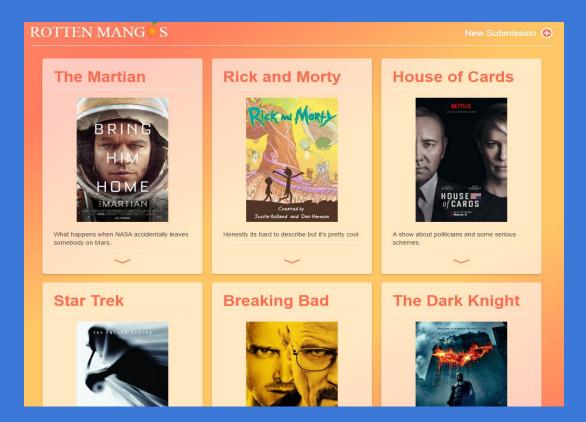






### What you'll be making...





### Here's the plan

- 1. Intro to APIs and JavaScript
- 2. Intro to Node.js
- 3. Lunch!
- 4. Intro to AngularJS
- 5. Go home with an awesome web app!



# It's okay if you don't understand everything!



# It's okay if you don't finish every section!



# Please ask for help! (Our mentors are very nice!)



### How will it work?





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What is an API?

### What is an API?

- "Application Programming Interface"
- It is a way for us to connect our own app with various other softwares
  - o i.e. Google Maps API lets us use features of Google Maps in our own app
- Why use it?
  - Allows us to piggyback off the hard work of people way smarter than us so we can do cool stuff with their product



### HTTP Requests

- Your browser sends an HTTP request to a server
- It has a header and body
  - These have multiple fields that help get the response you want
  - Contains the method (i.e. POST or GET)
- Server sends back an HTTP response

HEADER DATA

BODY DATA

### POST and GET requests

- Do what they sound like: post and get stuff
- POST = send data
- GET = receive data
- Allows for CRUD operations
  - o create, read, update, delete
  - o pretty much anything you would really want to do with some data



### What is a RESTful API?

- "Representational State Transfer" (REST)
- A standardized way of transferring data
  - Doesn't matter what programming language you use as long as you send information in a specific format (i.e. JSON, XML etc.)
- Tons of API's use this format: Facebook, Twitter, Twilio, Instagram etc.



### Example with Twitter API

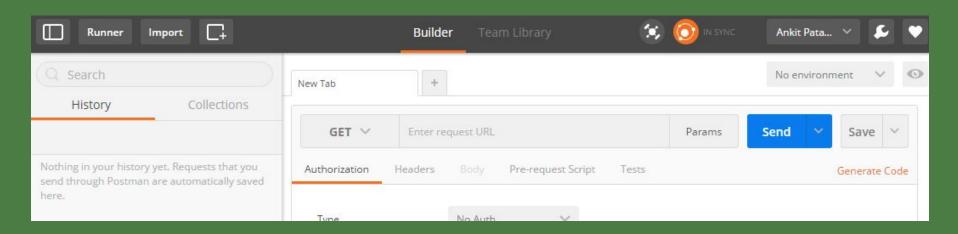
- https://api.twitter.com/1.1/statuses/user\_timeline.json
- Pass in extra parameters in "body"

id required	The numerical ID of the desired status.  Example Values: 123
<b>count</b> optional	Specifies the number of records to retrieve. Must be less than or equal to 100.  Example Values: 5
trim_user optional	When set to either true, t or 1, each tweet returned in a timeline will include a user object including only the status authors numerical ID. Omit this parameter to receive the complete user object.  Example Values: true



#### Postman

- A nice tool for us to make API calls
  - POST/GET requests
- Has a nice place for authentication, parameters and other cool stuff





### Oauth

- An easy way to publish and interact with protected data
  - o i.e. your Twitter account
- It's a safe way to "log in"
- You need to use this in order to access certain things
  - o i.e. various API's
- Don't worry about it too much



### Postman Activity



### Postman Activity

- Download and use Postman to make POST/GET requests using the Twitter
   API
- Detailed instructions will be provided on the wiki page
  - boilercamp.org/go
- Please ask for help if you are still confused, mentors are here for a reason!



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### Takeaways

- What an API is
- What a POST/GET request is



## **Javascript**



### Why do we care?

- It's hip
- It runs in the browser OR uses special Node.js magic for server side development



### Basic Syntax

- Looks similar to Java
  - But they are not the same thing!
- No data types, everything is a var
  - Dynamic Typing



### **Functions**

- A function in is like a method in Java
- Functions are considered objects
- Can be stored in variables
- Can be passed in as parameters to other functions like strings, ints etc.



```
function functionName() {
    //your code goes here
}
```



### Anonymous functions

- A function without a name
- Stored in variable or self invoking functions usually



```
var x = function() {
   /*your code goes here*/
};
```



### Callback Functions

- Anonymous functions are frequently used as parameters for other functions
- You can just as easily just define a function and pass in it's name
- When we pass in a function as an argument, remember that you are only passing in the definition!
  - Have to call the function to actually have it execute something



```
function helloWorld() {
    console.log ("Hello World!");
function test(callback) {
    callback();
function run() {
   test(helloWorld);
```



# Back-End

Using Node.js



### What is NodeJS?

- Let's JavaScript run outside the browser
- It's super fast, scales well, and can handle lots of requests





### npm

- npm lets us install packages we want instantly
- **npm init** will get the party started (package.json)
- **npm install <something>** will install that thing
- npm install <something> --save will install it, and remember for later



### Export & Require

- We can use require() to load data
  - Can load a package we installed with npm
  - Can load a file we created
- Require() always loads the 'module.exports' variable
  - o module.exports = { someData: x }
  - module.exports.someData = x;



### **Export & Require**



### **Express**

- Express is a package that makes it easy to create a server
- Important Express Functions
  - o get(url,callback) runs the callback function when we receive a GET request
  - o post(url,callback) runs the callback function when we receive a POST request
  - o listen(port,callback) runs our server, then runs the callback when it's started



### **Express Server**

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
app.get('/',function(request,response) {
  response.send("Hello World!");
});
var server = app.listen(8080,function() {
  console.log("Server is listening on port 8080!");
});
```



## What is MongoDB?

- A cross-platform NoSQL database
- Uses JSON "documents" instead of structured tables/rows
- Allows for "flexible schema"



## What is Mongoose?

- A npm package that lets us work with mongoDB easily
- Lets us model data with simple schema
- Lets us easily validate data before saving



#### Schema

```
var mongoose = require('mongoose');
var catSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
   age: Number,
   name: String,
});
module.exports = mongoose.model('Cat', catSchema);
```



#### **Validation**

```
var mongoose = require('mongoose');
var catSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
 age: {
  type: Number,
  required: [true, "Missing Age!"],
  min: [0, "Age can't be negative!"],
 },
});
```



# Coding Time!



## Front-end with AngularJS



## What is the front end anyway?

The part of the web app that the user interacts with.

#### Appearance:

- HTML (text)
- CSS (style)

#### Behavior:

JavaScript

In this project, you won't have to worry about writing very much HTML or any CSS. We will focus on Angular.

#### What is AngularJS?

Angular is a framework for front-end JavaScript

- Creates <u>responsive</u> (fast) websites
- Adds interactivity to HTML through directives

## First thing's first: Modules

Where we write pieces of our Angular Application

Our very first lines of code:

app.js index.html

### **Angular Controllers**

Defines app's behavior with values and functions Think of it like a class in Java

```
app.js:
```

```
app.controller("MoviesController", function() {});
```

index.html:

```
<body ng-controller='MoviesController as collection'>
```

#### **Expressions**

Allow you to insert *dynamic* values into your HTML code Very important for rendering info from our JavaScript

#### Simple example:



#### **Directives**

A directive is a marker on a HTML tag that tells Angular to run or reference some JavaScript code

Built-in directives start with ng

#### Common directives:

- ng-app, ng-controller
- ng-model
- ng-repeat

## Dynamic binding with Directives

Page updates in real time

```
<input type='text' ng-model='myText'>
<h1> {{ myText }} </h1>
```

#### More directives

```
app.js
var states = ["Alabama", "Alaska", "Arizona", "Arkansas"]
```

#### index.html

```
   {{ state }}
```

#### More directives

```
app.js
var iLovePurdue = true
```

#### index.html

```
<div ng-show='iLovePurdue'>
  <h1> Boiler Up! </h1>
</div>
```

#### Services

Give Controller additional functionality

- ex: Can fetch JSON from web services using the \$http service

```
app.controller("MoviesController", ['$http', function($http){
}]);
```

## Calling our API

#### HTTP request header:

```
$http({
    method: 'GET',
    url: "https://my-project-name.c9users.io:8080/api/movies",
    headers: {
        'Content-Type': undefined
    }
})
```

This service sends a request to the API's POST endpoint.

## Calling our API (cont.)

The request has been sent to our API. The API will respond and the \$http will return a *promise* of either SUCCESS or FAILURE.

```
$http({
         ...
}).then(function successCallback(response) {
         // do something with returned data
}, function errorCallback(error) {
         // handle error
         console.log(error);
});
```

Questions?