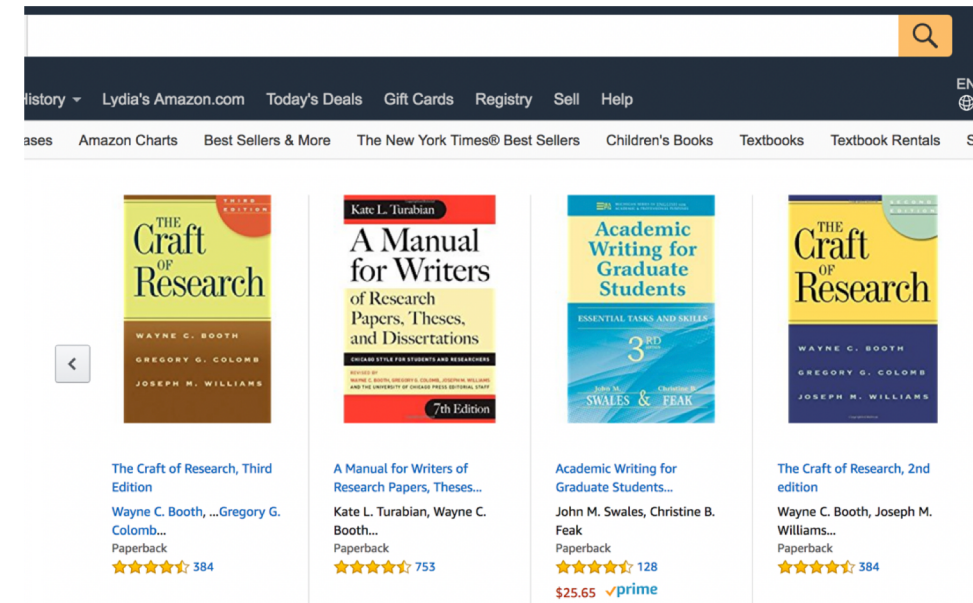
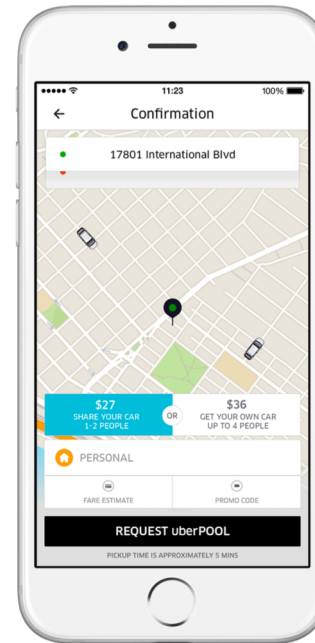
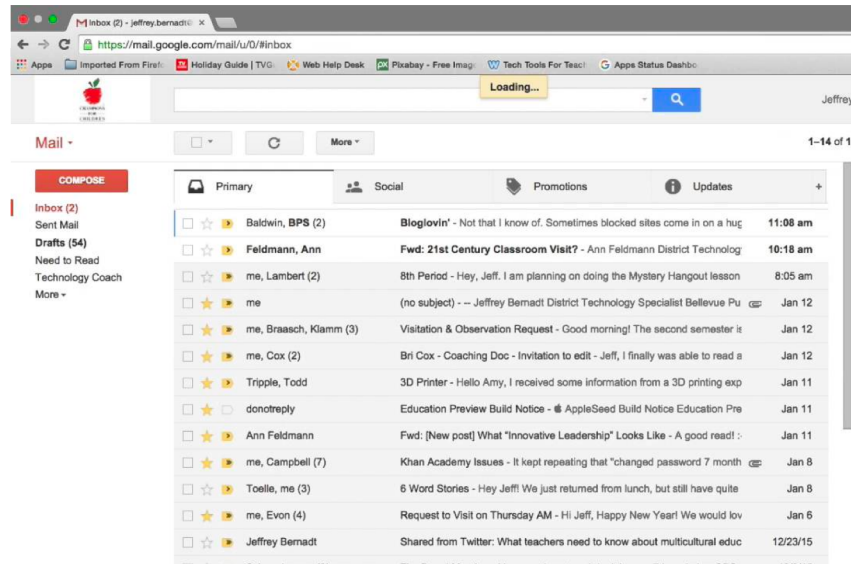


# Database-Backed Websites

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# The main goal of many websites is to interact with data.





We need servers to store the data.  
Clients request data from servers (and display it)

```
people — Python · Python server.py — 80x24
Last login: Sun Feb 16 09:18:51 on ttys001
Lydias-MacBook-Pro:people lydiachilton$ python server.py
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)
* Restarting with stat
* Debugger is active!
* Debugger PIN: 723-907-492
127.0.0.1 - - [19/Feb/2020 07:07:16] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [19/Feb/2020 07:07:17] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -
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```

```
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1 from flask
2 from flask
3 from flask
4 app = Flask
5
6
7 current_id
8 data = [
9     {
10      "id": 1,
11      "name": "michael scott"
12     },
13     {
14      "id": 2,
15      "name": "jim halpert"
16     },
17 ]
```

**Server:  
store the data**

127.0.0.1:5000/people

Reload this page

**Hello people:**

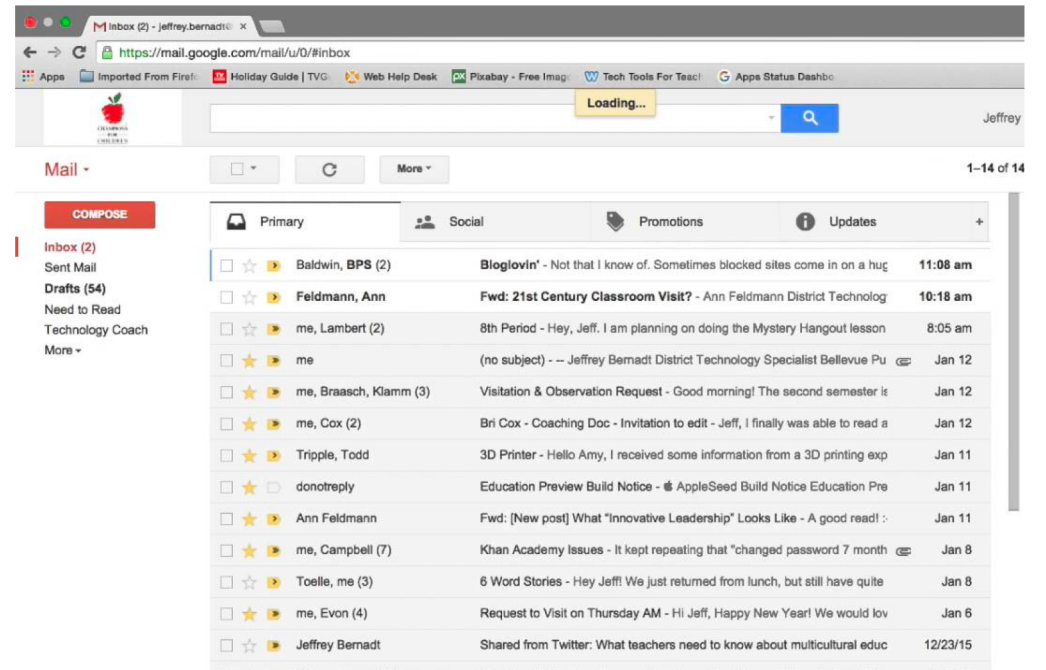
name:  Submit

michael scott  
jim halpert

**Client:  
requests data from server**

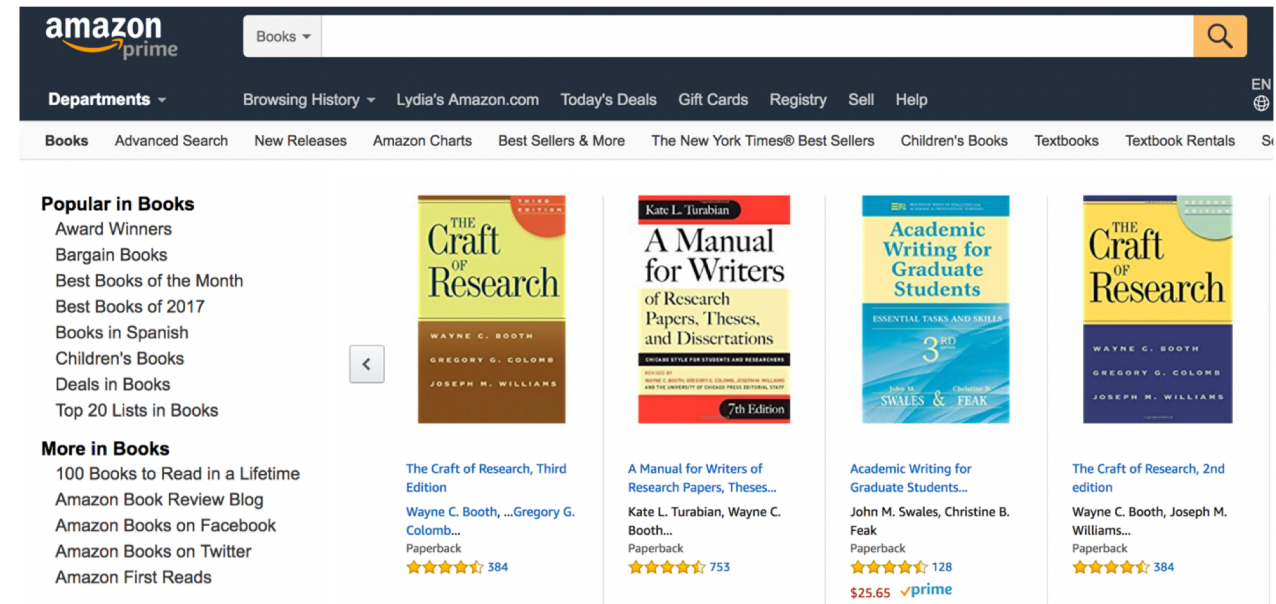
# Gmail is a database of emails

```
emails = [  
  {  
    "from": "bollinger",  
    "to": "chilton",  
    "subject": "4170 is awesome!"  
  },  
  {  
    "from": "obama",  
    "to": "chilton",  
    "subject": "belated medal of freedom"  
  }  
]
```



# Amazon is a database of books

```
products = [  
  {  
    "title": "Ivy League Web Design",  
    "author": "chilton",  
    "stars": "5"  
  },  
  {  
    "title": "JavaScript and You",  
    "author": "chilton",  
    "stars": "6"  
  },  
]
```



The screenshot shows the Amazon Books homepage. At the top, there is a search bar with the word "Books" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there are navigation links for "Departments", "Browsing History", "Lydia's Amazon.com", "Today's Deals", "Gift Cards", "Registry", "Sell", and "Help". A secondary navigation bar includes "Books", "Advanced Search", "New Releases", "Amazon Charts", "Best Sellers & More", "The New York Times® Best Sellers", "Children's Books", "Textbooks", and "Textbook Rentals".

The main content area is divided into two sections: "Popular in Books" and "More in Books".

**Popular in Books**

- Award Winners
- Bargain Books
- Best Books of the Month
- Best Books of 2017
- Books in Spanish
- Children's Books
- Deals in Books
- Top 20 Lists in Books

**More in Books**

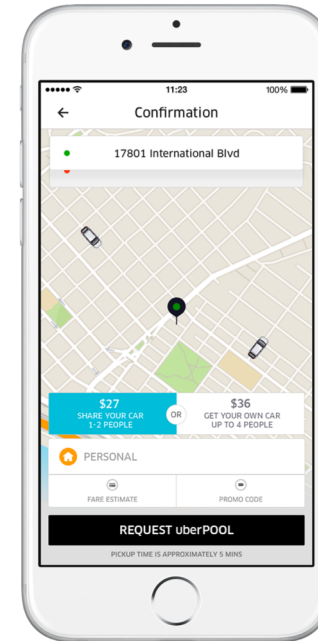
- 100 Books to Read in a Lifetime
- Amazon Book Review Blog
- Amazon Books on Facebook
- Amazon Books on Twitter
- Amazon First Reads

Four book covers are displayed in a row:

- The Craft of Research, Third Edition** by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. It has a 4.5-star rating and 384 reviews.
- A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 7th Edition** by Kate L. Turabian and Wayne C. Booth. It has a 4.5-star rating and 753 reviews.
- Academic Writing for Graduate Students, 3rd Edition** by John M. Swales and Christine B. Feak. It has a 4.5-star rating and 128 reviews, and is available for \$25.65 with Prime.
- The Craft of Research, 2nd edition** by Wayne C. Booth and Joseph M. Williams. It has a 4.5-star rating and 384 reviews.

# Uber is a database of drivers.

```
cars = [  
  {  
    "location": "116 and broadway",  
    "driver": "kenny",  
    "car type": "uber XL"  
  },  
  {  
    "location": "times square",  
    "driver": "jen",  
    "car type": "normal"  
  },  
]
```





# Tinder is a database of profiles

```
profiles = [  
  {  
    "name": "maddy",  
    "image": "./maddy.png",  
    "likes": "1000",  
    "dislikes": 0,  
  },  
  {  
    "name": "julia",  
    "image": "./julia.png",  
    "likes": "1000",  
    "dislikes": 0,  
  },  
]
```



# YouTube: Database of videos



windows 95 jennifer aniston matthew perry



Windows 95 Video Guide with Matthew Perry & Jennifer Aniston

216,782 views

2K 48 SHARE



**Favorite Videos** ✓  
Published on Dec 12, 2016

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Watch all about the show Friends in a single playlist - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...>  
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**Friends - The One that Goes Behind the Scenes**  
Favorite Videos ✓  
1.8M views



**Would I Lie to You? - S11 E08 (NEW WILTY 19th January)**  
David Mitchell  
Recommended for you  
New



**Actor Replacements That Totally Ruined The Show**  
Looper ✓  
3M views



**Inside Matthew Perry's Tragic Real Life Story**  
Nicki Swift ✓  
952K views



**Friends - ET On VH1: Behind The Friends Finale**  
Favorite Videos ✓  
1M views



**REACT S7 · E19 TEENS REACT TO WINDOWS 95**  
FBE ✓  
12M views



**Friends - Ross and Monica's Cousin**  
Favorite Videos ✓  
3.6M views

# Facebook: Database of posts

facebook



**PictureCorrect Photography Tips**

What is your Photography-Related New Year's Resolution??

15 minutes ago · Like · Comment

Adel Gomaa and Richard Schneider like this.



**Sadi Molloy** get my business looking more professional: car signed: tick, making up portrait folders: tick, stickers & cd covers: still to do... its getting there though.

11 minutes ago · Flag



**PictureCorrect Photography Tips** My resolution for 2011 is to capture more landscape photos outside the U.S. and add more countries to my portfolio! What is yours?

-Richard

11 minutes ago · Flag



**James Donnelly** Larger concerts to cover and improve my portrait editing style/skill

10 minutes ago · Flag



**Jose Antonio Rubido** To push my photpography foward full throttle

9 minutes ago · Flag



**Deacon Jonathan Jerome Johnson** To learn more and enhance the quality of my shots!

5 minutes ago · Flag



**Latu Peti Vimahi Manulua-hafoka** learn learn learn!!!

4 minutes ago · Flag



**Tina Taylor Hammer** Get my new business moving and have it pay for that lens and other equipment that I want (and a little for me too).

2 minutes ago · Flag



**Stefanie Bakewell** get a website up so that i can get clients full steam ahead

about a minute ago · Flag

# GCalendar: Database of events

The screenshot displays the Google Calendar web interface in a browser window. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.google.com/calendar/render>. The page title is "Google Calendar BETA". The user is logged in as "einz.einz@gmail.com".

The main interface shows a weekly view for the week of May 11 to May 17, 2009. The days of the week are listed at the top: Mon 5/11, Tue 5/12, Wed 5/13, Thu 5/14, Fri 5/15, Sat 5/16, and Sun 5/17. The time slots are listed on the left, ranging from 06:00 to 19:00 in one-hour increments.

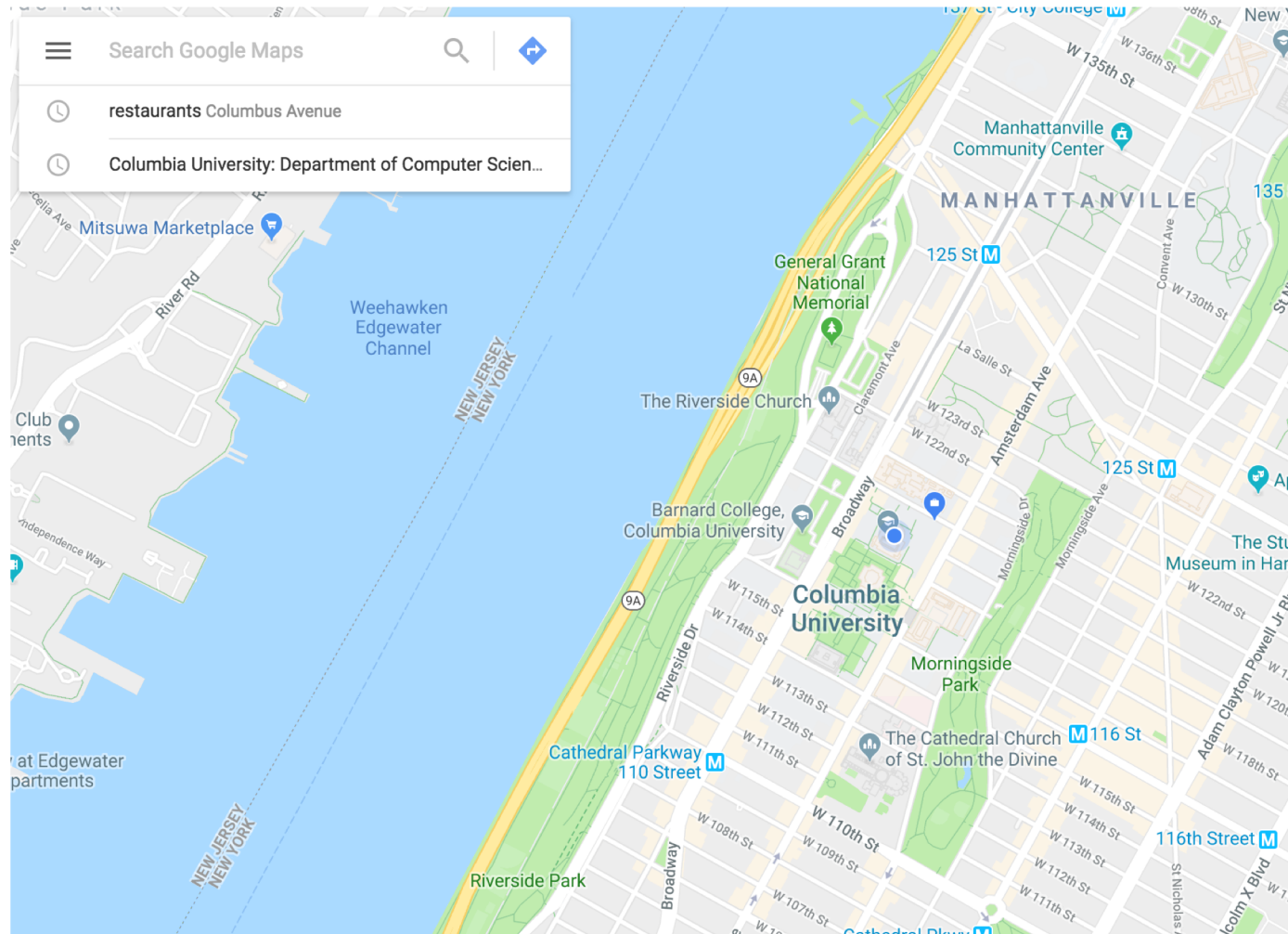
Events are represented by colored blocks within the time slots. For example, on Monday (5/11), there is a pink block for "Workout" from 06:00 to 07:00. On Tuesday (5/12), there are multiple events including "Workout", "Shower", "Shopping", "Reading", "Breakfast", "Play", "Administrative", "Blog", "Walk", "Mail", "Brainstorming", "Lunch", "Blog", "Reading", "Lunch", "Tip", "Play", "Nap", "Play", "Misc", "Meditation", "Tip", "Brainstorming", and "Socializing".

On the left side, there is a "My calendars" section with a list of calendars: Personal, Guilt-Free Play, Misc Work, and Quality Work. Below that is an "Other calendars" section with "Austrian Holidays", "Phases of the Moon", and "US Holidays".

At the bottom of the interface, there is a link to "Customize your default calendar view. Learn more".



# Google Maps: A database of locations



# New York Times: Database of news articles

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By THE NEW YORK TIMES  
49 minutes ago

- The government will shut down at 12:01 a.m. Saturday if lawmakers fail to get an agreement on some kind of spending bill.
- With Democrats balking, President Trump canceled plans to travel to his Florida resort and contacted Senator Chuck Schumer, the Democratic leader.
- **Timeline: How Congress Got to the Brink of a Shutdown**
- **Right and Left React to Prospect of Shutdown**



“We are not going to desert these young people,” he said, referring to DACA beneficiaries.

Senator Bernie Sanders of Vt.

#### How the Debate in Congress Breaks Down

By ALICIA PARLAPIANO and WILSON ANDREWS  
Lawmakers have until Friday at midnight to pass a short-term spending bill to avoid a government shutdown.

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By MAGGIE HABERMAN and JULIE

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5h **Can software predict crime?** A study suggests that human amateurs are about as accurate as a popular software that many judges use to



# Craigslist: Database of random crap for sale

CL new york > brooklyn > for sale > furniture - by owner

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Posted 12 days ago

☆ **Gorgeous new 6ft. tall throne chair - \$1199 (Brooklyn)** 



condition: new

Gorgeous new 6ft. tall throne chair for \$1199obo. I will deliver it to you!

- do NOT contact me with unsolicited services or offers

post id: 6490476659

posted: 12 days ago

updated: 34 minutes ago

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We need to have another computer store and serve the data.  
That server is running a Python application called Flask.

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4 app = Flas
5
6
7 current_id
8 data = [
9
10     {
11         "id": 1,
12         "name": "michael scott"
13     },
14     {
15         "id": 2,
16         "name": "jim halpert"
17     },
18 ]
```

**Server:  
keeps the data**

**Client:  
gets data from server  
(and displays it to all users)**



# This website has no database. Why not?

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## User Interface Design

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**Part 1** Build websites that suit the needs and abilities of users.

**Part 2** When the needs and abilities of users are uncertain, design systems by learning from iteration and experimentation.

### INSTRUCTOR

[Prof. Lydia Chilton](#)

OH: Tuesday 3-4 pm, CEPSR 612

Please contact staff through Piazza only

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Lecture

Mon, Wed 4:10–5:25pm, 413 Kent Hall

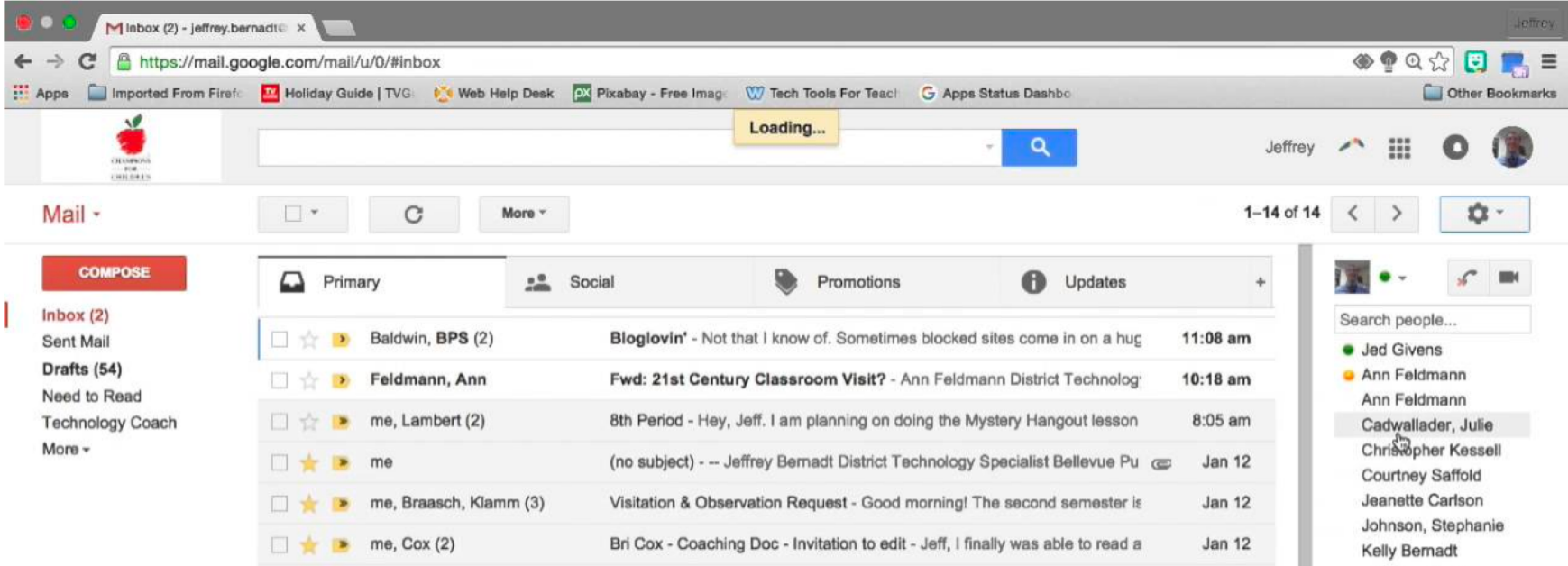
# But most websites do have databases. They allow you to both see and interact with data.

The image is a collage of three web browser screenshots, illustrating data-driven websites. The top-left screenshot shows the Amazon.com homepage with various book categories and a search bar. The top-right screenshot shows a Gmail inbox with several email entries, including one from 'Baldwin, BPS' and another from 'Jeffrey Bernadt'. The bottom screenshot shows a Facebook post from 'PictureCorrect Photography Tips' with a blue 'facebook' watermark overlaid on it. The post content includes a resolution for 2011 and several user comments.

# Interacting with Data

CRUD: Create, Read, Update, and Delete data

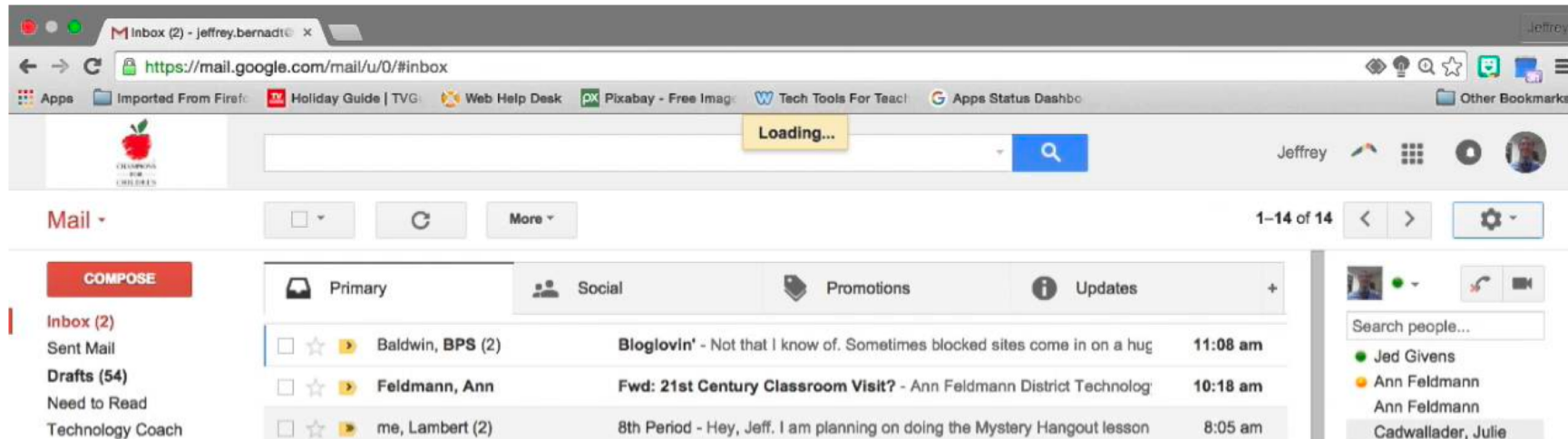
# Gmail is a database of emails



ID	From	To	Subject	Body	Time
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2	Ann Feldman	Jeffrey	Fwd: Classroom visit?	Ann Feldman District Technology	158904993585923
...					

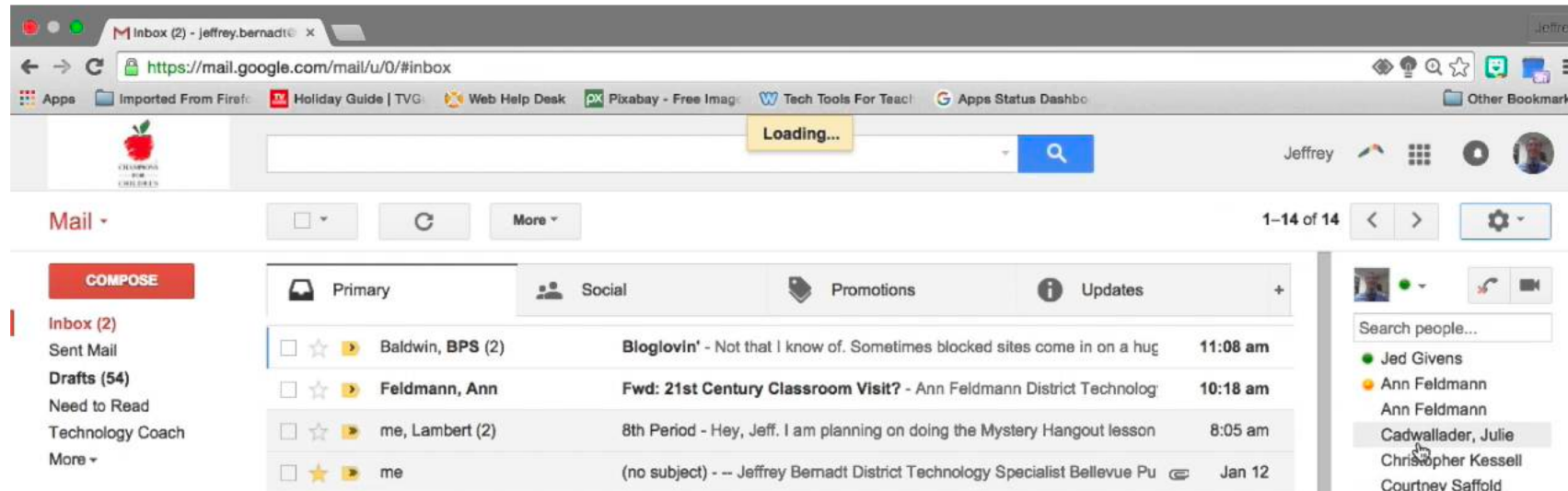


# All emails are stored in one big database. How do we only show Jeff's email to Jeff?



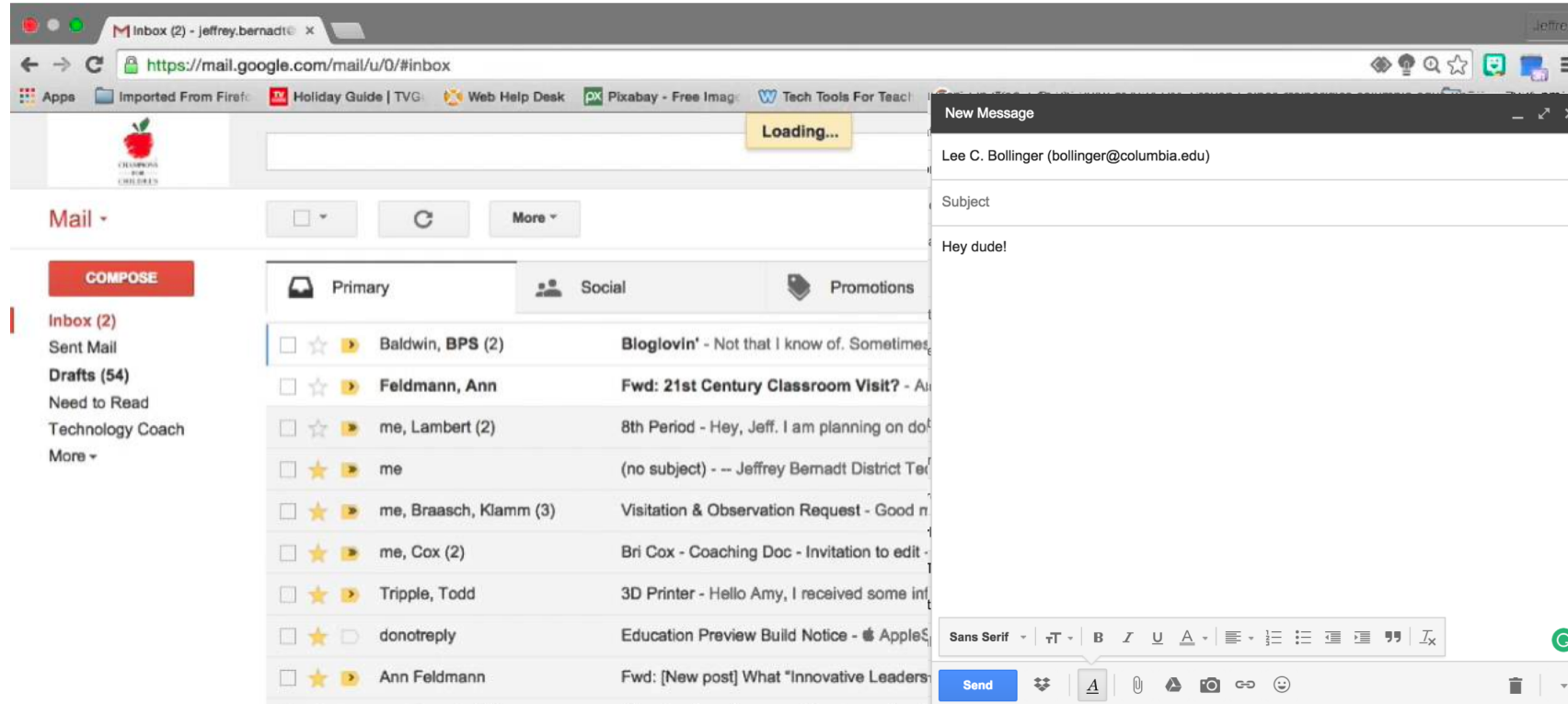
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3	Lydia Chilton	Lee Bollinger	Bowling tuesday	Hey dude! Donnie and I were thinking of going bowling...	158904993443772
...					

# CRUD operations on data: Create, Read, Update, and Delete Data



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1	Baldwin	Jeffrey	Bloglovin'	Not that I know of...	158904993585835
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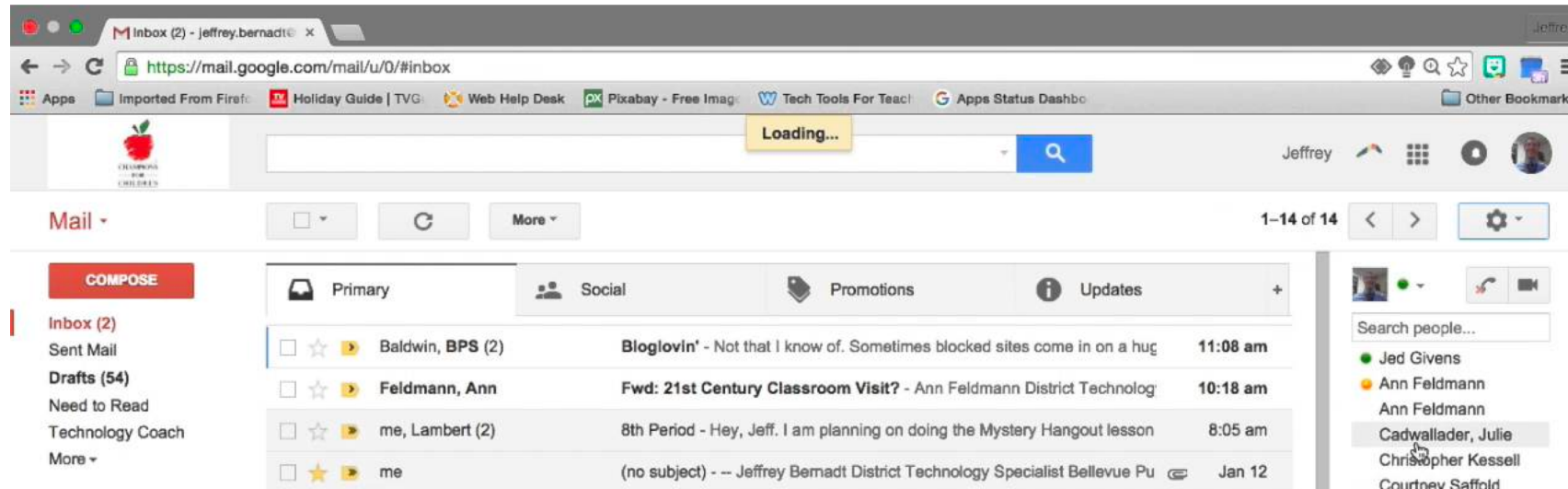
# CREATE: How do users create data in GMail?



1. Compose a new email and send it
2. Reply to an email

# READ: How do users read data in GMail?

How do they see different portions of the database?

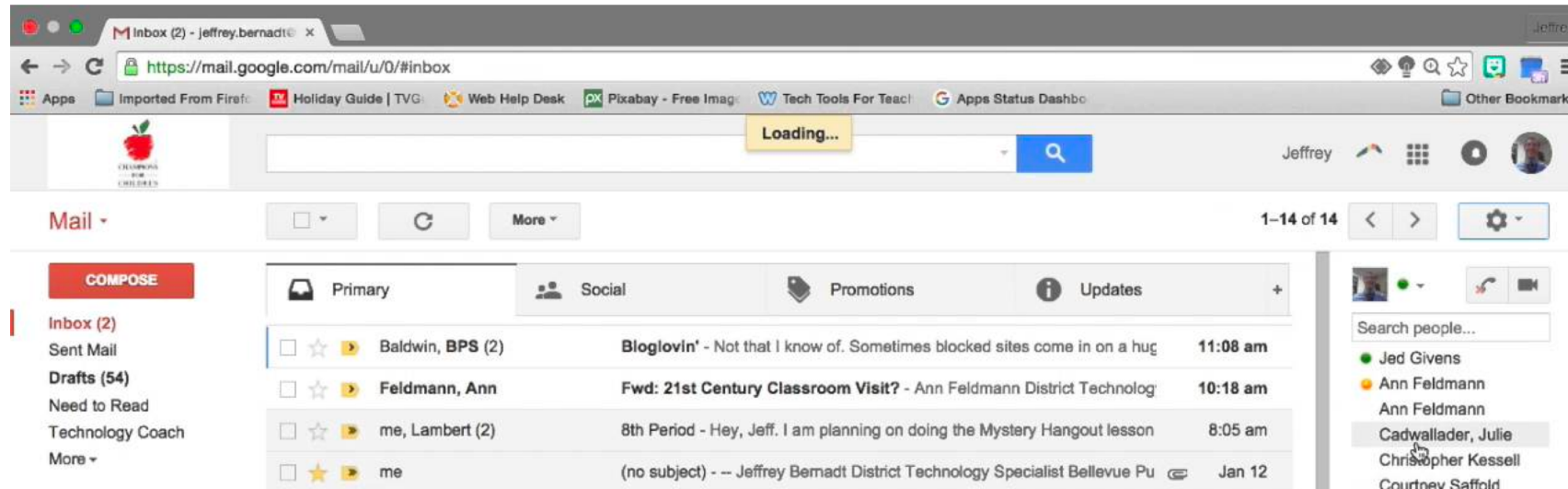


1. Load the page

2. Search inbox

# UPDATE: How do users update data in GMail?

What do they update? And how do they do it in the interface?

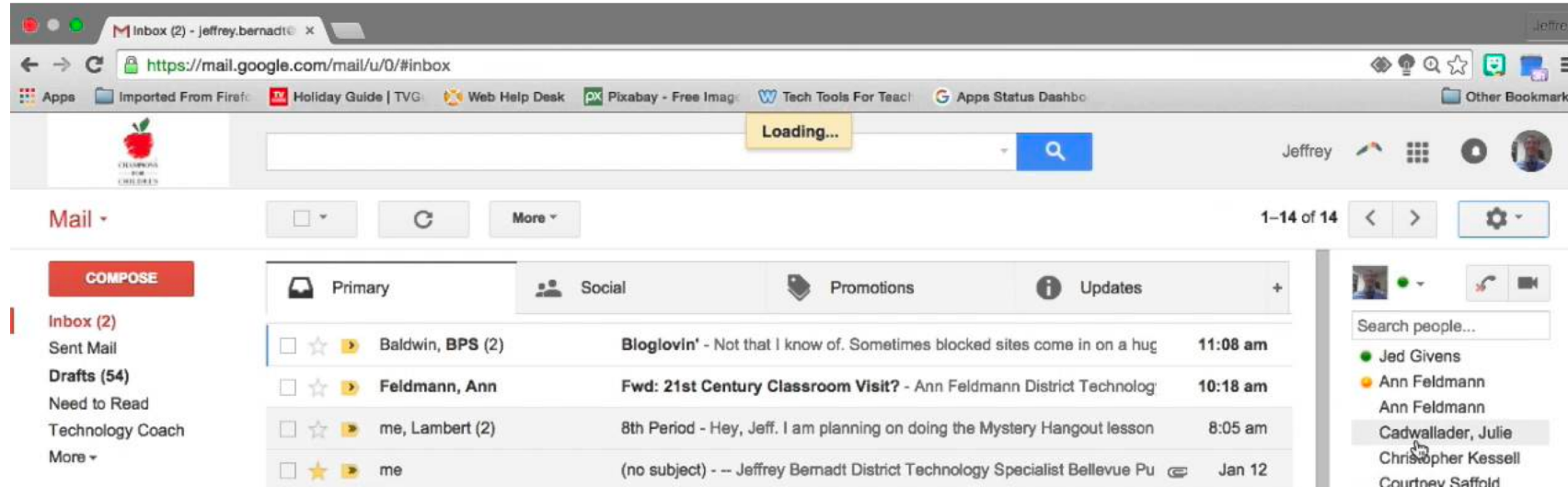


1. Read an email (it gets marked as “read”)
2. Star and email
3. Add/remove a label
4. Reply to an email ( the original email gets update to point to the reply)



# DELETE: How do users delete data in GMail?

First, what objects can be deleted in GMail?

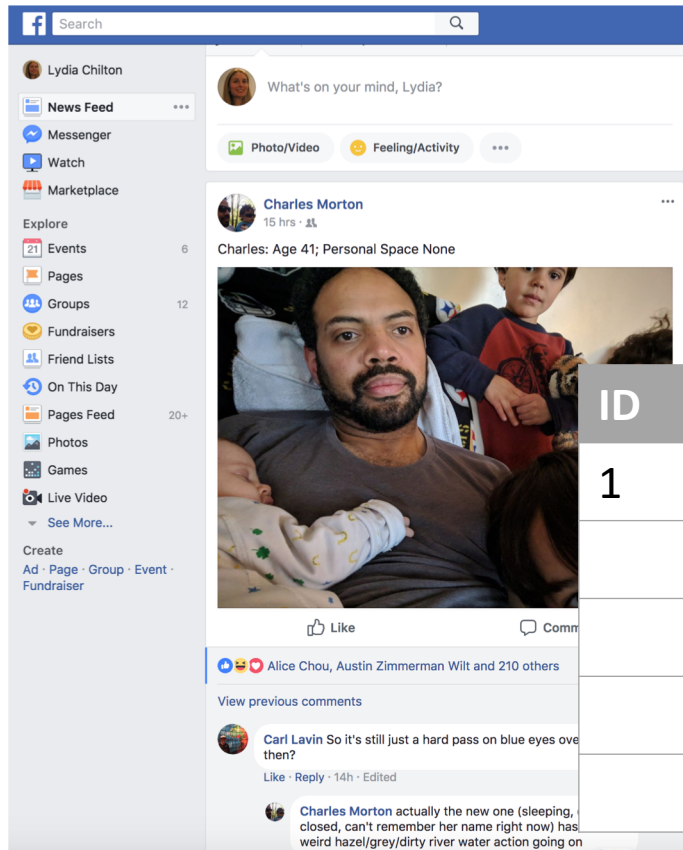


1. Discard a draft

2. Leave spam untouched for 30 days.

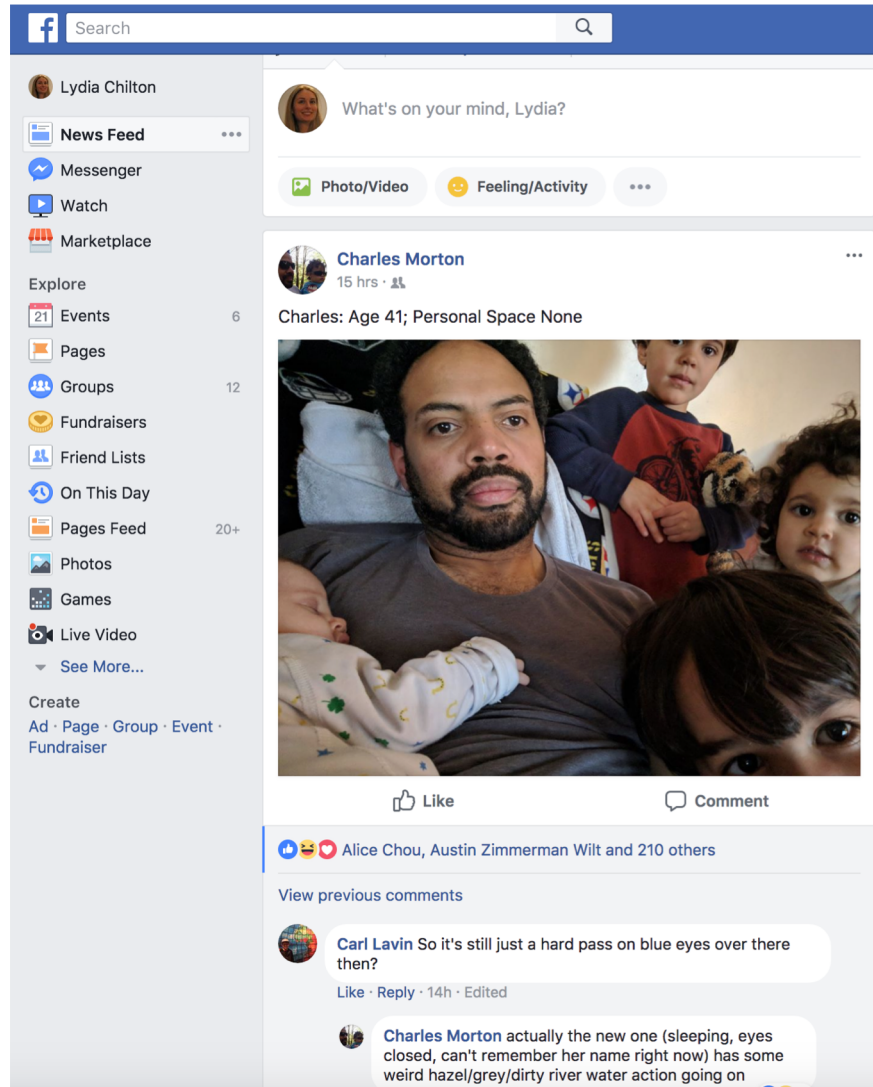
Deleting an email doesn't actually delete it – other users may still have it.  
But it does UPDATE the email and mark it as deleted, so it doesn't show up for you.

# Facebook is a database of posts.



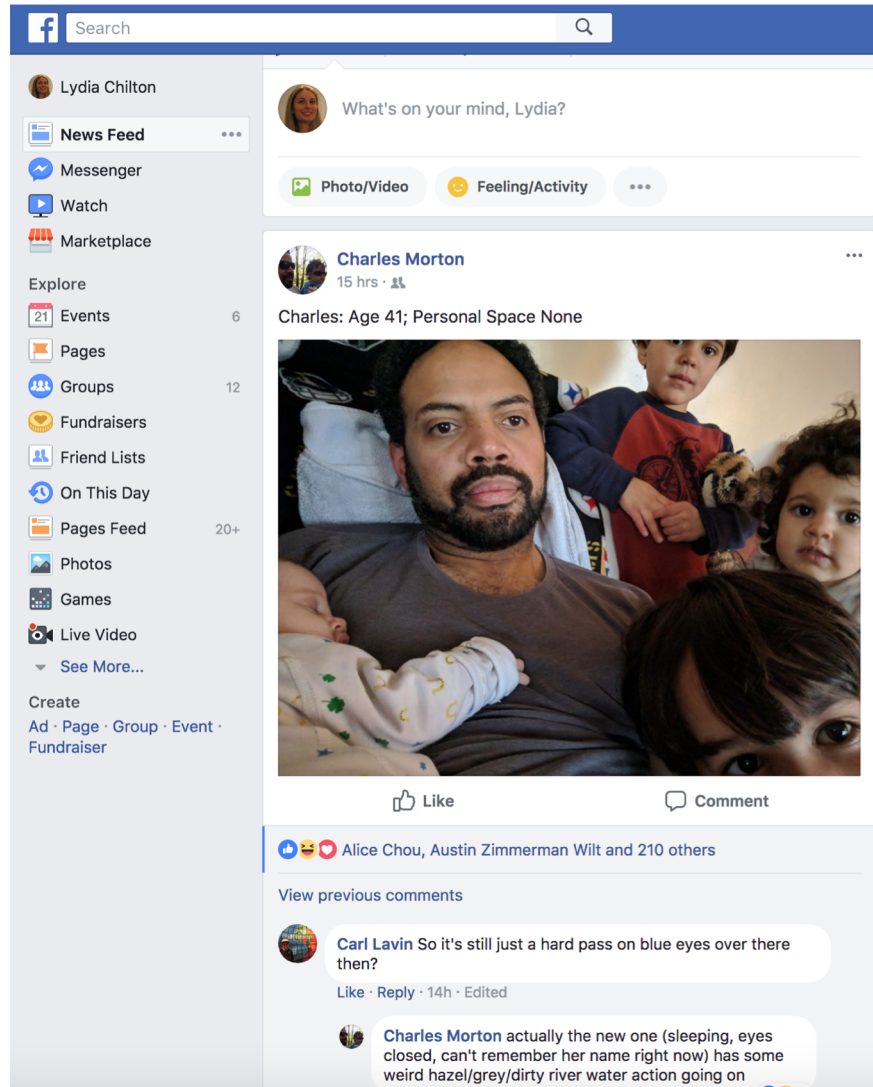
ID	creator	text	Likes	Time
1	Charles Morton	Charles Age 41: Personal..	210	15890499

# CREATE: How do users create data in Facebook?



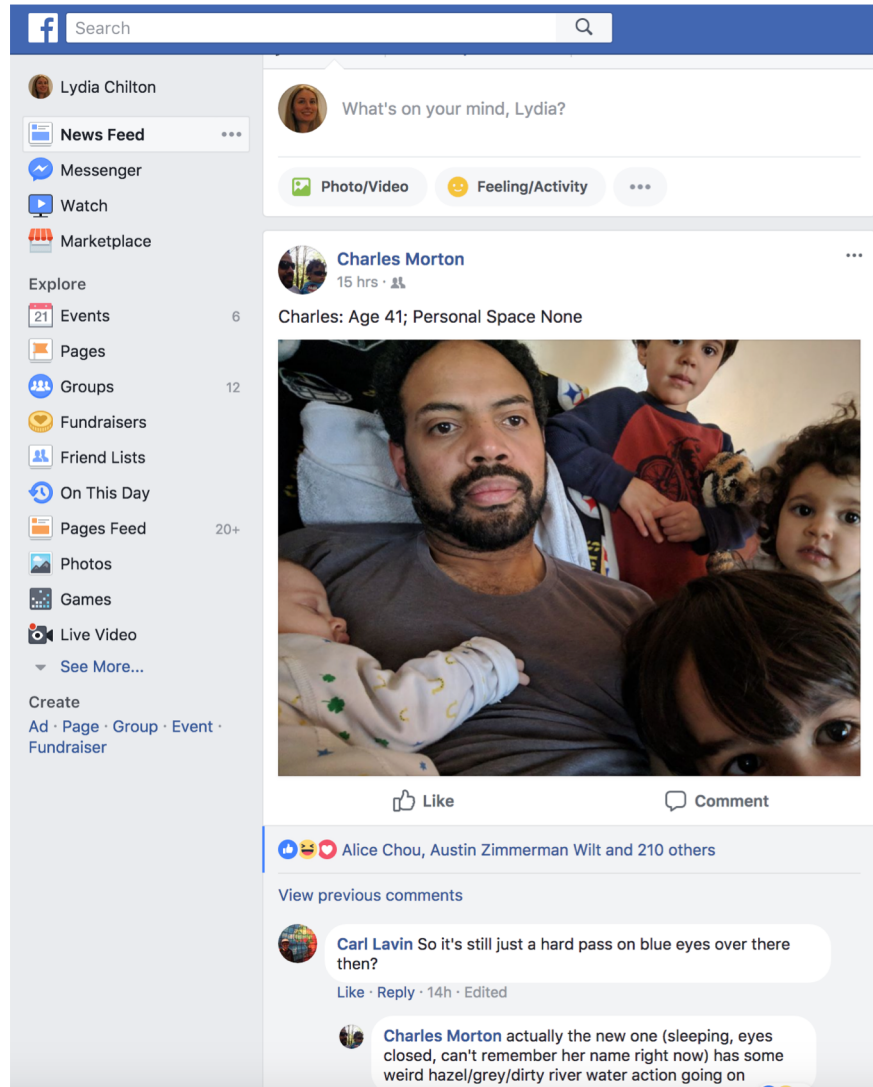
1. Create Post
2. Create Reply

# READ: How do users read data in Facebook?



1. Load the page
2. Search for posts
3. Scroll –and it will autoloading posts

# UPDATE: How do users update data in Facebook?



## 1. Like



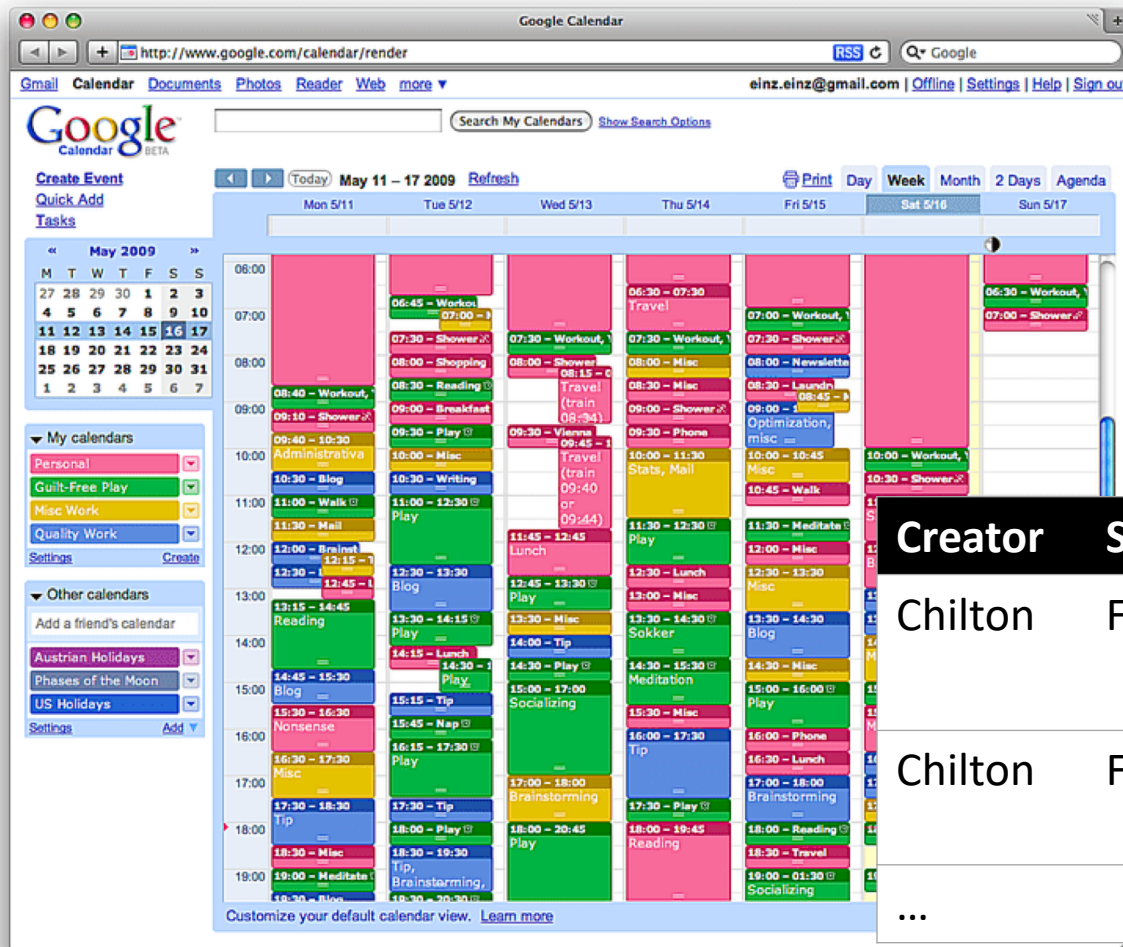


# DELETE: How do users delete data in Facebook?



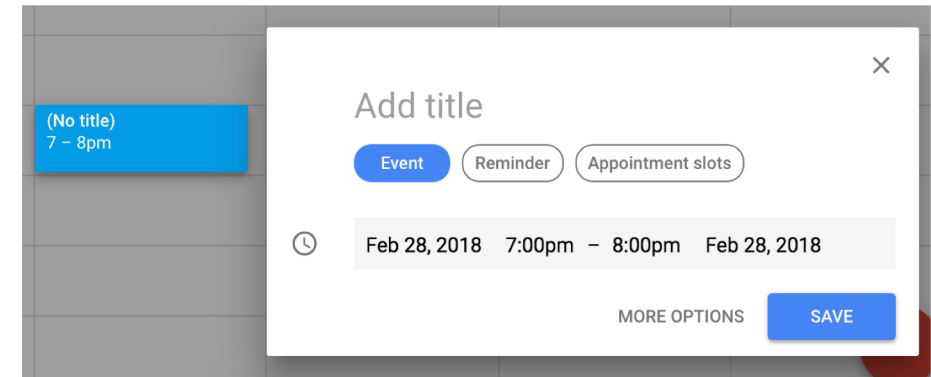
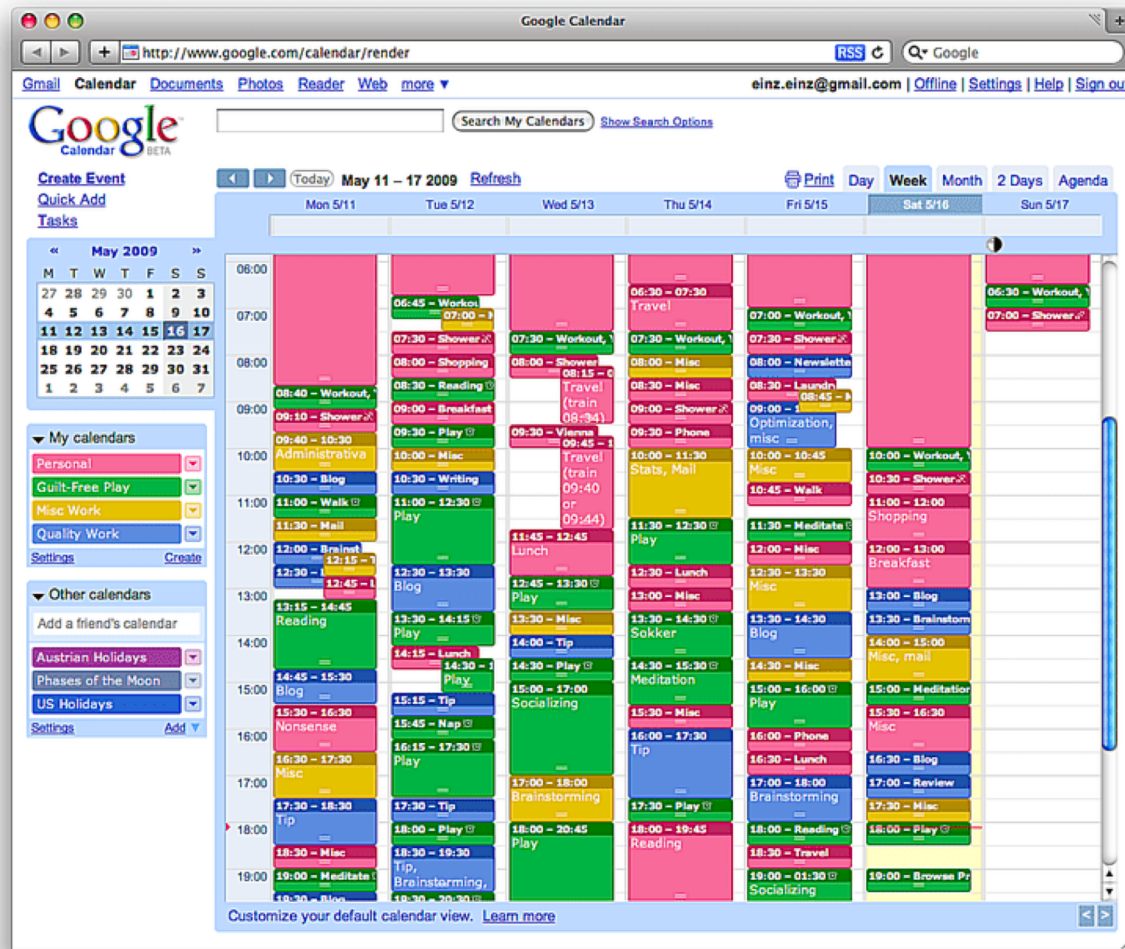
1. Delete the post?

# Google Calendar is a database of events



Creator	Start date	End Date	Title
Chilton	Feb 28, 7pm	Feb 28, 8pm	Dinner with Lee
Chilton	Feb 14, 4pm	Feb 17, 12pm	National Academy of Sciences event
...			

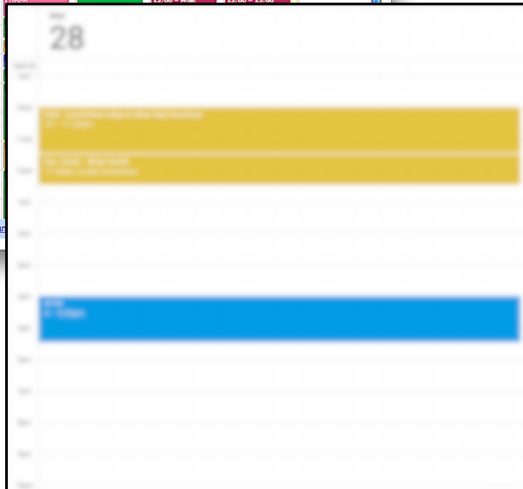
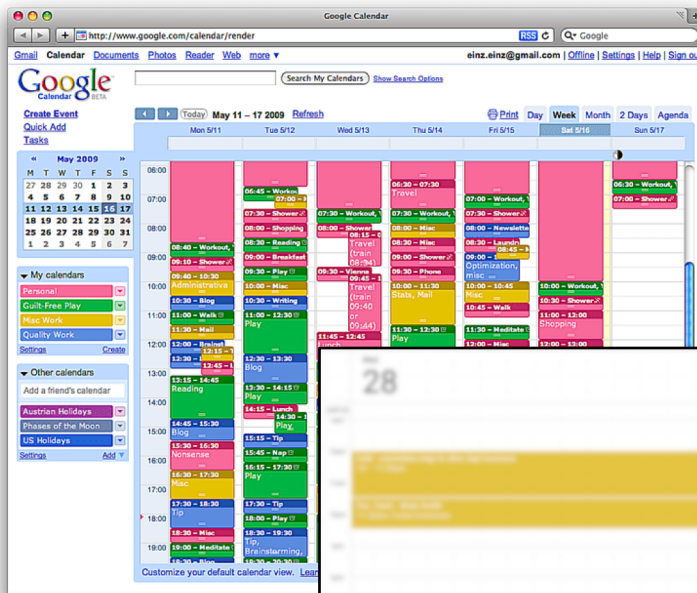
# CREATE: How do users create data in Calendar?



# READ: How do users read data in Calendar?

How do they see different portions of the database?

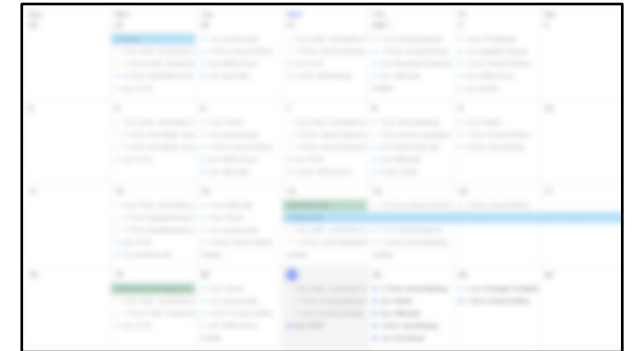
1. Load the page
2. Choose different views



“Day” view

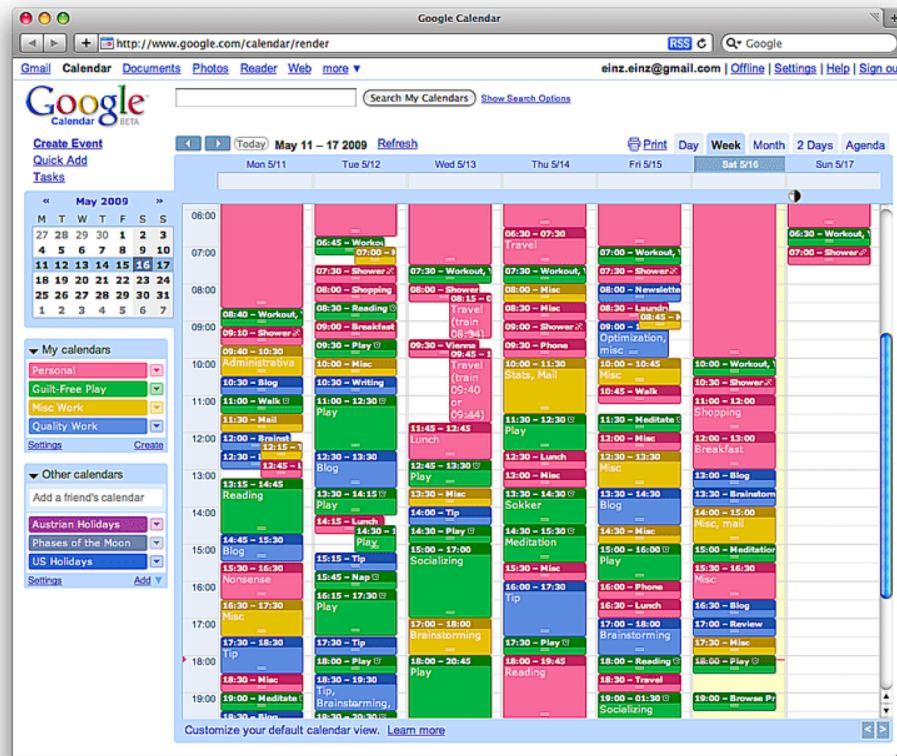


“Week” view

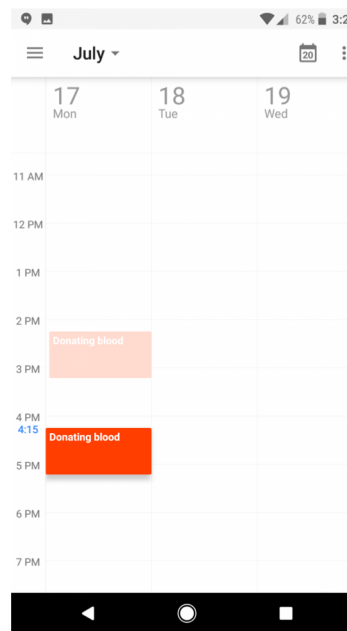


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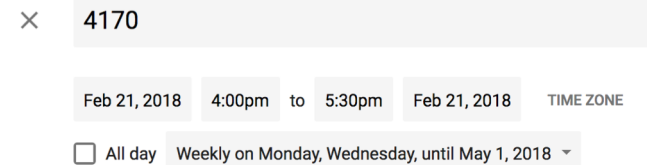
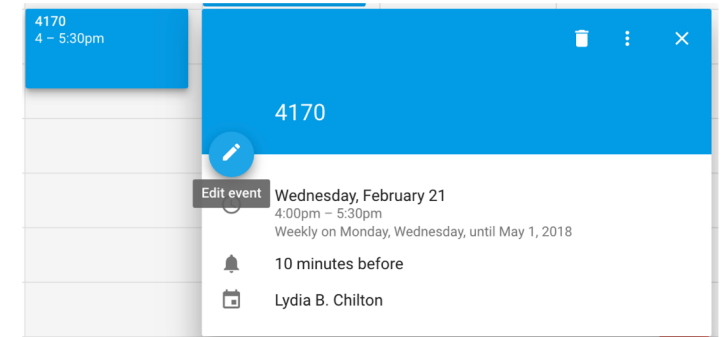
# UPDATE: How do users update data in Calendar?



## Drag and drop

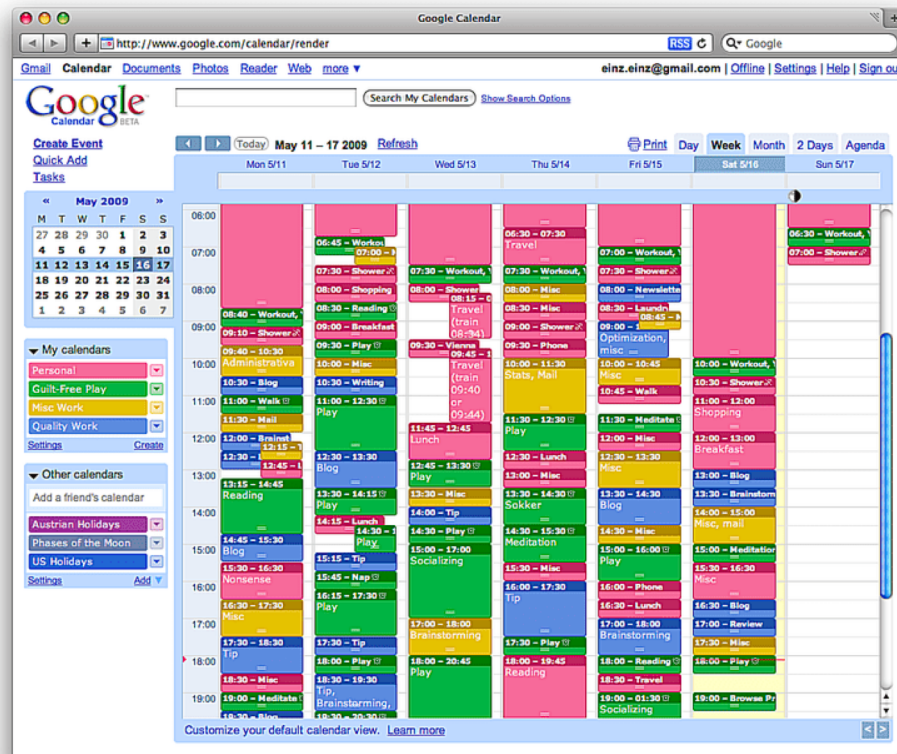


## Select an event and edit a form





# DELETE: How do users delete data in Calendar?



Selecting an event and clicking delete



# CRUD: Operations for interacting with a database

## Create


**New Message**

To

From Lydia Chilton <chilton@cs.columbia.edu> ▾

Subject

Hey dude!

 What's on your mind, Lydia?

**Add title**

(No title)  
7 - 8pm

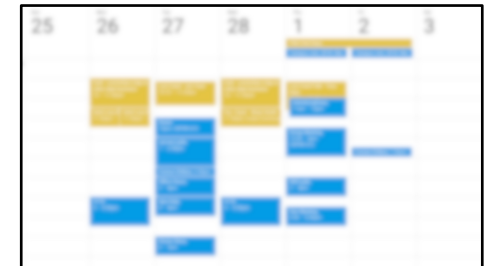
Event  Reminder  Appointment slots

Feb 28, 2018 7:00pm - 8:00pm Feb 28, 2018

MORE OPTIONS

## Read

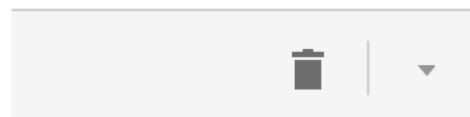
Baldwin, BPS (2)	Bioglovin' - Not that I know of. Sometimes bi
Feldmann, Ann	Fwd: 21st Century Classroom Visit? - Ann
me, Lambert (2)	8th Period - Hey, Jeff. I am planning on doing
me	(no subject) - -- Jeffrey Bernadt District Tech



## Update

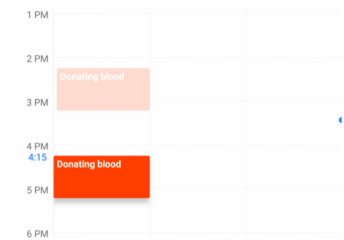


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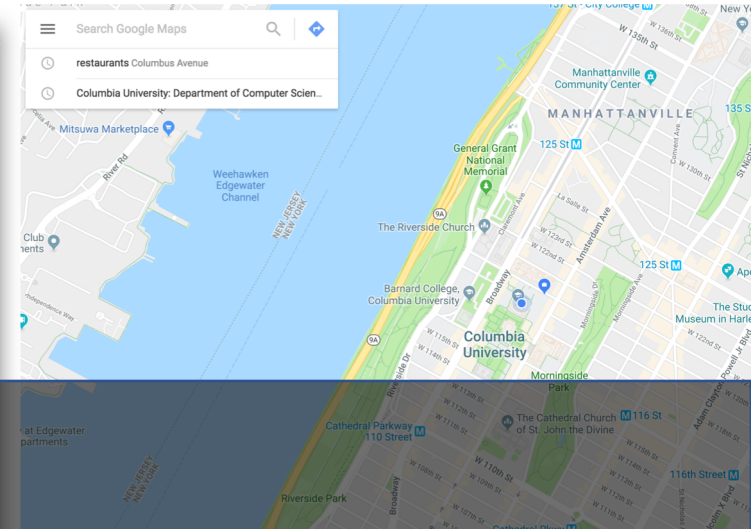
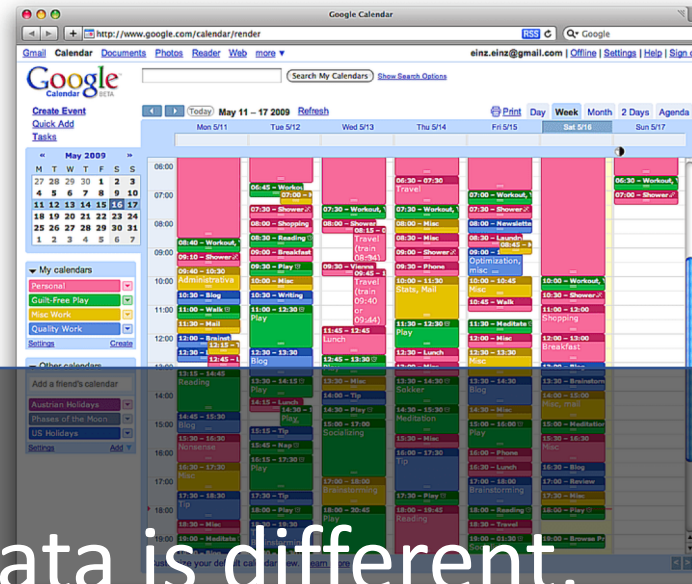
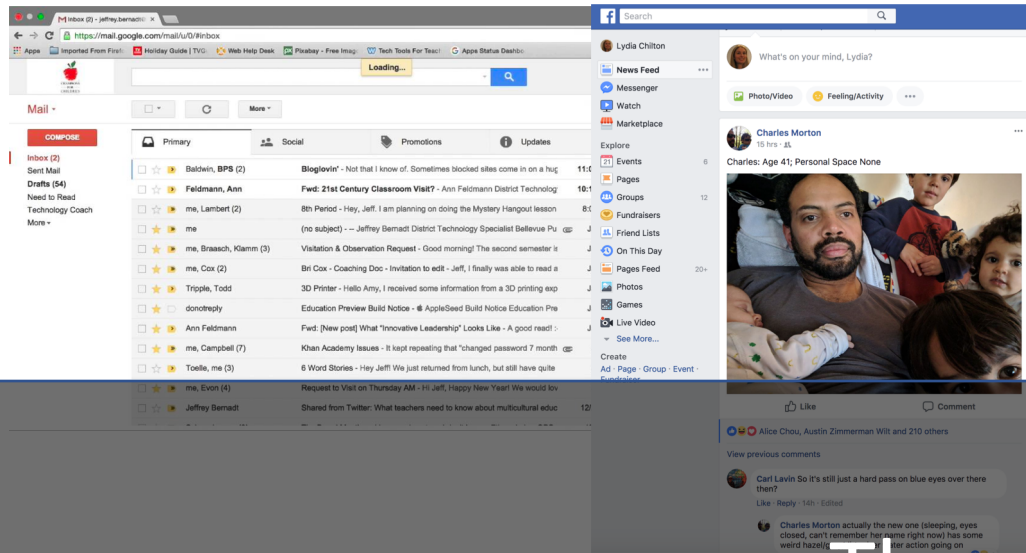
**Delete Post?**

Are you sure you want to delete it?



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# From a back-end perspective Facebook, Gmail are very similar. What's different?



The data is different,  
And the information needs they serve are different.

You can drive a lot of human behavior  
with one database update.



# Rendering Templates

Dynamically Generating Webpages from Database Content



# IMDb is a database of movies. (Obviously)



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Look up movie information:

- Who's that actor?
- What's its rating?
- What year did it come out?
- What else did that person direct?

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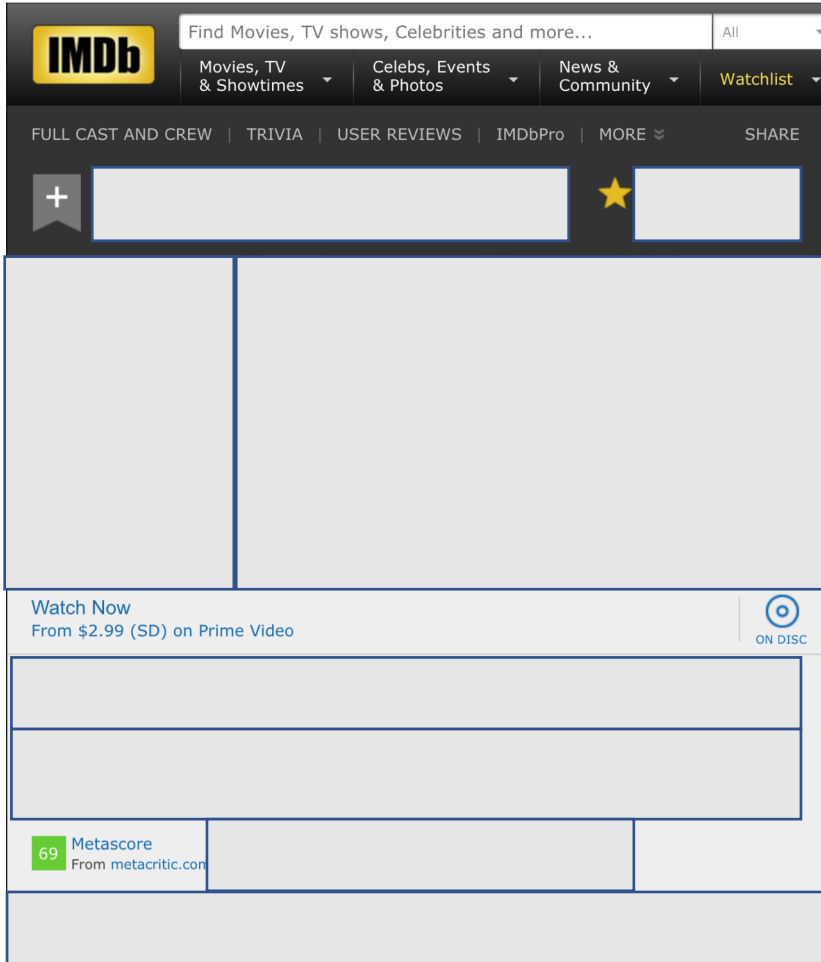
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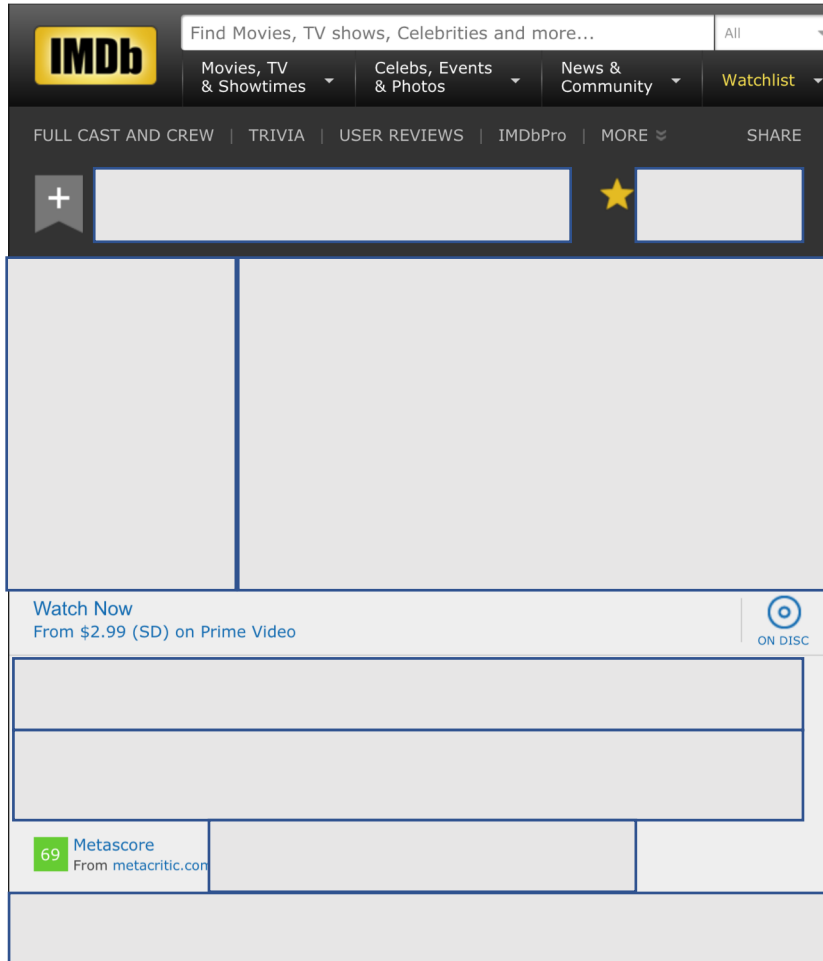
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# IMDb uses a template and a database... And fills in the data dynamically on pageload

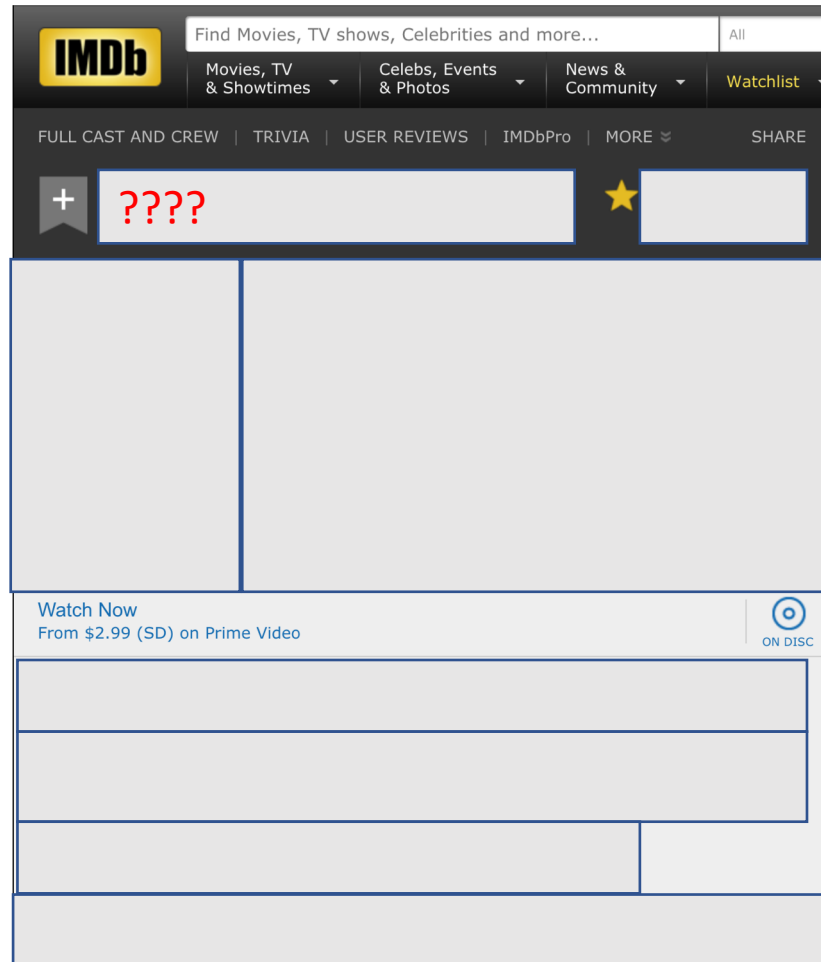


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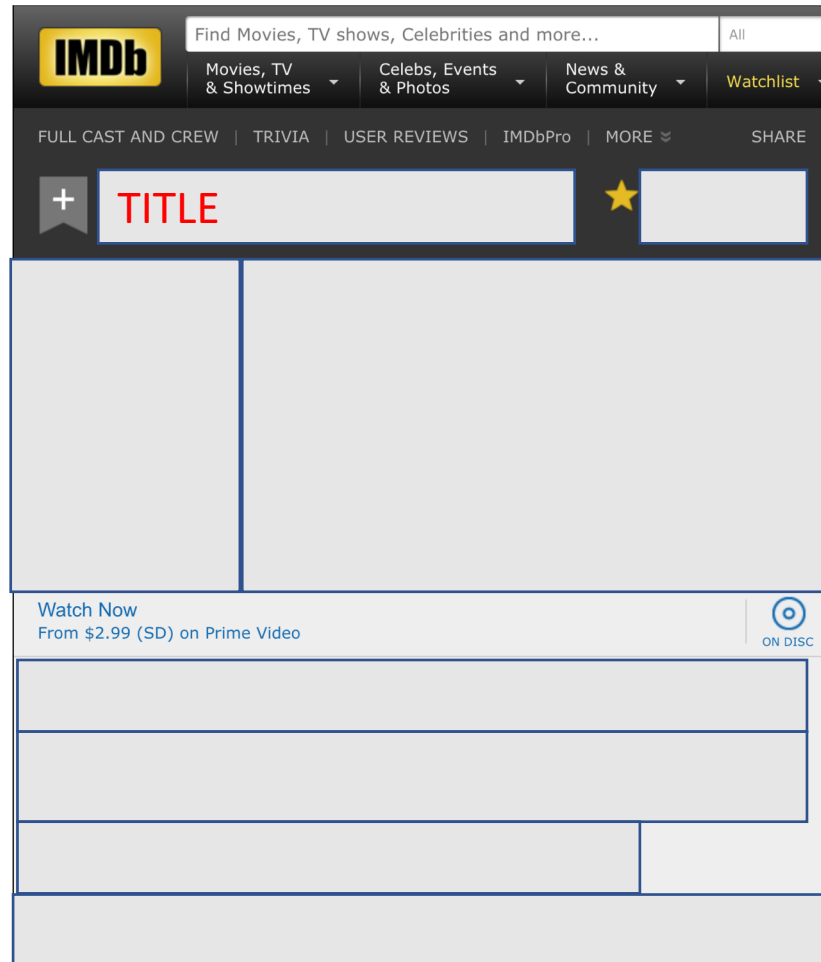




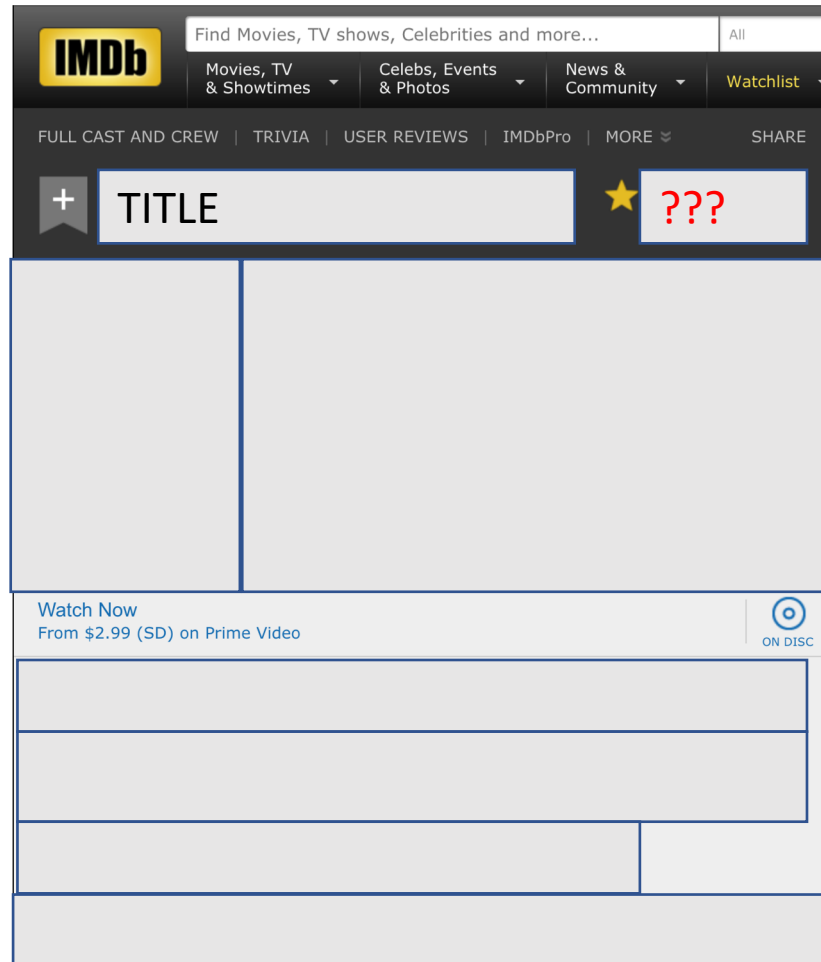
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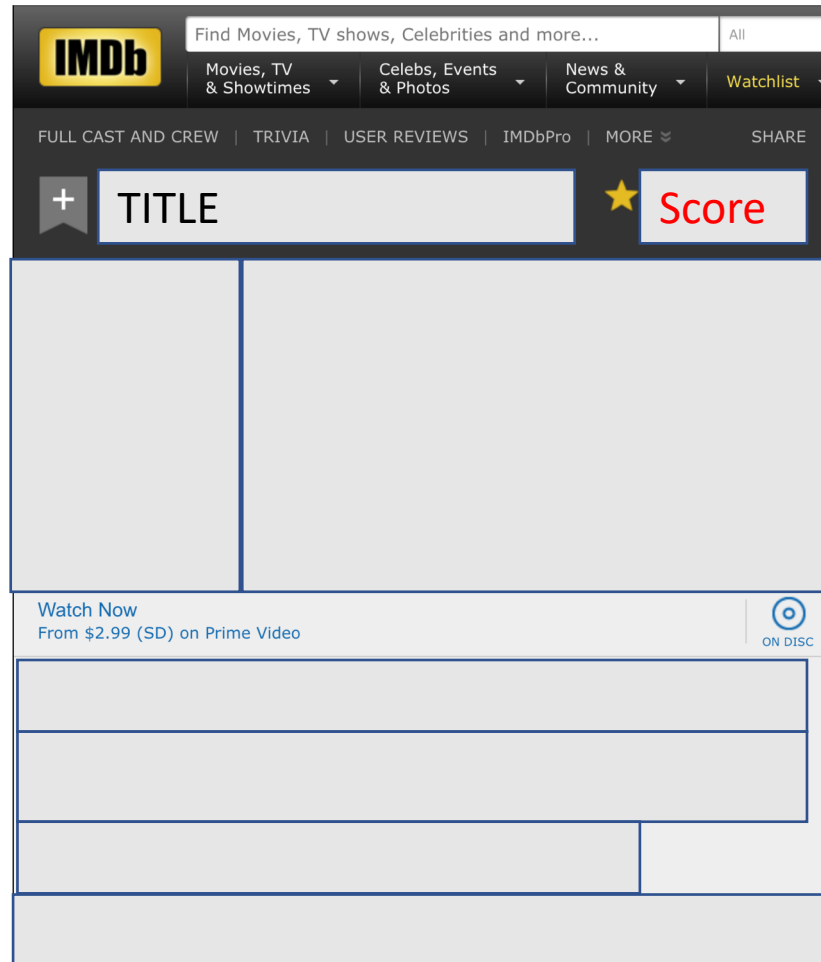
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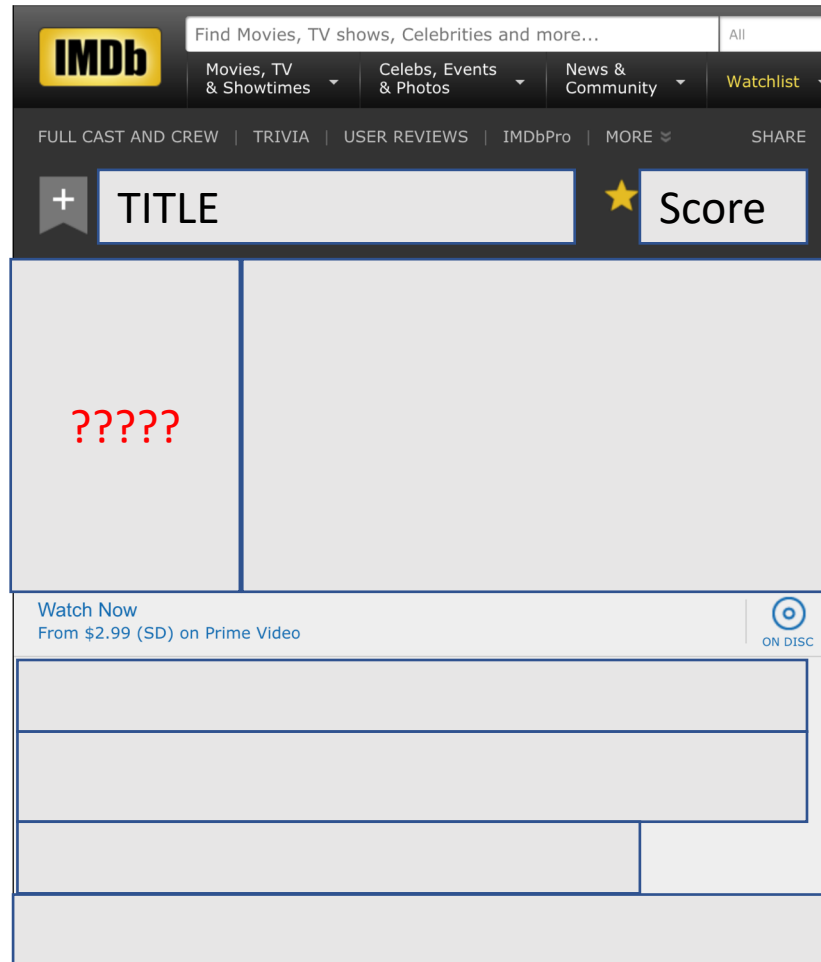
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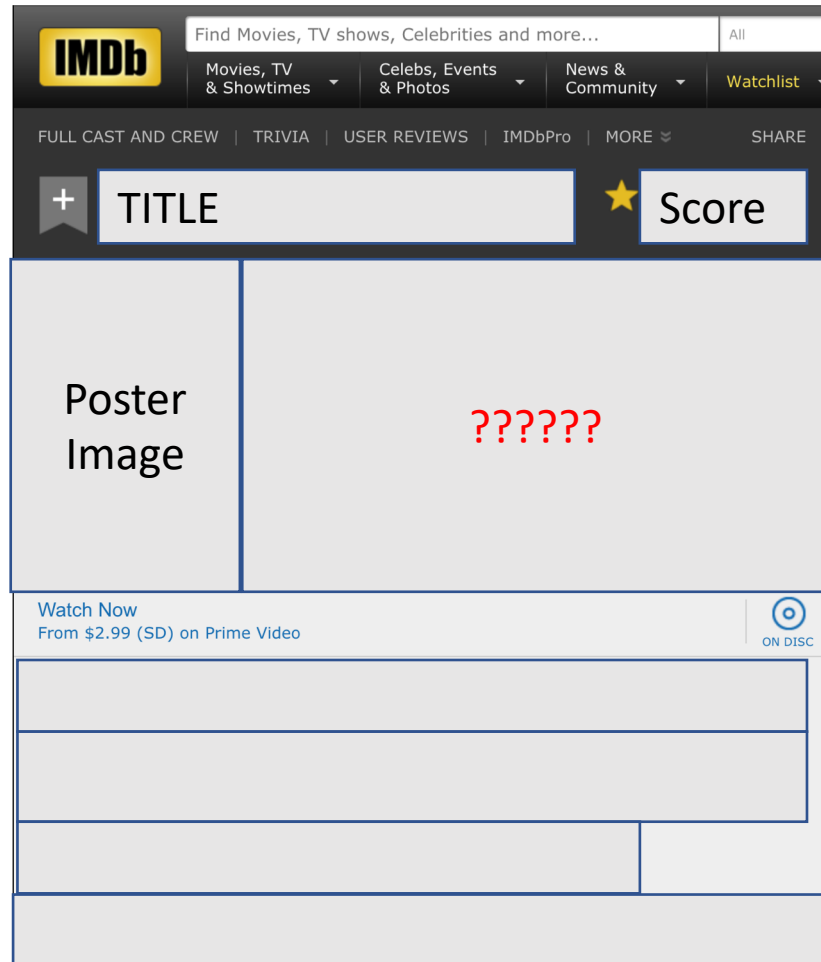




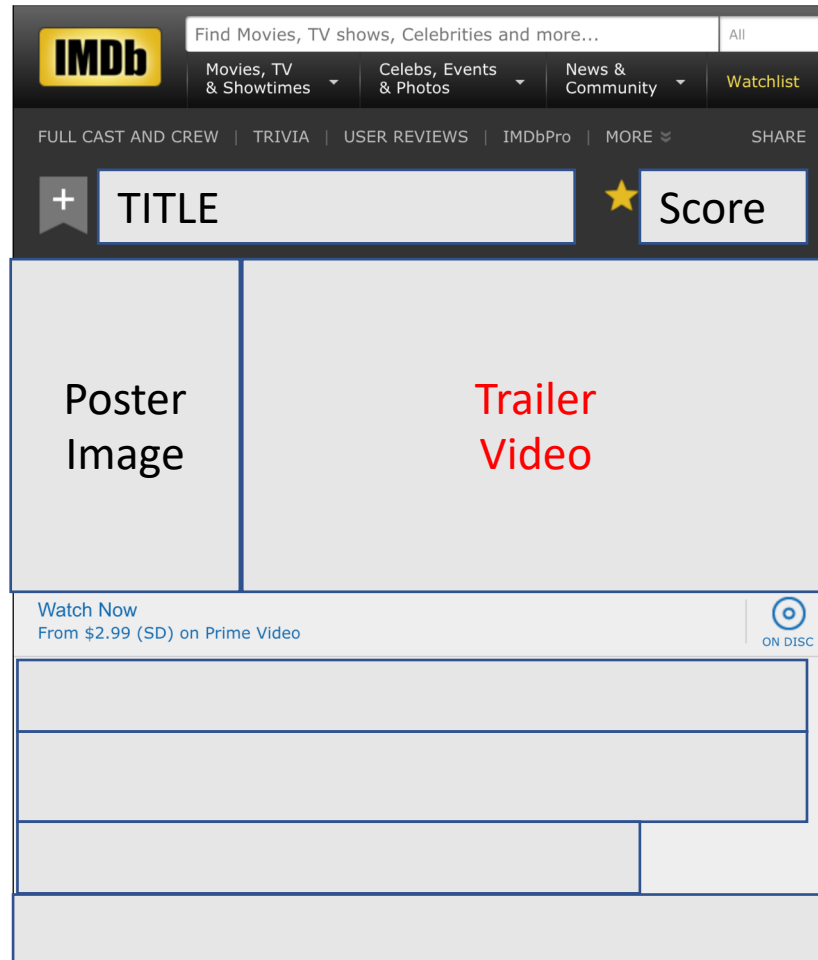
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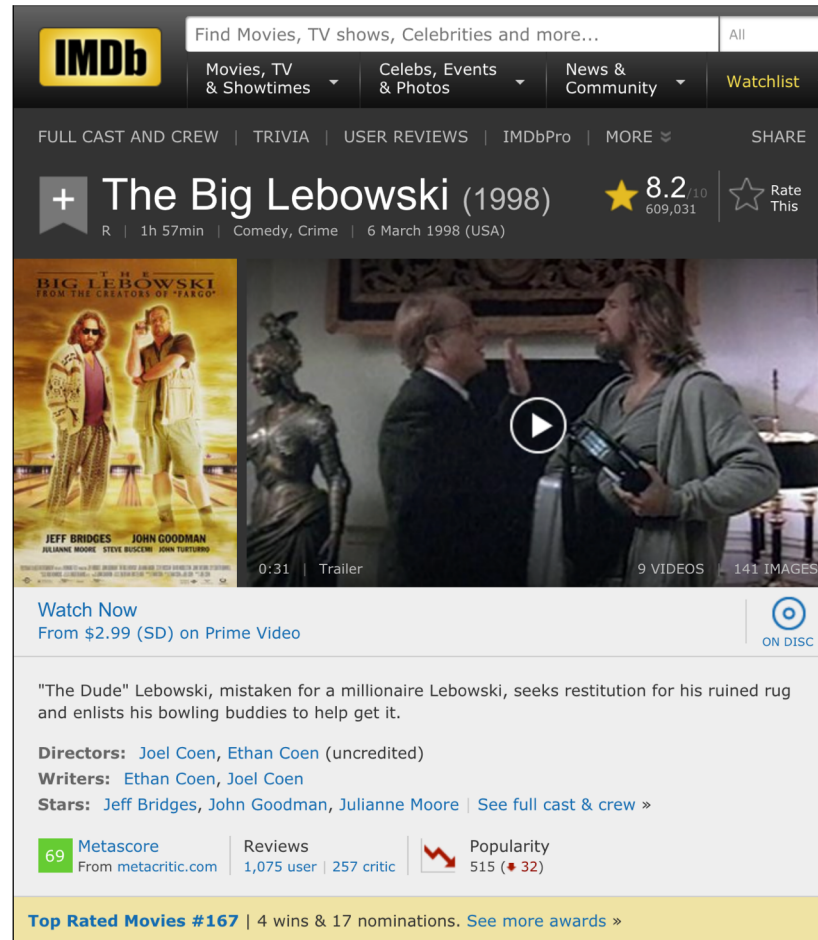
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+ {{movie.title}} ★ {{movie.star}}

< img src=“{{movie.poster}}”>

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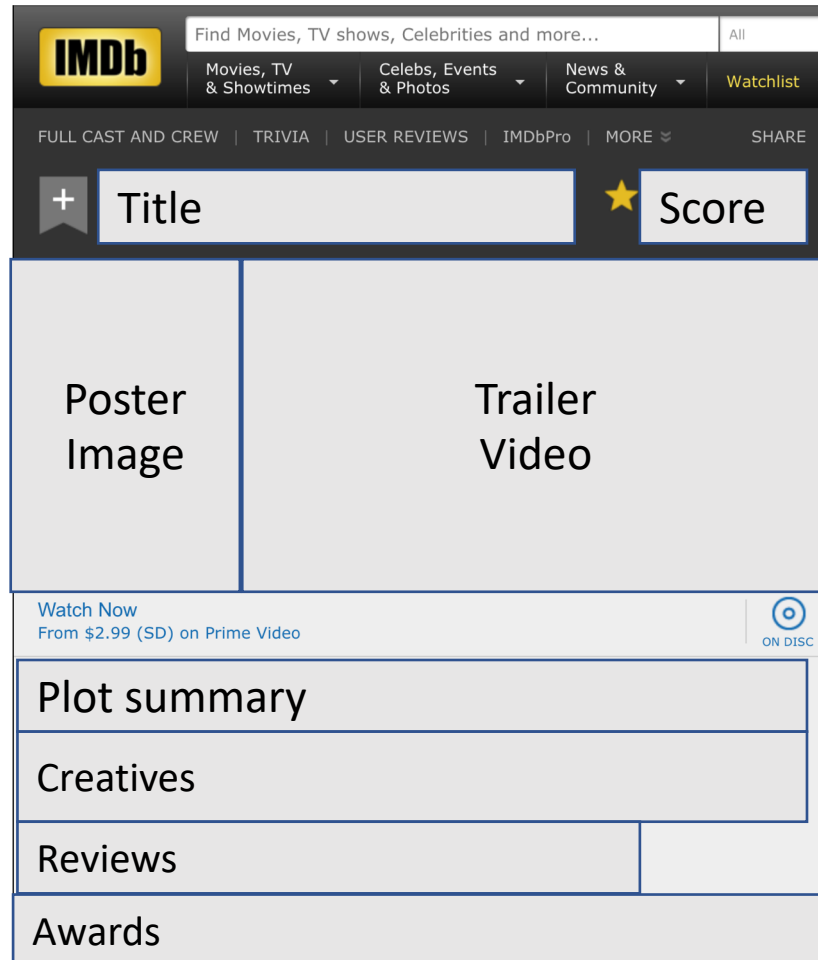
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{{movie.main\_creatives}}

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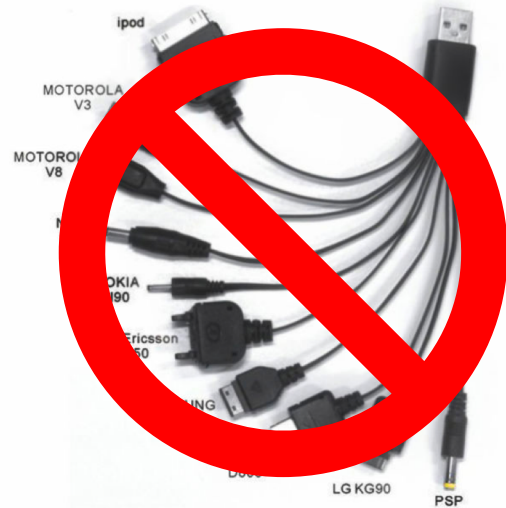
# Templates are standardizations. What can go wrong?



# Pros and cons of standardization

## Pro: Simpler.

Frees you from worrying about millions of options



## Con:

Standards might not fit all the options.





# How should template display the creatives?

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Directors needs to be a list.

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# How to render a template with data

```
server.py x hello.html x
1 from flask import Flask
2 from flask import render_template
3 app = Flask(__name__)
4
5 @app.route('/')
6 def hello_world():
7     return 'Hello World'
8
9 @app.route('/hello/<name>')
10 def hello(name=None):
11     return render_template('hello.html', name=name)
12
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
14     app.run()
15
16
```

```
server.py x hello.html x
1 <html>
2 <head></head>
3 <body>
4
5 <b>Hello {{name}}!</b>
6 </body>
7 </html>
8
9
```

```
127.0.0.1:5000/hello/dave x +
127.0.0.1:5000/hello/dave
Hello dave!
```

# You can also send objects to templates

```
from flask import Flask
from flask import render_template
from flask import Response, request, jsonify
app = Flask(__name__)

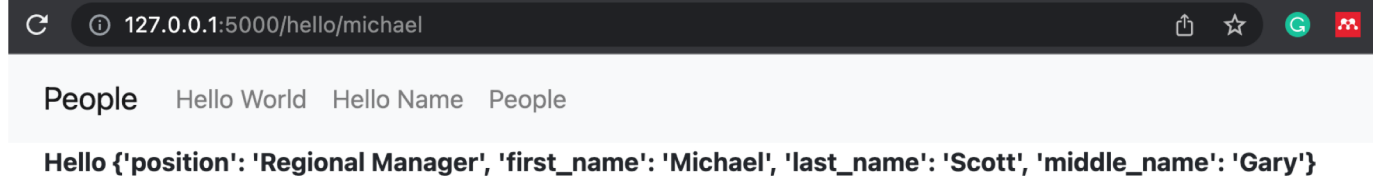
employees = {
    "michael":{
        "first_name": "Michael",
        "middle_name": "Gary",
        "last_name":"Scott",
        "position": "Regional Manager",
    },
    "dwight":{
        "first_name": "Dwight",
        "middle_name": "Kurt",
        "last_name":"Schrute",
        "position": "Assistant to the Regional Manager"
    }
}

# ROUTES
@app.route('/hello/<name>')
def hello_name(name=None):
    global employees

    employee = employees[name]

    return render_template('hello_name.html', employee=employee)
```

```
1 {% extends "layout.html" %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4
5 <b>Hello {{employee}} </b>!
6
7 {% endblock %}
8
9
```



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `127.0.0.1:5000/hello/michael`. The page content includes a navigation menu with links for "People", "Hello World", "Hello Name", and "People". Below the menu, the rendered output is displayed: `Hello {'position': 'Regional Manager', 'first_name': 'Michael', 'last_name': 'Scott', 'middle_name': 'Gary'}`.



# And access data within the object

```
from flask import Flask
from flask import render_template
from flask import Response, request, jsonify
app = Flask(__name__)

employees = {
    "michael":{
        "first_name": "Michael",
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        "last_name":"Scott",
        "position": "Regional Manager",
    },
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        "last_name":"Schrute",
        "position": "Assistant to the Regional Manager"
    }
}

# ROUTES
@app.route('/hello/<name>')
def hello_name(name=None):
    global employees

    employee = employees[name]

    return render_template('hello_name.html', employee=employee)
```

```
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5  <b>Hello {{employee.first_name}} </b>!
6
7  {% endblock %}
8
9
```

127.0.0.1:5000/hello/michael

People Hello World Hello Name People

**Hello Michael !**

# And access it multiple times

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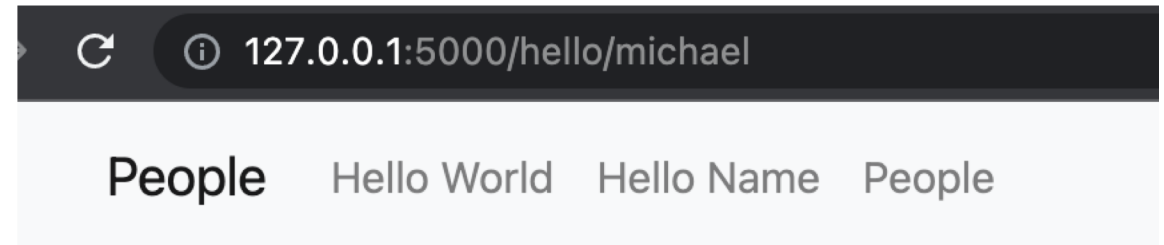
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6 <div>
7     Congrats on being the {{employee.position}}
8 </div>
9
10 {% endblock %}
11
```



**Hello Michael Scott!**  
Congrats on being the Regional Manager

# You can even loop over data.

## How can we show all Michael's awards?

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        "last_name":"Scott",
        "position": "Regional Manager",
        "awards": [
            "Dundee 2001: Best Manager",
            "Dundee 2002: Best Manager",
            "Dundee 2003: Best Manager",
            "Dundee 2004: Best Manager",
        ],
    },
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7      Congrats on being the {{employee.position}}
8  </div>
9  <br>
10
11 <div>
12     Awards:
13     <ul>
14         {% for award in employee.awards %}
15             <li>{{award}}</li>
16         {% endfor %}
17     </ul>
18 </div>
19
20 {% endblock %}
21
22
```

People Hello World Hello Name People

**Hello Michael Scott!**

Congrats on being the Regional Manager

Awards:

- Dundee 2001: Best Manager
- Dundee 2002: Best Manager
- Dundee 2003: Best Manager
- Dundee 2004: Best Manager

# Templates are a great way to show all the information of a database element

People Hello World Hello Name People

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# Implementing Search on the Server

# What if we wanted to return all employees with any type of manager role. How do we search?

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```

1. Give the route a search term rather than a name. (like "manager" instead of "Michael")
2. Iterate over all the employees and find the matching ones.
3. Return an array of results (not just one result)
4. You could display the array of results using a template, but you could also just dynamically create the list in JavaScript. Both are fine.



# Homework 6 & 7: Building a CRUD Application

# HW6: Search Application Functionality (The R of CRUD)

- **Search** Data
- **View** Data
- Create Data
- Update Data
- Delete Data

# Pick a dataset and put 10 items in it by hand.

**NBA All-Stars**



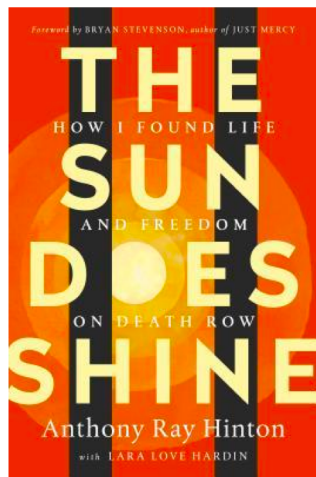
**Affordable make-up**



**Academy Award Winning Films**



**Book I want to read**



**Independent Coffee Shops in NYC**



**Fauvist Paintings**



# Have a user need in mind. Who needs this data? Why?

## **Family-owned** Ice cream parlors in the US



A college student is graduating and wants to road trip from NYC to Florida. Along the way, they want to find top-rated family-owned ice cream parlors so they can write about it for their travel blog.

# More specific needs are easier to design for.

Yoga poses



A person who has exercised is looking to make a part of their body more flexible.

Top players for the 2019 baseball season



Someone who wants to prepare for his or her fantasy baseball draft

US Elections in 2018

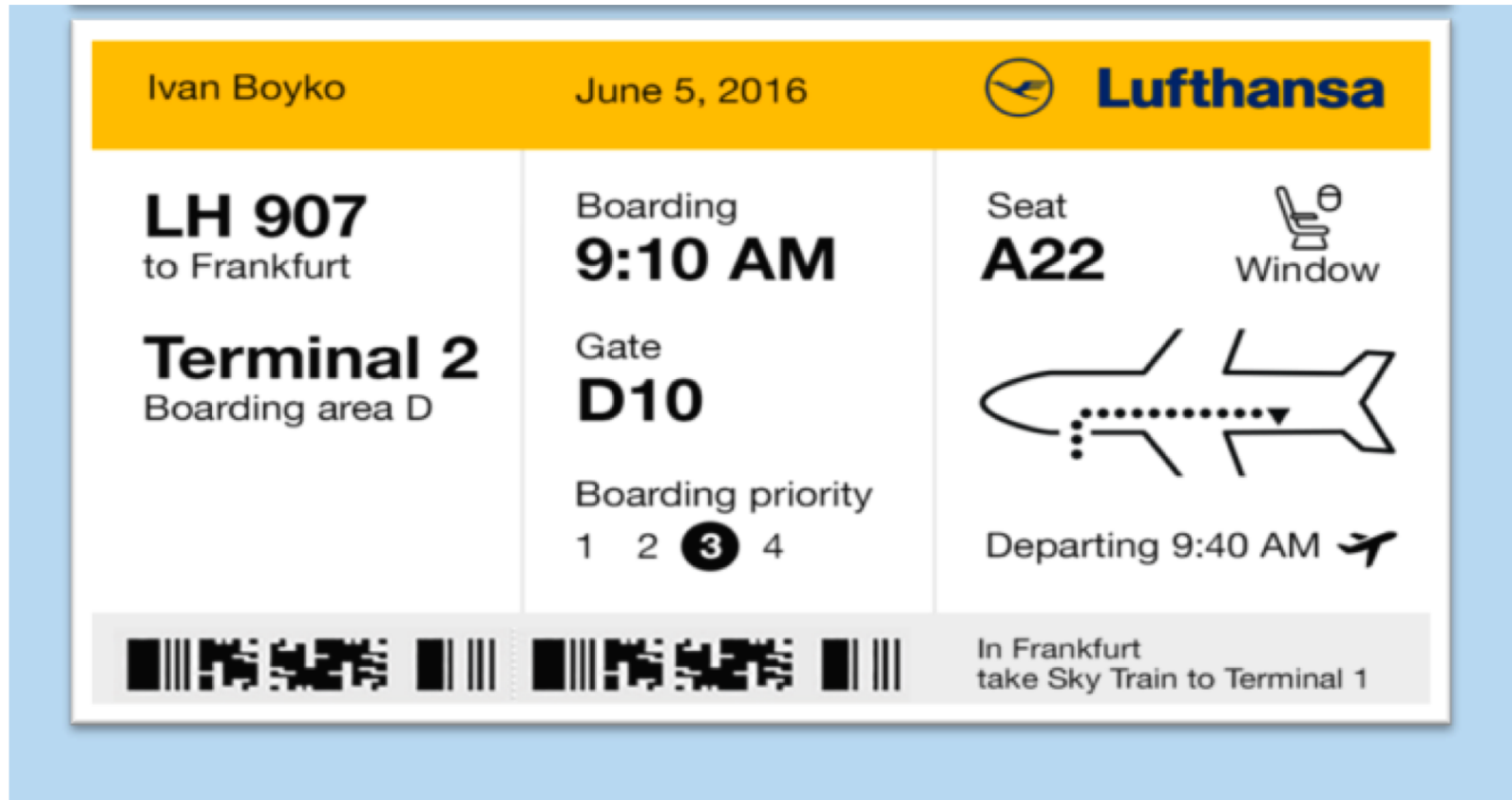


1. Any civically minded citizen or citizen who wants to be more well-read about our politics

2. A political candidate who wants to see how she or he is incumbent in their district based on the results in the 2018 election.

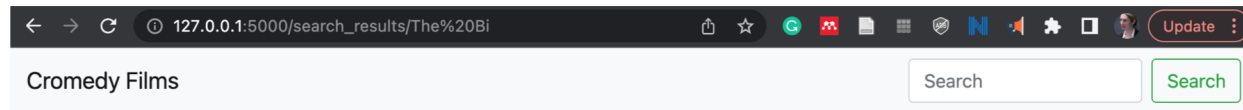
**It is easier to make design decisions when the goal is clear. What data to store, what interactions to enable.**

Remember, to do good design, we need to know what the users goal is.





# HW6: Enable searching over data and viewing individual data elements (like IMDB).



## Search Results for "The Bi"

The Big Lebowski  
The Big Short



## The Big Lebowski ( 1998)



Score: 8.1 / 10

When 'The Dude' Lebowski is mistaken for a millionaire Lebowski, two thugs urinate on his rug to coerce him into paying a debt he knows nothing about. While attempting to gain recompense for the ruined rug from his wealthy counterpart, he accepts a one-time job with high pay-off. He enlists the help of his bowling buddy, Walter, a gun-toting Jewish-convert with anger issues. Deception leads to more trouble, and it soon seems that everyone from porn empire tycoons to nihilists want something from The Dude.

Director(s):

- Joel Coen
- Ethan Coen

Stars:

- Jeff Bridges
- John Goodman
- Julianne Moore

Genres:

- Comedy
- crime
- buddy

It doesn't have to be pretty,  
Just functional

# I implemented this by starting with “people.zip”

- When starting with another code base, be really sure to do iterative programming!
- Don't just delete stuff that you think you might need. It can create errors.

# Weird thing in Flask to watch out for...



## TypeError

`TypeError: Undefined is not JSON serializable`

### Traceback (most recent call last)

```
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1836, in __call__
    return self.wsgi_app(environ, start_response)
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1820, in wsgi_app
    response = self.make_response(self.handle_exception(e))
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1403, in handle_exception
    reraise(exc_type, exc_value, tb)
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1817, in wsgi_app
    response = self.full_dispatch_request()
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    rv = self.handle_user_exception(e)
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1381, in handle_user_exception
    reraise(exc_type, exc_value, tb)
```

```
1  {% extends "layout.html" %}
2
3  {% block content %}
4
5  <script>
6      let data = {{data|tojson}}
7      console.log(data)
8  </script>
9
10
11 <b>Hello {{employee.first_name}} {{employee.last_name}}</b>!
12 <div>
13     Congrats on being the {{employee.position}}
14 </div>
15 <br>
16
```

Let's comment it out, and try again

The image is a composite of three elements:

- Top Left:** A browser window showing a "TypeError" error. The "Traceback" section lists several file paths, each followed by a code snippet: `return`, `respon`, `rerais`, `respon`, `rv = S`, `rerais`, `rv = S`, and `rv = S`.
- Center:** A meme featuring a man with a confused expression. The text "YOU MEAN THAT COMMENTS" is overlaid at the top, and "CAN GENERATE BUGS?" is overlaid at the bottom. The source "imgflip.com" is visible in the bottom left corner.
- Right:** A code editor snippet showing a partial HTML layout with a commented-out JavaScript block:

```
{% extends "layout.html" %}  
  
{% block content %}  
  
<script>  
    // let item = {{employees|tojson}}  
    // console.log(item)  
  
</script>
```

At the bottom right of the composite image, the text "WHY?????????" is written in large, red, bold letters.

# Even when commented out, Flask will still replace all the `{{}}` syntax in the template with data.



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    rv = self.dispatch_request()
File "/Users/lydiachilton/Library/Python/2.7/lib/python/site-packages/flask/app.py", line 1461, in dispatch_request
```

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2
3  {% block content %}
4
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7      // console.log(item)
8
9  </script>
```

# Hint: How did I store my employees?

```
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3 from flask import Response, request, jsonify
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5
6 employees = {
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9         "middle_name": "Gary",
10        "last_name":"Scott",
11        "position": "Regional Manager",
12    },
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14        "first_name": "Dwight",
15        "middle_name": "Kurt",
16        "last_name":"Schrute",
17        "position": "Assistant to the Regional Manager"
18    },
19 }
20
21 # ROUTES
22 @app.route('/people')
23 def people():
24     return render_template('people.html', data=data)
25
26
27 @app.route('/hello/<name>')
28 def hello_name(name=None):
29     global employees
30
31     employee = employees[name]
32
33     return render_template('hello_name.html', employee=employee)
34
35
36
```

A dictionary with the name as the key. That's not generally good.

- Definitely store your data as a dictionary.
  - Why? It makes it easy to retrieve items that way.
- Do not use the name/title as the key.
  - Why? Two items (people, movies, etc) have the same name. Remakes in film. Three ultra famous people named "Michael Jordan."



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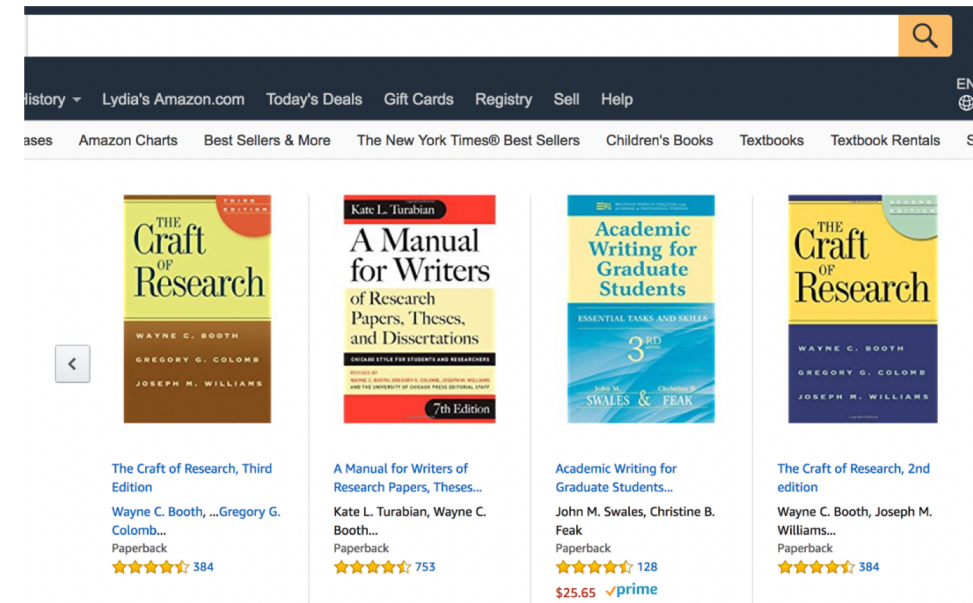
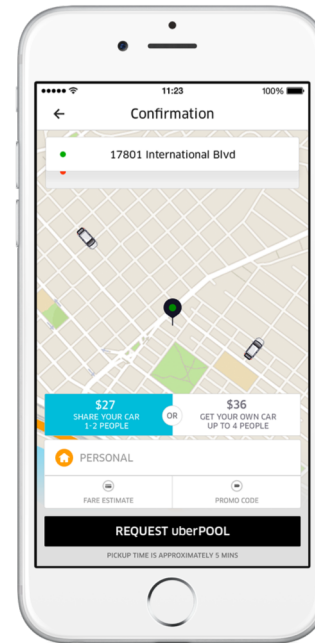
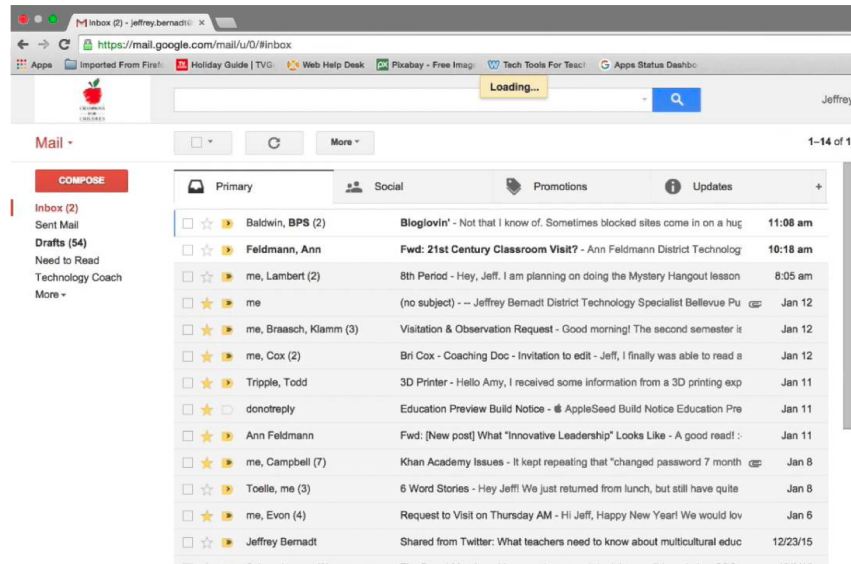
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Summary

# The main goal of many websites is to interact with data.



# CRUD: Operations for interacting with a database

## Create


**New Message**

To

From Lydia Chilton <chilton@cs.columbia.edu> ▾

Subject

Hey dude!

 What's on your mind, Lydia?

**Add title**

(No title)  
7 - 8pm

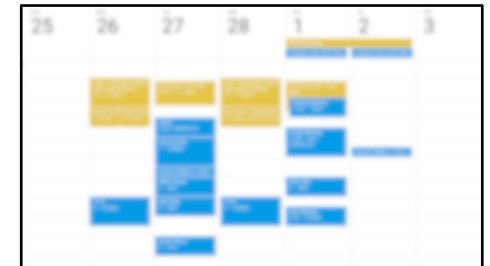
Event Reminder Appointment slots

Feb 28, 2018 7:00pm - 8:00pm Feb 28, 2018

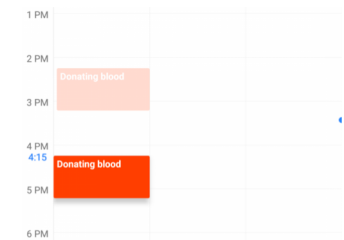
MORE OPTIONS SAVE

## Read

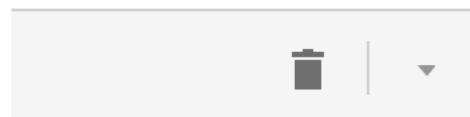
Baldwin, BPS (2)	Bioglovin' - Not that I know of. Sometimes bi
Feldmann, Ann	Fwd: 21st Century Classroom Visit? - Ann
me, Lambert (2)	8th Period - Hey, Jeff. I am planning on doing
me	(no subject) - -- Jeffrey Bernadt District Techn



## Update



## Delete



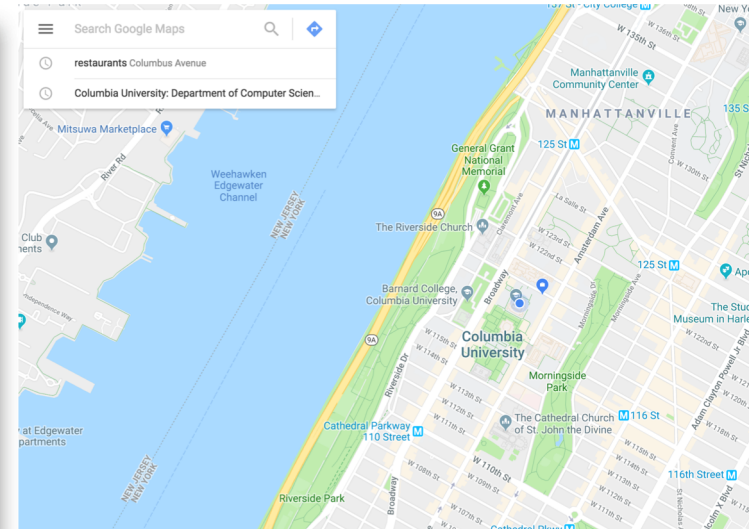
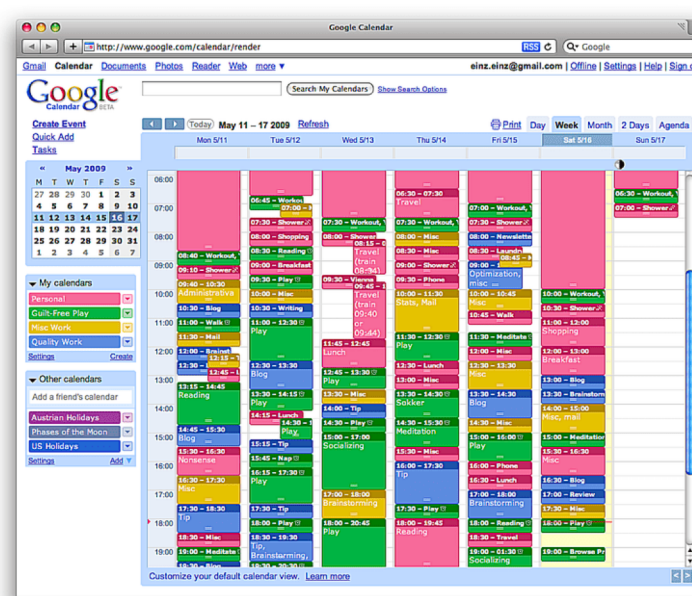
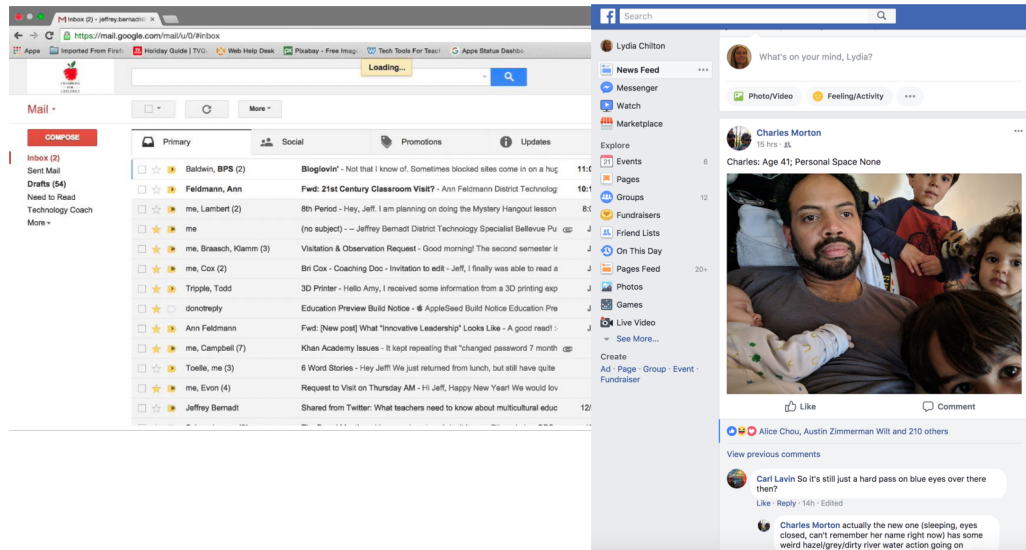
**Delete Post?**

Are you sure you want to delete it?

Delete Cancel



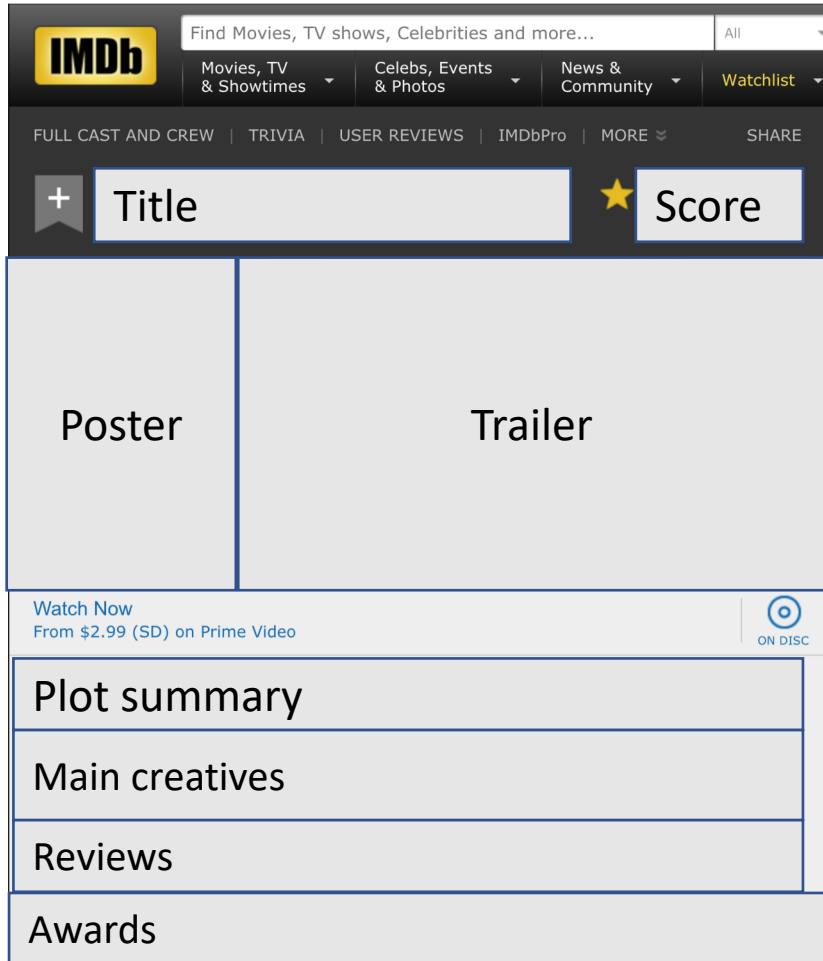
# From a back-end perspective Database-backed websites are very similar.



## But they serve different data and different information needs



# Use templates to dynamically generate pages from data in the database



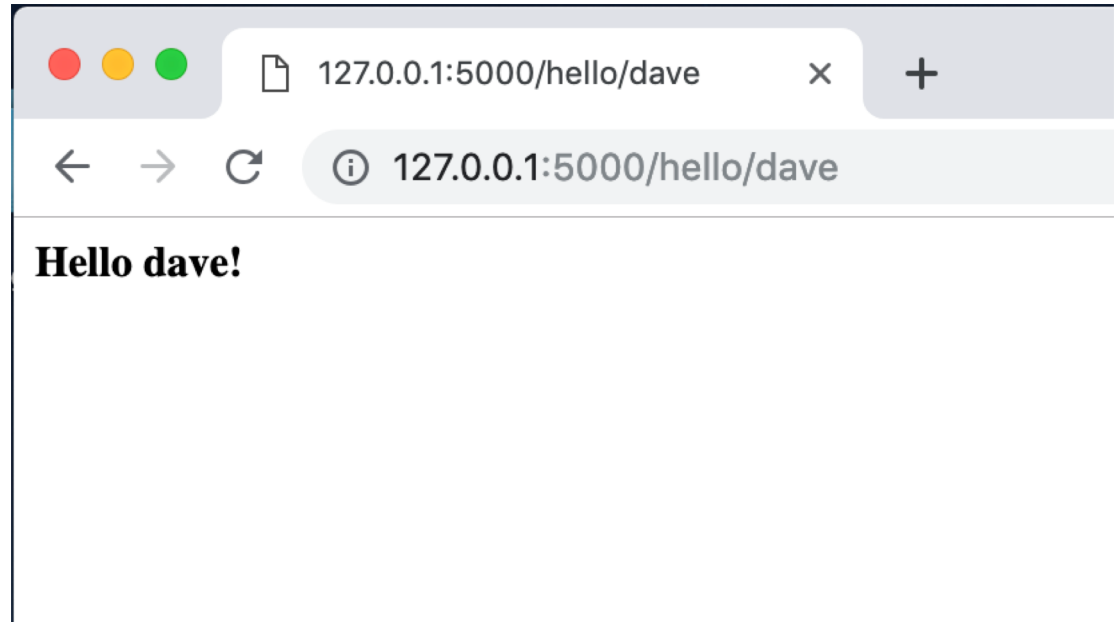
Title	Plot summary	poster	year
The Big Lebowski	"The dude" Lebowski, mistaken...	Lebowski.jpg	1998
The Big Short	In 2006-7 a group of investors...	Big_short.jpg	2015
The Big Chill	A group of 7 former roommates	Big_chill.jpg	1983



# How to render a template with data

```
server.py x hello.html x
1 from flask import Flask
2 from flask import render_template
3 app = Flask(__name__)
4
5 @app.route('/')
6 def hello_world():
7     return 'Hello World'
8
9 @app.route('/hello/<name>')
10 def hello(name=None):
11     return render_template('hello.html', name=name)
12
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
14     app.run()
15
16
```

```
server.py x hello.html x
1 <html>
2 <head></head>
3 <body>
4
5 <b>Hello {{name}}!</b>
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7 </html>
8
9
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