

Front End

Basic Fundamentals



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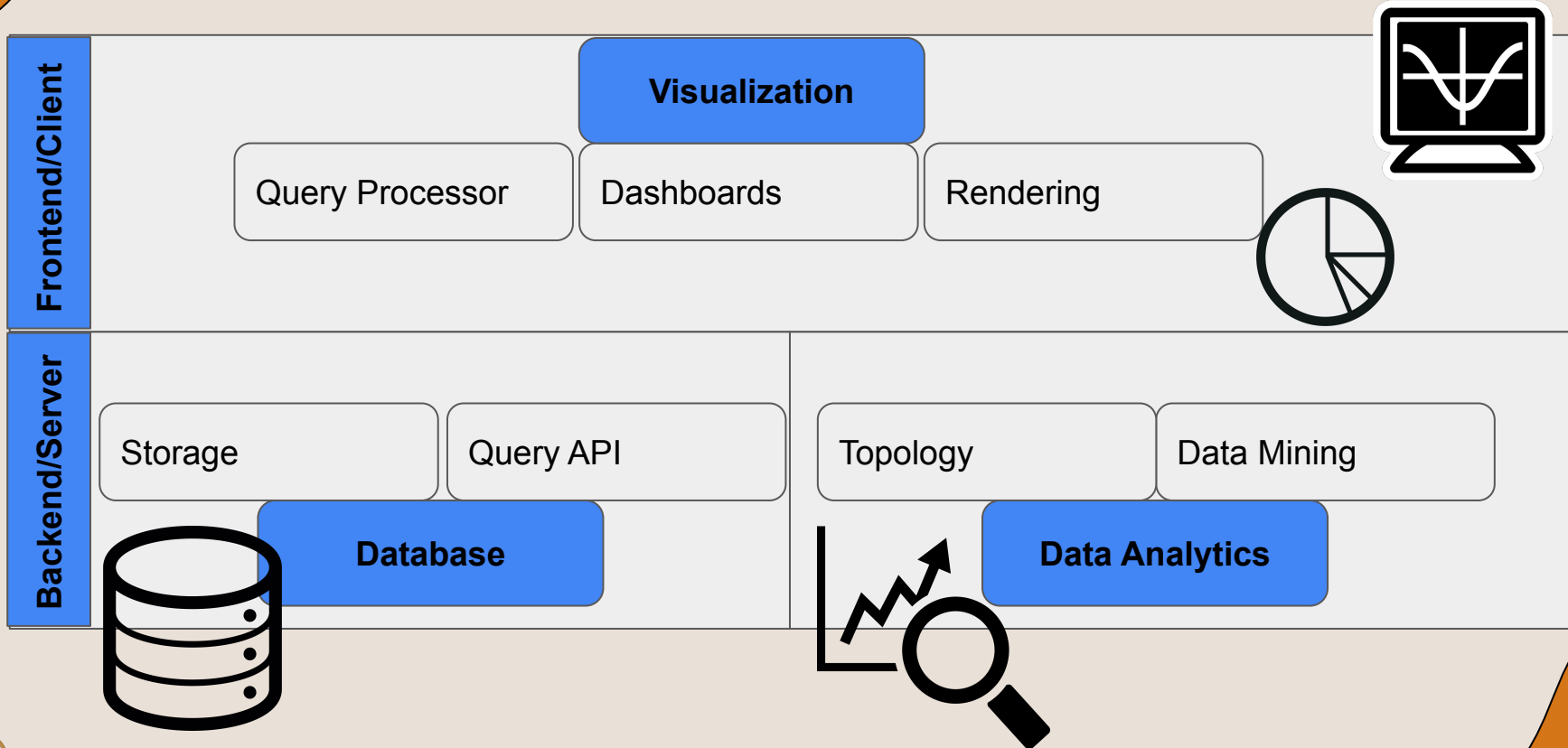


What Budget Collector Uses?

- Front-end:
 - JavaScript, HTML, CSS
 - built within the wordpress ecosystem
- Back-end:
 - Airtable
 - Contains art information (artist names, images, region, etc)
 - CANNOT manipulate data within airtable
 - AWS EC2
 - Backend server and database for website
 - CAN post manipulated data or run backend code
- Your Github Repo:
 - Needs to detail:
 - how to run it locally
 - what front-end & backend technologies that your using (flask, django, etc)



Visualization System



Visualization System

- Why is this type of architecture the norm?
 - Modular system allows for:
 - Rapid changes
 - Specialization
 - Easily understood in a client-server concept
 - Easy deployment



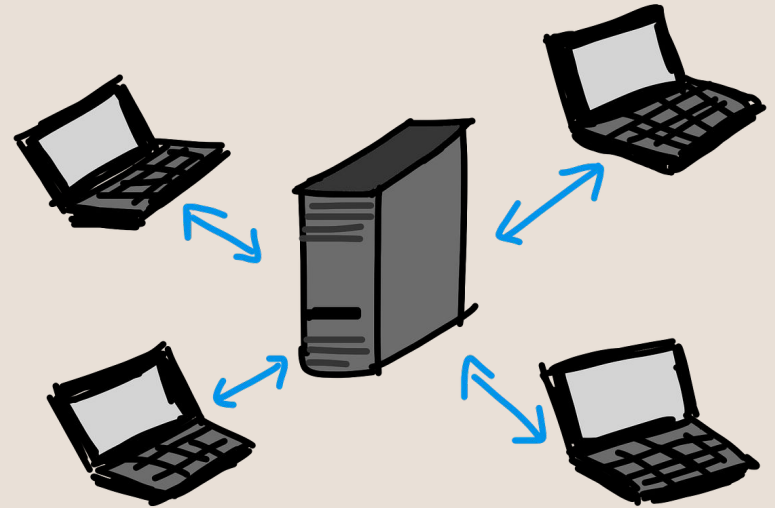
Website Basics: Client and Server

Client

- Any internet connected device or software (e.g. iphone, web browser, etc)
- Makes HTTP requests

Server

- A device that stores web server software and component files (e.g. html, cvs, etc)
- Responds to clients with component files (i.e. data)



Website Basics: Markup Language + Style Sheets

- Most Used: HTML, CSS
- Interpreted by the Client Side
- Statically structure web pages

```
13 <body>
14   <main>
15     <div class="container" >
16       <header class="d-flex flex wrap ">
17         <a class="d-flex align-items-center text-dark" href="#">
18           <span class="fs-4"> Basic Website </span>
19         </a>
20       </header>
21     </div>
22     <div class="bar-chart"></div>
23   </main>
24 </body>
25 </html>
```



JavaScript Basics

Javascript:

- Client side language
- Loosely typed, object oriented
 - Variable type does not need to be specified
- Easy way to make dynamic pages
- Can be integrated w/ other frameworks and libraries
 - D3
 - ReactJS



JavaScript Basics cont.

- Inserting JavaScript into HTML document
 - As an external file
 - With the HTML tag `<script>`

```
<!-- internal script -->
<script type="text/javascript">
  let foo = function(){return 5;}
</script>

<!-- external script -->
<script src="foo.js"></script>
```



JavaScript Basics: Scopes + Variables

- Scopes:

- Global
- Local
 - Function
 - Block

- Variable Declaration:

- Variables created with **'var'** can have **function scope** and are **loosely typed**
- Variables created with **'let'** and **'const'** have **all local scopes** and are **strictly typed**
 - were introduced in 2015
- Variables created outside a function or block have global scope.

```
var x = "David"
x = 5.0 // loosely typed

let z = "Amir"
z = 18 // ERROR, z is a string
```



JavaScript Basics: Functions

- Functions are first-class objects
 - Created, destroyed, passed to a function or returned as a value
- Three ways to define a function
 - Function declaration
 - Function expression
 - Anonymous function

```
function fooDecl() {return 5;} //function delcaration
```

```
let foo = function fooExpr() {return 5; } // function expression
```

```
let fooAnon = function() {return 5;} // anonymous function
```



JavaScript Basics: Functions cont.

- Function declarations are loaded before any code is run
- Function expression load when the interpreter reaches the line

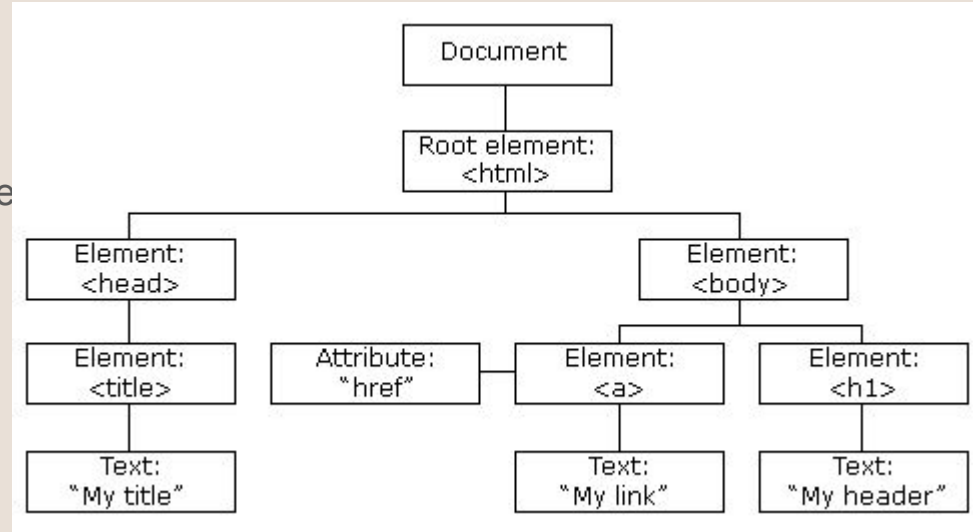
```
alert(foo()); // ERROR! foo wasn't loaded yet  
let foo = function() {return 5; }
```

```
alert(foo()); // Alerts 5. Declarations are loaded before any code is run  
function foo() {return 5;}
```



DOM Manipulation

- DOM stands for Document Object Model (aka document tree)
 - Made from our markup languages
- DOM manipulation entails:
 - Adding, deleting, or modifying the node on document tree
- JavaScript is common way of manipulating the DOM



DOM Manipulation w/ D3

- D3.js
 - a JavaScript library for manipulating documents based on data.
 - combines visualization components to a data-driven approaches

```
//Vanilla JavaScript DOM Manipulation
var paragraphs = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
for (var i = 0; i < paragraphs.length; i++) {
  var paragraph = paragraphs.item(i);
  paragraph.style.setProperty("color", "blue", null);
}

// D3.js DOM Manipulation
d3.selectAll("p").style("color", "blue");
```



D3.js: Selections

- D3.js operates on arbitrary sets of nodes called *selections*.
 - `d3.select()`
 - `d3.selectAll()`
- Both methods accept CSS selectors (tag name, class, id, etc)
- Both methods return an element

Places text between
<p> tag

Changes stylesheet

```
d3.select("body")  
  .append("p")  
  .text("New text");  
  
d3.selectAll("#random-id")  
  .style("color", "blue");
```

Appends a
paragraph

D3.js: Bound Data + Attributes

- With the `d3.data()` method, data can be bound to a selection
- Once bound to the selection, you can omit the data operator.
 - D3.js will retrieve the previously-bound data
- By default, data is bound sequentially where element i is bound to data i and so forth.

```
d3.selectAll("p")  
  .data([4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42])  
  .style("font-size", function(d) { return d + "px"; });
```



D3.js: Bound Data + Attributes cont.

```
bar_svg
.append('g')
.attr('fill', 'royalblue')
.selectAll('rect')
.data(dataset.sort((a,b) => d3.descending(a["amount"], b["amount"])))
.join('rect')
  .attr('x', (d,i) => x(i))
  .attr('y', (d) => y(d["amount"]))
  .attr('height', d => y(0) - y(d["amount"]))
  .attr('width', x.bandwidth());
```

Example of previously bound data. Set attributes as anonymous function.



D3.js: Update, Enter and Exit

Update

- Updates existing nodes, bound to the data

Enter

- A placeholder for missing nodes

Exit

- Removes the remaining nodes

```
// Update...
var p = d3.select("body")
  .selectAll("p")
  .data([4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42])
  .text(function(d) { return d; });

// Enter...
p.enter().append("p")
  .text(function(d) { return d; });

// Exit...
p.exit().remove();
```

Web App Frameworks

What?

- A software framework that is designed to support development and deployment on the web.

Why?

- Structures the code in an understandable — and hopefully efficient — manner
- Allows for the coder to be feature focused instead of configuration focused.

Angular

- Web framework, built with TypeScript (relative of JavaScript)
- Cross-platform and component based
- Has a tons of libraries with a tons of features



Angular: Requirements

- Node.js: javascript runtime environment
- NPM: package manager for javascript
- Angular Cli: command line interface tool to create angular projects

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /  
$ conda install nodejs|
```

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /  
$ npm install -g @angular/cli|
```

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /  
$ ng new angularProject|
```



Dash Plotly

- Low code web framework built for Python, R and Julia
- Cross platform and component based
- Focused on creating analytic driven dashboards
 - due to this, it has native analytical features



Dash Plotly: Requirements

- Python: coding language
- Pandas: data analysis manipulation tool
- Dash: library for creating dash projects

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /  
$ pip install dash|
```

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /  
$ pip install pandas|
```

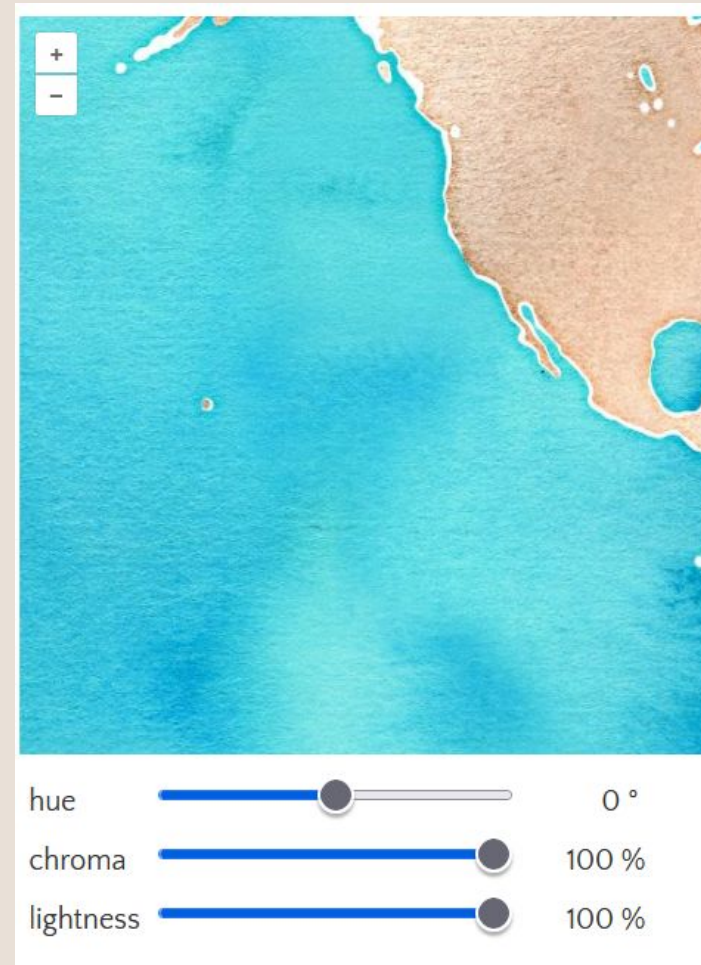
Topography Tools

- OpenLayers
- Google Geochart
- Plotly (has native regional maps)



OpenLayers

- Built in **Javascript**, renders elements with SVG
- Makes it easy to use dynamic maps
- Displays
 - map tiles,
 - vector data
 - markers



GeoChart

- Built in **Javascript**, renders elements with SVG
- Makes it easy to use dynamic maps
- Can
 - Color regions
 - Set markers
 - Label with texts

