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Web Development

COMP 431 / COMP 531

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Agenda

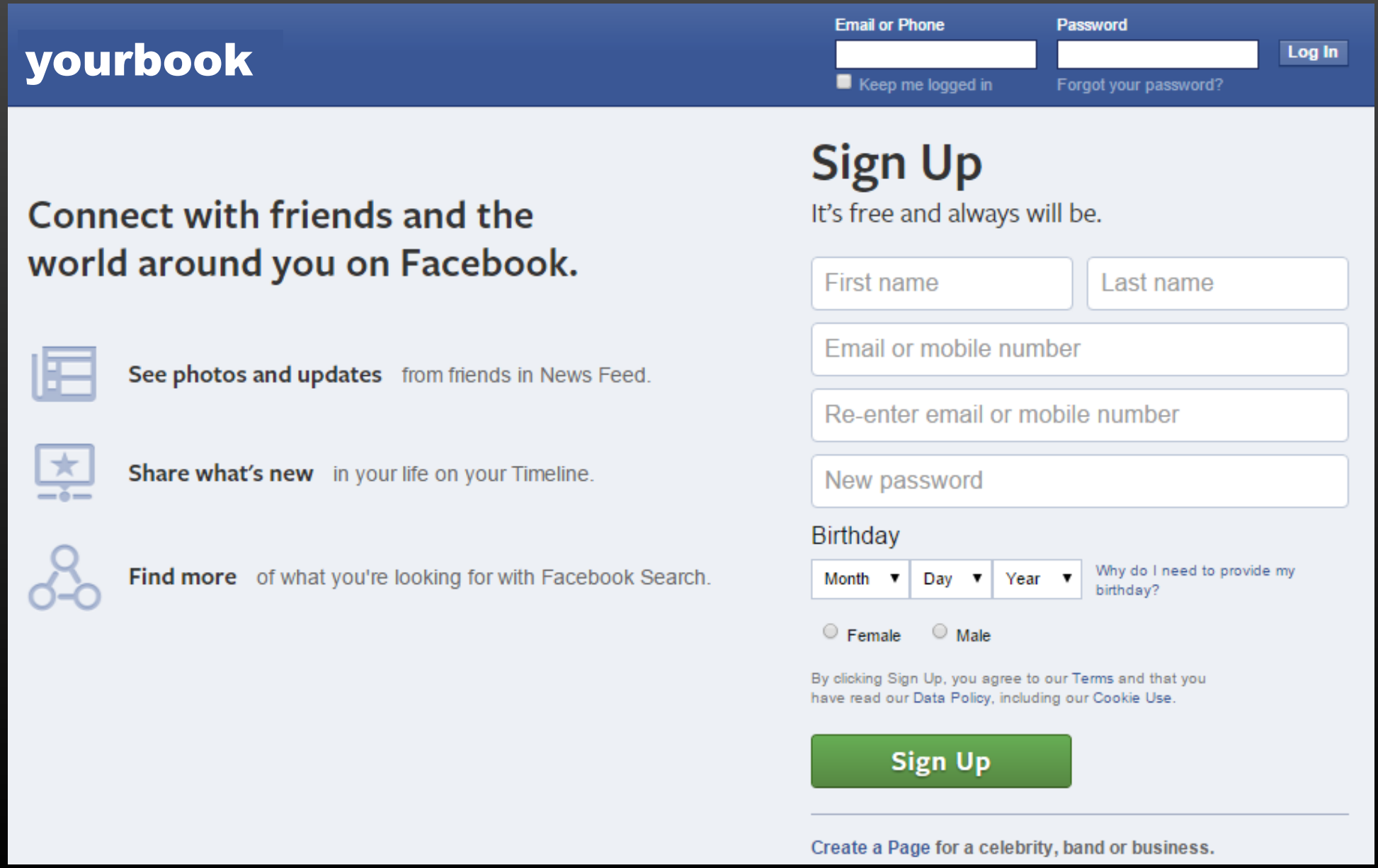
- Introductions
- Administration
- Resources
- Course Outline
- HTML
- In-class Exercise

What is this class about?

Full Stack Development with solid software engineering practices

- **Front-End Development**
  - HTML, CSS, JavaScript, MVC
- **Back-End Development**
  - web servers, databases, serialization, security
- **Result**
  - *near* "Cutting edge" multi-user web application

Final Web App



Who is this class for?

- No prior HTML/CSS/JavaScript experience
- A desire to learn about web development and design
- Familiar with basic *nix commands (e.g., *ssh* and *git* and *svn*)
- The resilient motivated self-learner

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CV in a Nutshell

- UC Berkeley BA Physics and Astrophysics
  - TA'ed introductory course in building a website (ca 1997)
- CU Boulder MS Physics, MS Astrophysics, PhD Physics
  - TA'ed various physics and astronomy courses
  - Taught course on Cosmology
  - Lots of tutoring (Computer Science, Physics, Astronomy, Math)
  - Thesis Focus: *Precision Measurement and Gravitational Astrophysics*
- Center for Experimental Nuclear Physics and Astrophysics, U. Washington
  - Taught course on Modern Physics
- Rice Quantum Institute
- Teaching online since 2008
  - Physics, astronomy, and computer science
- Finance since 2010

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Administration

Class Sessions:	Tu/Th 2:30-3:45 Symonds II Lab
Instructor:	Scott Pollack
TA:	Terry Tang
Webpage:	http://www.clear.rice.edu/comp431
Announcements:	on Piazza
	(be sure you have signed up)

Grade Breakdown

Item	Count	COMP 431	COMP 531
In-class Exercises	24	1 → 24	1 → 24
Assignments (not including final)	7	9 → 63	6 → 42
Final Web Application	1	13 → 13	12 → 12
Web Site Surveys (COMP 531 only)	2		5 → 10
Paper/Presentation (COMP 531 only)	1		12 → 12

In-Class Exercises

- We will have one each class session
- No makeup if absent without prior confirmation
- Graded Pass/No-Pass
- To be performed and completed in class
  - But you are allowed to turn in through 2 AM
- Will focus on material presented in lecture

Assignments

- Requirements driven
- Graded on correctness, style, and completeness

Site Reviews by COMP531

- Review and provide user feedback on assignments 3 and 5

Paper/Presentation by COMP531

- Essay on topic related to web development
- 5 minute in class presentation

1. Simple HTML Page
2. Dynamic Page
3. Draft Front-End
4. JavaScript Game
5. Front-End Application
6. Draft Back-End
7. Integrated Web App
8. Final Full Web Application

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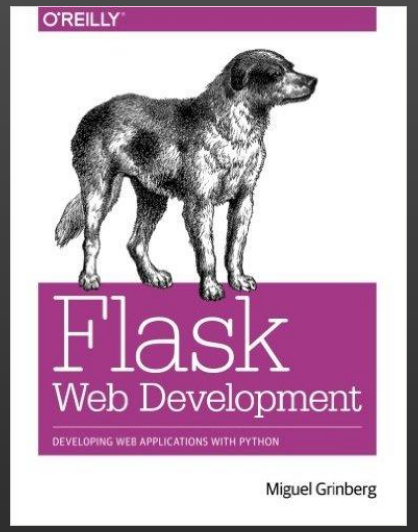
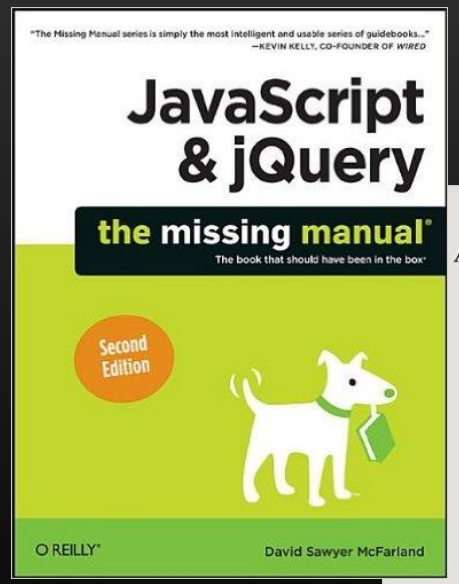
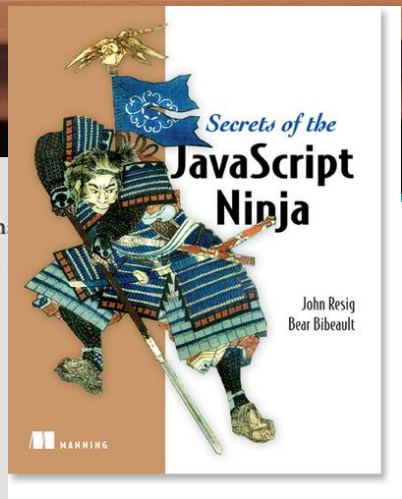
Textbooks

- No required texts
- Some relevant texts…







Office Hours

	Location	Times
Scott Pollack	Symonds II (?)	TR 3:45-4:45PM
TerryTang	DCH 3113	M 6-8 PM and by appointment

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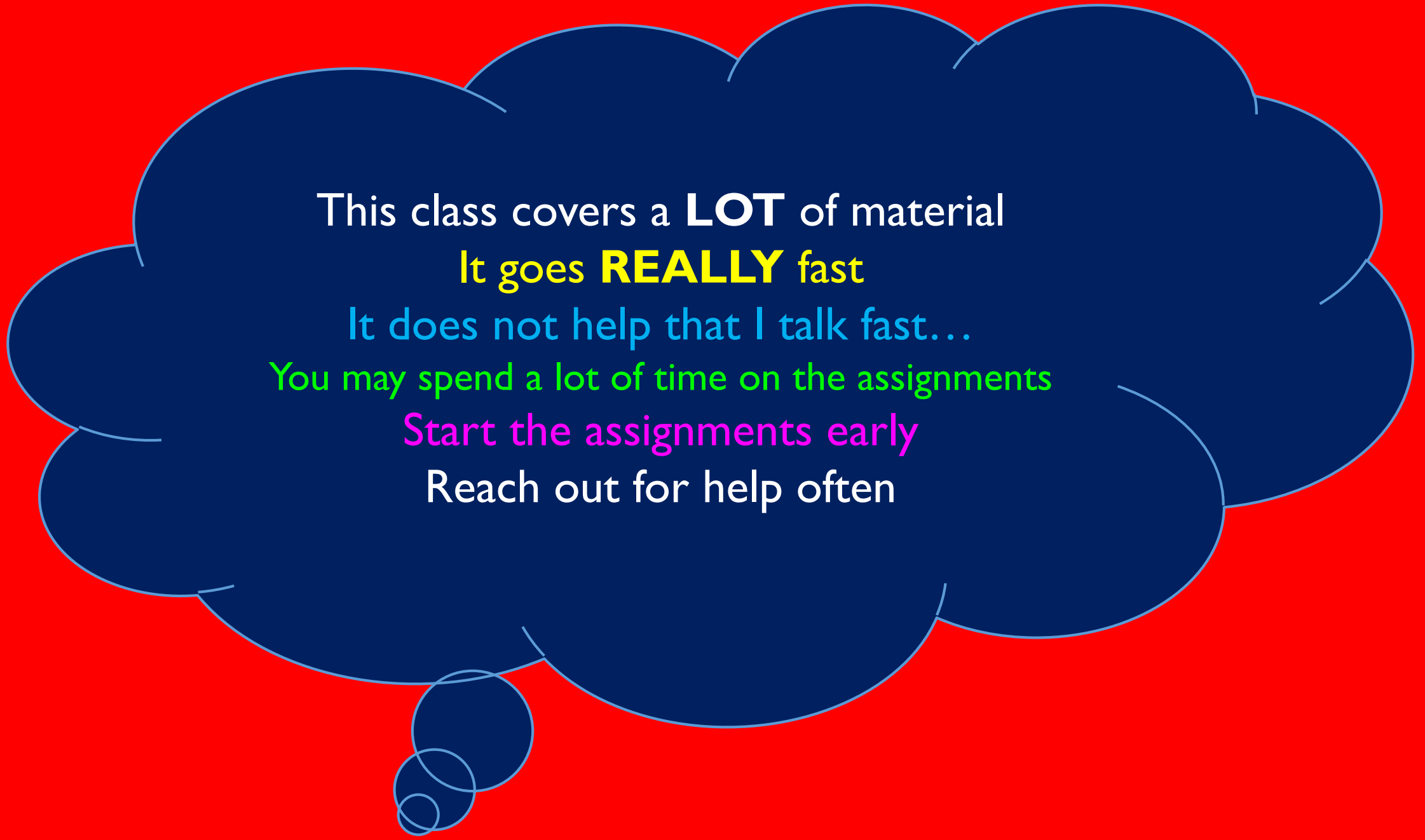
Course Outline

	Topic			Topic			Topic
1/12	HTML		2/11	MVC		3/22	Unit Testing
1/14	JavaScript		2/16	AngularJS		3/24	Databases
1/19	Forms		2/23	Unit Testing		3/29	Authentication
1/21	CSS		2/25	Headless		4/5	Security
1/26	Events		3/1&3	*break*		4/7	Third-Party Auth
1/28	More JS		3/8	Web Servers		4/12	Scalability
2/2	HTML5		3/10	Python		4/14	Service APIs
2/4	Frameworks		3/15	REST		4/19	Integrating
2/9	Libraries		3/17	Hosting		4/21	Presentations


This class covers a **LOT** of material
It goes **REALLY** fast
It does not help that I talk fast…
You may spend a lot of time on the assignments
Start the assignments early
Reach out for help often

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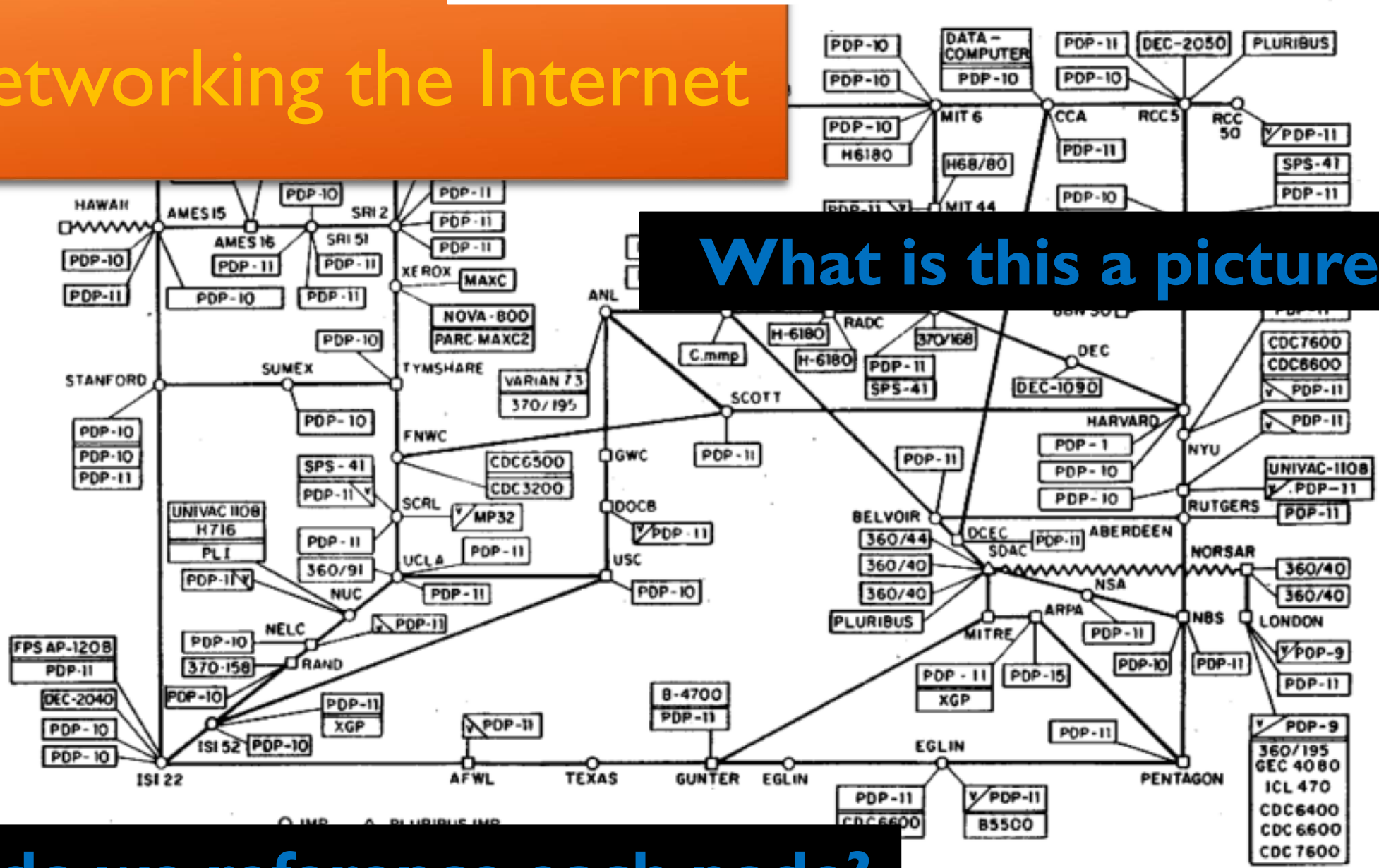
HyperText Markup Language

HTML

Networking the Internet



In the beginning…

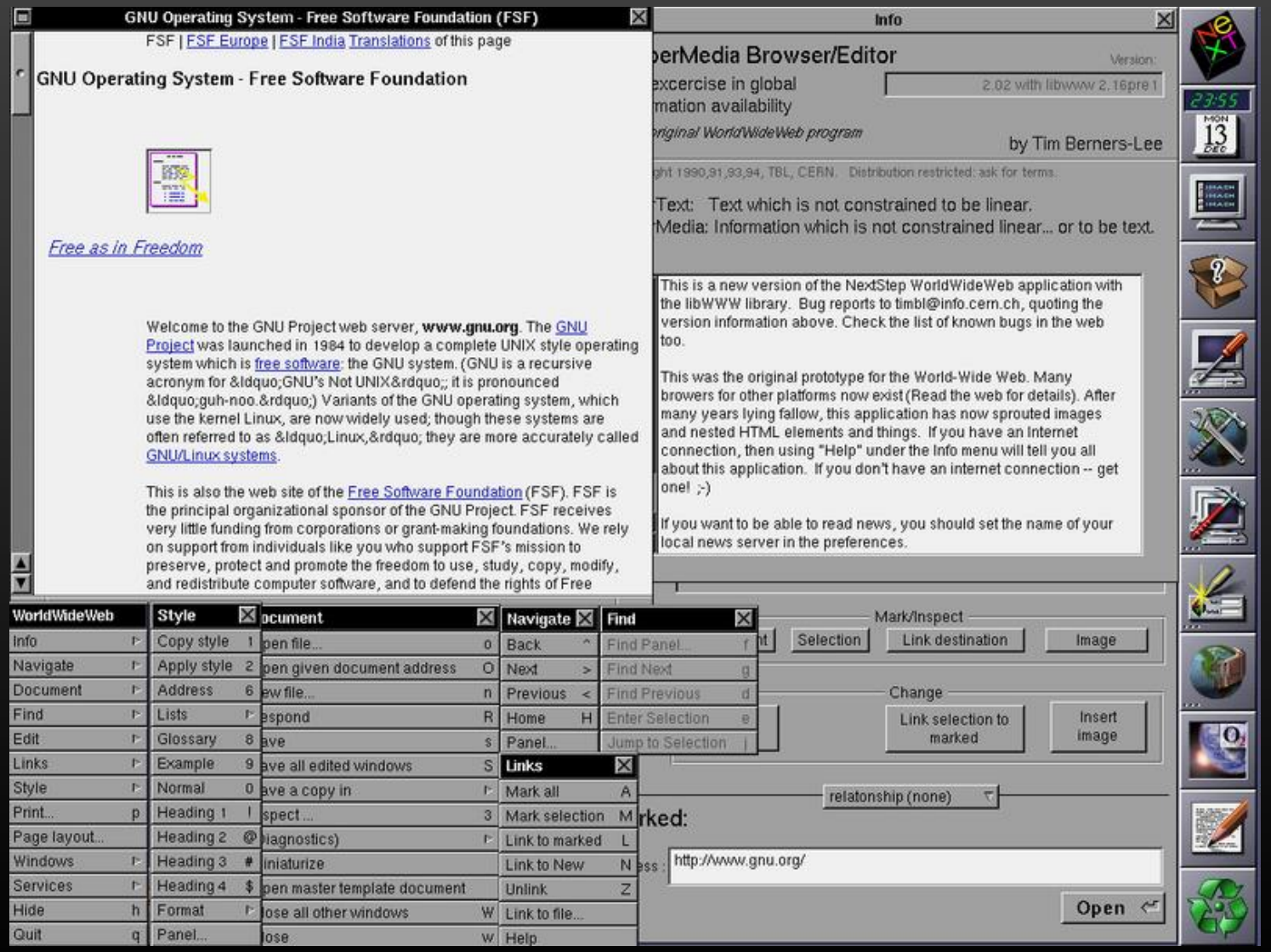
"Imagine, then, the references in this document all being associated with the network address of the thing to which they referred, so that while reading this document you could skip to them with a click of the mouse" [Tim Berners-Lee, March 12, 1989]

- HyperText is text with hyperlink references to other text that can be immediately accessed

- Generalized to hypermedia to include graphics, audio, video, etc.

World Wide Web

An information space with uniform resource identified (URI) web resources interconnected by hypertext links accessible via the Internet



A Brief History of HTML

- 1989 – World Wide Web [Nexus]
- 1991 – HTML Tags formally introduced [Lynx '92]
- 1993 – HTML specification (W3C '94) [NCSA Mosaic/Netscape]
- Nov 1995 – HTML 2.0 (JavaScript) [Internet Explorer, Opera]
- Jan 1997 – HTML 3.2
- Dec 1997 – HTML 4.0 (strict/transitional/frameset)
- 2000's – Browser Wars [Mozilla/Firefox, Safari, Camino, Chrome, …]
- Oct 2014 – HTML5

Web Servers

- (typically) an Internet connected machine "listening" on port 80 (and/or 443)
- Respond to requests (typically from a browser)
  - GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, HEAD, TRACE, OPTIONS, CONNECT, PATCH

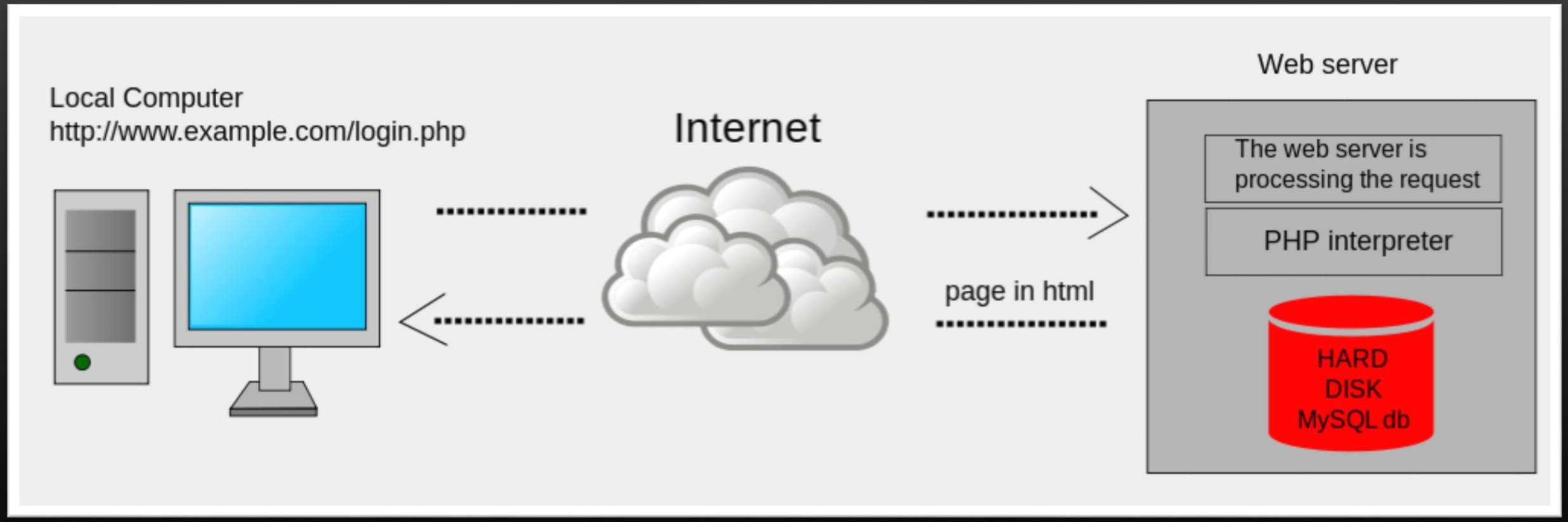
```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
```

- "Serves" content

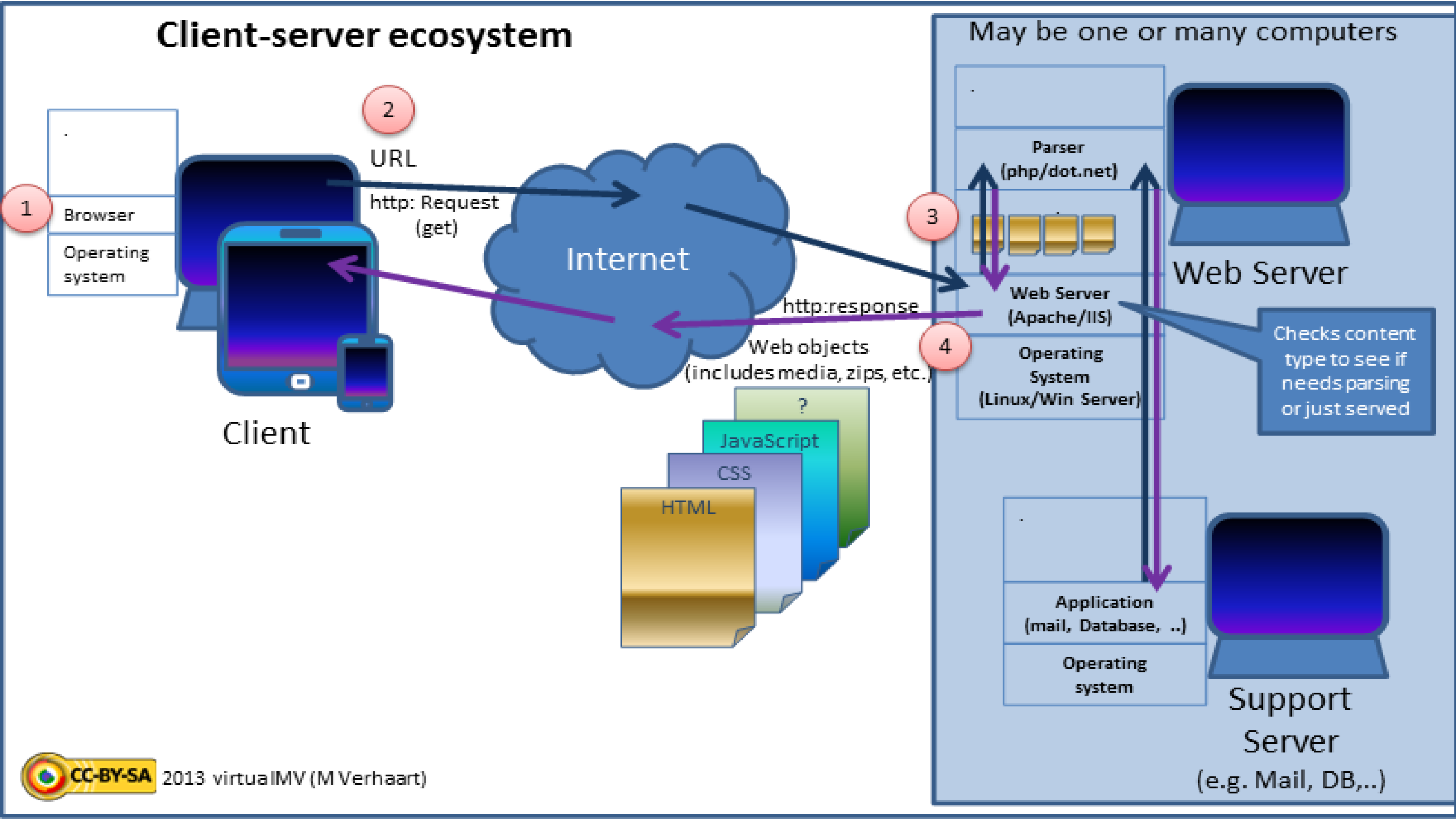
- Web browser makes requests and eventually renders a page for the user.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 22:38:34 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux)
Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT
ETag: "3f80f-1b6-3e1cb03b"
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 138
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Connection: close

<html>
<head>
```

Static vs. Dynamic



Client-server ecosystem



Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML)

- Case *insensitive*
- Elements/Tags <example>
- Open and Close make for well-formed tags
- Attributes <example tested>
- Valued Attributes <example tested="“true”>
- Content Information
- Processing instruction <?
- Document Type Definition <!

```
<book>
    <book-title>My First Book</book-title>

    <prologue>
        This is a book.  This is my first book.
        It's a bit verbose with all these tags...
    </prologue>

    <chapter title="Chapter 1">
        The first chapter was written last.

        <section title="Wow!">
            <paragraph>
                The attributes help some
            </paragraph>
        </section>

    </chapter>

</book>
```

Document Type Definition (DTD)

- First line of document, defines the document type
  - Instructs the browser to render in "quirks mode" or "standards mode"

```
<!DOCTYPE root-element PUBLIC "FPI" ["URI"] [
   <!-- internal subset declarations -->
]>
```

- Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">

<html lang="ar" dir="ltr" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
```

HTML5

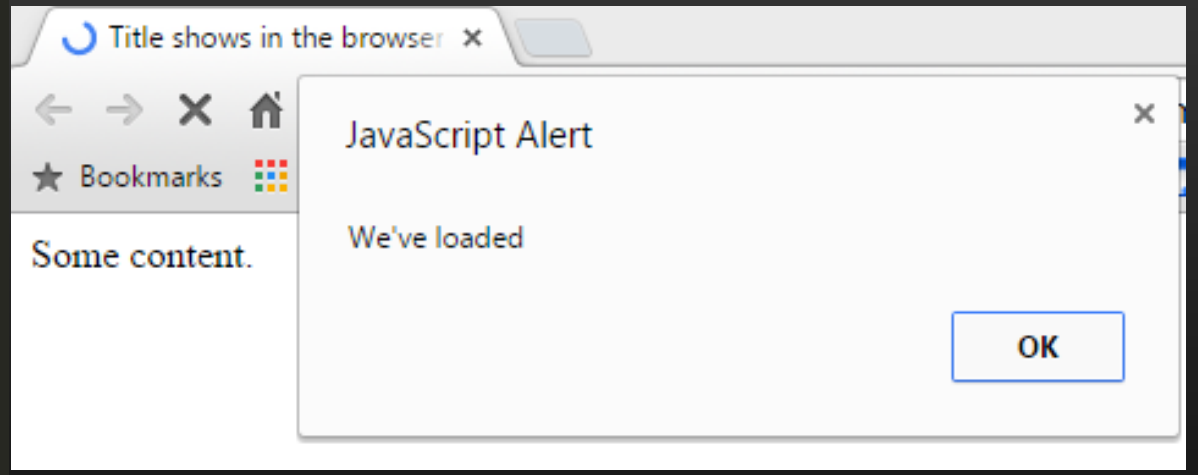
- HTML5 is not a true SGML
  - No DTD associated with HTML5

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-US">
<!-- language is helpful for screen
     readers and search engines -->
```

- Forgiveness: HTML body by default
  - We can omit <html>, <head>, <body> tags to make a page more concise.
  - … but let's not do that: always write "complete" HTML

Basic Structure of an HTML page

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en-US">
3  <head>⋯
24 </head>
25
26 <body onload="doSomething()">
27 Some content.
28 </body>
29 </html>
30
31 <script>
32 function doSomething() {
33     alert("We've loaded");
34 }
35 </script>
36
```



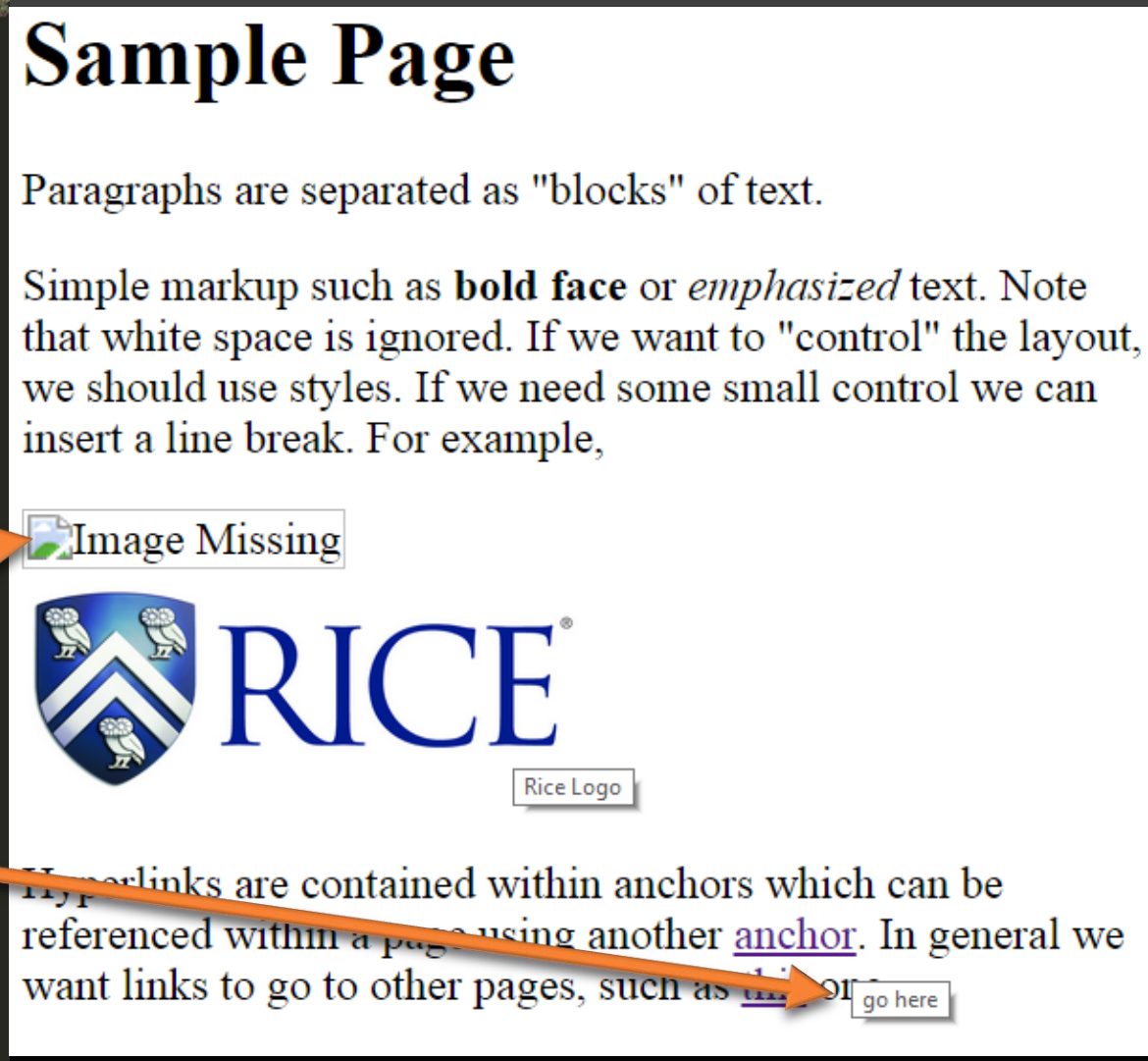
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-US">
<head>
    <title>Title shows in the browser</title>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="keywords" content="HTML, CSS">
    <meta name="description" content="Example HTML page">
    <meta name="author" content="Scott Pollack">

    <style>
        /* custom stylings go here, but
           better to be in a separate file */
    </style>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="mystyles.css">
    <link rel="icon" href="myfavicon.ico" type="image/x-icon">

    <script type="text/javascript">
        /* the goods */
    </script>
    <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.1.3/jquery.min.js
        "></script>

    <noscript>Please enable JavaScript to view this page!</noscript>
</head>
```

"meta" tags for search

Most tags not "well-formed"

Markup

```
25  <body>
26
27  <h1>Sample Page</h1>
28
29  <p>Paragraphs are separated as "blocks" of text.</p>
30  <p>Simple markup such as <b>bold face</b> or <em>
    emphasized</em> text.
31
32  Note that white space is ignored.
33
34  If we want to "control" the layout, we should use
    styles.  If we need some small control we can
    insert a line break.  For example,</p>
35  <img src="brokenImage.jpg" alt="Image Missing">
36  <br/>
37  <img src="../../RiceLogo.jpg" width="200px" title="
    Rice Logo">
38  <p>Hyperlinks are contained within <a name="anchor">
    anchors</a> which can be referenced within a page
    using another <a href="#anchor" title="go here">
    anchor</a>.  In general we want links to go to
    other pages, such as <a href="https://developer.
    mozilla.org">this</a> one.</p>`
39  </body>
40  </html>
```



Inline vs Block

- We markup to control layout. Sometimes we want "blocks" of content that are positioned separately from other blocks.
- Other times we want inline layout or styling

Inline

<b>

Block

<p>

More HTML fundamentals

```
<hr/>
<!-- this is a comment -->
<table border="1">
    <thead>
        <tr><th>Centered by Default</th><th>Column Header</th></tr>
    </thead>
    <tbody>
        <tr><td>Row</td><td>Content</td></tr>
        <tr><td colspan="2">span two columns to format our table better</td></tr>
        <tr><td>Lazy...</td></tr>
        <tr>
            <td>Here is an ordered list
                <ol>
                    <li>first item</li>
                    <ol>
                        <li>nested item</li>
                    </ol>
                    <li>another item</li>
                </ol>
            </td>
            <td>and an unordered list
                <ul>
                    <li>first item</li>
                    <li>another item</li>
                </ul>
            </td>
    </tbody>
</table>
```

More HTML fundamentals

Centered by Default	Column Header
Row	Content
span two columns to format our table better	
Lazy...	
Here is an ordered list 1. first item 1. nested item 2. another item	and an unordered list • first item • another item

We must escape < and > in addition to & and a few other character. Sometimes we want to control the amount of space " " in a cell in a table, we can do that with non-breaking spaces for example.

```
Pre-formatted text will   appear   as  it is written
exactly (we hope)
        And it renders some HTML!

function example() { var foo = "bar"; console.log(foo); }
```

More HTML fundamentals

```
68
69  <p>We must escape &lt; and &gt; in addition to &amp; and a few other character.
    Sometimes we want to control the amount of space "   " in a cell in a
    table, we can do that with non-breaking spaces for example.</p>
70  <pre>
71  Pre-formatted text will   appear   as  it is written
72  exactly (we hope)
73      <strong>And it <em>renders</em> some HTML!</strong>
74  </pre>
75  <code>
76  function example() {
77      var foo = "bar";
78      console.log(foo);
79  }
80  </code>
81  <hr/>
```

Universal Resource Indicators (URIs)

Likely most familiar with universal resource locations (URLs)

https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.1.3/jquery.min.js

mailto:somebody@rice.edu?subject=NeatO&body=TaDa

http://somesite.com:8080/example/page.php?q=5&b=8#someAnchor

scheme: //server :port path-to resource ?query #fragment

e.g., file:///C/Windows/...

Links on a page can be absolute or relative

Some HTML Resources

- W3Schools
  http://www.w3schools.com/
- Mozilla Developer Network
  https://developer.mozilla.org/
- Validate your HTML
  http://validator.w3.org/
- Real-time HTML rendering (includes tidy)
  http://jsfiddle.net/bpenp4dq/

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How to Turnin

- Mac or Linux
  `scp <local_file> <netID>@ssh.clear.rice.edu:<remote_file>`

  Windows
  - Use *scp* if you have it.
  - Otherwise on RiceOwls you can navigate to
    `\\storage.rice.edu\<netID[0]>-home\<netID>`
    e.g., `\\storage.rice.edu\s-home\sep1`

`${HOME}/comp531/inclass/inclass-1/myPage.html`

`~/comp531/inclass> turnin COMP431-S16:inclass-1`

"431" regardless of which class you are enrolled in. Case sensitive!

In-Class Exercise: Hello HTML!

http://jsfiddle.net/bpenp4dq/

Create a web page telling us about you. Your page should contain:

- Your name
- A picture
- Some text, such as a story of your last trip
- Some links, such as to your favorite places, organizations, or your Facebook, Google+, or other social networking page
- A textarea for people to leave a comment or question and include a submit button (but it does nothing)

- Follow proper syntax (don't be lazy)
  - Jsfiddle performs extra wrapping,
  - so write your page in a text file
  - Validate you can view your page in your browser and it is correct
- Satisfy all of the requirements
  - to the "T"
  - i.e., don't do things differently than were asked for

you should be submitting: `inclass-1/hello.html`

COMP431-S16:inclass-1