Short Polling vs Long Polling

Short Polling

- The frontend request an update from the backend every few seconds
- · The backend replies right away regardless if there is an update or not
- Many request/responses are wasted

Long Polling

- · The frontend request an update from the backend and wait for the response
- · The backend replies to the update request only when there is an update
- √ No request/response wasted
- ✓ Updates are processed as soon as they arrived

Long Polling

