

# CS4604 Prakash Spring 2015 Project 3, HTML and PHP

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# Project 3 Outline

- Create a nice web interface to your database. (HTML)
- Connect to database, issue, and get output of the result of query. (PHP)

# Preparatory Steps

- Select one person in your project in whose directory you will create the files for the web interface.
- Create a directory called cs4604 in this person's home directory on cs4604.cs.vt.edu.
  - You can log into this machine using your SLO id. You will be able to create/access this directory from any machine on the rlogin cluster as well.
- Make your home directory world-executable (`chmod a+x ~`) and the cs4604 directory world-readable (`chmod a+r cs4604`).
- Place all your scripts and files inside this directory.
- You can access your website at the following URL:  
`http://cs4604.cs.vt.edu/~"selected person"/"start file name".php`.

# 1. Introduction to HTML

# 1. Basic HTML

- Basic requirements (Minimum requirements):

<http://courses.cs.vt.edu/~cs4604/Spring15/project/template.html>

- Create a simple web page

```
<html>
<title> ..... </title>
<body>
.....
<a> ..... </a>
.....
<body>
</html>
```

# 1.1 How to create a hyperlink

- Create a hyperlink:

```
<a href="index.php?title='index'" title = "index"> index </a>
```

[index](#)

- When you click this hyperlink, you will go to “index.php”, and send title = ‘index’ to the new website.
- And you will send title =‘index’ to “index.php”

## 1.2 How to deliver the query

- Create a form :

```
<form action="form_action.php" method = "post">
```

```
<input type="text" name="Search">
```

```
<input type="submit" name = "Search" value = "Search">
```

```
</form>
```



- “action” means that it will send this form’s data to “form\_action.php”, when you submit this form.
- “method” means how to send this form’s data.
- There are some types you can choose.
- For more information, please go to <http://www.w3schools.com/html/>

## 1.3 How to output the result of query in a table

- How to create a table in html?

```
<table>
<tr><td>Tom</td><td>Jerry</td></tr>
<tr><td>Book</td><td>Paper</td></tr>
.....
</table>
```

- `<table></table>` creates a table.
- `<tr></tr>` creates a row in a table.
- `<td></td>` creates a grid in a row.

- Run the above code and get:

Tom	Jerry
Book	Paper



## 2. Introduction to PHP

# Notes

- PHP is based on the server.
- You need to upload your PHP file to the server (cs4604.cs.vt.edu).
- You can use your own DB and web server as well.
  - But we can't help you out!
- Read FAQs carefully in PA3!

## 2.1 Basic PHP

- A simple php example

```
<?php  
echo "hello world!";  
?>
```

- Use “\$” to define a variable.

```
$s = "hello world";
```

- Variable types:

String                    \$s="database";

Integer                    \$i=1;

Double                    \$d=6.66;

Boolean                    \$b=false

Array                    \$arr[0] = 1; \$arr[1] = 2; .....

## 2.2 How to embed PHP and HTML

- How to embed php into html:

```
<html>
<body><?php          echo "hello world!";          ?></body>
</html>
```

echo is a print function.

- How to embed html into php:

```
<html>
<body><?php
echo ' <b>hello world!</b> ';
?></body>
</html>
```

## 2.3 Loop and control statements

- if ... else ...

```
if(expression) {statement1;} else { statement2; ... }
```

- While

```
while(expression) {statement; ...}
```

- do ... while ...

```
do {statement; ...} while(expression)
```

- for

```
for(expression1; expression2; expression) {statement; ...}
```

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## 2.4 How to get the value delivered by “form”

- “POST” and “GET” methods:

First please recall the “form” in html:

```
<form action="form_action.php" method = "post"> (or "get")
```

```
<input type="text" name="Search">
```

.....

In “form\_action.php”, you can use POST method to get the value of  
“Search” == the input SQL query string

```
$temp = $_POST['Search'];
```

Also you can use the GET method in the same way:

```
$temp = $_GET['Search'];
```

## 2.5 How to connect to database server

- Connect to postgresql:  
`pg_connect("host=? port=? dbname=? user=? Password=?");`
- Make sure you do error/exception handling
- E.g. what happens if the connection or query fails?

For example, we can use this to connect our postgresql server:

```
$dbconnect = pg_connect("host=127.0.0.1 port=5432  
dbname=your_database user=your_username  
password=your_password") or die('fail to  
connect:'.pg_last_error());
```





## 2.6 How to run and get the result of query (Contd.)

- You can check the following link to get more functions:  
<http://us2.php.net/manual/en/ref.pgsql.php>
- Demo  
<http://cs4604.cs.vt.edu/~elaheh/template.html>

## 2.7 Error Handling

- "die()" statement
  - Example: `pg_query("...")` or `die('query failed:'.pg_last_error());`
  - Or define your own statement
    - `pg_query("...")` or `die('query is not valid');`
- You can check the following link to get more error handling functions:  
[http://www.w3schools.com/php/php\\_error.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/php/php_error.asp)

# How to submit

- Email PDF version of your report to TAs by 12:00 noon May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Subject header: “CS4604 PA3 Report”
  - Late policy: **NO late days allowed**, lose 25% every 7 hours
- Bring hardcopy to your demos
- In-person Demos (May 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Sign up for a slot using the link in PA3 assignment
  - Sign up by May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5pm, otherwise we will randomly assign time-slots to groups
  - Location: see PA3 sign-up link
- All group members have to be present at the demo

# Conclusion

- 1. How to create a simple web page in html?
- 2. How to create a hyperlink and a form in html?
- 3. Basic php information.
- 4. How to get the value delivered by the form?
- 5. How to connect database server?
- 6. How to get the result of query?
- 7. How to output the query in a table (html)?

# Something is not covered

- 1. You may create a nicer web page.
- 2. For each output of query, you need to display each column name (attribute name).
- 3. Please read the project assignment 3 carefully, and get more details.

# More information about HTML & PHP

- <http://www.w3schools.com/html/DEFAULT.asp>
- <http://www.php.net/>
- <http://us2.php.net/manual/en/index.php>
- <http://devzone.zend.com/4/php-101-part-1-down-the-rabbit-hole/>

# Good Luck

- Ask TAs for help
- We will hold usual office hours.
- We will announce extra office hours in Piazza