Objective
Provide students with the necessary skills to build server-side applications and APIs using frameworks and tools common in the industry.

Concepts
The course will cover how to build server-side web applications and APIs. We will also look at the differences between traditional server-side technologies like PHP and how it differs from Node.js, an asynchronous server-side alternative using JavaScript.

Prerequisites
ITP 300 (or sufficient experience). You should be proficient with the basics of building dynamic web pages using HTML, CSS, SQL, and some server-side technology.

Lecture
3 hours / week

Course Structure
The first half of the course will cover the fundamentals of building traditional server-side rendered web applications and the PHP framework, Laravel. The second half of the course will cover building APIs using Node.js (server-side JavaScript) and how asynchronous programming differs from synchronous programming.

Required Reading

Grading
Assignments: 25%
Labs: 10%

*Assignments and labs are due the following week at midnight.*

Class participation and attendance: 10%
Exam: 20%
Individual final project: 35%

Final course grade is determined by standard formulas:
A  100% - 93%
A-  92% - 90%
B+  89% - 87%
B   86% - 83%
B-  82% - 80%
C+  79% - 77%
C   76% - 73%
C-  72% - 70%
D+  69% - 67%
D   66% - 63%
F   62% and below

**Policies**
It is the responsibility of the student to make sure assignments, labs, and the final project are turned in on time via GitHub.

**Academic Integrity**
The use of unauthorized material, communication with fellow students during an examination, attempting to benefit from the work of another student, and similar behavior that defeats the intent of an examination or other class work is unacceptable to the University. It is often difficult to distinguish between a culpable act and inadvertent behavior resulting from the nervous tension accompanying examinations. When the professor determines that a violation has occurred, appropriate action, as determined by the instructor, will be taken.

Although working together is encouraged, all work claimed as yours must in fact be your own effort. Students who plagiarize the work of other students will receive zero points and possibly be referred to Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS).

All students should read, understand, and abide by the University Student Conduct Code listed in SCampus, and available at: [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/nonacademicreview.html](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/nonacademicreview.html)

**Students with Disabilities**
Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to your TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

**Course Outline**

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1/8  Class Introduction  
Traditional vs. API driven web applications  
Installing PHP and Git  
Intro to Git and Github  
**Reading: PHP Object Oriented Solutions – Chapter 1 & 2**

1/15  HTTP Lifecycle  
Database-driven Web Pages Review  
SQL Joins  
PHP Data Objects (PDO), Prepared Statements, and Parameter Binding  
Deployment with a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)  
Assignment

1/22  Model-View-Controller (MVC)  
Laravel – Routes, Controllers, Query Builder, and Views  
Deployment with a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)  
Assignment

1/29  Laravel – CRUD, Flash Messages, Data Validation  
Assignment

2/5  Laravel - Object Relational Mapping (ORM)  
Assignment

2/12  Laravel - Middleware and Authentication  
Lab - Writing Middleware

2/19  Intro to Node.js and NVM  
Modules and NPM  
Asynchronous Patterns  
Assignment

2/26  Exam

3/5  Building an API with Express and Object-Relational Mapping  
Deployment with a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS)  
Assignment  
Lab - Final Project Proposal

3/12  Spring Break

3/19  Real-time with WebSockets  
Lab
3/26 OAuth 2 Overview
Working with APIs using OAuth 2 Client Credentials
Lab

4/2 Testing and Continuous Integration (CI)

4/9 NoSQL and MongoDB Guest Lecture

4/16 Building Bots with Node.js Guest Lecture
Lab - Q&A Questions

4/23 Developer Careers Q&A

Final Project due Sunday 4/28 at midnight

The final project can be on any topic of interest to you. Requirements will be sent out mid semester.