Web 3

Week 2. September 5th, 2012.

Today's Agenda!

- WTF/LOL: What exactly did we learn last week?
- OMG: Get your MAMP on. And then some real, actual fun.



Never forget.

A server is nothing magical. It's just a computer.

Languages on the server

- Common options: PHP, Ruby, Python, Java.
- New to the scene: JavaScript (NodeJS)
 - How to evaluate one vs. the other?
 - Speed: (depends more on you than the flavor you choose)
 - Ease: (depends more on you than the flavor you choose)

Waitwaitwait...

JavaScript on the server?
But I thought JS was for clicky fadey moving stuff animated doodley

That's true... on the client side.

There is no point in doing this on the server.

Any guesses why?

Server = PRE-processor

PRE as in before. That means the OUTPUT of the code on the server is typically text.

```
1  var http = require('http');
2  var port = 1337;
3
4  // start a server on port 1337.
5  http.createServer(function (req, res) {
6    res.writeHead(200, {'Content-Type': 'text/plain'});
7    res.end('Hello World\n');
8  }).listen(port, '127.0.0.1');
9
10  console.log('Server running at http://127.0.0.1:1337/');
```

JS on the server

Same language, different objective.

In other words

Everything you write on the server happens before the user sees anything on the site.

And I do mean everything.

Even Ajax. Your web browser loads your site up front. JS then makes subsequent requests to the server and handles the



Zen of the Web

In order to build connected things you must understand this Golden Cycle™.

From this moment on

You will be learning multiple things at once.
On the server side: PHP (or your choice as best as I can help)
On the client side: HTML, CSS and JS (or your choice as best as I can help)

Where does design fit in?

Code is irrelevant without design. Code is an extension of design. I expect you will apply your design chops to everything here.

OMG

Today's Impossible Thing

- 1. Get MAMP (or WAMP) up and running.
 - 2. Funzo time! Yayyyyy!



MAMP

MAMP vocab!

- \bullet M = Mac. Your computer, dummy.
- A = Apache. Remember that from last week?
- M = MySQL. Database software.
- P = PHP. A server side language.

Download MAMP.

Install MAMP by dragging it to your Applications folder.

Open MAMP.

Click Start Servers.

Bet you didn't think it'd be that easy.

Some more shit I do!

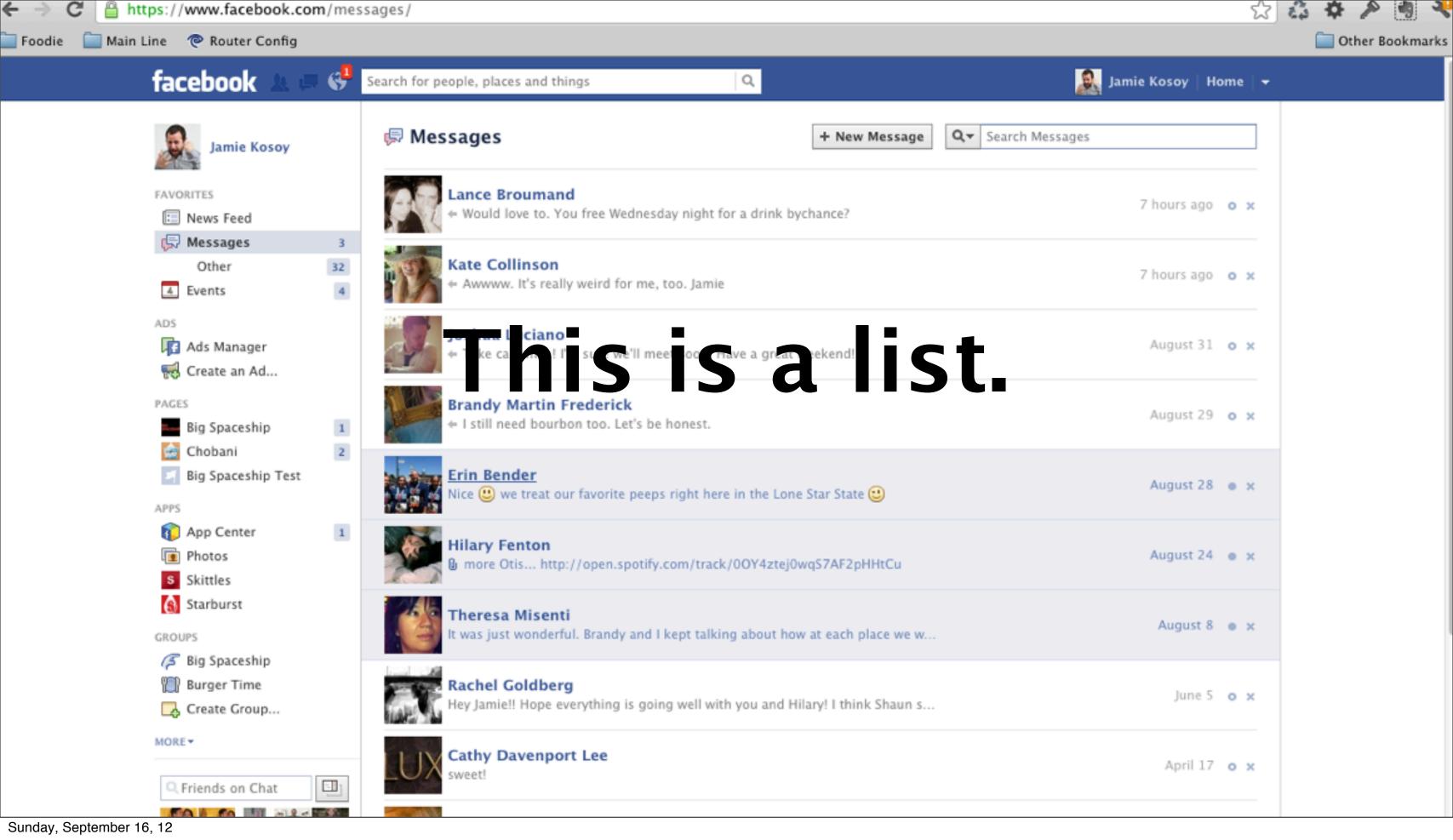
- Set Apache to run on Port 80. As we know, this is the default HTTP port.
- Set your Document Root directory (aka the base dir of your web server).
- Uncheck that blasted "Open start page at startup" box. So annoying!

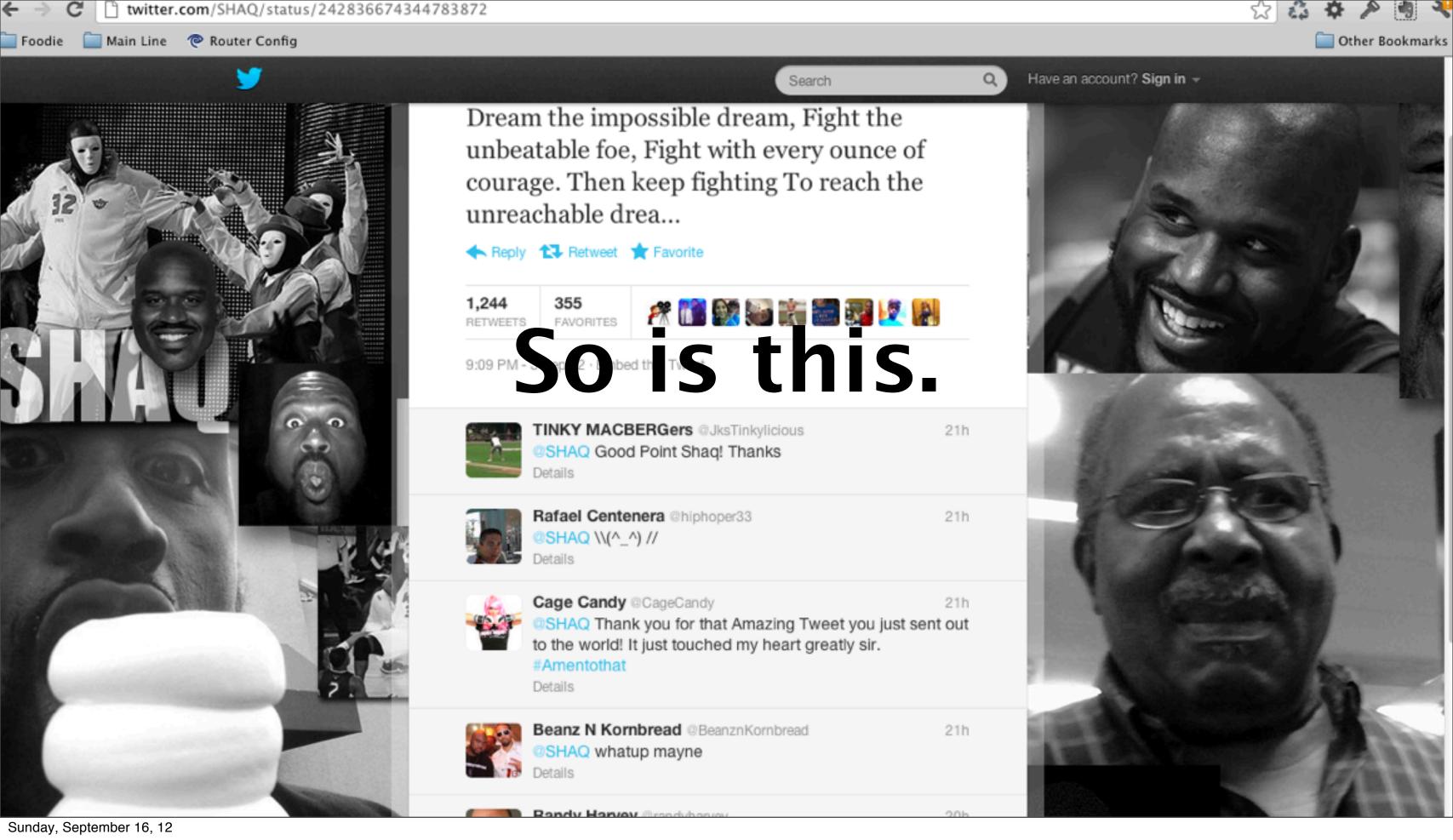
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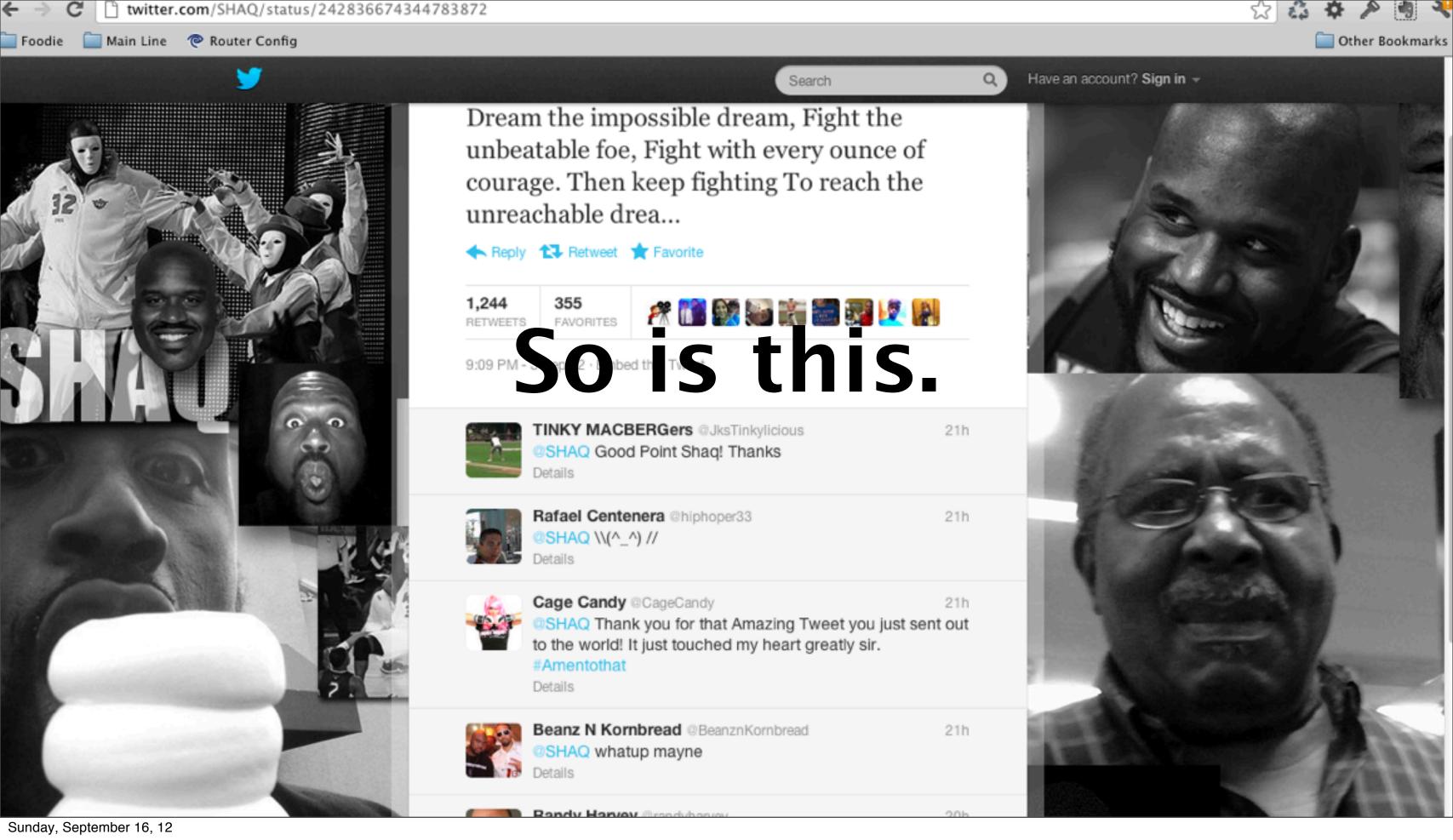
Let's do something real and fun.

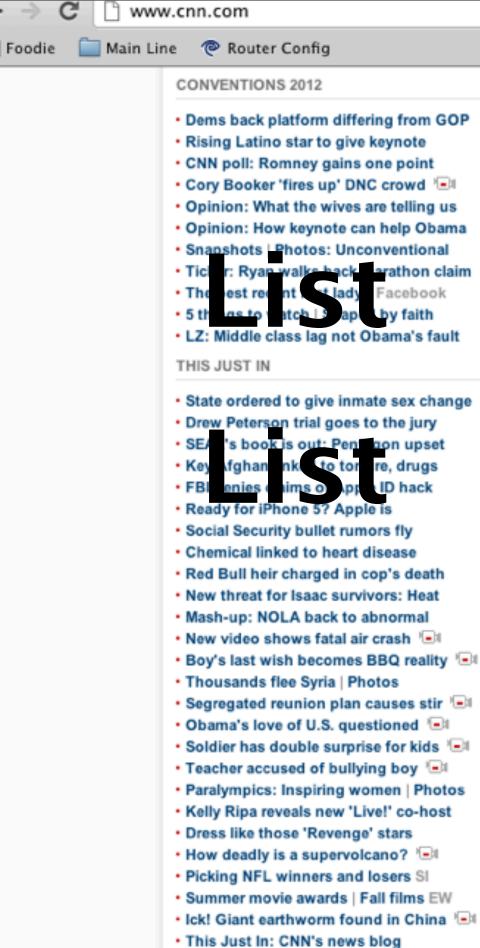
Define.

Can anyone here tell me what an array is?



















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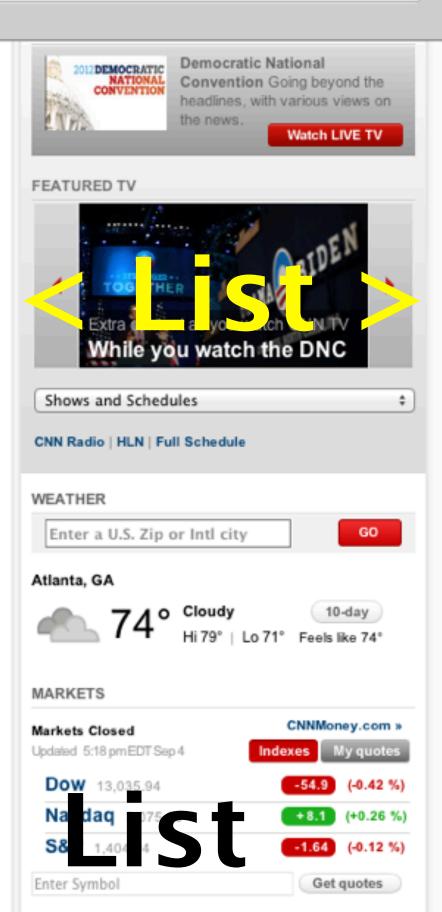
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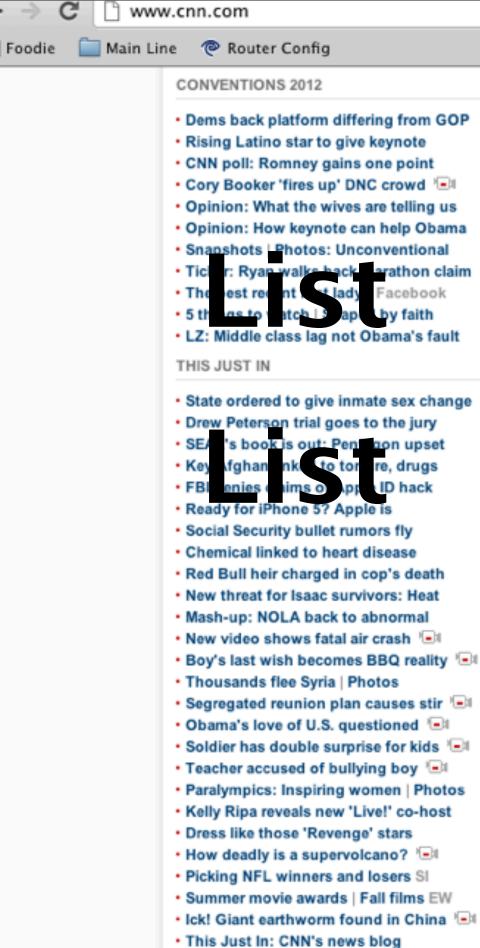
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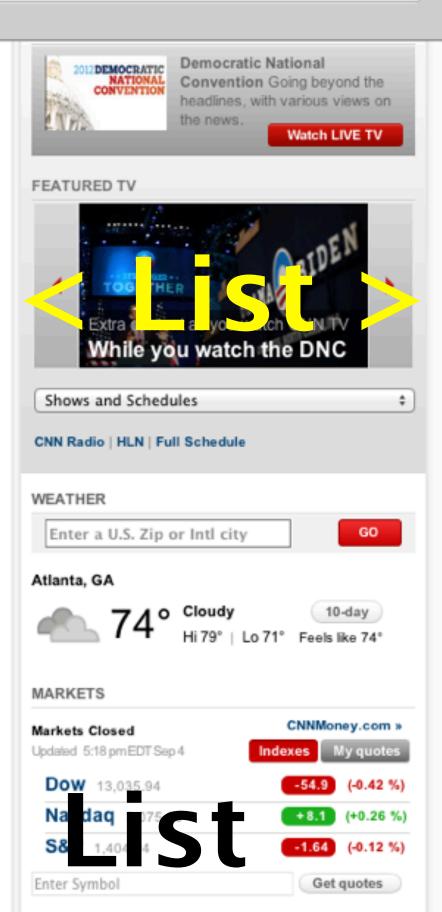
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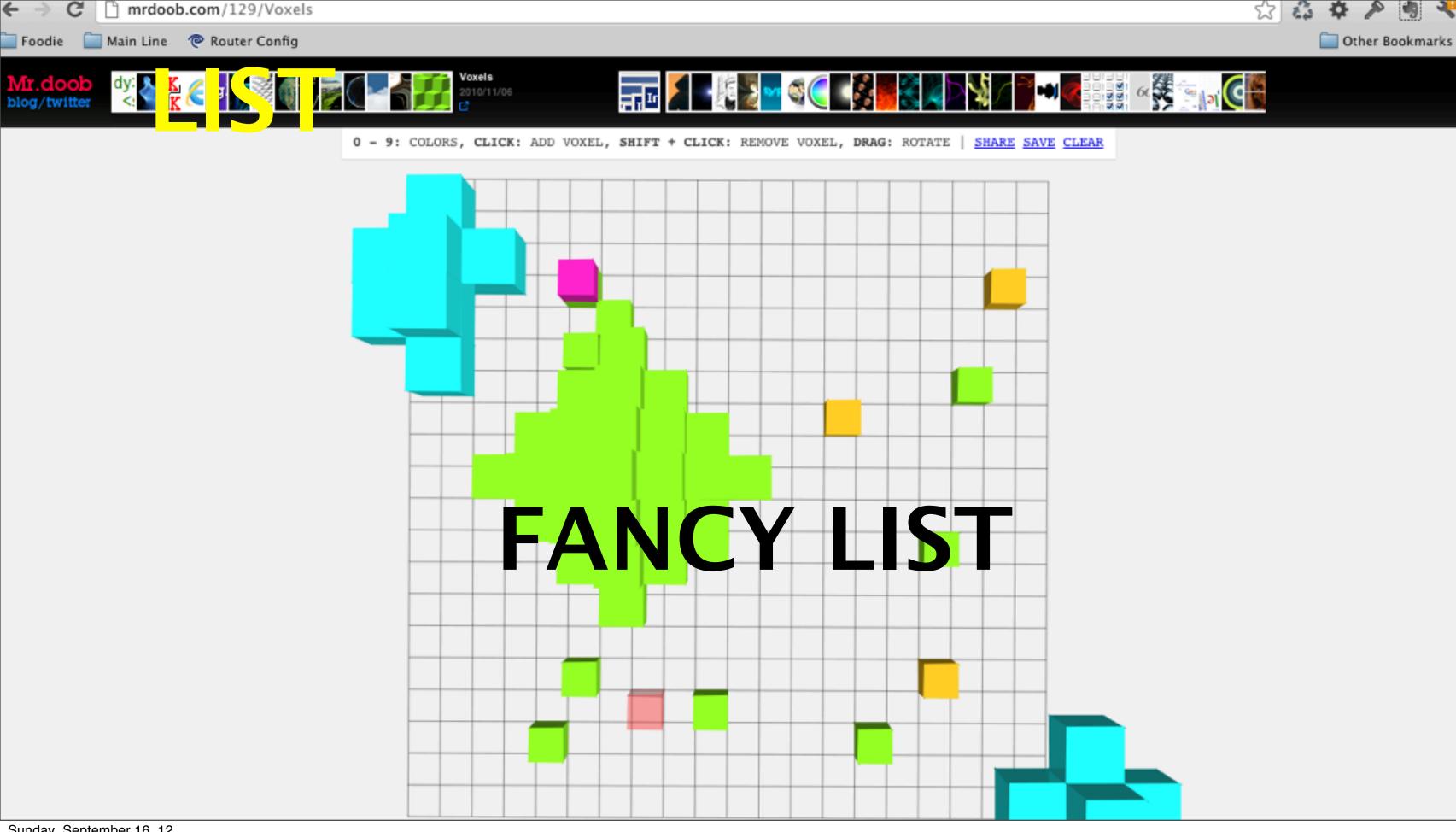
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Is the whole web just a big #@\$!ing list?

... pretty much, yeah.

Actually...

Software is basically managing and displaying big, stupid lists in interesting ways.

For example

Spotify. iTunes.

All the apps on your phone, plus the the way you see and organize all the apps on your phone.

Or go totally cray.

A JPG is just a list of pixel colors.

In other words...

There is no spoon.

Neo

(mind blown)

Array Musings

- superheroes[0] = is different than superheroes.push().
 - Former sets the first item in the array.
 - Latter adds a new item to the end of the array.
- Goal with any data structure is to be loosely couple items.
 Name them too specific and it's confusing later on.
 - Should we have a separate supervillians variable?

PHP vs. JS notes

- PHP is largely "flat". JS is object based. I think JS is easier to understand.
 - PHP: array_push(superheroes, "Aquaman");
 - JS: superheroes.push("Aquaman");

For next week

- Terminate your server and rebuild it from scratch. Practice makes perfect.
 - No, this is not a duplicate from last week. Do it again.
- Build out a list of your favorite songs in PHP and JS.
 - At least 5 songs. "Call Me Maybe" doesn't count as a song.
 - Examine iTunes and Spotify. Think about how you'd want

Questions?