FullStack Development

CS571: Building User Interfaces

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Today's Warmup

- 1. Clone today's starter code and run npm install in starter/frontend, in starter/backend, in solution/frontend, in solution/frontend, and in deployment.
 - a. Consider using pnpm for future development :)
- 2. Download & install Docker

Please Note

Today's content will be on the final exam, but there is not an associated HW assignment.

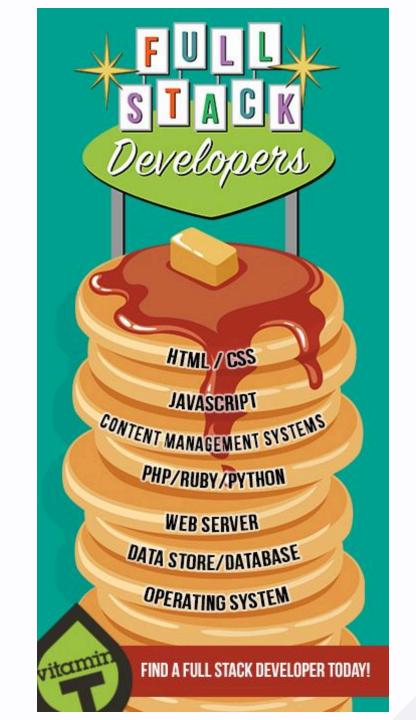
Bonus Quiz + CTF points added outside of Canvas.

Learning Objectives

- 1. Be able to define how backend development fits into the software stack.
- 2. Be able to develop a backend.
- 3. Be able to persist data.
- 4. Be able to make other considerations such as containerization.

Think of software like a stack of pancakes...

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... where each pancake can be its own flavor...

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... and can be cooked its own way...

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1. EGGS 2. FLOUR 3. MILK 4. SUGAR 5. COOKING OIL 6. SALT SUGAR 7. BUTTER 8. FRYING PAN 9. WHISK 10.SPATULA 11.BOWL 12.CUP 13.SPOON

PANCAKES RECIPE

... with as many or as few as we want!

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Our Software Stack

JavaScript and React for frontend development.

JavaScript and Express for backend development.

When you build your project, you get to choose your software stack!

Creating a Backend Server

Many, many, many options!

- Google Cloud Functions
- AWS Lambdas
- C# & .NET
- Java & Spring
- Python & Flask
- JavaScript & Express

```
const express = require('express')
const app = express()
const port = 3000
app.get('/', (req, res) => {
  res.send('Hello World!')
})
app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Example app listening on port ${port}`)
})
```

Taken from ExpressJS

Define every endpoint with a callback handler.

```
app.get('/messages', (req, res) => {
  res.send('I should get the messages.')
})
```

```
app.post('/messages', (req, res) => {
  res.send('I should create a message.')
})
```

Notice! We use res rather than return.

We prefer JSON! :)

```
app.get('/messages', (req, res) => {
  res.send({msg: 'I should get the messages.'})
})
```

```
app.post('/messages', (req, res) => {
  res.send({msg: 'I should create a message.'})
})
```

Parameters in req, response in res.

```
app.get('/messages', (req, res) => {
  const chatroom = req.query.chatroom;
  if (chatrooms.includes(chatroom)) {
    res.status(200).send({msg: `I should get the messages.`})
  } else {
    res.status(404).send({msg: 'Could not find specified chatroom.'})
  }
})
```

Parameters in req, response in res.

```
app.post('/messages', (req, res) => {
  const comment = req.body.comment;
  if (comment) {
    res.status(200).send({msg: `I should create this comment.`})
  } else {
    res.status(400).send({msg: 'You must specify a comment.'})
  }
})
```

ExpressJS Middleware

use some middleware that can read the req and modify the res before proceeding to the next

```
app.use((req, res, next) => {
    res.header("Access-Control-Allow-Origin", req.headers.origin);
    res.header("Access-Control-Allow-Headers", req.headers["access-control-request-headers"]);
    res.header('Access-Control-Allow-Methods', req.headers["access-control-request-method"]);
    res.header('Access-Control-Allow-Credentials', 'true');
    res.header('Access-Control-Expose-Headers', 'Set-Cookie');
    res.header('Vary', 'Origin, Access-Control-Allow-Headers, Access-Control-Allow-Methods')
    next();
});
```

Applied in the order of use

Your Turn!

Build the BadgerChat Nano API.

How to persist data?

Let's use SQLite

SQLite

- SQL, but lite!
- Creates a .db file on your machine
- Is not a "hosted" database, but is good for quick projects and hacks!

```
const db = await open({
    filename: "./db.db",
    driver: sqlite3.Database
});
```

SQL 101

Interact with the database via string queries.

```
-- Get all comments.
SELECT * FROM BadgerComment;
-- Get a specific comment.
SELECT * FROM BadgerComment WHERE id = ?;
-- Create a comment and return its id.
INSERT INTO BadgerComment(comment, created) VALUES (?, ?) RETURNING id;
-- Delete a specific comment.
DELETE FROM BadgerComment WHERE id = ?;
```

SQL w/ ExpressJS

Common functions incl. exec, run, get, and all.

```
// Run arbitrary queries, disregarding the results.
await db.exec('CREATE TABLE BadgerComment');
// Run a query, disregarding the results.
await db.run('DELETE FROM BadgerComment WHERE id = 4;');
// Get the first row back as an object.
const datum = await db.get('SELECT * FROM BadgerComment WHERE id = 7');
// Get all rows back as a list of objects.
const data = await db.all('SELECT * FROM BadgerComment');
```

Your Turn!

Build the BadgerChat Nano API with a database.

SQL Prepared Statements

Concatenating SQL queries with user input is **very bad**. Prefer to use prepared statements.

```
// Use prepared statements instead!
await db.get('SELECT * FROM BadgerComment WHERE id = ?', 7)
```

? is sanitized and interpolated with the arguments following the SQL query.

Your Turn!

Build the BadgerChat Nano API with a database using prepared statements.

This is great but...

...how can we deploy this?

Deployment

Run the setup commands, then...

- 1. Open the ports on your machine & router (or use a reverse proxy tool like ngrok).
- 2. Open the ports on a remote machine.

Still... how do we *isolate* ourselves? How do we make the environment *portable*? **Use a VM or a container!**



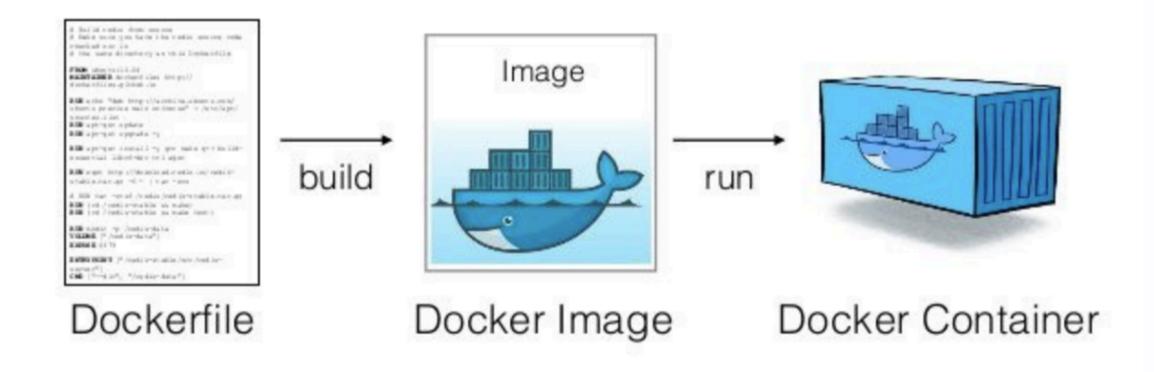


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Docker Commands

docker build builds an image from a given Dockerfile docker run runs a container from a given image docker stop stops a running container docker rm removes a stopped container docker push pushes an image docker pull pulls an image

Demo

Building, pushing, pulling, and running a Docker image as a container on a remote machine.

Backend Server Hosting







Not an endorsement of any particular service.

Questions?