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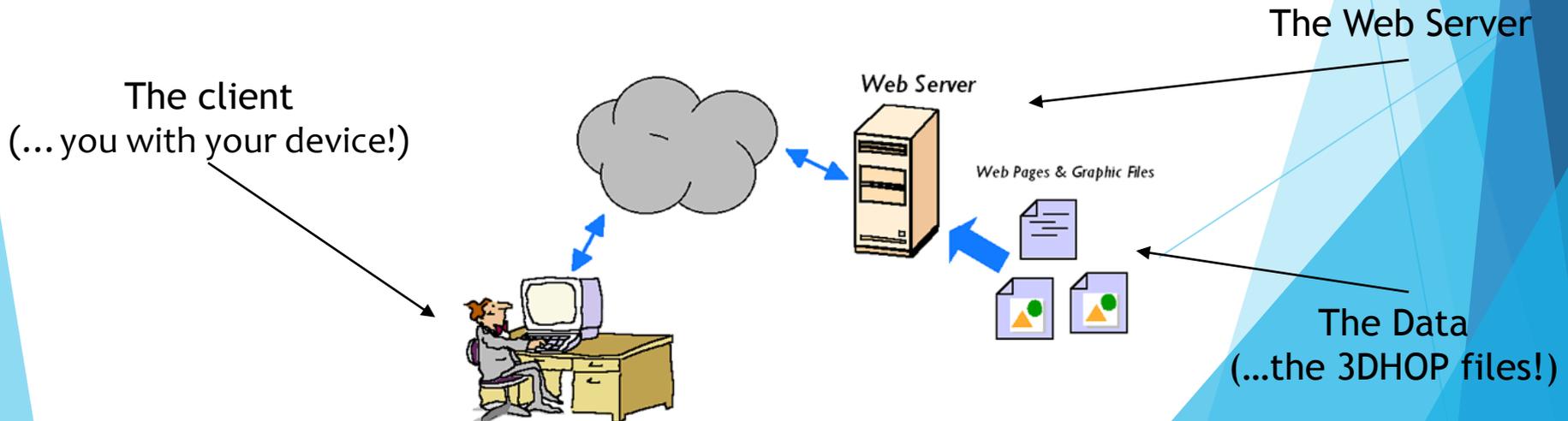## 3DHOP…what is it?

- Basically a set of "web files":
  - .html (hyper text markup language)
    - The main file, it contains the Web page structure e some basic functions.
  - .js (javascript)
    - The "brain" of the Web page, these files contain all the functions that make the web page "dynamic".
  - .css (cascading style sheets)
    - The Web page aspect. This kind of file contains all the rules related to the page appearance.
  - … (multimedia files)
    - All the multimedia contents of the Web page: pictures, video, audio, etc.

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The Web...how does it work?

▶ Essentially a data exchange between two actors:

  ▶ Client

    ▶ The final user, requests web pages (html, javascript, php, multimedia files) via the Web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer,etc).

  ▶ Server

    ▶ Its job is to retrieve files from the server's hard drive, format the files for the Web browser, and send them out via the network.

The Web Server

The client
(...you with your device!)

Web Server

Web Pages & Graphic Files

The Data
(...the 3DHOP files!)

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Looking for a Web server

▶ 3DHOP has been designed to work OVER THE WEB, so with the data on a remote web server, accessed from the browser through the web.

▶ If you don't have a Web Server available, or you want developing Web pages locally...how can you do?

▶ Two ways:

▶ Classic

▶ Install a local Web Server on your computer that simulates a real one.

▶ Smart

▶ Force your Web browser to load files from your local device bypassing the Web Server.

Local Web Server

...using Apache

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The classic way (1)

▶ Install a local Web Server directly on your device.

▶ Apache HTTP Server (httpd.apache.org) is the world's most widely used Web Server software.

▶ For an easier installation you can use a Web Server solution stack package like XAMPP (free, open source and cross-platform).

▶ Just go to www.apachefriends.org download the XAMPP package and follow the installation instructions!

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The classic way (2)

▶ The classic way is not so difficult… but you may lose a lot of time:

  ▶ Installing new software;

  ▶ Looking for the right free network port;

  ▶ Configuring Apache as OS service;

  ▶ Etc, etc …
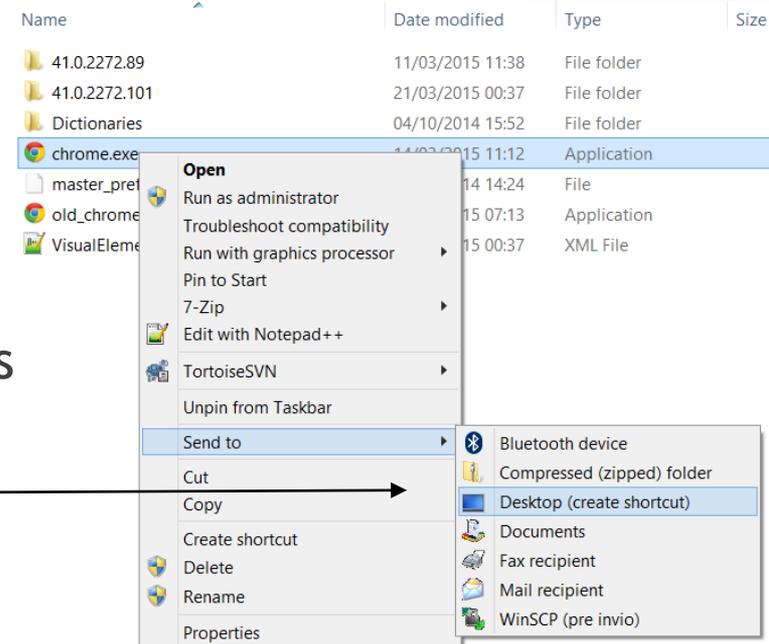
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…using Chrome

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The smart way (1)

▶ The Google browser Chrome allows us to avoid installing a Web Server loading Web pages directly from our local PC.

▶ But, due to security issues loading files from a local path bypassing the server is an action usually forbidden to the browser.

▶ So we have to force our browser to do this task using a little trick...

▶ See how, step by step!
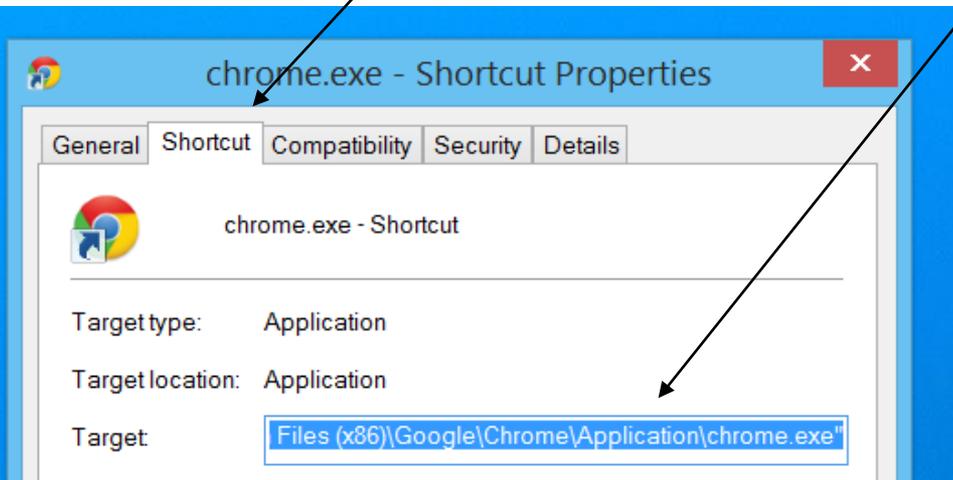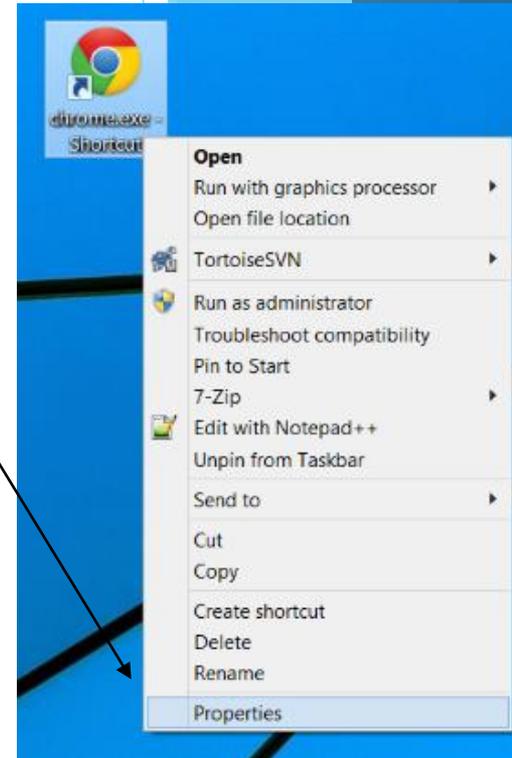
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The smart way (2)

▶ Install Chrome on your device

  ▶ Go to www.google.com/chrome , download the browser version suitable for your platform, and install it.

▶ Look for the file "chrome.exe"

  ▶ Search it on your hard disk and go in the folder that contains it (usually C:\Program Files\Google\Chrome).

▶ Create a desktop shortcut

  ▶ Create a link to chrome.exe and place it on your desktop (in Windows OS just right click on chrome.exe icon and then "Send to Desktop").
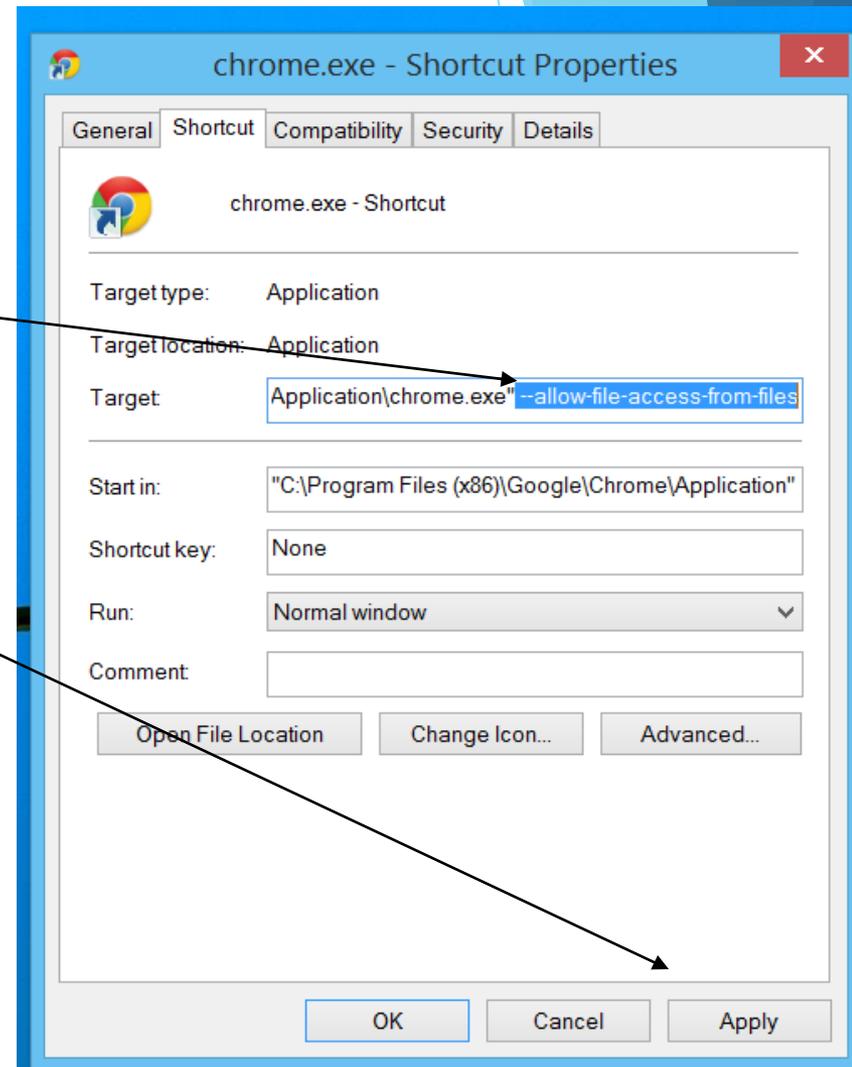
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The smart way (3)

▶ Open the shortcut properties window

    ▶ Go to your Desktop, right click on the just created Chrome shortcut icon, and then "Properties".

▶ Look for the shortcut "target"

    ▶ In the shortcut properties window, go in the "Shortcut" tab and look for the "Target" string.

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The smart way (4)

▶ Edit the "target" string

  ▶ Change the target string just adding the parameter:

   --allow-file-access-from-files

  ▶ at the end of the string, then click "Apply".

▶ Run Chrome

  ▶ CLOSE ALL the Chrome browser windows open (if there are), run it from the shortcut and... that's it!

  ▶ Now your Chrome browser is ready...

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chrome.exe – Shortcut Properties ✕

General | Shortcut | Compatibility | Security | Details

chrome.exe - Shortcut

Target type:	Application
Target location:	Application
Target:	Application\chrome.exe" --allow-file-access-from-files

Start in:	"C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application"
Shortcut key:	None
Run:	Normal window
Comment:	

Open File Location | Change Icon... | Advanced...

OK | Cancel | Apply

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The smart way (5)

▶ This was the procedure for Windows OS, for Mac OS and Linux the procedure "should be" quite similar:

- ▶ On Linux:
  - ▶ You should run Chrome from terminal, with the parameter as argument.
  - ▶ You should create an alias or a desktop shortcut (similarly to Windows).

- ▶ On Mac:
  - ▶ You should run Chrome from terminal, using this command:

  open /Applications/Google\ Chrome.app --args --allow-file-access-from-files

  - ▶ You should create an apple script using Automator.

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