$$\{() => fs\}$$



d Login and updating the cache

The frontend of our application shows the phone directory just fine with the updated server. However, if we want to add new persons, we have to add login functionality to the frontend.

User login

Let's add the variable token to the application's state. When a user is logged in, it will contain a user token. If token is undefined, we render the *LoginForm* component responsible for user login. The component receives an error handler and the setToken function as parameters:

```
// ...
)
}
```

Next, we define a mutation for logging in:

```
export const LOGIN = gql`
  mutation login($username: String!, $password: String!) {
    login(username: $username, password: $password) {
      value
    }
}
```

The LoginForm component works pretty much just like all the other components doing mutations that we have previously created. Interesting lines in the code have been highlighted:

```
import { useState, useEffect } from 'react'
import { useMutation } from '@apollo/client'
import { LOGIN } from '../queries'
const LoginForm = ({ setError, setToken }) => {
 const [username, setUsername] = useState('')
 const [password, setPassword] = useState('')
 const [ login, result ] = useMutation(LOGIN, {
   onError: (error) => {
      setError(error.graphQLErrors[0].message)
 useEffect(() => {
   if ( result.data ) {
      const token = result.data.login.value
      setToken(token)
      localStorage.setItem('phonenumbers-user-token', token)
 }, [result.data])
 const submit = async (event) => {
    event.preventDefault()
   login({ variables: { username, password } })
 return (
    <div>
      <form onSubmit={submit}>
         username <input
```

```
value={username}
    onChange={({ target }) => setUsername(target.value)}

/>
    </div>
    <div>
        password <input
        type='password'
        value={password}
        onChange={({ target }) => setPassword(target.value)}

        />
        </div>
        <button type='submit'>login</button>
        </form>
        </div>
)
```

export default LoginForm

We are using an effect hook to save the token's value to the state of the App component and the local storage after the server has responded to the mutation. Use of the effect hook is necessary to avoid an endless rendering loop.

Let's also add a button which enables a logged-in user to log out. The button's onClick handler sets the token state to null, removes the token from local storage and resets the cache of the Apollo client. The last step is important, because some queries might have fetched data to cache, which only logged-in users should have access to.

We can reset the cache using the resetStore method of an Apollo client object. The client can be accessed with the useApolloClient hook:

```
const App = () \Rightarrow \{
 const [token, setToken] = useState(null)
 const [errorMessage, setErrorMessage] = useState(null)
 const result = useQuery(ALL_PERSONS)
 const client = useApolloClient()
 if (result.loading) {
    return <div>loading...</div>
 }
 const logout = () => {
    setToken(null)
   localStorage.clear()
   client.resetStore()
 }
 if (!token) {
    return (
      <>
        <Notify errorMessage={errorMessage} />
        <LoginForm setToken={setToken} setError={notify} />
```

Adding a token to a header

After the backend changes, creating new persons requires that a valid user token is sent with the request. In order to send the token, we have to change the way we define the ApolloClient object in *index.js* a little.

The field uri that was previously used when creating the client object has been replaced by the field link, which defines in a more complicated case how Apollo is connected to the server. The server url is now wrapped using the function createHttpLink into a suitable httpLink object. The link is modified by the context defined by the authLink object so that a possible token in localStorage is set to header authorization for each request to the server.

Creating new persons and changing numbers works again. There is however one remaining problem. If we try to add a person without a phone number, it is not possible.



Validation fails, because frontend sends an empty string as the value of phone.

Let's change the function creating new persons so that it sets phone to undefined if user has not given a value.

```
const PersonForm = ({ setError }) => {
    // ...
    const submit = async (event) => {
        event.preventDefault()
        createPerson({
            variables: {
                name, street, city,
                phone: phone.length > 0 ? phone : undefined
        }
    })
    // ...
}
```

Updating cache, revisited

We have to update the cache of the Apollo client on creating new persons. We can update it using the mutation's refetchQueries option to define that the ALL PERSONS query is done again.

```
const PersonForm = ({ setError }) => {
    // ...

const [ createPerson ] = useMutation(CREATE_PERSON, {
    refetchQueries: [ {query: ALL_PERSONS} ],
    onError: (error) => {
        const messages = error.graphQLErrors.map(e => e.message).join('\n')
```

```
setError(messages)
}
```

This approach is pretty good, the drawback being that the query is always rerun with any updates.

It is possible to optimize the solution by handling updating the cache ourselves. This is done by defining a suitable update callback for the mutation, which Apollo runs after the mutation:

```
const PersonForm = ({ setError }) => {
    // ...

const [ createPerson ] = useMutation(CREATE_PERSON, {
    onError: (error) => {
        const messages = error.graphQLErrors.map(e => e.message).join('\n')
        setError(messages)
    },
    update: (cache, response) => {
        cache.updateQuery({ query: ALL_PERSONS }, ({ allPersons }) => {
            return {
                 allPersons: allPersons.concat(response.data.addPerson),
            }
        })
    },
})
// ...
}
```

The callback function is given a reference to the cache and the data returned by the mutation as parameters. For example, in our case, this would be the created person.

Using the function updateQuery the code updates the query ALLPERSONS in the cache by adding the new person to the cached data.

In some situations, the only sensible way to keep the cache up to date is using the update callback.

When necessary, it is possible to disable cache for the whole application or $\frac{\text{single queries}}{\text{single queries}}$ by setting the field managing the use of cache, fetchPolicy as no-cache.

Be diligent with the cache. Old data in the cache can cause hard-to-find bugs. As we know, keeping the cache up to date is very challenging. According to a coder proverb:

There are only two hard things in Computer Science: cache invalidation and naming things. Read more here.

The current code of the application can be found on Github, branch part8-5.

Exercises 8.17.-8.22

8.17 Listing books

After the backend changes, the list of books does not work anymore. Fix it.

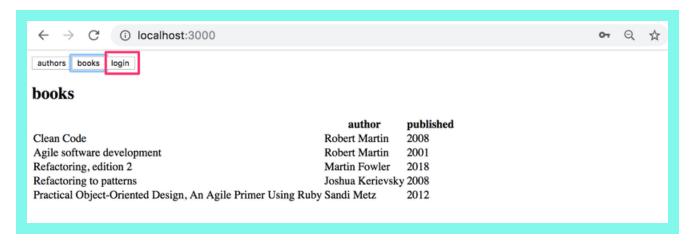
8.18 Log in

Adding new books and changing the birth year of an author do not work because they require a user to be logged in.

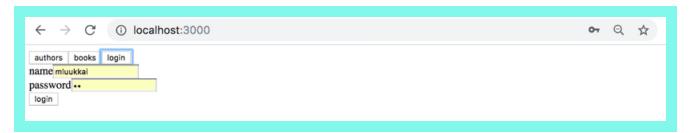
Implement login functionality and fix the mutations.

It is not necessary yet to handle validation errors.

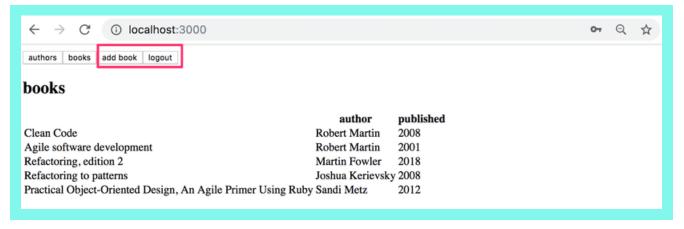
You can decide how the login looks on the user interface. One possible solution is to make the login form into a separate view which can be accessed through a navigation menu:



The login form:



When a user is logged in, the navigation changes to show the functionalities which can only be done by a logged-in user:



8.19 Books by genre, part 1

Complete your application to filter the book list by genre. Your solution might look something like this:



In this exercise, the filtering can be done using just React.

8.20 Books by genre, part 2

Implement a view which shows all the books based on the logged-in user's favourite genre.



8.21 books by genre with GraphQL

In the previous two exercises, the filtering could have been done using just React. To complete this exercise, you should redo the filtering the books based on a selected genre (that was done in exercise

8.19) using a GraphQL query to the server. If you already did so then you do not have to do anything.

This and the next exercises are quite **challenging** like it should be this late in the course. You might want to complete first the easier ones in the next part.

8.22 Up-to-date cache and book recommendations

If you did the previous exercise, that is, fetch the books in a genre with GraphQL, ensure somehow that the books view is kept up to date. So when a new book is added, the books view is updated **at least** when a genre selection button is pressed.

When new genre selection is not done, the view does not have to be updated.

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