

# HTML5



# W3C

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- The main international standards organization for the world wide web
- Was founded in 1994
- Any one can join (after approval)
- A member pays annual fee
  - Big player ~70000\$
  - Small player ~8000\$
- As of 2014 has 384 member
- Is criticized for
  - ▣ Being dominated by the big players
  - ▣ Slow pace

# W3C Ratification Process

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- Working Draft (WD)
- Candidate Recommendation (CR)
- Proposed Recommendation (PR)
- W3C Recommendation (REC)
- Working Group Note (NOTE)

# W3C Vision – Year 2002

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- XHTML is the future, not HTML
- XHTML 2.0 is not backward compatible with HTML 4.01 and XHTML 1.1
  - ▣ XForms instead of HTML Forms
  - ▣ XFrames instead of HTML frames
- Mozilla and Opera presented a paper for HTML next generation but were denied
- As result WHATWG was born

# WHATWG

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- ❑ A community of people interested in evolving HTML and related technologies
- ❑ Founded by individuals from Apple, Firefox and Opera at 2004
- ❑ On 9 May 2007 W3C decided to adopt WHATWG's HTML5
- ❑ XHTML 2.0 is dead !!!

# What is HTML5?

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- A snapshot of WHATWG specification that is managed by W3C
- Offers new elements, new attributes and APIs
- De facto features are now documented
- Is designed so that old browser can safely ignore new features
- A better platform for building complex web application

# HTML5 Status

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- As of September 2014 HTML5 is considered Proposed Recommendation (PR)
  - ▣ The criteria – Two 100% complete and fully interoperable implementations
- WHATWG continues its work on HTML5 as a “living standard”
  - ▣ Never completed
  - ▣ Always updated and improved
  - ▣ New features are added but old functionality is not removed

# What's new?

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- Depends on who you ask 😊
- The W3C specification is stable
- But we as developers are interested in capabilities not specifications
- A standard is useful only if implemented widely
- Support for a feature may vary between browsers vendors
- You should always check for current feature support before using it
  - ▣ <http://caniuse.com/>



# Interesting Features

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Semantic Tags	Content Editable	New Input Types	Placeholder
FORM Validation	Local Storage	Autofocus	Videos and Audio Tags
SVG	Geolocation	Indexed DB	Web Sockets
Web Workers	History API	Drag & Drop	Offline Application
Web Font	XMLHttpRequest	DOM Selection	Canvas 2D
Media Capture	Web Messaging	File API	

# History API

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- Access to the browser's history is offered through the **history** object
  - ▣ Long before HTML5
  - ▣ Limited write operations
- Effectively as if the user pressed the back and forward buttons

```
window.history.back();    // go back
window.history.forward(); // go forward
window.history.go(3);     // go 3 pages forward

window.history.length     // number of history entries
```

- Full page reload ☹️

# History API – HTML5

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- New APIs
  - ▣ `history.pushState`
  - ▣ `history.replaceState`
  - ▣ `window.onpopstate`
- The new API allows the developer to programmatically change the URL address
- No page reload 😊
- IE10+, Good browser support

# history.pushState

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- Suppose <http://myws.com/admin/logins> executes the following script

```
window.history.pushState({}, null, "state1");
```

- URL bar changes to <http://mywebsite.com/admin/state1>
- Browser **does not load** state1 from the server
- You may use absolute path

```
window.history.pushState({}, null, "/state1");
```

- URL changes to <http://mywebsite.com/state1>

# pushState Parameters

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- **state** – Any JavaScript object
  - ▣ Is associated with the new entry
  - ▣ Can be extracted later when the user navigates back/forward to this new entry
  - ▣ The browser holds a copy not a reference
- **title** – Not used
- **url** – The browser's URL
  - ▣ Must be of the same origin
  - ▣ If omitted the current URL is used

# popstate Event

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- Is dispatched to the window object when the active history entry changes

```
$(window).bind("popstate", function (e) {  
    console.log("popstate: " + e.originalEvent.state);  
});
```

- If the entry was created by pushState/replaceState the event's state property contains a copy of the original state
- Current state is also available through

```
console.log("Current state is: " + history.state);
```

# State Serialization

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- ❑ pushState serializes the state object
- ❑ popstate event deserializes it back
- ❑ You loose any metadata on the object
  - ❑ For example, prototype chaining
- ❑ Originally, some browser used JSON serialization
  - ❑ Cyclic references cause a runtime error
- ❑ Latest browsers use the “Structured clone algorithm”
  - ❑ Allows any structured graph to be serialized

# History API Notes

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- ❑ popstate event is not triggered on page load
- ❑ popstate event is not triggered when calling pushState/replaceState
- ❑ You probably want to wrap all details under navigate function
- ❑ There is no way to clear browser's history
- ❑ Use polyfills
  - ▣ HistoryJS - <https://github.com/browserstate/history.js/>
  - ▣ Backbone Router - <http://backbonejs.org/#Router>



# Web Storage

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- ❑ Passing data/state from one page to another is a common web task
- ❑ Common solutions
  - ▣ Query string – Limited storage
  - ▣ Session state – Does not scale well
  - ▣ Cookie – Limited storage
  - ▣ Hidden field – Reset upon GET request
  - ▣ URL – Limited storage

# Web Storage API

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- Designed to provide a larger, more secure, easier to use alternative to cookies
- Allows for key/value pairs to be stored and retrieved
- Is great for building offline web application
  - ▣ Web storage is accessible even when there is no internet connectivity
- Offers the following objects
  - ▣ `sessionStorage`
  - ▣ `localStorage`

# Storage Interface

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- Both `sessionStorage` and `localStorage` implements the same API
  - ▣ `getItem(key)`
  - ▣ `setItem(key, value)`
  - ▣ `removeItem(key)`
  - ▣ `clear`
- Key and value are strings !!!
- When passing object as a key or as a value it will first be converted to a string using `toString`

# sessionStorage

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- ❑ Not related to server side session management
- ❑ Each browser window/tab holds a sessionStorage object per origin
- ❑ Should live as long as the window/tab is alive
- ❑ When duplicating a tab the sessionStorage should be duplicated too
  - ❑ No sharing

```
sessionStorage.setItem("data", data);
```

```
var data = sessionStorage.getItem("data");
```

# Serialization

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- ❑ Web storage support only strings (key & value)
- ❑ Therefore, data must be serialized/deserialized
- ❑ Can use `JSON.stringify` & `JSON.parse`
  - ❑ Cannot save cyclic references
  - ❑ Prototype is lost
  - ❑ String representation is expensive

```
var str = JSON.stringify(data);  
localStorage.setItem("data", str);
```

```
var str = localStorage.getItem("data");  
var data = JSON.parse(str);
```

# localStorage

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- A Storage object per origin
- Storage should not be cleared by browser
  - ▣ Only on rare conditions
- Different windows with same origin share the same localStorage object
  - ▣ Browser should protect against concurrent access
- Exception is thrown under Incognito mode

```
localStorage.setItem("data", data);
```

```
var data = localStorage.getItem("data");
```

# Disk Space

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- Browser should limit the total amount
  - ▣ Specification does not mention the limit itself
  - ▣ 5MB is common
- Browser may prompt the user when quota is reached
  - ▣ Only supported on opera
- On some browsers the administrator can change the limit
  - ▣ Not from Java Script

# storage Event

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- Is fired when calling `setItem/removeItem/clear`
- Contains the following
  - `key`
  - `oldValue`
  - `newValue`
  - `url` – The url of the window that changes the data
- Event should not be fired on the window that changes the storage
  - IE disagrees

```
window.addEventListener("storage", function (e) {  
    console.log(e);  
}, false);
```



# Web Storage Notes

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- Updating a single record may be inefficient
  - ▣ Deserialize all data into memory
  - ▣ Fix memory
  - ▣ Serialize back
- API is blocking
  - ▣ UI is blocked while saving big data
- Should be careful when application is running under shared host
  - ▣ Wix.com

# Indexed DB

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- Web storage does not deal well with large data
  - ▣ Cannot update single record
  - ▣ Blocking API
- Indexed DB
  - ▣ Transactional database
  - ▣ Lets you store and retrieve objects
  - ▣ Objects are indexed → Better search performance
  - ▣ No schema
  - ▣ Asynchronous API

# Browser Support

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## □ Desktop

- ▣ Firefox, Chrome, Safari for desktop
- ▣ IE11 – Not complete

## □ Mobile

- ▣ Android 4.4+
- ▣ iPhone 8+ (8 is not released yet)
- ▣ IE Mobile 10+ (Strange ...)

# Storage Limits

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- Storage is limited per origin
- Firefox
  - ▣ No limit
  - ▣ Asks user after 50MB
- Chrome
  - ▣ No limit
- IE
  - ▣ 250MB limit
  - ▣ Asks user after 10MB

# Database

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- Has one or more object stores
- Has a name
- Has current version – Initially 0
- There may be multiple connections to a given database
- Each origin has an associated set of databases
- Is described by the **IDBDatabase** interface

# Open Database

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- ❑ Should specify a version – Default is 1
- ❑ Starts with no object store
- ❑ Can delete a whole database

```
var request = indexedDB.open("MyDB", 2);

request.onsuccess = function (e) {
    db = e.target.result;

    console.log("current version: " + db.version);
}

request.onerror = function (e) {
    console.log("open db error: " + e.target.error.message);
}

request.onupgradeneeded = function (e) {
    console.log("DB Upgrade is needed");
}
```

# Object Store

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- ❑ Has a unique name
- ❑ Has a list of records
- ❑ Has a list of indexes
- ❑ No schema
- ❑ Each record consists of a key and a value
- ❑ The list is sorted according to key
- ❑ Key is unique
- ❑ Is described by the **IDBObjectStore** interface

# Create Object Store

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- Creating new object store is only allowed during **upgradeneeded** event

```
request.onupgradeneeded = function (e) {  
    console.log("DB Upgrade is needed");  
  
    console.log("old version: " + e.oldVersion);  
    console.log("new version: " + e.newVersion);  
  
    var db = e.target.result;  
  
    if (e.newVersion == 1) {  
        console.log("Creating object store: contacts");  
  
        var objectStore = db.createObjectStore("contacts",  
            { keyPath: "id", autoIncrement: true });  
  
        console.log("Creating indexes");  
  
        objectStore.createIndex("name", "name", { unique: false });  
        objectStore.createIndex("email", "email", { unique: true });  
    }  
}
```



# IDBObjectStore

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## □ Properties

- name
- keypath
- autoIncrement
- indexNames
- transaction

## □ Methods

- get
- add
- put
- delete
- clear
- index
- createIndex/deleteIndex

# Key

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- ❑ Must be: number, string, Date or Array (not sparse)
- ❑ Sort order is according to language natural sort
- ❑ Can be

- ❑ Extracted from the record itself: Use **keypath**

```
var objectStore = db.createObjectStore("contacts", { keyPath: "id" });
```

- ❑ Generated by key generator: Use **autoIncrement**

```
var objectStore = db.createObjectStore("contacts", { autoIncrement: true });
```

- ❑ Explicitly specified as part of the insertion

# Read Single Record

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- Use the **get** method
- Must specify the key to look for

```
var tran = db.transaction(["contacts"], "readonly");
tran.oncomplete = function () { }
tran.onerror = function (e) { }

var contacts = tran.objectStore("contacts");

var key = 1001;
var request = contacts.get(key);

request.onsuccess = function (e) {
    var contact = e.target.result;
    if (contact) {
        console.log("Item found: " + contact.name);
    }
    else {
        console.log("Item not found");
    }
}

request.onerror = function () {console.error("get error"); }
```

# Read Range of Records

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- ❑ Open a cursor
- ❑ Must call **continue** to get the next record

```
var contacts = getStore("contacts", "readonly");

var request = contacts.openCursor();

request.onsuccess = function (e) {
  var cursor = e.target.result;
  if (cursor) {
    var key = cursor.key;
    var value = cursor.value;
    console.log(key + ": " + value.id + ", " + value.name);

    cursor.continue();
  }
  else {
    console.log("No more entries");
  }
}

request.onerror = function () {
  console.log("error");
}
```

# Read using an Index

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## □ Retrieve the index and open a cursor

```
var range = IDBKeyRange.bound("Ori", "Roni", false, false);

var contacts = getStore("contacts", "readonly");
var index = contacts.index("name");

var request = index.openCursor(range, "prev");

request.onsuccess = function (e) {
    var cursor = e.target.result;
    if (cursor) {
        var key = cursor.key;
        var value = cursor.value;
        console.log(key + ": " + value.name + ", " + value.email);

        cursor.continue();
    }
    else {
        console.log("No more entries");
    }
}

request.onerror = function () { console.log("error"); }
```

# Insert

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- ❑ Must create a **readwrite** transaction
- ❑ Use **add** method
- ❑ Watch for success and completion of the transaction

```
var tran = db.transaction(["contacts"], "readwrite");

tran.oncomplete = function () {...}
tran.onerror = function (e) {...}
tran.onabort = function () {...}

var contacts = tran.objectStore("contacts");
var request = contacts.add({id: 1001, name: "Ori", email: "ori@gmail.com"});

request.onsuccess = function (e) {
    var key = e.target.resolve;};

request.onerror = function (e) {
    console.error("add error " + name + ": " + e.target.error.message);
};
```

# No commit ?

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- indexedDB supports auto committed transaction
- There is no method named commit 😊
- There is a method named **abort**
- So, when is transaction committed ?
  - ▣ When there are no pending change requests on the current transaction
  - ▣ And the thread returns to the browser's message loop
- Therefore,
  - ▣ You cannot postponed transaction commit
  - ▣ Once a transaction finishes any manipulation on it causes a runtime error

# Concurrent Transaction

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- Two readwrite transactions with overlapping scope block each other
  - ▣ Two read transaction do not block
  - ▣ Concurrent read and write transaction do not block
- The first created transaction must be completed and only then the second can be completed too
- This does not mean that your code blocks 😊
  - ▣ The onXXX are postponed until the transaction can be completed



# Transaction events

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- **onerror** is raised for every single operation that fails during the transaction
  - ▣ Use **e.target.error** for more details
- **onabort** is raised only once
- **oncomplete** is raised only once

```
var tran = db.transaction(["contacts"], "readwrite");

tran.oncomplete = function () {
    console.log("tran complete");
}

tran.onerror = function (e) {
    console.error("tran error: " + e.target.error.message);
}

tran.onabort = function () {
    console.error("tran abort");
}
```

# Aborting Transaction

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- Is aborted automatically if one of the change operation fails
- Can be aborted manually using `IDBTransaction.abort`
- Can throw an exception from one of the change `onsuccess` handlers
- Once `oncomplete` is raised the transaction is considered completed and cannot be aborted

# Update

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- There is no strict update method
- The put method updates or inserts an object

```
var tran = db.transaction(["contacts"], "readwrite");

tran.oncomplete = function () {}
tran.onerror = function (e) {}

var contacts = tran.objectStore("contacts");

var contact = { id: 1001, name: "XXX" };

var request = contacts.put(contact);

request.onsuccess = function () {
    console.log("put success");
};

request.onerror = function () {
    console.log("put error");
};
```

# Delete

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- ❑ Must retrieve the object key
- ❑ Use the delete method

```
var tran = db.transaction(["contacts"], "readwrite");

tran.oncomplete = function () {...}
tran.onerror = function (e) {...}

var contacts = tran.objectStore("contacts");

var request = contacts.delete(1);

request.onsuccess = function () {
    console.log("delete success");
};

request.onerror = function () {
    console.log("delete error");
};
```

# Summary

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- indexedDB offers rich API for dealing with data
- Great for storing heterogeneous objects
- Quite complex API
  - ▣ With respect to the simplicity of localStorage
- Good desktop support
- No iPhone support (yet)
  - ▣ Can be implemented using Web SQL

# File API

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- A standard way to interact with local files
- Offers the following objects
  - ▣ File - A reference to a file
  - ▣ FileList - A collection of File objects
  - ▣ Blob - Manipulate File's data
  - ▣ FileReader – Read file asynchronously
  - ▣ URL Scheme – Binary data inside URL
- IE10+

# Getting Started

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- Web script cannot access a file on the file system
- However, it can
  - ▣ Use a form file input
    - User browses for the file
    - File is accessible through the input element
  - ▣ Drag & Drop
    - User drags and drops a file on the page
    - File is accessible through the **dataTransfer** property of the event object

# Using input field

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- Use **multiple** attribute to allow multi file selection

```
<input type="file" multiple />
```

- Can hide the input and then programmatically trigger the dialog open

```
input[type=file] {  
  display: none;  
}
```

```
$(".browse").click(function () {  
  fileInput.trigger("click");  
});
```

- Use **files** property on the input element

```
$.each(fileInput[0].files, function () {  
  var file = this;  
  console.log(file.name + ": " + file.size);  
});
```



# File Object

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- The **files** property of the input element is of type **FileList**
  - ▣ Which is a collection of **File** objects
- Each File object offers the following API
  - ▣ **type** – Mime type
  - ▣ **name** – Short file name (without path)
  - ▣ **size** – File size in bytes
  - ▣ **lastModifiedDate** – Modification date
  - ▣ **slice** – Returns a blob object that represents the specified byte range

# FileReader

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- Provides methods to read a File or Blob object into memory
- Asynchronous API
- Fires **progress** events
- Supported formats: Text, DataURL, binary
- Can read the whole file content or multiple slices
- IE10+

# FileReader API

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- Read whole file
  - ▣ `readAsArrayBuffer`
  - ▣ `readAsText`
  - ▣ `readAsDataURL`
- `readyState` attribute – EMPTY/LOADING/DONE
- Should wait for `load` event
- Result is stored under `event.target.result`
- Concurrent reads are not allowed
  - ▣ Exception is thrown

# FileReader Events

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- ☐ loadstart
- ☐ progress
- ☐ abort
- ☐ error
- ☐ load
- ☐ loadend

# Read Text

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- Use `readAsText`
- You may specify an encoding

```
var fileReader = new FileReader();
fileReader.readAsText(file, "windows-1255");

fileReader.addEventListener("progress", function (e) {
    progress.text(e.target.result.length);
});

fileReader.addEventListener("load", function (e) {
    var str = e.target.result;
    result.text(str);
});
```

# Read Data Url

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- Use `readAsDataURL`
- You may embed the result inside an `img` tag

```
var fileReader = new FileReader();

fileReader.readAsDataURL(file);

fileReader.addEventListener("load", function (e) {
    //
    //  load is fired when read operation completed successfully
    //
    var str = e.target.result;
    result.text(str);
    $("img").attr("src", str);
});
```

# Read ArrayBuffer

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- Need to wrap the **ArrayBuffer** inside a Typed array object in order to access its content

```
fileReader = new FileReader();

fileReader.readAsArrayBuffer(file);

fileReader.addEventListener("load", function (e) {
    var bufArr = e.target.result;

    var byteArr = new Uint8Array(bufArr);

    console.log("load: " + byteArr.length);

    for (var i = 0; i < 1000; i++) {
        console.log("    byteArr[" + i + "]: " + byteArr[i]);
    }
});
```

# Slicing

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- ❑ Reading a big file into memory is problematic
  - ❑ Firefox may even crash (file > 1 GB)
- ❑ Should read slices instead of whole file

```
function readNextBuffer() {  
    if (pos >= file.size) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    fileReader = new FileReader();  
    fileReader.readAsArrayBuffer(file.slice(pos, pos + bufSize));  
  
    fileReader.addEventListener("load", function (e) {  
        pos += e.target.result.byteLength;  
  
        var percentCompleted = Math.round(pos / file.size * 10000) / 100;  
  
        progress.text(percentCompleted + "%");  
  
        readNextBuffer();  
    });  
}
```



# Summary

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- ❑ Cannot access file system directly
- ❑ User should browse to the file or drop it
- ❑ File metadata is accessible using a File object
- ❑ Reading a file content is done using a FileReader object
- ❑ Content can be read as: Text, DataUrl, ArrayBuffer

# Form Validation

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- ❑ Validate user data without Java Script
- ❑ Is supported through a list of HTML attributes
- ❑ Can control element styling through CSS
- ❑ Can query validation status using JavaScript API
- ❑ IE10+
- ❑ No iPhone support ☹️

# Pattern Attribute

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- All input elements can be associated with the **pattern** attribute
  - ▣ Text area is not supported
- The attribute expects a case sensitive Regular Expression as its value
- Empty value is not validated against the pattern
  - ▣ Use **required** attribute

```
<input type="text" pattern="(ab)*" />
```

# Validation Lifecycle

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- On page load
  - ▣ pseudo-class **:invalid** is attached to failed elements
- During typing
  - ▣ pseudo-class **:invalid** is attached/detached according to element's value
- During form submission
  - ▣ **invalid** DOM event is raised for every failed element
  - ▣ A popup message is displayed
  - ▣ submit event is not fired

# More Validation Attributes

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## □ **required**

```
<input type="text" required />
```

## □ **maxLength** – Usually is enforced during typing

```
<input type="text" maxlength="10" />
```

## □ **min & max & step** – Only for number field

```
<input type="number" min="1000" max="1200" step="2" />
```

## □ **type** – **email** & **url**

```
<input type="email" />  
<input type="url" />
```

# Notes

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- The developer is responsible for setting CSS styling according to :invalid class
- Usually, only first failure is displayed to the user
- Message content changes between browsers
- Every browser styles its popup messages differently
- Messages are localized according to browser locale
  - ▣ Not page locale

# Localizing Validation Messages

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- Listen to **invalid** DOM event
- Reveal the reason of the failure
  - ▣ See next slides
- Register custom validation message using **setCustomValidity**

```
<input type="text" required class="name" />
```

```
$(".name").bind("invalid", function () {  
    this.setCustomValidity("ערך חובה");  
});
```

# Controlling Messages Styling

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- Can't really do that. Instead,
- Disable validation using **novalidate** attribute
  - ▣ No **invalid** event
  - ▣ No popup messages
  - ▣ **:invalid** pseudo-class is still attached
- Listen to **submit** event
- Call **checkValidity** on the form element
  - ▣ invalid event is fired
  - ▣ Check the return value
- Display validation messages the way you like



# Controlling Messages Styling

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```
<form novalidate>
```

Name:

```
<input type="text" required class="name" />
```

```
<br />
```

E-Mail:

```
<input type="email" value="not valid email" />
```

```
<br />
```

```
<br />
```

```
<input type="submit" value="Submit" />
```

```
</form>
```

```
$(".name").bind("invalid", function () {
    this.setCustomValidity("ערך חובה");
});

$("form").bind("submit", function () {
    if (!this.checkValidity()) {
        var invalidInputs = $(".input:invalid");
        if (invalidInputs.length) {
            alert(invalidInputs[0].validationMessage);
        }
        return false;
    }
    return true;
});
```

# Constraint Validation API

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- Every input element has a property named **validity**
- Is an object of type `ValidityState` which supports
  - **valid** – True when element fails validation
  - **valueMissing** – required validation failed
  - **patternMismatch** – pattern validation failed
  - **rangeOverflow/rangeUnderflow** – min/max failed
  - **stepMismatch** – Out of possible step values
  - **tooLong** – maxLength validation failed. Probably never
  - **typeMismatch** – type email or url validation failed
  - **customError** – `setCustomValidity` was called

# Summary

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- ❑ FORM validation is easy
- ❑ No need to write JavaScript
- ❑ Just throw some attributes
- ❑ Probably, not suited to high-end web applications
  - ▣ No cross browser compatibility
  - ▣ Limited control over styling
  - ▣ Is not a hard task to accomplish with plain old JavaScript

# Web Worker

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- Traditionally,
  - ▣ JavaScript is single threaded
  - ▣ Running long computation means UI is blocked
- With HTML5 Web Worker support
  - ▣ The developer can create multiple web workers
  - ▣ Each represent a background thread
  - ▣ Long computation no longer blocks the UI
    - The developer is responsible for spawning the worker
  - ▣ What about race condition ?

# Create a Worker

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- ❑ Construct a new object using the **Worker** constructor
- ❑ Specify the URL of the script to be executed
  - ❑ Same origin policy applies
- ❑ Optionally, listen to the **message** event in case you want to receive messages from the worker

```
var worker = new Worker("/Scripts/Task.js");  
  
worker.addEventListener("message", function (e) {  
    ...  
});
```

# Thread Safety

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- Web worker allows for parallel execution
- However, the worker is executed under a new global execution context
  - ▣ No sharing of global variables
- It can communicate using special channel
- All non thread safe components are unavailable when running under a worker
  - ▣ DOM
  - ▣ window
  - ▣ document

# Passing Data

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- Use **postMessage** method to send the actual data
  - ▣ From both ends
- Messages are serialized/deserialized
- This means you get a copy of the original object
- No sharing of the references
- Browsers use the **structured clone algorithm**
  - ▣ Cyclic references are allowed 😊

# Passing Data

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## App.js

```
var worker = new Worker("/Scripts/Task.js");  
  
worker.postMessage(10);  
  
worker.addEventListener("message", function (e) {  
    console.log("Result: " + e.data);  
});
```

## Task.js

```
self.addEventListener("message", function (e) {  
    self.postMessage(e.data * 2);  
});
```



# Single Thread Model

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- A single worker represents a single thread
- Like the browser “main” thread a web worker is not interruptible
- When a worker runs some JavaScript code it cannot process incoming messages
- Only when code finishes and returns to the browser’s message loop the next queued message is processed

# Terminate a Worker

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- Use **terminate** method on the Worker object
  - ▣ Kills the worker immediately
  - ▣ The worker has no chance to complete current work

```
worker.terminate();
```

- Use **close** method from the Worker itself
  - ▣ Post a message from the main page
  - ▣ Close the worker

```
self.close();
```

- ▣ close method returns and only later Worker will be closed

# Unhandled Exception

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- ❑ Unhandled exceptions may be tracked using the **error** event type
- ❑ The event can be monitored from both the worker and its creator
- ❑ Unhandled exception does not kill the worker

```
self.addEventListener("error", function (e) {  
    console.log(e.message);  
});
```

```
worker = new Worker("/Scripts/Task.js");  
  
worker.addEventListener("error", function (e) {  
    console.log(e.message);  
});
```

# Import Scripts

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- All non DOM related API is accessible under web worker: Date, Math, JSON and others
- But what about your own custom code?
  - ▣ Use **importScripts**
- Is executed synchronously and returns only after all scripts were executed
- Url is relative to worker's script

```
importScripts("Logger.js");  
  
Logger.message("Web worker is running and using Logger module");
```

# Maximum # of Web Workers

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- Specification does not mention a limit
  - ▣ Firefox has `dom.workers.maxPerDomain` setting which is 20 by default
  - ▣ Chrome crashes when trying to spawn 1000 web workers
  - ▣ IE has a limit of 25
- Usually, no error is reported when reaching the limit but rather the worker is queued until a previous worker is closed

# Summary

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- At last we have threads
- Long computation may be refactored into a background web worker
- UI may become more responsive
- However, NO DOM manipulation is allowed
  - ▣ Which means long DOM related computation still blocks the UI

# Web Socket Protocol

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- Enables two-way communication between browser and server
- Does not rely on opening multiple HTTP connections
- Replacement for older techniques like long polling and forever frame
- A simple abstract over TCP socket
- A totally new application protocol
  - ▣ No HTTP headers
- Managed by IETF

# Web Socket API

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- A JavaScript API
- Is used by the browser to initiate a Web Socket communication with the server
- Is all around the **WebSocket** class
  - ▣ send
  - ▣ close
  - ▣ readyState
  - ▣ onopen, onmessage, onclose, onerror
- Managed by W3C



# Getting Started

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- Create a new **WebSocket** object
- Specify URL and sub protocols (Optional)
  - ▣ Must use ws or wss protocols
- Monitor **open** and **error** events

```
var ws = new WebSocket("ws://localhost:5481/socket/connect");

ws.onerror = function (e) {
    console.log("ERROR");
    console.log(e);
}

ws.onopen = function (e) {
    console.log("OEPN");
    console.log(e);
}
```

# The Handshake

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- Upon a WebSocket object creation the browser sends an **Upgrade** request to the server

```
GET http://localhost:5481/socket/connect HTTP/1.1
Upgrade: websocket
Connection: Upgrade
Host: localhost:5481
Origin: http://localhost:5481
Sec-WebSocket-Key: rHeA9NhKxIuFX85mxpT0fQ==
Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13
```

- Server must respond with appropriate headers

# Server Response

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```
HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols  
Cache-Control: private  
Upgrade: websocket  
Server: Microsoft-IIS/8.0  
Sec-WebSocket-Accept: JLSwL1hPkGnb4q0J0nYz1957T7I=  
Connection: Upgrade
```

- After a successful handshake, the data transfer part starts
- This is a two-way communication channel where each side can, independently from the other, send data at will

# Send and Receive Messages

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- WebSocket object supports
  - ▣ **send** – Can only be used after **onopen** event was fired
  - ▣ **onmessage**

```
var ws = new WebSocket("ws://localhost:5481/api/socket/connect");

ws.onclose = function (e) {
    ...
}

ws.onopen = function (e) {
    ws.send(message);
}

ws.onmessage = function (e) {
    console.log("MESSAGE: " + e.data);
}
```

# Framing

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- ❑ WebSocket is message based protocol
- ❑ The data being sent by the client is considered a message
- ❑ A message consists of multiple frames
- ❑ Each frame has slight overhead over the original payload
  - ▣ 2 bytes – FIN + Opcode + Payload Length + More
  - ▣ 4 bytes – Masking key
  - ▣ Above is true only for messages  $\leq 125$  bytes

# Sub Protocol

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- ❑ Client may specify a list of sub protocols
- ❑ Server must response with exactly one matched sub protocol
- ❑ WebSocket object contains a property named **protocol** which holds server selection

```
var ws = new WebSocket("ws://localhost:5481/api/socket/connect", ["myproto1", "myproto2"]);  
  
ws.onopen = function (e) {  
    console.log("OPEN: " + e.target.protocol);  
  
    ws.send(message);  
}
```

# Summary

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- ❑ Web Sockets brings “realtime-ness” to your web pages
- ❑ It is smarter and more efficient than just using polling
- ❑ However, you need both modern server and modern browser
- ❑ Consider using Web Socket Polyfills like SignalR