

JavaScript Beginner's Course Part 4

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Agenda

1. Functions as Arguments & Callbacks
2. Object Iterator
3. JSON
4. Session Storage
5. Local Storage
6. HTTP Protocol
7. AJAX

1. Functions as Arguments

```
function whichOne(f) {  
    f();  
}
```

```
function a() { console.log('i am a'); }  
function b() { console.log('i am b'); }  
function c() { console.log('i am c'); }
```

```
whichOne(b);
```

1. Callbacks

```
function waitForSomething(callback) {  
    ... // important calculations here ...  
    callback();  
}
```

```
waitForSomething( function() {  
    alert('Hallo World');  
});
```

2. Object Iterator

- Object iteration:

```
for(key in Obj) {  
    ...  
}
```

1. JSON

- JSON = JavaScript Object Notation
- Data format for interchanging objects accross multiple system

```
person = {  
    'firstname': 'Jan',  
    'age': 31 }  
}
```

or

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- JSON keys are always strings!

1. JSON

- Convert JavaScript Object to JSON String
`var x = JSON.stringify(OBJ);`
- Parse JSON String to JavaScript Object
`var y = JSON.parse(str);`

1. JSON

- Great tool to view JSON Data:
<http://jsonviewer.stack.hu>

2. Session Storage

window.sessionStorage

- An object which has key value relationships
 - **string only**, no objects
- Until the browser is closed, data can be saved in the sessionStorage object
- Client-side storage, 5m size
- Methods:
 - .setItem(key, value)**
 - .getItem(key)**
 - .removeItem(key)**
 - .clear()**

3. Local Storage

window.localStorage

= Same as sessionStorage

EXCEPT: Data is saved until user explicitly removes it, no pre-defined expiration date and 10m size

4. HTTP



The diagram consists of two adjacent rectangular boxes, one on the left and one on the right, separated by a thin vertical line. Both boxes are light gray with a dark gray border. The left box is labeled 'Front-End' and the right box is labeled 'Back-End'.

Front-End

Back-End

4. HTTP

Front-End

=

HTTP-Client
(Chrome, Firefox, ...)

Back-End

=

HTTP-Server
(NodeJS, PHP, ...)

4. HTTP

- What is HTTP?
 - HTTP: Protocol
 - Protocol = Set of commands
 - Most used HTTP-commands
 - GET: Reading a resource from a server
 - POST: Creating a new resource on a server
- Command is either a ...
 - REQUEST
 - RESPONSE

4. HTTP

- What is HTTP?

- HTTP

- Protocol

- Model How does an HTTP-command look like?

- Client

- Server

- Command

- REQUEST

- RESPONSE

4. HTTP

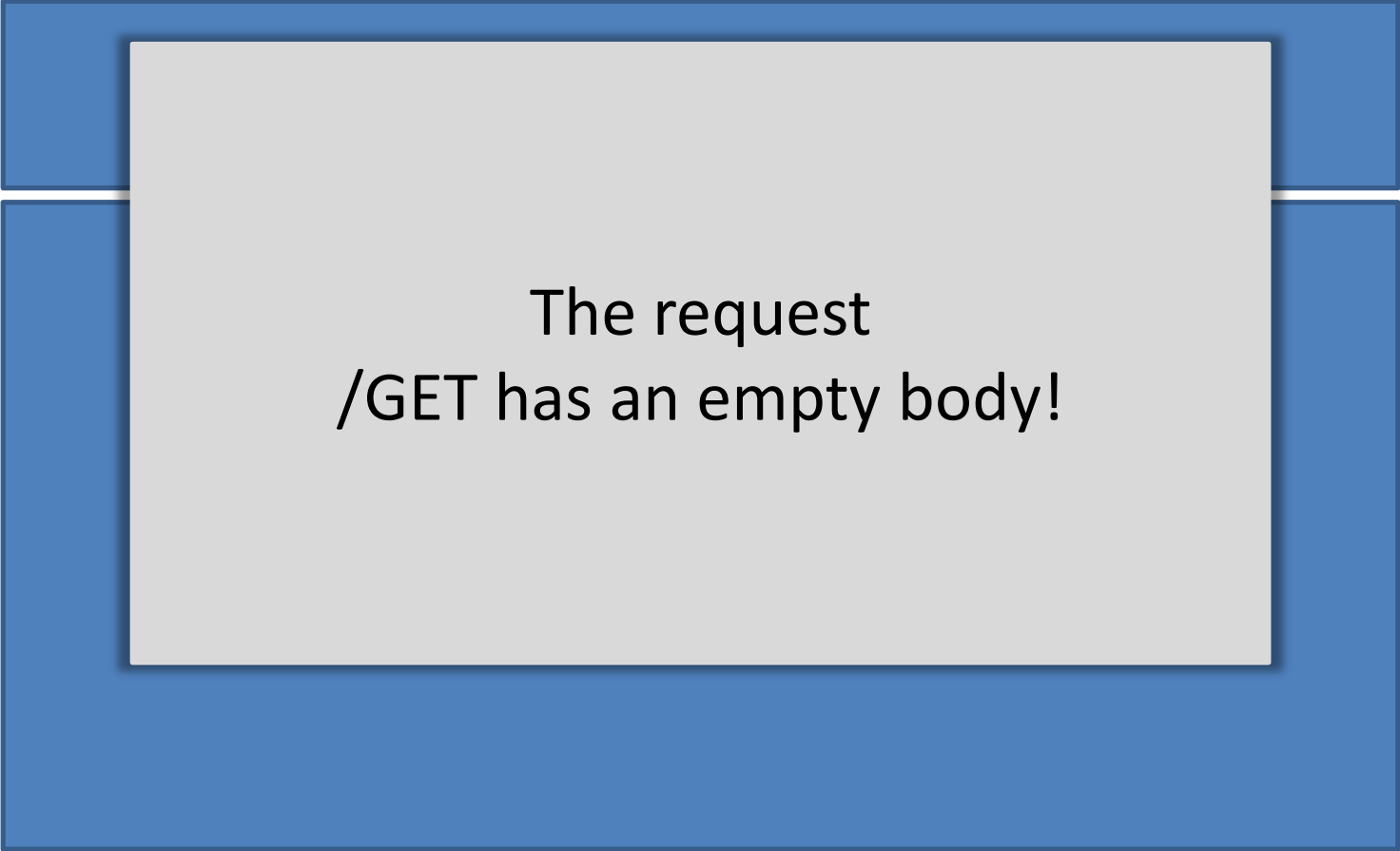


Diagram illustrating the structure of an HTTP message, consisting of two main parts: HEAD and BODY.

HEAD

BODY

4. HTTP



The request
/GET has an empty body!

4. HTTP

- There are **17 HTTP-REQUESTS**
 - GET -> show me a resource
 - POST -> create a new resource based on the information in the request's body
 - PUT -> change a resource based on the requests' body
 - DELETE -> delete a resource
 - ...

4. HTTP

- There are **50+ HTTP-RESPONSES**
 - 200 -> OK, your request was processed completely
 - 304 -> the last 200 was not modified
 - 404 -> resource not found
 - 400 -> bad request, i.e. wrong request head or body
 - 408 -> timeout, processing the request took too long

4. HTTP

- We are dealing with GET and POST requests
- **GET requests** have a head and an empty body
- **POST requests** have a head and an non-empty body

4. HTTP

Client/Server communication example

You open a website www.google.com

HTTP-Client

HTTP-Server

REQUEST: GET /

HEAD: GET /

BODY: (EMPTY)

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Client/Server communication example
You receive an answer from Google.com

HTTP-Client

HTTP-Server

RESPONSE: 200



HEAD: CODE: 200

BODY:

```
<html>
  <head>
  </head>
  <body>
  </body>
</html>
```

4. HTTP

Client/Server communication example

You post a new contact request to your localhost/contacts

HTTP-Client

HTTP-Server

REQUEST: POST /

HEAD: POST /contacts

BODY:

```
{  
  name: "Jan",  
  email: jan.schulz@cileria.com,  
  text: "Hallo World"  
}
```

4. HTTP

Client/Server communication example

You receive an answer from localhost

HTTP-Client

HTTP-Server

RESPONSE: 200



HEAD: CODE: 200

```
{  
  errorCode: "0"  
}
```


4. HTTP

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 3. **Compile** JavaScript and make the website interactive.

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Task: 15 mins

1. Describe the difference between frontend and backend development.
2. Describe the difference between JavaScript run in your browser and JavaScript run on a server.
3. Do you have access to the filesystem (i.e. `"/home/user/halloworld.txt"`) from our frontend JavaScript code?

4. HTTP

- Tools to test HTTP Requests
 - Postman
 - CURL
 - WGET
- Tools to parse JSON
 - JSONViewer

4. AJAX

- Asynchronous JavaScript XML Requests
 - HTTP-Requests **that not**
 - Include Source Files like CSS, JS etc.
 - Include Initial page load like Hitting F5 + Reloading the page
 - Do not block other JavaScript code

4. AJAX

- Asynchronous JavaScript XML Requests
 - HTTP-Requests **that not**
 - Include Source Files like CSS, JS etc.
 - Initially load the page like Hitting F5 + Reloading the page
 - In total, 17 types of HTTP-Requests
 - GET – read a resource
 - POST – create a new resource
 - PUT – change an existing resource
 - DELETE – delete an existing resource
 - ...

4. AJAX

- `window.XMLHttpRequest`
- Methods:
 - `open()`: defines the HTTP method and URL
 - `onload()`: defines an event that handles the response data
 - `send()`: actually sends the request to the server

Task

Users | Comments | Add User | Add Comment

Name	Email	ID
Test1	test1@gmail.com	1
Test2	test2@gmail.com	2
Test3	test3@gmail.com	3

Build this Webapp
And Use JavaScript
Show and Hide
HTML Elements
When switching
Navigation points

Task

Users | **Comments** | Add User | Add Comment

From Test1

Email is Test1@gmail.com

Hallo, I think that Test1 is a super
great user name.

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Users | Comments | **Add User** | Add Comment

TEXTBOX username

TEXTBOX mail

BUTTON Submit

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Users | Comments | Add User | **Add Comment**

TEXTBOX username

TEXTBOX mail

TEXTAREA text

BUTTON Submit

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Task

1. Send a GET request to <http://35.156.88.18:3050/users> and check the response. How can you convert this to a JavaScript object?
2. Send the GET request with AJAX to the server and parse the response.
3. Use the response to create a table of users.
4. Do 1., 2. and 3. for the comments that you can get via <http://35.156.88.18:3050/comments>

Task

5. Send a POST request to <http://35.156.88.18:3050/users> with a POST body of {username: 'Smith', email: 'bob@gmail.com'}. Use Postman for this.
6. Send the POST request with AJAX to the server based on your form data.
7. Check if a new user has been added.
8. Do 5., 6. and 7. for the comments that you can POST to <http://35.156.88.18:3050/comments>. This time the POST body looks like {username: 'Bob', email: 'bob@gmail.com', body: 'Hallo World'}