

Course Introduction

Basic Web Design,
DCAT, Thursdays 9-12pm
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An abstract composition of various geometric shapes. In the top left, a green-outlined triangle points towards the top right. To its right is a solid blue circle. Below the triangle is a blue-outlined circle. In the center is a large orange semi-circle. To the right of the semi-circle are two vertical yellow dashes. In the bottom left is a large solid orange circle. Above it are three yellow dashes of varying lengths and orientations. In the bottom right is a green-outlined square.

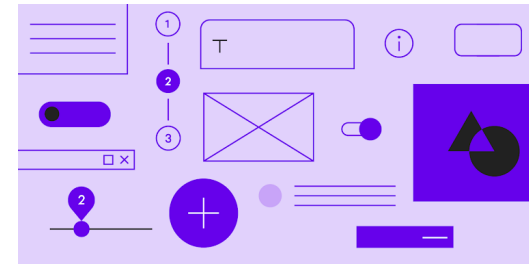
WEB SKILL SETS



Front-End

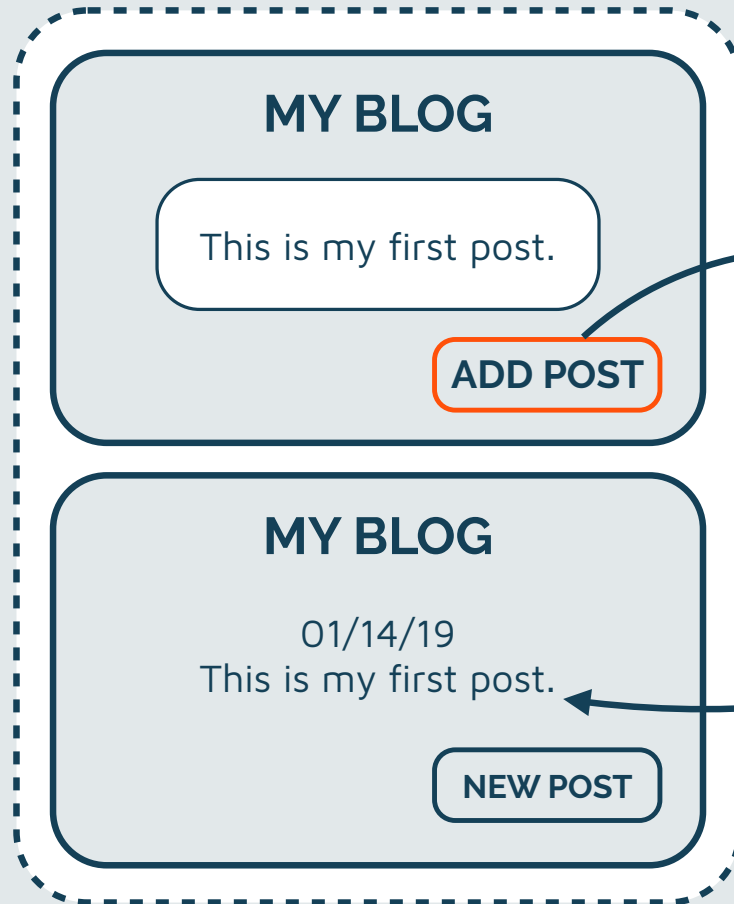


Back-End

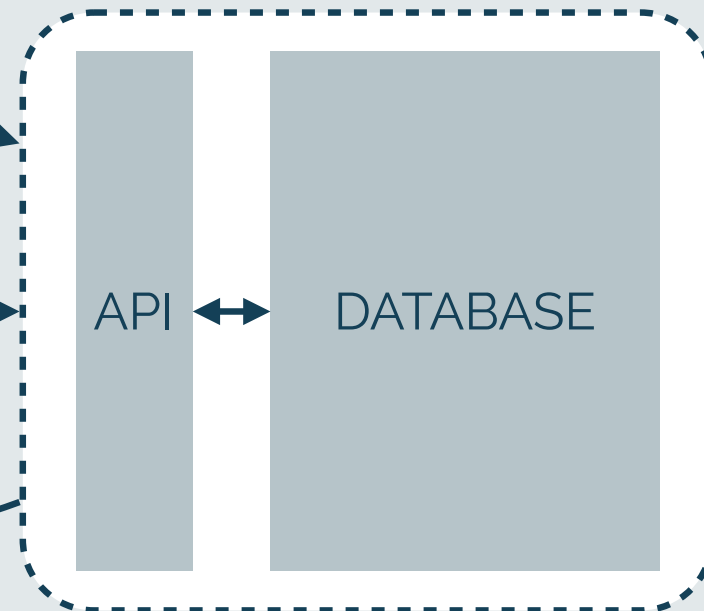


Design

Front-End



Back-End



HTTP POST

HTTP GET

Client

HTML
CSS
Preprocessors
UI Frameworks
Javascript
React

Server

REST
HTTP
AJAX

RESTful
APIs

Data
Binding
Sockets

SQL vs NoSQL

MySQL

MongoDB

Node.js

Express

HTML

Most web pages are written in HTML

Content is embedded in a set of nested HTML tags

Layout engine parses HTML into a Document Object Model (DOM)

Web browsers use generated DOMs to render pages

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Photo Gallery</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div class="photo">
      <h3>My first photo</h3>
      
    </div>
    .
    .
    .
  </body>
</html>
```

CSS

Language for specifying
presentation

Selectors map styles to markup

Describes how to render

Separation of content from
presentation

```
html {  
  line-height: 1.15;  
}
```

```
body {  
  margin: 0;  
}
```

```
h1 {  
  font-size: 2em;  
  margin: 0.67em 0;  
}
```

```
img {  
  border-style: none;  
}
```


JAVASCRIPT

Front-end interactions

Dynamic content

Server-side programming (Node.js)

Object-oriented, imperative,
functional

DATA BINDING

HTTP: request-response protocol

AJAX: send and receive data
without reloading the page

JSON: data exchange format

DATABASES

SQL (MySQL)

NoSQL (MongoDB)

Graph (Neo4j)

APIS AND SERVER LOGIC

HTTP requests: GET, POST, DELETE,
UPDATE

Designing a RESTful API

Node.js and Express

Web Sockets

WILL THIS COURSE BE OUTDATED NEXT YEAR?

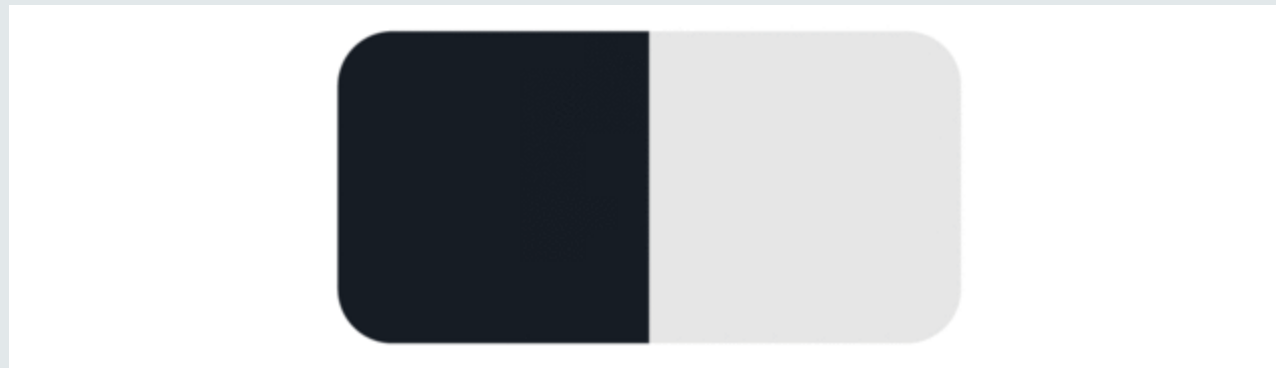
Focus on concepts not just specific
technologies

Understand how trends rose and
have changed

~1989: Unix-based web browsers



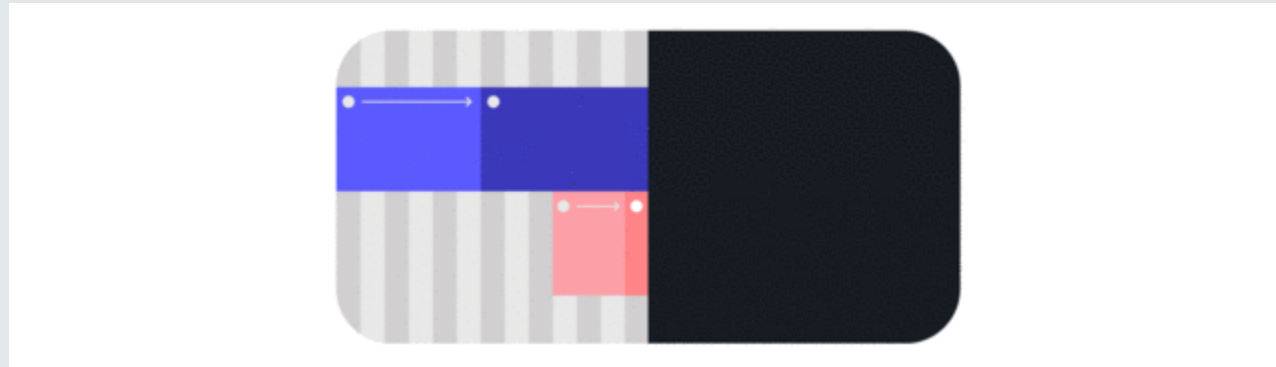
~1995: First graphical Web browsers



~1995: Javascript & Dynamic Content



~1996: Flash animations



~1998: CSS came on the scene



~2007: Grid systems



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~2010: Responsive design

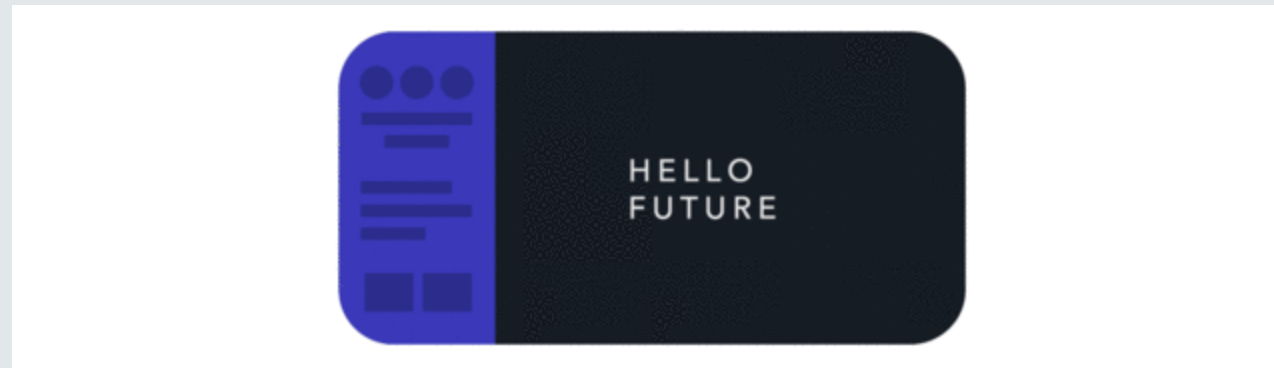


Last few years: Flat design



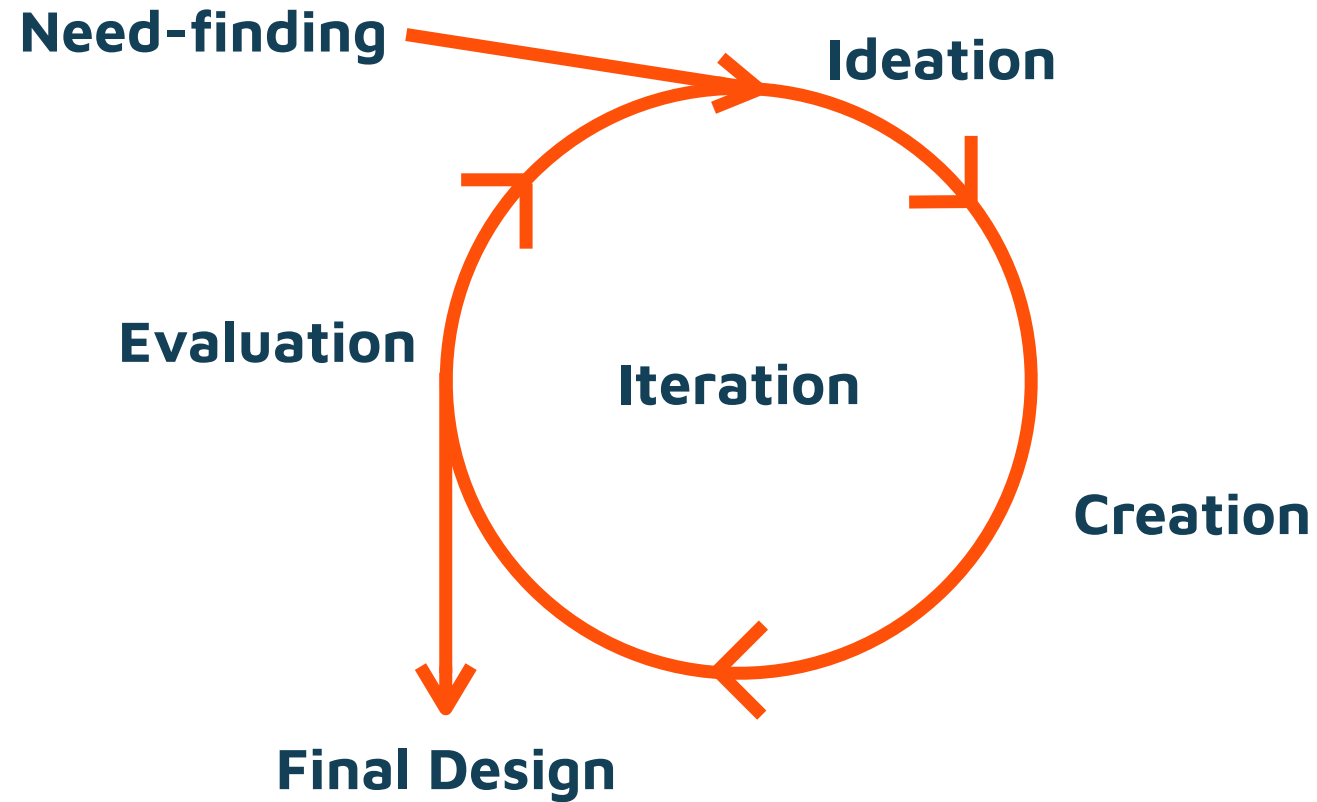
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Future?



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DESIGN EMPHASIS



LECTURES and LABS

First 2 hours: Lectures cover Concepts and Code Examples

Last 1 hour: Labs let you exercise the code taught in the lecture and do the exercise (Homework)

If there is no homework we will have other exercises

Bring your laptops to class and follow along

Team Final Project

- Design and implement original website
- 5-6 person team
- 4 milestones:
 - M1- Lo-fi prototype,
 - M2 - Project proposal: midterm presentation & report
 - M3 - Hi-fi prototype (user testing)
 - M4 - Final presentation and demo

55% of the grade

Idea Pitching & Team Formation

One person, One Slide, one minute (3/16)

Project idea inspirations:

<https://g0v.tw/en-US/project-from-registry.html>

Assignments

- There are five assignments in this class.
- Personal assignments and you must to complete it on your own, but you can discuss with others.
- You can do it at class lab time and discuss with your classmates and TAs.
- Copy paste other's code is plagiarism and you score will be marked 0
- Late assignments receive 0% because they are designed for you to almost complete them in Lab time

40% of the grade

Team Formation Questionnaire

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgx6l-wY5TVA-xYZQgHQ8QalKQepOjAs_UC9Ud85-CTLN_-g/viewform?usp=sf_link

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Consult external resources to complete assignments

Clearly **cite** any contributing source

Failure to cite any contributing source will be considered **cheating**

Verbatim duplication of any source will always be considered **plagiarism**

NEXT CLASS: HTML

