

LESSON 15: SENDING AND RECEIVING DATA

SENDING DATA

We often send data to a service from one of these situations:

1. We _____ data in our script based on settings we know we need for the service such as filters or sorts for a GET ALL request.
2. We use some variable from the _____ in order to obtain a specific request such as a GET One, PUT, or DELETE.
3. We _____ data from a _____ to send along with an POST or PUT request.

1. *Compiling Data Manually*

```
$.ajax("user_lego/", {
  type: "GET",
  data: {
    filter: 'user=1',
    sort: [
      'type.name',
      'lego.name'
    ]
  },
  ...
});

var req_data = {
  filter: 'user=1',
  sort: [
    'type.name',
    'lego.name'
  ]
};
$.ajax("user_lego/", {
  type: "GET",
  data: req_data,
  ...
});
```

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2. Using System Variables

```
<a href="#" data-item="3" class="lego-thumb">...</a>
```

```
$("#lego-thumb").on("click", function(e){  
    e.preventDefault();  
    var $target = $(e.target);  
    var itemId = $target.attr("data-item");  
    $.ajax("lego/" + itemId, {  
        ...  
    });  
});
```

3.a. Serializing Form Data

Assuming you start with a form whose fields' names all match the corresponding entity properties...

```
$("#form-id").on("submit", function(e){  
    e.preventDefault();  
    var $form = $(e.target);  
    var form_data = $form.serialize();  
    $.ajax("lego/", {  
        type: "POST",  
        data: form_data,  
        ...  
    });  
});
```

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3.b. A Serialize Function

If you first select the form (\$form) then you can use a function like this to convert the data into an object similar to the data set.

```
function serializeData($form) {  
    var formData = $form.serializeArray();  
    var data = {};  
    for(var i = 0; i < formData.length; i++) {  
        var obj = formData[i];  
        data[obj.name] = obj.value;  
    }  
    return data;  
}
```

RECEIVING DATA

We most often receive data from a service in the form of JSON text. We first must _____ it to an actual JSON object and then we can use it for _____ or to populate a _____.

```
var __1__ = $.parseJSON(__2__);
```

1. Desired name for parsed data variable.
2. JSON string variable to parse.

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PRELOADING HANDLEBARS TEMPLATES

It can be much more efficient to load all Handlebars templates at the _____ of the application, compile them, and store them in global variables you can call when needed. This way we don't have _____ them every time we need them.

- » Declare variables at outermost level (_____) to hold the compiled templates.
- » Declare a _____ function that loads, compiles, and stores each template in its global variable.
- » Call the preload function right inside the _____.

HANDLEBARS PARTIALS

Sometimes its helpful for a Handlebars template to call or load another template. This can help keep template simpler and more _____.

- » First register the nested template as a "_____"
- » Then you can reference the partial inside of another template