

SWE 432 -Web Application Development

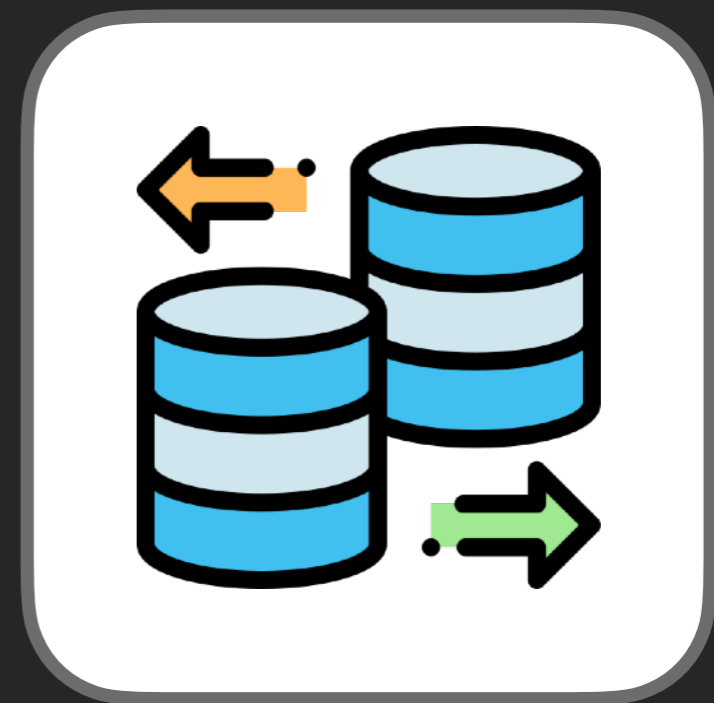
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Week 5: Persistence & Microservices





Administrivia

- Quiz #3 - Grades Available on Blackboard, will discuss in class today
- HW Assignment 2 - Due September 28th Before Class
- Sign Up on GitHub Classroom today!!

HW2 Tutorial



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Deploying a Node.js Web App Using GitHub and Heroku

Overview

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Prelude

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Quiz 3 Review

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- Question 2: What is one way in which asynchronous programming is similar in JavaScript compared to other languages like Java?

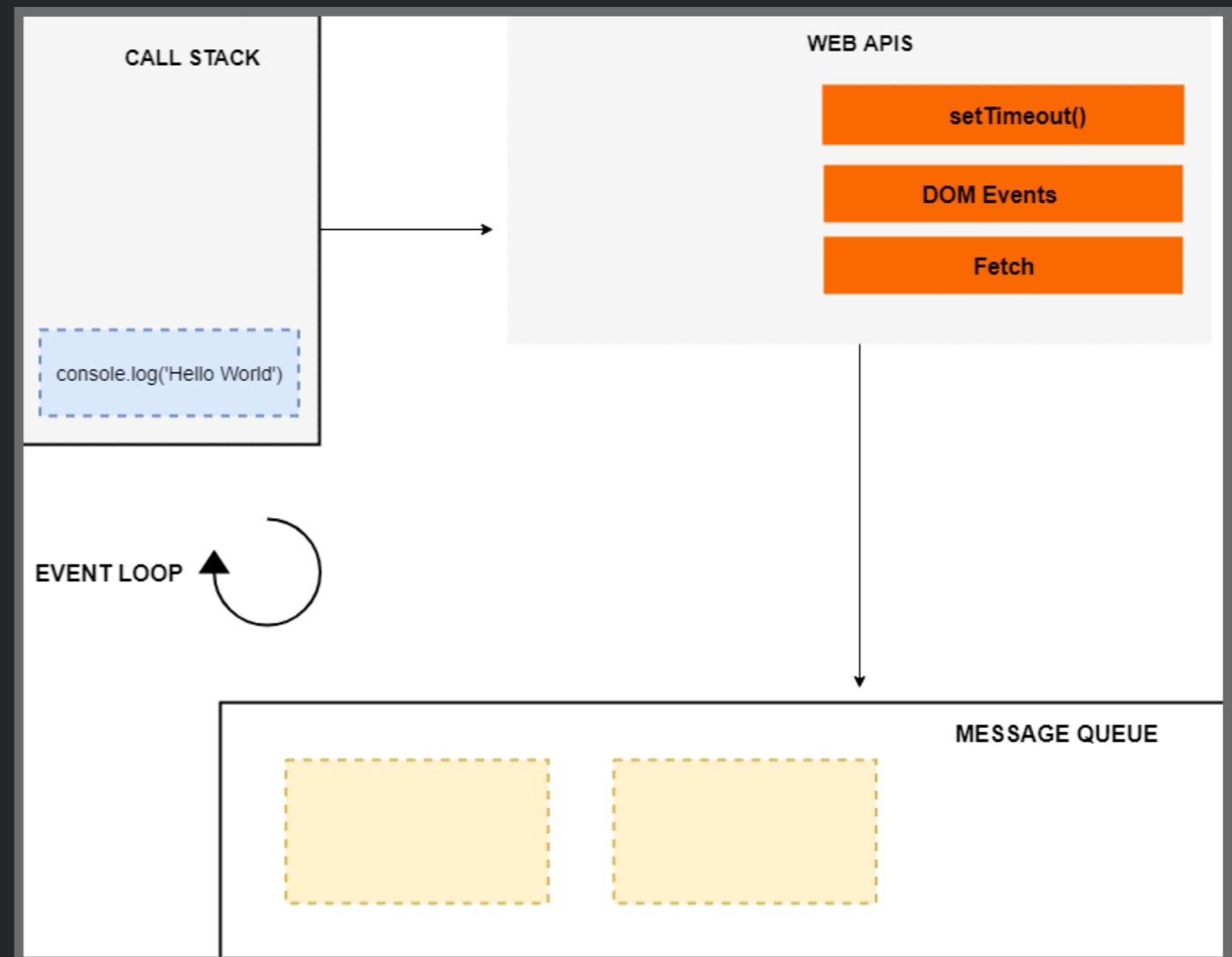


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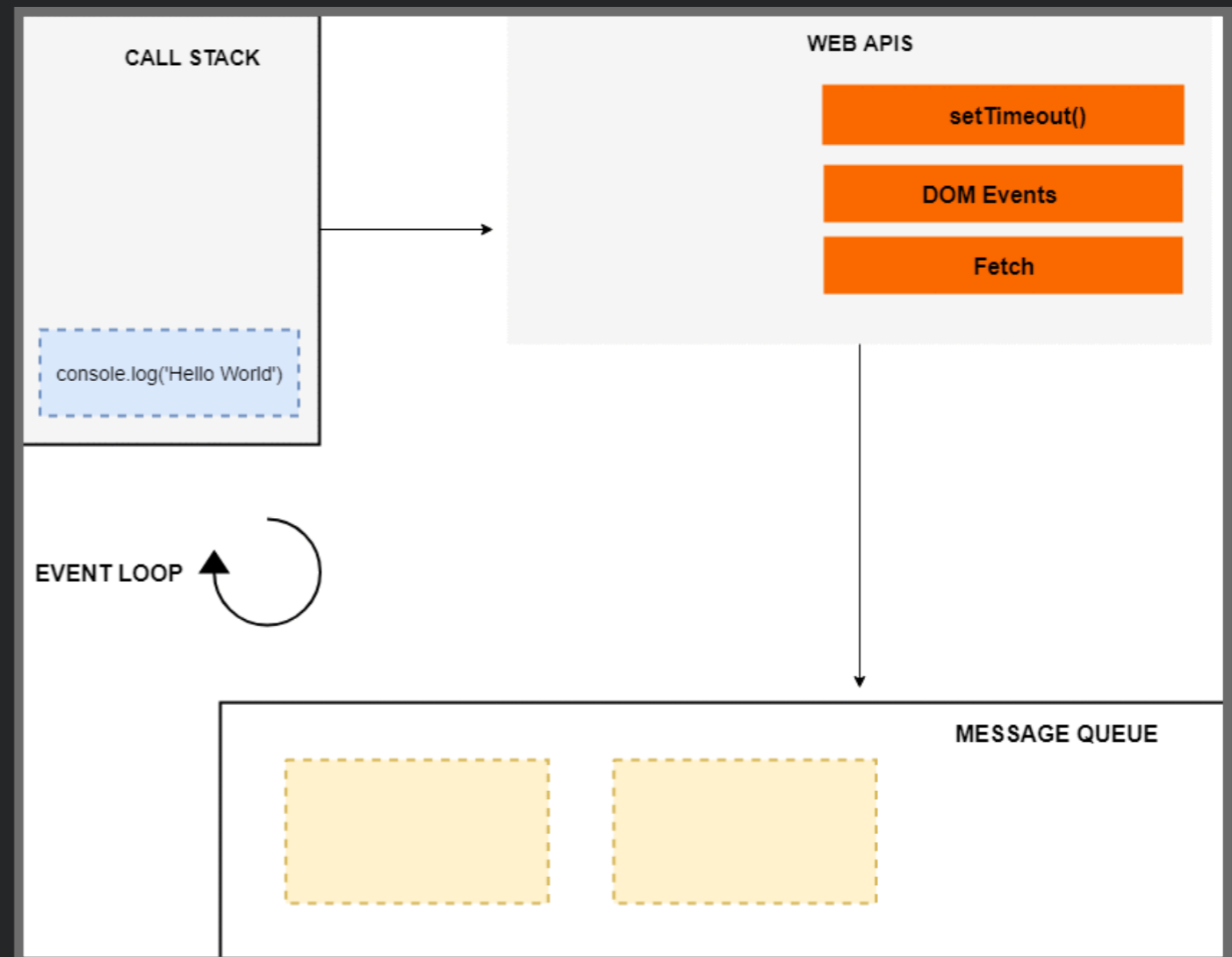
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Class Overview

- *Part 1 - Microservices & Persistence:* Storing and Manipulating Data in Web Applications.
- ***10 minute Break***
- *Part 2 - Even More Microservices:* A Few More Concepts and a Demo
- *Part 3 - In Class Activity:* Building on a Microservice for Jokes

More Microservices





Building a Microservice

cityinfo.org

Microservice API

GET /cities

GET /populations



API: Application Programming Interface

cityinfo.org

Microservice API

GET /cities

GET /populations

- Microservice offers public **interface** for interacting with backend
 - Offers abstraction that hides implementation details
 - Set of endpoints exposed on micro service
- Users of API might include
 - Frontend of your app
 - Frontend of other apps using your backend
 - Other servers using your service



Intermediaries

Web "Front End"

Intermediary

"Origin" server



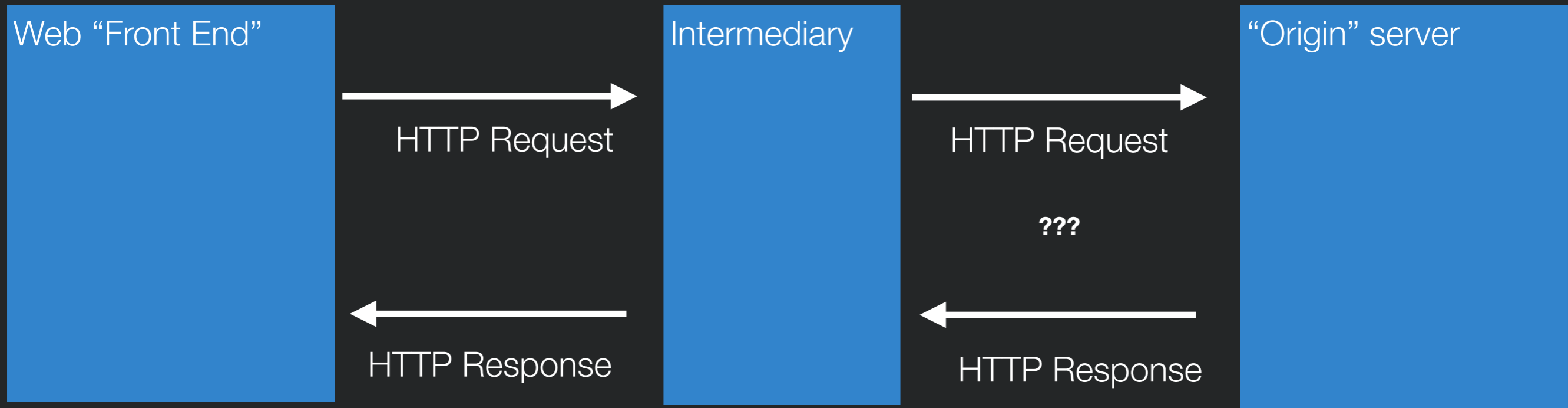
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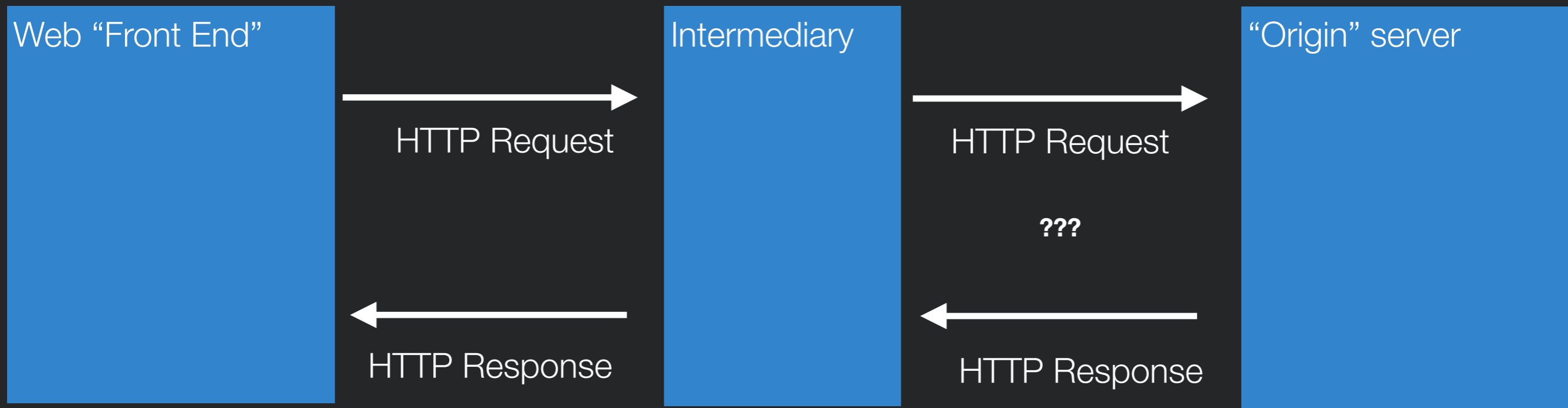
HTTP Response



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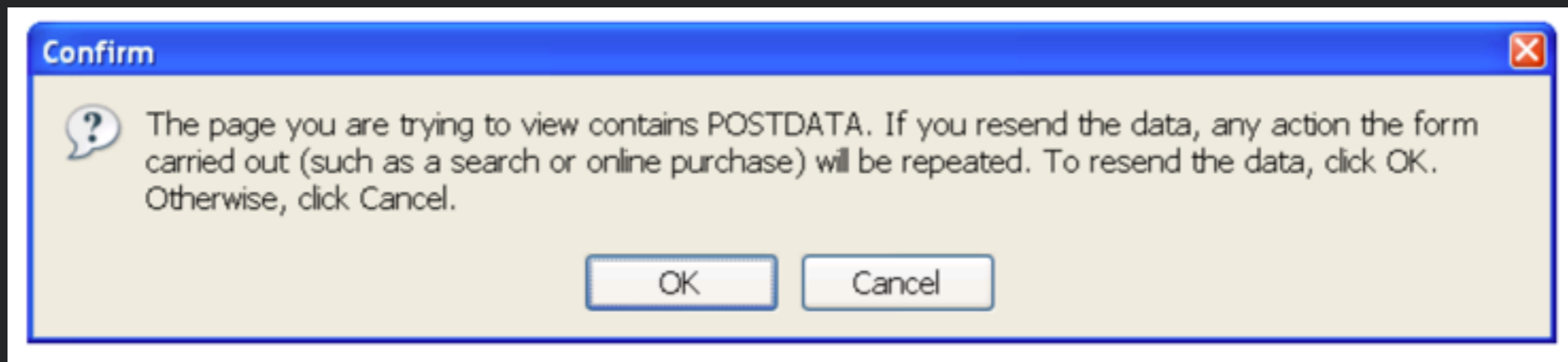
Intermediaries



- Client interacts with a resource identified by a URI
- But it never knows (or cares) whether it interacts with origin server or an unknown intermediary server
 - Might be randomly load balanced to one of many servers
 - Might be cache, so that large file can be stored locally
 - (e.g., GMU caching an OSX update)
 - Might be server checking security and rejecting requests

HTTP Actions

- GET: safe method with no side effects
 - Requests can be intercepted and replaced with cache response
- PUT, DELETE: idempotent method that can be repeated with same result
 - Requests that fail can be retried indefinitely till they succeed
- POST: creates new element
 - Retrying a failed request might create duplicate copies of new resource





Support Scaling

- Yesterday, cityinfo.org had 10 daily active users. Today, it was featured on several news sites and has 10,000 daily active users.
- Yesterday, you were running on a single server. Today, you need more than a single server.

cityinfo.org

Microservice API

GET /cities

GET /populations



Support Change

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Microservice API

GET /cities.jsp

GET /populations.jsp



Versioning

- Your web service just added a great new feature!
 - You'd like to expose it in your API.
 - But... there might be old clients (e.g., websites) built using the old API.
 - These websites might be owned by someone else and might not know about the change.
 - Don't want these clients to throw an error whenever they access an updated API.



Cool URIs don't change

- In theory, URI could last forever, being reused as server is rearchitected, new features are added, or even whole technology stack is replaced.
- “What makes a cool URI?
A cool URI is one which does not change.
What sorts of URIs change?
URIs don't change: people change them.”
 - <https://www.w3.org/Provider/Style/URI.html>
 - Bad:
 - <https://www.w3.org/Content/id/50/URI.html> (What does this path mean? What if we wanted to change it to mean something else?)
- Why might URIs change?
 - We reorganized our website to make it better.
 - We used to use a cgi script and now we use node.JS.



URI Design

- URIs represent a contract about what resources your server exposes and what can be done with them
- Leave out **anything that might change**
 - Content author names, status of content, other keys that might change
 - File name extensions: response describes content type through MIME header not extension (e.g., .jpg, .mp3, .pdf)
 - Server technology: should not reference technology (e.g., .cfm, .jsp)
- Endeavor to make all changes backwards compatible
 - Add new resources and actions rather than remove old
- If you must change URI structure, support old URI structure **and** new URI structure



Nouns vs. Verbs

- URIs should hierarchically identify **nouns** describing **resources** that exist
- Verbs describing actions that can be taken with resources should be described with an HTTP **action**
- PUT /cities/:cityID (nouns: cities, :cityID)(verb: PUT)
- GET /cities/:cityID (nouns: cities, :cityID)(verb: GET)
- Want to offer **expressive** abstraction that can be reused for many scenarios



Support Reuse

- You have your own frontend for cityinfo.org. But everyone now wants to build their own sites on top of your city analytics.

- Can they do that?

cityinfo.org

Microservice API

GET /cities

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Support Reuse

cityinfo.org

Microservice API

/topCities GET
/topCities/:cityID/descrip PUT, GET

/city/:cityID GET, PUT, POST, DELETE
/city/:cityID/averages GET
/city/:cityID/weather GET
/city/:cityID/transitProvders GET, POST
/city/:cityID/transitProvders/:providerID GET, PUT, DELETE



What Happens When a Request has Many Parameters?

- `/topCities/:cityID/descrip` PUT
- Shouldn't this really be something more like
 - `/topCities/:cityID/descrip/:descriptionText/:submitter/:time/`

Solution 1: Query strings

```
• var express = require('express');  
  var app = express();  
  
  app.put('/topCities/:cityID', function(req, res){  
    res.send(`descrip: ${req.query.descrip} submitter: ${req.query.submitter}`);  
  });  
  
  app.listen(3000);
```

- Use req.query to retrieve
- Shows up in URL string, making it possible to store full URL
 - e.g., user adds a bookmark to URL
- Sometimes works well for short params



Solution 2: JSON Request Body

- PUT /topCities/Memphis
{ "descrip": "Memphis is a city of ...",
 "submitter": "Dan", "time": 1025313 }
- Best solution for all but the simplest parameters (and often times everything)
- Use body-parser package and req.body to retrieve

```
$npm install body-parser
```

```
var express    = require('express');  
var bodyParser = require('body-parser');
```

```
var app = express();
```

```
// parse application/json  
app.use(bodyParser.json());
```

```
app.put('/topCities/:cityID', function(req, res){  
  res.send(`descrip: ${req.body.descrip} submitter: ${req.body.submitter}`);  
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Data Persistence





Persistence

- The user sent you some data.
- You retrieved some data from a 3rd party service.
- You generated some data, which you want to keep reusing.

- Where and how could you store this?



What forms of data might you have

- Key / value pairs
- JSON objects
- Tabular arrays of data
- Files



Options for backend persistence

- Where it is stored
 - On your server or another server you own
 - SQL databases, NoSQL databases
 - File system
 - Storage provider (not on a server you own)
 - NoSQL databases
 - BLOB store

Storing state in a global variable

- **Global variables**

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
var port = process.env.port || 3000;

var counter = 0;
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello World has been said ' + counter + ' times!');
  counter++;
});

app.listen(port, function () {
  console.log('Example app listening on port' + port);
});
```

- Pros/cons?
 - Keep data between requests
 - Goes away when your server stops
 - Should use for transient state or as cache

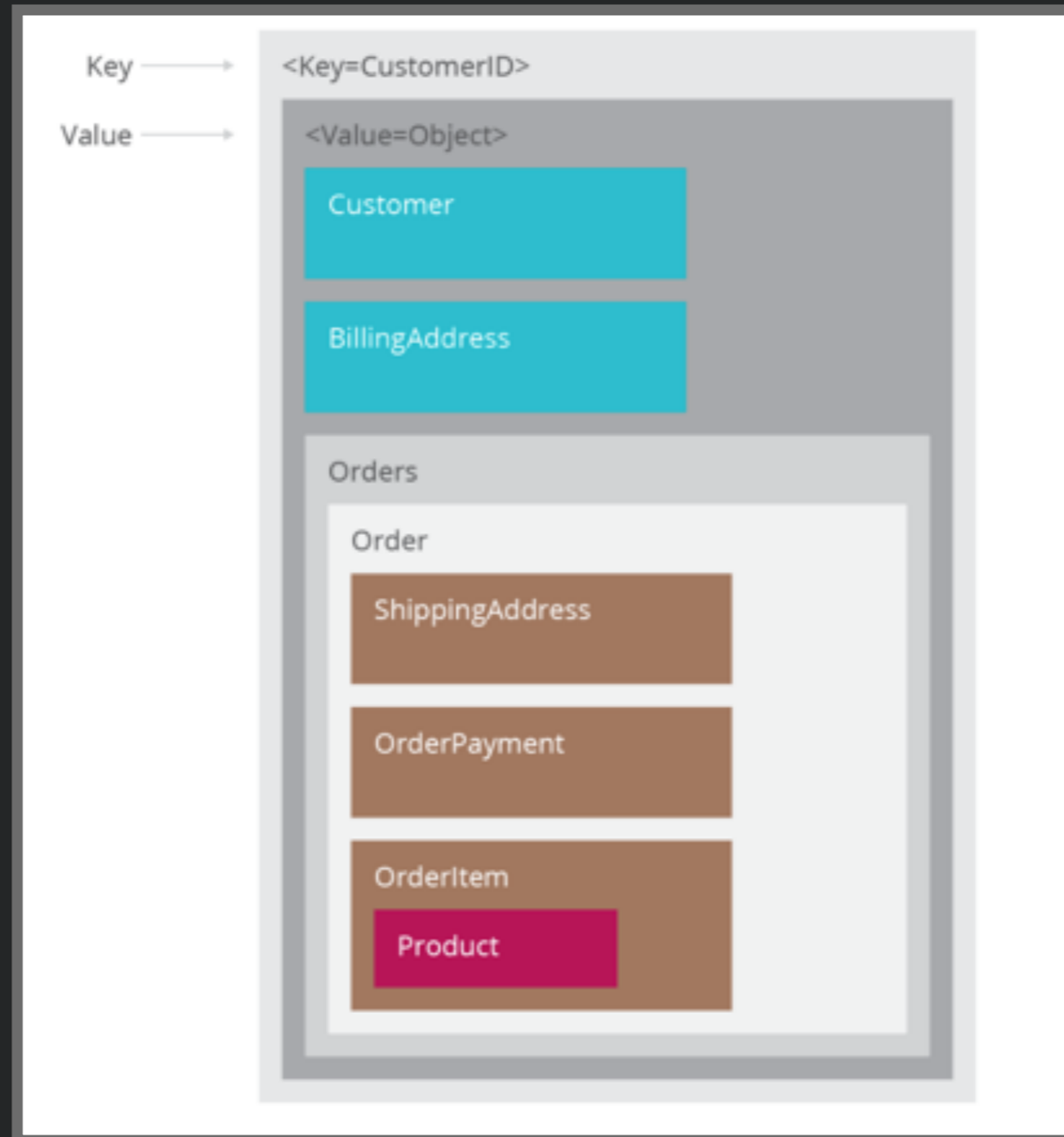


NoSQL

- non SQL, non-relational, "not only" SQL databases
- Emphasizes simplicity & scalability over support for relational queries
- Important characteristics
 - Schema-less: each row in dataset can have different fields (just like JSON!)
 - Non-relational: no structure linking tables together or queries to "join" tables
 - (Often) weaker consistency: after a field is updated, all clients *eventually* see the update but may see older data in the meantime
- Advantages: greater scalability, faster, simplicity, easier integration with code
- Several types. We'll look only at key-value.



Key-Value NoSQL



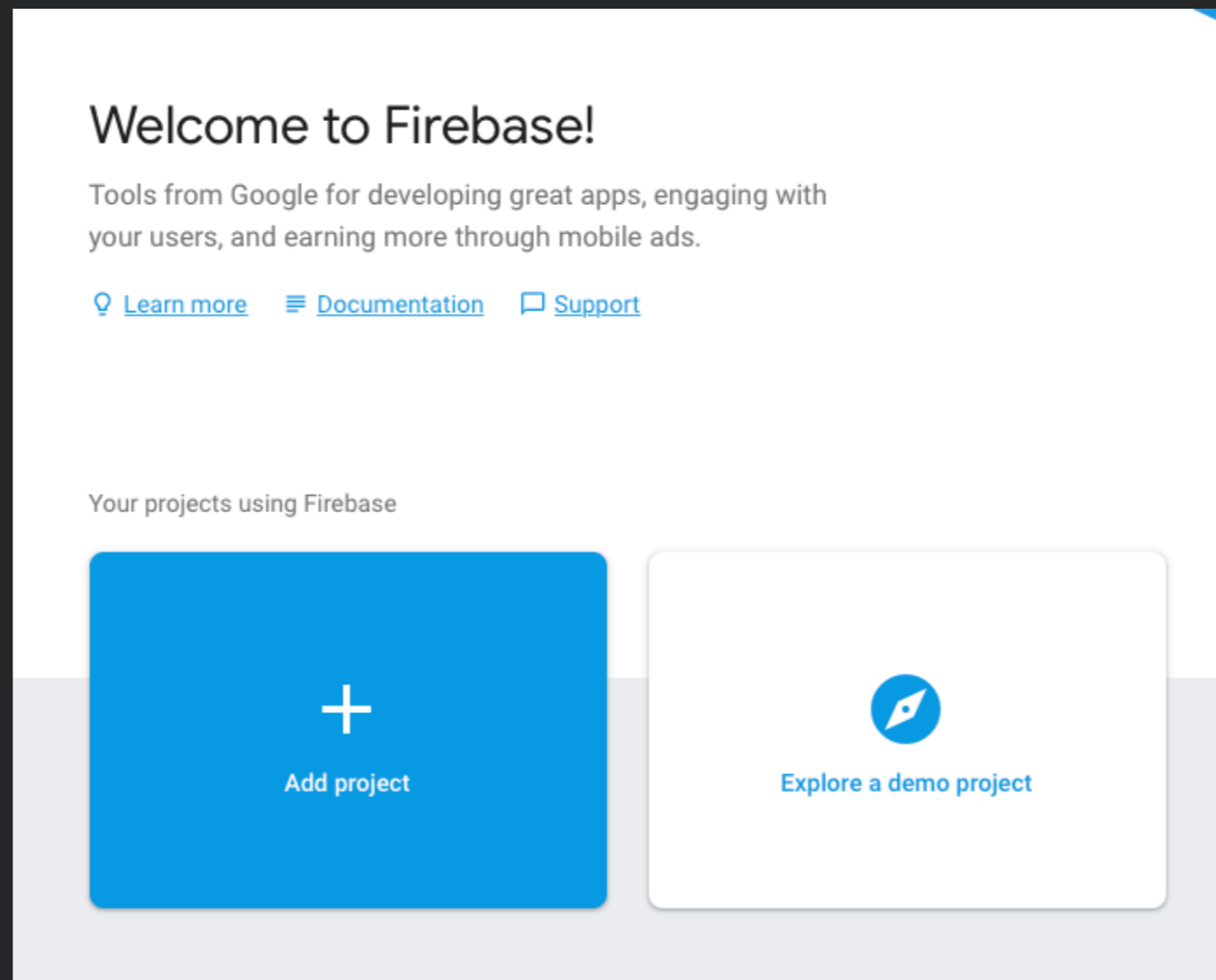


Firestore

- Example of a NoSQL datastore
- Google web service
 - <https://firebase.google.com/docs/firestore/>
- “Realtime” database
 - Data stored to remote web service
 - Data synchronized to clients in real time
- Simple API
 - Offers library wrapping HTTP requests & responses
 - Handles synchronization of data
- Can also be used on frontend to build web apps with persistence without backend

Setting up Firebase Cloud Firestore

- Detailed instructions to create project, get API key
- <https://firebase.google.com/docs/firestore/quickstart>





Setting up Firebase Realtime Database

- Go to <https://console.firebase.google.com/>, create a new project
- Install firebase module `npm install firebase-admin --save`
 - Go to IAM & admin > Service accounts, create a new private key, save the file.
 - Include Firebase in your web app

```
const admin = require('firebase-admin');

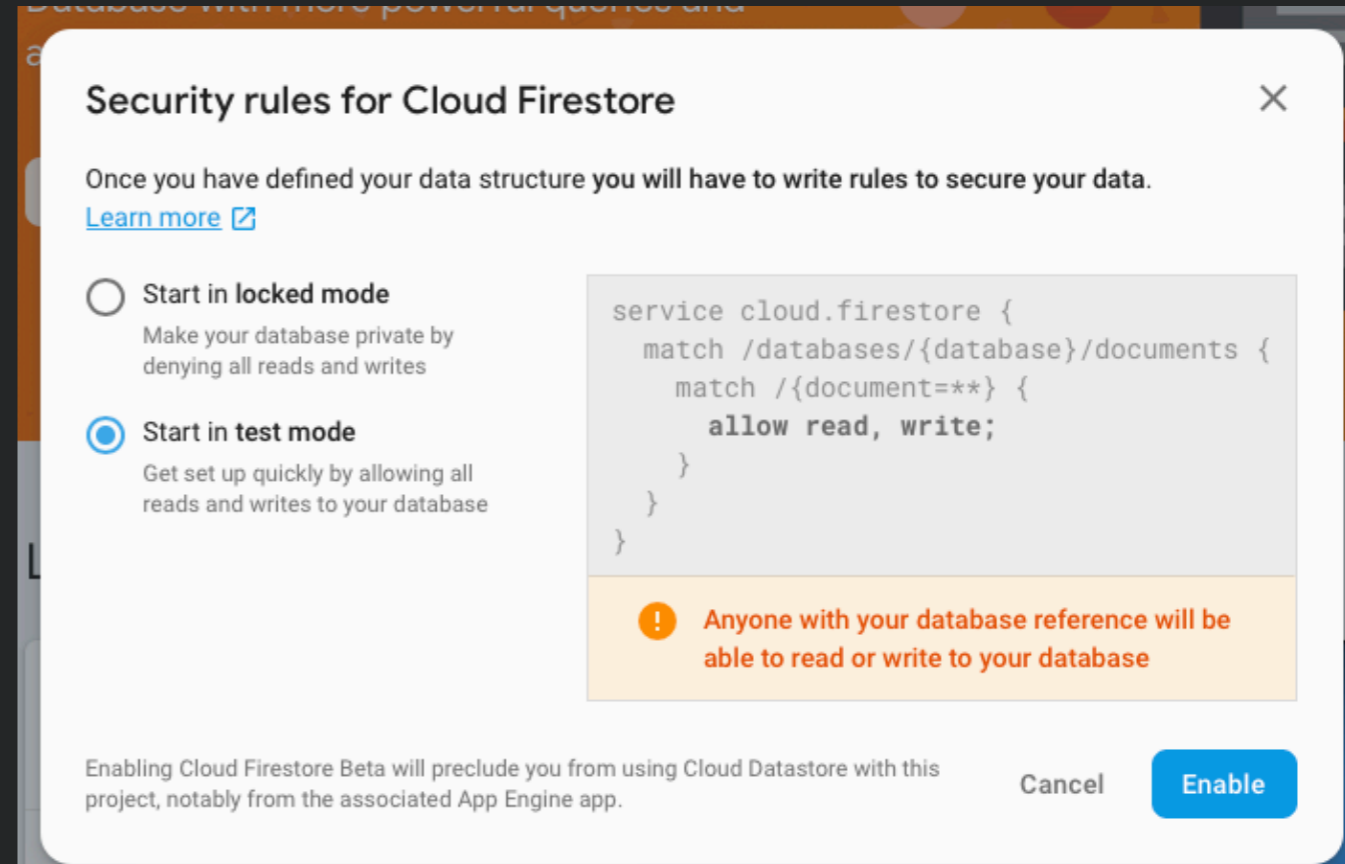
let serviceAccount = require('path/to/serviceAccountKey.json');

admin.initializeApp({
  credential: admin.credential.cert(serviceAccount)
});

let db = admin.firestore();
```


Permissions

- “Test mode” - anyone who has your app can read/write all data in your database
 - Good for development, bad for real world
- “Locked mode” - do not allow everyone to read/write data
 - Best solution, but requires learning how to configure security



Security rules for Cloud Firestore

Once you have defined your data structure you will have to write rules to secure your data.
[Learn more](#)

Start in locked mode
Make your database private by denying all reads and writes

Start in test mode
Get set up quickly by allowing all reads and writes to your database

```
service cloud.firestore {
  match /databases/{database}/documents {
    match /{document=**} {
      allow read, write;
    }
  }
}
```

! Anyone with your database reference will be able to read or write to your database

Enabling Cloud Firestore Beta will preclude you from using Cloud Datastore with this project, notably from the associated App Engine app.

Cancel **Enable**



Firestore Console

- See data values, updated in realtime
- Can edit data values

<https://console.firebase.google.com>

The screenshot shows the Firebase Firestore console interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Project Overview, Develop (Authentication, Database, Storage, Hosting, Functions, ML Kit), Quality (Crashlytics, Performance, Test Lab), and Analytics. The main content area has a blue header with 'Database' and 'Cloud Firestore BETA'. Below the header are tabs for 'Data', 'Rules', 'Indexes', and 'Usage'. The 'Data' tab is active, showing a breadcrumb path: home > users > G000840381. A table below shows the hierarchy: 'swe432foobar' (collection) containing 'users' (collection), which contains 'G000840381' (document). The 'users' collection is expanded to show the document 'G000840381'. Below the document name are options to 'Add collection' and 'Add field'. The document's data is displayed as a JSON object: {email: "bitdiddle@masonlive.gmu.edu", name: "Ben Bitdiddle"}. The 'Add field' option is expanded to show these fields.

Firestore Data Model: JSON

- **Collections** of JSON documents
 - Hierarchic tree of key/value pairs
 - Can view as one big object
 - Or describe path to descendent and view descendent as object

Collection: users

Add a document

Parent path: /users

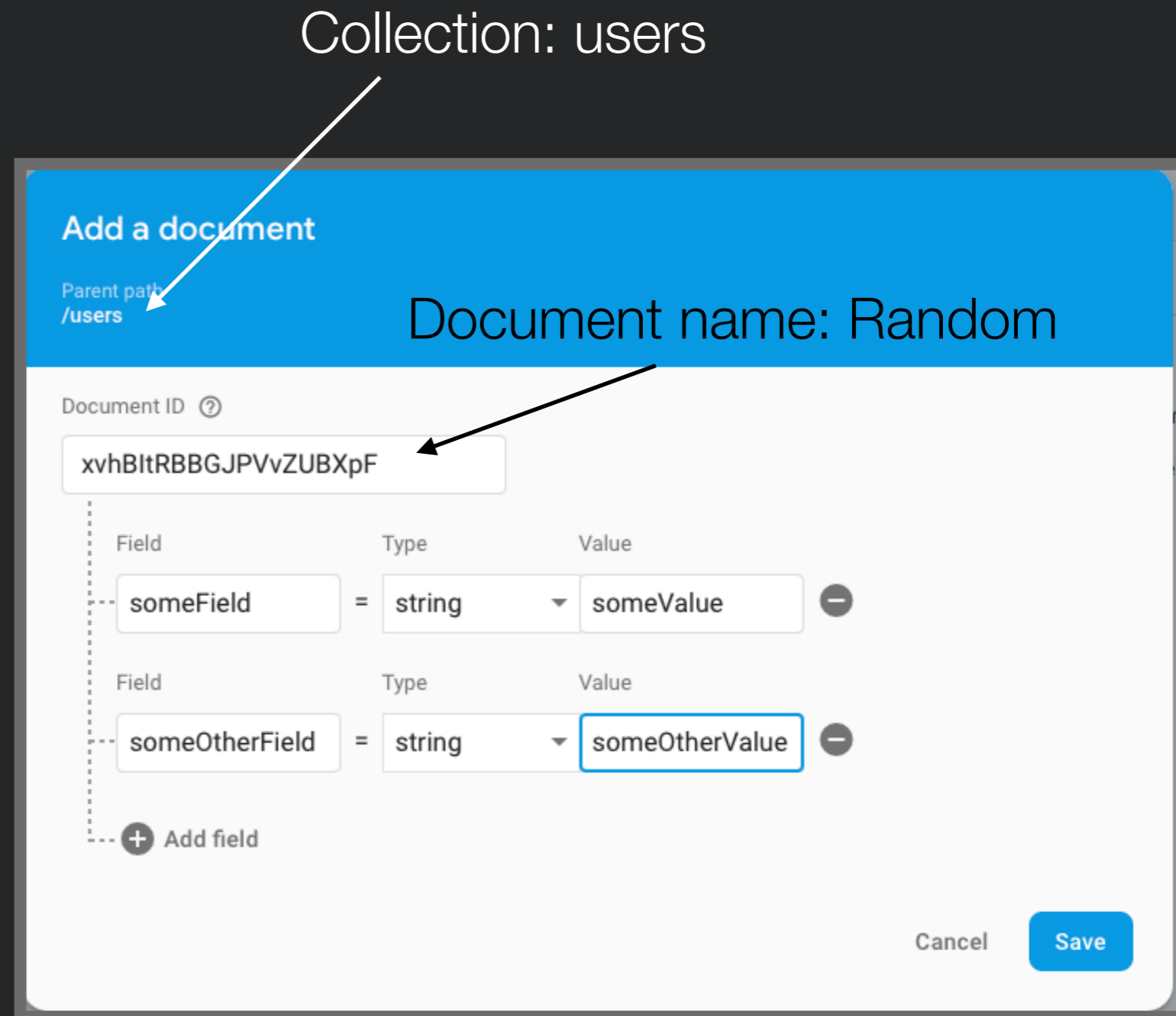
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Document ID: xvhBitRBBGJPVvZUBXpF

Field	Type	Value
someField	string	someValue
someOtherField	string	someOtherValue

+ Add field

Cancel Save





JSON is JSON....

The screenshot shows a three-pane interface for a database document. The top breadcrumb is `users > G000840381`. The left pane shows the `swe432foobar` database with a `+ Add collection` button and the `users` collection selected. The middle pane shows the `users` collection with a `+ Add document` button and the document `G000840381` selected. The right pane shows the document's JSON structure:

```
{  
  "email": "bitdiddle@masonlive.gmu.edu",  
  "location": {  
    "city": "Fairfax",  
    "state": "Virginia",  
    "name": "Ben Bitdiddle"  
  }  
}
```



Demo: Simple Test Program

- After successfully completing previous steps, should be able to replace config and run this script. Can test by viewing data on console.

```
const admin = require('firebase-admin');

let serviceAccount = require('[YOUR JSON FILE PATH HERE]');

admin.initializeApp({
  credential: admin.credential.cert(serviceAccount)
});

let db = admin.firestore();

let docRef = db.collection('users').doc('alovelace');

let setAda = docRef.set({
  first: 'Ada',
  last: 'Lovelace',
  born: 1815
});
```



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The screenshot shows the Firebase console interface for a project named "firebase-example". The browser address bar shows "console.firebase.google.com". The left sidebar contains navigation options: "Project Overview", "Build" (Authentication, Firestore Database, ...), "Release & Monitor" (Crashlytics, Performance, Test Lab, ...), "Analytics" (Dashboard, Realtime, Events, Conve...), "Engage" (Predictions, A/B Testing, Cloud Mes...), "Extensions", and "Spark" (Free \$0/month) with an "Upgrade" button. The main content area features a blue header with "firebase-example" and a "Spark plan" button. Below this is a white banner with the text "Receive email updates about new Firebase features, research, and events" and a "Sign up" button. The main heading reads "Get started by adding Firebase to your app". Below the heading are icons for "iOS", "Android", and "Code" (represented by a code symbol </>), along with a Firebase logo icon. The text "Add an app to get started" is positioned below these icons. An illustration of a woman in a yellow shirt pointing at a screen and a man in a blue jacket holding a smartphone is visible on the right. At the bottom, a white banner with the text "Store and sync app data in milliseconds" is partially visible, with a close button (X) on the right. Below this banner are two colorful cards: one purple and one orange, each with a server rack icon and a gold medal icon.



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Cloud Firestore location: us-east1



Demo: Simple Test Program

firebase-example - Cloud Firestore - Firebase console

console.firebase.google.com

firebase-example

Cloud Firestore

Data Rules Indexes Usage

Prototype and test end-to-end with the Local Emulator Suite, now with Firebase Authentication [Get started](#)

Home > users > aloveface

fir-example-3f211	users	alovelace
+ Start collection	+ Add document	+ Start collection
users >	test	+ Add field

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Structuring Data

- I want to build a chat app with a database
- App has chat rooms: each room has some users in it, and messages
- How should I store this data in Firebase? What are the collections and documents?



Structuring Data

- Should be considering what types of records clients will be requesting.
 - Do not want to force client to download data that do not need.
- Better to think of structure as **lists** of data that clients will retrieve



Storing Data: Set

```
async function writeUserData(userID, newName, newEmail) {  
  return database.collection("users").doc(userID).set({  
    name: newName,  
    email: newEmail  
  });  
}
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Get the users collection

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Create this one user
by ID

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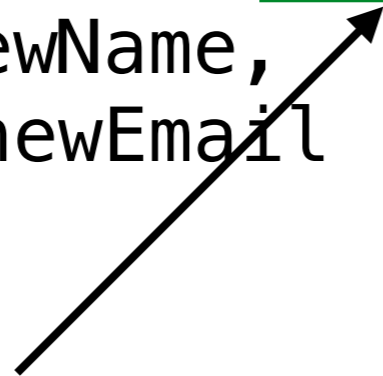
- Left Panel:** Shows the project name 'swe432foobar' and a list of collections. The 'users' collection is highlighted with a green box.
- Middle Panel:** Shows the 'users' collection with an 'Add document' button. The document 'G000840381' is highlighted with a purple box.
- Right Panel:** Shows the details of the document 'G000840381'. It has an 'Add collection' button and an 'Add field' button. Below these, the document's data is displayed: 'email: "bitdiddle@masonlive.gmu.edu"' and 'name: "Ben Bitdiddle"'. The 'Add field' button is highlighted with a blue box.



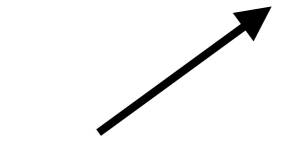
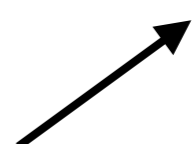
Storing Data: Set

(because firebase is asynchronous)

```
async function writeUserData(userID, newName, newEmail) {  
  return database.collection("users").doc(userID).set({  
    name: newName,  
    email: newEmail  
  });  
}
```

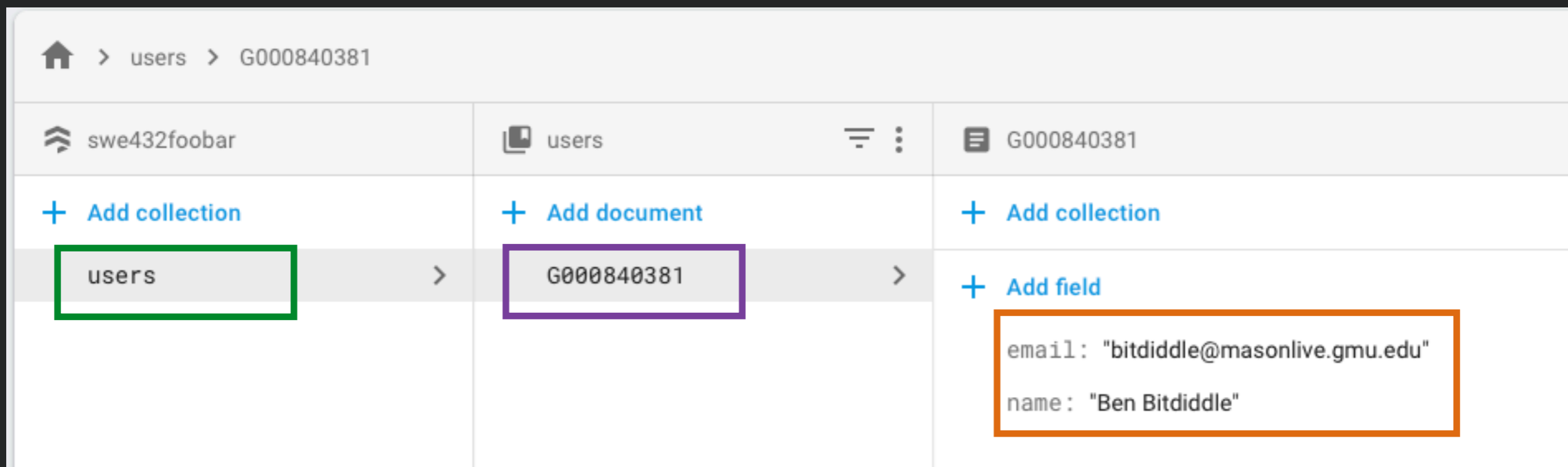


Create this one user
by ID



Set the val

Get the users collection





Storing Data: Add

- Where does this ID come from?
 - It MUST be unique to the document
- Sometimes easier to let Firebase manage the IDs for you - it will create a new one uniquely automatically

```
async function addNewUser(newName, newEmail) {
  return database.collection("users").add({
    name: newName,
    email: newEmail
  });
}
async function demo(){
  let ref = await addNewUser("Foo Bar", "fbar@gmu.edu")
  console.log("Added user ID " + ref.id)
}
```



Storing Data: Update

- Can either use “set” (with {merge:true}) or “update” to update an existing document (set will possibly create the document if it doesn't exist)

```
database.collection("users").doc(userID).update({  
  name: newName  
});
```



Storing Data: Delete

```
database.collection("users").doc("ojtp4HrEeGB4Y9jErz0T").delete();
```

```
database.collection("users").doc(userID).update({  
  name: firebase.firestore.FieldValue.delete()  
});
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Fetching Data (One Time)

```
async function getUser(userId){  
    return database.collection("users").doc(userId).get();  
}  
async function demo(){  
    let user = await getUser("G000840381");  
    console.log(user.data());  
}
```

Can also call get directly on the collection



Listening to Data Changes

```
let doc = db.collection('cities').doc('SF');  
  
let observer = doc.onSnapshot(docSnapshot => {  
  console.log(`Received doc snapshot: ${docSnapshot}`);  
  // ...  
}, err => {  
  console.log(`Encountered error: ${err}`);  
});
```

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“When values changes, invoke function”

Specify a subtree by creating a reference to a path. This listener will be called until you cancel it

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Ordering data

- Data is by, default, ordered by document ID in ascending order
 - e.g., numeric index IDs are ordered from 0...n
 - e.g., alphanumeric IDs are ordered in alphanumeric order
- Can get only first (or last) n elements

```
let firstThree = citiesRef.orderBy('name').limit(3);
```

- Can use where statements to query

```
citiesRef.where('population', '>', 2500000).orderBy('population');
```

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Even More Microservices!





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 - ... and then?
 - ... somehow process the file?



How do we store our files?

- Dealing with text is easy - we already figured out firebase
 - Could use other databases too... but that's another class!
- But
 - What about pictures?
 - What about movies?
 - What about big huge text files?
- Aka...Binary Large Object (BLOB)
 - Collection of binary data stored as a single entity
 - Generic terms for an entity that is array of bytes

Working with Blobs

- Module: multer
- Simplest case: take a file, save it on the server

```
app.post('/upload',upload.single("upload"), function(req, res) {  
    var sampleFile = req.file.filename;  
    //sampleFile is the name of the file that now is living on our server  
    res.send('File uploaded!');  
});  
});
```

- Long story... can't easily have file uploads and JSON requests at the same time

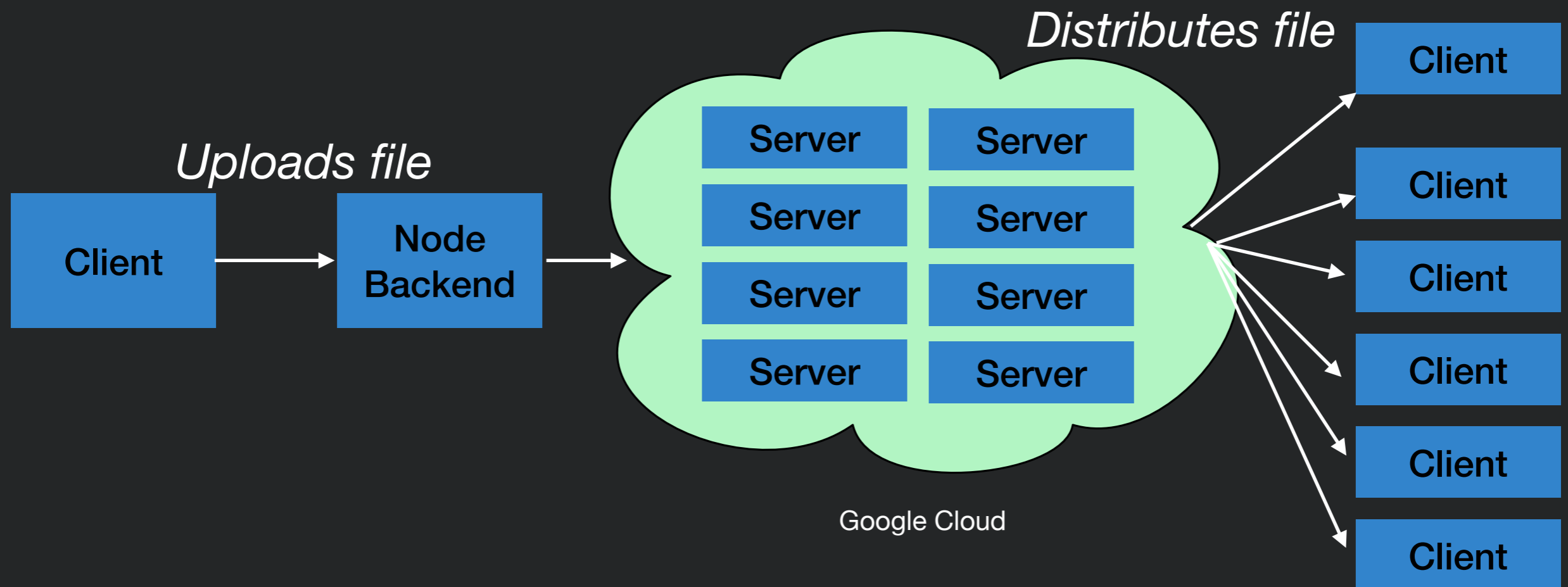


Where to store blobs

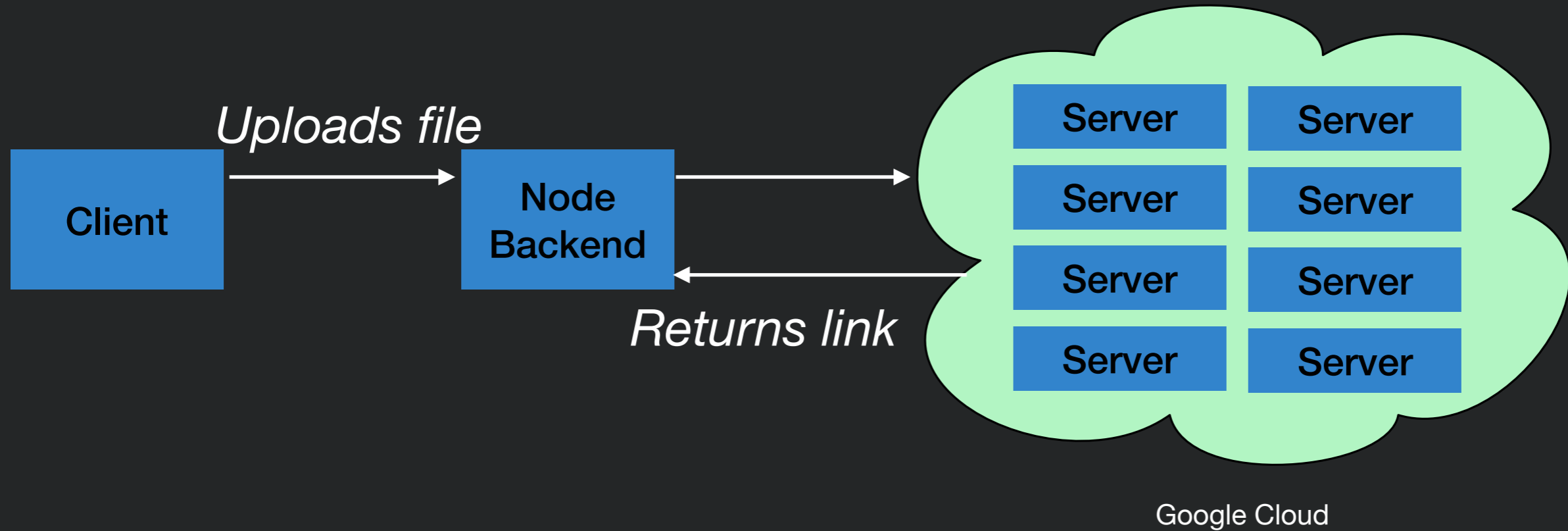
- Saving them on our server is fine, but...
 - What if we don't want to deal with making sure we have enough storage
 - What if we don't want to deal with backing up those files
 - What if our app has too many requests for one server and state needs to be shared between load-balanced servers
 - What if we want someone else to deal with administering a server

Blob stores

- Amazon, Google, and others want to let you use their platform to solve this!



Blob Stores



Typical workflow:

- Client uploads file to your backend
- Backend persists file to blob store
- Backend saves link to file, e.g. in Firebase



Google Cloud Storage

- You get to store 5GB for free (but not used in this class)

- Setup

```
npm install --save @google-cloud/storage
```

```
// Imports the Google Cloud client library
const {Storage} = require('@google-cloud/storage');

// Creates a client
const storage = new Storage();

/**
 * TODO(developer): Uncomment these variables before running the sample.
 */
// const bucketName = 'bucket-name';

async function createBucket() {
  // Creates the new bucket
  await storage.createBucket(bucketName);
  console.log(`Bucket ${bucketName} created.`);
}

createBucket();
```



Google Cloud Storage

```
await storage.bucket(bucketName).upload(filename, {
  gzip: true,
  metadata: {
    cacheControl: 'public, max-age=31536000',
  },
});

console.log(`${filename} uploaded to ${bucketName}.`);

const options = {
  // The path to which the file should be downloaded, e.g. "./file.txt"
  destination: destFilename,
};

// Downloads the file
await storage
  .bucket(bucketName)
  .file(srcFilename)
  .download(options);

console.log(
  `gs://${bucketName}/${srcFilename} downloaded to ${destFilename}.`
);
```




Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

- We've now seen most of the key concepts in building a microservice.
- Let's build a microservice!
 - - Firebase for persistence
 - - Handle post requests
 - Microservice for jokes



Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

```
1  const admin = require('firebase-admin');
2  const express = require('express');
3  const bodyParser = require("body-parser");
4  const app = express()
5  const port = 3000
6
7  let serviceAccount = require('./firebase.json');
8
9  admin.initializeApp({
10   credential: admin.credential.cert(serviceAccount)
11 });
12
13 let db = admin.firestore();
14
15
16 app.post('/add-joke', (req, res) => {
17   let jokeID = req.query.jokeid;
18   let jokeText = req.query.joketext;
19   console.log(jokeText)
20   let docRef = db.collection('jokes').doc(jokeID);
21   docRef.set({
22     joketext: [jokeText]}
23   res.send("Joke Added Successfully!!")
24 })
25
26
27 app.get('/get-joke', (req, res) => {
28   let docRef = db.collection('jokes').doc('joke1'); // Return a single Joke
29   docRef.get().then((doc) => {
30     if (doc.exists) {
31       res.send(doc.data());
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33       // doc.data() will be undefined in this case
34       console.log("No such document!");
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36    }).catch((error) => {
37      console.log("Error getting document:", error);
38    });
39  })
40
41
42
43  app.listen(3000, () => {
44    console.log("Started on PORT 3000");
45  })
46
```



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The screenshot shows the Firebase console interface for a project named 'firebase-example'. The main view is 'Cloud Firestore' under the 'Data' tab. The breadcrumb navigation shows the path: 'jokes > joke1'. The interface is divided into three columns representing the hierarchy: 'fir-example-3f211' (project), 'jokes' (collection), and 'joke1' (document). The 'joke1' document is selected, and its content is displayed as 'joketext: "Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? They work on many levels."'.

Home > jokes > joke1		
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Cloud Firestore location: us-east1



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firebase-console.com

firebase-example - Cloud Firestore - Firebase console

firebase-example

Cloud Firestore

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My Workspace New Import

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Find and Replace Console

Bootcamp Runner Trash



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console.firebase.google.com

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In Class Activity: Modifying this MicroService

- Try implementing some new features:
 - Make the GET request return a random joke
 - Add support for different types of jokes with different fields
 - e.g. knock-knock, etc.
 - Allow for updating punchlines separate from setups
 - Use JSON request body instead of query parameters

- I will post the base code to Ed!



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