A Natural Language URL-Shortener

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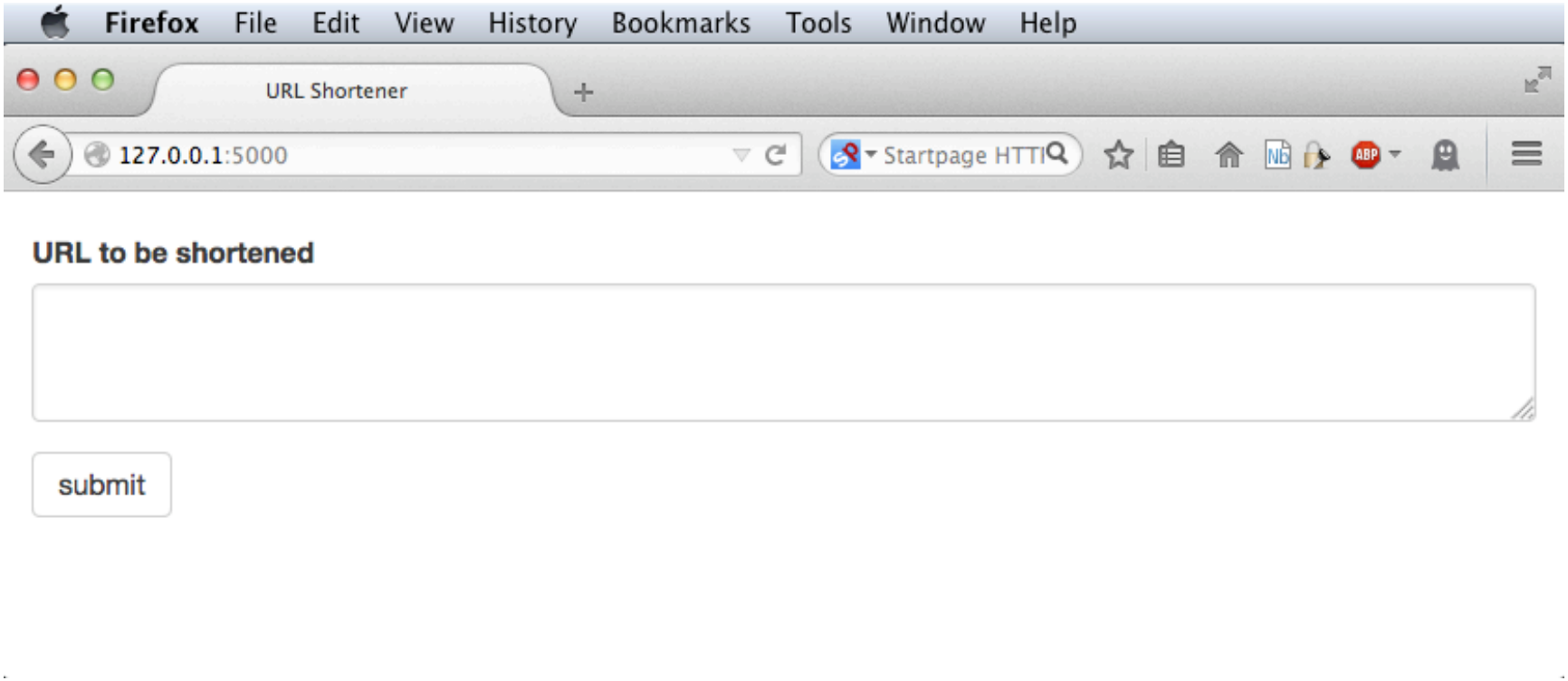
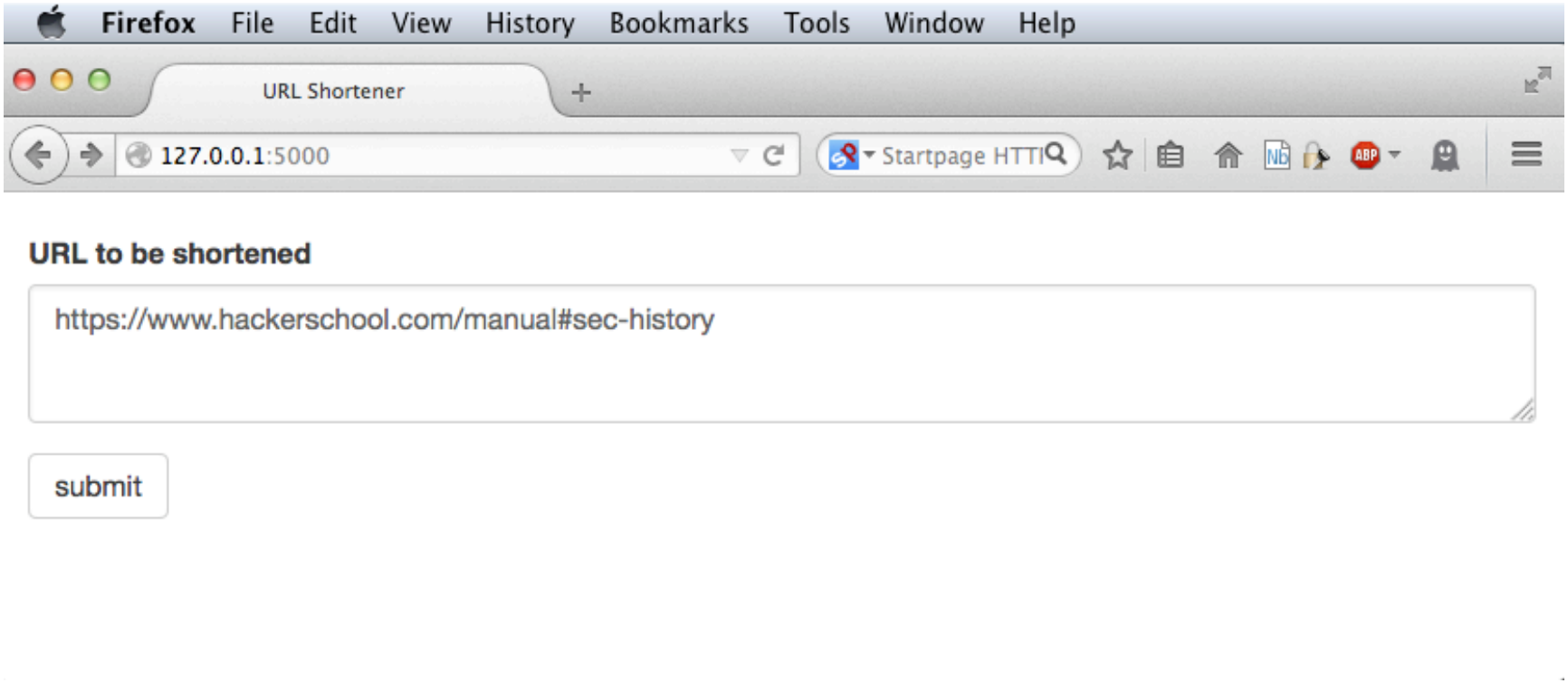
Code for proof-of-concept on my public Git repository.




Firefox File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Window Help
URL Shortener
127.0.0.1:5000
Startpage HTTI
URL to be shortened
https://www.hackerschool.com/manual#sec-history
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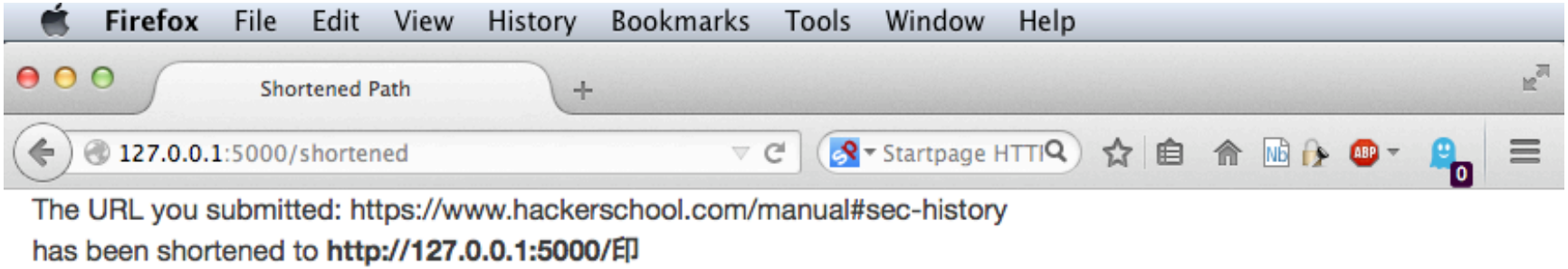
Firefox File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Window Help
Shortened Path
127.0.0.1:5000/shortened
Startpage HTTI
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Next 18,609,625,000 URLs ➔ three characters

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