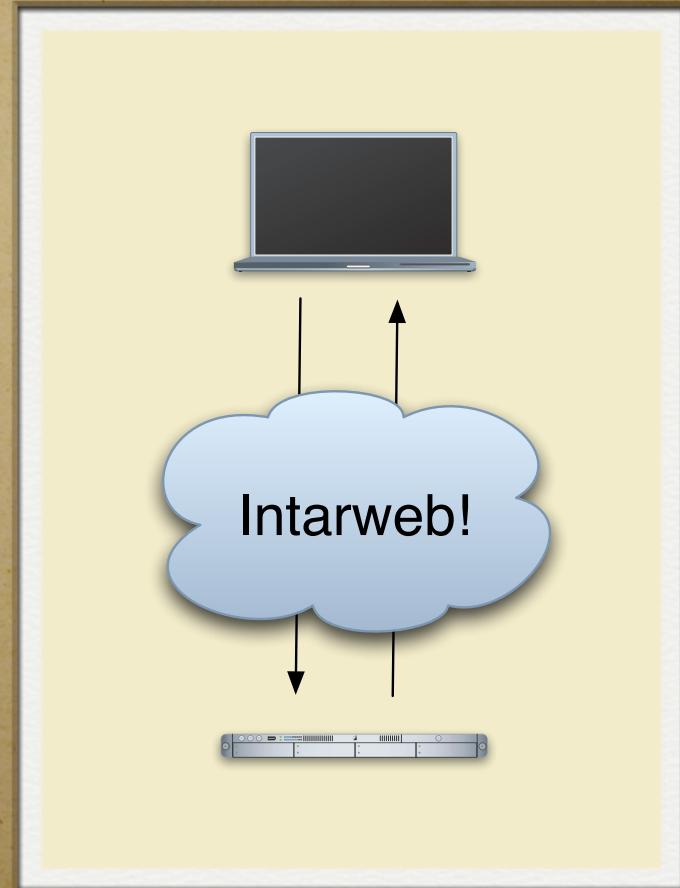


Responsive GUI Web Applications

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HTTP

One Request
One Response



HTML

- ✓ Good for your thesis
- ✗ Bad for User Interfaces

JavaScript

- Runs Client-Side
- Can Change Page
- Can Make Requests

Event Handlers

- onclick
- onkeypress
- onsubmit

Events are
stuck in client!

Client-To-Server

```
onclick="  
    this.src=  
        '?event=click'  
    "  
"/>
```

Server-To-Client

```
getNode(  
    'output'  
).innerHTML =  
    'You clicked!'
```

Simple CGI

Demo

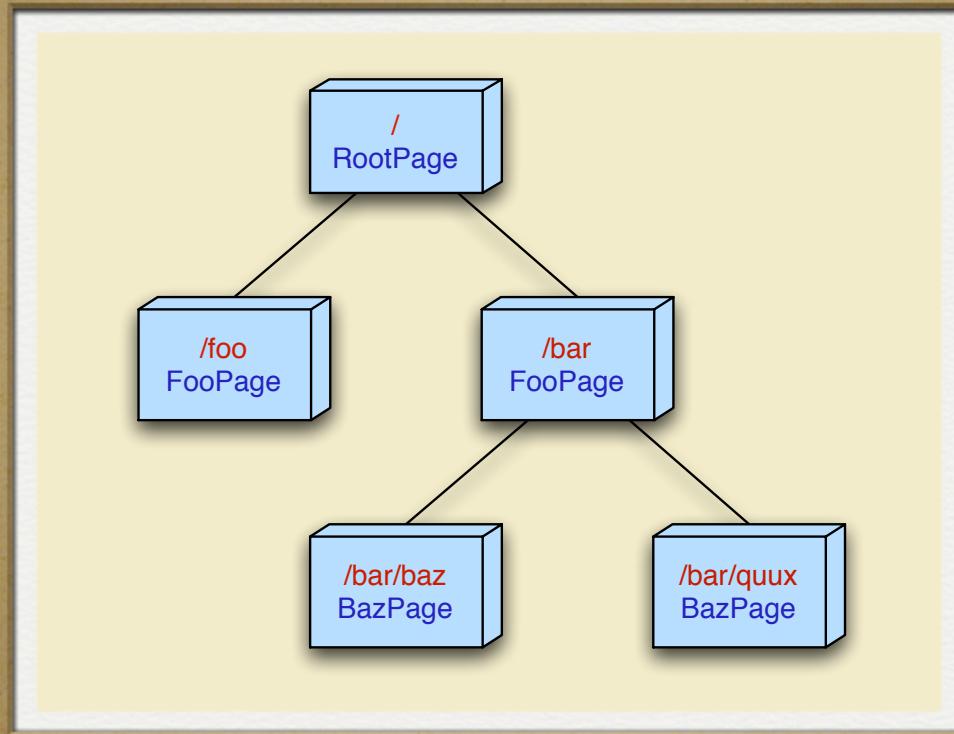
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Nevow

- Python web framework
- As much Python as possible
- Abstracts these ideas

stan

```
html[  
  head[  
    title[  
      "Hello" ] ],  
  body[  
    h1( style="color:red" )[  
      "Hello World" ] ] ]
```



Object Publishing

Nevow Client-To-Server

livepage.handler

```
@livepage.handler  
def onclick(client):  
    print "Clicked!"
```

Embed the Handler

```
template = [  
    livepage.glue,  
    tags.img(  
        src="click.png",  
        onclick=onclick) ]
```

Build a Page

```
class OnClick(rend.Page):  
    docFactory =  
        loaders.stan(  
            template)
```

Sequence of Events

- Initial request (client)
- Page renders (server)
 - JavaScript invoking
nevow_clientToServerEvent
embedded in HTML

- User triggers event handler (client)
- `nevow_clientToServerEvent` (client)
 - Forwards event to server
- Server handles request (server)
- Invokes Python function (server)

Nevow Server-To-Client

```
@livepage.handler  
def onclick(client):  
    client.alert(  
        'hello!')
```

- alert(text)
- set(nodeId, newContents)
- append(nodeId, newNode)
- call(jsFunc, *jsArgs)
- sendScript(jsString)

Asynchronous Events

```
def sendTime(C):  
    C.set('time',  
          time.asctime())  
  
reactor.callLater(  
    1, sendTime, C)
```

```
class Time(Page):
    def beforeRender(self, ctx):
        sendTime(ILivePage(ctx))

docFactory = loaders.stan(
    [livepage.glue,
     span(id='time')])
```

Demos

Chatola

Demo

LiveAnimal

Demo

Canvas

Demo

Q&A