

Workshop

JavaScript Introduction

Hint for trainers

- Report each change or addition to the **trainers'** Discord-Channel.
- Tell which Slide is affected, why the change is important and what benefit your change provides.
- Use the [code-highlighting-app](#) if you work with code-snippets.
- Use the following slide if you want to repeat certain topics of the workshop.

Task: Test your knowledge

JavaScript

Destructuring

var / let / const

Object

Template literal

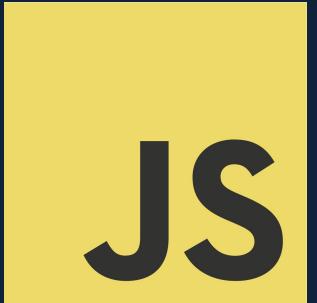
Named export

Default export

Arrow function

Shallow copy

Scope



JavaScript

The language of the web

Primitive Data Types

Primitive Data Types

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Data Initialization

```
// Number  
const a1 = 8; const a2 = 4.3; const a3 = 0x16;  
  
// String  
const b = 'Sophie';  
  
// Boolean  
const c = false;  
  
const d = null;  
const e = undefined;
```

Objects

Objects



An object is an **unordered** collection of **key-value pairs**.

Objects

<code>

Object creation

```
const a = {};
```

```
const car = {  
  make: 'Ford'  
};
```

Objects

<code>

Object property access

```
const car = {  
  make: 'Ford',  
};
```

```
car.model = 'Mustang';  
car['full year'] = 1969;
```

```
// {  
//   make: 'Ford',  
//   model: Mustang',  
//   'full year': 1969  
// }
```

Dot property accessor

*Square brackets
property accessor*

Computed Property Names

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Allows you to put an expression in brackets, that will be computed and used as the property name.

```
const param = 'size';
const config = {
  [param]: 12,
  ['mobile' + param.charAt(0).toUpperCase() + param.slice(1)]: 4
};

console.log(config); // {size: 12, mobileSize: 4}
```

Spread Operator

<code>

Create shallow copies of arrays and objects.

```
const numbersObject = {  
  one: 1,  
  two: 2,  
  three: 3,  
};  
  
const extendedNumbersObject = { ...numbersObject, four: 4 };  
  
// { one: 1, two: 2, three: 3, four: 4 }
```

Arrays

Arrays

<code>

Arrays are **ordered** - objects are not!

```
const myArray = ['a','b'];

console.log(myArray[0]); // a
console.log(myArray[1]); // b
```

Spread Operator

Spread Operator

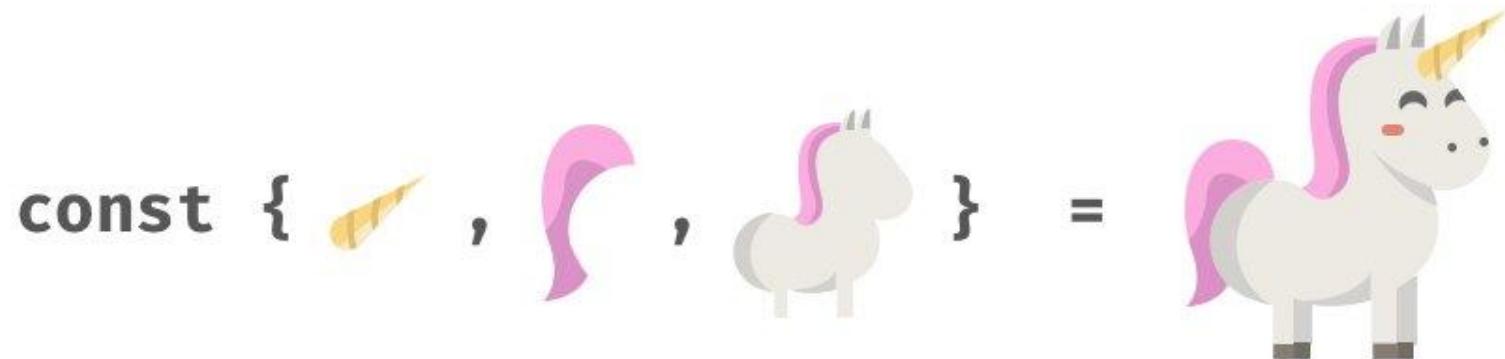
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```

Destructuring

Destructuring



Destructuring - Objects

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Get multiple local variables from an object with destructuring.

```
const circle = {radius: 10, x: 140, y: 70};

const {x, y, radius} = circle;
// const x = circle.x;
// const y = circle.y;

console.log(x, y)
// => 140, 70
```

Destructuring - Objects

<code>

Renaming keys

```
const circle = {radius: 10, x: 140, y: 70};

const {x: newX, y: newY} = circle;
// const newX = circle.x;
// const newY = circle.y;

console.log(newX, newY)
// => 140, 70
```

Destructuring - Arrays

<code>

Get multiple local variables from an object with destructuring.

```
const coords = [51, 6];

const [lat, lng] = coords;
// const lat = coords[0];
// const lng = coords[1];

console.log(lat, lng)
// => 51, 6
```

Destructuring - Arrays

<code>

Get specific local variables from an object with destructuring.

```
const coords = [51, 6];

// Extract second argument only
const [, lng] = coordinates;

console.log(lng)
// => 6
```

Functions

Functions - JavaScript

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Function declaration

```
const showAlert = function() {  
    alert('Hello!');  
};
```

Functions - JavaScript

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JavaScript Functions are “First-Class Citizens”

```
// Provide anonymous functions as arguments
http.get(url, function() { alert('Hello!'); });

// Provide named functions as arguments
const showAlert = function alert() { alert('Hello!'); };

http.get(url, showAlert);
```

Arrow Function Expression (aka lambda function)

=>

Functions - Arrow-Function

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Concept

```
// function keyword
const add = function add(one, two) { return one + two };

// Fat-arrow function
const add = (one, two) => { return one + two };

// Implicit return
const add = (one, two) => one + two;
```

Functions - Arrow-Function (Benefits)

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Not need of braces around single parameters.

```
const square = n => n * n;  
  
// const square = function (n) { return n * n; };
```

Functions - Arrow-Function

<code>

Use *curly braces* and *return* if you have multiple lines

```
const even = n => {  
    const rest = n % 2;  
  
    return rest === 0;  
};  
  
// const even = function(n) {  
//     const rest = n % 2;  
//  
//     return rest === 0;  
// };
```

Functions - Arrow-Function

<code>

Use round braces and curly braces if you wanna return an object.

```
const person = () => ({  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe',  
});  
  
// const person = function() {  
//   return {  
//     firstName: 'John',  
//     lastName: 'Doe',  
//   };  
// };
```

Arrays methods

Arrays

<code>

Arrays are **ordered** - objects are not!

```
const myArray = ['a','b'];
```

```
console.log(a[0]); // a
```

Arrays - Iterators

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With a for and a for...of loop you have the opportunities to **break** or **continue** the loop and exit the surrounding function with **return**.

```
const names = ['Hanni', 'Nanni'];

for (let i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    console.log(names[i]);
}

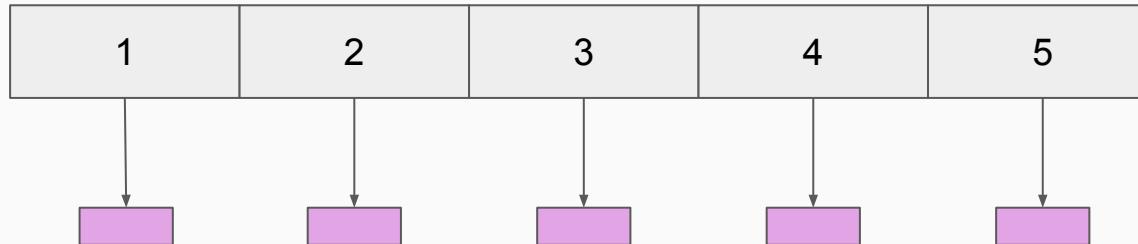
for (let name of names) {
    console.log(name)
}
```

Arrays - Iterators

Array.forEach()

```
const myArray = [1,2,3,4,5];
myArray.forEach(elem => console.log(elem));
```

numbers

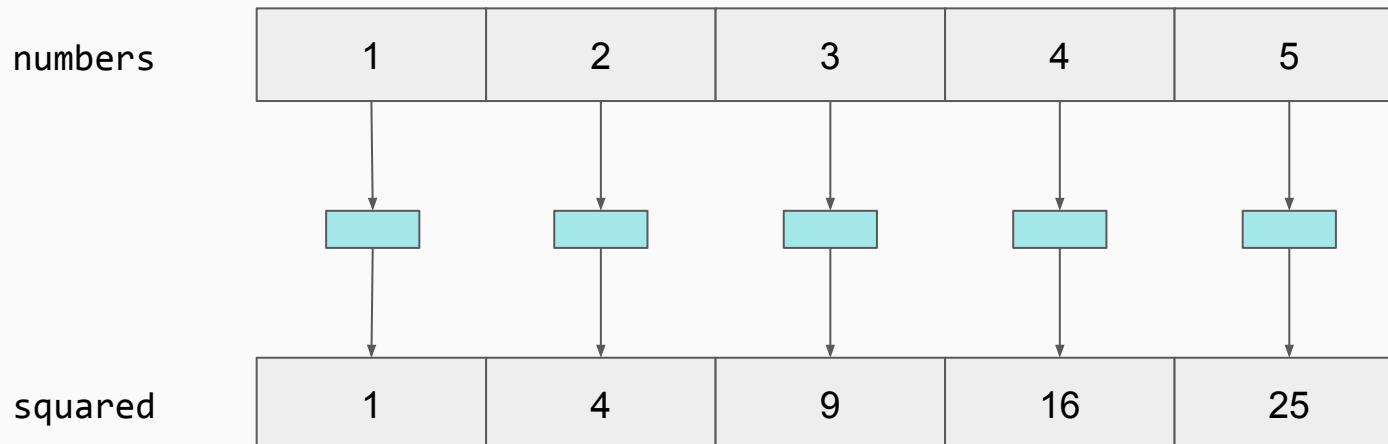


Arrays - Transformations

Array.map()

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const squared = numbers.map(num => num * num);
// squared is [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

Transforming an array

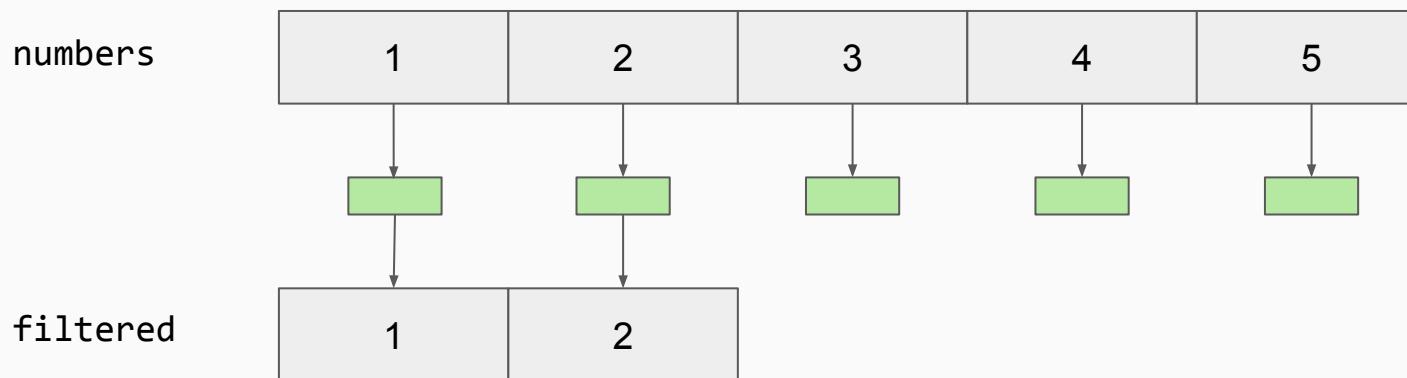


Arrays - Transformations

Array.filter()

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const filtered = numbers.filter(num => num < 3);
// filtered is [1, 2]
```

Filtering an array



Arrays - Transformations

Array methods cheatsheet — **JS tips**
@sulco

The diagram illustrates various array methods using a set of four colored shapes: purple square, teal square, orange circle, and blue square. The methods shown are:

- `.map(□→○)`: Changes squares to circles.
- `.filter(□)`: Removes the orange circle from the array.
- `.find(□)`: Returns the orange circle.
- `.findIndex(□)`: Returns the index 3, corresponding to the orange circle.
- `.some(□)`: Returns `true` because at least one element is truthy.
- `.every(□)`: Returns `false` because not all elements are truthy.
- `.reduce(acc + curr)`: Returns a large square containing all four original shapes.

Variables

declaration and usage

Variables - Declaration

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Declared with the keyword **var**, **let** or **const**

```
var value = 23;
```

```
let anotherValue = 42;
```

```
const PI = 3.1416;
```

Variables - let, const, var

	let	const	var
scope	block	block	function
reassignable	✓	✗	✓
mutable	✓	✓	✓
Standard	ES2015 / TS	ES2015 / TS	since ever
Cases to use	~5%	~95%	nearly never

let is block scoped

```
let example = 1;

if (true) {
  let example = 2;
  console.log('Inside: ' + example);
}

console.log('Outside: ' + example);
// => Inside: 2
// => Outside: 1
```

var is function scoped

```
var example = 1;

if (true) {
    var example = 2;
    console.log('Inside: ' + example);
}

console.log('Outside: ' + example);
// => Inside: 2
// => Outside: 2
```

Variables - Fun fact

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UTF-8 characters are also allowed!

```
const π = Math.PI;
```

```
const ℒ_ಠ益ಠ_ℳ = 42;
```

Variables

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Hold the result of an expression

```
const helloWorld = 'Hello World';

const helloFunction = function() {};
const helloFunction = () => {};

const returnValue = getCurrentTime();
```

Variables - Primitive types

<code>

Call by value

```
let a = 'Hello World';
const b = a; // Only value is copied
a = 4;

console.log(b);
// => 'Hello World'
```

Variables - Object types (Array)

<code>

Call by reference

```
const a = [1, 2, 3];
const b = a; // Copy the reference
a[0] = 99;   // Modify the array using the reference

console.log(b);
// => [99, 2, 3]
```

Variables - Object types

<code>

Call by reference

```
const person = { firstName: 'John', lastName: 'Doe' };
const secondPerson = person;      // Copy the reference

secondPerson.firstName = 'Jane'; // Modify the object using the reference

console.log(secondPerson);
// => { firstName: 'Jane', lastName: 'Doe' }
console.log(person);
// => { firstName: 'Jane', lastName: 'Doe' }
```

Template Literals (template strings)

Template Strings

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Simple template strings

```
const singleLine = `My first template string`; // single line
const multiLine = `<span>
  My first multiline template string!
</span>`; // multiline
```

Template Strings

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Variables in template strings

```
const lastName = 'Eich';
const name = `Brendan ${lastName}`; // single line
// Brendan Eich

const multiLineString = `<span>
  My name is ${name}!
</span>` // multiline

// <span>
//   My name is Brendan Eich!
// </span>
```

Template Strings

<code>

Expressions in template strings

```
const active = true;
const name = `Is active: ${active ? 'Yes' : 'No'}!`;
// Is active: Yes!

function isActive() {
    return 'No';
}
const name = `Is active: ${isActive()}!`;
// Is active: No!
```

Modules in JavaScript

Modules - General

- organize code
- split the application into multiple files
- solve a specific problem/deal with a specific topic
- share functionalities between modules

Named Export

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You can export functions, objects, or primitive values from the module so they can be used by other programs with the import statement.

```
// foo.js
export { myFunction };
export const foo = Math.sqrt(2);
export const MY_CONSTANT = 'MY_CONSTANT';
```

```
// bar.js
import { myFunction, foo } from 'foo'; // names must match!
```

Default Export

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You can have multiple named exports per module but **only one default export**.

```
// WelcomeScreen.js
export default (props) => { /* ... */ };

// HomeScreen.js
const HomeScreen = (props) => { /* ... */ };
export default HomeScreen;
export { HomeScreen as default };

// App.js
import WelcomeScreen from 'WelcomeScreen';
import Home from 'HomeScreen';
```

Renaming

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You can rename an export when importing it.

```
// foo.js
export const myValue = 123;

// bar.js
import {myValue as differentName} from 'foo';
```

Import entire module's contents

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This inserts myModule into the current scope, containing all the exports from the module in the file foo.js

```
// foo.js
export myFunction;
export const foo = Math.sqrt(2);
export const MY_CONSTANT = 'MY_CONSTANT';
export default MY_CONSTANT;
```

```
// bar.js
import * as myModule from './foo';

myModule.myFunction();
console.log(myModule.MY_CONSTANT);
```

Import entire module's contents

<code>

You can import default and named exports in one statement.

```
// Example: General
import defaultVar, { namedVar1, namedVar2 } from './foo';

// Example: React
import React, { Component, useState } from 'react';
```

Equality operator

Check for value (in)equality

<code>

```
const a = 'test';
const b = 'test';
const c = 'test2';
```

```
a == b
a != c
```

```
const num1 = 1;
const num2 = 1;
const num3 = 2;
```

```
num1 == num2
num1 != num3
```

Check for value AND type (in)equality

<code>

```
const a = '1';
const b = '1';
const c = '2';
```

```
a === b
a !== c
```

```
const num1 = '2';
const num2 = '2';
const num3 = 2; ⚡
```

```
num1 === num2
num1 !== num3 ⚡
```

Always prefer === and !==

- Forces you to write better code (typesafe)
- Clearer intentions
- Especially when working with user input

Object (in)equality

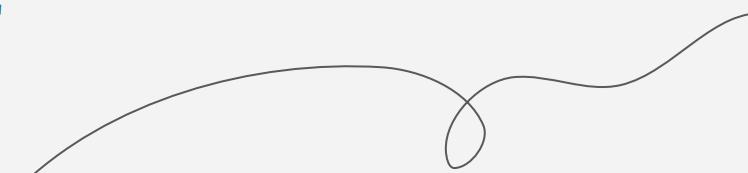
<code>

```
const car = {  
    brand: 'Ford'  
};
```

```
const car2 = {  
    brand: 'Ford'  
};
```

```
car == car2 ⚡  
car === car2 ⚡
```

The objects are *visually* equal, but unequal when comparing like that



Object (in)equality

<code>

```
const car = {  
    brand: 'Ford'  
};
```

```
const car2 = car;
```

```
car == car2  
car === car2
```

Array (in)equality

<code>

```
const a = ['a','b'];
```

```
const b = ['a','b'];
```

```
a == b ⚡  
a === b ⚡
```

Beware of Objects & Arrays (in)equality

- Even if the values are kind of equal to us humans, equality behaves differently
- Different storing technique in memory
- We will come back to this later 

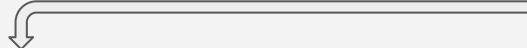
Falsy / Truthy Values

Falsy and Truthy Values

<code>

```
const framework = 'vue';
```

```
if (framework === 'vue') {...}
```



true aka boolean

Falsy and Truthy Values

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value is a **string**

```
if (framework) {...}
```

Falsy and Truthy Values

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value is a **string**

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if (framework) {...}
```

JavaScript tries to coerce
values to a Boolean value if
required

Type coercion

	Coerced value	
<code>0</code>	<code>false</code>	falsy
Any other number (incl. negative)	<code>true</code>	truthy
<code>''</code> (empty string)	<code>false</code>	falsy
Any other non-empty string	<code>true</code>	truthy
<code>{}, [] & all other objects and arrays (even empty)</code>	<code>true</code>	truthy
<code>null, undefined</code> and <code>NaN</code>	<code>false</code>	falsy

Falsy and Truthy Values

- JavaScript conditions work with booleans → `true` / `false`
- If an operation needs a boolean, JavaScript coerces the value into a boolean
- “Converting without really converting”
- The values which are coerced to true are called truthy, the other ones are called falsy

Nullish Values

- Nullish is a more specific falsy value
- `null` and `undefined` are considered nullish

Nullish coalescing

Nullish coalescing

- `??` is the third logical operator in JavaScript (next to `&&` and `||`).
- New since ES2020 (June 2020).
- Checks if a value is **nullish** instead of **falsy** (like the AND- and OR-Operator).
 - If so, returns the value on the right hand side.
 - Otherwise returns the value on the left hand side.

Nullish coalescing

<code>

```
1      ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: 1
42     ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: 42
true   ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: true
false  ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: false
0      ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: 0
""     ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: ""

null   ?? "Workshops.de";           // Result is: Workshops.de
undefined ?? "Workshops.de";        // Result is: Workshops.de
```

Nullish coalescing vs logical OR ||

<code>

1	?? "Default"; // 1	✓
42	?? "Default"; // 42	✓
true	?? "Default"; // true	✓
""	?? "Default"; // ""	✓
null	?? "Default"; // Default	✓
undefined	?? "Default"; // Default	✓

1	"Default"; // 1	✓
42	"Default"; // 42	✓
true	"Default"; // true	✓
""	"Default"; // Default	✓
null	"Default"; // Default	✓
undefined	"Default"; // Default	✓



Nullish coalescing vs logical OR ||

<code>

This new operator should be **the first choice** to check for *nullish* values. Do not longer use the OR-Operator for this kind of checks.

```
0      ?? "Default"; // 0  
false ?? "Default"; // false
```



```
0      || "Default"; // Default  
false || "Default"; // Default
```



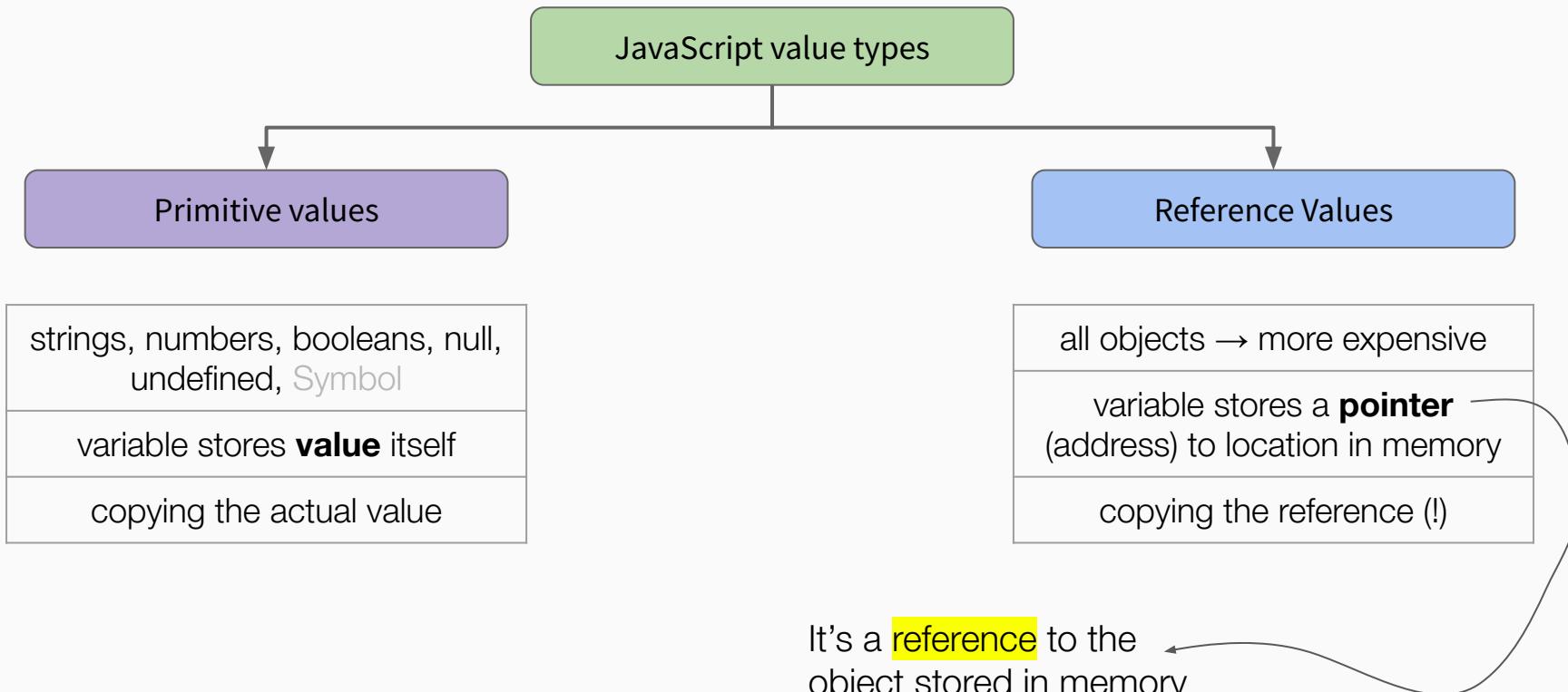
Task

JavaScript Playground 01



Passing variables in JavaScript

Primitive vs Reference values



Primitive values - copy by value

<code>

```
let framework = 'vue';

let anotherFramework = framework; // vue

framework = 'react';

console.log(anotherFramework); // vue
```

Reference values - copy by reference

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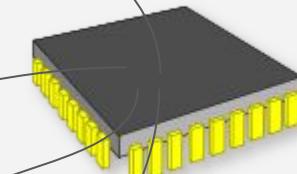
Be careful here, we are only copying the **reference**, not the actual value

```
let car = {  
  make: 'Ford'  
};  
  
let car2 = car; // { make: 'Ford' }  
  
car.model = 'Mustang';  
  
console.log(car2); // { make: 'Ford', model: 'Mustang' }
```

Object (in)equality

<code>

```
const car = {  
  make: 'Ford'      // value of car is 0ddaf4...  
};  
  
const car2 = {  
  make: 'Ford'      // value of car2 is 5f9f98...  
};  
  
car == car2 ⚡      // 0ddaf4... != 5f9f98...  
car === car2 ⚡     // 0ddaf4... !== 5f9f98...
```



Objects & Arrays deep (in)equality

- Use recursive equality algorithm
- Objects have to be compared by their properties
- Write your own logic or use third party libraries
- i.e. Lodashs `isEqual` function

Passing variables in JavaScript

- All function arguments are always passed by value
- JavaScript copies values of the variables into local variables
- Changes to local variables will not be reflected outside the function
- But primitive and reference values behave different (somehow)

Primitive values - pass by value

<code>

```
function addOne(x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
const value = 10;  
  
addOne(value);  
  
console.log(value);
```

Primitive values - pass by value

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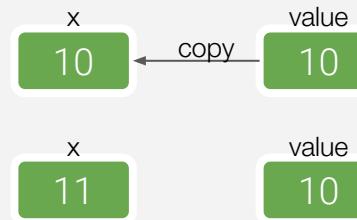
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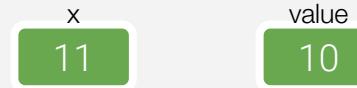
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console.log(value);
```



Primitive values - pass by value

<code>

```
function addOne(x) {  
    x = x + 1;  
}  
  
const value = 10;  
  
addOne(value);  
  
console.log(value);
```



Reference values - pass by reference

<code>

```
function setActive(obj) {  
    obj.active = true;  
}  
  
const state = {  
    active: false  
};  
  
setActive(state);
```

Reference values - pass by reference

<code>

```
function setActive(obj) {  
    obj.active = true;  
}
```

```
const state = {  
    active: false  
};
```

```
setActive(state);
```



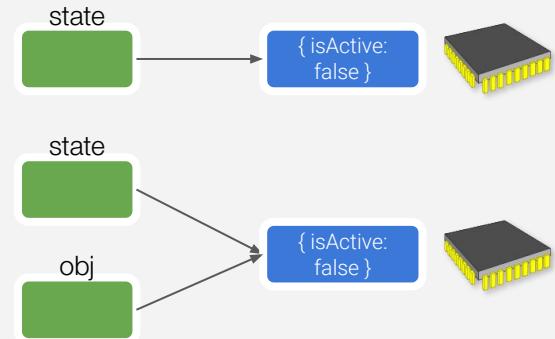
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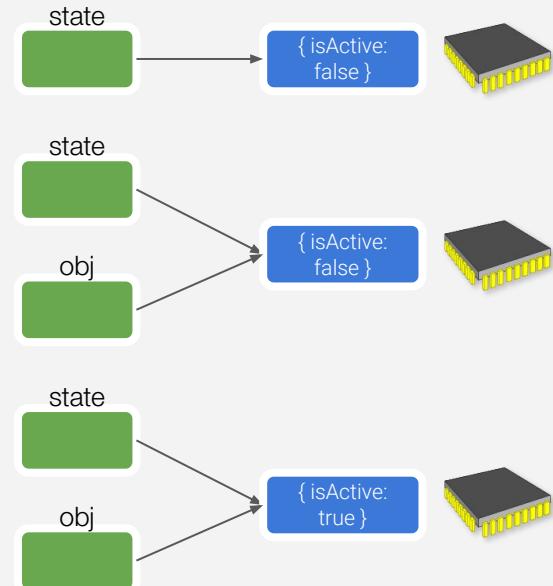
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setActive(state);
```



Reference values - pass by reference

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};  
  
setActive(state);
```



Promises

The `Promise` object represents the potential completion of an asynchronous operation, and its resulting value.

Why not simple callbacks?

Callbacks

<code>

A callback can be called asynchronously.

```
http(url, response => {
  user = response.data.user;
}); // http() is async / non-blocking!

user; // undefined
```

Callback problems

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1. Callback nesting → The Pyramid of Doom



```
http(url, response => {
  performOperation(response.data.user, result => {
    calc(result, calcResult => {
      doSomething(calcResult, () => {
        // ...
      });
    });
  });
});
```

Callback problems

<code>

2. Error handling → Catch errors in every block?

```
http(url, (err, response) => {
  if (err) ...
  performOperation(response.data.user, (err, result) => {
    if (err) ...
    calc(result, (err, calcResult) => {
      if (err) ...
      doSomething(calcResult, () => {
        // ...
      });
    });
  });
});
```

Callback problems

<code>

2. Error handling → try-catch error handling doesn't work!

```
const asyncFn = () => {
  setTimeout(() => {
    console.log('doSomethingAsync() called!');
    throw new Error('Something went wrong!');
  });
};

try {
  asyncFn();
} catch(e) {
  // This won't catch the error thrown in asyncFn()!
}
```

Callback problems

<code>

3. Synchronizing multiple callbacks

```
const api1 = http.get(url, () => {
    // ...
})

const api2 = http.get(url, () => {
    // ...
})

// How to wait for both?
```

Promises to the rescue

Promises

<code>

Success and error semantics via `then()` and `catch()`

```
promise.then(successFn).catch(errorFn)
```

Promises

- Read-only view to a **single** future value
- **Not lazy:** As soon as the javascript Interpreter sees a promise declaration it immediately executes its implementation synchronously. Even though it will get settled eventually (resolved or rejected).
- Immutable and **uncancellable**. Your promise will be resolved **or** rejected once.

Promises

<code>

Simple example: async operation with callbacks

```
const setTimer = (duration, callbackFn) => {
  setTimeout(() => {
    callbackFn('Done!');
  }, duration * 1000);
};

setTimer(14, (message) => {
  console.log(message); // Done!
});
```

Promises

<code>

Simple example: Async operation with Promise (transformed)

```
const setTimer = (duration) => {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    setTimeout(() => {
      resolve('Done!');
    }, duration * 1000);
  });
};

setTimer(14).then((message) => {
  console.log(message); // Done!
});
```

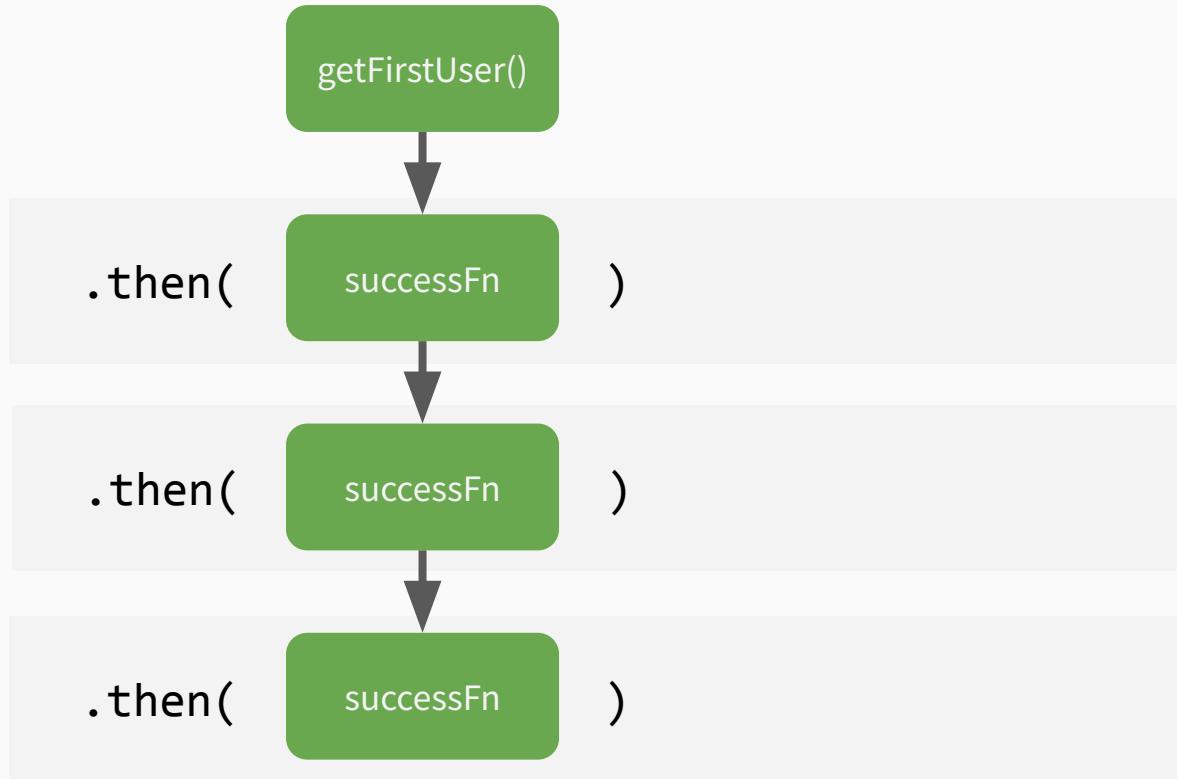
Promises

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Avoid pyramid of doom

```
const x = api.getFirstUser() // returns a promise
  .then(response => {
    return response.data.user;
}) // a new resolved promise with value
  .then(user => {
    return api.getUserBooks(user.id) // returns a new promise
})
```

Promises - Success flow



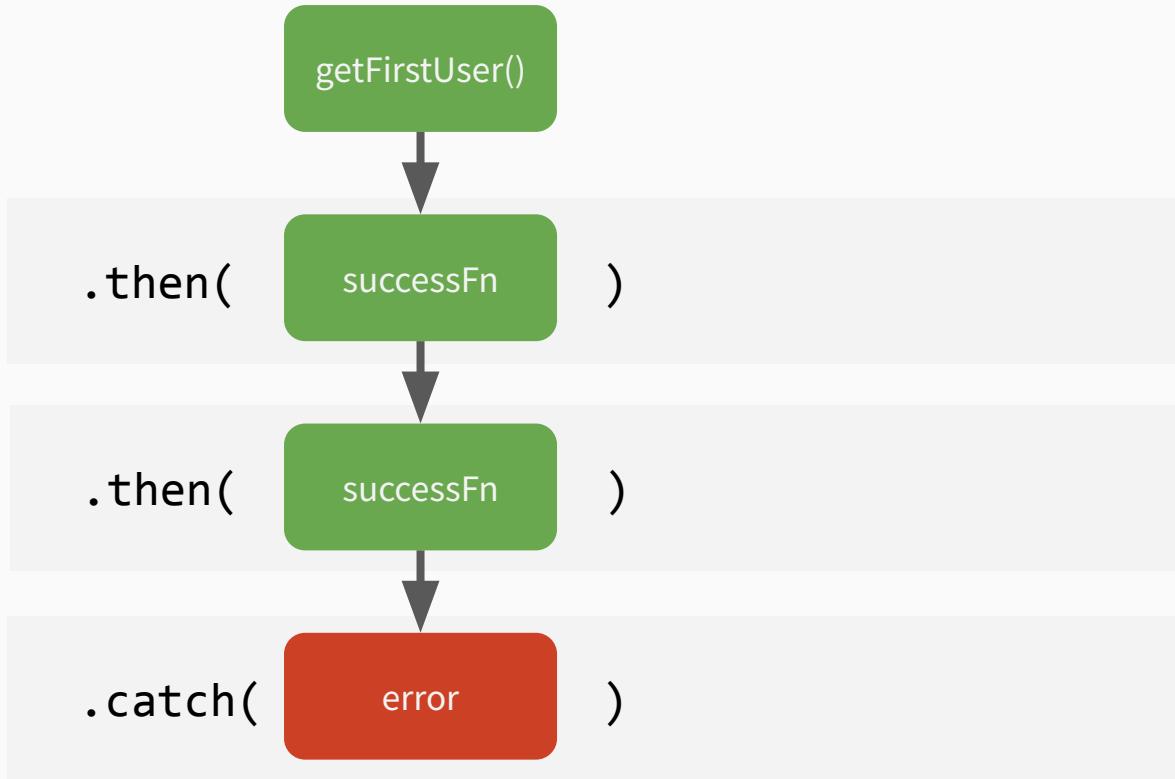
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Downstream value and **catch** errors in a single handler

```
api.getFirstUser(url)
  .then(response => {
    return response.data.user;
})
  .then(() => throw new Error('An error!!!!'))
  .then(calc) // doesn't handle an error
  .then(doSomething)
  .catch(error => { // catches all previously occurred errors and Promise
    rejections
      console.log('An error occurred!', error);
});
```

Promises - Success flow



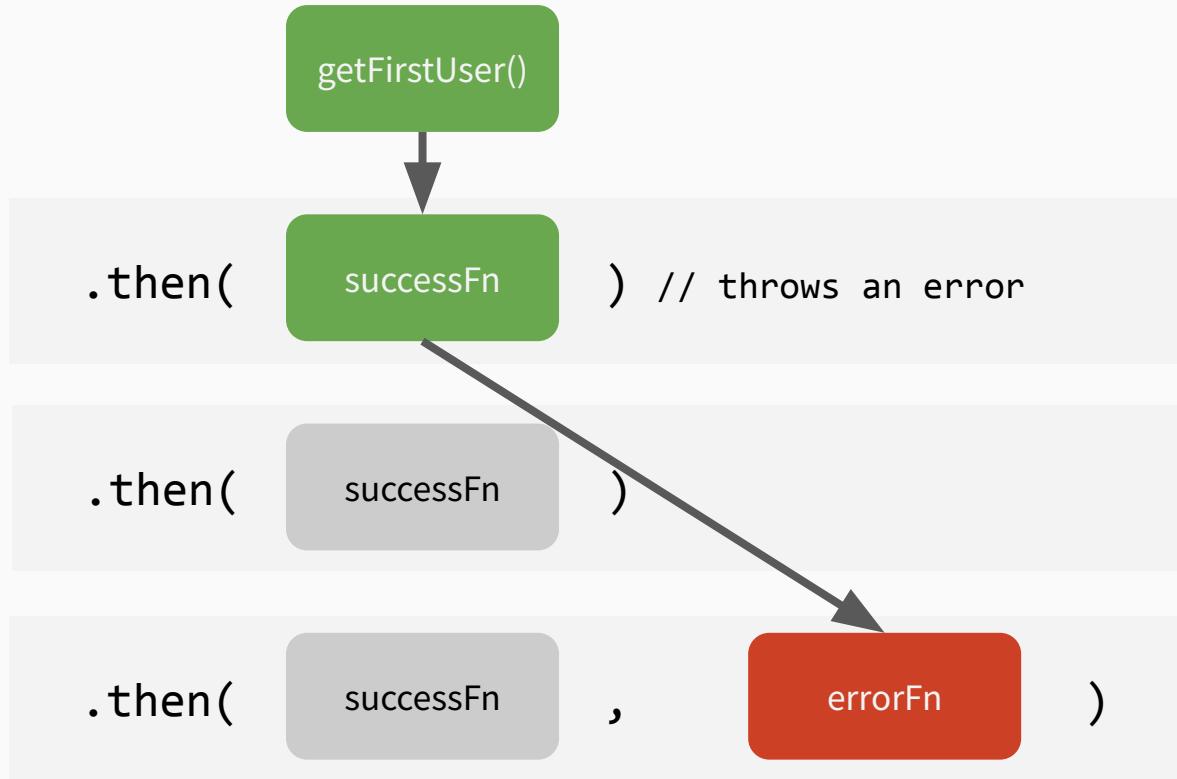
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Downstream value and **error** propagation

```
api.getFirstUser(url)
  .then(response => {
    return response.data.user;
})
  .then(() => throw new Error('An error!!!'))
  .then(calc) // doesn't handle an error
  .then(doSomething, error => {
    console.log('An error occurred!', error);
});
```

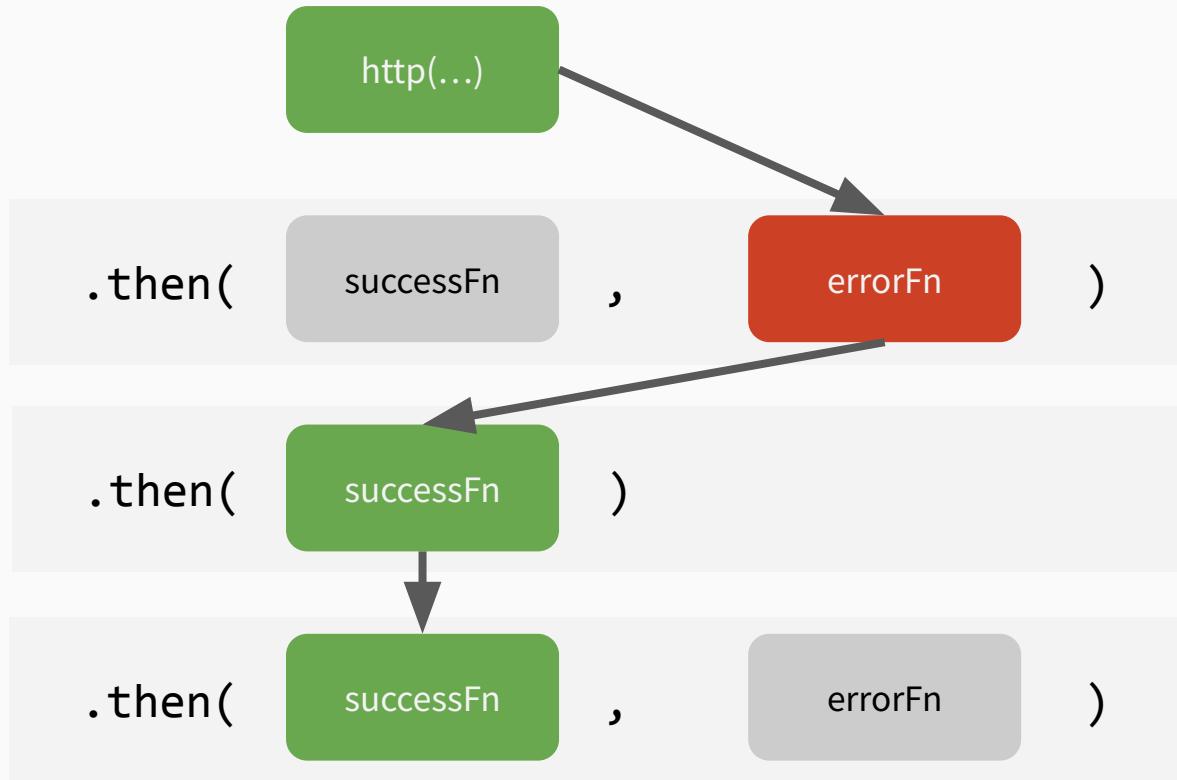
Promises - Error flow



Promises

- Errors and rejections can be handled
- E.g. an API that has a mirror
- You can recover from errors

Promises - Recovery flow



Promises

<code>

You can synchronize multiple promises easily - waits until all promises are resolved.

```
const api1 = http.get('/api1'); // returns a promise
const api2 = http.get('/api2'); // returns a promise

Promise.all([api1, api2])
  .then([result1, result2] => {
    return ...
  })
  .then(anotherTransform)
```

Async data fetching

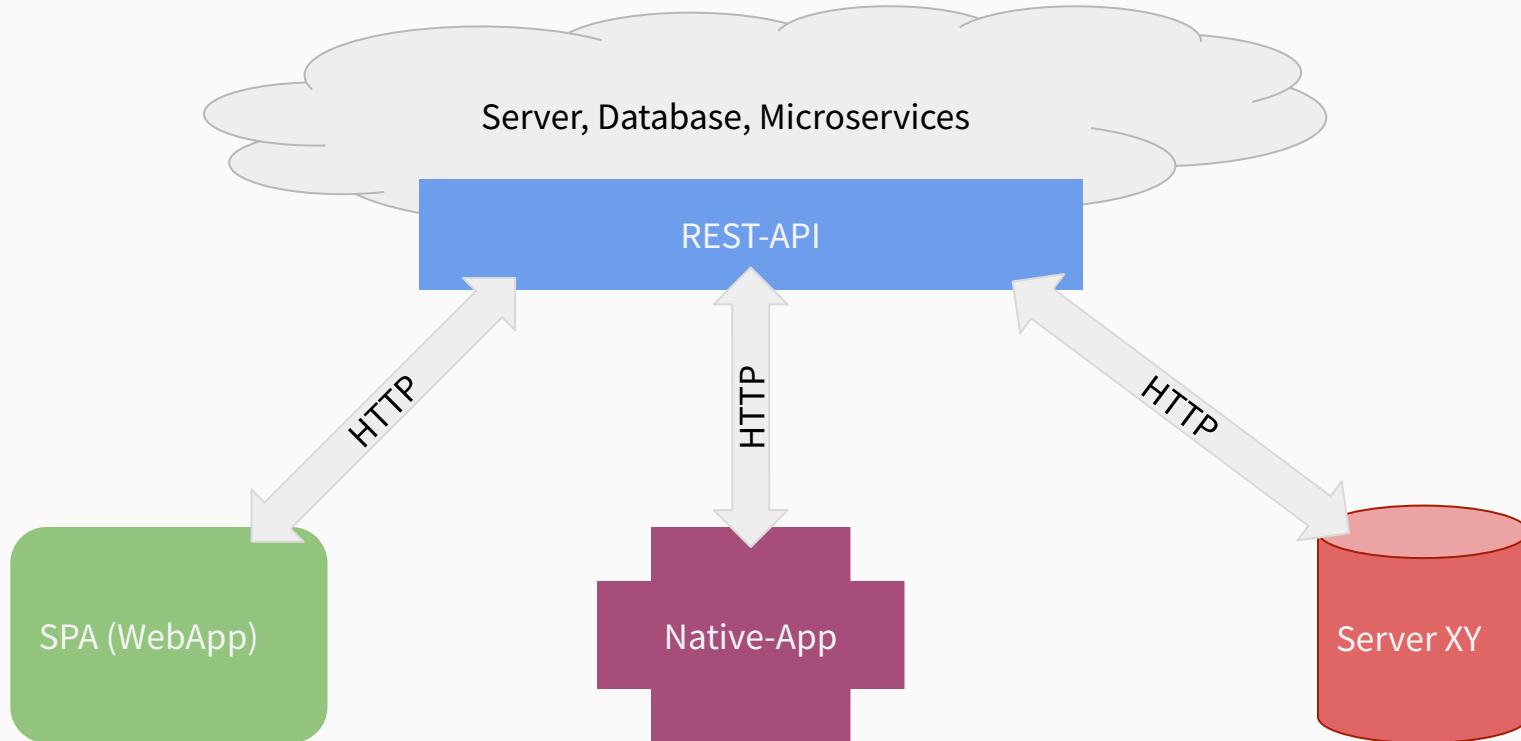
Load data from an API via HTTP

Why / What you'll learn



- Your data isn't stored locally
 - Multiple clients
 - Huge amount of data
- Communication via HTTP (REST/CRUD)
- Different ways to get data from an API

Using a Rest API



Basic CRUD Service

http://localhost:4730

```
POST  /books          // Create a new book
GET   /books         // Read all books
PUT   /books/:isbn   // Update a book by ISBN
DELETE /books/:isbn // Delete a book by ISBN
GET   /books/:isbn   // Read a specific book by ISBN
```

Using Fetch

- Fetch is a modern concept equivalent to XMLHttpRequest.
- The API is completely Promise-based.

Request an API via Fetch

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One argument as a string results in a GET request to this URL

```
return fetch(URL)
  .then(response => response.json())
```

Request an API via Fetch

<code>

Request interface allows more detailed control of a resource request

```
const request = new Request(URL, {  
  headers: {  
    'Accept': 'application/json',  
    'Content-Type': 'application/json'  
  },  
  method : 'PUT',  
  body   : JSON.stringify(aJavaScriptObject)  
});  
  
return fetch(request)  
.then(response => response.json());
```

Using async and await

<code>

Instead of chaining then you also could use async/wait

```
const fetchData = async () => {
  const response = await fetch('http://localhost:4730/books')
  const result = await response.json();
  setBooks(result); // React useState setter function
}
```

Task

JavaScript Playground 02





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