
CSE 331

Software Design & Implementation

Topic: HW9 and Servers

 **Discussion:** How would you design an interview process for hiring your peers?

Reminders

- No extensions on HW9 (one late day only)
 - Will not accept *any* work after Aug. 19 (Friday) at 11pm

Upcoming Deadlines

- HW8 due Thursday (8/10)

Last Time...

- History of Design Patterns
- Creational Design Patterns
 - Factories
 - Builder
 - Prototype
 - Singleton
 - Interning

Today's Agenda

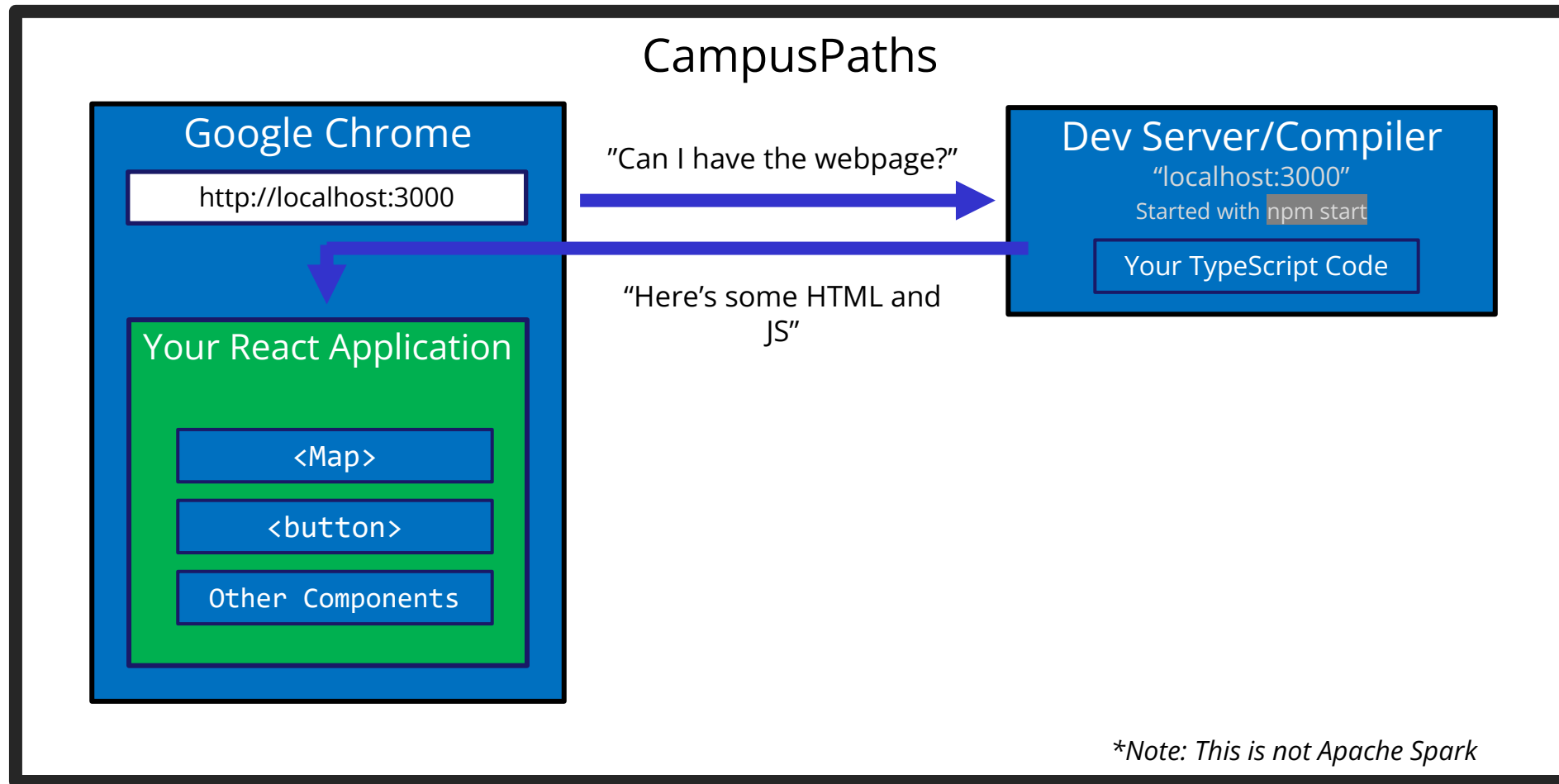
- HW9 Overview
- Anonymous Inner Classes
- JSON
- Spark Java (demo)
- Fetch (demo)

Will finish today's demo in section

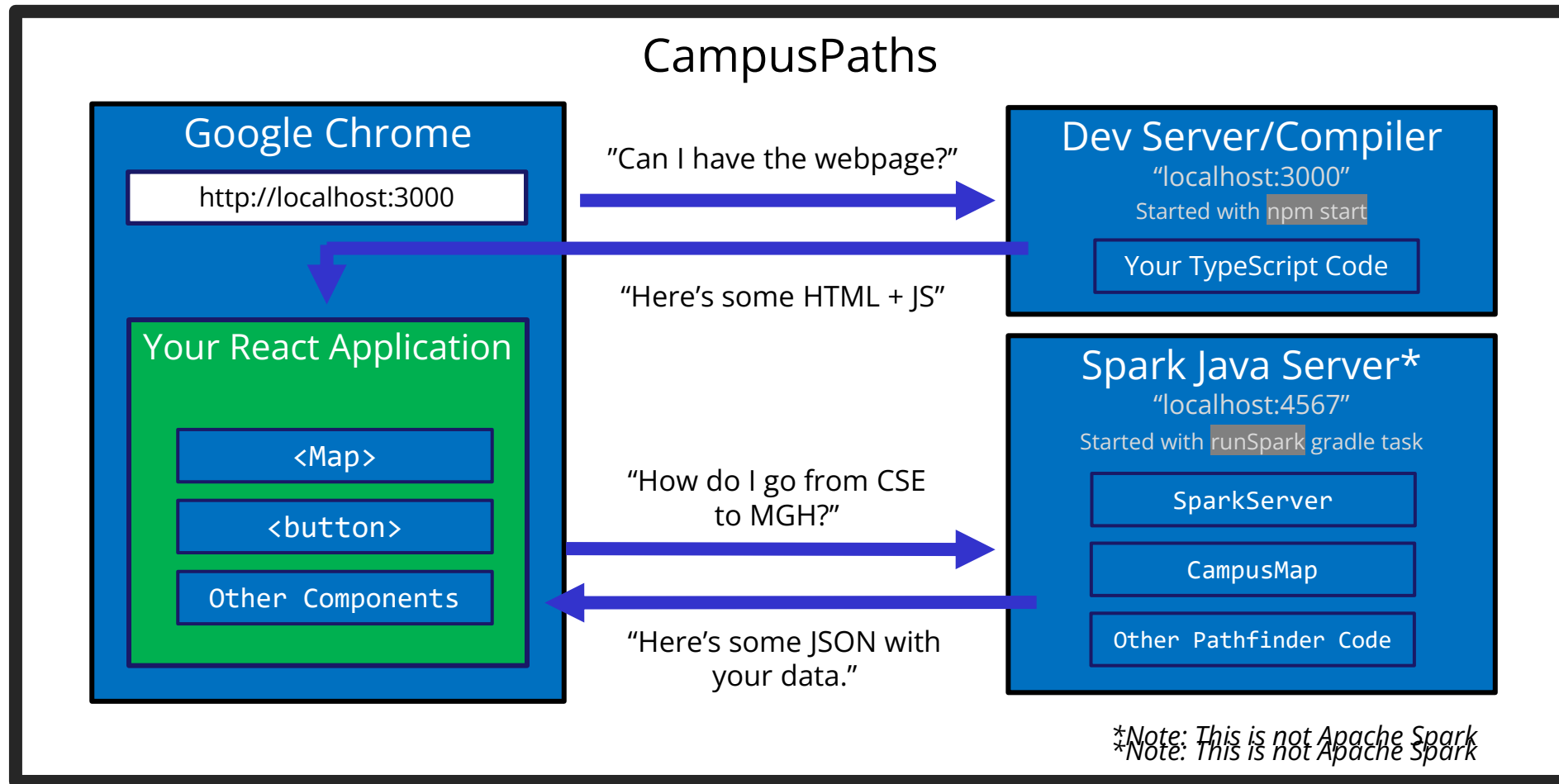
Homework 9 Overview

- Creating a Java server to add to your HW7 code
 - Receives requests from the React app to calculate paths/send data.
 - Not much code to write here thanks to MVC.
 - Reuse your CampusMap class from HW7.
- Creating a new web GUI using React similar to HW8
 - Display a map and draw paths between two points on the map.
 - Similar to your React app in HW8 – but you may add more!
 - Send requests to your Java server (new) to request building and path info.

The Map Lines Stack (HW8)



The Campus Paths Stack (HW9)



Any Questions?

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Anonymous Inner Classes

- Helps put code closer to where it's used.
- Makes sense when you aren't re-using classes.
- The Example: sorting Strings by length instead of alphabetically.
 - We need to make a Comparator – but how best to organize our code?
 - Start with what we're used to, then refine.

Anonymous Inner Classes (Attempt 1)

```
public class StringSorter {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] strings = new String[]{"CSE331", "UW", "React", "Java"};  
        Arrays.sort(strings, new LengthComparator())  
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(strings));  
    }  
}  
  
StringSorter.java
```

```
public class LengthComparator implements Comparator<String> {  
  
    @Override  
    public int compare(String s1, String s2) {  
        return Integer.compare(s1.length(), s2.length());  
    }  
}  
  
LengthComparator.java
```

Attempt 1 – Pros/Cons

- Pros:
 - Easy to reuse (assuming we want to).
- Cons:
 - Polluting the namespace with a whole extra top-level class.
 - Understanding the main method requires viewing two separate Java files.

Anonymous Inner Classes (Attempt 2)

```
public class InnerStringSorter {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] strings = new String[]{"CSE331", "UW", "React", "Java"};  
        Arrays.sort(strings, new InnerLengthComparator());  
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(strings));  
    }  
  
    public static class InnerLengthComparator implements Comparator<String> {  
  
        @Override  
        public int compare(String s1, String s2) {  
            return Integer.compare(s1.length(), s2.length());  
        }  
    }  
}
```

InnerStringSorter.java

Attempt 2 – Pros/Cons

- Pros:
 - In a single Java file now – easier to read/understand.
 - Still reusable outside this file, but more annoying syntax:
 - `new InnerStringSorter.InnerLengthComparator()`
 - `new Path<E>.Segment()`
- Cons:
 - If we're not reusing it, this is unnecessary indirection.
 - Reader has to find and read a new class to understand what the code in main means, even if we only ever do this sorting in one place.

Anonymous Inner Classes (Attempt 3)

```
public class AnonymousStringSorter {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] strings = new String[]{"CSE331", "UW", "React", "Java"};  
        Arrays.sort(strings, new Comparator<String>() {  
  
            @Override  
            public int compare(String s1, String s2) {  
                return Integer.compare(s1.length(), s2.length());  
            }  
        });  
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(strings));  
    }  
}
```

AnonymousStringSorter.java

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            }  
        });  
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(strings));  
    }  
}
```

AnonymousStringSorter.java

Creating and using the class, all at once! No need to give it a name.

Attempt 3 – Pros/Cons

- Pros:
 - Still in a single Java file
 - Puts the meaning of the code right where it's being executed
 - Very useful if you need to make many different Comparators
- Cons:
 - Not reusable (there's no name!)
 - Anonymous inner classes only make sense in certain circumstances, like when you need to make an object for one specific situation.
 - Can be harder to read if overused.
- Note: Java 8 adds a whole bunch of additional ways to write these sorts of things.
 - Not going to discuss them, but you're welcome to learn and use them if you'd like!

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JSON

- JSON = JavaScript Object Notation
 - Can convert JS Object → String, and String → JS Object
 - Bonus: Strings are easy to send inside server requests/responses.
- We have a whole application written in Java so far:
 - Reads CSV data, manages a Graph with campus data, uses Dijkstra's to find paths.
- We're currently writing a whole application in JavaScript:
 - React web app to create an interactive GUI for your users
- Even if we get them to communicate, they store data differently. How can we make sure that these two applications “speak the same language” ?

Java ↔ JSON

Java Object

```
public class SchoolInfo {  
  
    String name = "U of Washington";  
    String location = "Seattle";  
    int founded = 1861;  
    String mascot = "Dubs II";  
    boolean isRainy = true;  
    String website = "www.uw.edu";  
    String[] colors = new String[]  
        {"Purple", "Gold"};  
  
}
```

Use Gson (a library from Google) to convert between them.

Tricky to go from JSON String to Java Object, but we don't need that in 331

JSON String

```
{"name":"U of Washington",  
"location":"Seattle",  
"founded":1861,  
"mascot":"Dubs II",  
"isRainy":true,  
"website":"www.uw.edu",  
"colors":["Purple","Gold"]}
```

```
Gson gson = new Gson();  
SchoolInfo sInfo = new SchoolInfo()  
String json = gson.toJson(sInfo);
```

JSON ↔ JS

Javascript Object

```
let schoolInfo = {  
  
  name: "U of Washington",  
  location: "Seattle",  
  founded: 1861,  
  mascot: "Dubs II",  
  isRainy: true,  
  website: "www.uw.edu",  
  colors: ["Purple", "Gold"]  
  
}
```

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```



- Can convert between the two easily
- If the server replies with a JSON String, it'd be easy to use the data – just turn it into a JS Object and read the fields out of the object!

JSON – Key Ideas

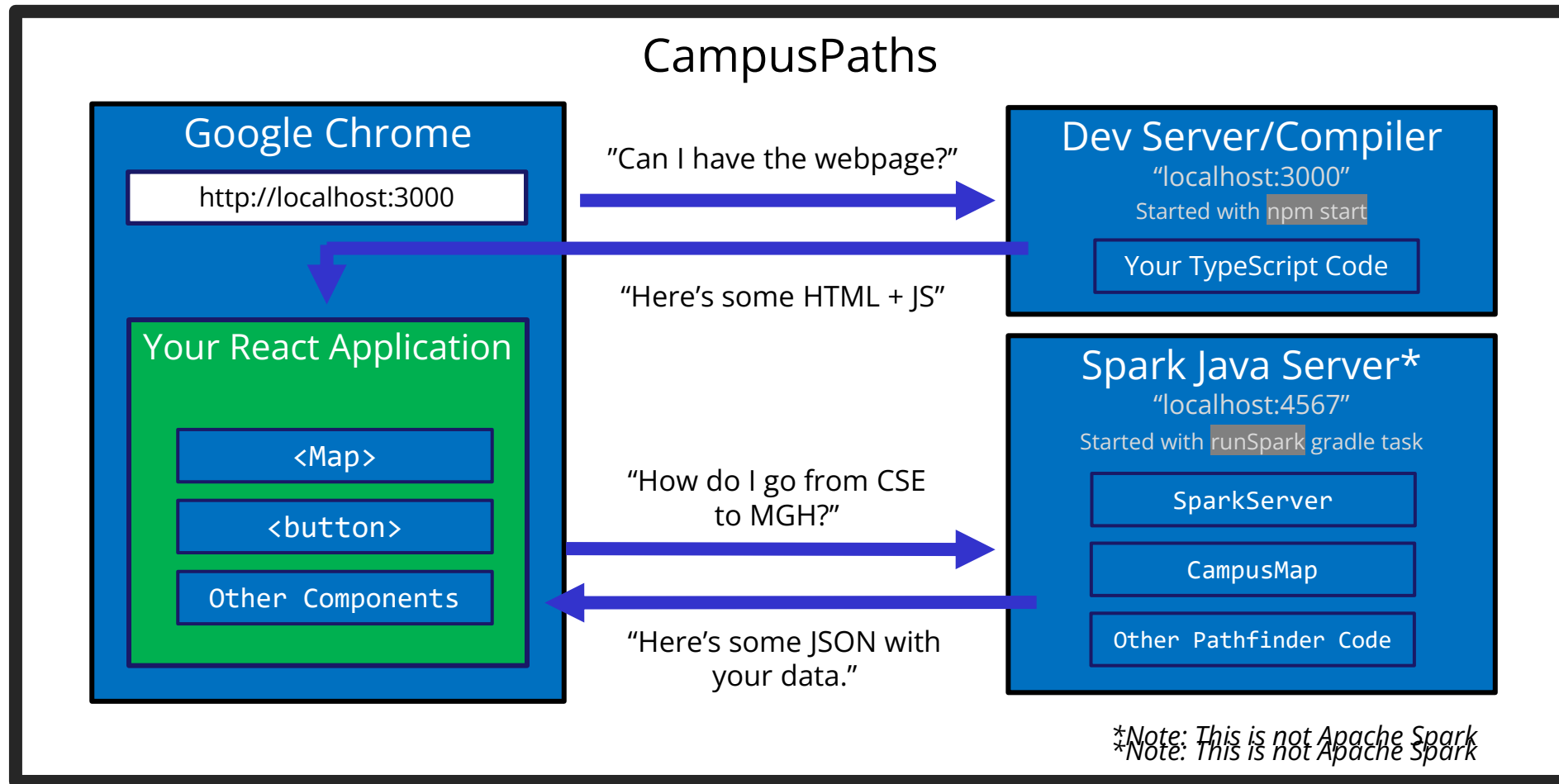
How does this look in HW9?

1. Execute some Java code that produces a Java object
2. Use Gson to turn the Java objects into a JSON string
3. Send the JSON string over the network
 - Gson can handle complicated structures!
4. Convert the JSON string into a Javascript object so we can use the data
 - fetch can help us with that

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The Campus Paths Stack (HW9)



Spark Java

- Using the Spark Java framework – designed to make this short & easy.
 - *Don't confuse with Apache Spark. Completely different, careful what you Google.*
- Create the server by creating “routes” in the main method of your program.
 - A route is an instruction that tells the server what to do when it gets a particular request.
 - Create Route objects and override their abstract handle() method
 - Users can request information. The handle method gets information about these requests, can set information about the response, then return something that will be sent back to the user.

What is a Request

- GET request is basically just a URL:
 - When you type a URL into your browser, it makes a GET request to that URL, the response to that request is the website itself (i.e., the HTML, JS, etc.).
 - A "GET" request says "Hey server, can I get some info about ____?"
 - We're going to make a request from inside Javascript to ask for data about paths on campus.
 - There are many kinds of requests - we just use GET as it's the default for fetch
- Each "place" that a request can be sent is called an **endpoint**
 - Your Java server will provide multiple endpoints – one for each kind of request that your React app wants to make (e.g. find a path, get building info, etc...)

Forming a Request

Server Address: `http://localhost:4567`

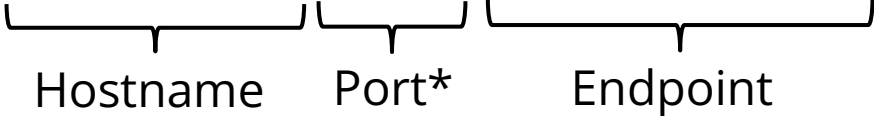
- Basic request with no extra data: `http://localhost:4567/getSomeData`
 - A request to the `/getSomeData` endpoint in the server at `localhost:4567`
 - `localhost` just means “on this same computer”
 - `:4567` specifies a port number
- Sending extra information in a request is done with a query string:
 - Add a `?`, then a list of `key=value` pairs. Each pair is separated by `&`.
 - Query string might look like: `?start=CSE&end=KNE`
- Complete request looks like:
`http://localhost:4567/findPath?start=CSE&end=KNE`

Forming a Request

Server Address: `http://localhost:4567`

`http://washington.edu/about`

`http://localhost:4567/getSomeData`



Query Params*

`http://localhost:4567/findPath?start=CSE&end=KNE`

*Port and query params are technically optional

Our First Spark Route

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Spark.get("/hello-world", new Route() {
        @Override
        public Object handle(Request req, Response resp) throws Exception {
            return "Hello, Spark!";
        }
    });
}
```

- Creating a new anonymous subclass of Route
 - This is ok because we are probably only going to use this subclass once!
- Telling Spark to use that Route whenever it receives a GET request (*Spark.get*) to the “/hello-world” endpoint.
 - Responds to the request: “http://localhost:4567/hello-world”

Demo Time!

- See that simple Spark route in action
- See a Spark route that can get info from a query parameter and use it
- See the node-fetch code that sends a request to the Spark endpoint that we just went over and displays it on the page.

- There are more demos than we can go over in section – get the code from the website to see everything.
 - LOTS of useful info in there.

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Fetch

- Used by JS to send requests to servers to ask for info.
- Uses Promises:
 - Promises capture the idea of “it’ll be finished later.”
 - We can “pause” the currently executing function while we wait for the promise to complete
 - Asking a server for a response can be *slow*, so Promises allow the browser to keep working instead of stopping to wait.
 - Getting the data out is a little more complicated.
- We’re using `async/await` syntax to deal with promises.

Sending a Request

```
let responsePromise = fetch("http://localhost:4567/findPath?start=CSE&end=KNE");
```

- responsePromise is a Promise object
 - Once the Promise “resolves,” it’ll hold whatever is sent back from the server.
- How do we get the data out of the Promise?
 - We can `await` the promise’s resolution.
 - `await` tells the browser that it can pause the currently-executing function and go do other things. Once the promise resolves, it’ll resume where we left off.
 - Prevents the browser from freezing while the request is happening

Getting Useful Data

“This function is
pause-able”

Will eventually
resolve to an
actual JS object
based on the JSON
string.

Once we have the
data, store it in a
useful place.

```
async sendRequest() {  
  let responsePromise = fetch("...");  
  let response = await responsePromise;  
  
  let parsingPromise = response.json();  
  let parsedObject = await parsingPromise;  
  
  this.setState({  
    importantData: parsedObject  
  });  
}
```


Error Checking

Every response has a 'status code' (e.g. 404 = Not Found)
This checks for 200 = OK

On a complete failure (i.e. server isn't running) an error is thrown.

```
async sendRequest() {  
  try {  
    let response = await fetch("...");  
    if (!response.ok) {  
      alert("Error!");  
      return;  
    }  
    let parsed = await response.json();  
    this.setState({  
      importantData: parsed  
    });  
  } catch (e) {  
    alert("Error!");  
  }  
}
```

Things to Know

- Can only use the `await` keyword in a function declared with the `async` keyword.
 - `async` keyword means that a function can be “paused” while `await`-ing
- `async` functions automatically return a `Promise` that will eventually contain their return value.
 - This means that if you need a return value from the function you declared as `async`, you’ll need to `await` the function call.
 - But that means that the caller also needs to be `async`.
 - Therefore (at least in CSE331) :
 - Avoid returning values from `async` functions
 - Do try to call `setState` to store the result and trigger an update

More Things to Know

- Error checking is important.
 - If you forget, the error most likely will disappear without actually causing your program to explode.
 - This is BAD! Silent errors can cause tricky bugs.
 - This happens because errors don't bubble outside of promises, and the async function you're inside is effectively "inside" a promise.
 - Means that if you don't catch an exception, it'll just disappear as soon as your function ends.

More More Things to Know

- The return value of `await response.json()` will be of type **any**
 - As we know, this is dangerous! (No TypeScript checks)
- To solve, we create an interface describing what the server will respond with (e.g. a Path) and cast the value to that type:

```
interface Path { ... }  
const parsed: Path = await response.json() as Path;
```

- Note: This does *not* check that the value actually has this type
 - If the server sends back something different, could crash later
 - A true solution would check the object before casting
 - Can get pretty complicated – not required for hw9
 - If you're curious – libraries like `io-ts` can help with this

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Before next class...

1. Keep working on [HW8!](#)
 - React is new, you will likely have many questions
 - See examples from lecture + section for ideas
2. Go to section tomorrow
 - Finish today's demo
3. Wrap-up any regrades for [HW1-7](#)
 - Won't accept late work after the last day of class