

ArcGIS API for JavaScript: Programming Patterns and API Fundamentals

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- Widgets help rapidly build a professional, well-tested UI

Map and View

Map and View

```
const map = new Map({
  basemap: "topo"
});

const mView = new MapView({
  map: map,
  container: "viewDiv"
});
const sView = new SceneView({
  map: map,
  container: "viewDiv"
});
```

Basemaps and Ground

- Convenience Strings

```
const map = new Map({
  /*
   streets, satellite, hybrid, terrain, topo, gray,
   dark-gray, oceans, national-geographic, osm,
   dark-gray-vector, gray-vector, streets-vector, topo-vec
   streets-night-vector, streets-relief-vector, streets-na
   */
  basemap: "streets"

  /*
   world-elevation
   */
  ground: "world-elevation"
});
```

Basemaps and Ground

```
const map = new Map({
  basemap: {
    // Layers drawn at the bottom
    baseLayers: [
      new TileLayer({ url: baselayer })
    ],
    // Layers drawn on top
    referenceLayers: [
      new TileLayer({ url: refUrl })
    ],
  },
  ground: {
    layers: [
      new ElevationLayer({ url: elevationUrl })
    ]
  }
},
```

Basemap and Ground

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```
require([
  "esri/Map",
  "esri/views/MapView",
  "esri/layers/TileLayer",
  "esri/layers/VectorTileLayer"
], function(EsriMap, MapView,
TileLayer, VectorTileLayer) {
  const map = new EsriMap({
    basemap: {
      // Layers drawn at the bottom
      baseLayers: [
        new TileLayer({
          url:
"https://services.arcgisonline.com
```

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Collections

- `esri/core/Collection`

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```
require([
  "esri/WebMap",
  "esri/core/Collection"
], function(WebMap, Collection) {

  const elem =
document.getElementById("viewDiv");

  const show = (...a) => {
    elem.innerHTML = `
      ${elem.innerHTML}
    `
  }
});
```

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Working with Accessor

- Objects are have properties that can be:
 - read and set
 - or read-only
 - constructor arguments
 - watchable

Accessor - property access

```
layer.opacity = 0.5;
layer.title = "My test layer";

// setting multiple values
layer.set({
  opacity: 0.5,
  title: "My test layer"
});

// accessing the value of a deep property
view.get("map.basemap.title");
view.set("map.basemap.title", "new title");
```

Accessor - property watching

```
mapView.watch("scale", (newValue, oldValue, property, target) => {
  console.log(`scale changed: ${newValue}`);
});
```

```
mapView.watch("map.basemap.title", (newValue, oldValue, property, target) => {
  console.log(`new basemap title: ${newValue}`);
});
```

```
mapView.watch("ready, stationary", (newValue, oldValue, property, target) => {
  console.log(`property ${property}: ${newValue}`);
});
```

```
watchUtils.whenTrue(view, "stationary", () => {
```

watchUtils

Accessor - autocasting and single constructor

```
{  
  type: "simple-marker",  
  style: 'square',  
  color: 'red',  
  size: 10,  
  outline: {  
    color: 'rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.5)'  
    width: 4  
  }  
};
```

Promises

Promises

- All asynchronous methods return a native promise
- The basic pattern looks like this:

```
layer.queryFeatures(query)  
  .then(handleResult).catch(handleError);
```

Promises with async/await

```
const doQuery = async (query) => {  
  const results = await layer.queryFeatures(query);  
  const transformedResults = results.map(transformData);  
  return transformedResults;  
}
```

Dynamic Imports

```
async function loadMap(id) {  
  const { default: WebMap } =  
    await import('@arcgis/core/WebMap');  
  return new WebMap({  
    portalItem: { id }  
  });  
}
```

Promises

- Load resources
- Asynchronously initialized Layer, WebMap, WebScene, View

```
const map = new Map({...})

view = new SceneView({
  map: map,
  //...
});

view.when(() => {
  // the view is ready to go
});
```

Promises

```
view.when(() => {  
  return view.whenLayerView(map.findLayerById("awesomeLayer"))  
})  
.then(layerView => {  
  return watchUtils.whenFalseOnce(layerView, "updating");  
})  
.then(result => {  
  const layerView = result.target;  
  return layerView.queryFeatures();  
})  
.then(doSomethingWithFeatures)  
.catch(errorHandler);
```

API sample

async/await

```
const init = async (doSomethingWithFeatures) => {
  await view.when();
  const layerView =
    await view.whenLayerView(map.findLayerById("awesomeLayer"));
  await watchUtils.whenFalseOnce(layerView, "updating");
  const features = await layerView.queryFeatures();
  doSomethingWithFeatures(features);
};

try {
  init();
}
catch(error) {
  errorHandler(error);
}
```


Patterns

Interactivity with view events

- Use view events to interact with the view
- List of events
- You can stop the propagation of the event to prevent the default behavior

```
view.on("drag", event => {  
  // user won't be able to drag  
  event.stopPropagation();  
})
```

Interactivity with view events

- Access the features on click

```
view.on("click", ({ x, y }) => {  
  const screenPoint = {x, y};  
  view.hitTest(screenPoint)  
    .then(response => {  
      // do something with the result graphic  
      const graphic = response.results[0].graphic;  
    });  
});
```

- API Sample

goTo() with View

- Sets the view to a given target.
 - Navigate to a geometry/feature/location
- API Sample

Loadables

- brings better control, and scheduling of loading resources.
- the views automatically loads the map and its layers

Loadables

- WebMap / WebScene need to load:
 - the portal item
 - the layer module
 - the layer's item
- MapView / SceneView need to load:
 - the map
 - the layers

```
// In a single page application, get a feature from a Fe
// from a WebMap without displaying it, ASAP!
const webmap = new WebMap({
  portalItem: {
    id: 'affa021c51944b5694132b2d61fe1057'
  }
});

webmap.load()
  .then(() => {
    return webmap.findLayerById('myFeatureLayerId').load()
  })
  .then(featureLayer => {
    return featureLayer.queryFeatures({
      where: 'OBJECTID = 1'
    })
  })
  .then(features => {
    return features[0]
  })
  .catch(error => {
    console.error(error)
  })
  .finally(() => {
    // ...
  })
}
```

Zoom or Scale

```
const view = new MapView({
  container: "viewDiv",
  map: map,
  center: [-116.5, 33.80],
  zoom: 14 // what does that really mean?
});
```

- Zoom = LOD (Level of Details)
- Not all LODs are created equal

Zoom is not Scale

```
const view = new MapView({
  container: "viewDiv",
  map: map,
  center: [-116.5, 33.80],
  scale: 50000 // I know what that means!
});
```

- Scale is portable
- Scale has meaning
- We still snap to closest LOD/zoom

Sublayer to FeatureLayer

- You can extract a FeatureLayer from MapImageLayer Sublayer
- `sublayer.createFeatureLayer()`
- Can use capabilities not normally available with Sublayer

Sublayer to FeatureLayer

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require([
  "esri/Map",
  "esri/views/MapView",
  "esri/layers/MapImageLayer",
  "esri/widgets/Legend",
  "esri/renderers/smartMapping
/creators/color"
], function(ArcGISMap, MapView,
MapImageLayer, Legend,
colorRendererCreator) {
  const layer = new MapImageLayer({
    url:
"https://sampleserver6.arcgisonline.com
/arcgis/rest/services/Census
```

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createQuery

- When you can do `layer.createQuery()`
 - `query` object will already have the layers filters and layer definitions
 - more consistent
- Use `new Query()` when you don't want predefined filters to be applied

createQuery

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require([
  "esri/Map",
  "esri/views/MapView",
  "esri/layers/FeatureLayer",
  "esri/layers/GraphicsLayer",
  "esri/geometry/geometryEngine",
  "esri/Graphic",

  "dojo/on",
  "dojo/dom",
  "dojo/dom-construct"
], function(
  Map,
  MapView,
```

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MapImageLayer

- If you want to modify Sublayers, do it after you load the layer
- Defining them upfront overrides the defaults
 - May not be what you want

MapImageLayer

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MapImageLayer) {

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  });

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- Renders the Layer
- When is it done though?
 - When can you actually use it!!

LayerViews

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  "esri/views/MapView",
  "esri/layers/FeatureLayer",
  "esri/core/watchUtils"
], function(EsriMap, MapView,
FeatureLayer, watchUtils) {

  const { whenFalseOnce } =
watchUtils;
  const fLayer = new FeatureLayer({
    portalItem: {
      id:
"067627fbaae94168a6edf4e1f0739314"
```

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Renderers

- Specifies how a layer is visualized
- Determines what information will be conveyed through the layer's symbology
- *What story do you want to tell with this layer's data?*

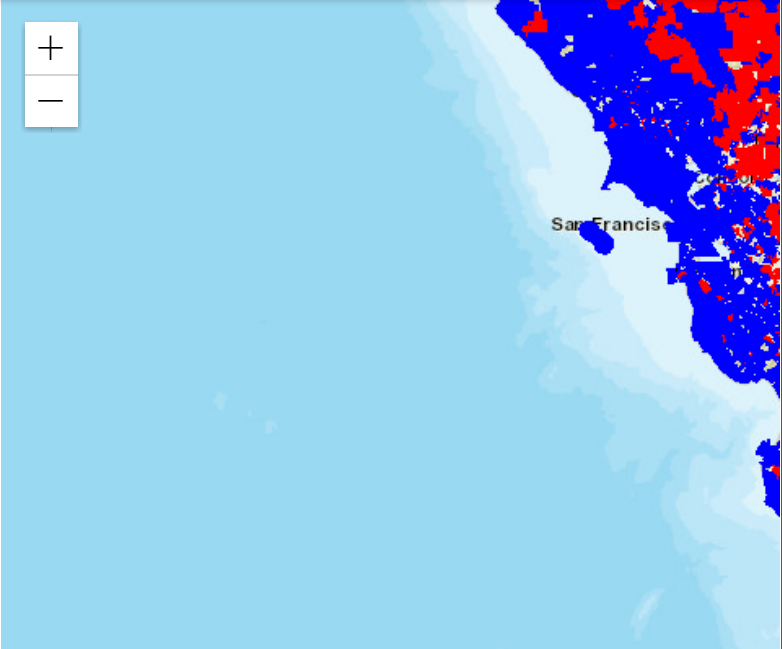
Types of Renderers

Visualization Method	Renderer Class
Location only	SimpleRenderer, HeatmapRenderer
Unique values	UniqueValueRenderer
Class breaks	ClassBreaksRenderer
Continuous color or size	SimpleRenderer or UniqueValueRenderer, with visual variables
Multivariate	SimpleRenderer or UniqueValueRenderer, with visual variables

Renderers

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```
import FeatureLayer from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/layers/FeatureLayer.js";
import esriId from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/identity/IdentityManager.js";
import Map from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/Map.js";
import MapView from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/views/MapView.js";
import OAuthInfo from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
```



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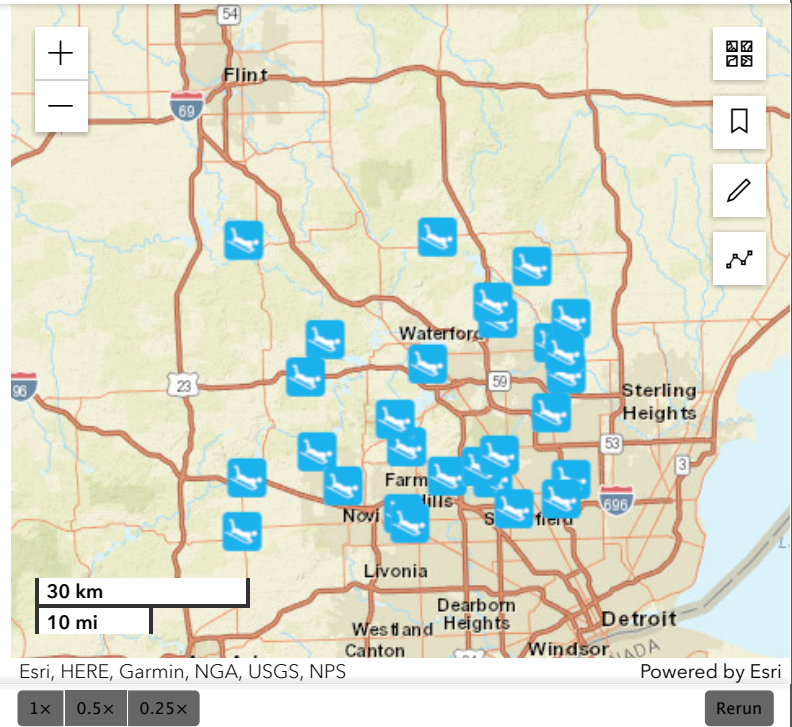
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import Bookmarks from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/widgets/Bookmarks.js";
import Map from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/Map.js";
import MapView from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/views/MapView.js";
import BasemapGallery from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/widgets/BasemapGallery.js";
import Expand from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
```

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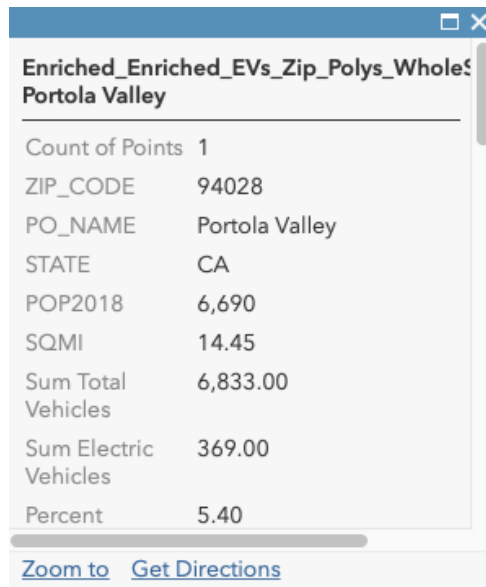
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Widgets: Popup

- Show users information from feature attributes
- All views have a default popup template

```
const view = new MapView({  
  map: myMap,  
  defaultPopupTemplateEnabled: true //enable default popup  
});
```

Often, database field names are not very user-friendly...



The image shows a screenshot of a data table window. The window title is "Enriched_Enriched_EVs_Zip_Polys_Wholes" and the table is titled "Portola Valley". The table contains the following data:

Field Name	Value
Count of Points	1
ZIP_CODE	94028
PO_NAME	Portola Valley
STATE	CA
POP2018	6,690
SQMI	14.45
Sum Total Vehicles	6,833.00
Sum Electric Vehicles	369.00
Percent	5.40

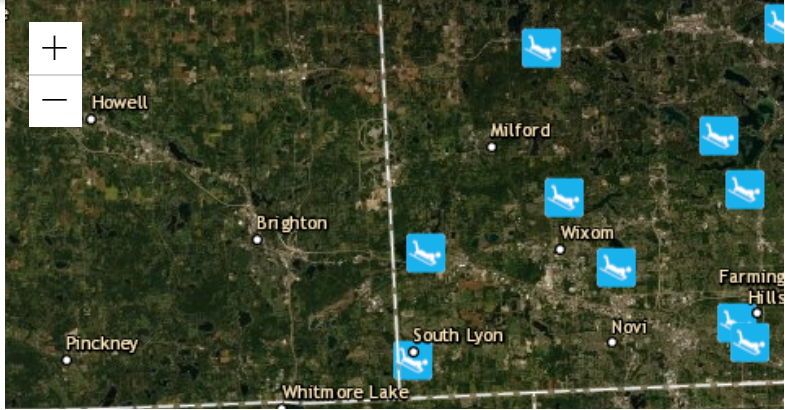
At the bottom of the window, there are two links: [Zoom to](#) and [Get Directions](#).

Widgets - Popup Template

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/core/widgets/Bookmarks.js";
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"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/Map.js";
import MapView from
"https://js.arcgis.com/4.18/@arcgis
/core/views/MapView.js";
```

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