# HTML Fundamentals

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## Introduction to the Web

- URL
  - User is requesting something
  - Server is responding
- Request Response
- When user types URL and presses Enter key in the browser
  - Finding the right place
    - Your query is submitted to your ISP
    - Within your ISP, the DNS takes the domain name and turns it into an IP address (unique identifier)

### Introduction to the Web

- Going to that address
  - A request is sent to the desired IP address via HTTP
  - Your request finds the fastest possible path to the server with the specified IP
  - Not a direct journey, it requires hopping from server to server until we arrive
- Server responds
  - Server figures out exactly what we are asking for
  - Builds the right content, pulling information from data source (database)
  - Responds with a combination of HTML, CSS & JavaScript
- Browser takes the code and shows it to the user as a web page

## Front End Basics

- Front End vs Back End
  - Front end is the stuff that you see and interact with
    - HTML, CSS and JavaScript
  - Back end constructs the HTML and CSS that is sent back
    - Python, PHP, JavaScript, Java, C#
    - MongoDB, SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle

- Stands for Hypertext Markup Language
- Defines the content and structure of a web page
  - Put an image here
  - Put a form here
- The <u>nouns</u> of a web page

## Front End Basics

### CSS

- Cascading Style Sheets
- Defines the style of HTML
  - Make text blue
  - Give the image a border
- The <u>adjectives</u> of a web page

### JavaScript

- Adds logic and interactivity to a page
  - Do some math
  - Change color when the user clicks
  - Load data from Twitter
- The actions or <u>verbs</u> of a web page

- A markup language used to create web pages and web applications
- Is used for structuring and presenting content on the WWW
- Allowed publishing and exchanging of scientific and technical documents
- Allowed electronic linking of documents via hyperlinks
- Created in 1989 / 1990 by Tim Berners Lee
- Latest version is HTML5, published in 2014
- Includes markup and APIs for complex web applications

- Represents two concepts
  - 1. New version of the language HTML, with new elements, attributes and behaviors
  - A larger set of technologies for building more diverse and powerful web sites and applications
- HTML5 technologies can be classified into several groups
  - Semantics
  - Connectivity
  - Offline & Storage
  - Multimedia
  - Graphics
  - Performance & Integration
  - Device Access
  - Styling

- Semantics: allowing you to describe more precisely what your content is
  - Sections & outlines in HTML5
    - New outlining and sectioning elements in HTML5: <section>, <article>,
       <nav>, <header>, <footer> and <aside>
  - Audio and video
    - The <audio> and <video> elements embed and allow the manipulation of new multimedia content
  - Forms improvements
    - Constraint validation API, several new attributes, new values for the <input> attribute type and the new <output> element
  - New semantic elements
    - Numerous new elements, like <mark>, <figure>, <figcaption>, <data>,
       <time>, <output>, , <output>

- Connectivity: allowing you to communicate with the server in new and innovative ways
  - Web Sockets
    - Makes it possible to open an interactive communication session between the user's browser and a server. You can send messages to a server and receive event-driven responses without having to poll the server for a reply
  - Server Sent Events
    - Allows a server to push events to a client
  - WebRTC
    - Allows connecting to other people and controlling videoconferencing directly in the browser, without the need for a plugin or an external application
    - RTC stands for Real-Time Communication

- Offline and storage: allowing webpages to store data on the client-side locally and operate offline more efficiently
  - Online & offline events
    - Let applications and extensions detect whether or not there's an active Internet connection, as well as to detect when the connection goes up and down
  - Web Storage API
    - Provides mechanisms by which browsers can store key/value pairs, in a much more intuitive fashion than using cookies
  - IndexedDB
    - A web standard for the storage of significant amounts of structured data in the browser and for high performance searches on this data using indexes

- Multimedia: making video and audio first-class citizens in the Open Web
  - Using HTML5 audio and video
    - The <audio> and <video> elements embed and allow the manipulation of new multimedia content.
  - WebRTC
    - Same as in Connectivity section
  - Using the Camera API
    - Allows using, manipulating, and storing an image from the computer's camera.

- 2D/3D graphics and effects: allowing a much more diverse range of presentation options
  - <canvas>
    - An HTML element which can be used to draw graphics using scripting
  - WebGL (Web Graphics Library)
    - A JavaScript API for rendering interactive 3D and 2D graphics within any compatible web browser without the use of plug-ins
  - SVG
    - An XML-based format of vectorial images that can directly be embedded in the HTML

- Performance and integration: providing greater speed optimization and better usage of computer hardware
  - Web Workers
    - A simple means for web content to run scripts in background threads, without interfering with the user interface.
  - XMLHttpRequest
    - Allows fetching asynchronously some parts of the page, allowing it to display dynamic content, varying according to the time and user actions
  - Drag and drop
    - The HTML5 drag and drop API allows support for dragging and dropping items within and between web sites
  - Fullscreen API
    - Controls the usage of the whole screen for a Web page or application, without the browser UI displayed

- Device access: allowing for the usage of various input and output devices
  - Using the Camera API
    - Allows using, manipulating, and storing an image from the computer's camera
  - Touch events
    - Handlers to react to events created by a user pressing touch screens
  - Using geolocation
    - Let browsers locate the position of the user using geolocation
  - Detecting device orientation
    - Get the information when the device on which the browser runs changes orientation

#### HTML elements

- The building blocks of HTML pages
- Are represented by tags
- HTML tags label pieces of content such as "heading", "paragraph", "table", etc.
- Browsers do not display the HTML tags, but use them to render the content of the page
- Element names are surrounded by angle brackets
- Tags normally come in pairs like <div> and </div>

### The General Syntax

<tagName> Some Content </tagName>

# HTML Boilerplate

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <!-- Metadata goes in head -->
    <title>Page Title</title>
</head>

<body>
    <!-- Content goes in the body -->
</body>
</html>
```

# HTML Boilerplate

#### DOCTYPE

Indicates that your HTML content uses HTML5

#### <html>

- Represents the root (top-level element) of an HTML document
- Also referred to as the root element
- All other elements must be descendants of this element

#### - <head>

- Provides general information (metadata) about the document
  - For e.g., it provides title, links to scripts and style sheets

### <body>

- Represents the content of an HTML document
- Only one <body> element in a document

# HTML Boilerplate

### <title>

- Defines the title of the document, shown in a browser's title bar or on the page's tab
- Can only contain text

### HTML comments

- Comments
  - Are ignored by the browser and invisible to the user
  - Can help document your source

```
<!-- Comment here -->
```

# **Basic Tags**

- MDN HTML elements reference
  - https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element
- <h1> <h6> Heading elements
  - Represent six levels of section headings
  - <h1> is the highest section level and <h6> is the lowest
  - Are block-level elements each element will get its own line
- - Paragraph
  - Represents a paragraph of text
  - Is a block-level element
- <strong>
  - Indicates that its contents have strong importance, seriousness, or urgency. Browsers typically render the contents in bold type
  - Is an inline element
- <em>>
  - Marks text that has stress emphasis
  - Is an inline element

# **HTML Lists**

#### - Ordered list

- Represents an ordered list of items, typically rendered as a numbered list
- Can contain zero or more elements, which in turn often contain nested
   or 
   elements
- Attributes
  - reversed boolean attribute specifies that the items of the list are specified in reversed order
  - start integer attribute specifies the start value for numbering the individual list items
  - type indicates the numbering type 'a', 'A', 'i', 'I', '1'

#### <l

- Represents an unordered list of items, typically rendered as a bulleted list
- Can contain zero or more elements, which in turn often contain nested
   or 
   elements

#### List item

- Is used to represent an item in a list
- It must be contained in a parent element
  - an ordered list (), an unordered list ()

# Divs and Spans

- <div> Content division element
  - Is a generic container for content
  - Has no effect on the content or layout until styled using CSS
  - Used to group content
  - Should be used only when no other semantic element (such as <article> or <nav>) is appropriate
  - Is a block-level element

### <span>

- Is a generic inline container for phrasing content
- Can be used to group elements for styling purposes
- Should be used only when no other semantic element is appropriate
- Is an inline element

## **HTML** Attributes

- MDN HTML attribute reference
  - https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Attributes
- Attributes
  - Provide additional values to elements
  - Can be used to
    - Configure the elements
    - Adjust the behavior in various ways to meet the criteria the users want
  - Take the form of key="value" pair for an element

```
<element name="value"></element>
```

# **Images**

- <img>
  - Embeds an image into the document
  - Does not have end tag
  - Attributes
    - alt
      - defines the alternative text describing the image
      - users will see this text displayed if the image URL is wrong, or if the image is not yet downloaded
    - src
      - specifies image URL. This attribute is mandatory for the <img> element
    - height
      - the intrinsic height of the image in pixels
    - width
      - the intrinsic width of the image in pixels

```
<img src="mdn-logo-sm.png" alt="MDN">
```

## Links

- <a> Anchor element
  - Creates a hyperlink to other web pages, files, locations within the same page, email addresses, or any other URL
  - Attributes
    - href Contains a URL or a URL fragment that the hyperlink points to
      - URL can be relative or absolute
      - URLs are not restricted to Web (HTTP)-based documents, but can use any protocol supported by the browser
        - For example, file:, ftp:, and mailto: work in most browsers
    - target Specifies where to display the linked URL
      - It is a name of, or keyword for, a browsing context: a tab, window, or <iframe>
        - Keywords: \_self (default), \_blank, \_parent, \_top

```
<a href="https://www.mozilla.com/">
Go to Mozilla
</a>
```

## **Tables**

- - Represents tabular data, information presented in a two-dimensional table comprised of rows and columns of cells containing data
- - Defines a row of cells in a table
  - Within each row (), the and elements can be used to create header and data cells, respectively
  - Each cell is placed into its own column
- >
  - Defines a cell of a table that contains data
- <
  - Defines a cell as header of a group of table cells

## **Tables**

- <thead>
  - Defines a set of rows defining the head of the columns of the table
- - Encapsulates a set of table row (
     elements, indicating that they comprise the body of the table ()
  - You may use more than one per table as long as they are all consecutive. This lets you divide the rows in large tables into sections
- <tfoot>
  - Defines a set of rows summarizing the columns of the table

### **Tables**

- <caption> Table Caption element
  - Specifies the caption (or title) of a table
  - If used, is always the first child of a
- <colgroup>
  - Defines a group of columns within a table
- <col>
  - Defines a column within a table
  - Used for defining common semantics on all common cells
  - Generally found within a <colgroup> element
  - Allows styling columns using CSS

### • <form>

 Represents a document section that contains interactive controls for submitting information to a web server

#### Attributes

- action The URI of a program that processes the form information
- method The HTTP method that the browser uses to submit the form
  - Possible values are
    - post Corresponds to the HTTP POST method; form data are included in the body of the form and sent to the server
    - get Corresponds to the HTTP GET method; form data are appended to the action attribute URI with a '?' as separator, and the resulting URI is sent to the server

### • <input>

- Is used to create interactive controls for web-based forms in order to accept data from the user
- How an <input> works varies considerably depending on the value of its type attribute
- The default type adopted is text
- Commonly used input types include
  - text
    - A single-line text field. Line-breaks are automatically removed from the input value
  - password
    - A single-line text field whose value is obscured
  - file
    - A control that lets the user select a file. Use the accept attribute to define the types
      of files that the control can select
  - hidden
    - A control that is not displayed but whose value is submitted to the server

- Button, checkbox, radio
  - submit: A button that submits the form
  - reset: A button that resets the contents of the form to default values
  - button: A push button with no default behavior
  - image: A graphical submit button. You must use the src attribute to define the source of the image and the alt attribute to define alternative text
  - checkbox: A check box allowing single values to be selected/deselected
  - radio: A radio button, allowing a single value to be selected out of multiple choices

#### • HTML5

- date: A control for entering a date (year, month, and day, with no time)
- month: A control for entering a month and year, with no time zone
- week: A control for entering a date consisting of a week-year number and a week number with no time zone
- time: A control for entering a time value with no time zone
- number: A control for entering a number
- range: A control for entering a number whose exact value is not important
- color: A control for specifying a color. A color picker's UI has no required features other than accepting simple colors as text
- email: A field for editing an e-mail address
- search: A single-line text field for entering search strings. Line-breaks are automatically removed from the input value
- tel: A control for entering a telephone number
- url: HTML5 A field for entering a URL

- <label>
  - Represents a caption for an item in a user interface
  - A < label > can be associated with a control
    - Either by placing the control element inside the <label> element,

```
<label>Click me <input type="text"></label>
```

Or by using the 'for' attribute

```
<label for="username">Click me</label>
<input type="text" id="username">
```

- Attributes
  - <u>for</u> The id of a labelable form-related element in the same document as the label element

- Form data validation
  - Form validation helps us to ensure that users fill out forms in the correct format, making sure that submitted data will work successfully with our applications
  - required attribute
    - makes an input mandatory
    - the form won't submit (and will display an error message) when the input is empty
  - pattern attribute
    - expects a Regular Expression as its value
    - a pattern that can be used to match character combinations in text strings
    - The <textarea> element does not support the pattern attribute

- Constraining the length of entries
  - Text fields can be constrained in size using 'minlength' and 'maxlength' attributes
  - A field is invalid if its value is
    - shorter than the minlength value or
    - longer than the maxlength value
  - For number fields (i.e. <input type="number">), the 'min' and 'max' attributes also provide a validation constraint

- <input type="checkbox">
  - Rendered by default as square boxes that are checked (ticked) when activated
  - 'value' attribute can be used to mention the value of the checkbox
  - Has 'checked' attribute that is readable and settable
- <input type="radio">
  - Radio buttons let a user select one of a limited number of choices
  - 'value' attribute can be used to mention the value of the radio button
  - Has 'checked' attribute that is readable and settable
  - A radio group is defined by giving each of radio buttons in the group the same name

- <select>
  - Represents a control that provides a menu of options
  - The <option> element defines an option that can be selected
  - By default, the first item in the drop-down list is selected
  - Attributes
    - size represents the number of rows in the list that should be visible at one time
    - multiple boolean attribute indicates that multiple options can be selected in the list
- <option>
  - Is used to define an item contained in a <select> element
  - Attributes
    - value specifies the value to be sent to a server
    - selected specifies that an option should be pre-selected when the page loads

#### <textarea>

- Represents a multi-line plain-text editing control
- Can hold an unlimited number of characters, and the text renders in a fixed-width font

#### Attributes

- cols the visible width of the text control, in average character widths
- rows the number of visible text lines for the control
- maxlength maximum number of characters (Unicode code points) that the user can enter
- minlength minimum number of characters (Unicode code points)
   required that the user should enter
- wrap (hard | soft) specifies how the text in a text area is to be wrapped when submitted in a form

# **Q & A**

Thank you!