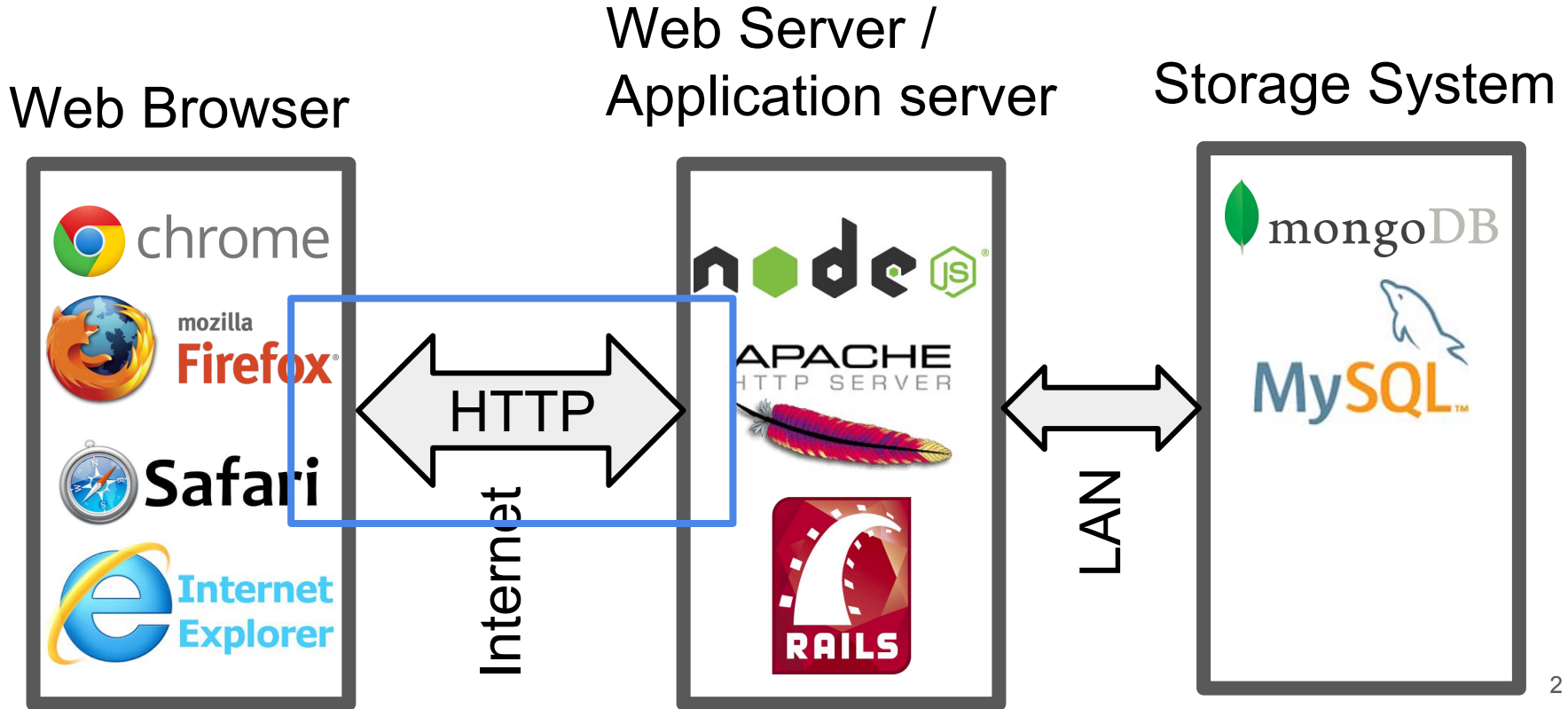


# Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP)

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# Web Application Architecture



# http://www.example.com:80/index.html

- To display page browser fetches the file `index.html` from a web server  
Same as `www.example.com` (Defaults: port 80, file `index.html`, http protocol)
- HTTP (**H**yper**T**ext **T**ransport **P**rotocol)
- HTTP - Simple request-response **protocol** layered on TCP/IP
  1. Establish a **TCP/IP connection** to `www.example.com:80`
  2. Send a http GET **request** along connection
  3. Read from the connection the **response** from the web server

# Send HTTP Request - Write lines to socket

Method      URL      Protocol Version

↓            ↓            ↓

Header { GET /index.html HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.example.com  
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0  
Accept: text/html, \*/\*  
Accept-Language: en-us  
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8  
Connection: keep-alive

*blank line*

Body (optional) {

# HTTP Methods (Verbs)

- GET - Fetch a URL
- HEAD - Fetch information about a URL
- PUT - Store to an URL
- POST - Send form data to a URL and get a response back
- DELETE - Delete a URL

GET and POST (forms) are commonly used.

REST APIs used GET, PUT, POST, and DELETE

# HTTP Response - Read lines from socket

Version      Status      Status Message

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**Header** { HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 17:36:27 GMT  
Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8  
Content-Length: 1846  
*blank line*

**Body** { <?xml ... >  
<!DOCTYPE html ... >  
<html ... >  
...  
</html>

# Common HTTP Response Status Codes

200 OK	Success
307 Temporary Redirect	Redirection - Browser retries using Location header
404 Not Found	Famous one
503 Service Unavailable	Something crashed on the server
500 Internal Server Error	Something is messed up on the server
501 Not Implemented	Coming
400 Bad Request	Use if web app sends bogus request
401 Unauthorized	Use if user isn't logged in
403 Forbidden	Use if even logging in wouldn't help
550 Permission denied	Not allow to perform request

# Error 404

Whoops. Looks like this page doesn't exist.

# 404 NOT FOUND

Sorry, this page isn't available  
The link you followed may be broken, or the page may have been removed.



Go back to the previous page. Go to the Facebook homepage. Visit the News Center.

# 404

Not Found



404. That's an error.  
The requested URL /asdfasdf was not found on this server. That's all we know.



## Not Found

The requested URL /somefolder was not found on this server.  
Additionally, a 404 Not Found error was encountered while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

# 404 error

Page not found

We are sorry but the page you are looking for does not exist.  
You could return to the homepage or search using the search box below.



The page you're looking for went flying!  
Go back to [www.frankenbitch.be](http://www.frankenbitch.be)

## 404 - Not found

## Not Found

The requested URL /index.html was not found on this server.

Apache/1.3.37 Server at [www.this-is-a-test.net](http://www.this-is-a-test.net) Port 80

# 404

Page not found

# 404

Page not found



CRAP... You have requested the page that is no longer there.

# IT'S A 404

SORRY BUDDY YOU ARE FUCKIN' LOST



# 404

## NOT FOUND



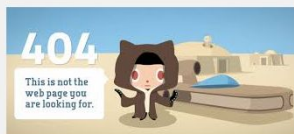
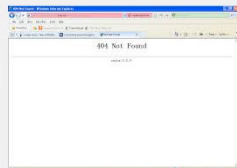
## ERROR #404



IF YOU LACK OF  
NAVIGATION TEST USING



Woopsie Daisy!



# 404 NOT FOUND



## HTTP Error 404

404 Not Found

The Web server cannot find the file or script you asked for. Please check the URL to ensure that the path is correct.

Please contact the server's administrator if this problem persists.



404  
OMG, page was not found





# Browser caching control

HTTP Response Header: `Cache-Control: max-age=<Seconds>`

Browser can reuse reply younger than the max-age

`Cache-Control: max-age=120` - Age out in two minutes.

Frequently used on fetches of static content like images, templates, CSS, JavaScript.

Good: Reduce app startup latency and server load

Bad: Changes might not be picked up right away

Consider Web App changes?

# Browser spends its life fetching things using HTTP

- Some fetched immediately

```
<link href="angular-material.css" rel="stylesheet" />  
<script src="angular.js" type="text/javascript" ></script>  
window.location = "http://www.example.com";
```

- Some asynchronous and in parallel

```
  
  

```

- Some can be in background

```
<a href="http://www.example.com"></a>
```

# What would this JavaScript do?

```
elm.innerHTML =  
    "<script src='http://www.example.com/myJS.js'  
        type='text/javascript' ></script>"
```

Uses HTTP to fetch myJS.js and runs it! Scary but useful.