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Week 0 WHAT IS THE WEB?



Weeks o-3

- Introduction to Computers
- What is the web and how does it work?
- Creating simple web pages
- Learning HTML

Weeks 4-6

- Styling web pages with CSS
- A splash of JavaScript to bring our websites to life



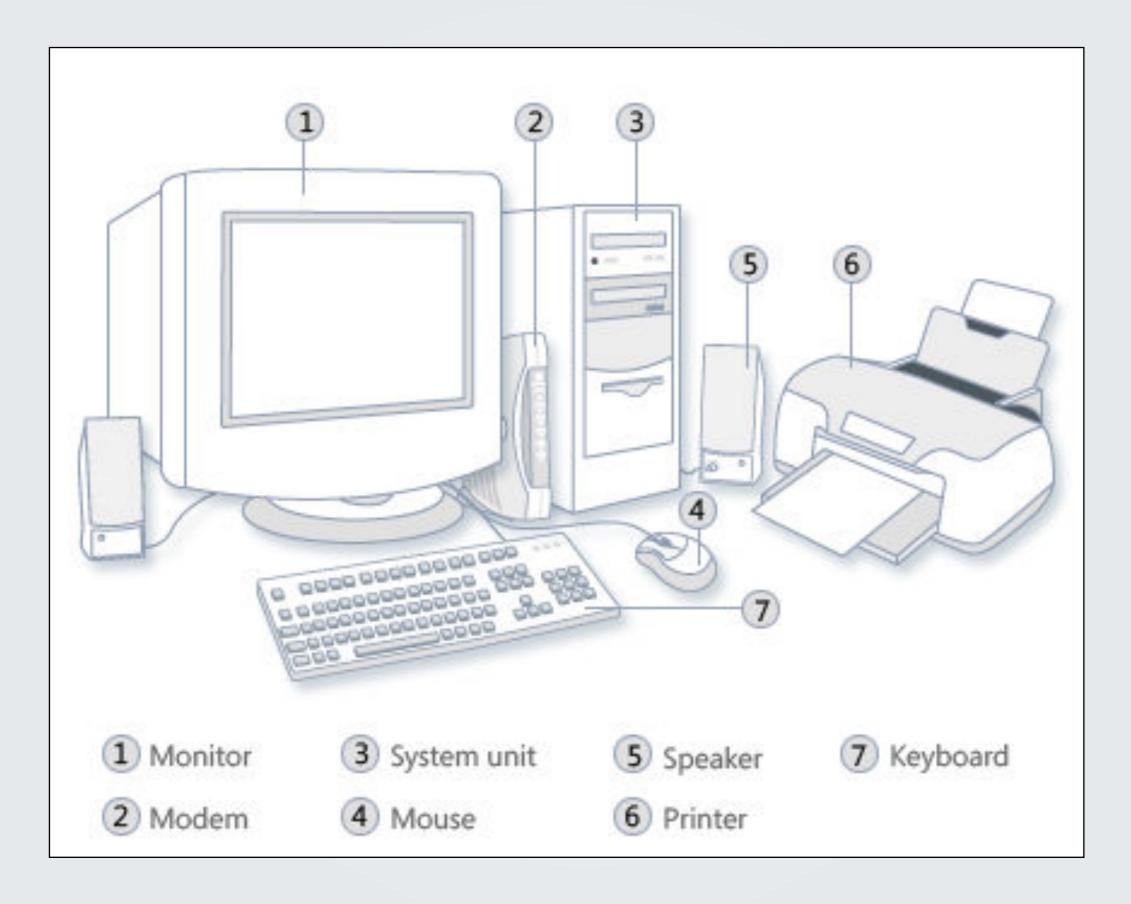
Things To Remember

- 1. Attendance is expected. Many people would love to have your spot.
- 2. Most people here have absolutely no experience. You're not expected to know anything coming in. So please ask questions!
- 3. Computer Science is about concepts, not memorization.

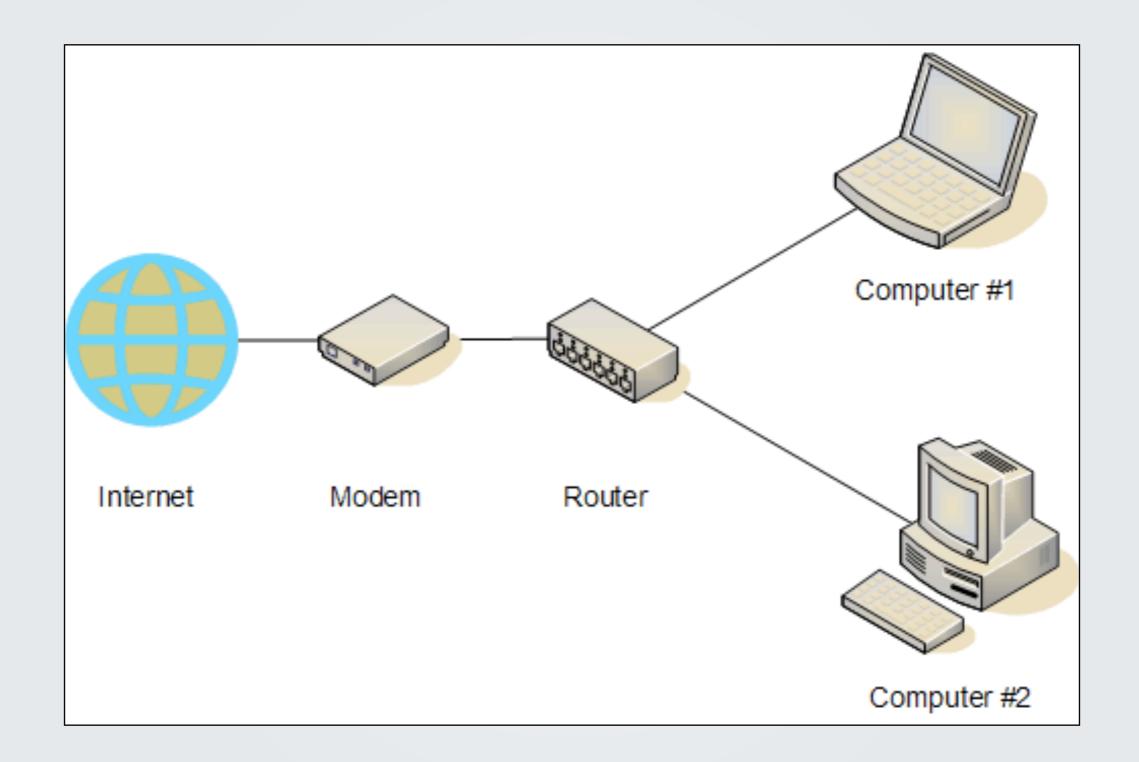


OVERVIEW OF COMPUTERS AND THE WEB













What does the data look like?



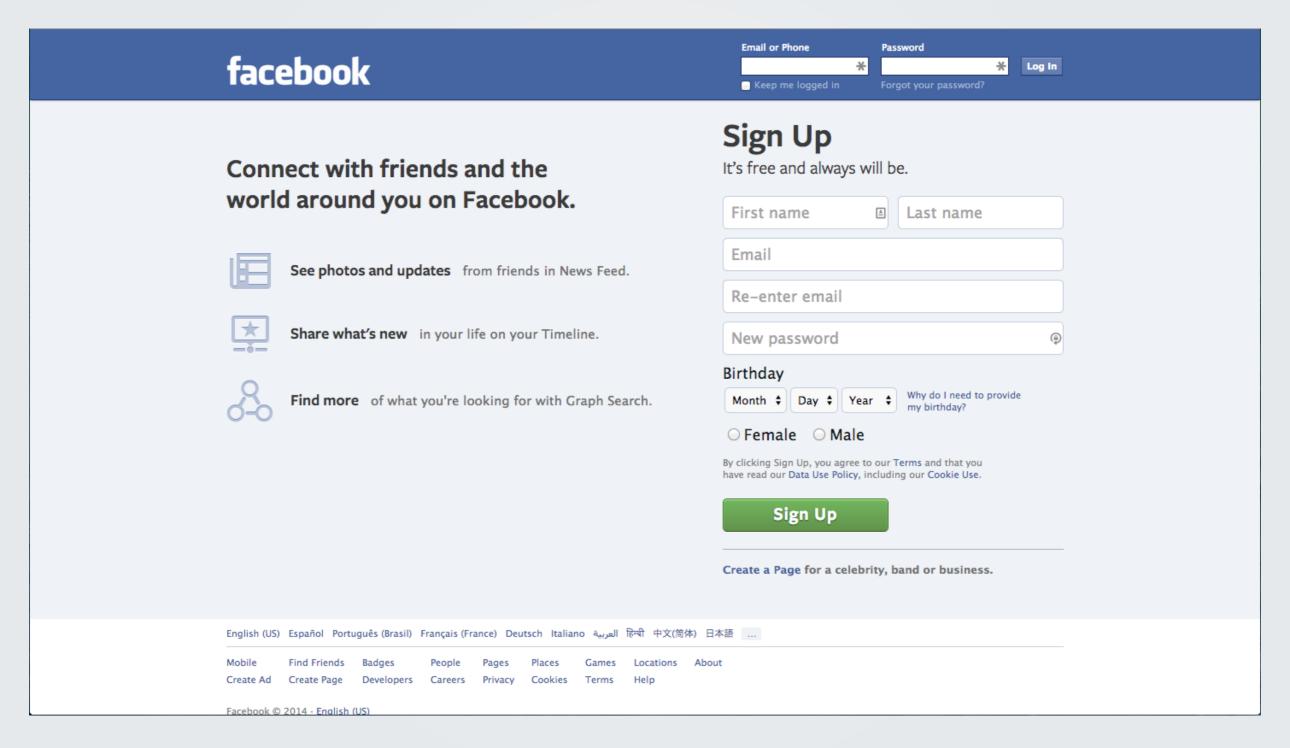
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What do we actually see?









The magic tools that do this









Web browsers transform the data they receive into a graphical user interface (GUI).

Browsers have two main components:

- 1. A large display pane for the web page
- 2. An address bar to go to another website







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The scheme, or protocol, defines how to obtain the resource on the web. More on this later.







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The domain name refers to the host machine of this web resource.

A video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN7ripK5uGM







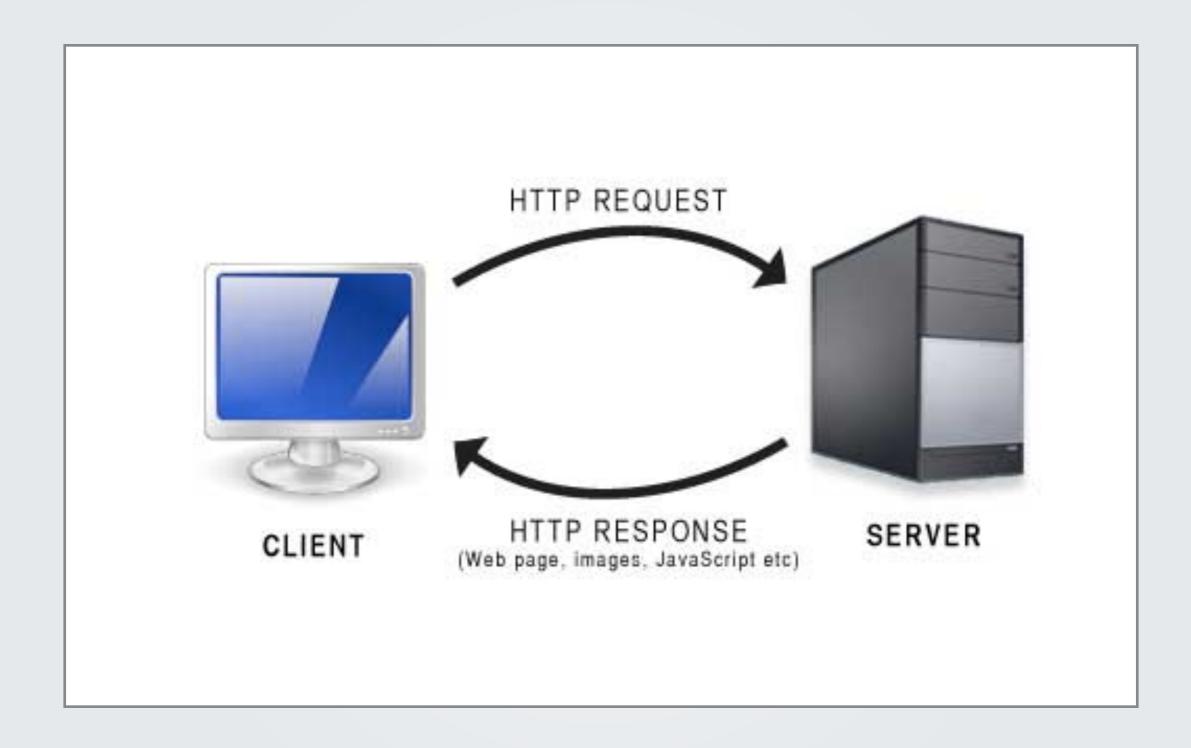
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The *path* specifies the path to the resource on the host machine.

The path is sent as part of the request to that host machine so the host knows what data to send back.









HTTP defines a standard format for communication of data via the internet.

The client sends data to the server or asks for data from the server via an HTTP request.

The server reports back to the client the result of the request via an **HTTP response**.



HTTP Requests

Parts of an HTTP request:

- 1. The request method
- 2. The URL
- 3. Protocol version (usually HTTP/1.0)
- 4. Header (meta-data)
- 5. Body (data)



HTTP Requests

Example: You want to request a file: http://www.somehost.com/path/file.html

The first line of the HTTP request would look like this:

GET /path/file.html HTTP/1.0



Request Methods

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Four main HTTP request methods:

- 1. GET
- 2. POST
- 3. PUT
- 4. DELETE





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Path of the resource on this host



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HTTP version number



HTTP Requests

Following the first line are the header and body of the request.

The header includes *metadata* about the request (e.g. the user who sent it and the program making the request).

GET /path/file.html HTTP/1.0

From: user@example.com

User-Agent: Chrome/37.0.2049.0



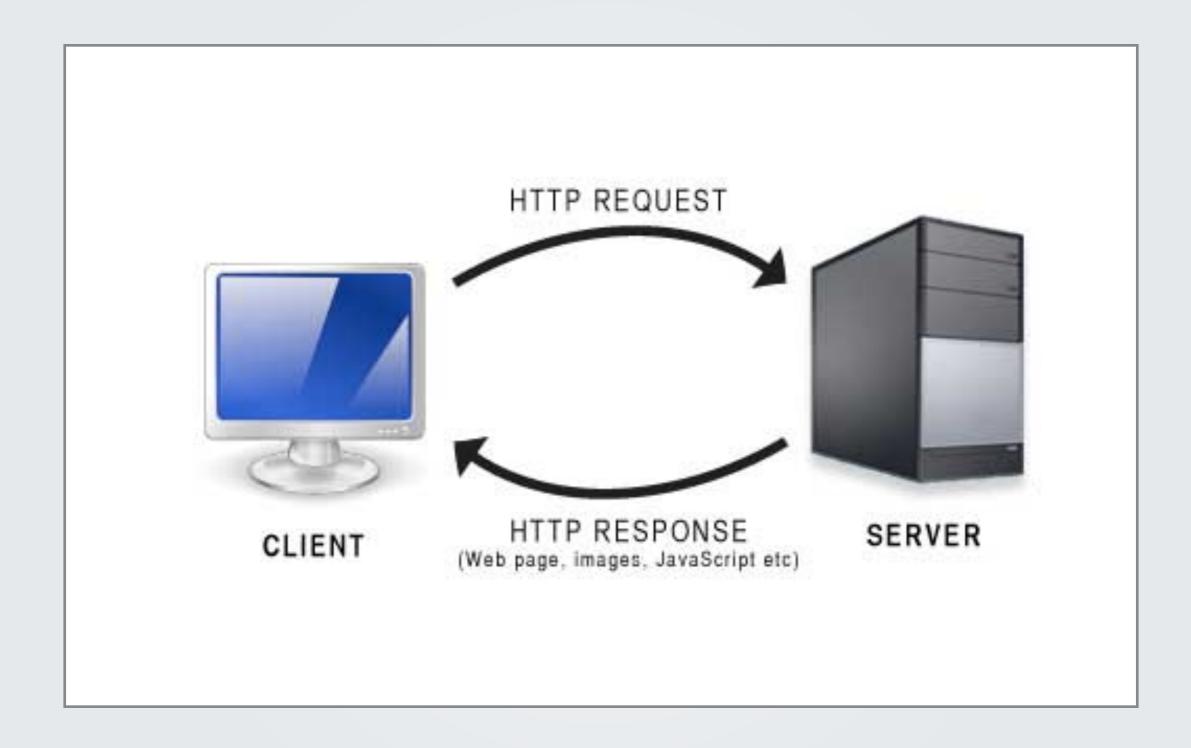
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The request body includes any data to be sent with the request.

This is only applicable for action requests (POST, PUT) that send information to the server.

Example: when you fill out a form to sign in, the username and password you enter get passed as the sign-in request's body.







HTTP Responses

An HTTP response follows a similar format. The header contains metadata and the body contains the data we want.

HTTP/1.0 200 OK

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999

23:59:59 GMT

Content-Type: text/html

Content-Length: 1354



HTTP Responses

HTTP Responses are all tagged with *status* codes that indicate something about the nature of the response.

- 1xx The message is just informational
- 2xx The request was successful
- 3xx Redirects you to another URL
- 4xx Something went wrong on your end
- 5xx Something went wrong on their end

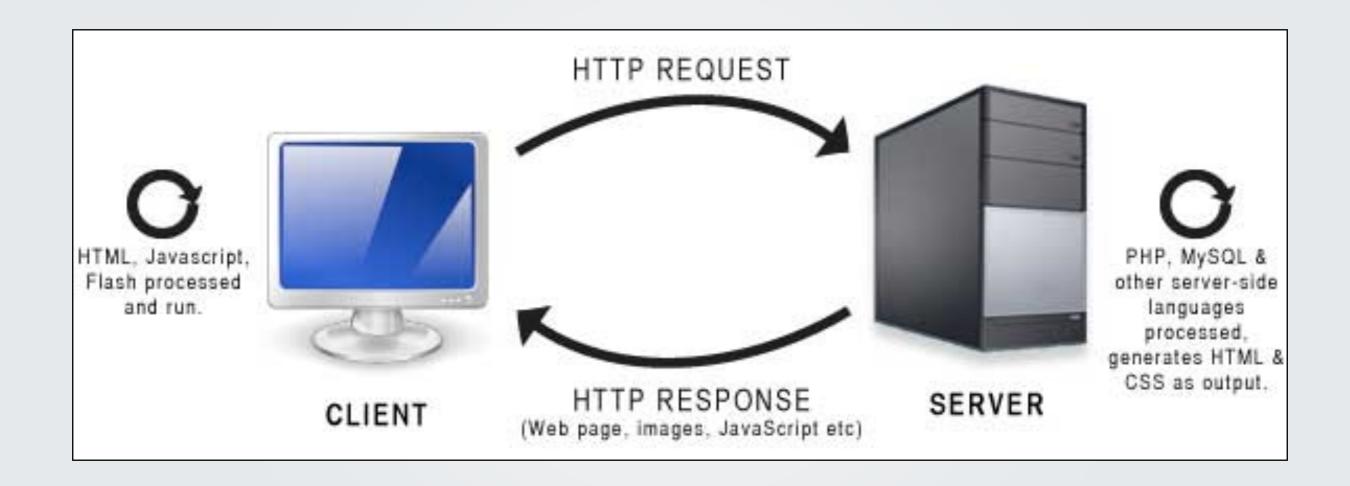


HTTP Responses

The HTTP response body contains all the data that the browser should interpret and display.

The browser can figure out what type of content it is based on the content-type field in the header, so it knows how to render it.









Homework has been posted on the course website: https://github.com/hackyale/Web-Development-101

The first assignment can be found under assignments/week_o.md



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