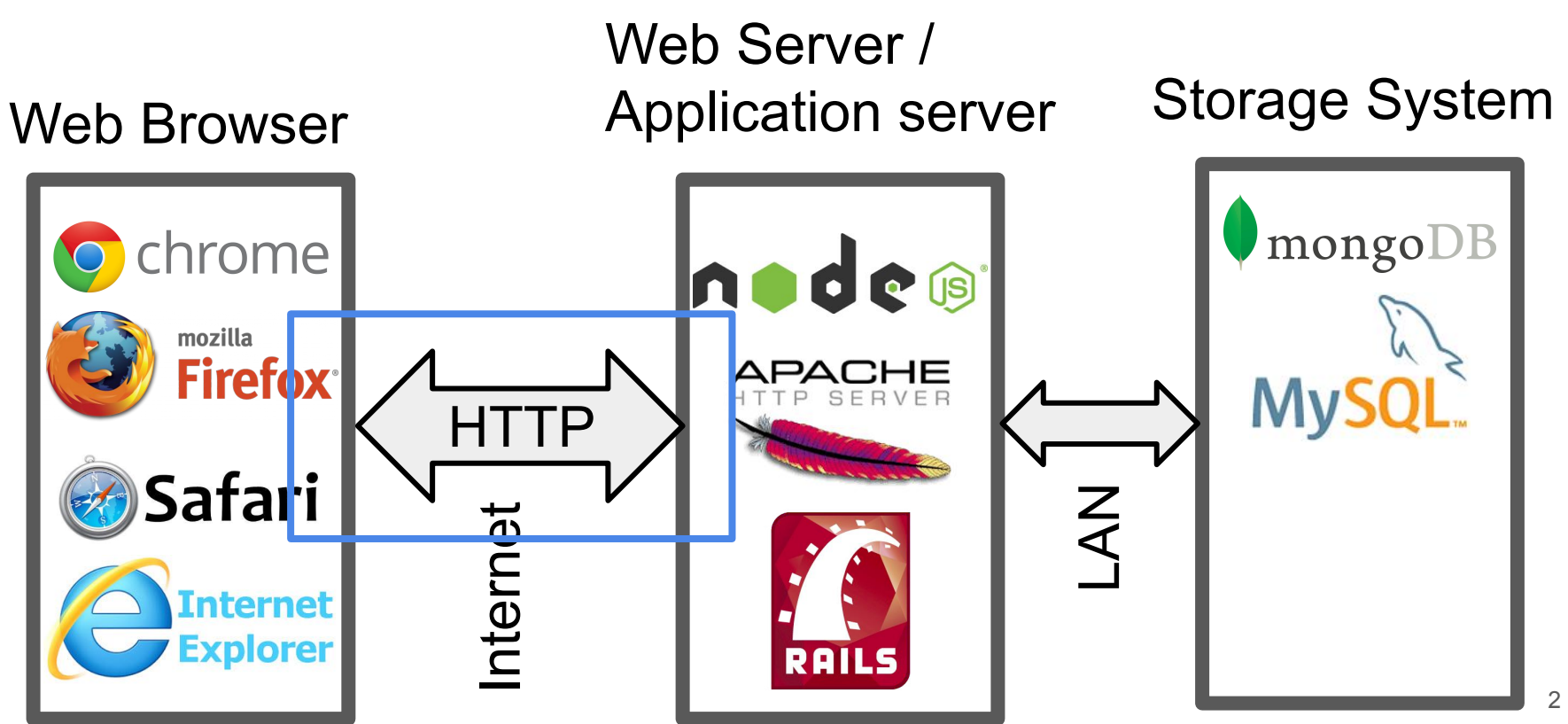


Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP)

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Web Application Architecture



http://www.example.com:80/index.html

- To display page browser fetches the file `index.html` from a web server
Same as `www.example.com` (Defaults: port 80, file `index.html`, http protocol)
- HTTP (**H**yper**T**ext **T**ransport **P**rotocol)
- HTTP - Simple request-response **protocol** layered on TCP/IP
 1. Establish a **TCP/IP connection** to `www.example.com:80`
 2. Send a http GET **request** along connection
 3. Read from the connection the **response** from the web server

Send HTTP Request - Write lines to socket

Method URL Protocol Version

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Header { GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Accept: text/html, */*
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8
Connection: keep-alive

blank line

Body (optional) {

HTTP Methods (Verbs)

- GET - Fetch a URL
- HEAD - Fetch information about a URL
- PUT - Store to an URL
- POST - Send form data to a URL and get a response back
- DELETE - Delete a URL

GET and POST (forms) are commonly used.

REST APIs used GET, PUT, POST, and DELETE

HTTP Response - Read lines from socket

Version **Status** **Status Message**

Header {
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 17:36:27 GMT
Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1
Content-Type: text/html;charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 1846
blank line
Body {
<?xml ... >
<!DOCTYPE html ... >
<html ... >
...
</html>

Common HTTP Response Status Codes

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 200 OK | Success |
| 307 Temporary Redirect | Redirection - Browser retries using Location header |
| 404 Not Found | Famous one |
| 503 Service Unavailable | Something crashed on the server |
| 500 Internal Server Error | Something is messed up on the server |
| 501 Not Implemented | Coming |
| 400 Bad Request | Use if web app sends bogus request |
| 401 Unauthorized | Use if user isn't logged in |
| 403 Forbidden | Use if even logging in wouldn't help |
| 550 Permission denied | Not allow to perform request |

Error 404

Whoops. Looks like this page doesn't exist.

404 NOT FOUND

Sorry, this page isn't available
The link you followed may be broken, or the page may have been removed.



404

Not Found



404. That's an error.
The requested URL /index.html was not found on this server. That's all we know.



Not Found

The requested URL /somefolder was not found on this server.
Additionally, a 404 Not Found error was encountered while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

404 error

Page not found
We are sorry but the page you are looking for does not exist. You could return to the homepage or search using the search box below.



404 - Not found

Not Found

The requested URL /index.html was not found on this server.

Apache/1.3.37 Server at www.this-is-a-test.net Port 80

404

Page Not Found

404

Page not found



Ohh... You have requested the page that is no longer there.

IT'S A 404

SO SRY BUDDY, YOU ARE FUCKIN' LOST

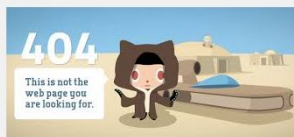


404

NOT FOUND



ERROR #404



404 NOT FOUND



HTTP Error 404

404 Not Found
The Web server cannot find the file or script you asked for. Please check the URL to ensure that the path is correct.
Please contact the server's administrator if this problem persists.



Browser caching control

HTTP Response Header: Cache-Control: max-age=<Seconds>

Browser can reuse reply younger than the max-age

Cache-Control: max-age=120 - Age out in two minutes.

Frequently used on fetches of static content like images, templates, CSS, JavaScript.

Good: Reduce app startup latency and server load

Bad: Changes might not be picked up right away

Consider Web App changes?

Browser spends its life fetching things using HTTP

- Some fetched immediately

```
<link href="angular-material.css" rel="stylesheet" />  
<script src="angular.js" type="text/javascript" ></script>  
window.location = "http://www.example.com";
```

- Some asynchronous and in parallel

```
  
  

```

- Some can be in background

```
<a href="http://www.example.com"></a>
```

What would this JavaScript do?

```
elm.innerHTML =  
    "<script src='http://www.example.com/myJS.js'  
        type='text/javascript' ></script>"
```

Uses HTTP to fetch `myJS.js` and runs it! Scary but useful.