Lecture 5: Push, REST & persistence

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Agenda



13h00 - 13h15	15'	Lecture Realtime Web & Socket.io
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Realtime Web with Socket.io

The "realtime" web



- The original architecture for the WWW is based on the client-server model and on the request-reply messaging pattern:
 - The client sends an HTTP request to the server.
 - The server sends an HTTP response back to the client.
 - They are done.
- In other words, the original architecture did not foresee the **need for the** server to send notifications / messages to the client side.
- Many applications do have this need. Over the years, various techniques have been proposed to address this need.





Server-push techniques



- The term "Comet" is used to categorize different techniques that allow a server to push notifications to the client.
- One idea (but which is **not efficient** and introduces **lag**) is to rely on **polling**.
 The client periodically sends a new AJAX request to ask the server: "do you have any notification for me?".
- Another idea is to keep the underlying TCP connection open, by
 pretending that the server has not sent a full response yet. In other words,
 the notifications sent by the server are fragments of the same HTTP response
 (it is a streaming technique).
- Long polling is a variation on these techniques. The client sends an HTTP request (to ask the server if a notification is available). The server waits until a a notification is available to send its response (which is positive). Not efficient, but solves the time lag issue.

WebSockets and HTML5



- All of the previous techniques have raised efficiency, reliability and browsercompatibility issues.
- At the same time, the need for bi-directional communication has increased and is a requirement for many applications.
- For these reasons, a new protocol has been proposed and is becoming the standard way to implement bi-directional communication. This protocol has been named
 WebSocket and is specified in RFC 6455.
- It is supported by recent versions of most popular web browsers (including mobile browsers).
- Without going into the details, WebSocket specifies how a client and a server can use a **full-duplex** communication channel, after an initial **handshake**. The protocol also specifies how **framing** is handled.
- In addition to the **WebSocket protocol**, the **WebSocket API** has been specified as part of the HTML5 standardization effort.

Using WebSockets in the browser



Establish a connection

```
var exampleSocket = new WebSocket("ws://www.example.com/socketserver", "protocolOne");
```

Send data to the server

```
exampleSocket.onopen = function (event) {
  exampleSocket.send("Here's some text that the server is urgently awaiting!");
};
```

Process data sent by the server

```
exampleSocket.onmessage = function (event) {
  console.log(event.data);
}
```

Using WebSockets with Node.js



There are several WebSocket modules, ws is one them.

```
var WebSocketServer = require('ws').Server, wss = new WebSocketServer({port: 8080});
wss.on('connection', function(ws) {
    ws.on('message', function(message) {
        console.log('received: %s', message);
    });
    ws.send('something');
});
```

Socket.io



- Although it is possible to use the WebSocket API and protocol directly, many developers use the Socket.io library as an alternative.
- A big benefit of Socket.io is that it supports several communication channels and mechanisms. Depending on the browser capabilities, it can **fall back** on older techniques (such as long polling).

```
var app = require('express').createServer();
var io = require('socket.io')(app);
app.listen(80);

app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.sendfile(__dirname + '/index.html');
});

io.on('connection', function (socket) {
  socket.emit('news', { hello: 'world' });
  socket.on('my other event', function (data) {
    console.log(data);
  });
});
```

Client side

Using Socket.io with Angular.js



- A **bower component** has been developed to facilitate the use of Socket.io from an Angular.js application: **angular-socket-io**.
- It is available on Github: https://github.com/btford/angular-socket-io.
- It is used by the Yeoman generator that we use for the project.

```
// in the top-level module of the app
angular.module('myApp', [
    'btford.socket-io',
    'myApp.MyCtrl'
]).
factory('mySocket', function (socketFactory) {
    return socketFactory();
}).
controller('MyCtrl', function (mySocket) {
    // ...
});
```

Socket.io with the yeoman generator



- Have a look at client/app/main/main.controller.js.
- This controller uses socket.io, so the authors have injected a dependency with the angular.js syntax shown below. You can use the same technique in your own controllers (simply add "socket" in your controller declaration).

```
angular.module('generatorAngularFullstackApp')
.controller('MainCtrl', function ($scope, $http, socket) {
    $scope.awesomeThings = [];

    $http.get('/api/things').success(function(awesomeThings) {
        $scope.awesomeThings = awesomeThings;
        socket.syncUpdates('thing', $scope.awesomeThings);
    });
...
```

you can use socket.io via this variable; syncUpdates is an advanced function implemented in the generator, but you can use simpler socket.io functions instead.





elegant mongodb object modeling for node.js



Object Relational "Document" Mapping

mongoDB



- MongoDB is one of the most popular NoSQL databases (and one of the first to have been categorized as such).
- It is a schema-less document-oriented database:
 - The data store is made of several collections.
 - Every collection contains a set of **documents**, which you can think of as JSON objects.
 - The structure of documents is not defined a priori and is not enforced.
 This means that a collection can contain documents that have different fields.

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Accessing mongoDB from Node.js



- In the **Java ecosystem**, it is possible to interact with a RDBMS by using a JDBC driver:
 - The program loads the driver.
 - The program establishes a connection with the DB.
 - The program sends SQL queries to read and/or update the DB.
 - The program manipulates tabular result sets returned by the driver.
- With Node.js and mongoDB, the process is similar:
 - There is a Node.js driver for mongoDB (in fact, there are several).
 - A Node.js module can connect to a mongoDB server and issue queries to manipulate collection and documents.

Example 1: connect and insert



```
var MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient;
MongoClient.connect("mongodb://localhost:27017/exampleDb", function(err, db) {
  if(err) { return console.dir(err); }
  var collection = db.collection('test');
  var doc1 = {'hello':'doc1'};
  var doc2 = {'hello':'doc2'};
  var lotsOfDocs = [{'hello':'doc3'}, {'hello':'doc4'}];
  collection.insert(doc1);
  collection.insert(doc2, {w:1}, function(err, result) {});
  collection.insert(lotsOfDocs, {w:1}, function(err, result) {});
});
```

Example 2: query



```
var MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient;
MongoClient.connect("mongodb://localhost:27017/exampleDb", function(err, db) {
  if(err) { return console.dir(err); }
  var collection = db.collection('test');
  var docs = [{mykey:1}, {mykey:2}, {mykey:3}];
  collection.insert(docs, {w:1}, function(err, result) {
    // beware of memory consumption!
    collection.find().toArray(function(err, items) {});
    // better when many documents are returned
    var stream = collection.find({mykey:{$ne:2}}).stream();
    stream.on("data", function(item) {});
    stream.on("end", function() {});
    // special case when only one document is expected
    collection.findOne({mykey:1}, function(err, item) {});
 });
```

mongoose: an ORM for MongoDB



- In the Java EE ecosystem, we have seen how the Java Persistence API (JPA) specifies a standard way to interact with Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) frameworks.
 - The developer first creates an object-oriented domain model, by creating Entity classes and using various annotations (@Entity, @Id, @OneToMany, @Table, etc.)
 - He then uses an Entity Manager to Create, Read, Update and Delete objects in the DB.
 - The ORM framework takes care of the details: it generates the schema and the SQL queries.
- In the Javascript ecosystem, we have similar mechanisms. With the particular yeoman generator that we use for the project:
 - The authors have decided not use a relational database, but rather the mongodb documentoriented database.
 - They have decided to use **one of the data mapping tools** available for mongodb, namely **mongoose**. Since mongodb is a document-oriented database, it is more appropriate to talk about an Object-Document Mapping tool, rather than an ORM.

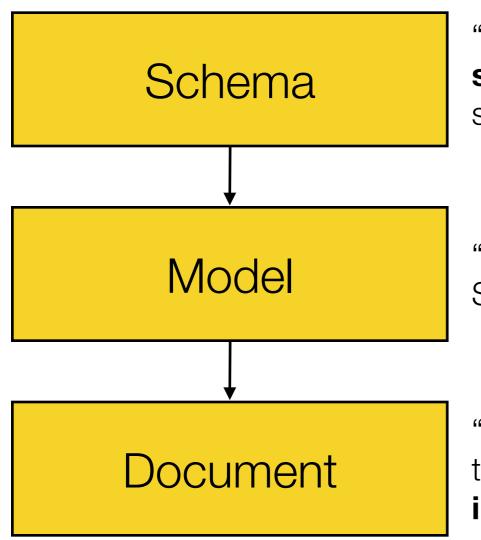


Why is not completely correct to say that mongoose is an ORM for MongoDB?

mongoose: an ODM for MongoDB



"Mongoose provides a **straight-forward**, schema-based solution to **modeling** your application data and includes built-in type **casting**, **validation**, **query** building, business logic hooks and more, out of the box."



"Everything in Mongoose starts with a Schema. Each schema maps to a MongoDB collection and defines the shape of the documents within that collection."

"Models are fancy constructors compiled from our Schema definitions."

"Mongoose documents represent a **one-to-one mapping** to documents as stored in MongoDB. Each document is an **instance of its Model**."

http://mongoosejs.com/docs/guide.html

```
schema
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Example
                                                                Haute Ecole d'Ingénierie et de Gestion
                                                                du Canton de Vaud
                                          collection
                        model
var userSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  name: {
    first: String,
    last: { type:/String, trim: true }
  age: { type:/Number, min: 0 }
});
var PUser = mongoose.model('PowerUsers', userSchema);
var johndoe = new PUser ({
  name: { first: 'John', last: 'Doe'},
  age: 25
});
johndoe.save(function (err) {if (err) console.log ('Error on save!')});
                       document
```

https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/nodejs-mongoose

Example: query



we can chain conditions

```
Person
.find({ occupation: /host/ })
.where('name.last').equals('Ghost')
.where('age').gt(17).lt(66)
.where('likes').in(['vaporizing', 'talking'])
.limit(10)
.sort('-occupation')
.select('name occupation')
.exec(callback);
```

we are interested in only some of the fields

we only want to get at most 10 documents

http://mongoosejs.com/docs/queries.html



RESTful APIs a **teaser** for an upcoming AMT lecture

REST API



- A REST API is a type of Web Service interface (and as such, is an alternative to a SOAP/WSDL API).
- A REST API is based on the core components of the Web architecture:
 - It exposes **resources** (a user, a photo, a sensor, a measure, a lecture)
 - It uses URLs to identify and locate resources
 - /api/users, /api/users/8282, /api/users/8282/photos/, etc.
 - It uses HTTP methods to expose operations applicable to resources
 - GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, PATCH
 - It uses content negotiation and resource representation formats to transfer machine-understandable payloads (json, xml, etc.)

REST API



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GET /api/lectures/ HTTP/1.1 Accept: application/json

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CREATE RUD

```
POST /api/lectures/ HTTP/1.1 Content-type: application/json
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{
    'title': 'intro to mongodb',
    'level': 'beginner'
}
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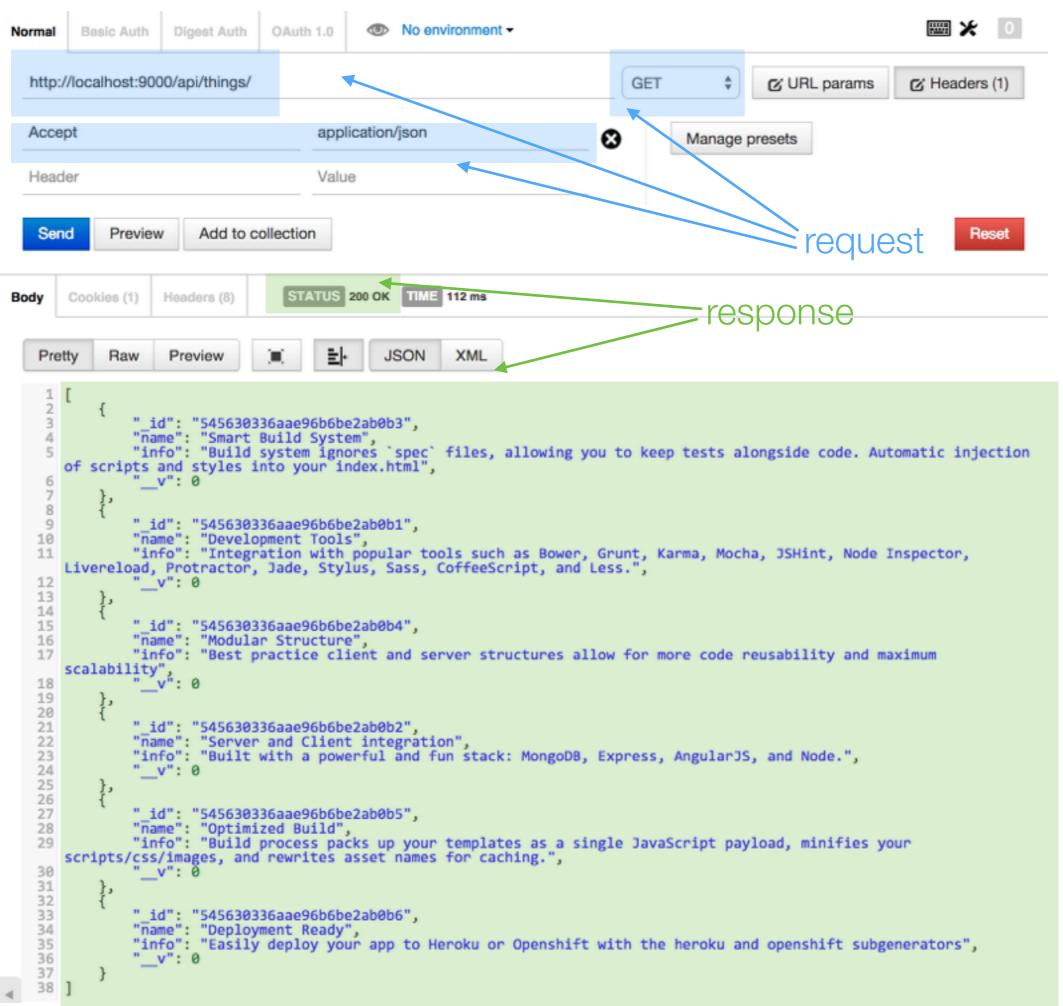
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}
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DELETE /api/lectures/238 HTTP/1.1



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GET/POST/PUT/DELETE

Client HTTP API Logic Data



Creating a REST API with the "fullstack" yeoman generator (and express)

Create an API endpoint on the server



- Our favorite yeoman generator provides various "sub-generators" to add application components (both on the server and on the client side).
- The endpoint sub-generator makes it easy to add REST endpoint. It takes
 care of the express.js routing and generates mongoose code that we can
 use as a starting point.

```
$ yo angular-fullstack:endpoint fruit
? What will the url of your endpoint to be? /api/fruits
    create server/api/fruit/index.js
    create server/api/fruit/fruit.controller.js
    create server/api/fruit/fruit.model.js
    create server/api/fruit/fruit.socket.js
    create server/api/fruit/fruit.spec.js
```

api/fruit/index.js

```
'use strict';
var express = require('express');
var controller = require('./fruit.controller');
var router = express.Router();
router.get('/', controller.index);
router.get('/:id', controller.show);
router.post('/', controller.create);
router.put('/:id', controller.update);
router.patch('/:id', controller.update);
router.delete('/:id', controller.destroy);
module.exports = router;
```

api/fruit/fruit.model.js



```
'use strict';
var mongoose = require('mongoose'),
    Schema = mongoose.Schema;
var FruitSchema = new Schema({
  name: String,
  info: String,
  active: Boolean
});
module.exports = mongoose.model('Fruit', FruitSchema);
```

This is obviously one script we need to change - the generator has no way to know the structure of our domain objects

api/fruit/fruit.controller.js

```
'use strict';
var = require('lodash');
var Fruit = require('./fruit.model');
// Get list of fruits
exports.index = function(req, res) {
 Fruit.find(function (err, fruits) {
   if(err) { return handleError(res, err); }
   return res.json(200, fruits);
 });
// Get a single fruit
exports.show = function(req, res) {
 Fruit.findById(req.params.id, function (err, fruit) {
   if(err) { return handleError(res, err); }
   if(!fruit) { return res.send(404); }
   return res.json(fruit);
 });
        Use mongoose to interact with DB
};
// Creates a new fruit in the DB.
exports.create = function(req, res) {
 Fruit.create(req.body, function(err, fruit) {
   if(err) { return handleError(res, err); }
   return res.json(201, fruit);
 });
```

```
// Updates an existing fruit in the DB.
exports.update = function(req, res) {
 if(req.body. id) { delete req.body. id; }
 Fruit.findById(req.params.id, function (err, fruit) {
   if (err) { return handleError(res, err); }
   if(!fruit) { return res.send(404); }
   var updated = .merge(fruit, req.body);
   updated.save(function (err) {
     if (err) { return handleError(res, err); }
     return res.json(200, fruit);
   });
                   these functions are called in
 });
                        the express.js router
// Deletes a fruit from the DB.
exports.destroy = function(req, res) {
 Fruit.findById(req.params.id, function (err, fruit) {
   if(err) { return handleError(res, err); }
   if(!fruit) { return res.send(404); }
  fruit.remove(function(err) {
     if(err) { return handleError(res, err); }
     return res.send(204);
   });
 });
function handleError(res, err) {
 return res.send(500, err);
```

api/fruit/fruit.socket.js



```
/**
 * Broadcast updates to client when the model changes
'use strict';
var Fruit = require('./fruit.model');
                                        Register a hook to be notified after (post)
                                           "save" and "remove" function calls
exports.register = function(socket) ;
  Fruit.schema.post('save', function (doc) {
    onSave(socket, doc);
 Fruit.schema.post('remove', function (doc) {
    onRemove(socket, doc);
  });
function onSave(socket, doc, cb) { Push an event notification to connected
  socket.emit('fruit:save', doc); ___
                                                clients, with socket.io
function onRemove(socket, doc, cb) {
  socket.emit('fruit:remove', doc);
```

This is not typical for most REST APIs (which implement the standard request-reply messaging pattern).

config/socketio.js

```
* Socket.io configuration
'use strict';
var config = require('./environment');
// When the user disconnects.. perform this
function onDisconnect(socket) {
// When the user connects.. perform this
function onConnect(socket) {
 // When the client emits 'info', this listens and executes
 socket.on('info', function (data) {
    console.info('[%s] %s', socket.address,
JSON.stringify(data, null, 2));
 });
 // Insert sockets below
 require('../api/fruit/fruit.socket').register(socket);
 require('../api/lecture/lecture.socket').register(socket);
  require('../api/thing/thing.socket').register(socket);
```

```
module.exports = function (socketio) {
  socketio.on('connection', function (socket) {
    socket.address = socket.handshake.address !== null ?
            socket.handshake.address.address + ':' +
socket.handshake.address.port :
            process.env.DOMAIN;
    socket.connectedAt = new Date();
    // Call onDisconnect.
    socket.on('disconnect', function () {
      onDisconnect(socket);
      console.info('[%s] DISCONNECTED', socket.address);
    });
    // Call onConnect.
    onConnect(socket);
    console.info('[%s] CONNECTED', socket.address);
 });
};
```





\$resource

- service in module ngResource



Calling a REST API from Angular.js

\$http



- "The \$http service is a core Angular service that facilitates communication
 with the remote HTTP servers via the browser's XMLHttpRequest object or
 via JSONP."
- In other words: it makes it easier for you to make AJAX calls.
- In other words: it provides a first mechanism to invoke **REST APIs** (fairly low-level)

```
// Simple GET request example :
$http.get('/someUrl').
  success(function(data, status, headers, config) {
    // this callback will be called asynchronously
    // when the response is available
  }).
  error(function(data, status, headers, config) {
    // called asynchronously if an error occurs
    // or server returns response with an error status.
  });
```

https://docs.angularjs.org/api/ng/service/\$http

Usage in the angular fullstack generator



• In the main.controller.js script, \$http is used to interact with the Things REST API (the "things" are the notes added on the front page).

```
dependency
angular.module('generatorAngularFullstackApp')
                                                                          injection
  .controller('MainCtrl', function ($scope, $http, socket) {
   $scope.awesomeThings = [];
                                                                        HTTP GET to
   $http.get('/api/things').success(function(awesomeThings) {
                                                                       retrieve things
      $scope.awesomeThings = awesomeThings;
      socket.syncUpdates('thing', $scope.awesomeThings);
                                                                       and update the
   });
                                                                      view (via scope)
   $scope.addThing = function() {
      if($scope.newThing === '') {
                                                                      HTTP POST to
        return;
                                                                       create a new
                                                                      thing based on
      $http.post('/api/things', { name: $scope.newThing });
      $scope.newThing = '';
                                                                     the form data (via
                                                                          scope)
```

\$resource



 "A factory which creates a resource object that lets you interact with RESTful server-side data sources. The returned resource object has action methods which provide high-level behaviors without the need to interact with the low level \$http service."

```
var User = $resource('/user/:userId', {userId:'@id'});
var user = User.get({userId:123}, function() {
   user.abc = true;
   user.$save();
});
```

Usage in the angular fullstack generator



• In the user.service.js script, \$resource is used to facilitate the interaction with the user REST API. The resource created by the factory is used in the auth.service.js script.

```
dependency
angular.module('generatorAngularFullstackApp')
                                                                          injection
  .controller('MainCtrl', function ($scope, $http, socket) {
   $scope.awesomeThings = [];
                                                                        HTTP GET to
   $http.get('/api/things').success(function(awesomeThings) {
                                                                       retrieve things
      $scope.awesomeThings = awesomeThings;
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      $http.post('/api/things', { name: $scope.newThing });
      $scope.newThing = '';
                                                                     the form data (via
                                                                          scope)
```

Recommended tutorial



- "Creating a CRUD App in Minutes with Angular's \$resource" (Sandeep Panda, June 11th 2014)
- http://www.sitepoint.com/creating-crud-app-minutes-angulars-resource/

```
angular.module('movieApp.services', []).factory('Movie', function($resource) {
  return $resource('http://movieapp-sitepointdemos.rhcloud.com/api/movies/:id', { id: '@ id' }, {
    update: {
     method: 'PUT'
                                        dependency
  });
                                           injection
angular.module('movieApp.controllers//, []).controller('MovieListController', function($scope,
$state, popupService, $window, Movie) {
  $scope.movies = Movie.query(); //fetch all movies. Issues a GET to /api/movies
  $scope.deleteMovie = function(movie) { // Delete a movie. Issues a DELETE to /api/movies/:id
    if (popupService.showPopup('Really delete this?')) {
      movie.$delete(function() {
        $window.location.href = ''; //redirect to home
```