



Web Programming and Problem Solving

Basics of HTML

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Introduction



- To access a website:
 - Retrieve IP by Domain name (DNS)
 - Access the Web server by IP

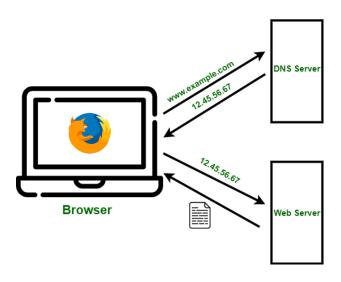


Fig.1 - Before reaching the web server

- To serve the website:
 - Implement Frontend: HTML, CSS, JS

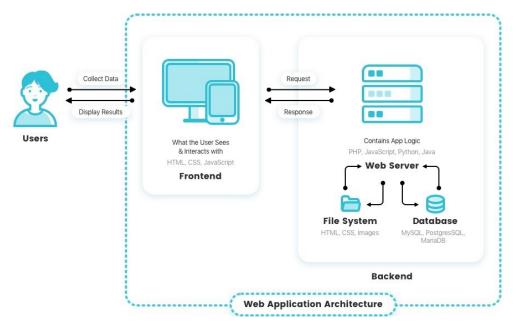


Fig.2 - After reaching the web server



HTML, CSS, Javascript



 Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) is the standard markup language for documents designed to be displayed in a web browser.

HTML 5

• It describes the structure of the web page



- Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) is a stylesheet language used to describe the presentation of a document written in HTML.
 - It describes the style of the web page
- JavaScript (JS) is a lightweight and interpreted programming (or scripting) language for Web pages.
 - It adds behavior to the web page





History of HTML





Invention of WWW, HTTP, HTML



1993

Release of WWW software (CERN)



World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)



XHTML 1.0 based on XML (W3C)



WHATWG (Mozilla, Opera, and Apple)



HTML5 release (WHATWG, W3C)



2011

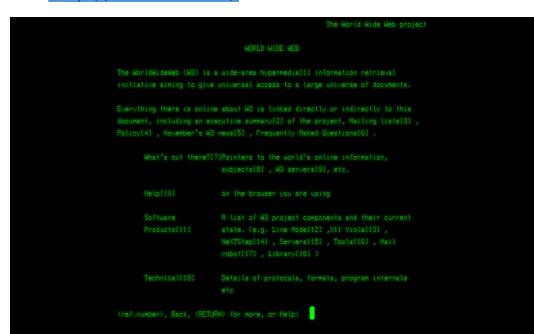
• HTML5.1, HTML5.2 and HTML5.3



Sir Timothy John Berners-Lee

(8 June 1955), TimBL, is an English computer scientist, professor at MIT, and the director of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

http://info.cern.ch/ - home of the first website





What is HTML?



Hyper-Text Markup Language

• **Hyper-Text** – a document with hyperlinks (references) to other documents

 Markup – a system (set of tags) of text annotation to control its structure, formatting and relationships between its parts

MS Word: **Bold Text**

Markdown: ** Bold Text **

LaTeX: \textbf{ Bold Text }

HTML: Bold Text

Language - a structured system of communication with its alphabet,
 vocabulary and a grammar (specific set of rules)



HTML Document



What is a HTML document?

- Text file with an extension ".htm" or ".html"
- Can be created in a text editor
 - Ex.: Notepad, TextEdit, Sublime, VS Code, Atom
- Contains markup tags (elements) which direct how a page is to be displayed by browsers
- Must have proper text encoding (UTF-8)
- HTML is not case sensitive (head = HEAD)

Example: index.html file



HTML Document



HTML document consists of elements

- **DOCTYPE** type of document
 - <!DOCTYPE html> stands for HTML5
- html root element of a HTML document
- head section for meta information (encoding, display settings, other resources)
- title title of a document, shown in browser's Tab
- body section for main content of a webpage
- h1 defines a heading [may be h1 h6]
- p defines a paragraph



HTML Elements



HTML elements must follow specific structure and rules to be correctly processed and shown in browsers

- Elements consist of opening tag, content and closing tags (except for some elements):
 - <h1>Hello, World!</h1> no spaces after < and
 - <hr>,
 <meta> no closing tags, no content
- Elements must be correctly nested
 - CORRECT: <body> <h1> Hello, World! </h1> </body></h1>
 WRONG: <body> <h1> Hello, World! </body> </h1>
- Special element for comments: <!-- Browsers don't show this content -->



HTML Attributes



- Elements may have attributes that come in name="value" pairs
 - <meta charset="UTF-8">
- Attributes provide additional information about elements
- Attributes are always specified in the opening tag
 - <h1 color='blue'> Hello, World! </h1>

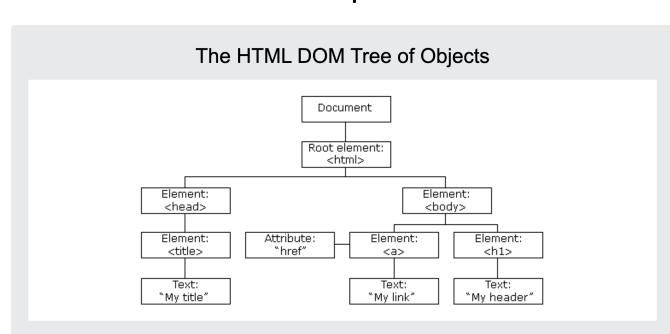
Attribute values must be in quotes (single or double)



Document Object Model



- When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a Document Object Model (DOM) of the page.
- The HTML DOM model is constructed as a Tree of Objects.
- HTML Elements can be found and accessed with JavaScript:
 - Finding elements by id
 - Finding elements by tag name
 - Finding elements by class name
 - Finding elements by CSS selectors





HTML Resources



- HTML Living Standard: https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/
- W3C Markup Validation Service: https://validator.w3.org/

 W3Schools Code Editor: https://www.w3schools.com/tryit/tryit.asp?filename=tryhtml_default

Can I use (Browser compatibility): https://caniuse.com/



Summary



- Key takeaways:
 - Web technology (frontend) is based on HTML5, CSS3 and JavaScript
 - HTML Documents are specially written text files
 - HTML elements and attributes direct browsers how to display a web page
 - Document Object Model is a tree like structure associated with HTML document

Thanks for Attention!