Static and dynamic Web pages

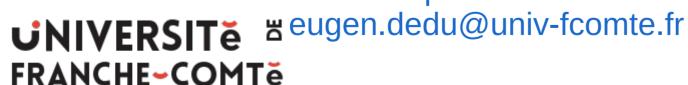
Introduction aux technologies Web

Initiation au développement Web

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Objectives

- Example with a Web page and its source
- Objectives: develop simple Web pages, both static and dynamic, for all media (PC, smartphone)
- Does not cover: modern Web sites (including mobile phone applications), multimedia (artistic point of view)
- Prerequisites, for part 2 (dynamic Web):
 - programming languages (variable, loop, functions, algorithm, instruction)
 - databases (SQL)

Course overview

Static Web pages (Introduction aux technologies Web):

- HTML
- CSS
- FI/FA: 3h CM, 6h TP

 No exam, but marks copied from the technical part of SAÉ14

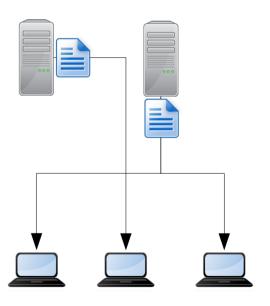
Dynamic Web pages (*Initiation au développement Web*):

- server-side scripts (back end): PHP
 - database integration (MariaDB/MySQL)
- client-side scripts (front end): JavaScript
- notions of modern dynamic Web
- FI: 7h30 CM, 16h30 TP
- FA: 7h30 CM, 10h30 TP
- Exam on machines of ~1h30

1. Static Web pages

Some definitions

- Internet = the network/infrastructure (e.g. Free, Orange)
- Services on top of Internet: e-mail, WWW (Web), games, videoconference etc.
 - each service uses its specific software: browser for WWW, videoconf client for videoconference etc.
- The Web uses a client-server architecture, where machines are either clients, or servers:
 - server = waits for connections and has the data (Web pages)
 - client = initiates the connection
 - examples of Web servers: Apache, Nginx
 - examples of Web clients (browsers): Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Edge
- HTML (*HyperText Markup Language*) = Web page "description" language
- HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) = the protocol defining data exchange between client (browser) and server



1.1 HTML

Bibliography

- Tutorial: https://www.w3schools.com/html/
- Exercises: https://www.w3schools.com/html/exercise.asp
- Reference: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML

Structure of an HTML page

- An HTML page is a **text** document (composed of visual characters), similar to a C or Python program, and contrary to a Word document or to an executable file for ex.
- In a browser, ctrl-u shortcut shows the page source
- A page has a declaration plus two parts:
 - HTML declaration: <!DOCTYPE html>
 - head: various information on the page, such as title, character encoding, and site favicon
 - body, the main part: page content, shown/rendered by the browser
- It is recommended to use lower case for file names.
- We will validate all the pages we write: https://validator.w3.org

Minimal HTML page:

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

<meta charset="UTF-8">

<title>Simple page</title>

</head>

<body>

My first Web page.

</body>

</html>

The head part of the page

Always use:

- <meta charset="UTF-8">
- <title>Page title</title>
 - shown in title bar and browser tab
 - shown by search engines
 - used by default when bookmarking page

Some optional tags:

- - k rel="icon" href="favicon.png">, the icon size is 16x16, 32x32, 48x48, or 64x64 pixels [more info]
- link href="styles.css" rel="stylesheet">
- <style>...</style>
- <meta name="author" content="Eugen Dedu">

The body part of the page (its content)

- Examples of tags, see tags.html
- Numerous other tags exist, out of scope of this course
- Five characters are reserved:

Reserved character	HTML replacement
<	<
>	>
&	&
Ü	"
•	'

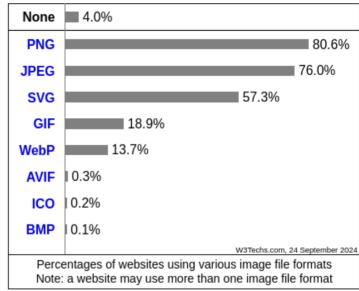
Some details about tags

- HTML element:
 - <h1>Title</h1>
 - h1 is the tag, and Title is its content
 - no space at left and right of the title
- Some elements do not have an end tag, for ex. <hr>

- Elements can have attributes
- Link
- Attributes are always put in the starting tag
- name="value"
- Some global attributes (which are available in all HTML elements):
 - title supplementary information, rendered as tooltip
 - lang the language used (..., or Page in French)
 - and others, see later

Images

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- Bitmap images, storing each pixel separately
 - non compressed: bmp
 - compressed without information loss (lossless): png – appropriate for images with few colours and regular, like diagrams, graphs and text screen captures
 - compressed with loss of information (lossy):
 jpg appropriate for images with high variations of colours, such as photos
 - avif & webp allow compressed lossless and lossy
- Vectorial images, described as maths formulas
 - arbitrarily scalable without loss of quality
 - non compressed: svg
- Image editors: gimp, photoshop etc.
 - demo: reduce image size



https://w3techs.com/technologies/overview/image_format

Letter 'e' magnified 7.5 times (12->90 pt)

stored as bitmap

map stored as vector



Audio



<audio src="radio.ogg" controls>
Audio tag not supported.
</audio>

<audio controls>
 <source src="radio.ogg">
 <source src="radio.mp3">
 Audio tag not supported.
 </audio>

- Attributes: autoplay, controls, loop, src etc.
- Several codecs exist, such as Opus, Vorbis, and MP3; they differ by licence (free or non-free), compression ratio at various bitrates
- Use **Opus**, it is free and the most efficient
- Warning: browsers do not implement all the codecs, see [wiki pedia] => provide several audio files/formats

Video

<video src="movie.ogg" controls>
Video tag not supported.

</video>



<video controls>
 <source src="movie.webm"
 type='video/webm; codecs="vp9,vorbis"'>
 <source src="movie.mp4" type="video/mp4">
 <track src="subtitles_en.vtt">
 Video tag not supported.
</video>

- Attributes: autoplay, controls, height, width, loop, src etc.
- Container = file format; audio/video codec = audio/video compression method
- Several formats for codecs/containers exist, such as AV1/WebM, VP9/WebM, HEVC/MP4, H.264/MP4, and Theora/Ogg
- Warning: browsers do not implement all the formats, see [wikipedia] => provide several video files/formats

URL

- protocol://host/path/filename
 - protocol : http, https, file, ...
 - if file:, the browser reads itself the file from hard disk, without using the Web server
- If **host** is not specified: on page ParSSAP point to?
- If **file name** is not specified: what page is fetched when URL is http://eugen.dedu.free.fr or http://eugen.dedu.free.fr/teaching/?
 - index.html (or index.php etc.) will be returned, if it exists; otherwise the server returns the list of files of the directory or an error

Web site hosting

- To host your Web site, you need a machine (server) connected nonstop to Internet, and usually a DNS name too
- Either your own machine, that you administer yourself (for ex. security updates)
- Or pay for an external hosting server:
 - free free for .free.fr, hosterion 4 €/month, o2switch 5 €HT/month, ovhcloud 1
 €/month, elsasscloud 5 €/month etc. etc.
 - usually they provide specific applications (PHP, MariaDB, FTP/SSH access etc.), backups, software updates (for security for ex.), high availability etc.

Web page evolution

- At the beginning (1991), text, links and images we can click to surf to other pages!!
- CGI, PHP etc. generate pages on the fly (dynamic pages)
- Forms generate page based on user input
- CSS separation of content and presentation
- ~2000: plugin flash language to show video in browser
- JavaScript browser animates page, JavaScript frameworks
- 2014 JavaScript as standard language, audio and video, enhanced forms, event attributes
- 2016 responsive images, personalised contextual menu etc.
- 2019 no HTML version anymore, but living standard
- Future: integration with mobile applications, single-page applications?

1.2 CSS

Cascading style sheets (CSS)

- Tutorial: https://www.w3schools.com/css
- Exercises: https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_exercises.asp
- CSS describes how HTML elements are to be displayed
- CSS saves a lot of work: it can control the layout of multiple web pages all at once

```
HTML page:
                                                      styles.css file:
                                                      body {
<head>
                                                       background-color: blue;
 <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
                                                      p {
</head>
                                                       font-style: italic;
<body>
                                Without CSS:
                                                   With CSS:
A first paragraph.
                                A first paragraph.
A second one.
                                A second one.
```

CSS selectors

- Selector specifies the elements to style
- Examples:
 - $^{-}$ p all p elements
 - p:hover when the mouse is over them
 - my-style all the elements with class="my-style"
 - p.my-style all p elements with class="my-style"
 - #my-style the element with id="my-style"
 - (id and class are global attributes)
 - p, h1, h2 all p, h1, and h2 elements
 - much more

```
styles.css file:
h5, p {
  font-style: italic;
  text-align: center;
}
```

CSS properties – text and links

- Block declaration specifies the style to apply to the selector
- One or several declarations of type property: value;
- text-align: center; text-align-last: right;
- text-indent: 2em;
- letter-spacing: .2em;
- line-height: 1.3em; /* space between lines */
- word-spacing: ...;
- text-shadow: ...;
- color: red;
- font-size: x-large; /* small, large ... */
- font-weight: bold; font-style: italic;

```
styles.css file:
h5, p {
font-style: italic;
text-align: center;
}
```

```
a {
 color: hotpink;
a:link { /* unvisited link */
 color: red;
a:visited { /* visited link */
 color: green;
a:hover { /* mouse over link */
 color: hotpink;
a:active { /* selected link */
 color: blue;
```

Three places for CSS declarations

Inline (for a unique element)

- HTML page: ...
- => applies only to this

Internal (for a page with unique style):

- HTML page: <head>...<style>p {color: red}</style>...</head>
- => applies to all of the page

External:

- HTML pages: <head>...link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">...</head>
- styles.css file: p {color: red}
- => applies to all of all the pages including styles.css
- => pages load faster, because the .css file is downloaded only once

Decreasing priority: inline, internal, external, browser

CSS properties – box model, positioning, and z-index



- border-bottom: 3px solid red;
- border-radius: 8px;
- padding: 1em;
- margin-top: 3em;
- width and height apply to Content!

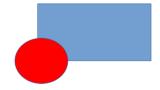
Positioning (position: ...):

- static
- relative (to its static position)
- fixed (relative to viewport/window)
- absolute (relative to its parent), e.g. a text at bottom right of an image
- sticky (stops moving and remains visible when scrolling)

https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_positioning.asp

z-index:

- blue rectangle: z-index: 1
- red circle: z-index: 2



CSS properties – tables

```
Firstname Lastname
Peter Griffin
Lois Griffin
```

```
td {
    text-align: left;
    vertical-align: bottom;
}
td, th {
    padding: ...;
    border-bottom: ...;
}
```

 See table borders, alignment, style, responsive

CSS properties – float

• float: none



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float: left



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• clear: both — the next element is shown below the floats

 Normally, div elements are displayed one below the other

Div 1

Div 2

Div 3

 With float: left, they float next to each other



CSS properties – background, visibility

- background-color: blue;
- background-image: url("paper.png");
- opacity: 0.3;

- disabled: true;
- display: none (inline, block, ...), does not take space
 - https://sources.debian.org/src /ekiga/4.0.1-6, click to toggle, search for toggle in the source
- visibility: hidden (visible, ...), takes space

CSS (selector) combinators

- ul li descendant selector = all the li elements inside ul elements (descendants, i.e. children and children of children etc.)
- ul > li child selector = all the li elements which are direct children of ul
- div + p adjacent sibling ("frère/sœur") selector = all li right after (immediately following) an ul
- div ~ p general sibling selector = all li after an ul

```
div p {
                background-color: vellow:
 g < vib
                color: red;
 div + p
                font-style: italic;
div ~ p {
                font-weight: bold;
 Start
 <div style="height:200px">Un div
         Par inside div
          <111>
                AlphaPar inside second div
                Beta
 </div>
 Un
 >Deux
 <br/>

 Trois
 Ouatre
 AlphaPar inside second divBeta
 Hi
```

CSS units

- Used in many cases: width, margin, padding, font-size etc.
- Absolute lengths: cm, px etc.
- Relative lengths:
 - em (= current element's font-size)
 - rem (= root element's font-size)
 - 1vw = 1% of viewport (~browser) width etc.
- Prefer relative lengths
- More info: https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_units.asp

CSS specificity (rule priority)

What is the colour of the text?

```
<style>
#demo {color: blue}
.test {color: green}
p {color: red}
</style>
```

Hello!

Standard menu (uses <nav> and ul list)

In <body>:

```
<nav>

<a href="...">Home</a>
<a href="...">Course</a>
<a href="...">Lab</a>
<a href="...">Seminar</a>

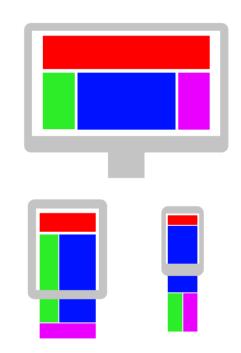
</nav>
```

```
Example of style, in .css:
nav ul {
 padding: 0; /* remove space on left */
 overflow: hidden: /* text after menu shown at bottom */
 background-color: grey;
nav li {
 list-style-type: none; /* remove bullets */
 float: left; /* show them one at right of the other */
nav li a {
 display: block;
 color: white:
 padding: 14px 16px;
 text-decoration: none; /* remove bottom line */
nav li a:hover {
 background-color: black;
```

Note that this style applies only to nav tag (the menu)!

Responsive Web Design

- RWD = techniques to optimise reading and browsing by adapting the page to client characteristics:
 - different supports: screen (PC, tablet, smartphone), printed paper, Braille etc.
 - the same support can have different characteristics: width, height, orientation etc.
- Still open questions:
 - how to present large tables on small screens?
 - how to reorganise content for small screens?



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Responsive_web_design

Real examples of RWD

- Bad examples: big image shown in small [page perso]
- rwd.html
- Adapt to window width
 - change number of columns in references and notes, shows/hides the table of contents [wikipedia]
 - reorganise itself [vtp]
 - change number of columns, replaces several buttons to only one, remove minor information is too small screen (weather), replace text search by a button etc., look at he top of the page and an article [bostonglobe]
 - affiche ou non des menus, change le nombre de colonnes et leur largeur [agerpress, tweakers, erc]
 - has RWD as goal [boursorama]
- Use as much as possible the browser's default font size (cf. Preferences); if needed, use em (1em = height of current font) instead of pixels or points
- Adapt to media type
 - the printed page does not have the upper, left, and right menus [wikipedia]

Implementation of RWD: media specification

 Use media (screen, print etc.) with different CSS files:

```
<link href="screen.css" media="screen"
rel="stylesheet">
<link href="print.css" media="print"
rel="stylesheet">
```

- The browser uses the CSS corresponding to the current media
 - note: both desktop and mobile browsers choose screen
- Specify media using one/several limiting expressions in parentheses (= media query)
- Limiting expressions: width&height (allows max- and min- too), orientation etc.

1. In the Web page:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css"
media="(max-width: 80em)">
```

2. In the CSS file:

```
@media (max-width: 80em) {
   ...
}
```

3. In a separate CSS file, imported by the main CSS file:

@import url("style2.css") (max-width: 80em);

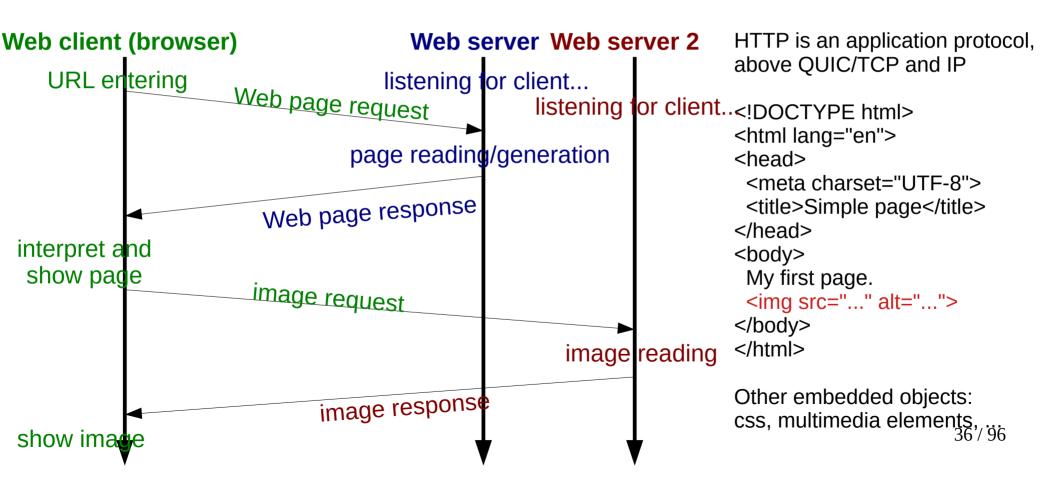
Conclusions

- Main skills to have:
 - page skeleton, favicon
 - p, h... headings, hr, a absolute and relative, img, id and internal links, abbr, comment, b, i, small
 - table, list, audio, video
 - css selector and property, menu, rwd @media browser width
 - valid (errorless) page

2. Dynamic Web pages

"There are some kernel developers who would not speak to me again if I told them I was playing with web technologies" (James Bottomley, heard at LinuxCon Japan, 2016)

HTTP protocol, Web page transfer with an image



HTTP headers

Web client request:

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: eugen.dedu.free.fr

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:125.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/125.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,

application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,

image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

DNT: 1

Sec-GPC: 1

Connection: keep-alive

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Web server response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Thu, 18 Apr 2024 15:10:53 GMT

Server: Apache/ProXad [Jan 23 2019 20:05:46] Last-Modified: Wed, 17 Apr 2024 12:54:48 GMT

ETag: "e10130bc-63af-661fc698"

Connection: close

Accept-Ranges: bytes Content-Length: 25519 Content-Type: text/html

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

. . .

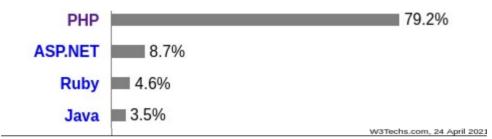
Channel security with HTTPS, TLS

- Security considerations: HTTP data is transmitted in clear over network
- TLS sits between transport protocol and application
- TLS provides:
 - server authentication: through public key infrastructure
 - cryptography and data integrity: through symmetric cryptography
- Applications:
 - HTTPS = HTTP Secure = HTTP over TLS
 - configure Web server to use, port 443 by default
 - e-mail software, videoconferencing (VoIP), IM etc.
- All browsers have a CA (certificate authority) list, cf. Preferences->Privacy->Certificates
- When it contacts site S, it checks that the certificate given by the site is the same as the certificate of S given by CA
- More information: [wikipedia]

Modern Web sites are dynamic

- Nowadays, most of Web pages on Internet are not static, but dynamic:
 - generated on-the-fly, using server-side scripting and a database, known as back-end programming
 - and animated or modified by the browser, using client-side scripting, known as front-end programming

2.1 Server-side scripting: PHP



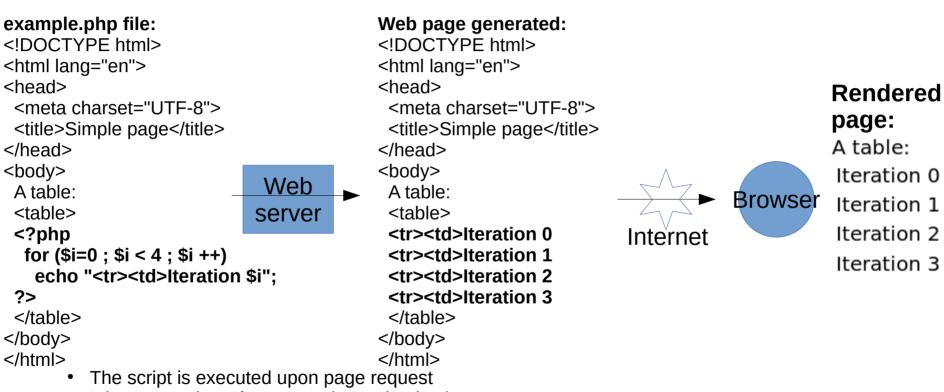
Percentages of websites using various server-side programming languages Note: a website may use more than one server-side programming language

https://w3techs.com/technologies/overview/programming_language/all

PHP

- Huge documentation on PHP
- Tutorial: https://www.w3schools.com/php/
- Exercises: https://www.w3schools.com/php/exercise.asp
- Online Web sites to test simple PHP programs:
 - https://www.tutorialspoint.com/php_webview_online.php
 - https://www.w3schools.com/php/phptryit.asp?filename=tryphp intro
 - replit.com etc.
 - install a Web server and the PHP plugin (e.g. LAMP) on your machine
 - or use the rt-projet server provided by the university
- PHP function reference: https://php.net/manual/en

On-the-fly page generation with PHP



- It is executed on the server (can take time)
- It is executed only once per request, to generate the HTML page
- The PHP interpreter executes each PHP block and replaces it with its output
- The script outputs HTML text

PHP blocks

- Between <?php and ?>
- <?= \$i ?> is a shorter form of <?php echo \$i ?>
- You can include as many PHP blocks as you wish in the page

```
example.php file:
                        Web page generated:
<?php
                        Iteration 0
for (\$i=0 ; \$i < 4 ; \$i ++)
                        Iteration 1
 echo "Iteration $i"; Iteration 2
echo "":
                        Iteration 3
?>
                        <?php $v = 5; ?>
                        There are 5 lines.
There are <?= $v ?> lines.
```

Comments, variables and constants

- Comments: // and /* ... */
- All instructions end with semicolon (;)
 - the ; before closing tag ?> is optional
- Variables:
 - start with \$
 - there is no declaration
 - numerical operators: +, -, *, /, %, ++, --
 - combined operators: +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, .=
 - boolean operators: <, <=, >, >=, ==, ==, !=, !== (value and type), or ||, and &&, xor, !
- Constants:
 - define ("NB_STUDENTS", 10);
 - their scope is global (usable everywhere in the script)

Control structures

- if, switch, while, for, do...while
 - break, break n, continue, continue n

```
for ($i=0; $i<10; $i++)
if ($i == 4)
break;

for ($j=0; $j<10; $j++)
if ($j == 4)
continue;
```

 match (= switch plus facile à utiliser) Ternary operator

```
$type = ($age>=18 ? 'major' : 'minor');
                        if ($aqe = 18)
                         $type = 'major';
                        else
                         $type = 'minor'
                                         // PHP >= 8.0 only
switch ($statusCode) {
                                         $message = match ($statusCode) {
   case 200:
                                             200, 300 => null,
   case 300:
                                             400 => 'not found',
        $message = null;
                                             500 => 'server error',
        break;
                                             default => 'unknown code',
   case 400:
        $message = 'not found';
                                         };
        break;
                                         // it doesn't require a break
   case 500:
        $message = 'server error';
                                         statement
                                         // it can combine different arms
       break;
   default:
                                         into one using a comma
        $message = 'unknown code';
                                         // it returns a value, so you only
        break;
                                         have to assign value once
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```

Strings

- 'A string' or "A string"
- \$v=5; echo "v = \$v"; echo 'v = \$v';
 - "replaces variables and interprets \\, \n, \r, \t
- Concatenation: \$x = 'I live in ' . 'Amman'
- \$x[0]
- Some functions: strtolower, strtoupper, trim, strlen, strpos, substr, nl2br

Arrays

Stores multiple values (even of different types) in one single variable

```
Indexed arrays: (n,value), index n is an integer number
Compared to C++:
- elements can have different types
- first index can be any positive or negative value (instead
of 0)
- dynamic size
$t = array (10, 100, "kiwi"); // initialise with several values
print r ($t); // Array ( [0] => 10 [1] => 100 [2] => kiwi )
       // print r shows human-readable information
echo $t[1]; // 100
echo $t[100]; // nothing shown
t[2] = 12; // change type
print r ($t); // Array ([0] \Rightarrow 10[1] \Rightarrow 100[2] \Rightarrow 12)
u[3] = 5:
$u[] = "hello"; // assign after last index
print r (\$u); // Array ([3] => 5 [4] => hello )
echo count ($t) . " " . count ($u); // 3 2
```

```
Associative arrays: (key, value), key is a string
t = array ('kiwi' = >5, 'fig' = >10, 'apple' = >'x');
OR
t['kiwi'] = 5; t['fig'] = 10; t['apple'] = 'x';
print r ($t); // Array ( [kiwi]=>5 [fig]=>10 [apple]=>x )
echo $t['fig']; // 10
echo $t['peach']; // nothing shown
echo $t[100]; // nothing shown
t['kiwi'] = 12;
print r ($t); // Array ( [kiwi] = >12 [fig] = >10 [apple] = >x )
// loops
foreach ($t as $val)
  echo $val . " "; // 12 10 x
foreach ($t as $key=>$val)
  echo "($key,$val) "; // (kiwi,12) (fig,10) (apple,x)
```

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Function declaration

- **function** xyz () {...}
- function abc (\$param1, \$param2) {...}
- return ...;

Default parameters:

```
function ht ($price, $tax=19.6) {
  return round ($price * (1-$tax/100), 2);
}
...
echo "Price HT = " . ht (100, 5.5);
echo "Price HT = " . ht (100);
```

Global vs local variables:

```
function show () {
  global $v; // get variable from outside
  echo $u; // shows nothing
  echo $v; // shows 2
}
$u = 1;
$v = 2;
show ();
```

Miscellaneous functions

- mail (\$to, \$subject, \$message)
- \$crtdate = date ("Y-m-d");
 - look at the reference of date function
- die ("Ended") or exit ("Ended")

File inclusion

- You can write PHP code in an external file, and include it in the main HTML page
- require_once 'file_name';
 - other, less useful, methods (avoid them):
 - require 'file name';
 - include 'file name';
 - include once 'file name';
- Security considerations: Store external files outside the Web hierarchy, so that they cannot be accessed directly by user using an URL!!
 - suppose http://a.fr/a.php has require_once ("b.php"), then troubles may appear when a user asks for http://a.fr/b.php!!!
 - so store b.php for ex. in the parent directory (..), and use require_once ("../b.php")

Forms

1st page, showing the HTML form and allowing user to send data to server

Name:

Password:

I have a bike

I have a car

Yes

No

Submit

2nd page, processing user's input and generating the results page:

Your input is: name=Dupont, bike=yes Here is the result of the research:

red bike: 200 € white bike: 250 €

. . .

Forms, 1st page (showing the form)

 Usual fields: text (visible or with stars), check boxes, radio buttons, submit button...

```
<form action="processing.php">
Name: <input type="text" name="name"><br>
Password: <input type="password" name="pwd"><br>
<input type="checkbox" name="bike">I have a bike<br>
<label><input type="checkbox" name="car">I have a car</label><br>
<input type="radio" name="cat" value="yes">Yes<br>
<input type="radio" name="cat" value="no">No<br>
<input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```

```
Attributes:
```

- type="range" shows a cursor between two values
- value, step
- autofocus receives the focus once the page loaded
- placeholder="dd-mm-yyyy" shows info about the expected
- Always validate form fields, to avoid bad user experience:
 - required mandatory field
 - type="email"
 - type="number"
 - type="date" also shows a calendar to choose a date
 - min, max, size, maxlength

specific validation (e.g. only odd numbers are allowed) can be done using JavaScript, as shown later

Forms, 2nd page (processing the form)

- Generates the second page on-the-fly
- Use \$_GET global variable to read user input
 - user types "toto" in form's field with name="msg"
 - the page is called as .../m.php?msg=toto
 - echo \$_GET["msg"] shows toto

```
processing.php file:
    <?php
    // show all the parameters
    foreach ($_GET as $key => $val)
        echo "$key = $val<br>";
?>
```

GET vs POST method

- Two methods to send parameters from client to server:
 - GET: parameters are appended to the URL: processing.php?name=John&bike=on
 - POST: parameters are sent in the HTTP header, not shown by the browser (but still easily found by a malicious user!!): <form ... method="post"> in HTML, and \$ POST in PHP

POST use:

- when the action must not be repeated, e.g. buying on Internet
- for large volume of data (> 2kB in practice)
- other specific cases

GET use:

- in all the other cases
- advantage: allows to save the URL (ADE RT, my OMNI colleagues) and automate tasks (e.g. show map to compute distances viamichelin for OM)!

Form processing security

- Security considerations (input data): \$_GET and \$_POST get data from users, never trust user input data!
 - if only some values are valid (e.g. a student's mark, integer between 0 and 20), then check them before use, for ex:

```
$mark = preg_match ('/^1?[0-9]$/', $_GET['mark']);
$name = preg_match ('/^[a-zA-Z]*$/', $_GET['name']);
```

 if all alphanumeric characters are valid (e.g. a user comment), then escape problematic characters, using for ex. htmlspecialchars or htmlentities

Client-side storage, cookies

- A cookie is a string of characters stored on client (browser) but read and written by the server
- A cookie has a name, a value (the string of characters), and is associated to a domain name
- It allows an application to identify a user throughout all the pages of the Web site
- Cookies are also extensively used to track users, problem with privacy (Google is no 1, it is everywhere!)
- At each HTTP request, the browser sends all the cookies associated to that domain

domain	able in br name	' owser: value
a.com	name	John
a.com	age	37
b.fr	login	mkassim
b.fr	pwd	abcde
c.ro	I name	l Peter

- The PHP program on server can read the cookies (already received by server) and write cookies (to be sent to client along with the generated page)
- Reading a cookie:
 - echo \$_COOKIE['name'];
- Writing/updating and removing a cookie:
 - setcookie ("name", "Jean"); // exists only for the session
 - setcookie ("age", "37", time()+86400); // exists for 86400s=24h
 - setcookie ("age", "38", time()-3600); // remove cookie (older date)
 - no HTML character must be sent before calling setcookie!!
- More information: https://www.w3schools.com/ php/php_cookies.asp

Cookies

- Security considerations (input data): Cookies are stored on browsers, so user can modify them => never trust cookie values
- Check validity of cookie value with preg_match, as shown previously
- Think of what you store in a cookie: is it a good idea to store the login (ededu or jvaljean) in a cookie?
 - by changing the cookie in his browser (for ex. using "Cookie quick manager" firefox extension) a malicious user can pretend being any user
 - how do you fix this vulnerability?

2.2 Accessing databases using PHP

Usefulness of DB

- Dynamic pages generally take data from DB, examples: wikipedia, qwant, covidtracker
- Provides persistent, and optimised, storage of data, in files
- Several standards to access a DB, we will use SQL, the most popular
- Several incompatible SQL server implementations exist, we will study MariaDB/MySQL, the most popular
 - SQL exercises: https://www.w3schools.com/sql/exercise.asp

SQL DB organisation

- A DB server manages several DB
- A small Web site uses one DB, e.g. students
- A DB has a structure and data
- Structure:
 - a DB contains tables, but also indexes etc.
 - a table has columns
 - a column has a name and a type, e.g.
 VARCHAR(30), CHAR(30), INT, FLOAT, DATE
- Data:
 - data is stored as rows of tables, called records

Database students

Table marks

Table ...

name	mark
Rami	10
Raed	9
Jane	3
Peter	7

DB structure creation

- Using phpmyadmin Web application (visual) <-- we will use this, because it is simpler
- Using SQL queries in PHP or using mysql command (in GNU/Linux):

```
    SHOW DATABASES;
    DROP DATABASE dbname;
    DROP TABLE table_name;
    NOT NULL
    UNIQUE
    primary key – uniquely identifies a row
    index – speeds up data SELECT
```

- AUTO INCREMENT

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Accessing DB using PHP

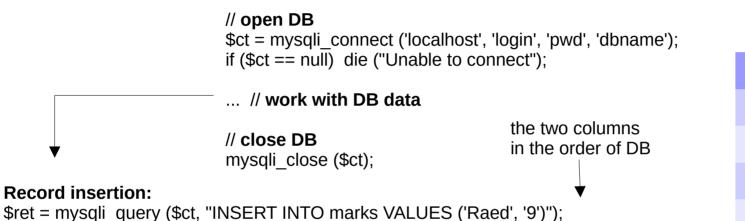
- Tutorial: https://www.w3schools.com/php/php_mysql_intro.asp
- PHP provides two API (ways) to access a DB:
 - mysqli extension:
 - procedural style <-- we will use this
 - object-oriented style
 - PHP Data Objects (PDO)
- Usually, we execute SQL queries from PHP
 - mysqli_query (..., \$query);
 - four main SQL operations on data: select, insert, update, delete

3-tier architecture, PHP – DB exchanges



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Data – record insertion, update and removal in PHP/MariaDB



name	mark
Rami	10
Raed	9
Jane	3
Peter	7

Record update:

\$ret = mysqli_query (\$ct, "UPDATE marks SET mark='10' WHERE name='Raed'");
if (\$ret == null) die ("Unable to execute query: " . mysqli_error (\$ct));

Record removal:

\$ret = mysqli_query (\$ct, "DELETE FROM marks WHERE name='Raed"');
if (\$ret == null) die ("Unable to execute query: " . mysqli_error (\$ct));

if (\$ret == null) die ("Unable to execute query: " . mysqli error (\$ct));

Data – record retrieval in PHP/MariaDB

Data retrieval and processing (the most used operation!): \$result = mysqli_query (\$ct, "SELECT * FROM marks WHERE mark>='9''); if (\$result == null) die ("Unable to execute query: " . mysqli_error (\$ct)); while (\$row=mysqli_fetch_assoc (\$result)) // associative array echo \$row['name'] . " " . \$row['mark'] . "

';

```
Functions similar to mysqli_fetch_assoc:
```

```
// indexed-only array (faster I think)
// $nbLines = mysqli_num_rows ($result);
while ($row=mysqli_fetch_row ($result))
echo $row[0] . " " . $row[1] . "<br>";
```

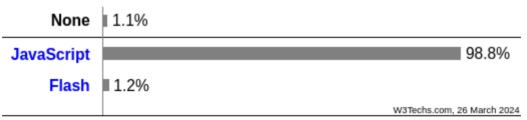
// indexed and associative array (slower I think
while (\$row=mysqli_fetch_array (\$result))
echo \$row['name'] . " " . \$row[1] . " ";

name	mark
Rami	10
Raed	9
Jane	3
Peter	7

DB security, SQL injection

- Security considerations (damage):
- Attack (if input data is not checked before use):
 - let's have a page with a text field called name for the name to search
 - the attacker's goal is to make the text he enters interpreted as a command
 - the following PHP code is vulnerable: \$req = "SELECT * FROM student WHERE name=' " . \$_GET['name'] . " ' ";
- Solutions:
 Christine
 ok
 shows all the table!
 - use preg_match if only some characters should be allowed
 - replace \$_GET['name'] by mysqli_real_escape_string (..., \$_GET['name'])
 - prepared statements

2.3 Client-side scripting: JavaScript



Percentages of websites using various client-side programming languages Note: a website may use more than one client-side programming language

https://w3techs.com/technologies/overview/client_side_language

Client-side use cases

Example: a PHP page showing current time does not update each second
 Current hour is: <?= date("H:i:s") ?>.
 Current hour is: 11h20'25".

- Loading new page content or submitting data to the server via Ajax without reloading the page (for example, a social network might allow the user to post status updates without leaving the page)
- Animation of page elements, fading them in and out, resizing them, moving them, etc.
- Interactive content, for example games
- Validating input values of a Web form to make sure that they are acceptable before being submitted to the server
- Transmitting information about the user's reading habits and browsing activities to various websites. Web pages frequently do this for Web analytics, ad tracking, personalization or other purposes

JavaScript

- Huge documentation on JavaScript
- Tutorial: https://www.w3schools.com/js/
- Exercises: https://www.w3schools.com/js/exercise_js.asp

Example

Inline code or external file

```
<script> <script src="a.js"></script> alert ("Hi!"); </script> a.js file: alert ("Hi!");
```

- Code is executed at its position, when reading (repaint page might be needed)
 - to avoid errors, declare functions before use
 - to execute it at the end of page loading, simply place it at the end of the page, right before </body>
- Show console for errors: Tools->BrowserTools->WebDeveloperTools
- Use "use strict"; to help you write cleaner code

```
<script>
"use strict";
...
</script>
```

Comments, variables, control structures and operators

- Comments: // and /* ... */
- Like in PHP, all instructions end with semicolon (;)
 - right before </script> it is optional
- Variables: let val = 5;
- Constants (can be initialised only once): const maxMark = 20;
- Control structures (if, while, ...): like in PHP/C++
- Operators (+, -, ...): like in PHP/C++

Strings

```
let s = "hello world"; // or 'hello world'
alert (s.length); // 11
alert (s.charAt(1)); // "e"
alert (s.substring(3,7)); // "lo w"
alert (s.indexOf("o")); // 4
alert (s.toUpperCase()); // HELLO WORLD
alert (s + "!"); // hello world!
```

Arrays and functions

Arrays:

- index is integer, starting with 0
- values can be of different type
- dynamic size

```
let colours = ["red", "blue", "green"];
colours[0] = "yellow";
alert (colours.length); // 3
// add 4th colour
colours[colours.length] = "black";
```

Functions

- Like in PHP: function xyz (param1, param2) {...}
- Default parameters: like in PHP

Scope of variables: global visibility, except if declared inside a function

```
function test () {
    let vlocal = "hi"; // exists only in this function
    vglobal = "hi"; // ok, global variables are visible
}
let vglobal; // global variable
test ();
alert (vlocal); // error
alert (vglobal); // hi
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```

BOM: window, timers, dialogue boxes

Browser Object Model: interaction with browser

```
Dialogue boxes:
                                                          Timers:
alert ('Hi!');
                                                          function helloWorld () {
                                                             alert ("Hello world");
if (confirm("Are you sure?"))
  alert ("I am glad");
                                                          setTimeout (helloWorld, 1000);
else
                                                          setInterval (helloWorld, 500);
  alert ("I am sorry");
let yourname = prompt ("Your name?", "abc");
                                                          let num=0:
if (yourname != null)
                                                          let i = setInterval (repeatCall, 500);
  alert ("Welcome" + yourname);
                                                          function repeatCall () {
                                                             if (num++ < 4)
                                                               alert (num);
Console:
                                                             else
                                                               clearInterval(i);
console.log (); // debugging message, press F12
to show console
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```

DOM: selecting HTML elements, changing their style and content

Document Object Model: API to access HTML page

```
document.title = "New title";
A paragraph.
                                                                        alert (document.URL);
 <!-- id is a global attribute, should be
                                                   ul>
     unique in the page) -->
                                                   One
A second paragraph.
                                                   cli class="col">Two
                                                   Three
<script>
                                                   // select a unique HTML element, by its id
let p = document.getElementById ("x");
                                                   <script>
                                                   // select multiple elements, by their tag name / class
// change HTML elements
                                                   let list = document.getElementsByTagName ("li");
p.style.color = "blue";
                                                   // let list = document.getElementsByClassName ("col");
// compare to background-color in CSS
p.style.backgroundColor = "red";
                                                   // change HTML elements
p.innerHTML = 'Modified paragraph';
                                                   for (let i=0; iist.length; i++)
</script>
                                                     list[i].style.color = "green";
                                                   </script>
```

DOM: adding and removing HTML elements

```
Adding a text:
let txt = document.createTextNode ("Some text");
document.body.appendChild (txt);
Adding a table:
let table = document.createElement ("table");
for (let i=1; i<=10; i++) {
  let row = document.createElement ("tr");
  for (let j=1; j<=10; j++) {
     let cell = document.createElement ("td");
     cell.appendChild (document.createTextNode (i*j));
     row.appendChild (cell);
  table.appendChild (row);
document.getElementById("x").appendChild (table);
```

```
Removing an element:
document.getElementById("x").remove ();
```

DOM: events

- Event = something provoked by user (see below) or browser itself (timer)
- Examples of events: window (onload, onresize), form (onchange, onfocus, onblur, onsubmit), keyboard (onkeypress), mouse (onclick, ondblclick, onmouseover/onmouseenter, onmouseleave), media (onplay, onpause, onended)
- When an event happens (is triggered), its handler function is called
- DOM level 0, inline model:
 - uses element's attributes <h1 onclick="alert('Click')">...</h1> ...

Two other ways to specify event handler: DOM level 1, traditional model:

- the handler is added or removed by scripts <h1 id='p'>... document.getElementById('p').onclick = myfct; window.onload = myfct;

DOM level 2:

- allows several handlers for a same event

DOM: event handling function, form validation

- Some events lead to actions
- For them, if the handling function returns false, then the action is not carried/followed
- Examples of events with action:
 - onclick does not follow the link Disabled text
 - onkeypress ignores character
 <input type="text" onkeypress="if
 (event.key == 'x') return false" ...>
 - onsubmit validates form, does not go to the 2nd page, does not submit form to server

Example of form validation (validate input data before leaving form page):

```
<script>
function validation (form) {
   let age = form.age.value;
   if (age != "" && age>=0 && age<=120)
      return true;
   return false;
}
</script>
<form onsubmit='return validation(this)'>
      Your age: <input type="text" name="age">
      <input type='submit'>
   </form>
```



Graphics on a Web page



As vectors (using SVG)

Rectangular regions can be defined in HTML, allowing to draw various graphics on it (text, line, rectangle, circle/ellipse, gradient, colour, image) and animate or interact with them using JavaScript, CSS etc.

```
<canvas id="test" width="100" height="100"></canvas>
                                                      <svg width="100" height="100"
<script>
                                                       xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">
let example = document.getElementById ("test");
                                                        <circle cx="50" cy="50" r="40" stroke="green"</pre>
let context = example.getContext ("2d");
                                                         stroke-width="4" fill="yellow" />
context.fillStyle = "red";
                                                      </svg>
context.fillRect (0, 0, 100, 100);
context.strokeStyle = "blue";
context.beginPath();
// x centre, y centre, radius, starting angle, ending angle
context.arc (50, 50, 20, 0, 2*Math.PI);
context.stroke ();
</script>
```

As bitmap (using canvas)

Client-side storage: cookies and Web storage

Cookies, found on client, but usually used server-side and hence transmitted server-client, max around 4 kB; JavaScript can access them:

- document.cookie =
 "name=John"; // create/modify a
 cookie
- alert (document.cookie);
- to get a specific cookie:
 a = explode (";", document.cookie);
 alert (a['name']);

Web storage, found on client and read only client-side, allows much more space for storage:

- localStorage.name = "John"; // create/modify an item
- localStorage.removeItem ("name");
 // remove item
- sessionStorage works similarly, but is removed by browser when tab closes

IndexedDB – store (large) data locally in browser as a DB

Client-initiated updates: AJAX

- AJAX, Asynchronous JavaScript and XML, is a method to use JavaScript in Web pages to send HTTP requests to server and use the response to update the page
- It is client-initiated (server-initiated updates exist too, Server-Side Events)
- Examples
 - live update of match scores [sofascore]
 - download and show items based on user choice [123pneus, choose vehicle]
 - search engine which shows completion during user input [google]
- Data format: text, XML, JSON, ...

AJAX, minimal example

Script in the Web page, executed by the client:

ajax.txt file, on the server:

Returned text

Possible evolutions:

- the server updates ajax.txt in real time, and the clients read it regularly
- use ajax.php, which generates the data on-the-fly
- use ajax.php?param=...
- ajax.php reads from a DB to generate the returned text

JavaScript security

- Security considerations (damage): XSS (Cross-Site Scripting)
 - inject client-side scripts written by a user in the page viewed by other users, to be interpreted by them
- Example:
 - a site where the users, after login, can add comments
 - M notices that if he adds the comment I like flowers!<script src="...">, the text is shown and the scripts is executed
 - each user who looks at the page will see the text, and the script will execute, even without noticing it
 - the script obtains the authentication cookie for ex. and sends it to M's server, allowing him to be like the user
- Real case: bugzilla
- Problem: the browser/server executes a user's code in the context of another user
- Solution: escape special characters: <, >, ", &, ', but others too, in al user entries (URL included)

Client-side vs server-side scripting

- Tic-tac-toe in the same computer or in network, calculator, currency converter, chess against computer – which side is better?
- Code visibility: if client-side, **all code** is visible to the user; if server-side, code is invisible (e.g. passwords, high quality algorithm, safe access to DB and sensitive files on server)
- Server-side consumes resources on server
- Client-side beware of client incompatibility

2.5 Web security

Reiteration on Web security

- Internet is a very dangerous place!!
- Internet is used by all kinds of people, from best to worst
- Where can user input data, and what damage can he do?
- Input data: Golden rule: always check and sanitise data from user!
 - input data: form parameters (GET/URL and POST data), cookies, even database
- Damage: Where does the problem show up?
 - at other users (e.g. their password discovery)
 - on the server (e.g. database data removal)

2.6 Notions of modern dynamic Web

Need of (higher-level) frameworks

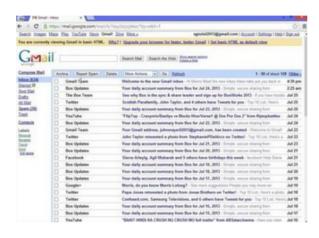
- Web applications have lots of various parts: form handling, HTML template processing, session management, database access, authentication, internationalisation, and so on
- Frameworks provide solutions for some or all of those parts

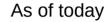
Server-side scripts

- The past: CGI, JSP, ASP.NET
- The current: PHP with frameworks: symfony, zend
- Modern framework: Node.js
- Evolves much slower than client-side scripting

Client-side scripts -the past-



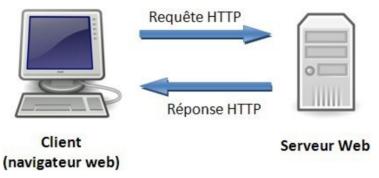






- Vanilla JS (pure JS)
- Web 2.0 (mi-2000) used massively JS (ex.: google docs)
- JS standard evolved slowly => creation of TypeScript (generates JS), Flash, Silverlight
- Since 10 years ago, JS has been promoted by W3C and evolves very fast

Client-side scripts -asynchronous communication-



- Classical HTTP: client-initiated data, replaces current Web page
- HTTP with AJAX: client-initiated data, does not replace current page
- WebSocket: both server and client-initiated data
 - better reactivity (chat, sensors, games, ...)

Client-side scripts –past present–

```
$(document).ready(function(){
$("button").click(function(){
$("#div1").fadeIn();
$("#div2").fadeIn("slow");
$("#div3").fadeIn(3000);
});
});
```

BootStrap

- Responsive
- CSS with a little bit of JS (for visual rendering)

jQuery

- General-purpose library
- Eases DOM update, CSS animations and AJAX





Client-side scripts -future present-

- Single-page applications (SPA): google/qwant maps, example e et un autre
- React
 - easy to start coding
 - additional libraries are needed for complex sites
- Angular
 - Java-like coding
- Vue.js:
 - declarative

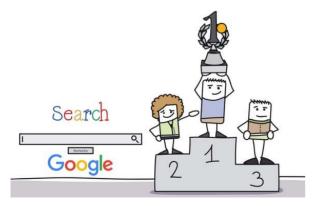
```
new Vue({
 el: '#app',
 data: {
  message: 'Hello Vue.js!'
```

```
ReactDOM.render(
    <h1>Hello world!</h1>,
    document.getElementById('root')
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
export class AppComponent {
 title = 'Hello World':
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```

Client-side scripts -difficulties-

- Given the high number of frameworks, which one is appropriate to my application?
 - the frameworks are not simply libraries (providing an API), but structure/define the application (organisation and coding manner)
 - sometimes the compatibility breaks (Angular.js -> Angular)





- Correct Web indexing needs care:
 - for complex and public Web sites, pages generated on-the-fly and singlepage applications (SPA) break Web indexing (e.g. onclick vs classical link)

Client-side scripts —the future—

- Web development is not yet mature, because frameworks evolve, and fast (fierce competition)
- Lack of consensus: they answer different needs; different ways of working
- Link to mobile applications (progressive web applications)
- Interfaces evolve: keyboard-mouse, tactile screen, smartphone, virtual reality?





Conclusions

- This course is only an introduction to Web technologies
- It is easy to write static HTML pages with some CSS, and simple dynamic pages in PHP/MariaDB and JavaScript
- Modern Web sites written using JavaScript frameworks can be complex and evolve very fast
 - the Web technology is not yet mature
- Beautiful (successful) Web sites need artistic skills