



JavaScript in Web Applications / Backend

Language Technology and Web Applications

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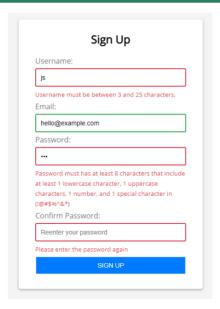
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Why to use JavaScript?

- Interactivity
- Real-Time Feedback
- Performance Optimization take off load from the server
- Cross-Platform Development

Why to use JavaScript?



What is a DOM?

- The Document Object Model (DOM) is a central concept in web development
- Represents a document as a tree
- Element Manipulation (create, remove, style, ...)

Our Application - Tokenizer

Develop a web application that will tokenize sentences using an external API

```
"What a beautiful sunset!",
"Don't forget to water the plants.",
"Take your time on the project."
```

Element Manipulation

```
let entries = document.getElementById("entries")
let item = document.createElement("div")
item.innerText = "Text test"
entries.appendChild(item)
item.style.color = "red"
```

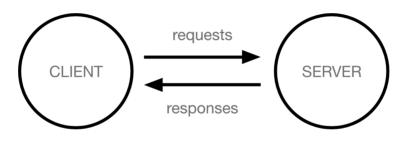
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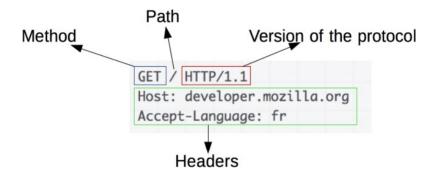
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Clients and Servers



Metadata of an HTTP Request



Examples of a Host

- example.com
- subdomain.example.com
- example.com:80
- 172.23.49.21:8000
- localhost
- 127.0.0.1

Examples of a Path

- /
- /index.html
- /shop/

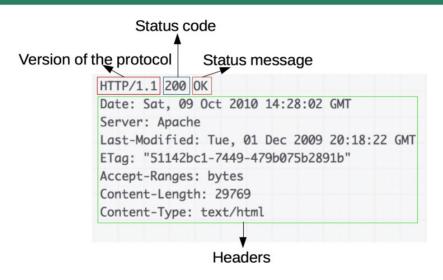
"Query Parameters":

- /shop/?key1=value1
- /shop/?key1=value1&key2=value2

Encoding of Query Parameters

```
{'q': 'hello'} \rightarrow q=hello
{'q': 'foo bar'} \rightarrow q=foo%20bar Or q=foo+bar
{'q': 'grüezi'} \rightarrow q=gr%C3%BCezi
```

Metadata of an HTTP Response



Examples of HTTP Status Codes

- 200 OK
- 302 Found (=a redirect)
- 403 Forbidden
- 404 Not Found
- 500 Internal Server Error

Examples of Response Headers

- Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
 Media type of the resource
- Last-Modified: Mon, 18 Jul 2016 02:36:04 GMT The last modification date of the resource

Examples of Content Types ("MIME Types")

- text/html
- text/css
- text/javascript
- image/png
- image/gif
- application/zip
- application/pdf
- application/json

Content of an HTTP Message

Also called: body, payload

Content of responses:

A file of the specified content type (e.g. text/html)

Content of requests:

- Form data
- Uploaded file(s)

Difference between GET and POST

GET

- "Read": Retrieve data from the server
- No request body

POST

- "Write": Submit data to the server
- Request body ("payload")

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Goal

- Enhance the web application and allow visitors to add entries
- Store the data in the database