

Smart Contract Interaction

Your frontend can interact with different blockchains using the built-in BOS API. Let's see how to create an application that reads and stores a greeting from a NEAR smart contract.

View of our Hello Near app when the user is logged-in

info Check the finished example at [near.social code page](#).

The Contract

We have deployed aHello World smart contract in the NEAR network at `hello.near-examples.near`. The contract exposes two methods:

- `set_greeting(greeting: string): void`
• , which accepts a greeting and stores it in the contract state.
- `get_greeting(): string`
• which returns the stored greeting.

Retrieving the Greeting

Since we want to interact with the NEAR network, we will use the `Near` object from the BOS API.

```
const contract =
"hello.near-examples.near" ; const greeting =
Near . view ( contract ,
"get_greeting" ,
{ } ) ;
return
< div
    { greeting }
World < / div
; Assuming the contract is storing "Hello" , this will render a simple:
Hello World
```

Changing the Greeting

To modify the greeting, we simply need to use `Near.call` to call the `set_greeting` method. This however, requires us to have a frontend in which the user can input the new greeting.

Lets create it in two steps:

1. Build the HTML that will be rendered
2. Add the logic to handle the function call

1. HTML Components

Use the following code to create a simple frontend, composed by a title, an input form to change the greeting, and a button to submit the change.

```
const contract =
"hello.near-examples.near" ; const greeting =
Near . view ( contract ,
"get_greeting" ,
{ } ) ;
```

```
// Define components const greetingForm =
( <
  < div className = "border border-black p-3"
    < label
      Update greeting < / label
    < input placeholder = "Howdy" onChange = { onInputChange }
  /
  < button className = "btn btn-primary mt-2" onClick = { onBtnClick }
    Save < / button
  < / div
  < /
);
const notLoggedInWarning =
< p
  Login to change the greeting < / p
  ;
// Render return
( <
  < div className = "container border border-info p-3"
    < h3 className = "text-center"
      The contract says : < span className = "text-decoration-underline"
        { greeting }
      < / span
    < / h3
  < p className = "text-center py-2"
    Look at that !
  A greeting stored on the NEAR blockchain . < / p
  { context . accountId
    ? greetingForm : notLoggedInWarning } < / div
  < /
  ) ; Relevant HTML There are two important things to notice in the code above:
```

1. onChange & onClick
2. : We have prepared our
3. and
4. to act when something happens. Particularly, we will build two methods: one when the input changes, and one when the button is pressed.
5. context.accountId
6. : We check if context.accountId
7. is set, which tells us if the user has logged in using their NEAR account, and thus can interact with NEAR contracts.

2. Handling User's Input

Having our component's view ready, we now need to define the logic for when the user inputs a new greeting and presses the `Submit` button. This is, we need to define the `onInputChange` and `onBtnClick` methods.

onInputChange

When the user inputs a new greeting, we want to store it somewhere until the `Submit` button is pressed, for this, we can use the [application's State](#).

In BOS, the state is initialized through `State.init`, updated with `State.update`, and accessed through the `state` variable (notice the lowercase). Lets store the new greeting in the App's state:

```
State . init ( {  
  new_greeting :  
    ""  
} ) ;  
  
const  
onInputChange  
=  
( { target } )  
=>  
{ State . update ( {  
  new_greeting : target . value  
} ) ; } ;
```

onBtnClick

The only thing left to do, is to handle when the user clicks the `Submit` button. What we want is to check if the user changed the greeting, and submit it to the contract.

```
const  
onBtnClick  
=  
( )  
=>  
{ if  
  ( ! state . new_greeting )  
  { return ; }  
  
  Near . call ( contract ,  
    "set_greeting" ,  
    { greeting : state . new_greeting , } ) ; } ;
```

Complete Example

We have deployed a complete version of this example on the NEAR blockchain, so you can see its code and play with it.

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