CSCI335: Software Engineering via Web Applications

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Objectives

- Course overview
- Overview of web
- Introduction to HTML

Survey of Your Web Experience

- Uses the WWW?
 - > For what?
- Wrote Web pages?
 - ➤ Using what tools?
- Wrote JavaScript?
- Wrote Web applications?

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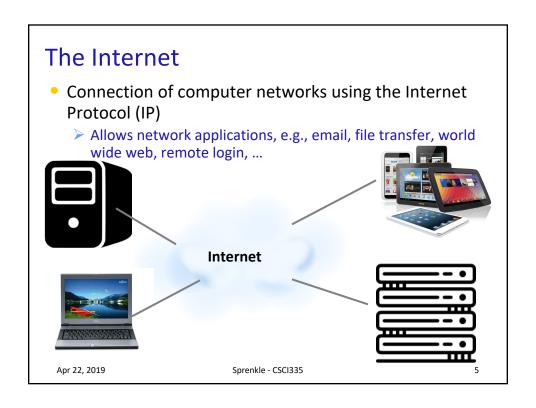
Discussion:

What are web applications?

Give examples of static web pages vs web applications

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Creation of the World Wide Web

- Result of confluence of
 - > Fast computers
 - > Internet
 - Hypertext theory, e.g., links to other text (Belgian CSist)
- Inventor: Tim Berners-Lee, a physicist
 - ➤ Vision: make all information available to all people at all times
 - > 1989 at CERN



Web's historic logo

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Evolution of WWW

- ftp/email ...
- to gopher ...
- to simple html pages ...
- to web sites ...
- to dynamic html ...
- to web commerce ...
- to social media, desktop-like applications, ...

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Most Popular Web Sites

• Guesses?

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Most Popular Web Sites

Site +	Domain \$	Alexa top 50 global sites (As of January 17, 2019) ^[3]	SimilarWeb top 50 sites (As of December 2018) ^[4]	Type \$	Principal country
Google	google.com	1 (—)	1 (—)	Internet services and products	U.S.
YouTube	youtube.com	2 ()	2 (▲1)	Video sharing	U.S.
Facebook	facebook.com	3 (—)	3 (▼1)	Social networking	U.S.
Baidu	baidu.com	4 (—)	4 (▲11)	Search engine	China
Wikipedia	wikipedia.org	5 (—)	5 (—)	Encyclopedia	U.S.
Tencent QQ	qq.com	6 (▲2)	18 (▲20)	Portal	China
Taobao	taobao.com	7 (▲4)	48 (▲3)	Online shopping	China
Tmall	tmall.com	8 (▲14)	51 (▲31)	Online shopping	China
Yahoo!	yahoo.com	9 (▼2)	6 (▼2)	Portal and media	U.S.
Amazon	amazon.com	10 (▼2)	11 (▲10)	E-commerce and cloud computing	U.S.
Twitter	twitter.com	11 (▲3)	7 (▼1)	Social networking	U.S.

Alexa: 3-month average of page views, unique site users

SimilarWeb: page views, panel, ISPs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_popular_websites
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Most Popular Web Sites

From April 2016

Site	Domain \$	Alexa top 100 websites (As of March 23, 2016)[3]	SimilarWeb top 100 websites \$ (As of April 4, 2016) ^[4]	Type \$	Principal country
Google	google.com	1	2	Search engine	U.S.
YouTube	youtube.com	2	3	Video sharing	U.S.
Facebook	facebook.com	3	1	Social network	U.S.
Baidu	baidu.com	4	16	Search engine	China
Yahoo!	yahoo.com	5	5	Portal and media	U.S.
Amazon	amazon.com	6	14	E-commerce and cloud computing	U.S.
Wikipedia	wikipedia.org	7	9	Encyclopedia	U.S.
Tencent QQ	qq.com	8	42	Portal	China
Google India	google.co.in	9	17	Search engine	India
Twitter	twitter.com	10	11	Social network	U.S.

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Most Popular Web Sites

	Rank in Feb 2008	Rank in April 2010	Rank in April 2013	Rank in April 2016
Google	1	2	1	1
Facebook	9	1	2	2
Yahoo! (mail)	2	3	3	5
MySpace	3	6	??	??
YouTube	10	5	4	3
еВау	6	12	8	24
Wikipedia	13	16	5	7

Not quite a fair comparison – different sites/metrics used over time

What This Course is About

- Web applications
 - Distributed computing
 - Web application technologies (server and client)
 - ➤ How to develop high-quality Web applications → full-stack development
 - Software tools
- Software engineering
 - Large development project
 - More software, collaboration tools
 - Emulate real-world experience with actual client
- Life-skills
 - Reading, writing, discussion, presentation

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My Responsibilities

- Prepare useful, interesting knowledge
- Come to class prepared, on time
- Interesting, relevant, and challenging assignments
- Prompt feedback on assignments

Your Responsibilities

- Come to class prepared, on time
- Turn in assignments on time
 - > Don't get behind when we only have 4 weeks!
- When you're having trouble
 - ➤ Look for help on the Web
 - Find, adapt solutions
 - Give credit to where you found solution, if novel enough
 - > Ask me for help
- Learn, absorb, synthesize
 - > Extra Credit: take it to the next level

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Approach to Learning

- Information: comes from lectures
- Knowledge: comes from readings and assignments
- Wisdom: comes from experience

Evolution of WWW

- ftp/email ...
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- to simple html pages ... Where we're starting
- to web sites ...
- to dynamic html ...
- to web commerce...

How can I help?

If you would like to support the web...

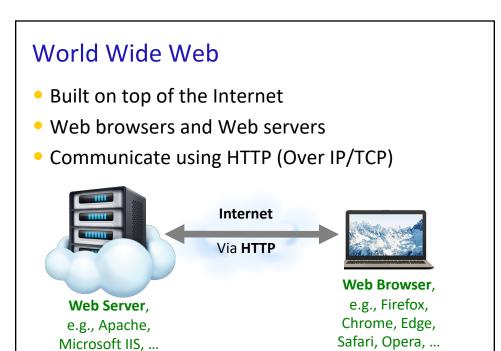
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The World's First Web Page

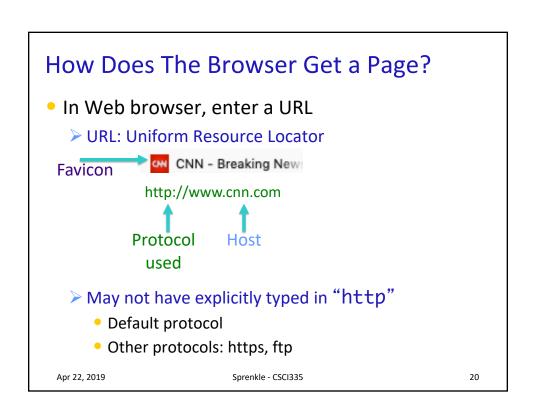
World Wide Web The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermedia information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to Everything there is online about W3 is linked directly or indirectly to this document, including an executive summary of the project, Mailing lists, Policy, November's W3 news, Frequently Asked Questions What's out there? Pointers to the world's online information, subjects, w3 servers, etc. on the browser you are using Software Products A list of W3 project components and their current state. (e.g. Line Mode ,X11 Viola , NeXTStep , Servers , Technical Details of protocols, formats, program internals etc Bibliography Paper documentation on W3 and references. People A list of some people involved in the project. History A summary of the history of the project.

Getting code
Getting the code by anonymous FTP, etc. The Page: http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html A Story: http://www.businessinsider.com/the-worlds-firstweb-page-is-back-online-2013-4



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How Does The Browser Get a Page?

- Look up Host's IP Address using DNS
 - Need to be able to "find" host on the Internet
 - Routing through Internet is by IP address
- Domain Name System (DNS)
 - Set of servers that map domain name to IP Address(es) and vice versa

www.wlu.edu + 184.154.210.209

 Unix commands host and nslookup can lookup this information

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How Does The Browser Get a Page?

- Browser now makes the request using HTTP
 - > HTTP: HyperText Transfer Protocol
- Common Types of HTTP Requests:
 - > GET: download a page
 - > POST: download a page
 - > HEAD: just get the "header" for a page
- For our example, browser makes request GET /



How Does the Web Server Serve a Web Page?

- Receives request for a resource on TCP port 80
- Looks for the resource in the Web Document directory
 - > Not all files on a Web server are meant for others to see
 - Specific directory holds these files
- If the file is found, server sends an HTTP 200 response with the requested document
 - Otherwise, sends appropriate error response



HTTP GET request

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Ports in Brief

- A *port* is an endpoint of communication
- It's a software abstraction of a physical space through which a client and a server can send messages
 - Think of it like a mailbox
 - Servers listen on a port and respond to client requests
- Well-known/Dedicated port: below 1024
 - > 80 is for HTTP
 - > 443 is for HTTPS

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The Process Without GUI

```
sprenkle@perl:~$ telnet www.cs.wlu.edu 80
Trying 137.113.118.203...
Connected to www.cs.wlu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="REFRESH"</pre>
content="0;url=http://www.wlu.edu/computer-
science">
</head>
<BODY>
<!--You should be redirected to the correct page
in a few seconds.-->
</BODY>
</HTML>
Connection closed by foreign host.
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```

Common HTTP Status Codes



Code	Meaning	
200	OK: Request succeeded	
Зхх	Redirection (temporary or permanent)	
403	Error: No permission	
404	Error: File not found	
500	Internal server error	
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The Process Without GUI

```
$ telnet www.wlu.edu 80
Trying 184.154.210.209...
Connected to www.wlu.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Location: https://10.250.250.209
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0</pre>
Transitional//EN">
<HTML><HEAD>
<TITLE>301 Moved Permanently </TITLE>
</HEAD><BODY>
<H1>The Document has moved</H1></BODY></HTML>
```

More on URLs

- URL: Uniform Resource Locator
- Specifies the location of a resource
- Format:

Examples:

```
http://www.cs.wlu.edu/~sprenkle/cs335/
```

http://www.cs.wlu.edu/~sprenkle/cs335/schedule.php



- Receives response from server
- Displays file in appropriate format



HTML: HYPERTEXT MARKUP LANGUAGE

HTML: HyperText Markup Language

- Describes the content and structure of information on a web page
 - Not the same as the *presentation* (appearance on screen)
- Markup document with elements
- Written in plain text

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HTML: An Evolving Standard

- Previous versions of HTML
 - "Loose" on standards for how to write/render HTML
 - ➤ Benefit: allows for authoring "imperfect" HTML that still renders okay
 - Limitations:
 - Page can look different in different browsers (e.g., mobile devices)
 - Lack of Multimedia, graphical content
 - Lack of semantic information

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HTML5



- Current standard
- Goals
 - > Support multimedia (Web 2.0 applications)
 - > Better definitions for markup
 - Consistent support by browsers
 - Including mobile devices

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What does this all mean?

- We're going to write in HTML5
 - Current stable version
 - ➤ Tendency towards the XHTML syntax
 - Relatively easy, especially with right tools
 - Less ambiguous documents
 - Can be validated

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Element Syntax

An element is made up of tags and content

Syntax: <tag>content</tag>

- Example: This is a paragraph
- If an element contains no content, open and close a tag together:

> Syntax: <tag/>
> Example: <hr/>

- Most whitespace is insignificant in HTML
 - It gets ignored or collapsed into a single space

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HTML Tags

- Some tags can contain additional information called attributes
 - > Syntax: <tag attribute="value"
 attribute="value"> content </tag>
 - Example: Next
 page
- Tags without content:
 - > Syntax: <tag attribute="value"
 attribute="value"/>
 - Example: <img src="bunny.jpg"
 alt="A bunny" />

Structure of an HTML Page

- The *header* describes the page
- The body contains the page's contents
- An HTML page is saved into a file with a name ending in extension
 html

```
<html>
<head>
information about
the page
</head>
<body>
page contents
</body>
</html>
```

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Structure of an HTML5 Page

Adding a Title to a Page

- title elements go inside of the head element
- Displayed in the web browser's title bar and the bookmark text

<title>CSCI335: Web Applications</title>
This text is the title

Displayed in search engine results pages

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Jedit demo

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Block-level vs. Inline Elements

Two different types of elements

Block-level Elements

- Contain an entire large region of text
- Examples: paragraphs, lists, table cells
- Browser displays a margin of vertical whitespace between block-level elements for separation

Inline Elements

- Affect a small amount of text
- Must be nested inside of a block-level element
- Examples: bold text, code fragments, images
- Browser allows many inline elements to appear on the same line or within the same block-level element

: Paragraph Tag (block-level)

I have a dream that one day this
nation will rise up
and live out the true meaning of its
creed:

"We hold these truths to be selfevident: that all men are created equal."

Browser collapses whitespace:

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

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Headings: <h1>, <h2>, ... <h6>

Headings separate major areas of the page

▶ Block-level

```
<h1>Famous American Speeches</h1>
<h2>Civil Rights Leaders</h2>
<h3>Martin Luther King, Jr.</h3>
```

Famous American Speeches

Civil Rights Leaders

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Headings: <h1>, <h2>, ... <h6>

- Headings separate major areas of the page
 - ➤ Block-level
- Presentation:
 - ➤ 1, 2, and 3 use font sizes that are larger than the default font size
 - > 4 uses the default size
 - > 5 and 6 use smaller font sizes

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Hypertext Links/Anchors: <a>

- Basis of Web
- Links to other pages or parts of a page
- href attribute specifies the destination URL
- Are *inline* elements
 - Must be placed inside a block-level element, such as or <h1>

Martin Luther King gave his most famous
<a
href="http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihave
adream.htm">speech in 1963.

Martin Luther King gave his most famous speech in 1963.

More on Anchors: <a>

- href URLs can be
 - > Relative: another page within this Web site
 - Just the resource path
 - Easier to maintain than absolute paths
 - > Absolute: full URL

```
Today's <a href="lab0.php">lab</a>.
<a href="http://www.w3schools.com/tags">
HTML Help</a>
```

Today's <u>lab</u>. HTML Help

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Making links

- "<u>Click here</u>" is intrusive—the control interferes with the content
- Press the blue text is even worse
- A link traversal should be ancillary
- Good approaches:
 - Highlight glossary terms
 - > Embed the links in footnotes
 - Who uses this approach a lot?
 - Allow the anchor to fit into the rest of the document naturally

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Optional Anchor Attributes

Attribute	Meaning	Value
target	Where to open the target URL	_self = default, this window/frame _blank → new window _top → full window _parent → parent frame
title	Text to display in a tool tip	The tool tip text
id (preferred) or name	Names an anchor. Use to create a bookmark in a document.	The name Example in Wiki: CS335 Resources

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Nesting Tags

- Tags must be correctly nested
 - A closing tag must *match* the *most recently opened* tag
- Browser may render it correctly anyway, but maybe not
- Bad HTML:

```
<a href="00-intro.pdf">LectureThis text also links to Lecture</a>
```

Line Break:
 • Forces a line break in the middle of a block-level Close with /> element (inline) immediately Today's lab
 The lab is due Monday night. Tuesday's lab coming soon... Today's lab. The lab is due Monday night. Larger gap _ Tuesday's lab coming soon... between paragraphs Apr 22, 2019 Sprenkle - CSCI335 51

Horizontal Rule: <hr/>

 A horizontal line to separate sections of a page visually (block-level)

```
First paragraph
<hr/>Second paragraph
```

First paragraph
Second paragraph

Images:

- Inline element
- Inserts a graphical image into the page
 - > **Src** attribute specifies image URL
 - > XHTML and accessibility requires an **alt** attribute that describes the image

alt: Used by search engines, screen readers, browser if image can't be displayed

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Images as Links

- Nest inside an <a> tag
- title attribute for tool tip



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Practice

You want your page to look like:







Filename: beware_of_dog.jpg Filename: the_ring.jpg

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Comments <!-- -->

- Document your HTML file
- Comment out text

<!-- Lab Web Page, By <u>Sara Sprenkle</u> --> Lab is due <!-- tomorrow --> today.

Lab is due today.

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Three Types of Lists

- Unordered Lists ul>
- Ordered Lists Ol>
- Definition Lists <dl>

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Unordered List: , li>

- ul represents a bulleted list (block-level)
- li represents a single item within the list (block-level)

```
     6-cylinder engine
     Cruise control
     Automatic locks
```

- 6-cylinder engine
- Cruise control
- Automatic locks

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Nested Unordered Lists

a list can contain other lists

- Standard Features:
 - 4-cylinder engine
 - CD player
- Optional Features:
 - Cruise control
 - Automatic locks

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Ordered List <01>

ol represents an ordered (by default, numbered) list of items (block-level)

Underpants Gnomes' Three-Phase Business Plan

- 1. Collect underpants
- 2. ?
- 3. Profit

```
Common Error: Not Closing a List
Underpants Gnomes' Three-Phase Business
Plan
<01>
     Collect underpants
     ?
     Profit
More information
Underpants Gnomes' Three-Phase Business Plan
   1. Collect underpants
   2. ?
                          Everything after list is
   3. Profit
                          also indented.
   More information
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```

HTML Character Entities

 A way of representing any Unicode character within a web page

Character(s)	Entity	
<>	< >	
" &	"e &	
тм ©	™ ©	
πδΔ	π δ Δ	
é è ñ	<pre>é è ñ</pre>	

→ How would you display & amp; on a web page?

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Phrase Elements: , , <code>

- em: emphasized text, usually rendered in italic
- strong: strongly emphasized text, usually rendered in bold
- code: a short section of computer code, usually rendered in a fixed-width font

```
The <code>ul</code> and <code>ol</code>
tags make lists.
HTML is <em>really</em>, <strong>
REALLY</strong> fun!
```

The ul and ol tags make lists.
HTML is really, **REALLY** fun!

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Phrase Elements: <sub>, <sup>

- sub: subscript characters
- Sup: superscript characters

```
x <sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>
+ y <sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>
```

$$x_2^3 + y_1^2$$

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Bad HTML

This is the besttime to invest!

- What is wrong?
- How did the author want this to display?
- How can we write it correctly?

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Bad HTML

This is the besttime to invest!

- What is wrong?
 - Open/close tags aren't matching
- How did the user want this to display?

This is the best time to invest!

• How can we write it correctly?

```
This is <strong>the <em>best</em>
</strong> <em>time</em> to invest!
```

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Practice Problem

• We want the page to look like:

The Simpsons Fun Facts



- · Longest-running scripted series
- Started on <u>The Tracy Ullman Show</u>

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Preformatted Text:

- A large block of code text in a fixed-width font (block-level)
- pre blocks are displayed with exactly the whitespace and line breaks given between the tags

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```
   public static void main(String[] argv) {
        System.out.println("Hello, world");
    }
```

How would it look if we had instead enclosed it in **code** tags?

Tags for Quotations

- <q>: a short, inline quotation
 - Typically displayed with quotation marks, italics

Quothe the Raven <q>Nevermore.</q>

Quothe the Raven, "Nevermore."

<blockquote>: a lengthy, block-level quote

Lincoln, in his Gettysburg Address:
<blockquote>Four score and seven years
ago, our fathers ...</blockquote>

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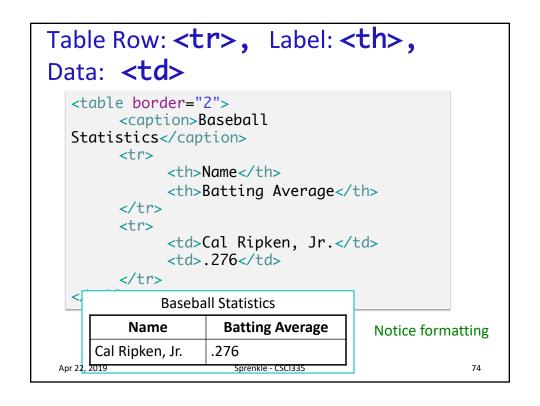
Tables

- Used to layout tables
 - Sometimes used for layout but better techniques (like CSS), which we'll cover later
- Matrix of rows and columns
- Cell is an intersection of row and column
 - Contains almost any document element, e.g., text, headings, images, tables, ...
- Table caption: <caption>
 - ➤ Inside of a element
 - Defines the title that proceeds a table

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```
Table Row: , Label: ,
Data: 
• tr: defines a row in the table
th: defines a row or column's label (heading)
• td: defines a table's data cell
<caption>Baseball
Statistics</caption>
    Name
        Batting Average
    Cal Ripken, Jr.
        .276
    73
```



rowspan, colspan Attributes

- Some columns need to span multiple columns
 - Similarly with rows
- Use the colspan attribute to specify how many columns to span
 - \triangleright Use in <th>> or <td><td><tags

Table Sections

- Can separate the table into three parts: header, body, and footer
 - Denoted with thead, tbody, and tfoot
 - Useful for presentation (Tues)
- Header includes column labels
- Body includes table data, including row labels
 - If multiple body sections, browser marks with thicker horizontal lines
- Footer sometimes includes column labels again and totals for columns

W3C HTML Validator

http://validator.w3.org

- Checks your HTML code to make sure it meets the HTML specifications
- More picky than the Web browser, which may render malformed HTML correctly

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Web Page Metadata: <meta>

- Represents information about your page
 - > For Web browser, search engine, etc.
- Placed into a page's **head** element
- Not displayed in the page itself
- meta tags have
 - content attribute and
 - name or http-equiv (for HTTP headers) attribute

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Web Page Metadata: <meta>

Describe the page

```
<head>
<meta name="author" content="author's name"/>
<meta name="revised" content="web page version
and/or last-modified date" />
<meta name="generator" content="software used
to create the page"/>
</head>
```

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Web Page Metadata: <meta>

- Suggestions to search engines about how to index your page
- Search engine may choose to ignore them

```
<head>
<meta name="description"
  content="for search engine" />
<meta name="keywords" content="words to
associate with your page, comma-delimited" />
</head>
```

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Web Page Metadata: <meta>

Aid browser or Web server

```
<head>
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="how
often to refresh the page in seconds" />
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type"
content="what type of document this is (may
include internationalization info such as
character encoding)" />
</head>
```

 Can also use refresh tag to redirect, e.g., content="5;url=http://www.cs.wlu.edu"

When would refresh tags be useful?

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Favorites Icon (favicon)

- link tag placed in head element
 - > Can specify an icon for a web page
 - Icon is placed in browser title bar and bookmark/favorite
 - > Syntax:

```
<link rel="shortcut icon" type="MIME type"
href="filename" />
```

- ➤ Default type is **ico**
- More you can do here with App icons (for Apple, Android, ...)

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Internet Media ("MIME") Types

- Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
 - > Classifications of data that travel over the internet
 - Originally developed for email
- Used to tell the browser the form (type) of a file returned by the server
- Type specifications
 - > Form: type/subtype

Internet Media ("MIME") Types

- Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions
 - Sometimes used to specify something's type when including resources on a page
- Form: type/subtype

MIME Type	File Extension
text/html	.html
text/plain	.txt
image/gif	.gif
image/jpeg	.jpg
video/quicktime	.mov

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Presentation of Web Pages

- Talked mostly about structure and content of HTML pages
- Want presentation to be separate
 - > Don't encode style into the HTML page itself
 - Easier to apply different styles to a set of web pages or a whole web site

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Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- Describe the appearance, layout, and presentation of information on a web page
 - As opposed to HTML, which describes the content, structure of the page
- Describe how information is to be displayed, not what is being displayed
- Can be embedded in HTML document or placed into separate . CSS file
 - Advantage of separate .CSS file: one style sheet can be shared across many HTML documents

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Attaching a CSS File: link>

- link appears in head element
- Can link to multiple style sheet files
- Syntax:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
href="filename"/>
```

• Example from W&L site:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
href="http://www.wlu.edu/prebuilt/assets/
css/global.css" media="only screen" />
```

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Rules vs Conventions

Rules

- Absolutes that cannot be violated
- The browser will enforce rules
 - If you forget to add an ending tag for bold , then all of the text following the opening tag will appear bold.
- Modern browsers often attempt to fix sloppy HTML by predicting and fixing some violations of rules
 - This is NOT an excuse to write poor, incorrect HTML
 - Some browsers or future versions of them may not be so forgiving

Conventions

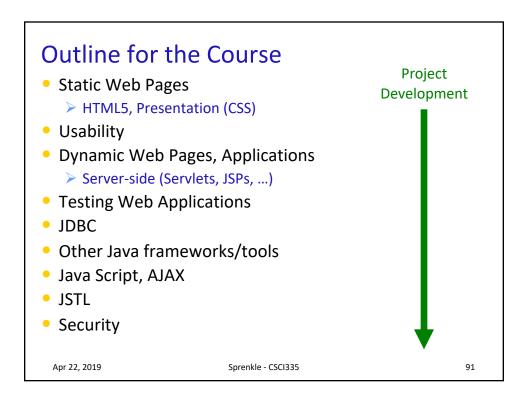
- Suggested ways of writing code by consensus
- The browser doesn't care about conventions
- The end user viewing your site doesn't care or realize there were conventions followed
- Purely for others who may revise or build upon your code
 - Clear organization
 - Consistent style
 - > Highly readable

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My First Web Page

Circa 1995

http://www.cs.wlu.edu/~sprenkle/personal/China
 .html



Planning for the Semester

- Today: typical of semester
 - > Part lecture, part discussion, part lab
- Tomorrow
 - > CSS
 - Group Projects Introduction

Wikis

- Collaborative web sites
- Content generated by registered users or anyone
- Goal: easy development of content
 - > Update content using a browser
- Our course Wiki:
 - > http://cswiki.wlu.edu/dokuwiki/doku.
 php/courses/cs335/home
 - > Powered by Dokuwiki, a PHP-based Web application

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Lab₀

- Intro to the wiki
- Create web pages in HTML5
 - > Some things you need to have
 - > Feel free to be creative and do other things

TODO

- Lab 0
- Explore Course Web Site
 - > Particular attention to the schedule, examples
 - > Read over the project page on the course web site
- Read about how Google search works
 - > Write summary in Sakai forum by Wednesday midnight
- Read on what images can use
 - Write summary in Sakai forum by Wednesday at midnight