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## NOTES SHEET

VCD-3650 **SCRIPTING FOR INTERACTIVITY**

# LESSON 14: AJAX AND RESTFUL SERVICES

## OVERVIEW

Front-end scripting is inherently \_\_\_\_\_ since storing data for an application on the client's machine would be \_\_\_\_\_.

» Data is better stored in a central repository such as on your \_\_\_\_\_ host server.

» A common approach for making this data readily available is to develop an API or \_\_\_\_\_ that can facilitate data requests.

## RESTFUL SERVICES

While a much more in depth discussion could follow, the heart of the RESTful service is that it makes use of HTTP request \_\_\_\_\_ to facilitate different kinds of data requests. Similar to the CRUD structure, we have

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

» \_\_\_\_\_ (create) - We pass any data needed in order to create a new item.

» \_\_\_\_\_ (read) - We pass any data needed in order to filter or sort a search.

» \_\_\_\_\_ (update) - We pass the primary key for the item to be updated along with any fields that are to actually be updated.

» \_\_\_\_\_ - We pass simply the primary key value for the item to be deleted.

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## \$.AJAX()

jQuery provides helpful shorthand forms for a full AJAX call such as `.load()` and `$.get()`. But when we need specific HTTP verbs for our requests we must use the broader `$.ajax()` method as follows:

```
$.ajax(__1__, __2__);
```

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the request as a string.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ containing other configuration options (see table)

PROPERTY	VALUE
	Data (in form of an _____) to be passed with the request.
	_____ to be called if the request succeeds
	Function to be called if the request _____.
	HTTP Verb as a _____

```
$.ajax("lego/57175", {  
    type: "PUT",  
    data: {  
        name: "Yoda's Jedi Starfighter"  
    },  
    success: function(data) {  
        // Stuff to do with returned data  
    },  
    error: function(xhr, errNum, errMsg) {  
        // Stuff to do in light of error  
    }  
});
```

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	<b>VERB</b>	<b>URL</b>	<b>DATA</b>
		<i>entity/</i>	All data necessary to create a complete item
		<i>entity/id</i>	N/A
		<i>entity/</i>	Optionally, any filtering or sorting criterion
		<i>entity/id</i>	Only updated data is necessary.
		<i>entity/id</i>	N/A