

SQL Application Programming

CS 377: Database Systems

Recap: SQL Queries

SELECT [DISTINCT] <attribute list>
FROM <table list>
[WHERE <condition on the tables>]
[GROUP BY <grouping attributes>]
[HAVING <group condition>]
[ORDER BY <attribute list> ASC | DESC]
[LIMIT <number of tuples>]

Recap: SQL Usage

- Stand-alone: user enters SQL commands via a command line or in a GUI
- Embedded in a host language: SQL commands are embedded (written inside) an “ordinary” program in a high level language (e.g., Java, C++, C, etc.)
- Library-based: SQL commands are made available through library functions (e.g., Java, Python)
- Web-based: various languages with extensions allow webpages to access database server

Today's Lecture

1. Introduction to Database Programming
2. JDBC
3. PHP

Standard Client / Server Model

- Server: machine with specific functionalities (e.g., file server, print server, email server)
- Client: user machine with user interface capabilities and local processing
- Application / web server: intermediate layer to check security and process data

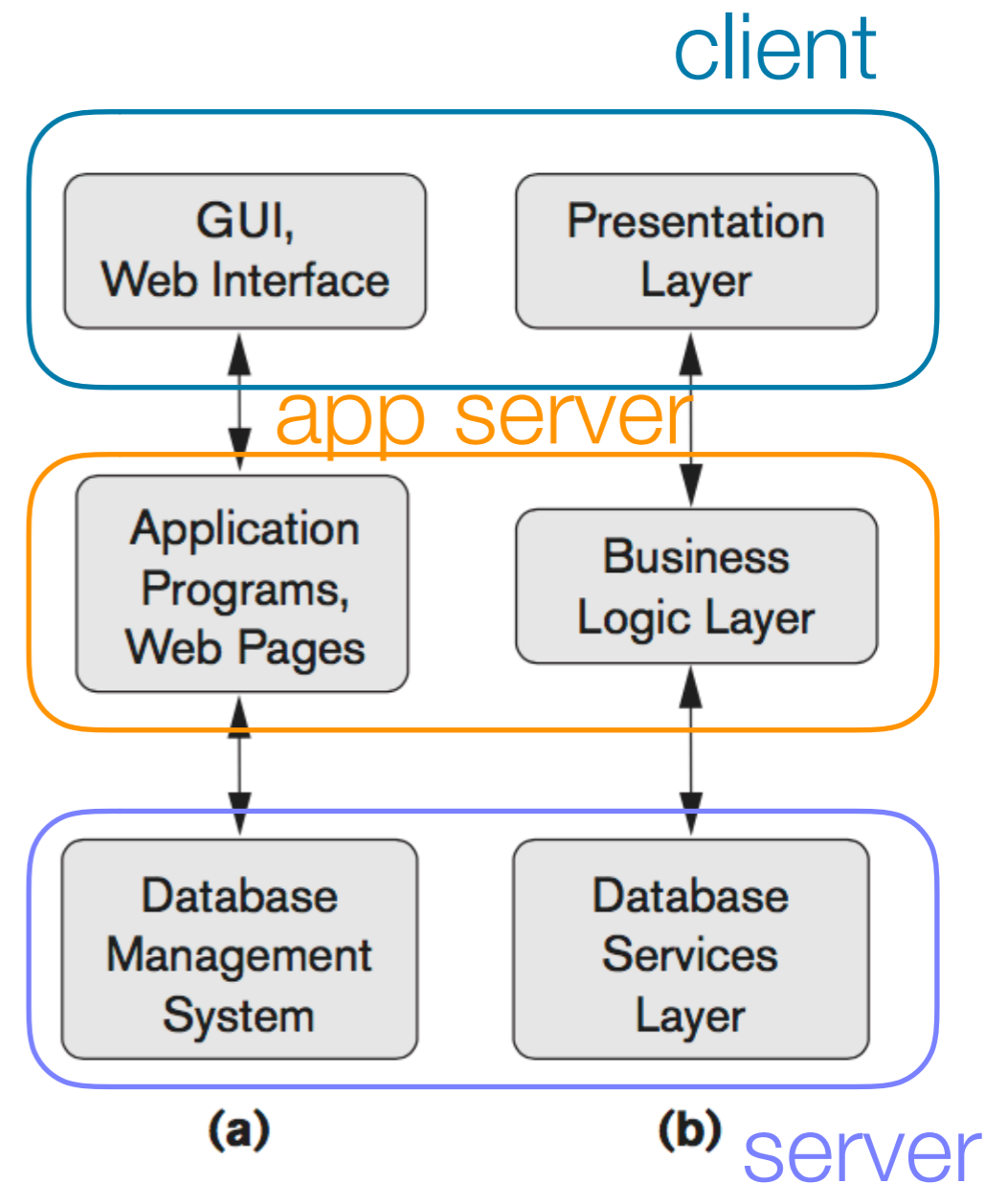


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Typical Database Program Sequence

1. Establish / open a connection to database server — specify url of database server and account / password details
2. Submit database commands (e.g., queries, updates, etc.) — most types of SQL statements can be included
3. Terminate / close the connection to the database

Impedence Mismatch

- Problems that occur because of differences between database model and programming language model
 - Bind attribute data types to programming language data types
 - Map between query result data structure (sets or multi sets of tuples) to appropriate data structure in programming language

Java Database Connection (JDBC)

JDBC

- Provides capability to access a database server through a set of library functions
- Set of library functions forms a standardized Application Program Interface (API)
- Allows programmer to send SQL statements for execution and query retrieval
- Supported by most major database vendors

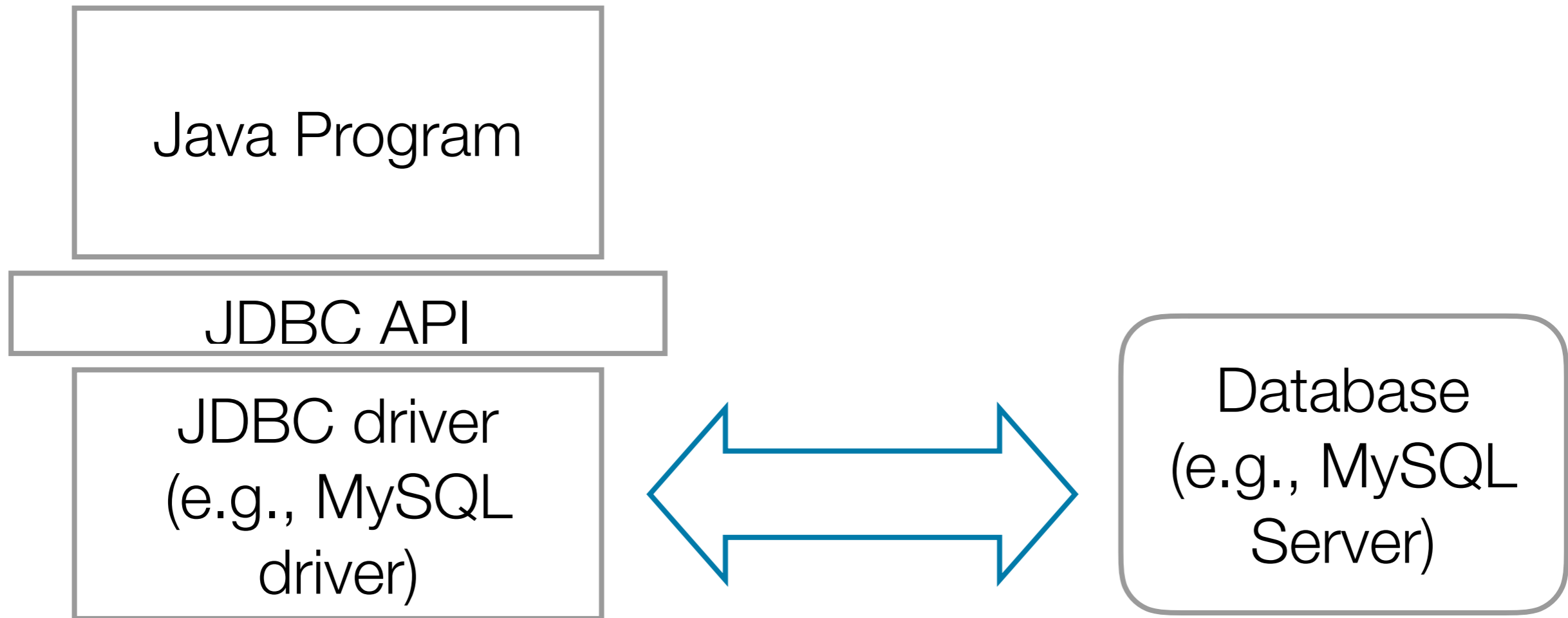
JDBC Program: Step 1

1. Establish / open a connection to database server
 - I. Import JDBC library (java.sql.*)
 - II. Load appropriate JDBC driver
 - III. Create a connection object

JDBC: java.sql Package

- Library functions are contained in the java.sql package
- Every JDBC must import the classes in this package
import java.sql.*
- Designed to access any database platform
 - Un-avoidable that there will be a system-dependent component to access a specific database type
 - Drivers are used to support communication transparency between the different vendors

JDBC Driver



direct calls using specific
database protocols

JDBC Driver

- A communication driver is a system dependent software module that is written specifically according to a given communication protocol
- Different vendors can provide the same data service through different communication protocols
- A JDBC program must first load the desired communication driver
 - Each system has its own way to load the driver (Biggest headache in JDBC programming)

Dealing with SQLException

Most methods in the JDBC SQL library will throw SQLException

- Catch the exception

```
try
```

```
{
```

```
    < method in java.sql package >
```

```
}
```

```
catch ( Exception e)
```

```
{
```

```
    < statements to execute when there is an error >
```

```
}
```

- Specify throws SQLException to each method in your program -
exit program upon error

DriverManager: Managing the JDBC Driver

- Attempt at standardization of loading the JDBC communication driver
- Contains methods for managing a set of JDBC drivers
- Methods contained in the class:
 - **static void registerDriver(Driver driver)** - registers the given driver with the device manager by reading in the driver code from the installed library
 - **static Connection getConnection(String url, String user, String password)** - attempts to establish a connection and should only be used after the driver was registered

Registering a Driver (Textbook Way)

- Standard way to register a platform dependent JDBC driver is to use the `registerDriver()` method
- Example: registering the JDBC driver for Oracle:
`DriverManager.registerDriver(new oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver());`
- Unfortunately not all vendors use this approach to load its JDBC driver (e.g., MySQL)

Registering a MySQL Driver

- Exploits Java's built-in capability to load a class
- Driver is loaded using the `java.lang.reflect` package
- Syntax:
`Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");`

Dynamic Loading Feature

- Java has the ability to load user-written classes dynamically into a compiled program and execute it
- Load a different class that has a method with the same name, you can get the behavior of the method to change

Dynamic Loading: `java.lang.reflect`

- Commonly used by programs which require ability to examine or modify runtime behavior of applications
 - Applications: create instances of objects using their fully-qualified names
 - Debuggers & Test Tools: examine private members of classes
 - Class browser: enumerate members of a class

Dynamic Loading: `java.lang.reflect`

- Drawbacks:
 - Performance overhead
 - Security restrictions
 - Exposure of internals


Location of the JDBC Driver Software

- Java must be able to find (locate) the JDBC Driver
 - CLASSPATH variable must point to the SQL Java JDBC library (depends on your installation)
- Include the PATH to run the JDBC program
- Example:
`java -cp <location of jdbc driver library> <your program>`

Create a Connection Object

- Network connection to a database server is established using the `getConnection` method in the `DriverManager` class
- Syntax:

```
Connection SQLconnection; // variable for connection  
SQLconnection = DriverManager.getConnection(URL,  
user, password);
```

location of database server 

JDBC: SQL Connection

- Connection contains a reference to the data structure that stores information on the network connection
- Connection must be passed to subsequent methods to communicate with the MySQL server
- Only need a single connection to the server
- URL must contain the protocol, the host name, the port number, and the database name
(e.g., “jdbc:mysql://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu:3306/companyDB”)

JDBC Program: Step 2

2. Submit database commands
 - I. Create statement object
 - II. Send statement
 - III. Process query results

Creating a Statement Object

- `java.sql.Statement` class is used to execute a SQL statement (by sending it to the database)
- It also has buffers to receive the result tuples
- Before submitting a query, you must first create a `Statement` object for the processing of the query
- Syntax:
`Statement SQLstatement; // variable ref for obj`
`SQLstatement = <sqlconnection>.createStatement();`

Submit a SQL Query

- `executeQuery` method sends the SQL query using the DBMS connection to the DBMS server for processing
- Syntax:
`ResultSet rset; // reference variable for results`
`rset = SQLstatement.executeQuery("<SQL query>");`
- Example:
`ResultSet rset; // reference variable for results`
`rset = SQLstatement.executeQuery("select * from employee");`

Submit a SQL Query

- Statement object can be recycled if SQL queries are executed in serial
 - Execute one query and read the result completely before executing next query
- For multiple queries at the same time, you need to create multiple Statement objects — one per parallel query

Submit a SQL Update

- `executeUpdate` method sends the SQL command using the DBMS connection to the DBMS server for processing
- SQL command maybe an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement or even creation of a table or constraint
- Example:
`rset = SQLstatement.executeUpdate("delete * from employee");`
- Returns an update count

Process Query Results

- ResultSet returns an iterable that contains all the tuples in the output relation
- Retrieve one tuple:
rset.next() - returns null if there are no more tuples otherwise returns the next tuple
- Retrieve all tuples in the result set
while (rset.next() != null) {
 <process the tuple>
}

Demo: Employee.java

Useful ResultSet Methods

Java Function	Description
<code>beforeFirst()</code>	moves the read cursor to the front of the ResultSet object, just before the first row (can be used to re-read the data again)
<code>first()</code>	moves the read cursor to the first row of the ResultSet object
<code>absolute(rowNum)</code>	moves the read cursor to the row rowNum of the ResultSet object
<code>afterLast()</code>	moves the read cursor to the end of this ResultSet object, after the last row (can be used to read the data in reverse order)
<code>last()</code>	moves the read cursor to the last row of this Result object (can be used to find number of rows)
<code>getRow()</code>	returns the row index of the current row

Demo: EmployeeRSMMethod.java

Retrieve Field in the Result Tuple

Java Function	SQL Type	Description
getInt(index)	INTEGER	returns attribute at position index as a <javatype> (e.g., getInt —> int type)
getLong(index)	BIG INT	
getFloat(index)	REAL / FLOAT	
getDouble(index)	DOUBLE	
getBignum(index)	DECIMAL	
getBoolean(index)	BIT / BOOLEAN	
getString(index)	VARCHAR / CHAR	
getDate(index)	DATE	
getTime(index)	TIME	
getTimeStamp(index)	TIMESTAMP	
getObject(index)	any type	

Metadata About ResultSet

- ResultSetMetaData class contains meta information about the ResultSet
 - Methods to retrieve/obtain the meta data
 - Variables to store values of the meta data
- Syntax:
ResultSet rset;
rset = SQLstatement.executeQuery("<SQL query">);
ResultSetMetaData metaData;
metaData = rset.getMetaData();

Useful ResultSetMetaData Methods

- **int getColumnCount():** returns the number of columns in the tuples of the ResultSet
- **String getColumnName(int columnIndex):** returns the name of the column whose index is specified
- **String getColumnType(int columnIndex):** returns the integer code for the data type of the attribute whose index is specified (see `java.lang.Types` for the codes)
- **String getColumnName(int columnIndex):** returns the type of column whose index is specified

Useful ResultSetMetaData Methods

- **int getColumnDisplaySize(int columnIndex):** returns the display width (number of characters needed to display the value) of the attribute whose index is specified
- **int getPrecision(int columnIndex):** returns the number of digits of the field/column whose index is specified - data type must be numeric
- **int getScale(int columnIndex):** returns the number of decimal places of the field/column whose index is specified - data type must be numeric
- **String getColumnClassName(int columnIndex):** returns the name of the Java class (e.g., "java.lang.String") for the attribute whose index is specified

Demo: MetaData.java

JDBC Program: Step 3

3. Close connection

- I. Close & free result set
- II. Close & free statement object
- III. Close & free connection object

Closing Connections

- Upon completion, you should close the various connections and free resources
- Close and free the result set:
rset.close();
- Close and free the Statement object
SQLstatement.close();
- Close and free the Connection buffer
SQLconnection.close();

JDBC Program Steps

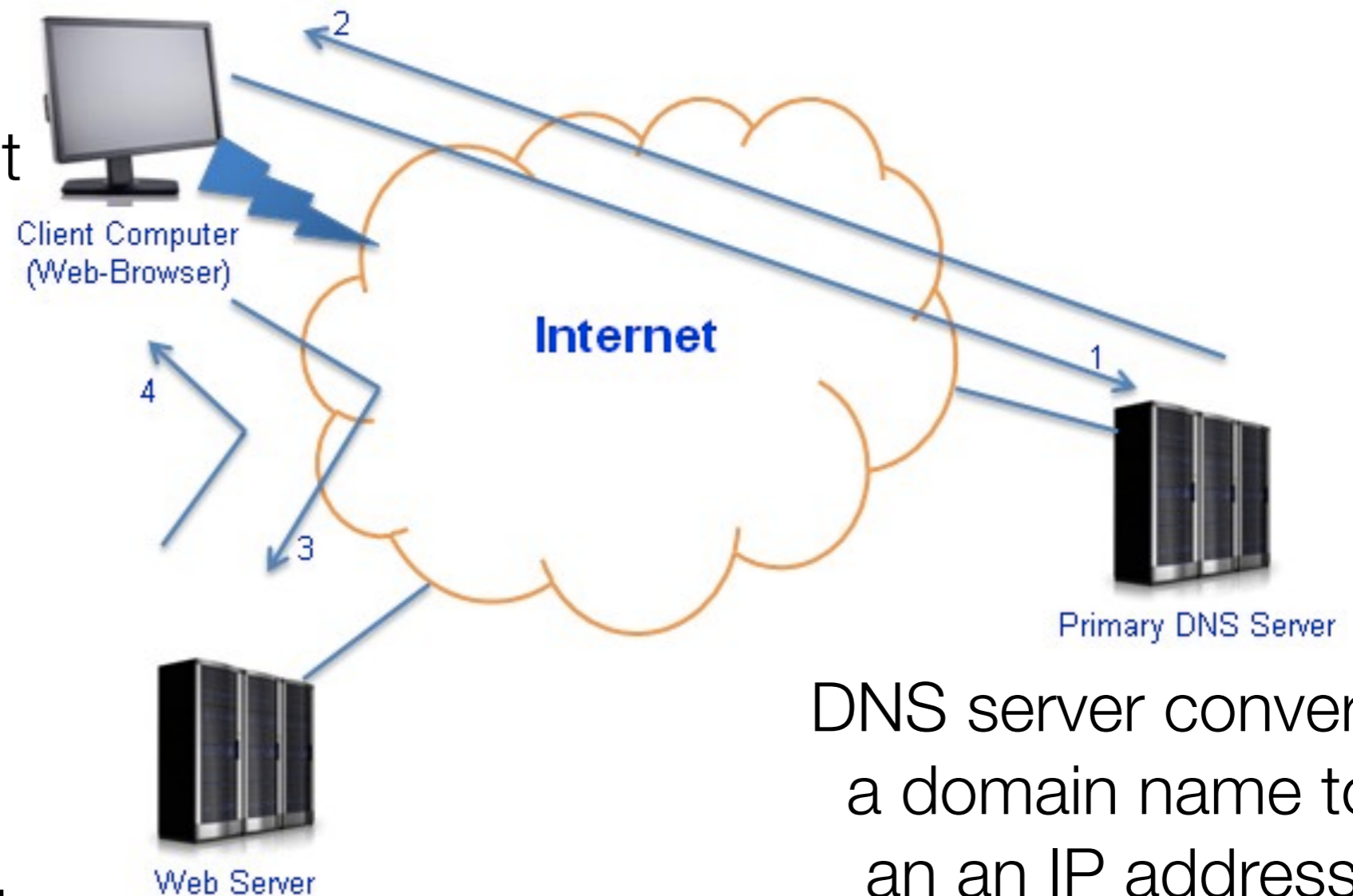
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PHP: Web Programming

World Wide Web (WWW)

Web browser is a program that receives web content and displays them

Web server serves content, whether it is webpages, images, movies, etc.



DNS server converts a domain name to an IP address

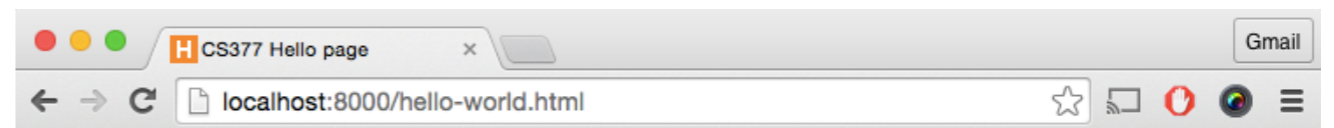
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Website

- Nothing more than a collection of computer files (webpages)
- Files are written in a special language called HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language)
 - Tags are used to specify how an items are displayed
 - Content can be static or dynamically generated

Example: Hello World HTML

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>
      CS377 Hello page
    </title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <UL>
      <H2>
        Hello world !
      </H2>
    </UL>
  </body>
</html>
```

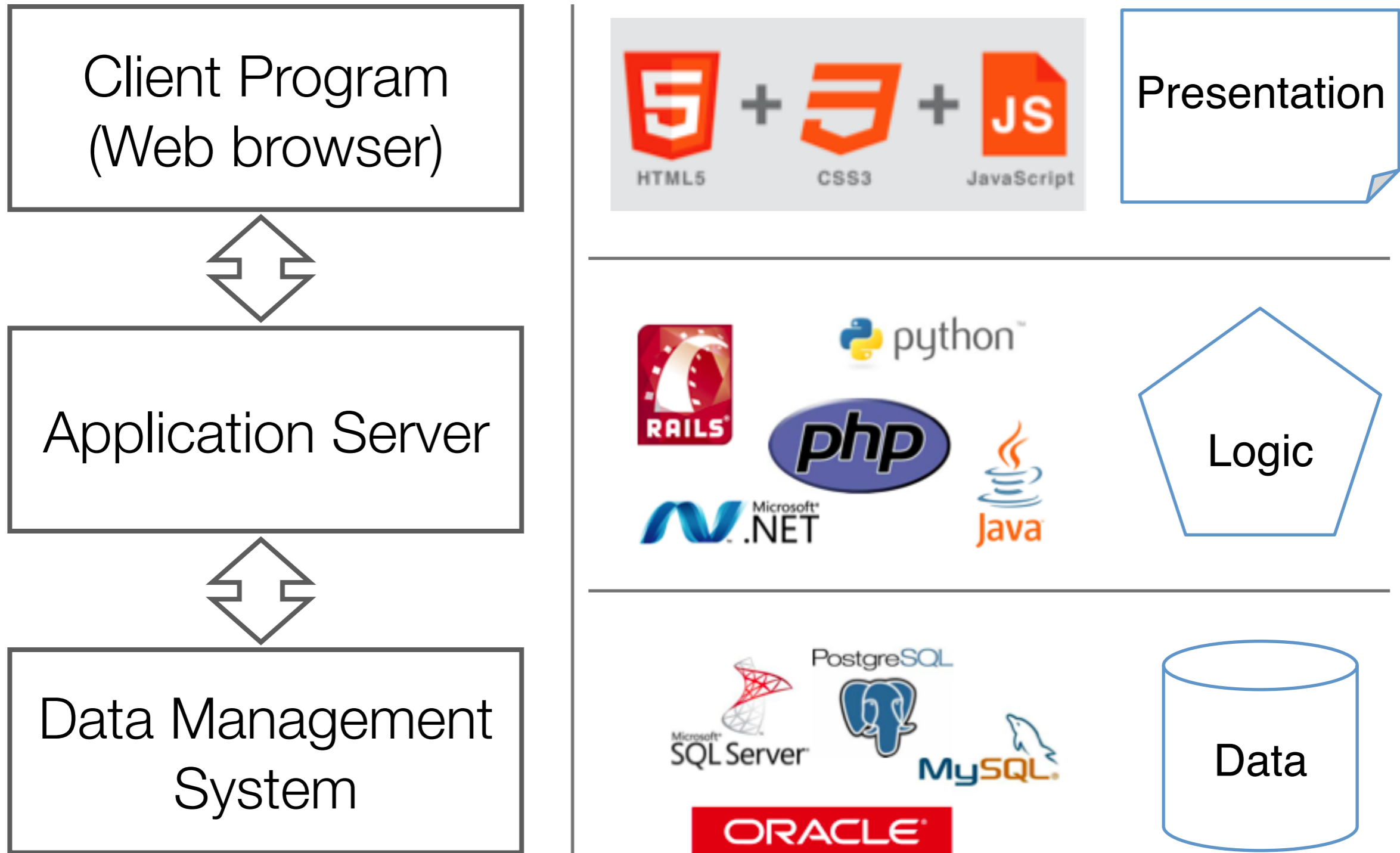


Hello world !

Dynamic Content

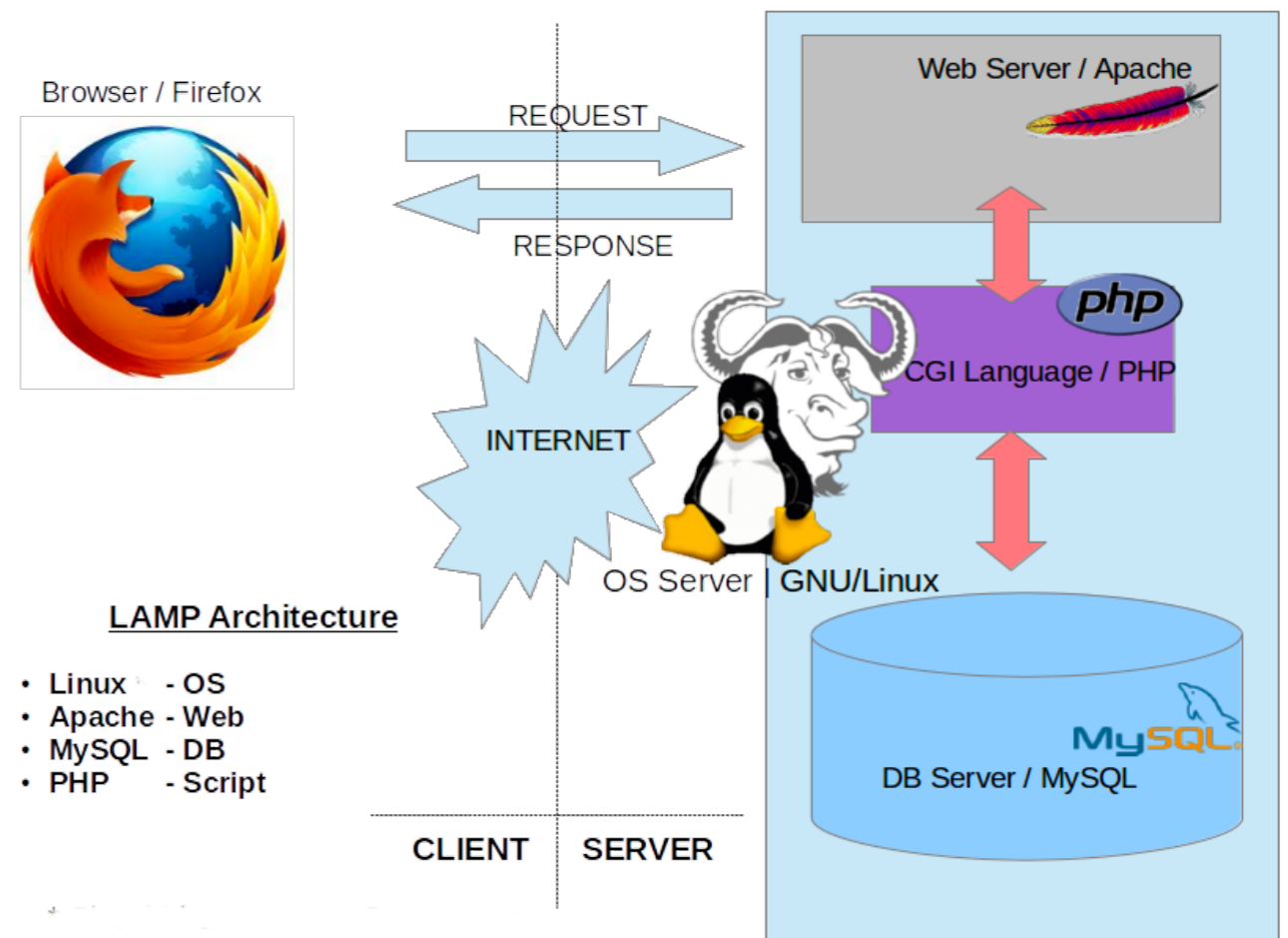
- Static webpages are considered passive content as they don't perform any operations
 - Example: My personal webpage
- Webserver can execute programs that produce an HTML file (webpages)
 - Active content are web pages that are created dynamically
 - Common example is online ordering or shopping

Three-Tier Web Architecture



LAMP

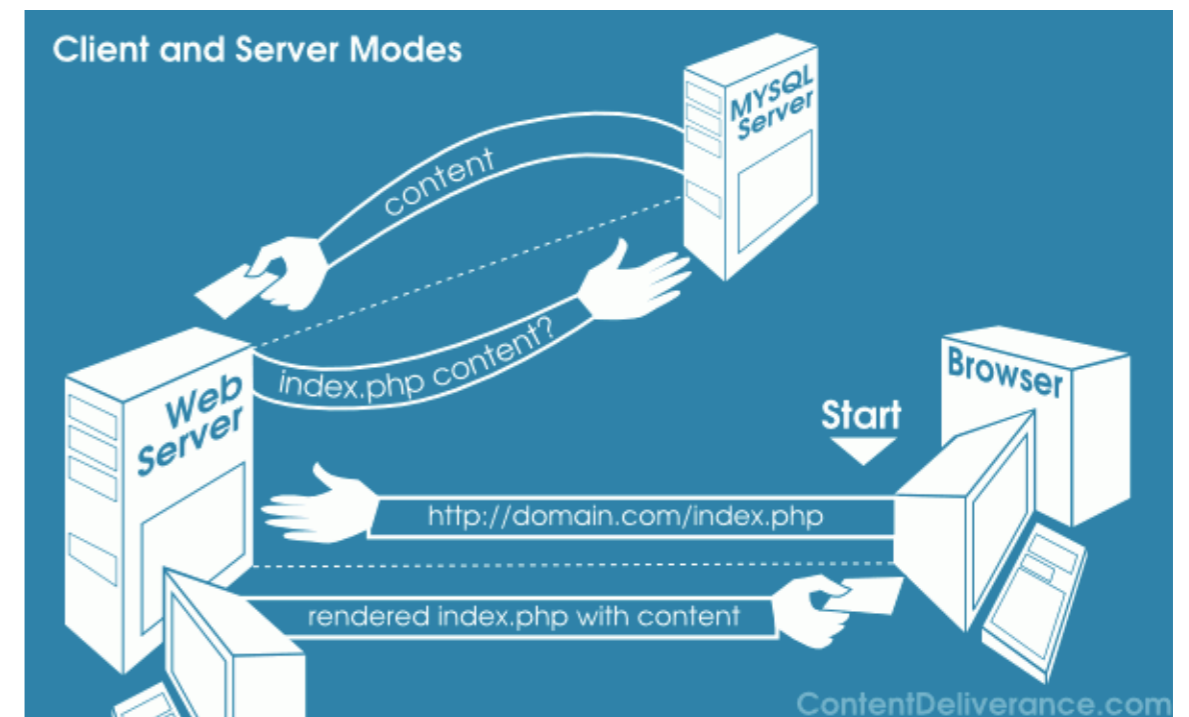
- Typical web service solution stack
- Original phrase was Linux, Apache, MySQL, and Perl (Perl → PHP)
- Components are largely interchangeable



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LAMP_\(software_bundle\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LAMP_(software_bundle))

PHP: PHP Hypertext Processor

- Open source, server-side scripting language for producing dynamic web pages
- Allows access to a database and executions of calculations and logic
- PHP web server interprets PHP code and dynamically constructs web page



<http://contentdeliverance.com/cms-school/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/client-server-diagram-mysql.png>

PHP: Strengths

- Ease of learning and use
- Open source and stable
- Speed - relatively fast
- Powerful library support & interface to many different database systems
- Availability of support

PHP: Disadvantages

- Security - many exploits of weaknesses of PHP
- Not suitable for large scales - not very modular
- Ugly and unpredictable type system (type casting and other conversion mechanism)
- Culture of messiness
- Poor debugging facilities

Exploring PHP: Setup

- PHP is currently installed on cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu
- Created a common user (cs377_s17) on the machine with the password to be posted on piazza
- Remote login to the server:
`ssh -X cs377_s17@cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu`
- Scripts should be placed inside the public_html directory:
`cd ~/public_html`
- You can access the PHP scripts via a browser:
http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/~cs377_s17/filename

PHP Program Structure

- PHP code can be embedded in HTML code
- PHP program consists of
 - Main program
 - Statements enclosed by the PHP tags
 - Function definitions

PHP Interpreter

- Echo everything that is not enclosed inside a PHP tag
- Text that is enclosed inside a PHP tag are considered to be PHP
- Syntax:
`<? php`
`... one or more PHP statements ...`
`?>`

Example: Hello World in PHP (helloworld.php)

`<?php` start tag to denote PHP statement

`// prints hello world` comment

`echo "Hello World!";`

`?>` end tag to close PHP statement

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/helloworld.php>

Running PHP Programs

- Stand-alone (good for debugging)
 - UNIX-prompt>> php <script-name>
- Web browser
 - PHP script inside ~/public_html on cs377db server
 - Point your favorite web browser to:
<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/~<userid>/<script-name>>

Example: PHP with HTML (luckyNum.php)

```
<html>
<head>
<title> PHP Test </title>
</head>
<body>
```

```
<UL>
Welcome stranger, here is your lucky number:
<?php print rand(1, 1000); ?>
</UL>
```

```
</body>
</html>
```

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/luckyNum.php>

PHP Variables

- Syntax: `$variableName`
- Variables start with letter or underscore
- Variable name is case-sensitive
- Implicitly defined — automatically defined when you use the variable for the first time in a program

Example: PHP Variables (var.php)

```
<?php
$a = 1;
$A = 2;
print("a = " . $a . "\n");    # . is string concatenation
print("A = " . $A . "\n");    # Var name is case sensitive !
print("b = " . $b . "\n");    # Warning, not fatal !
?>
```

<http://cs377db6.mathcs.emory.edu/var.php>

PHP Variable Types

- Support 8 primitive types
 - 4 scalar types: boolean, integer, float, string
 - 2 compound types: array, object (C's struct)
 - 2 special types: resource (special variable holding a reference to an external resource), NULL
- Dynamic typing — type of variable is determined by the type of value that was stored in the most recent assignment statement

Example: Dynamic Typing (dynatype.php)

```
<?php
$a = 12;
print ("a = " . $a . " Type of a = " . gettype($a) . "\n");
$a = 12.0;
print ("a = " . $a . " Type of a = " . gettype($a) . "\n");
$a = "12";
print ("a = " . $a . " Type of a = " . gettype($a) . "\n");
$a = true;
print ("a = " . $a . " Type of a = " . gettype($a) . "\n");
?>
```

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/dynatype.php>

PHP Operators

- Operators are similar to Java
 - Arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /, %, **
 - Logical operators: and, or, xor, !
 - Comparison: ==, !=, <, <=, >, <=
- Example:

```
<?php
    $b = 3 * 3 % 5;
    $b = $a++ + 23;
    $a = ++$b - 23;
?>
```

PHP Statements

- If statement & elseif

```
if (expr1)
{
.. statements ...
}
elseif (expr2)
{
.. statements 2...
}
[else
{ .. more statements ...
}]
```
 - While statement

```
while (expr)
{
.. statements ...
}
```
 - For statement

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr3)
{
... statements ...
}
```
- break and continue work similarly

PHP Functions

- Similar to functions in other programming languages
- Can appear anywhere in the main program
- Need not be defined before it is used
- Syntax:
function <funcName> (<param1>, <param2>, ...)
{
... one or more statements ...
}

Example: PHP Function

```
<?php
    $a = square(4);
    print("Square of 4 = " . $a . "\n");
# Function definition
function square( $x )
{
    $r = $x * $x ;
    return( $r );
}
?>
```

prints out the square of 4 = 16

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/squareFunc.php>

PHP Variable Scope

2 scopes in PHP

- Global (program) scope — variable created in the main program has global scope and can be accessible from everywhere in the main program
- Access variable inside a function by declaring it a global variable with the keyword `global`
- Function scope — variable created in the function has a function scope and will be different than a variable with the same name in global scope

Example: PHP Variable Scope

```
<?php
$a = 1;          # Global a
print("Main: a = " . $a . "\n");
f($a);
print("Main: a = " . $a . "\n");

function f()
{
    global $a;   # ***** a will now access a global variable
    print("f before: a = " . $a . "\n"); # Global scope a
    $a = 4444;
    print("f before: a = " . $a . "\n"); # Global scope a
}
print("Main: a = " . $a . "\n");
?>
```

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/varscope.php>

Beware! PHP Weirdness

- Things in PHP that are unlike Java/C
 - String — different ways to quote a string
 - Variables can appear inside a string
 - Variables are evaluated differently depending on how the string is quoted
 - Array — use of associative arrays (key, value pairs)

Strings: Single-quote

- Always treated verbatim and no evaluation takes place
- Example:
`$x = 1;`
`print 'This is a single-quoted string. This is $x\n';`

Output:

This is a single-quote string. This is \$x\n

Strings: Double-quote

- Perform evaluation of variables to construct final strings
- Use escape character “\” before \$ to prevent evaluation
- Example:
\$x = 1;
print “This is a double-quoted string. This is \$x\n”;
**print “This is an escaped double-quoted string. This is \
\$x\n”;**

Output:

This is a double-quote string. This is 1

This is an escaped double-quote string. This is \$x

Strings: “Here” Documents

- Inline multi-line text that is evaluated

- Example:

```
$x = 12345;
```

```
print <<<MARKER
```

```
    Here document text.. type away... This is $x
```

```
    Another line. Just keep going - the string will not stop
```

```
    until there is a line with MARKER at the START of the line\n
```

```
MARKER;
```

Output:

```
Here document text.. type away... This is 12345
```

```
Another line. Just keep going - the string will not stop
```

```
until there is a line with MARKER at the START of the line
```

Example: Strings

```
<?php
  $x = "Hello World !";
  print 'Single-quoted string. This is $x';
  print"\n";
  print "Double-quoted string. This is $x";
  print"\n";
  print <<<MARKER
  Here document text.. type away... This is $x
  Another line. Just keep going - until a line with MARKER is found
MARKER;
  print"\n";
  print <<<MARKER2
  Here document text.. type away... This is \$x
  Another line. Just keep going - until a line with MARKER is found
MARKER2;
  print "\n";
?>
```

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/stringEx.php>

Arrays: Ordered Map

- Associates keys with values

- General:

```
$varName = array (  
    key1 => value1 ,  
    key2 => value2 ,  
    ...  
);
```


Arrays: Ordered Map

- Integer indices

```
$varName = array (  
                value1 ,  
                value2 ,  
                ...  
);
```

- “Traditional” way

```
$arrName[ index ] = value;
```

Array Functions

- Count the number of elements in an array:
count(\$<array variable>)
- Accessing elements in array
foreach (\$<array variable> as \$KEY_VAR =>
\$VALUE_VAR)
{
 \$KEY_VAR = key of the current array element
 \$VALUE_VAR = value of current array element
}

Example: Associate Arrays

- array01.php — different syntax for defining an array
- array02.php — counting the number of elements in an array
- array03.php — accessing the array using the special foreach structure
- array04.php — an example of a true associate array where the keys are not integers

PHP Program: Step 1

1. Establish connection to database
 - I. Pick extension / library module to connect to database system
 - II. Connect to database

PHP: Access to MySQL

- ext/mysql (MySQL extension which is not recommended and deprecated now)
- **ext/mysqli (MySQL improved extension)**
- PDO (PHP Data objects - pure object oriented programming)

PHP: Connect to Server

- Command: `mysqli_connect(host, user, passwd [, dbname [, port [, socket]]])`
- Example:

```
$conn = mysqli_connect("cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu",  
"cs377", "cs377_s17");  
// check connection  
if (mysqli_connect_errno())  
{  
    printf("Connect failed: %s\n", mysqli_connect_error());  
    exit();  
}
```

PHP: Connect to Database

- Specify the database in the connection:

```
$conn =
```

```
mysqli_connect("cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu","cs377",  
"cs377_s17", "companyDB");
```

- Use `mysqli_select_db()` function:

```
if ( ! mysqli_select_db ($conn, "companyDB") )  
{  
    printf("Error: %s\n", mysqli_error($conn) );  
    exit(1);  
}
```

PHP Program: Step 2

2. Submit database commands
 - I. Send statement
 - II. Process query results

PHP: Submit SQL Query

- Execute a query using `mysqli_query()`

```
if ( ( $result = mysqli_query( $conn, "SQL-  
command" ) ) == 0 )  
{  
    printf("Error: %s\n", mysqli_error($conn));  
    exit(1);  
}
```
- Returns 0 if there was an error, otherwise the result

Example: Submit SQL Query

- PHP code:

```
$conn = mysqli_connect("cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu","cs377",
"cs377_s17", "companyDB");
if (mysqli_connect_errno())
{
    ...
}
$query = 'select fname, lname, salary from employee';
if ( ! ( $result = mysqli_query($conn, $query)) )
{
    printf("Error: %s\n", mysqli_error($conn));
    exit(1);
}
```

PHP: Obtain SQL Results

Many different functions to retrieve result tuples

- **mysqli_fetch_all(\$result)** : fetches all result rows and returns the result set as an associative array
- **mysqli_fetch_array(\$result)** : returns the current (fetched) row as an array
- **mysqli_fetch_assoc(\$result)** : returns the current (fetched) row as an associative array or NULL if there is no more rows

PHP: Obtain SQL Results

- Focus on `mysqli_fetch_assoc($result)`
- Returns associative array that contains (key, value) pairs with the attribute name and value

• Example:

\$key	\$value
SSN	111-11-111
Fname	John
Lname	Smith
...	...

Example: Print SQL Results

Print attribute names and attribute values from \$result array

```
while ( $row = mysqli_fetch_assoc( $result ) )
{
    foreach ( $row as $key => $value )
    {
        print ( $key . " = " . $value . "\n" );
    }
    print( "=====" );
}
```

Example program: employee0.php

PHP Program: Step 3

3. Close connection
 - I. De-allocate and free resources
 - II. Close connection

Step 4: Free Resources & Disconnect

- De-allocate and free resources using `mysqli_free_result()`
 - Syntax: **`mysqli_free_result(<result variable>);`**
- Disconnect our connection with MySQL server using `mysqli_close()`
 - Syntax: **`mysqli_close(<connection variable>);`**

Example: Stand-Alone PHP program

- Print all the employees in the company database in a “tabular” format
- Print the attribute names only once
- Print the tuples
- To RUN: PHP emp-table.php

PHP via Web Browser

- Extremely easy to execute a program with a web browser
- Add some HTML header and trailer tags to the PHP script
- Put the MySQL PHP script in the special directory (will depend on what web server architecture you use)
- Load the PHP script in the web browser

Example: PHP Program via HTML

- HTML is ideally suited for formatting outputs
- Same example as before where you want to display all the employees in the company database in a “tabular” format — utilize HTML table format
 - `<TABLE>` tag to denote start of table
 - `<TR>` denotes a new row
 - `<TD>` denotes one data item in the row
- Example: `emp-html-table.php`

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/emp-html-table.php>

PHP: HTML FORM

- HTML FORM tag allows a webpage to obtain input field(s) from the user
- `<input type="<type>" name="<varname>">` element
 - Each input field must have a type
 - Each input field must have a name attribute
 - Optional: specify the size of the input field
`<input type="<type>" name="<varname>", size=40>`

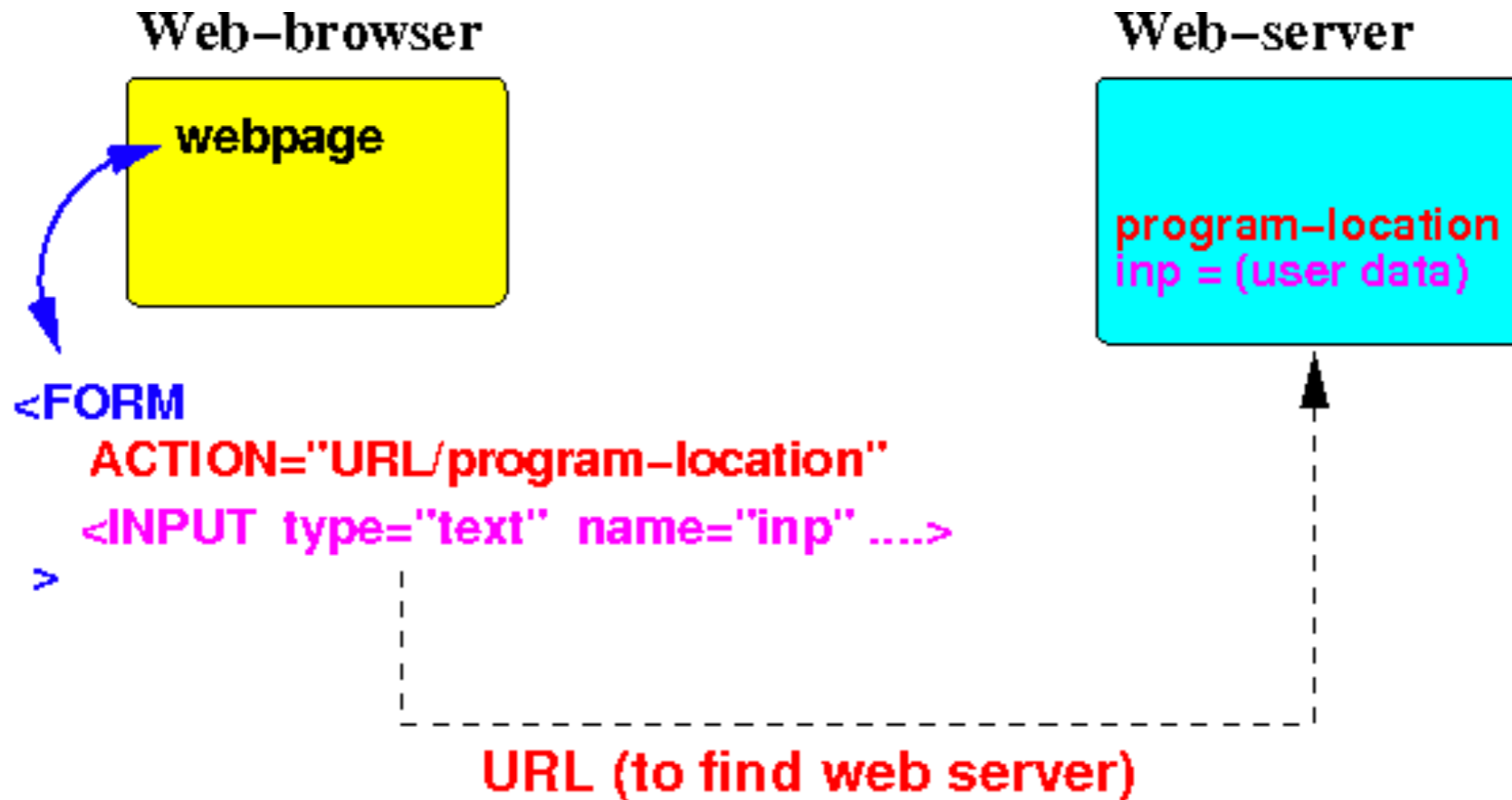
PHP: HTML FORM

- Common types
 - `<input type = "text">` defines a one-line input field for text input
 - `<input type = "radio">` defines a radio button (limit to 1 choice)
 - `<input type = "submit">` defines button to submit a form to form-handler

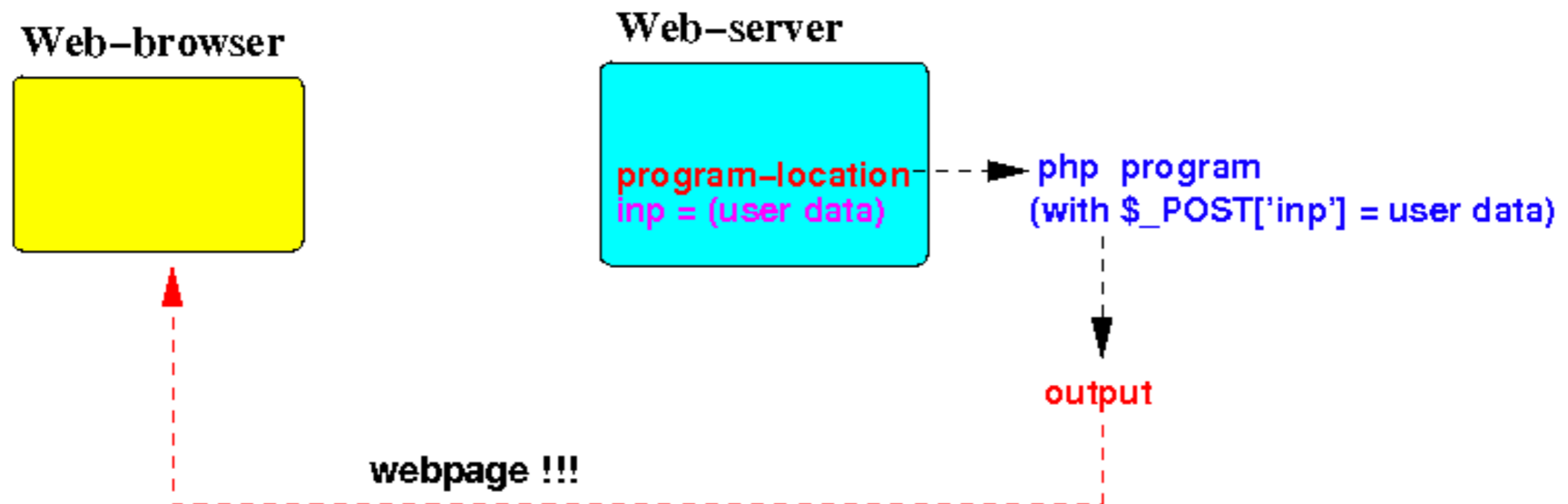
PHP: HTML Form

- `<form action="filename.php" method="{get | post}">`
 - action defines the address or URL where to submit the form
 - method specifies the HTTP method to be used when submitting the forms
 - GET (default) is generally used for short amounts of data and without sensitive information (data is encoded after a ? symbol)
 - POST offers better security because submitted data is not visible in the page address

PHP: Receiving Data using POST



PHP: Receiving Data using POST



PHP: Receiving Data using POST

- PHP interpreter receives form tagged data from the HTML form
- Data comes in an associative array named `$_POST[]`
- Initializes the element `$_POST['input-var-name']` with the value entered in the corresponding input field in the form tag

Example: PHP Script for form1 (echo.php)

```
<html>
<head>
<title> Form1 test </title>
</head>
<body>
<HR>
<B>
<?php
# -----
# PHP program: echo the data send in the "inp" field by the form
# -----
    $data = $_POST['inp'] ;
    print("Post Data is $data \n");
?>
</B>
<HR>
</body>
</html>
```

Example: HTML FORM

```
<html>
<head>
  <title> HTML Form 1 </title>
</head>
<body>
  <HR>
  <HR>
  <B> Form: </B>
  <HR><P>
  <FORM ACTION="http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/echo.php"
METHOD="POST">
  <p>Enter input: <input type="text" name="inp" size=40></p>
  <p><input type="submit" value="Press to send"></p>
  </FORM>
</body>
</html>
```

<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/formEx.html>

Example: PHP Client for companyDB

- Web form to submit a query:
<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/companyDB-queryform.html>
- PHP script to handle the query:
<http://cs377db.mathcs.emory.edu/companydb-query.php>

SQL Application Programming: Recap

- General application interaction sequence
- JDBC
- PHP
 - Connecting to MySQL
 - HTML web forms
 - For more information about PHP:
<http://us2.php.net/manual/en/index.php>

