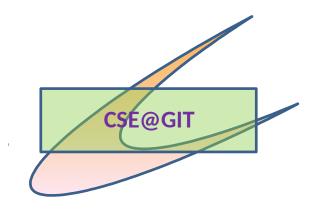
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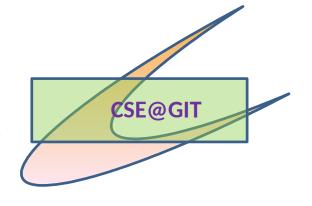
Problem Definition: 5. a) Write a Perl program to display various Server Information like Server, Name, Server Software, Server protocol, CGI Revision etc.

b) Write a Perl program to accept UNIX command from a HTML form and to display the output of the command executed.



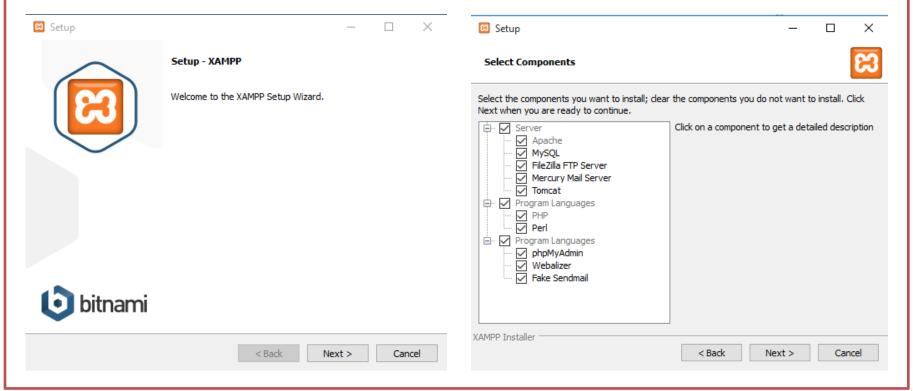
Objectives of the Experiment:

- To demonstrate the use of Common Gateway
 Interface(CGI)
- Client, server interaction
- To develop an understanding of Perl script



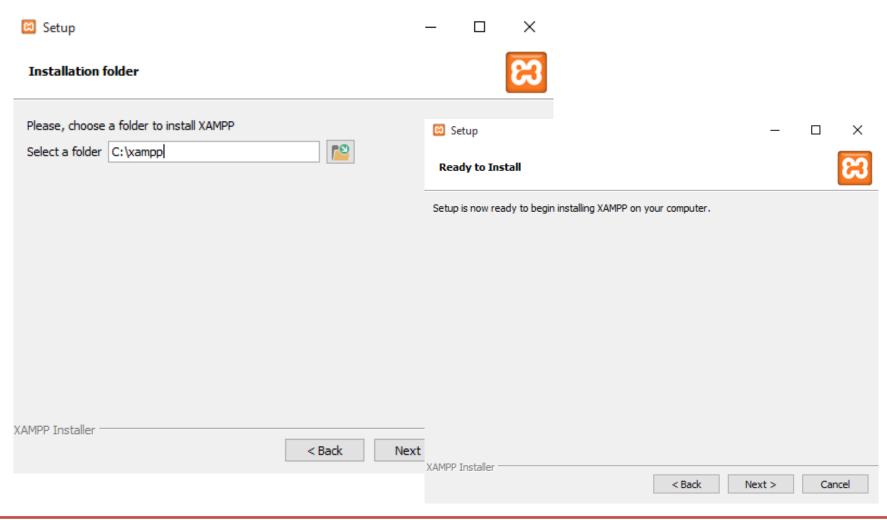
XAMPP for Windows

- XAMPP is Apache distribution containing MySQL, PHP, and Perl
- To install XAMPP: Download installer from https://www.apachefriends.org/download.html



Install XAMPP

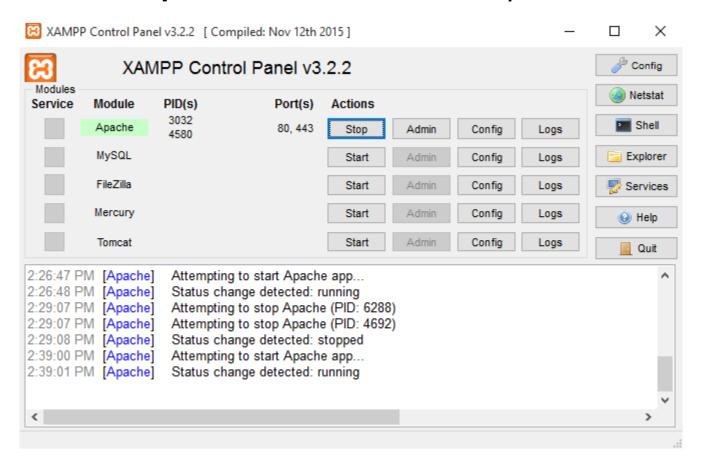
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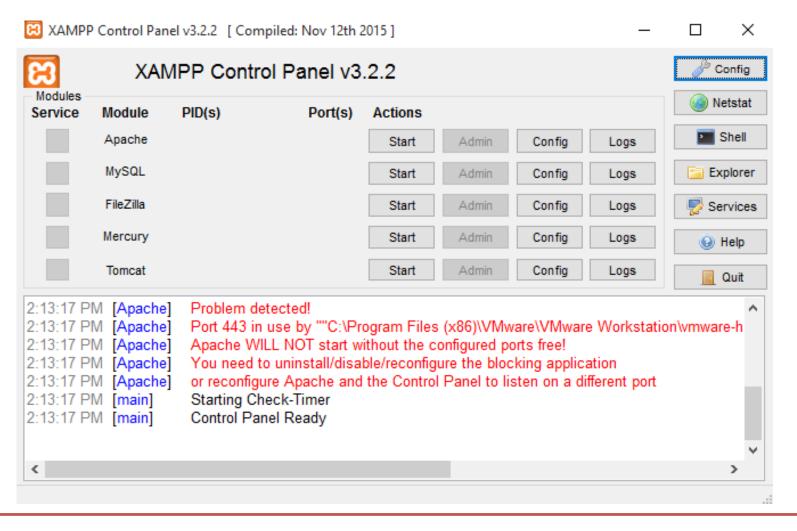
Install XAMPP



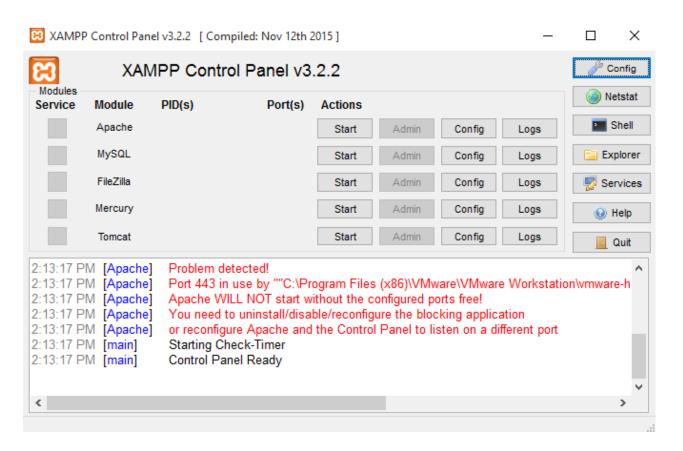
- Run XAMPP Control Panel as administrator
- If no error then **Apache** will start successfully



• But if error -



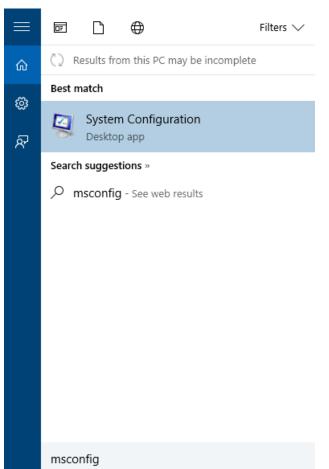
Run XAMPP Control Panel as administrator



Error: Port is being used Vmware (or may be Skype), so ...

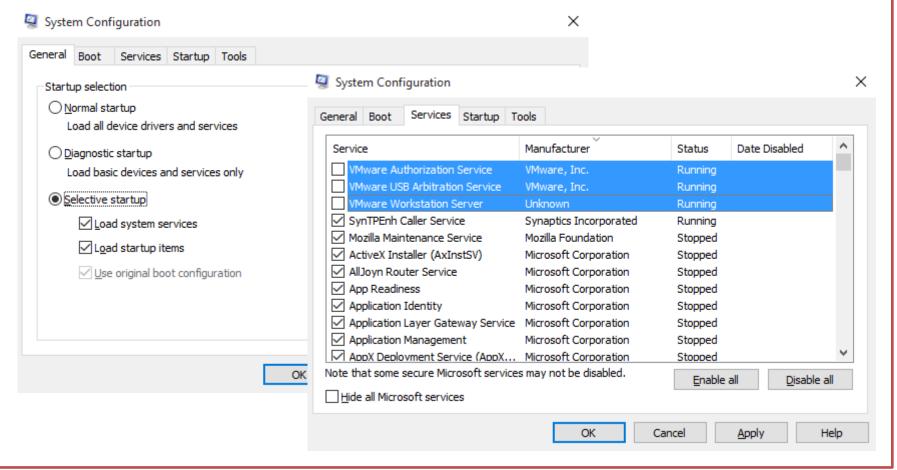
- Run XAMPP Control Panel as administrator
- Error: Port is being used Vmware (or may be Skype), so ...
- Alt + Ctrl + Delete to start Task Manager
- Stop (Kill) all VMware (or Skype . .) Processes
- Stop all VMware Services
- Start XAMPP again

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- And Stop all VMware Services
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- If it does not start then :
- Click Windows button, type msconfig
- Run as administrator



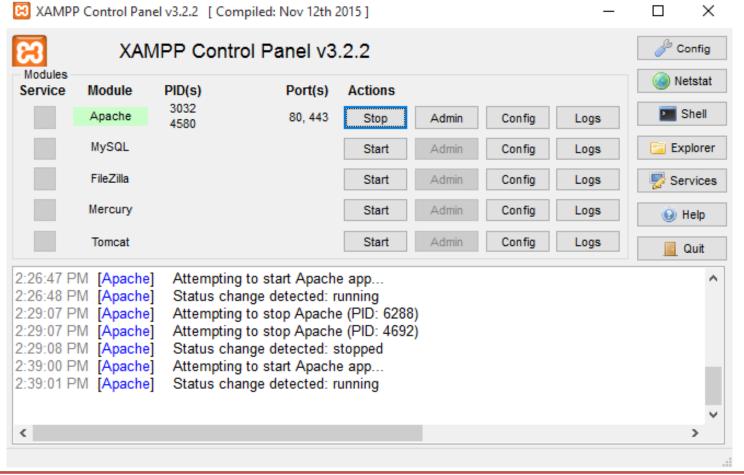
msconfig

- General -> Select Selective startup
- Service -> Unselect all VMware services, Apply and restart



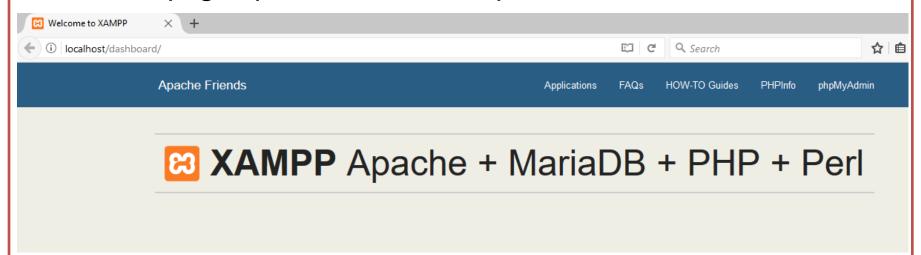
XAMPP

- Run XAMPP Control Panel as administrator
- Click Admin



Default home page: http://localhost

A defult page opens with link - http://localhost



Welcome to XAMPP for Windows 5.6.31

You have successfully installed XAMPP on this system! Now you can start using Apache, MariaDB, PHP and other components. You can find more info in the FAQs section or check the HOW-TO Guides for getting started with PHP applications.

XAMPP is meant only for development purposes. It has certain configuration settings that make it easy to develop locally but that are insecure if you want to have your installation accessible to others. If you want have your XAMPP accessible from the internet, make sure you understand the implications and you checked the FAQs to learn how to protect your site. Alternatively you can use WAMP, MAMP or LAMP which are similar packages which are more suitable for production.

Start the XAMPP Control Panel to check the server status.

CGI

- Common Gateway Interface (CGI) programming
- Static vs Dynamic content
- CGI defines a way for a web server to interact with external content-generating programs
- It is a simple way to put dynamic content web site, using any programming language
- Widely used: Java Servlet, ASP.NET, Python, Ruby, Perl
- In order to get your CGI programs to work properly, you'll need to have Apache configured to permit CGI execution
- .htaccess , httpd.conf

[http://httpd.apache.org/docs/current/howto/cgi.html]

CGI

Differences between "regular" programming, and CGI programming:

All output from CGI program must be preceded by a **MIMEtype** header

This is HTTP header that tells the client what sort of content it is receiving.

Most of the time, this will look like:

Content-type: text/html

CGI

Differences between "regular" programming, and CGI programming:

Output needs to be in HTML, or some other format that a browser will be able to display

Most of the time, this will be HTML, but occasionally you might write a CGI program that outputs a gif image, or other non-HTML content

CGI program will look a lot like any other program

- Default page is rendered from location C:\xampp\htdocs
- Custom HTML webpages, Perl, PHP pages can be saved in new folders created under C:\xampp\htdocs
- Create new folder called as "perl" in htdocs
- Can be accessed as :



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 Generally on UNIX like systems: custom HTML are saved under /var/www/ or /opt/lampp/htdocs



[Author: Randal Schwartz from Portland, OR, USA]

Perl

- Perl: Perl is a general-purpose programming language originally developed for text manipulation and now used for a wide range of tasks including system administration, web development, network programming, GUI development
- Larry Wall, major : chemistry
- Perl 5
- The Swiss Army chainsaw of scripting languages
- Official Perl documentation states that :
 - 1. Larry is always by definition right about how Perl should behave. This means he has final veto power on the core functionality.
 - 2. Larry is allowed to change his mind about any matter at a later date, regardless of whether he previously invoked Rule 1. Got that? Larry is always right, even when he was wrong.

[https://www.perl.org/]

Perl

- Supports both procedural and object-oriented (OO) programming
- Perl documentation : perdoc
- To solve a problem : There's More Than One Way To Do It
- Perl program genrally saved with extension .pl
- hello.pl

```
print " Hello World \n "
```

- To run a Perl program
- XAMP installation, Windows: Perl available in
 C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl.exe
 (Or in UNIX like systems, if Perl is installed, directly:)
- perl hello.pl

perl hello.pl

Hello World

Perl

- To run directly (like a Shell Script:)
- As first line in program : #!PathOfperl.exe

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl #!/usr/bin/perl
```

Then to run : ./hello.pl

- use strict; will cause code to stop immediately when problem is encountered
- use warnings; will merely give a warning and let your code run [http://perldoc.perl.org/perlintro.html]

Perl Script / Program

- No need to have a main() function
- Perl statements end in a semi-colon;
- Comments start with a hash symbol and run to the end of the line
 # This is a comment
- Whitespace is irrelevant, except inside quoted strings:

 Double quotes or single quotes may be used around literal strings

```
print " Hello World \n "

print ' Hello World \n World \n
```

Perl Script / Program

- Only double quotes "interpolate" variables and special characters such as newlines \n
- Single quotes treats as string

```
my $name="What's in a name";
print " Hello $name \n "
print ' Hello $name \n';
print ' Hello $name \n';
```

- Parentheses can be used for function's arguments or omited
- Required to clarify issues of precedence

```
print("Hello, world\n");
```

Perl variable types

- Scalars, Arrays and Hashes
- Scalar represents a single value
 my \$animal = "camel";
 my \$answer = 42;
- Scalar values can be strings, integers or floating point numbers, and Perl will automatically convert between them as required
- There is no need to pre-declare your variable types,
- But you have to declare them using the my keyword the first time you use them (One of the requirements of use strict;)

```
print $animal;
print "The animal is $animal\n";
print "The square of $answer is ", $answer * $answer, "\n";
```

```
camelThe animal is camel
The square of 42 is 1764
```

Perl variable types

Scalars, Arrays and Hashes

Array represents a list of values

```
my @animals = ("camel", "llama", "owl");
my @numbers = (23, 42, 69);
my @mixed = ("camel", 42, 1.23);
```

Arrays are zero-indexed

```
print $animals[0];
print $animals[1];
```

- Variable \$#array tells you the index of the last element of an array
 print \$mixed[\$#mixed];
- Array slice : get multiple values

```
@animals[0,1]
@animals[0..2]
@animals[1..$#animals]
```

Perl variable types

- Scalars, Arrays and Hashes
- Hashes: represent set of key/value pairs
- Use whitespace and the => operator to lay them out

```
my %fruit_color = ("apple", "red", "banana", "yellow");
my %fruit_color = (
    apple => "red",
    banana => "yellow",
);
```

To get at hash elements: \$fruit_color{"apple"}

- if
- unless
- while
- until
- for
- foreach

```
• if if ( condition ) {
    } elsif ( other condition ) {
    } else {
                      unless ( condition ) {
 unless
 Negated version of if
```

• if and unless

```
my $zippy="Two and a half";
my $bananas="";
# the traditional way
if ($zippy) {
    print "Yow!";
}
# the Perlish post-condition way
print "Yow!" if $zippy;
print "We have no bananas" unless $bananas;
```

while

```
while ( condition ) {
    ...
}
```

until
 Negated version of while

```
until ( condition ) {
    ...
}
```

print "LA LA LA\n" while 1;

• for

```
for ($i = 0; $i <= $max; $i++) {
   ...
}</pre>
```

- C style for loop
- Perl provides the more friendly list scanning foreach loop

Can we expect this soon ?

```
for (₹i = 0; ₹i <= ₹max; ₹i++) {
    ...
}</pre>
```

```
foreach
           my @animals = ("camel", "llama", "owl");
           my @numbers = (23, 42, 69);
           my %fruit color = (
               apple => "red",
                banana => "yellow",
            );
foreach (@animals) {
    print "This element is $_\n";
print $numbers[$ ] foreach 0 .. $#numbers;
# you don't have to use the default $ either...
foreach my $key (keys %fruit color) {
    print "The \$key is $key \n";
    print "The value of $key is $fruit color{$key}\n";
```

Builtin operators and functions

- Arithmetic
- Numeric comparison
- String comparison
- Boolean logic
- Miscellaneous

Builtin operators and functions

- Arithmetic
- + addition
- subtraction
- * multiplication
- / division
- Numeric comparison

```
== equality
```

- != inequality
- < less than
- > greater than
- less than OR equal
- >= greater than OR equal

Builtin operators and functions

String comparison

```
eq equality
ne inequality
lt less than
gt greater than
le less than OR equal
ge greater than OR equal
```

Boolean logic

```
&& AND
|| OR
! NOT
```

Miscellaneous

Builtin operators and functions

Miscellaneous

```
assignment
string concatenation
string multiplication
range operator (creates a list of numbers OR strings)
   my $a=1;
   $a += 1; # same as $a = $a + 1
   print " a = a";
   $a -= 1; # same as $a = $a - 1
   print " a = a";
   a = "\n"; # same as $a = $a . "\n";
   print " a = a";
```

Files and I/O

• open() - open a file for input or output

```
open(my $in, "<", "input.txt") or die "Can't open input.txt: $!";
open(my $out, ">", "output.txt") or die "Can't open output.txt: $!";
open(my $log, ">>", "my.log") or die "Can't open my.log: $!";
```

- Read from an open filehandle using the <> operator
- In scalar context it reads a single line from the filehandle

```
my $line = <$in>;
my @lines = <$in>;
```

 In list context it reads the whole file in, assigning each line to an element of the list

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Files and I/O

• **print()** can also take an optional first argument specifying which filehandle to print to :

```
my $message="Remember, Hope is a good thing, \n";
my $logmessage="maybe the best of things,
    and no good thing ever dies - Stephen King\n";

print STDERR "Program testing can be used to show
        the presence of bugs, but never to
        show their absence!. - Dijkstra\n";
print $out $message;
print $log $logmessage;
```

• When completed with read / write operation on files : close()

```
close $in or die "$in: $!";
close $out or die "$out: $!";
close $log or die "$log: $!";
```

Programming Style

Object uriented or Function oriented

```
• use #!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI; # load CGI routines
```

- CGI has routines to :
 - Retrieve CGI parameters
 - Create HTML tags
 - Manage cookie

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw/:standard/; # load standard CGI routines
```

[http://perldoc.perl.org/CGI.html]

Programming Style

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw/:standard/; # load standard CGI routines
print ( header( ) );
                                        # create the HTTP header
print start html('hello world'); # start the HTML
print h1('hello world');
                                    # level 1 header
                                        # end the HTML
print end html;
<!DOCTYPE html
    PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en-US" xml:lang="en-US">
<head>
<title>hello world</title>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />
</head>
                                                 orld - Mozilla Firefox
<body>
                                                   Hello world
<h1>hello world</h1>
                                                  ( localhost/perl/hello00.pl
</body>
</html>
                                                  hello world
```

Environment Variables

```
foreach my $key ( keys %ENV )
{
   print " $key <br/>}
```

ENV Variables

ENV Variable Names =
SCRIPT_NAME
REQUEST_METHOD
HTTP_ACCEPT
SCRIPT_FILENAME
REQUEST_SCHEME
SERVER_SOFTWARE
QUERY_STRING
REMOTE_PORT
HTTP_USER_AGENT
SERVER_SIGNATURE
HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE
HTTP_UPGRADE_INSECURE_REQUESTS
MOD_PERL_API_VERSION
PATH

GATEWAY INTERFACE DOCUMENT ROOT UNIQUE ID SERVER NAME HTTP REFERER HTTP ACCEPT ENCODING LD LIBRARY PATH SERVER ADMIN HTTP CONNECTION CONTEXT PREFIX SERVER PORT REMOTE ADDR CONTEXT DOCUMENT ROOT SERVER PROTOCOL REQUEST URI SERVER ADDR HTTP HOST MOD PERL

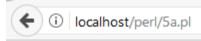
Environment Variables and Values

```
print " ENV Variable <strong> Name = Value </strong> <br/>";
foreach my $key ( keys %ENV )
    print " $key = $ENV{$key} <br/>";
ENV Variable Name = Value
SCRIPT NAME = /perl/ENV.pl
REQUEST METHOD = GET
HTTP ACCEPT = text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
SCRIPT FILENAME = /opt/lampp/htdocs/perl/ENV.pl
REQUEST SCHEME = http
SERVER SOFTWARE = Apache/2.4.25 (Unix) OpenSSL/1.0.2j PHP/7.1.1 mod perl/2.0.8-dev Perl/v5.16.3
QUERY STRING =
REMOTE PORT = 46258
HTTP USER AGENT = Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86 64; rv:55.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/55.0
SERVER SIGNATURE =
HTTP CACHE CONTROL = max-age=0
HTTP ACCEPT LANGUAGE = en-US,en;q=0.5
HTTP UPGRADE INSECURE REQUESTS = 1
MOD PERL API VERSION = 2
PATH = /usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/snap/bin
```

5a. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw(:standard);
print header();
print start_html();
print "<b>Server name :</b> $ENV{'SERVER_NAME'}<br/>print "<b>Server port :</b> $ENV{'SERVER_PORT'}<br/>print "<b>Server software :</b> $ENV{'SERVER_SOFTWARE'}<br/>print "<b>Server protocol :</b> $ENV{'SERVER_PROTOCOL'}<br/>print "<b>CGI Revision :</b> $ENV{'GATEWAY_INTERFACE'}<br/>print end_html();
```

Sample Run



Server name: localhost

Server port: 80

Server software: Apache/2.4.26 (Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2l PHP/5.6.31

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1

CGI Revision: CGI/1.1

5a. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

FETCHING THE NAMES OF ALL THE PARAMETERS PASSED TO YOUR SCRIPT

- If the script was invoked with a parameter list
- http://localhost/perl/script.pl?name1=value1&name2=value2
- param() method will return the parameter names as a list

```
localhost/perl/ENV.pl?name1=Mukunda&name2=Murari
            $value1 = param("name1");
            $value2 = param("name2");
print " name1 = $value1 <br/> name2 = $value2 <br/> <br/>"
                   name1 = Mukunda
                   name2 = Murari
```

Invoke UNIX commands in Perl Script

- system() call, back ticks, quote execute
- system(command), `command`, qx/command/
- Differences is in the returning value
- system call returns the return value of that command execution
- `` and qx return command execution's output

```
$cmd = param("cmd");
print "<h1>The output of $cmd is:</h1>";
print system($cmd) , "<br/>print `$cmd` , "<br/>print qx/$cmd/ , "<br/>;
print qx{$cmd/ , "<br/>";
```

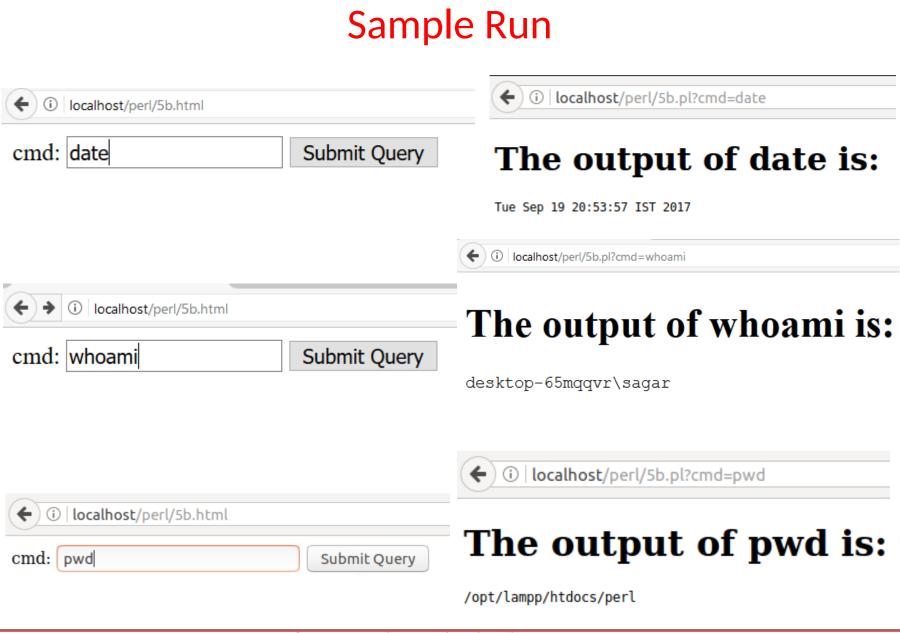
5b. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

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5b. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw(:standard);
print header();
print start_html();
$cmd = param("cmd");
print "<h1>The output of $cmd is:</h1>";
print "".`$cmd`."";
print end_html();
```

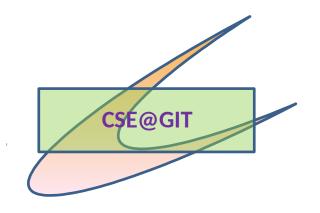
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Experiment No. 6

Problem Definition: 6. a) Write a Perl program to accept the User Name and display a greeting message randomly chosen from a list of 4 greeting messages.

b) Write a Perl program to keep track of the number of visitors visiting the web page and to display this count of visitors, with proper headings.



Random number generation

- int (rand (EXPR))
- returns a random integer between 0 and EXPR, inclusive

```
print rand(10);
```

- returns a random integer between 0 and 9, inclusive
- rand is not cryptographically secure
- Should not rely on it in security-sensitive situations

https://perldoc.perl.org/functions/rand.html]

6a. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

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6a. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw(:standard);
print header();
print start_html();

$name=param("name");
@arr = ("Hi", "Hey", "Hello", "Welcome");
print "<h1> $arr[rand(4)] $name </h1>";

print end_html();
```

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Sample Run

(i localhost/perl/6a.html		
Name:	Submit Query	
(localhost/perl/6a.html		
Name: Bond	Submit Query	
(i) localhost/perl/6a.html		1
Name: Bond Ionic Bond	Submit Query	
		calhort /norl/62 pl2pama = Rond + Ionic + Ro

Hey Bond Ionic Bond

What changes have to be done for:





What changes have to be done for:







Changes:

```
print header(-charset=>'utf-8');
```

6b. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

```
# When script 6b.pl is called
   Open a file called as count.txt
#
   Read from file count.txt
#
      Read from file returns 0 if first run
        as file does not have any content
#
      Esle read returns number saved in count.txt
#
   Save content read from file in variable count
#
   Increment count
#
   Write count to same file , But
    Not append mode, over write existing content
    Every time the script is called,
      remembers how many times the script invoked
```

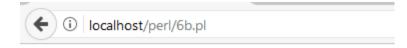
6b. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw(:standard);
print header();
print start html();
open(FILE, "<count.txt");
$count=<FILE>;
close(FILE);
$count++;
open(FILE, ">count.txt");
print FILE $count;
close(FILE);
print "<h1>Accessed $count times</h1>";
```

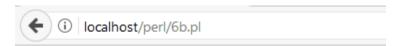
print end html();

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Sample Run



Accessed 1 times



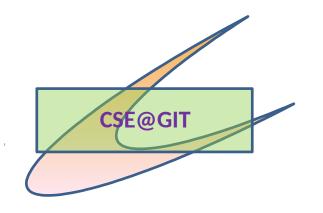
Accessed 2 times

Sample Run

```
</html>rahul@WhySoSerious:/opt/lampp/htdocs/perl$ perl 6b.pl
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1
.<!DOCTYPE html</pre>
        PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
         "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en-US" xml:lang="en-US">
<head>
<title>Untitled Document</title>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />
</head>
<body>
<h1>Accessed 31 times</h1>
</body>
</html>rahul@WhySoSerious:/opt/lampp/htdocs/perl$ perl 6b.pl
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1
<!DOCTYPE html
        PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
         "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en-US" xml:lang="en-US">
<head>
<title>Untitled Document</title>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />
</head>
<body>
<h1>Accessed 32 times</h1>
</body>
```

Experiment No. 7

Problem Definition: 7. Write a Perl program to display a digital clock which displays the current time of the server.



time

- **time()**: returns the number of non-leap seconds since whatever time the system considers to be the epoch, suitable for feeding to "gmtime" and "**localtime**".
- On most systems the epoch is 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970

[perldoc -f time]

localtime

 localtime: Converts a time as returned by the time function to a 9-element list with the time analyzed for the local time zone

- All list elements are numeric and come straight out of the C 'struct tm'
- \$sec , \$min , and \$hour are the seconds, minutes, and hours of the specified time
- \$mday is the day of the month
- \$mon the month in the range 0..11, with 0 indicating January and 11 indicating December
- \$year contains the number of years since 1900

localtime

 localtime: Converts a time as returned by the time function to a 9-element list with the time analyzed for the local time zone

- \$wday is the day of the week, with 0 indicating Sunday and 3 indicating Wednesday
- \$yday is the day of the year, in the range 0..364 (or 0..365 in leap years)
- \$isdst is true if the specified time occurs during Daylight Saving Time, false otherwise

```
[ https://perldoc.perl.org/functions/localtime.html ]
```

Refresh

To refresh page ever second :
 Include refresh: 1 before create header function call is made

```
use CGI qw(:standard);
print "refresh: 1\n";
print header();
```

or

or

Include REFRESH property of header function

```
use CGI qw(:standard);
print header(-REFRESH=>"1");
print start_html();
```

Meta tag of start_html

7. Pseudo Code / Outline of the Algorithm

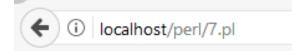
```
#!C:\xampp\perl\bin\perl
use CGI qw(:standard);
print "refresh: 1\n";
print header();
print start_html();

($s,$m,$h)=localtime(time());
print "The time is: $h:$m:$s";

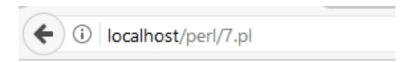
print end_html();
```

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Sample Run



The time is: 17:31:32



The time is: 17:32:0

Learning Outcomes of the Experiment

At the end of the session, students should be able to:

- 1) Explain the features of Perl. [L2]
- 2) Experiment with the usage of basic programming concepts like variables, data types and conditional and looping statements [L3]

