Web 2.0

Lecture 1: Introduction to JavaScript

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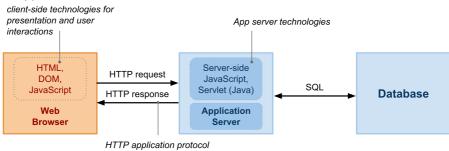


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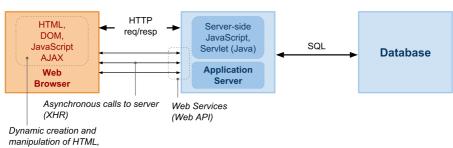
Web 2.0 Application Architecture

over TCP

Web Application



Web 2.0 Application



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JavaScript

- Lightweight, interpreted, object-oriented language
- Standard
 - Current stable release is ECMAScript 2017 (standard ECMA-262)
- Major characteristics
 - First-class functions
 - → functions as first-class citizens
 - → language supports: passing functions as arguments to other functions, returning functions as values from other functions, assigning functions to variables or storing them in data structures.
 - Anonymous functions
 - → declared without any named identifier to refer to it
 - Closures

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Overview

- JavaScript Basics
- Server-side JavaScript

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Objects and Arrays

• Objects and Arrays

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Functions

- Function Callbacks
 - You can use them to handle asynchronous events occurrences

// call the function; // now you can pass 'minus' as a parameter to another function var r2 = minus(6, 4);

```
// function returns the result through a callback, not directly;
// this is not a non-blocking I/O, just demonstration of the callback
function add(a, b, callback) {
    callback(a + b);
}

// assign the callback to a variable
var print = function(result) {
    console.log(result);
};

// call the function with callback as a parameter
add(7, 8, print);
```

Functions as values in object

```
var obj = {
    data : [2, 3, "Tomas", "Alice", 4 ],

getIndexdOf : function(val) {
    for (var i = 0; i < this.data.length; i++)
        if (this.data[i] == val)
        return i;
    return -1;
}

obj.getIndexOf(3); // will return 1</pre>
```

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Closures

Closures

- A function value that references variables from outside its body

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Objects

• this problem

- A new function defines its own this value.

```
function Person() {
   // The Person() constructor defines `this` as an instance of itself.
   this.age = 0;
                etInterval(function growUp() {
// the growUp() function defines `this` as the global object,
// which is different from the `this`
// defined by the Person() constructor.
this aget:
             setInterval(function growUp()
                this.age++;
        }, 1000);
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         var p = new Person();
- Solution
         function Person() {
  var that = this;
  that.age = 0;
             setInterval(function growUp() {
   // The callback refers to the `that` variable of which
   // the value is the expected object.
  6
                that.age++;
            }, 1000);
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```

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Arrow Functions

- Arrow function expression
 - defined in ECMAScript 2015
 - shorter syntax than a function expression
 - non-binding of this

```
function Person(){
this.age = 0;

setInterval(() => {
    this.age++; // | this | now refers to the person object
}, 1000);

var p = new Person();
```

Syntax, function body

```
// concise body syntax, implied "return"
var func = x => x * x;

// with block body, explicit "return" required
var func = (x, y) => { return x + y; };

// object literal needs to be wrapped in parentheses
var func = () => ({foo: 1});
```

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Promise

- Promise
 - An object representing completion or failure of an asynchronous operation.
- Example Promise object

```
function myAsyncFunction(url) {
    return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
        const xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
        xhr.open("GET", url);
        xhr.onload = () => resolve(xhr.responseText);
        xhr.onerror = () => reject(xhr.statusText);
        xhr.send();
    });
}

myAsyncFunction("http://www.cvut.cz").then(successCallback, failureCallback);
```

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Recall: Application Server

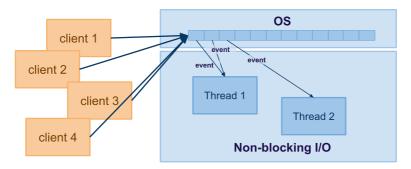
- Environment that runs an application logic
 - $-\ Client\ communicates\ with\ AS\ via\ an\ application\ protocol$
 - Client Browser, application protocol HTTP
- Terminology
 - Application Server imes Web Server imes HTTP Server
 - → AS is a modular environment; provides technology to realize enterprise systems
 - \rightarrow AS contains a Web server/HTTP server
 - We will deal with Web server only
- Two major models to realize communication
 - Blocking I/O (also called synchronous I/O)
 - Non-blocking I/O (also called asynchronous I/O)
- A technology we will look at
 - Node.js runs server-side Javascript

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Non-Blocking I/O Model

- Connections maintained by the OS, not the Web app
 - The Web app registers events, OS triggers events when occur



Characteristics

- Event examples: new connection, read, write, closed
- The app may create working threads, but controls the number!
 - → much less number of working threads as opposed to blocking I/O

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Node.js

Node.js

- Web server technology, very efficient and fast!
- Event-driven I/O framework, based on JavaScript V8 engine
 - → Any I/O is non-blocking (it is asynchronous)
- One worker thread to process requests
 - \rightarrow You do not need to deal with concurrency issues
- More threads to realize I/O
- Open sourced, @GitHub, many libraries
- Future platform for Web 2.0 apps

• Every I/O as an event

- reading and writing from/to files
- reading and writing from/to sockets

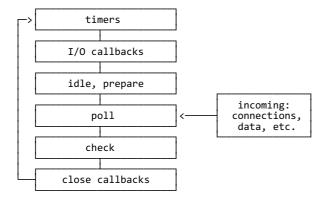
```
// pseudo code; ask for the last edited time of a file
stat( 'somefile', function( result ) {
   // use the result here
} );
```

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Node.js Event Loop

• Allows Node.js to perform non-blocking I/O operations.



- Six phases, each phase has a FIFO queue of callbacks to execute.
 - → *timers executes callbacks sheduled by* setTimeout() *and* setInterval()
 - \rightarrow I/O callbacks executes all I/O callbacks except close callbacks.
 - \rightarrow *idle/prepare used internally*
 - \rightarrow *poll* retrieve new I/O events
 - → check invokes setImmediate() callbacks
 - → close callbacks executes close callback, e.g. socket.on('close', ...).

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HTTP Server in Node.js

- HTTP Server implementation
 - server running at 138.232.189.127, port 8080.

```
// http library
var http = require("http");

http.createServer(function(req, res) {
    // check the value of host header
    if (req.headers.host == "company.cz") {
        res.writeHead(201, "Content-Type: text/plain");
        res.end("This is the response...");
    } else;
    // handle enterprise.com app logic...
}).listen('0.0.0.0', 8080);
```

- Test it using Telnet

```
telnet 138.232.189.127 8080
# ...lines omitted due to brevity
GET /orders HTTP/1.1
Host: company.cz

HTTP/1.1 201 OK
Content-Type: plain/text

This is the response...
```

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Google Apps Script

- Google Apps Script
 - JavaScript cloud scripting language
 - easy ways to automate tasks across Google products and third party services
- You can
 - Automate repetitive processes and workflows
 - Link Google products with third party services
 - Create custom spreadsheet functions
 - Build rich graphical user interfaces and menus

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