Intro to Firebase

The Coding Bootcamp

Class Objectives

- Introduce the utility of server-side storage systems like Firebase
- Basic methods for storing and retrieving data in Firebase
- Introduce the concept of user "presence" in Firebase

Take a Moment...



Discuss Client vs Server Persistence

- What is "data persistence"?
- What is the difference between "client side" and "server side" data storage?
- What is one case where you might use one vs the other?
- What is one advantage of using each?

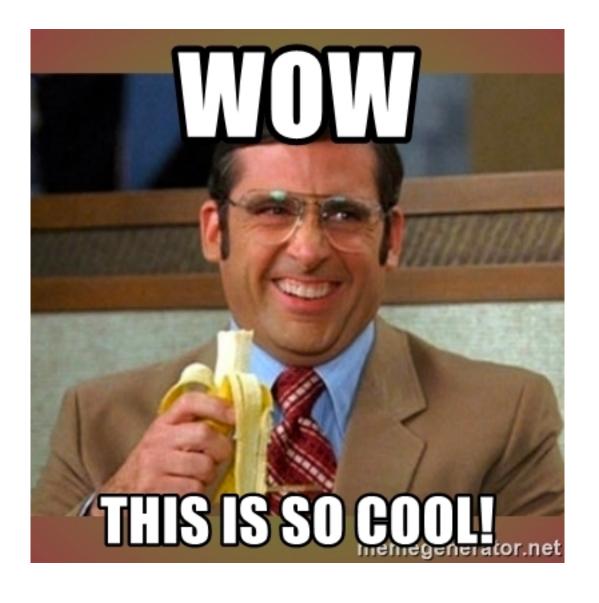


https://firebase.google.com/

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database = firebase.database()
references the database
set({}) saves the data
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- ref() specifies where the data will be saved
- •on("value", function(){}) which creates an "on-change" event so that the moment the page first loads or the moment the database changes, the impact is reflected immediately.





Why is this so cool?



Re-comment Click Button Code

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Comment each of the lines of the code with what they think is happening on that line.

Students Do: ClickDown Counter

- Using either logic.js (unsolved) (easier)
 or logicOption2.js (harder), create the click down activity
 using a Firebase database to store the click data on the
 backend.
- Your application should be able to run on multiple browser windows simultaneously and register click events on each screen correctly.

Most Recent User Firebase Example (15 min)

• The finished product should save the newest user to a Firebase database and change the HTML.



Student Do: Example 6 - CoderBay

- Using either logic.js (easier)
 or logicOption2.js (harder) as a starting point,
 create the CodersBay app using a Firebase database to
 store data on the backend.
- Your application should be able to run on multiple browser windows simultaneously and register click events on each screen correctly.

Realtime User Presence





CoderBay with Presence Example (10 min)

Instructions:

- Using logic.js as a starting point, incorporate view tracking using Firebase on the backend.
- HINT: set() overwrites everything in the specified directory, so we will need to use ref() to store bidder data and connections in different folders.

Next Class

Next class will be covering arrays, and more in-class time to practice with Firebase.

Questions