IT452 Advanced Web and Internet Systems

Set 13: Web Servers
(configuration and security)

Key Questions

• What does a web server do?

• How can I control it?
  – URL re-writing / re-direction (and why do I care?)

• Access control and security
  – Developers
  – Users
Popular Web Servers

• One server to rule them all?

Web Server Basics

http://www.example.com/products/widget.html
What happens? Where does it come from?

Are we sure?

http://www.example.com/cgi-bin/search.pl?q=widgets
What happens? Where does it come from?