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Principles of Internet Technologies

Lecture 4:

Applications of the Internet (Web Technology)

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Network Components

1. *The Network Hardware Devices.*
2. *Network Media: Wired: Twisted Pair cables, Co-axial, fiber Optic, Wireless: Microwave, Satellite*
3. *Network Types: we can classify networks in different ways:*
 1. *Based on the network's Geographical Area and network size: (LAN, WAN, MAN, etc)*
 2. *Based on Physical Topologies (connectivity): (Bus, Ring, Star, Mesh, Hybrid Topologies)*
 3. *Based on Architecture method: (Peer-to-Peer, Client/Server)*
4. *Network Protocols: (TCP/IP).*
5. *Applications of the Internet (Web technology).*

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Internet Applications

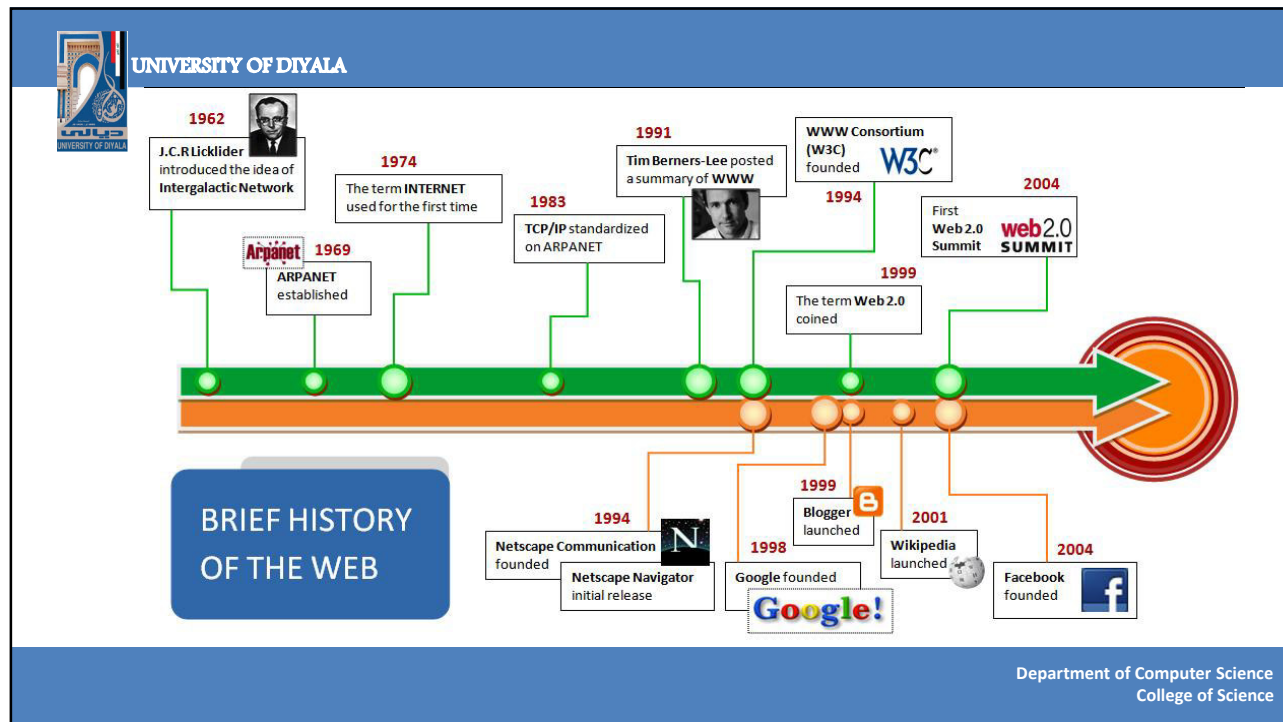
- *The internet has gained popularity rapidly as it is used for various purposes. Few of the main applications of internet are listed below:*
1. *World Wide Web (Web technology)*
 2. *E- mail (Electronic mail):*
 2. *FTP (File transfer protocol).*
 3. *E- Commerce.*
 4. *Video Conferencing.*



Web

The Web is an Internet-based distributed information system.

1. *Anyone with a computer connected to the Internet can easily **retrieve information** by giving a **Web address** or by simply clicking a mouse button.*
2. *The **Web** is a great way to disseminate information and making it available 24/7.*
3. *There is no **central control** or administration for the **Web**.*
4. ***Maintainers** and **administrators** can control and update Web content from anywhere on the Web. All these make the Web a powerful tool for **mass communication, e-business** and **e-commerce**.*



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Web ≠ Internet

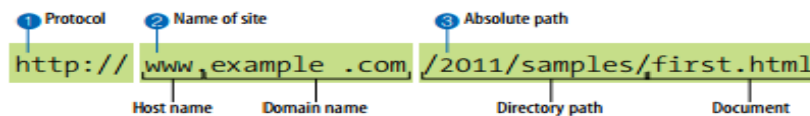
- The terms **Internet** and **World Wide Web** are often used in everyday speech without much distinction. However, the **Internet** and the **World Wide Web** are **not one and the same**.
- **Internet**: a **physical network** connecting millions of computers using the **same protocols** for sharing/transmitting information (TCP/IP).
- **World Wide Web**: a collection of interlinked multimedia documents that are stored on the Internet and accessed using a **common protocol (HTTP)**.
- Key distinction: **Internet is hardware; Web is software**.

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URL

- Every **page** and **resource** on the Web has its own special address called a **URL**, which stands for **Uniform Resource Locator**. Some URLs are short. Others may look like crazy strings of characters separated by **dots** (periods) and **slashes**, but each part has a **specific purpose**.
- A complete URL is generally made up of **three components**: the **protocol**, the **site name**, and the **absolute path** to the document or resource, as shown below



Web Browsers

- A **web browser** or **Internet browser** is a **software application** for **retrieving** and **presenting** information resources on the World Wide Web.
- **Primary function** of a browser is to identify the **URI** and brings the information resource to user.
- All major browsers allow users to access multiple information resources at the same time in **different windows** or in **tabs**. Major browsers include **pop up blockers** to prevent windows to open without users consent.
- Some special web browsers are **Internet Explorer**, **Mozilla**, **Firefox**, **Google Chrome**, **Safari**, **Opera**, **Mobile browsers**, etc.





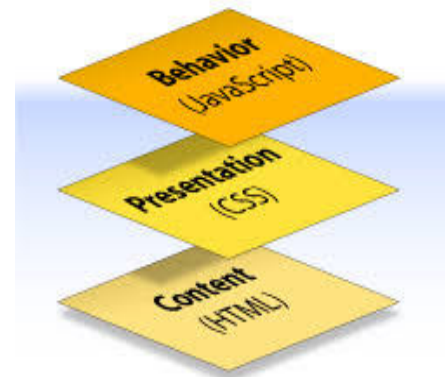
Main Elements of Web Browsers

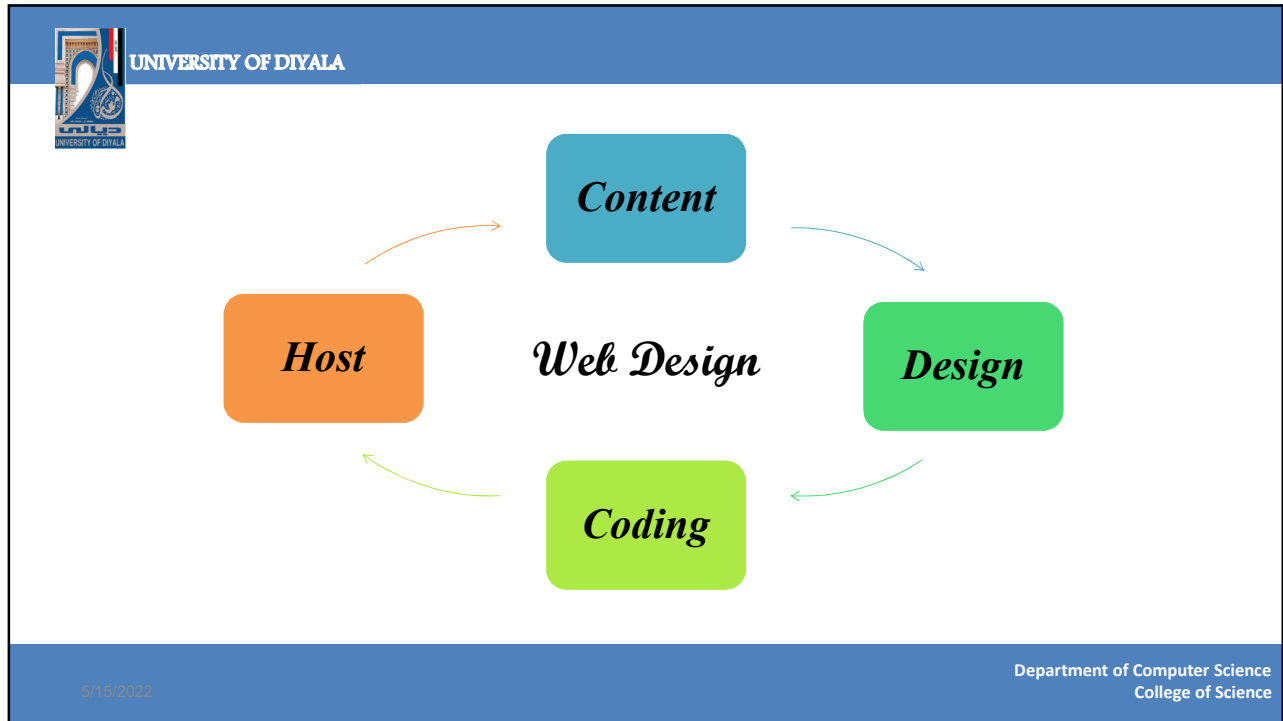


Web-related Technologies

- The following is a list of technologies associated with web development.

1. Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
2. Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
3. JavaScript
4. Server-side programming and DB management.





Good vs. Bad Design

Bad Design Example: Dooley's Pub

The Dooley's Pub website is criticized for its cluttered layout. It features a green background with multiple logos, a sidebar with numerous menu items (About Us, News & Events, Menu, etc.), and a main content area with small, unorganized text blocks. The design is visually busy and lacks clear structure.

Good Design Example: Lancaster University

The Lancaster University website is presented as a good design example. It features a clean, professional layout with a clear navigation menu (Home, Study, Research, Collaborate, Global, Alumni). The content is organized into distinct sections, including statistics (12,000 students, 92% research), a "Students' Charter 2012" announcement, and a "Latest News" section with images and dates. The design is user-friendly and visually appealing.



Good vs. Bad Design

- *Most successful web designs have a few things in common:*
 1. *They are accessible.*
 2. *Most users have little problem finding the information they need.*
 3. *They are easy to read.*
 4. *There are good clean fonts laid out appropriately.*
 5. *They are visually-appealing.*



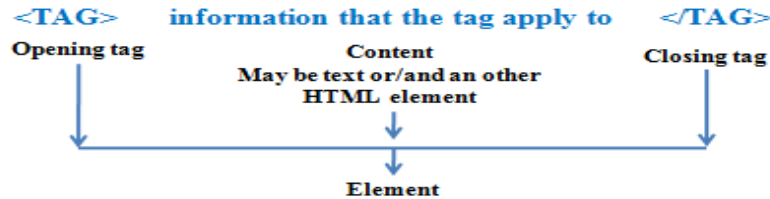
HTML

- *HTML stands for **Hyper Text Markup Language**. HTML is not a programming language; it is a **markup language**, which means it is a system for identifying and describing the various components of a document such as **headings, paragraphs, and lists**.*
- ***HTML command:** all HTML commands are contained within **angle brackets (< >)**. The angle brackets simply tell browsers that the text between them is a **HTML command**. A tag with its angle brackets looks like this: **<tag_name>***
- *Most tags are **paired**, with an **opening tag (<TAG>)** and a **closing tag (</TAG>)**. Both tags look alike, except the closing tag also includes a forward **slash (/)**.*



HTML Tags

- To apply tags to information in the document, place the **opening tag** before the information, and place the **closing tag** after the information, like this:



- For Example: `<p> Learning HTML </p>`



Basic Structure of HTML Document

- Well structured HTML documents come in these three parts:
 - A head that identifies a document as HTML and establishes its title.
 - A body that contains the content for a Web page. This part holds all displayed text on a page, as well as most links to graphics, multimedia, locations inside the same file, and to other Web documents.
 - A footer that labels a page by identifying its author, date of creation, and version number.



HTML Page Structure

<html >

<head>

<title> Title here </title>

</head>

<body>

Page content goes here.

</body>

</html>



Tag Attributes

- Some tags work in conjunction with **attributes**. Attributes live on the **opening tag** of an element and provide extra information about the element that carries them.
- All attributes consist of a **name** and a **value**; the name reflects a **property** of the element the attribute is describing, and the **value** is a value for that property.
- There are **three groups** of attributes that many of the **HTML** elements can carry:
 1. **Core attributes.**
 2. **Internationalization attributes.**
 3. **UI events.**



Basic Text Formatting

1. Creating Headings Using `<h>` Elements

- Most documents have headings in some form or other. Headings can help to structure a document. HTML offers six levels of headings, which use the elements `<h1>`, `<h2>`, `<h3>`, `<h4>`, `<h5>`, and `<h6>`. The `<h1>` element is the largest of the six and `<h6>` as the smallest.

Heading Level 1

Heading Level 2

Heading Level 3

Heading Level 4

Heading Level 5

Heading Level 6



Basic Text Formatting

2. **Creating Paragraphs Using the `<p>` Element:** Each paragraph of text should go in between an opening `<p>` and closing `</p>` tag, as in this example

`<p>Here is a paragraph of text.</p>`

3. **Creating Line Breaks Using the `
` Element:** Whenever you use the `
` tag, anything following it starts on the next line.
4. **Creating Preformatted Text Using the `<pre>` Element:** Any text between the opening `<pre>` tag and the closing `</pre>` tag will preserve the formatting of the source document.
 - Two of the most common uses of the `<pre>` element are to display tabular data without the use of a table and to represent computer source code.



Presentational Elements

1. **The Element:** Anything that appears in a element is displayed in **bold**, for Ex:
bold → bold
2. **The <i> Element:** The content of an <i> element is displayed in italicized text, for Ex:
italic → <i> italic</i>
3. **The <u> Element :** The content of a <u> element is underlined with a simple line:
underlined → <u> underlined</u>
4. **The <hr /> tag:** The <hr /> tag creates a **horizontal rule** across the page.
5. **The <s> and <strike> Elements:** The content of an <s> or <strike> element is displayed with a strikethrough, Ex: ~~Strikethrough~~ → <s> strikethrough</s>



Presentational Elements

6. **The <sup> Element:** The content of a <sup> element is written in superscript, Ex. **31st** → **31st**. The <sup> element is especially helpful in adding exponential values to equations, and adding the **st**, **nd**, **rd**, and **th** suffixes to numbers such as dates.
7. **The <sub> Element:** The content of a <sub> element is written in subscript, Ex. **Log₂** → **log₂**
8. **The <big> Element:** The content of the <big> element is displayed one font size larger than the rest of the text surrounding it. **HTML** → **H<big> TM</big>L**
9. **The <small> Element:** The content of the <small> element is displayed one font size smaller than the rest of the text surrounding it. **HTML** → **H<small> TM</small>L**



HTML : Lists

- We can create three types of lists in HTML:
- 1. **Unordered lists**, which are like lists of bullet points.
- 2. **Ordered lists**, which use a sequence of numbers or letters instead of bullet points.
- 3. **Definition lists**, which allow you to specify a term and its definition.
- **Using the Element to Create Unordered Lists:**
- If we want to make a list of bullet points, we write the list within the element (**which stands for unordered list**). Each bullet point or line we want to write should then be contained between opening tags and closing tags (**the li stands for list item**).

** Bullet point number **



HTML : Lists

2. **Using the Element to Create ordered Lists**
 - Sometimes, we want our lists to be ordered. In an ordered list, rather than prefixing each point with a bullet point, we can use either **numbers (1, 2, 3)**, **letters (A, B, C)**, or **Roman numerals (i, ii, iii)** to prefix the list item.
 - An ordered list is contained inside the element. Each item in the list should then be nested inside the element and contained between opening and closing tags.
- Point number **
- If we would rather have letters or Roman numerals than Arabic numbers, we must use the **type** attribute on the element.



HTML : Lists

- Using the type Attribute to Select Numbers, Letters, or Roman Numerals in Ordered Lists, by giving the type attribute the corresponding character:

Value for type	Attribute Description	Examples
<i>1</i>	<i>Arabic numerals (the default)</i>	<i>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Capital letters</i>	<i>A, B, C, D, E</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>Small letters</i>	<i>a, b, c, d, e</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>Large Roman numerals</i>	<i>I, II, III, IV, V</i>
<i>i</i>	<i>Small Roman numerals</i>	<i>i, ii, iii, iv, v</i>



HTML : Lists

- All of the universal attributes and UI event attributes can be used with the `` elements, and also a **special attribute start**, to **control the number a list starts at**.
- If we want to specify the number that a numbered list should start at, we can use the **start** attribute on the `` element. The value of this attribute should be the numeric representation of that point in the list, so a **D** in a list that is ordered with capital letters would be represented by the value **4**:

```
<ol type="A" start="4">
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```
<li>Point number one</li> <li>Point number two</li> <li>Point number three</li>
```

```
</ol>
```



Special Characters

- We can use most alphanumeric characters in our document and they will be displayed without a problem. However, there are some characters that have **special meaning in HTML**, For example, we cannot use the **angle brackets** that start and end tags. To solve this problem, We can use a set of different characters known as a **character entity** to represent these special characters.

Special Character	HTML Code	Displays As
Blank Space	 	
Open or Close Quote	"	"
Ampersand	&	&
Less Than	<	<
Greater Than	>	>



Comments

- We can leave notes in the source document for yourself and others by marking them up as **comments**. Anything we put between comment tags (`<!-- -->`) **will not display in the browser and will not have any effect on the rest of the source**.

`<!-- This is a comment -->`

`<!-- This is a multiple-`

`line comment`

`that ends here. -->`

- Comments are useful for **labeling** and **organizing long documents**, particularly when they are shared by a team of developers.



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