CS 312 Software Development

REST and fetching data

Obtaining data for our application

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

import filmData from '../../data/films.json';
import FilmTableContainer from './FilmTableContainer';
import SearchBar from './SearchBar';

function FilmExplorer() {
  const [searchTerm, setSearchTerm] = useState('');
  const [sortType, setSortType] = useState('title');
  const [films, setFilms] = useState([]);

  // load the film data
  useEffect(() => {
    setFilms(filmData);
  }, []);
```

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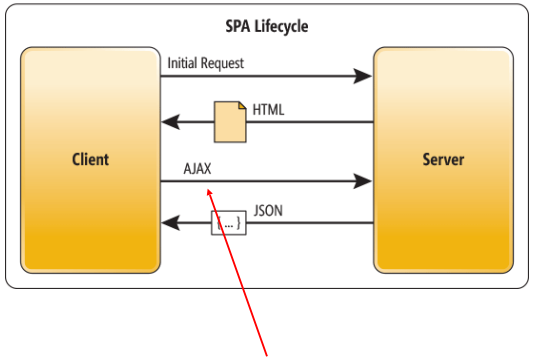

We will use `window.fetch` to obtain data asynchronously

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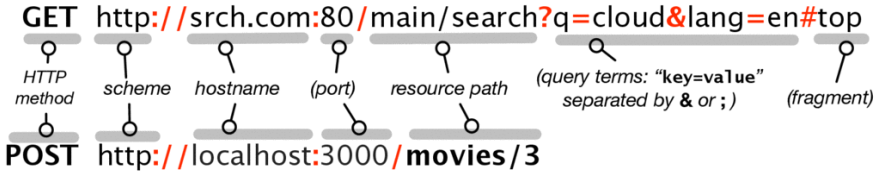
HTTP (and URLs)

HTTP request includes: a method, URI, protocol version and headers



HTTP response includes: Protocol version and status code, headers, and body

2** OK
3** Resource moved
4** Forbidden
5** Error

HTTP methods (verbs)

Method	Typical Use
GET	Request a resource. Form fields can be sent as the query parameters.
HEAD	Similar to GET, but for just the response headers
POST	Send data to the server. Unlike GET, the data is transmitted in the request body. Action is up to server, but often creates a subordinate resource. The response may be a new resource, or just a status code.
PUT	Similar to POST, expect that PUT is intended to create or modify the resource at the specified URL, while POST creates or updates a subordinate resource.
DELETE	Delete the specified resource
PATCH	Partial replacement of a resource, as opposed to PUT which specifies complete replacement.

REST (Representational State Transfer)

- An architectural style (rather than a standard)
  - API expressed as actions on specific resources
  - Use HTTP verbs as actions (in line with meaning in spec.)
  - Responses can include hyperlinks to discover additional RESTful resources (HATEOAS)
- A RESTful API uses this approach (more formally, observes 6 constraints in R. Fielding's 2000 thesis)
  - "a *post hoc* [after the fact] *description of the features that made the Web successful"**

*Rosenberg and Mateos, "The Cloud at Your Service" 2010

Film Explorer API

Route		Controller Action
GET	/api/films	List (read) all films
GET	/api/films/:id	Read data from films with id == :id
PUT	/api/films/:id	Update film with id == :id from request data

```
$ curl http://basin.cs.middlebury.edu:3042/api/films/340382
{"id":340382, "overview":"The film follows the story started in the
first Attack on Titan live-action film.",
"release_date":"2015-09-19", "poster_path":"/
aCIG1tjNHbLP2GnlaW33SXC95Si.jpg", "title":"Attack on Titan: End of
the World", "vote_average":4.2, "rating":5, "genres":[{"id":
18,"filmId":340382},{"id":14,"filmId":340382},{"id":28,"filmId":
340382},{"id":878,"filmId":340382}], "genre_ids":[18,14,28,878]}
```

CRUD(L) on a RESTful resource

Resource and "action"

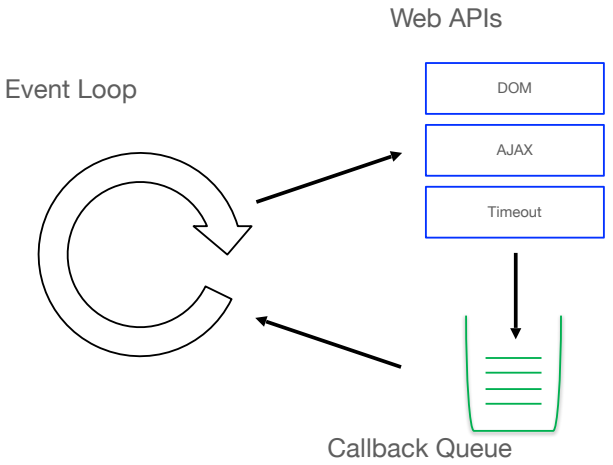
Route		Controller Action	
POST	/api/films	Create new film from request data	C
GET	/api/films/:id	Read data of film with id == :id	R
PUT	/api/films/:id	Update film with id == :id from request data	U
DELETE	/api/films/:id	Delete film with id == :id	D
GET	/api/films	List (read) all films	L

A "route" maps <HTTP method, URL> to a controller action

Other features of REST APIs

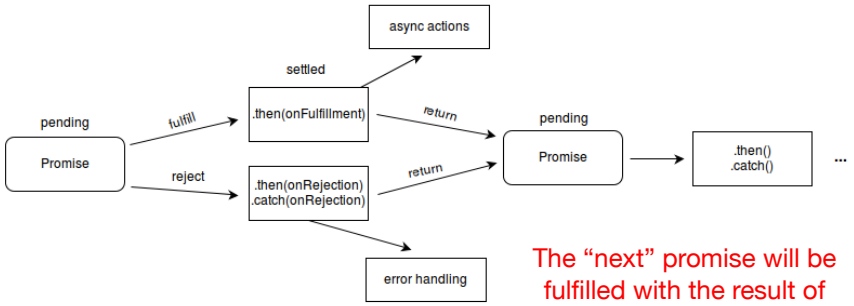
- Resources can be nested
  - `GET /courses/3971/assignments/43746`
    - Assignment 0 in CS101 S19 on Canvas
- Think broadly about what is a resource
  - `GET /movies/search?q=Jurassic`
    - Resource is a “search result list” matching query
  - `GET /movies/34082/edit`
    - Resource is a form for updating movie 34082 (form submit launches POST/PUT request)

Recall that the browser is asynchronous



`fetch` returns a Promise

A common action is to set state



The “next” promise will be fulfilled with the result of the then handler

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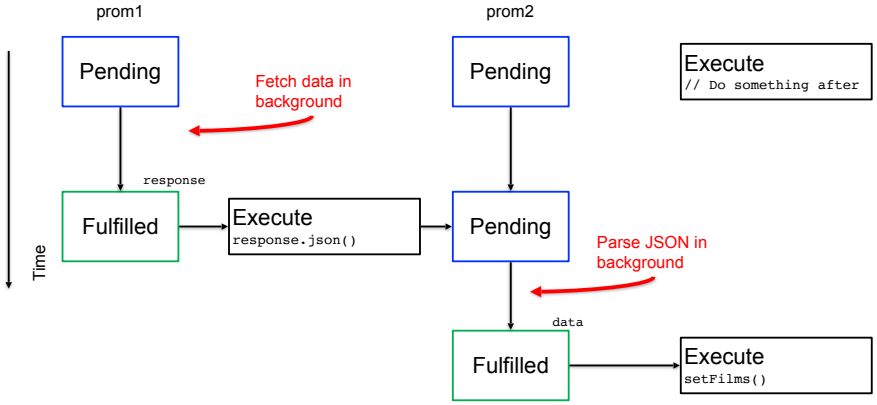
Obtaining film data in Film Explorer

Response object with status, headers, and response body

```
fetch('/api/films/')
  .then((response) => {
    if (!response.ok) {
      throw new Error(response.statusText);
    }
    return response.json();
  })
  .then((data) => {
    setFilms(data);
  })
  .catch(err => console.log(err));
```

Parse and return response as JSON

```
const prom1 = fetch('/api/films/')
const prom2 = prom1.then((response) => {
  return response.json();
});
prom2.then((data) => {
  setFilms(data);
})
// Do something after
```



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now using await...

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}

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now using await...

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const getData = async ()=> {
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  if (!response.ok) {
    throw new Error(response.statusText);
  }

  const data = await response.json();
  setFilms(data);
}


getData();
// do something else
```

Effect hooks

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 useEffect(() => {
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