

# SWE 432 -Web Application Development

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*Week 8:*  
Midterm  
Exam Review





# Midterm Exam

- 3 Parts, In-class exam, closed book, 200 points total
  - **Part 1:** Multiple Choice Questions
  - **Part 2:** Short Answer
    - Either provide program output, or answer in a few short sentences
  - **Part 3:** Multi-Part Code Question (*implementing a simple microservice*)
- Covers material from weeks 1-7, from both lectures and readings
- You will have the **entire** class period to complete

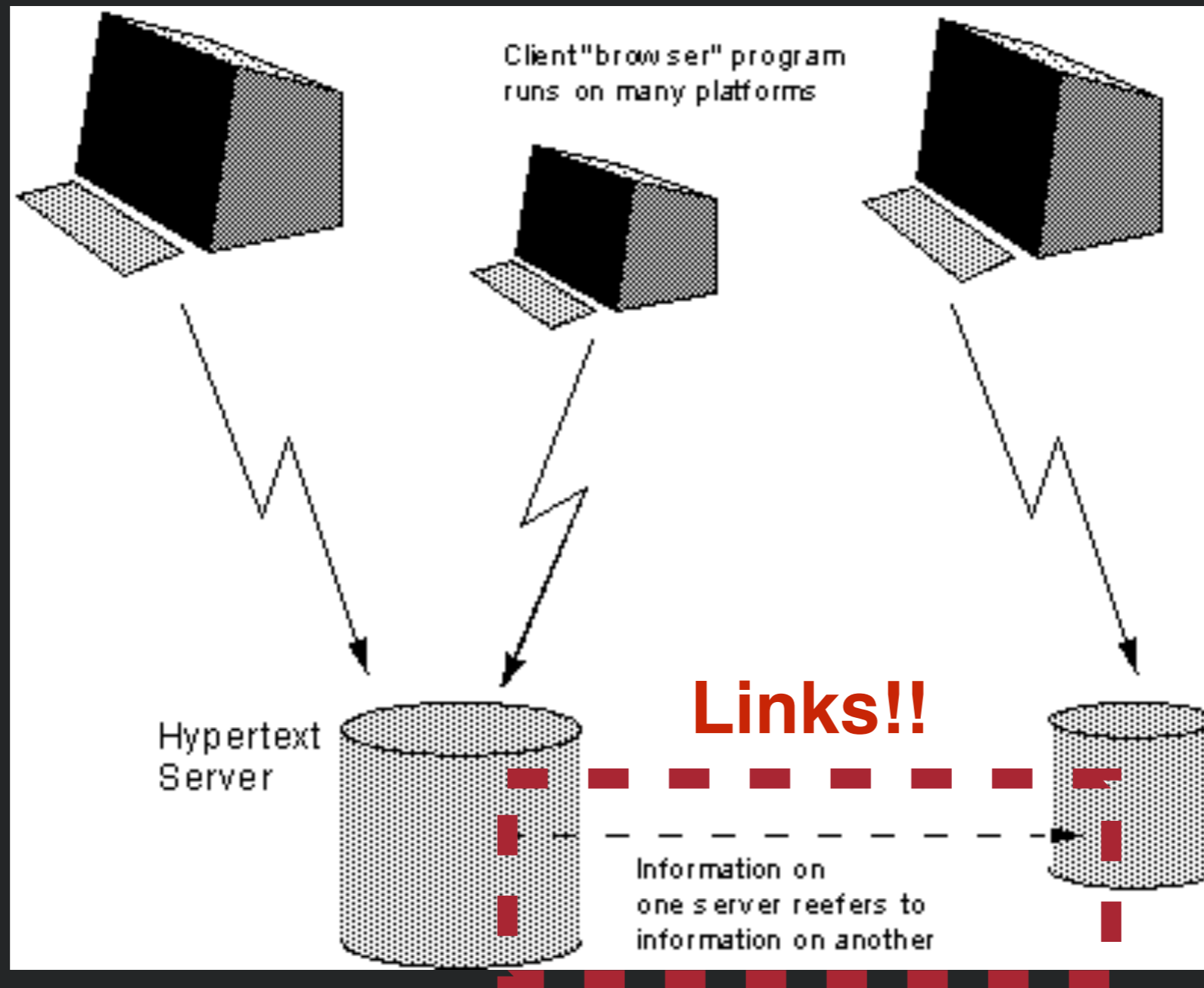
# Midterm Exam Review



# Week 1: Javascript



# Original WWW Architecture





# URI: Universal Resource Identifier

URI: <scheme>://<authority><path>?<query>

http://cs.gmu.edu/~kpmoran/swe-432-f21.html

↑  
“Use HTTP  
scheme”

Other popular schemes:  
ftp, mailto, file

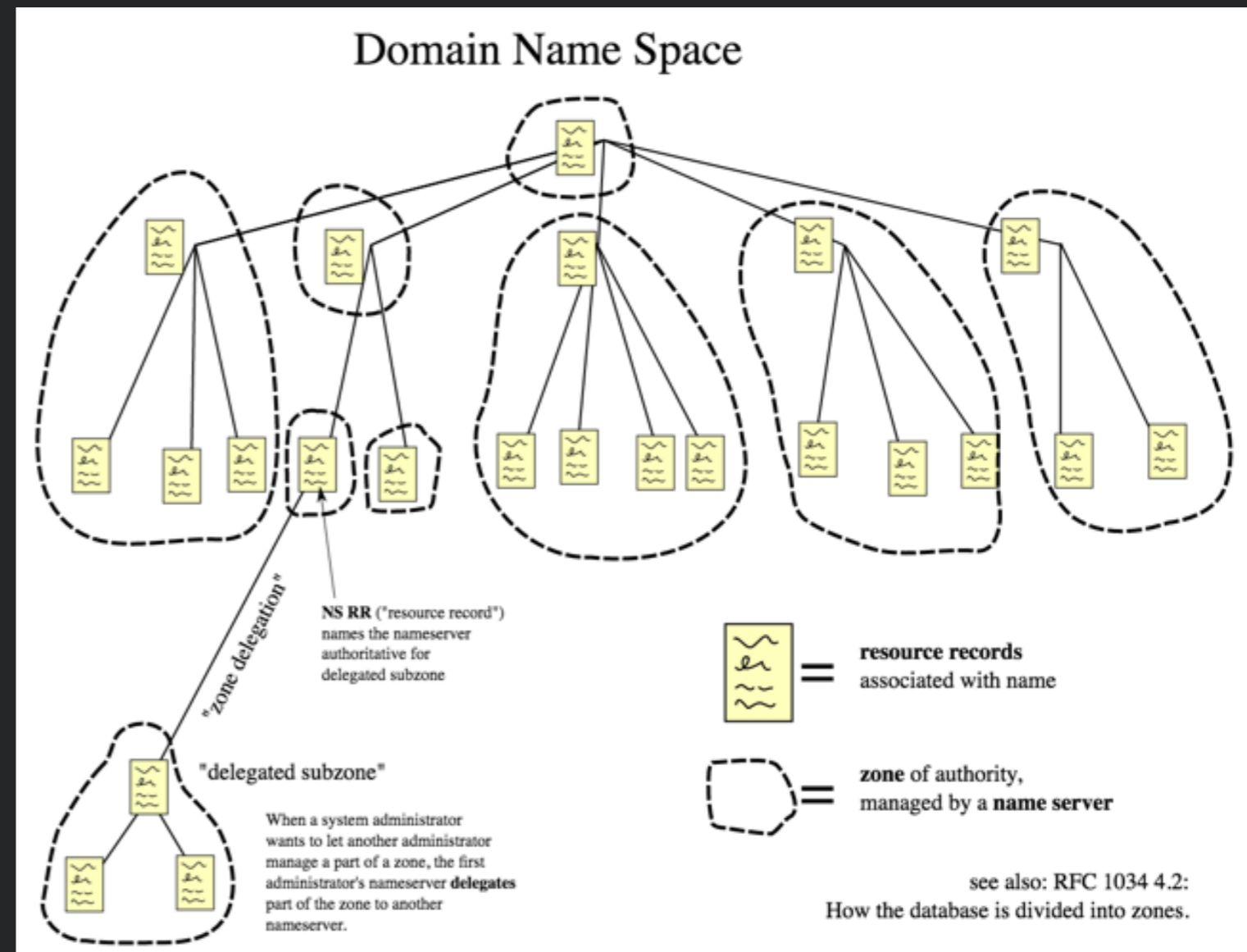
↑  
“Connect to cs.gmu.edu”

May be host name or an IP address  
Optional port name (e.g., :80 for port 80)

↖  
“Request  
~kpmoran/swe-432-f21.html”

# DNS: Domain Name System

- Domain name system (DNS) (~1982)
- Mapping from names to IP addresses
- E.g. cs.gmu.edu -> 129.174.125.139

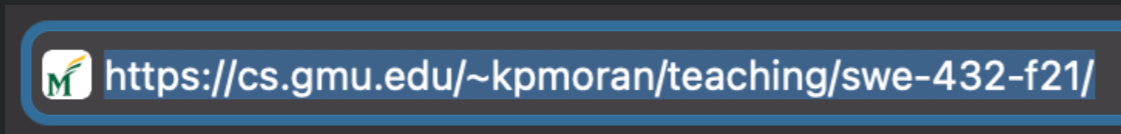
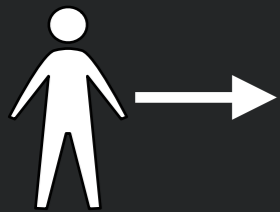


The hierarchical Domain Name System for class *Internet*, organized into zones, each served by a name server

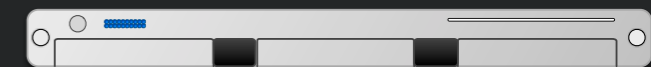


# HTTP: HyperText Transfer Protocol

High-level protocol built on TCP/IP that defines how data is transferred on the web



web server



*HTTP Request*

**GET** /~kpmoran/swe-432-f21.html **HTTP/1.1**

**Host:** cs.gmu.edu

**Accept:** text/html

Reads file from disk

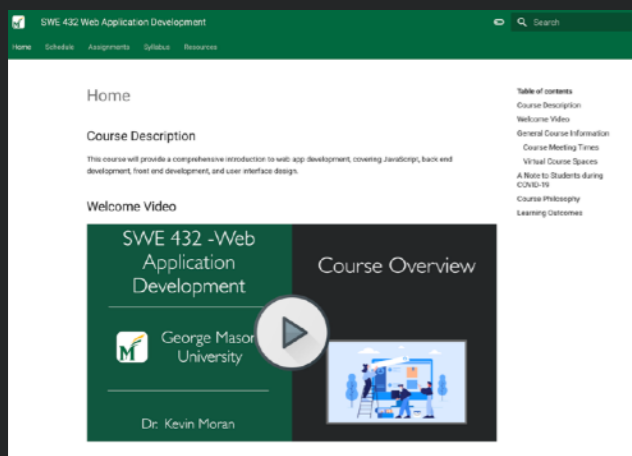


*HTTP Response*

**HTTP/1.1 200 OK**

**Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8**

**<html><head>...**







# HTTP Requests

HTTP Request

```
GET /~kpmoran/swe-432-f21.html HTTP/1.1  
Host: cs.gmu.edu  
Accept: text/html
```

“GET request”

“Resource”

Other popular types:  
POST, PUT, DELETE, HEAD

- Request may contain additional *header lines* specifying, e.g. client info, parameters for forms, cookies, etc.
- Ends with a carriage return, line feed (blank line)
- May also contain a message body, delineated by a blank line



# HTTP Responses

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 22:38:34 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Encoding: UTF-8
Content-Length: 138
Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux)
ETag: "3f80f-1b6-3e1cb03b"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Connection: close

<html>
<head>
  <title>An Example Page</title>
</head>
<body>
  Hello World, this is a very simple HTML document.
</body>
</html>
```

[HTML data]

“OK response”

Response status codes:

- 1xx Informational
- 2xx Success
- 3xx Redirection
- 4xx Client error
- 5xx Server error

“HTML returned content”

Common MIME types:

- application/json
- application/pdf
- image/png



# Properties of HTTP

- Request-response
  - Interactions always initiated by client request to server
  - Server responds with results
- Stateless
  - Each request-response pair independent from every other
  - Any state information (login credentials, shopping carts, etc.) needs to be encoded somehow



# HTML: HyperText Markup Language

HTML is a **markup language** - it is a language for describing parts of a document

- NOT a programming language
- Tags are added to markup the text, encompassed with `<>`'s
- Simple markup tags: `<b>`, `<i>`, `<u>` (bold, italic, underline)

```
<b>This text is bold!</b>
```



**This text is bold!**



# Variables

- Variables are *loosely* typed
  - String:

```
var strVar = 'Hello';
```
  - Number:

```
var num = 10;
```
  - Boolean:

```
var bool = true;
```
  - Undefined:

```
var undefined;
```
  - Null:

```
var nulled = null;
```
  - Objects (includes arrays):

```
var intArray = [1,2,3];
```
  - Symbols (named magic strings):

```
var sym = Symbol('Description of the symbol');
```
  - Functions (We'll get back to this)
- Names start with letters, \$ or \_
- Case sensitive

# Const



- Can define a variable that cannot be assigned again using const

```
const numConst = 10; //numConst can't be changed
```

- For objects, properties may change, but object identity may not.



# More Variables

- Loose typing means that JS figures out the type based on the value

```
let x; //Type: Undefined  
x = 2; //Type: Number  
x = 'Hi'; //Type: String
```

- Variables defined with let (but not var) have block scope
  - If defined in a function, can only be seen in that function
  - If defined outside of a function, then global. Can also make arbitrary blocks:

```
{  
    let a = 3;  
}  
//a is undefined
```



# Loops and Control Structures

- `if` - pretty standard

```
if (myVar >= 35) {  
    //...  
} else if(myVar >= 25){  
    //...  
} else {  
    //...  
}
```

- Also get `while`, `for`, and `break` as you might expect

```
while(myVar > 30){  
    //...  
}  
  
for(var i = 0; i < myVar; i++){  
    //...  
    if(someOtherVar == 0)  
        break;  
}
```



# Operators



```
var age = 20;
```

Operator	Meaning	Examples
<code>==</code>	Equality	<code>age == 20</code> <code>age == '20'</code>
<code>!=</code>	Inequality	<code>age != 21</code>
<code>&gt;</code>	Greater than	<code>age &gt; 19</code>
<code>&gt;=</code>	Greater or Equal	<code>age &gt;= 20</code>
<code>&lt;</code>	Less than	<code>age &lt; 21</code>
<code>&lt;=</code>	Less or equal	<code>age &lt;= 20</code>
<code>===</code>	Strict equal	<code>age === 20</code>
<code>!==</code>	Strict Inequality	<code>age !== '20'</code>

**Annoying**



# Functions

- At a high level, syntax should be familiar:

```
function add(num1, num2) {  
    return num1 + num2;  
}
```

- Calling syntax should be familiar too:

```
var num = add(4,6);
```

- Can also assign functions to variables!

```
var magic = function(num1, num2){  
    return num1+num2;  
}  
var myNum = magic(4,6);
```

- Why might you want to do this?



# Default Values

```
function add(num1=10, num2=45) {  
    return num1 + num2;  
}
```

```
var r = add(); // 55
```

```
var r = add(40); // 85
```

```
var r = add(2, 4); // 6
```



# Rest Parameters

```
function add(num1, ... morenums) {  
    var ret = num1;  
    for(var i = 0; i < morenums.length; i++)  
        ret += morenums[i];  
    return ret;  
}
```

```
add(40, 10, 20); //70
```

# => Arrow Functions

- Simple syntax to define short functions *inline*
- Several ways to use

Parameters

```
var add = (a,b) => {  
  return a+b;  
}
```

```
var add = (a,b) => a+b;
```

**If your arrow function only has one expression, JavaScript will automatically add the word “return”**

# Objects

- What are objects like in other languages? How are they written and organized?
- Traditionally in JS, no *classes*
- Remember - JS is not really typed... if it doesn't care between a number and a string, why care between two kinds of objects?

```
var profHacker = {  
  firstName: "Alyssa",  
  lastName: "P Hacker",  
  teaches: "SWE 432",  
  office: "ENGR 6409",  
  fullName: function(){  
    return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
  }  
};
```



# Working with Objects

```
var profMoran = {  
  firstName: "Alyssa",  
  lastName: "P Hacker",  
  teaches: "SWE 432",  
  office: "ENGR 4448",  
  fullName: function(){  
    return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
  }  
};
```

## Our Object

```
console.log(profHacker.firstName); //Alyssa  
console.log(profHacker["firstName"]); //Alyssa
```

## Accessing Fields

```
console.log(profHacker.fullName()); //Alyssa P Hacker
```

## Calling Methods

```
console.log(profHacker.fullName); //function...
```



# JSON: JavaScript Object Notation

Open standard format for transmitting *data* objects.

No functions, only key / value pairs

Values may be other objects or arrays

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```

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  teaches: "SWE 432",
  office: "ENGR 6409",
  fullName: {
    firstName: "Alyssa",
    lastName: "P Hacker"}
};
```

**JSON Object**





# Interacting w/ JSON

- Important functions
- `JSON.parse(jsonString)`
  - Takes a *String* in JSON format, creates an *Object*
- `JSON.stringify(obj)`
  - Takes a Javascript *object*, creates a *JSON String*
- Useful for persistence, interacting with files, debugging, etc.
  - e.g., `console.log(JSON.stringify(obj));`



# Arrays

- Syntax similar to C/Java/Ruby/Python etc.
- Because JS is loosely typed, can mix types of elements in an array
- Arrays automatically grow/shrink in size to fit the contents

```
var students = ["Alice", "Bob", "Carol"];  
var faculty = [profHacker];  
var classMembers = students.concat(faculty);
```

**Arrays are actually objects... and come with a bunch of “free”  
functions**



# Some Array Functions

- Length

```
var numberOfStudents = students.length;
```

- Join

```
var classMembers = students.concat(faculty);
```

- Sort

```
var sortedStudents = students.sort();
```

- Reverse

```
var backwardsStudents = sortedStudents.reverse();
```

- Map

```
var capitalizedStudents = students.map(x =>  
                                       x.toUpperCase());  
// ["ALICE", "BOB", "CAROL"]
```



# For Each

- JavaScript offers two constructs for looping over arrays and objects
- For **of** (iterates over values):

```
for(var student of students)
{
    console.log(student);
} //Prints out all student names
```

- For **in** (iterates over keys):

```
for(var prop in profHacker){
    console.log(prop + ": " + profHacker[prop]);
}
```

## Output:

```
firstName: Alyssa
lastName: P Hacker
teaches: SWE 432
office: ENGR 6409
```



# Arrays vs Objects

- Arrays are Objects
- Can access elements of both using syntax

```
var val = array[idx];
```

- Indexes of arrays must be integers
- Don't find out what happens when you make an array and add an element with a non-integer key :)



# String Functions

- Includes many of the same String processing functions as Java
- Some examples
  - `var stringVal = 'George Mason University';`
  - `stringVal.endsWith('University')` // returns true
  - `stringVal.match(...)` // matches a regular expression
  - `stringVal.split(' ')` // returns three separate words
- [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/String](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/String)

# Template Literals

- Enable embedding expressions **inside** strings

```
var a = 5;
var b = 10;
console.log(`Fifteen is ${a + b} and
not ${2 * a + b}.`);
// "Fifteen is 15 and not 20."
```

- Denoted by a back tick grave accent ` , **not** a single quote



# Map Collection





```
var myMap = new Map();

var keyString = 'a string',
    keyObj = {},
    keyFunc = function() {};

// setting the values
myMap.set(keyString, "value associated with 'a string'");
myMap.set(keyObj, 'value associated with keyObj');
myMap.set(keyFunc, 'value associated with keyFunc');

myMap.size; // 3

// getting the values
myMap.get(keyString); // "value associated with 'a string'"
myMap.get(keyObj); // "value associated with keyObj"
myMap.get(keyFunc); // "value associated with keyFunc"

myMap.get('a string'); // "value associated with 'a string'"
// because keyString === 'a string'
myMap.get({}); // undefined, because keyObj !== {}
myMap.get(function() {}) // undefined, because keyFunc !== function () {}
```

# Week 2: Organizing Code in Web Apps





# Design Goals

- Within a component
  - Cohesive
  - Complete
  - Convenient
  - Clear
  - Consistent
- Between components
  - Low coupling



# Cohesion and Coupling

- Cohesion is a property or characteristic of an individual unit
- Coupling is a property of a collection of units
- High cohesion GOOD, high coupling BAD
- Design for change:
  - Reduce interdependency (coupling): You don't want a change in one unit to ripple throughout your system
  - Group functionality (cohesion): Easier to find things, intuitive metaphor aids understanding

# Design for Reuse

- Why?
  - Don't duplicate existing functionality
  - Avoid repeated effort
- How?
  - Make it easy to extract a single component:
    - Low ***coupling*** between components
    - Have high ***cohesion*** within a component



# Design for Change



- Why?
  - Want to be able to add new features
  - Want to be able to easily *maintain* existing software
    - Adapt to new environments
    - Support new configurations
- How?
  - Low *coupling* - prevents unintended side effects
  - High *cohesion* - easier to find things



# Organizing Code

How do we structure things to achieve good organization?

	Java	Javascript
Individual Pieces of Functional Components	Classes	Classes
Entire libraries	Packages	Modules

# Classes



- ES6 introduces the `class` keyword
- Mainly just syntax - still not like Java Classes

Old

```
function Faculty(first, last, teaches, office)
{
  this.firstName = first;
  this.lastName = last;
  this.teaches = teaches;
  this.office = office;
  this.fullName = function(){
    return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
  }
}
var prof = new Faculty("Kevin", "Moran", "SWE432", "ENGR 4448");
```

New

```
class Faculty {
  constructor(first, last, teaches, office)
  {
    this.firstName = first;
    this.lastName = last;
    this.teaches = teaches;
    this.office = office;
  }
  fullname() {
    return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
  }
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# Modules (ES6)

- With ES6, there is (finally!) language support for modules
- Module must be defined in its own JS file
- Modules **export** declarations
  - Publicly exposes functions as part of module interface
- Code **imports** modules (and optionally only parts of them)
  - Specify module by path to the file



# Modules (ES6) - Export Syntax

```
var faculty = [{name:"Prof Johnson", section: 2}, {name:"Prof Moran", section:1}];  
export function getFaculty(i) {  
    // ..  
}
```

Label each declaration with "export"

```
export var someVar = [1,2,3];
```

```
var faculty = [{name:"Prof Johnson", section: 2}, {name:"Prof Moran", section:1}];  
var someVar = [1,2,3];  
function getFaculty(i) {  
    // ..  
}
```

Or name all of the exports at once

```
export {getFaculty, someVar};
```

Can rename exports too

```
export {getFaculty as aliasForFunction, someVar};
```

```
export default function getFaculty(i){...}
```

Default export



# Modules (ES6) - Import Syntax

- Import specific exports, binding them to the same name

```
import { getFaculty, someVar } from "myModule";  
getFaculty()...
```

- Import specific exports, binding them to a new name

```
import { getFaculty as aliasForFaculty } from "myModule";  
aliasForFaculty()...
```

- Import default export, binding to specified name

```
import theThing from "myModule";  
theThing()... -> calls getFaculty()
```

- Import all exports, binding to specified name

```
import * as facModule from "myModule";  
facModule.getFaculty()...
```



# Cascade Pattern

- aka “chaining”
- Offer set of operations that mutate object and returns the “this” object
  - Build an API that has single purpose operations that can be combined easily
  - Lets us read code like a sentence
- Example (String):

```
str.replace("k", "R").toUpperCase().substr(0, 4);
```

- Example (jQuery):

```
$("#wrapper")  
  .fadeOut()  
  .html("Welcome")  
  .fadeIn();
```



# Cascade Pattern

```
function number(value) {  
  this.value = value;  
  
  this.plus = function (sum) {  
    this.value += sum;  
    return this;  
  };  
  
  this.return = function () {  
    return this.value;  
  };  
  
  return this;  
}  
  
console.log(new number(5).plus(1).return());
```



# Closures

- Closures are expressions that work with variables in a specific context
- Closures contain a function, and its needed state
  - Closure is that function and a **stack frame** that is allocated when a function starts executing and **not freed** after the function returns

# Closures & Stack Frames

- What is a stack frame?
  - Variables created by function in its execution
  - Maintained by environment executing code

```
function a() {  
    var x = 5, z = 3;  
    b(x);  
}  
function b(y) {  
    console.log(y);  
}  
a();
```

**Contents of memory:**

a:	x: 5
	z: 3

Stack frame

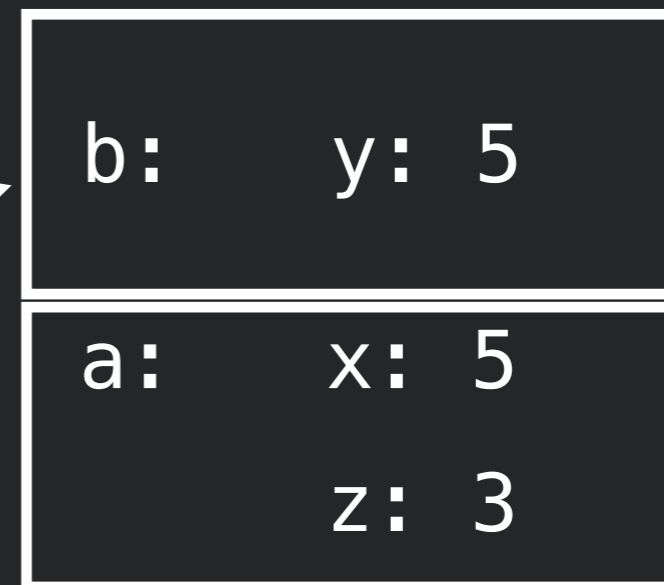
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- That state just refers to that state by name (sees updates)

```
var x = 1;
function f() {
  var y = 2;
  return function() {
    console.log(x + y);
    y++;
  };
}
var g = f();
g();           // 1+2 is 3
g();           // 1+3 is 4
```

This function attaches itself to x and y so that it can continue to access them.

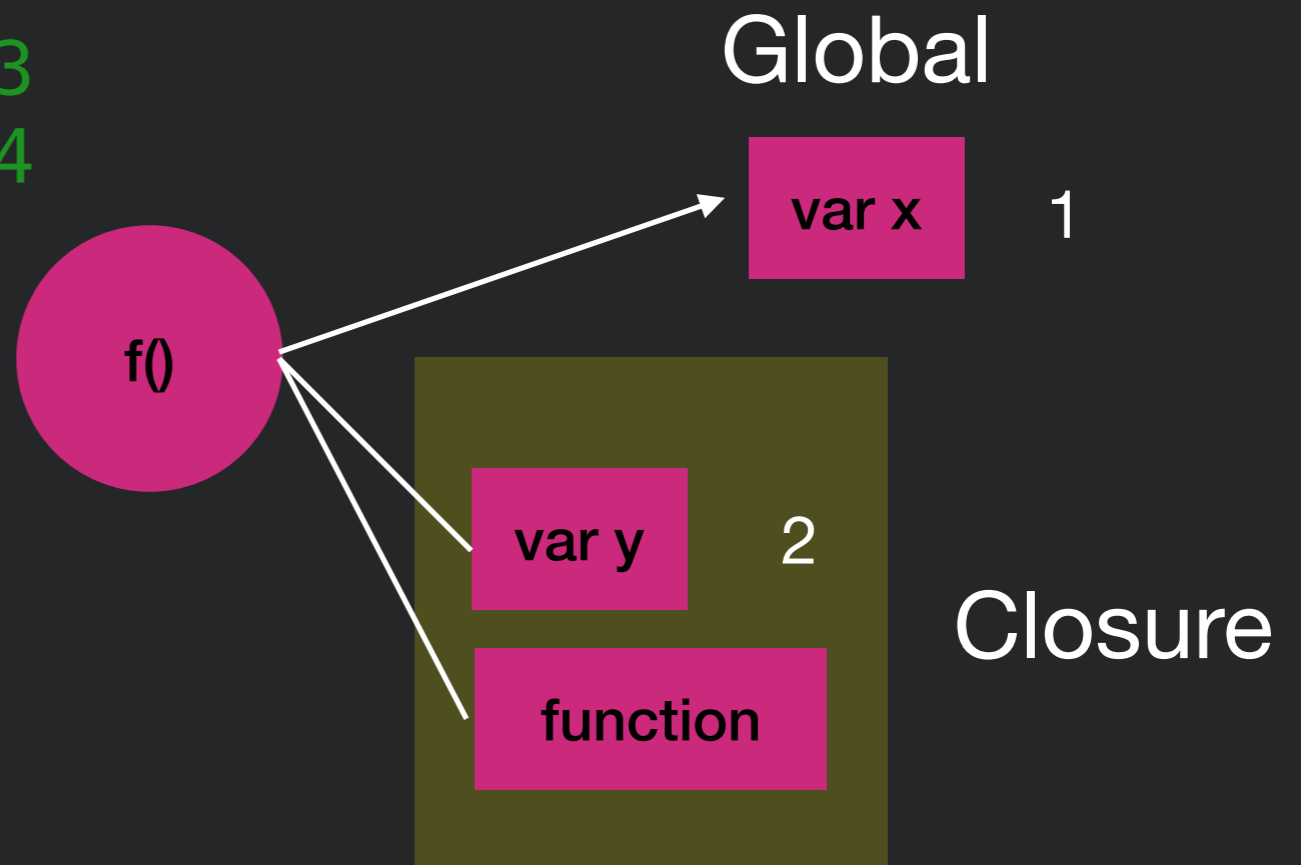
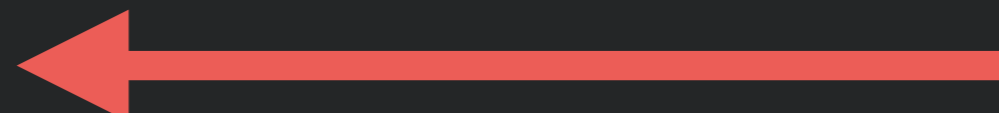
It “**closes up**” those references

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  };
};
```

```
var g = f();
g();
g();
```

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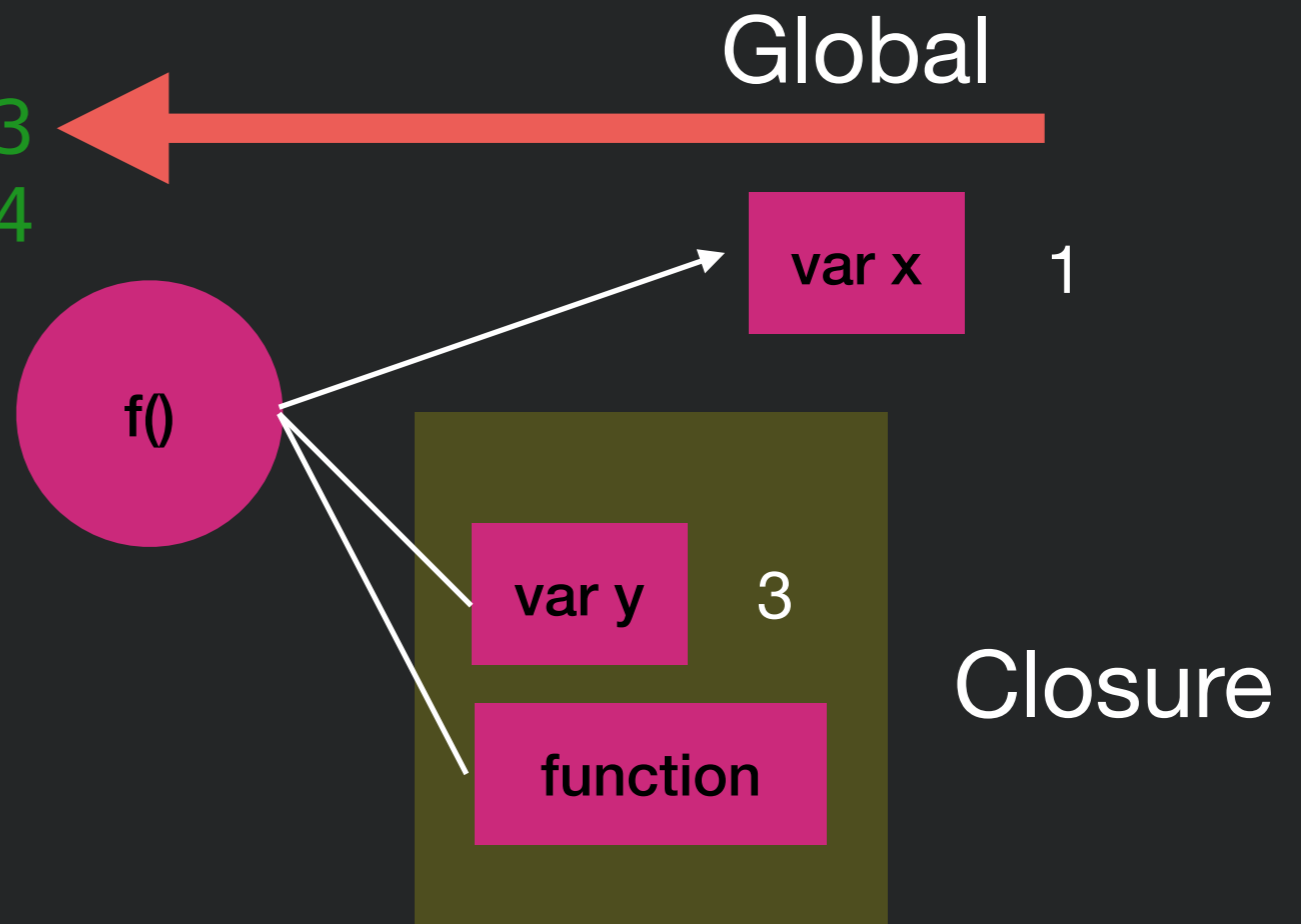




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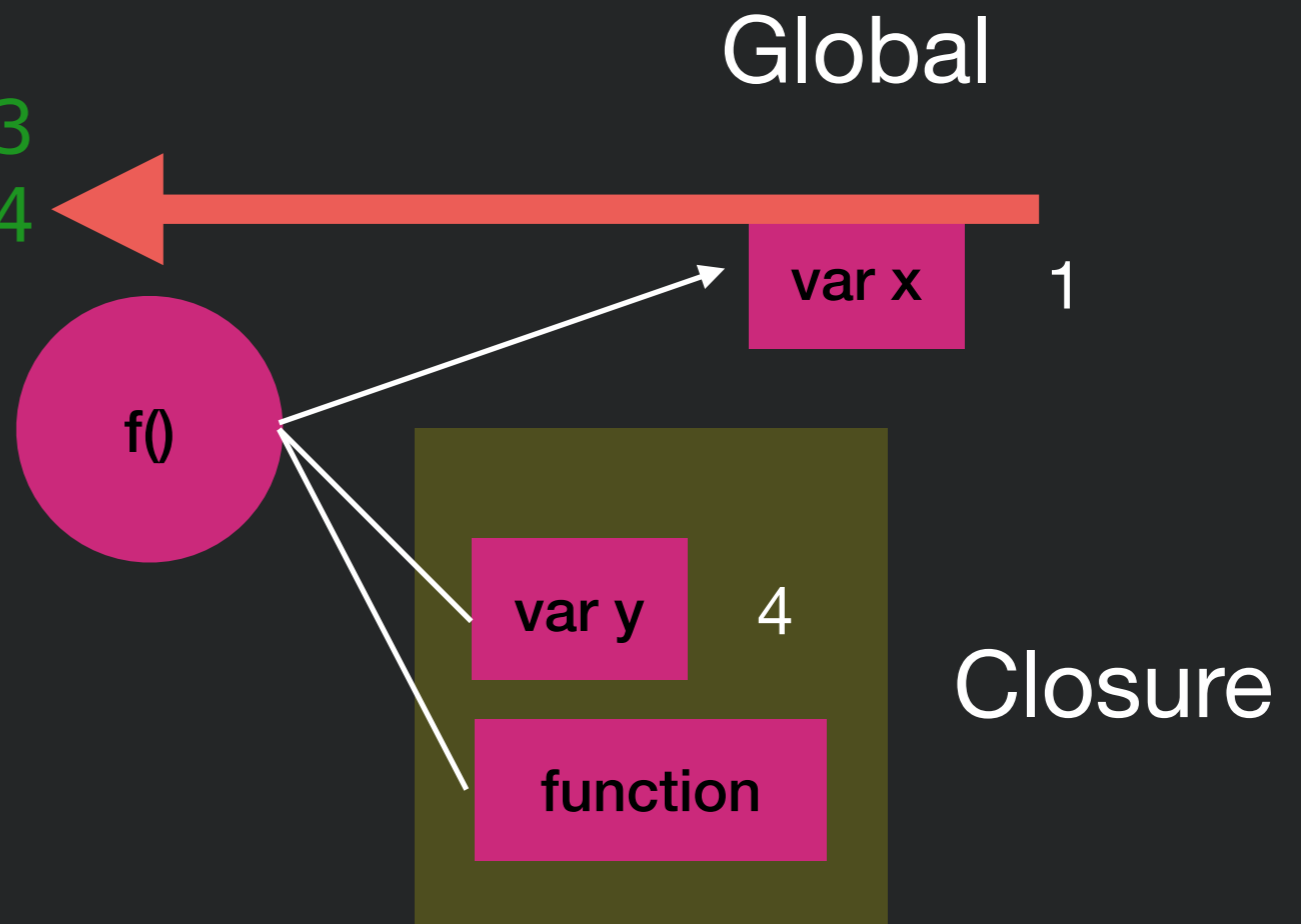




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# Modules with Closures

```
var facultyAPI = (function(){
  var faculty = [{name:"Prof Johnson", section: 2}, {name:"Prof
Moran", section:1}];

  return {
    getFaculty : function(i){
      return faculty[i].name + " (" + faculty[i].section + ")";
    }
  };
})();

console.log(facultyAPI.getFaculty(0));
```

This works because inner functions have visibility to all variables of outer functions!

# Closures Gone Awry

```
var result = [];  
for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
  result[i] = function() {  
    console.log(i);  
  };  
}
```

What is the output of `result[0]()`?

```
result[0](); // 5, expected 0  
result[1](); // 5, expected 1  
result[2](); // 5, expected 2  
result[3](); // 5, expected 3  
result[4](); // 5, expected 4
```

Why?

Closures retain a pointer to their needed state!



# Closures Under Control

Solution: IIFE - Immediately-Invoked Function Expression

```
function makeFunction(n)
{
  return function() { return n; };
}
for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  result[i] = makeFunction(i);
}
```

Why does it work?

```
result[0](); // 0, expected 0
result[1](); // 1, expected 1
result[2](); // 2, expected 2
result[3](); // 3, expected 3
result[4](); // 4, expected 4
```

Each time the anonymous function is called, it will create a new variable *n*, rather than reusing the same variable *i*

Shortcut syntax: .....

```
var result = [];
for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  result[i] = (function(n) {
    return function() { return n; }
  })(i);
}
```



# Week 2: Javascript Tooling & Testing





# NPM: Not an acronym, but the Node Package Manager

- Bring order to our modules and dependencies
- Declarative approach:
  - “My app is called helloworld”
  - “It is version 1”
  - You can run it by saying “node index.js”
  - “I need express, the most recent version is fine”
- Config is stored in json - specifically package.json

Generated by npm commands:

```
{
  "name": "helloworld",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "",
  "main": "index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC",
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "^4.14.0"
  }
}
```



# Installing packages with NPM

- ``npm install <package> --save`` will download a package and add it to your `package.json`
- ``npm install`` will go through all of the packages in `package.json` and make sure they are installed/up to date
- Packages get installed to the ``node_modules`` directory in your project



# Using NPM

- Your “project” is a directory which contains a special file, package.json
- Everything that is going to be in your project goes in this directory
- Step 1: Create NPM project  
`npm init`
- Step 2: Declare dependencies  
`npm install <packagename> --save`
- Step 3: Use modules in your app  
`var myPkg = require(“packagename”)`
- Do NOT include node\_modules in your git repo! Instead, just do  
`npm install`
  - This will download and install the modules on your machine given the existing config!

<https://docs.npmjs.com/index>



# Unit Testing

- Unit testing is testing some program unit in isolation from the rest of the system (which may not exist yet)
- Usually the programmer is responsible for testing a unit during its implementation
- Easier to debug when a test finds a bug (compared to full-system testing)



# Integration Testing

- **Motivation:** Units that worked in isolation may not work in combination
- Performed after all units to be integrated have passed all unit tests
- Reuse unit test cases that cross unit boundaries (that previously required stub(s) and/or driver standing in for another unit)



# Jest Lets You Specify Behavior in Specs

- Specs are written in JS
- Key functions:
  - `describe`, `test`, `expect`
- **Describe** a high level scenario by providing a name for the scenario and function(s) that contains some **tests** by saying what you **expect** it to be
- Example:

```
describe("Alyssa P Hacker tests", () => {  
  test("Calling fullName directly should always work", () => {  
    expect(profHacker.fullName()).toEqual("Alyssa P Hacker");  
  });  
}
```



# Writing Specs

- Can specify some code to run before or after checking a spec

```
var profHacker;  
beforeEach(() => {  
  profHacker = {  
    firstName: "Alyssa",  
    lastName: "P Hacker",  
    teaches: "SWE 432",  
    office: "ENGR 6409",  
    fullName: function () {  
      return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
    }  
  };  
});
```





# Making it work

- Add `jest` library to your project (`npm install --save-dev jest`)
- Configure NPM to use `jest` for test in `package.json`

```
"scripts": {  
  "test": "jest"  
},
```

- For file `x.js`, create `x.test.js`
- Run `npm test`



# Multiple Specs

- Can have as many tests as you would like

```
test("Calling fullName directly should always work", () => {
  expect(profHacker.fullName()).toEqual("Alyssa P Hacker");
});

test("Calling fullName without binding but with a function ref is undefined", () => {
  var func = profHacker.fullName;
  expect(func()).toEqual("undefined undefined");
});

test("Calling fullName WITH binding with a function ref works", () => {
  var func = profHacker.fullName;
  func = func.bind(profHacker);
  expect(func()).toEqual("Alyssa P Hacker");
});

test("Changing name changes full name", ()=>{
  profHacker.firstName = "Dr. Alyssa";
  expect(profHacker.fullName()).toEqual("Dr. Alyssa P Hacker");
})
```



# Nesting Specs

- “When its current price is higher than the paid price:
  - It should have a positive return of investment
  - It should be a good investment”
- How do we describe that?

```
describe("when its current price is higher than the paid price", function() {  
  beforeEach(function() {  
    stock.sharePrice = 40;  
  });  
  test("should have a positive return of investment", function() {  
    expect(investment.roi()).toBeGreaterThan(0);  
  });  
  test("should be a good investment", function() {  
    expect(investment.isGood()).toBeTruthy();  
  });  
});
```



# Matchers

- How does Jest determine that something is what we expect?

```
expect(investment.roi()).toBeGreaterThan(0);  
expect(investment).isGood().toBeTruthy();  
expect(investment.shares).toEqual(100);  
expect(investment.stock).toBe(stock);
```

- These are “matchers” for Jest - that compare a given value to some criteria
- Basic matchers are built in:
  - toBe, toEqual, toContain, toBeNaN, toBeNull, toBeUndefined, >, <, >=, <=, !=, regular expressions
- Can also define your own matcher



# Matchers

```
test('null', () => {  
  const n = null;  
  expect(n).toBeNull();  
  expect(n).toBeDefined();  
  expect(n).not.toBeUndefined();  
});
```

```
const shoppingList = [  
  'diapers',  
  'kleenex',  
  'trash bags',  
  'paper towels',  
  'beer',  
];
```

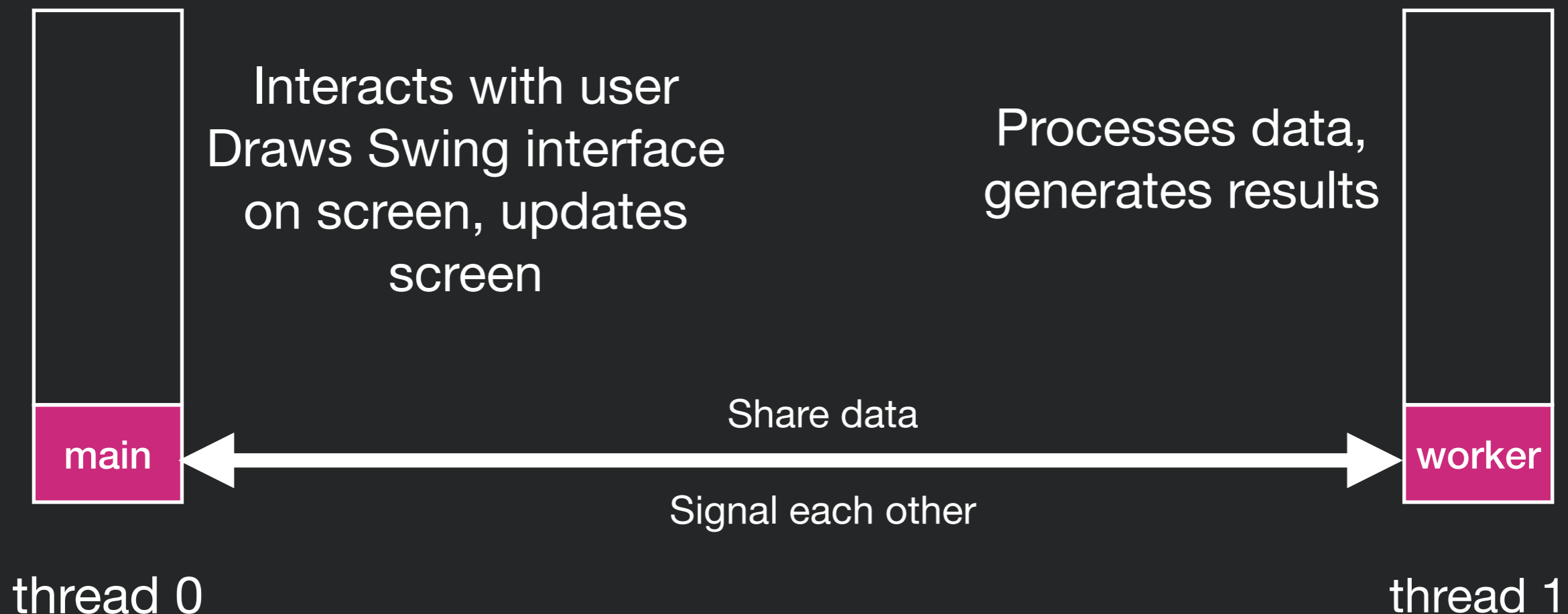
```
test('the shopping list has beer on it', () => {  
  expect(shoppingList).toContain('beer');  
  expect(new Set(shoppingList)).toContain('beer');  
});
```

# Week 3: Asynchronous Programming I



# Multi-Threading in Java

- Multi-Threading allows us to do more than one thing at a time
- Physically, through multiple cores and/or OS scheduler
- Example: Process data while interacting with user





# Woes of Multi-Threading

```
public static int v;  
public static void thread1()  
{  
    v = 4;  
    System.out.println(v);  
}
```

```
public static void thread2()  
{  
    v = 2;  
}
```

This is a data race: the `println` in `thread1` might see either 2 OR 4

Thread 1	Thread 2
Write V = 4	
	Write V = 2
Read V (2)	

Thread 1	Thread 2
	Write V = 2
Write V = 4	
Read V (4)	





# Multi-Threading in JS

```
var request = require('request');  
request('http://www.google.com', function (error, response,  
body) {  
    console.log("Heard back from Google!");  
});  
console.log("Made request");
```

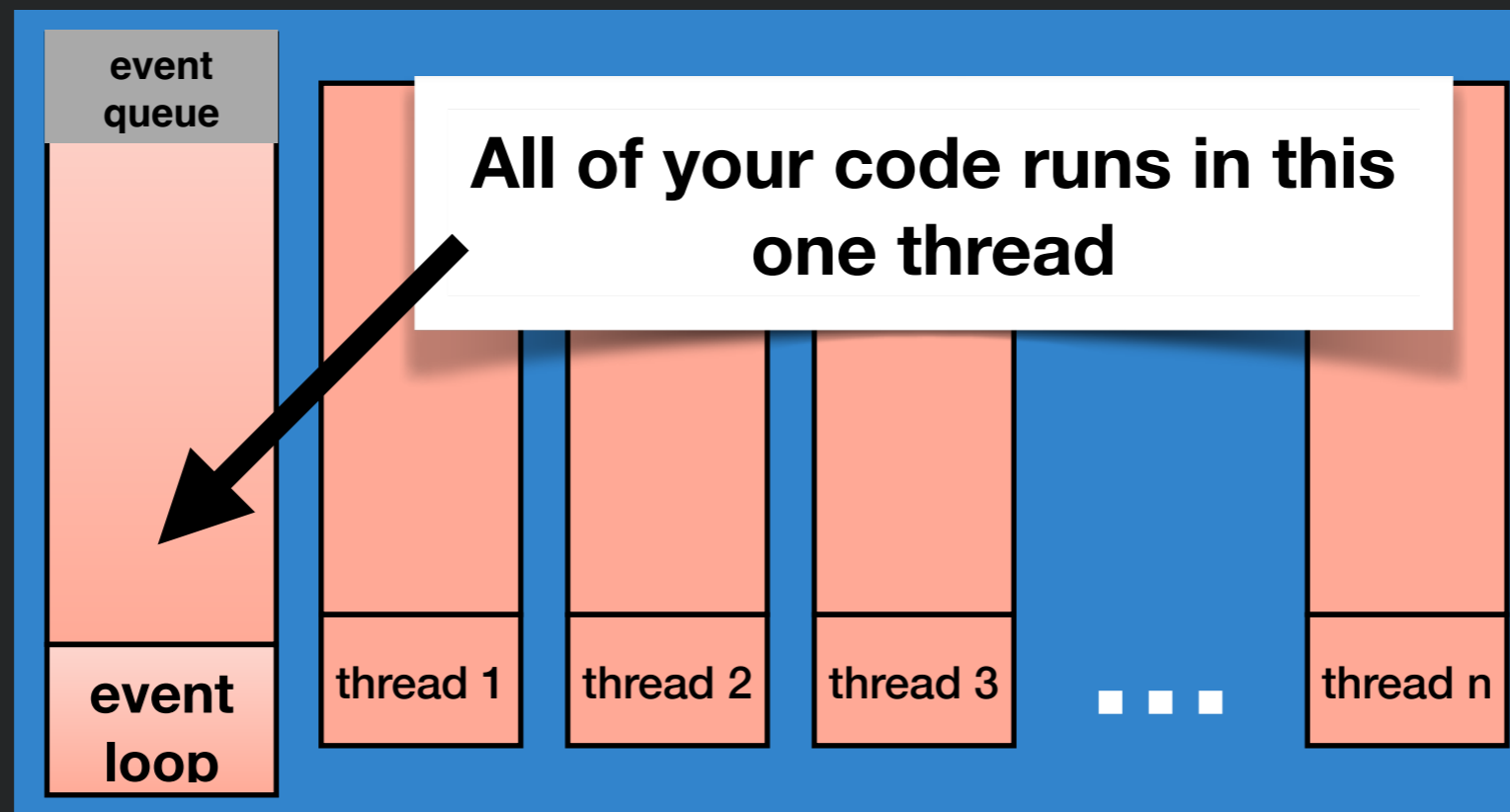
## Output:

Made request  
Heard back from Google!

Request is an asynchronous call

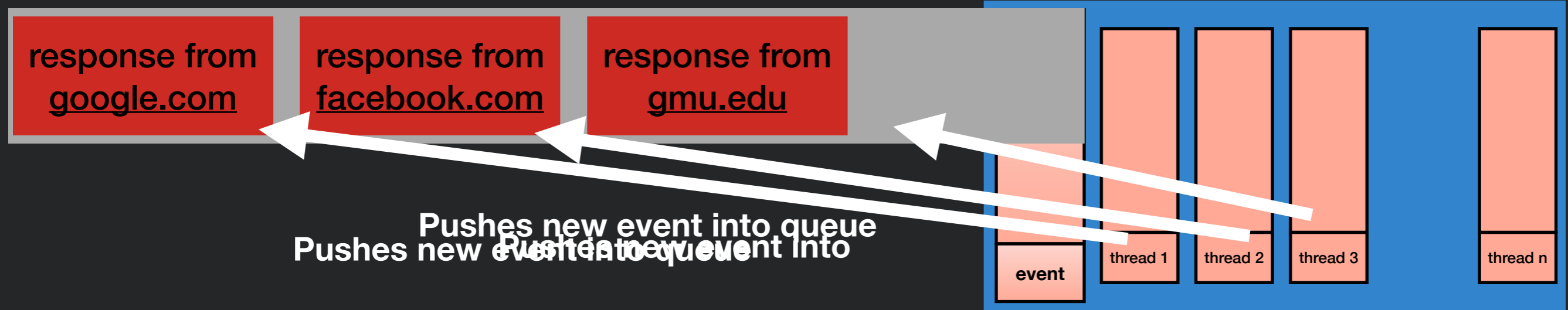
# Multi-Threading in JS

- Everything you write will run in a single thread\* (event loop)
- Since you are not sharing data between threads, races don't happen as easily
- Inside of JS engine: many threads
- Event loop processes events, and calls your callbacks



# The Event Loop

## Event Queue



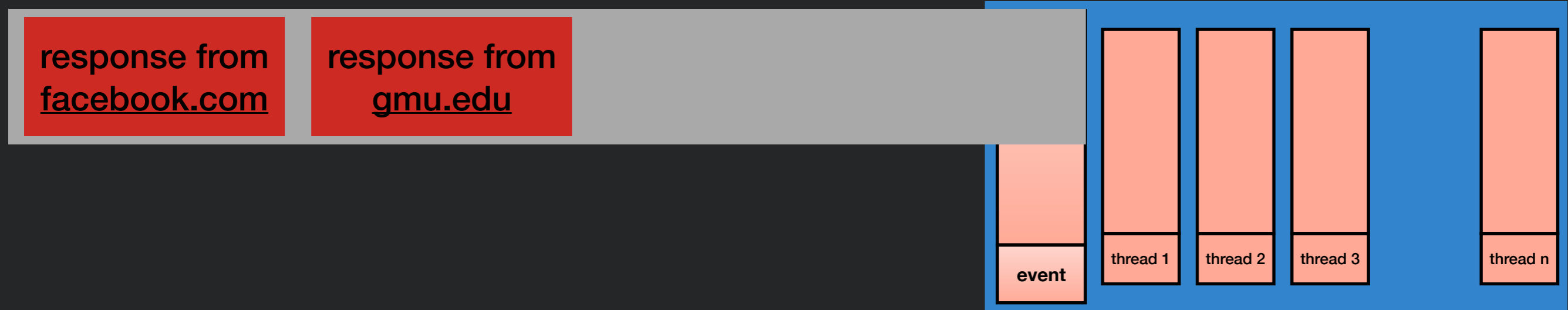
**Event Being Processed:**

JS Engine



# The Event Loop

## Event Queue



## Event Being Processed:

response from  
google.com

Are there any listeners registered for this event?

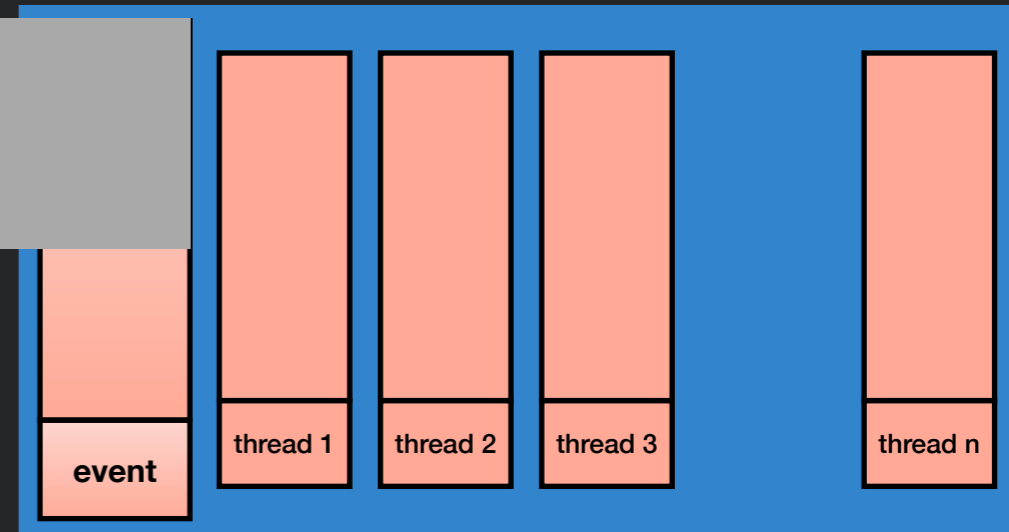
If so, call listener with event

After the listener is finished, repeat

# The Event Loop

## Event Queue

response from  
[gmu.edu](http://gmu.edu)



## Event Being Processed:

response from  
[facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

JS Engine

Are there any listeners registered for this event?

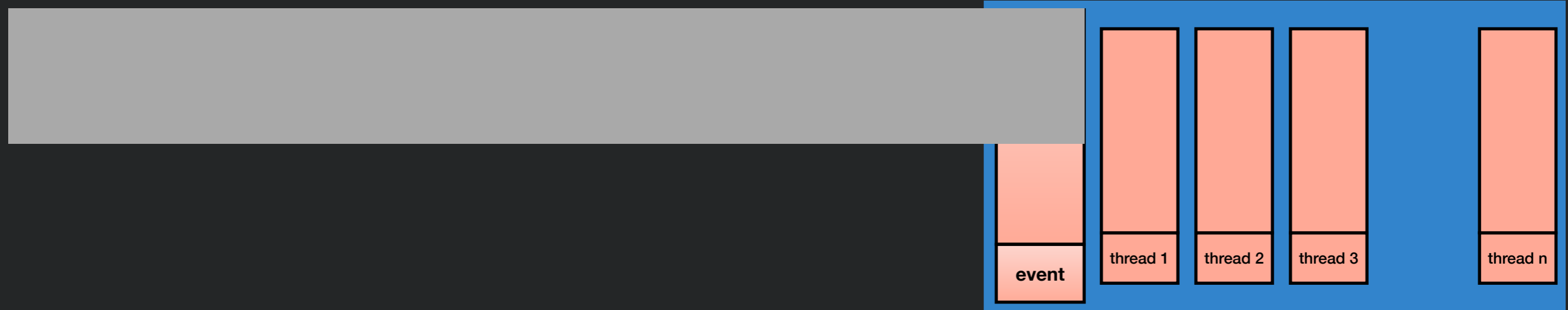
If so, call listener with event

After the listener is finished, repeat



# The Event Loop

## Event Queue



## Event Being Processed:

response from  
[gmu.edu](http://gmu.edu)

JS Engine

Are there any listeners registered for this event?

If so, call listener with event

After the listener is finished, repeat



# The Event Loop

- Remember that JS is **event-driven**

```
var request = require('request');  
request('http://www.google.com', function (error, response, body) {  
    console.log("Heard back from Google!");  
});  
console.log("Made request");
```

- Event loop is responsible for dispatching events when they occur
- Main thread for event loop:

```
while(queue.waitForMessage()){  
    queue.processNextMessage();  
}
```



# Benefits vs. Explicit Threading (Java)

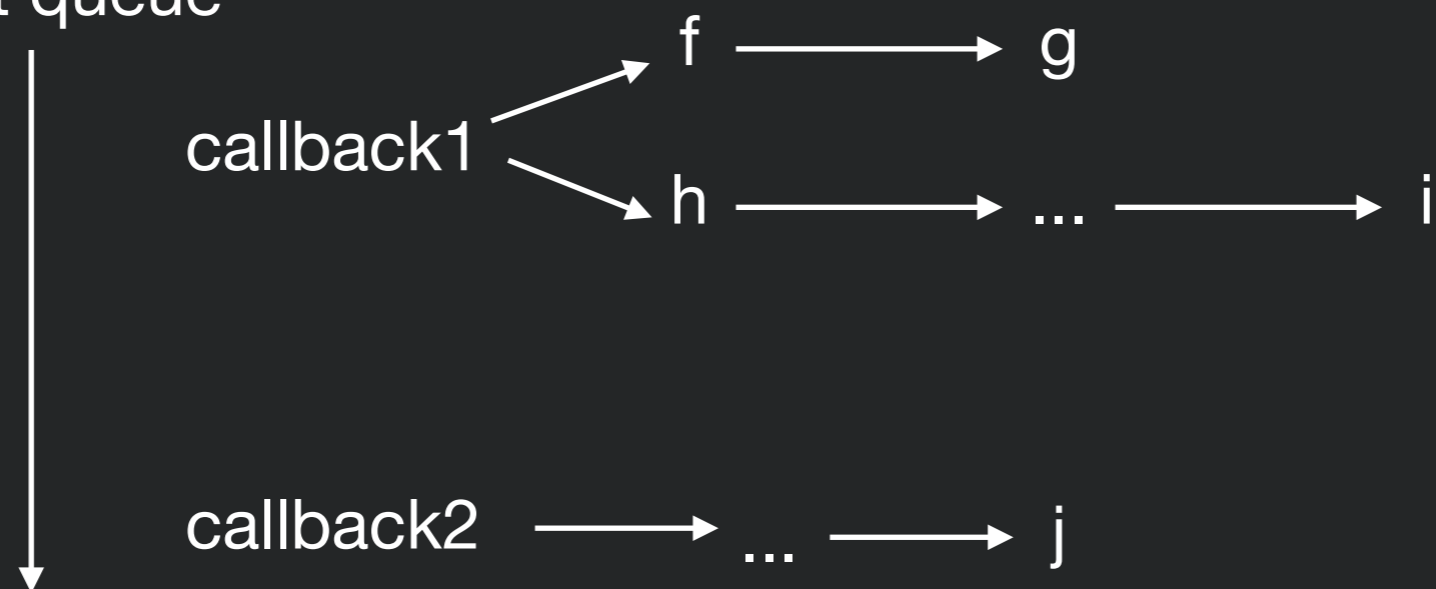
- Writing your own threads is *difficult* to reason about and get right:
  - When threads share data, need to ensure they correctly *synchronize* on it to avoid race conditions
- Main downside to events:
  - Can not have slow event handlers
  - Can still have races, although easier to reason about



# Run-to-Completion Semantics

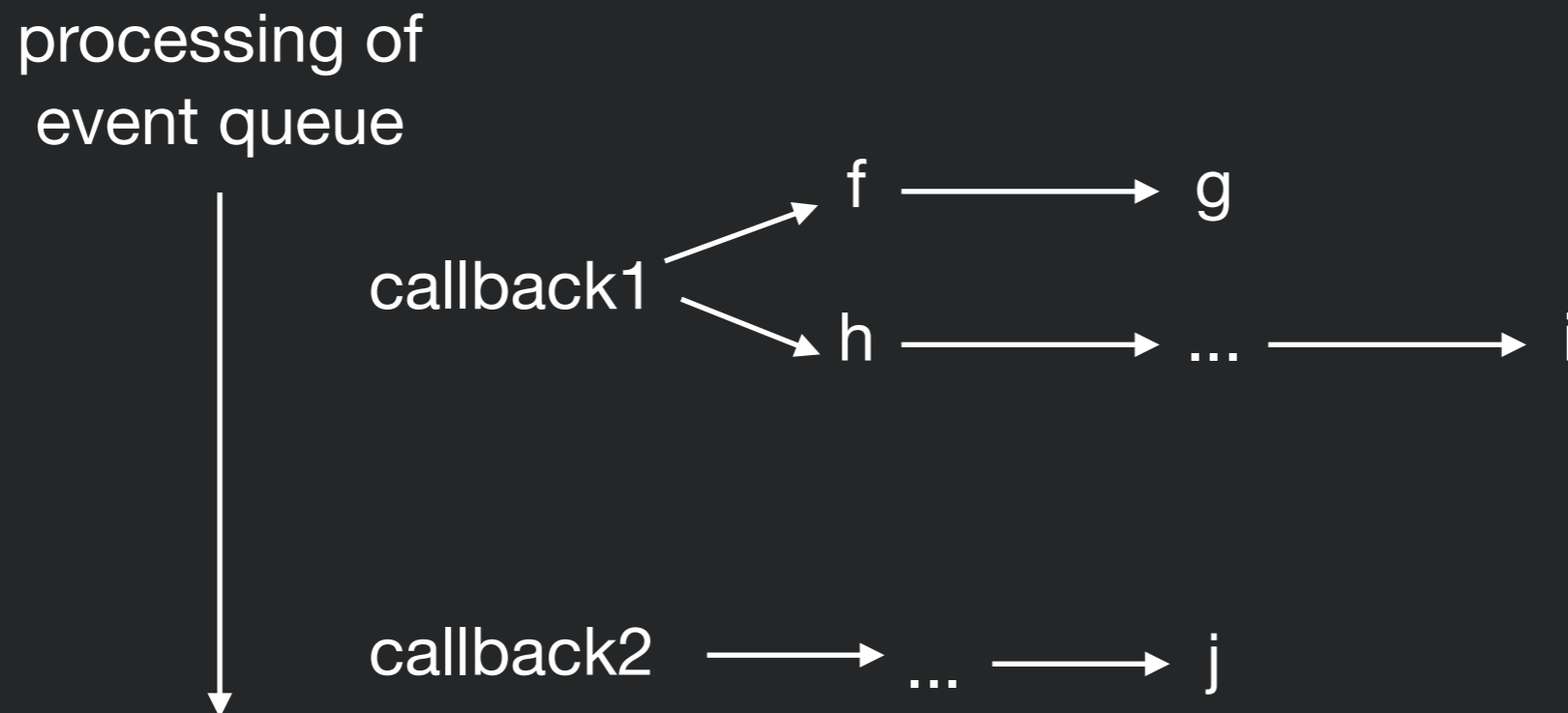
- Run-to-completion
  - The function handling an event and the functions that it (transitively) synchronously calls will keep executing until the function finishes.
  - The JS engine will not handle the next event until the event handler finishes.

processing of  
event queue



# Implications of Run-to-Completion

- Good news: no other code will run until you finish (no worries about other threads overwriting your data)

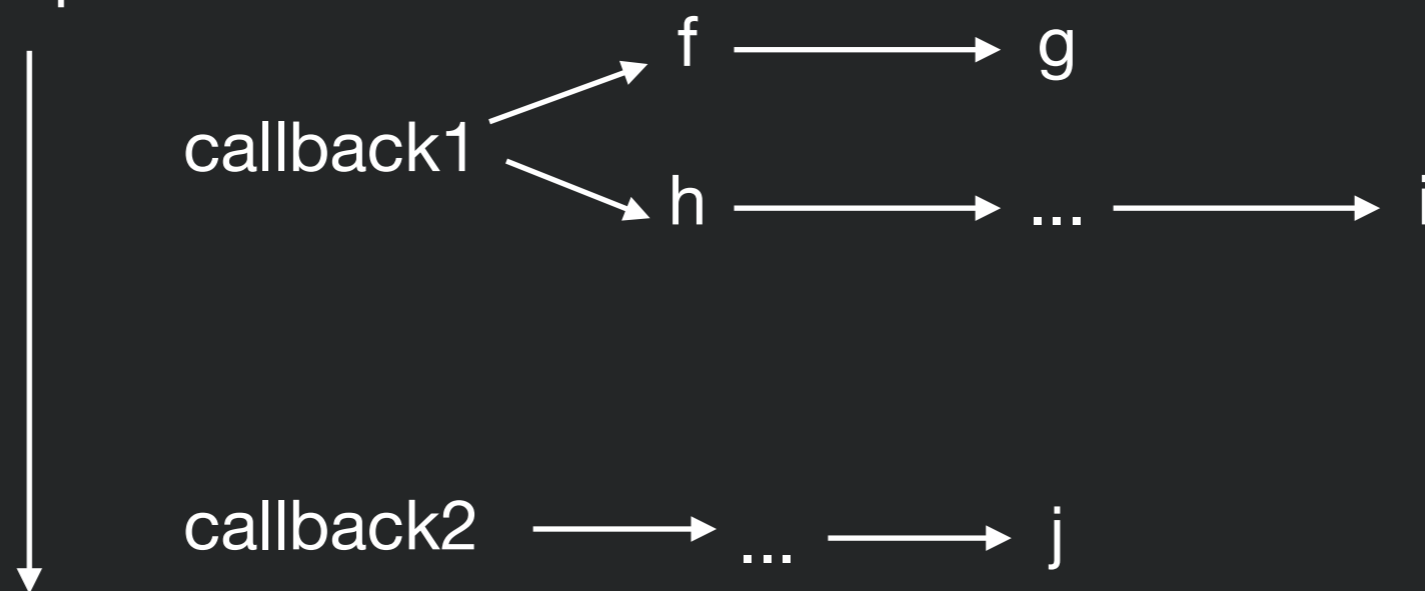


*j will not execute until after i*

# Implications of Run-to-Completion

- Bad/OK news: Nothing else will happen until event handler returns
- Event handlers should never block (e.g., wait for input) --> all callbacks waiting for network response or user input are **always** asynchronous
- Event handlers shouldn't take a long time either

processing of  
event queue



*j will not execute until i finishes*



# Decomposing a long-running computation

- If you ***must*** do something that takes a long time (e.g. computation), split it into multiple events
  - `doSomeWork()`;
  - ... [let event loop process other events]..
  - `continueDoingMoreWork()`;
  - ...



# Dangers of Decomposition

- Application state may *change* before event occurs
  - Other event handlers may be interleaved and occur before event occurs and mutate the same application state
  - --> Need to check that update still makes sense
- Application state may be in *inconsistent* state until event occurs
- leaving data in inconsistent state...
- Loading some data from API, but not all of it...



# Sequencing events with Promises

- Promises are a wrapper around async callbacks
- Promises represents how to get a value
- Then you tell the promise what to do when it gets it
- Promises organize many steps that need to happen in order, with each step happening asynchronously
- At any point a promise is either:
  - Unresolved
  - Succeeds
  - Fails



# Using a Promise

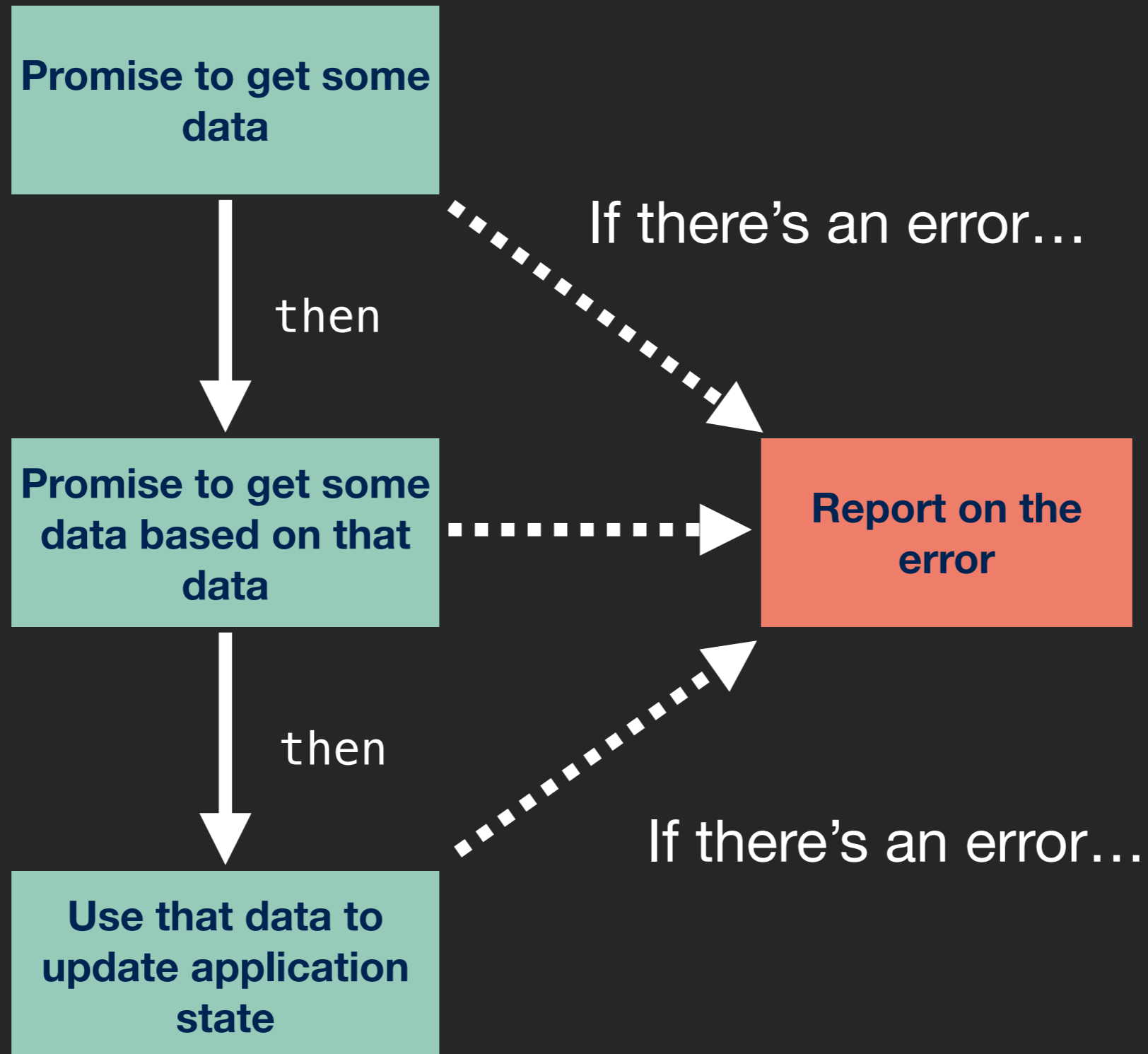
- Declare what you want to do when your promise is completed (**then**), or if there's an error (**catch**)

```
fetch('https://github.com/')  
  .then(function(res) {  
    return res.text();  
  });
```

```
fetch('http://domain.invalid/')  
  .catch(function(err) {  
    console.log(err);  
  });
```



# Promise One Thing Then Another







# Chaining Promises

```
myPromise.then(function(resultOfPromise){
    //Do something, maybe asynchronously
    return theResultOfThisStep;
})
  .then(function(resultOfStep1){
    //Do something, maybe asynchronously
    return theResultOfStep2;
})
  .then(function(resultOfStep2){
    //Do something, maybe asynchronously
    return theResultOfStep3;
})
  .then(function(resultOfStep3){
    //Do something, maybe asynchronously
    return theResultOfStep4;
})
  .catch(function(error){

  });
```

# Writing a Promise

- Most often, Promises will be generated by an API function (e.g., `fetch`) and returned to you.
- But you can also create your own Promise.

```
var p = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {  
  if (/* condition */) {  
    resolve(/* value */); // fulfilled successfully  
  }  
  else {  
    reject(/* reason */); // error, rejected  
  }  
});
```

# Example: Writing a Promise

- loadImage returns a promise to load a given image

```
function loadImage(url){  
  return new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {  
    var img = new Image();  
    img.src = url;  
    img.onload = function(){  
      resolve(img);  
    }  
    img.onerror = function(e){  
      reject(e);  
    }  
  });  
}
```

Once the image is loaded, we'll resolve the promise

If the image has an error, the promise is rejected

# Writing a Promise

- Basic syntax:
  - do something (possibly asynchronous)
  - when you get the result, call `resolve()` and pass the final result
  - In case of error, call `reject()`

```
var p = new Promise( function(resolve, reject){  
    // do something, who knows how long it will take?  
    if(everythingIsOK)  
    {  
        resolve(stateIWantToSave);  
    }  
    else  
        reject(Error("Some error happened"));  
} );
```



# Promises in Action

- Firebase example: get some value from the database, then push some new value to the database, then print out “OK”

```
todosRef.child(keyToGet).once('value')
  .then(function(foundTodo){
    return foundTodo.val().text; Do this
  })
  .then(function(theText){ Then, do this
    todosRef.push({'text' : "Seriously: " + theText});
  })
  .then(function(){ Then do this
    console.log("OK!");
  })
  .catch(function(error){
    //something went wrong
  });
```

**And if you ever had an error, do this**

# Week 3: Asynchronous Programming II





# Async/Await

- The latest and greatest way to work with async functions
- A programming pattern that tries to make async code look more synchronous
- Just “await” something to happen before proceeding
- <https://javascript.info/async-await>



# Async keyword

- Denotes a function that can block and resume execution later

```
async function hello() { return "Hello" };  
hello();
```

- Automatically turns the return type into a Promise

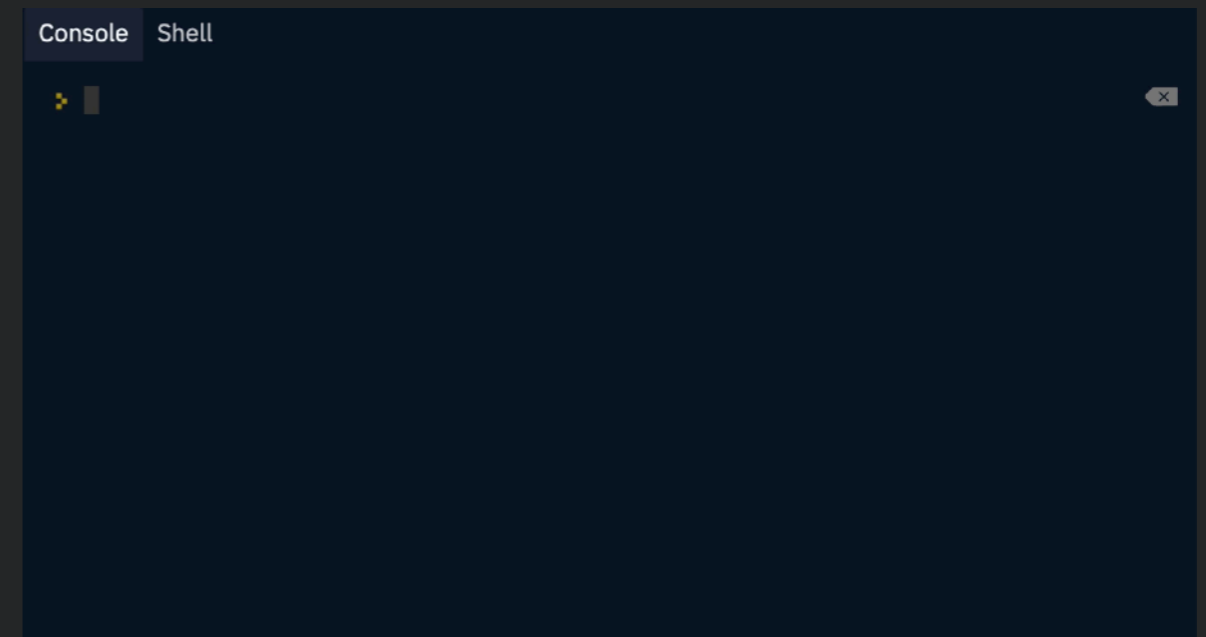




# Async/Await Example

```
function resolveAfter2Seconds() {
  return new Promise(resolve => {
    setTimeout(() => {
      resolve('resolved');
    }, 2000);
  });
}

async function asyncCall() {
  console.log('calling');
  var result = await
  resolveAfter2Seconds();
  console.log(result);
  // expected output: 'resolved'
}
```



<https://replit.com/@kmoran/async-ex#script.js>



# Async/Await -> Synchronous

```
let lib = require("./lib.js");

async function getAndGroupStuff() {
  let thingsToFetch = ['t1', 't2', 't3', 's1', 's2',
's3', 'm1', 'm2', 'm3', 't4'];
  let stuff = [];
  let ts, ms, ss;

  let promises = [];
  for (let thingToGet of thingsToFetch) {
    stuff.push(await lib.getPromise(thingToGet));
    console.log("Got a thing");
  }
  ts = await lib.groupPromise(stuff, "t");
  console.log("Made a group");
  ms = await lib.groupPromise(stuff, "m");
  console.log("Made a group");
  ss = await lib.groupPromise(stuff, "s");
  console.log("Made a group");
  console.log("Done");
}

getAndGroupStuff();
```

```
node v12.16.1
□
```



# Async/Await

- Rules of the road:
  - You can only call **await** from a function that is **async**
  - You can only **await** on functions that return a **Promise**
  - Beware: await makes your code synchronous!

```
async function getAndGroupStuff() {  
  ...  
  ts = await lib.groupPromise(stuff, "t");  
  ...  
}
```

# Week 5: Backend Development





# Express

- Basic setup:

- For get:

```
app.get("/somePath", function(req, res){  
  //Read stuff from req, then call res.send(myResponse)  
});
```

- For post:

```
app.post("/somePath", function(req, res){  
  //Read stuff from req, then call res.send(myResponse)  
});
```

- Serving static files:

```
app.use(express.static('myFileWithStaticFiles'));
```

- Make sure to declare this \*last\*
- Additional helpful module - bodyParser (for reading POST data)

<https://expressjs.com/>



# Demo: Hello World Server

1: Make a directory, myapp

2: Enter that directory, type `npm init` (accept all defaults)

3: Type `npm install express --save`

4: Create text file `app.js`:

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
var port = process.env.PORT || 3000;
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Hello World!');
});

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

5: Type `node app.js`

6: Point your browser to <http://localhost:3000>

**Creates a configuration file  
for your project**

**Tells NPM that you want to use  
express, and to save that in your  
project config**

**Runs your app**



# Demo: Hello World Server

```
var express = require('express'); // Import the module express
```

```
var app = express(); // Create a new instance of express
```

```
var port = process.env.PORT || 3000; // Decide what port we want express to listen on
```

```
app.get('/', function (req, res) { // Create a callback for express to call  
  res.send('Hello World!');      when we have a "get" request to "/".  
});                               That callback has access to the request  
                                  (req) and response (res).
```

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

// Tell our new instance of express to listen on `port`, and print to the console once it starts successfully

# Core Concept: Routing

- The definition of end points (URIs) and how they respond to client requests.
  - `app.METHOD(PATH, HANDLER)`
  - METHOD: all, get, post, put, delete, [and others]
  - PATH: string (e.g., the url)
  - HANDLER: call back

```
app.post('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.send('Got a POST request');  
});
```





# Route Paths

- Can specify strings, string patterns, and regular expressions
  - Can use ?, +, \*, and ()
- Matches request to root route

```
app.get('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.send('root');  
});
```

- Matches request to /about

```
app.get('/about', function (req, res) {  
  res.send('about');  
});
```

- Matches request to /abe and /abcde

```
app.get('/ab(cd)?e', function (req, res) {  
  res.send('ab(cd)?e');  
});
```



# Route Parameters

- Named URL segments that capture values at specified location in URL
  - Stored into `req.params` object by name
- Example
  - Route path `/users/:userId/books/:bookId`
  - Request URL `http://localhost:3000/users/34/books/8989`
  - Resulting `req.params`: `{ "userId": "34", "bookId": "8989" }`

```
app.get('/users/:userId/books/:bookId', function(req, res)
{
  res.send(req.params);
});
```

# Route Handlers

- You can provide multiple callback functions that behave like middleware to handle a request
- The only exception is that these callbacks might invoke `next('route')` to bypass the remaining route callbacks.
- You can use this mechanism to impose pre-conditions on a route, then pass control to subsequent routes if there's no reason to proceed with the current route.

```
app.get('/example/b', function (req, res, next) {  
  console.log('the response will be sent by the next function ...')  
  next()  
}, function (req, res) {  
  res.send('Hello from B!')  
})
```



# Request Object

- Enables reading properties of HTTP request
  - **req.body**: JSON submitted in request body (*must* define body-parser to use)
  - **req.ip**: IP of the address
  - **req.query**: URL query parameters

# HTTP Responses

- Larger number of response codes (200 OK, 404 NOT FOUND)
- Message body only allowed with certain response status codes

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 23 May 2005 22:38:34 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Encoding: UTF-8
Content-Length: 138
Last-Modified: Wed, 08 Jan 2003 23:11:55 GMT
Server: Apache/1.3.3.7 (Unix) (Red-Hat/Linux)
ETag: "3f80f-1b6-3e1cb03b"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Connection: close

<html>
<head>
  <title>An Example Page</title>
</head>
<body>
  Hello World, this is a very simple HTML document.
</body>
</html>
```

[HTML data]

“OK response”

Response status codes:

1xx Informational

2xx Success

3xx Redirection

4xx Client error

5xx Server error

“HTML returned content”

Common MIME types:

application/json

application/pdf

image/png



# Response Object

- Enables a response to client to be generated
  - `res.send()` - send string content
  - `res.download()` - prompts for a file download
  - `res.json()` - sends a response w/ `application/json` Content-Type header
  - `res.redirect()` - sends a redirect response
  - `res.sendStatus()` - sends only a status message
  - `res.sendFile()` - sends the file at the specified path

```
app.get('/users/:userId/books/:bookId', function(req, res) {  
  res.json({ "id": req.params.bookID });  
});
```



# Describing Responses

- What happens if something goes wrong while handling HTTP request?
  - How does client know what happened and what to try next?
- HTTP offers response status codes describing the nature of the response
  - 1xx Informational: Request received, continuing
  - 2xx Success: Request received, understood, accepted, processed
    - 200: OK
  - 3xx Redirection: Client must take additional action to complete request
    - 301: Moved Permanently
    - 307: Temporary Redirect

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_HTTP\\_status\\_codes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_HTTP_status_codes)



# Describing Errors

- 4xx Client Error: client did not make a valid request to server. Examples:
  - 400 Bad request (e.g., malformed syntax)
  - 403 Forbidden: client lacks necessary permissions
  - 404 Not found
  - 405 Method Not Allowed: specified HTTP action not allowed for resource
  - 408 Request Timeout: server timed out waiting for a request
  - 410 Gone: Resource has been intentionally removed and will not return
  - 429 Too Many Requests





# Describing Errors

- 5xx Server Error: The server failed to fulfill an apparently valid request.
  - 500 Internal Server Error: generic error message
  - 501 Not Implemented
  - 503 Service Unavailable: server is currently unavailable



# Error Handling in Express

- Express offers a default error handler
- Can specify error explicitly with status
  - `res.status(500);`



# Persisting Data in Memory

- Can declare a global variable in node
  - i.e., a variable that is not declared inside a class or function
- Global variables persist between requests
- Can use them to store state in memory
- Unfortunately, if server crashes or restarts, state will be lost
  - Will look later at other options for persistence

# Week 5: HTTP Requests





# Making HTTP Requests

- May want to request data from other servers from backend
- Fetch
  - Makes an HTTP request, returns a Promise for a response
  - Part of standard library in browser, but need to install library to use in backend

- Installing:

```
npm install node-fetch --save
```

- Use:

```
const fetch = require('node-fetch');  
  
fetch('https://github.com/')  
  .then(res => res.text())  
  .then(body => console.log(body));  
  
var res = await fetch('https://github.com/');
```

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/node-fetch>



# Responding Later

- What happens if you'd like to send data back to client in response, but not until something else happens (e.g., your request to a different server finishes)?
- Solution: wait for event, then send the response!

```
fetch( 'https://github.com/' )  
  .then(res => res.text())  
  .then(body => res.send(body));
```



# REST: REpresentational State Transfer

- Defined by Roy Fielding in his 2000 Ph.D. dissertation
  - Used by Fielding to design HTTP 1.1 that generalizes URLs to URIs
  - [http://www.ics.uci.edu/~fielding/pubs/dissertation/fielding\\_dissertation.pdf](http://www.ics.uci.edu/~fielding/pubs/dissertation/fielding_dissertation.pdf)
- *“Throughout the HTTP standardization process, I was called on to defend the design choices of the Web. That is an extremely difficult thing to do... I had comments from well over 500 developers, many of whom were distinguished engineers with decades of experience. That process honed my model down to a core set of principles, properties, and constraints that are now called REST.”*
- Interfaces that follow REST principles are called RESTful



# Properties of REST

- Performance
- Scalability
- Simplicity of a Uniform Interface
- Modifiability of components (even at runtime)
- Visibility of communication between components by service agents
- Portability of components by moving program code with data
- Reliability





# Principles of REST

- Client server: separation of concerns (reuse)
- Stateless: each client request contains all information necessary to service request (scaling)
- Cacheable: clients and intermediaries may cache responses. (scaling)
- Layered system: client cannot determine if it is connected to end server or intermediary along the way. (scaling)
- Uniform interface for resources: a single uniform interface (URIs) simplifies and decouples architecture (change & reuse)



# Uniform Interface for Resources

- Originally files on a web server
  - URL refers to directory path and file of a resource
- But... URIs might be used as an identity for any entity
  - A person, location, place, item, tweet, email, detail view, like
  - *Does not matter* if resource is a file, an entry in a database, retrieved from another server, or computed by the server on demand
  - Resources offer an *interface* to the server describing the resources with which clients can interact



# URI: Universal Resource Identifier

- Uniquely describes a resource
  - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/157d5fb795159ac0>
  - [https://www.amazon.com/gp/yourstore/home/ref=nav\\_cs\\_ys](https://www.amazon.com/gp/yourstore/home/ref=nav_cs_ys)
  - [http://gotocon.com/dl/goto-amsterdam-2014/slides/StefanTilkov\\_RESTIDontThinkItMeansWhatYouThinkItDoes.pdf](http://gotocon.com/dl/goto-amsterdam-2014/slides/StefanTilkov_RESTIDontThinkItMeansWhatYouThinkItDoes.pdf)
- Which is a file, external web service request, or stored in a database?
  - It does not matter
- As client, only matters what actions we can *do* with resource, not how resource is represented on server



# Intermediaries

Web "Front End"

"Origin" server



## HTTP Request

```
HTTP GET http://api.wunderground.com/api/  
3bee87321900cf14/conditions/q/VA/Fairfax.json
```

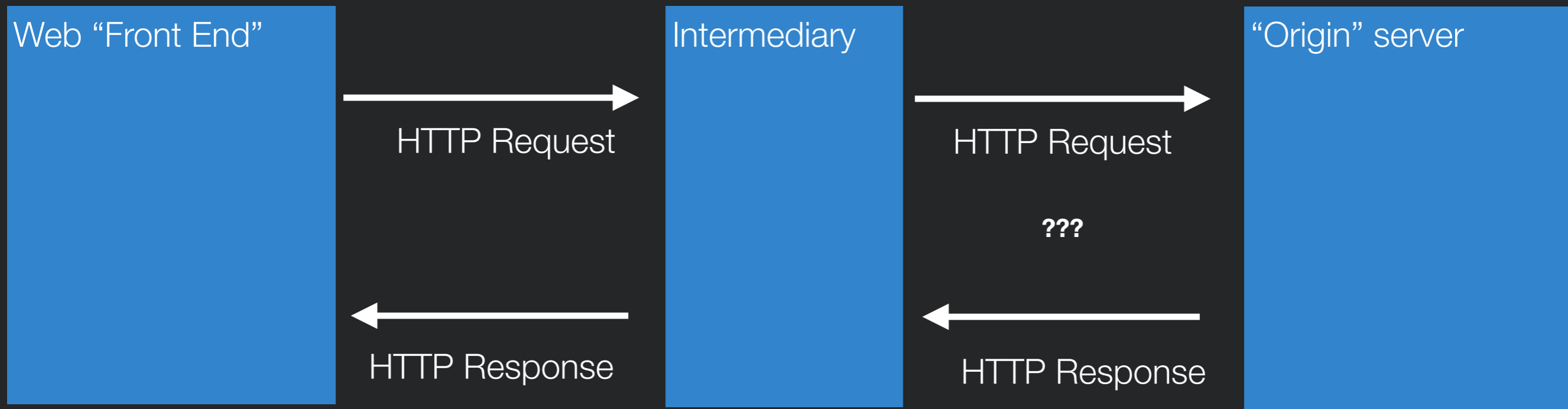


## HTTP Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Server: Apache/2.2.15 (CentOS)  
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *  
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true  
X-CreationTime: 0.134  
Last-Modified: Mon, 19 Sep 2016 17:37:52 GMT  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8  
Expires: Mon, 19 Sep 2016 17:38:42 GMT  
Cache-Control: max-age=0, no-cache  
Pragma: no-cache  
Date: Mon, 19 Sep 2016 17:38:42 GMT  
Content-Length: 2589  
Connection: keep-alive
```

```
{  
  "response": {  
    "version": "0.1"
```

# 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



# Challenges with intermediaries

- But can all requests really be intercepted in the same way?
  - Some requests might produce a change to a resource
    - Can't just cache a response... would not get updated!
  - Some requests might create a change every time they execute
    - Must be careful retrying failed requests or could create extra copies of resources

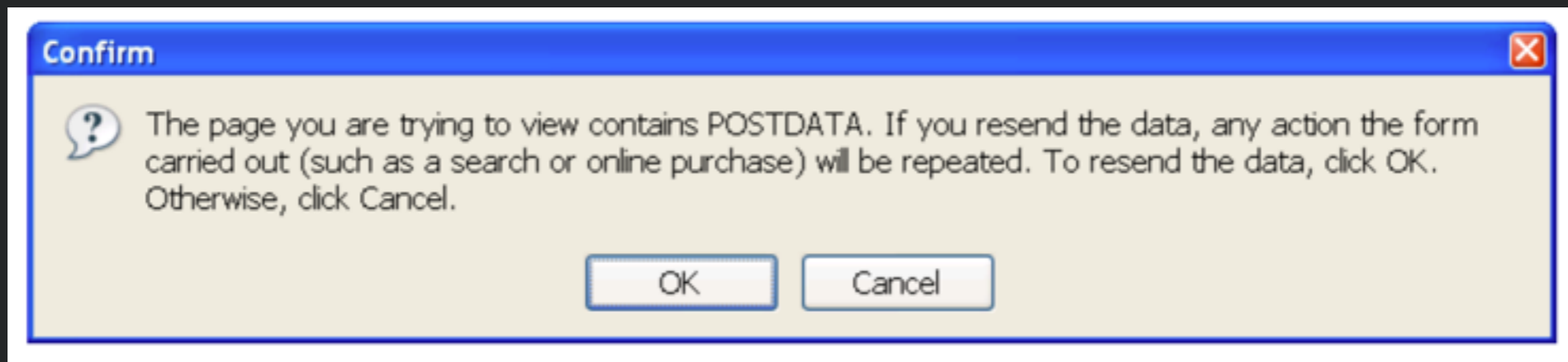


# HTTP Actions

- How do intermediaries know what they can and cannot do with a request?
- Solution: HTTP Actions
  - Describes what will be done with resource
  - GET: retrieve the current state of the resource
  - PUT: modify the state of a resource
  - DELETE: clear a resource
  - POST: initialize the state of a new resource

# 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





# Week 6: Persistence & More Microservices





# 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

GET /populations



# 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/transitProviders GET, POST  
/city/:cityID/transitProviders/: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}`);  
});
```

```
app.listen(3000);
```



# 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

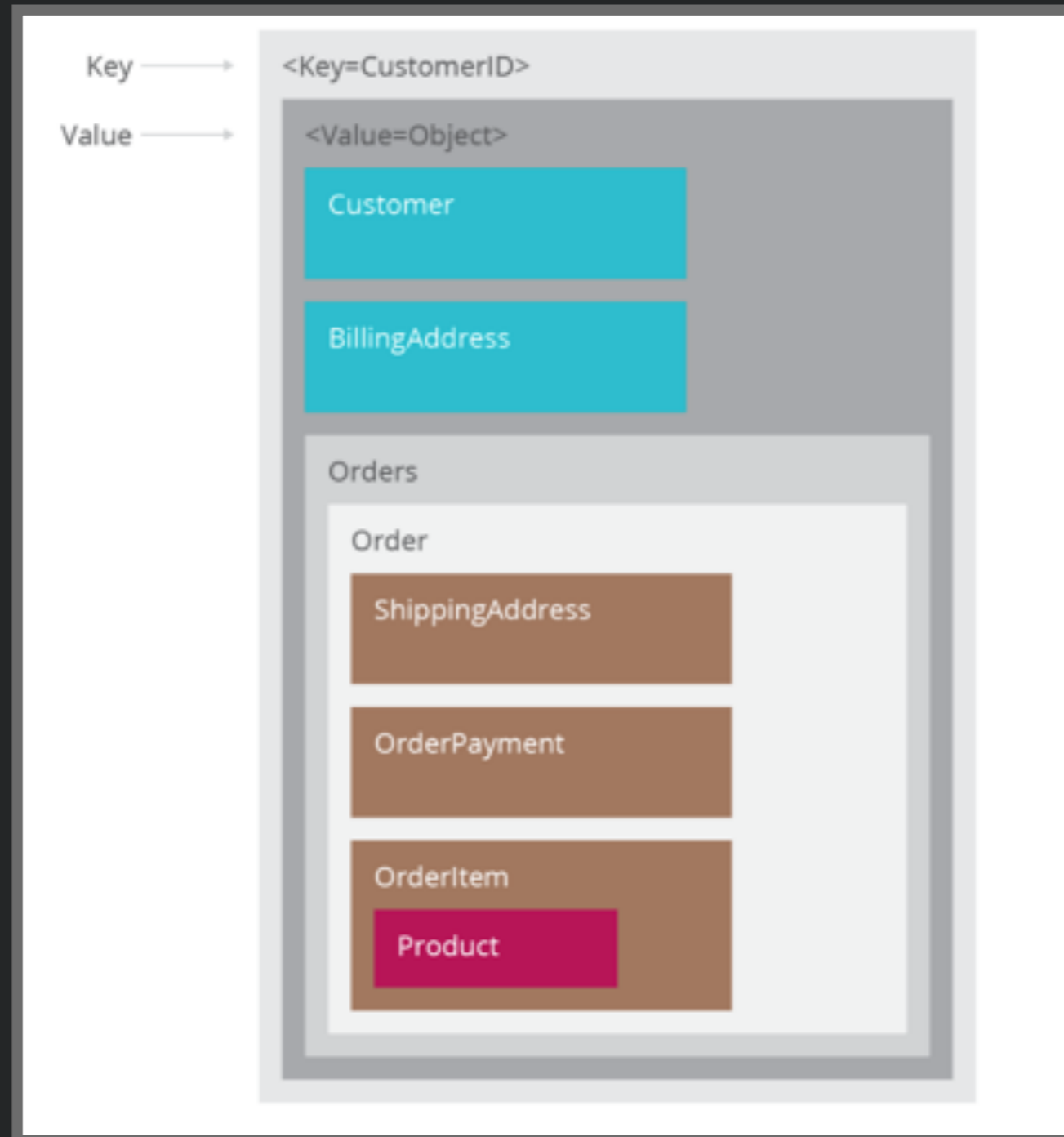


# NoSQL

- 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



# Week 7: Security





# Threat Models

- What is being defended?
  - What resources are important to defend?
  - What malicious actors exist and what attacks might they employ?
  
- Who do we trust?
  - What entities or parts of system can be considered secure and trusted
  - Have to trust **something!**



# Security Requirements for Web Apps

## 1. Authentication

- Verify the *identity* of the parties involved
- Threat: Impersonation. A person pretends to be someone they are not.

## 2. Authorization

## 3. Confidentiality

- Ensure that *information* is given only to authenticated parties
- Threat: Eavesdropping. Information leaks to someone that should not have it.

## 4. Integrity

- Ensure that information is *not changed* or tampered with
- Threat: *Tampering*.



# HTTPS: HTTP over SSL

- Establishes secure connection from client to server
  - Uses SSL to encrypt traffic
- Ensures that others can't impersonate server by establishing certificate authorities that vouch for server.
- Server trusts an HTTPS connection iff
  - The user trusts that the browser software correctly implements HTTPS with correctly pre-installed certificate authorities.
  - The user trusts the certificate authority to vouch only for legitimate websites.
  - The website provides a valid certificate, which means it was signed by a trusted authority.
  - The certificate correctly identifies the website (e.g., certificate received for "https://example.com" is for "example.com" and not other entity).



# Using HTTPS

- If using HTTPS, important that all scripts are loaded through HTTPS
  - If mixed script from untrusted source served through HTTP, attacker could still modify this script, defeating benefits of HTTPS
- Example attack:
  - Banking website loads Bootstrap through HTTP rather than HTTPS
  - Attacker intercepts request for Bootstrap script, replaces with malicious script that steals user data or executes malicious action





# Authentication

- How can we know the identify of the parties involved
- Want to customize experience based on identity
  - But need to determine identity first!
- Options
  - Ask user to create a new username and password
    - Lots of work to manage (password resets, storing passwords securely, ...)
    - Hard to get right (#2 on the OWASP Top 10 Vulnerability List)
    - User does not really want another password...
  - Use an authentication provider to authenticate user
    - Google, FB, Twitter, Github, ...

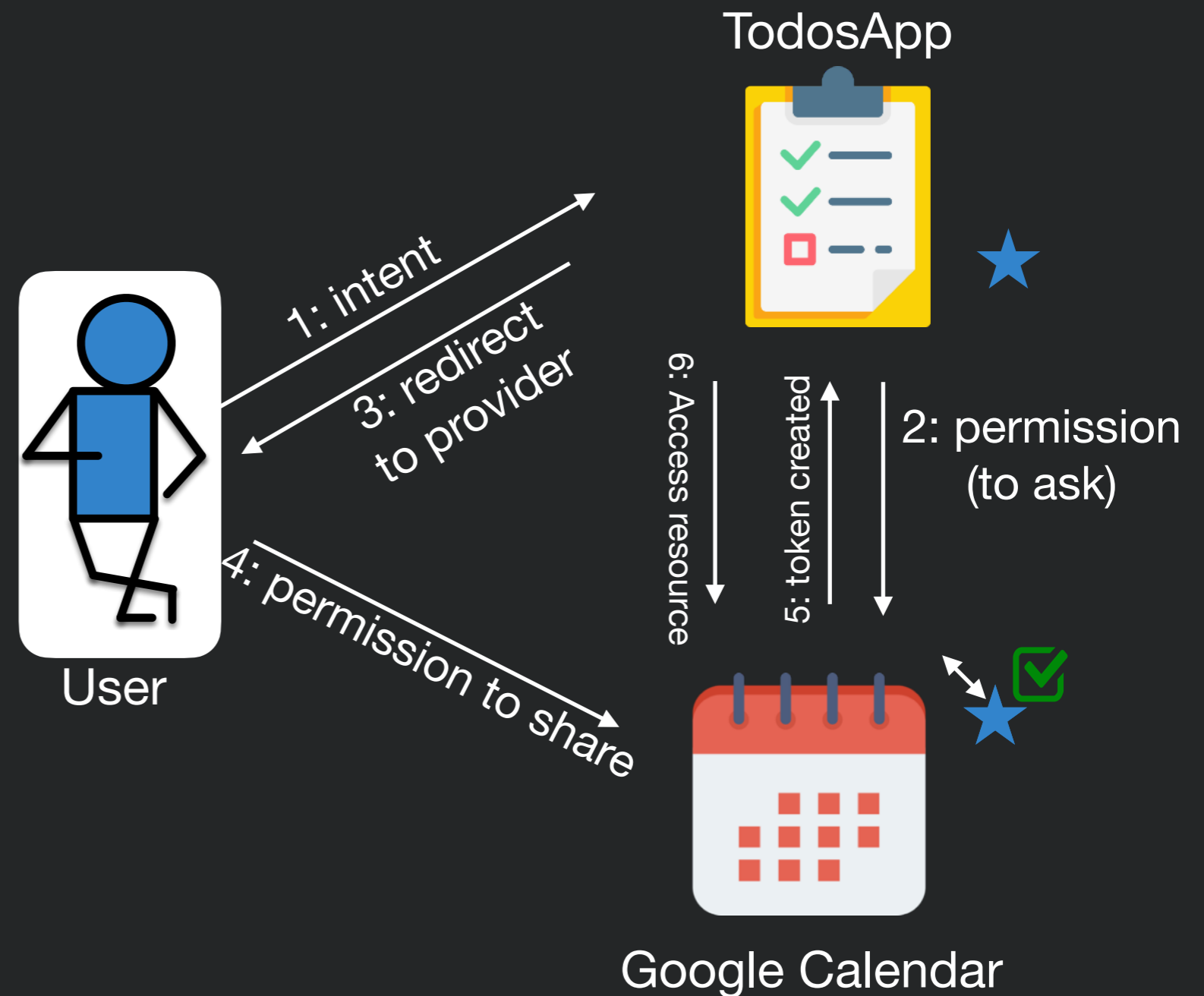


# Authentication Provider

- Creates and tracks the identity of the user
- Instead of signing in directly to website, user signs in to authentication provider
  - Authentication provider issues token that uniquely proves identity of user

# An OAuth Conversation

Goal: TodosApp can post events to User's calendar. TodosApp never finds out User's email or password



# Trust in OAuth

- How does the Service provider (Google calendar) know what the TodosApp is?
- Solution: When you set up OAuth for the first time, you must register your consumer app with the service provider
- Let the user decide
  - ... they were the one who clicked the link after all

User



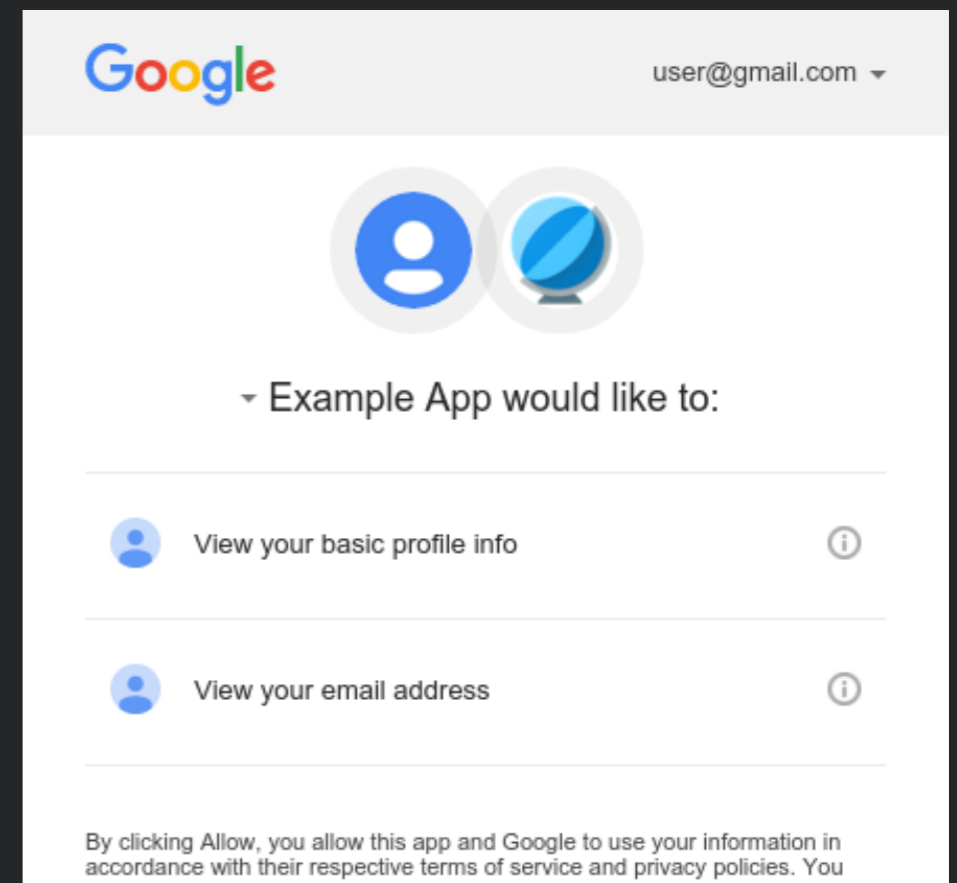
TodosApp



Google Calendar



Evil TodosApp





# Authentication as a Service

- Whether we are building “microservices” or not, might make sense to farm out our authentication (user registration/logins) to another service
- Why?
  - Security
  - Reliability
  - Convenience
- We can use OAuth for this!



# Authentication: Sharing Data Between Pages

- Browser loads many pages at the same time.
- Might want to share data between pages
  - Popup that wants to show details for data on main page
- Attack: malicious page
  - User visits a malicious page in a second tab
  - Malicious page steals data from page or its data, modifies data, or impersonates user



# Solution: Same-Origin Policy

- Browser needs to differentiate pages that are part of same application from unrelated pages
- What makes a page similar to another page?
  - Origin: the **protocol**, **host**, and **port**

<http://www.example.com/dir/page.html>

- Different origins:

<https://www.example.com/dir/page.html>

<http://www.example.com:80/dir/page.html>

<http://en.example.com:80/dir/page.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same-origin\\_policy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Same-origin_policy)

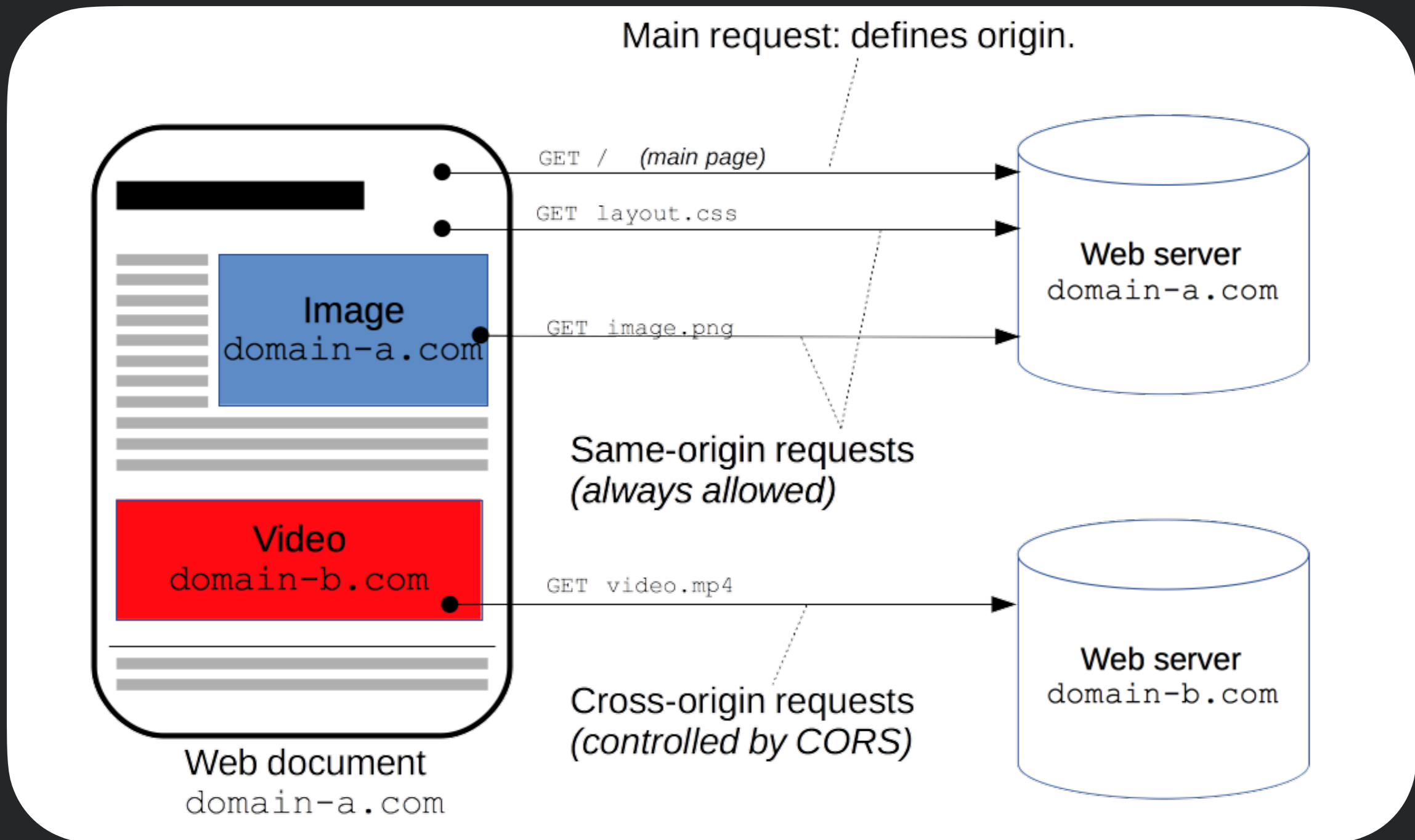


# Same-Origin Policy

- “Origin” refers to the *page that is executing it*, NOT where the data comes from
  - Example:
    - In one HTML file, I directly include 3 JS scripts, each loaded from a different server
    - -> All have same “origin”
  - Example:
    - One of those scripts makes an AJAX call to yet another server
    - -> AJAX call not allowed
- Scripts contained in a page may access data in a second web page (e.g., its DOM) if they come from the same origin



# Cross Origin Requests





# CORS: Cross Origin Resource Sharing

- Same-Origin might be safer, but not really usable:
  - How do we make AJAX calls to other servers?
- Solution: Cross Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)
- HTTP header:

```
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: <server or wildcard>
```

- In Express:

```
res.header("Access-Control-Allow-Origin", "*");
```



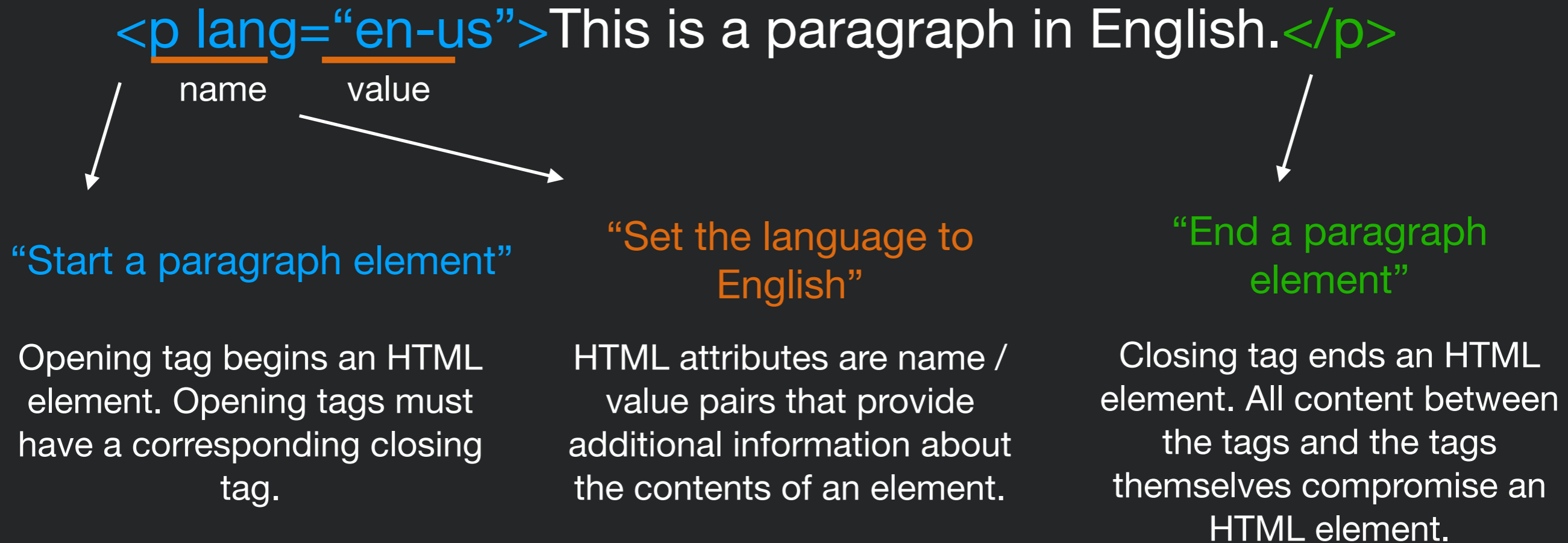
# Takeaways

- Think about all potential threat models
  - Which do you care about
  - Which do you not care about
- What user data are you retaining
  - Who are you sharing it with, and what might they do with it

# Week 7: HTML, Templates, & Databinding



# HTML Elements





# HTML Elements

```
<input type="text" />
```

“Begin and end input  
element”

Some HTML tags can be self  
closing, including a built-in  
closing tag.

```
<!-- This is a comment.  
Comments can be multiline. -->
```



# A Starter HTML Document

“Use HTML5 standards mode”

“HTML content”

“Header”

Information *about* the page

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Hello World Site</title>
</head>
<body>
  Hello world!
</body>
</html>
```

Hello world!

“Interpret bytes as UTF-8 characters”

“Title”

Used by browser for title bar or tab.

“Document content”

Includes both ASCII & international characters.

```

9   <h1>Level 1 Heading</h1>
10  <h2>Level 2 Heading</h2>
11  <h3>Level 3 Heading</h3>
12  <h4>Level 4 Heading</h4>
13  <h5>Level 5 Heading</h5>
14  <h6>Level 5 Heading</h6>
15  Text can be made <b>bold</b> and
16      <i>italic</i>, or <sup>super</sup>
17      and <sub>sub</sub>scripts. White
18      space collapsing removes all
19      sequences of two more more spaces
20      and line breaks, allowing
21      the markup to use tabs
22      and whitespace for
23      organization.
24      Spaces can be added with
25      &nbsp; &nbsp; &amp;nbsp;.
26  <br/>New lines can be added with &lt;
    <br/>.
27
28  <p>A paragraph consists of one or
    more sentences that form a self-
    -contained unit of discourse. By
    default, a browser will show each
    paragraph on a new line.</p>
29
30  <hr/>
31  Text can also be offset with
32  horizontal rules.
33
34

```

# Level 1 Heading

## Level 2 Heading

### Level 3 Heading

#### Level 4 Heading

##### Level 5 Heading

Level 5 Heading

Text can be made **bold** and *italic*, or <sup>super</sup> and <sub>sub</sub>scripts.

White space collapsing removes all sequences of two more more spaces and line breaks, allowing the markup to use tabs and whitespace for organization. Spaces can be added with &nbsp;.

New lines can be added with <BR/>.

A paragraph consists of one or more sentences that form a self-contained unit of discourse. By default, a browser will show each paragraph on a new line.

---

Text can also be offset with horizontal rules.



# Semantic markup

- Tags that can be used to denote the *meaning* of specific content
- Examples
  - `<strong>` - An element that has importance.
  - `<blockquote>` - An element that is a longer quote.
  - `<q>` - A shorter quote inline in paragraph.
  - `<abbr>` - Abbreviation
  - `<cite>` - Reference to a work.
  - `<dfn>` - The definition of a term.
  - `<address>` - Contact information.
  - `<ins><del>` - Content that was inserted or deleted.
  - `<s>` - Something that is no longer accurate.

# Controls



```
<p>Text Input: <input type="text" maxlength="5" /></p>
<p>Password Input: <input type="password" /></p>
<p>Search Input: <input type="search"></p>
<p>Text Area: <textarea>Initial text</textarea></p>
<p>Checkbox:
  <input type="checkbox" checked="checked" /> Checked
  <input type="checkbox" /> Unchecked
</p>
<p>Drop Down List Box:
  <select>
    <option>Option1</option>
    <option selected="selected">Option2</option>
  </select>
</p>
<p>Multiple Select Box:
  <select multiple="multiple">
    <option>Option1</option>
    <option selected="selected">Option2</option>
  </select>
</p>
<p>File Input Box: <input type="file" />
<p>Image Button: <input type="image" src="http://cs.gmu.edu/~tlatoza
  /images/reachabilityQuestion.jpg" width="50"></p>
<p>Button: <button>Button</button></p>
<p>Range Input: <input type="range" min="0" max="100" step="10"
  value="30" /></p>
```

**Search  
input  
provides  
clear  
button**

Text Input:

Password Input:

Search Input:

Text Area:

Checkbox:  Checked  Unchecked

Drop Down List Box:

Multiple Select Box:

File Input Box:  No file chosen

Image Button:

Button:

Range Input:

# Block vs. Inline Elements

## Block elements

Block elements appear on a new line.  
Examples: `<h1>``<p>``<li>``<table>``<form>`



```
<h1>Hiroshi Sugimoto</h1>
<p>The dates for the ORIGIN OF ART exhibition are as follows:</p>
<ul>
  <li>Science: 21 Nov- 20 Feb 2010/2011</li>
  <li>Architecture: 6 Mar - 15 May 2011</li>
</ul>
```

## Hiroshi Sugimoto

The dates for the ORIGIN OF ART exhibition are as follows:

- Science: 21 Nov- 20 Feb 2010/2011
- Architecture: 6 Mar - 15 May 2011

## Inline elements

Inline elements appear to continue on the same line.  
Examples: `<a>``<b>``<input>``<img>`



```
Timed to a single revolution of the planet around the sun at a 23.4 degrees tilt that plays out the rhythm of the seasons, this Origins of Art cycle is organized around four themes: science, architecture, history, and religion.
```

Timed to a single revolution of the planet around the sun at a 23.4 degrees tilt that plays out the rhythm of the seasons, this *Origins of Art* cycle is organized around four themes: **science**, **architecture**, **history**, and **religion**.



# DOM: Document Object Model

- API for interacting with HTML browser
- Contains objects corresponding to every HTML element
- Contains global objects for using other browser features

## **Reference and tutorials**

[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document\\_Object\\_Model](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document_Object_Model)



# Global DOM objects

- **window** - the browser window
  - Has properties for following objects (e.g., window.document)
  - Or can refer to them directly (e.g., document)
- **document** - the current web page
- **history** - the list of pages the user has visited previously
- **location** - URL of current web page
- **navigator** - web browser being used
- **screen** - the area occupied by the browser & page



# DOM Manipulation

- We can also manipulate the DOM directly
- For this class, we will *not* focus on doing this, but will use React instead
- This is how React works though - it manipulates the DOM



# DOM Manipulation

**Multiply two numbers**

\*  = 6

```
<h3>Multiply two numbers</h3>
<div>
  <input id="num1" type="number" /> *
  <input id="num2" type="number" /> =
  <span id="product"></span>
  <br/><br/>
  <button id="compute">Multiply</button>
</div>
```

“Get compute element”

```
document.getElementById('compute')
  .addEventListener("click", multiply);
function multiply()
{
  var x = document.getElementById('num1').value;
  var y = document.getElementById('num2').value;
  var productElem = document.getElementById('product');
  productElem.innerHTML = x * y;
}
```

“When compute is clicked, call multiply”

May choose any event that the compute element produces. May pass the name of a function or define an anonymous function inline.





# DOM Manipulation

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  <br/><br/>
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</div>
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```
document.getElementById('compute')
  .addEventListener("click", multiply);
function multiply()
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  var x = document.getElementById('num1').value;
  var y = document.getElementById('num2').value;
  var productElem = document.getElementById('product');
  productElem.innerHTML = x * y;
}
```

“Get the current value of the num1 element”

“Set the HTML between the tags of productElem to the value of x \* y”

*Manipulates the DOM by programmatically updating the value of the HTML content. DOM offers accessors for updating all of the DOM state.*





# DOM Manipulation Pattern

- Wait for some event
  - click, hover, focus, keypress, ...
- Do some computation
  - Read data from event, controls, and/or previous application state
  - Update application state based on what happened
- Update the DOM
  - Generate HTML based on new application state
- Also: JQuery

# Examples of events

- **Form element events**

- change, focus, blur

- **Network events**

- online, offline

- **View events**

- resize, scroll

- **Clipboard events**

- cut, copy, paste

- **Keyboard events**

- keydown, keypress, keyup

- **Mouse events**

- mouseenter, mouseleave, mousemove, mousedown, mouseup, click, dblclick, select