

Full Stack Functional - Elm Functional Programming

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Clone the exercise-elm repository

```
$ git clone https://github.com/
cphbus-functional-programming/exercise-elm.git
```

Run the member server. The server application is in the server folder:

```
$ cd exercise-elm
$ java -jar server/simple-rest-1.0.jar
```

The server starts listening on port 9000



Start a browser and write http://localhost:9000/member/1 in the address:

```
Plocalhost:9000/member/1 × Anders

← → C ① localhost:9000/member/1 ② ☆ □ ② □ ○ ☑ :

{

"id": 1,

"name": "Anders",

"email": "anders@kalhauge.dk"
}
```

Installing Elm packages



In a new terminal write:

```
$ elm-package install
```

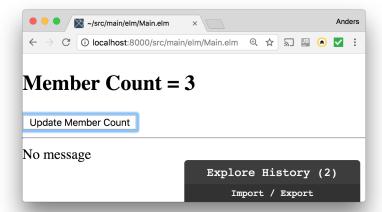
and answer Y to the question. Start elm-reactor:

```
$ elm-reactor
```



In the browser address field write

http://localhost:8000/src/main/elm/Main.elm and press the button:



Start coding



Open your favourite editor, ie:

```
$ atom .
```

Open the Main.elm file. It is in the src/main/elm/ folder.



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Exercise 1 - Program structure



Html.program tells the Elm runtime which functions to call when the program initializes, when the model should be viewed and updated, and which function to set subscriptions.

The functions are referenced in a record:

```
main =
  Html.program
  { init = init
  , view = view
  , update = update
  , subscriptions = subscriptions
}
```

Change the name of the init function to start

Exercise 2 - A member record



Create a record type that can hold the data from the Restful server. It is easyer to work with the record type if it's fields have the same names and types as the JSON object (see slide #4)

Give it the type alias Member

Exercise 3 - A member decoder



Create a decoder from a JSON value to a Member, use this signature:

```
import Json.Decode as Decode
...
decodeMember : Decode.Decoder Member
```

Hint: You should use Decode.map3 because Member has three fields.

Exercise 4 - A member encoder



Create an encoder from a Member to a JSON value, use the signature:

```
import Json.Encode as Encode
...
encodeMember : Member -> Encode.Value
```

Hint: Encode.object takes a list of pairs ¹ with a field name and a Encode.Value. Use Encode.int and Encode.string to get values from integers and strings.

¹two-tupples



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Exercise 5 - The request message



Create messages for GetMember and MemberReceived, let you inspire by the messages for GetMemberCount and MemberCountReceived, just remember that we receive a Member this time, and not an Int.

Add the messages to the update function, let them return: (model, Cmd.none) for now.

Exercise 6 - Add a button



Add a button to the view that gets a member.

Exercise 7 - Update the model



Add a field member in the model to hold a member. Make sure it is initialized with a dummy member².

²We can make the type Maybe later



Create a function, that can start getting a member from the server. It should have this signature:

```
\verb"getMember": Cmd Msg"
```

See getMemberCount, just remember to use the new decoder for Members. Let the member id be hardcoded to 1, the url should be (url "1").

Exercise 9 - Update update



Update the cases for GetMember and MemberReceived (Ok member) in the update function.

Exercise 10 - View the result



Update the view function so that the member just received is shown in a form.



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Exercise 11 - Activating the form



Add onInput events to the fields in the form. Also add messages needed to update the member in the Model.

Add nesceary cases to the update function.

Hint: see http://elm-lang.org/examples/form

Exercise 12 - The post messages



Create messages for PostMember and MemberPosted. When a member is posted a string is returned with the value "OK".

Add the messages to the update function, let them return: (model, Cmd.none) for now.

Exercise 13 - Create the body



The Http.post function have the following signature:

```
post : String -> Body -> Decoder a -> Request a
```

Create³ a function that creates a Body from a Member:

```
memberJsonBody : Member -> Http.Body
memberJsonBody member =
  Http.jsonBody <| encodeMember member</pre>
```

Explain the function to your pair mate.

³Copy'n'paste



Create a function, that posts the member in the form to the server. It should have this signature:

```
postMember : Member -> Cmd Msg
```

Http.post have the following signature:

```
post : String -> Body -> Decoder a -> Request a
```

Where the first argument is the url to our service, the body is the value of our newly implemented function with the member, the decoder is the on decoding the result, here a string.

Exercise 15 - Update update



Update the cases for PostMember and MemberPosted (Ok message) in the update function.

Ensure that getMemberCount is called on happy return.

What next?



- ☐ Ability to show a list of members.
- Ability to choose a single member.
- □ Ability to delete members⁴.

⁴not supportet in the server yet