# 6.009: Fundamentals of Programming

Week 12 Lecture:

Python, Sockets, and the Web

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## What Is a Web Application?

Example: CAT-SOOP: collect and assess online exercises

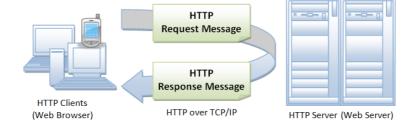
Written in Python, 2011-now

Based on a program called "the tutor" by Tomás Lozano-Pérez (written in the Scheme dialect of LISP!)

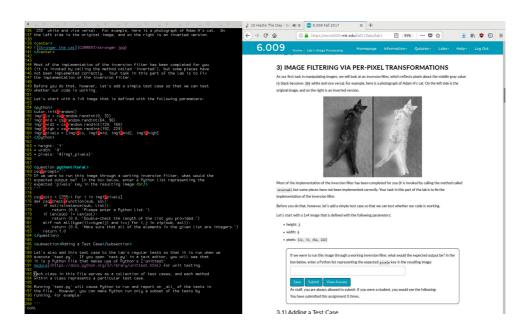
Structurally, CAT-SOOP is a fairly standard web application. What does it do?

- Receive request from user (show me a page, submit this answer, etc)
- Find relevant information (page content, user info, history of submissions, etc)
- Log new information if necessary, and
- Send response
   (typically, HTML to be displayed in the browser)

#### The World Wide Web



#### CAT-SOOP



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#### **Sockets**

Sockets allow communication across processes (on the same machine or different machines).

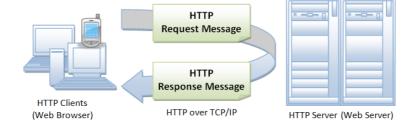
Typically, a *server* will wait for a *client* to make a connection on a designated *port* (a virtual endpoint for a connection).

Once the client connects, the socket allows for communication between the server and the client.

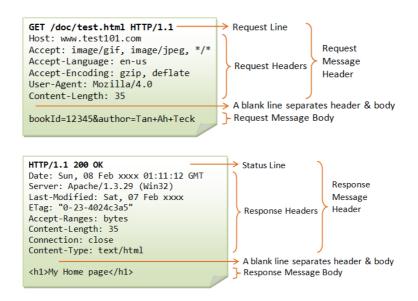
Client and server can each send/receive data via the socket.

Example: yelling echo server.

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### **HTTP** Request and Response



# The Rest of Today

## Designing a:

- Web Server
- Web Application Framework
- Web Application