# UCS 1611 - Internet Programming Lab

**Exercise 6:** Autocomplete feature using Ajax

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## **Learning objective:**

To develop an AJAX program that implements the Autocomplete feature for filling country names.

## **Code**

### index.html

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">
    </head>
        <div align=center style="padding-top: 15%;">
            <h1>Country Database</h1>
            <form autocomplete="off">
              <div class="autocomplete" style="width:300px;">
                  <input type="text" id="country" list="countries" onkeyup="g</pre>
etCountry()" placeholder="Search for country name" />
                  <datalist id ="countries" >
              </div>
              <input type="submit" onclick="wiki_redirect(event)">
            </form>
            function fetch(country)
              var request = new XMLHttpRequest();
              var URL = "country?country="+country;
              request.onreadystatechange = function()
```

```
if(this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200)
    {
        var val = request.responseText;
        console.log(val)
        document.getElementById("countries").innerHTML = val;
      }
    };
    request.open('GET', URL, true);
    request.send();
}

function getCountry()
    {
      var country = document.getElementById("country").value;
      fetch(country);
    }

function wiki_redirect(event)
    {
      event.preventDefault()
      var c = document.getElementById("country").value
      window.location.replace("https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/"+c)
    }
    </body>

</html>
```

## style.css

```
* {
   box-sizing: border-box;
}

body
{
   font-family: 'Source Sans Pro', sans-serif;
   font-size: 100%;
   background: url(bg.jpg)no-repeat center top;
   background-size: cover;
   background-position: center;
}

h1
{
   font-size: 4vw;
   margin: 3.5vw 0vw 2vw;
   font-weight: 300;
```

```
color: #fff;
    text-shadow: 3px 3px #1d1d1d;
    letter-spacing: 5px;
    text-align: center;
   font-family: 'Source Sans Pro', sans-serif;
.autocomplete {
 position: relative;
 display: inline-block;
 border: 1px solid transparent;
 background-color: #f1f1f1;
 padding: 10px;
 font-size: 16px;
input[type=text] {
 background-color: #f1f1f1;
 width: 100%;
input[type=submit] {
 background-color: DodgerBlue;
 color: #fff;
  cursor: pointer;
.autocomplete-items {
 position: absolute;
  border: 1px solid #d4d4d4;
  border-bottom: none;
  border-top: none;
  z-index: 99;
  top: 100%;
  Left: 0;
  right: 0;
.autocomplete-items div {
 padding: 10px;
 cursor: pointer;
 background-color: #fff;
  border-bottom: 1px solid #d4d4d4;
```

```
/*when hovering an item:*/
.autocomplete-items div:hover {
   background-color: #e9e9e9;
}

/*when navigating through the items using the arrow keys:*/
.autocomplete-active {
   background-color: DodgerBlue !important;
   color: #ffffff;
}
```

## country.java

```
public class country extends HttpServlet
 public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
throws ServletException, IOException
   String JDBC DRIVER = "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver";
   String DB_URL= "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/autocomplete";
   String USER ="root";
   String PASS="mysql";
     response.setContentType("text/html");
     PrintWriter pw = response.getWriter();
     Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL,USER,PASS);
     String country_name = request.getParameter("country");
     String search = "SELECT `country_name` FROM `countries` WHERE `country_n
ame` like '"+country_name+"%' ;";
     Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
     ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(search);
     while(rs.next())
```

```
{
    String country = rs.getString("country_name");
    pw.println("<option name='"+country+"'>"+country+"</option>");
}
catch(Exception E)
{
    E.printStackTrace();
}
}
```

#### web.xml

## **OUTPUTS:**

When the user types the first letter:



## When subsequent letters are typed:



Highlight on hovering over the options:



On submission the corresponding Wikipedia page of the country is rendered:





## **MySQL Database:**

MySQL 8.0 Command Line Client

```
nýsql> SELECT * FROM countries;
  id
          country_name
           Afghanistan
    1
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
           Aland Islands
           Albania
Algeria
American Samoa
           Andorra
Angola
Anguilla
           Antarctica
           Antigua and Barbuda
           Argentina
Armenia
           Aruba
           Australia
Austria
           Azerbaijan
    17
18
19
20
           Bahamas
           Bahrain
           Bangladesh
Barbados
```

## **LEARNING OUTCOME:**

- Understood that the XMLHttpRequest object can be used to exchange data with a server behind the scenes and thus we can update parts of a web page, without reloading the whole page.
- Learnt how to use Ajax technique to invoke back end servlet, get the response from servlet and modify the user interface accordingly.
- Understood that servlets are used to process a request of Ajax to the server, manage state for the client, access data resources, and generate the XML for the response.
- Learnt to write query for relational data, and parse result using SQL actions.
- Understood how to dynamically retrieve data from SQL and render the country names as the user types in each character.
- Understood the importance of dynamic making web pages using Ajax as they well-formed and user friendly.