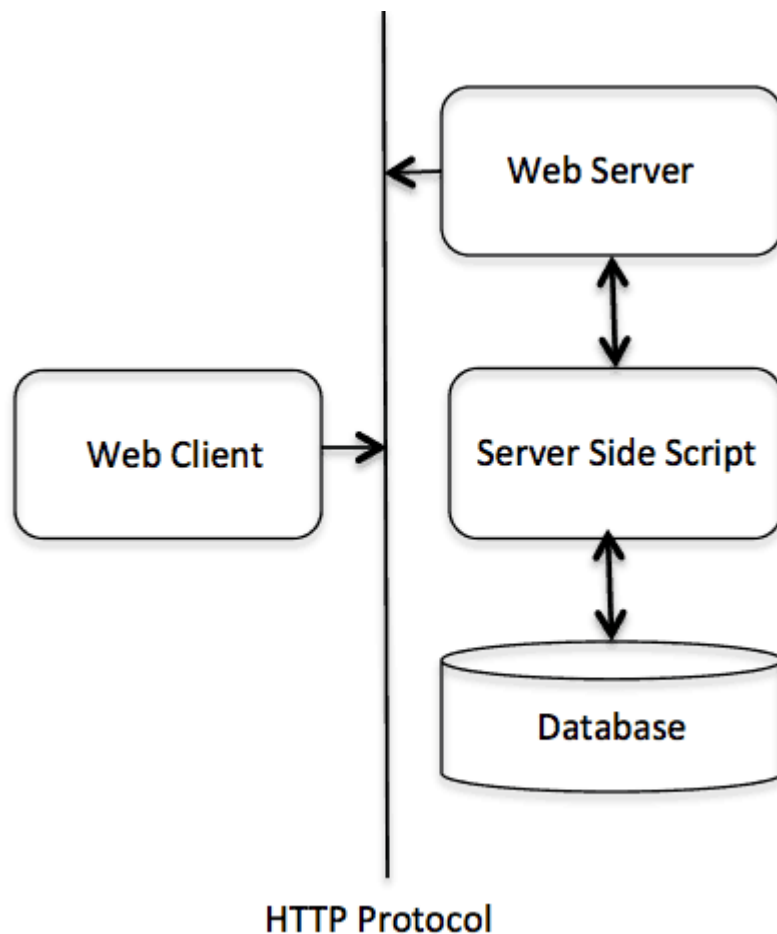


CGI Architecture



Web Server Support and Configuration

Before you proceed with CGI Programming, make sure that your Web Server supports CGI and it is configured to handle CGI Programs. All the CGI Programs to be executed by the HTTP server are kept in a pre-configured directory. This directory is called CGI Directory and by convention it is named as `/var/www/cgi-bin`. By convention, CGI files have extension as **.cgi**, but you can keep your files with python extension **.py** as well.

By default, the Linux server is configured to run only the scripts in the `cgi-bin` directory in `/var/www`. If you want to specify any other directory to run your CGI scripts, comment the following lines in the `httpd.conf` file:

```
<Directory "/var/www/cgi-bin">
    AllowOverride None
    Options ExecCGI
```