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Lecture 8

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Welcome!

- In previous weeks, we introduced you to Python, a high-level programming language that utilized the same building blocks we learned in C. Today, we will extend those building blocks further in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
- The internet is a technology that we all use.
- Using our skills from previous weeks, we can build our own web pages and applications.

- The ARPANET connected the first points on the internet to one another.
- Dots between two points could be considered routers.

Routers

- To route data from one place to another, we need to make *routing decisions*. That is, someone needs to program how data is transferred from point A to point B.
- You can imagine how data could take multiple paths from point A and point B, such that when a router is congested, data can flow through another path.
- *TCP/IP* are two protocols that allow computers to transfer data between them over the internet.
- *IP* or *internet protocol* is a way by which computers can identify one another across the internet. Every computer has a unique address in the world. Addresses are in this form:

```
#.#.#.#
```

- Numbers range from 0 to 255. IP addresses are 32-bits, meaning that these addresses could accommodate over 4 billion addresses. Newer versions of IP addresses can accommodate far more computers!
- In the real world, servers do a lot of work for us.
- TCP, or transmission control protocol, is used to distinguish web services from one another.
 For example, 80 is used to denote HTTP and 443 is used to denote HTTPS. These numbers are port numbers.
- When information is sent from one location to another, an IP address and TCP port number are sent.
- These protocols are also used to fragment large files into multiple parts called *packets*. For example, a large photo of a cat can be sent in multiple packets. When a packet is lost, TCP/IP can request missing packets again from the origin server.
- TCP will acknowledge when all the data has been transmitted and received.

DNS

- It would be very tedious if you needed to remember an address number to visit a website.
- DNS, or domain name systems, is a collection of servers on the internet that are used to route website addresses like harvard.edu to a specific IP address.
- DNS simply hold a table or database that links specific, fully qualified domain names to specific IP addresses.

HTTP

- HTTP or hypertext transfer protocol is an application-level protocol that developers use to build powerful and useful things.
- When you see an address such as https://www.example.com you are actually implicitly visiting that address with a / at the end of it.
- The path is what exists after that slash. For example, https://www.example.com/folder/file.html visits example.com and browses to the folder folder and then visits the file named file.html.
- https in this address is the protocol that is used to connect to that web address. By protocol, we mean that HTTP utilizes GET or POST requests to ask for information from a server. For example, you can launch Google Chrome, right-click, and click inspect. When you open the developer tools and visit Network, selecting Preserve log, you will see Request Headers. You'll see mentions of GET. This is possible in other browsers as well, using slightly different methods.
- Generally, after making a request a server, you will receive the following in Response
 Headers:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html
```

■ This approach to inspecting these logs may be a bit more complicated than need be. You can analyze the work of HTTP protocols at cs50.dev (https://cs50.dev). For example, type the following in your terminal window:

```
curl -I https://www.harvard.edu
```

Notice that the output of this command returns all the header values of the responses of the server.

Similarly, execute the following in your terminal window:

```
curl -I http://www.harvard.edu
```

Notice that the s in https has been removed. The server response will show that the response is 301 instead of 100, meaning that the website has permanently moved.

Further, execute the following command in your terminal window:

```
curl -I https://harvard.edu
```

Notice that you will see the same 301 response, providing a hint to a browser of where it can find the correct website.

■ Similar to 301, a code of 404 means that a specified URL has not been found. There are numerous other response codes, such as:

```
200 OK
301 Moved Permanently
302 Found
304 Not Modified
304 Temporary Redirect
401 Unauthorized
403 Forbidden
404 Not Found
418 I'm a Teapot
500 Internal Server Error
503 Service Unavailable
```

- It's worth mentioning that 500 errors are always your fault as the developer. This will be especially important for next week's pset, and potentially for your final project!
- We can send more complicated commands to the server. For example, we can attempt the following:

```
GET /search?q=cats HTTP/1.1
Host: www.google.com
```

Notice that not only are we specifying a path but also user input using the ? mark. q is used to denote *query*, passing cats to it.

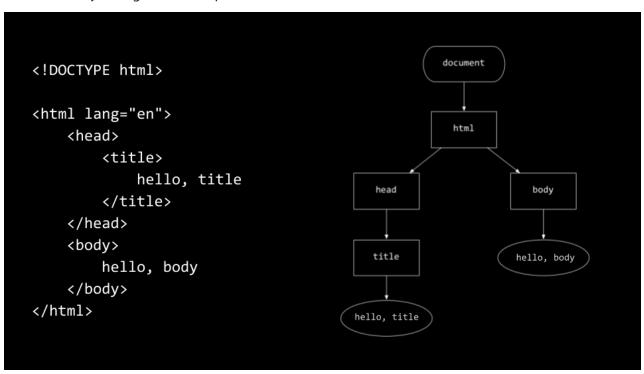
■ If you manually type google.com/search?=cats into your web browser address bar, it will manually query Google for results related to cats.

HTML

- *HTML* or *hypertext markup language* is made up of *tags*, each of which may have some *attributes* that describe it.
- In your terminal, type code hello.html and write code as follows:

Notice that the html tag both opens and closes this file. Further, notice the lang attribute, which modifies the behavior of the html tag. Also, notice that there are both head tags and body tags. Indentation is not required but does suggest a hierarchy.

- You can serve your code by typing http-server. This serve is now available on a very long URL. If you click it, you can visit the website with your own code.
- When you visit this URL, notice that the file name hello.html appears at the end of this URL.
- The hierarchy of tags can be represented as follows:



- The browser will read your HTML file top to bottom and left to right.
- Because whitespace is effectively ignored in HTML, you will need to use paragraph tags to open and close a paragraph. Consider the following:

Notice that paragraphs start with a | | tag and end with a | | tag.

HTML allows for the representation of headings:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Demonstrates headings (for chapters, sections, subsections, etc.) -->
<html lang="en">
   <head>
       <title>headings</title>
   </head>
   <body>
       <h1>0ne</h1>
           Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivam
       <h2>Two</h2>
           Mauris ut dui in eros semper hendrerit. Morbi vel elit mi. Sed
       <h3>Three</h3>
           Aenean venenatis convallis ante a rhoncus. Nullam in metus vel
       <h4>Four</h4>
       >
           Integer at justo lacinia libero blandit aliquam ut ut dui. Qui
       <h5>Five</h5>
       >
           Suspendisse rutrum vestibulum odio, sed venenatis purus condim
       <h6>Six</h6>
```

Notice that <h1> , <h2> , and <h3> denote different levels of headings.

• We can also create lists within HTML:

Notice that the tag creates an ordered list containing three items.

• We can also create a table in HTML:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Demonstrates table -->
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>table</title>
  </head>
  <body>
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```

Tables also have tags that open and close each element within.

Images can also be utilized within HTML:

Notice that src="harvard.jpg" indicates the path where the image file can be located.

Videos can also be included in HTML:

Notice that the width attribute defines the width of the video.

You can also link between various web pages:

Notice that the <a> or anchor tag is used to make Harvard a linkable text.

Meta tags are used to hold information about the data within the HTML file. Consider the following:

Notice this set of meta attributes makes this page mobile-friendly.

■ There are numerous meta key-value pairs that you can use:

```
</body>
</html>
```

Notice that these key value pairs relate to the title and description of the web page.

• You can also create forms reminiscent of Google's search:

Notice that a form tag opens and provides the attribute of what action it will take. The input field is included, passing the name q and the type as search.

We can make this search better as follows:

Notice that autocomplete is turned off. autofocus is enabled.

• We've seen just a few of many HTML elements you can add to your site. If you have an idea for something to add to your site that we haven't seen yet (a button, an audio file, etc.) try Googling "X in HTML" to find the right syntax!

CSS

- CSS, or *cascading style sheet*, is a markup language that allows you to fine-tune the aesthetics of your HTML files.
- In your terminal, type code home.html and write code as follows:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Demonstrates inline CSS with P tags -->
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>css</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    John Harvard
    Welcome to my home page!
    Copyright © John Harvard
    </body>
</html>
```

Notice that some style attributes are provided to the tags. The font-size is set to large, medium, or small. Then text-align is set to center.

While correct, the above is not well-designed. We can remove redundancy by modifying our code as follows:

```
</body>
</html>
```

Notice that <div> tags are used to divide up this HTML file into specific regions. textalign: center is invoked on the entire body of the HTML file.

It turns out that there is newer semantic text that is included in HTML. We can modify our code as follows:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Uses semantic tags instead of DIVs -->
<html lang="en">
   <head>
       <title>css</title>
   </head>
   <body style="text-align: center">
        <header style="font-size: large">
            John Harvard
       </header>
       <main style="font-size: medium">
           Welcome to my home page!
       </main>
       <footer style="font-size: small">
            Copyright © John Harvard
       </footer>
   </body>
</html>
```

Notice that the header and footer both have different styles assigned to them.

■ This practice of placing the style and information all in the same location is not good practice. We could move the elements of style to the top of the file as follows:

```
.small
                font-size: small;
            }
       </style>
        <title>css</title>
    </head>
    <body class="centered">
        <header class="large">
            John Harvard
        </header>
        <main class="medium">
           Welcome to my home page!
        </main>
        <footer class="small">
            Copyright © John Harvard
        </footer>
    </body>
</html>
```

Notice all the style tags are placed up in the head in the style tag wrapper. Also notice that we've assigned classes, called centered, large, medium, and small to our elements, and that we select those classes by placing a dot before the name, as in centered

• It turns out that we can move all our style code into a special file called a *CSS* file. We can create a file called style.css and paste our classes there:

```
.centered
{
    text-align: center;
}
.large
{
    font-size: large;
}
.medium
{
    font-size: medium;
}
.small
{
    font-size: small;
}
```

Notice that this is verbatim what appeared in our HTML file.

We then can tell the browser where to locate the CSS for this HTML file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Demonstrates external stylesheets -->
<html lang="en">
    <head>
        <link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet">
        <title>css</title>
    </head>
    <body class="centered">
        <header class="large">
            John Harvard
       </header>
        <main class="medium">
           Welcome to my home page!
        </main>
        <footer class="small">
            Copyright © John Harvard
        </footer>
    </body>
</html>
```

Notice that style.css is linked to this HTML file as a stylesheet, telling the browser where to locate the styles we created.

Frameworks

- Similar to third-party libraries we can leverage in Python, there are third-party libraries called *frameworks* that we can utilize with our HTML files.
- *Bootstrap* is one of these frameworks that we can use to beautify our HTML and easily perfect design elements such that our pages are more readable.
- Bootstrap can be utilized by adding the following link tag in the head of your html file:

```
<head>
     link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.2.2/dist/css/boot
     <title>favorites</title>
</head>
```

 You can learn more about this in the <u>Bootstrap Documentation</u> (https://getbootstrap.com/docs/4.1/getting-started/introduction/).

JavaScript

- JavaScript is another programming language that allows for interactivity within web pages.
- JavaScript supports conditionals:

```
if (x < y)
{

}
else
{
}</pre>
```

Variables are also supported:

```
let counter = 0;
```

You can also increment:

```
counter++
```

Loops are very similar to what you have seen before in C:

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++)
{
}</pre>
```

- JavaScript allows you to dynamically read and modify the html document loaded into memory such that the user need not reload to see changes.
- Consider the following HTML:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- Demonstrates programmatic changes to style -->
<html lang="en">
    <head>
        <title>background</title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <button id="red">R</button>
        <button id="green">G</button>
        <button id="blue">B</button>
        <script>
            let body = document.querySelector('body');
            document.querySelector('#red').addEventListener('click', funct
                body.style.backgroundColor = 'red';
            });
            document.querySelector('#green').addEventListener('click', fun
                body.style.backgroundColor = 'green';
            });
            document.querySelector('#blue').addEventListener('click', func
                body.style.backgroundColor = 'blue';
            });
```

```
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Notice that JavaScript listens for when a specific button is clicked. Upon such a click, certain style attributes on the page are changed. body is defined as the body of the page. Then, an event listener waits for the clicking of one of the buttons. Then, the body.style.backgroundColor is changed.

Similarly, consider the following:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
    <head>
        <script>
            // Toggles visibility of greeting
            function blink()
            {
                let body = document.querySelector('body');
                if (body.style.visibility == 'hidden')
                    body.style.visibility = 'visible';
                }
                else
                {
                    body.style.visibility = 'hidden';
                }
            }
            // Blink every 500ms
            window.setInterval(blink, 500);
        </script>
        <title>blink</title>
    </head>
    <body>
        hello, world
    </body>
</html>
```

This example blinks a text at a set interval. Notice that window.setInterval takes in two arguments: 1) A function to be called and 2) a wait period (in milliseconds) between function calls.

Consider the following:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>
       <title>autocomplete</title>
   </head>
   <body>
       <input autocomplete="off" autofocus placeholder="Query" type="text</pre>
       <script src="large.js"></script>
       <script>
            let input = document.querySelector('input');
            input.addEventListener('keyup', function(event) {
               let html = '';
               if (input.value) {
                   for (word of WORDS) {
                       if (word.startsWith(input.value)) {
                           html += `${word}`;
                       }
                   }
               }
               document.querySelector('ul').innerHTML = html;
           });
       </script>
   </body>
</html>
```

This is a JavaScript implementation of autocomplete.

Interestingly, we can also geolocate using JavaScript:

Notice that navigator.geolocation is used to getCurrentPosition. This will not work if your computer or browser does not allow for location tracking.

■ The capabilities of JavaScript are many and can be found in the <u>JavaScript Documentation</u> (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript).

Summing Up

In this lesson, you learned how to create your own HTML files, style them, leverage third-party frameworks, and utilize JavaScript. Specifically, we discussed...

- TCP/IP
- DNS
- HTML
- CSS
- Frameworks
- JavaScript

See you next time!