

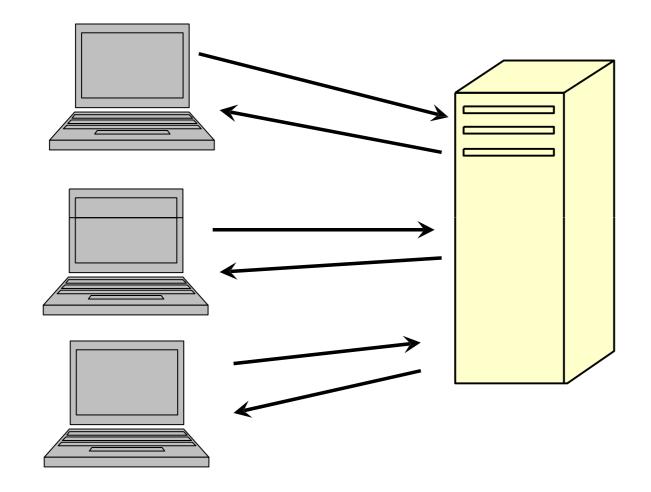
Web Development Models

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Client-Server Model



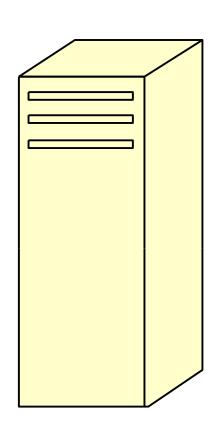


Client side

Server side

Server Roles

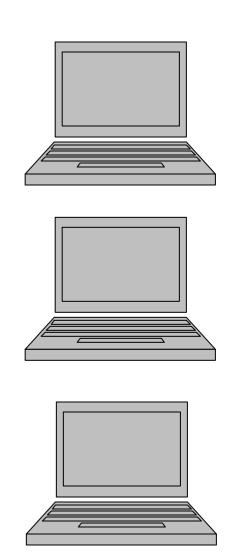
- Manage and store data, including:
 - User data
 - Application data
- Provide processing services for data
- Centralize data
- Manage user authentication, authorization mechanisms via login function





Client Roles

- Provide user interface
- Can store some small data (using cookie)
- Can process data (check validity of data that are entered by users
 - Thin client: only provides user interface, centralize data processing on server side
 - Thick client: realizes data processing on client side
- Can be accessed from everywhere with minimal software installation





Client-Server Advantages

- Centralized storage and processing.
- No data redundancy
- Enhance the ability of sharing data
 - If data are distributed on multi-systems of users, it will cause difficulties in sharing the data because each system has its own database architecture



3-Tier Architecture

Database Tier (Data Access Layer)

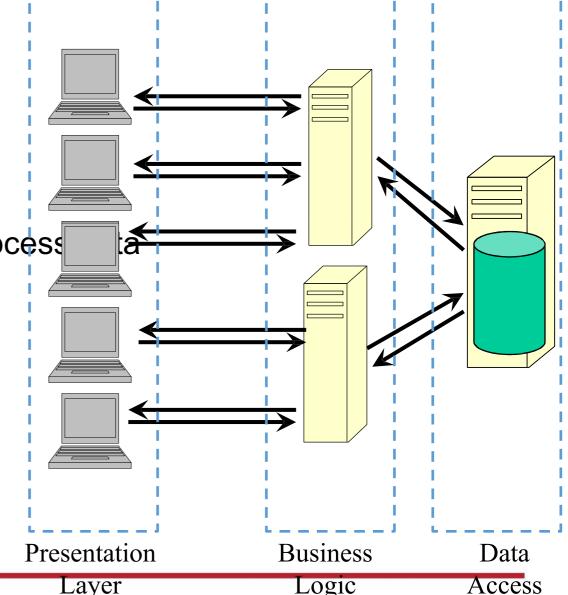
Stores and accesses data in low-level

Server Tier (Business Logic Layer)

Manages application connections and process

Client Tier (Presentation Layer)

Provides interface and processing



3-Tier Architecture Advantages

- Centralized Database can be accessed by many servers at the same time
- •Allow load balance of user connections on many application servers
- Data Access Layer is consistently designed with hardware in order to serve specific its tasks:
 - Data manipulations: update, insert, remove, etc
 - Need more reliable hard drives
- •Business Logic Layer are designed to provide connection points for user connections and run multi-applications
 - Need more computing power of CPU



Programming Languages







Client

Html

JavaScript

Flash

Server

Java, Ruby

Visual Basic

PHP, Perl

Python



SQL

NoSQL



Client Programming Language

JavaScript

- Event Handling
- ■Statements (like C / Java)
- Operators
- ■Variables global (default)
 - Or local (e.g. var x = 1)
- ■Types can change
 - Eg. x = 1; x = 'Hello'
- ■Function definition (reuse)
- Message Alerts
- ■Page element access with Document Object Model
 - Views HTML page as a tree of elements



Hello World Example

This provides an annoying popup – try it!

```
<html>
<body>
<a href="http://www.google.co.uk"
 onMouseOver="(alert(
'Follow link to search on Google') )">
Search on Google
</a>
</body>
</html>
```





Server Programming Language

- Java uses Java servlets, Java Server Pages (JSP) and Java Beans.
- ■Ruby on Rails uses ruby programs and Embedded Ruby (ERB).
- Visual Basic Uses VB programs and Active Server Pages (ASP).
- Others:
 - PHP (Personal Home Page originally)
 - CGI (Common Gateway Interface)
 - Perl (Named after the parable of the pearl)
 - Python (Named for the Monty Python skits)
 - Tcl (Tool Command Language)



PHP

- Very c-like
- Classes, etc., work very much like C/C++
- Designed to work in the world of HTML
- Is run-time interpreted by the web server



Simple PHP Example

- PHP is meant to be invoked inline with content Page "escapes" into and out of a regular html document
- File extension is .php (was .php3 for version 3)

```
<html>
<head><title>Test page</title></head>
<body>

The time is now

<?php echo date();?>

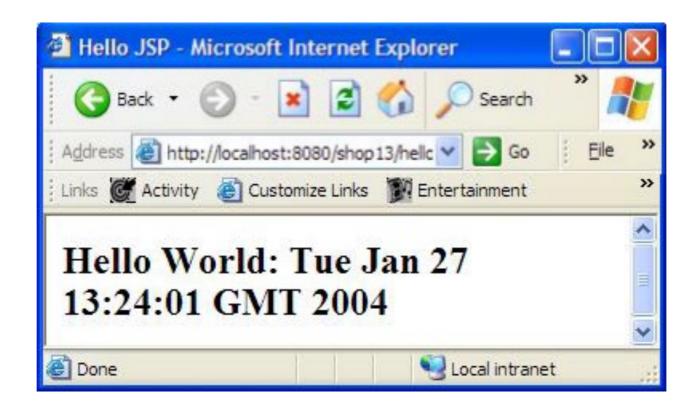
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</body>
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JSP Example

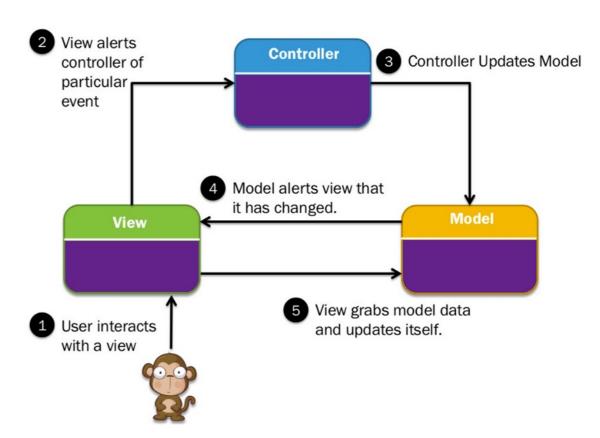


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MVC Development Model

- Architectural Pattern from Smalltalk (1979)
- Decouples data and presentation
- Eases the development





MVC – The Model

- The "Model" contains the data
- Has methods to access and possibly update it's contents.
- Often, it implements an interface which defines the allowed model interactions.
- Implementing an interface enables models to be pulled out and replaced without programming changes.

MVC – The View

- •The View provides a visual representation of the model.
- ■There can be multiple views displaying the model at any one time.
 - For example, a companies finances over time could be represented as a table and a graph.
 - These are just two different views of the same data.
- When the model is updated, all Views are informed and given a chance to update themselves.

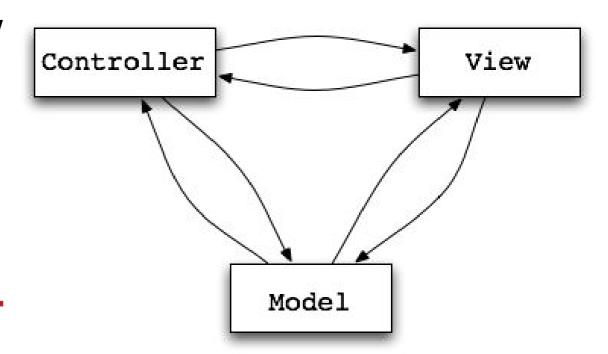


MVC – The Controller

- It interprets mouse movement, clicks, keystrokes, etc
- Communicates those activities to the model eg: delete row, insert row, etc

Example Control Flow in MVC

- User interacts with the VIEW UI
- CONTROLLER handles the user input (often a callback function attached to UI elements)
- CONTROLLER updates the MODEL
- VIEW uses MODEL to generate new
- UI waits for user interaction



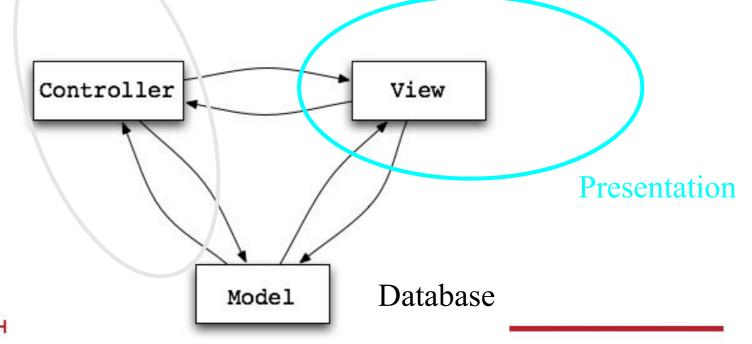


MVC Advantages

- MVC decouples the model, view, and controller from each other to increase flexibility and reuse.
 - You can attach multiple views to the model without rewriting it.
 - You can change the way a view responds to user input without changing the visual presentation. For example, you might use a pop-up menu instead of keyboard command keys.

3 Tier Layers vs. MVC

- •Presentation:
 - View is the user interface (e.g. button)
 - Controller is the code (e.g. callback for button)
- •Data:
 - Model is the database



Summary

- Client-Server Model
- 3-Tier Architecture
- Dynamic Web Programming Languages
- MVC Model





