# Lab 11: REST API

# Frontend

# **REST API - II**

# Number Guessing Game Async/Await & Fetch

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Install Node JS for Backend** 

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# Lab Introduction

# **Prerequisites**

Lab 16. This is the second lab in the REST API sequence. You must have your Backend service running on localhost and listening on port 3000 to start this lab.

### **Motivation**

Build a multiplayer number guessing game that users play from the browser.

### Goal

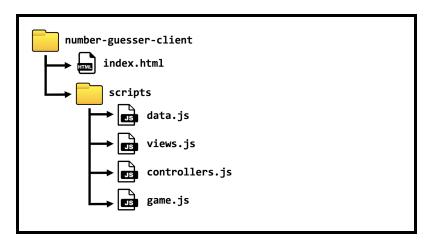
Design & Implement a frontend client for a Number Guessing Game REST API

# **Learning Objectives**

- Async/Await & fetch
- DOM manipulation
- REST Clients
- JSON data
- MVC software architecture
- Frontend app logic (Design & Develop)

### **Server-side Architecture:**

Start this project by making a project folder where all your assets & scripts will be organized. Create all necessary files and folders as illustrated below.



# **Concepts**

### **REST Architecture**

REST architecture is a common approach for backend services to interface with other backend or frontend apps.

- API: a collection of pre-implemented functions or methods a developer can import or invoke
- REST: REpresentational State Transfer. Refers to using the stateless HTTP protocol to provide access to an API
- **Endpoints:** When an API interacts with another system, the touchpoints of this communication are considered endpoints. For APIs, an endpoint can include a URL of a server or servicel

# Async/Await

Asynchronous JavaScript functions implemented using Promises. It invokes the function and does not wait for the result like in default synchronous functions. When the promise is resolved it triggers a callback.

- **fetch:** Common asynchronous function to send an HTTP request from the browser's JavaScript Run Environment to a backend REST API service
- then: Common asynchronous callback function that triggers when a promise is resolved

### **JSON**

JavaScript Object Notation. Is a format of encapsulating and serializing data for transmitting between one application to another. The REST API backend service will transmit response data as JSON which can be treated as a JavaScript object in the JSRE.

# **Document Object Model (DOM)**

Document Object Model is the JavaScript representation of the browser viewport's HTML elements. The DOM allows us to programmatically render HTML from JS code. This allows apps to overwrite into an element to build SPAs. (Single Page Apps)

# **Iteration 0: Design Game Client of REST API**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #0: Specify the views, controls, and logic of client app

### Approach: Pencil & paper

Before coding a client appl, you should first plan out views, controls, and logic you intend to use and how those client interfaces with backend service and how the client interface with the user

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **Design Steps**

Step 1: Create Mockups of your views.

1	Number Guessing Game  New Game Join Game	Main Menu (View) Starting point for application  Option 1: New Game (goto 2) Option 2: Join Game (goto 3)
2	Number Guessing Game Start: 0 End: 1000 Start	New Game Menu (View) Inputs: min & max values Request a new game from REST API  Option 1: Start (goto 4)
3	Number Guessing Game  Game ID: GameID Join	Join Game Menu (View) Inputs: game id Request a get game from REST API  Option 1: Join (goto 4) or (goto 1) on error
4	Number Guessing Game Game ID: GuTOM7tm- Min: 0 Max: 1000	Game (View) Inputs: guess Request a guess from REST API  Option 1: Submit (goto 4) or (goto 5) on win
5	Number Guessing Game  Game ID: GuTOM7tm-  Game Over: You win!  Replay Main Menu	Game Over Menu (View)  After game ends whether player won/lost  Option 1: Replay (goto 4)  Option 2: Main Menu (goto 1)

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Once you understand the mockups, then start incrementally building the project!

# **Iteration 1: Display → 'Main Menu' view**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #1: Display the guessing game's main menu

# Approach: HTML, Javascript

The Main Menu offers two options: create a new game and join an existing games

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **Steps**

- Step 1: index.html → define a view element & import JavaScript scripts
- Step 2: view.js  $\rightarrow$  define function that renders HTML into the view element
- Step 3: game.js → When the window loads it will invoke the main menu.

# Step 1 (HTML): *index.html* → Define body

Import the JavaScript scripts and define a div element for the JavaScript to display the game's views

### index.html

```
<body>
    <h1>Number Guessing Game</h1>
    <div id='view'></div>

    <script src='./scripts/data.js'></script>
    <script src='./scripts/views.js'></script>
    <script src='./scripts/game.js'></script>
    <script src='./scripts/controllers.js'></script>
    <script src='./scripts/controllers.js'></script>
</body>
```

# Step 2 (JS): *view.js* → mainMenu()

In the views script, define a mainMenu method that displays the HTML options in the view div element.

### views.js

# Step 3 (JS): *game.js* → window.onload

The game script should display the main menu when the browser window loads...

### game.js

```
window.onload = mainMenu;
```

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open the index.html in the browser and the main menu should render.

### Main Menu (View)

# **Number Guessing Game**

New Game Join Game

# **Iteration 2:** Display → 'New Game' view

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #2: Setup a controller that launches the 'New Game' view from 'Main Menu' view

### Approach: JavaScript EventListeners, DOM manipulation

JavaScript defines functions that overwrite the HTML in the view div and each time a new game view is displayed, set up its buttons with event listeners and callback functions.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# JavaScript Steps

- Step 1: view.js → define a function that renders the 'new game' menu to HTML view
- Step 2: controller.js → define a function that maps callbacks to HTML IDs
- Step 3: controller.js → define a function that adds an event listener to an HTML button
- Step 4: view.js → refactor main menu function to add an event listener to button

# Step 1 (JS): $views.js \rightarrow newGameMenu()$

In views, define a newGameMenu function that overwrites the HTML view div.

### views.js

# Step 2 (JS): *controllers.js* → getCallbacks()

In controllers, define a function that maps callbacks to button IDs.

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): *controllers.js* → addController()

In controllers, define a function that takes in a variable number of button IDs & sets their event listeners.

### controllers.js

```
const addController = function(...buttonIDs){
  const callbacks = getCallbacks();
  for (let id of buttonIDs){
     const button = document.getElementById(id);
     button.addEventListener('click', callbacks[id]);
  }
}
```

# Step 4 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: mainMenu()

Refactor mainMenu function so that it adds a controller to the new-game button

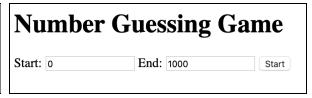
### views.js

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open the index.html in the browser and the main menu should render.

# Number Guessing Game New Game Join Game





After click, 'New Game' menu should display

# **Iteration 3: Fetch Backend** → 'New Game' API

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #3: Use fetch on the backend REST API to create a new guessing game

### Approach: Fetch, Await/Async, REST API

Setup game data & a method that has the backend create a new game & display its response in console.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: data.js → Initialize centralized location for storing game data
- Step 2: controllers.js → functions to get the min & max values from inputs
- Step 3: game.js → method to request new game from backend API
- **Step 4**: views.js → display response from backend service
- Step 5: controllers.js → map callback to button id to create game on backend service
- **Step 6**: views.js → refactor: newGamemenu to set event listener on button

# Step 1 (JS): *data.js* → Declare game variables

Initialize centralized location to store game data accessible by game, controller, and views

### data.js

```
let gameID; //Game ID for Guesser Game
let min; //Min possible number
let max; //Max possible number
let gameover; //Manage game state
```

# Step 2 (JS): $controllers.js \rightarrow getMin(), getMax()$

Define functions to get the min & max values from inputs.

### controllers.js

```
const getMin = () => document.getElementById('min-value').value;
const getMax = () => document.getElementById('max-value').value;
```

# Step 3 (JS): $game.js \rightarrow startGame()$

Method to send a request for a new game to the backend API, then display the game view to console.

### game.js

```
async function startGame(){
   min = getMin();
   max = getMax();
   const url = `http://localhost:3000/api/game/new?start=${min}&end=${max}`;
   const response = await fetch(url);
   const data = await response.json();
   gameID = data.gameID;
   viewGame();
}
```

# Step 4 (JS): *view.js* → viewGame()

display the data from the backend service to the console.

### views.is

```
const viewGame = function() {
   console.log(gameID, min, max);
}
```

# Step 5 (JS): *controllers.js* → Refactor: getCallbacks()

In controllers, map callbacks to the corresponding button IDs.

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 6 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: newGameMenu()

Refactor newGameMenu function so that it adds a controller to the start-game button

### views.js

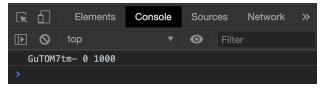
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# 'Assess' $\rightarrow$ Test phase

Open the index.html in the browser and the main menu should render.



Enter Min & Max values then click the 'Start" button



In console, game data from backend service Note: Game ID varies each time

# **Iteration 4: Display → 'Join Game' view**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #4: Setup a controller that launches the 'Join Game' view from 'Main Menu' view

### **Approach:** JavaScript EventListeners, DOM manipulation

Use JavaScript to render on the HTML view, set the main menu button with event listeners and callback functions to update the game display.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: views.js → function to render the 'join game' menu to HTML view
- Step 2: controllers.js → Refactor getCallbacks: to add\_callback function & button id
- Step 3: views.js → Refactor: mainMenu to set controller on 'join-game-button'

# Step 1 (JS): *views.js* → joinGameMenu()

In views, define a joinGameMenu function that overwrites the HTML view div.

### views.js

# Step 2 (JS): *controllers.js* → Refactor: getCallbacks()

In controllers, map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
  callbacks['join-game-button'] = joinGameMenu;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: mainMenu

Refactor mainMenu function so that it adds a controller to the join-game button

### views.js

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open the index.html in the browser and the main menu should render.



**Number Guessing Game** 

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Game ID: GameID Join

Click on the 'Join Game' button

After click, 'New Game' menu should display

# **Iteration 5: Fetch Backend** → **'Get Game' API**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #5: Use fetch on the backend REST API to join an existing guessing game

### Approach: Fetch, Await/Async, REST API

Setup a method that uses the backend to get data for an existing game via its Game ID to join.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: controllers.js  $\rightarrow$  function to get value for game id from HTML inputs
- Step 2: game.js → requests to backend to get data for existing game with its id, handle failure
- Step 3: controllers.js → refactor getCallbacks to add new callbacks and button IDs.
- Step 4: views.js → refactor 'joinGameMenu' to setup event listener on buttons

# Step 1 (JS): *controllers.js* → getGameID()

Define a function to get the existing game 's ID value from HTML input.

### controllers.js

```
const getGameID = () => document.getElementById('room-code').value;
```

# Step 2 (JS): $game.js \rightarrow findGame()$

Request backend to get game data. If successful then set app data and display, otherwise return to menu

### game.js

```
async function findGame(){
   gameID = getGameID();
   const response = await fetch(`http://localhost:3000/api/game/${gameID}`);
   const data = await response.json();
   if (data.success){
      min = data.start;
      max = data.end;
      gameover = data.gameover;
      viewGame();
   }
   else{
      mainMenu();
   }
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): *controllers.js* → Refactor: getCallbacks()

In controllers, map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
  callbacks['join-game-button'] = joinGameMenu;
  callbacks['find-game-button'] = findGame;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 4 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: joinGameMenu()

Refactor joinGameMenu function so that it adds a controller to the find-game button

### views.js

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open the index.html in the browser and the main menu should render. Create a game, and copy its ID, then refresh the page and try to join that game using the game id.



Enter the Game ID of an existing game.

Then click 'Join' button



In console, game data from backend service

Note: Game ID varies each time

# **Iteration 6: Display** → **Game View**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #6: Display game data in the HTML view

### **Approach:** JavaScript EventListeners, DOM manipulation

Refactor the game view method to display game data and controls in the HTML view.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

Step 1: view.js → refactor 'view game' method to render HTML into the view

# Step 1 (JS): *view.js* → Refactor: viewGame()

Define 'viewGame' method to render HTML into the view

### views.js

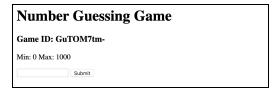
# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open index.html & join that existing game using the same game id. It should display game view



Enter the Game ID of an existing game.

Then click 'Join' button



Game View shows data

Note: Game ID varies each time

# **Iteration 7: Fetch Backend** → **Submit Guess**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #7: Use fetch on the backend REST API to submit a guess

### Approach: Fetch, Await/Async, REST API, String Query

Setup a method that uses the backend to submit guesses to an existing game.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: controllers.js → get the user's guess from HTML
- Step 2: game.js → requests to backend to submit guess and handle the result
- Step 3: views.js → Function that adds a clue to the game view's clue list
- Step 4: controllers.js → map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.
- **Step 5**: views.js → Refactor viewGame function to adds a controller to the submit-guess button

# Step 1 (JS): *controllers.js* $\rightarrow$ getGuess()

Define a function to get the user's guess value from HTML input.

### controllers.js

```
const getGuess = () => document.getElementById('guess-input').value;
```

# Step 2 (JS): $game.js \rightarrow submitGuess()$

Request backend to submit a guess. If successful then either display a clue or show game over message.

### game.js

```
async function submitGuess(){
  const guess = getGuess();
  const url = `http://localhost:3000/api/game/${gameID}/guess?guess=${guess}`;
  const response = await fetch(url);
  const data = await response.json();
  if (data.success){
     switch(data.guess){
        case "correct": alert("You win!"); break;
        case "gameover": alert("You lose!"); break;
        default: viewClue(data.guess, guess)
    }
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): *views.js* → viewClue()

Function that adds a clue to the game view's clue list

### views.js

```
const viewClue = function(clue, guess){
   clueList = document.getElementById('clues-list');
   clueList.innerHTML += `${guess} is ${clue}
}
```

# Step 4 (JS): *controllers.js* → Refactor: getCallbacks()

In controllers, map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
   const callbacks = {};
   callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
   callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
   callbacks['join-game-button'] = joinGameMenu;
   callbacks['find-game-button'] = findGame;
   callbacks['submit-guess-button'] = submitGuess;
   return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 5 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: viewGame()

Refactor viewGame function so that it adds a controller to the submit-guess button

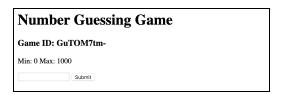
### views.js

# 'Assess' $\rightarrow$ Test phase

Open index.html & join that existing game using the same game id. It should display game view



Enter the Game ID of an existing game.
Then click 'Join' button



Game View shows data

Note: Game ID varies each time

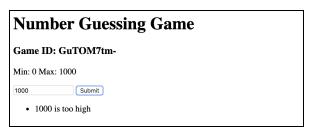
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# Test: Submit Guess "Too Low"

Submit a guess: 0

# Test: Submit Guess "Too High"

Submit a guess: 1000



# **Test: Submit Guess "Correct"**

Submit a guess: Number

Note: Use the console log from server



# **Test: Submit Guess "Gameover"**

Submit a guess: Any Number

Note: Must test this condition after a win



# **Iteration 8: Display** → **Game Over**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #8: Display Over message in the HTML view

### **Approach:** JavaScript EventListeners, DOM manipulation

Define a gameOverMenu function to display game over in the HTML view.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- **Step 1**: views.js → function that overwrites HTML view with Game Over
- Step 2: game.js → Refactor submitGuess function to use the gameOverMenu function
- Step 3: views.js → Refactor viewGame function to use the gameOverMenu function

# Step 1 (JS): views.js → gameOverMenu()

Define 'gameOverMenu' method to render HTML into the view

### views.js

# Step 2 (JS): game.js → Refactor: submitGuess()

Refactor submitGuess function to use the gameOverMenu function instead of alerts.

### game.js

```
async function submitGuess(){
   const guess = getGuess();
   const url = `http://localhost:3000/api/game/${gameID}/guess?guess=${guess}`;
   const response = await fetch(url);
   const data = await response.json();
   if (data.success){
        switch(data.guess){
        case "correct":
        case "gameOverMenu("You win!");
        break;
        default: viewClue(data.guess, guess)
    }
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): view.js → Refactor: viewGame()

Refactor viewGame function to invoke the gameOverMenu if the gameover variable is true

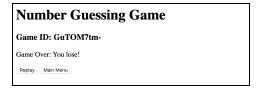
### views.js

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open index.html & join that existing game using the same game id. It should display game view



Enter the Game ID of an existing game.
Then click 'Join' button



Game Over since number guessed Note: Game ID varies each time

# **Iteration 9: Fetch Backend** → **Reset Game**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #9: Use fetch on the backend REST API to reset a game

### Approach: Fetch, Await/Async, REST API, String Query

Setup a function that requests the backend to reset a game.

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: game.js → requests to backend to reset game and then update game view
- Step 2: controllers.js → map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.
- Step 3: views.js → Refactor gameOver function to adds a controller to the reset-game button

# Step 1 (JS): game.js → Refactor: resetGame()

Requests to backend to reset game and then update game view

### game.js

```
async function resetGame(){
  const url = `http://localhost:3000/api/game/${gameID}/reset`;
  const response = await fetch(url);
  await response.json().then( viewGame );
}
```

# Step 2 (JS): controllers.js → Refactor: getCallbacks()

map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
  callbacks['join-game-button'] = joinGameMenu;
  callbacks['find-game-button'] = findGame;
  callbacks['submit-guess-button'] = submitGuess;
  callbacks['reset-game-button'] = resetGame;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 3 (JS): views.js → Refactor: gameOverMenu()

Refactor gameOver function to adds a controller to the reset-game button

### views.js

# 'Assess' → Test phase

Open index.html & join that existing game using the same game id. It should display game view

# Number Guessing Game Game ID: Gutom7tm Join

Enter the Game ID of an existing game.

Then click 'Join' button

<b>Number Guessing Game</b>			
Game ID: GuTOM7tm-			
Game Over: You lose!			
Replay Main Menu			

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Game Over since number guessed
Note: Game ID varies each time

# **Test: Reset Game**

Click the Replay button



Game should then return to Game View with a reset game.

# **Iteration 10: Quit Game**

# 'Approach' → Plan phase

Goal #10: Quit game and go back to Main Menu

### **Approach:** JavaScript EventListeners, DOM manipulation

Define a controller that overwrites the Game Over view with the Main Menu view

# 'Apply' $\rightarrow$ Do phase

# **JavaScript Steps**

- Step 1: controllers.js → map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs.
- Step 2: views.js → Refactor gameOver function to adds a controller to the quit-game button

# Step 1 (JS): *controllers.js* → Refactor: getCallbacks()

map new callbacks to the new corresponding button IDs

### controllers.js

```
const getCallbacks = function(){
  const callbacks = {};
  callbacks['new-game-button'] = newGameMenu;
  callbacks['start-game-button'] = startGame;
  callbacks['join-game-button'] = joinGameMenu;
  callbacks['find-game-button'] = findGame;
  callbacks['submit-guess-button'] = submitGuess;
  callbacks['reset-game-button'] = resetGame;
  callbacks['quit-game-button'] = mainMenu;
  return callbacks;
}
```

# Step 2 (JS): *views.js* → Refactor: gameOverMenu()

Refactor gameOver function to adds a controller to the guit-game button

### views.js

# 'Assess' $\rightarrow$ Test phase

Open index.html & join that existing game using the same game id. It should display game view

<b>Number Guessing Game</b>							
Game ID: GuTOM7tm-	Join						

Enter the Game ID of an existing game.

Then click 'Join' button

Number Guessing Game				
Game ID: GuTOM7tm-				
Min: 0 Max: 1000				
Submit				

Game View shows data

Note: Game ID varies each time

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### **Test: Win Game**

Play the game until you get the number



# **Test: Quit Game**

From game over menu select 'Main Menu'



# **Conclusions**

### **Final Comments**

In this lab you implemented a frontend REST client for a Multiplayer Number Guessing Game. This lab covered: async/await fetches, DOM manipulations, HTTP JSON responses,

# **Future Improvements**

- Style the frontend app
- Add Usernames for a game and show name & win record as a scoreboard
- Synchronize users together and display who is playing (via. web sockets)
- Store the games in a database
- Deploy into production on heroku

### **Lab Submission**

Compress your project folder into a zip file and submit on Moodle.