## INFO 151 Web Systems and Services

Week 1 (T2)

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#### The Core Course Technologies

HTML JavaScript PHP MySQL

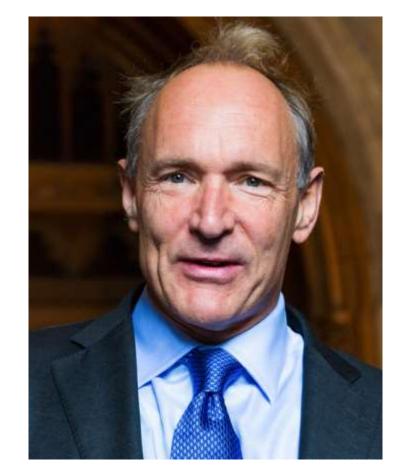
- HTML 5
  - Hypertext Markup Language
- JavaScript
  - Client-side scripting language
- PHP
  - Hypertext preprocessor a server-side scripting language
- Database (MySQL server)
  - Back-end relational database management system

Introduction to Web-Systems Programming
Introduction to Web Technologies
History of the HTML and the Internet
Introduction to HTML
Overview of the DOM

# The Internet Hypertext HTML 5

#### Tim Berners-Lee

- While working at CERN:
  - Prof Dr Tim Berners-Lee developed a program for his own use
  - The program was called *Enquire*
  - The aim was to store information in files that contained connections (or *links*) both within and among separate files
- The technique built into Enquire became known as hypertext



Prof Dr Tim Berners-Lee

#### Hypertext and the Internet

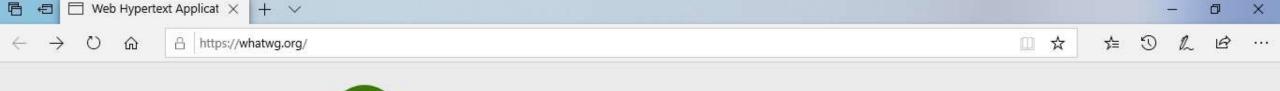
- He proposed the creation of a global hypertext document system that would make use of a system termed the Internet.
- The design goal was to provide researchers with the ability to share their work and results without having to rely on email communications
- Hypertext links enabled: researchers to:
  - Researchers to place such information online
  - Information *online* could be retrieve it *anytime* and *anywhere* (with a computer and an *Internet* or *intranet connection*)

#### Tim Berners Lee and the Internet

- He wrote and created the software for the first Web server
  - The central repository for the files to be shared
- He wrote and created the first Web client (now known as a web browser)
   between October 1990 and the summer of 1991
  - The program to access and display files retrieved from the server
- The first killer application of the Web at CERN:
  - was the laboratory's telephone directory
  - A very simple and mundane beginning for one of the technological wonders of the computer age.

#### W3C and the WHATWG

- *Internet* technologies and protocols are managed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) (URL: <a href="https://www.w3.org/">https://www.w3.org/</a>
- From 2004 the *HTML standard* has been maintained by WHATWG:
  - Web Hypertext Application Technology Working Group (<a href="https://whatwg.org/">https://whatwg.org/</a>)
- The following slides show the WHATWG web site where you can see:
  - The welcome (or home) page
  - Access to the HTML standards
  - Access to an HTML validation checker
  - HTML "living standard" web page with multiple links
  - The GitHub page (a research sharing page)
  - Other links useful in communication and collaboration





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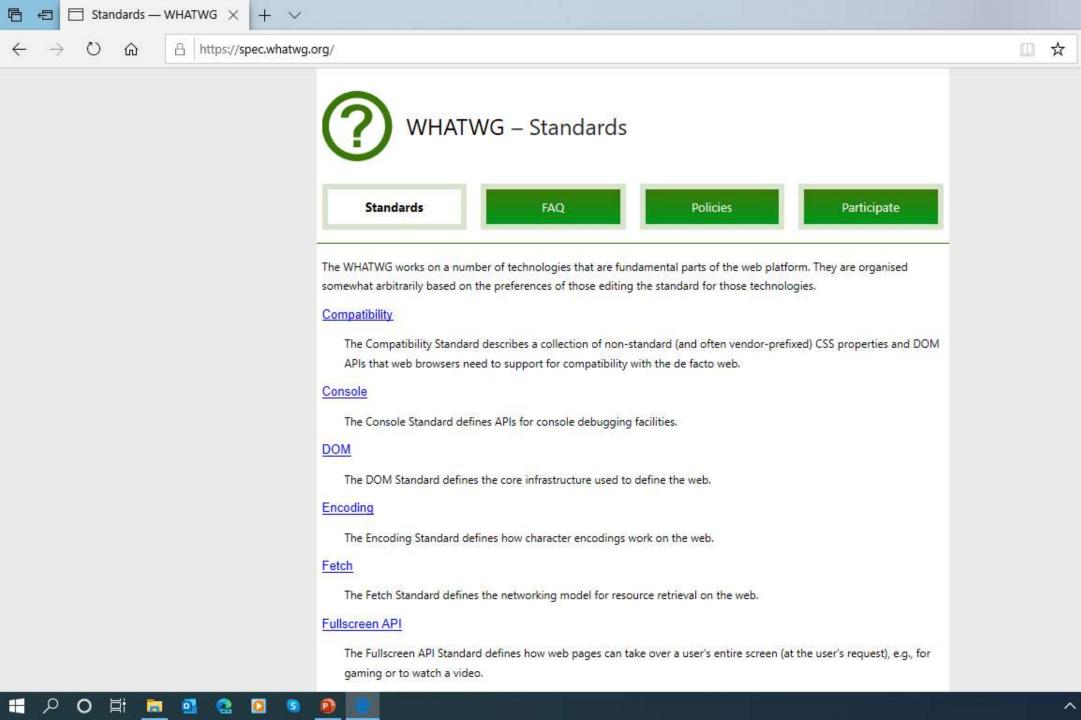




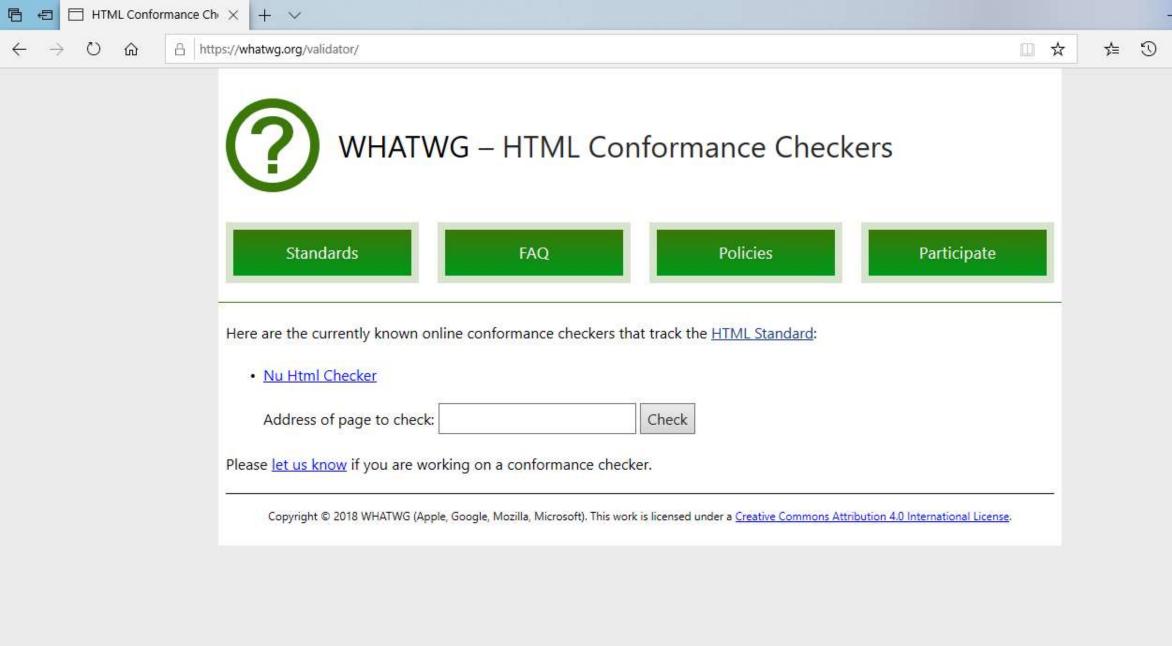


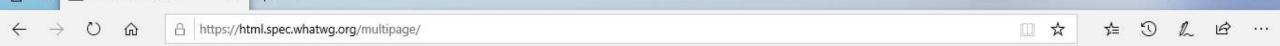












#### HTML

HTML Standard

#### Living Standard — Last Updated 9 May 2020



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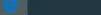








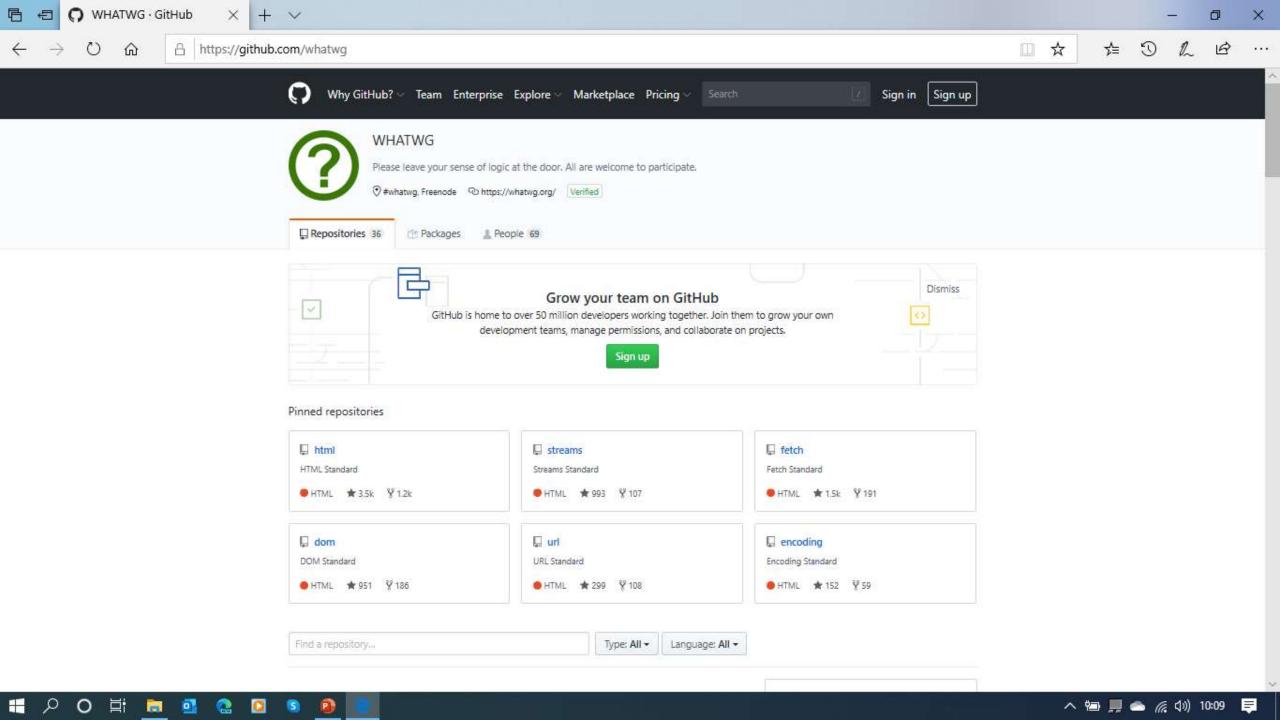






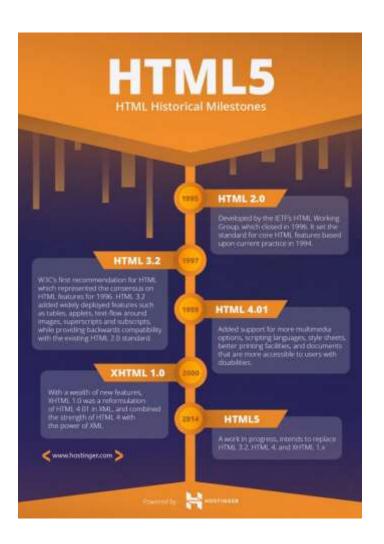
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#### The Development of HTML

- HTML 2.0
  - November 24 1995
- HTML 3.2
  - January 14 1997
- HTML 4.0
  - December 18 1997
- HTML 4.01
  - December 24 1999
- HTML 5
  - October 28 2014
- HTML 5.1
  - November 1, 2016
- HTML 5.2
  - December 14, 2017



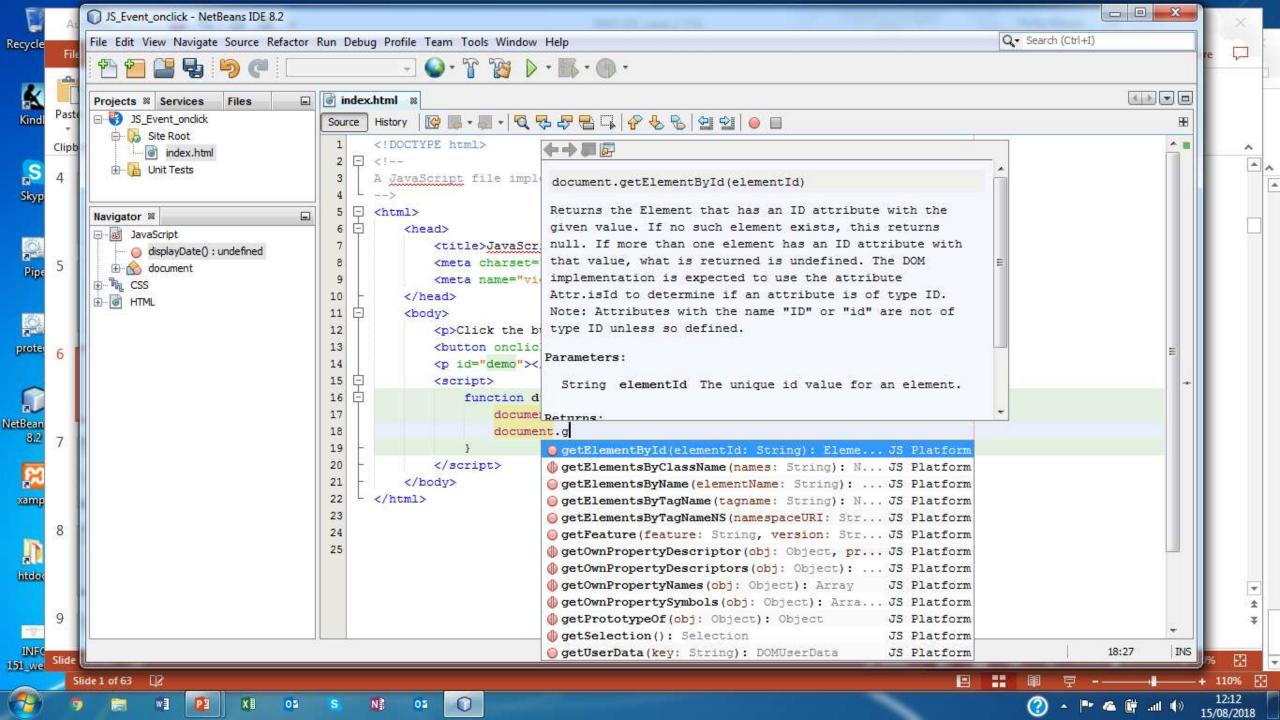
## Overview Web Systems Programming

#### Writing and Running Computer Code

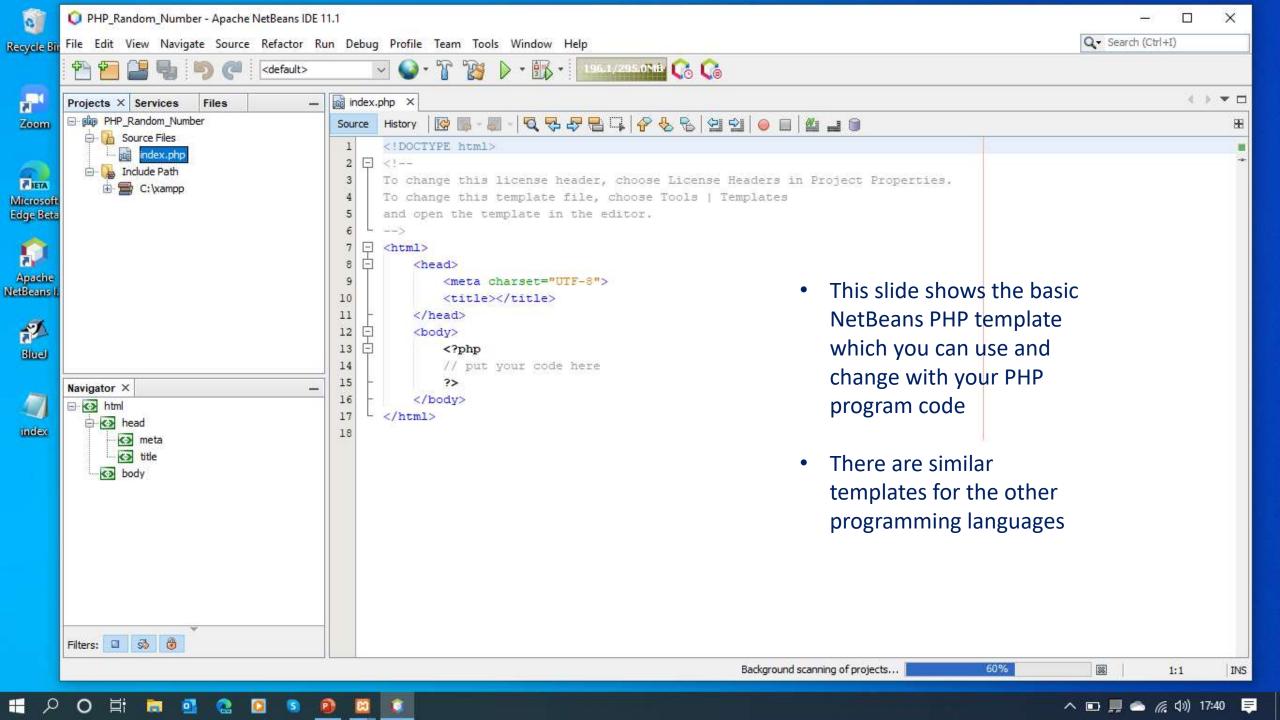
- Computer programming can use a word processor (such as Windows Notepad – NOT Microsoft Word)
- All 'real-world' practical programming uses an IDE and programming language framework
  - An IDE is NetBeans
  - A language framework is
    - A set of libraries and templates (re-usable code modules)
    - A set of application programming interfaces (termed an API)
- In this course you will be using the *NetBeans IDE* with the related *language* framework

#### Program Language Framework

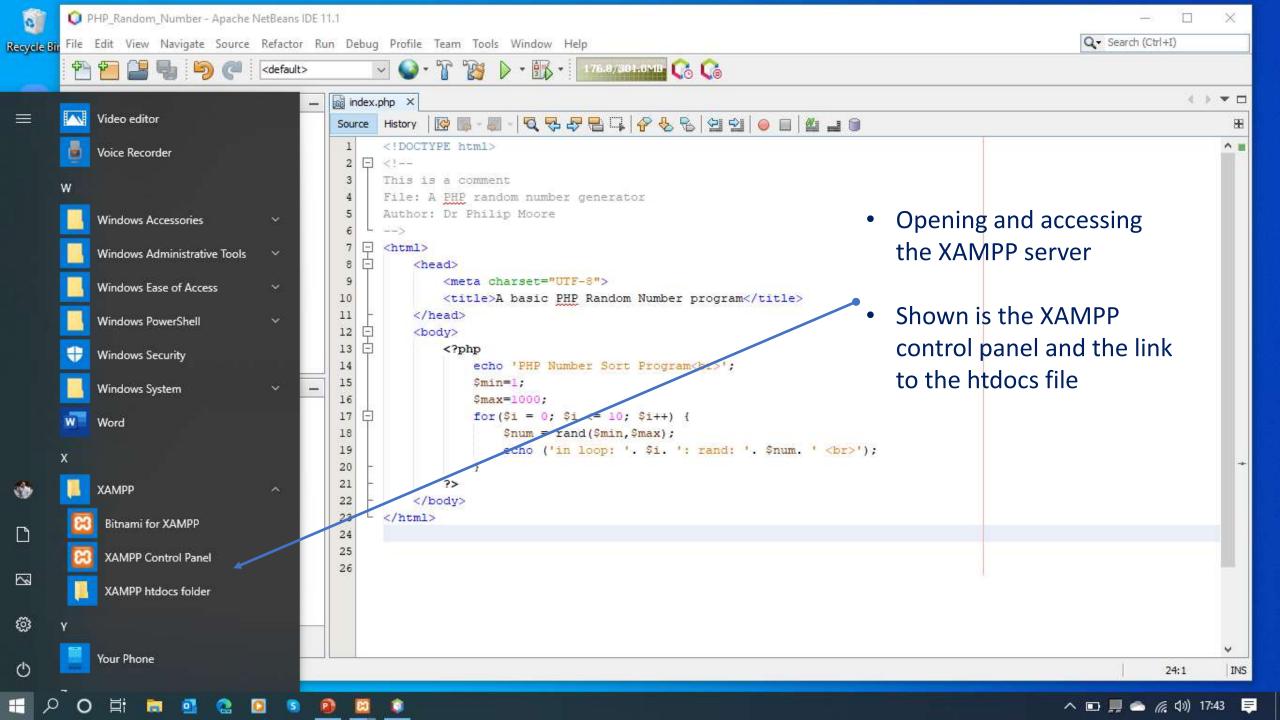
- In this course you will be using the NetBeans IDE
- NetBeans has language frameworks for programming languages
- The following slide shows:
  - The NetBeans IDI interface for JavaScript
  - Shown is an example of the framework available APIs where the available APIs shown with the details of the API
  - The APIs are shown in the dropdown list accessed using the dot ( . )
  - Selecting an API plus the dot operator will show other related APIs

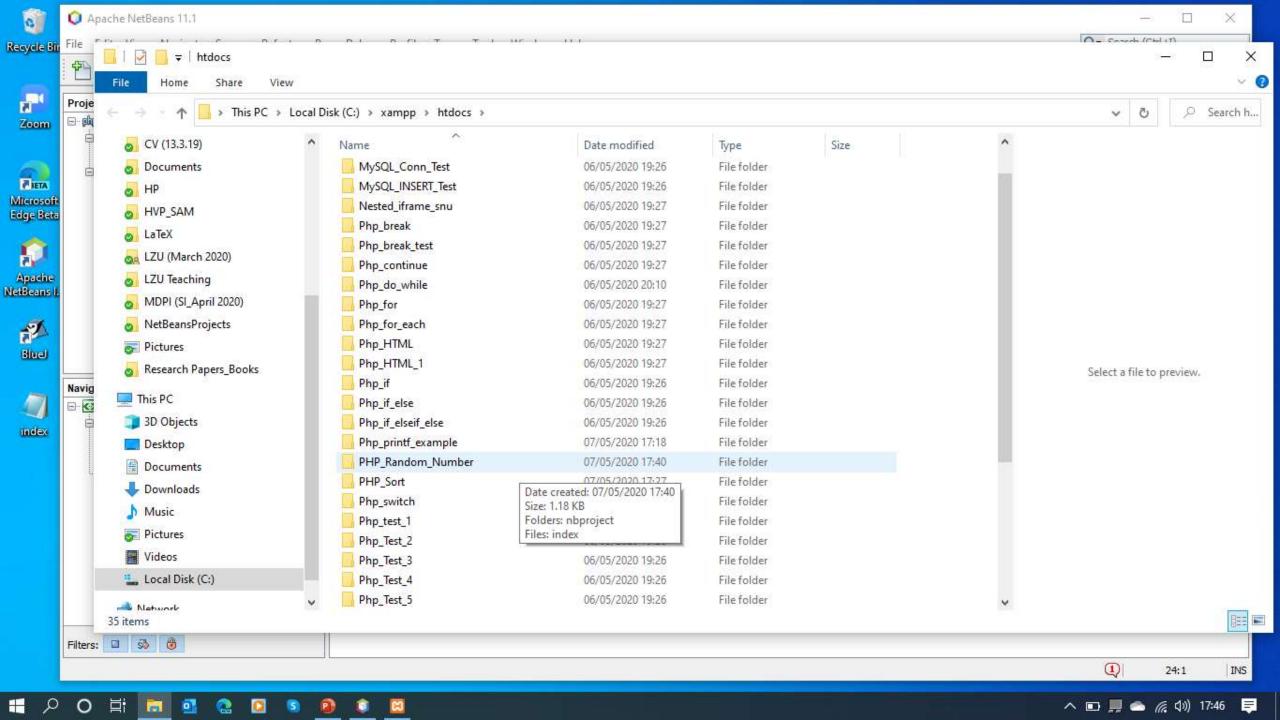


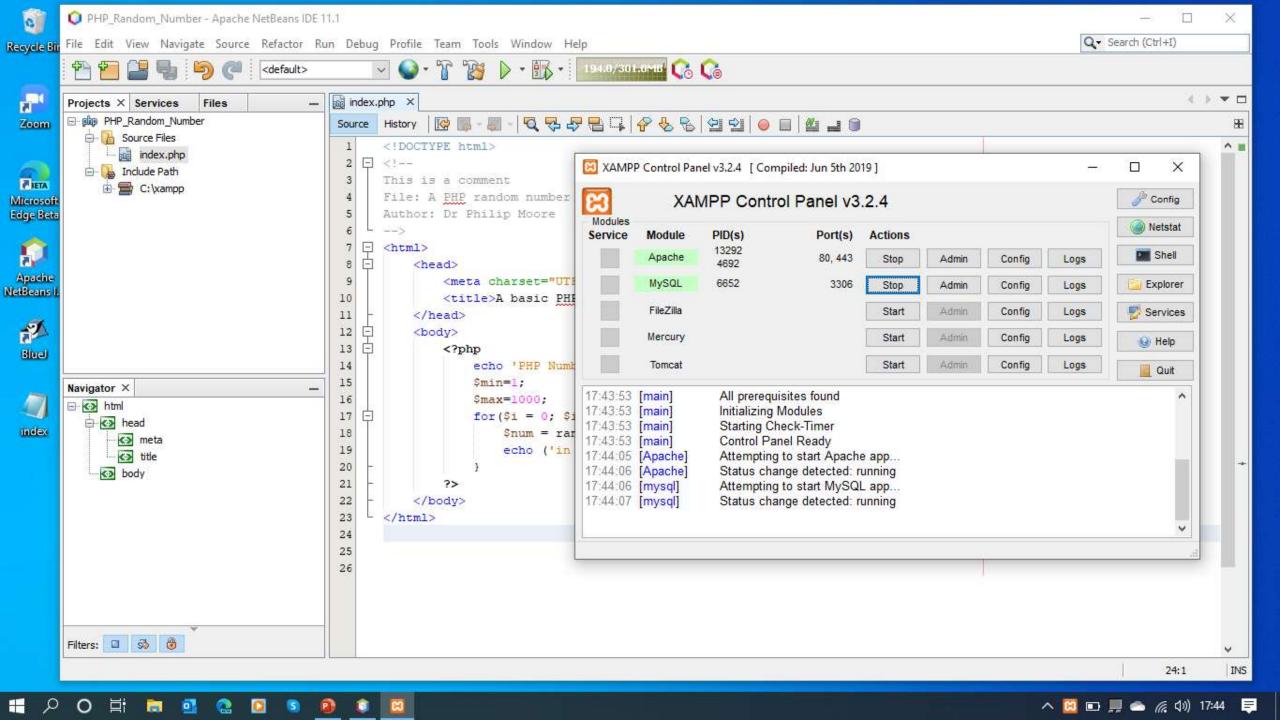
### **Programming Templates**

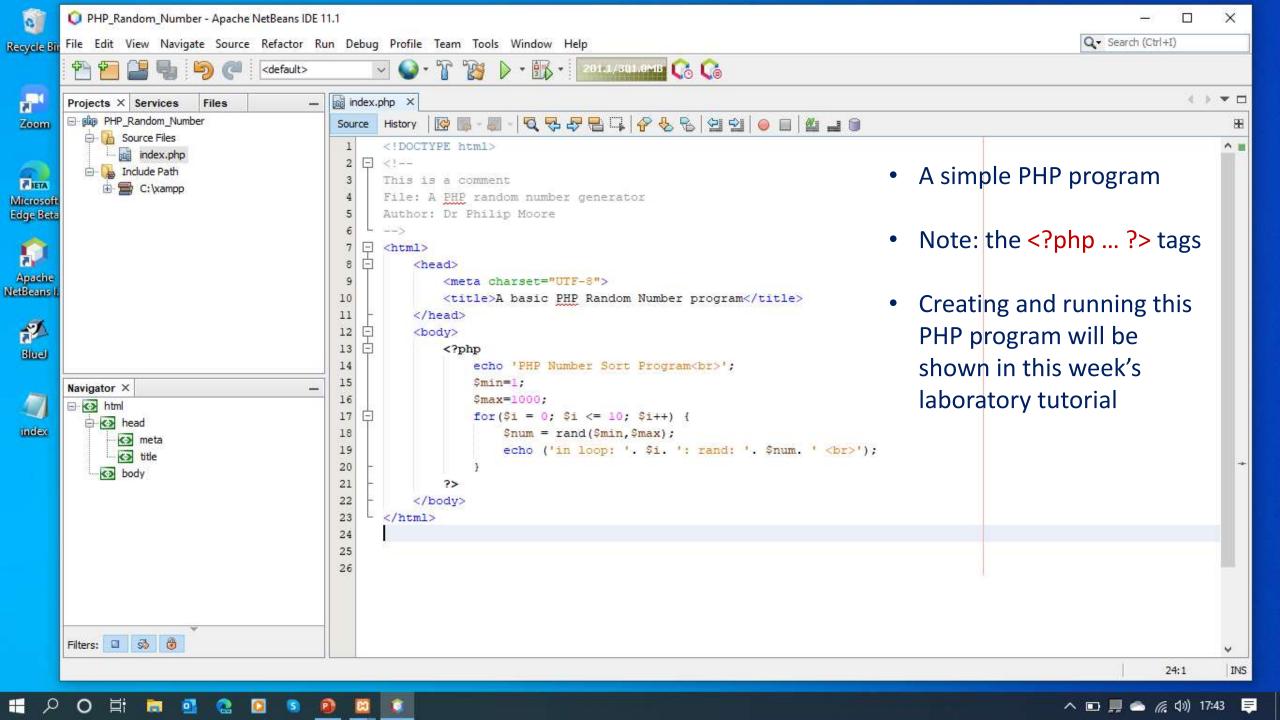


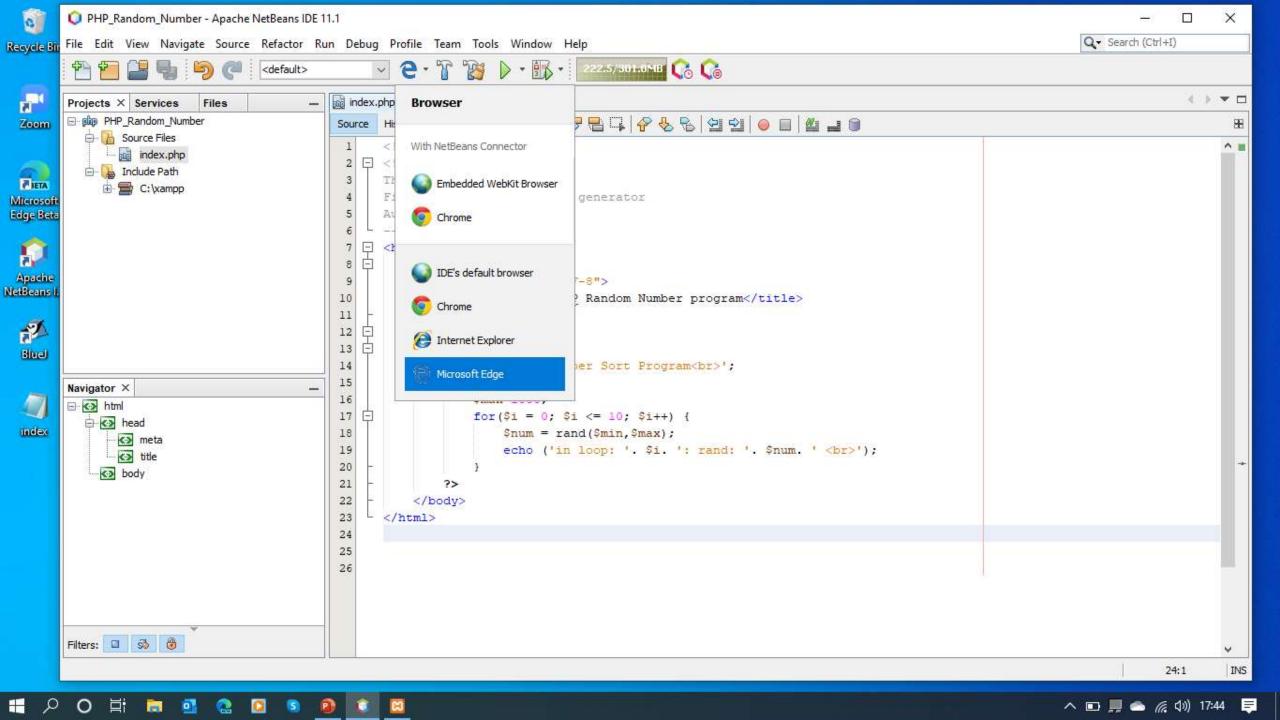
# NetBeans IDE and XAMPP server

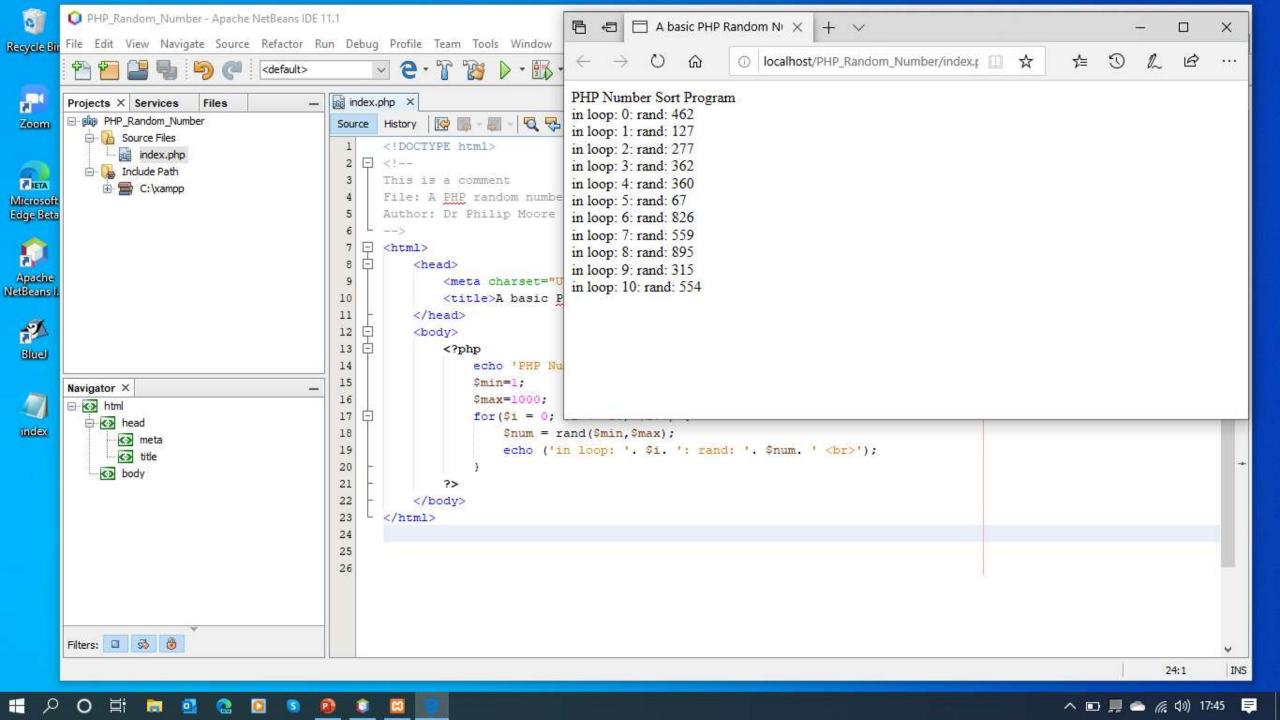


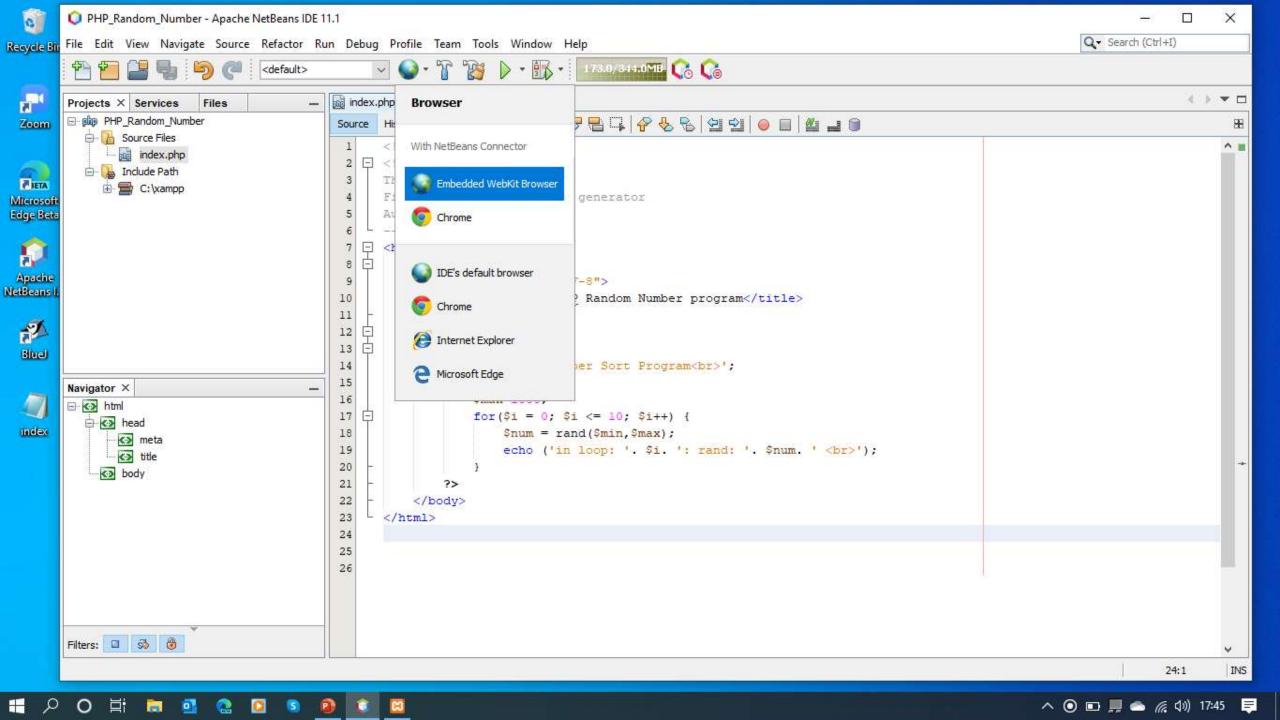


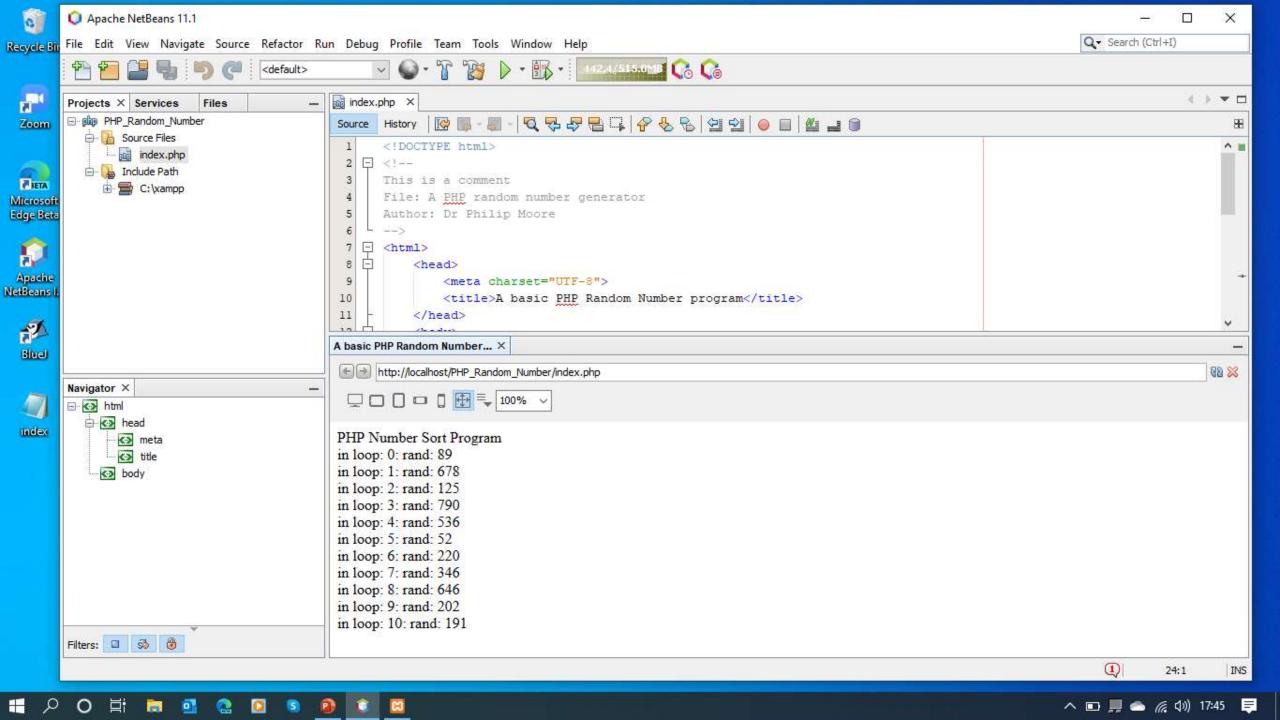












### **Computer Programming**

#### **Computer Programming**

- There are only three operations in any computer program
- **Sequential** operations:
  - Run one-after another without repetition
- **Selection** operations (conditional actions):
  - Select a course of action from several available alternatives
- *Iteration* operations (repeating actions):
  - Repeat until a condition is satisfied or termination criteria is reached
- A computer program mixes the three processes to achieve a desired result
- In this course we will learn how to use the three operations in JavaScript and PHP

#### Web Systems Programming (1)

- There are many programming languages used in web programming including
  - JavaScript / PHP / Python / Ruby / Java / Scala (a fork of Java) / C / C++ / Perl ...
  - We will introduce HTML 5 (this is not a programming language)
- In this course we only consider
  - JavaScript and PHP with MySQL
- The other programming languages are beyond the scope of this course

#### Web Systems Programming (2)

- When we consider web systems programming we will consider two approaches
  - *Client-side* programming
    - The program code is located and run within a web browser
    - The results are displayed by the web browser
    - A web-browser is termed a thin client
  - *Server-side* programming
    - The program code is located and run in a web server
    - The results are returned and displayed by the web browser
- Client-side programming uses HTML and JavaScript
- Server-side programming uses HTML and PHP
- HTML, JavaScript, and PHP may be used in a single program

### Web Systems Programming (3)

- JavaScript is a client-side programming language
- PHP is a server-side programming language
- JavaScript can not connect directly to MySQL server
  - There are exceptions which require 'bridging' such as
    - Node.js (or)
    - RESTful application programming interface (API)
- To connect to the database server (and MySQL)
  - We must use PHP
- In this course we will connect to MySQL server using PHP

### **Program Code Documentation**

#### **Documenting Program Code**

- In preparing an HTML file with JavaScript, PHP, and MySQL
  - It is important that the program code is documented
- By documentation we refer to *inserting comments* in the code
- Proper documentation is important because:
  - Comments provide information to understand the purpose and reason for the program code
  - Understanding is important for multiple programmers
  - Understanding is also important to remind the programmer of program logic and purpose
- Proper documentation is very important in the software life cycle
  - To enable maintenance and updating of software

## Example HTML Web Page File (template)

- Sample HTML File
- The basic HTML shows:
  - HTML <tags>
  - How to insert comments
  - Indented program code
- Note:
  - The syntax is specific to HTML
  - Other programming languages use a different syntax

```
<!- this is a comment -->
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>First Web Page</title>
  </head>
  <body>
     >
          Insert text here -->
       My first web page!
     </body>
</html>
```

# Web Systems Programming and HTML

## Web Systems Programming and HTML

- *HTML* is not a programming language it is a markup language
- In this course we will consider HTML
  - HTML is the structure within which JavaScript and PHP is embedded
- The current version is HTML 5
  - HTML 5 builds on HTML 4 and HTML 5 replaces some <tags>
  - The <tags> for HTML 4 remain in HTML 5
  - There are <tags> in HTML 4 which are *deprecated* in HTML 5
  - In current web-browsers the implementation of HTML 5 is variable

#### Hypertext and HTML

- The term *Hypertext* 
  - Originally referred to text stored in electronic form with cross-referenced links between pages.
  - It has developed into a broader term that refers to: objects (text, images, files, etc) that can be linked to other objects.
  - HTTP is a language for describing how text, graphics, and files containing other information are organized and linked.
- The *Hypertext Markup Language* (HTML) is a standard 'markup language' for the creation of web pages and web-systems applications.
- When used with *Cascading Style Sheets* (CSS) and scripting languages it forms the main technologies of the *Internet*

# Web-Systems Markup Languages

## Web-Systems Markup Languages

- There are 3 web-systems *markup-languages* the:
  - HyperText Markup Language (HTML)
  - eXtensible Markup Language (XML)
  - eXtensible Hypertext Markup Language (XHTML)

#### HTML - XML

- HTML
  - Is a legacy technology of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
- XML
  - Is a W3C standard for text document markup
  - NOT a language itself
  - A set of rules for creating other markup languages
  - Specific type definitions can be created using Document Type Definition (DTD)
- The design goals for *XML* are:
  - Simplicity, generality, and usability across the Internet
  - XML focuses on documents
  - XML is widely used to represent data structures as used in web-systems and services

## Document - Type Definition (DTD)

- The W3C Recommendation:
  - Use a Document Type Definition to identify the type of markup language used in a web page
- XHTML 1.0 Transitional
  - This is the least strict specification for XHTML 1.0.
  - It allows the use of both Cascading Style Sheets and traditional formatting instructions such as fonts
- XHTML 1.0 Strict
  - Requires exclusive use of Cascading Style Sheets
- XHTML 1.0 Frameset
  - Required for pages using XHTML frames (deprecated in HTML 5)

#### XHTML 1.0 Transitional DTD

- The XHML version and type is declared in the Document Type Definition (DTD)
  called the !DOCTYPE
  - The !DOCTYPE Identifies the document type to browsers and XHTML code validators
  - The second line of your XHTML page:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
    <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"> an opening tag
    .... page info goes here
    </html> a closing tag
```

#### **XHTML**

- In eXtensible Hypertext Markup Language (XHTML) the W3C
  - Adds the structure and extensibility of the Extensible Markup Language (XML) to HTML
- XHTML
  - Uses the elements and attributes of HTML (with)
  - the syntax of XML
  - XHTML is compatible with XML
- XHTML is a 'markup language' that
  - defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format in both human-readable and machine-readable formalism

#### **XHTML**

#### • XHTML 1.0

- It the latest version of HTML
- It is a W3C specification (plus related specifications) are free open standards that define a common XML standard
- Allows only a document's content and structure to appear in a valid XHTML document, and not its formatting
- Formatting is specified with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

#### • XHTML uses:

- The elements and attributes of HTML
- With the syntax of the eXtensible Markup Language (XML)

#### XML Syntax

- An XML document must be **well-formed** and must:
  - Use lowercase for <tags>
  - Use opening and closing <tags>
    - <body> ... </body>
  - A closed stand-alone <tag> with special syntax
    - <hr />
- XML documents begin with an XML directive.
  - The basic form of this directive is:
    - <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
- This is the first line of your XHTML file

### XML Syntax Structure

- XML has the following structure:
  - •<element1
    attribute1="value">content</element1>

•<element1 attribute1="value"></element1>

•<element1 attribute1="value" />

## XML Syntax

- In XML there are **elements** in a document
- The following example demonstrates elements and markup <tags>:
  - <element1 attribute1="value">content</element1>
    <food type="fruit" color="red">A Red Apple</food>
- Examples of markup (Tag), Content, and Attribute can be found at w3schools.com

#### HTML 5

- HTML 5 is currently
  - The latest HTML standard (2018) is HTML 5.2
  - Is generally supported by the major web-browsers (we will consider this later)
  - Provides improved integration of multimedia
  - HTML 5 is easy to work with
  - No XML directive and lengthy DOCTYPE declaration is required

#### HTML 5

- HTML 5 requires:
  - No XML directive
  - No lengthy DOCTYPE declaration
- The syntax is similar to (nearly identical) XHTML

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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
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</html

# Document Object Model (DOM)

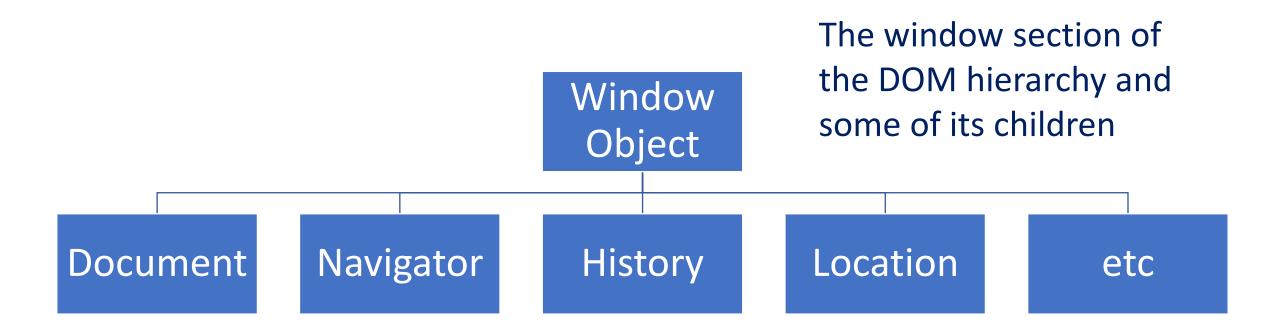
## Document Object Model (DOM)

- The DOM is a World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) standard for accessing documents
- The W3C Document Object Model (DOM)
  - A platform and *language-neutral* (e.g., Chinese) interface that allows programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure, and style of a document
- The W3C DOM standard is separated into 3 different parts:
  - Core DOM standard model for all document types
  - XML DOM standard model for XML documents
  - HTML DOM standard model for HTML documents

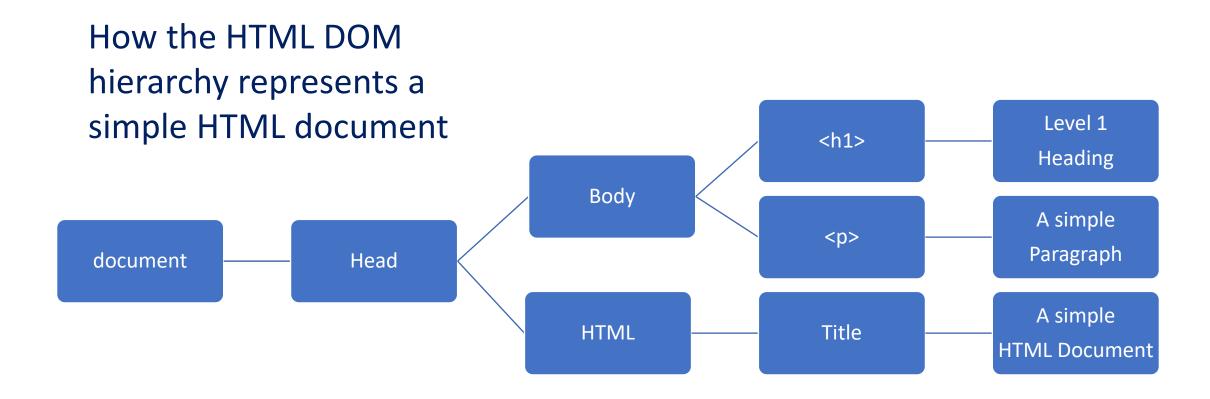
#### HTML DOM

- The HTML DOM is a standard object model and programming interface for HTML which defines:
  - The HTML elements as objects
  - The properties of all HTML elements
  - The methods to access all HTML elements
  - The events for all HTML elements
- In simple terms: the HTML DOM is a standard for how to *get, change,* add, or delete HTML elements
- The DOM and JavaScript will be introduced in later weeks

## HTML DOM Hierarchy



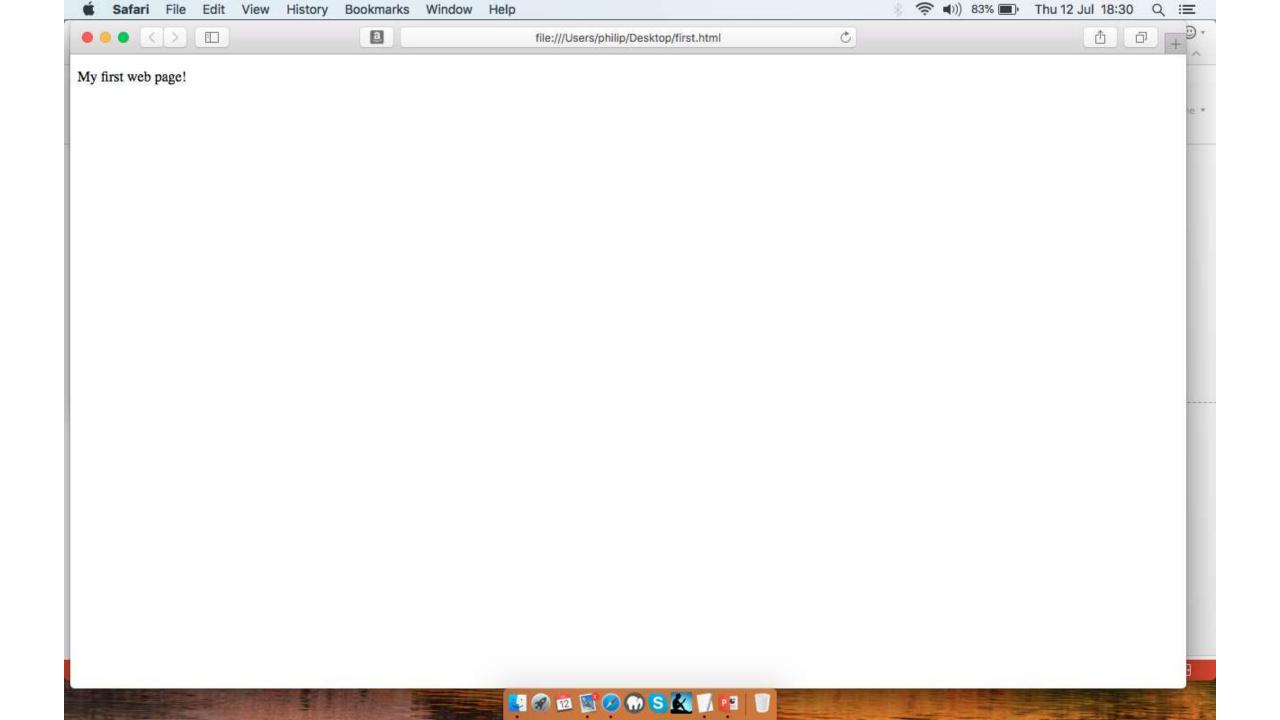
### HTML DOM Example



## First HTML Web Page

- Creating a Sample HTML File
- This simple HTML code prints
  - "My first web page!"
- You will learn about HTML
- You will learn how to add style to web-pages using
  - Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
- The following slide shows the output in a web browser

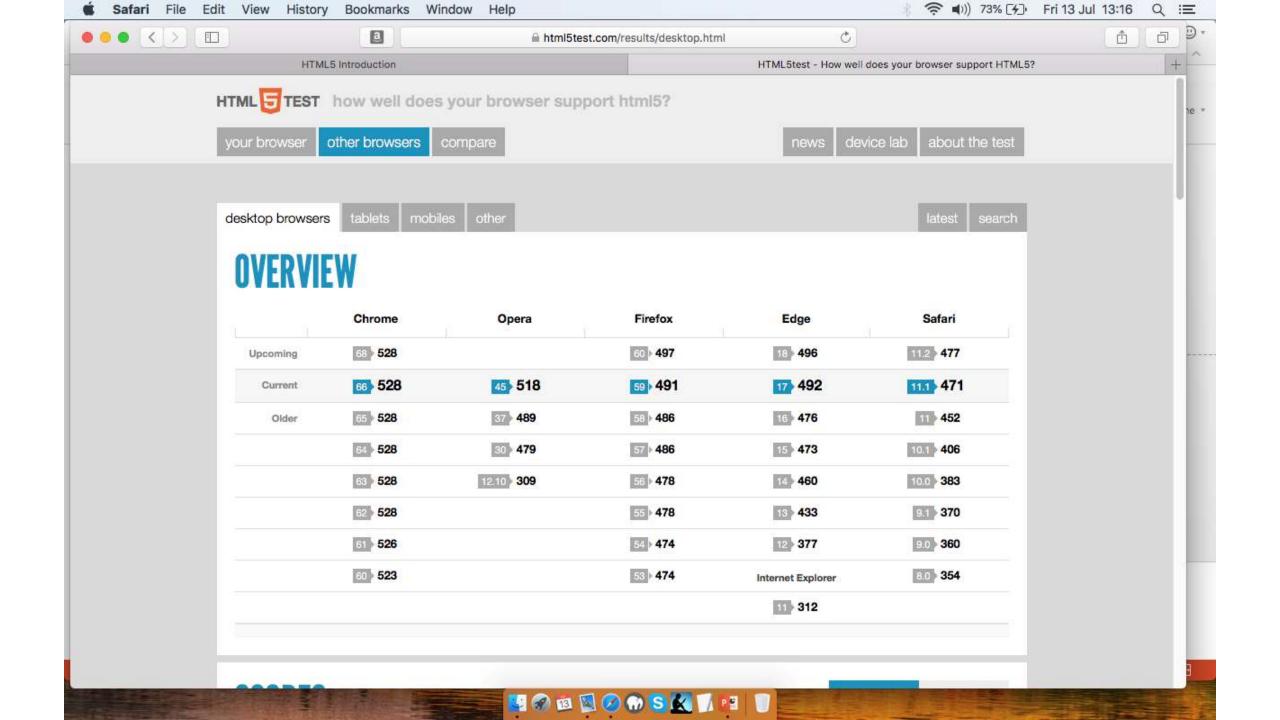
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<h+m1>
<head>
<title>First Web Page</title>
</head>
<body>
>
My first web page!
</body>
</html>
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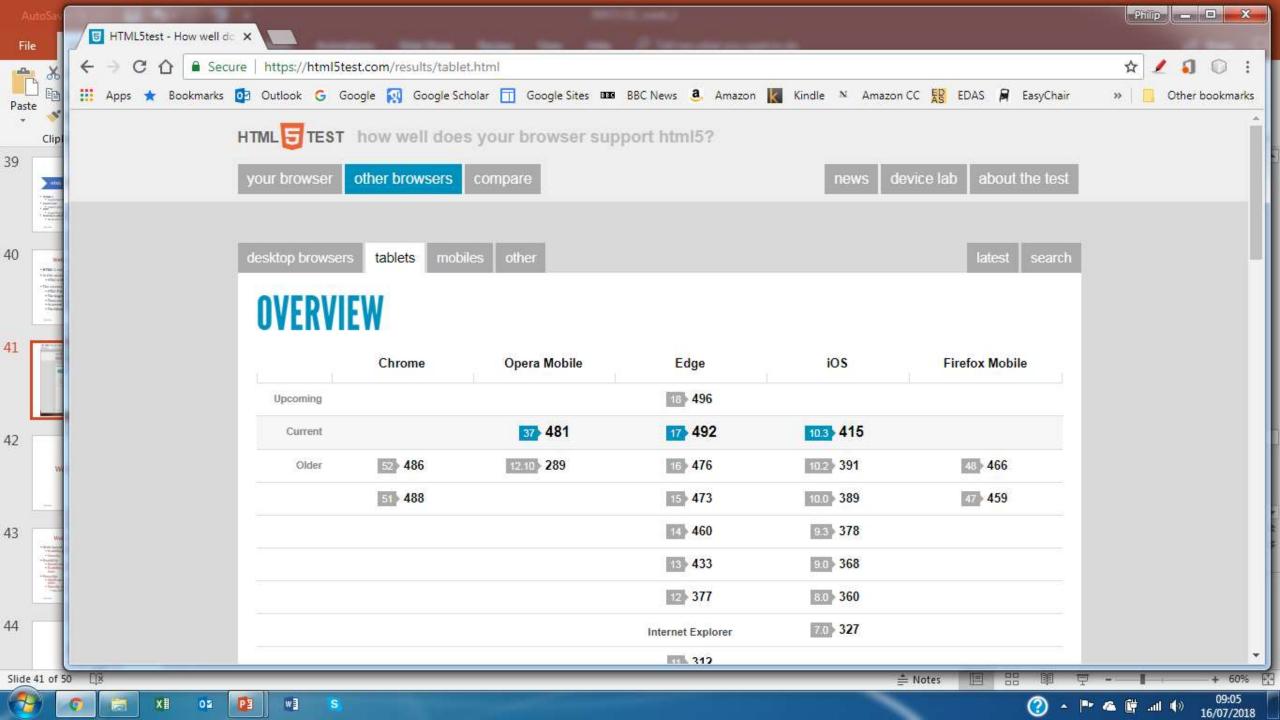


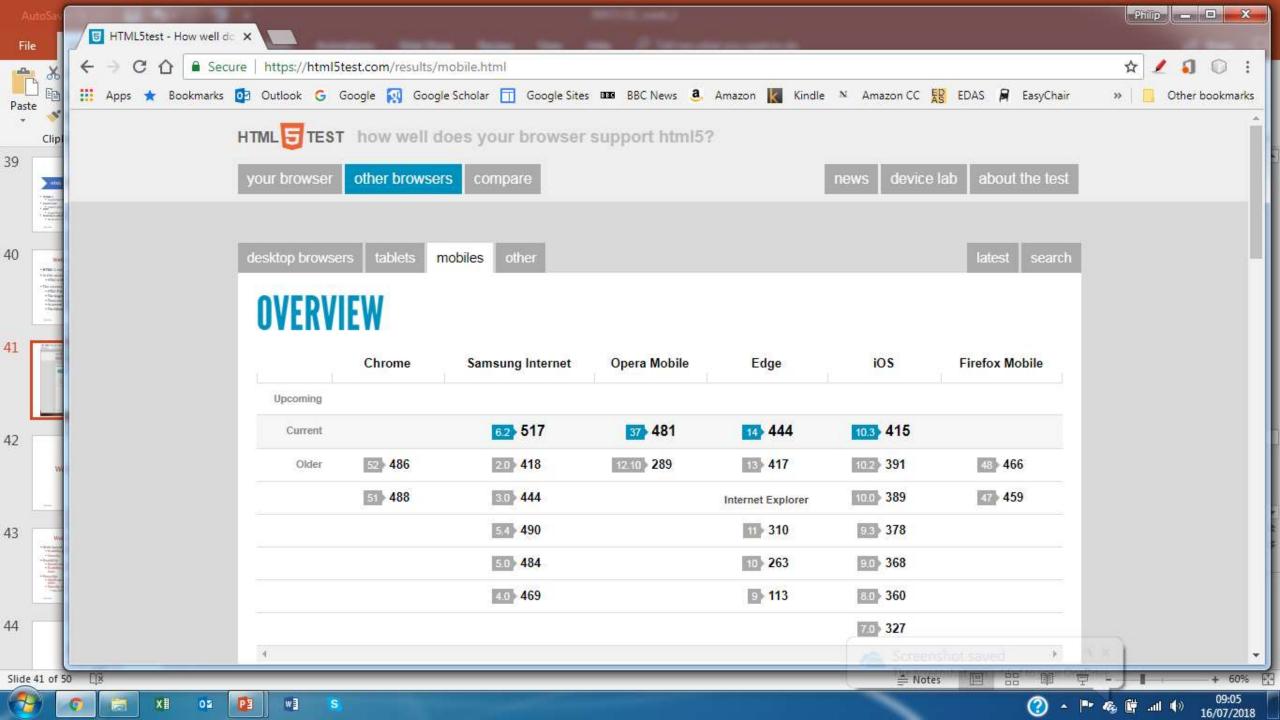
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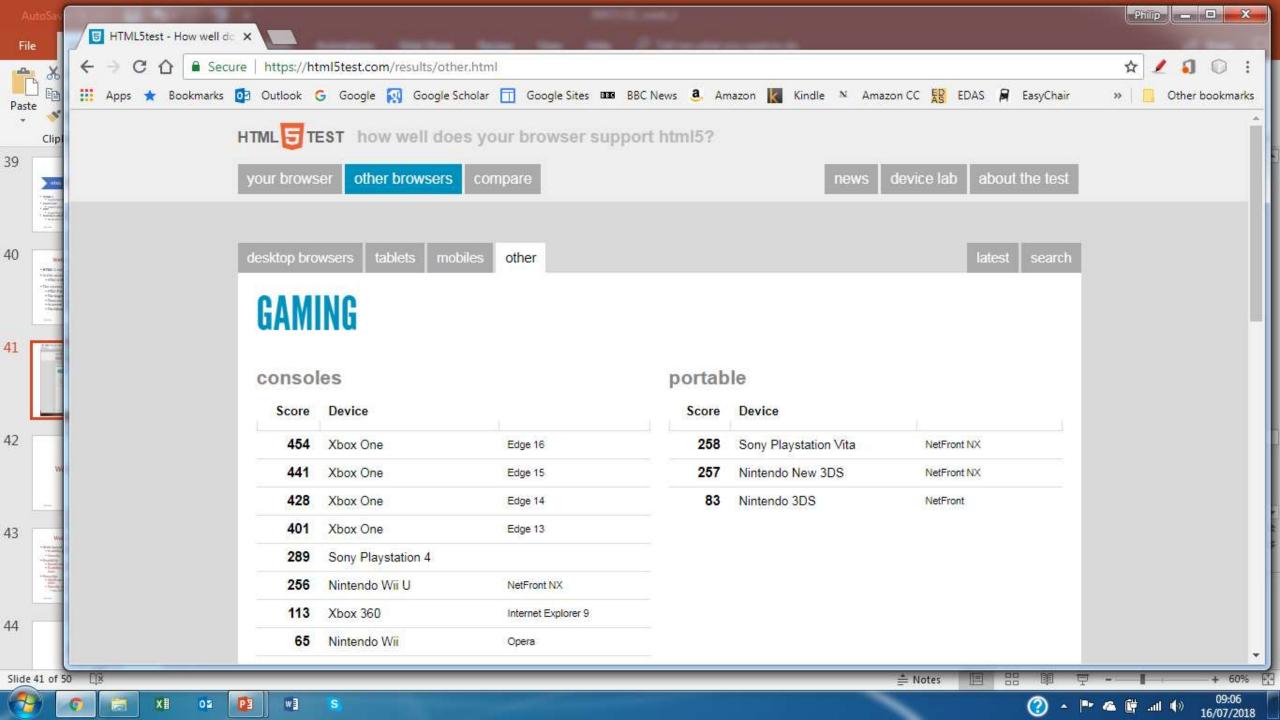
## Web Systems and Web-Browser Support

- Web-based systems must accommodate
  - A range of browsers
  - Implemented in a range of devices
  - A range of screen resolutions
- The support for HTML 4 is achieved in all major browsers
- The support for HTML 5 is not universal
  - Web-pages and web-sites must
    - Incorporate HTML that enables the web-pages web-sites to be viewed in a range of current and older browsers and devices









#### Conclusion

- We have provided:
  - An introduction to web systems programming and the core technologies
  - An overview of the history of the Internet and hypertext
  - An introduction the HTML and related technologies
- In this week's practical laboratory session we will:
  - Introduce the course software
  - Introduce the XAMPP integrated server environment
  - Create and run a simple 'stateless' html web page