Web development 1st lecture

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Lectures

- 23.02
- 16.03
- 21.03 (wednesday)
- 23.03
- 6.04
- 13.04
- 25.05
- 1.06 Presentations and Exam

Course themes and tech

Structure and content - HTML

Presentation and styling - CSS

Dynamic content - PHP, Ruby, etc

Webserver - Apache

Client side scripting - JavaScript

Frameworks and CMS - Rails, Drupal, Joomla,

Process

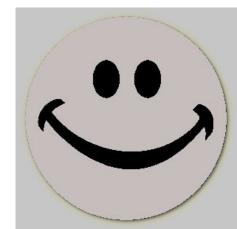
- Lecture attendance 80%
- Assignments Missions

- Group work = course work
- Test?

Course requirements

- Complete all missions
- Participate & present group work
- Pass the final test

GOOD LUCK!

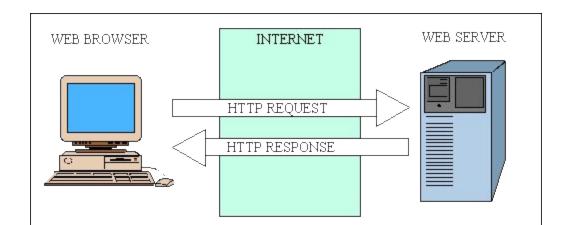


Today on Web Development

- Some basic principles
- HTTP requests, URL
- HTML structure and validation
- HTML syntax

HTTP

- URL Uniform Resource Locator
- HTTP requests GET (for retrieving doc) or POST (for sending data)



HTTP request example

Request

GET /index.html HTTP/1.1 Host: www.example.com (CR+LF) (CR+LF)

Server answer

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 22:38:34 GMT Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux) Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT

ETag: "3f80f-1b6-3e1cb03b"

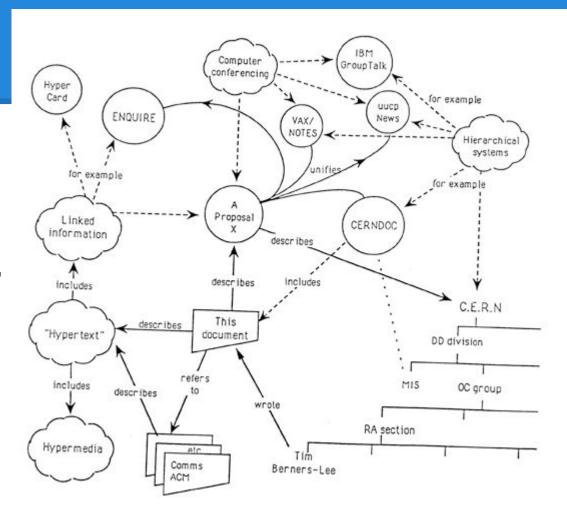
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Content-Length: 131 Accept-Ranges: bytes Connection: close

<html>
<head>
<title>An Example Page</title>
</head>
<body>
Hello World, this is a very simple HTML document.
</body>
</html>

HTML

- With HTML you can create your own Web site.
- Vague, but exciting!



What is HTML?

- HTML is a markup language for describing web documents (web pages).
- HTML stands for Hyper Text Markup Language
- A markup language is a set of markup tags
- HTML documents are described by HTML tags
- Each HTML tag **describes** different document content

HTML5 structure

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
       <!-- a comment -->
    <title> Name of page </title>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
 </head>
 <body>
 </body>
</html>
```

HTML tags

 HTML tags are keywords (tag names) surrounded by angle brackets:

```
<tagname>content</tagname>
```

- HTML tags normally come in pairs like and
- The first tag in a pair is the start tag, the second tag is the end tag
- The end tag is written like the start tag, but with a slash before the tag name

Attributes

- HTML elements can have attributes
- Attributes contain additional information.
- Attributes are always specified in the start tag
- Attributes come in name/value pairs like: name="value"
- Mostly not visible directly

Example:

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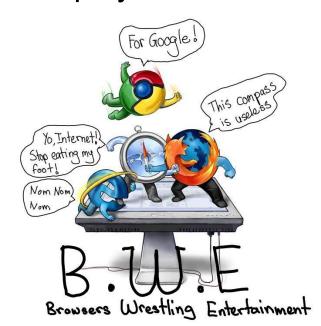
<a> tags point to different pages using address specified in href attribute

Often used atributes

- alt Specifies an alternative text for an image
- disabled Specifies that an input element should be disabled
- href Specifies the URL (web address) for a link
- id Specifies a unique id for an element
- src Specifies the URL (web address) for an image
- style Specifies an inline CSS style for an element
- title Specifies extra information about an element (displayed as a tool tip)
- value Specifies the value (text content) for an input element.

Web Browsers

- The purpose of a web browser (Chrome, IE, Firefox, Safari) is to read HTML documents and display them.
- The browser does not display the HTML tags, but uses them to determine how to display the document



"Must have" tags

- <html>
- <head>
- <body>

Meta info

- Must be included in <head>
- <title>
- <meta>
 - <meta name="keywords" content="lecture" />
 - <meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html;
 charset=UTF-8" />

or

<meta charset="UTF-8" /> and also save it that way

Special tags

- . k>
 - type="text/css"
 href="stili/style.css" />
- . <style>
- . <script>

Periodic Table of the Elements



embed

map

object

param

source

track*

canvas

iframe

video

audio

device*

img

area

HTML validation

- To check if HTML document is correct use a validator
- http://validator.w3.org/,

!DOCTYPE

- <!DOCTYPE ..> needs to be specified in the
 1st line
- <!DOCTYPE html> will be ok

http://www.w3.org/QA/2002/04/valid-dtd-list.html

Few guidelines

- Content is king
- Don't rely only on color combinations
- Navigation and performance is important
- KISS (Keep it simple and stupid)

Useful to try and remember

```
<h1><h2><h3><h4><h5><h6> -> heading
 paragraph
<a> hyperlink <a href="url">link text</a>
<img> image <img src="url" alt="some text">
<br/>br> line break
ul> unordered list

    ol> ordered list
```

Useful to try and remember

 table table heading table row table data <div> container for other HTML elements container for text

Useful to try and remember

```
<form>
     <input> different types
          text -> Defines normal text input
          radio -> Defines radio button input (for selecting one of many choices)
          submit -> Defines a submit button (for submitting the form)
```

```
<form>
First name:<br>
<input type="text" name="firstname">
<br>
<br>
<input type="radio" name="sex" value="male" checked>Male
<br>
<input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```

Styling

- Use the style attribute for styling HTML elements
- Use background-color for background color
- Use color for text colors
- Use font-family for text fonts
- Use font-size for text sizes
- Use text-align for text alignment

Text formating

```
<b > Defines bold text
<em> Defines emphasized text
<i> Defines italic text
<small> Defines smaller text
<strong> Defines important text
<sub> Defines subscripted text
<sup> Defines superscripted text
<ins> Defines inserted text
<del> Defines deleted text
<mark> Defines marked/highlighted text
```

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