

Multitier architectures and the Web

My implementation consists of a Node.JS backend and a single-page JavaScript app. I'm not part of a group, I made the project alone. I used separate forms for the basic calculator and for the plot.

I used nodejs-plotter (uses gnuplot) for generating the serverside plot. The clientside plot is implemented by simply drawing on a canvas. For approximating the datapoints for $\sin(x)$ plot, I used Bhaskara I's sine approximation formula from:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhaskara_I%27s_sine_approximation_formula

There are still couple of optimizations that could be made, but I felt that they wouldn't fit the scope of this exercise, so they have not been implemented:

- The cache implementation could be improved by using an object instead of an array when doing the cache lookups. This would make them $O(1)$ operations instead of $O(n)$.
- Http request sequences are currently synchronous. These could be replaced with asynchronous requests to avoid blocking the main thread.

The source code can also be found from GitHub: <https://github.com/jametsi/DSP-EX3>

The steps 1-3 are in their own branches, so they can be tested separately. The master branch is the final version of the application. Deployed version of the app can be accessed via:

<http://temp.plop.fi:8080>

