Overall functioning of HTTP clients: requests submission and responses processing

Web Engineering



What is an HTTP client? What types are most common?



2. Web servers that make requests to other servers

3. Code in any application (web or not) that contacts an HTTP server

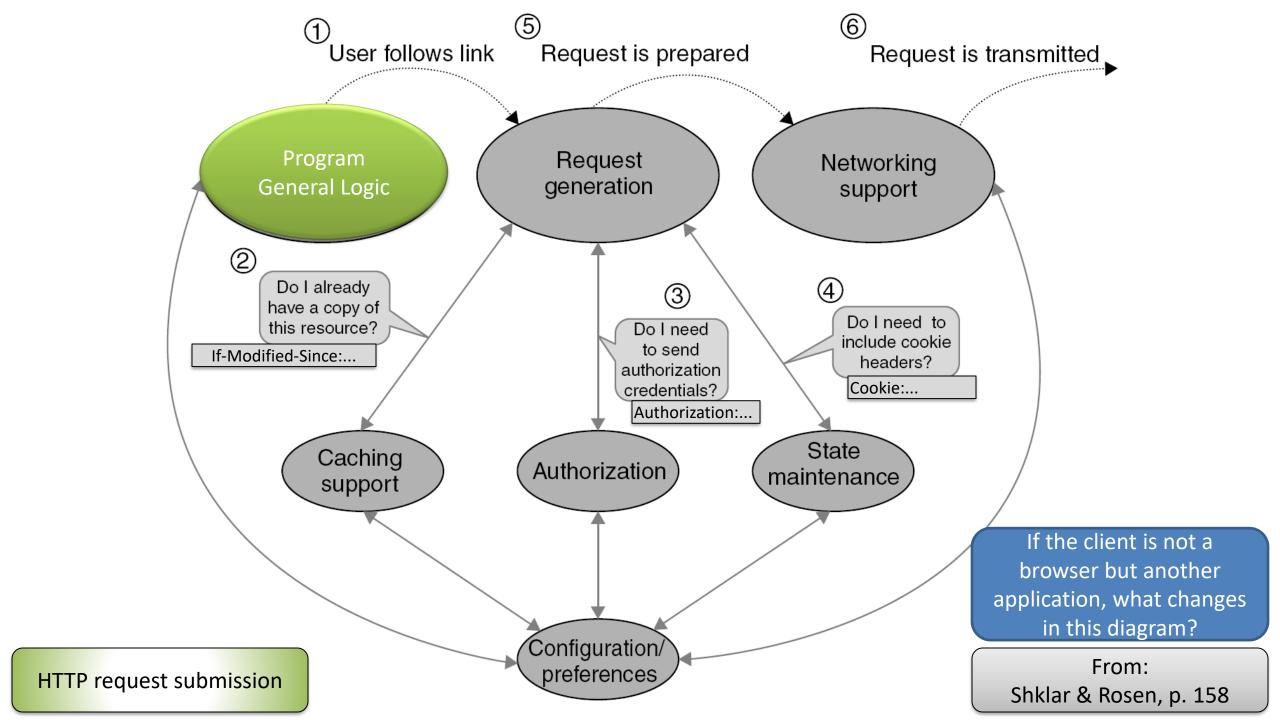


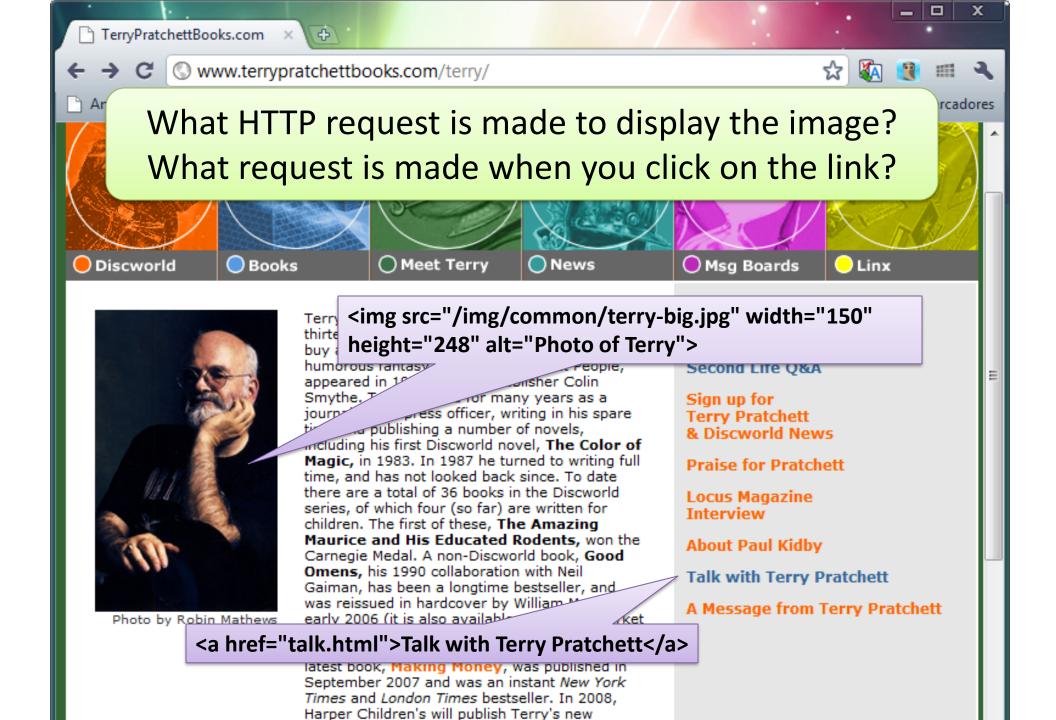
Basically, what does a browser do?

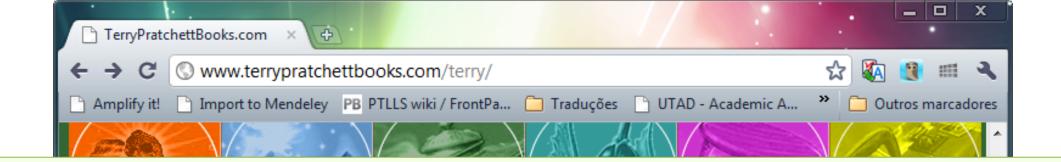
1. Sends HTTP requests to servers on your behalf or on its own initiative.

2. Receives HTTP responses from servers and interprets them.

3. Acts with the outcome of the interpretation (eg., Showing the results in the browser window).



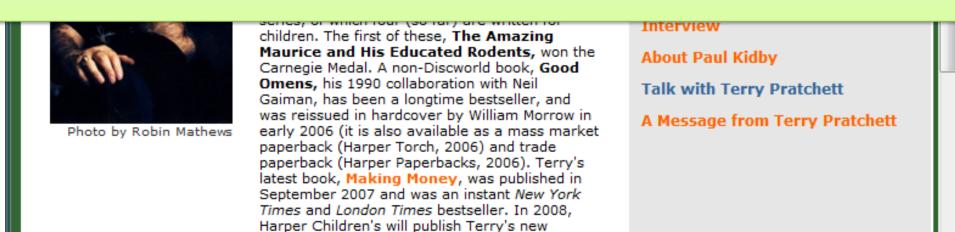


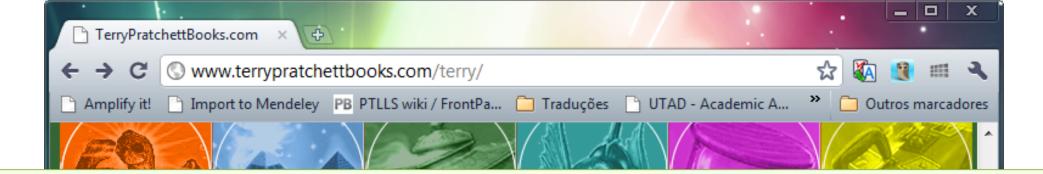


Originates this HTTP request... Why? (As soon as the page loads, of course.)

GET /img/common/terry-big.jpg HTTP/1.1

Host:www.terrypratchettbooks.com





And if it was ...

What would originate?



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Smythe. Terry worked for many years as a journalist and press officer, writing in his spare time and publishing a number of novels, including his first Discworld novel, The Color of Magic, in 1983. In 1987 he turned to writing full time, and has not looked back since. To date there are a total of 36 books in the Discworld series, of which four (so far) are written for children. The first of these, The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents, won the Carnegie Medal, A non-Discworld book, Good Omens, his 1990 collaboration with Neil Gaiman, has been a longtime bestseller, and was reissued in hardcover by William Morrow in early 2006 (it is also available as a mass market paperback (Harper Torch, 2006) and trade paperback (Harper Paperbacks, 2006), Terry's latest book, Making Money, was published in September 2007 and was an instant New York Times and London Times bestseller. In 2008, Harper Children's will publish Terry's new

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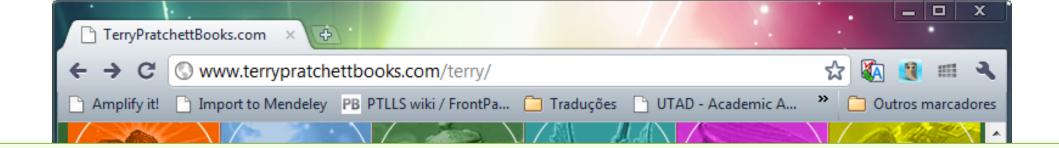
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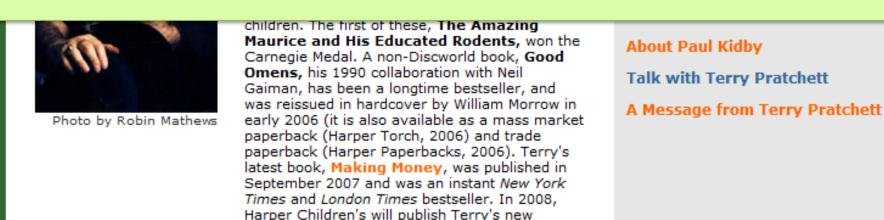
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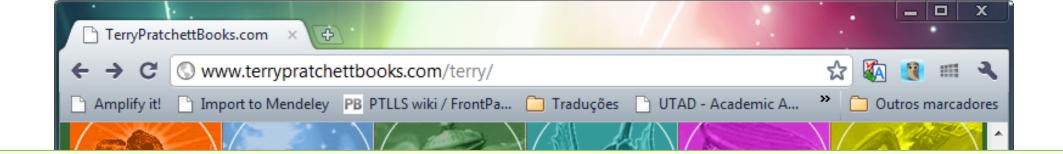


If it were...

It would originate this ... Why?

GET /terry/img/common/terry-big.jpg HTTP/1.1 Host:www.terrypratchettbooks.com





Talk with Terry Pratchett -----

Originates this HTTP request... Why? (Only when clicking, of course ...)

GET /terry/talk.html HTTP/1.1

Host:www.terrypratchettbooks.com



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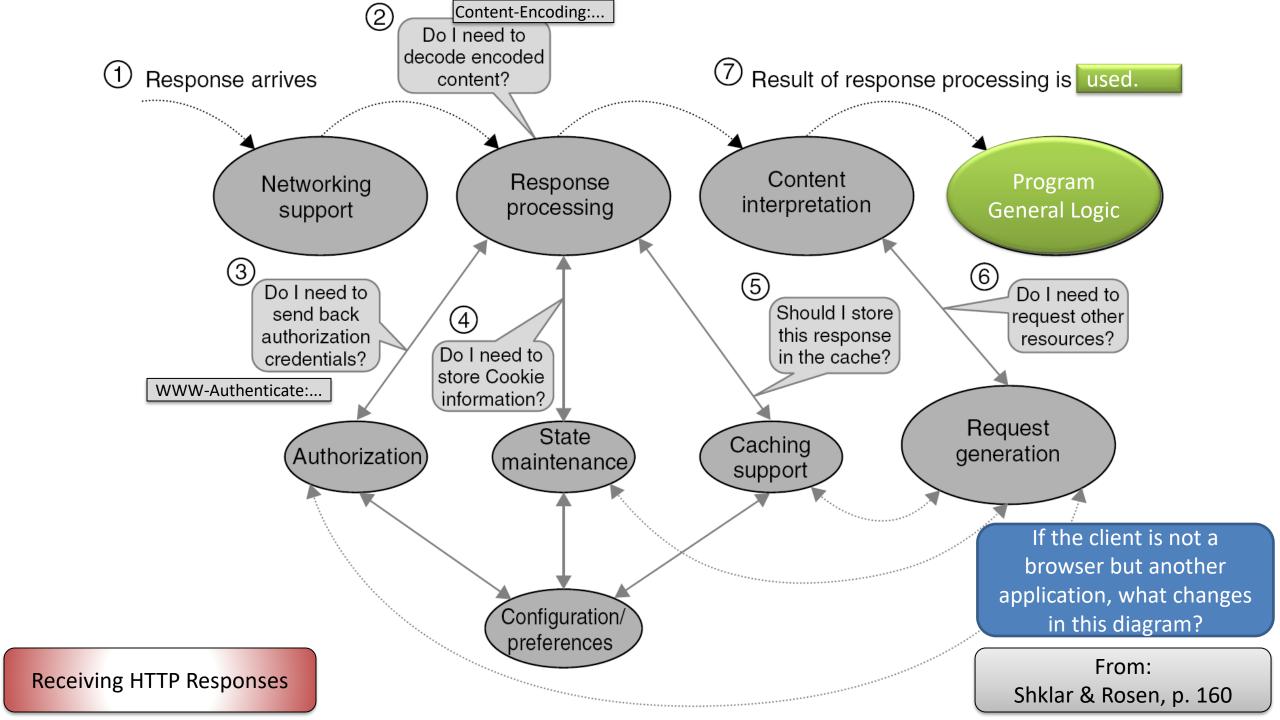
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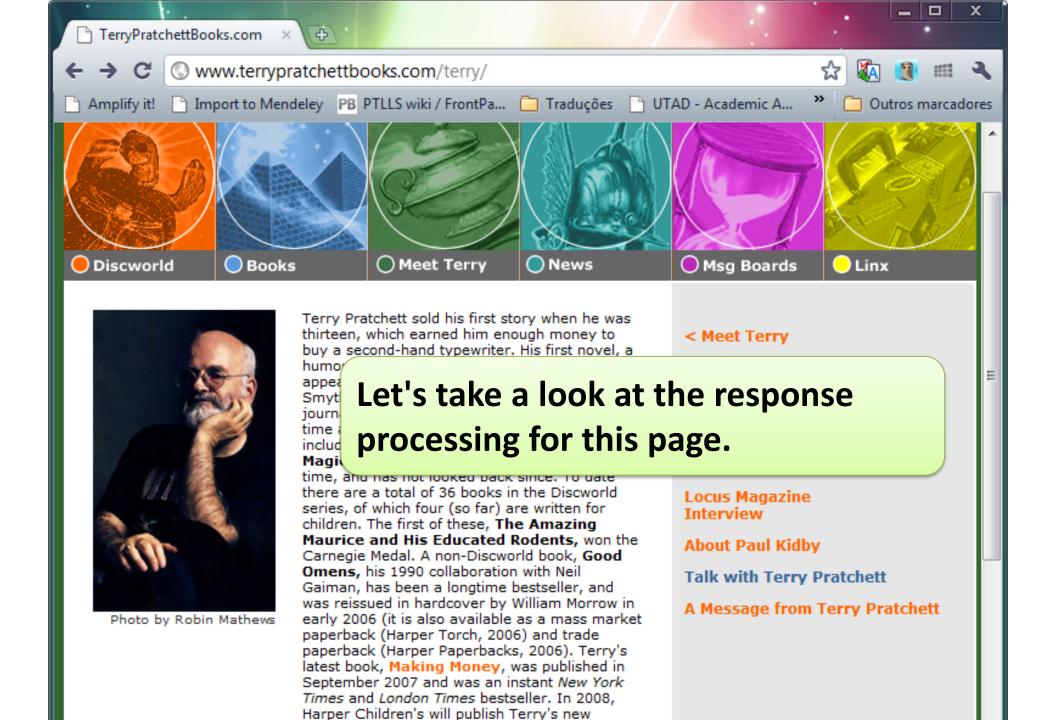
Pay attention to <base> HTML element

The <base> tag specifies the base URL and/or target for all relative URLs in a document.

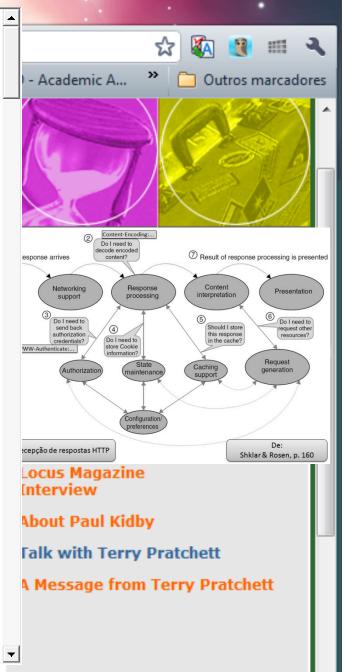
The <base> tag must have either an href or a target attribute present, or both.

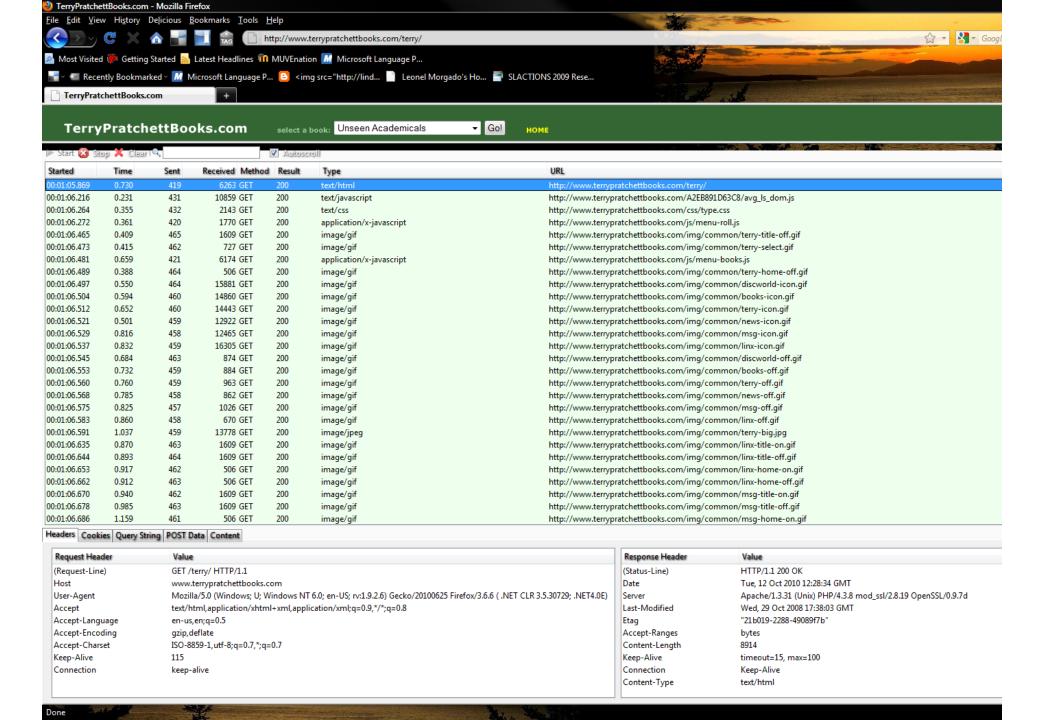
There can only be one single <base> element in a document, and it must be inside the <head> element.





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Server:Apache/1.3.31 (Unix) PHP/4.3.8 mod_ssl/2.8.19 OpenSSL/0.9.7d
Last-Modified:Wed, 29 Oct 2008 17:38:03 GMT
Etag: "21b019-2288-49089f7b"
Accept-Ranges:bytes
Content-Length:8914
Keep-Alive:timeout=15, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type:text/html
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 <head>
  <meta name="generator" content=
  "HTML Tidy for Mac OS, see www.w3.org">
  <title>TerryPratchettBooks.com</title>
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"../js/menu-roll.js">
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ntent.

How does the browser act against other non-Helpers and Plugins HTML content?

- **CSS**
- **Javascript**
- **Images**
- Various documents (pdf, docx, xlsx, zip, etc.)



The browser only has the ability to start the **helper application** and display the appropriate file.

A **plug-in** is an <u>application program invoked by the browser</u>. It is a dynamic code module designed to extend the capabilities of the browser by integrating a third-party application program into the browser.

We can force browser do save any content?

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or any other content-type...
Content-type: application/octet-stream
Content-Disposition: 'attachment; filename="file.ext"'
Content-type: application/octet-stream
Content-Type: application/force-download
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Resume

HTTP CLIENTS

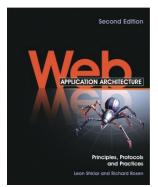
WHAT ARE AND HOW THEY WORK?

HOW BROWSER GENERATE REQUESTS?

HOW BROWSER PROCESSES RESPONSES?

WHAT ARE HELPERS AND PLUGINS? WHY BROWSER NEED THEM?

Next class Continuing with HTTP clients



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