INFO 151 Web Systems and Services

Week 1 (T1)

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Degree Overview

INFO 151 – Web Systems and Services

- The degree addresses *Data Science*
- Data science includes web systems and information systems
- INFO 151 description:
 - Provides students with fundamental concepts for designing, coding, testing, and deploying software systems
 - Introduces programming concepts and activities by demonstration, example, and exercise
 - Addresses Client-side and Server-side coding

Course Overview

V Weeks 1 − 3

- Introduction to Web Systems and Services
- Creating Web-Pages and Web-Sites with a Markup Language
- Introductory HTML 4 and HTML 5 with CSS

Weeks 4 – 6

- Client-Side Web Programming
- Object Oriented Programming
- Introductory and further JavaScript

Weeks 7 – 9

- Server-side Programming
- Introductory PHP
- Introduction to Database, SQL, and MySQL

Course Overview and Delivery Course Assessment Introduction to the *Internet* and *internet*Introduction to Web Systems and Architectures Overview of Database Systems

Course Delivery

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- The course will be delivered over a period of 10 weeks
- Weeks 1 to 9 will be the teaching period where we will deliver:
 - 2 tutorial sessions each week
 - 1 practical laboratory session each week
- In week 10 there will be practical work in the laboratory
- For details of the assignments and team project see: the INFO 151 Course Structure (2020) document available from *Moodle*
- The final examination will be held at the end of the semester
 - The location and scheduled dates will be notified over Moodle

Grading and Assessment

- The course assessment and grading:
 - There will be 1 individual final examination
 - There will be 2 individual assignments
 - There will be 1 group project
- The team project will be undertaken by small teams
 - Each team will be 3 (or maximum 4) students in each group
 - Each groups will be self selecting
 - In the event of any problems the tutors will assign students to teams
- Assessment information is provided in the course documentation
- The assessment will include *graded attendance* and *participation* in tutorial and laboratory sessions

Course Software

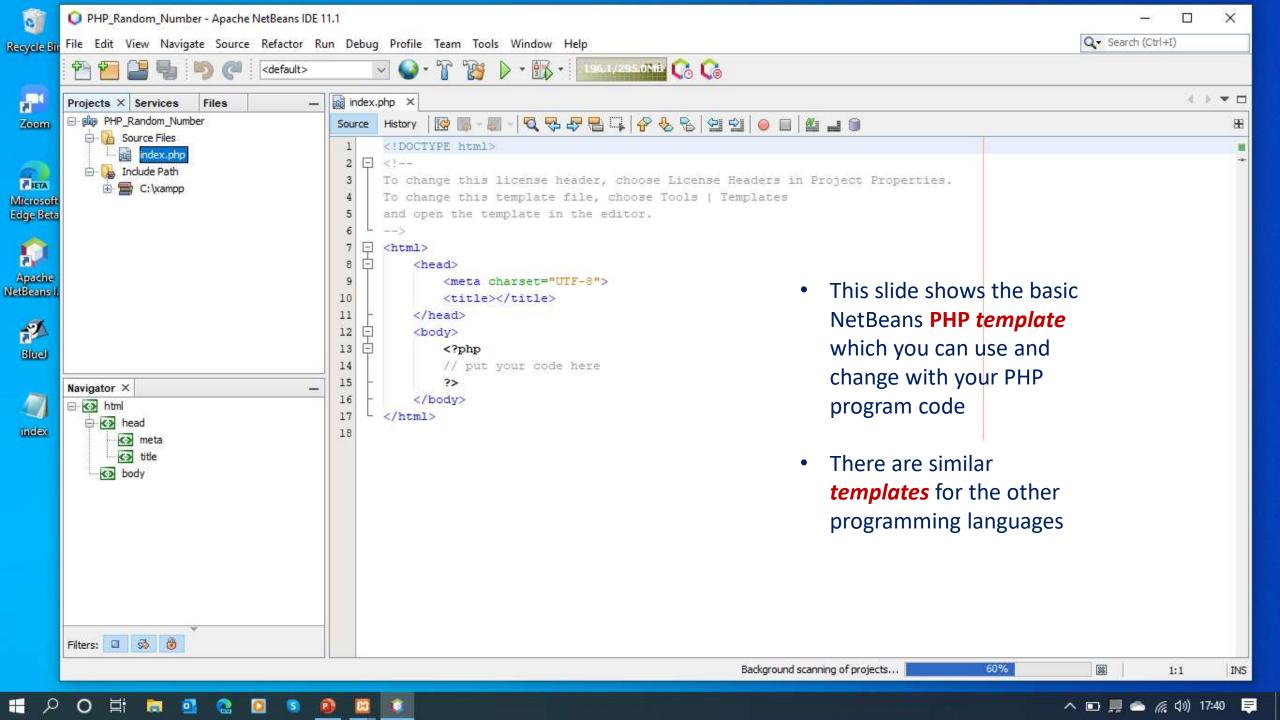
- The course will use an *Integrated Development Environment* (IDE) and programming framework
- For the programming of HTML, JavaScript, PHP, and MySQL:
 - The NetBeans IDE and programming framework will be used
 - An integrated server (XAMPP) will be used
- For the creation and building of web pages and web-sites
 - All programming and development will use the NetBeans IDE or if you wish a simple text editor (NetBeans recommended)

Course Software

- The following software will be installed on the computers in the laboratory
 - The NetBeans IDE
 - The **XAMPP** server
- The software will be demonstrated in the laboratory and will be used for the building of the teaching examples, individual assessments, and the team project
- The NetBeans IDE and XAMPP server is available for (free) download and installation on personal computers
 - Details will be provided in the course documentation

Templates

- The NetBeans IDE is a programming environment which simplifies the writing and running of program code
- NetBeans is a programming framework:
 - Enables some simple automation when writing program code
- When creating a project (addressed in the laboratory tutorial):
 - Net Beans creates a template file
 - The template can be used when writing your program code
 - The following slide shows the NetBeans IDE and a PHP template file (index.php)



Required Course Resources

- The sources of information and resources for JavaScript may be found at:
 - The w3schools.com web-site (Chinese version)
 - The URL: https://www.quanzhanketang.com/
- The w3schools.com web-site has limited resources for PHP and MySQL
 - The recommended course textbook for PHP and MySQL (including JavaScript) is:
 - Sams Teach Yourself PHP, MySQL & JavaScript All in One SIXTH EDITION
 - This book is available in the University Library

Supplied Course Resources

- Other resources will be provided as required
 - Resources and course information will be available on INFO 151
 Moodle course website
 - Each student will have a personal username and password
- The PowerPoint slides use in the tutorial and laboratory sessions
 - Will be made available in pdf form
 - The slides will be made available *following* the tutorial and laboratory sessions

Student Data Storage and Backup

- The course is designed around the use of computerised systems and resource availability
 - This is a computer course we limit the use of paper-based systems
- Students will be given a virtual partition on the University server to store their course work
 - The data storage will be username and password protected
- Students are responsible for their data
 - Data back-up is essential, and any loss of data is the student's responsibility
 - Loss of data will not be accepted as a reason for late (or no) delivery of assignments

Student Communication

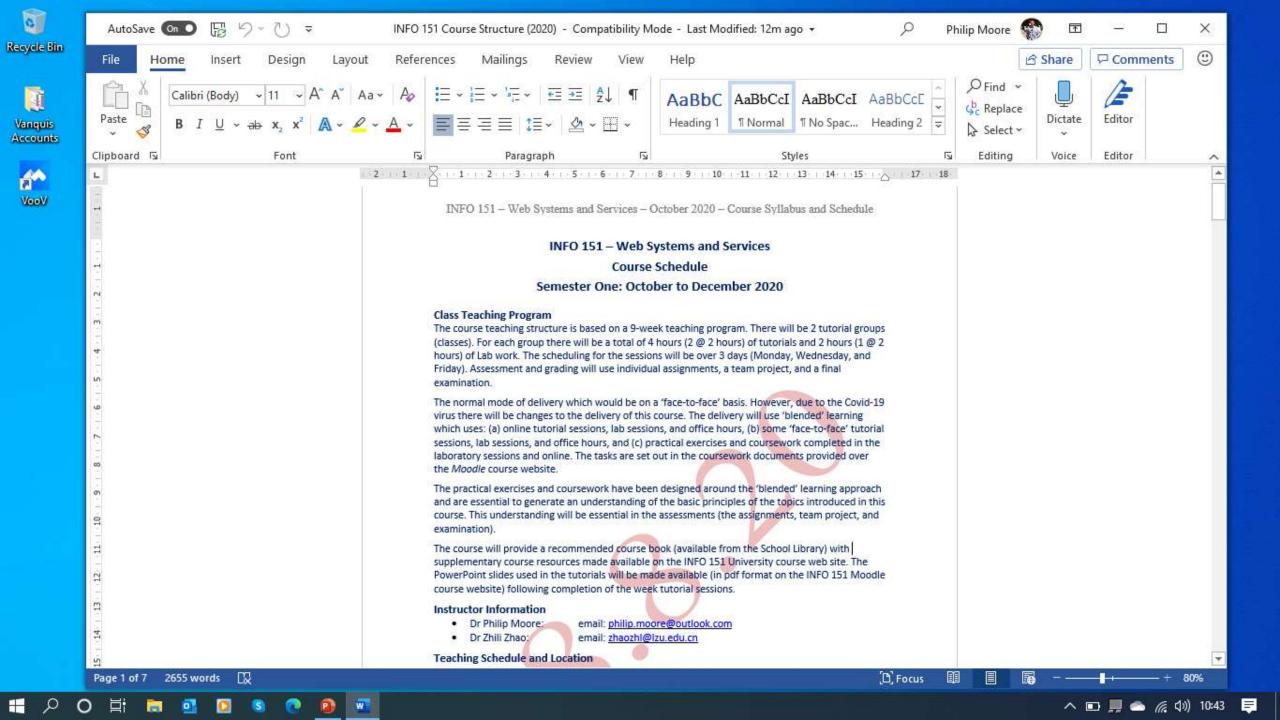
• Important:

- Each student has been provided with a University email
- All communications with students will use their email
- Email will be used for all queries with and by tutors
- Social-media (such as WeChat will not be used)
- It is the student's responsibility to check the *INFO 151 Moodle* course website where:
 - All course information and notices will be provided
 - All course resources will be provided

Document Preparation

Presenting Your Assignments

- You will be required to submit written reports in *English* for all individual and team assignments
- You will write and prepare your reports using Microsoft Word
- There are problems when printing documents prepared using Microsoft Word:
 - Different operating systems and printer software will reproduce the document differently
- When your document is completed:
 - Always print (or export) the document as a pdf file
 - A pdf file will always be printed in the same format
- Badly presented documents will receive a lower grade



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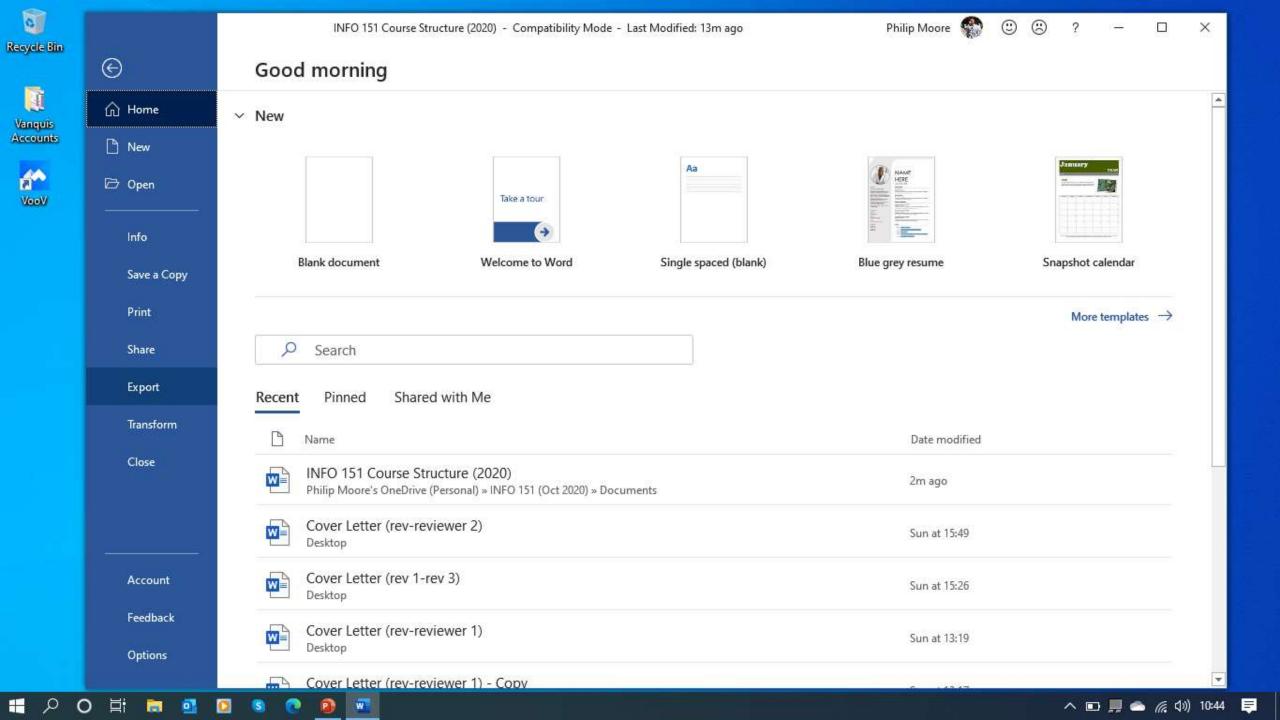


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Create PDF/XPS Document



Change File Type

Create a PDF/XPS Document

- · Preserves layout, formatting, fonts, and images
- Content can't be easily changed
- Free viewers are available on the web



Create PDF/XPS















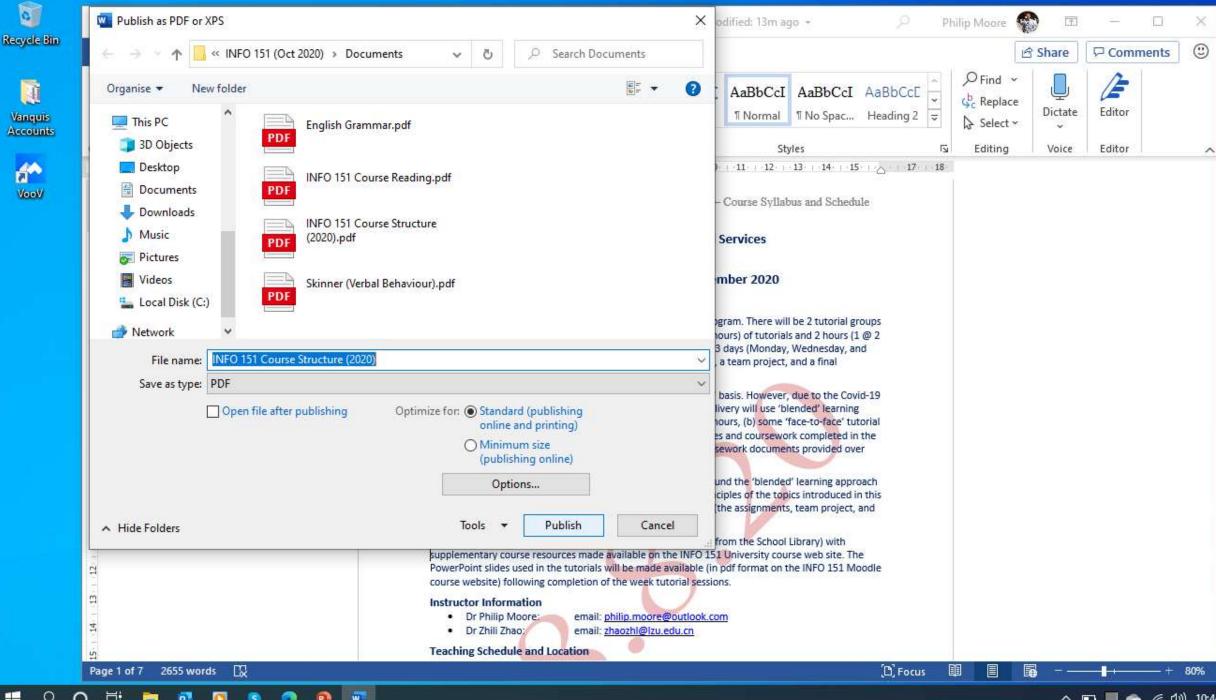














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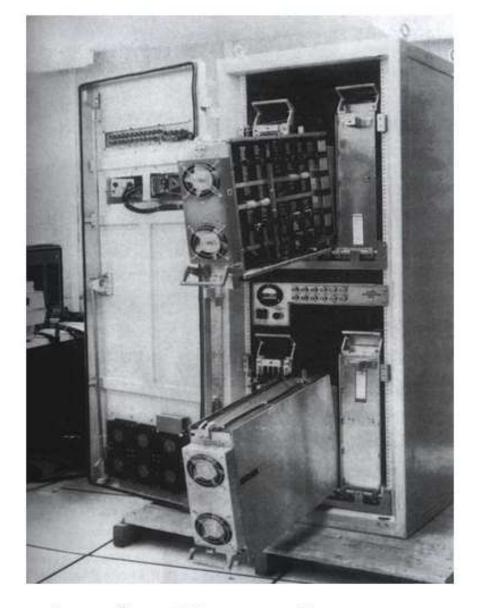
- You may save time and be more efficient if you use keyboard shortcuts:
 - To save your work use: ctrl + S
 - To copy sections (or all) of your work use: ctrl + C
 - To paste your copied work (using ctrl + C) use: ctrl + V
 - To print your work (to a connected printer) use: ctrl + p
- The S, C, and V are not capitalised
- It is is much quicker and convenient than using the dropdown menu and can be used frequently and quickly!
- It can prevent loss of work by saving regularly!

A Brief History of the Internet (or WWW)

The Internet – A Brief History

- The *Internet* can be traced back to the 1960's with the creation of the *ARPANET*
- The Internet Protocol (IP) dates from 1978
 - It is a set of pre-defined rules designed to enable computers to communicate regardless of the operating system
 - However:
 - While the IP enabled enabled information exchange
 - To find information the location must be known

1967: Lawrence Roberts of ARPA publishes plan for the first computer network system - the ARPANET Packet switches were needed. Called Interface Message Processors (IMP), the contract was awarded to BBN Oct 1969: IMPs installed in UCLA, Stanford, UCSB and



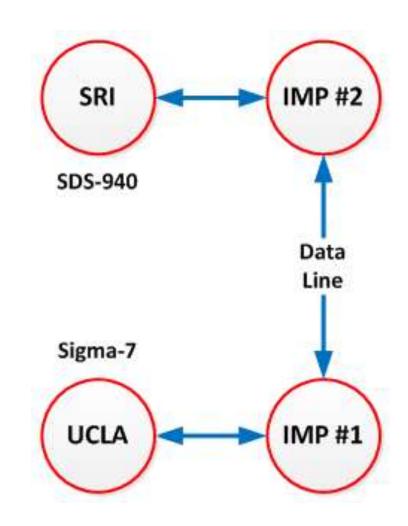
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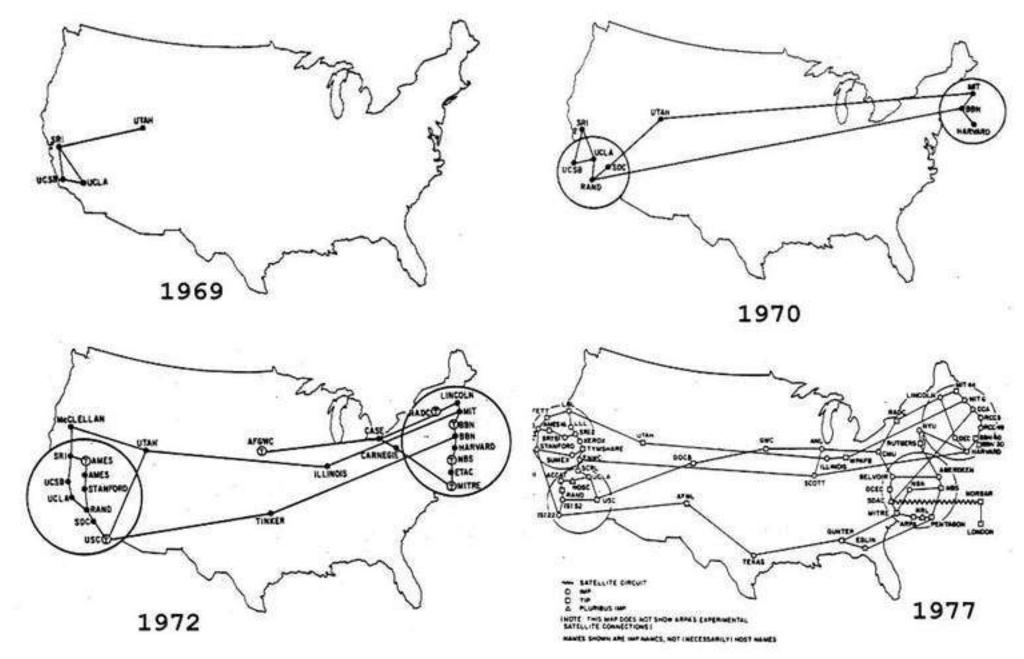
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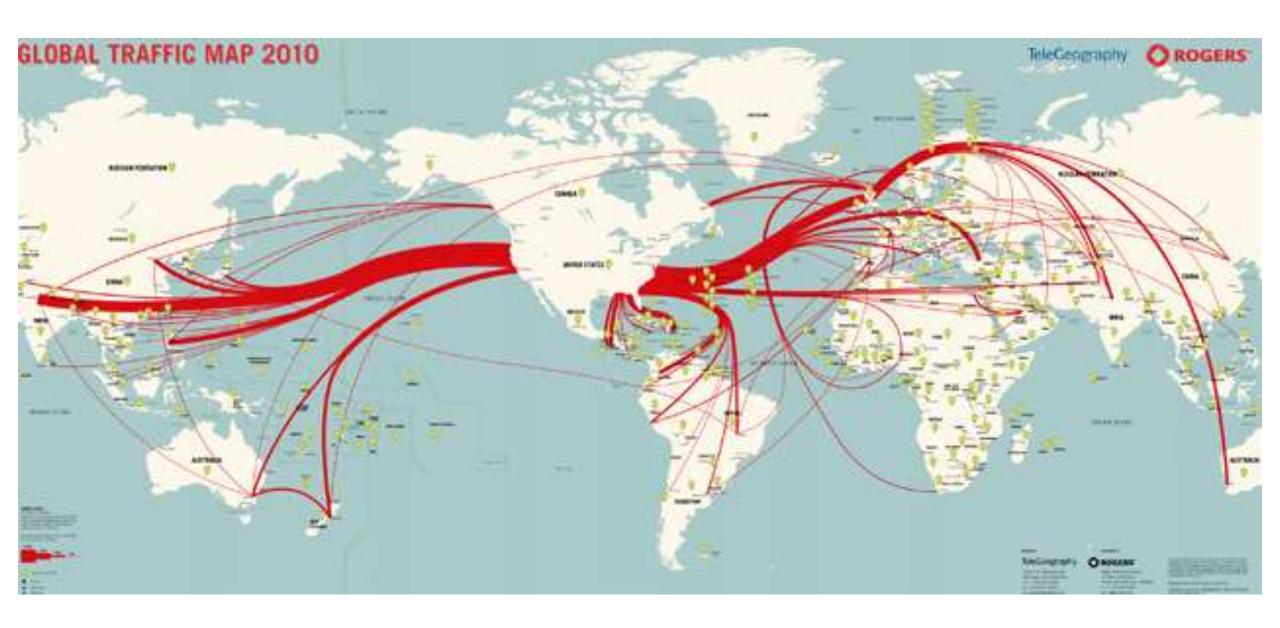


Interface Message Processors (IMP)

- Shown in the figure is the layout of the first network between Stanford Research Institute (SRI) and the University of California (UCLA)
- The IMP No. 2 is an interface to the mainframe computer at SRI and the data from IMP No. 1 which is an interface to the mainframe computer at UCLA
- The IMP changes the data into a format the mainframe computer can access







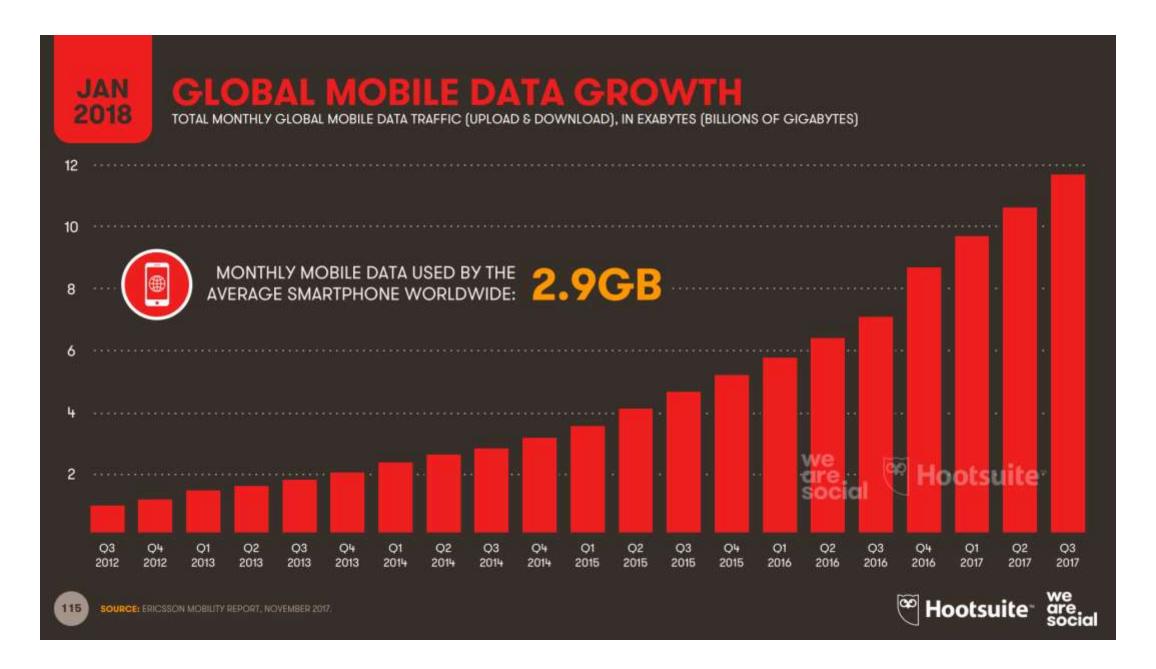
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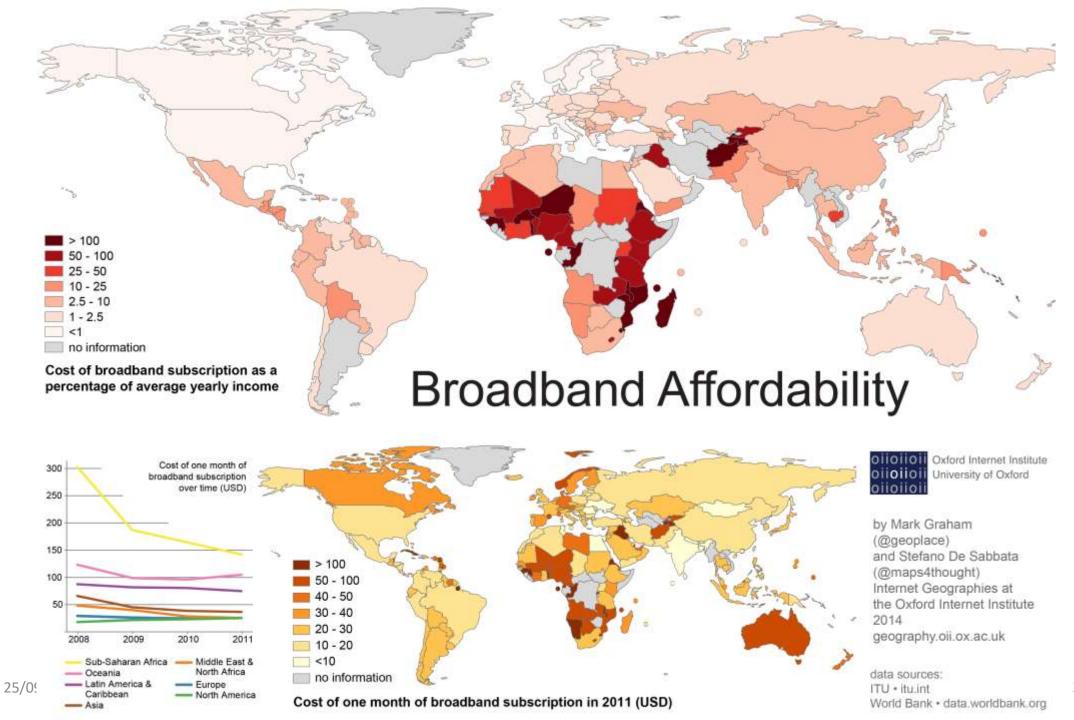
Internet Usage Worldwide

October 2009 - October 2016

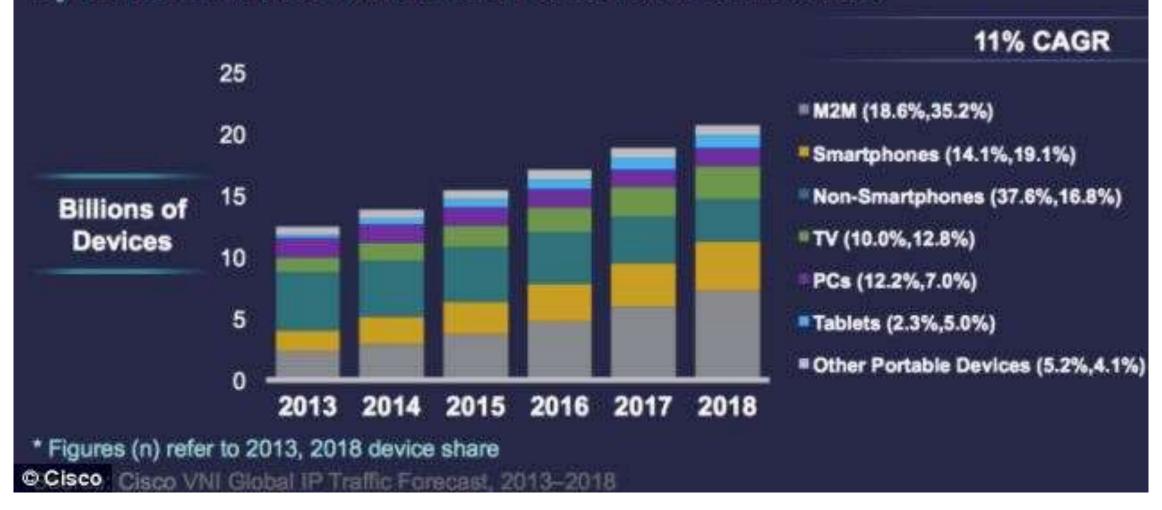








Global Connected Devices Growth by Type By 2018, M2M More than a Third of the Total Connections



Internet Technologies

The Internet – TCP and IP

- Transport Control Protocol (TCP) and the IP Protocol merged in 1978 to form the TCP/IP protocol
 - The TCP/IP suite is a set of *Internet* rules and procedures
- The *TCP* protocol
 - defines how applications create channels of communication across a network
 - manages how messages are assembled into smaller *packets* before they are transmitted over the internet and reassembled (in the right order) at the destination address.
- The *IP* protocol
 - defines how to address and route each packet to reach the right destination.
 - Each *gateway* computer (on a network) checks this *IP* address to determine the destination address

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

- A feature of *Internet* (and *intranet*) is the address used to identify the location of information and resources on the www.
 - The address is termed the *Uniform Resource Locator* (URL)
 - Requests are made to servers from web-browsers using the URL for the resource required
- An example or a URL is:
 - https://www.quanzhanketang.com/
 - All URL addresses follow these syntax rules without spaces

The Internet – HTTP

- In the early 1990's the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
- HTTP is the language of the Internet and enables:
 - Information on the Internet to be accessed from *anywhere* by *anyone* (with a computer and Internet connection)
 - Users create linked web-pages using hypertext links
 - HTTP can be seen in web-page url addresses:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ARPANET

HTTP vs HTTPS

- In the URL:
 - https://www.quanzhanketang.com/ (links are often underlined)
- Note: the https://...
 - HTTPS is an extension of the HTTP
 - It provides secure communication over a computer networks
 - It is widely used on the Internet.
 - The communication protocol is encrypted using *Transport Layer Security* (TLS) (or its predecessor *Secure Sockets Layer* (SSL)

Types of Web-Page

- There are two types of web-page:
 - A *static* (termed *stateless*) web page
 - A dynamic (termed stateful) web page
- A simple HTML web page is stateless
- A simple HTML web page when extended using JavaScript, PHP, and MySQL becomes a *stateful* web page
- While a stateless web page may use a two-tier architecture
- A stateful web page requires a three-tier architecture

The Internet and intranet

- In practice the *Internet* can be:
- The Internet (also known as the World Wide Web (www))
 - Is a system which allows linked documents (and parts of documents) to be connected using hypertext links.
- An intranet
 - Is a local (or restricted) communications network, an example is a private network
 - A company intranet can provide a single starting point to access internal and external resources
- An intranet is established in local-area-networks (LAN) and wide-area-networks (WAN)

Area Networks

- A Local Area Network (LAN) is a:
 - Computer network that interconnects computers within a limited area such as a residence, school, laboratory, university campus, or office building
 - The two most common technologies in use for local area networks are: Ethernet and WiFi
 - In future mobile networks (e.g., 4G and 5) may replace the current technologies
- A Wide Area Network (WAN) covers a larger geographic distance

Ethernet and Wi-Fi

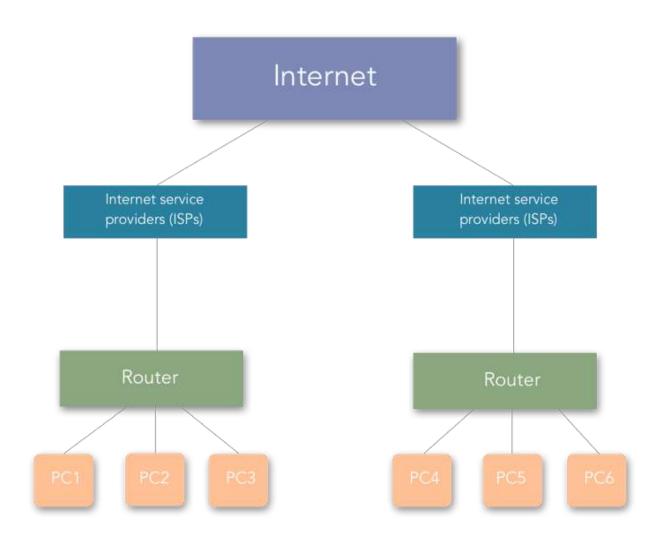
• Ethernet:

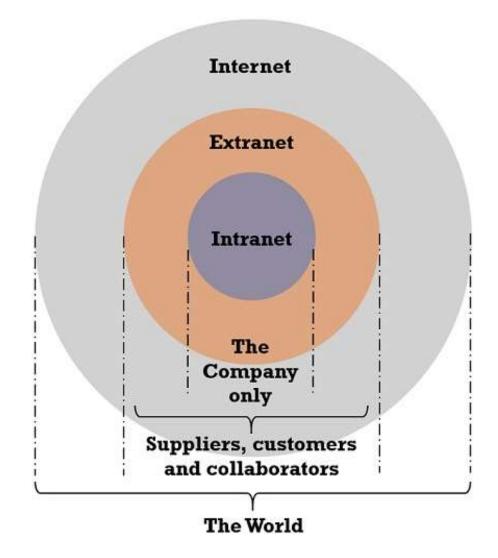
- Is a family of computer networking technologies commonly used in:
 - Local Area Networks (LAN) / Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN) / Wide Area Networks (WAN)
- It was developed in the late 1970's and commercially introduced in 1980 and standardized in 1983 as IEEE 802.3
- It has retained high levels of backward compatibility and been refined to support higher bit rates and longer link distances.

• Wi-Fi:

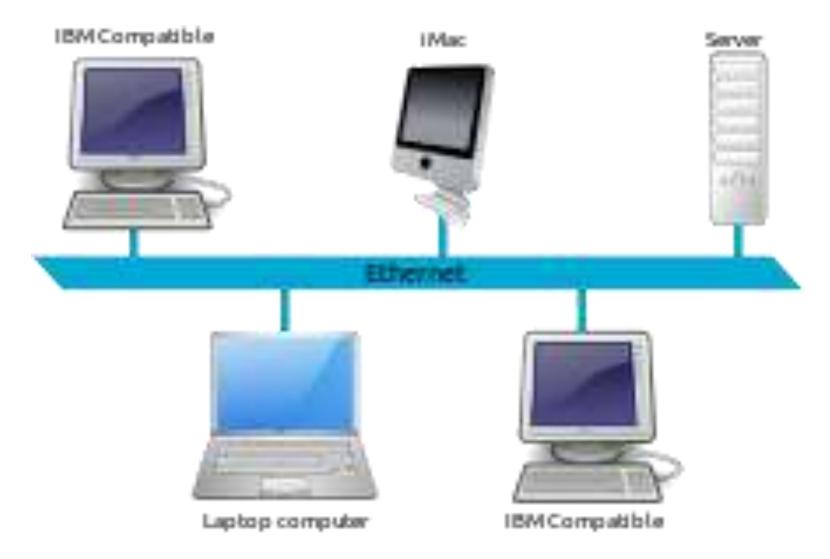
 WiFi is a family of radio technologies commonly used for wireless local area networking (WLAN) of devices

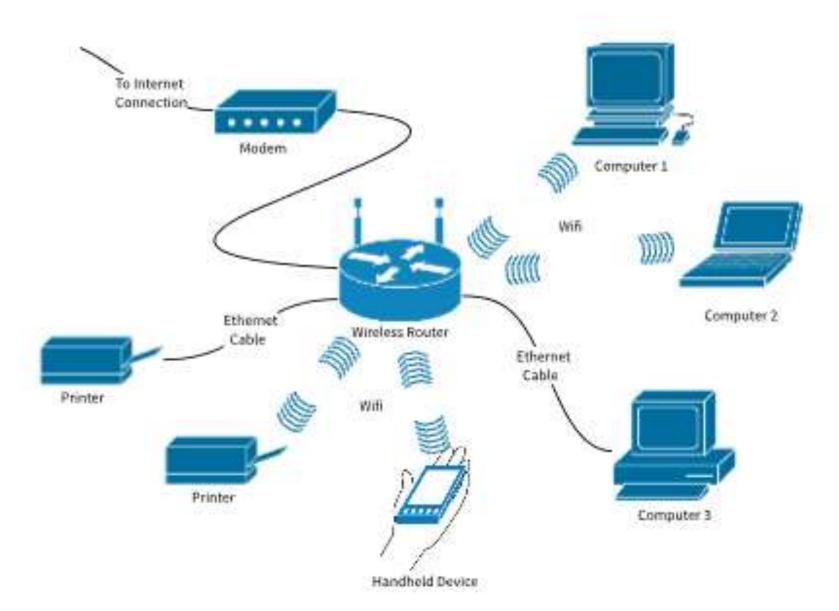
Internet vs Intranet





Ethernet





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Web Systems and Web System Architectures

Web Systems

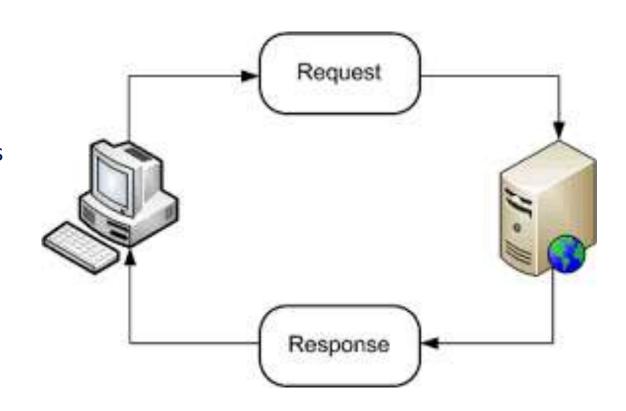
- Web systems architectural models
 - Are conceptual models that describe and define the configuration of a system addressing a systems:
 - Structure
 - Hardware and software
 - Behaviour
 - System design
 - A conceptual model is
 - A formal description and representation of a system
 - A model is organized in a way that supports reasoning about the structures and behaviours of a system

Web Systems Architectures

- There are three types of architecture found in web-systems
- two-tier architectures
- three-tier architectures
- three-tier architectural model for a database application
- We will briefly introduce the architectures with conceptual models showing their configuration

Web-Systems Request / Response Interactions

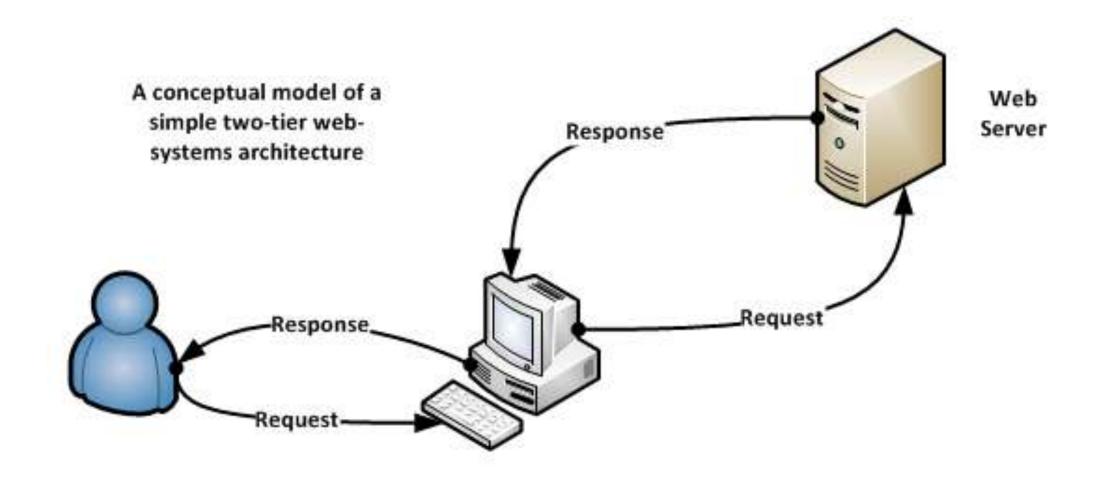
- When a web-page is opened
 - There are a series of interactive requests and responses
 - The interactions are between the client (a web-browser) and the web server that hosts the requested resources
 - Each request tells the server that the client wants a specific resource(s)
 - The response to the request delivers the resource content.
- The figure shows this interaction in a 2layer web systems architecture



Two-Tier Architecture

- two-tier architectures
 - A client tier (client computer systems and web browsers)
 - A second tier where the web server is located
- Interactions
 - A user requests a web-page or resource
 - The local web-browser requests a resource from a web server
 - A web-server sends a response to the web browser
 - The web browser shows the web-page or processes the resource

Two-Tier Web-Systems Architecture



Three-Tier Architectures

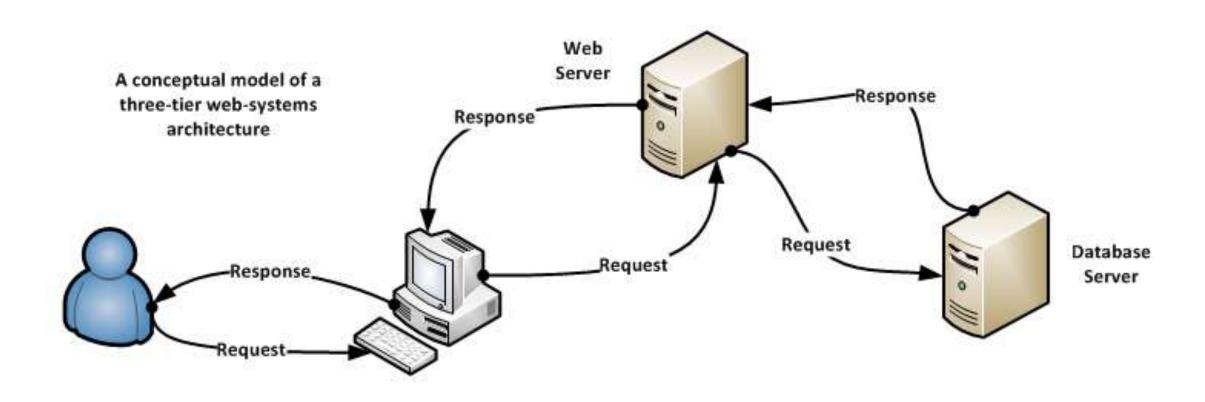
• three-tier architectures

- A client tier (client computer systems and web browsers)
- A middle tier where the web server is located
- A third tier where a database server is located

Interactions

- 1. A user requests a web-page or resource
- 2. The local web-browser requests a resource from a web server
- 3. The web-server sends a request to the database server
- 4. The database server sends a response to the web-server
- 5. A web-server sends a response to the web browser
- 6. The web browser shows the web-page or processes the resource

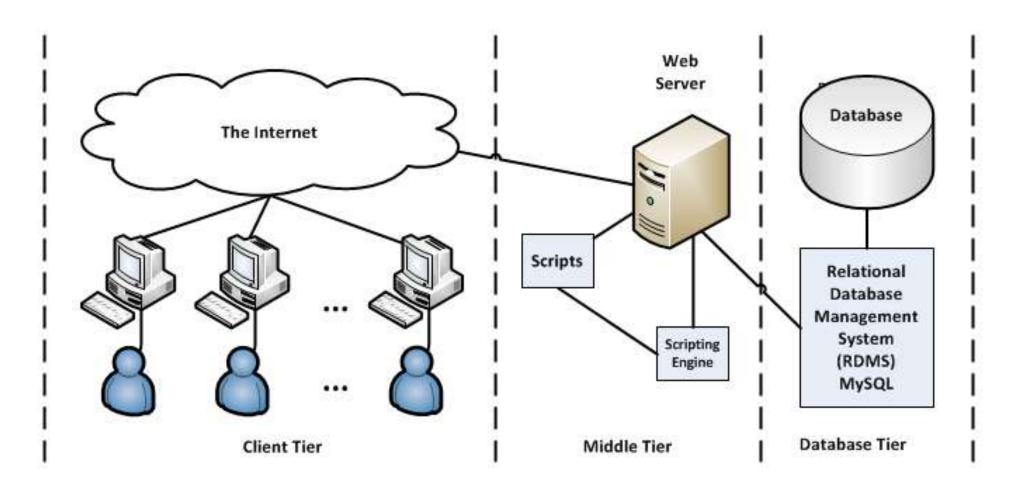
Three-Tier Web-Systems Architecture



Web Systems Database Applications

- In developing web-systems database applications
 - In the client tier
 - Clients computer systems
 - Web browsers
 - Scripts (JavaScript)
- The client tier connects to the middle tier
 - In the middle tier
 - Web server
 - Scripting engine
 - Scripts (PHP)
- The middle tier connects to the database server

Three-Tier database Application Architecture



A three-tier architectural model of a web-systems database application

'Real-World' Web System Architectures

- The three web-systems architectures are design models of typical architectures
- In 'real-world' web systems
 - The configuration of physical servers will vary
 - There are physical servers in the second and third layers
 - There is a separate database server (Holding for example the MySQL server)
 - All the physical components are created within a single physical server using dedicated partitions (virtual servers)
- The design of a web system is based on
 - The size of a web-site measured in terms of the anticipated number of 'hits'
 - The database function will be designed based on the number of user records

Database Overview

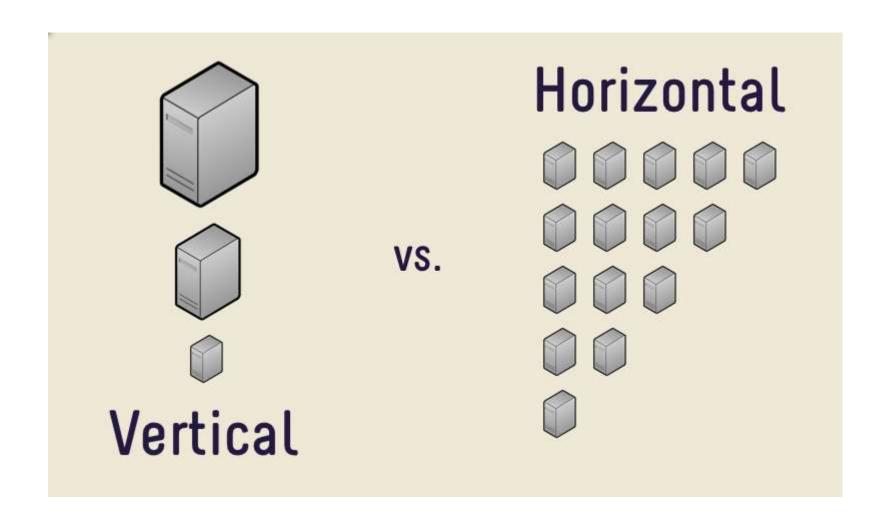
Database Technologies

- There are multiple database technologies in 'real-world' Internet systems
 - Relational Database Management Systems (RDMS) (structured data)
 - NoSQL database systems (unstructured data)
- From a web systems design perspective
 - A RDMS database is located and run from a single server (or virtual server)
 - A NoSQL database is generally implemented using horizontal and vertical scaling

Web Systems Database Technologies

- Web systems applications (both large and small) generally use cloud-based (Internet) systems
 - A typical example of a cloud-based system is an email application
- Current large web-systems applications often use NoSQL database systems where
 - Data may be stored in multiple locations within a country (or)
 - Data may be stored in multiple locations in many countries
 - The data storage uses both horizontal and vertical scaling
 - MySQL is generally restricted to small (local) scale applications
- This course is restricted to the use of the two/ three tier architecture using MySQL

Server Scaling



Conclusion

- We have provided:
 - An overview of the course and the subjects we will cover
 - An overview of the course assessment
 - An introduction to the *Internet* and *internet*
 - An overview of web systems *architectures*
 - A brief introduction to design and conceptual models
 - A brief introduction to database technologies
 - A brief introduction to the basic types of web pages