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Web Design and Development Workshop: Mastering the Web

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Workshop Material

- Download the code and tools for this workshop from:
  - http://staff.fit.ac.cy/com.aa/WebDesignWorkshop.zip

The Web

- The **WWW** (commonly referred as the **Web**) is a system of interlinked, hypertext documents (i.e., content) accessed via the Internet.
  - It is created to share files/documents and overcome the barrier of different file formats
  - **Hypertext** refers to text on a computer that will lead the user to other, related information on demand.
- **HyperText document** is sent or received over the network using **HyperText Transfer Protocol** (**HTTP**).

The Process

- A **browser** is a software program which interprets the documents and displays it on the user's screen.
- Each document/resource needs to have an identifier in order to be accessed by others.
  - A Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) is a compact sequence of characters that identifies an abstract or physical resource.
  - The term "Uniform Resource Locator" (URL) refers to the subset of URIs that, in addition to identifying a resource by a name, it provide a means of locating the resource by describing its primary access mechanism (e.g., its network "location").

URIs and URLs

- Two pieces of information are given by a URI:
  - Name
  - Locator (URL)
- In turn two things are given by the URL:
  - The method or protocol by which to retrieve and display the document.
  - Exact location of the document.

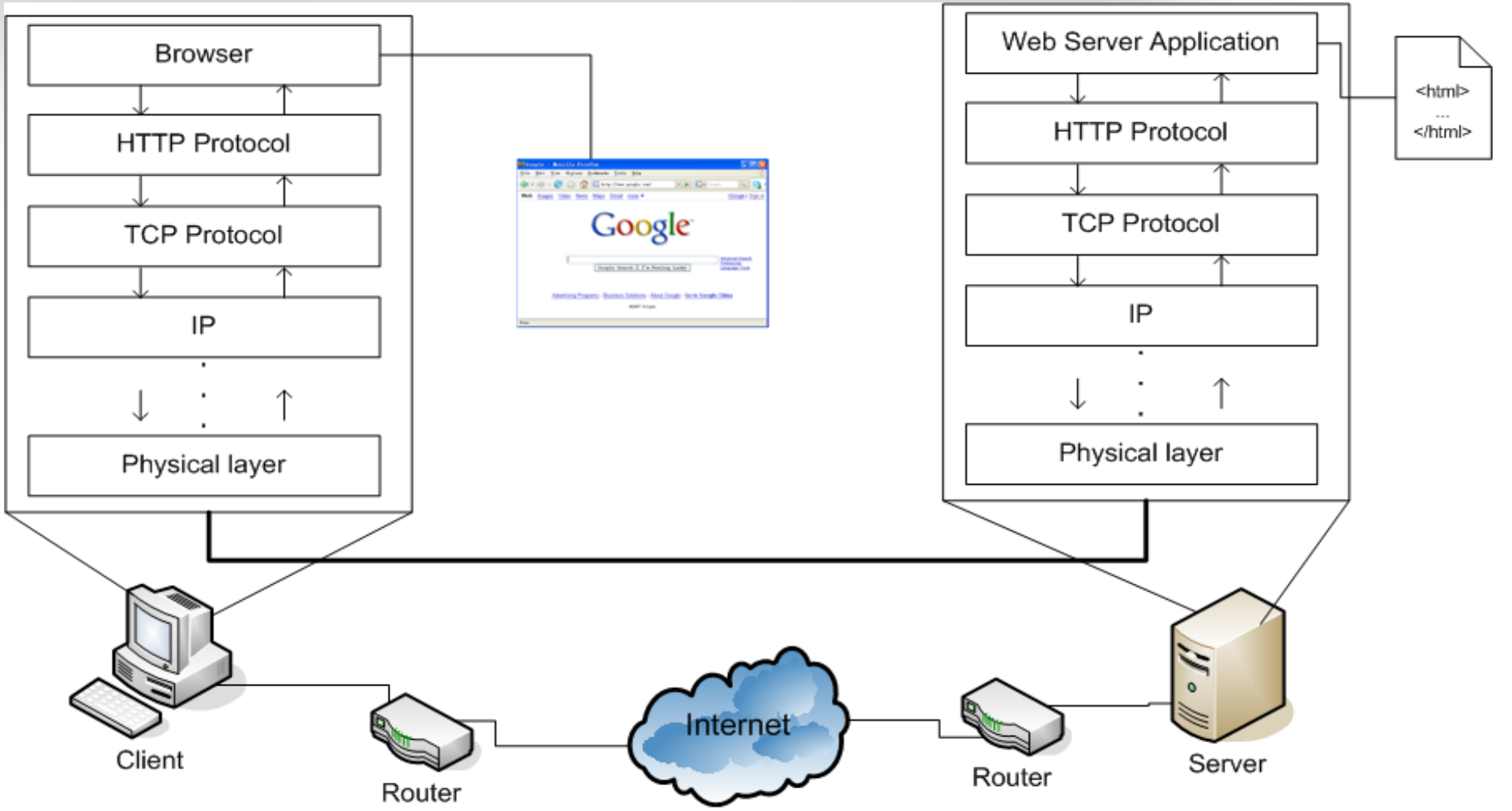
URL Example

- **http://staff.fit.ac.cy/com.aa/**
  - **http://** – specifies the protocol to transfer the information
  - **staff.fit.ac.cy** – specifies the hostname/domain name – i.e., the computer that hosts and serves the documents.
  - **com.aa/index.html** – specifies the path of a document on the computer – i.e., in this case my academic profile page.

The Languages

- **Hypertext documents (webpages, images, videos, etc)** are defined using a "markup" language called **HyperText Markup Language (HTML).**
- **The Design of Hypertext documents (i.e., webpages)** is defined using a language called **Cascading Style Sheets (CSS).**
- The Interaction of the User with **Hypertext documents (i.e., webpages)** is defined mainly using a language called **JavaScript.**

Putting it All Together



Web Content

- In its simplest form, Web Content is provided through the development of static files.
- These static files include the information that is to be presented to the user via the browser.
- Each of these static files corresponds to a so called web page.
- A collection of interlinked web pages on a server is called a web site.
- All these were achieved with the use of the Hyper Text Mark-up Language, or as it is commonly known HTML.

HTML Source Document

- HTML can be created using a simple text editor like Notepad or Notepad++.
- The file must be saved with the extension specified commonly as .html.
- A text-only document that consists of:
  1. **actual text:** the actual information/content of the webpage that is to be presented to the user.
  2. tags: A tag is an html code that is enclosed in angel brackets <>; used to layout the web page.

HTML Tag/Element

- HTML is considered to be a static language, meaning that the set of element types that it has is predefined and cannot be extended.
- Each element provides some information about the content of the document, or information about the document itself.
- Each element consists of three parts:
  - the start tag <h1>
  - the content this is my first paragraph.
  - the end tag </h1>

HTML Tag/Element Attributes

- Elements can also have attributes so as to provide additional information.
  - Attributes are added to the start tag of an element.
- In fact, each type of element has a predefined set of attributes that it can support.
- An element instance need not define all the element's attributes as most can take default values.
- Each attribute has the following format:
  - attribute-name = "attribute-value"
- Different attributes in a tag are separated using a space.

HTML Image Element

- For example, to insert an image in the document, the file location that stores the image as well as some additional information must be provided.
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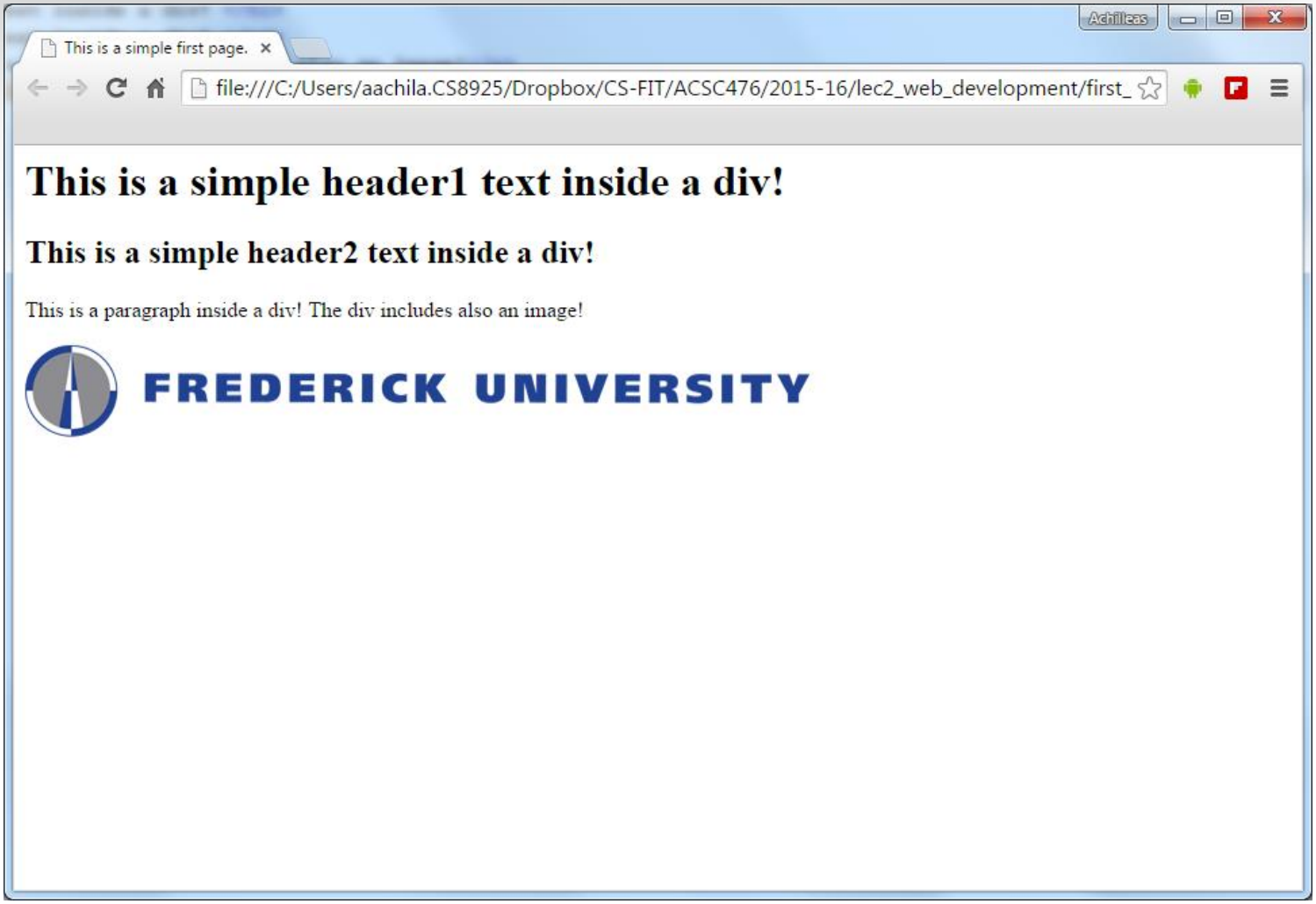
  - This element instructs the browser to insert an image in the document.
  - The file where the image is stored is indicated by the src attribute.
  - The alt attribute defines the text that is to be shown if the image is not downloaded.

Our First HTML page/doc

```
<html>
<head> <title>This is a simple first page.</title> </head>
<body>
  <div>
  <h1> This is a simple header1 text inside a div! </h1>
  <h2> This is a simple header2 text inside a div! </h2>
  <p> This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!</p>
  <img src="frederick-logo.png" alt="The logo of Frederick University of Cyprus!" />
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

Note: As mentioned the alt attribute provides alternative information for an image if a user for some reason cannot view it (because of slow connection, etc).

The result


Achilleas
This is a simple first page.
file:///C:/Users/aachila.CS8925/Dropbox/CS-FIT/ACSC476/2015-16/lec2_web_development/first_
This is a simple header1 text inside a div!
This is a simple header2 text inside a div!
This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes also an image!
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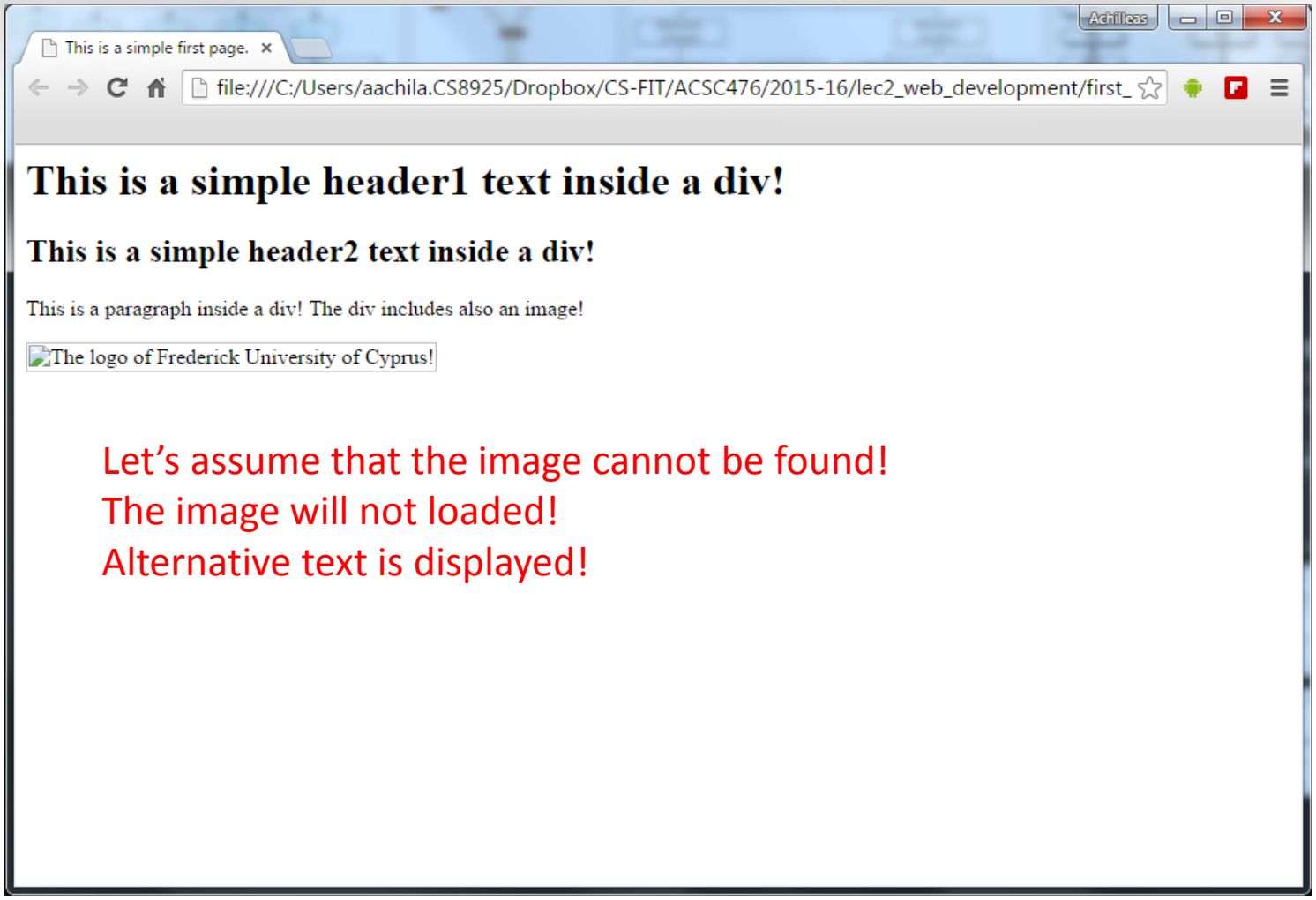
The result



Let's assume that the image cannot be found!
The image will not loaded!
Alternative text is displayed!

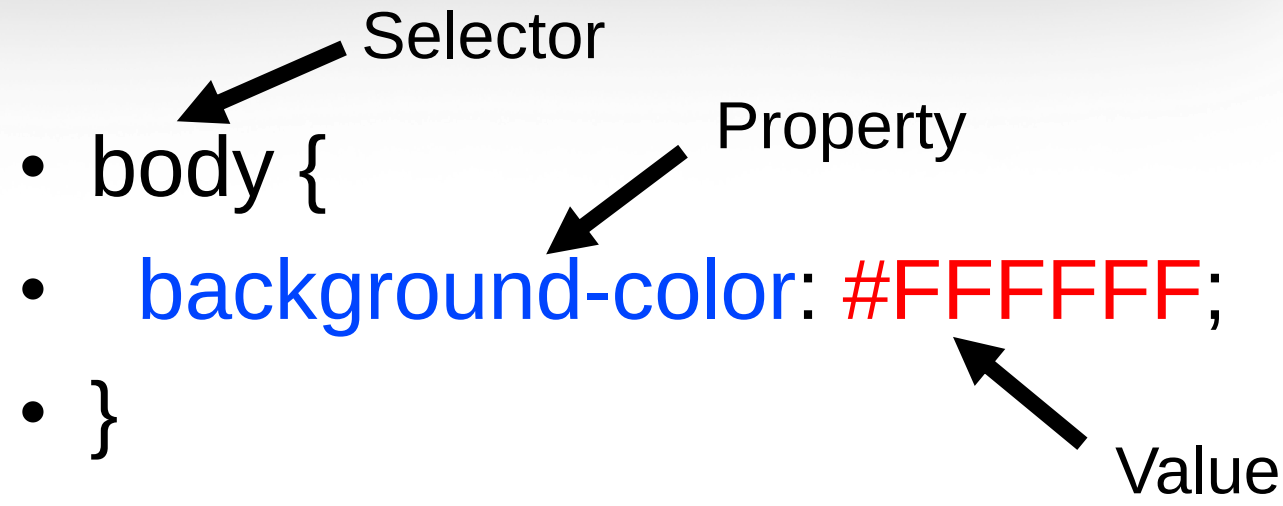
Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- The Purpose of CSS: If HTML is the content and meaning
  - ➡CSS helps to convey that meaning
- Allows developers to separate the content from layout and design
  - Content and design inherently different in nature
  - ➡ Change in content does not require change in design

CSS Zen Garden

- Site using consistent HTML content
- Differing external CSS files create dramatically different layout
- Support for multiple browsers
  - http://www.csszengarden.com
- hint: change the styles on the page

CSS Anatomy



- body {
- background-color: #FFFFFF;
- }

This also works:

body { background-color: #FFFFFF }

Example of hex color codes:

ColorSchemer Online Color Generator

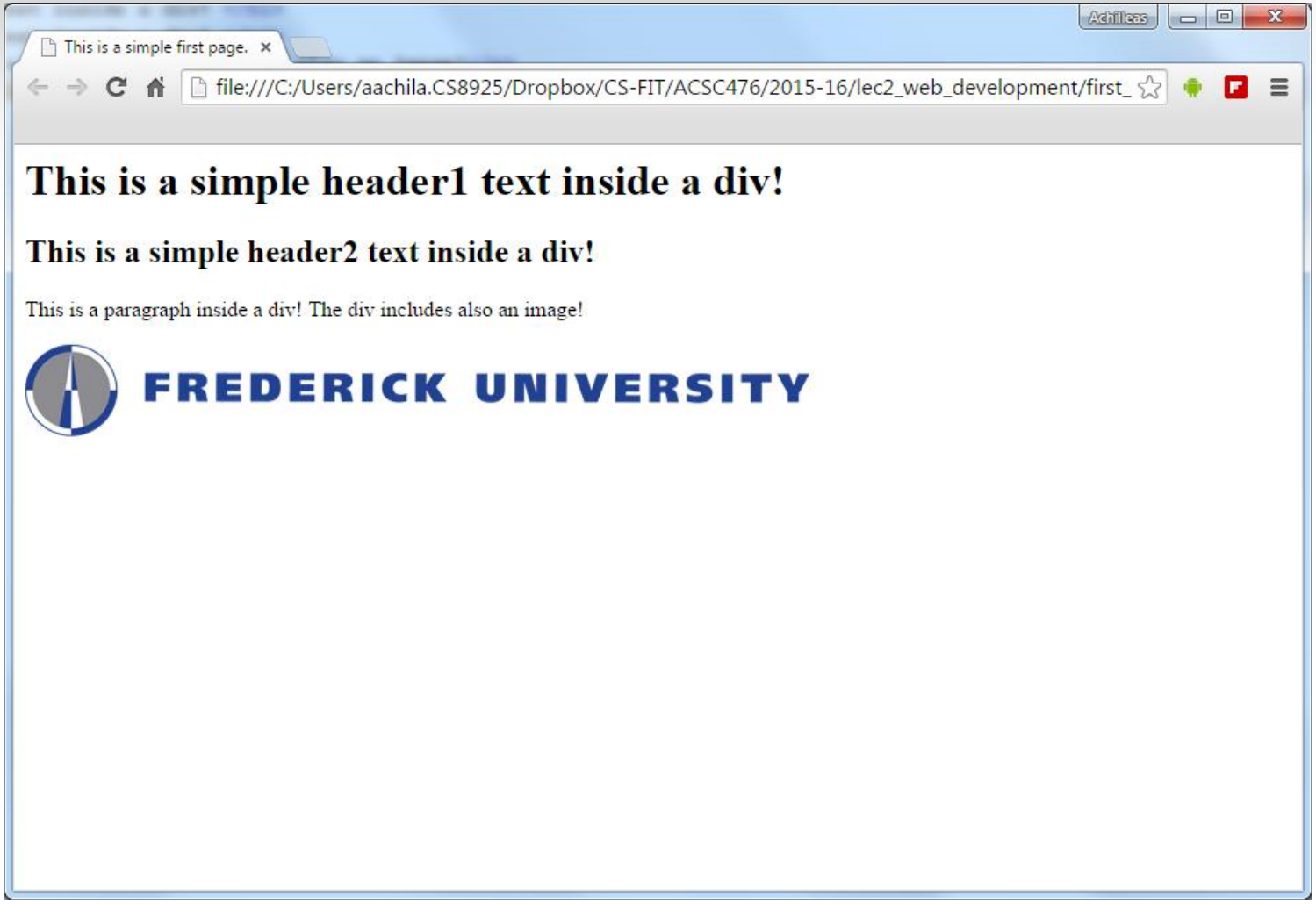
Key Properties

- background-color
- background-image
- color
- width
- height
- font-family
- font-size
- font-weight
- text-decoration
- text-align

Values & Units

- Values are typically keywords
  - ex: colors: red, blue
  - ex: text alignment: left, right, center
- Values, especially for layout
  - Pixels: 15px
  - Points: 12pt
  - Percentages- relative to size of parent: 50%

Remember our first page



Remember our HTML

```
<html>
<head> <title>This is a simple first page.</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>
  <div>
  <h1> This is a simple header1 text inside a div! </h1>
  <h2> This is a simple header2 text inside a div! </h2>
  <p> This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!</p>
  <img src="frederick-logo.png" alt="The logo of Frederick University of Cyprus!" />
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

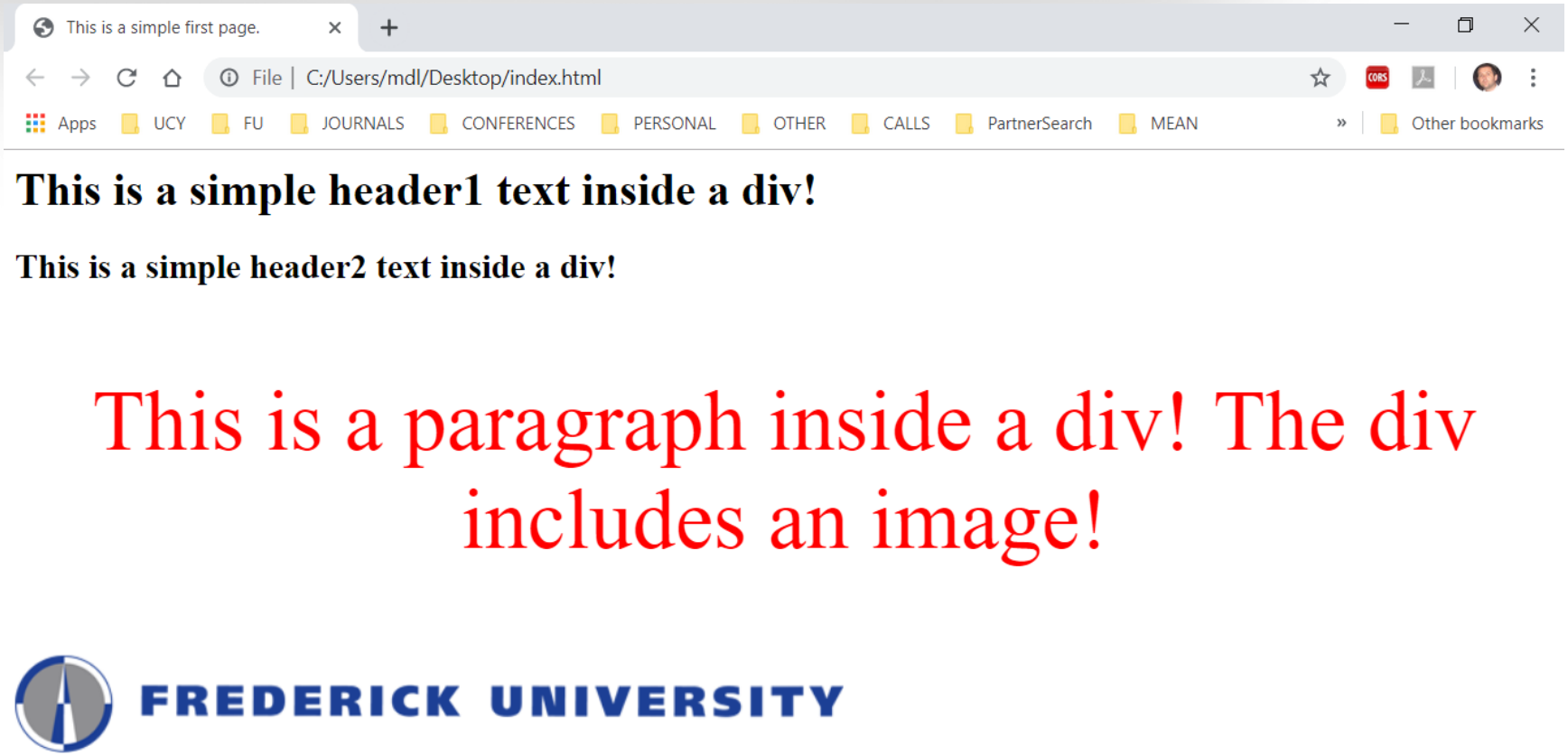
CSS Stylesheet – Generic selector

- Open a new tab in Notepad++.
- Type the following:

```
p {
    color: red;
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 60px;
}
```

- Save as styles.css

The Result


This is a simple first page.
File | C:/Users/mdl/Desktop/index.html
Apps
UCY
FU
JOURNALS
CONFERENCES
PERSONAL
OTHER
CALLS
PartnerSearch
MEAN
Other bookmarks
This is a simple header1 text inside a div!
This is a simple header2 text inside a div!
This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!
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Change the HTML – ID selector

```
<html>
<head> <title>This is a simple first page.</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>
  <div id=“blue”>
  <h1> This is a simple header1 text inside a div! </h1>
  <h2> This is a simple header2 text inside a div! </h2>
  <p> This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!</p>
  <img src="frederick-logo.png" alt="The logo of Frederick University of Cyprus!" />
</div>
<div id=“black”>
 <p> This is a paragraph inside another div! </p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

Change CSS Stylesheet – ID selector

- Add the following to styles.css:

```
p {
    color: red;
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 60px;
}
div#blue {
    background-color: blue;
}
div#black {
    background-color: black;
}
```

- Save the file.

The Result


This is a simple first page.
File | C:/Users/mdl/Desktop/index.html
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This is a simple header1 text inside a div!
This is a simple header2 text inside a div!
This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!
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This is a paragraph inside another div!

Change the HTML – Class selector

```
<html>
<head> <title>This is a simple first page.</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>
  <div id=“blue” class="center">
  <h1> This is a simple header1 text inside a div! </h1>
  <h2> This is a simple header2 text inside a div! </h2>
  <p> This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!</p>
  <img src="frederick-logo.png" alt="The logo of Frederick University of Cyprus!" />
</div>
<div id=“black” class="center">
 <p> This is a paragraph inside another div! </p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

Change CSS Stylesheet–Class selector

- Add the following to styles.css:

```
p {
    color: red;
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 60px;
}
div#blue {
     background-color: blue;
}
div#black {
     background-color: black;
}
.center {
    text-align: center;
}
```

- Save the file.

The Result


This is a simple first page.
File | C:/Users/mdl/OneDrive%20-%20University%20of%20Cyprus/CS-FIT/Courses/_OTHER_COURSES/WebDes...
Apps
UCY
FU
JOURNALS
CONFERENCES
PERSONAL
OTHER
CALLS
PartnerSearch
MEAN
Other bookmarks
This is a simple header1 text inside a div!
This is a simple header2 text inside a div!
This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!
FREDERICK UNIVERSITY
This is a paragraph inside another div!

JavaScript

- When considering client-side support, of most interest is the ability to provide *programmatic control in/over web content*.
- The technology that has dominated client side programming is ***JavaScript***.
- JavaScript was introduced by Netscape in 1995 and is supported by all popular web browsers including Chrome, Internet Explorer and Mozilla.
- It has the main characteristics of a scripting language.
  - This makes it relatively simple for use even by developers with no computer science background.

Dynamic HTML (DHTML)

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- Manipulating the web page's structure is essential for creating a highly responsive UI
- Two main approaches
  - Manipulate page via JavaScript (as we learned in the previous lectures)
  - Manipulate page using JavaScript + with the help of a library (e.g., jQuery)

What is jQuery?

- jQuery is a lightweight, "write less, do more", JavaScript library.
- The purpose of jQuery is to make it much easier to use JavaScript on your website.
- jQuery takes a lot of common tasks that require many lines of JavaScript code to accomplish, and wraps them into methods that you can call with a single line of code.
- jQuery also simplifies a lot of the complicated things from JavaScript, like AJAX calls and DOM manipulation.

Reference jQuery

- The jQuery library is a single JavaScript file, and you reference it with the HTML <script> tag (notice that the <script> tag should be inside the <head> section):

```
<head>
<script src="jquery-3.3.1.min.js"></script>
……
</head>
```

- If you don't want to download and host jQuery yourself, you can include it from a CDN (Content Delivery Network).
  - Both Google and Microsoft host jQuery.
  - To use jQuery from Google or Microsoft, use one of the following:

```
<head>
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3
.3.1/jquery.min.js"></script>
</head>
```

jQuery Syntax

- The jQuery syntax is tailor-made for selecting HTML elements and performing some action on the element(s).
- Basic syntax is: $(selector).action()
  - A `$` sign to define/access jQuery
  - A `(selector)` to "query (or find)" HTML elements
  - A `jQuery action()` to be performed on the element(s)

jQuery Syntax - Examples

- `$(this).hide()`
  - hides the current element.
- `$("p").hide()`
  - hides all <p> elements.
- `$(".test").hide()`
  - hides all elements with **class="test"**.
- `$("#test").hide()`
  - hides the element with **id="test"**.

The #id Selector

- The jQuery #id selector uses the id attribute of an HTML tag to find the specific element.
- An id should be unique within a page, so you should use the #id selector when you want to find a single, unique element.
- To find an element with a specific id, write a hash character, followed by the id of the HTML element:

```
$("#test")
```

- **Example:** When a user clicks on a button, the element with id="test" will be hidden:
-

```
$(document).ready(function(){
    $("button").click(function(){
        $("#test").hide();
    });
});
```

The .class Selector

- The jQuery class selector finds elements with a specific class.
- To find elements with a specific class, write a period character, followed by the name of the class:

```
$(".test")
```

- **Example:** When a user clicks on a button, the elements with class="test" will be hidden:

```
$(document).ready(function(){
    $("button").click(function(){
        $(".test").hide();
    });
});
```

Change the HTML – add JavaScript

```
<html>
<head> <title>This is a simple first page.</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
<script src= "jquery-3.3.1.min.js"> </script>
<script src= “myapp.js"> </script>
</head>
<body>
 <div id=“blue” class="center">
 <h1> This is a simple header1 text inside a div! </h1>
 <h2> This is a simple header2 text inside a div! </h2>
 <p> This is a paragraph inside a div! The div includes an image!</p>
 <img src="frederick-logo.png" alt="The logo of Frederick University of Cyprus!" />
</div>
<div id=“black” class="center">
 <p> This is a paragraph inside another div! </p>
</div>
<div id=“new”></div>
<input type="button" id="myButton" value="Change stuff!"
onclick="changeStuff()">
</body>
</html>
```

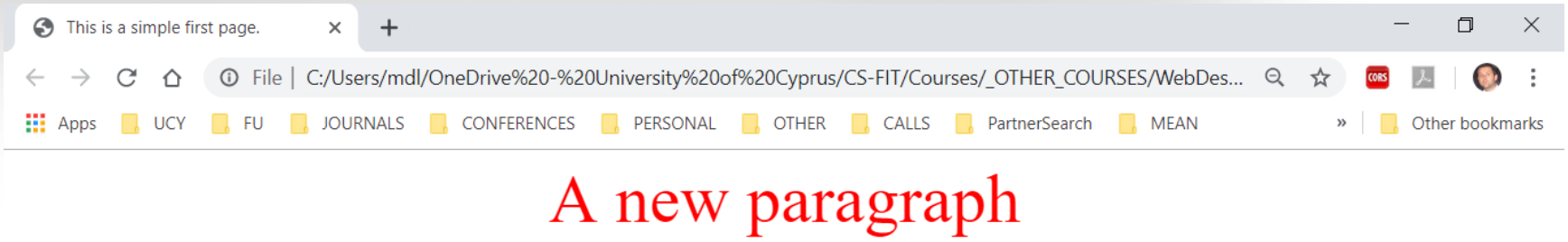
JavaScript – myapp.js

- **In Notepad++ open a new tab and add:**

```
function changeStuff() {
    $('#new').append('<p>A new paragraph</p>');
    $('.center').hide();
    $('#myButton').hide();
}
```

- **Save the file as myapp.js**

The result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Apps
UCY
FU
JOURNALS
CONFERENCES
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Exercise

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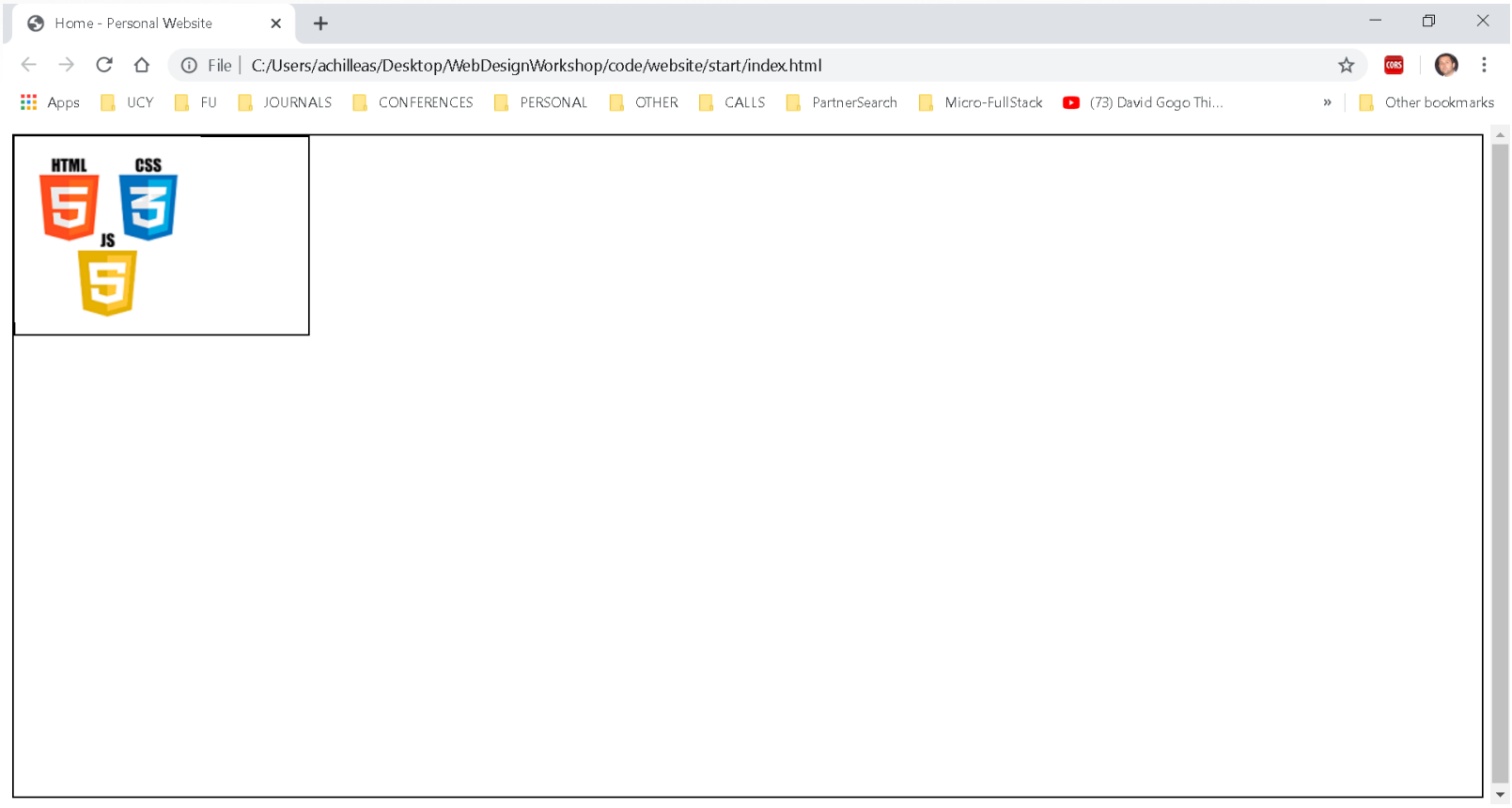
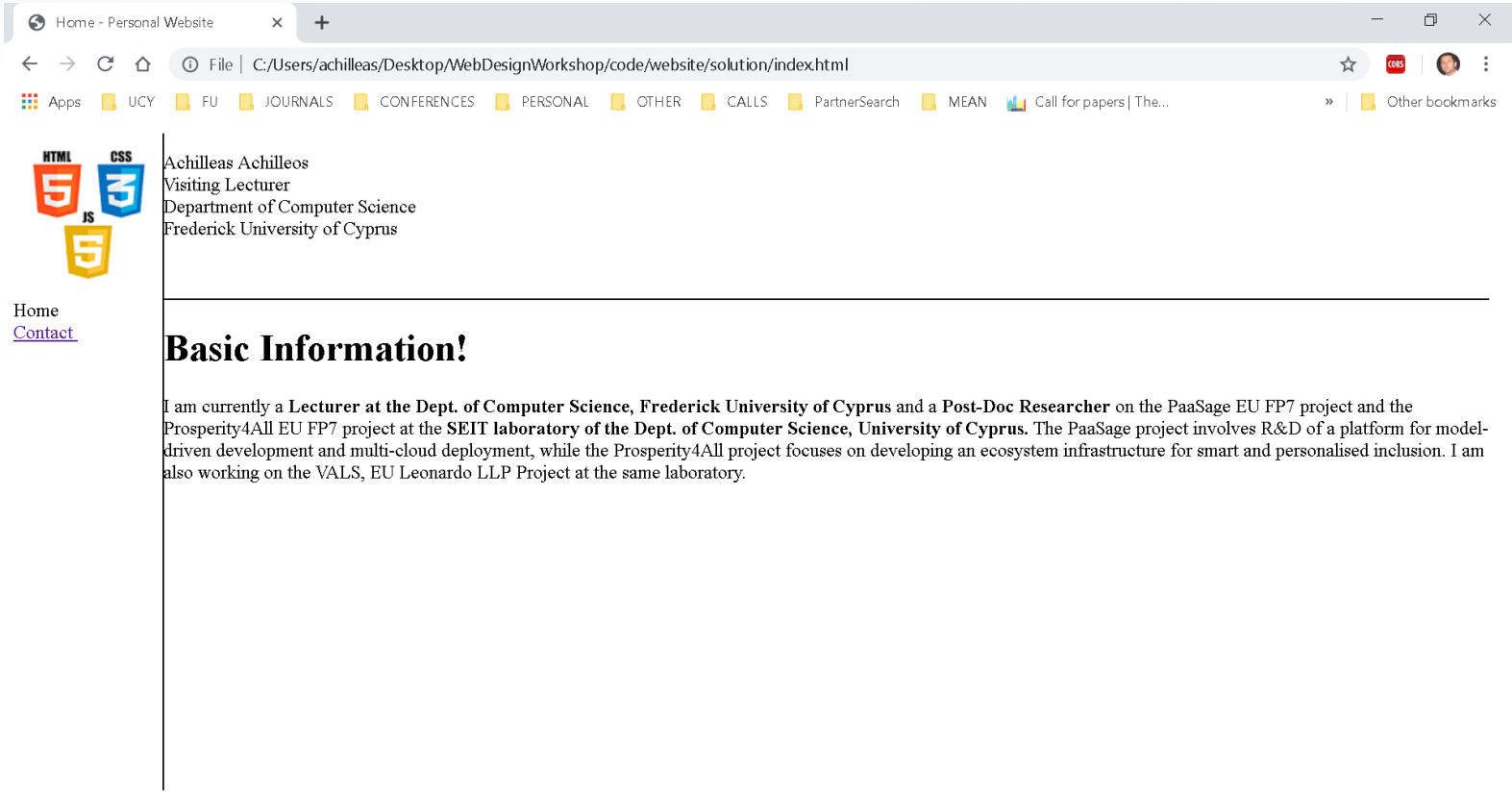
- We will begin our exercise from the code/start folder that implements the page:



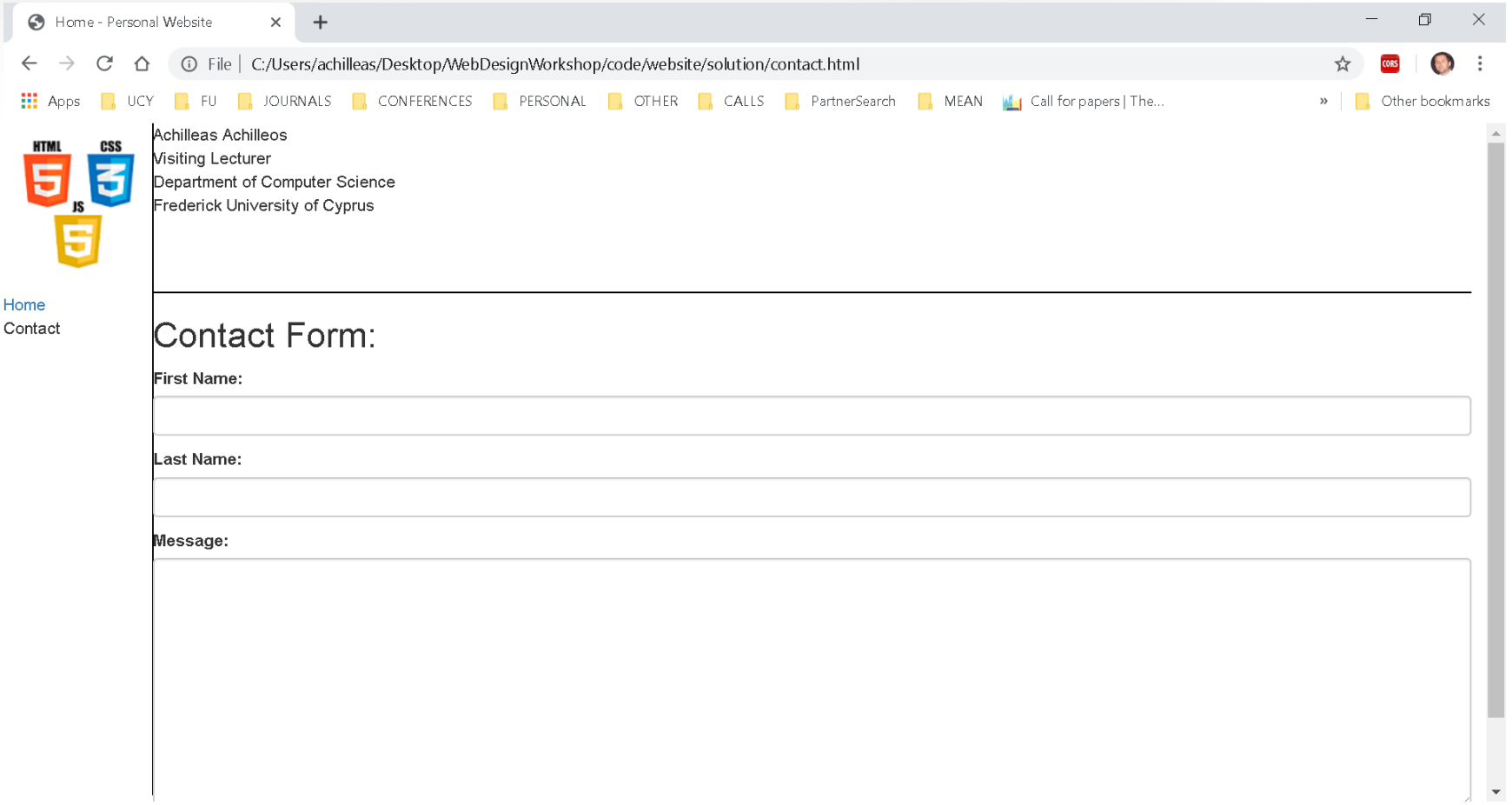
Exercise

- Step by step we will implement the following home page:



Exercise

- And the following contact page:



Upload Website to Web Server

- Rename the website folder with your surname, e.g., achilleos.
- Extract the WinSCP-5.15.2-Portable.zip file.
- Run WinSCP.exe from the extracted folder.
- Choose New Site on the left panel.
- Choose Protocol FTP and No Encryption.
- Add cs.student.frederick.ac.cy to host.
- Add comscience to username.
- Add 8Bz$8Zx+ to password.
- Click Save.

Upload Website to Web Server

- Click Login.
- Drag and drop to upload the folder to the remote web server.
- When the upload completes you can access the website at the following URL:
  - http://cs.student.frederick.ac.cy/~comscience/achilleos/index.html

w3schools

- Excellent tutorials together with practical examples can be found in the w3schools web site: http://www.w3schools.com/html/
- It is stressed that students are expected to work with much more HTML elements than the examples shown in the class and lab.
- There is also an online editor at w3schools website that you can use to directly try different HTML elements.
  - http://www.w3schools.com/html/tryit.asp?filename=tryhtml_default

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