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Basics

HTTP

Request

Structure

Line 1 - request method, uri, http version

```
Method Request-URI HTTP-versio
```

Body

Headers - host, accept, authentication, user-agent...

Cookies - http is stateless-this serves as a state

Response

```
HTTP-version Status-code Reason-phrase
```

Versions

/2 multiplexing, HTTPS "only"

/3 not widely supported

HTML

html, head, title, /head, body, /body, /html

DOM Tree in infix serialization

WWW ~ Web of documents

Hyperlinks - resource references

Headings - section/article edit its size

Tables - care with colspan, rowspan

Meta elements

Forms

```
<form method="get" action="http://www.example.org/newcustomer.php">  
  Name: <input name="fullname" ... >  
  Phone: <input name="phone" ... >
```

```
Preferred delivery time: <input name="time" ... >
Comments: <textarea name="comments"></textarea>
<button type="submit">Submit Order</button>
</form>
```

Controls:

- input
 - type
- textarea
- select
- button

Attributes:

- name
- value

Other attributes

- maxlength
- pattern
- required
- placeholder
- autocomplete

CSS

Styles assigned to elements

- Inlined styles `<h1 style="color: red;">Red Heading</h1>`
- `<style>` element in head
- linking from external file: `<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="styles.css">`

Selectors

- by name
 - `p`
- by id
 - `#theId`
- by class
 - `.theClass`
- universal
 - `*`

Combining:

- `div.inf`
 - all div elements with class info
- `h1#main`

- h1 element with id main

Relative positions

- space
 - `E F`
 - F has ancestor E
- gt sign
 - `E > F`
 - E is (direct) parent of F
- plus
 - `E + F`
 - F immediately preceded by E
- tilde
 - `E ~ F`
 - F preceded by E

Aggregation:

- comma
 - `s1, s2`
 - use for s1 or s2

Pitfalls

- `ul li` vs `ul > li`
- `p.info` vs `p .info`
- `main ul, ol`

Pseudo-classes selectors:

<code>:link</code>	Unvisited hyperlink
<code>:active</code>	Active (currently clicked on) hyperlink
<code>:visited</code>	Visited hyperlink
<code>::first-line</code>	First line of the text inside
<code>::first-letter</code>	First letter of the text inside
<code>:disabled</code>	Disabled (e.g., <code>input</code> with <code>disabled</code> attribute)
<code>:checked</code>	Checked input checkbox
<code>:focus</code>	Element which has focus
<code>:hover</code>	Element over which a mouse cursor hovers
<code>:target</code>	Element that matches fragment part of current URL
<code>:root</code>	Root element of the document

:first-child	Element which is the first child of its parent
:last-child	Element which is the last child of its parent
:only-child	Element which is the only child of its parent
:first-of-type	Element which is the first/last/only sibling of its type (e.g., p:first-of-type selects the first p within its parent no matter other element types)
:last-of-type	
:only-of-type	
:nth-child(<i>e</i>)	The expression <i>e</i> in the parenthesis can be <i>B</i> , <i>An</i> , or <i>An+B</i> , where <i>A</i> and <i>B</i> are numeric literals. It selects elements that have exactly $An+B-1$ preceding children/type-siblings for any $n \geq 0$. E.g., 2n selects even items, 2n+1 odd items, ...
:nth-of-type(<i>e</i>)	
:nth-last-child(<i>e</i>)	
:nth-last-of-type(<i>e</i>)	

:not(X)	Negation pseudo-class selects elements that does not match simple selector X
::selection	Part of the text selected by user
::before ::after	Inserts additional content before/after selected element. An example that inserts Q.E.D. at the end of each proof: p.proof::after { content: "Q.E.D." ; }

Cascading

1. Transition declarations (will be explained later)
2. Important user agent declarations
3. Important user declarations
4. Important override (by client-script) declarations
5. **Important author declarations**
6. Animation declarations (will be explained in adv. lectures)
7. Normal override declaration
8. **Normal author declarations**
9. Normal user declarations
10. Normal user agent declarations

Specificity either by the number the different selectors and if same, then the latest declared.

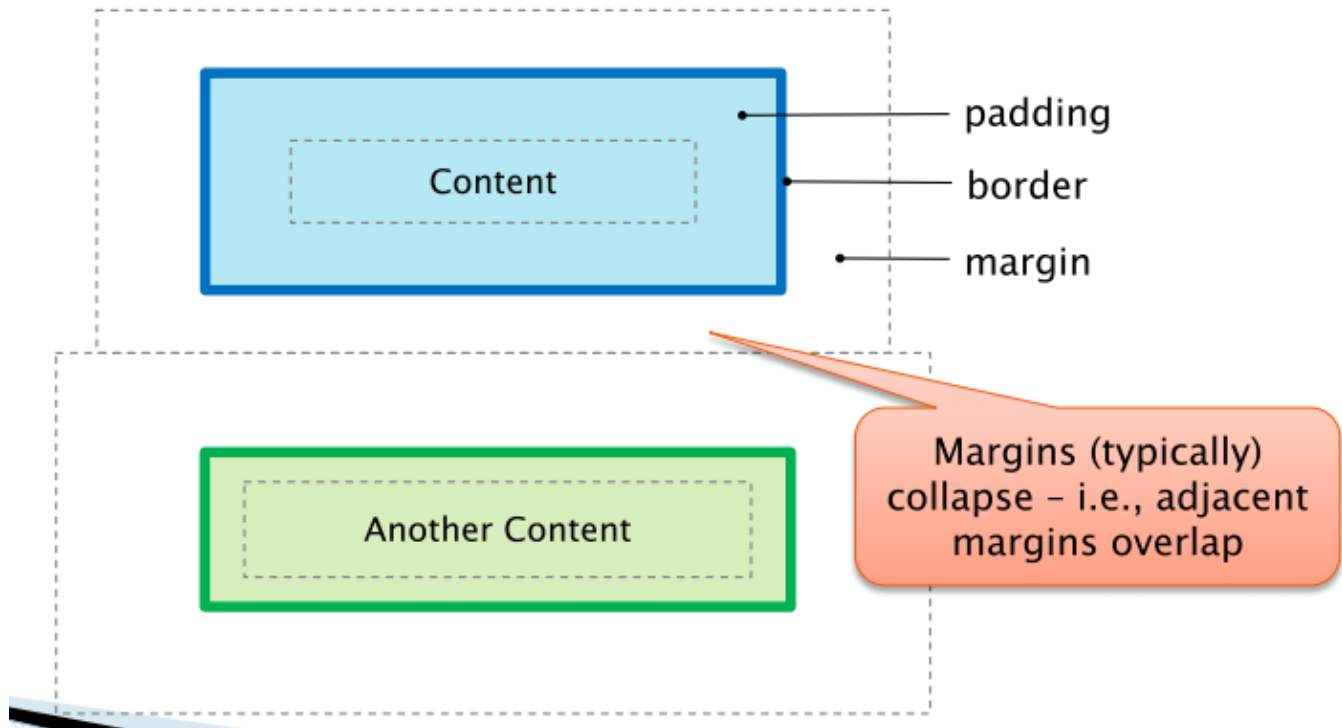
Properties

Fonts, colorsD

Display

- block
- inline
- inline-block
- none
- list-item
- table, table-*

Box model



Floating elements

`float: clear`

Filters

Transformations

Some predefined, can use `matrix()`

Transitions

For simple animations - between 2 states

transition-property	Which CSS properties are animated
transition-duration	How long should each animation last
transition-timing-function	Interpolation function used for the animation (linear , ease , ease-in , ease-out , ...)
transition-delay	Delay before the change is started
transition	Sets all previous properties at once

Animations

Multiple states

Media

Media Limitations

- Restricting styles for particular visualization medium

Media Types

- Select style sheets for particular media
 - screen, print, speech, ...

Media Features (Properties)

- Add additional conditions to the types
 - width, height
 - device-width, device-height
 - orientation, aspect-ratio

Layout

Variable - `--varName`

- access via: `var()`

Calculations

- `calc()`

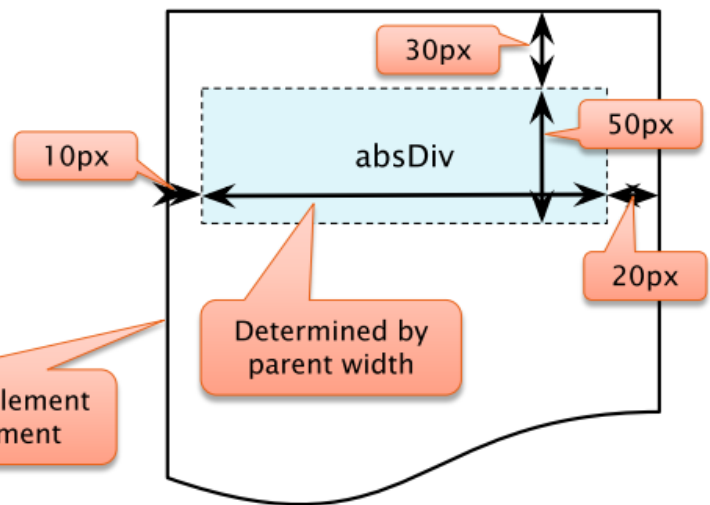
Counters:

```
body { counter-reset: chapter; }
h1 { counter-reset: section; }
h2 { counter-reset: subsection; }
h1::before {
  content: "Chapter " counter(chapter) ": ";
  counter-increment: chapter;
  color: #900;
}
h2::before {
  content: counter(chapter) "." counter(section) " ";
  counter-increment: section;
}
h3::before {
  content: counter(chapter) "." counter(section) "."
        counter(subsection) " ";
  counter-increment: subsection;
}
```

Content Positioning

□ Absolute Positioning

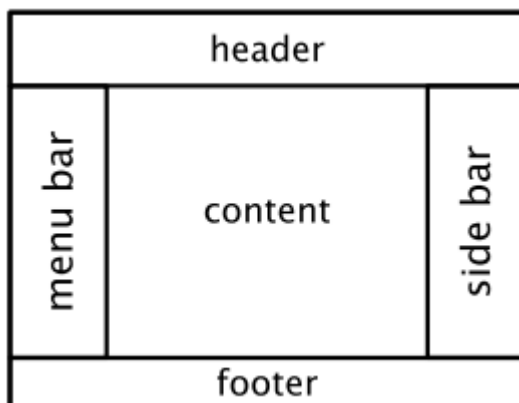
```
#absDiv {  
  position: absolute;  
  left: 10px;  
  right: 20px;  
  top: 30px;  
  height: 50px;  
}
```



Nearest positioned element
or the whole document



Basic layout

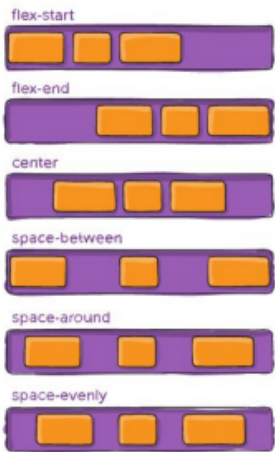


Modern layout

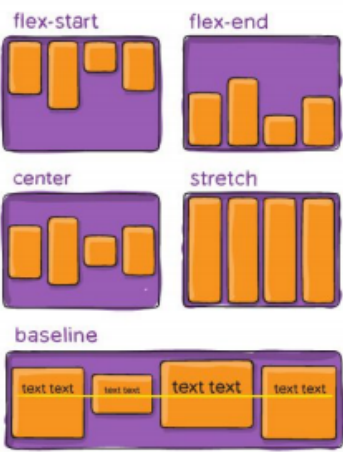
Flex box

Flow of UI controls

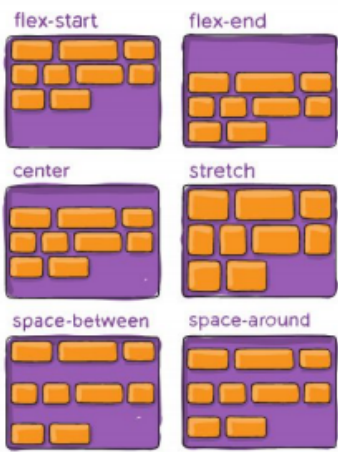
Flex - Examples



justify-content



align-items



align-content



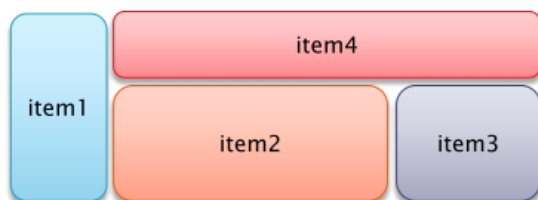
Grid layout

Larger regular layouts

Modern Layout

Grids – Template Areas

```
<div class="container">
  <div class="item1">...</div>
  <div class="item2">...</div>
  <div class="item3">...</div>
  <div class="item4">...</div>
</div>
```



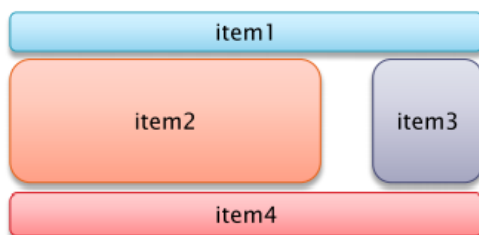
```
.container {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns:
    50px auto 30vh;
  grid-template-rows:
    40px 80px;
}
.item1 {
  grid-column: 1 / 2;
  grid-row: 1 / 3;
}
.item2 {
  grid-column: 2 / 3;
  grid-row: 2 / 3;
}
.item3 {
  grid-column: 3 / -1;
  grid-row: 2 / 3;
}
.item4 {
  grid-column: 1 / 2;
  grid-row: 2 / 4;
}
```

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Modern Layout

Grids – Template Areas

```
<div class="container">
  <div class="item1">...</div>
  <div class="item2">...</div>
  <div class="item3">...</div>
  <div class="item4">...</div>
</div>
```



```
.container {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: ...
  grid-template-rows: ...
  grid-template-areas:
    "header header header"
    "main . sidebar"
    "footer footer footer";
}
.item1 {
  grid-area: header;
}
.item2 {
  grid-area: main;
}
.item3 {
  grid-area: sidebar;
}
.item4 {
  grid-area: footer;
}
```

Hacks

- to center element: `margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto`
- pre-box-sizing
 - martyoshka
 - double up `<div>`, outer width+margin and inner padding and border

Responsive web

- use relative widths in %
- or use style sheets per different devices - use `media`

Frameworks

- e.g. twitter bootstrap

Issues with CSS

- not DRY (dont repeat yourself) friendly
 - solution - preprocessing
 - LESS and SASS (Syntactically Awesome Stylesheets)

SASS (Syntactically Awesome Stylesheets)

Inheritance, variables, possible de-nesting of structures:

```
nav {  
  ul {  
    margin: 0;  
    li {  
      display: inline-block;  
    }  
  }  
  a {  
    color: green;  
  }  
}
```

VS

```
nav ul {  
  margin...  
}  
nav ul li {  
  display...  
}  
nav a {  
  color...  
}
```

Web Applications Fundamentals and Server-side Technologies

CGI ~ common gateway interface - mostly server side

Scripting languages popular, already necessary on client side

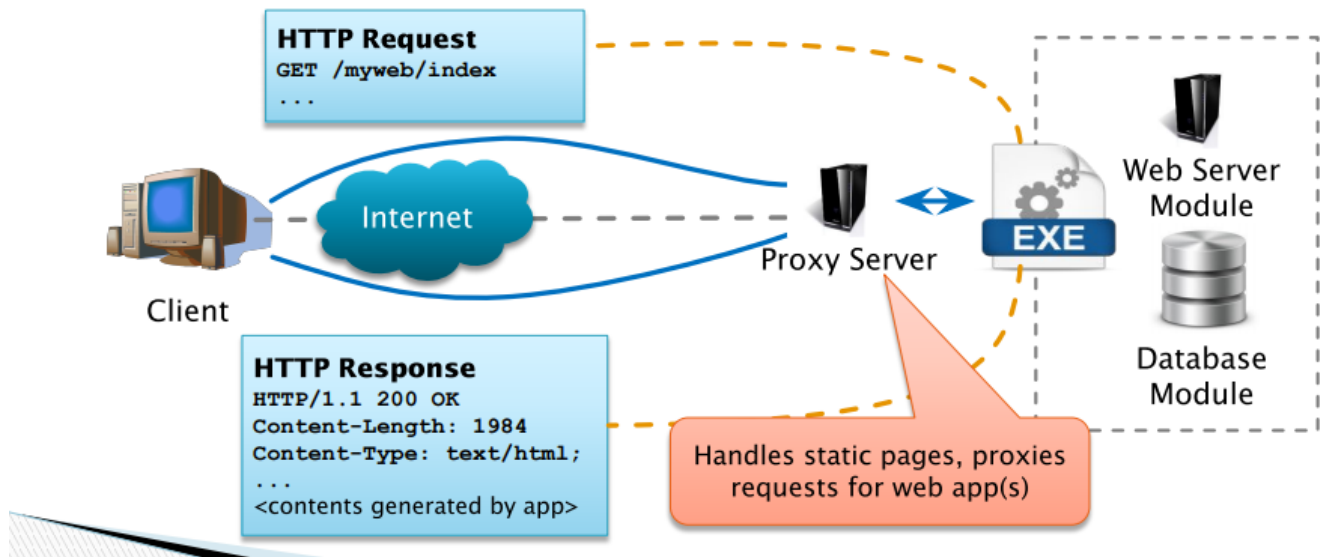
- drawback is speed

Platforms

- ASP.NET
 - WebForms
 - Razor - cshtml
 - MVC
- JSP (Java Server Pages)
 - almost dead, lol (Spring boot, JSF)
- Ruby on Rails
 - Convention over Configuration

Integrated Web Server

□ Dedicated Web Server for an Application



Node.js

- Server-side JS platform

PHP

interleaving with HTML or standalone scripts

HTML Interleaving

HTML Interleaving Example

```

<html>
<head>
  <title>PHP Example</title>
</head>
<body>
  <?php if (has_headline()) { ?>
    <h1>Conditional H1</h1>
  <?php } ?>
  <?php for($i=1; $i<4; ++$i) { ?>
    <div><?= $i; ?></div>
  <?php } ?>
</body>
</html>

```

```

<html>
<head>
  <title>PHP Example</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Conditional H1</h1>
  <div>1</div>
  <div>2</div>
  <div>3</div>
</body>
</html>

```

Language differences

Weakly Typed Dynamic Language

Weak Dynamic Typing

- PHP, Javascript, ...
- Type is held at values (variables are type-less)
- Resolved at runtime
- Variable is just a registered name
- `$x = 42;`
- `$x = "hippo";` OK

Strong Static Typing

- C, C++, C#, Java, ...
- Type is held at variables and values (mismatch = type cast or error)
- Resolved at compile time
- Variable allocates memory
- `int x = 42;`
- `x = "hippo";` Error!

Ideological convergence

- `function foo(int $y)`

Runtime check

- `auto y = 54;`

Inferred by compiler

Variables

Variables - `$thisIsAVariable`

Types

- Scalar (boolean, integer, float, or string)
- Compound (array, object)
- Special (resource, NULL)

String Literals

- Single quoted strings ('text') – no special treatment
- Double quoted strings ("text") – interpreted
 - Special escaped characters (\n, \r, \t, ...)
 - Variables are replaced by their contents
 - `$a = 'foo'; $b = "Say $a\n";`

Functions

```
function declare_foo()
{
    function foo()
    {
        echo "This is foo() at work...\n";
    }
}

// foo();

declare_foo();

foo();

declare_foo();
```

Nested declarations are OK

Error, `foo()` is not declared here

Prints "This is foo() at work..."

Error re-declaration of `foo()`



HTTP Wrapper

`$_GET` / `$_POST` and others...

- `REQUEST_METHOD` (GET/POST)
- `SERVER_PROTOCOL` (HTTP/1.1)
- `REQUEST_URI` (/index.php)
- `REMOTE_ADDR`
- `HTTP_ACCEPT`
- `HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE`
- `HTTP_ACCEPT_ENCODING`
- `HTTP_ACCEPT_CHARSET`

Example

```
<form action="?op=update&id=42" method="POST">
  <input name="name" type="text">
  <input name="surname" type="text">
  <input name="age" type="number">
  <input type="submit" value="Save">
</form>
```

\$_GET

```
'op' => 'update'
'id' => '42'
```

string

\$_POST

```
'name' => 'Martin'
'surname' => 'Kruliš'
'age' => '19'
```

string

Arrays

```
$a = [ 'a', 4 => 'b', 'c' ];
$a[42] = 'd';
$a[] = 'e';
// [ 0=>'a', 4=>'b', 5=>'c', 42=>'d', 43=>'e' ]
```

Variable variables

```
$a = 'b'; $$a = 42; // the same as $b = 42;
```

References

```
$a = 1;
$b = &$a;
$b++;
echo $a;
// prints 2
```

Functions

Type hinting in arguments - at least some runtime check.

No overloading, can be overridden

Indirect calling

```
function foo($x, $y) { ... }
$funcName = 'foo';
$funcName(42, 54); // the same as foo(42, 54)
```

```
call_user_func('foo', 42, 54)
```

Anonymous functions

Nameless, lambda equiv but obsolete

```
$fnc = function ($arg) { ...body... };  
$fnc(42)
```

OOP in PHP

```
class Foo {  
    public $var = 0; // a member variable  
  
    public function bar() { // a method  
        echo $this->var;  
    }  
}  
  
$instance = new Foo(); // create new instance  
$instance->var = 42;  
$instance->bar();  
$instance = null;
```

References

```
$foo1 = new Foo(10);  
$foo2 = $foo1;  
$foo3 = &$foo1;
```



Classes

Implicit member declarations

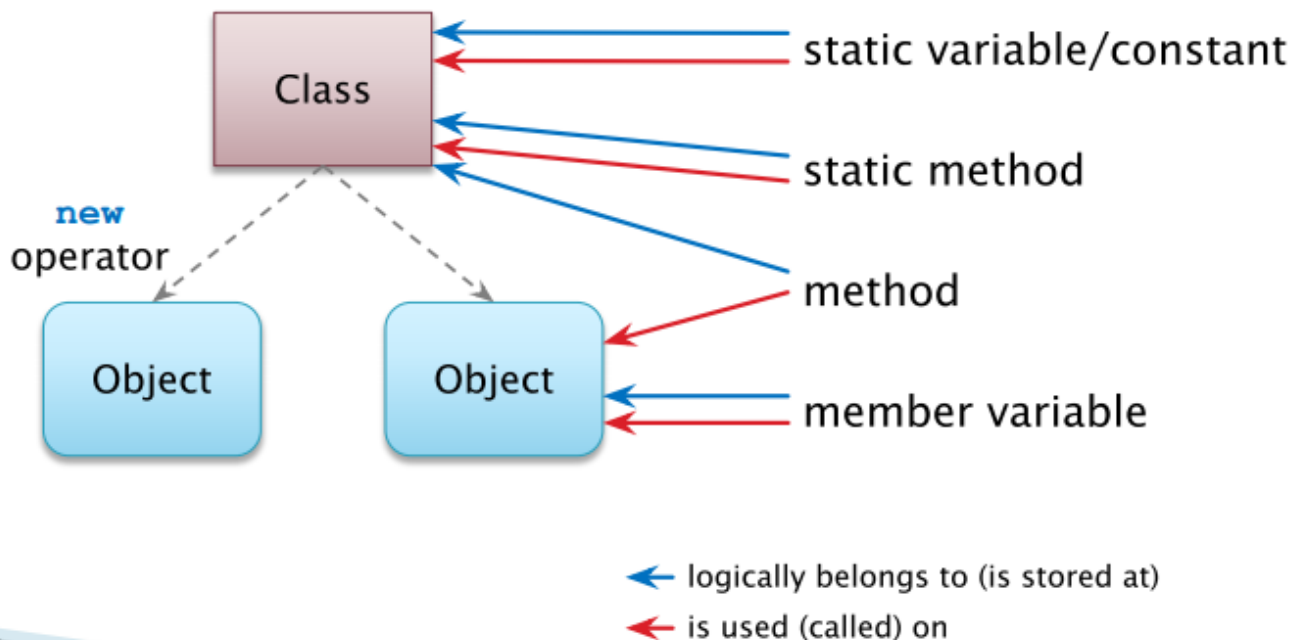
The members can be iterated over - object treated as an array.

```
class Foo {  
    private $bar;  
}  
  
$foo = new Foo();
```

```
$foo->bar = 1;      // Error! 'bar' is private
$foo->barbar = 42;  // OK, new member is creat
```

`__constructor` VS `__destructor`

Member access



Cloning

Shallow - `$b = $a` Deep - explicit clone call - `$b = clone $a`

Internals and practices

Verify (input) data

ASAP from: `$_GET`, `$_POST`, `$_COOKIE`

`filter_input()`, `filter_var()`

```
$foo = filter_input(INPUT_GET, 'foo', FILTER_VALIDATE_INT, $options);
```

Invalid Inputs

- Ostrich algorithm
- Attempt to fix (e.g., select a valid part)
- User error

Sanitize output

AL(ate)AP - before sending the response

- `htmlspecialchars()` – encoding for HTML

- `urlencode()` – encoding for URL
- DBMS-specific functions (`mysqli_escape_string()`)
 - Better yet, use prepared statements

Sanitization

URL Handling

- `http_build_query()` – construct URL query string
- `parse_url()`

Base64

- Encode (any) data into text-safe form (6-bits/char)
- `base64_encode()`, `base64_decode()` `JSON
- `json_encode()`, `json_decode()`, `json_last_error()`
- Lists are arrays, collections are `stdClass` objects

File uploads

```
<input type="file" name=... />
```

Metadata in `$_FILES[name]`

- `tmp_name`
- `error` (`UPLOAD_ERR_OK`)
- `name`, `type`, `size`

Other:

- `is_uploaded_file()` – verification
- `move_uploaded_file()` – a safe way to move files

```
<form action="..." method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
  <input type="file" name="newfile">
</form>
```

Necessary for file upload

...

```
if ($_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD'] == 'POST') {
  if (!empty($_FILES['newfile'])) {
    if ($_FILES['newfile']['error'] != UPLOAD_ERR_OK) {
      // Show error message ...
    }
    if (!move_uploaded_file($_FILES['newfile']['tmp_name'],
      'upload/' . $_FILES['newfile']['name'])) {
      // Show error message ...
    }
  }
}
```

`$_FILES` holds the metadata

Path to temporary storage

Original file name

Safe way how to move
an uploaded file

The uploaded file size is limited!
(in `php.ini` settings)

Raw request body

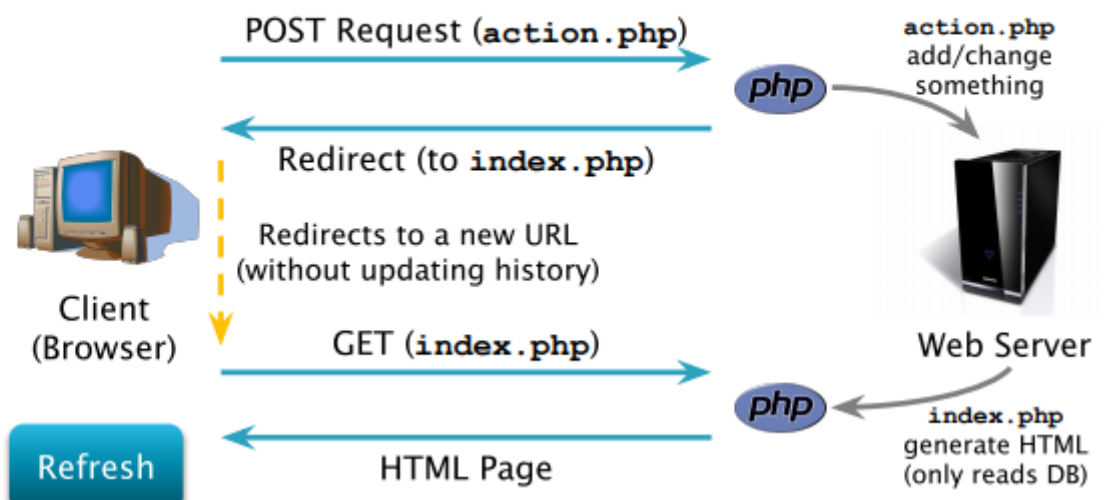
Access to Request Body Data

- In case the data are sent in special format (e.g., JSON)
- For other HTTP methods (e.g., PUT)
- Read-only stream `php://input`
 - `$body = file_get_contents('php://input');`
- There are other streams worth mentioning
 - `php://output`
 - `php://stdin`, `php://stdout`, `php://stderr`
 - `php://memory`, `php://temp`

Post processing

- Redirect Mechanism in HTTP
 - 3xx response code
 - 301 Moved Permanently
 - 302 Found (originally named Moved Temporarily)
 - 303 See Other
- Additional header '`Location`' has the new URL
- Browser must try to load the new URL (using GET method)
- Loops in redirections are detected Creating Redirect in PHP
- `header("Location: my-new-url");`
- Automatically changes the response code (to 302)

□ Redirect (302 or 303) after POST

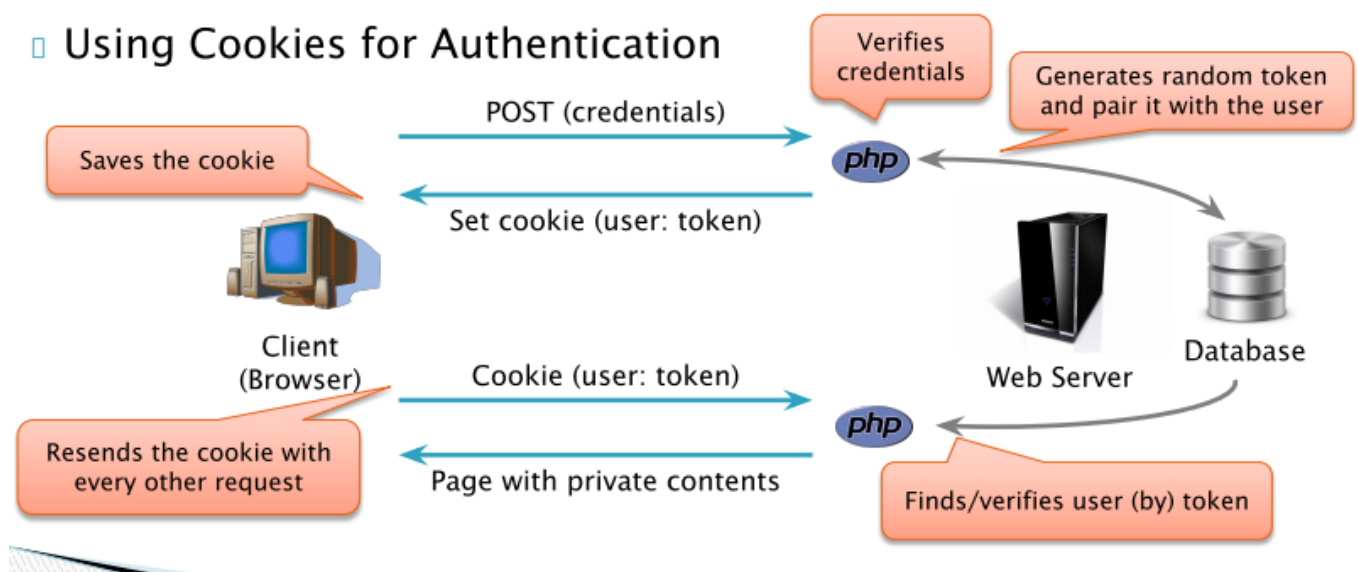


Session management

Cookies

- A way to deal with stateless nature of the HTTP
- Key-value pairs (of strings) stored in the web browser
 - Set by special HTTP response header
 - Automatically re-sent in headers with every request
 - Each page (domain) has its own set of cookies
- Cookies in PHP
 - Cookies are set/modified/removed by `setcookie()`
 - The function modifies HTTP response headers
 - Cookies sent by browser are loaded to `$_COOKIE[]`

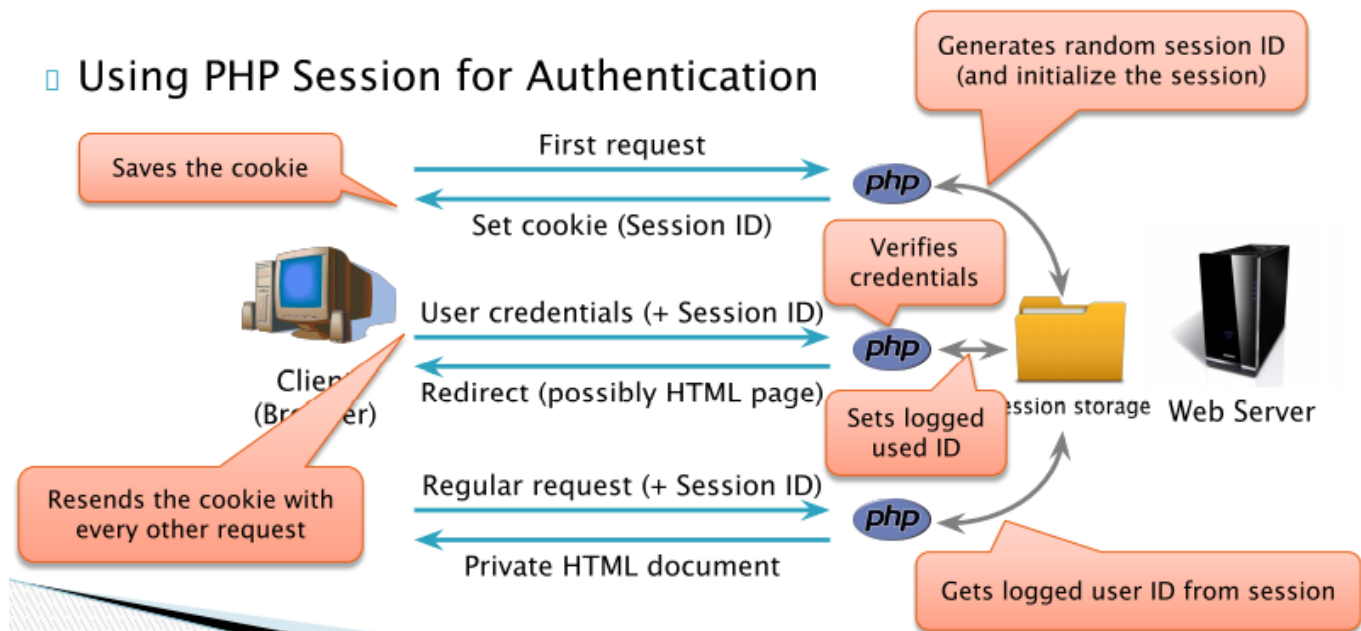
Using Cookies for Authentication



PHP Session API

- Simple call to `session_start()` method
- Checks `$_COOKIE` and `$_GET` arrays for `PHPSESSID` variable which should have the ID
- If the variable is missing, new session is started
 - And a cookie with the new ID is set (if `php.ini` says so)
- Accessing Session Data
 - In the `$_SESSION` global array
 - Automatically loaded when the session is opened and serialized (saved) at the end of the script
 - It can be read and written (incl. `unset()` on items)

Using PHP Session for Authentication



Security Tokens

- Can be generated/verified only at server
- Has public payload that holds important data
 - E.g., user identity, expiration time, ...
- Digitally signed using crypto hash functions payload:salt:hash(payload:salt:secret)
- Stored only at client side (unlike session IDs)
 - But they can be stolen the same
 - Complicated invalidation
- See JSON Web Tokens (JWT) for example

Databases MySQL

`mysql` API is deprecated (as of PHP 5.5) ==> MySQL Improved (`mysqli`) API

- Dual object/procedural interface
 - Procedural interface is similar to original (deprecated) API
- Advanced connectivity features
 - Persistent connections, compression, encryption
- Directly supports transactions

MySQL Native Driver (`mysqlnd`) extension

- More direct access to MySQL server
- Additional features (e.g., asynchronous queries)

MySQLi Procedural API

```
// Establishing connection with MySQL server
$mysqli = mysqli_connect("server", "login",
                        "password", "db_name");

// Performing queries
```



```
$res = $mysqli->query("SQL ...");

// Terminating connection
$mysqli->close();

// Safe way to include strings in SQL query
mysqli_real_escape_string($mysqli, $str);
```

Quering

- `mysqli::query()` result depends on the query type
 - On failure always returns false
- Modification queries return true on success
- Data queries (SELECT, ...) return `mysqli_result` obj

```
mysqli_result::fetch_assoc()
mysqli_result::fetch_object()
mysqli_result::fetch_all($format)
mysqli_result::fetch_fields()
mysqli_result::num_rows()
mysqli_result::free_result()
```

Prepared Statements

Prepare new MySQL statement

- `$stmt = mysqli::stmt_init(); mysqli_stmt::prepare("SELECT ...");`

Binding parameters (by positional placeholders)

- `mysqli_stmt::bind_param($types, $var1, ...);`
- Types string – one char ~ one parameter

Execute and get result object

- `mysqli_stmt::execute();`
- `$res = mysqli_stmt::get_result();`

Examples

```
$mysqli = mysqli_connect("localhost", "login", "passwd", "dbname");
if (!$mysqli) ... // handle connection failure
$mysqli->set_charset("utf8");

$stmt = new mysqli_stmt($mysqli, 'SELECT * FROM lectures WHERE student_group = ?');
```

```
$studentGroup = '3rdyears';  
$stmt->bind_param("s", $studentGroup);  
$stmt->execute();  
$res = $stmt->get_result();  
  
while (($lecture = $res->fetch_object()) !== null) {  
    echo "$lecture->id: $lecture->name";  
}  
  
$mysqli->close();
```

Frameworks

- **Symfony** – one of the most popular
- Laravel – one of the most popular
- **Slim** - micro-framework
- **Nette** – developed in Czechia (large Czech community)
- Zend – one of the oldest (a bit outdated)
- CodeIgniter
- Yii 2
- Phalcon
- CakePHP
- ...

Best practices and design patterns

SWING practices

- Analysis
 - Gathering/anticipating user requirements
 - Pay extra attention to scaling problems
- Development
 - Use appropriate scope
 - Trivial custom PHP for trivial applications, robust frameworks and design patterns for complex applications
- Testing
 - User/Application Testing (e.g., Selenium)
 - Unit testing (e.g., PHPUnit)
 - Continuous Integration (e.g., Travis CI)

Front-controller

- Application has a single point of entry (index.php)
 - All requests are directed to this script (bootstrap)
 - E.g., using mod_rewrite in Apache configuration
- Bootstrap script ensures routing and dispatching
 - Routing – selection of target class (routine, method, ...)
 - Dispatching – invocation of target (loading script, ...)

- Different handling for GET and POST (PUT, DELETE, ...) requests

Advantages

- More secure (only one gate to fortify)
- Less error-prone for programmers

Examples

Redirecting everything to bootstrap (possibly with some URL rewriting)

- Apache .htaccess file

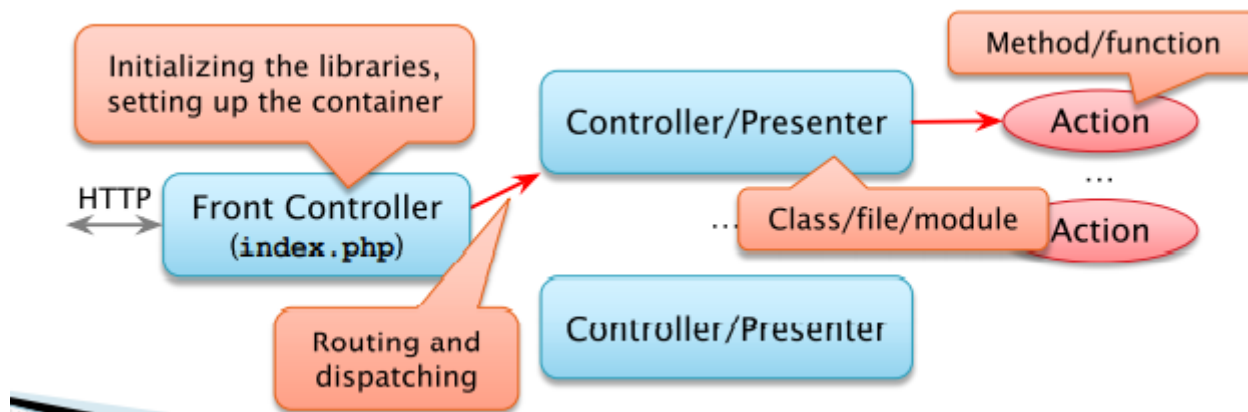
Imperative VS Declarative

```
switch ($_GET['page']) {  
    case 'home':  
        require 'home.php';  
        break;  
    case 'settings':  
        require 'settings.php';  
        break;  
    ...  
}
```

VS

```
$pages = [  
    'home'    => 'home.php',  
    'settings' => 'settings.php',  
    ...  
];  
$page = $_GET['page'];  
if (isset($pages[$page])) {  
    require $pages[$page];  
}
```

Larger example:



```
class Router {
    public function dispatch() {
        $page = empty($_GET['page']) ? $this->default : trim($_GET['page']);
        $controller = $this->container->getByName($page . 'Controller');
        if (!$controller) throw new Exception("Unknown page '$page'.");

        $reqMethod = strtolower($_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD']);
        $action = empty($_GET['action']) ? '' :
ucfirst(strtolower(trim($_GET['action'])));
        $method = $reqMethod . $action . 'Action';
        if (!method_exists($controller, $method)) throw new Exception("...");

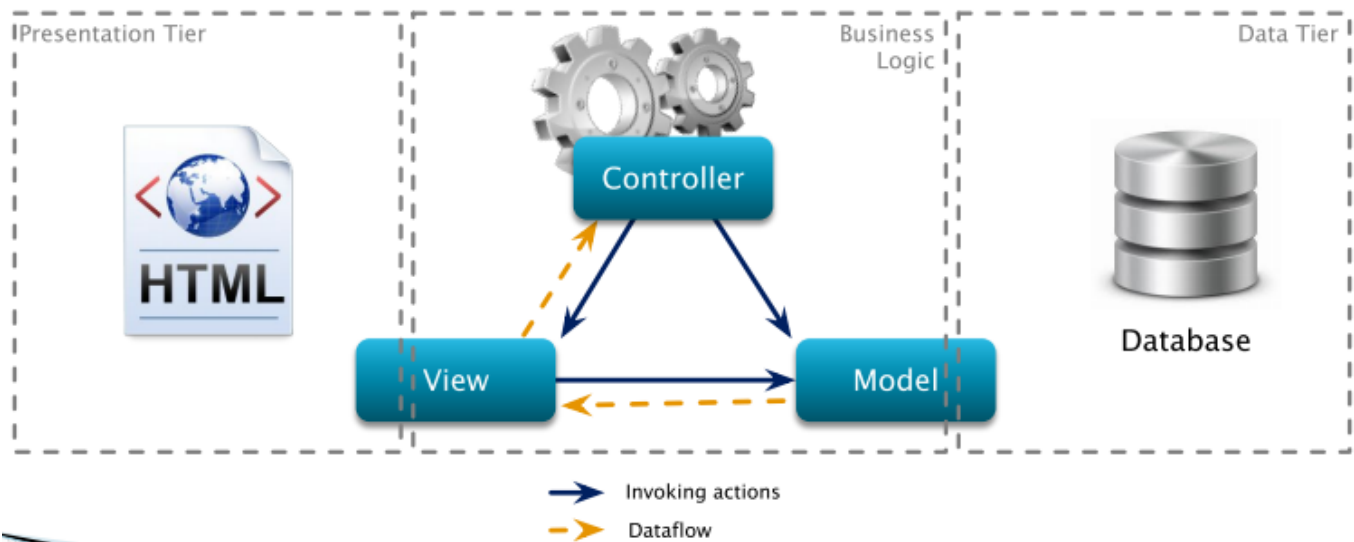
        if ($reqMethod === 'post')
            $controller->$method($_POST, $_GET);
        else
            $controller->$method($_GET);
    }
}
```

MVC (Model-View-Vontroller)

A guideline how to divide code and responsibility

Basis for many frameworks

- Model
 - Uniform data API for the application
 - Communicates with DB/file storage/...
- View
 - Provides user interface (HTML rendering)
- Controller
 - Process requests (using view and model)
 - Business logic



View

- User interface, data presentation
- Typically responsible for generating HTML
- Automatic sanitization of presented data (<, > chars)
- Translations for multilingual applications
- Templates
 - Mechanisms that separate HTML coding from application programming
 - Allow implementing View features (mentioned above) in declarative (instead of imperative) manner
 - Idea of Templates
 - Separate HTML (CSS, ...) code from PHP scripts
 - Division of work (HTML coders vs. PHP programmers)
 - Template Systems
 - PHP-based
 - Template is also a PHP script
 - PHP-template only includes data into the HTML
 - Text-based
 - Special tags in HTML
 - {{tag_name}}, <%tag_name%>
 - Typically compiled into PHP-base templates

Latte templates example

```
<h1 n:block=title>Latte Example</h1>

<ul n:if="$items">
  <li n:foreach="$items as $item">{$item|capitalize}</li>
</ul>

{if ($user)}
<h2>User {$user->login}</h2>
Name: {$user->name}
```

```
Home page: <a n:href="$user->homepage">{$user->homepage}</a>
{/if}
```

Model

Implementing Data Models

- Direct SQL writing is inconvenient
 - Better to use some data abstraction layer
- **Object-relational Mapping** (ORM)
 - Tables are mapped to classes or singleton objects (called repositories)
 - Rows are mapped to objects (constructed by repositories)
 - The corresponding code (classes) has to be generated from the database schema (or vice versa)
 - In typical case, the schema is generated from code (classes)
 - Allows migration handling – ORM framework generate SQL alter table commands by comparing actual state of code and the - schema

Doctrine Example

- uses anotations

```
/** @Entity @Table(name="subjects") */
class Lecture
{
    /** @Id @Column(type="integer") @GeneratedValue */
    protected $id;

    /** @Column(type="string") */
    protected $fullname;

    /** @ManyToOne(targetEntity="User", inversedBy="teach_lectures") */
    protected $teacher;

    ...
    public function getDescriptionString() { ... }
    public function getStudents() { ... }
}
```

```
$entityManager = EntityManager::create($conn, $config);
$subj = $entityManager->find('Lecture', (int)$id);
$subj->setName('Web Applications');
$entityManager->flush();

$subjs = $entityManager->getRepository('Lecture')
    ->findBy([ 'programme' => 'I2' ]);
foreach ($subjs as $subj) {
    echo $subj->getDescriptionString();
    foreach ($subj->getStudents() as $student) {
```

```
    ...  
  }  
}
```

NotORM (by Jakub Vrána) Example

(Implementing Data Models)

- Keeping classes and DB schema in sync is very tedious in ORM systems
- Another approach is to use universal object mapping using dynamic features of PHP

```
$users = $db->users()  
    ->select("id, login, name")  
    ->where("active", true)  
    ->order("name");  
foreach ($users as $id => $user)  
    echo $user["name"], "\n";
```

Controller

- Integrates business (application) logic
- Issues commands to view and model
- Process user requests
 - Requests for displaying content (typically GET request)
 - Requests for modifying app. status (typically POST req.)
- Typically implements other design patterns
 - Front controller, command, ...

MVC VS MVP

- Alternative – Model-View-Presenter
 - Slightly more advanced form of MVC
 - View is more separated and does not access model directly

Example

```
class EditPresenter extends BasePresenter  
{  
    ...  
    public function actionShowEditForm(string $id)  
    {  
        $object = $this->model->get($id);  
        if ($object !== null) {  
            $this->view->setArg('id', $id);  
            $this->view->setArg('editedObject', $object);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

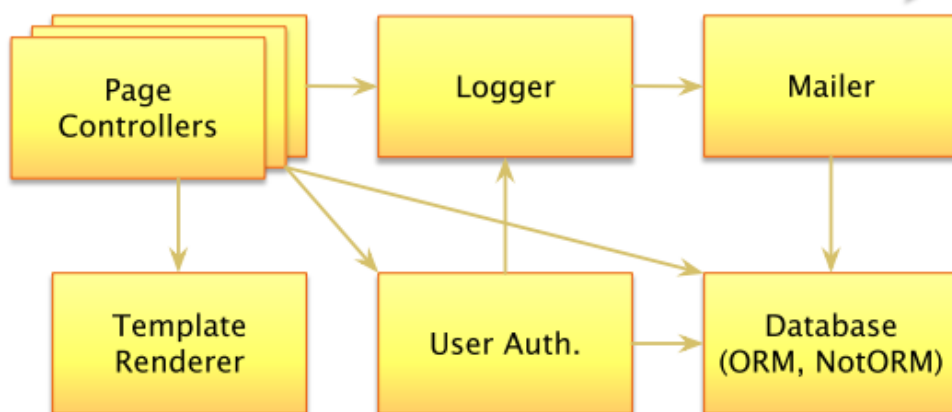
```
    $this->view->render();  
  }  
  ...  
}
```

Component-based Development

- Modern applications use components to promote encapsulation and separation of concerns
 - Component – a software module that provides some functionality through a well defined interface
 - Typically a class that implements an interface (in the code terminology)
 - Possibly a façade for a small set of classes
 - Component may depend on other components
 - Typically declares a list of (code) interfaces
 - Dependencies must be satisfied by providing components that implement given interfaces (allows some level of modularity)

□ Example

- Components and their dependencies



Component Management

- Creation and interlinking may be tedious
 - Who creates components?
 - When are the components created?
 - Where is the component configuration?
 - How do one component find other components it needs to use?
 - What about different implementations of the same component "types"?
 - ...

Container Dependency

□ Example: Controller Requires a Log

```
class Controller {
    public function action() {
        $log = ...?
    }
}
```

- Create on demand 😞

```
$log = new Log();
```

Multiple instances of log are created!

- Log is a singleton 😞

```
$log = Log::getInstance();
```

Implementation bound

- Log is looked up/created by a registry 😞

```
$log = Registry::get('Log');
```

Better, yet tedious

====>

Dependency Injection

- Design pattern that implements inversion of control
 - Component is not responsible for seeking its own dependencies
 - Dependencies are injected externally (by the component manager)
- Declaring required dependencies
 - In configuration, by annotations, using reflection, ...
 - The problem of cyclic dependencies
 - DB component requires Log component to log errors
 - Log component requires DB component to save messages
- Central Component Manager
 - Responsible for creating and initializing components

```
/**
 * @component WelcomePage
 */
class WelcomePageController implements IController
{
    /** @inject IDatabase */
    public $db;

    /** @inject name="NewsService" */
    public $news;

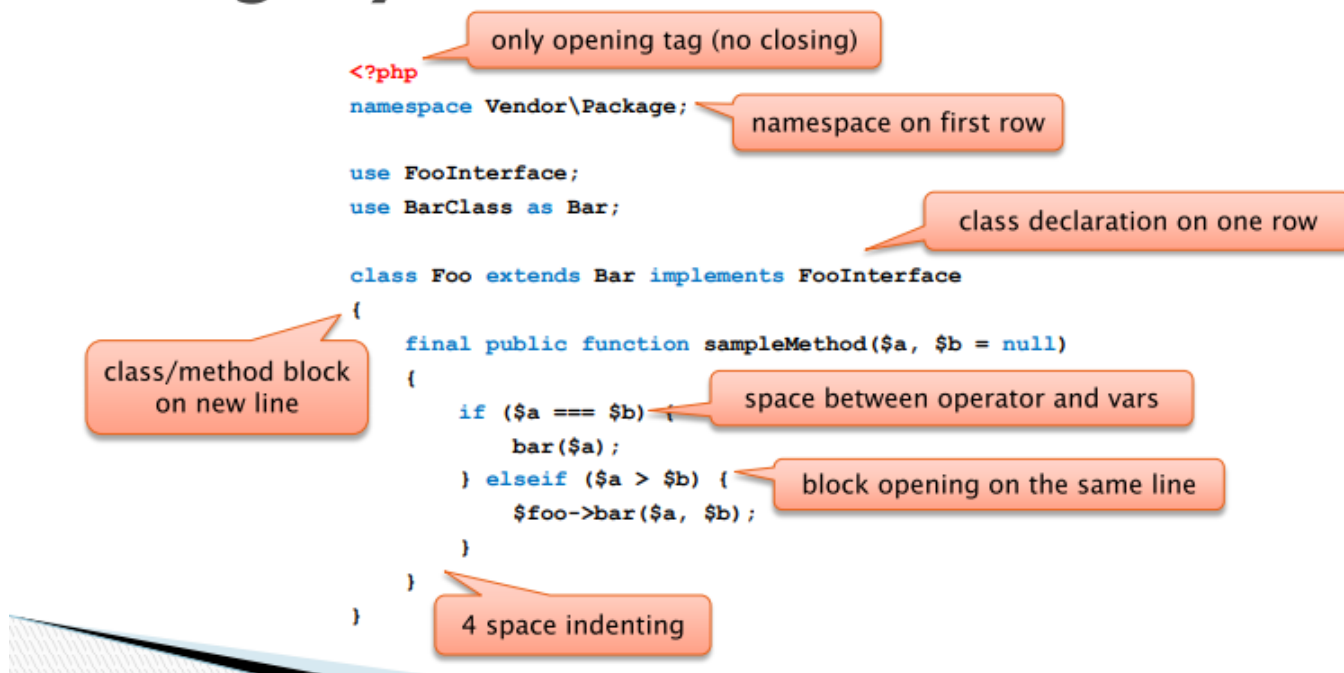
    function __construct(ILog $log) { ... }
}
```

Standardization Recommendations

- Standardization beyond language specifications
- Improves cooperation, library designs, ...
- Accepted
 - PSR-1, PSR-2, PSR-12 Coding style guidelines
 - PSR-3 Logger interface
 - PSR-4 Autoloading (classes)
 - PSR-7 HTTP message interface
 - ...
- Drafts, pending reviews
 - Container interface, PHPDoc standard, ...

Coding style

Coding Style



Single Page Applications

- The application logic runs in the browser
 - Provides more desktop-like user experience
 - HTTP requests are handled asynchronously (and covertly)
- Traditional browsing is typically discouraged
 - Handled internally by changing DOM dynamically
- Thin server architecture
 - Data storage, security verifications, via REST API

Disadvantages

- Application boot - loading and initialization time

- Less stable execution environment (many browser types)

REST (Representational State Transfer) API

- Server API which offers retrieval and manipulation with application resources in a HTTP-compliant way
 - Resources are identified by URIs
 - Operations are performed by HTTP requests
- REST formal constraints are
 - Client-server model
 - Stateless interface (no client context is cached at server)
 - Cacheable (response defines whether it can be cached)
 - Uniform interface
 - Layered system (proxies, servers may be replicated)

HTTP request methods reflect desired operations

- GET – retrieve the resource (nullipotent)
- POST – append new sub-entity in the resource
- PUT – insert/replace the resource (idempotent)
- DELETE – remove the resource (idempotent)

Example

API for photo gallery

- `/gallery` – collection of all galleries
- `/gallery/kittens` - photos in gallery with ID=kittens
- `/gallery/kittens/kitten01` – photo kitten01

	<code>/gallery</code> (collection of galleries)	<code>/gallery/kittens</code> (photos in gallery)	<code>.../kitten01</code> (single photo)
GET	Get the list of all galleries (JSON)	Get the list of photos in the gallery (JSON)	Get the image (jpeg)
POST	Create a new gallery	Create a new photo in a gallery	Not generally used. Perhaps for adding image metadata...
PUT	Replace list of galleries (atypical)	Replace entire list of photos in gallery	Replace/insert an image (of given ID)
DELETE	Empty the whole application	Remove all photos of a gallery	Remove the given image

Javascript

Name debunk - not from Java.

ECMAScript

- Ecma International - Non-profit standards org.
 - Standardizes only the language

- We will cover ES v5.1, which is widely supported
- Important differences in ES v6 (Harmony)
- Current ES: v11 (ECMAScript2020) released this year

Scripting Languages

- JavaScript – ECMAScript adapted for web browser
- JScript – Microsoft variation on the JavaScript theme
- ActionScript – ECMAScript used in Adobe Flash

Values

Types

(typeof)

- number,
- string,
- boolean,
- object,
- function, and
- undefined

```
"5" + 4 // is "54" (string)
"5" * 4 // is 20 (number)
console.log(myObject) // .toString() invoked
```

Variables

Mnemonic holders for values

- Rather “attachments” to values than “memory boxes”
- No type defined (type is carried by the value)

Declared by var keyword

- `var x; var y = 1; var a, b, c;`

The declaration is affected by the current scope

- In global scope, the variables are assigned to the script environment (e.g., object window in the browser)
 - `var x = 1; (global)` and `window.x = 1;` are equivalent
- In a function, the variable belongs to the local scope (more details later)

▢ Function Scope

- JavaScript

```
function foo() {  
  var x = 1;  
  function bar() {  
    var y = 2;  
    // x exists here  
  }  
  // y does not exist here  
}
```

▢ Block Scope

- C++, C#, Java, ...

```
if (x < 0) {  
  bool negative = true;  
}  
else {  
  bool negative = false;  
}  
  
// negative does not exist here ...
```

Functions

"callable object"

```
function foo(args) { body }  
var foo = function(args) { body }  
var foo = new Function(args, "body");
```

Objects

Objects are unordered name-value collections

All members are public

```
var myObject = {  
  foo: 10,  
  bar: function() {  
    ...  
  }  
};  
myObject.bar();  
myObject.anotherFoo = 100;  
delete myObject.foo;
```

Arrays

Creating Arrays

```
var arr = [ 1, 3, 19, 42 ];  
var arr = new Array(1, 3, 19, 42);  
var arr = new Array(length);
```

Accessing Elements

```
var arr = [ 'x', 'y', 'z' ];  
console.log(arr[1]);  
arr[2] = 'zzz';  
arr[arr.length] = 'another one';  
delete arr[1];
```

Methods

```
pop(), push(e1, ...) // add/remove end of array  
shift(), unshift(e1, ...) // like pop/push at front  
slice(begin, end) // get sub-array (range)  
splice(idx, count, e1, ...) // update sub-array  
sort()  
join(sep) // glue elements together into a string  
indexOf(elem) // find element in array  
forEach(fnc) // invoke a function for each element  
filter(fnc) // return array filtered by a function  
map(fnc) // generate elements by a map function
```

Strings

String Literals

- `var str1 = 'a string', str2 = "another string";`
- No difference between quotes and double quotes
- Operator `+` is used for concatenation
 - Beware that `+` is also used as numerical addition

String Object

- Strings can also be represented by a String object
 - Transparent conversions between both representations
 - `"str".length // == 3`

Methods

```
charAt(idx) // returns one character  
concat(s1, ...) // concatenate strings  
indexOf(str) // finds a substring within a string  
match(regexp) // test regular expression match  
replace(old, new) // replace part of the string  
slice(from, to) // return a substring  
split(sep) // chop the string to array of tokens  
toLowerCase() // return a new lower-cased string  
trim() // remove leading and trailing whitespace
```

Client-side scripting

- Dynamic modifications of HTML and CSS
- Handling user actions within the browser
- Asynchronous communication with server

Challenges

Security

- The script is completely isolated from the computer
- It may interact only through the browser

Performance

- Limited due to properties of scripting languages and security measures imposed by the browser

Utilization

- User input processing and verification
- Background data retrieval and synchronization
- Generating graphics (SVG or with the canvas element)
- Single Page Applications (SPA)

Technologies

- JavaScript – dominating in current web applications
- VBScript – used in MSIE in the past
- 3rd party technologies (Flash, Silverlight, ...)

Embedding

Embedded Scripts

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  the JavaScript code  
</script>
```

Linked Scripts

- `<script type="text/javascript" src="url"></script>`

Event handlers

- ``

In web browser

Global object window

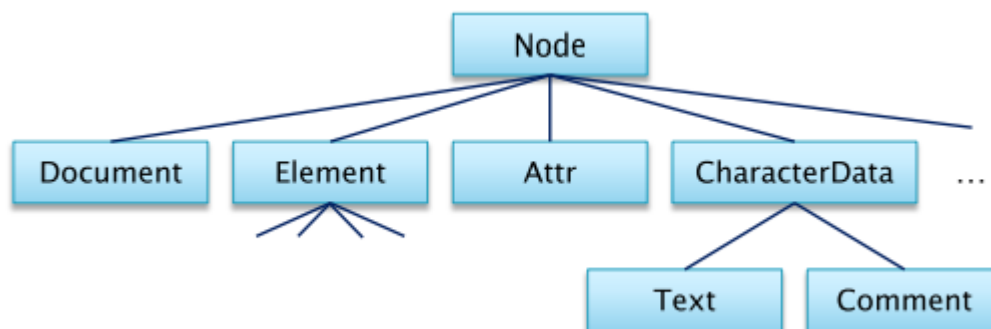
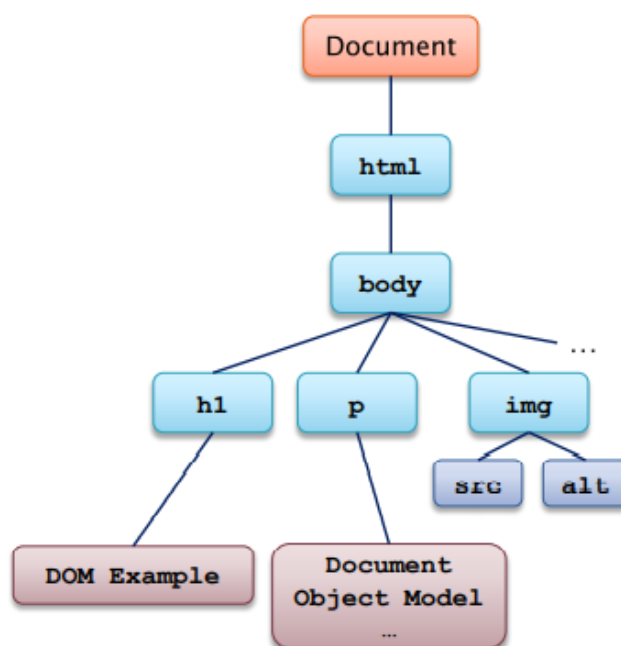
- API for current browser window/tab
- Presents the global context
- Encapsulates all prepared objects and APIs
 - window.document – DOM API for HTML document
 - window.location – Access/control current URL
 - window.history – Navigate through browser history
 - window.screen – Information about system screen
 - window.navigator – Information about the browser
 - ...
- Controls the pop-up message boxes

DOM (Document Object Model)

- Object model representing HTML/XML tree
- Class of each node corresponds with the node type
- Different nodes allow different methods

Document Object Model

```
<html>
  <body>
    <h1>DOM Example</h1>
    <p>
      Document Object
      Model is an API ...
    </p>
    
    ...
  </body>
</html>
```



Levels

Incremental standards for DOM issued by W3C

- Level 0
 - Various technologies before standardization
 - Sometimes also denoted DHTML (dynamic HTML)
- Level 1 – basic navigation and manipulation
- Level 2 – added namespaces, events, and CSS
- Level 3 – keyboard events, XPath, load and store
- Level 4 – being developed

Browsers support entire level 1 and most of 2 and 3

Traversing

- `Node.firstChild`, `Node.lastChild`
- `Node.childNodes`
- `Node.nextSibling`, `Node.previousSibling`
- `Node.parentNode`, `Node.parentElement`
- `Node.nodeName`, `Node.nodeValue`
- `Node.attributes` – relevant for elements only
- `Document.documentElement` – root element
- `Document.getElementsByTagName(tagName)`
- `Document.getElementById(id)`

Manipulation

- `Document.createElement(), ...`
- `Node.appendChild()`, `Node.insertBefore()`
- `Node.replaceChild()`, `Node.removeChild()`
- `Element.getAttribute()`, `Element.setAttribute()`
- `Element.removeAttribute()`
- `Node.cloneNode(deep)`

Extra

- `Node.innerHTML`, `Node.outerHTML`
- `Document.evaluate(xpath)`

DOM and CSS

- `HTMLElement.style`
 - Represent properties in style attribute
 - Properties are represented in CSS object model
 - `var h1n = document.getElementById("headline");`
 - `h1n.style.backgroundColor = '#ffeec';`
 - Property names in model corresponds to names in CSS
 - Dashes are removed and following words are capitalized
- `Element.className`, `Element.classList`
- `Document.styleSheets[].cssRules[]`
 - `.selectorText` – string with CSS selector

- `.style` – same as `Element.style`

Events

Events may be handled by callback functions

- Attached directly in HTML (only in special cases!)
 - `<button onclick="js code handling the event">`
- Or by Javascript code
 - `myButton.onclick = function(event) { ... } or`
 - `myButton.addEventListener('click', fnc, capture);`

The choice of the day – `addEventListener()`

- Allows multiple handlers on one event
- Works on any DOM element (not just visual elements)
- Allows early event capturing

Event object

Event is represented by an object implementing Event interface

- Special events may implement some other interface derived from `Event` (e.g., `MouseEvent`)

The object carries event information

- `Event.target`, `Event.currentTarget`
- `Event.bubbles`, `Event.cancelable`
- Event specific information (e.g., mouse coordinates)

The event propagation may be disrupted

- `Event.preventDefault()`
- `Event.stopPropagation()`

Window

User interaction

- `window.alert(msg)`, `window.confirm(msg)`
- `window.prompt(msg, defaultText)`

Important events

- `window.onload`
- `window.onresize`
- `window.onbeforeunload`, `window.onunload`

Timers

- `window.setTimeout(code, ms)`
- `window.setInterval(code, ms)`

- `window.clearTimeout()`, `window.clearInterval()`

Location

- Read/write value gets/sets URL in address bar
- `location.host`, `location.pathname`, ...
- `location.assign(url)`, `location.replace(url)`
- `location.reload()`

History

- Manipulate the browser history of navigation
- `history.length` – number of items in history
- `history.back()`, `history.forward()`
- `history.go(offset)` – move in history by offset

Details

Revision

JavaScript

- Weakly-typed, dynamic, C-like, object-oriented, prototyping, functional language Values vs variables
- Variable type is determined by the value Available data types
- number, string, boolean, object, function, and undefined Functions
- 1st class citizens (declare function = create value) Objects
- Dynamic name-value collections

Functions

```
var a1; // global scope (obj. window in browser)
function foo() {
  var a2; // local scope of foo()
  function innerFoo() {
    var a3; // local scope of innerFoo()
    function innerInnerFoo() {
      // I can see a1, a2, and a3 from here ...
      a2 = a1;
    }
  }
}
```

Closure

```
function createAdder(x) {
  return function(y) {
    return x + y; // The Inner function can see variable x due to scoping
  }
}
```

rules

```
    }  
  }  
  
  var add3 = createAdder(3); // When the inner function is created, the closure  
  captures value of x == 3  
  var add7 = createAdder(7); // New function have a new closure where x == 7  
  
  add3(10); // is 13  
  add7(10); // is 17
```

```
function bindFirst(fnc, x) { // “Universal” binding function  
  return function(y) {  
    return fnc(x, y);  
  }  
}  
  
function add(x, y) { return x + y; }  
function mul(x, y) { return x * y; }  
  
var add3 = bindFirst(add, 3);  
var mul3 = bindFirst(mul, 3);  
  
add3(14); // is 17  
mul3(14); // is 42
```

Objects

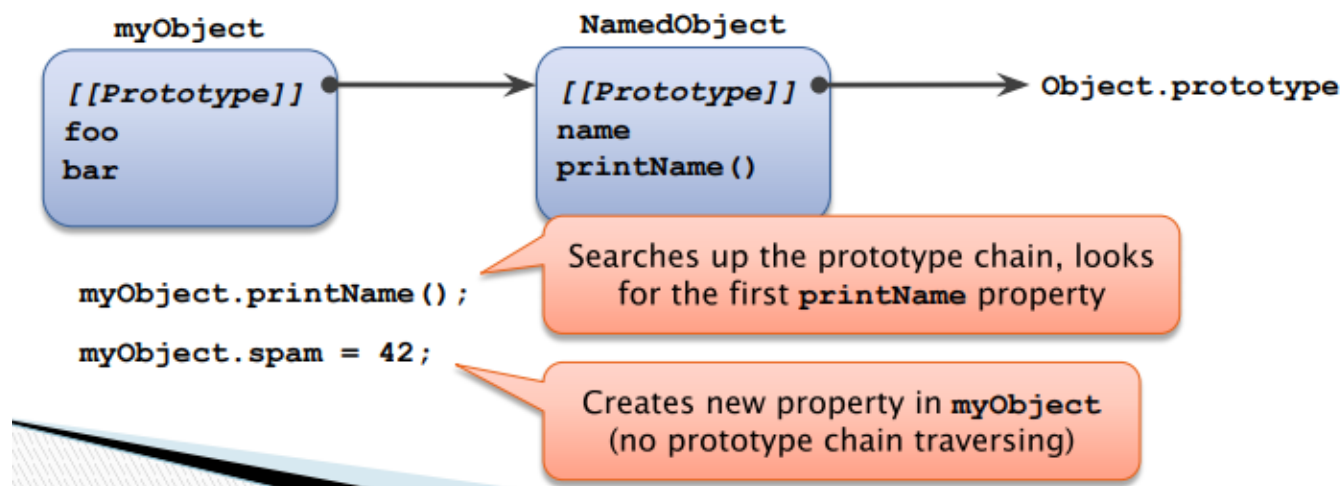
Revision

- Objects are unordered name-value collections
- All members are public

```
var myObject = { // Creates simple object with two members (foo and bar), where  
  foo is a Number and bar is Function (i.e., in some sense a method).  
  foo: 10,  
  bar: function() {  
    ...  
  }  
};  
myObject.bar();  
myObject.anotherFoo = 100; // Members may be added dynamically.
```

Classes

No real classes, PROTOTYPES



```
var CircleProto = {
  radius: 0,
  circumference: function() {
    return 2 * Math.PI * this.radius;
  }
}
```

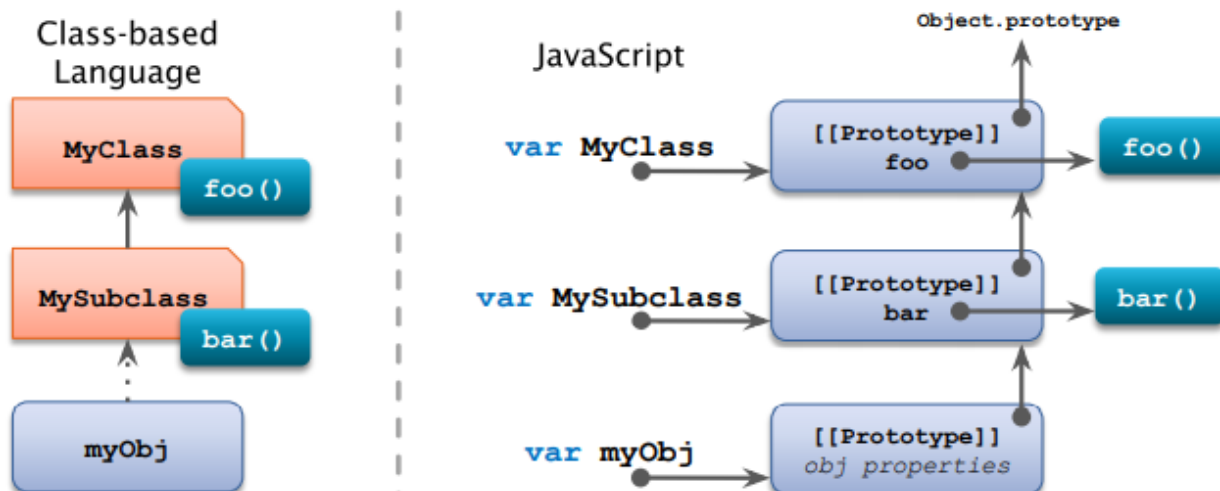
Prototype takes the role of a class

Creates new empty object which has `CircleProto` as prototype

```
var circle = Object.create(CircleProto);
circle.radius = 42;
console.log(circle.circumference());
```

Logs 263.89378290154264

□ Classes vs Prototypes



□ Constructor Functions

Constructor looks like an ordinary function

```
var Circle = function(r) {
  this.radius = r;
};
```

this refers to the newly created object (so it can be initialized)

The **prototype** attribute is set to an empty object

```
Circle.prototype.foo = function() { ... }
```

... so it can be easily augmented

```
var myCircle = new Circle(42);
```

Creates new object and copies **Circle.prototype** to internal **[[Prototype]]** of the new object

- Constructor Object
 - `var o = new Object(value);`
 - All objects are descendants of an Object
 - Interesting properties
 - `create(proto, [props])` – create new object
 - `getOwnPropertyNames(obj)` – return array of property names that are native to obj
 - `getPrototypeOf(obj)` – get prototype object of obj
 - `preventExtensions(obj)` – prevent properties from being added to obj object
 - `seal(obj)` – prevent adding/removing properties
 - `freeze(obj)` – prevent any property modifications

JS built-ins

- General-purpose Constructors
 - Wrappers for basic types
 - Number, String, Boolean, Object, Function
 - Basic primitives (string, boolean, and number) are automatically converted to their respective wrappers
 - E.g., when a method is invoked upon them
 - Provide additional functionality
 - Array – object wrapper for “traditional” arrays
 - Date – time and date information
 - Iterator – implements iterator pattern
 - RegExp – regular expression
- Non-constructor Functions
 - `encodeURIComponent(str)` – encode string for URI
 - `decodeURI(str)` – decode URI to normal string
 - `parseInt(str, radix)` – parse textual representation of an integer of given radix

- `parseFloat(str)` – parse textual representation of a floating point number
- `encode(str)` – encode non-ascii chars
- `decode(str)` – reverse function to `encode()`
- `eval(str)` – to be reviewed later...

ECMAScript 6

Class

```
class Circle extends GeometricShape
{
  constructor (x, y, r) {
    super(x, y);
    this.r = r;
  }
  getArea () {
    return Math.PI * r * r;
  }
}

const circle = new Circle(10, 20, 5)
```

Modules

Way to export/import modular values without polluting the global context (avoiding name collisions)

```
// mylib.js
export function explain() { return "because 6 x 9"; };
export var universalConst = 42;

// an application using mylib.js
import * as mylib from "mylib";
console.log(mylib.universalConst + " " + mylib.explain());

// another application using mylib
import { explain, universalConst } from "mylib";
console.log(universalConst + " " + explain())
```

Scopes and arrow functions

Block Scoping

```
var x = 1; // function scope
let y = 2; // block scope
const z = 3; // constant in block scope
```

When used with object, the properties can be modified

Arrow Functions

```
function foo(x) { return x*x; }
const foo = x => x*x;
```

Actually, this is not just a shorthand syntax. They are more lightweight and they bind **this** at the moment of creation.

Such behavior is fairly important when passing "methods" as callbacks...

Variables and arguments

Default parameter values

- `function inc(val, by = 1) { return val + by; }`

Aggregation of remaining arguments

- `function merge(a1, a2, ...restArrays) {}`

Spread collection elements as arguments

```
var coords = [ 1, 2, 3 ];
point.moveBy(...coords); // moveBy(1, 2, 3);
var str = "bar";
var chars = [ "f", "o", "o", ...str ]; // b, a, r
```

Array matching

```
var list = [ 1, 2, 3 ];
var [ x, y, z ] = list; // var x=1, y=2, z=3
[ z, x, y ] = [ x, y, z ]; // rotate values x,y,z
var [ head, ...rest ] = list; // decapitation
var a = [ ...arr1, ...arr2 ]; // array concatenation
```

Object matching


```
var { x, y, z } = get3Dpoint();  
var { x: y, y: x, attrs: { depth: z } } = get2Dpoint();
```

Context argument matching

```
function avgFirst2([a, b]) { return (a + b) / 2; }  
function distanceTo({x, y, z = 1}) { ... }
```

New structures

Set – a collection of unique items

```
const s = new Set();  
s.add("kitten").add("hippo").add("kitten");  
s.size;           // === 3  
s.has("hippo");   // === true
```

Map – a dictionary (key-value) structure

```
const m = new Map();  
m.set("answer", 42);  
m.set("correct", 54);  
m.get("correct"); // === 54  
m.size;           // === 2
```

Functional approach

Shift in Paradigm JavaScript is leaning steadily towards functional programming paradigm

```
const data = [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ];  
for (let i = 0; i < data.length; ++i) {  
  if (data[i] % 2 !== 0) continue;  
  let x = data[i] * data[i];  
  console.log(x);  
}
```

```
const data = [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ];  
data.filter(x => x % 2 === 0)  
  .map(x => x * x)  
  .forEach(x => console.log(x));
```

```
const traverse = node =>
  (typeof(node) === 'object'
    ? Array.isArray(node)
      ? node.reduce((acc, val) =>
        [...acc, ...traverse(val)], [])
      : [node, ...traverse(Object.values(node))]
    : [])
  .filter(({id, command, priority, dependencies}) =>
    id && command && priority !== undefined
    && dependencies);
```

Errors/Exceptions

- JavaScript is very error-prone language
- Error usually stops current JavaScript code
- Error handling is similar to exception catching:

```
try { ... secured code ... }
catch(err) { ... error handling ... }
finally { ... finalization code ... }
```

- Can be triggered manually
 - `throw something;`
- Regular errors are created by Error constructor
- Parameter message with human-readable description

Explicit Evaluation

- The `eval(code)` function
- The code is JavaScript code represented as string
- The code is interpreted and its last value is returned
- `eval("3+4"); // returns 7`
- The `eval()` should be avoided whenever possible
 - `eval("var res = obj." + propName);` is equivalent with `var res = obj[propName];`
- Functions as callbacks can be used in many places to avoid explicit `eval()` call

Client-side programming

UI

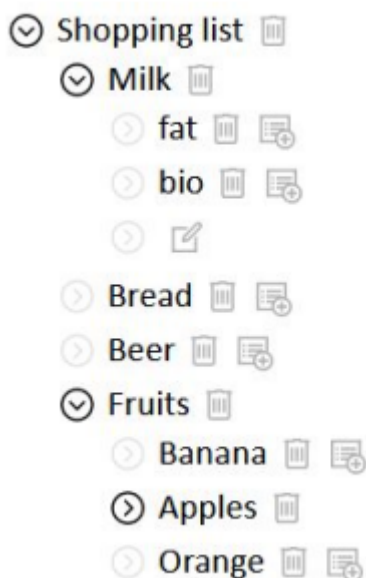
Web Application UI Expressed in HTML and CSS DOM is a data structure that holds part of application state
 State (data) synchronization issue (single truth)

Solving State Synchronization Issue The state is kept only in DOM Example: Collapsible list Nested item list Each item with sub-list is collapsible Collapsed/Expanded state is defined by a presence of a CSS class CSS class also hides the sub-list On-click event toggles the class Initial state can be encoded in HTML

```
<li>Shopping list
  <ul>
    <li class="collapsed">Milk
      <ul>...
```

```
li.collapsed > ul { display: none; }
```

```
something.addEventListener(click, ev => {
  ev.target.classList.toggle('collapsed');
});
```



Bi-directional sync

- Solving State Synchronization Issue
 - Data are kept both in JS memory and in DOM
 - Bi-directional synchronization is established
 - Preferably automated
 - Connections are defined in declarative manner

□ Bi-directional Synchronization Example

Some binding for user variable may be required

```
document.getElementById('givenName').addEventListener('change', ev => {
  user.givenName = ev.target.value;
});
...
```

```
var user = {
  givenName: "Martin",
  surname: "Kruliš",
};
```

Given Name:

Surname:

□ Bi-directional Synchronization Example

```
var user = {
  givenName: "Martin",
  surname: "Kruliš",
};
```

Given Name:

Surname:

```
var user = {
  _givenName: "Martin";
  set givenName(name) {
    this._givenName = name;
    input.value = name;
  }
};
```

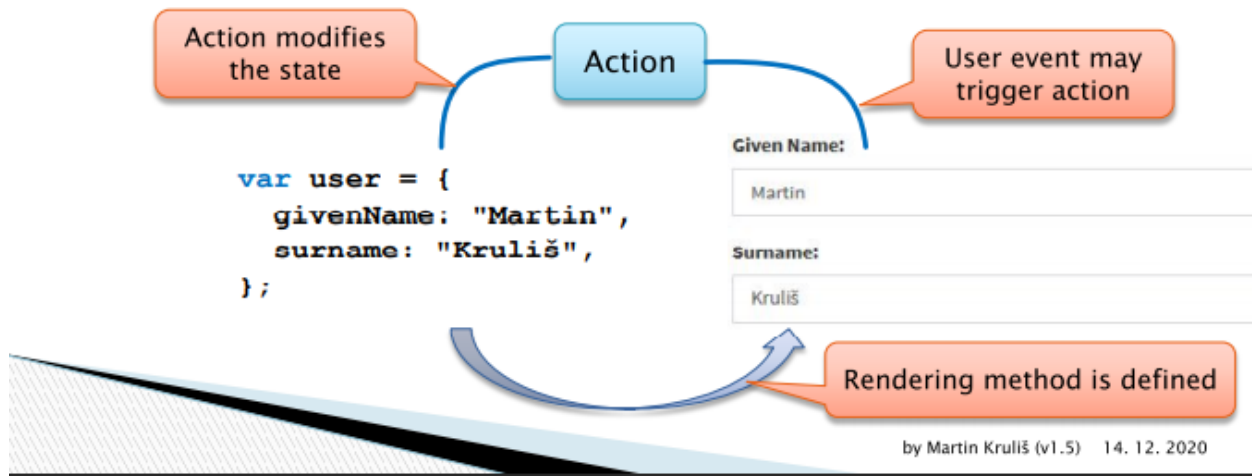
```
var proxy = new Proxy(user, {
  set: function (obj, prop, val) {
    if (prop === 'givenName') {
      input.value = name;
    }
    obj[prop] = val;
    return true;
  }
});
```

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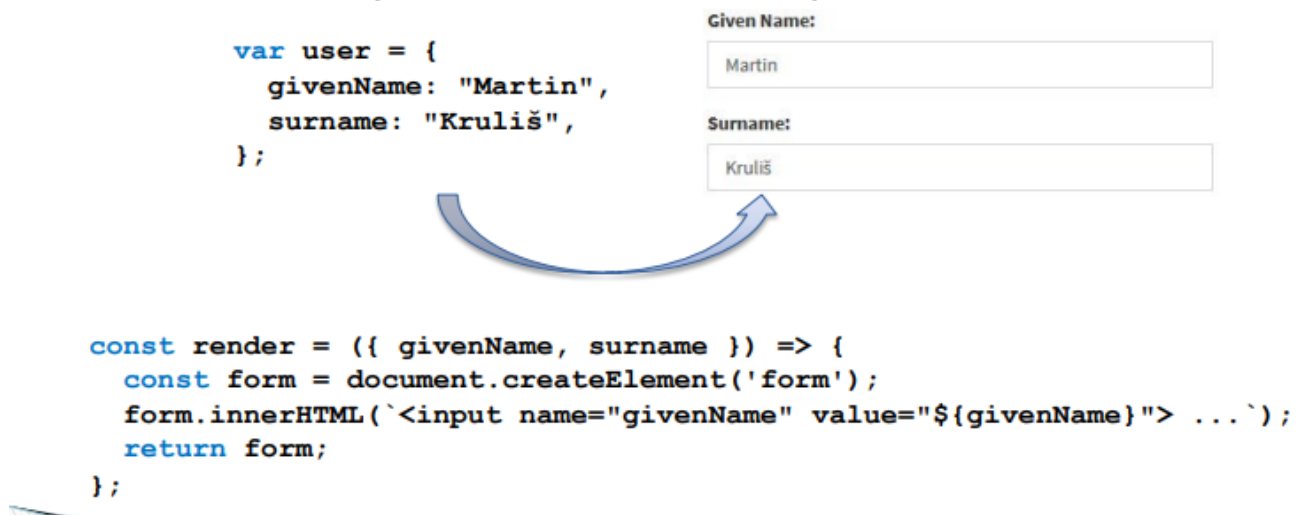
Sync

□ Solving State Synchronization Issue

- Data are kept primarily in memory
 - Single source of truth
- DOM is (partially) re-rendered on change



□ Bi-directional Synchronization Example



Optimization

Tips:

- Premature optimization is the root of all evil!
- Efficient event handlers
 - Otherwise the browser may start to lag
- Disjoint DOM nodes assembly
 - When creating DOM subtree, assemble it separately and then insert it to visible DOM all at once
 - Use cloning when possible
 - Prefer hiding/showing of existing nodes using CSS
- Use CSS classes instead of style attributes
 - Especially when operating multiple nodes

AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)

A technique that combines three technologies

- JavaScript
- Asynchronous HTTP client API integrated in browser
- XML or other semi-structured data format

Script invokes HTTP transfer

- Providing URL, method, callbacks, ...

The callback is invoked asynchronously

- At the conclusion of the HTTP transfer
- It may process the returned data (e.g., update the contents of the web page)

XMLHttpRequest object

```
var httpReq = new XMLHttpRequest();
httpReq.open("GET", "index.php?ajax=1", true);
httpReq.onreadystatechange = function() {
    if (httpReq.readyState != 4) return;
    if (httpReq.status == 200)
        processResponse(httpReq.responseText);
    else
        handleError(httpReq.status);
}
httpReq.send();
```

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

- Lightweight interchange format for structured data
- Based on subset of JavaScript language
- Otherwise language independent
 - Many parsers exist with frontends for many languages
- Intended for replacing XML in simple scenarios

Syntax:

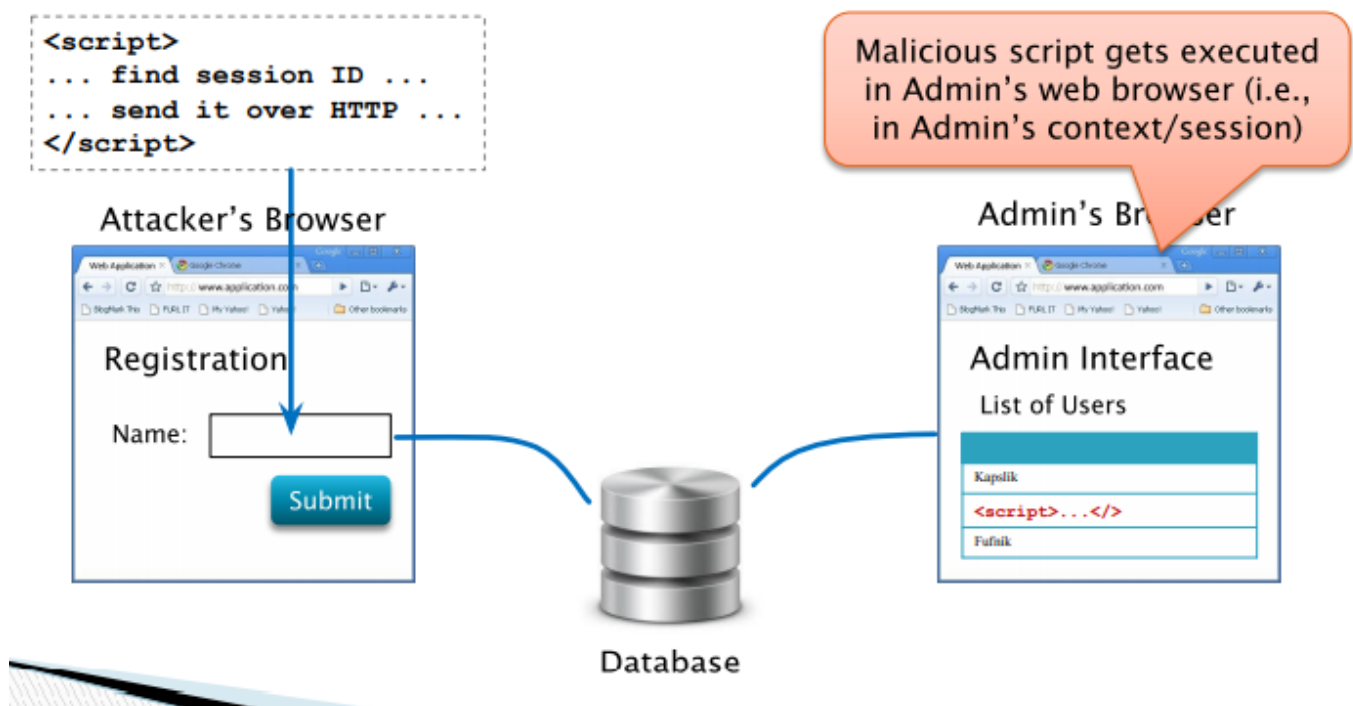
- Two basic structures:
 - collections and
 - lists
- Supports:
 - strings,
 - numbers,
 - booleans, and
 - null type
- Unicode safe

```
[
  {
    "StudentId": 42,
    "Name": "John Smith"
  },
  {
    "StudentId": 54,
    "Name": "Jane Johnson",
    "Graduated": true
  }
]
```

Applications

- Mainly for transfer of JavaScript structures
 - AJAX – Asynchronous JavaScript and JSON
- Parsing
 - ~~var res = eval(jsonString);~~
 - Fast but not safe (the string may contain malicious code)
 - `var res = JSON.parse(jsonString);`
 - JSON object was originally implemented in library and later added to ECMAScript 5 standard
- Serialization
 - `var jsonString = JSON.stringify(jsObject);`

Side note - script injection



CORS

Cross-site Scripting

- User injects malicious JavaScript into regular data fields (registration form, e-mail body, ...)
- The field is displayed to another user -> the script may steal his/her identity

Prevention

- Browser blocks HTTP requests to other domains
- Browser hides secured cookies from the script

Programmer's Discipline

- All user inputs must be tested or sanitized

Fetch API

New API for AJAX

`fetch(input[, init])`

- input – URL or Request object
- init – object with initialization parameters
 - method – HTTP method to be used
 - headers – request headers
 - body – request body
 - ...
- Returns a promise
 - Promises are async. objects designed to replace callbacks

Promise

Represents eventual completion/failure of async. operation (e.g., AJAX request)

Easy chaining

- `.then(fnc)` – function called on success

```
fetch(url).then(response => ...)
.catch(fnc) // function called on error
.finally(fnc) // called on completion (success or error)
```

Aggregation

- `Promise.all([promise1, promise2, ...])`
- `Promise.race([promise1, promise2, ...])`

```
var p = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
  window.setTimeout(() => {
    resolve('foo');
  }, 300);
});
```



```
});  
  
p.then(value => {  
  console.log(value); // outputs "foo"  
});
```

Form Data

Wrapper for Form Data

- Can be used as body for AJAX requests
- Represents a collection of data (as key-value pairs)
 - Analogical to data sent by regular form submit
- Assembled manually or loaded from
 - `new FormData([formElement])`
 - `keys()`, `values()`, `entries()`
 - `has()`, `get()`, `getAll()`
 - `set()`, `append()`, `delete()`

Redirects

- Redirecting Asynchronous HTTP Requests
 - Works transparently – i.e., in the same way as all HTTP requests handled by the browser
 - Typically unnecessary after POST requests
 - A script should not be re-executed after reload, thus it can receive the updated HTML immediately
 - Uncertain semantics
 - Is the redirect meant for the AJAX result or should the whole page load a new URL?
 - Efficiency
 - AJAX typically optimizes network utilization – additional redirect may be suboptimal

Example

- Let us have a data table, where each item has a delete button that triggers AJAX POST request

Solutions:

- Trivial solution
 - After successful request, JS triggers reload of the page
 - URL may be in the response body (for `location.href`)
- Slightly more optimized solution
 - After successful request, JS triggers reload of affected components (table) via separate AJAX GET request
- Optimized solution
 - The POST response sends a HTML fragment or (better yet) component data for re-rendering the table

Page updates

Asynchronous Requests and Page Updates

- E.g., item being deleted by AJAX call
- How/when remove the related DOM contents

Approaches

- Optimistic Updates
 - Item is removed (from DOM) when AJAX is started
 - Problematic if the operation fails
 - Item has to be returned, user may not notice
- Pessimistic Updates
 - Item is removed after AJAX is completed
 - May take long time
 - Progress animation, other operations has to be blocked

HTML5 API

History

New feature – script state (`history.state`)

- `history.pushState()`, `history.replaceState()`
- Captures hidden script-managed state
- Allows backward/forward navigation over the states

Non-visible Data Attributes

- Data for scripts, but associated with DOM elements
- Special `data-*` attributes (e.g., `data-foo-bar`)
- **Appear in `element.dataset` collection**
 - Ad example above – `element.dataset.fooBar`

Data Storage

- Persistence data storage accessible from JS
 - Key-value database
- Similar isolation like cookies
- LocalStorage – persistent, per web application
- sessionStorage – for each window/tab

Web Workers

- Background workers executing JS code
- Utilizing multiple cores
- Communicate by messages with main loop

Compatibility issues

Coding with Multi-browser Support

- Browsers developers implement the web standards when they want and how they want
 - Especially problematic with their older versions

Test the functionality, not the browser type/version

```
if ("XMLHttpRequest" in window) { AJAX code }  
else { no AJAX }
```

Use libraries

- Babel – JS transpiling and polyfill
- Webpack – bundling the code (JS and CSS)

jQuery

- Modern JavaScript library for basic operations
 - Easy to learn and use
 - Lightweight footprint
 - Supports almost all currently used browsers
- Key features
 - Simplified DOM traversal and manipulation
 - Event handling
 - CSS based animations and effects
 - Unified AJAX API with support for data (de)serialization
 - Extendable with plugins and UI libraries

jQuery object

Function object in global name jQuery and \$ Acts as a function that returns set of nodes and as a container object for library functions

“Select and Do” Philosophy

- Select a set of DOM nodes
- Apply (a sequence of) operation(s) on the whole set of selected nodes
- Most methods support invocation chaining
 - `$(selector).doIt().doAnother().doSomethingElse();`

Selectors

Selects set of DOM nodes for further usage

- `$("selector")` or `$(DOMNode)` or `$("HTMLfragment")`

jQuery Selectors are inspired by CSS3 selectors

- `"div"` – select elements of given name

- "#id" – select element by its ID
- ".class" – select elements with specific CSS class
- "ancestor descendant" – express DOM relations
- :disabled, :visible, :checked, ...

Subsequent operations work on the whole set

- \$(".secret").hide();

DOM manipulation functions

- prepend(), append(), before(), after() – insert content before/after inside/outside selected elements
- remove(), empty(), detach() – remove (child) nodes
- replaceAll(), replaceWith()
- html(), text() – manipulate with content
- clone() – create a deep copy of the element
- attr(), prop(), removeAttr(), removeProp()
 - Attr ~ HTML attributes, prop ~ properties (checked, ...)

Reading methods take only the first element in set

Single Page Application

- Almost everything is handled by JS (and AJAX)
- No traditional forms or browsing is used

SPA Libraries

- React
 - Uses smart component re-rendering
- Angular
 - Uses bidirectional data bindings (DOM ⇔ data)
- A few others
 - EmberJS, Vue, ...

Security

Main Objective

- Make communication (data storage, ...) secure
- Secure = not readable by 3rd parties, guaranteed to be correct, ...



Symmetric Ciphers

- Both sides need to share the same key
- There must be another (secret channel) how they pass on the key
- The key is used both for encryption and decryption



AES

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) aka Rijndael

- Probably the most popular cipher of the day
- Can use any sequence of bytes as key
 - Keys are expanded into 128, 192, or 256bit blocks
- Works with 4x4 blocks of bytes
- Requires only basic operations (shift, add, xor, ...)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard

Asymmetric ciphers (public-key)

- Separate encryption (public) and decryption (private) key
- Does not require secure channel for transmitting the key



Digital signature

- Reversed application of public-key cipher
 - Assumes the decryption/encryption procedures may be swapped
- Sender transforms the message using decryption algorithm (and private key)
- Anyone transform it back to original using encryption (and public key)
 - And everyone will know that only the person with the corresponding private key could have created the message

RSA

encryption: $c = m^e \bmod n$ decryption: $m = c^d \bmod n$

Heartbleed bug

Ping abuse - return me X letters

Hashing

- One-way transformation of data into a fingerprint of fixed size
- Similar (but different) inputs have completely different hashes
- Various applications
 - Integrity verification, passwords, security tokens, ...

Functions

- MD4, MD5, SHA1
 - Obsolete algorithms, still applicable for some cases (e.g., deduplication)
- **SHA-256**, SHA-512, ... (**SHA2**)
 - Quite old, but probably the most widely used hashing algorithm
- SHA3-256, SHA3-512, ...
 - New revision of SHA family, better than SHA2, but not widely used yet
- **bcrypt**, scrypt
 - Specifically designed to be computationally demanding (especially scrypt)
 - More resistant to brute-force attacks (guessing the input)

HTTP Secure (HTTPS)

- Insert SSL/TLS layer between TCP and HTTP
- SSL/TLS provides transparent asymmetric encryption
- X.509 Certificates are used
 - Certificate carries the public and private key
 - Certificate has additional info (e.g., a domain name)
 - Every certificate must be signed by another certificate
 - By a certificate of a trustworthy authority
 - By itself (self-signed certificate)
 - Certificate is verified, before its keys are used
 - Usually only the server has a certificate

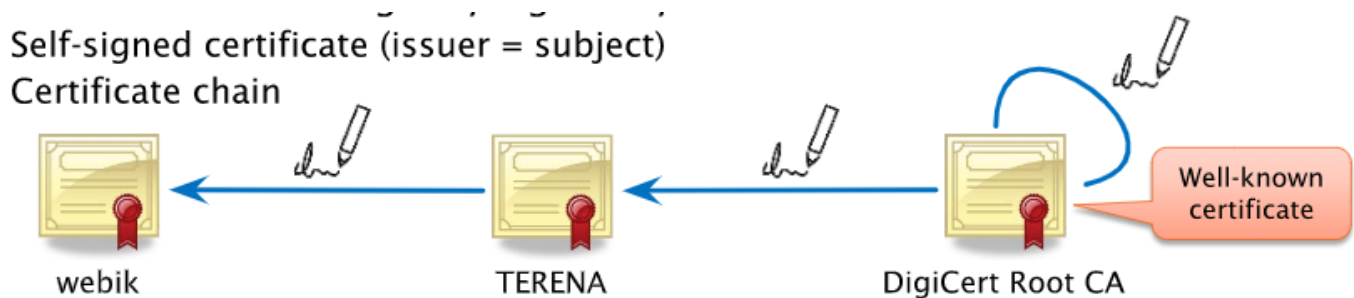
□ The SSL/TLS Handshake



X.509 Certificates

- Subject name (structured, Common Name = domain)
- Issuer (also structured) – who created (and signed) the certificate
- Validity (not before, not after)
- Optional extensions (e.g., list of alternate domain names)
- Certificate must be digitally signed by the issuer
 - Self-signed certificate (issuer = subject)
 - Certificate chain

Self-signed certificate (issuer = subject)
Certificate chain



Security fundamentals

Trusted Base

- Secured server (physically), secured data storage, ...
- May be difficult to ensure (e.g., in Cloud)

Secure Communication

- HTTPS (or other encrypted channels) for all communications
 - Including requests for unimportant things like styles or images
 - Susceptible to common mistakes (especially when dealing with absolute URLs)
- HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)
 - **Strict-Transport-Security** HTTP header instructs the client that given server must be accessed only by encrypted connections (for given period)

Attack Prevention

- Up-to date software (system, libs)
- Due validation/sanitization of inputs/outputs
- Secure session management
 - HTTPS-only cookies, securing session storage or using security tokens, ...
- Second-level authentication and access denial systems
 - Preventing the user to log-in from IP addresses from different countries
 - Two phase authentication (e.g., secondary verification by cell phone)
- Monitoring
 - Attack detection, blacklisting (users, IPs), ...
- Logging

Authentication

- Verifies identity of a user
 - E.g., by user credentials, by a certificate, ...
- User identity must be held despite statelessness
 - In a (secured) session, in a cookie, ...
- Password security
 - Password should not be stored in plain text nor in decryptable form in the database, but rather hashed
 - `<salt>, hashfnc(<salt>,<password>)`
 - The hashfnc could be SHA-256, SHA-512, **bcrypt**, scrypt, ...
 - Salt is necessary to prevent rainbow-table attacks
 - Also to assign different hashes to same passwords used by different users

```
class User {
    private $passwordHash;

    public function setPassword(string $password): void
    {
        $this->passwordHash = password_hash($password,
            PASSWORD_BCRYPT, [ 'cost' => 12 ]);
    }

    public function verifyPassword(string $password): bool
```



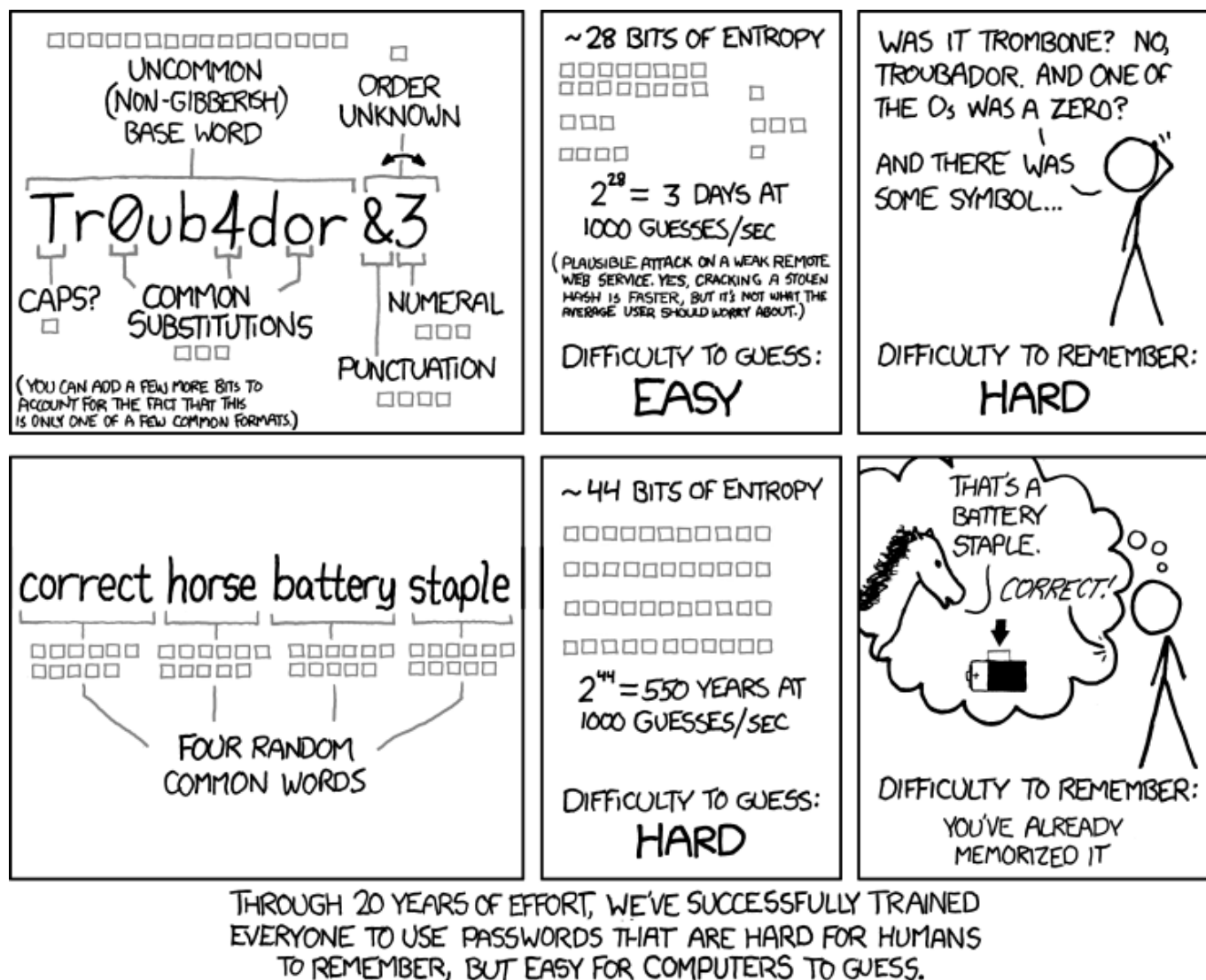
```

{
    return password_verify($password, $this->passwordHash);
}

```

Password

care with artificially difficult password - easy to brute force



Authentication

(Authentication/Access Tokens)

- Generated once the user is authenticated
 - Or to grant some specific action – e.g., password reset
- Does not have to be private, but only server can create/verify them
- Example of a security token
 - `user_id:salt:hash(user_id:salt:secret)`
 - Where secret is a string known only to the server
- Token may hold additional public data (payload)
 - Expiration timestamp

- Creation timestamp
- Scope – restrictions on actions that the user may do

Authorization

- Verification of the access permissions of the user
- Security Model
 - Defines protected objects, authorities, operations
 - Simple (state-less) models
 - Function (object, authority, operation) -> yes/no
 - More complex models exist
 - Typically implemented in one class (component)
- Roles
 - Authorities are typically not individual users, but roles
 - Each user have one (or multiple) roles

Models

Directory (Capability List)

- Authorities have lists of accessible objects

Access List (ACL)

- Protected objects have lists of users (+permissions)

□ Access Control List (ACL) Example

authorizator:

setup:

```
- addRole('user')
- addRole('editor', 'user')
- addRole('admin', 'editor')
- addResource('Homepage')
- addResource('Archive')
- addResource('Users')
- allow('user', 'Homepage', 'default')
- allow('user', 'Archive', 'default')
- allow('user', 'Users', 'default')
- allow('user', 'Users', 'show')
- allow('editor', 'Users', 'show-private')
- allow('editor', 'Archive', 'create')
- allow('editor', 'Archive', 'edit')
- allow('editor', 'Archive', 'delete')
- allow('admin')
```

Authorities (roles)

Protected objects (resources)
corresponds to controllers here

List of all access privileges
(what is not explicitly
allowed, is denied)

Admin is allowed everything

Access Control Matrix

- Rows ~ authorities, cols ~ objects, items ~ access rights

Bell-LaPadula (BLP)

- Each authority has maximal level of access, each object has minimal required level of access

Frontend (UI) vs Backend (REST API/CLI)

- Permissions are primarily tested in backend
- User interface appearance should be in sync with operations the user is authorized to do
- Example – editing an e-shop item
 - Users who do not have the permission to edit should not see the link leading to the page with editing form
 - What if the user gets to the page another way?
 - What if the user switches the role in the middle of editing?
 - How to reveal these permissions to the UI without compromising security?
 - What if the permissions change in the middle of editing?

Logging

Logging Important Events

- Errors
- Security breaches
 - Difficult how to detect them and what to log
- All user actions
 - May be impossible for large systems, so at least “important” actions
 - Logging at request level
 - Logging at database level (DB triggers)

Delayed Operations

- Soft-deletes
- Queued operations