Frontend

Software Engineering - Lab

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Demo Vue Frontend - https://easy-lib.onrender.com/EasyLibApp or https://unitn-software-engineering.github.io/EasyLibApp/

HTML

The standard markup language for Web pages https://www.w3schools.com/html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                        <!-- HTML5 document -->
<html>
                                        <!-- Root element -->
 <head></head>
                                        <!-- Meta information about the page -->
                                        <!-- Visible content -->
 <body>
   <h1>EasyLib</h1>
                                       <!-- Heading -->
   Here is the list of books.
<!-- Paragraph -->
                                     <!-- List -->
   <
                                       <!-- List element -->
       <a href="./api/v1/books/1">Book 1</a> <!-- Hyperlink, the `href` attribute -->
     </body>
</html>
```

TODO: Now add a *subtitle*, make 'books' **bold**, and modify the list into a .

Styling with CSS

The language we use to style an HTML document https://www.w3schools.com/css

```
<!-- Internal CSS -->
<head>
  <style>
    bodv {
                                                  /* Element Selector */
      background-color: lightblue;
    .borded {
                                                  /* Class Selector */
      border: 1px solid red;
     text-align: center;
                                                  /* Pseudo-classes Selector */
    a:hover {
      padding-top: 50px;
 </style>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="mystyle.css"> <!-- External CSS -->
</head>
<body>
 <h1 style="color:red">EasyLib</h1>
                                                  <!-- Inline CSS: The `style` attribute -->
  <div class="borded">
                                                  <!-- The `class` attribute -->
    Box with 1px border
                                                  <!-- The `div` container element -->
 </div>
```

TODO: Make the div a square and center it in the page, align text in the center.

Responsive Design 1/2 - The Viewport and Media Queries

Responsive web design makes your web page look good on all devices.

https://www.w3schools.com/css/css_rwd_intro.asp

HTML5 introduced a method to let web designers take control over the viewport.

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
```

Media query is a CSS technique introduced in CSS3. It uses the @media rule to include a block of CSS properties only if a certain condition is true.

```
@media only screen and (max-width: 600px) {
  body {
   background-color: lightblue;
  height: 100vh;
  }
}
```

Responsive Design 2/2 - CSS Flexbox

Before the Flexbox Layout module, there were four layout modes: (i) **Block**, for sections in a webpage; (ii) **Inline**, for text; (iii) **Table**, for two-dimensional table data; (iv) **Positioned**, for explicit position of an element. The **Flexible Box Layout Module**, makes it easier to design flexible responsive layout structure without using float or positioning. https://www.w3schools.com/css/css3_flexbox.asp

```
<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;">
    <div style="padding: 5rem">Item 1</div>
    <div style="padding: 5rem">Item 2</div>
    </div>
```

TODO: Make a 1-column layout when on small screen, otherwise make it 2-columns.

Styling Frameworks

tailwindcss.com

A utility-first CSS framework packed with classes like flex, pt-4, text-center and rotate-90 that can be composed to build any design, directly in your markup.

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <script src="https://cdn.tailwindcss.com"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1 class="text-3xl font-bold hover:text-red-500 underline p-2 mx-auto">
    Hello world!
  </h1>
</body>
</html>
```

TODO: Set h1 background color to black, make it larger as text, and text to white.

daisyUI A component library for Tailwind CSS

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
    <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/daisyui@4.12.14/dist/full.min.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
    <script src="https://cdn.tailwindcss.com"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div class="navbar bg-base-100">
        <a class="btn btn-qhost text-xl">daisyUI Navbar</a>
    </div>
    <div class="collapse bg-base-200">
        <input type="checkbox" />
        <div class="collapse-title text-xl font-medium">Click me to show/hide content</div>
        <div class="collapse-content">
            I'm a daisyUI Collapse element
        </div>
    </div>
    <br/>br/>
    <footer class="footer footer-center bg-base-300 text-base-content p-4">
        <aside>
            Copyright © 2024 - daisyUI Footer
        </aside>
    </footer>
  </body>
</html>
```

TODO: Add a DaisyUI dropdown menu to the navbar!

Fronte Responsive Design with tailwindcss

https://tailwindcss.com/docs/responsive-design

```
<!doctype html>
      <html>
      <head>
          <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
          <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/daisyui@4.12.14/dist/full.min.css"</pre>
             rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
          <script src="https://cdn.tailwindcss.com"></script>
      </head>
      <body>
          <div class="flex flex-row flex-wrap">
              <!-- Width of 16 by default, 32 on medium screens, and 48 on large screens -->
              <div class="w-full md:w-1/2 lg:w-1/3 bg-red-500 p-2">
                   Book 1
              </div>
              <div class="w-full md:w-1/2 lg:w-1/3 bg-blue-500 p-2">
                   Book 2
              </div>
              <div class="w-full md:w-1/2 lg:w-1/3 bg-green-500 p-2">
                   Book 3
              </div>
              <div class="w-full md:w-1/2 lg:w-1/3 bg-yellow-500 p-2">
                   Book 4
              </div>
            </div>
      </body>
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```

Frontend

...Now that we have basic HTML structure and CSS styling, let's move on to the next step: adding interactivity to our web page.

JavaScript in an HTML document

```
<!-- External script reference (in <head> or <body>) -->
<script src="myScript.js"></script>

<!-- The <script> tag (in <head> or <body>) -->
<script>
        console.log( "Hello World" );
</script>
```

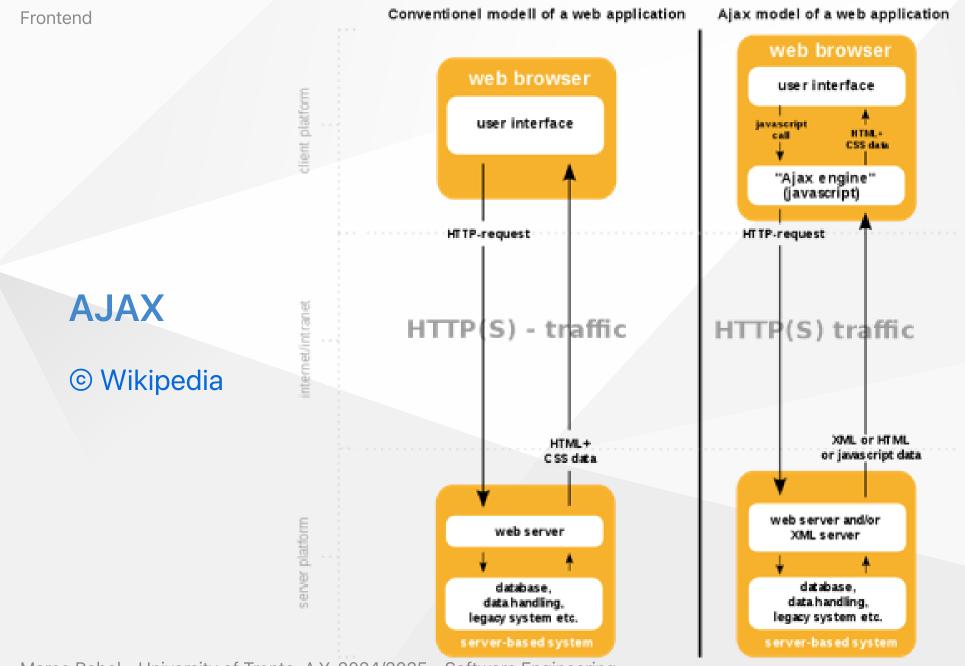
TODO: Try this, then modify the script to save "hello" to document.hello, finally check its value from within the browser console!

AJAX and XMLHttpRequest

Back in 1999, AJAX made possible to: (i) **Read data from a web server** - after the page has loaded; (ii) **Update a web page** without reloading the page; (iii) **Send data to a web server** - in the background.

https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_ajax_intro.asp

Today, with fetch API, there is no need for XMLHttpRequest anymore.



JavaScript HTML DOM

The HTML DOM is a standard object model and programming interface for HTML. It defines: The HTML elements as objects; The properties of all HTML elements; The methods to access all HTML elements; The events for all HTML elements.

In other words: The HTML DOM is a standard for how to get, change, add, or delete HTML elements. https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom.asp

```
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML
document.getElementById("image").src
document.createElement("div")
document.removeChild(element)
document.appendChild(element)

// The easiest way to get the content of an element
// The attribute of an HTML element
// Create an HTML element
// Remove an HTML element
// Add an HTML element
```

TODO: Read the content of an HTML element, then modify its innerHTML!

JavaScript fetch() API

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch_API

```
// GET
fetch('../api/v1/books')
.then( resp => resp.json() )
.then( console.log )
.catch( error => console.error(error.message) );
// POST
const response = await fetch("../api/v1/books", {
    method: "POST",
    body: JSON.stringify({ title: "Learning fetch() API" }),
    headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
});
if ( ! response.ok )
    console.log( response.status )
else
    console.log( await response.json() )
```

TODO: Now, try access the APIs from your project backend!

Because the html page loaded in the browser (e.g. file://index.html) resolves to a different url with respect to our APIs backend (e.g. http://localhost:3000), we won't be able to make asynchronous requests from within the browser, because of the CORS policy!

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing policy

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) is an HTTP-header based mechanism that allows a server to indicate any origins (domain, scheme, or port) other than its own from which a browser should permit loading resources.

npm install cors https://expressjs.com/en/resources/middleware/cors.html

```
const cors = require('cors')
app_use(cors())
```

More datails on CORS in Express.js

CORS also relies on a mechanism by which browsers make a "preflight" request, in order to check that the server hosting the cross-origin resource will permit the actual request. https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Preflight_request

EasyLib basic frontend

EasyLib basic WebApp is composed by an html file \static\index.html and some javascript code in \static\script.js , where data are fetched from the WebService and used to updated the page accordingly. This is the minumum requirement for the project! Source code at https://github.com/unitn-software-engineering/EasyLib.

TODO: Let's run the server or visit https://easy-lib.onrender.com and check out the network connections happening in the backgroung (using the browser console) while playing with the frontend!

EasyLib basic frontend - HTML 1/1

EasyLib\static\index.html

```
<h1>EasyLib</h1>
<form action="api/v1/students" method="post" name="loginform" id="loginform">
  <span>Logged User:</span> <span id="loggedUser"></span>
  <input name="email" value="mario.rossi@unitn.com" id="loginEmail"/>
  <input name="email" value="123" id="loginPassword"/>
  <button type="button" onclick="login()">LogIn/button>
</form>
<h2>Books:</h2> 
<h2>Insert new book:</h2>
<form action="api/v1/books" method="post" name="bookform" id="bookform">
  <input name="title" value="title" id="bookTitle"/>
  <button type="button" onclick="insertBook()">Insert new book</button>
</form>
<script src="script.js"></script>
```

EasyLib basic frontend - Javascript 1/2

EasyLib\static\script.js

```
var loggedUser = {} // This variable stores the logged in user
//This function is called when login button is pressed.
function login() { ... }
// This function refresh the list of books
function loadBooks() { ... }
loadBooks();
// This function is called by the Take button beside each book.
function takeBook(bookUrl) { ... }
// This function refresh the list of bookLendings.
function loadLendings() { ... }
// This function is called by clicking on the "insert book" button.
function insertBook() { ...}
```

Fronte EasyLib basic frontend - Javascript 2/2

EasyLib\static\script.js function login()

```
function login() {
       var email = document.getElementById("loginEmail").value;
       var password = document.getElementById("loginPassword").value;
       fetch('../api/v1/authentications', {
         method: 'POST',
         headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
         body: JSON.stringify( { email: email, password: password } ),
       }).then((resp) => resp.json()) // Transform the data into json
       then(function(data) { // Here you get the data to modify as you please
         loggedUser.token = data.token;
         loggedUser.email = data.email;
         loggedUser.id = data.id;
         loggedUser.self = data.self;
         document.getElementById("loggedUser").innerHTML = loggedUser.email;
         loadLendings();
         return;
       }).catch( error => console.error(error) );
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```

Declarative UI Components

Front-end Frameworks

Vue.js

Vue (pronounced /vjuː/, like view) is a JavaScript framework for building user interfaces. It builds on top of standard HTML, CSS and JavaScript, and provides a declarative and component-based programming model that helps you efficiently develop user interfaces, be it simple or complex.

https://vuejs.org/

Using Vue ES Module Build from CDN (Without Build Tools)

https://vuejs.org/guide/quick-start.html (other quick-start alternatives)

```
<div id="app">
    <h1>{{ message }}</h1>
    <button @click="count++"> Count is: {{ count }} </button>
</div>
<script type="module">
    import { createApp, ref } from 'https://unpkg.com/vue@3/dist/vue.esm-browser.js'
    createApp({
                                                 // will later replace setup()
        setup() {
                                                 // with the <script setup> syntax
            const message = ref('Hello Vue!');
            const count = ref(0);
            return { message, count };
    }).mount('#app')
</script>
```

TODO: Try this in your html file!

Declarative Rendering: Vue extends standard HTML with a template syntax that allows us to declaratively describe HTML output based on JavaScript state.

```
<div id="app">
     <button @click="count++"> Count is: {{ count }} </button>
     </div>
```

Reactivity: Vue automatically tracks JavaScript state changes and efficiently updates the DOM when changes happen.

```
import { ref } from 'vue'
const count = ref(0);
```

Vue 3 API Styles

Vue components can be authored in two different API styles: Options API and Composition API - https://vuejs.org/guide/introduction.html#api-styles

With Options API, we define a component's logic using an object of options.

```
<script>
export default {
  data() { return { count: 0 } },
  methods: {} ...
```

With Composition API, we define a component's logic using imported API functions.

```
<script setup>
import { ref, onMounted } from 'vue'
const count = reactive( { value: 0 } ) // deep reactive state; It only works for object types.
const count = ref(0) // reactive "refs"
function increment() { count.value++ } ...
```

The core feature of Vue is declarative rendering

Using a template syntax that extends HTML, we can describe how the HTML should look based on JavaScript state. When the state changes, the HTML updates automatically!

Attribute Bindings

In Vue, mustaches are only used for text interpolation. To bind an attribute to a dynamic value, we use the v-bind: directive (or short-hand:).

```
const titleClass = ref('text-green-500')
```

```
<h1 :class="titleClass">Make me red</h1>
```

Two-way bindings: form input elements

Using v-bind and v-on together, we can create two-way bindings.

```
const text = ref('')
function onInput(e) { // a v-on handler receives the native DOM event as argument
   text.value = e.target.value
}
```

```
<input :value="text" @input="onInput">
{{ text }}
```

TODO: Try this, what is happening? Then try the easier syntax for two-way bindings:

```
const text = ref('')
```

```
<input v-model="text" placeholder="Type here">
{{ text }}
```

Conditional Rendering (if)

We can use the v-if directive to conditionally render an element:

TODO: Try this, then add a button to toggle awesome:

```
function toggle() {
  awesome.value = ! awesome.value
}
```

```
<button @click="toggle">Toggle</button>
```

List Rendering (for loop)

We can use the v-for directive to render a list of items:

```
     <!i v-for="todo in todos" :key="todo.id">
          {{ todo.text }}
```

TODO: Try this, then add a button to delete each element.

Vue Components

So far, we've only been working with a single component. Real Vue applications are typically created with nested components. https://vuejs.org/tutorial/#step-11

```
<!-- App.vue -->
<script setup>
    import ChildComp from './ChildComp.vue'
</script>
<template>
    <ChildComp />
</template>
```

```
<!-- ChildComp.vue -->
<template>
  <h2>A Child Component!</h2>
</template>
```

TODO What are these .vue files?

Fronte Using Vue Single File Components (SFCs) (With Build Tools)

A build setup allows us to use Vue Single-File Components (SFCs). The official Vue build setup is based on Vite, a frontend build tool.

https://vuejs.org/guide/quick-start.html#with-build-tools

- npm init vue@latest This command will install and execute create-vue, the official Vue project scaffolding tool.
- npm install
- npm run dev

```
<!-- src/components/App.vue -->
<script setup> ... </script>
<template> ... </template>
<style scoped> ... </style>
```

Install VSCode Vue - Official extension

Install tailwindess and DaisyUI with npm

tailwindcss https://tailwindcss.com/docs/installation/using-postcss DaisyUI https://daisyui.com/docs/install/

- npm install -D tailwindcss postcss autoprefixer daisyui
- npx tailwindcss init -p
- Add the paths to all of your template files in your /tailwind.config.js.

• Include tailwind in your /src/assets/main.css file

```
@tailwind base; @tailwind components; @tailwind utilities;
```

• npm run dev Marco Robol - University of Trento, A.Y. 2024/2025 - Software Engineering

Props

A child component can accept input from the parent via props.

```
<!-- ChildComp.vue -->
<script setup>
    const props = defineProps({
        msg: String
    })
</script>
<template>
    <h2>{{ msg || 'No props passed yet' }}</h2>
</template>
```

Emits

In addition to receiving props, a child component can also emit events to the parent.

```
<!-- ChildComp.vue -->
<script setup>
    const emit = defineEmits(['response'])
    emit('response', 'hello from child')
</script>
<template>
    <h2>Child component</h2>
</template>
```

vuejs.org/guide/quick-start#next-steps

- Continue the Guide The guide walks you through every aspect of the framework.
- Try the Tutorial For those who prefer learning things hands-on.
- Check out the Examples Explore examples of core features and common UI tasks.

EasyLib Vue-based Frontend

Repository - https://github.com/unitn-software-engineering/EasyLibVue Deploy - https://unitn-software-engineering.github.io/EasyLibApp/

EasyLibVue\src\components\Login.vue

```
<script setup>
import { ref } from 'vue'
import { loggedUser, setLoggedUser, clearLoggedUser } from '../states/loggedUser.js'
const HOST = `http://localhost:8080`;
const email = ref('mario.rossi@unitn.com');
const password = ref('123')
function login() {
    fetch(HOST+'/api/v1'+'/authentications', {
        method: 'POST', headers: { 'Content-Type': 'application/json' },
        body: JSON.stringify( { email: email.value, password: password.value } ),
    .then((resp) => resp.json()) // Transform the data into json
    then(function(data) { setLoggedUser(data) })
};
function logout() { clearLoggedUser() }
</script>
<template>
  <form>
    <span v-if="loggedUser.token">
      Welcome <a :href="HOST+'/'+loggedUser.self">{{loggedUser.email}}</a>
      <button type="button" @click="logout">LogOut</button>
    </span>
    <span v-if="!loggedUser.token">
      <input name="email" v-model="email" />
      <input name="password" v-model="password" />
      <button type="button" @click="login">LogIn</button>
    </span>
  </form>
</template>
```

EasyLibVue\src\states\loggedUser.js

https://vuejs.org/guide/scaling-up/state-management.html#simple-state-management-with-reactivity-api

```
import { reactive } from 'vue'
const loggedUser = reactive({
    token: undefined, email: undefined,
    id: undefined, self: undefined
})
function setLoggedUser (data) {
    loggedUser.token = data.token; loggedUser.email = data.email;
    loggedUser.id = data.id; loggedUser.self = data.self;
function clearLoggedUser () {
    loggedUser.token = undefined; loggedUser.email = undefined;
    loggedUser.id = undefined; loggedUser.self = undefined;
export { loggedUser, setLoggedUser, clearLoggedUser }
```

EasyLibVue\src\router\index.js

```
import HomeView from '../views/HomeView.vue'
routes: [
   path: '/',
   name: 'home',
    component: HomeView
    path: '/books',
    name: 'books',
    // route level code-splitting
   // this generates a separate chunk (About.[hash].js) for this route
    // which is lazy-loaded when the route is visited.
    component: () => import('../views/BooksView.vue')
  },
    path: '/booklendings',
    name: 'booklendings',
    component: () => import('../views/BooklendingsView.vue')
```

EasyLibVue\src\views\BooklendingsView.vue

```
<script setup>
import BooklendingsTable from '@/components/BooklendingsTable.vue'
</script>
<template>
  <div>
    <h1>Booklendings:</h1>
      <BooklendingsTable />
  </div>
</template>
<style>
</style>
```

EasyLibVue\src\components\BooklendingsTable.vue

```
<script setup>
import { loggedUser } from '../states/loggedUser.js'
import { books, fetchBooks, createBook, deleteBook } from '../states/books.is'
const HOST = `http://localhost:8080`; const API URL = HOST+`/api/v1`;
const booklendings = ref([])
onMounted( () => { fetchBooks(); fetchData(); })
watch(loggedUser, (_loggedUser, _prevLoggedUser) => { fetchBooks(); fetchData(); })
async function fetchData() {
 if (!loggedUser.token) { booklendings.value = []; return; }
 const url = API URL+'/booklendings?studentId=' + loggedUser.id + '&token=' + loggedUser.token
 booklendings.value = await (await fetch(url)).json()
async function deleteLending(lending) {...};
</script>
<template>
  <span v-if="loggedUser.token"> Here are you booklendings, {{loggedUser.email}}: </span>
 <span v-if="!loggedUser.token" style="color: red"> 'Please login to visualize booklendings!' </span>
 <111>
   <a :href="HOST+lending.book">{{ ( books.value.find(b=>b.self==lending.book) || {title: 'unknown'} ).title}}</a> -
     <button @click="deleteLending(lending)">RETURN {{lending.self}}</button>
   </template>
```

Questions?

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Back up slides

Vue.js additional pointers

Tutorialon how to consume REST WebService from a Vue.js application:

https://bezkoder.com/vue-js-crud-app/

Tutorial on the stack Vue.js + Node.js + Express + MongoDB: https://bezkoder.com/vue-node-express-mongodb-mevn-crud/

JWT authentication: https://bezkoder.com/jwt-vue-vuex-authentication/

Build and serve Vue app from our backend

When ready to ship app to production, run the following: npm run build. This generates minified html+javascript frontend in .\dist folder. We can then serve the frontend on a dedicated server or on our API server.

```
// Serving frontend files from process.env.FRONTEND
app.use('/', express.static(process.env.FRONTEND || 'static'));
// If request not handled, try in ./static
app.use('/', express.static('static'));
// If request not handled, try with next middlewares ...
```

EasyLib\app\app.js

```
# Path to external frontend - If not provided, basic frontend in static/index.html is used
FRONTEND='../EasyLibVue/dist'
```

EasyLib\.env

Serving over HTTP using ES modules syntax

```
<script type="importmap">
    "imports": {
      "vue": "https://unpkg.com/vue@3/dist/vue.esm-browser.js"
</script>
<div id="app">{{ message }}</div>
<script type="module">
  import { createApp } from 'vue'
  createApp({
    data() {
      return {
        message: 'Hello Vue!'
  }).mount('#app')
</script>
```

Vuetify - Material Design Framework

Vue UI Library with beautifully handcrafted Material Components. No design skills required - everything you need to create amazing applications is at your fingertips. https://vuetifyjs.com/en/

Google Authentication

VS.

Stateless Authentication for RESTful APIs

Using **Passport** to *Sign In With Google* and **JWT** to sign and verify token and allows for stateless

Cookies vs. localStorage and sessionStorage

Rispetto ai cookies, gli oggetti web storage non vengono inviati al server con ogni richiesta - https://it.javascript.info/localstorage

```
localStorage.setItem('test', 1);
alert( localStorage.getItem('test') ); // 1
```