

Tutorial 5: JavaScript (3)

Objectives

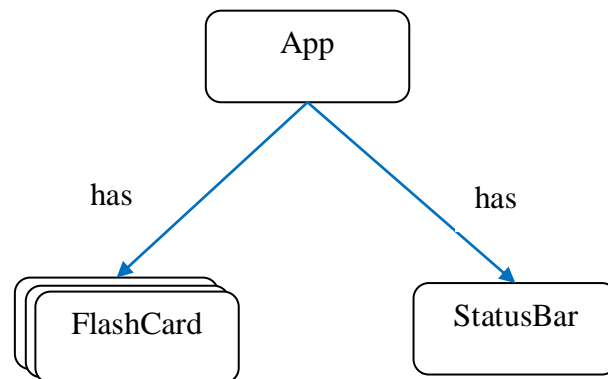
- Practice to communicate between classes in JavaScript using **custom events & callback functions**
- Practice to consume the server APIs
 - Practice `fetch()` APIs with JSON (promise style)
 - Using form to get user input & send params to the server APIs

Tutorial Exercises

In this tutorial, you will **work in pairs** to solve these exercises.

Exercise 1: Flash cards – Communication between StatusBar & App (30 mins)

Download the solution from the previous tutorial `tut04/flash-cards-oop/`, and have a look.



When user click on *StatusBar*, it need to notify the *App* to display the correct *FlashCard*. In the below tasks, you will facilitate this using 2 different ways:

- (1) custom events &
- (2) call back functions

Task 1: Using Custom events (15 mins)

In this task, you will use *custom events* to facilitate communication between the two classes StatusBar & App.

Duplicate folder tut04/flash-cards-oop/ & named it under tut05/flash-cards-oop-custom-events/ and refactor code so that:

- Class StatusBar: when user click events happen, this class has to
 - o (1) update (increase/ decrease) the current index & display
 - o (2) also, disable buttons (if needed).
 - o (3) dispatch custom events ('prev-clicked', 'next-clicked') with the corresponding events.

```
document.dispatchEvent(new CustomEvent('event-name', {data object}));  
  
document.addEventListener('event-name', eventHandlerFunction);
```

- Class App: listen for the custom events & display the correct flashcard at the notified index

Task 2: Communication between App & StatusBar (15 mins)

In this task, you will use *callback functions* to facilitate communication between the two classes StatusBar & App.

Duplicate folder tut05/flash-cards-oop-custom-events/ & named it under tut05/flash-cards-oop-callbacks/ and refactor code so that:

- Class App: passes into the StatusBar the callback functions for prev/ next button click events,
- Class StatusBar: invokes the appropriate callback function in each suitable case.

Exercise 2: Flash cards – Dynamic data

You can see that the words are now stored as an object in the *data.js* file. Let's make it dynamic by fetching them from the API:

GET <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/>

Request:

- **Data:** none

Response:

- **Status:** 200 (OK)
- **JSON data:** an object of words in format of {word: definition, ...}

In file main.js, fetch words before rendering the app.

```
function onResponse(response) {
    return response.json();
}

function onJson(json) {
    console.log(json);
}

fetch('url').then(onResponse).then(onJson);
```

Note: In this case, since we process JSON data (access link API directly on your browser & have a look), the `.json()` is used.

Exercise 3: Flash cards – Add a new word

You will see another file existed in the starterpack, '*add.html*'. A form was defined to add a new word into the list of words for our flashcards app.

- Have a look on the HTML code with form (action, method, input name)
- Enable the line `event.preventDefault()` to observe what this line of code does
- Use fetch to send data to server for adding a new card

POST <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/>

Request:

- **Data:** JSON body contain word & definition
eg. {"word": "L", "definition": "Yes"}

Response:

- **Status:** 201 (CREATED)
- **JSON data:** an object of just added word in format of {word: definition}

```
function onResponse(response) {
    return response.json();
}

function onJson(json) {
```

```

    console.log(json);
  }

  fetch('url', {
    method: 'POST',
    headers: {
      'Content-Type': 'application/json'
    },
    body: JSON.stringify(data)
  }) .then (onResponse) .then (onJson) ;

```

Note: different from the Exercise 2, this API requires some more information

- `method: 'POST'` (GET by default, that is the reason why it is omitted in Ex. 2)
- `headers: {'Content-Type': 'application/json'}`: since you can send data using normal form (form data) or JSON, so you need to tell server that you are sending JSON data (This is omitted in Ex. 2 since you send nothing)
- `body: JSON.stringify(data)` is utilized to transform data from JavaScript object into string

Exercise 4: (Optional) Update/ Delete word

Similarly, you can extend your Flashcards app with use of these APIs to update & delete a word.

Note: word is unique (distinct), in this case, it is used as the primary key

PUT <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/:word>

Request:

- **Data:**
 - **Route param:**
 - `:word` : the word to update
 - JSON body contain new definition
- eg. <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/L>
 { "definition": "Yes" }

Response:

- **Status:** 200 (SUCCESS)

- **JSON data:** an object of just updated word in format of {word: definition}

DELETE <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/:word>

Request:

- **Data:**
 - Route param:
 - :word : the word to update
- eg. <https://wpr-quiz-api.herokuapp.com/words/4>

Response:

- **Status:** 204 (NO CONTENT)
- **JSON data:** an object of just deleted word in format of {word: definition}