Practical Course: Web Development

Intro

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Today’s Agenda

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What You’ll Need

https://mimuc.slack.com/files/tobi.seitz/F2PCNRW4T/Required_Toolkit

Required Toolkit
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Over the course of the semester you will need to install a couple of tools. We’re trying to keep it as simple as possible. To do the Break-Out exercises during the tutorials and to complete all assignments, make sure to install these tools beforehand. I’ve ordered them according to their importance.

1. Git. https://git-scm.com/ install it, then go straight ahead to this tutorial, if you don’t know git: https://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide/
2. NodeJS + npm. https://nodejs.org/en/ – If you have npm running, install these (you can do that from the Git-Bash):
   a. Bower npm install -g bower
   b. Express Generator npm install -g express
   c. Polymer-CLI npm install -g polymer-cli
   d. gulp npm install -g gulp
   e. Browser-Sync npm install -g browser-sync
3. Text Editor / Web IDE – choose one! -
Syllabus

• About 45 minutes of input in every session
• 45 minutes of hands-on exercises
• Homework each week until the actual project work starts.
Our Expectations During the Semester

• Ask questions. A lot.
• Always attend the sessions on Friday
• Practice saying “Yes, and...” to build on others’ ideas
• Collaborate. Distribute tasks equally.
• Weekly status presentations. Every team member does at least one presentation (round robin procedure)
Your Expectations

- Take 5 minutes time to think about your expectations
- Afterwards, we’re going to collect them and share them with you.
TOPICS
Topic 1: Platform for Media Technology Course

Elevator pitch:

“Teaching assistants need to manage a diverse range of tasks for the Media Technology Course. Apart from weekly tutorials, there are three practical courses within a very limited timeframe that have individual dates for each group of 4 students. Beforehand, tutors must be recruited and assigned to the dates. The online platform reduces the complexity of the organization because it guides the assistants through the entire process.”
Topic 2: User Study Management Platform

Elevator pitch:

“For researchers who need to manage study participants, the online platform allows them to create, announce, and run user studies. They can screen the participants and manage their compensation with either study credit or monetary incentives. Students can also sign up and see their study progress and participate in follow-up studies.”
Expected Outcome

• Production-level solution. We really want to use these platforms!
• Stability before features
• Localization: German + English
• Documentation:
  – Who did what? ➔ Module breakdown
  – System set up (Dependencies, Installation, Usage)
  – API
Frameworks & Technology

• Front End:
  – Angular
  – Polymer, Web-Components

• Back End:
  – NodeJS + Express + LoopBack
  – SQL and NoSQL databases
Angular

Pro’s
• Totally STRUCTURED client-side JS Framework
• 2-WAY data binding → easy & no boilerplate code
• CLEAN modularized code (Templates, Extension, Injection, Filter, Services, Factories)
• AMAZING support from debug tools and community

Con’s
• don’t try to think of DOM-manipulation like in JS
• you have to work structured - no scribble down of all functionality in one file
Polymer

- “Opinionated view on web components”
- Core idea: Extend HTML elements, encapsulate functionality
- [https://www.polymer-project.org/1.0/](https://www.polymer-project.org/1.0/)
- Many element libraries, e.g. [Polymer Elements](https://www.polymer-project.org/1.0/)
Polymer in Action

- Google Play Music: [https://play.google.com/music/](https://play.google.com/music/)
- YouTube Gaming: [https://gaming.youtube.com/](https://gaming.youtube.com/) (soon all of YouTube)
- GitHub: [https://twitter.com/ebidel/status/464102546114506752](https://twitter.com/ebidel/status/464102546114506752)
- Google I/O 2016: [https://events.google.com/io2016/](https://events.google.com/io2016/)
## Polymer Evaluation

### Pro
- Easy learning curve
- Thousands of modules out of the box
- Material design set up (optional)
- Less JavaScript-y.
- Very close to native browser API
- Strong support by Google
- ES6 compliant
- Out of the box responsiveness

### Con
- Data flow paradigm
- If you’re not careful, performance might suffer
- Widespread browser support yet to come (until then: polyfills)
Why didn’t we choose Framework XYZ?

• We know that there is a plethora of front-end frameworks
• Angular and Polymer have gained momentum and will probably stay for a couple of years. If you understand their ideas, it will be easy to adapt them to React / Ember / Vue.
• Besides, we are experts in these Angular/Polymer. It wouldn’t make sense to teach things we have to learn along with you.
• Interesting article:  
  https://hackernoon.com/how-it-feels-to-learn-javascript-in-2016-d3a717dd577f#.xtrtzz9d9
Groups

• 16 Participants / 2 Topics / 2 Frameworks
  ➔ 4 groups à 4 people

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