Software Construction and User Interface (SE/ComS 319)

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EVENT-DRIVEN PROGRAMMING

Outline

- Event-Driven Programming (EDP):
 - Concepts
 - Event handling
 - Event-driven architecture
 - Asynchronous programming, etc.
 - Web UI and EDP with JavaScript (Node.js)
 - GUI and EDP with JavaFX

Event-Driven programming (1)

- A programming paradigm in which the flow of the program is determined by events such as:
 - User actions (mouse clicks, key presses)
 - Sensor outputs (mostly in embedded systems)
 - Messages from other programs/threads (device drivers)

Event-Driven programming (2)

- Event-driven programming
 - ... is the dominant paradigm used in graphical user interfaces and other applications
 - e.g. JavaScript web applications: performing actions in response to user input.
 - ... is used in Human-computer interaction (HCI)

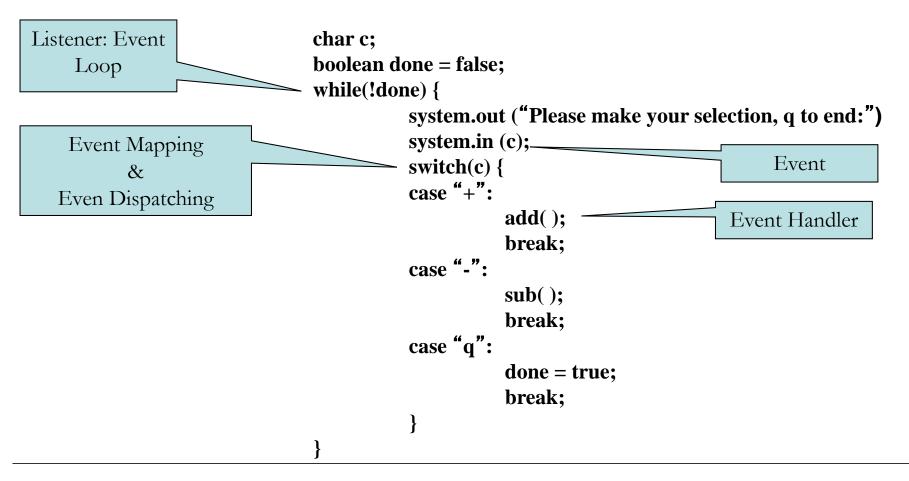
Human-computer interaction (HCI)

- HCI: Interactive computing systems for human use
 - CLI: command line interface (with keyboard)
 - GUI: graphical user interface (mouse)
 - NUI: natural user interface with Audio/Video (Kinect)
- A main HCI Component: Interaction
 - User interaction
 - Event
 - Event Handling
 - Output
- A GOOD GUI allows users to perform interactive tasks easily:
 - What you see is what you get

Event-Driven programming (2)

- Application waits (idles) after initialization until the user generates an event trough an input device (keyboard, mouse, ...).
- The OS dispatches the event to the application who owns the active window.
- The corresponding event handler(s) of the application is invoked to process the event.

Event-Driven programming (2)



Event-Driven programming (4)

- 1. Event generators: GUI components (e.g. buttons, menus, ...)
- 2. Events/Messages: e.g. MouseClick, ...
- 3. Event loop (Listener): an infinite loop constantly waits for events.
- Event mapping / Event registration: inform event dispatcher which event an event hander is for.
- 5. Event dispatcher: dispatch events to the corresponding event handlers.
- Event handlers: methods for processing events. E.g.
 OnMouseClick(), ...

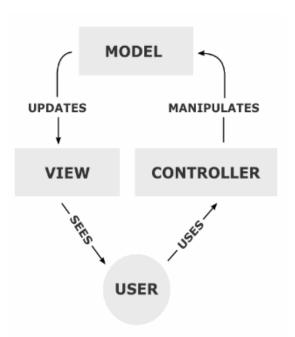
Event-driven programming (5)

- Concepts
- Event-driven programming with
 - JavaScript (Node.js)
 - JavaFX (Java)

EVENT-DRIVEN PROGRAMMING WEB USER INTERFACES

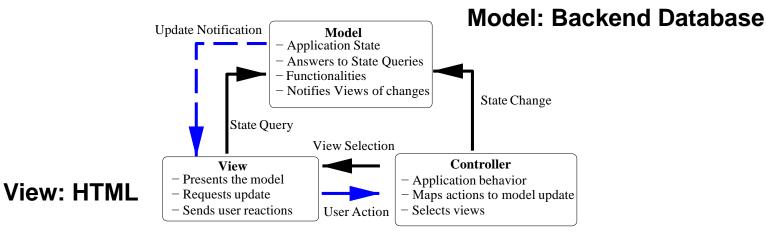
Event-Driven Programming – Web UI

- MVC (Model View Controller) in Web UI:
 - View: Browser presentation (HTML)
 - Model: Data (Backend Database or (simple) embedded)
 - Controller:
 - Client scripts/programs, e.g. JavaScript
 - Server scripts/programs, e.g. Node.js



MVC

Model-View-Controller architecture:



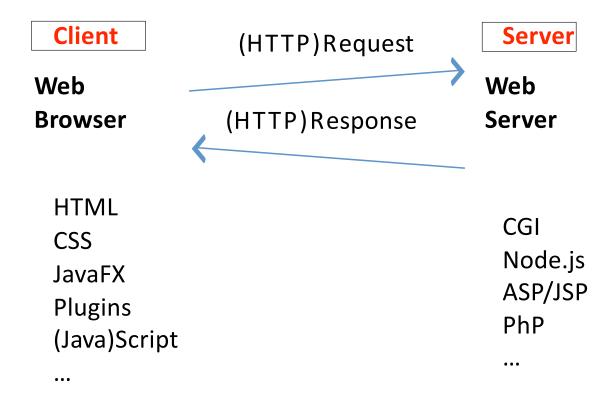
- Advantages:
 - Loosely coupled, modular
 - Model with different views
 - Controller decides when/how to update the model and/or the view
 - Model can change the view

Controller: JavaScript, Node.js code

Client/Server programming

- Use client-side programming for
 - Validating user input
 - Prompting users for confirmation, presenting quick information
 - Calculations on the client side
 - Preparing user-oriented presentation
 - Any function that does not require server-side information
- Use server-side programming for
 - Maintaining data across sessions, clients, applications

Web software: Client/Server (1)

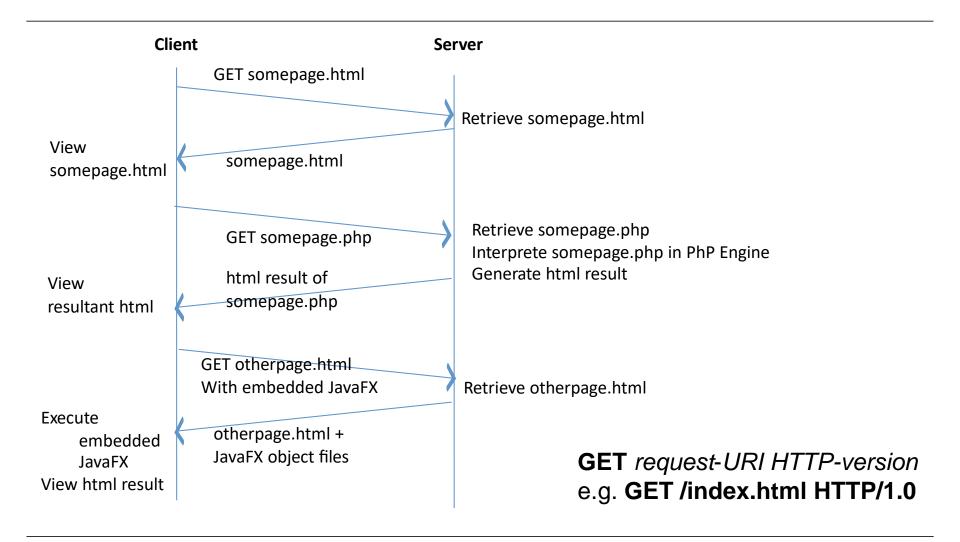


HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol): HTTP is a client-server application-level protocol. It typically runs over a TCP/IP connection.

Web software: Client/Server (2)

- Web-client and Web-server communicates using HTTP protocol
 - Client can send a HTTP request: method "get" or "post"
 - Server can read a HTTP request and produce HTTP response
- Server side programs should be capable of reading HTTP request and producing HTTP response

Web software: Client/Server (3)



Common Gateway Interface (CGI) - Classic method

- Standard for the server to communicate with external applications
- Server receives a client (Http) request to access a CGI program
- Server creates a new process to execute the program
- Server passes client request data to the program
- Program executes, terminates, produces data (HTML page)
- Server sends back (Http response) the HTML page with result to the client

HTML – Example

```
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
<form action="<some-server side cgi program>" method="post">
First Name: <input type="text" name="fname"/>
Last Name: <input type="text" name="lname"/>
<input type="submit" value="Submit"/>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

 Once the user clicks the submit button, the data provided in the form fields are "submitted" to the server where it is processed by a CGI program!

HTTP Request/Response Message

- Message Header
 - Who is the requester/responder
 - Time of request/response
 - Protocol used ...
- Message Body
 - Actual message being exchanged

HTTP Request

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1

Host: http://www.se.iastate.edu
Accept-Language: en
User-Agent: Mozilla/8.0

Query-String: ...
```

HTTP Response

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

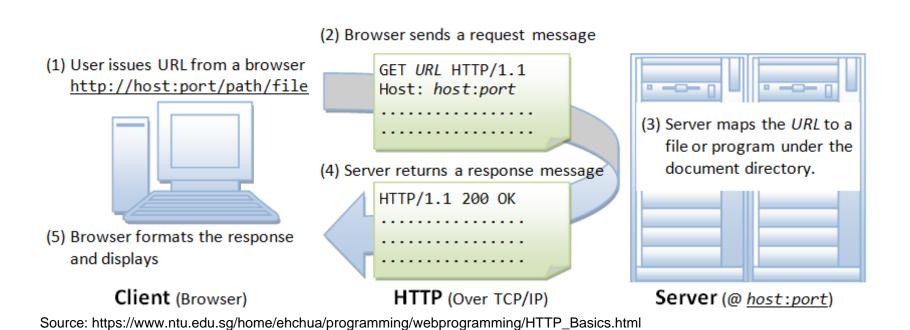
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 16:00:00 GMT

Server: Apache

Content-Type: text/html

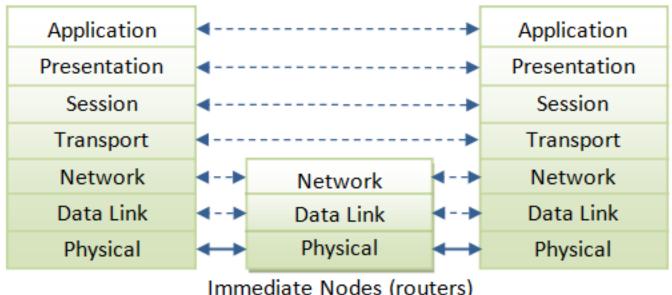
- Response Codes:
 - 200s: good request/response
 - 300s: redirection as the requested resource is not available
 - 400s: bad request leading to failure to respond
 - 500s: server failure

Web software: Client/Server



- GET: The GET method is used to retrieve information from the given server using a given URI.
 - Requests using GET should only retrieve data and should have no other effect on the data.

Client/Server: HTTP over TCP/IP



HTTP SSL TCP IΡ IEEE 802.11x

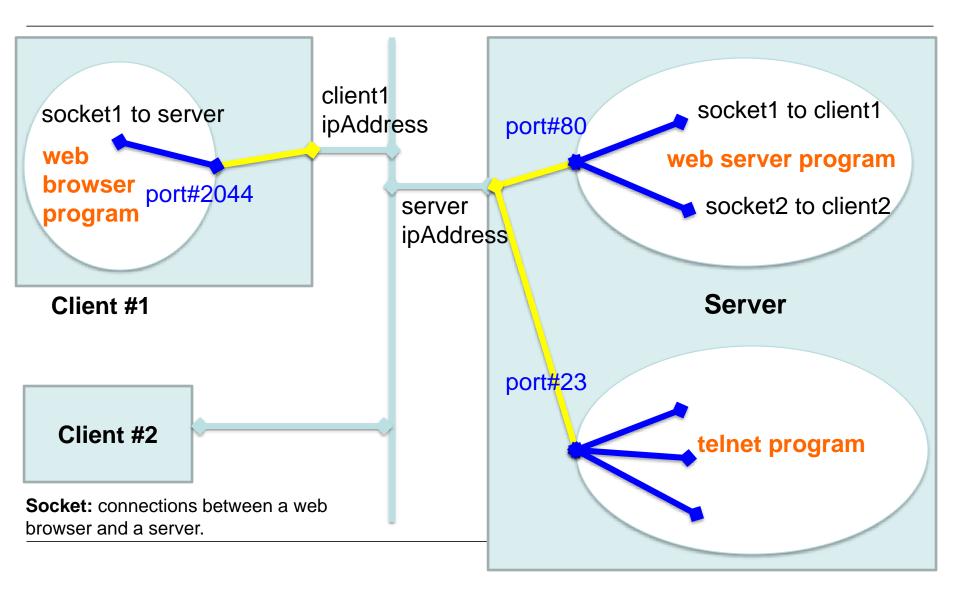
Immediate Nodes (routers)

HTTP over TCP/IP

ISO OSI 7-layer network

Source: https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/webprogramming/HTTP_Basics.html

Web software: Client/Server – Connections



Client-Side Dynamics (1)

- HTML + Javascript
- Html elements: forms
- Html style elements: fonts, headings, breaks
- CSS: uniformly manipulate styles
- JavaScript:
 - manipulate styles (CSS)
 - manipulate html elements
 - validate user data
 - communicate with the server-side programs
- In HTML: <input id="clkb" type="button" value="click" onclick="clkF()"/>
- In Javascript file: function clkf() { alert("Hello"); }

Client-Side Dynamics (2)

- Html elements: View
- CSS: Model
- Javascript: Controller
- CSS: A simple mechanism for adding style to Web documents.
 - Look & feel of Webpages
 - Layouts, fonts, text, image size, location
 - Objective: Uniform update
- Javascript as a client side event-driven programming
 - Client-side computations
 - Form validation + warnings
 - Dynamic views

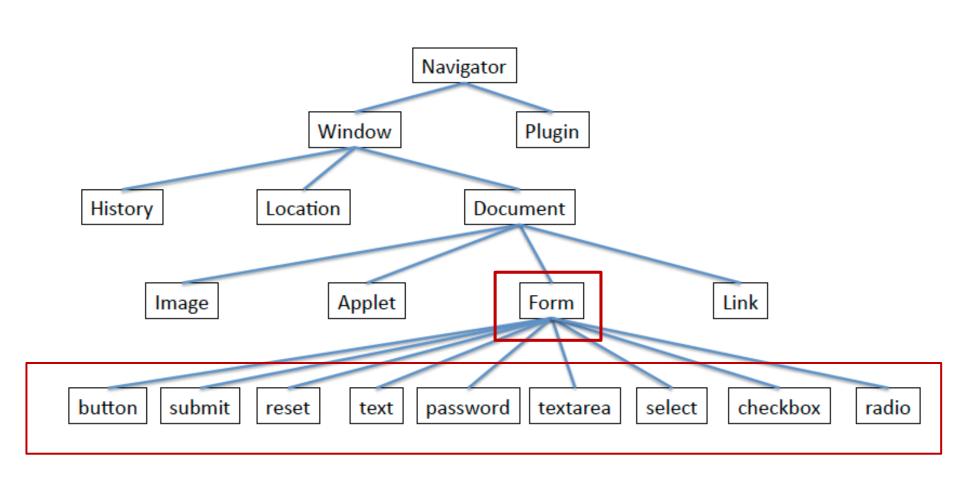
How to add JavaScript to html file?

- Include in html file:
 - <script> your javascript code goes in here</script>
- Can also include from a separate file:
 - <script src="./01_example.js"></script>
- Can include from a remote web site:
 - <script src="http://.../a.js"></script>

JavaScript Event Handler – Example

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
  function test (message) {
     alert(message);
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                                 ↑ JavaScript - onclick Event × 💠
                                    C ↑ image-onclick.html
                                                         </script>
                                                            ×
                                     Javascript Alert
</head>
                                      clicked!
                                                          OK
<body>
  <img src="logo.gif"</pre>
     onclick="test('clicked!')" />
</body>
                                       Using onclick, we attach event
</html>
                                       handlers.
```

JavaScript accessibility hierarchy



NODE.JS

Event-driven programming – Node.js

- Open-source, cross-platform JavaScript run-time environment that executes JavaScript code server-side
 - Historically JavaScript used for client-side programing
- "JavaScript everywhere" paradigm (popular)
 - Unifying web application development
 - Same language for server side and client side scripts.



A JavaScript runtime environment running Google Chrome's V8 engine

Goal is to provide an easy way to build scalable network programs

Why Node.js?

- Non Blocking I/O
- V8 Javascript Engine
 - V8 is Google's open source high-performance JavaScript engine, written in C++ and used in Node.js
- Single Thread with Event Loop
- 40,025 modules: JavaScript libraries you can include in your project
- Different platforms: Windows, Linux, Mac,...
- 1 Language for Frontend and Backend
 - Core in C++ on top of V8
 - Rest of it in javascript
- Active community

Event-driven programming – Node.js

- Event-driven architecture
 - Asynchronous I/O
 - Scalability with many input/output operations
 - Real-time Web applications
 - e.g., real-time communication programs, browser games and data streaming, etc.
- Node.js functions are non-blocking
 - Commands execute concurrently or even in parallel (unlike PHP that commands execute only after previous commands finish)
 - Node.js uses callbacks to signal completion or failure

Asynchronous programming – Node.js

- Node.js uses asynchronous programming (runs single-threaded, non-blocking) → very memory efficient
- Handling a file request:
 - In PHP/ASP.net:
 - 1. Sends the task to the computer's file system.
 - 2. Waits while the file system opens and reads the file.
 - 3. Returns the content to the client.
 - 4. Ready to handle the next request.
 - In Node.js:
 - Sends the task to the computer's file system.
 - 2. Ready to handle the next request.
 - 3. When the file system has opened and read the file, the server returns the content to the client.

Blocking vs. non-blocking: PHP vs. Node.js

To select data from a table in MySQL, use the "SELECT" statement PHP: <?php \$result = mysql query('SELECT * FROM ...'); while(\$r = mysql fetch array(\$result)){ // Do something Frror handler // Wait for query processing to finish... Node.js: Callback! <script type="text/javascript"> mysql.query('SELECT * FROM ...', function (err, result, fields){ // Do something }); The third parameter of // Don't wait, just continue executing the callback function is an </script> array containing information about each field in the result object

Blocking vs. non-blocking

Blocking:

- Read data from file var data = fs.readFileSync("test.txt");
- Show data console.log(data);
- Do other tasks console.log("Do other tasks");

Non-blocking:

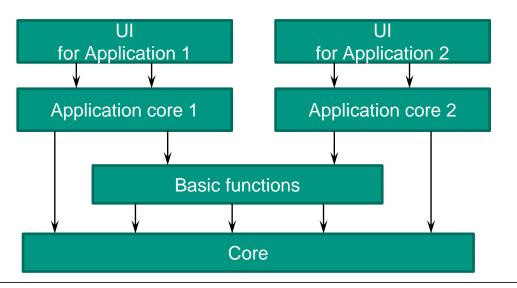
- Read data from file
 - When read data completed, show data!
- Do other tasks fs.readFile("test.txt", function(err, data) {
 console.log(data);
 });

Event-driven programming – When to use Node.js?

- Creation of Web servers and networking tools
 - Ideal for applications that serve a lot of requests but don't use/need lots of computational power per request
- Using JavaScript and a collection of modules that handle various core functionality such as:
 - File system I/O, networking (DNS, HTTP, TCP, TLS/SSL, or UDP), binary data (buffers), cryptography functions, data streams, etc.
 - Modules use an API (interfaces) designed to reduce the complexity of writing server applications

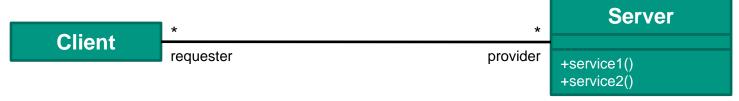
Event-driven architecture (1)

- Architectural patterns (n-tier, client/server, ...) may be applied by the design and implementation of applications and systems
 - Transmit events among loosely coupled software components and services
- n-tier architecture (layered architecture, see section Architectural styles)
 - 4-tier:



2-tier architecture – Client/Server

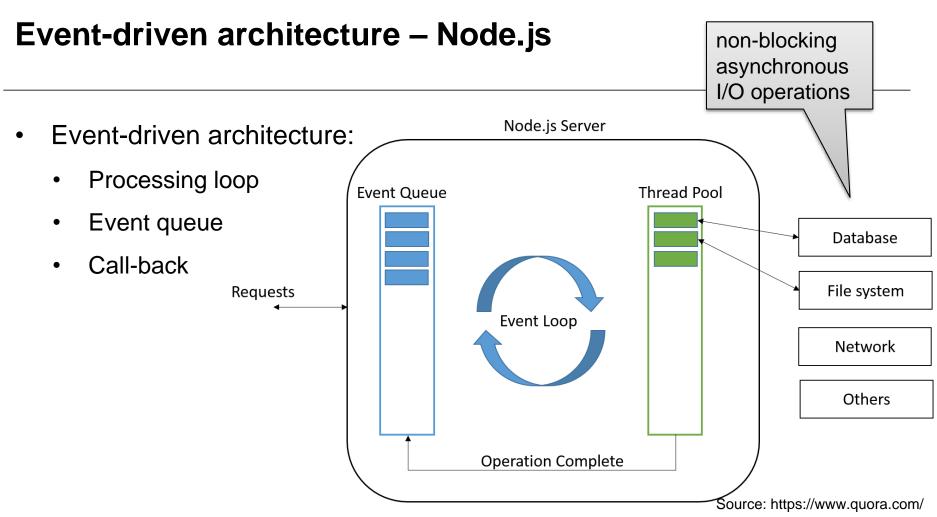
- One or more servers provide services for other subsystems called clients.
- Each client invokes a function of the server which performs the desired service and returns the result.
 - The client must know the interface of the server.
 - Conversely, the server does not need to know the client's interface.
- An example of a 2-tier, distributed architecture:



 Event-driven architecture: A single thread (server), of the event loop processes all the requests from clients (event queue)

Event-driven architecture (2)

- Event-driven architecture:
 - Processing loop
 - Event queue
 - Call-back



 Node.js Architecture: The event loop simply iterates over the event queue (a list of events) and callbacks of completed operations.

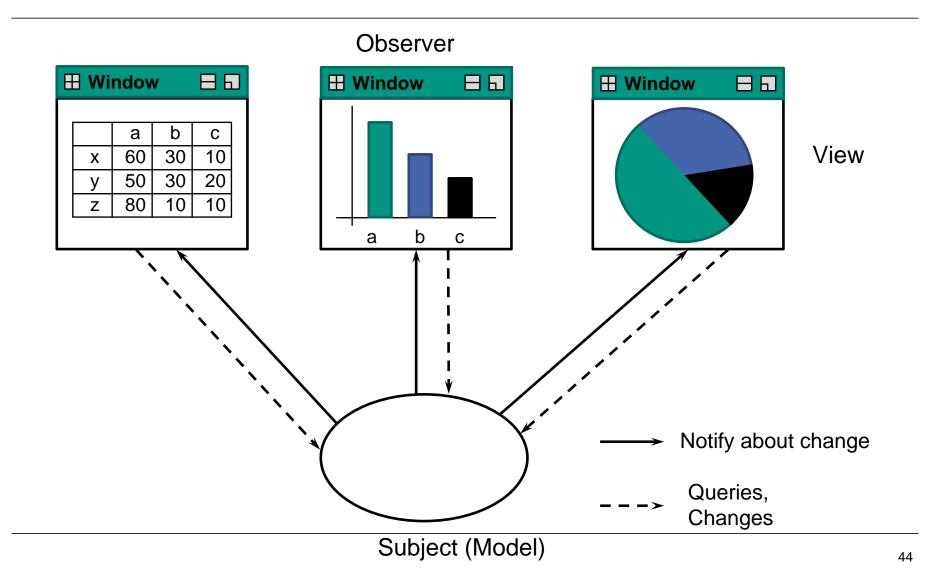
Event-driven architecture (3)

- Event-driven architecture can complement service-oriented architecture (SOA)
- Services can be activated by triggers fired on incoming events.
- SOA is an architecture style that assembles applications from (independent) services (see section Architectural styles)
- Services are considered as central elements of a company (keyword: services)
- Provide encapsulated functionality to other services and applications

Observer design pattern – Node.js

- A single thread, using non-blocking I/O calls
- → Observer design pattern: sharing a single thread among all the requests
- Defines a 1-to-n dependency between objects so that changing a state of an object causes all dependent objects to be notified and updated automatically.
- One to many relationship
- The many need to know changes in "one" immediately
- Synonyms (aka)
 - Dependence
 - Publisher-subscriber
 - Subject-observer

Observer example - MVC



Threading – Node.js

- A single thread, using non-blocking I/O calls
 - Support tens of thousands of concurrent connections without the cost of thread context switching
 - Building highly concurrent applications
 - A thread pool handles execution of parallel tasks
- Good for horizontal scaling (lots of request)!
- Drawback of the single-threaded approach: No vertical scaling by increasing the number of cores (not good for massive parallel computing)
 - Needs additional module: such as cluster, StrongLoop Process Manager, etc.
 - Mitigation: Developers can increase the default number of threads in the thread pool → OS distributes the threads across multiple cores

Thread-based vs. Event-based (Node.js)

Threads	Asynchronous Event-driven
monitor (difficult to program)	event handler (using queue and then processes it)
scheduling (ready, running, waiting,)	event loop (only one thread, which repeatedly fetches an event)
exported functions (thread-safe)	event types accepted by event handler
returning from a procedure (using context switching)	dispatching a reply (no contention and no context switches)
executing a blocking procedure call	dispatching a message, awaiting a reply
waiting on condition variables	awaiting messages

Conclusion:

- Use threads for performance critical applications (kernels)
- Use events for GUI and distributed systems

What can you do with Node.js?

- Node.js file contains tasks and executes them upon set of events
 - Generate dynamic content (even desktop programs in js)
 - Create, open and read, or delete files on the server
 - Gather and modify data in the database
 - Collect form data, etc.
- Availability of rich frameworks
 - Angular, Node, Backbone, Ember, etc.
- Ability to keep data in native JSON (JavaScript Object Notation, similar to XML) format in your database
- Very good supportive community
 - Linux Foundation, Google, PayPal, Microsoft, ...

Node.js – Libraries

standard lib

process.argv // command line arguments console.log setInterval(callback, time) require(library)

fs

Readdir // reads the contents of a directory readFile //read entire file readFileSync createReadStream //read in chunks

path

Extname // get the extension from a file path

Node.js – Example 'Hello World!'

```
include a module (library), use the
                                             require() function with the name of
                                             the module
var http = require('http');
                                                  Use the createServer() method
                                                  to create an HTTP server
//create a server object:
                                                                   Represents the
http.createServer(function (req, res) {
                                                                   request/response
                                                                   from/to the client
 res.write('Hello World!'); //write a response to the client
 res.end(); //end the response
}).listen(8080); //the server object listens on port 8080
                                                  Writes "Hello World!" if a web browser
                                                  tries to access your computer on port
                                                  8080
```

Node.js – Example 'Hello World!' (2)

Create a file named "app.js"

```
const http = require('http');
const hostname = '127.0.0.1';
const port = 3000;
const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
  res.statusCode = 200;
  res.setHeader('Content-Type', 'text/plain');
  res.end('Hello World\n');
});
server.listen(port, hostname, () => {
  console.log(`Server running at http://${hostname}:${port}/`);
});
```

Source: https://nodejs.org/en/docs/guides/gettingstarted-guide/

Using Existing modules

```
var fs = require('fs');  // include File System module
var path = require('path');
// typically an object or a function is returned.
var buf = fs.readdir(process.argv[2], // command line arguments
 function(err, data) {
    for (i = 0; i < data.length; i++) {
      var s = path.extname(data[i]);
      if (s === "." + process.argv[3]) {
         console.log(data[i]);
    } // end of for
 } // end of callback function for readdir
```

Create your own modules – Example (1)

```
Save the code above in a file called
exports.myDateTime = function () {
                                                 "myfirstmodule.js"
  return Date();
};
                                                 Include and use the module in any of
var http = require('http');
                                                 your Node.is files.
var dt = require('./myfirstmodule');
http.createServer(function (req, res) {
  res.writeHead(200, {'Content-Type': 'text/html'});
  res.write("The date and time are currently: " + dt.myDateTime());
  res.end();
}).listen(8080);
```

Create your own modules – Example (2)

```
// FILE myModule.js
module.exports = function (dir, ext, callback) {
   var fs = require('fs');
   var path = require('path');
   var retValue =[];
   fs.readdir(dir, function(err, data) {
     if (err) return callback(err);
     retValue = data.filter(function(filename) {
        return path.extname(filename) === "." + ext;
     });
    callback(null, retValue);
   )); // end of callback to readdir
 }; // end of function
```

USERS of this module will need to provide dir, extension, and callback

Create your own modules – Example (2) Using the created module

```
var x = require('./mymodule');
// users need to provide dir, extension, callback
x(process.argv[2], process.argv[3], function(err, data)
   if (err) return console.error ("error:", err);
     data.forEach(function(file) { // for each array element
      console.log (file);
    });
 } // end of callback function
); // end of call to x
```

Asynchronous I/O – Example

NO WAIT! until read is complete:

```
Include the File System module:
                                            fs = require('fs');
var fs = require('fs');
                                            fs.readFile(file, [encoding], [callback]);
var buf = fs.readFile(process.argv[2],
 function(err, data) { //CALLBACK
                                                     fs.readFile() method is used to read
                                                     files.
  if (err) { return console.log(err); }
  var sArray = data.toString().split("\n");
  console.log(sArray.length-1);
 } );
// NO WAIT! - DO THE NEXT INSTRUCTION RIGHT AWAY
```

Synchronous I/O – Example

Waits until i/o is done

```
example:
var fs = require('fs'); // node's modular code

var buf = fs.readFileSync(process.argv[2]);
//WAIT!
var sArray = buf.toString().split("\n");
console.log(sArray.length-1); // print number of lines
```

Standard callback pattern

Callback function will look like:

```
function (err, data) {
  if (err) { // handle error }
  else {
      // do something with data
  }
});
```

This callback is **called once** when event happens (for example, i/o is complete)

Event handling – Event emitter pattern

```
// Instead of only completed event, many events may be fired.
// Handlers can be registered for each event.
                                                             readStream object fires
                                                             events when opening and
var fs = require('fs');
                                                             closing a file
var file = fs.createReadStream('./' + process.argv[2]);
file.on('error', function(err) {
                                                 createReadStream fires error,
 console.log("Error:" + err);
                                                 data, and end events
 throw err;
});
                                                  Using on function, we attach
file.on('data', function(data) {
                                                  event handlers.
 console.log("Data: " + data);
});
file.on ('end', function() {
console.log("finished reading all of data");
});
                                                                                  58
```

Event emitter API

Event types (determined by emitter)

- error (special type)
- data
- end

API

- .on or .addListener
- once (will be called at most once)
- removeEventListener
- removeAllEventListeners

Creating an event emitter – Example

```
Util module provides access to
// file named myEmitter.js
                                                   some utility functions.
var util = require('util'); // step 1
var eventEmitter = require('events').EventEmitter; // step 2
var Ticker = function() {
                                                      With "events" you can create-, fire-,
 var self = this;
                                                      and listen for- your own events.
 setInterval (function() {
    self.emit('tick'); // step 3
                                                      Inherits methods from one
   }, 1000);
                                                     function into another
util.inherits (Ticker, eventEmitter); // step 4
module.exports = Ticker;
```

Creating an event emitter – Example (using Ticker)

```
// testingTicker
var Ticker = require("./myEmitter");
var ticker = new Ticker();
ticker.on ('tick', function() { // handler for 'tick' event
  console.log("Tick");
});
```

Servers

Simple servers

require('net')

createServer()

listen(port#)

'error'

'connection'

'data'

'close'

HTTP servers

require('http')

createServer()

listen(port#)

'request'

req.on 'data'

 net module provides an asynchronous network API for creating stream-based TCP servers

Use Node.js for ...

- Chat/Messaging
- Real-time Applications
- Intelligent Proxies
- High Concurrency Applications
- Communication Hubs
- Coordinators
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- Web application
- Websocket server
- Ad server
- Proxy server
- Streaming server
- Fast file upload client
- Any Real-time data apps
- Anything with high I/O
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Literature – Node.js

- https://nodejs.org/en/
- https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/default.asp
- https://www.tutorialspoint.com/nodejs/index.htm
- https://npmjs.org/

FRAMEWORKS AND API

Libraries and frameworks for Node.js & JavaScript (1)

- Chrome DevTools
 - Debugging JavaScript
 - Performance analysis
 - Chromium project: open-source projects behind the Google Chrome browser and Google Chrome OS
- NPM is a package manager for Node.js packages, or modules
 - npm is the package manager for JavaScript
 - world's largest software registry: https://www.npmjs.com/

Libraries and frameworks for Node.js & JavaScript (2)

- Libraries:
 - React.js: JavaScript library for building user interfaces by Facebook



 Angular/Angular.js: TypeScript-based Javascript framework by Google



Vue.js: rapidly growing JS frameworks



- Develop across all platforms
 - → Progressive Web App (PWA)
 - Turn websites into native phone and desktop applications

Next Step: Progressive Web App – PWA (1)

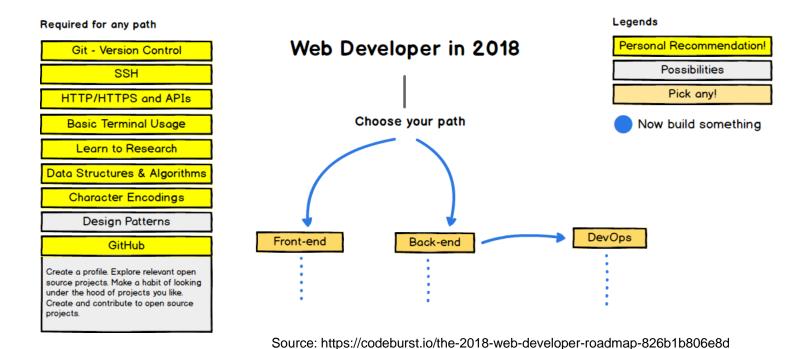
- PWAs are web applications that can appear to the user like traditional applications or native mobile applications!
 - Combines features offered by browsers with the benefits of a mobile experience
 - Let users upgrade web apps to progressive web applications in their native OS
- Native Apps: coded in a programming language like Java
- Traditional Web Apps: coded in standard HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

Next Step: Progressive Web App – PWA (2)

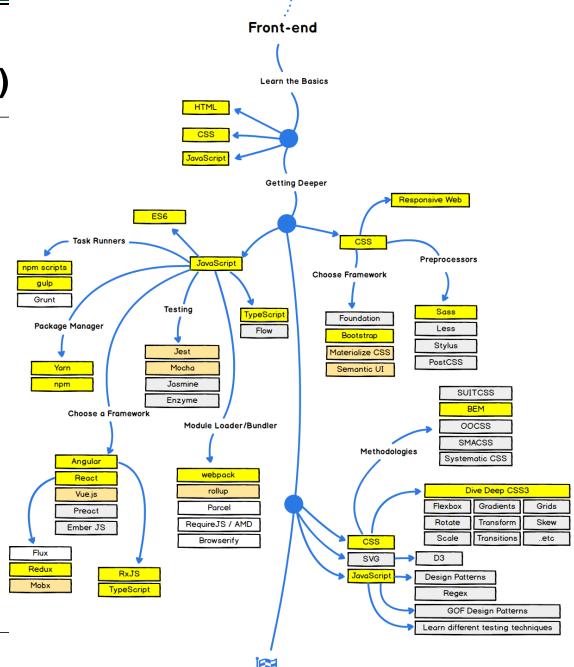
- PWAs: visit in a browser tab, no install required!
 - Visit the site, add to home screen,
 - Go to home screen and open site, use the app!
 - Supported by Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox



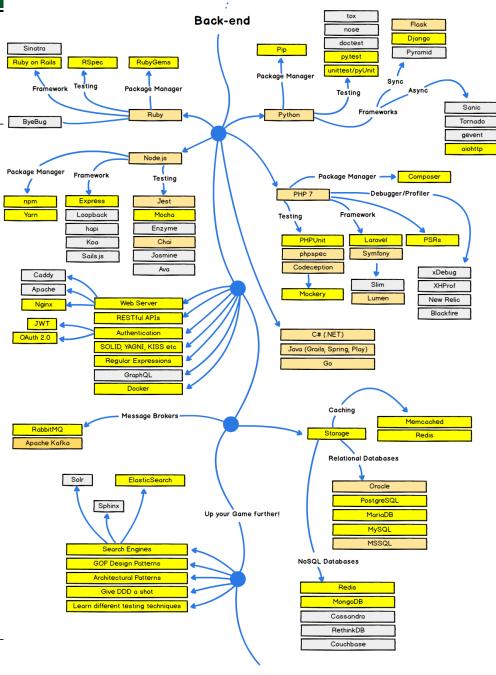
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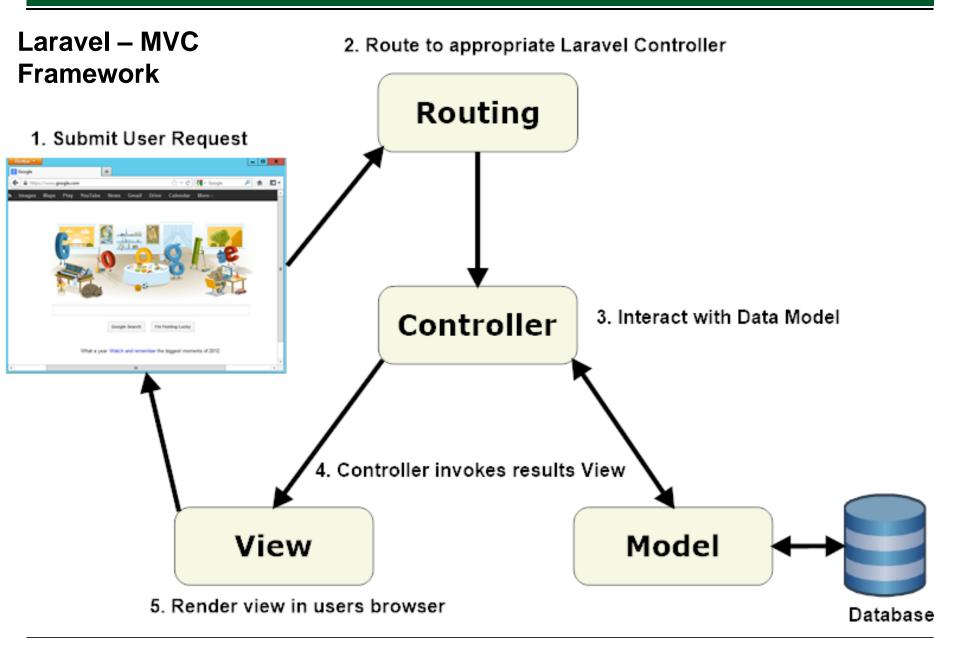
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Laravel – The PHP Framework

- What is it?
 - A framework
- Why learn it?
 - Organize code into appropriate folders (modular development)
 - Use conventions for quick development + maintenance
 - Access libraries and utilities, authentication, etc.



Laravel – Main files and locations

./.env ./app/Http/routes.php ./app/Http/Controllers/Auth/AuthController.php ./app/Http/Controllers/Auth/PasswordController.php ./app/Http/Controllers/Controller.php ./app/Http/Controllers/MyController.php ./app/TestTable.php ./app/User.php ./config/app.php ./config/database.php ./config/view.php ./public/.htaccess ./public/index.php ./public/web.config ./resources/views/errors/503.blade.php ./resources/views/welcome.blade.php ./tests/ExampleTest.php ./tests/TestCase.php

1 - routes

2 - controllers

3 - model

4 - config

5 - website

6 - views

7 - tests

Routes

Way to redirect the request (or URL) from the client. In the below example, requests to home will return a welcome view.

```
<?php
Route::get('/', function () {
    return view('welcome');
});

Route::get('/myStuff', 'MyController@getTableData');
2</pre>
```

Controllers

- 1. This is where the main work takes place
- 2. It may make calls to the database
- 3. It may make calls to some processing modules
- 4. It may make calls to create some views
- 5. and then returns the results back to the client.

Controllers – Example

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
use Illuminate\Routing\Controller as BaseController;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidatesRequests;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\AuthorizesRequests;
class MyController extends BaseController
    public function getTableData(){
      echo json_encode(\App\testTable::all());
```

Eloquent ORM – Object Relational Mapper

- Provides a simple ActiveRecord implementation for working with a database.
- Each database table has a corresponding "Model" which is used to interact with that table
 - Models data
 - Simple access to data

Model - Example

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\User as Authenticatable;
class TestTable extends Authenticatable
{
   protected $table = 'testTable';
   public $timestamps = false;
}</pre>
```

Configuration file (.env file) – Example

```
APP ENV=local
APP DEBUG=true
APP_KEY=2uUDtMdi5ldsgHNQjdHQAyUwRHgWfjmW
APP URL=http://localhost
DB HOST=127.0.0.1
DB PORT=3306
DB DATABASE=testSchema
DB USERNAME=testuser
DB PASSWORD=testuser
CACHE DRIVER=file
SESSION DRIVER=file
```

QUEUE DRIVER=sync

```
REDIS HOST=127.0.0.1
REDIS PASSWORD=null
REDIS PORT=6379
```

```
MAIL DRIVER=smtp
MAIL_HOST=mailtrap.io
MAIL PORT=2525
MAIL USERNAME=null
MAIL PASSWORD=null
MAIL ENCRYPTION=null
```

in config/database.php

'default' => env('DB CONNECTION', 'mysql'),