

SWE 432 -Web Application Development

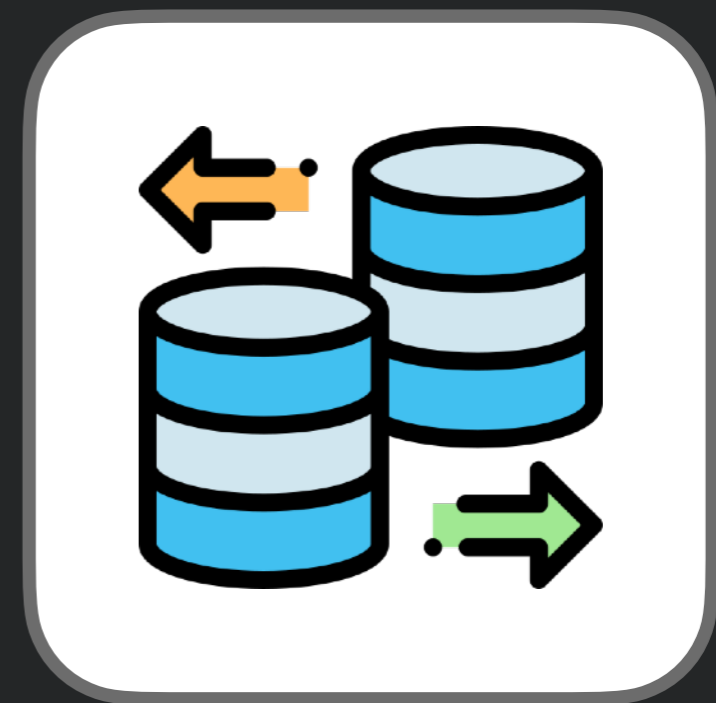
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Week 5:
More
Microservices!





Administrivia

- Midterm Exam - Next Thursday, October 6th (will discuss next class)
- HW Assignment 2 - Due October 4th
Before Class
 - Accept GitHub Classroom Invitation!!



Class Overview

- Today - *Even More Microservices*: A Few More Concepts and a Demo
 - *In Class Activity*: Building on a Microservice for Jokes (+ HW2 Help)
- Next Class - *Templates, Databinding, and HTML* -
Beginning to look at frontend development!

Even More Microservices!





Blobs: Storing uploaded files

- Example: User uploads picture
 - ... 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

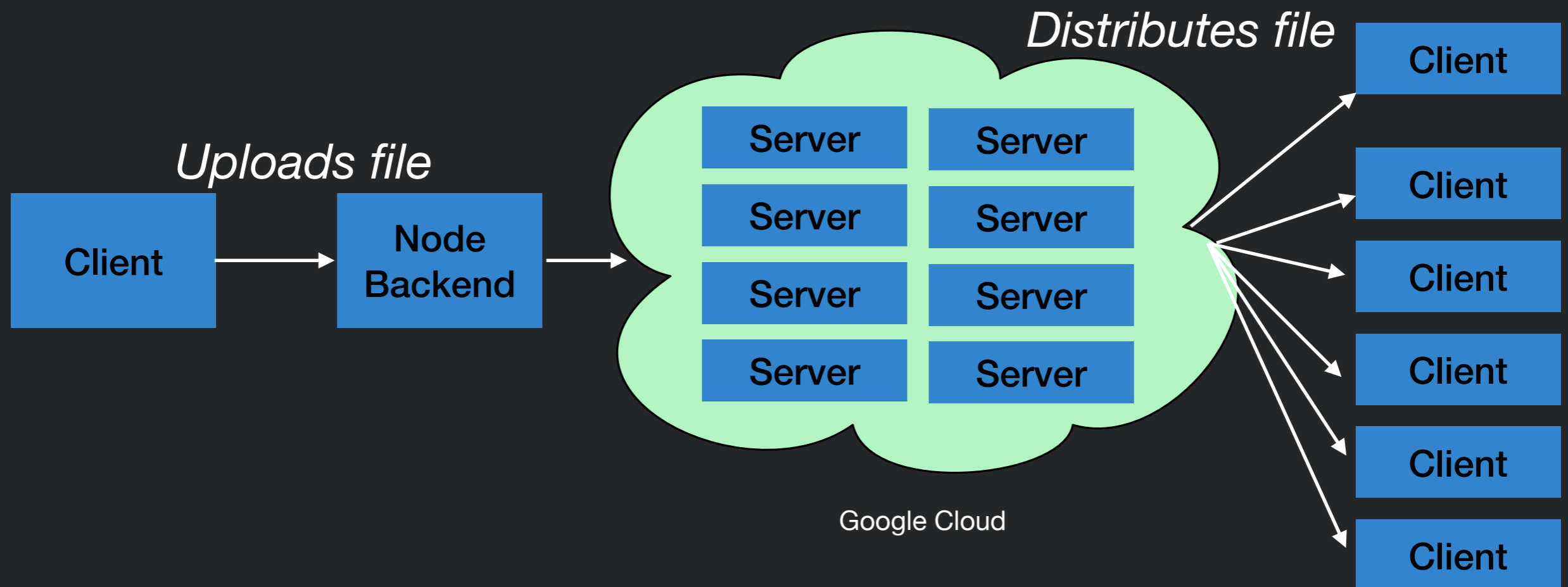


Where to store blobs

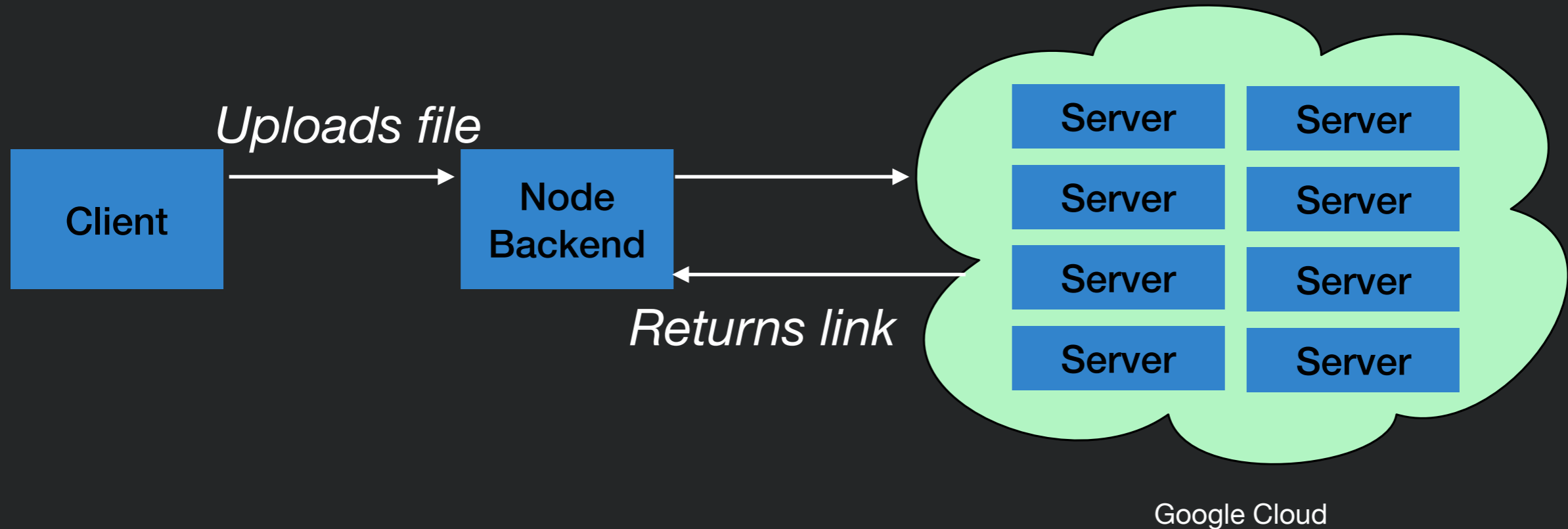
- Saving them on our server is fine, but...
 - What if we don't want to deal with making sure we have enough storage
 - What if we don't want to deal with backing up those files
 - What if our app has too many requests for one server and state needs to be shared between load-balanced servers
 - What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



Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

firebase-console.com

firebase-example - Cloud Firestore - Firebase console

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 > jokes > joke1

fir-example-3f211	jokes	joke1
+ Start collection	+ Add document	+ Start collection
jokes >	joke1 >	+ Add field
	joke3	joketext: "Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? They work on many levels."

Cloud Firestore location: us-east1



Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

```
Microservice-Example — -bash — 88x21
Legacy:Microservice-Example KevinMoran$
```



Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

Postman

Home Workspaces Reports Explore

Search Postman

My Workspace

POST localhost:3000/a... GET Untitled Request

Untitled Request

GET Enter request URL

Params Authorization Headers (6) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings

Query Params

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
Key	Value	Description

Response

Enter the URL and click Send to get a response



Demo: Let's build a Microservice!

firebase-example - Cloud Firestore - Firebase console

console.firebase.google.com

firebase-example

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In Class Activity: Modifying this MicroService + HW2

- 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
- Feel free to work on HW2 as well!

<https://github.com/GMU-SWE432-F22/microservice-example>

Also posted on Ed Discussions



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