CS50 Lecture 8: Internet

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The Internet

- internet is the network of computers
- routers control where the data goes between the computers; they are computers themselves
- protocols are the basic agreed algorithms for communication between computers
- packets of data are sent around the internet
- IP stands for internet protocol. IP Addresses are unique for computers connected to the inernet.
 - Routers have a table mapping IP addresses to cables each connected respectively to their own routers. The routers communicate with each other with their own protocols to route packets.
- DNS is provided by Internet Service Providers (ISP) to map things like cnn.com to actual IP addresses.
- TCP provides ability for a server at the same IP address to provide multiple services by appendign a port number to the end of the IP address.
 - can resend packets if it's not received. Asks for labeling/counting of packets.
 - net neutrality means that routers treat all packets equally.

Web Development

- The web is just one application on the internet. Zoom and email are others
- HTTP controls how we interact with TCP/IP packets
 - GET gets data, POST sends data.
- https://www.example.com
 - https is the secure version of http
 - .com is the top level domain. for commercial. some top level domains have restrictions.
 - www lets us know we're on the worldwide web. but it's optional because it's mostly implied.
 - / at the end requests a default file.
- An HTTP request might start:

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GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
- `GET` means we are getting a file. `/` means a default file. Or more specific `GET /index.html`
- Using version 1.1 of `HTTP`.
- have to specify the website because the server might be hosting multiple.
  • The response might be
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html
- `HTTP` version followed by status code.
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- Type of content included in packet

- Then the actual packet content.
 - We can type in an http web address and it will switch over to https. This gets http status code 301 Moved Permanently
 - Others include

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200 OK
301 Moved Permanently
304 Not Modified lets us use the cache.
307 Temporary Redirect
401 Unauthorized
403 Forbidden
404 Not Found
418 I'm a Teapot
500 Internal Server Error might be caused by buggy code on a server
503 Service Unavailable
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HTML

- Hypertext Markup Language
- An example