

Module: Web App Development 2

Overview

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TL;DR

Design and develop modern, secure Web apps.

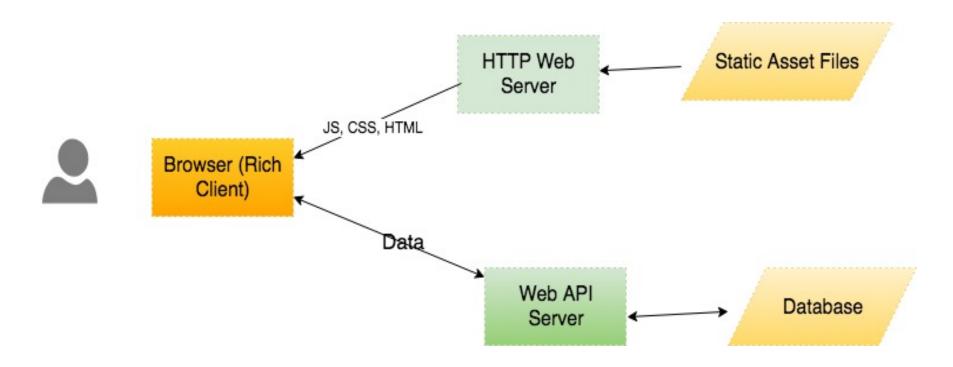
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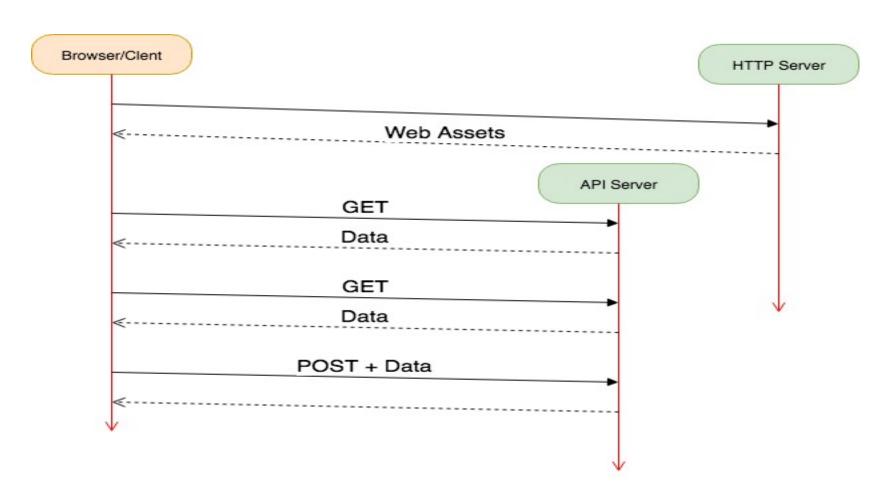
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Software installation requirements

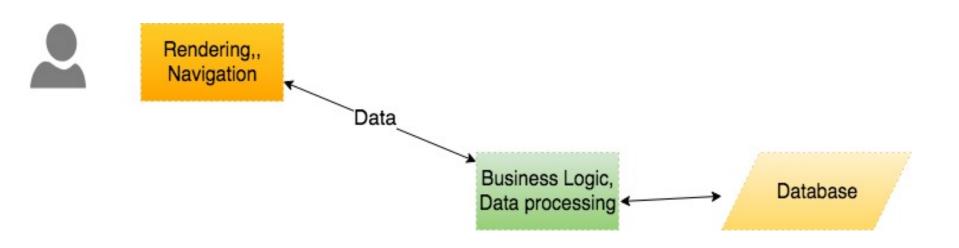
Modern Web Apps - Architecture



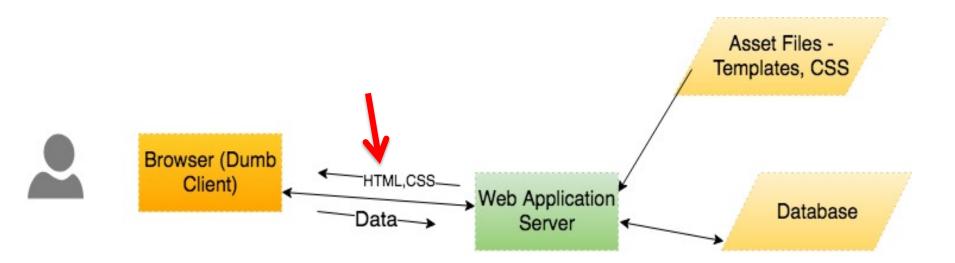
Modern Web Apps – HTTP Communications flow



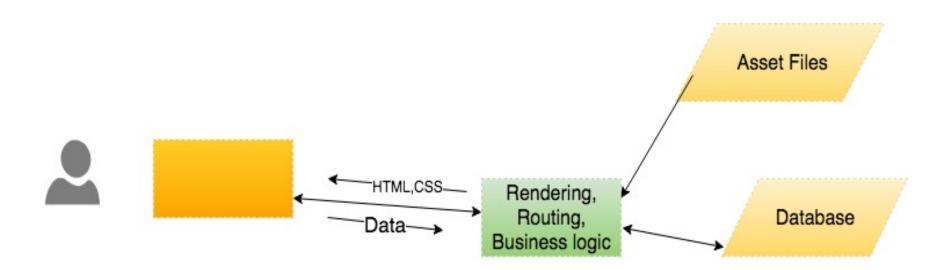
Modern Web Apps – Sub-system roles



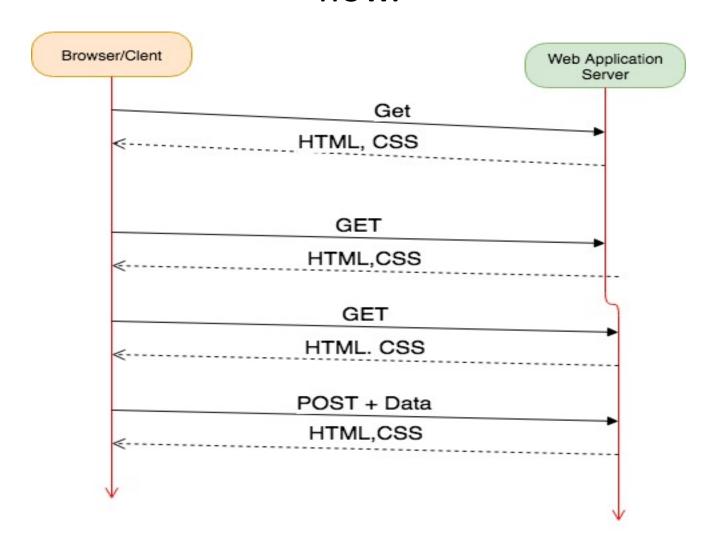
Traditional Web Apps – Architecture



Traditional Web Apps – Sub-system roles.



Traditional Web Apps – HTTP Communication flow.



Modern Web Apps.

- Early Examples: Gmail (2004), YouTube (1st generation)
 - Disadvantage:
 - Poor developer experience (DX) code bloat; poor maintainability; browser inconsistencies.
 - Lacked addressability (Key principle of the web).
- 2. Jquery A cross-platform JavaScript library to simplify the client-side scripting of HTML pages. (2006)
 - Adv.: Better developer productivity;
 - Reduced code bloat
 - Cross-browser
 - Disadvantages
 - Lacked Addressability.
 - Poor code maintainability (spaghetti code).
- 3. Single Page App (SPA) frameworks. (2010 ish)
 - Support addressability; Improved DX; Improved maintainability.

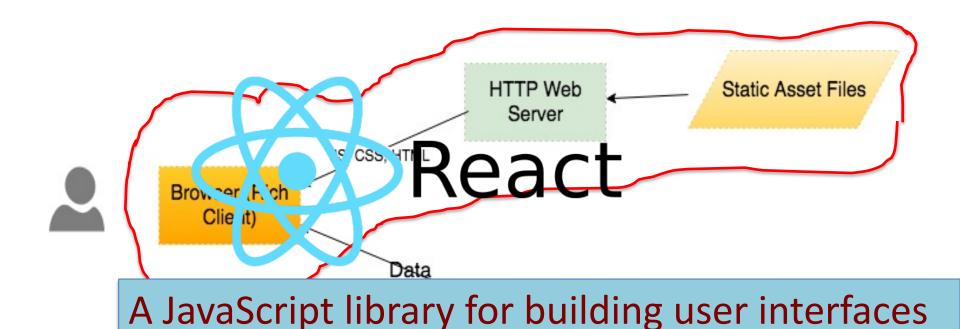
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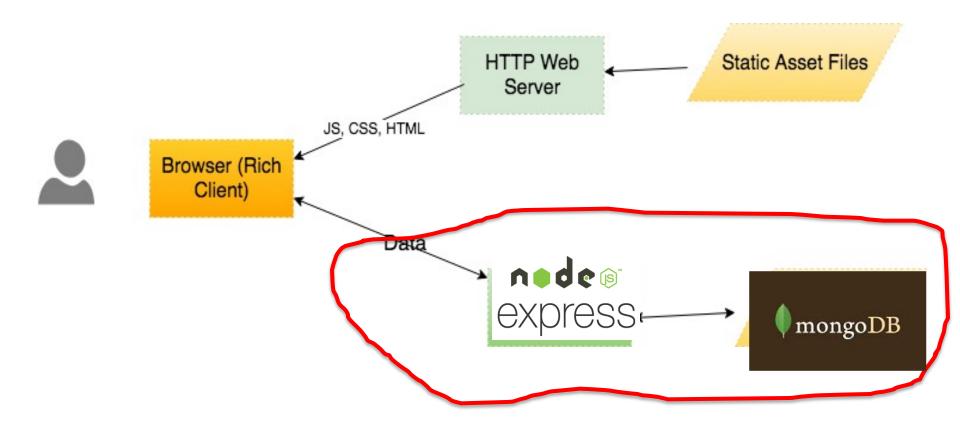
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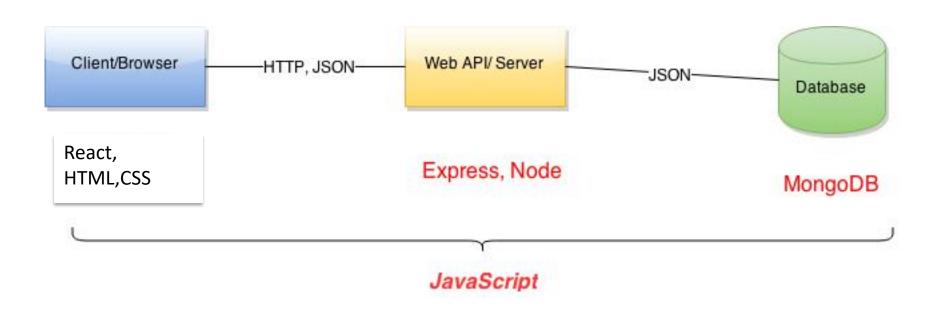
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Modern Web Apps



Modern Web App architecture.



The **MERN** stack. (Mongo, Express, React, Node)

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 - Single Page Apps, using React

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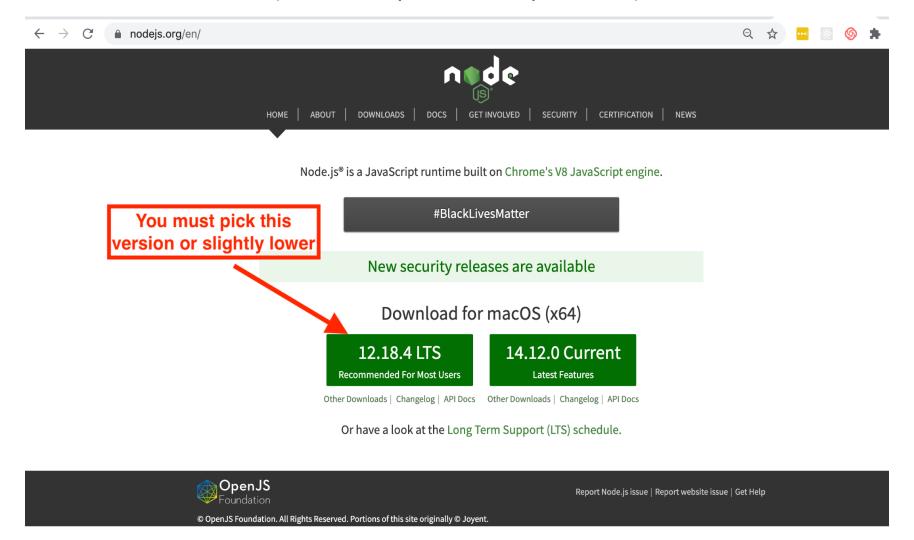
Web APIs, using Node and MongoDB

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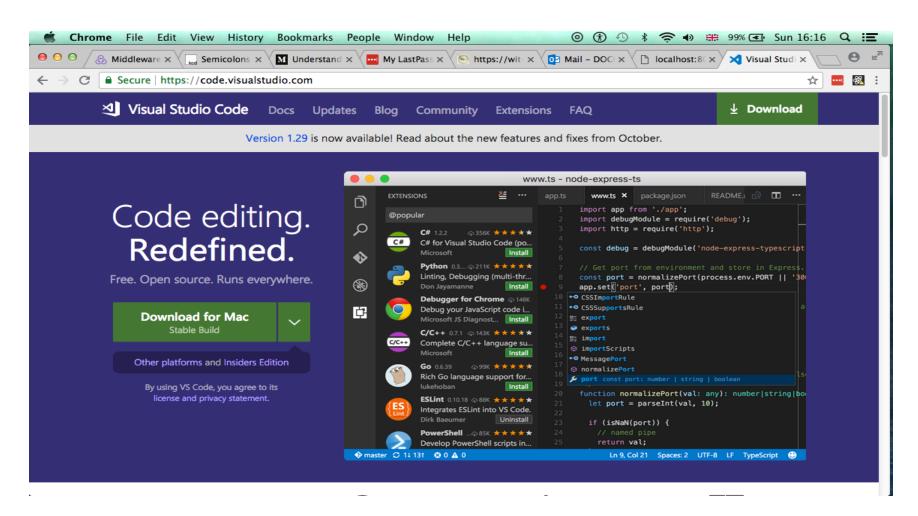
Node.js

(A JavaScript runtime platform)

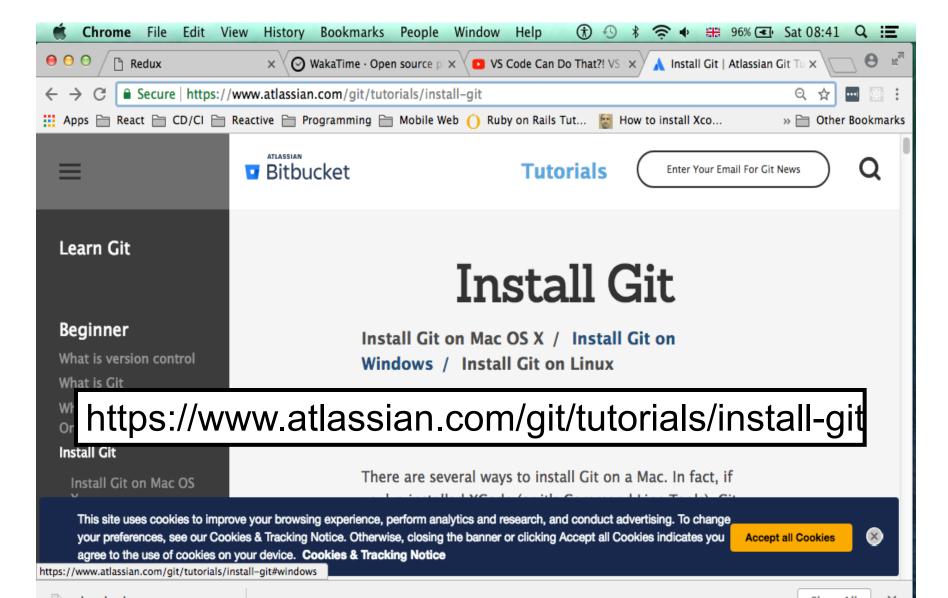


Text Editor

(Not a heavyweight IDE, thankfully)



Source Control (Git)



Summary.

- Two models of web apps:
 - Traditional Server Side Rendering (SSR)
 - Modern Client Side Rendering (CSR)
- CSR model has evolved:
 - Unmaintainable JS codebase to SPA framework based codebase.
 - No addressability to addressable.
- Server-side:
 - From SSR web applications to Web APIs.
 - REST style interface.
- NoSQL databases.

Assessment.

- 100% continuous assessment.
 - 20% lab work submissions.
 - 80% projects:
 - React SPA (40%)
 - (Integrated) Web API (40%)