

CHAPTER 6

Day 6: Mastering the Creation of Composables in Vue.js

As seen in the previous chapter, creating new directives makes it easier to manipulate the HTML elements on which the directives are used. In this chapter, we will explore composables. Composables are also known as composition functions.

Composables defined in our Vue.js components are used to encapsulate application logic in the form of reusable functions. Thus, they are oriented toward internal component logic and data management.

Why Create Composables?

Creating composables in a Vue.js application is useful for several reasons, as described in the following:

1. **Reusability of Code:** Composables allow grouping functionalities into reusable modules. This means writing the functionality once and using it in multiple components of the application without repeating it.
2. **State Management:** Composables are particularly useful for managing the application state. State management is encapsulated in a composition function, making data management more consistent and predictable. It also facilitates handling the global state of the application.
3. **Ease of Testing:** Composables are easy to test in isolation.
4. **Scalability:** Composables promote the scalability of the application. New features can be added or existing logic modified in a composition function without having to modify many components.

Composables are a powerful tool for improving the structure, maintainability, and code reuse in Vue.js.

Differences Between Composables and Directives

Creating composables allows us to write Vue.js component code better, much like directives also allow. However, directives and composables are not used in the same way.

Directives help write HTML code within the `<template>` section of components, simplifying this code to the maximum.

Composables help write JavaScript code within the `<script setup>` section of the component, allowing the use of functionalities defined in the functions called composable.

Therefore, with the ability to write new directives and create composable, Vue.js enables us to write the entire code that creates Vue.js components more effectively.

Creating a Vue.js Composable

A Vue.js composable is a JavaScript function. Like any function, it may have optional input parameters and may return a result.

A composable is meant to provide a service. We create a composable when we have identified a service to provide in our component. This service may also be used in other components, making our composable even more useful.

Because a composable is meant to provide a service, it is customary to start its name with the word "use", followed by the name given to the composable.

For example:

1. `useCounter()`: This composable manages actions in a component like `MyCounter` (incrementing, decrementing the counter).
2. `useFetch()`: This composable performs an HTTP request and retrieves information from a remote server.

Thus, to create a composable, you must first ask the following questions:

1. What are its parameters?
2. What data or functionalities does it return?

These questions help identify the parameters and return of the JavaScript function associated with the composable. These are the questions to ask whenever you want to create a new composable.

As a composable can be used in several components, tradition dictates grouping composables in the `composables` directory within the `src` directory.

Let's see, with a simple example, how to create the `useCounter()` composable to manage the `MyCounter` component.

Step 1: Creating the `useCounter()` Composable

The `useCounter()` composable manages the increment and decrement of the counter associated with the `MyCounter` component.

Without using composables, the `MyCounter` component we wrote in Chapter 1 was as follows:

MyCounter component (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import { ref } from 'vue';

const count = ref(0);

const increment = () => {
  count.value++;
}

const decrement = () => {
  count.value--;
}

</script>
```

```
<template>  
  <h3>MyCounter Component</h3>  
  Reactive variable count : <b>{{ count }}</b>  
  <br /><br />  
  <button @click="increment">count+1</button>  
  &nbsp;  
  <button @click="decrement">count-1</button>  
</template>
```

The `increment()` and `decrement()` functions of the counter are defined in the `<script setup>` section of the component. They are then used in the `<template>` section of the component.

The idea behind composables is to externalize data management into external functions called composables. These composable functions will then be available and used in components that require them.

In the case of the `MyCounter` component, we externalize the management of the `count` variable, including its `increment` and `decrement`, into a composable named `useCounter()`.

Let's examine the parameters and possible returns of the `useCounter()` composable. Thus, the `useCounter()` composable:

1. Will have an `init` parameter, which is the initialization value of the counter.
2. Will return as data the current value `count` of the counter (managed within the composable, hence made available as a return value), and the functions `increment()` and `decrement()` allowing to increment or decrement the counter value. These elements will be accessible in the component that uses this composable.

Let's write the MyCounter component that uses the useCounter() composable.

**Usage of the useCounter() composable in the MyCounter component
(file src/components/MyCounter.vue)**

```
<script setup>

import useCounter from "../composables/useCounter.js"

const [count, increment, decrement] = useCounter(0); // 0 =
Initialization of the counter

</script>

<template>
<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>
Reactive variable count : <b>{{ count }}</b>
<br /><br />
<button @click="increment">count+1</button>
&nbsp;
<button @click="decrement">count-1</button>
</template>
```

The `<script setup>` section of the MyCounter component has now become simpler, thanks to the use of the useCounter() composable:

1. The useCounter() composable is first imported into the component.
2. The useCounter(0) function of the composable is called with the initialization value 0 and returns, in the form of an array, the values [count, increment, decrement], which, respectively, correspond to the current value of the counter and the increment() and decrement() functions of the counter.

The count variable is then used in the template of the component, as well as the increment() and decrement() functions, which are called when clicking the “count+1” or “count-1” button of the component.

The useCounter() composable is created in the useCounter.js file in the src/composables directory. It is written as follows:

useCounter() composable (file src/composables/useCounter.js)

```
import { ref } from "vue";

const useCounter = (init) => {
  const count = ref(init);
  const increment = () => {
    count.value++;
  }
  const decrement = () => {
    count.value--;
  }
  return [count, increment, decrement];
}

export default useCounter;
```

It is evident that the complete management of the reactive variable count is integrated into the composable, which streamlines the code of the MyCounter component.

Let us verify that the component functions:

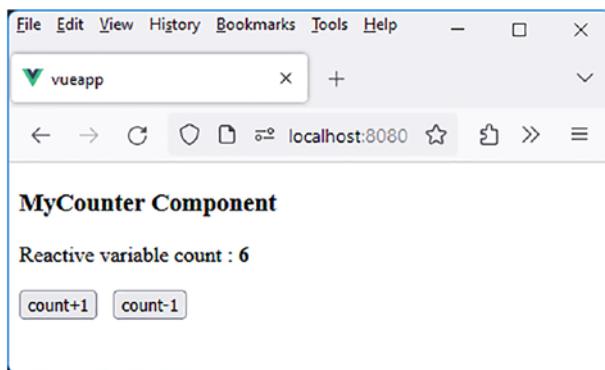


Figure 6-1. *useCounter() composable*

Step 2: Return Composable Data As an Array or As an Object?

In the previous example, we observed that the `useCounter()` composable returns an array `[count, increment, decrement]`. Alternatively, we could have returned an object `{count, increment, decrement}`.

Usage As an Array

If we use `return [count, increment, decrement]` in the composable, we dictate the order of the elements returned in the array. They must then be used in the same order, but not necessarily under the same names, in the component using the composable.

Thus, in the `MyCounter` component, we could write the following:

```
const [count1, increment1, decrement1] = useCounter(0);
```

Then, the `count1` variable and the `increment1()` and `decrement1()` functions can be used in the component.

Moreover, if an element returned by the composable is not used in the component, it can be written as follows:

If the MyCounter component does not use the `increment()` function returned by the composable:

```
const [count, , decrement] = useCounter(0); // increment is  
not used
```

Usage As an Object

If we use `return {count, increment, decrement}` in the composable, the names used in the returned object cannot be changed during their usage. However, the order of properties in the object no longer matters.

Thus, in the MyCounter component, we could write the following:

```
const {decrement, increment, count} = useCounter(0);
```

The order of the returned elements is changed, but not their names because the names of object properties are not modifiable, while their order of appearance does not matter. Therefore, an object `{key1, key2}` is equivalent to an object `{key2, key1}`.

Thus, a composable can return data as an array or as an object, with the constraints mentioned previously. However, in the examples that follow, it will be seen that it is more judicious to return data as an array rather than as an object.

Improving a Vue.js Composable

We will now see how, based on a previous composable, it is possible to enhance it to provide new functionalities.

We will start with the `useCounter()` composable and create two new composables that will be used in the MyCounter component. These are the following composables:

1. `useCounterMax()`: This composable allows setting a maximum value for the counter, not to be exceeded.
2. `useCounterMaxWithError()`: This composable is similar to the previous one but also displays an error message if attempting to exceed the maximum value.

Let's start by creating the `useCounterMax()` composable.

Step 1: `useCounterMax()` Composable

This composable is used in the form `useCounterMax(init, max)` and allows blocking the incrementation of the counter when it reaches a maximum value indicated in the parameters.

The `MyCounter` component using this composable is written as follows:

Usage of the `useCounterMax()` composable in the `MyCounter` component (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import useCounterMax from "../composables/useCounterMax"

const init = 1;
const max = 5;
const [count, increment, decrement] = useCounterMax(init, max);

</script>

<template>
  <h3>MyCounter Component</h3>
  Reactive variable count: <b>{{ count }}</b>
  <br><br>
  Maximum value: <b>{{ max }}</b>
</template>
```

```
<br /><br />
<button @click="increment">count+1</button>
&nbsp;
<button @click="decrement">count-1</button>

</template>
```

The code of the MyCounter component is almost identical to the previous one. We have only imported the new `useCounterMax()` composable, and we display the maximum value not to exceed in the template.

The `useCounterMax()` composable returns the same information as the previous `useCounter()` composable:

- The `count` variable corresponds to the value of the reactive variable.
- The `increment()` function increments the variable if possible (i.e., if the maximum value is not reached).
- The `decrement()` function decrements the variable.

Let's write the new `useCounterMax(init, max)` composable. It utilizes the previously written `useCounter(init)` composable.

useCounterMax() composable (file src/composables/useCounterMax.js)

```
import useCounter from "../composables/useCounter";

const useCounterMax = (init, max) => {
  const [count, increment, decrement] = useCounter(init);
  const incrementMax = () => {
    if (count.value >= max) {
      return; // Avoid incrementing
    }
    else {
```

```

    increment(); // Increment
}
}
return [count, incrementMax, decrement];
}

export default useCounterMax;

```

The new `useCounterMax()` composable uses the old `useCounter()` composable. Only the `increment()` function is modified, named `incrementMax()` here to differentiate it. If the maximum value is reached, we do not increment; otherwise, we increment by calling the old `increment()` function available in the old `useCounter()` composable.

Because we return the composable data as an array, it is sufficient to respect the order of the returned data in the new composable, even if their names are different. Thus, we return `incrementMax()`, but you can use the name `increment()` in the component using it, which avoids modifying the `MyCounter` component (outside of the name of the used composable).

Let's verify that this works:

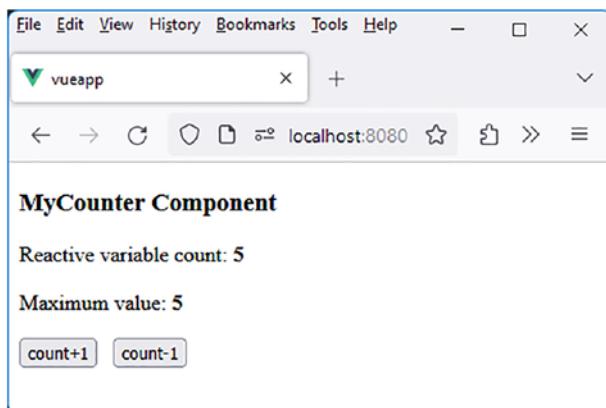


Figure 6-2. Usage of the `useCounterMax()` composable

The counter is blocked at the maximum value, which cannot be exceeded.

Step 2: useCounterMaxWithError() Composable

Let's enhance the useCounterMax() composable by allowing it to display an error message if attempting to exceed the maximum value.

This will be the role of the new useCounterMaxWithError() composable, which displays an error message in this case.

- The input parameters are `init` and `max`.
- The returned data is an array [`count`, `increment`, `decrement`, `error`], where `error` corresponds to a reactive variable that will display the error message.

The MyCounter component is now written as follows:

Usage of the useCounterMaxWithError composable (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import useCounterMaxWithError from "../composables/
useCounterMaxWithError"

const init = 1;
const max = 5;
const [count, increment, decrement, error] =
useCounterMaxWithError(init, max);

</script>

<template>
<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>
Reactive variable count: <b>{{ count }}</b>
<br><br>
Maximum value: <b>{{max}}</b>
```

```
<br><br>
Error: <b>{{error}}</b>

<br /><br />
<button @click="increment">count+1</button>
&nbsp;
<button @click="decrement">count-1</button>

</template>
```

The useCounterMaxWithError() composable is written as follows:

useCounterMaxWithError() composable (file src/composables/useCounterMaxWithError.js)

```
import useCounter from "../composables/useCounter";
import { ref } from "vue";

const useCounterMaxWithError = (init, max) => {
  const [count, increment, decrement] = useCounter(init);
  const error = ref("");
  const incrementMax = () => {
    if (count.value >= max) {
      error.value = "Maximum value reached!";
    }
    else {
      increment();
      error.value = "";
    }
  }
  const decrementMax = () => {
    decrement();
    if (count.value <= max) {
      error.value = "";
    }
  }
}
```

```
}

return [count, incrementMax, decrementMax, error];
}

export default useCounterMaxWithError;
```

Using a reactive variable, defined as `const error = ref("")`, is essential for displaying the error message because it allows for reactivity in the user interface. Vue.js leverages reactivity to efficiently update the DOM when the underlying data changes. When a simple variable is used (e.g., `let error`), changes to that variable within the program may not be reflected on the screen.

Let's verify that this works:

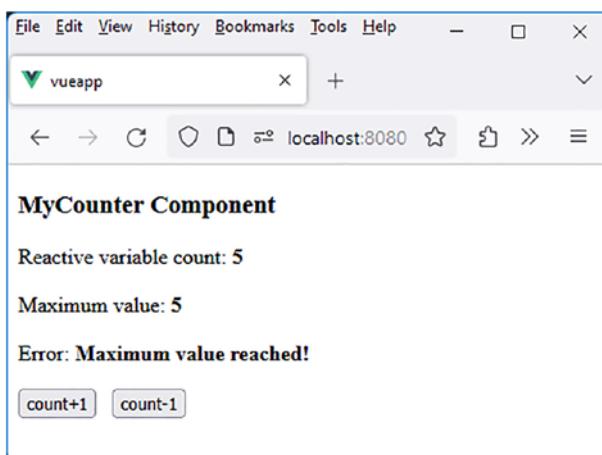


Figure 6-3. Display of the error message in the composable

As soon as the max value is exceeded, the error is displayed.

Step 3: Improved useCounterMaxWithError() Composable

The previous composable functions correctly. However, if the initial value is set to a value higher than the `max` value, no error message is displayed.

Let's write these values into the `MyCounter` component:

Initialization (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
const init = 10;  
const max = 5; // init > max
```

This displays the following result:

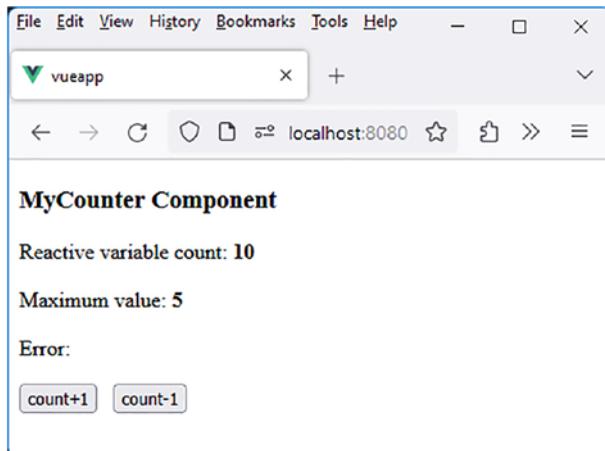


Figure 6-4. Initial counter value higher than the maximum value: no error displayed

To remedy this, the composable should test the values passed by the component during its initialization. A composable has access to all the functionalities of a component, particularly its lifecycle through methods such as `onMounted()`, `onUpdated()`, etc. These are the lifecycle methods of a Vue.js component that were described in Chapter 1.

Let's use the `onMounted()` method, which allows for processing when the component is mounted in the DOM.

The `useCounterMaxWithError()` composable becomes the following:

Utilization of the `onMounted()` method in the composable (file `src/composables/useCounterMaxWithError.js`)

```
import useCounter from "../composables/useCounter";
import { ref, onMounted } from "vue";

const useCounterMaxWithError = (init, max) => {
  const [count, increment, decrement] = useCounter(init);
  const error = ref("");
  const incrementMax = () => {
    if (count.value >= max) {
      error.value = "Maximum value reached!";
    }
    else {
      increment();
      error.value = "";
    }
  }
  const decrementMax = () => {
    decrement();
    if (count.value <= max) {
      error.value = "";
    }
  }
  onMounted(()=> {
    if (count.value > max) error.value = "Maximum value
      reached!";
  });
}
```

```
return [count, incrementMax, decrementMax, error];  
}  
  
export default useCounterMaxWithError;
```

Let us verify that the error is now displayed when the initial value of the counter exceeds the maximum value:

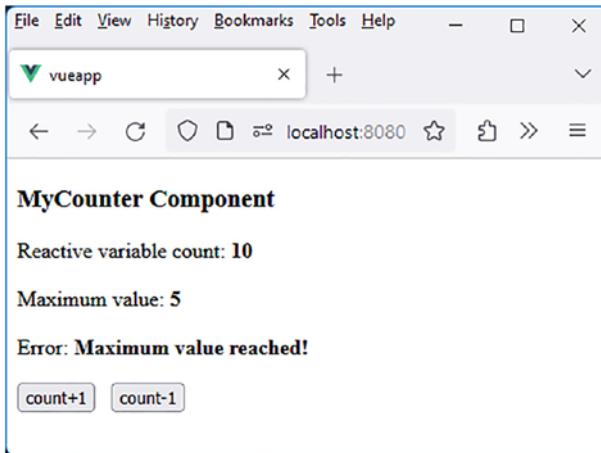


Figure 6-5. Error message displayed during initialization

Utility Composables

Following the same principle as the `useCounter()` composable (and its derived composable), let's write other composable that will serve as utility composable, as they can be used in various applications. These include the following:

1. `useFetch()`: Performs an HTTP request.
2. `useWindowSize()`: Determines the size of the window.
3. `useGeolocation()`: Determines the current geolocation.

Let's start with the first proposed composable, which is `useFetch()`.

useFetch() Composable for Performing an HTTP Request

The `useFetch(url)` composable allows for making an HTTP request to a specified URL (`url` parameter) using the `fetch(url)` method defined in JavaScript. The composable returns a `startFetch()` method that initiates the HTTP request, and the asynchronous result will be returned by the `startFetch()` method.

Let's create the `MyCountries` component that utilizes the `useFetch()` composable to retrieve results. We will use the URL <https://restcountries.com/v3.1/all>, which was employed in Chapter 4 to fetch the list of countries worldwide.

MyCountries component using the useFetch() composable (file `src/components/MyCountries.vue`)

```
<script setup>
import useFetch from "../composables/useFetch"

import { ref } from "vue";
const data = ref();

const url = "https://restcountries.com/v3.1/all";
const [startFetch] = useFetch(url);

const initData = async () => {
  data.value = await startFetch();
}

</script>
```

```
<template>
<button @click="initData">Start Fetch</button>
<br><br>
<b>Data</b> : {{data}}
</template>
```

The MyCountries component utilizes the `useFetch()` composable, hence the import statement `import useFetch`.

The `useFetch()` composable returns the `startFetch()` method, allowing the initiation of data retrieval from the server using the URL provided in `useFetch(url)`.

The “Start Fetch” button on the page triggers the data retrieval, which will be displayed in the reactive variable `data`. To achieve this, the `initData()` method is created, called upon clicking the button. This method invokes the `startFetch()` method obtained from the composable, and the `startFetch()` method returns the data read from the server. To manage the asynchronous nature of exchanges between the client and the server, the `async` and `await` keywords of JavaScript are utilized within this method.

Let us now write the `useFetch()` composable used in the `MyCountries` component. As indicated previously, it should return an asynchronous `startFetch()` function that retrieves data from the server in JSON format.

useFetch() composable (file src/composables/useFetch.js)

```
const useFetch = (url) => {
  const startFetch = async () => {
    const res = await fetch(url);
    const d = await res.text();
    return JSON.parse(d); // Returning the data read from the
                          // server in JSON format
  }
}
```

```
    return [startFetch];  
}  
  
export default useFetch;
```

The App component is, of course, modified to integrate the MyCountries component:

App component (file src/App.vue)

```
<script setup>  
  
import MyCountries from './components/MyCountries.vue'  
  
</script>  
  
<template>  
  
<MyCountries />  
  
</template>
```

Let's run the program. The MyCountries component will be displayed with the "Start Fetch" button:

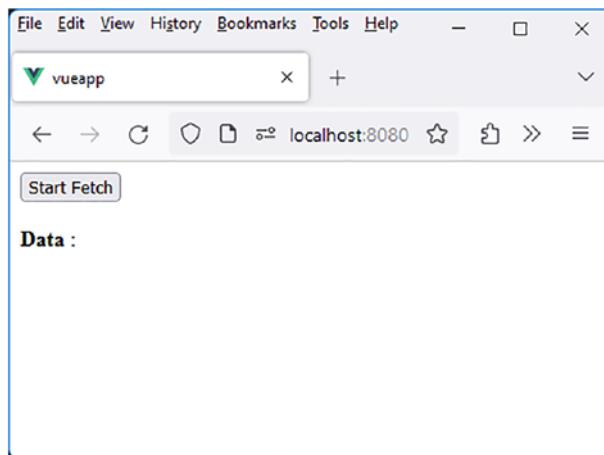


Figure 6-6. MyCountries component

Clicking on the “Start Fetch” button retrieves the list of countries from the server and displays it as a table in the reactive data variable.

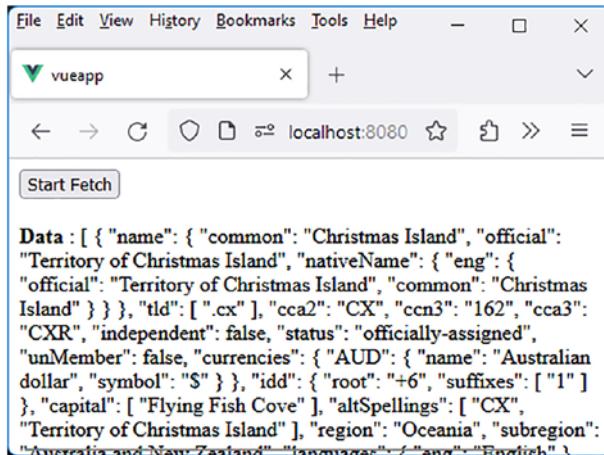


Figure 6-7. List of retrieved countries displayed by the `useFetch()` composable

useFetchCountries() Composable Derived from useFetch()

The previous `useFetch()` composable serves as a starting point to create another composable specifically designed to display only the country names, which are located in the `name.common` properties of each array element.

The new composable is named `useFetchCountries(url)`. It utilizes the previous `url` parameter and returns a `fetchCountries()` function that retrieves an array containing the names of the countries, sorted alphabetically.

The `MyCountries` component is modified to accommodate the newly used composable:

MyCountries component (file src/components/MyCountries.vue)

```
<script setup>
import useFetchCountries from "../composables/
useFetchCountries"

import { ref } from "vue";
const data = ref();

const url = "https://restcountries.com/v3.1/all";
const [startFetch] = useFetchCountries(url);

const initData = async () => {
  data.value = await startFetch();
}

</script>

<template>
  <button @click="initData">Start Fetch</button>
  <br><br>
  <b>Data</b> : {{data}}
</template>
```

Note that the name of the function returned by the composable can remain the same as before, as only the position in the returned array is relevant, as we have previously explained.

The new useFetchCountries(url) composable is written as follows:

**useFetchCountries composable (file src/composables/
useFetchCountries.js)**

```
import useFetch from "./useFetch";

const useFetchCountries = (url) => {
  const [startFetch] = useFetch(url);
  let countries;
```

```
const startFetchCountries = async () => {
  const data = await startFetch();
  countries = data.map(function(elem) {
    return elem.name.common; // Retain only the common.name
    property
  });
  // In ascending alphabetical order
  countries = countries.sort((n1, n2) => {
    if (n1 > n2) return 1;
    if (n1 < n2) return -1;
    return 0;
  });
  return countries;
}
return [startFetchCountries];
}

export default useFetchCountries;
```

The `useFetchCountries()` composable utilizes the `useFetch()` composable. The new function `startFetchCountries()` provided by the composable returns an array of all country names, ordered in ascending alphabetical order.

Let's see if it works after clicking the "Start Fetch" button:

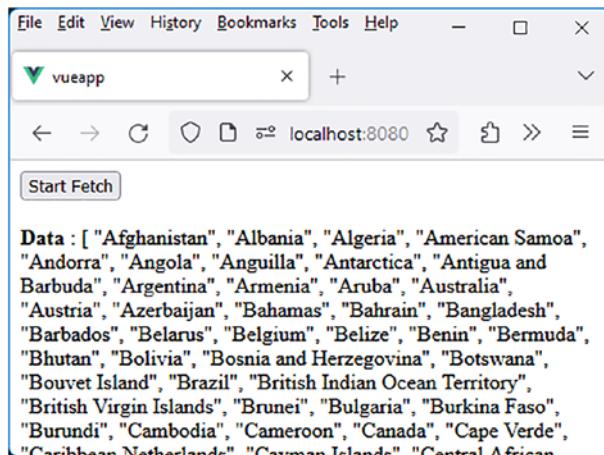


Figure 6-8. List of retrieved country names displayed as an array

Now that the `useFetchCountries()` composable provides a function that returns country names as a JavaScript array, we can modify the `MyCountries` component to display the list of countries as an HTML list. The `v-for` directive in Vue.js will allow us to achieve this.

The MyCountries component is thus modified:

Display countries as an HTML list (file src/components/MyCountries.vue)

```
<script setup>
import useFetchCountries from "../composables/
useFetchCountries"

import { ref } from "vue";
const data = ref();

const url = "https://restcountries.com/v3.1/all";
const [startFetch] = useFetchCountries(url);

const initData = async () => {
  data.value = await startFetch();
}

}
```

```
</script>

<template>

<button @click="initData">Start Fetch</button>
<br><br>
<b>Data :</b>
<ul>
<li v-for="(country, i) in data" :key="i">{{country}}</li>
</ul>

</template>
```

The list of countries is now displayed in HTML format:

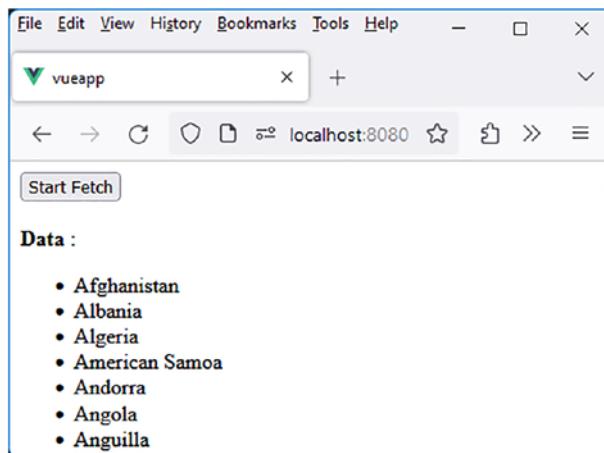


Figure 6-9. List of countries displayed in HTML format

useWindowSize() Composable for Real-Time Window Size Information

The `useWindowSize()` composable returns a reactive variable, `windowSize`, represented by an object `{ width, height }`, indicating the width and height of the window in which the application is running, respectively.

If the window is resized, the reactive variable `windowSize` updates in real time.

The `useWindowSize()` composable is created in the `src/composables` directory.

useWindowSize() composable (file `src/composables/useWindowSize.js`)

```
import { ref, onMounted, onBeforeUnmount } from "vue";

const useWindowSize = () => {
  const windowSize = ref({
    width: window.innerWidth,
    height: window.innerHeight,
  });

  const updateWindowSize = () => {
    windowSize.value = {
      width: window.innerWidth,
      height: window.innerHeight,
    };
  };

  onMounted(() => {
    window.addEventListener('resize', updateWindowSize);
  });

  onBeforeUnmount(() => {
    window.removeEventListener('resize', updateWindowSize);
  });

  return windowSize;
}

export default useWindowSize;
```

The `useWindowSize()` composable returns the reactive variable `windowSize`. It is not placed in an array since it is the sole value returned by the composable.

The composable is utilized in the `MyCounter` component.

Usage of the `useWindowSize()` composable (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import useWindowSize from '../composables/useWindowSize';

const windowSize = useWindowSize();

</script>

<template>
  <h3>MyCounter Component</h3>
  Window size: <b>{{windowSize}}</b>
</template>
```

The App component displays the `MyCounter` component:

App component (file `src/App.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import MyCounter from './components/MyCounter.vue'

</script>

<template>
  <MyCounter />
</template>
```

As the window is resized, the new dimensions are displayed in real time within the window:

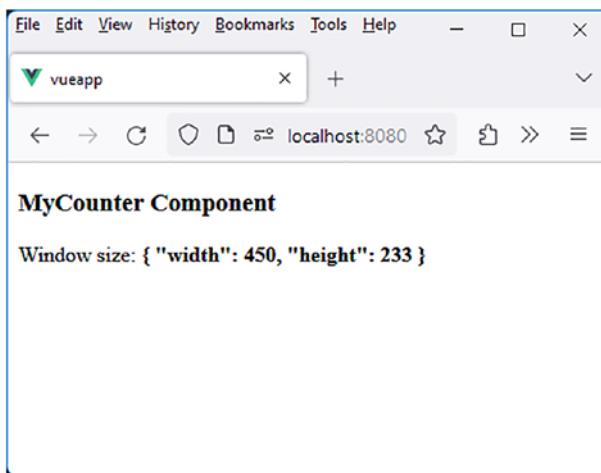


Figure 6-10. Usage of the `useWindowSize()` composable

The `useWindowSize()` composable serves as a starting point to create a format and determining whether to display the application on a mobile phone or a conventional website.

useGeolocation() Composable for Obtaining User Latitude and Longitude

The `useGeolocation()` composable will be valuable for determining the geographical location of the user.

useGeolocation() composable (file `src/composables/useGeolocation.js`)

```
import { ref, onMounted } from "vue";
```

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```
const useGeolocation = () => {
  const latitude = ref(null);
  const longitude = ref(null);

  const handleGeolocation = (position) => {
    latitude.value = position.coords.latitude;
    longitude.value = position.coords.longitude;
  };

  const errorGeolocation = (error) => {
    console.log("Geolocation error:", error.message);
  };

  onMounted(() => {
    if (navigator.geolocation) {
      navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(handleGeolocation,
        errorGeolocation);
    } else {
      console.log("Geolocation is not available in this
        browser.");
    }
  });
}

return [latitude, longitude];
}

export default useGeolocation;
```

We define two reactive variables, `latitude` and `longitude`, which will be returned by the composable. The browser's geolocation API is utilized to retrieve the user's GPS coordinates.

To initiate geolocation upon program startup, we use the `onMounted()` method of the composable, where the processing is performed.

The MyCounter component, which uses the composable and displays the returned data, is as follows:

Usage of the useGeolocation() composable (file src/components/MyCounter.vue)

```
<script setup>

import useGeolocation from '../composables/useGeolocation';

const [latitude, longitude] = useGeolocation();

</script>

<template>

<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>

Latitude: <b>{{latitude}}</b>
<br>
Longitude: <b>{{longitude}}</b>
<br>

</template>
```

Let's run the program. After granting the browser access to geolocation, we obtain the following:

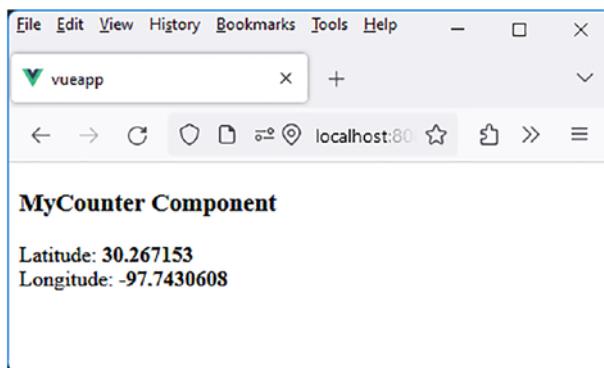


Figure 6-11. Usage of the `useGeolocation()` composable

The latitude and longitude have been updated in the component.

useGeolocationWithDetails() Composable Derived from useGeolocation()

Let's enhance the previous `useGeolocation()` composable by providing not only the latitude and longitude but also the corresponding country and city. For this purpose, we create the new composable `useGeolocationWithDetails()`.

To achieve this, we use a new API from the site <https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse>. By specifying latitude and longitude in the URL, it returns a JSON object containing, among other things, the corresponding country and city.

For example, using the following URL in a browser: <https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse?format=json&lat=30.267153&lon=-97.7430608>.

```

{
  "place_id": "273287679",
  "licence": "Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, CC-BY-SA. http://osm.org/copyright",
  "osm_type": "node",
  "osm_id": "3849775794",
  "lat": "30.266924",
  "lon": "-97.742983",
  "class": "place",
  "type": "house",
  "place_rank": 30,
  "importance": 0.0000000000000005449,
  "address_type": "place",
  "name": "",
  "display_name": "103, East 5th Street, Downtown, Austin, Travis County, Texas, 78701, United States",
  "address": {
    "house_number": "103",
    "road": "East 5th Street",
    "neighbourhood": "Downtown",
    "city": "Austin",
    "county": "Travis County",
    "state": "Texas",
    "ISO3166-2-lvl4": "US-TX",
    "postcode": "78701",
    "country": "United States",
    "country_code": "us"
  }
}

```

Figure 6-12. Usage of the API <https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse>

The previous location indicates that we are located in the United States, in the city of Austin, Texas.

To implement this new composable, we will use the previous `useGeolocation()` composable, which provides the current latitude and longitude. Then, by passing these two values to the URL <https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse>, we receive in return the country, city, etc., corresponding to the indicated GPS coordinates.

The MyCounter component is modified to use the new composable `useGeolocationWithDetails()` and display the country and city.

Display the country and city (file `src/components/MyCounter.vue`)

```
<script setup>

import useGeolocationWithDetails from '../composables/
useGeolocationWithDetails';

const [latitude, longitude, country, city] =
useGeolocationWithDetails();

</script>

<template>
<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>

Latitude : <b>{{latitude}}</b>
<br>
Longitude : <b>{{longitude}}</b>
<br>
Country : <b>{{country}}</b>
<br>
City : <b>{{city}}</b>
<br>

</template>
```

The new `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable returns an array `[latitude, longitude, country, city]`. Each value in the array corresponds to a reactive variable displayed in the component.

Let's now write the `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable. It utilizes the previous `useGeolocation()` composable to obtain the latitude and longitude to be used in determining the corresponding country and city.

useGeolocationWithDetails() composable (file src/composables/useGeolocationWithDetails.js)

```
import { ref, watchEffect } from "vue";
import useGeolocation from '../composables/useGeolocation';
const useGeolocationWithDetails = () => {
  const [latitude, longitude] = useGeolocation();
  const country = ref("");
  const city = ref("");

  // To find the country and city corresponding to the
  latitude/longitude
  watchEffect(async ()=>{
    if (latitude.value && longitude.value) {
      const response = await fetch(
        `https://nominatim.openstreetmap.org/reverse?format=json&lat=${latitude.value}&lon=${longitude.value}`
      );
      const data = await response.json();
      if (data && data.address && data.address.country) {
        country.value = data.address.country;
      }
      if (data && data.address) {
        city.value = data.address.city || data.address.town;
      }
    }
  });
  return [latitude, longitude, country, city];
}
export default useGeolocationWithDetails;
```

The interesting part of this composable lies in using the `watchEffect()` method. When you write the statement `const [latitude, longitude] = useGeolocation();`, it doesn't mean that the variables `latitude` and `longitude` are immediately initialized. We need to wait for geolocation to be performed in the `useGeolocation()` composable.

How do we know when these variables, latitude and longitude, have been initialized? Since they are reactive, we can observe their value changes using the `watchEffect(callback)` method. The callback function provided as a parameter is called on the initial invocation of `watchEffect()`. This allows Vue.js to determine the reactive variables used in the callback, which will be the ones observed.

Using the statement `if (latitude.value && longitude.value)` within `watchEffect()` indicates that we are observing the reactive variables `latitude` and `longitude`. The subsequent processing is straightforward. When these variables change, we retrieve the country name from the `address.country` field, and similarly, we could retrieve the city from the `address.city` or `address.town` fields.

The result is as follows:

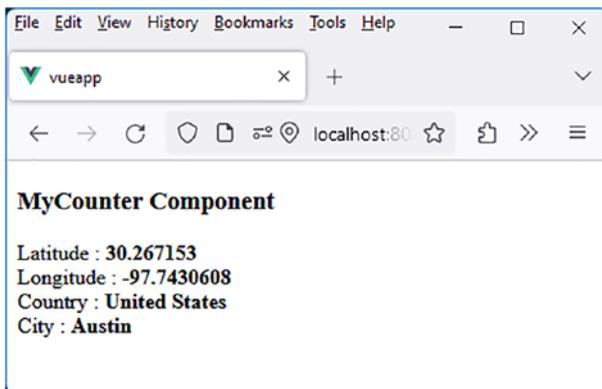


Figure 6-13. Usage of the `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable

The country and city names are also displayed in the component.

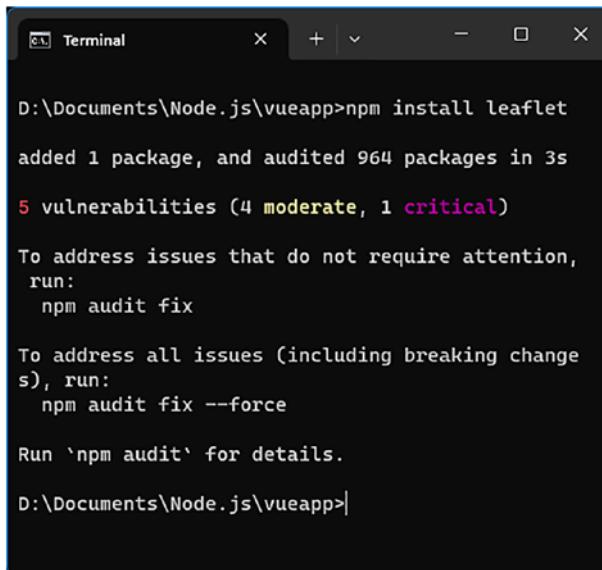
useMap() Composable for Displaying the GPS Location Map

Creating the `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable gives us the idea to create a new composable for displaying the map of the location indicated by GPS coordinates. Let's name this new composable `useMap()`.

To display the map, we can use various APIs. Among them, we have chosen Leaflet because it does not require an API key to function.

Step 1: Install the Leaflet API

To use Leaflet, simply install it with the `npm install leaflet` command. This command is executed from the directory of the Vue.js application (in this case, the `vueapp` directory).



```
D:\Documents\Node.js\vueapp>npm install leaflet
added 1 package, and audited 964 packages in 3s
5 vulnerabilities (4 moderate, 1 critical)
To address issues that do not require attention,
run:
  npm audit fix

To address all issues (including breaking changes),
run:
  npm audit fix --force

Run `npm audit` for details.

D:\Documents\Node.js\vueapp>
```

Figure 6-14. Installing the Leaflet API in the Vue.js application

Step 2: Using the Leaflet API

Leaflet uses a JavaScript API and CSS style files to function.

1. To use the JavaScript API, import Leaflet into our program using the statement `import L from "leaflet"`. The methods of the Leaflet API are accessible through the `L` object.
2. To use Leaflet's CSS files, import them into the main `index.html` file of the application. The `index.html` file using Leaflet's CSS files becomes as follows:

Using Leaflet styles in the Vue.js application (file `src/public/index.html`)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="">
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1.0">
    <link rel="icon" href="<%= BASE_URL %>favicon.ico">

    <!-- To include the Leaflet CSS -->
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://unpkg.com/
      leaflet@1.7.1/dist/leaflet.css" />

    <title><%= htmlWebpackPlugin.options.title %></title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <noscript>
```

```
<strong>We're sorry but <%= htmlWebpackPlugin.options.title %> doesn't work properly without JavaScript enabled. Please enable it to continue.</strong>
</noscript>

<div id="app"></div>
<!-- built files will be auto injected -->
</body>
</html>
```

To include Leaflet's CSS styles, you can use the `<link>` tag in the application.

Now, let's explore how to use Leaflet in the `useMap()` composable.

Step 3: Writing the `useMap()` Composable

To display a map, Leaflet requires the following:

1. The latitude and longitude of the location to be displayed
2. The ID of the DOM element in which to display the map
3. The desired zoom level to display the map

The `useMap(latitude, longitude, idMap)` composable displays the desired map in the DOM element with the specified `idMap`. By default, we will use a zoom level of 13.

In return, the composable provides the `map` object created by Leaflet. This object allows, for example, the use of the statement `map.remove()` to remove any previously displayed map in the specified DOM element.

The `useMap()` composable can be written as follows:

useMap composable (file src/composables/useMap.js)

```
import L from "leaflet"

const useMap = (latitude, longitude, idMap) => {
  const zoom = 13;

  // To position the map at the indicated location
  const map = L.map(idMap).setView([latitude,
    longitude], zoom);

  // To display the corresponding map
  L.tileLayer("https://a.tile.openstreetmap.org/{z}/{x}/
{y}.png", {
    maxZoom: 20,
  }).addTo(map);

  // To display a marker on the map to indicate the specified
  location
  L.marker([latitude, longitude]).addTo(map);

  // We return the map object created by Leaflet
  return map;
}

export default useMap;
```

We modify the MyCounter component to use the useMap() composable:

Using the useMap() composable (file src/components/MyCounter.vue)

```
<script setup>

import useGeolocationWithDetails from "../composables/
useGeolocationWithDetails.js"
import useMap from "../composables/useMap.js"
```

```
import { onMounted, watchEffect } from "vue";

const [latitude, longitude, country, city] =
useGeolocationWithDetails();

// The onMounted() method ensures that the "map" DOM element is
// correctly inserted into the DOM.
onMounted(()=>{
    // The watchEffect() method waits for the latitude and
    // longitude to be properly initialized.
    watchEffect(()=>{
        if (latitude.value && longitude.value) useMap(latitude.
            value, longitude.value, "map");
    });
});

</script>

<template>
<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>
<p>Map around the city: <b v-show="city">{{city}} - {{country}}</b></p>
<div id="map" />
</template>

<style scoped>
#map {
    height: 300px;
    width: 100%;
}
</style>
```

We are using the following two composables:

1. The `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable retrieves the latitude, longitude, city, and country of the location where we are geolocated.
2. The `useMap()` composable displays the map of the location obtained by the previous composable.

Additionally, we are using the `onMounted()` and `watchEffect()` methods of Vue.js:

1. The `onMounted()` method ensures that the DOM element associated with the map (defined by `<div id="map" />`) is correctly inserted into the DOM, as Leaflet cannot begin to display the map if this element is not present.
2. The `watchEffect(callback)` method observes changes in the values of reactive variables used in the associated callback function. Since the latitude and longitude obtained by `useGeolocationWithDetails()` are not acquired sequentially, we observe the associated reactive variables.

Let's verify the functionality of the program:

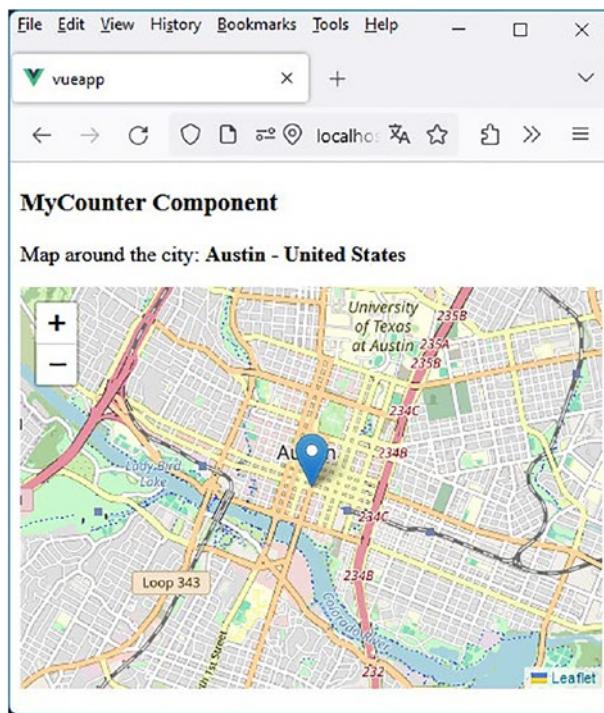


Figure 6-15. Usage of the `useMap()` composable to display the map of the location

Now, let's see how to enhance the program by creating a `v-map` directive that internally uses the `useMap()` composable.

Step 4: v-map Directive Using the useMap() Composable

The previous program is functional. However, it requires writing instructions like the ones previously written in `onMounted()` or `watchEffect()`, which could be localized in a directive rather than within the component itself. This is the purpose of the new `v-map` directive.

You would use this directive in the `MyCounter` component as follows:

Using the v-map directive (file src/components/MyCounter.vue)

```
<script setup>

import useGeolocationWithDetails from "../composables/
useGeolocationWithDetails.js"

const [latitude, longitude, country, city] =
useGeolocationWithDetails();

</script>

<template>

<h3>MyCounter Component</h3>

<p>Map around the city: <b v-show="city">{{city}} - {{country}}</b></p>
<div v-map="{latitude:latitude,longitude:longitude}"
id="map" />

</template>

<style scoped>
#map {
  height: 300px;
  width: 100%;
}
</style>
```

The previous `<div id="map" />` element is now written as

```
<div v-map="{latitude:latitude,longitude:longitude}"
id="map" />
```

This `<div>` element now uses the `v-map` directive, to which we pass the latitude and longitude returned by `useGeolocationWithDetails()` as its value. The `v-map` directive internally retrieves these values using the binding parameter through `binding.value.latitude` and `binding.value.longitude`.

It is worth noting that the component will be automatically refreshed when the `v-map` directive has its value changed, thanks to the reactive variables. Therefore, the map will be displayed with the final values of latitude and longitude when they are obtained by the `useGeolocationWithDetails()` composable.

The `v-map` directive utilizes the `useMap()` composable. It is written as follows:

v-map directive (file src/directives/map.js)

```
import useMap from "../composables/useMap.js"

const map = {
  updated(el, binding) {
    const latitude = binding.value.latitude;
    const longitude = binding.value.longitude;
    if (latitude && longitude) {
      if (el._map) el._map.remove();
      el._map = useMap(latitude, longitude, el.id);
    }
    else if (el._map) {
      el._map.remove();
      el._map = null;
    }
  }
}

export default map;
```

We use the `updated()` method of the directive's lifecycle. We check whether the `latitude` and `longitude` are known, and if so, we display the map using the `useMap()` composable. The `map` object returned by `useMap()` is stored as a property of the DOM element (in `el._map`) to clear a previous map that may have been displayed in this element (otherwise, Leaflet returns an error).

To make the directive usable, it needs to be inserted into the `directives.js` file, as explained in the previous chapter:

Adding the `v-map` directive (file `src/directives.js`)

```
import focus from "./directives/focus";
import integersOnly from "./directives/integers-only";
import maxValue from "./directives/max-value";
import clearable from "./directives/clearable";
import timer from "./directives/timer";
import map from "./directives/map";

export default {
  focus,
  integersOnly,
  maxValue,
  clearable,
  timer,
  map,
}
```

Let's verify the proper functioning of the entire system:

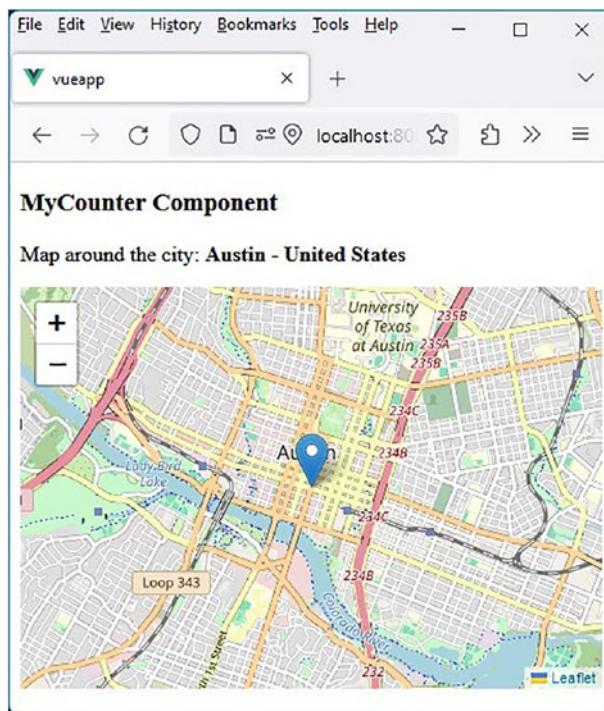


Figure 6-16. Usage of the `v-map` directive

Conclusion

In this chapter, we explored in detail the creation and usage of composable functions in Vue.js. We discussed why composable functions are valuable and how they differ from directives, being complementary. We then followed the steps to create and enhance Vue.js composable functions, illustrating this through concrete examples.

We also discovered utility composable functions that facilitate the management of common tasks such as HTTP requests, monitoring window size, geolocation, and displaying maps.

One of the most interesting examples was the creation of the `useMap()` composable to display maps based on GPS location using the Leaflet API. We followed a step-by-step process to create this composable, gaining insights into how to integrate third-party libraries into Vue.js.

Finally, we saw how to use the composables we created by incorporating them into custom directives, such as `v-map`, to make their usage even more user-friendly.

In conclusion, composites are a powerful way to abstract reusable logic and simplify the development of Vue.js applications. They provide an elegant way to handle complexity while keeping the code clean and modular. By mastering the creation and usage of composites, you can significantly enhance your productivity in Vue.js development. The ball is in your court!