Web Development

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Web Development

- Creating, deploying, and operating.
- Web has grown a number of sites, users, and implementation capabilities since 1989.

- Is an architecture.
 - Provides description of software constructions and distribution of different components.
 - A client program that request services of a server.

Client

- Who request the service.
- Waits for answer of the Server.
- Receives the answer.
- Normally is who interacts with the user using a GUI.
- Active entity.

Server

- Waits for any Client request.
- Receives a request.
- Gives an answer.
- Generally accepts many requests.
- Does not interacts with final user.
- Passive entity.

HTTP Editing

- HTTP method
 - GET: get a document from a server.
 - POST: end a document to a server.
 - PUT: update a document at a server.
 - DELETE: delete a document from a server.
- Request component
 - query string.
 - body.

HTTP Editing

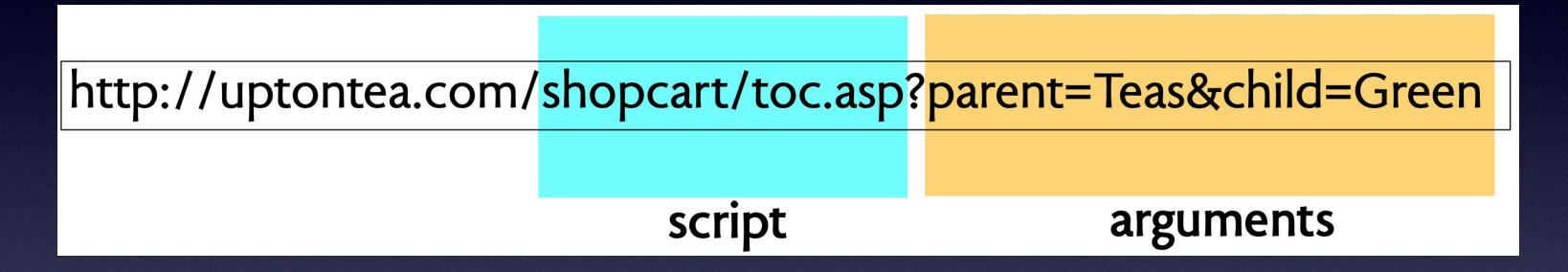
• URLS in the late 1990's

http://uptontea.com/shopcart/toc.asp?parent=Teas&child=Green

script arguments

HTTP Editing

URLS in the late 1990's



- Rather than DELETE pages/3
- We see
 - POST /deletePage, GET deletePage?id=3
 - GET /foo.asp?action=delete&page=3

Compare GET POST

	GET	POST	
BACK button/Reload	Harmless	Data will be re-submitted (the browser should alert the user that the data are about to be re-submitted)	
Bookmarked	Can be bookmarked	Cannot be bookmarked	
Cached	Can be cached	Not cached	
Encoding type	application/x-www-form-urlencoded	application/x-www-form-urlencoded or multipart/form- data. Use multipart encoding for binary data	
History	Parameters remain in browser history	Parameters are not saved in browser history	
Restrictions on data length	Yes, when sending data, the GET method adds the data to the URL; and the length of a URL is limited (maximum URL length is 2048 characters)	No restrictions	
Restrictions on data type	Only ASCII characters allowed	No restrictions. Binary data is also allowed	
Security	GET is less secure compared to POST because data sent is part of the URL Never use GET when sending passwords or other sensitive information!	POST is a little safer than GET because the parameters are not stored in browser history or in web server logs	
Visibility	Data is visible to everyone in the URL	Data is not displayed in the URL	

Arguments in HTTP Request

- Helps focus
 - Easier to pay attention to one thing at a time.
 - Put some complexities aside.
- Encourages decoupling.

Arguments in HTTP Request

verb

GET

POST

where

query string

request body

property

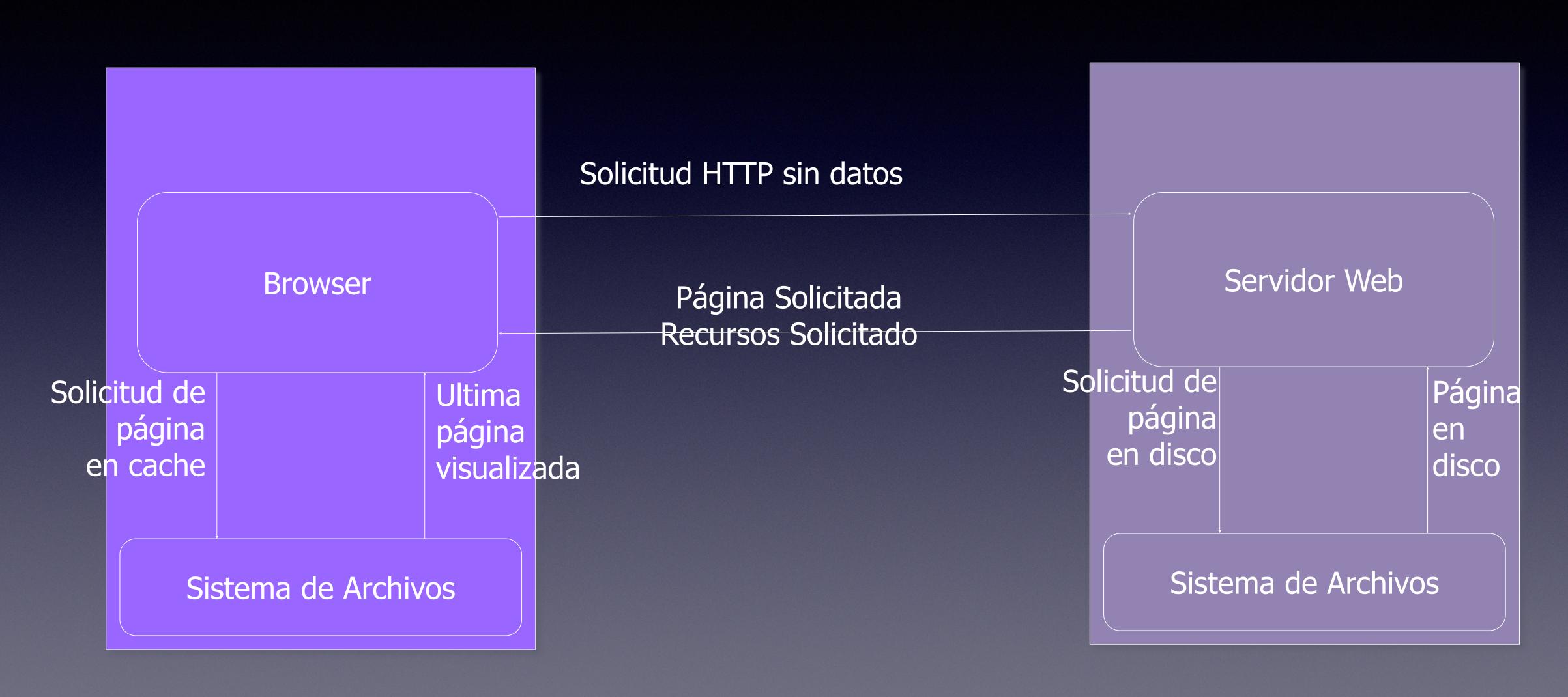
no side effects

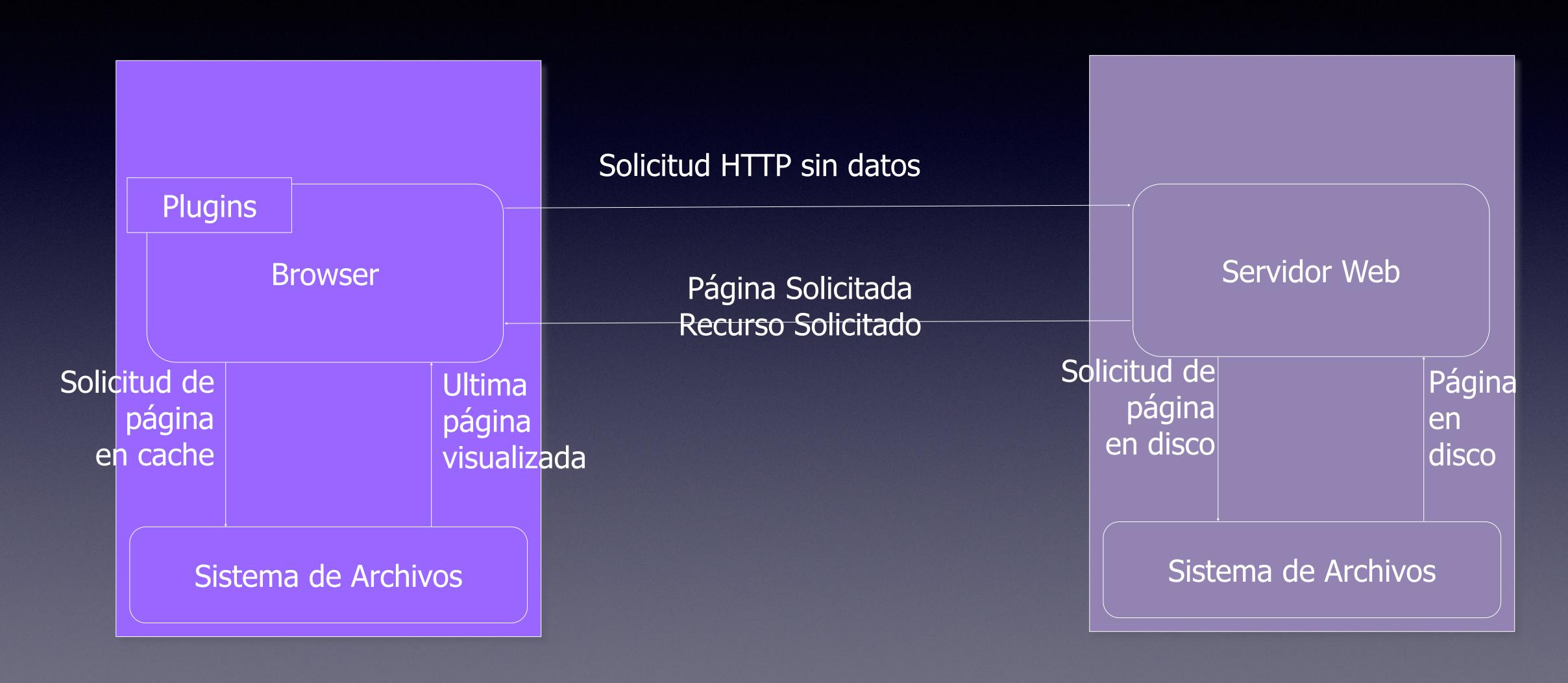
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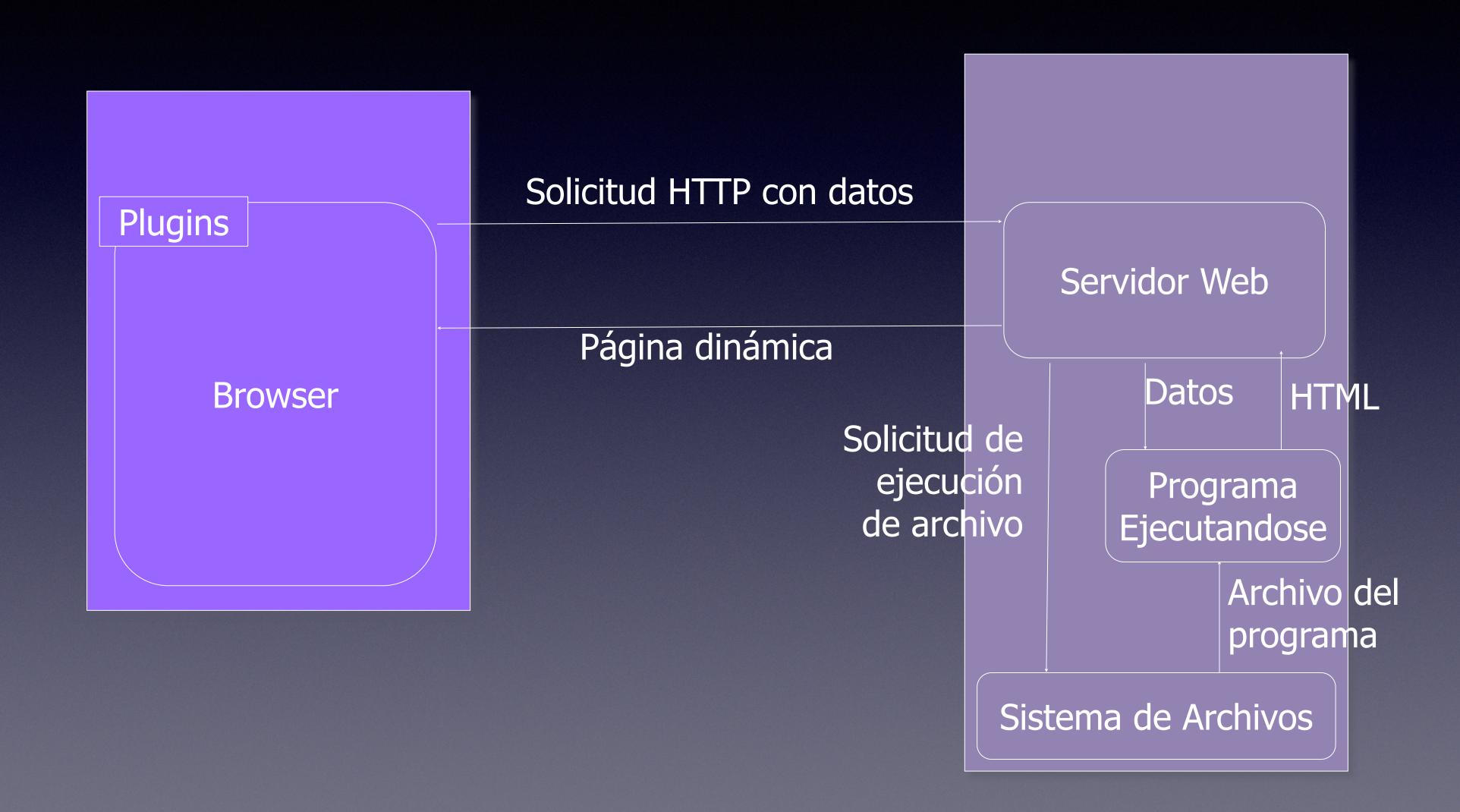
visibility

visible

invisible







Browser

- Allows us visualize web pages.
- Pages could be stored in:
 - Internet.
 - Locally.
- Interprets HTML.
- Needs to have HTPP protocol.
- Also: FTP, HTTPS, Applets

Web Servers

- Is a program that runs continuously in a computer.
- The computer is known as web server.
- Implements the HTTP protocol.
- Keeps waiting for HTTP request.
- Search for a response and send to the client.

- PHP
 - Personal Home Page.
 - Hypertext Pre Procesor.
 - Interpreted language.
 - Embebed with html.
 - Released in 1995

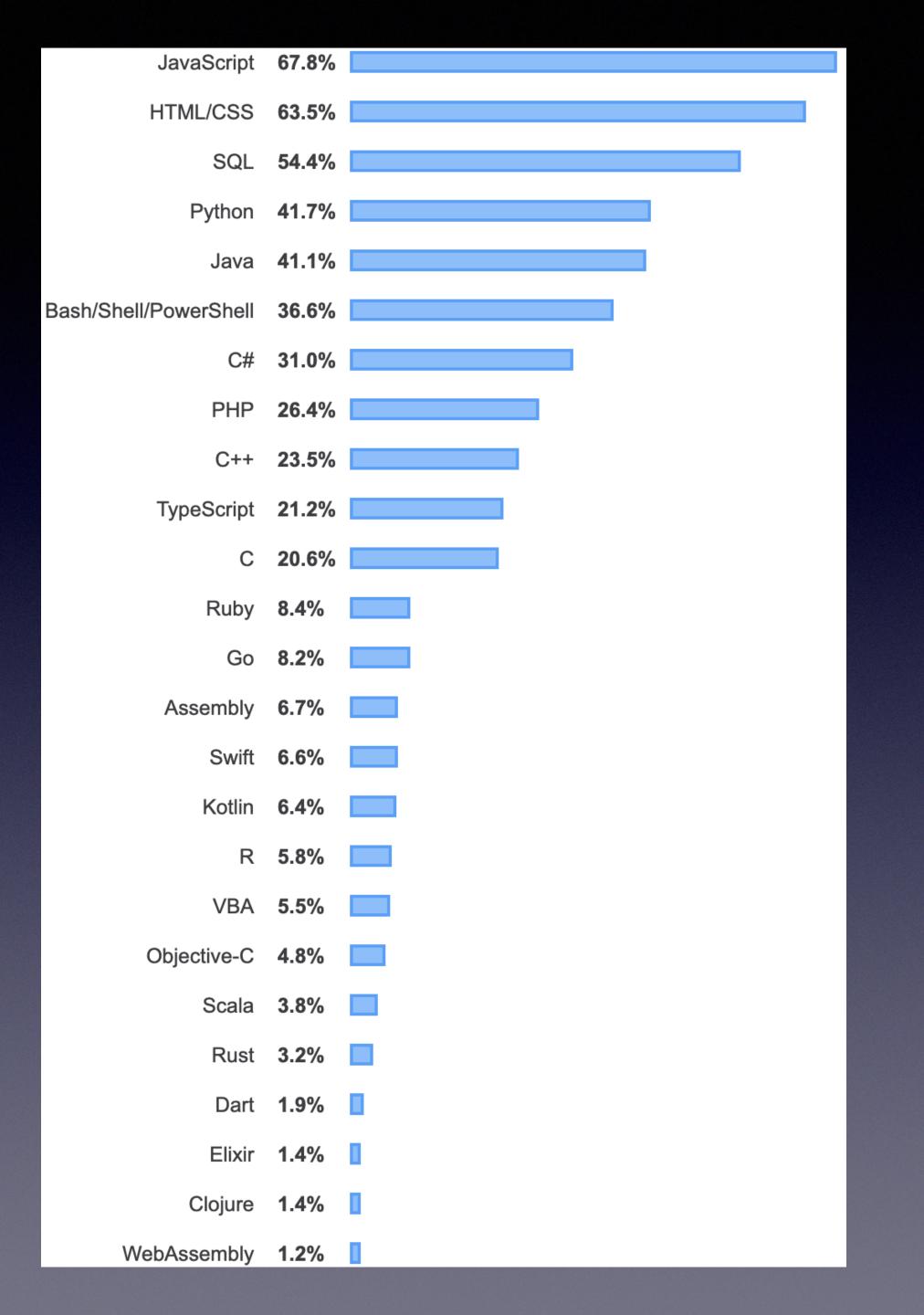
- JSP
 - Java Server Pages.
 - Servlets (applications Java in the server)
 - Interpreted.
 - Possible web servers: Apache, Java System.

- ASP
 - Active Server Pages. Microsoft.
 - Visual Basics Alike.
 - Internet Information Server.

- Python.
 - Multipurpose language.
 - Interpreted: CPython, IronPython, Jython.
 - Released in 1991.

Which Language

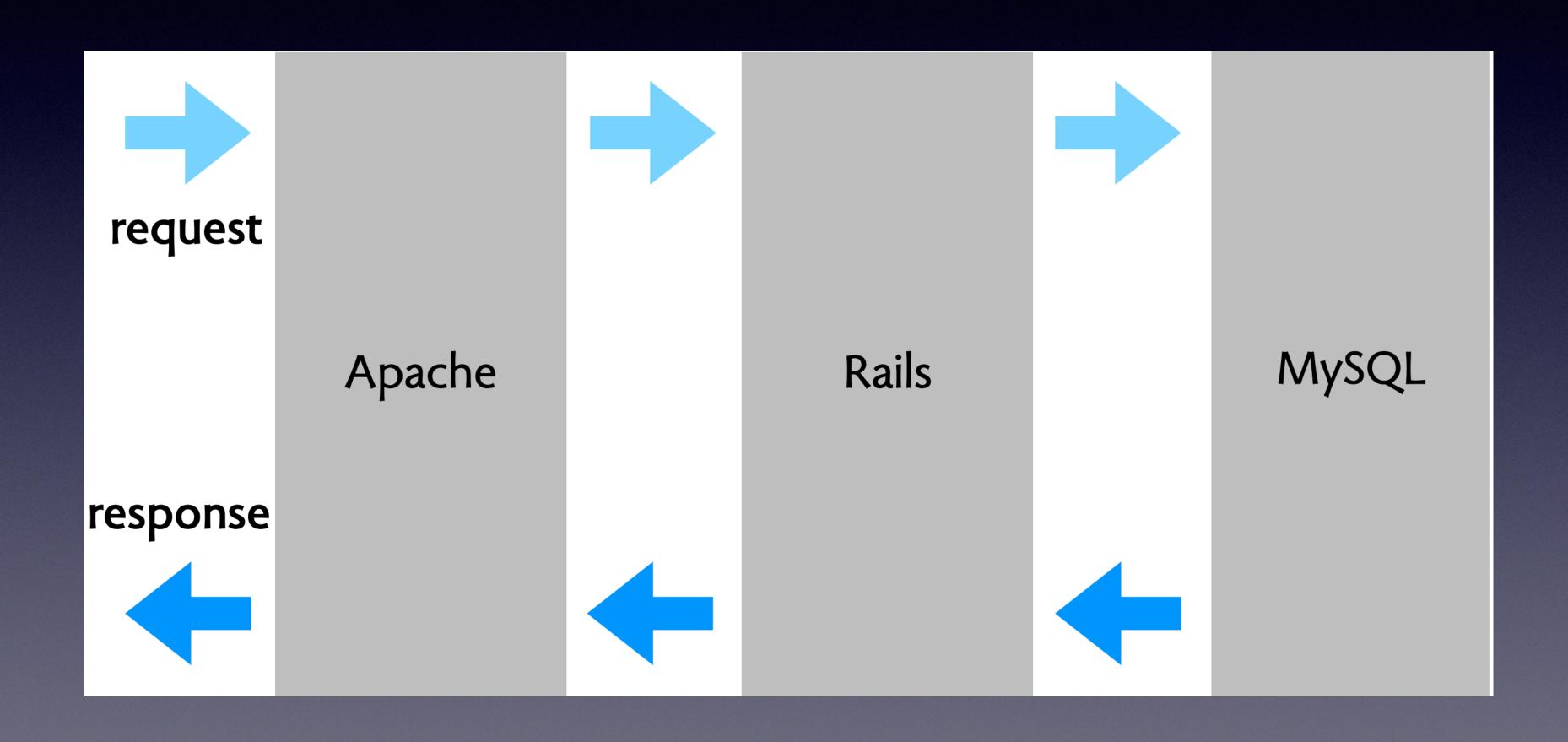
- Expressiveness.
 - Easy to understand.
- Reliability.
- Performance.
 - Probably the most important factor.



Python

- Build server-side web applications.
 - Web framework is not required.
- Not used in web browser.
 - pyjs can compile Python to Javascript.

- Code Library.
 - Faster an easier.
 - Common patterns.
- After 2000 professional web development always use framework.



- Why are useful?
 - Encapsulate what developers have learned over 20 years.
 - Easier to reuse code.
 - Structure projects.

- Functionality
 - Url routing.
 - Input for handling and validation.
 - HTM, XML, JSON and other formats with template engine.
 - Database Connection.
 - Web security. Cross-site request, SQL Injection, etc.
 - Session storage and retrieval.

Routing

Request routes rb call

```
GET /photos/17
match 'photos/:id' => 'photos#show'
class PhotosController ...
def show
... params[:id] ...
end
```

Request Data

- Two kinds of request data:
 - Query strings from GETs.
 - Form data from POSTs.

Data Conversion

Update Request



Show Request



request form

id	2	
rating	5	
content	yummy!	

database table

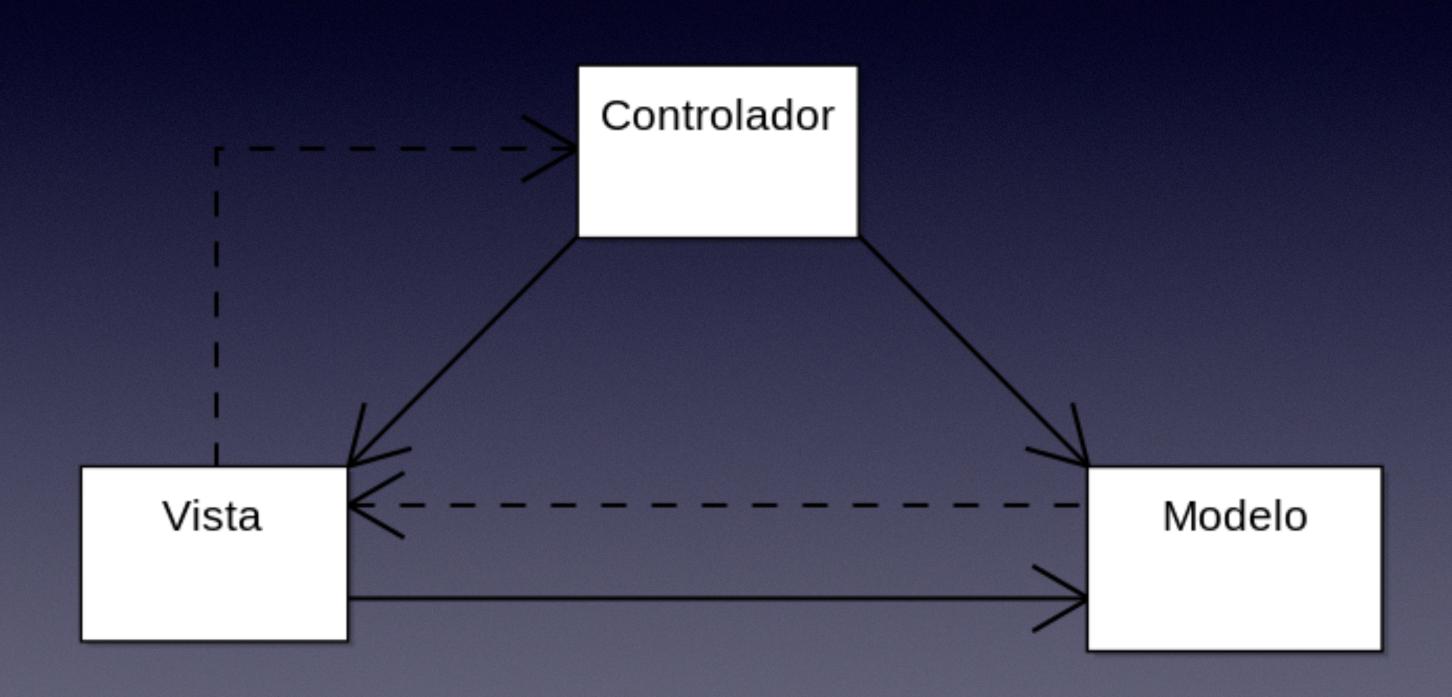
reviews						
id	by	content	rating	about		
1	3	yummy!	5	2		
2	2	neat	4	1		

response



- Choose a major Python web framework (Django or Flask)
- Work through a tutorial.
- Study open source.
- Build first simple iteration.

Model View Controller



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