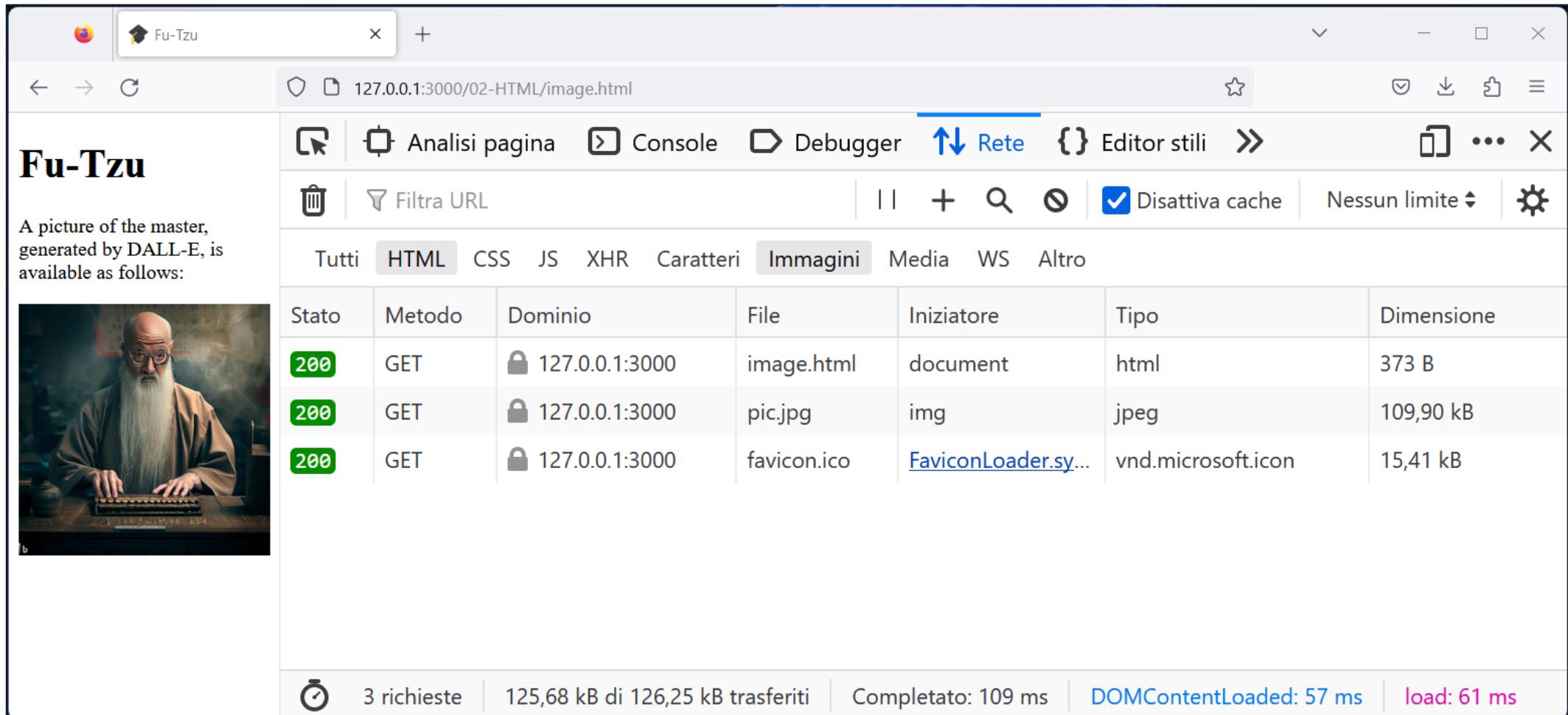
BROWSER DEV TOOLS

- Modern browsers include many features to support web developers
- These **dev tools** can be accessed by pressing the **F12** key
- Features include:
 - Possibility of **inspecting** HTML documents
 - **Network analysis** (detail of HTTP requests/responses involved)
 - **Profiling** (measuring performance and load times)
 - **Debugging** both styling elements and scripting components
- Dev tools will be your best friend as a web dev
- You'll keep them open most of the time!

BROWSER DEV TOOLS: INSPECT PAGE



BROWSER DEV TOOLS: NETWORK ANALYSIS



The screenshot shows the Firefox Developer Tools Network tab for the URL `127.0.0.1:3000/02-HTML/image.html`. The Network tab is active, displaying a list of network requests. The requests are:

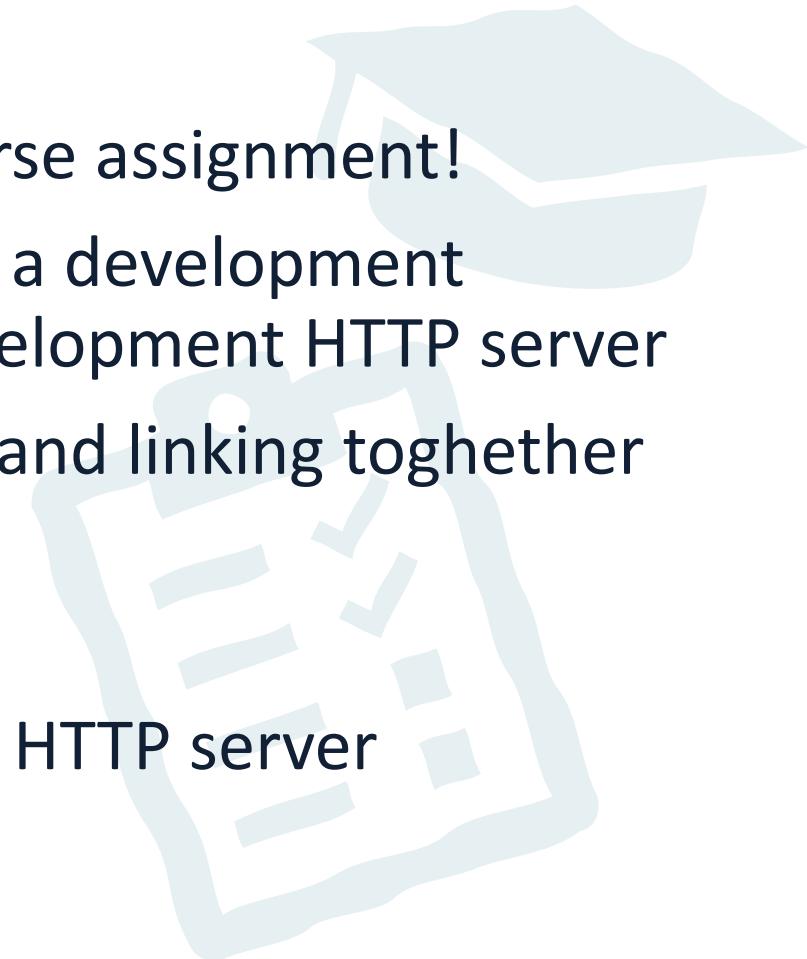
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200	GET	127.0.0.1:3000	image.html	document	html	373 B
200	GET	127.0.0.1:3000	pic.jpg	img	jpeg	109,90 kB
200	GET	127.0.0.1:3000	favicon.ico	FaviconLoader.js...	vnd.microsoft.icon	15,41 kB

The page content on the left shows a picture of Fu-Tzu, a character from the game Dall-E.

ASSIGNMENT

Today's lecture comes with the very first course assignment!

- The assignment will guide you in setting up a development environment with **VS Code**, including a development HTTP server
- You will build a static website by authoring and linking together HTML documents
- You will work with HTML Forms
- You will learn to deploy a production-grade HTTP server



REFERENCES (1/2)

- **Learn HTML**

web.dev

<https://web.dev/learn/html>

Sections: 1 to 10 and 12 to 14

- **Learn Forms**

web.dev

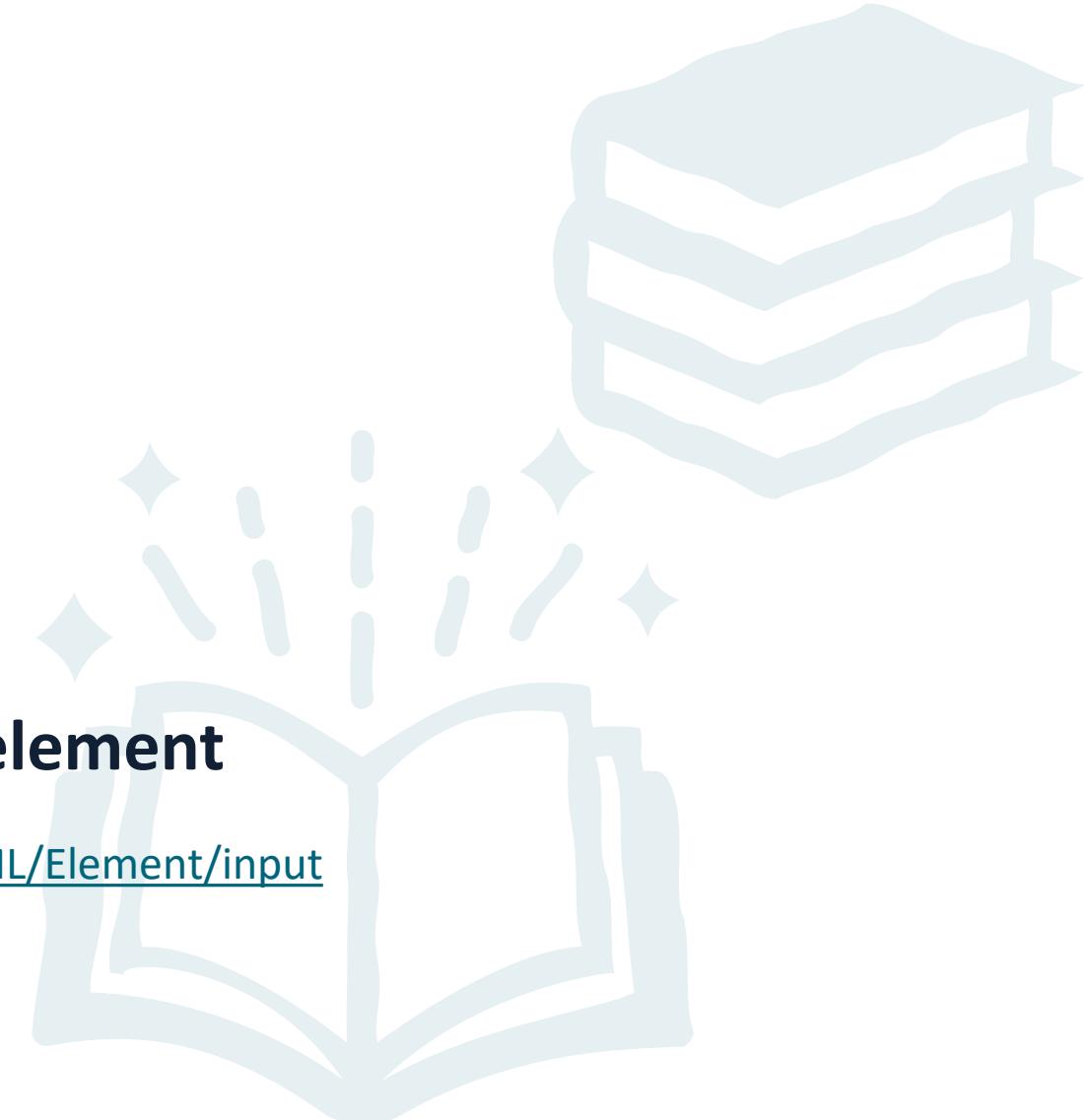
<https://web.dev/learn/forms>

Sections: 1 to 3

- **<input>: The Input (Form Input) element**

MDN web docs

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element/input>



REFERENCES (2/2)

- **HTML Forms (overview)**

W3Schools

https://www.w3schools.com/html/html_forms.asp

- **HTML Living Standard**

WHATWG

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/>

⚠ You are **not** required to learn the entire HTML specification! Just be aware it exists and get a rough idea of how it is structured.

- **Browser DevTools**

Mozilla Firefox DevTools User Docs: <https://firefox-source-docs.mozilla.org/devtools-user/>

Google Chrome DevTools: <https://developer.chrome.com/docs/devtools>

ℹ Get familiar with the DevTools in your web browser of choice!

