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Workshop on Web Development with .NET & React

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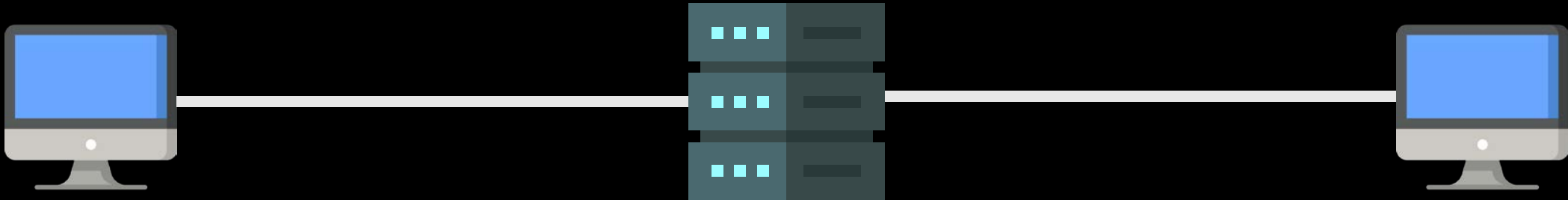
The Internet

- A long piece of wire connecting our computers across the world



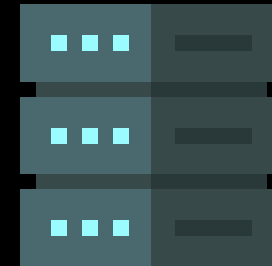
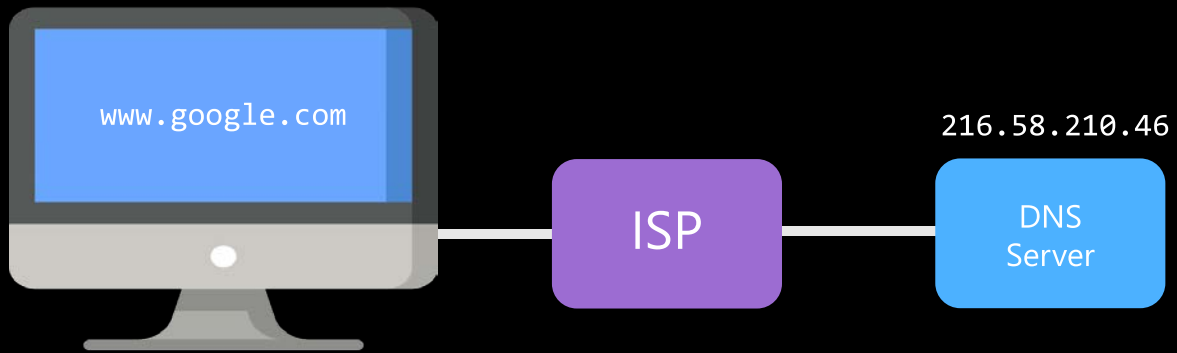
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- Some of these computers are online 24/7.
- They are called **servers**
- Servers serves files/contents to computers



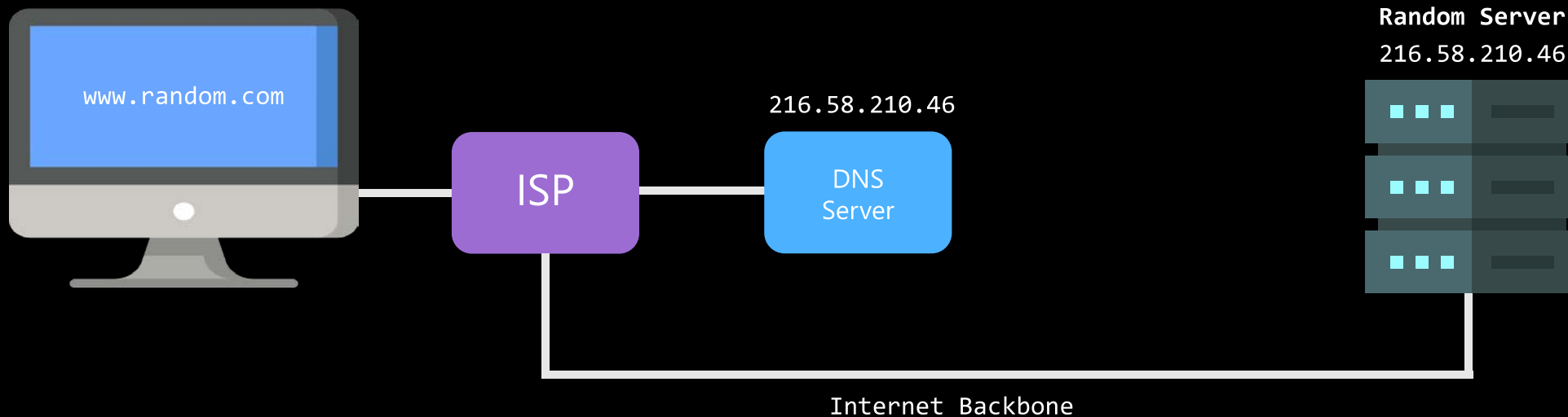
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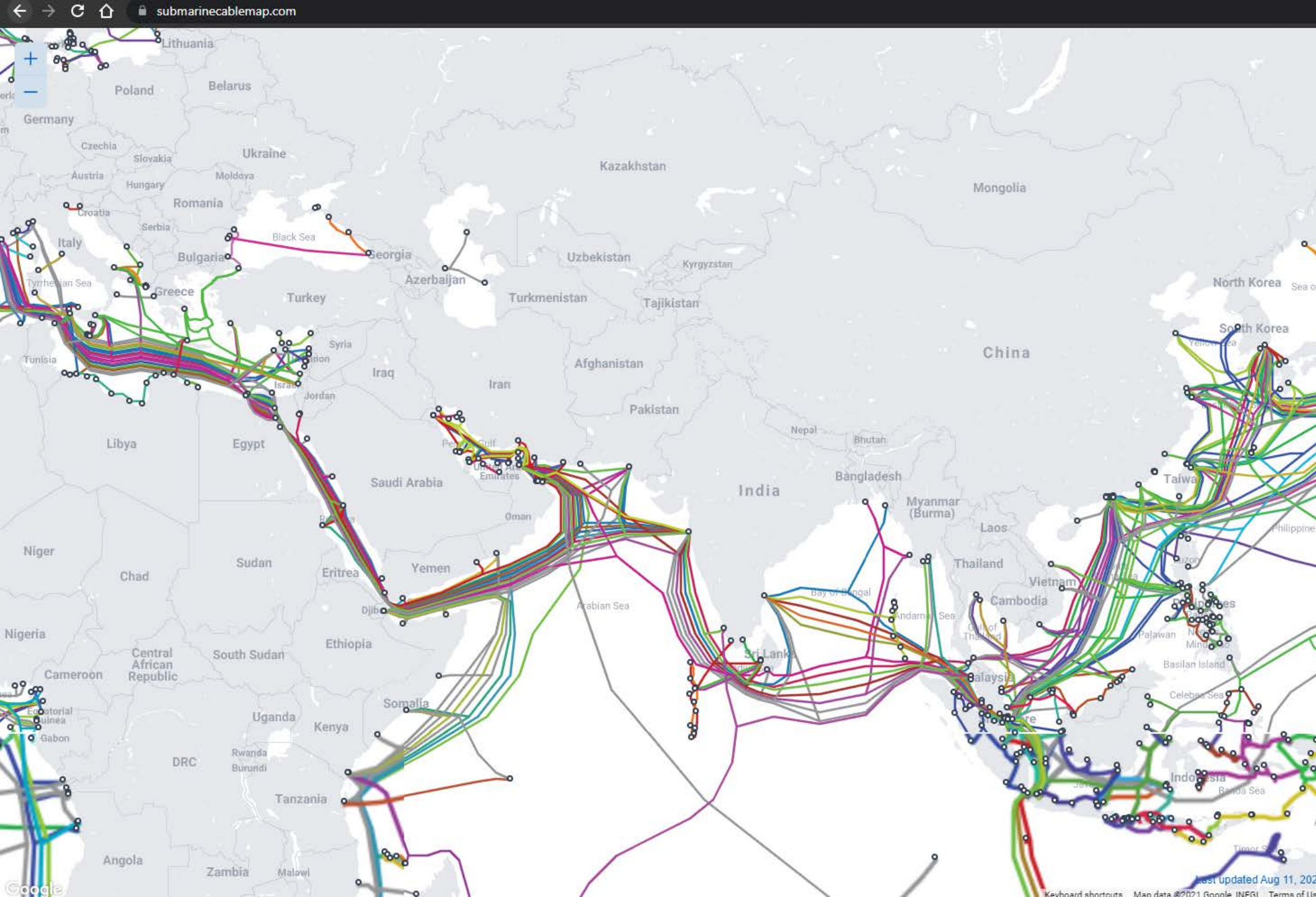
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The Internet

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- IP addresses are delivered to the Internet Backbone to point to the specified server



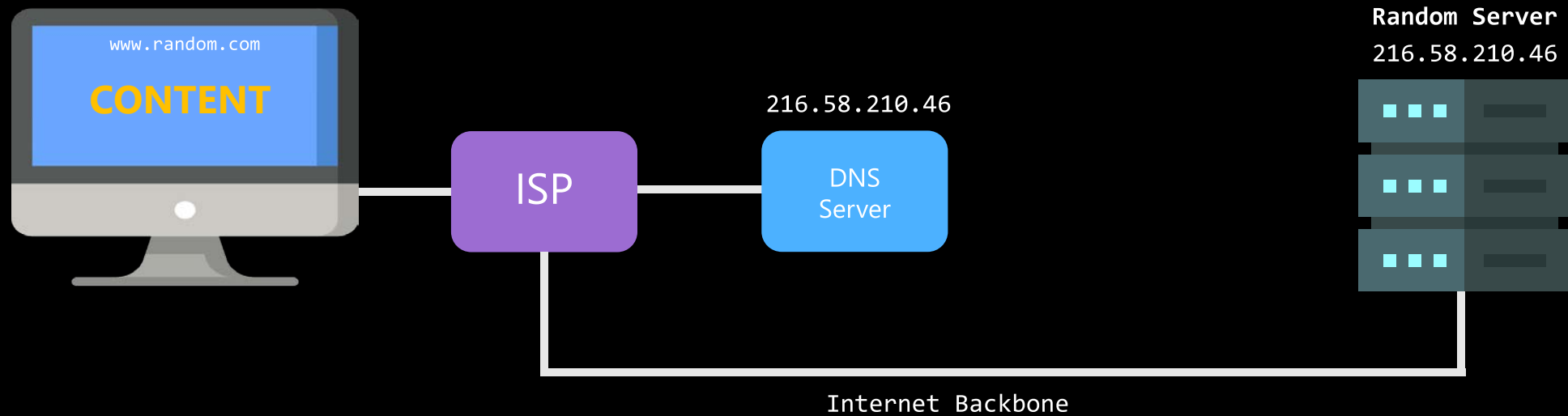


The Internet Backbone

Contains a set of submarine cables

The Internet

- The server will serve the client with the following content:
HTML, **CSS** and **Javascript**



Front End

The front end contains the visual content that the user sees in a website.
They are made using HTML, CSS and Javascript.

Frameworks

Frameworks are libraries that make life easier.



Bootstrap



React



Angular



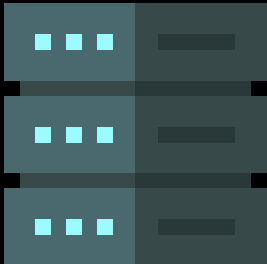
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Back End

The back end contains the logic behind all the user requests.

For example:

- It serves the HTML, CSS, or Javascript contents
- It stores user's information in a database
- Manages user accounts



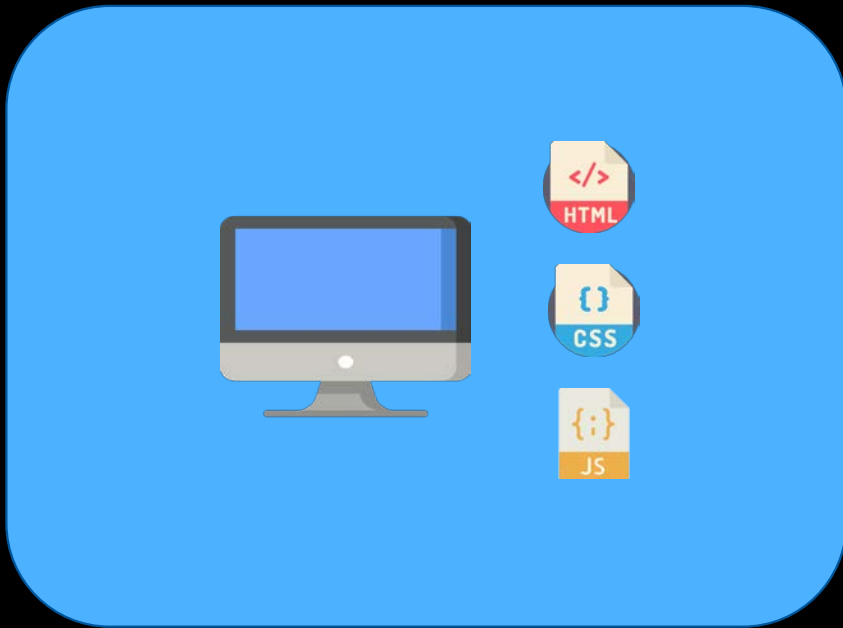
Back End

Some of the popular backend frameworks are:

- .NET
- Django
- Express.js
- Laravel
- Spring Boot

Web Development

The front end and the back end together, makes a website.



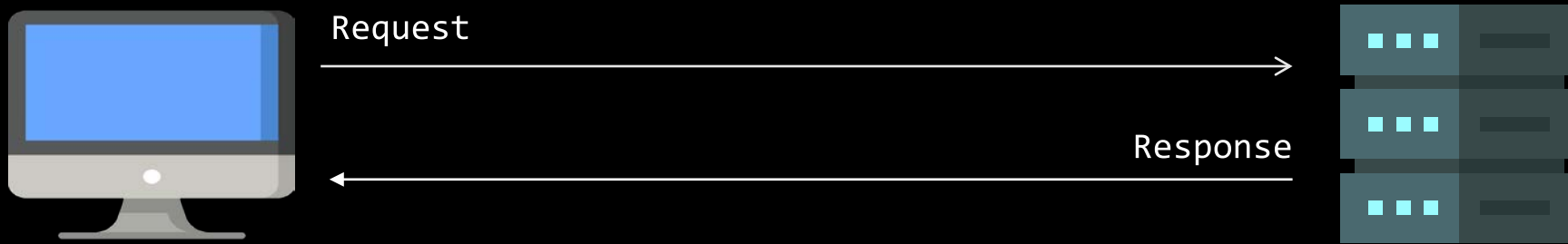
Front end



Back end

APIs

- Stands for Application Programming Interface
- It contains a set of rules that delivers your request to the server and gets back the response from the server back to you



API Architectures

- There are several agreed upon rules for designing APIs
- Some of them are:
 - REST
 - SOAP
 - RPC
 - GraphQL

REST API

- REST stands for “Representational State Transfer”
- Exposes data as resources where each resource is an entity
- Uses HTTP methods to represent CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations, such as GET, POST, PUT or DELETE
- Provides Status Codes within a response to identify whether the operation succeeded or not

Status code	Meaning
2XX	Success
3XX	A resource has been moved
4XX	Error from the client side
5XX	Error from the server side

Demonstrating the React Application

We're going to use a simple Blogging Website as a demonstration

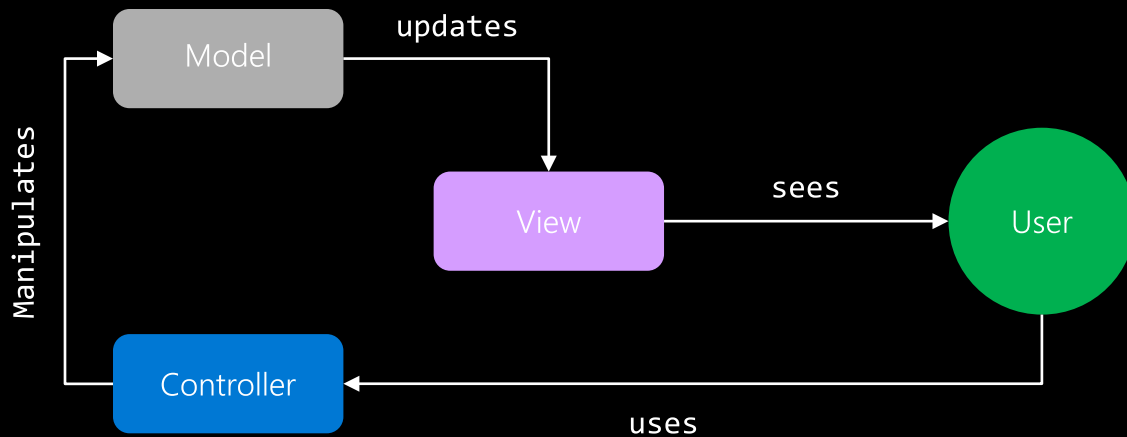
Download the files from
<https://github.com/Propo41/msa-workshop.git>



MVC Pattern

It is a software design pattern that divides a program into 3 elements:

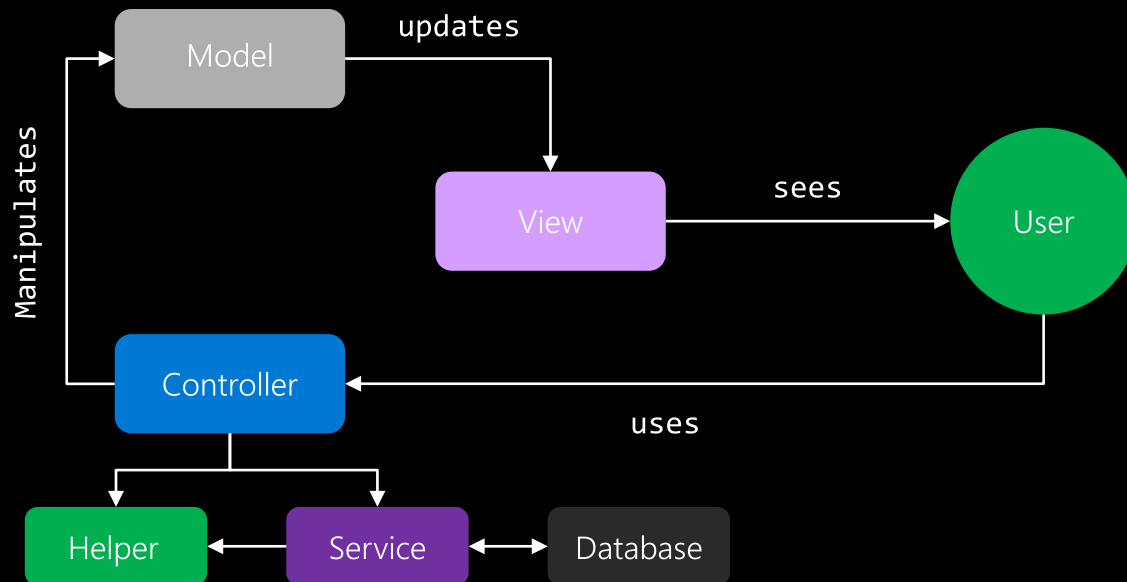
1. Models: holds the data
2. Views: renders the visual elements
3. Controllers: contains the business logic



Helpers & Services

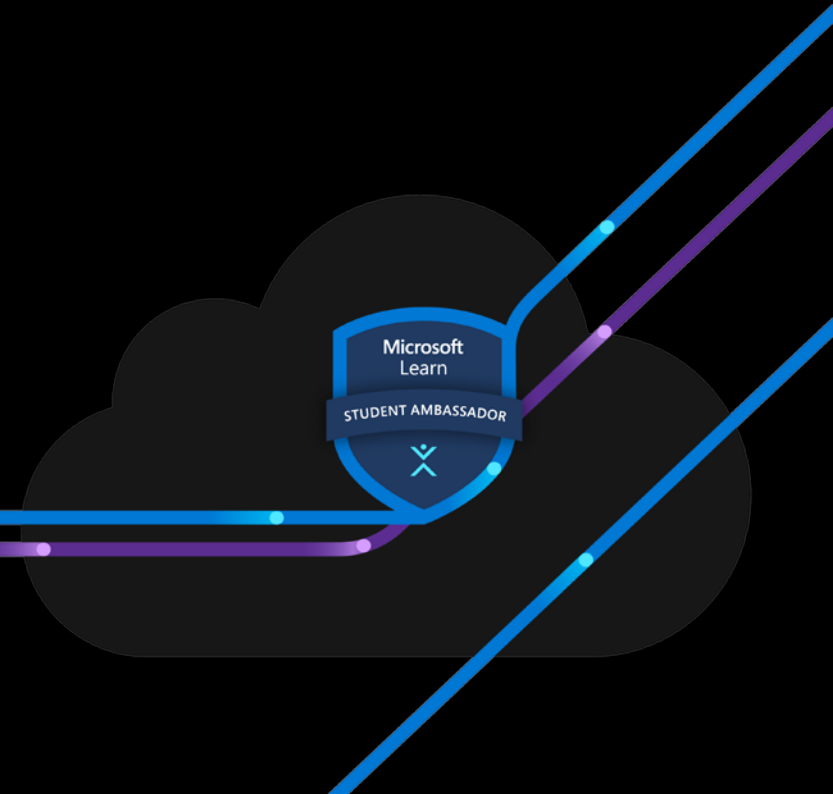
Controllers may interact with additional elements, such as:

1. **Helpers:** used for keeping boiler plate code, such as converting time from 24hrs to 12hrs
2. **Services:** keeps the code for client functionality. For example, a Restaurant Service might contain service methods such as `orderFood` or `payCash`



Creating a .NET project from template

```
$ dotnet new react
```



Anatomy of a Request

A request is made up of 4 things:

1. The endpoint
2. The method
3. The headers
4. The data (or body)

Consider the following URL:

`https://api.github.com/users/propo41/repos`

Here,

`https://api.github.com` -> this is the root endpoint

`/users/propo41/repos` -> this is the path

Anatomy of a Request

The Method

It is the type of request you send to the server. Some of them are:

- GET: used to get a resource from a server
- POST: used to create a new resource
- PUT: used to update a resource
- DELETE: used to delete a resource from a server

Headers

Headers are used to provide information to both the client and server, such as for authorizing a request to a server, or providing information for the body content.

Headers are property-value pairs that are separated by a colon, for example: `"Content-Type: application/json"`

Anatomy of a Request

The Body

The body contains the information you want to send to the server.

This is only used with **POST**, **PUT**, **PATCH** or **DELETE** requests.

Databases

Database is data stored in a computer, typically in a hosted server.

There are different types of databases, with the most common ones be:

1. SQL Databases
2. NoSQL Databases

Some popular NoSQL database platforms are:

1. Firebase
2. MongoDB
3. DynamoDB

MongoDB

- Document oriented database with JSON based structure
- Free for limited amount of usage
- Easy to set up

This is an example of how the data is stored in mongo DB

```
_id: ObjectId("610e9ea6664e84951647b3bc")  
Email: "180104002@microsoft.edu"  
Password: "$2a$12$Joc4gpnquQ2xFMGkC0vlqOsoVQtuzm4NLa0wP01U5PhMpB32g/JQy"  
CompanyId: ObjectId("610ea1db5400e333715fe311")  
CreatedAt: 2021-08-07T14:54:30.352+00:00  
IsVerified: true  
Token: null
```

Demonstrate API designing



Database design

user		post	
id	int	id	int
email	varchar	author_id	int
password	varchar	title	varchar
created_at	datetime	description	varchar
		cover_photo_preview	varchar
		created_at	datetime
		category	varchar

API List

The public APIs:

Description	http	API endpoint	Request Body
Fetch all posts	GET	/[post]/posts	
Fetch a particular post by id	GET	/[post]/:id	
Fetch posts by category	GET	/[post]?category=:name	
Login a user	POST	/[user]/login	UserLogin: email!, password!
Register a user	POST	/[user]/register	User: name!, email!, password!, confirmPassword!

The private APIs that should be authenticated:

Description	http	API endpoint	Request Body
Fetch all user posts	GET	/[post]/auth/posts	
Fetch a particular post by id	GET	/[post]/auth/:id	
Delete a post	DELETE	/[post]/auth	string: id!
Create a post	POST	/[post]/auth	Post: title!, description!,
Edit a post	POST	/[post]/auth/edit	Post: title?, description?, category?, coverPhoto?, file?

Demonstrating how to create a login endpoint



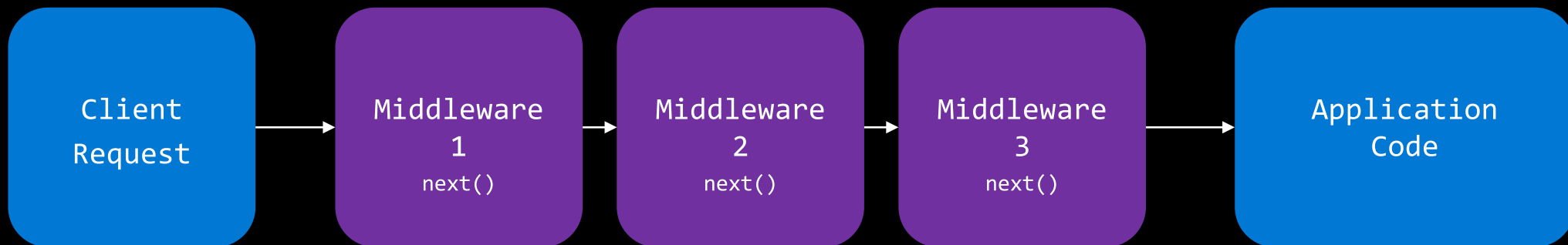
JWT Token

- Stands for JSON Web Token.
- It is a security validation mechanism used widely
- It's a string of random alphanumeric characters.
- Has 3 parts separated by dots:
 - Header
 - Payload
 - Signature

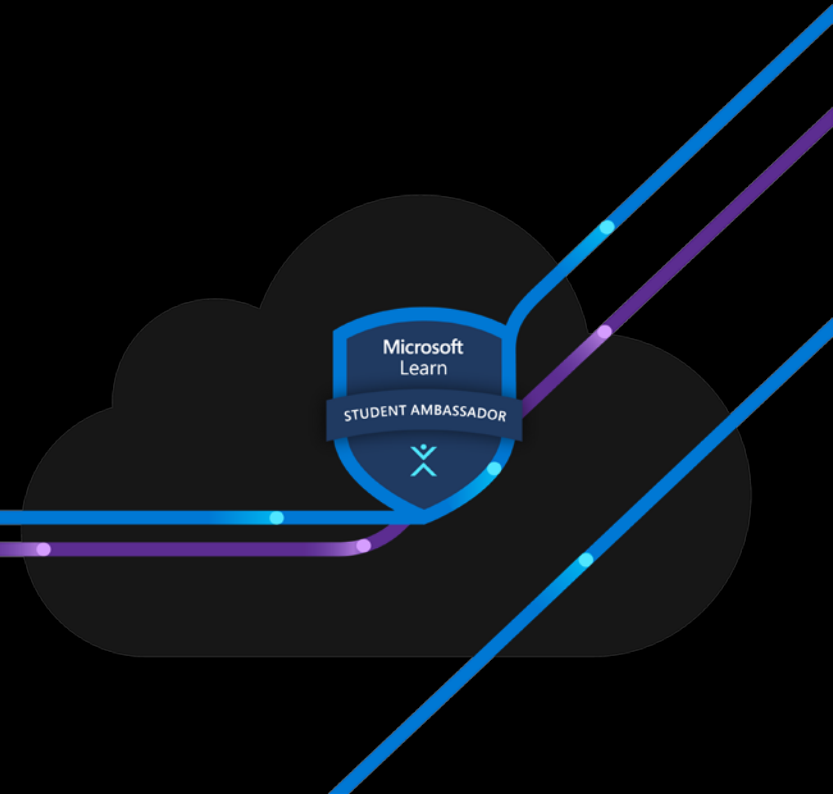
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G4gRG91IiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.Sf1Kx  
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```

Middleware

- A middleware is a function which is executed on every request
- A web application consists of several built-in middleware functions.
- Middleware functions can make changes to the request and response objects.
- `next()` is called to proceed executing the next middleware in the queue



Thank you



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