

CS 547

Week 2 Day 2
PHP : Forms
MySQL

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- Web Forms
- MySQL

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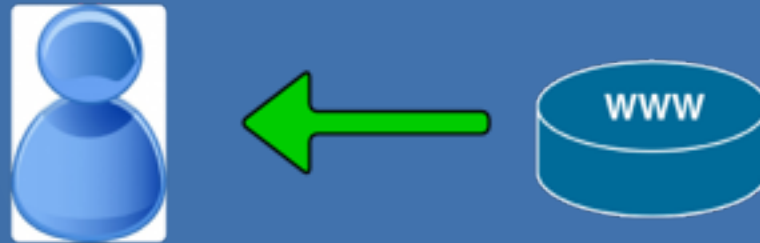
PHP Language

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Web Forms
MySQL

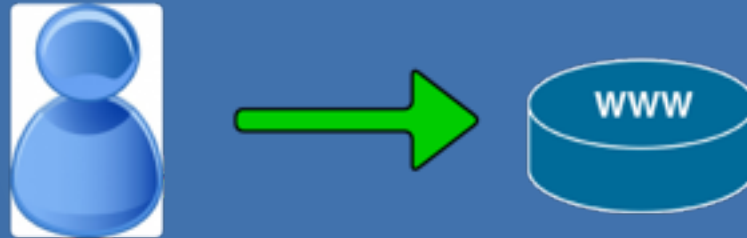
PHP Web Forms

- PHP can be used to display information from the server to the user.



PHP Web Forms

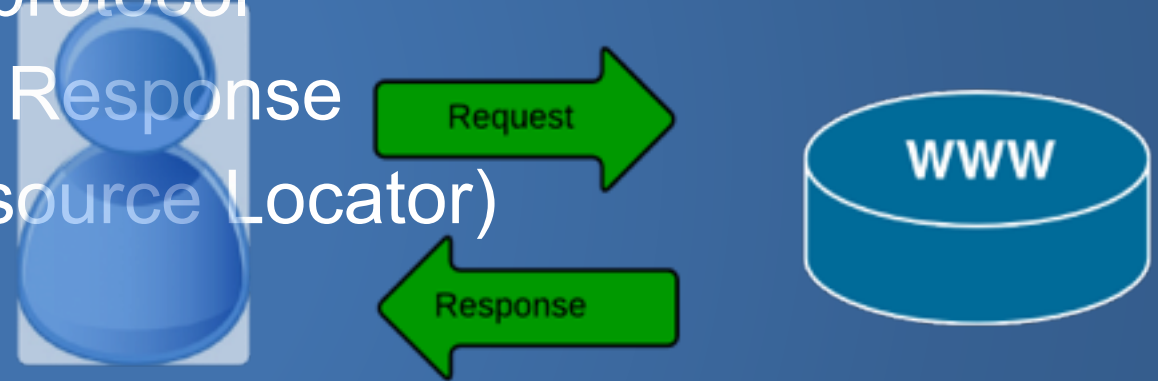
- But what if we wanted to get information *from the user **back** to the server?*



HTTP Request Review

The HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) is used to exchange information. Recall that

- Stateless protocol
- Request and Response
- URL (Uniform Resource Locator)



HTTP Verbs

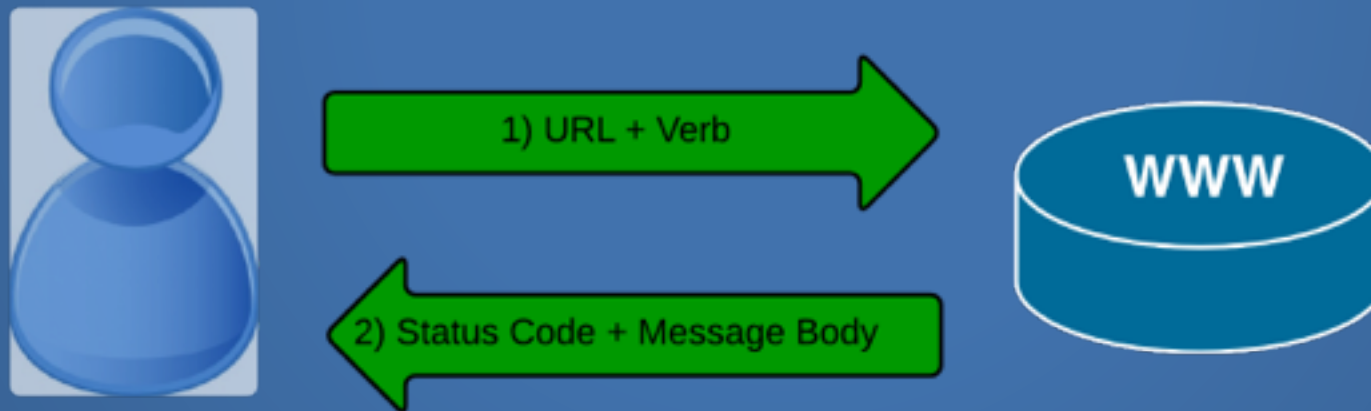
- **GET** *fetch* an existing resource. The URL contains all the necessary information the server needs to locate and return the resource.
- **POST** *create* a new resource. POST requests usually carry a payload that specifies the data for the new resource.
- **PUT** *update* an existing resource. The payload may contain the updated data for the resource
- **DELETE** *delete* an existing resource.

HTTP Verbs Less Popular

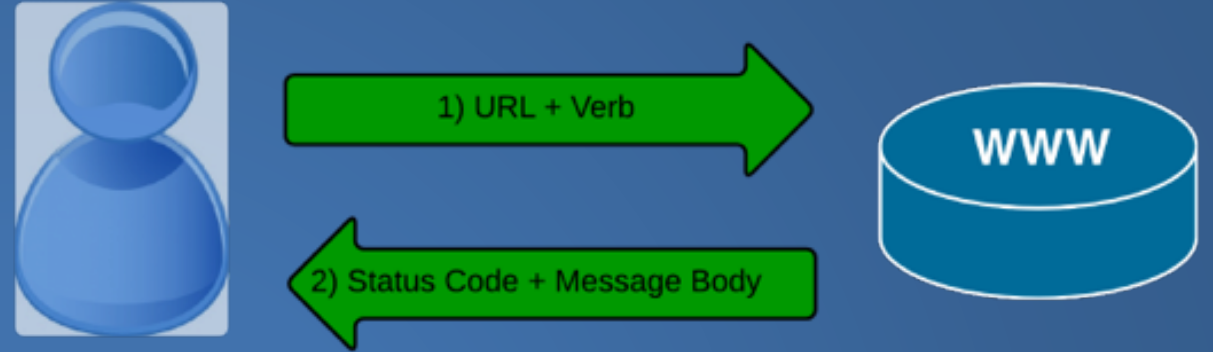
- **HEAD:** this is similar to GET, but without the message body. It's used to retrieve the server headers for a particular resource, generally to check if the resource has changed, via timestamps.
- **TRACE:** used to retrieve the hops that a request takes to round trip from the server. Each intermediate proxy or gateway would inject its IP or DNS name into the Via header field. This can be used for diagnostic purposes.
- **OPTIONS:** used to retrieve the server capabilities. On the client-side, it can be used to modify the request based on what the server can support.

Response Status Codes

With URLs and verbs, the client can initiate requests to the server. In return, the server responds with status codes and message payloads. The status code is important and tells the client how to interpret the server response.



HTTP Status Codes



There are lots of status codes. The codes are Numeric and defined in the [protocol definition](#).

HTTP Common Status Codes

2xx: Successful.

200 – OK

- **202 – Accepted:** the request was accepted
- **204 – No Content:** there is no message body

HTTP Common Status Codes

3xx: Redirection.

301 – Moved Permanently

303 – See other Response contains temp url

304 – Not modified - cache

HTTP Common Status Codes

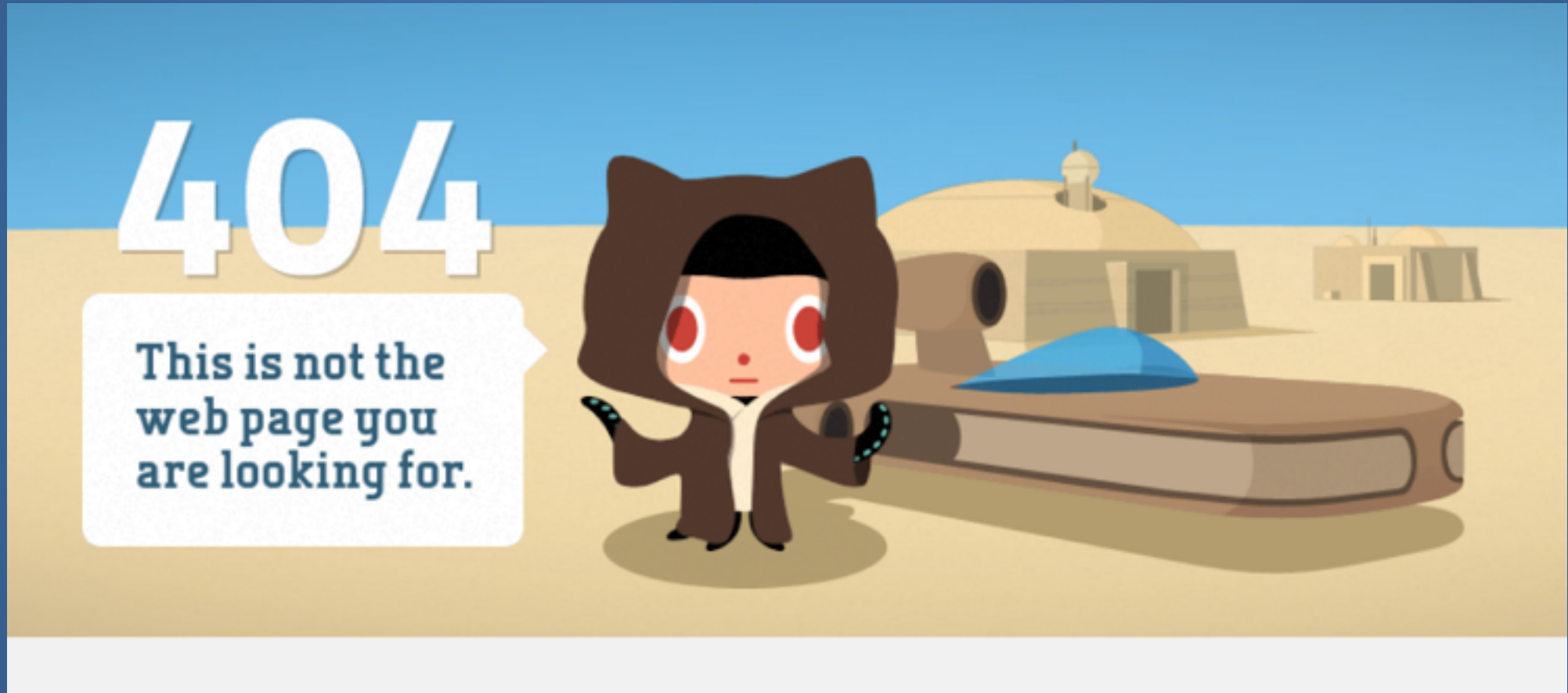
4xx: Client Error.

- 400 – Bad Request: the request was malformed
- 401 – Unauthorized: request requires authentication
- 403 – Forbidden
- 404 – Not found.

HTTP Common Status Codes

404: From [GitHub](#).

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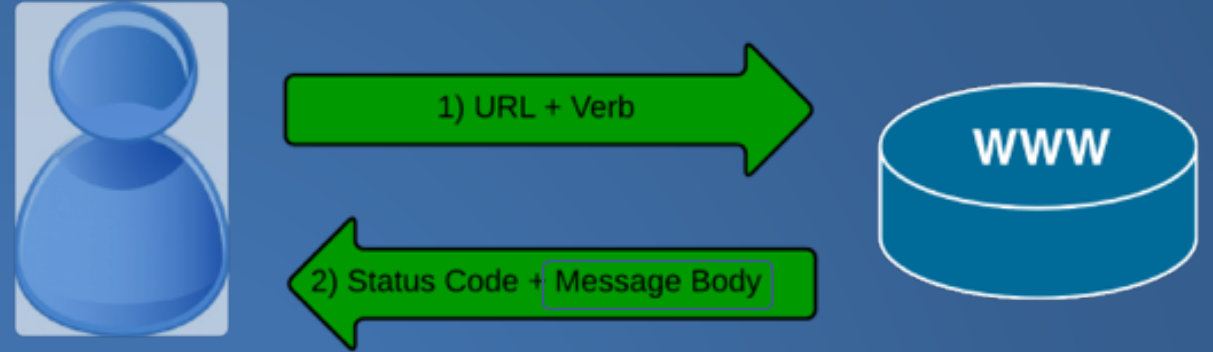


HTTP Common Status Codes

5xx: Server Error.

- 500 – Internal Server Errors. Something is wrong
- 501 – Not Implemented
- 503 – Service Unavailable

HTTP Message Body



- The HTTP specification states that a request or response message has the following generic structure:

```
message = <start-line>  
        *(<message-header>)  
        CRLF  
        [<message-body>]
```

```
<start-line> = Request-Line | Status-Line
```

```
<message-header> = Field-Name ':' Field-Value
```

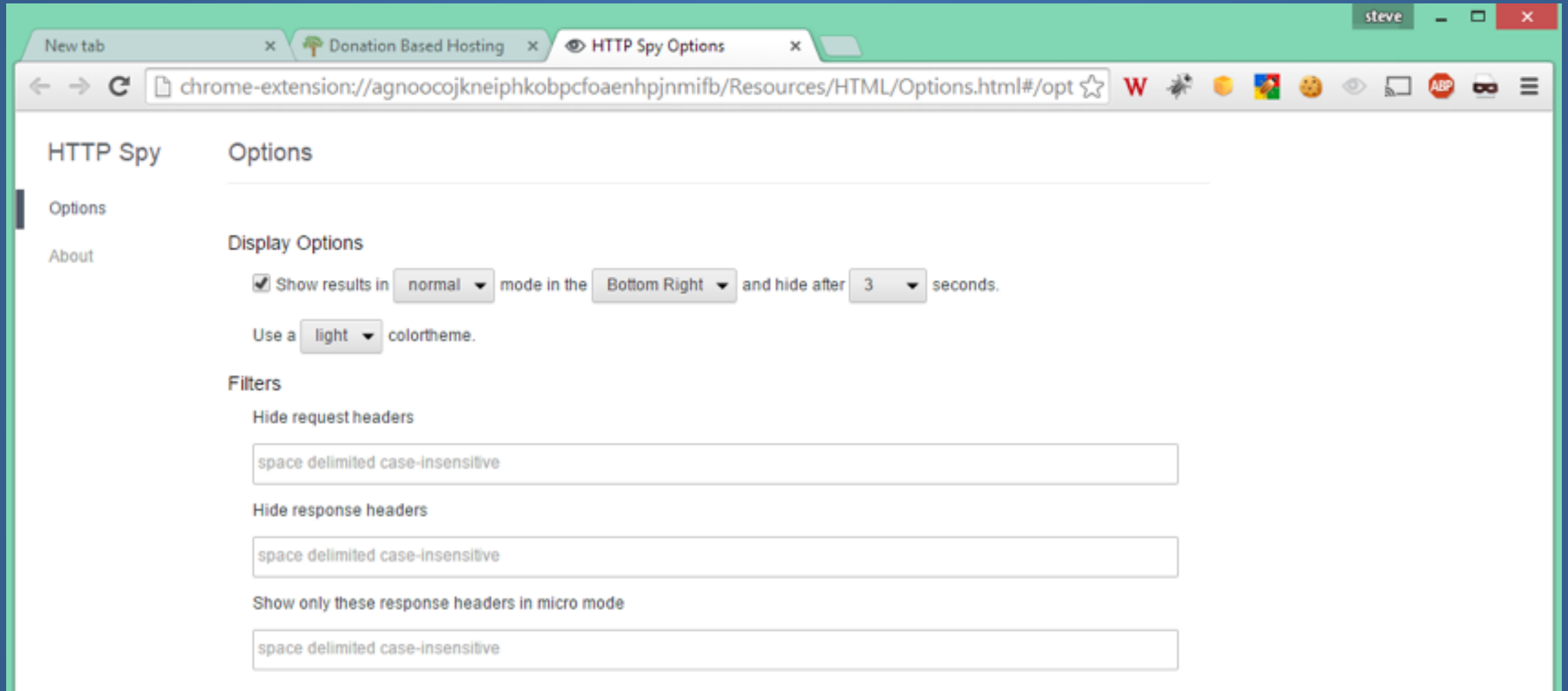
Tools for viewing HTTP Traffic

Popular tools

Chrome [DevTools](#) built into the browser

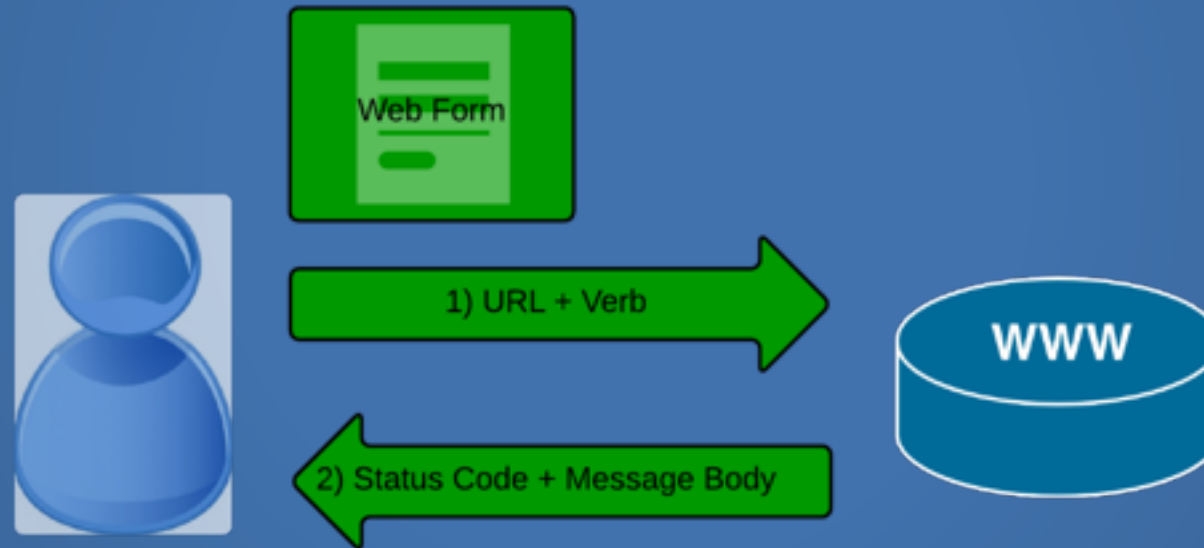
Firefox [Developer Tools](#)

Tools: Also usefull – Http Spy Addon



Web Forms

Now we can start talking about Web Forms.

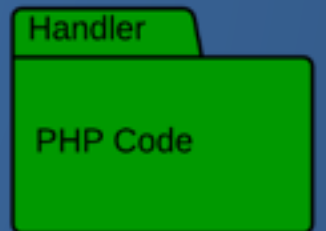
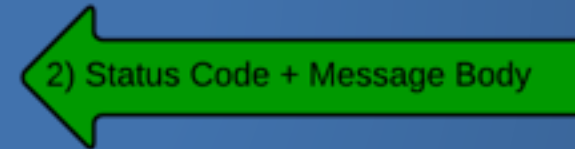


Web Forms

There are two parts to the conversation

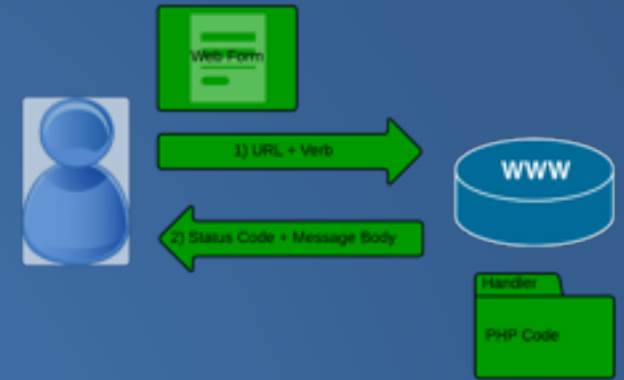
- 1.
- 2.

HTML Form
Form Handler



HTML Forms

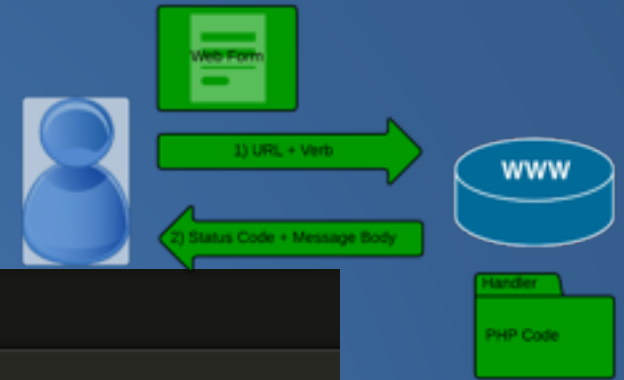
Coded in HTML as:



- `<form action="hello.php" method="post">`

- `<input type="submit">`
`</form>`

HTML Forms



```
hello.html
13 <div class="container">
14   <h1>hello.html form</h1>
15   <p>Please fill out this form and press the submit button.</p>
16
17   <form action="welcome.php" method="post">
18     Name: <input type="text" name="name"><br>
19     E-mail: <input type="text" name="email"><br>
20     <input type="submit">
21   </form>
22 </div>
23
24 </body>
25 </html>
```


HTML Forms

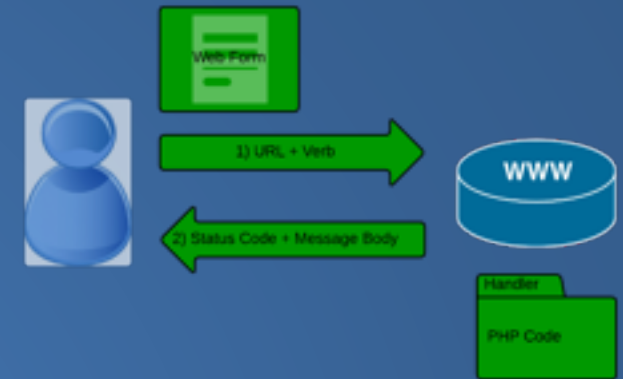
localhost/xampp/Demos/hello.html

hello.html form

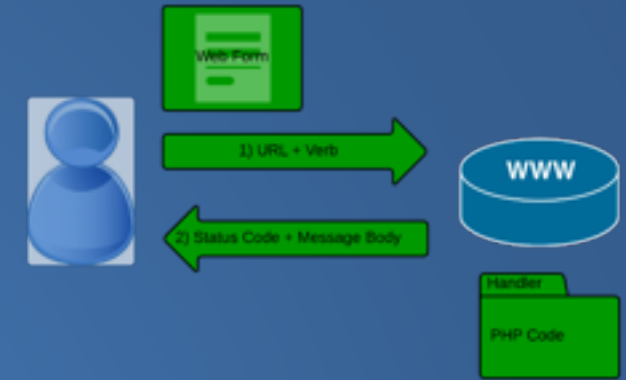
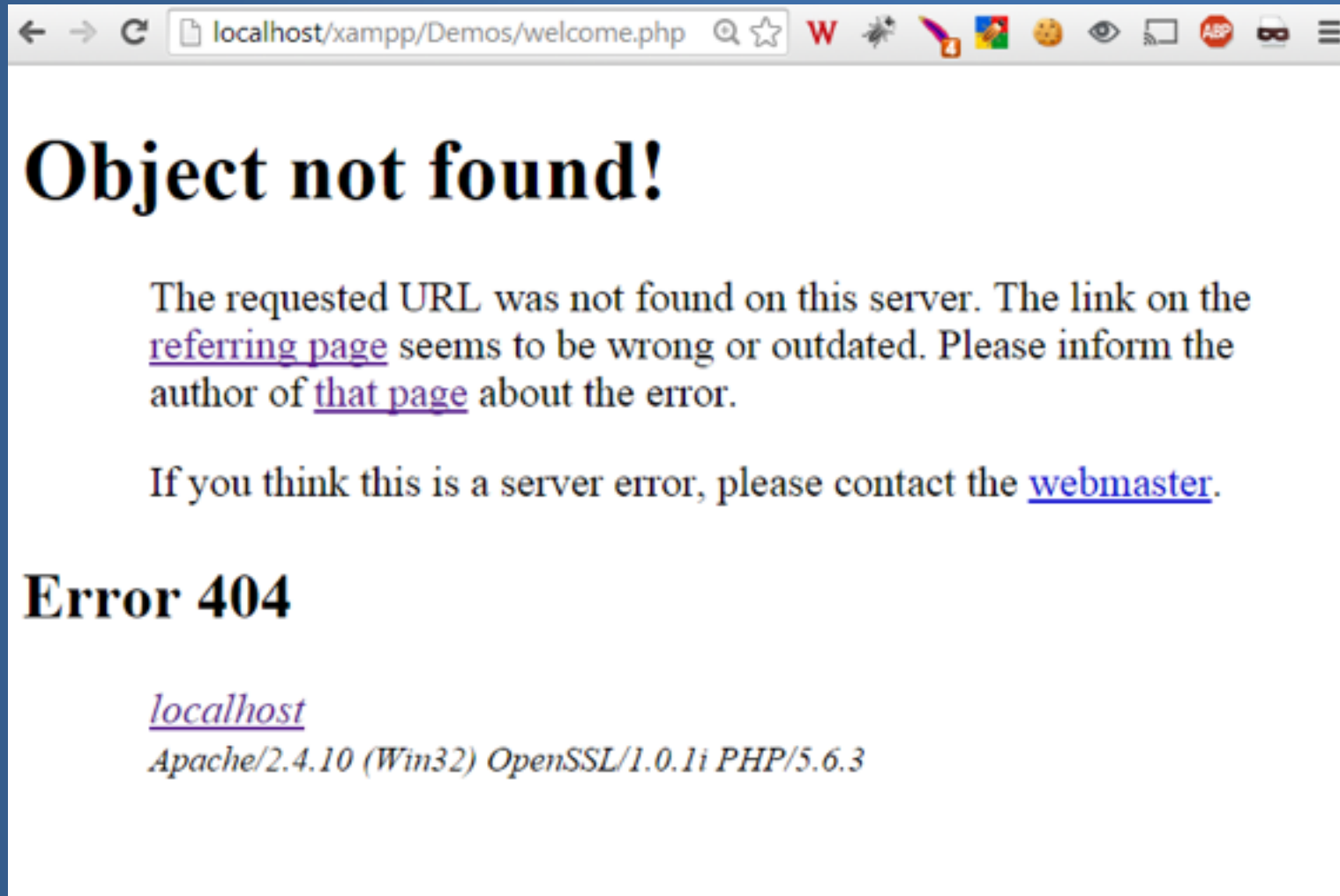
Please fill out this form and press the submit button.

Name:

E-mail:



HTML Forms

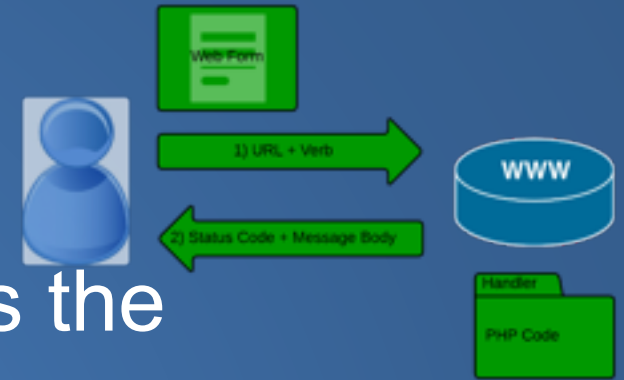


This is *not* good.

How do we *fix this*?

Form Handler

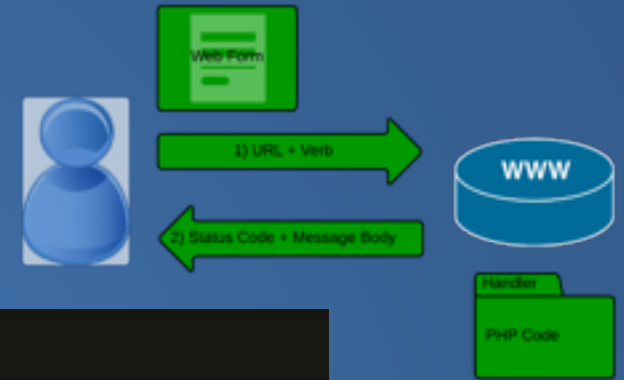
Need a form handler to process the form request on the server.



- ```
Welcome <?php echo $_POST["name"]; ?>

Your email address is: <?php echo $_POST["email"]; ?>
```

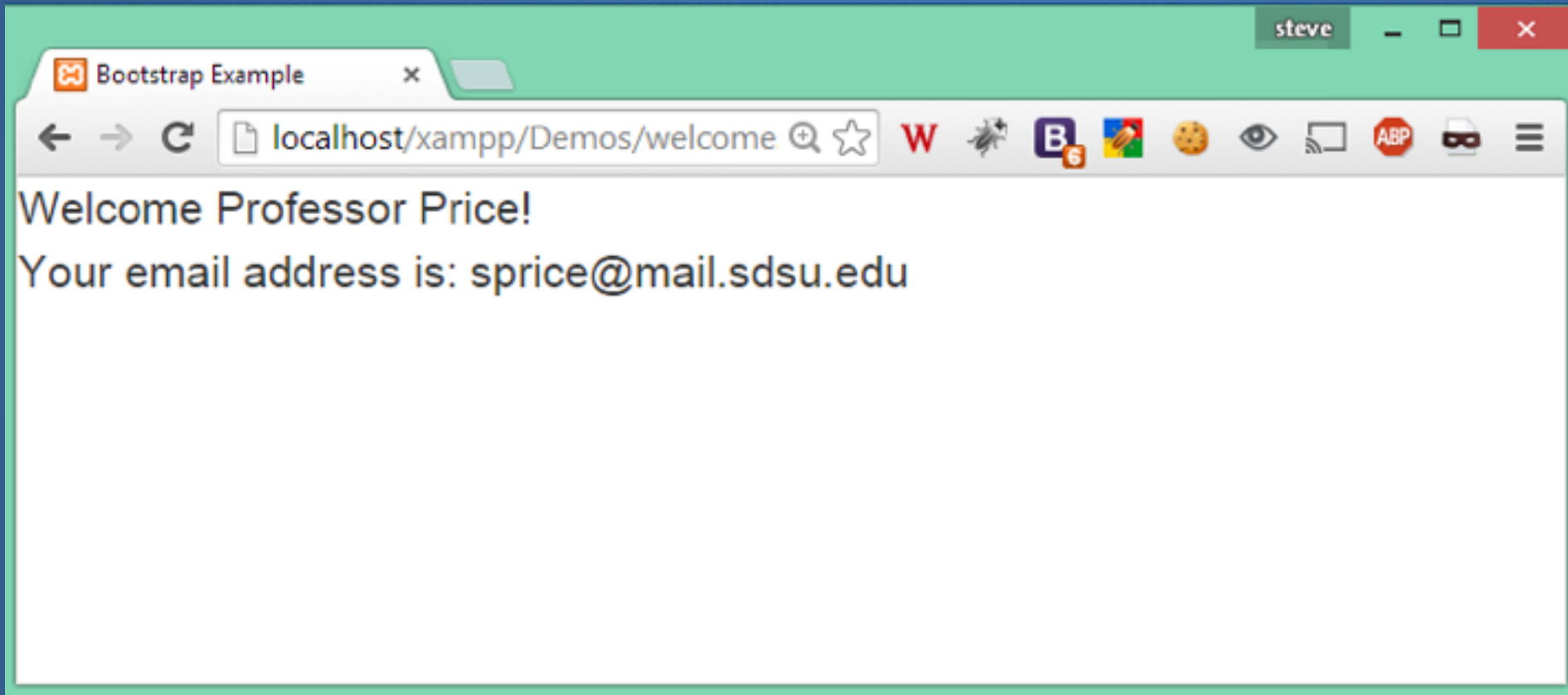
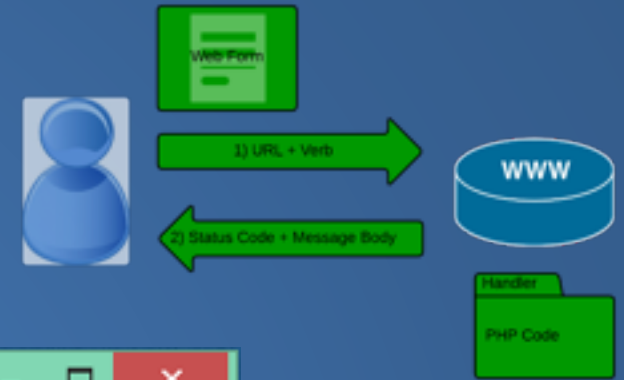
# Form Handler



```
11 |
12 </head>
13 <body>
14
15 Welcome <?php echo $_POST["name"]; ?>

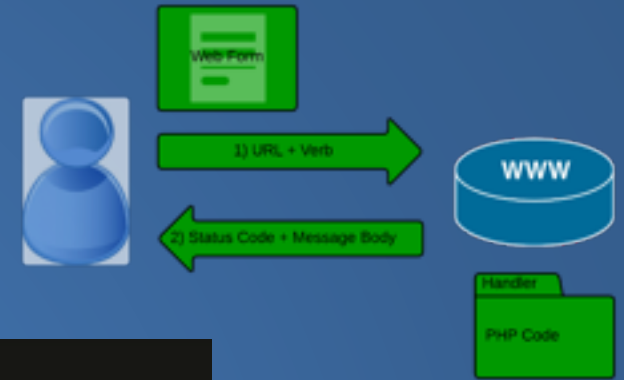
16 Your email address is: <?php echo $_POST["email"]; ?>
17
18 </body>
19 </html>
```

# Form Handler output



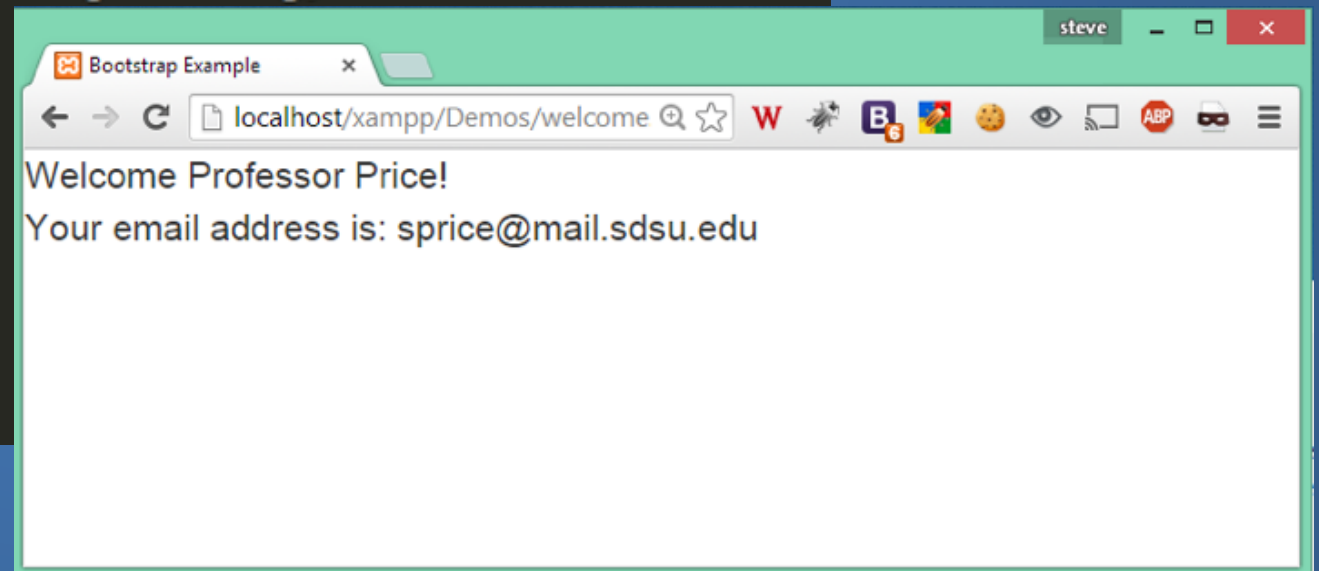
# Form Handler output

Great! But how does it work?



```
11 |
12 </head>
13 <body>
14
15 Welcome <?php echo $_POST["name"]; ?>

16 Your email address is: <?php echo $_POST["email"]; ?>
17
18 </body>
19 </html>
```



# Notice...

```
the
$_POST["name"];
And
$_POST["email"];
```

These are special ***Superglobal*** variables built in to PHP.

# PHP SuperGlobal Variables

- The PHP superglobal variables are:
  - `$GLOBALS`
  - `$_SERVER`
  - `$_REQUEST`
  - `$_POST`
  - `$_GET`
  - `$_FILES`
  - `$_ENV`
  - `$_COOKIE`
  - `$_SESSION`



# PHP \$GLOBALS

- PHP stores all global variables in an array called `$GLOBALS[index]`. The *index* holds the name of the variable.

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```
<?php
$x = 75;
$y = 25;
```

```
function addition() {
 $GLOBALS['z'] = $GLOBALS['x'] + $GLOBALS['y'];
}
```

```
addition();
echo $z;
?>
```

# PHP \$\_SERVER

- Holds information about headers, paths, and script locations.
- There are 24 elements defined.

# PHP \$\_SERVER

| Element/Code                                | Description                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\$_SERVER['PHP_SELF']</code>          | <i>Returns the filename of the currently executing script</i>                                                 |
| <code>\$_SERVER['GATEWAY_INTERFACE']</code> | <i>Returns the version of the Common Gateway Interface (CGI) the server is using</i>                          |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_ADDR']</code>       | <i>Returns the IP address of the host server</i>                                                              |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_NAME']</code>       | <i>Returns the name of the host server (such as <a href="http://www.w3schools.com">www.w3schools.com</a>)</i> |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_SOFTWARE']</code>   | <i>Returns the server identification string (such as Apache/2.2.24)</i>                                       |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_PROTOCOL']</code>   | <i>Returns the name and revision of the information protocol (such as HTTP/1.1)</i>                           |
| <code>\$_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD']</code>    | <i>Returns the request method used to access the page (such as POST)</i>                                      |

# PHP \$\_SERVER

| Element/Code                                  | Description                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\$_SERVER['REQUEST_TIME']</code>        | Returns the timestamp of the start of the request (such as 1377687496)                             |
| <code>\$_SERVER['QUERY_STRING']</code>        | Returns the query string if the page is accessed via a query string                                |
| <code>\$_SERVER['HTTP_ACCEPT']</code>         | Returns the Accept header from the current request                                                 |
| <code>\$_SERVER['HTTP_ACCEPT_CHARSET']</code> | Returns the Accept_Charset header from the current request (such as utf-8.ISO-8859-1)              |
| <code>\$_SERVER['HTTP_HOST']</code>           | Returns the Host header from the current request                                                   |
| <code>\$_SERVER['HTTP_REFERER']</code>        | Returns the complete URL of the current page (not reliable because not all user-agents support it) |
| <code>\$_SERVER['HTTPS']</code>               | Is the script queried through a secure HTTP protocol                                               |
| <code>\$_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR']</code>         | Returns the IP address from where the user is viewing the current page                             |

# PHP \$\_SERVER

| Element/Code                              | Description                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\$_SERVER['REMOTE_HOST']</code>     | <i>Returns the Host name from where the user is viewing the current page</i>                                                                             |
| <code>\$_SERVER['REMOTE_PORT']</code>     | <i>Returns the port being used on the user's machine to communicate with the web server</i>                                                              |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SCRIPT_FILENAME']</code> | <i>Returns the absolute pathname of the currently executing script</i>                                                                                   |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_ADMIN']</code>    | <i>Returns the value given to the SERVER_ADMIN directive in the web server configuration file (if your script runs on a virtual host, it will be the</i> |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_PORT']</code>     | <i>Returns the port on the server machine being used by the web server for communication (such as 80)</i>                                                |

# PHP \$\_SERVER

| Element/Code                               | Description                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\$_SERVER['SERVER_SIGNATURE']</code> | <i>Returns the server version and virtual host name which are added to server-generated pages</i> |
| <code>\$_SERVER['PATH_TRANSLATED']</code>  | <i>Returns the file system based path to the current script</i>                                   |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SCRIPT_NAME']</code>      | <i>Returns the path of the current script</i>                                                     |
| <code>\$_SERVER['SCRIPT_URI']</code>       | <i>Returns the URI of the current page</i>                                                        |

# PHP \$\_REQUEST

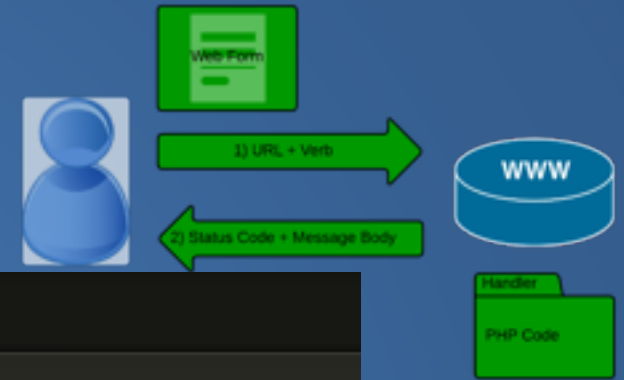
- \$\_REQUEST is used to collect data after submitting an HTML form.

# PHP \$\_POST

- `$_POST` is widely used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with `method="post"`.  
`$_POST` is also widely used to pass variables.
- The values in your PHP Handler must match the values in your HTML Form.



# PHP \$\_POST



```
hello.html
13 <div class="container">
14 <h1>hello.html form</h1>
15 <p>Please fill out this form and press the submit button.</p>
16
17 <form action="welcome.php" method="post">
18 Name: <input type="text" name="name">

19 E-mail: <input type="text" name="email">

20 <input type="submit">
21 </form>
22 </div>
23
24 </body>
25 </html>
```

```
hello.html welcome.php
11 |
12 </head>
13 <body>
14
15 Welcome <?php echo $_POST["name"]; ?>

16 Your email address is: <?php echo $_POST["email"]; ?>
17
18 </body>
19 </html>
```

# PHP \$\_GET

- `$_GET` can also be used to collect form data after submitting an HTML form with `method="get"`.

# Note about POST and GET

- The GET and POST verbs are often used in a similar fashion, but they have greatly different behaviours.
- GET – passes variables on the URL
- POST – passes variables in a new connection.

# PHP \$\_FILES

Used to upload files.

# PHP \$\_ENV

- Used to return the environment variables from the web server.

# PHP \$\_COOKIE

- Cookies are small text files loaded from a server to a client computer storing some information regarding the client computer, so that when the same page from the server is visited by the user, necessary informations can be collected from the cookie itself, decreasing the latency to open the page.

# PHP \$\_SESSION

Sessions are a way to store state information on the server.

To start a session call the function

```
session_start();
```

In your handler. Then you can add useful information to the `$_SESSION` array.

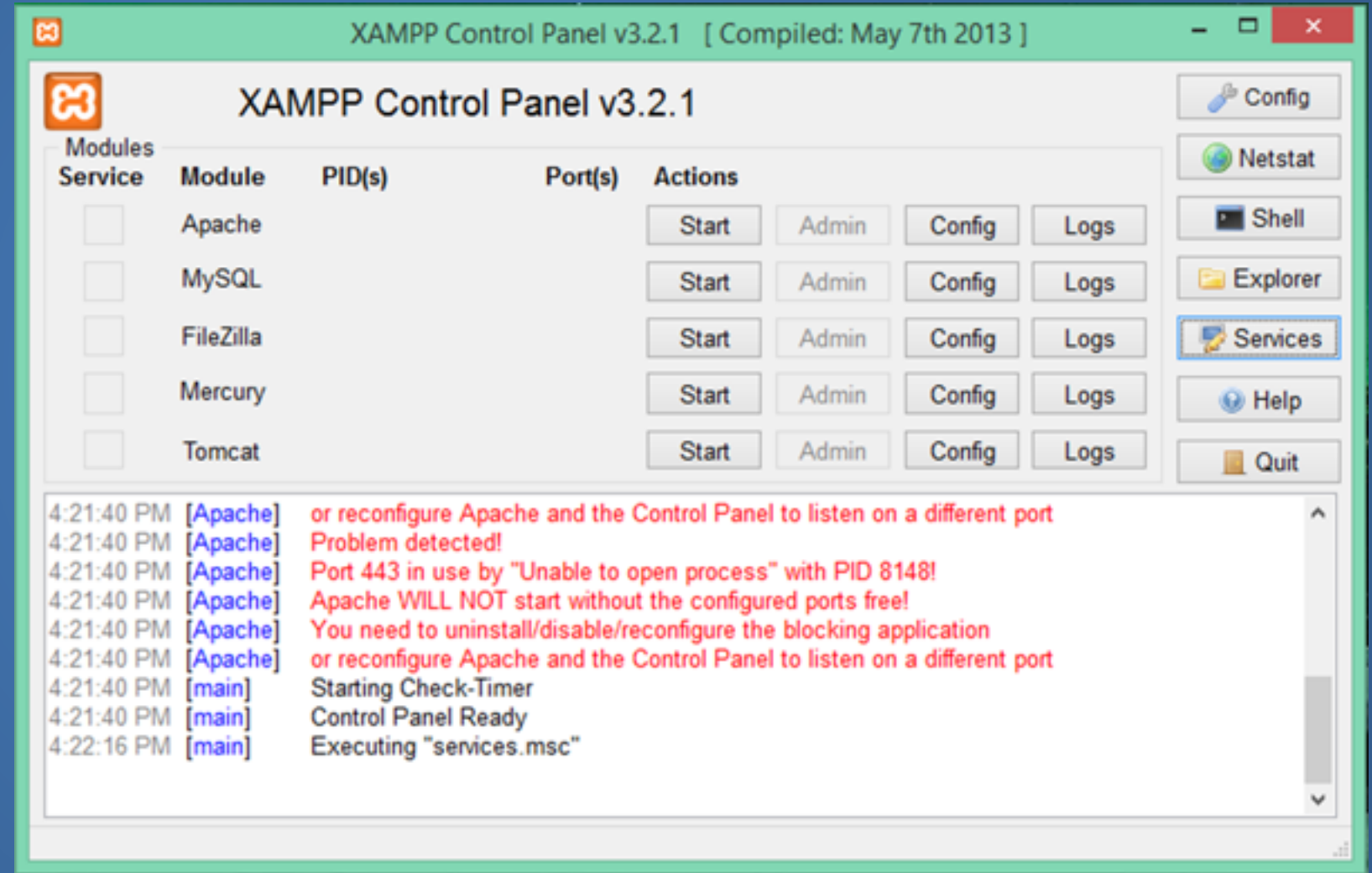
# Next Topic

Setting up MySQL in your development environment.



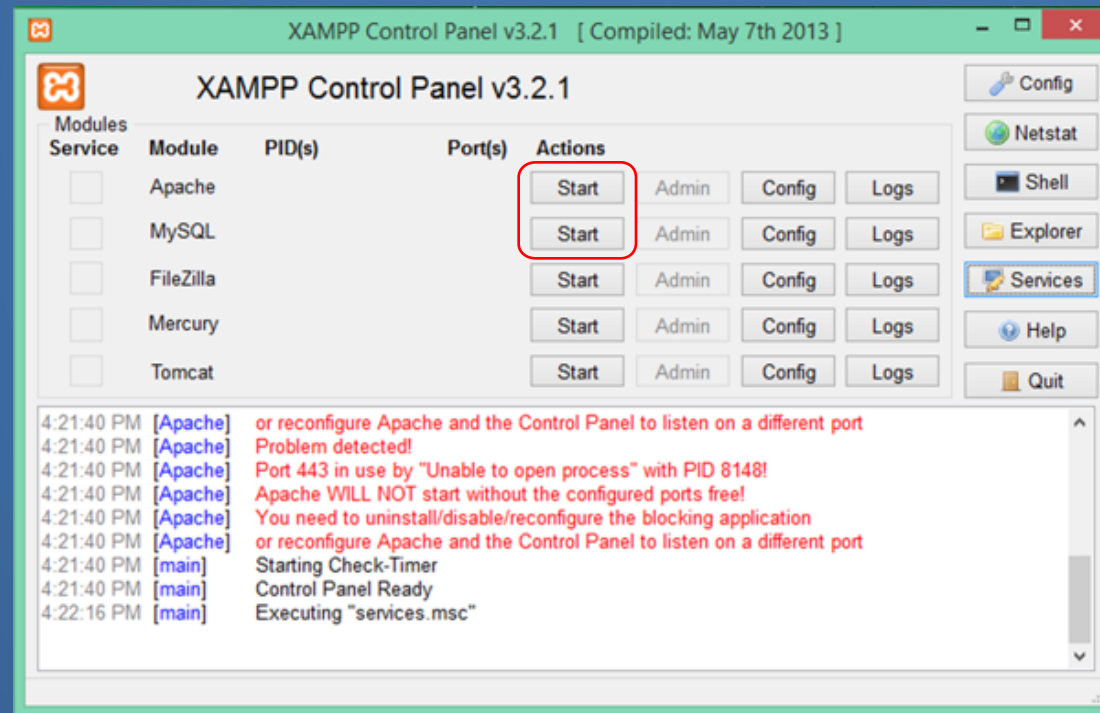
# XAMPP

Open the  
XAMPP  
Control  
Panel



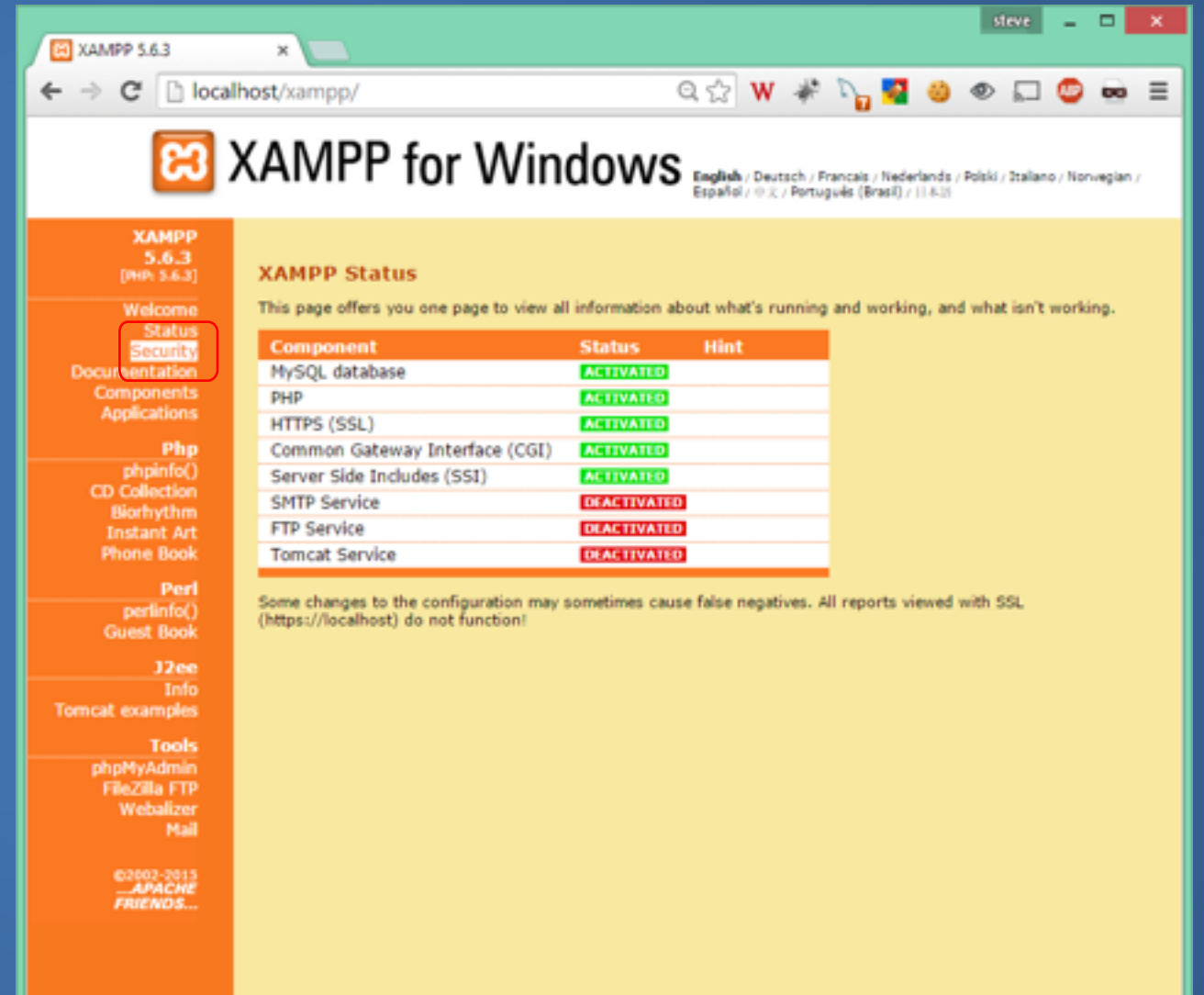
# Start using the tools

1. Start the xamp control panel
2. Start the apache web service



# XAMPP

1. Navigate to the main page
2. Click the Security link



# XAMPP

1. This will open a new tab
2. Click the xamppsecurity.php link to secure your system

