

Web Development Practice

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1. The roles of web technologies

The most widely used web technologies/languages are HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL, ASP.NET <http://ASP.NET>, MS SQL Server. Others like JAVA, Ruby, Python, MongoDB, etc. are also available to choose from. The following table presents the roles of several technologies/languages, taking HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, Node.js, MySQL, MongoDB as examples.

Technologies/Languages	Roles	Where it runs
HTML	Content and Structure (<i>tex, images, tables, forms, etc</i>)	Browser
CSS	Style and Presentation (<i>color, fonts, background, margins, paddings, etc</i>)	Browser
JavaScript	Client Side Scripting (<i>dynamic user interaction, popups, form validation</i>)	Browser
PHP, Node.js	Server Side Scripting (<i>server side logic and data processing</i>)	Server
MySQL, MongoDB	Data Management (<i>store all sorts of data needed by a website</i>)	Server

2. Basic technologies/languages

Front-end technologies majorly include the golden trinity: **HTML** for **Content**, **CSS** for **Style**, and **JavaScript** for **Behavior**.

* HTML

* CSS

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) is a style sheet language that describes the presentation of an **HTML** (or **XML**) document. **CSS** describes how elements must be rendered on screen, on paper, or in other media. The reason why we use **CSS** to separate the presentation layer of our page way from functional part that we may use JavaScript to add rich functionality to the page and markup as well.

- Use **#** to target a **ID** defined in HTML files; use **.** to target a **class** defined in HTML files; just use the element name, e.g., **body**, **h1**, for an **element** in HTML files.

* JavaScript

Primary tasks JavaScript does:

- Event Handling
- DOM (Document Object Model) Traversal
- DOM Manipulation
- Send/receive data without page refresh (AJAX)

* PHP

* JQuery

3. Web development with Drupal (or WordPress)

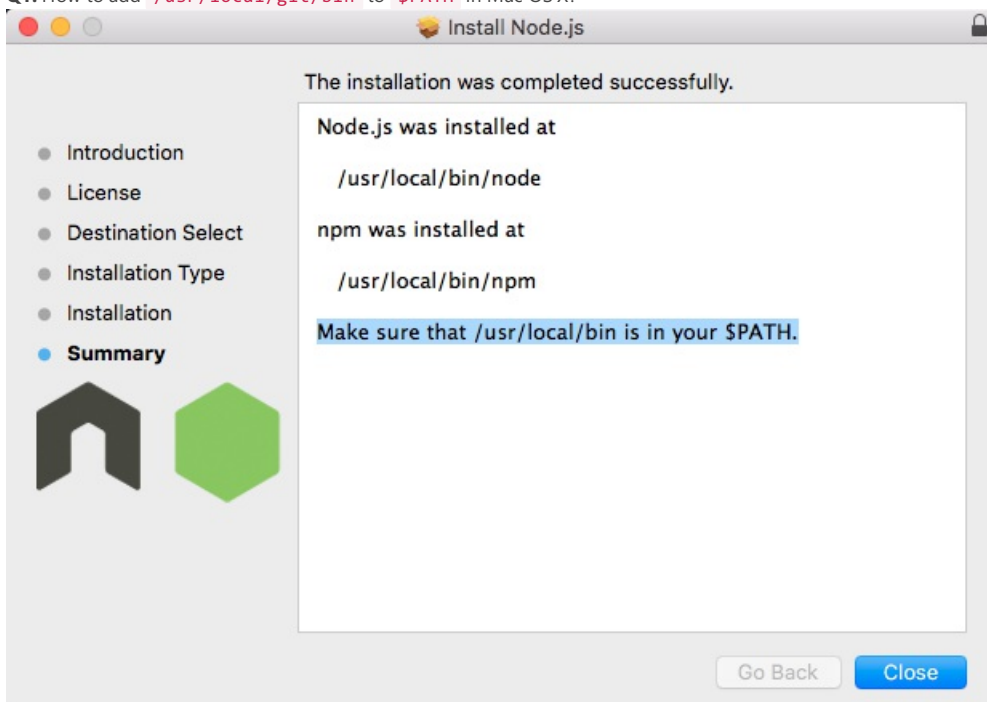
- Install Drupal on a AMPPS https://github.com/Tandysony/Web-Development-Practice/blob/master/Drupal_dev_docs/Install%20Drupal%20on%20AMPPS.md
- Web Development with Drupal 7 https://github.com/Tandysony/Web-Development-Practice/blob/master/Drupal_dev_docs/Web%20Development%20with%20Drupal%207.md

4. MEAN stack

The acronym **MEAN** stands for **M**ongoDB **E**xpress.js **A**ngularJS **N**ode.js and represents a group of technologies which are known to synergize well together. The major benefit of the **MEAN** stack is that it's extremely quick to prototype with. **Node.js** allows you to use Javascript on the backend as well as the front-end which can save you from having to learn a separate language. In addition, the **NoSQL** nature of MongoDB allows you to quickly change and alter the data layer without having to worry about migrations, which is a very valuable attribute when you're trying to build a product without clear specifications. Finally, these technologies have a lot of community support behind them so finding answers to questions or hiring help is going to be much easier using these technologies.

FAQ

Q1: How to add `/usr/local/git/bin` to `$PATH` in Mac OS X?



A1: `export PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/git/bin:/usr/local/bin`

