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The Front-end & Back-end Explained

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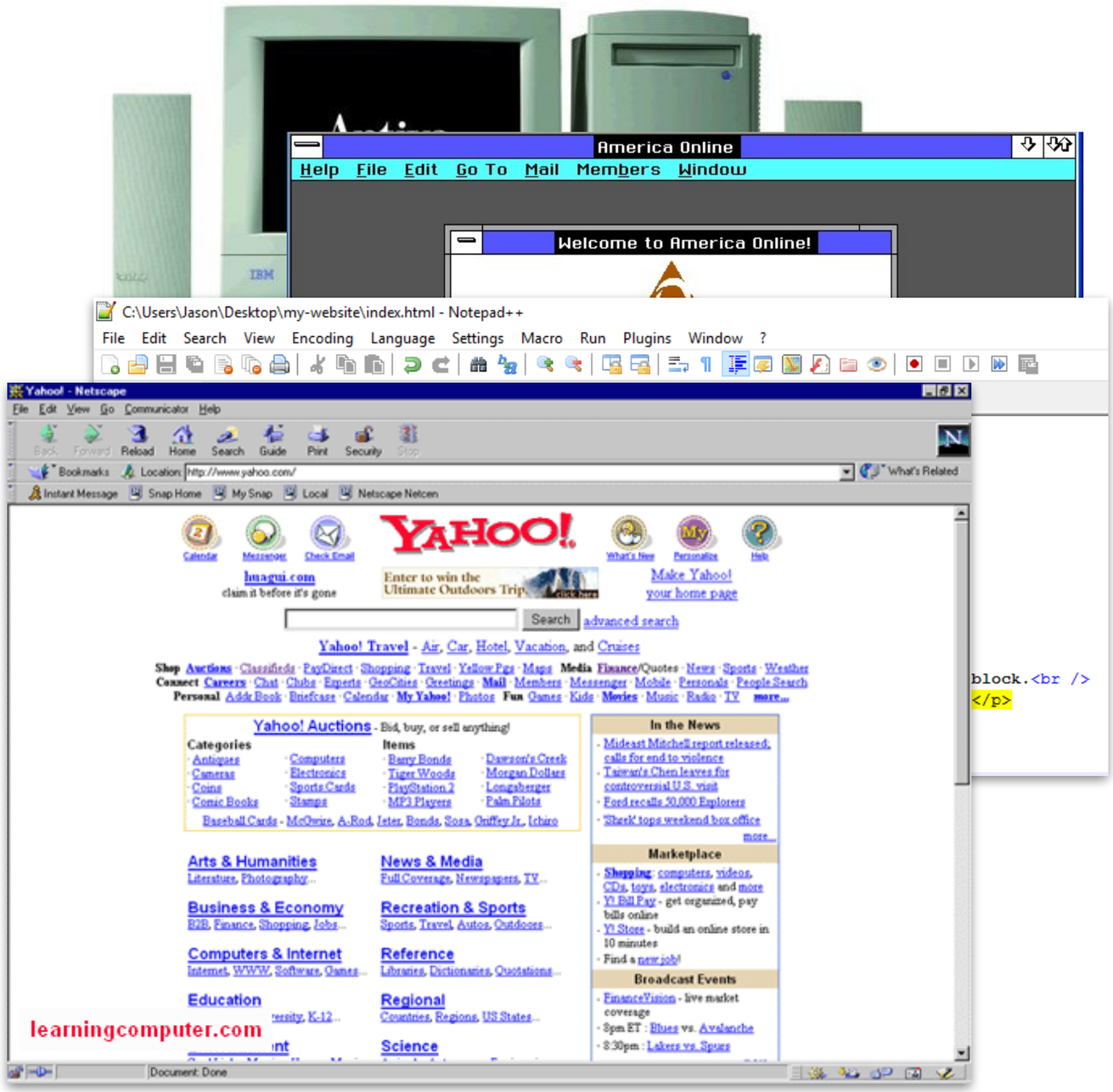
Agenda

- History
- Examples
- Tools
- Developers

1990s - The beginning...

- You setup a web server
- You get a connection to the Internet
- You build a Web Page with HTML and CSS
- You view pages online with a browser



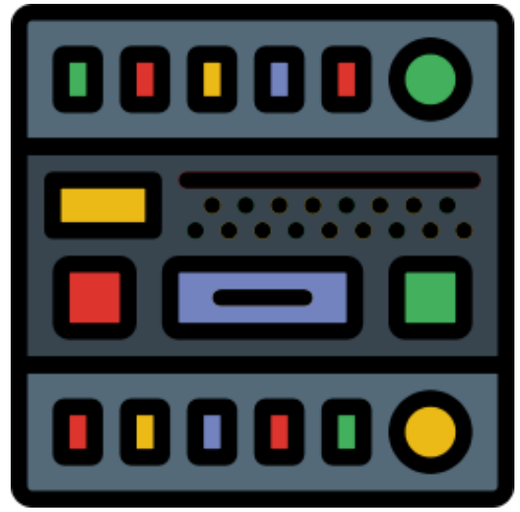
1990s - Request/Response

FRONT-END

BACK-END

Request

Response



Every Click >> Full Page Refresh

1990s - The Tools

FRONT-END

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Images

BACK-END

- Windows, Linux
- IIS, Apache, & Java
- PHP & Perl
- MS Access, SQL Server, & MySQL

Early 2000s - The Dot Com Era

- Businesses get online
- More content, more images, more media, more structure
- Desktop browsers multiply

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GeoCities

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The Free Encyclopedia

Google

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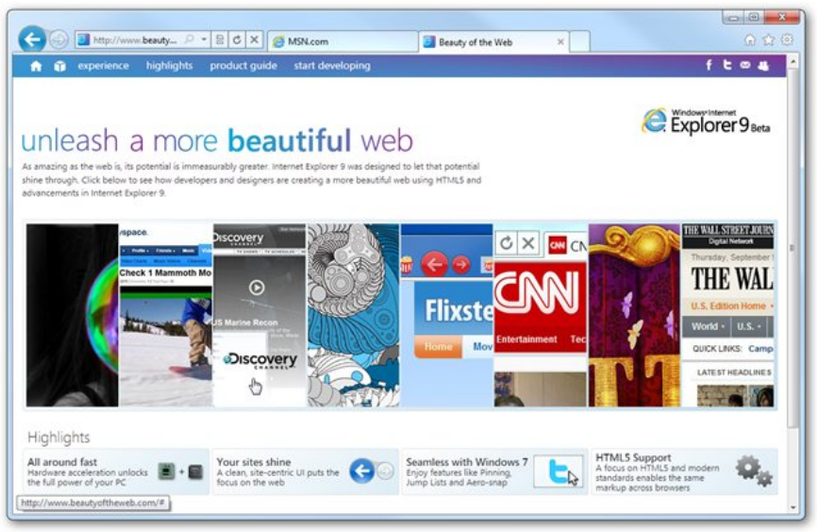
Early 2000s - Request/Response

FRONT-END

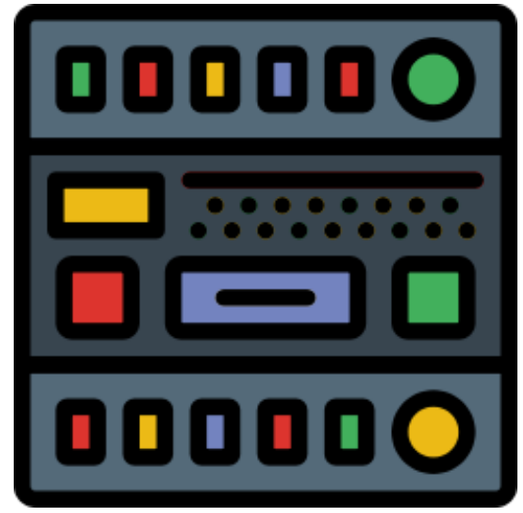


Request

Response

Streams

BACK-END



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Early 2000s - Toolset

FRONT-END

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Images
- Flash/Java
- Videos/Audio
- AJAX

BACK-END

- Windows, Linux
- IIS, Apache
- PHP, Perl, ASP, Java
- MS Access, SQL Server, MySQL, SQL Lite
- APIs

Sidebar!

Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX)

- Allows client to send and receive data without a full page refresh
- Creates a faster, smoother, user experience
- Front-end uses AJAX to call an API on the Back-end

Sidebar!

Application Programming Interface (API)

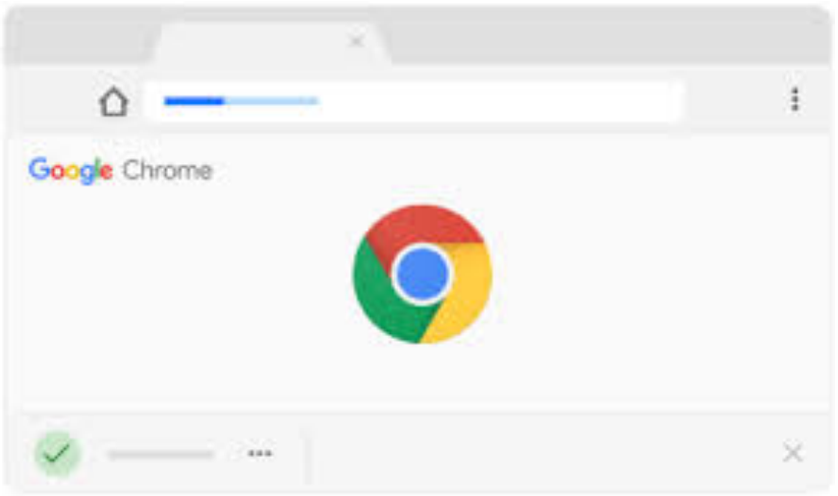
- How an app can “talk” to another app
- Request to https://app.com/api/user/12345
- Receive data about User #12345

- No page refresh, HTML, or CSS involved

2007 - Request/Response

FRONT-END

BACK-END



Request

Response

API

AJAX

2007 - Front-End Framework

Front-End

- Easier to use JavaScript across browsers
- Reduced JavaScript learning curve
- Empowered AJAX

2007 - Back-End Frameworks

BACK-END

- Web servers with instant features
- Security built-in
- Simplified APIs

2007 - The Smartphone

Front-End

- iPhone has front-end and back-end properties

- User expectations rise drastically

- Blocks Flash

2007 - Amazon Web Services

BACK-END

- Easier to setup servers and databases
- One person can accomplish the work of a team
- Pay for what you use

2007 - Toolset

FRONT-END

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Frameworks

- jQuery
- Angular
- Single Page Apps

Mobile Apps

- iOS Obj C
- Android Java
- PhoneGap

BACK-END

Frameworks

- Wordpress/Drupal
- Node
- Django/Rails

Databases

- SQL Server
- MySQL
- PostgreSQL
- SQLite
- MongoDB

DEV-OPS

Infrastructure

- Deployment
- Servers
- Networking
- Caching
- Security
- Cloud Hosting

WHAT?!?

Sidebar!

Single Page Apps (SPAs)

- jQuery turns into “spaghetti”
- JavaScript renders the HTML and CSS
- Faster experience, no refresh
- More like mobile apps

2019 - Toolset

FRONT-END

App Frameworks

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- React, Vue, Angular
- Too many others

Mobile Apps

- iOS Swift
- Android Java
- React Native
- Flutter
- Cordova

BACK-END

Server Frameworks

- Express, Java,.NET
- Wordpress
- Rails, Laravel, Django
- REST and GraphQL API

Databases

- SQL Server, MySQL, Postgres
- MongoDB
- DynamoDB, Firestore

DEV-OPS

Cloud Platforms

- AWS
- Heroku
- Google Cloud
- Firebase
- Azure
- Digital Ocean
- Netlify
- WPEngine

Application Examples

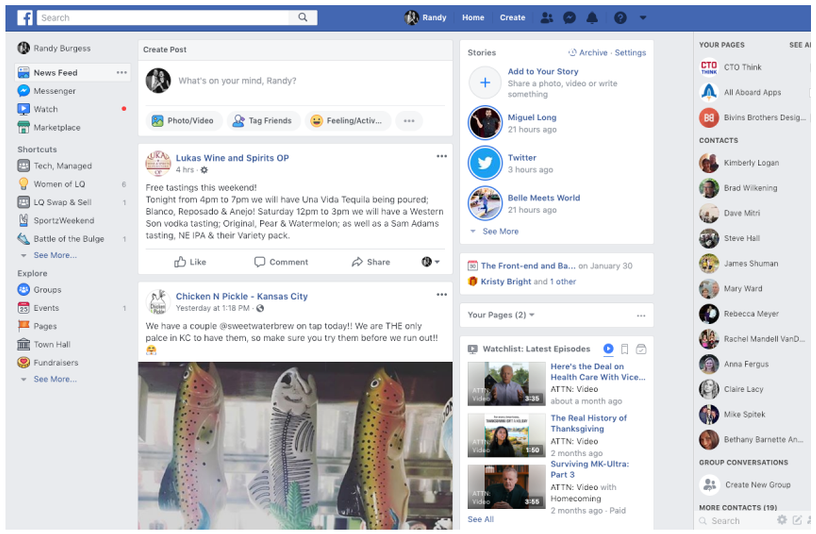
Static Website
(Front-end Heavy)

FRONT-END

BACK-END

Facebook Breakdown (Balanced)

FRONT-END



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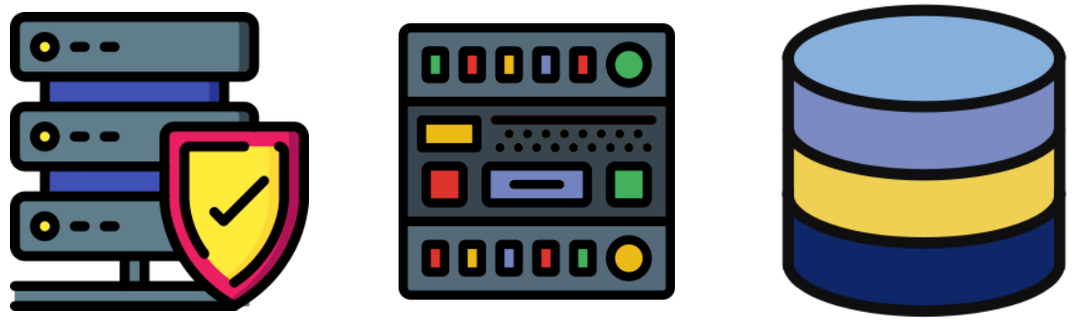

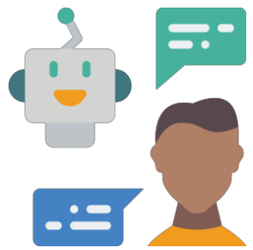

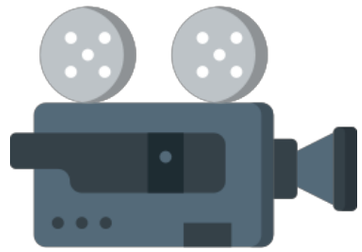

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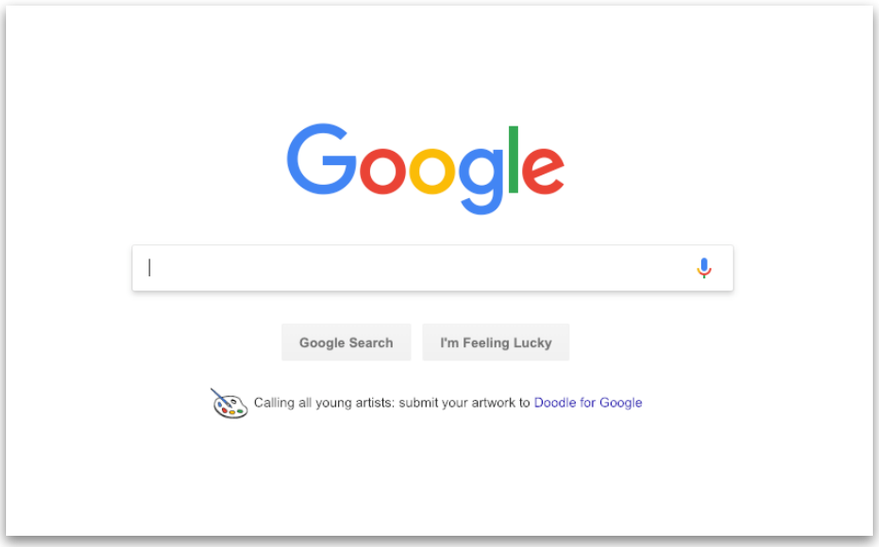
Google Home Page (Back-end Heavy)

FRONT-END



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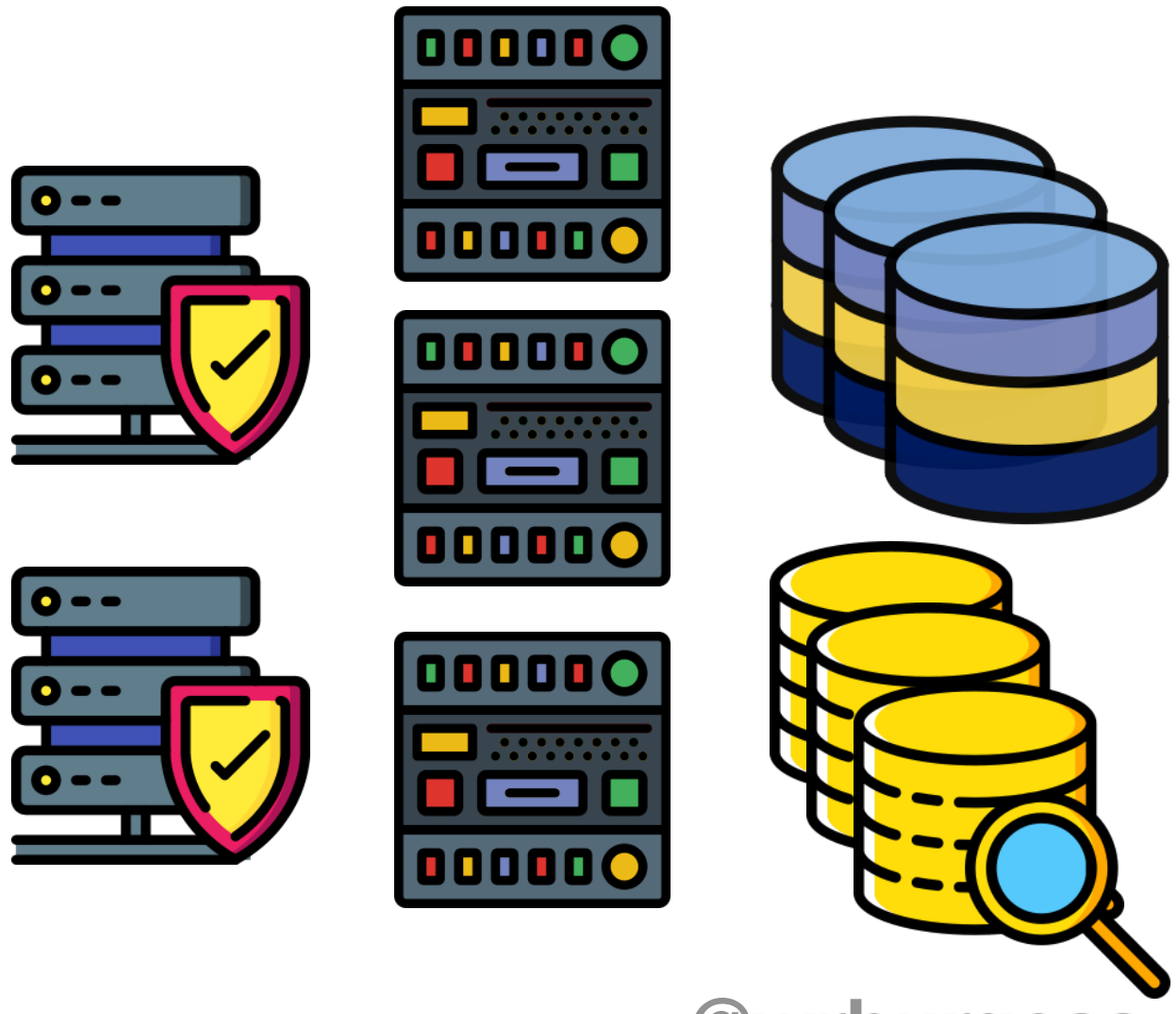


The Developers

Front-End

Hiring Devs

- Which devices are you using?
  Desktop, Tablet, Phone
- Code approach?
  Native iOS, Native Android, JavaScript
- Which front-end framework?
  Angular, React, ReactNative, Vue, Ember
- Which API are you using?
  REST, GraphQL

JavaScript is vital

5 to 7 years experience

Hiring Devs

BACK-END

10+ years of experience

- Which server framework?
  Rails, Laravel, Node Express, Django
- Which database?
  MySQL, Postgres, Mongo, Dynamo, Firestore
- Which platform?
  AWS, Heroku, Google Cloud, Firebase, Azure

What About Fullstack Devs?

- Jack-of-all-trades types
- Specializing is difficult
- Project management, product development, lead devs

Budget Constraints

- Can you only hire one developer?
  Go Fullstack
- Can you hire two developers?
  Aim for Front-end + Fullstack

Front-End

Becoming a Developer

- Start with HTML
- Learn CSS Basics, Flexbox, and CSS Grid
- Learn JavaScript Basics
- Learn Vue or React

Becoming a Developer

BACK-END

- Learn Node Express
- Learn PostgreSQL or MongoDB
- Learn REST or GraphQL APIs
- Learn Firebase or Heroku

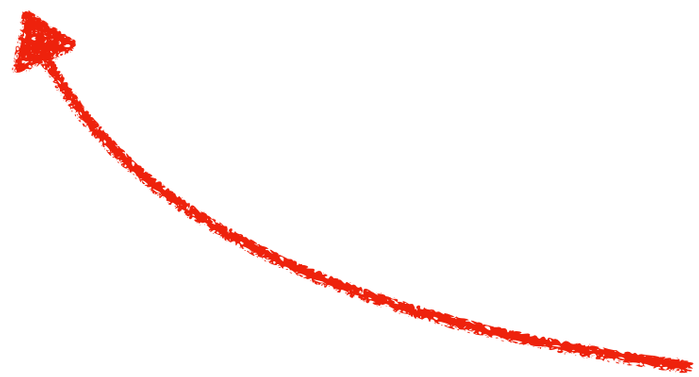
Takeaway

FRONT-END

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Focus on Users
- Mobile App Experience
- Progressive Web Apps

BACK-END

- Servers and APIS
- Data Management
- Speed and Security
- Transactions



Sidebar!

Progressive Web Apps (PWAs)

- Approach to make websites have same User Experience as a mobile app
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Download from App Stores (Google)
- Icon on Smartphone screen (Android)

The Real-End

Questions?

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