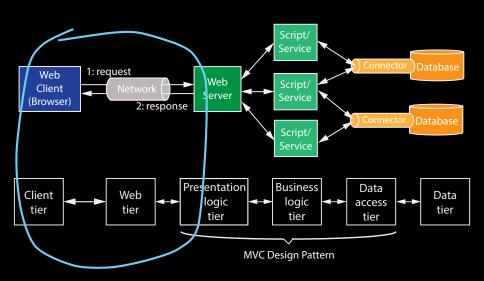
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Module 6: Presentation/User Interface Lecture 1: Introduction and Background



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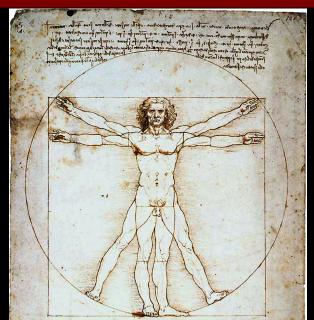


The Presentation Tier



- The presentation tier (presentation logic and client tiers) produces what users see and interact with via the browser in a web application.
- But it takes more than just hyperlinking things the "stickiness" and usability of a website can make or break a business.
- A high-quality website has:
 - A visually appealing layout.
 - An intuitive navigation structure.
- It's beyond the scope of this course to consider web site design and navigation structure in detail.
 - Designing layouts from scratch requires some graphic design skills.
 - There are some fundamental design principles you can learn.
 - Next we'll talk about a few basic notions.











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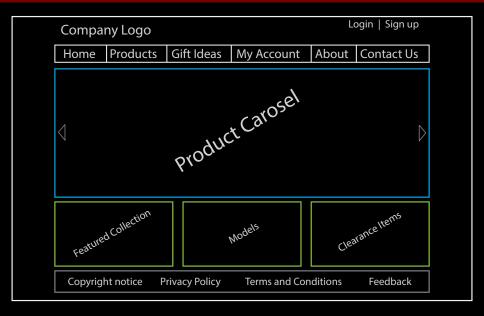
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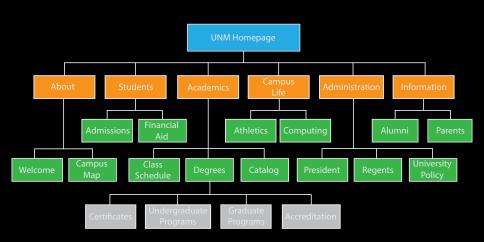
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Structure and Navigation





Presentation Tier



- The complexity of what is happening on the client side in web applications has increased significantly over the years — e.g., cookies, client-side validations, client-side JavaScript associated with HTML elements in the webpage.
- Even if you aren't involved in the actual design of the web pages, it's important to have knowledge of the design patterns and principles that underly certain client-side technologies.
- In the following lectures in this module we'll present some of these design principles, along with:
 - HTML the language that is used for specifying web pages.
 - CSS the language used for styling web pages.
 - JavaScript the language used for adding behavior to web pages.