## Coding exercise

**Goal**: Build 3 microservices that sort large objects together.

**Deliverable:** Please submit this exercise in a private git repository online, and send an invitation when you're done.

## **Specs**

You will be creating 3 separate meteor apps that each perform one small part of the puzzle:

- 1. **M1**: A backend that creates large randomly generated objects and stores them
- 2. **M2**: A second backend that receives objects and sorts their keys, returning the duration of the sort
- 3. **M3**: A backend with frontend to display the stats and allows the user to configure how it works

## Requirements

- The 3 meteor apps have to communicate in a specific way, to show that you understand a few concepts in the meteor ecosystem
  - M3 will be orchestrating both backends M1 and M2, it will communicate via DDP (the default communication protocol for Meteor) with M1, but via a different API with M2 (REST/graphQL/etc.)
  - You will have to expose meteor methods on both M1 and M3, but an API via Meteor's WebApp.connectHandlers on M2
  - Everything that you display on M3's frontend will have to pass through M3's backend, whose methods will call M1 and M2 according to your needs
- There should only be a mongoDB in M1, it will store the generated objects, and it will store the sort timings. Your DB will have 2 collections, unsortedObjects, and sortStats
  - o The unsortedObjects should have 5 keys:
    - \_id: String, the mongo id
    - object: Object, the object you generated
    - keyCount: Number, the amount of keys at the root of the object
    - depth: Number, the maxDepth used to generate the object
    - size: Number, the size in bytes of your object, use the npm library object-sizeof to determine the size
    - generationTime: Number, the time it took to generate the object in milliseconds
  - The sortStats should have 3 keys:
    - \_id: String, the mongo id
    - objectId: String, the \_id of the object that was sorted

- sortDuration: Number, the time it took to sort the object in ms
- You will have to write 2 separate JS algorithms: one that generates an object, and one that sorts them alphabetically by key (as deep as possible). Both algorithms should be unit tested properly.
  - The object generation algorithm receives 2 inputs: rootKeyCount, and maxDepth
    - For each random key in the object, it should randomly decide to make it a number, string, object, boolean, or array
      - If it is an object, an object will have half the amount of keys as its parent (floored value)
      - Numbers and strings can be random of any length, upto 20 characters
      - Arrays should simply be empty
    - Your objects should not have more than *maxDepth* amount of nesting. i.e. if *maxDepth* is 2, you can not have more than 2 levels of nested objects
    - When you reach maxDepth, any object will simply be an empty object
  - The object sort function will work recursively until all objects are sorted by key
- You should be able to start all apps with a single command, documented in your README
- M2 should expose a single endpoint: /sort that takes an object as its body, and returns the duration it took to sort the object.
- The frontend should have the following features
  - o I should be able to change the URL to M2, so that we can point it to a different backend. Simply enter your localhost URL by default (like localhost:4000)
  - I should be able to set the total amount of keys at the root of the generated object
  - I should be able to set the maximum amount of nested levels of hierarchy in the generated objects
  - I should be able to generate a new object by clicking on a button, each one of them should appear in a list with its stats (i.e. don't display the object, but just how many keys it has, its depth, its generation time, and how much memory it takes up (formatted properly B/KB/MB))
    - Each object should have a "Sort" button next to it, that sorts it, displays a loader, and then displays the time it took in milliseconds/seconds to sort it.
    - If an object was sorted multiple times, it should display all the sort durations for that object.
  - There should also be a button that lets me sort all objects at once, and a button that sorts all unsorted objects at once
- Make sure you handle the edge cases in all user inputs
- The UI should refresh itself automatically, you shouldn't have to request updated data, it does not necessarily need to use pub/sub however, up to you
- Sorting should time out after 200 milliseconds
- You should only test 3 things:
  - The object generation function
  - The object sorting function
- Pay attention to details, make it work well and clean up your UI

## Here's an example of an unsorted and sorted object

```
// rootKeyCount = 5
// maxDepth = 3
const unsortedObject = {
khjsdf789345kflhs: {
 sfdhk453sdf: 'jkhdsjkfsdf',
 sdufzi: {
 kjhkwjdfs: {},
DSFnk348975tdfg: 45,
Asdflkjfsd984: {
lkjhkfhgkjldfg: {
 dfgkljdf: 'sdfjkgsfd',
 sdfhkjhsdf: true,
'00FSGsdflis': false,
fdsskhj5379: [],
const sortedObject = {
'00FSGsdflis': false,
Asdflkjfsd984: {
 lkjhkfhgkjldfg: {
 dfgkljdf: 'sdfjkgsfd',
 sdfhkjhsdf: true,
DSFnk348975tdfg: 45,
fdsskhj5379: [],
khjsdf789345kflhs: {
 sdufzi: {
 kjhkwjdfs: {},
 sfdhk453sdf: 'jkhdsjkfsdf',
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