

Front End 101

Lesson 10: Designing a Front-End for an Existing API

Schedule

Part 1 - Using APIs

- 1. What is an API?
- 2. HTTP Request Types
- 3. RESTful routing
- 4. Scenario
- 5. Art Share
- 6. Getting Started
- 7. User Login, logout
- 8. Class Exercise

Part 2 - Advanced Exercise

Homework

Goals

- 1. Learn how to create a front end for an API that has already been developed and returns JSON
- 2. Be able to build a one-page web application

Assignment

- 1. Finish up the exercise from class. If you need more features to implement, here are some more "bonus" features:
 - a. Have a page to show a list of other users and a sample of some of the art work that they have created, a way to "explore" other art
 - b. Create a page to list all of the art in the system that, when a piece of art is moused over, shows more information about the user that added it to the system
 - c. Put all functionality on the same page and allow the app to do all functionality without a single page refresh

Recommended Activity

Read up on why systems are developed this way, with a Service Oriented Architecture:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service-oriented_architecture
http://devblog.songkick.com/2012/08/02/soa-what-our-services-look-like/http://stackoverflow.com/a/16627414