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COMP 20: Web Programming
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Practice Quiz 2. Closed Book.

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Quiz 2 will cover the following topics:

- JavaScript canvas, audio, and video basics
- JavaScript objects (including associative arrays and `navigator.geolocation`)
- JSON and JSON parsing
- First-class functions
- Exception handling
- AJAX and XMLHttpRequest
- `var` scoping
- Event handling
- Labs 5, 6, and 7
- Assignment 2 and 3
- Cookies and local storage

Google Maps API will not be tested.

Practice Questions

1A. Consider the following script:

```
try {
    str = '{"person":{"name":"Carmen
San Diego","loc":{"latitude":51.894444,"longitude":51.894444,"note":"Sealand"}}'
    ;
    obj = JSON.parse(str);
    // Your answer to question 1A here...
}
catch (exception) {
    console.log("Cannot find the last whereabouts of Carmen San Diego!");
}
finally {
    console.log("Where's Waldo?");
}
```

Assuming that the JSON string is correct and that it can be parsed correctly, give the two ways that you can print the following message to the JavaScript console:

Carmen San Diego was last seen in Sealand.

1B. Assuming that your answer to 1A is correct and assuming that the above script is written exactly as it is, explain the output.

2. Describe why just checking for a ready state of 4 in Ajax may not be sufficient.

3. There are five text files in a public_html directory: story1.txt, story2.txt, story3.txt, story4.txt, and story5.txt. Write a page using HTML and JavaScript that initially contains five buttons with labels Story 1 to Story 5. On clicking a button, the corresponding story is displayed but with all the buttons removed from the page, and no page refresh. Assume there is a JavaScript function createRequest() to create a new XMLHttpRequest object. Example: clicking on the button Story 2 will display the text in story2.txt on the same page.

Answers

1A.

```
console.log(obj["person"]["name"] + " was last seen in " +
obj["person"]["loc"]["note"]);
console.log(obj.person.name + " was last seen in " + obj.person.loc.note);
```

1B. Error .There is a missing "}" in JSON.

2. HTTP response status code could be 500.

3.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>

<head>
<title>Quiz 2 Question 4</title>
<script type="text/javascript">
    var request;

    // YOU DO NOT NEED TO WRITE THE ENTIRE createRequest() FUNCTION; ASSUME
    IT IS PROVIDED TO YOU!
    function createRequest()
    {
        try {
            request = new XMLHttpRequest();
        }
        catch (ms1) { // yes, exception handling is supported in
JavaScript
            try {
                request = new ActiveXObject("Msxml2.XMLHTTP");
            }
            catch (ms2) {
                try {
                    request = new
ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
                }
                catch (ex) {
                    request = null;
                }
            }
        }
        if (request == null) {
```

```

        alert("Ajax is not supported on your web browser.  What a
shame!");
    }
}

function getStory(story)
{
    var story;

    createRequest();
    switch(story) {
        case 1:
            story = "story1.txt";
            break;
        case 2:
            story = "story2.txt";
            break;
        case 3:
            story = "story3.txt";
            break;
        case 4:
            story = "story4.txt";
            break;
        case 5:
            story = "story5.txt";
            break;
    }
    request.open("get", story, true);
    request.onreadystatechange = updatePage;
    request.send(null);
}

function updatePage()
{
    e = document.getElementById("content");
    if (request.readyState == 4 && request.status == 200) {
        e.innerHTML = request.responseText;
    }
    else {
        e.innerHTML = "<h1>Something went terribly wrong!</h1>";
    }
}
</script>

</head>

<body>
<div id="content">
<p><input type="button" value="Story 1" onclick="getStory(1);" /></p>
<p><input type="button" value="Story 2" onclick="getStory(2);" /></p>
<p><input type="button" value="Story 3" onclick="getStory(3);" /></p>
<p><input type="button" value="Story 4" onclick="getStory(4);" /></p>
<p><input type="button" value="Story 5" onclick="getStory(5);" /></p>
</div>

```

</body>

</html>