

# **The Responsiveness problem (and solution: Ajax)**

# Reactive Web Design

**Reactive Web Design:** a set of techniques that can be used to build sites that always feel fast and responsive to user input regardless of the network speed or latency.

Reactive programming is programming with **asynchronous data streams**.

<https://gist.github.com/staltz/868e7e9bc2a7b8c1f754>

# Responsive Web Design

**Responsive design** is an approach to **web** page creation that makes use of flexible layouts, flexible images and cascading style sheet media queries. The goal of **responsive design** is to build **web** pages that detect the visitor's screen size and orientation and change the layout accordingly.

# The form nightmare...

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# <sup>5</sup>Ajax !



- not a technology in itself: it is a term coined in 2005 by Jesse James Garrett: “Asynchronous JavaScript + XML”.
- ◆ blur the line between web-based and desktop applications.
- ◆ rich, highly responsive and interactive interfaces

Ajax was born as:

- dynamic presentation based on **XHTML + CSS**;
- dynamic display and interaction using **Document Object Model**;
- data exchange and manipulation using **XML e XSLT**;
- asynchronous data fetching using **XMLHttpRequest**;
- **JavaScript** as glue.



# How does Ajax work?



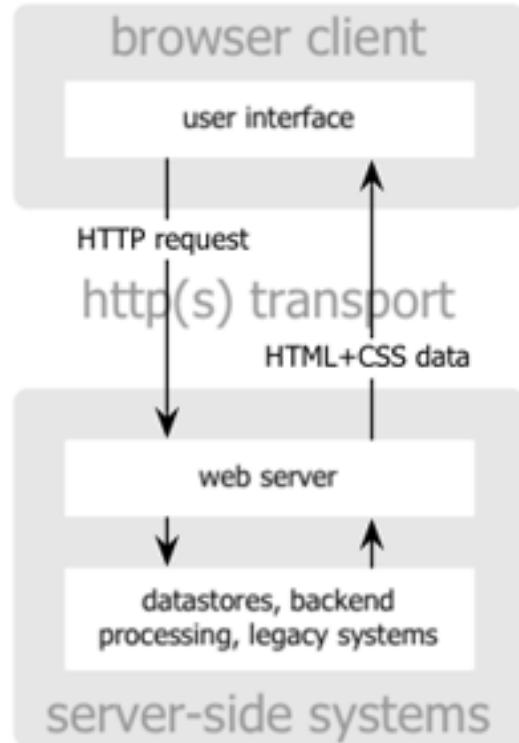
- The core idea behind AJAX is to make the communication with the server asynchronous, so that data is transferred and processed in the background.
- As a result the user can continue working on the other parts of the page without interruption.
- In an AJAX-enabled application only the relevant page elements are updated, only when this is necessary.



# The paradigms



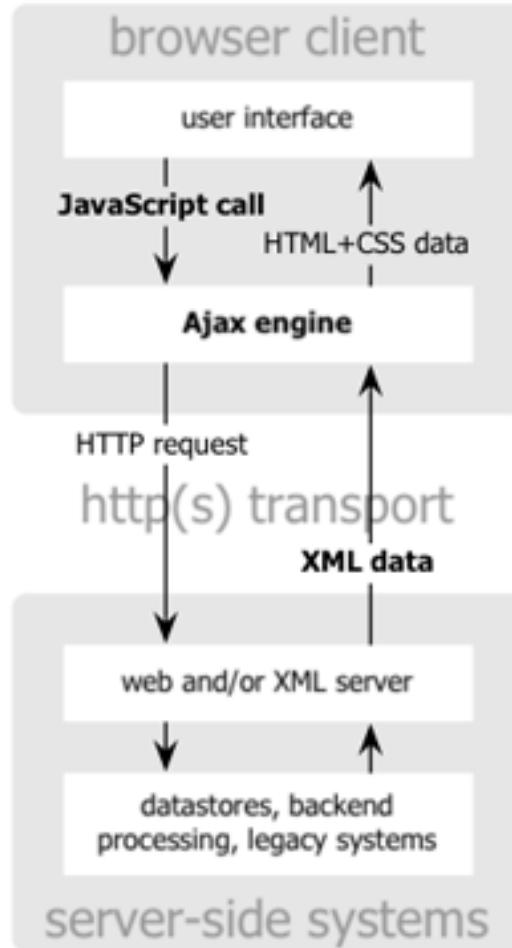
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classic  
web application model

*Pictures after  
Jesse James Garrett*

2.0

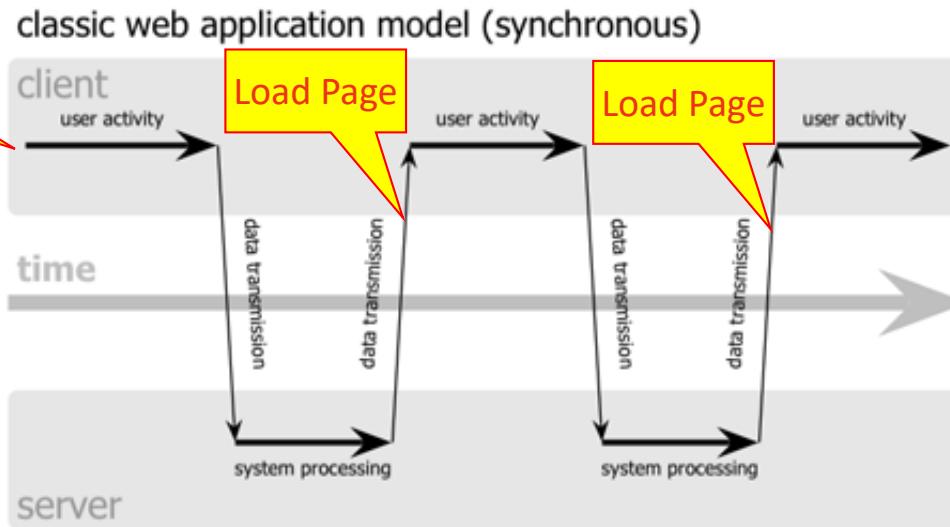


Ajax  
web application model

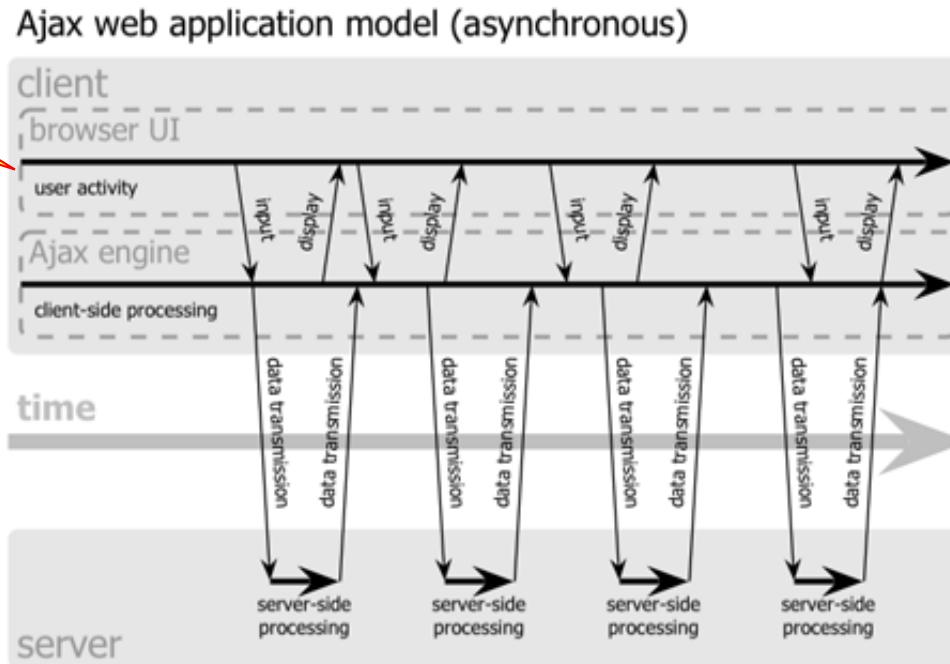


# The models

1.0



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# The heart and history of Ajax



- First used after Microsoft implemented Microsoft **XMLHTTP** COM object that was part of The Microsoft® XML Parser (IE 5.1)
  - ◆ Similarly supported by a Mozilla Javascript object **XMLHttpRequest** (*Mozilla 1.0, Firefox, Safari 1.2 etc.*)
  - ◆ Massively used by Google

Other labels for the same technology were **Load on Demand**, **Asynchronous Requests**, **Callbacks**, **Out-of-band Calls**, etc.



<sup>10</sup>

# Ajax code



```
if (window.XMLHttpRequest) { // Mozilla, Safari, ...
    http_request = new XMLHttpRequest();
} else if (window.ActiveXObject) { // IE
    http_request = new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
}
```



<sup>11</sup>

# Ajax - advantages



- ◆ Rich applications in browsers
- ◆ No issues with installation
- ◆ Built on existing infrastructure (TCP/IP, SSL, HTTP, XML...)



# <sup>12</sup>The (impressive!) result



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# Ajax - advantages



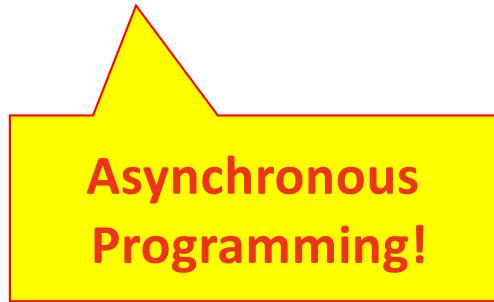
- ◆ Better Performance and Efficiency
  - small amount of data transferred from the server. Beneficial for data-intensive applications as well as for low-bandwidth networks.
- ◆ More Responsive Interfaces
  - the improved performance give the feeling that updates are happening instantly. AJAX web applications appear to behave much like their desktop counterparts.
- ◆ Reduced or Eliminated "Waiting" Time
  - only the relevant page elements are updated, with the rest of the page remaining unchanged. This decreases the idle waiting time.
- ◆ Increased Usability
  - ◆ Users can work with the rest of the page while data is being transferred in the background.



# XMLHttpRequest

## Getting static resources

```
function loadDoc() {  
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {  
        if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {  
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =  
                this.responseText;  
        }  
    };  
    xhttp.open("GET", "ajax_info.txt", true);  
    xhttp.send();  
}
```



Asynchronous  
Programming!

# Getting dynamic resources with GET

```
function loadDoc() {  
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {  
        if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {  
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =  
                this.responseText;  
        }  
    };  
    xhttp.open("GET", "myservlet?param1=27", true);  
    xhttp.send();  
}
```

Note: if you want to avoid getting cached results, add a fake parameter with the current time, e.g.

```
xhttp.open("GET", url + ((/\?/).test(url) ? "&" : "?") + (new Date()).getTime());
```

See [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_regex\\_test.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_regex_test.asp) to understand the code above



# Getting dynamic resources with POST

```
function loadDoc() {  
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();  
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {  
        if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {  
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =  
                this.responseText;  
        }  
    };  
    xhttp.open("POST", "ajax_info.txt", true);  
    xhttp.setRequestHeader("Content-type",  
        "application/x-www-form-urlencoded");  
    xhttp.send("nome=Dorothea&lname=Wierer");  
}
```

- 1) add an HTTP header with setRequestHeader().
- 2) Specify the data you want to send in the send() method



# XMLHttpRequest methods

<code>new XMLHttpRequest()</code>	Creates a new XMLHttpRequest object
<code>abort()</code>	Cancels the current request
<code>getAllResponseHeaders()</code>	Returns header information
<code>getResponseHeader()</code>	Returns specific header information
<code>open(<i>method</i>, <i>url</i>, <i>async</i>, <i>user</i>, <i>psw</i>)</code>	<p>Specifies the request</p> <p><i>method</i>: the request type <b>GET</b> or <b>POST</b> <i>url</i>: the file location <i>async</i>: true (<b>asynchronous</b>) or false (<b>synchronous</b>) <i>user</i>: optional user name <i>psw</i>: optional password</p>
<code>send()</code>	Sends the request to the server Used for GET requests
<code>send(<i>string</i>)</code>	Sends the request to the server. Used for POST requests
<code>setRequestHeader()</code>	Adds a label/value pair to the header to be sent



# XMLHttpRequest properties

Property	Description
onreadystatechange	Defines a function to be called when the readyState property changes
readyState	Holds the status of the XMLHttpRequest. 0: request not initialized 1: server connection established 2: request received 3: processing request 4: request finished and response is ready
responseText	Returns the response data as a string
responseXML	Returns the response data as XML data
status	Returns the HTTP status-number of a request, e.g. 200: "OK" 403: "Forbidden" 404: "Not Found"
statusText	Returns the status-text (e.g. "OK" or "Not Found")



# <sup>15</sup>Challenges: make sure that you...



- Preserve the Normal Page Lifecycle – as much as possible!
- Reflect Control State on the Server – in real-life scenarios there is no use of simply rendering controls on the page.
- Support Cross-Browser usage – there are different implementation of the XMLHttpRequest object. You should make sure that all AJAX components you choose operate properly on various browsers and platforms.
- Ensure proper Operation when Cookies are Disabled – support cookieless sessions.



# Challenges: make sure that you...



- ◆ **Give visual feedback** - When a user clicks on something in the AJAX user interface, they need immediate visual feedback
- ◆ **Keep the Back button** – make sure that the Back button in your application functions on every page of the site.
- ◆ **Use links for navigation** – avoid the temptation to use links as an interface on your AJAX application to change the state of your application. Users have been trained over many years to expect a link to “take” them somewhere, so give them what they expect.
- ◆ **Use human-readable links** – people like to pass the addresses of useful web pages to each other. Make sure your application supports URLs that people can share easily, so not too long or complex.

# Challenges: make sure that you...



- ◆ **Don't bloat the code** – make sure that your application uses as little client-side scripting as possible. This reduces download time for the page and also reduces the processor requirements on the client browser, so results in a faster browser experience.
- ◆ **Follow UI conventions** – AJAX is a world of possibilities, but when it comes to user interface the best is invariably the familiar. If you're creating a user interface for a specific feature, the place to start is by replicating an existing successful interface and looking at what your clients expect. Also remember that although it may be cool to implement drag-and-drop, few people may realize the interface relies on it.
- ◆ **Don't scroll** – users like to feel in control, so if they have moved the scrollbar to a specific place, don't move the page somewhere else.
- ◆ **Reduce page loads** – do as much as you can to reduce the number of page loads the user has to do to achieve their goal.

# AJAX Tutorial and reference

## JS AJAX

- AJAX Intro
- AJAX XMLHttpRequest
- AJAX Request
- AJAX Response
- AJAX XML File
- AJAX PHP
- AJAX ASP
- AJAX Database
- AJAX Applications
- AJAX Examples

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_ajax\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_ajax_intro.asp)

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Guide/AJAX>

[https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ajax/ajax\\_technology.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/ajax/ajax_technology.htm)



# CORS - Cross-Origin Resource Sharing

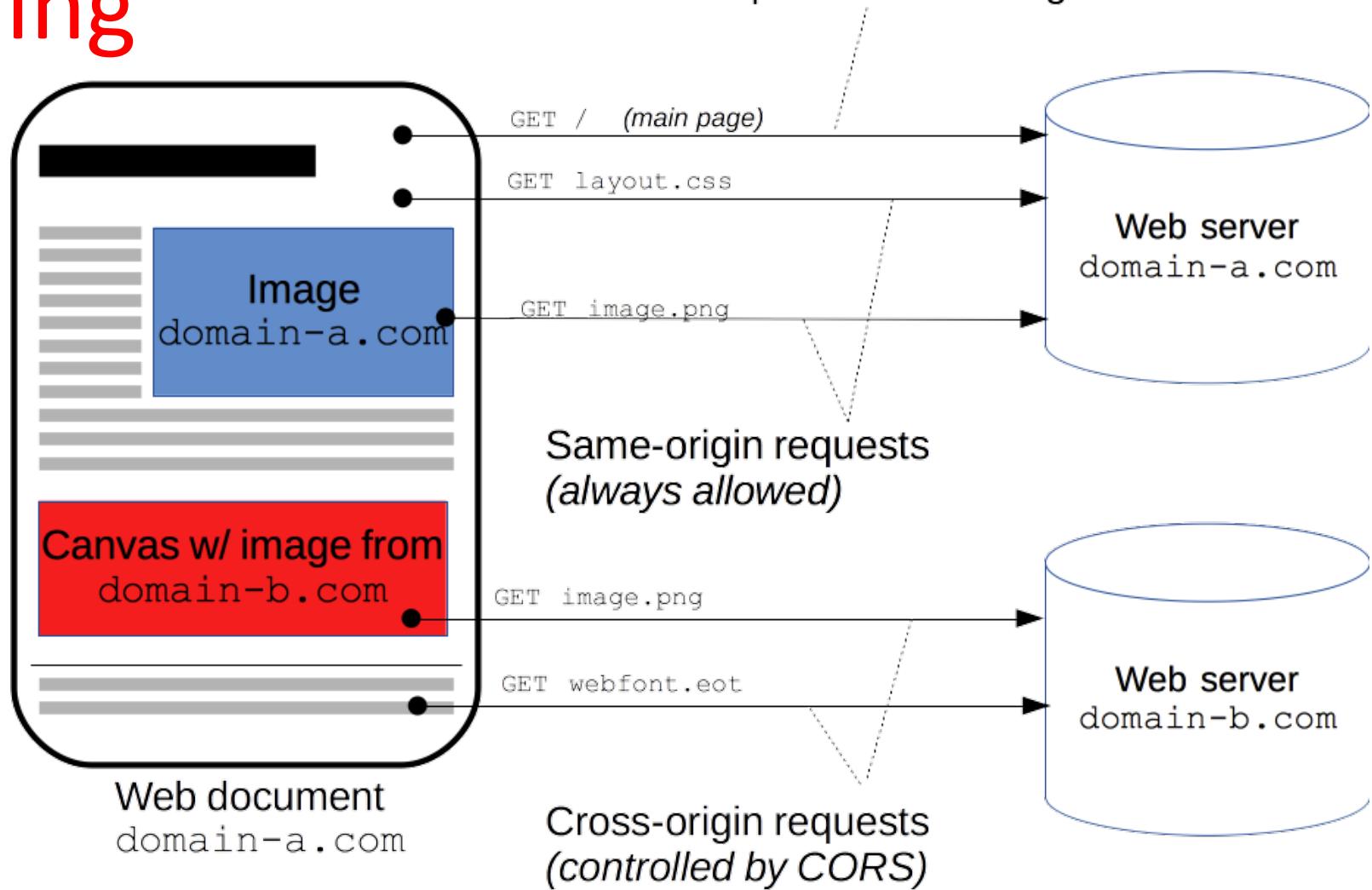


immagine da <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS>

# CORS

- **Cross-site XMLHttpRequest**
- Modern browsers support cross-site requests by implementing the **Cross-Origin Resource Sharing** (CORS) standard. As long as the server is configured to allow requests from your web application's origin, XMLHttpRequest will work. Otherwise, an `INVALID_ACCESS_ERR` exception is thrown.
- CORS failures result in errors, but for security reasons, specifics about the error *are not available to JavaScript*. All the code knows is that an error occurred.



# CORS

```
const xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
const url = 'https://bar.other/resources/public-data/';
xhr.open('GET', url);
xhr.onreadystatechange = someHandler;
xhr.send();
```

What the browser will send to the server:

**GET /resources/public-data/ HTTP/1.1**

**Host: bar.other**

**User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.14; rv:71.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/71.0**

**Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,  
application/xml;**

**Accept-Language: en-us,en;q=0.5**

**Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate**

**Connection: keep-alive**

**Origin: https://foo.example**



How the server will respond:

CORS

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Mon, 01 Dec 2008 00:23:53 GMT

Server: Apache/2

**Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \***

Keep-Alive: timeout=2, max=100

Connection: Keep-Alive

Transfer-Encoding: chunked

Content-Type: application/xml

[...XML Data...]

Alternatives:

**Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://foo.example**

For more detail, see <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS>



# Adding CORS to Apache

- To add the CORS authorization to the header using Apache, simply add the following line inside either the `<Directory>`, `<Location>`, `<Files>` or `<VirtualHost>` sections of your server config (usually located in a `*.conf` file, such as `httpd.conf` or `apache.conf`), or within a `.htaccess` file:

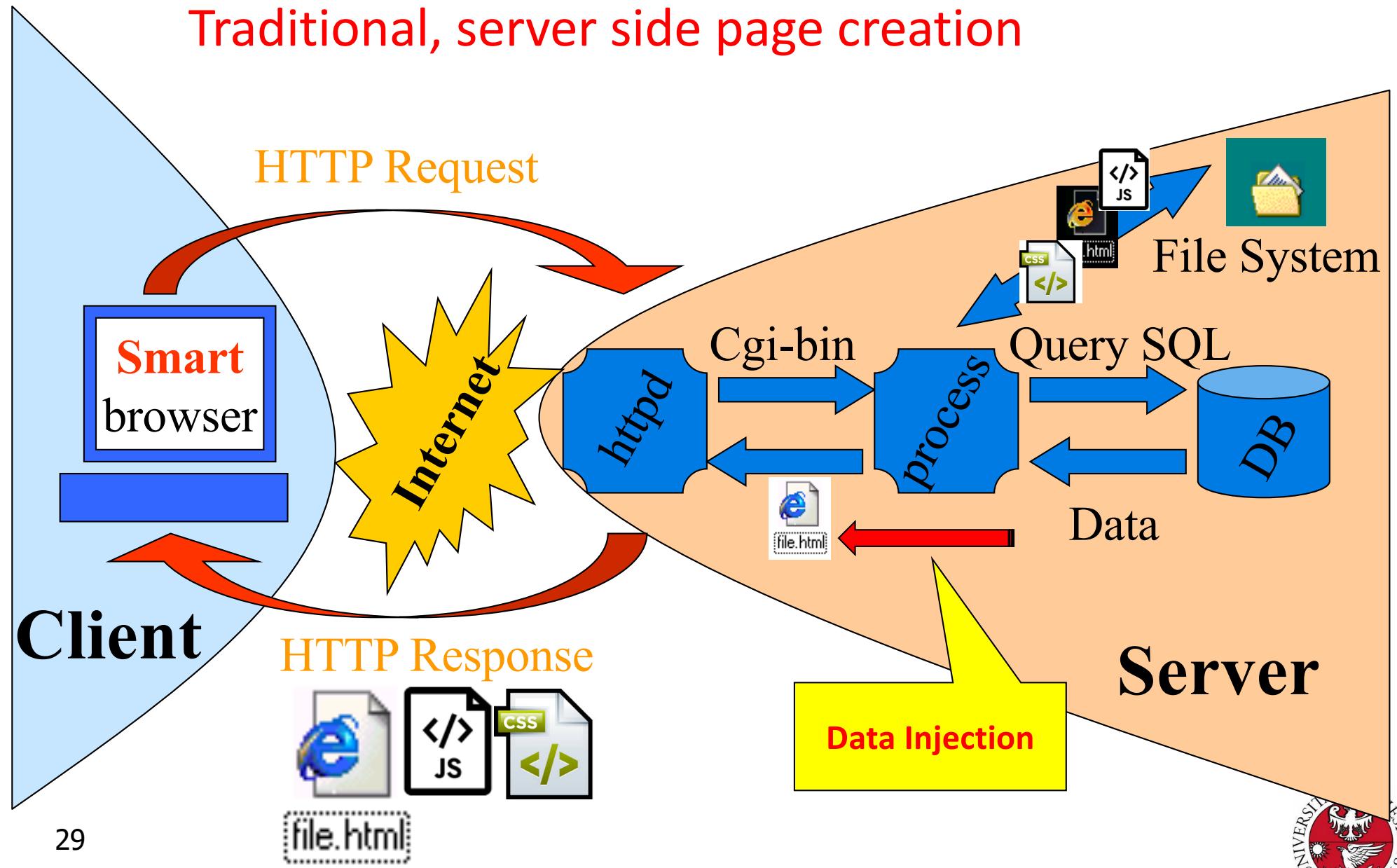
```
Header set Access-Control-Allow-Origin "*"
```

- [https://enable-cors.org/server\\_apache.html](https://enable-cors.org/server_apache.html)
- <https://poanchen.github.io/blog/2016/11/20/how-to-enable-cross-origin-resource-sharing-on-an-apache-server>

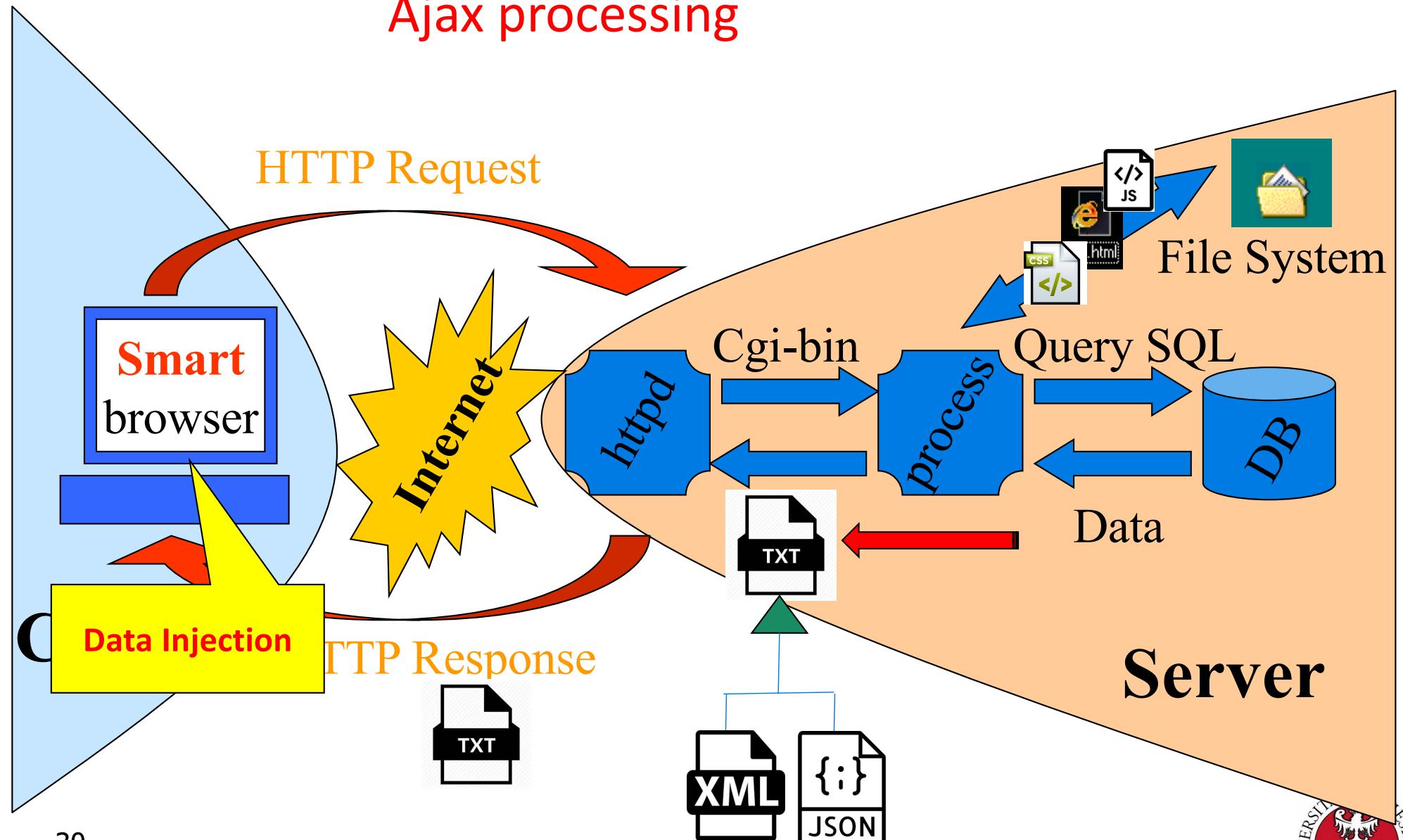


# Data transfer: Json

## Traditional, server side page creation



## Ajax processing



# Two main forms of data trasfer

## XML

```
<employees>
  <employee>
    <firstName>John</firstName>
    <lastName>Doe</lastName>
  </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Anna</firstName>
    <lastName>Smith</lastName>
  </employee>
  <employee>
    <firstName>Peter</firstName>
    <lastName>Jones</lastName>
  </employee>
</employees>
```

## JSON

```
{"employees": [
  { "firstName": "John",
    "lastName": "Doe" },
  { "firstName": "Anna",
    "lastName": "Smith" },
  { "firstName": "Peter",
    "lastName": "Jones" }
]}
```



# XML vs JSON

Both JSON and XML:

- are "self describing" (human readable)
- are hierarchical (values within values)
- can be parsed and used by lots of programming languages
- can be fetched with an XMLHttpRequest

For AJAX applications, JSON is faster and easier than XML:

## XML

Fetch an XML document

Use the XML DOM to loop through the document

Extract values and store in variables

## JSON

Fetch a JSON string

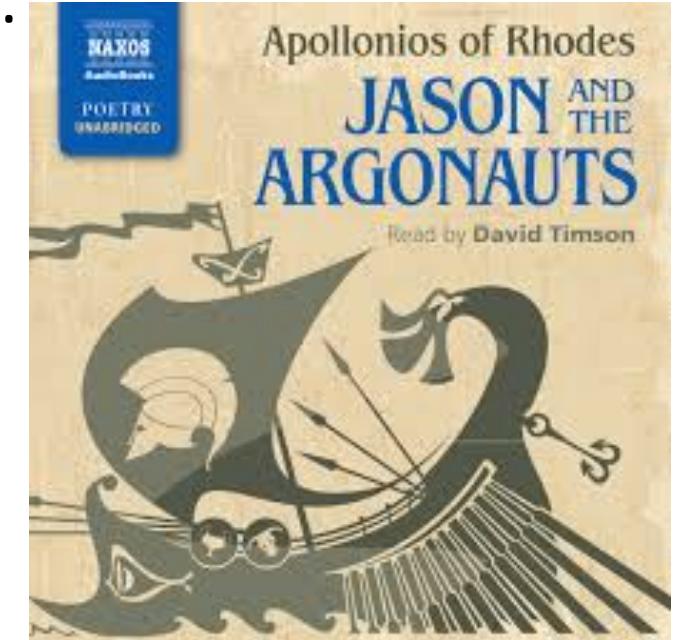
JSON.Parse the JSON string



# JSON – JavaScript Object Notation

JSON is a [language-independent](#) data format.

```
{ "name": "Mario",
  "surname": "Rossi",
  "active": true,
  "favoriteNumber": 42,
  "birthday": {
    "day": 1,
    "month": 1,
    "year": 2000
  },
  "languages": [ "it", "en" ]
}
```



Datatypes:

int, float

Boolean

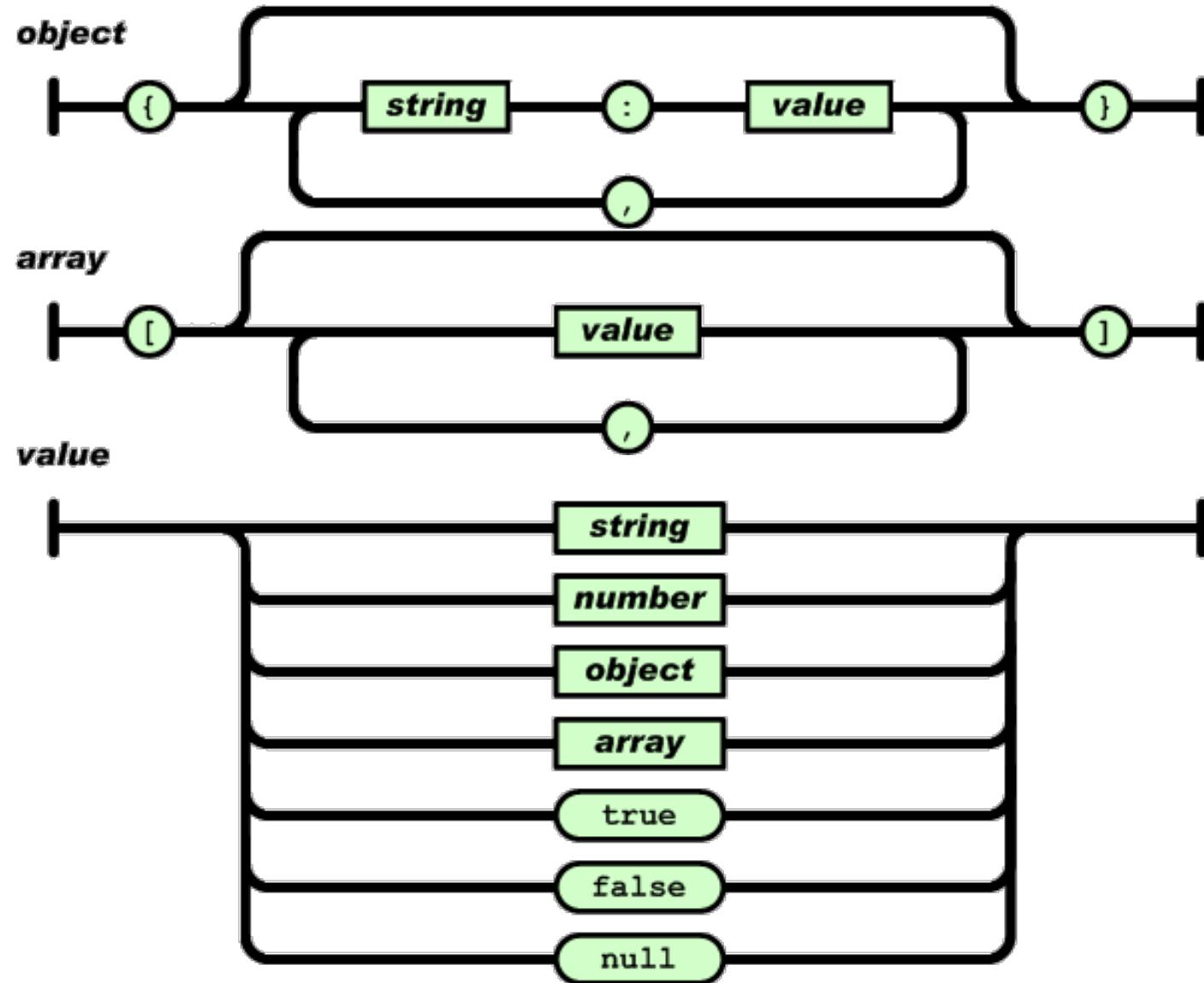
String

Arrays []

Associative Arrays {}

null

# JSON



# Parsing JSON in JavaScript

```
var text = '{ "name":"John", "birth":"1986-12-14", "city":"New York"}';
var obj = JSON.parse(text);
obj.birth = new Date(obj.birth);

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = obj.name + ", " +
obj.birth;
```



# Argo (Parsing JSON in Java)

```
{  
    "name": "Black Lace",  
    "sales": 110921,  
    "totalRoyalties": 10223.82,  
    "singles": [  
        "Superman", "Agadoo"  
    ]  
}
```

```
String secondSingle = new JdomParser().parse(jsonText)  
    .getStringValue("singles", 1);
```

**<http://argo.sourceforge.net/index.html>**



# AJAJ

```
var my_JSON_object;
var url=" https://mdn.github.io/learning-
area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhttp.open("GET", url, true);
xhttp.responseText = "json";
xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
  var done = 4, ok = 200;
  if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok)
  {
    my_JSON_object = this.response;
  }
} ;
xhttp.send(); }
```



# An example

<https://mdn.github.io/learning-area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json>

```
{  
  "squadName" : "Super Hero Squad",  
  "homeTown" : "Metro City",  
  "formed" : 2016,  
  "secretBase" : "Super tower",  
  "active" : true,  
  "members" : [  
    {  
      "name" : "Molecule Man",  
      "age" : 29,  
      "secretIdentity" : "Dan Jukes",  
      "powers" : [  
        "Radiation resistance",  
        "Turning tiny",  
        "Radiation blast"  
      ]  
    },  
    {  
      "name" : "Madame Uppercut",  
      "age" : 39,  
      "secretIdentity" : "Jane Wilson",  
      "powers" : [  
        "Million tonne punch",  
        "Damage resistance",  
        "Superhuman reflexes"  
      ]  
    },  
    {  
      "name" : "Eternal Flame",  
      "age" : 1000000,  
      "secretIdentity" : "Unknown",  
      "powers" : [  
        "Immortality",  
        "Heat Immunity",  
        "Inferno",  
        "Teleportation",  
        "Interdimensional travel"  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```



# The traps of asynchronous computing 1A

```
<script>
  function getJson() {
    var my_JSON_object;
    var url="https://mdn.github.io/learning-
      area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.open("GET", url, true);
    xhttp.responseType = "json";
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
      var done = 4, ok = 200;
      if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok) {
        my_JSON_object = this.response;
      }
    };
    xhttp.send();
    return my_JSON_object;
  }
</script>
```

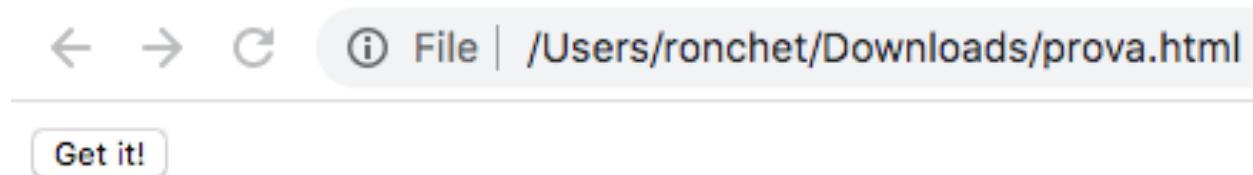


# The traps of asynchronous computing 1B

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<head>
    <title>AJAJ Demo</title>
    <script>...</script>
</head>
<body>
    <form>
        <input type="BUTTON" onClick=
            'document.getElementById("myPar").innerHTML=getJSON();'>
    </form>
    <p id="myPar">here the json will appear</p>
</body>
</html>
```



# The traps of asynchronous computing 1 out



# The traps of asynchronous computing 2A

```
<script>
  function getJson() {
    var my_JSON_object;
    var url="https://mdn.github.io/learning-
      area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.open("GET", url, false);
    xhttp.responseType = "json";
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
      var done = 4, ok = 200;
      if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok) {
        my_JSON_object = this.response;
      }
    };
    xhttp.send();
    return my_JSON_object;
  }
</script>
```

A yellow callout box with a red border and a yellow arrow pointing from the word "false" in the code to the text "Let us make it sync".

Let us make it sync



# The traps of asynchronous computing 2 out a

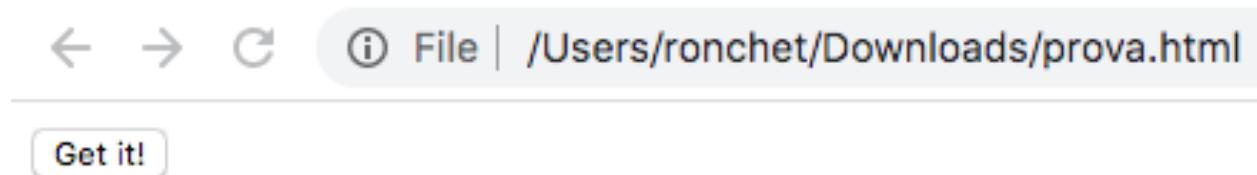
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prova.html ×

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <head>
3   <title>Form Example</title>
4   <script>
5     function getJson() {
6       var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
7       xhttp.open("GET", url, false);
8       //xhttp.responseText = "json";
9       xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
10         var done = 4, ok = 200;
11         if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok)
12         {
13           alert("Success!");
14         }
15       }
16     }
17   </script>
18 </head>
19 <body>
20   <form>
21     <input type="text" name="url" value="https://api.github.com/repos/mrwebdev/intro-web-programming/contents" />
22     <input type="button" value="Get JSON" onclick="getJson()" />
23   </form>
24 </body>
25 </html>
```

Synchronous XMLHttpRequest on the main thread is deprecated because of its detrimental effects to the end user.

Line 9: xhttp.open("GET", url, false);

# The traps of asynchronous computing 2 out b



here the json will appear

- ② ► Uncaught DOMException: Failed to set prova.html:10 the 'responseType' property on 'XMLHttpRequest': The response type cannot be changed for synchronous requests made from a document.  
at getJSON (file:///Users/ronchet/Downloads/prova.html:10:28)  
at HTMLInputElement.onclick (file:///Users/ronchet/Downloads/prova.html:27:112)

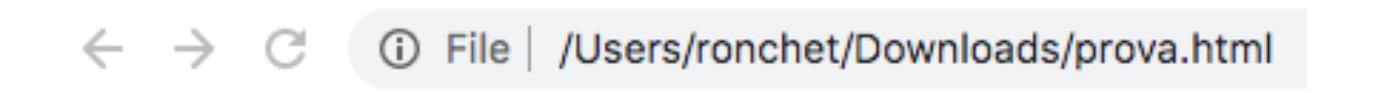
# The traps of asynchronous computing 3A

```
<script>
  function getJson() {
    var my_JSON_object;
    var url="https://mdn.github.io/learning-
      area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.open("GET", url, false);
    //xhttp.responseText = "json";
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
      var done = 4, ok = 200;
      if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok) {
        my_JSON_object = this.response;
      }
    };
    xhttp.send();
    return my_JSON_object;
  }
</script>
```

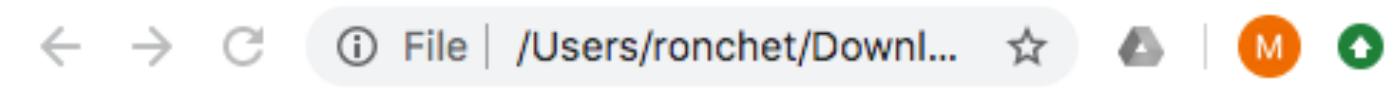
Let's comment this line



# The traps of asynchronous computing 3 out



here the json will appear



Get it!

```
{ "squadName" : "Super Hero Squad", "homeTown" : "Metro City",
  "formed" : 2016, "secretBase" : "Super tower", "active" : true, "members" :
  [ { "name" : "Molecule Man", "age" : 29, "secretIdentity" : "Dan Jukes",
    "powers" : [ "Radiation resistance", "Turning tiny", "Radiation blast" ] }, {
    "name" : "Madame Uppercut", "age" : 39, "secretIdentity" : "Jane Wilson",
    "powers" : [ "Million tonne punch", "Damage resistance", "Superhuman
    reflexes" ] }, { "name" : "Eternal Flame", "age" : 1000000, "secretIdentity"
    : "Unknown", "powers" : [ "Immortality", "Heat Immunity", "Inferno",
    "Teleportation", "Interdimensional travel" ] } ] }
```

# The traps of asynchronous computing 4A

```
<script>
  function getJson() {
    var my_JSON_object;
    var url="https://mdn.github.io/learning-
      area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.open("GET", url, true); → Let's make it async again
    xhttp.responseType = "json";
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
      var done = 4, ok = 200;
      if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok) {
        my_JSON_object = this.response;
        document.getElementById("myPar").innerHTML=
          my_JSON_object.squadName;
      }
    };
    xhttp.send();
    // return my_JSON_object; ← This is the right way
    } → of doing things!
  }
</script>
```



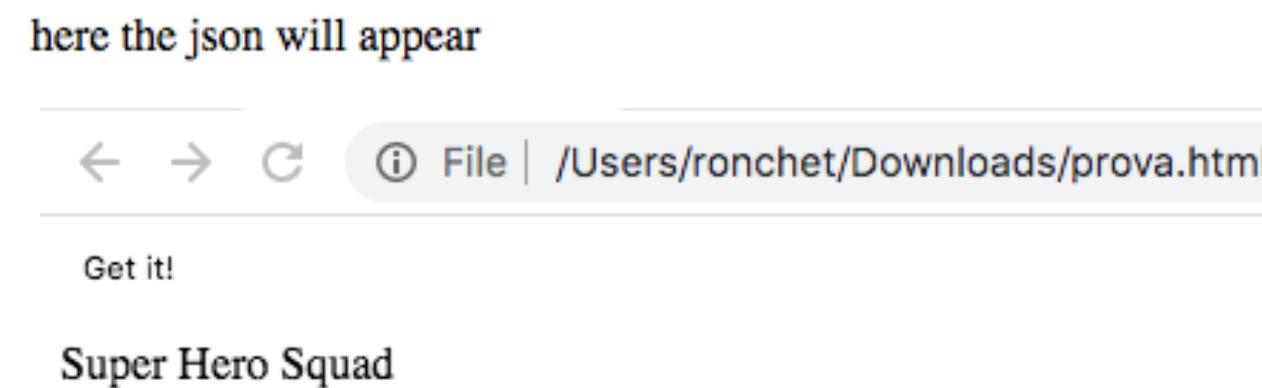
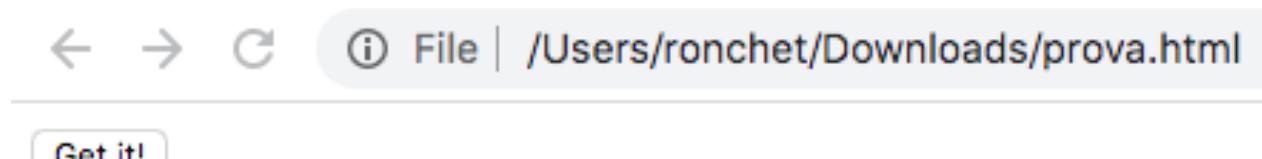
# The traps of asynchronous computing 4B

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<head>
    <title>AJAJ Demo</title>
    <script>...</script>
</head>
<body>
    <form>
        <input type="BUTTON" onClick=
            'getJSON() ; '>
    </form>
    <p id="myPar">here the json will appear</p>
</body>
</html>
```

This is the right way  
of doing things!



# The traps of asynchronous computing 4 out



# The traps of asynchronous computing 5A

```
<script>
  function getJson() {
    var my_JSON_object;
    var url="https://mdn.github.io/learning-
      area/javascript/oojs/json/superheroes.json"
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.open("GET", url, true);
    //xhttp.responseType = "json";
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function () {
      var done = 4, ok = 200;
      if (this.readyState === done && this.status === ok) {
        my_JSON_object = this.response;
        document.getElementById("myPar").innerHTML=
          my_JSON_object.squadName;

      }
    };
    xhttp.send();
    return my_JSON_object;
  }
</script>
```

Let's comment this line



# The traps of asynchronous computing 5 out

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows the file path: File | /Users/ronchet/Downloads/prova.html. Below the address bar is a button labeled "Get it!". Underneath the button, the text "here the json will appear" is displayed.

A screenshot of a web browser window, identical to the one above, showing the same file path and "Get it!" button. However, the text "here the json will appear" has been replaced by the word "undefined". This word is circled in red. A yellow callout box with a black border and a yellow background points from the bottom right towards the circled text. The text inside the callout box is "Because my\_JSON\_Object is now a String!".

# The JavaScript JSON object

The **JSON** object contains methods for parsing JSON text, and converting values to JSON. It can't be called or constructed, has two method properties:

- **JSON.parse(*text*[, *reviver*])** Parse the string *text* as JSON, optionally transform the produced value and its properties, and return the value. Any violations of the JSON syntax, including those pertaining to the differences between JavaScript and JSON, cause a `SyntaxError` to be thrown. The *reviver* option allows for interpreting what the *replacer* has used to stand in for other datatypes.
- **JSON.stringify(*value*[, *replacer*[, *space*]])** Return a JSON string corresponding to the specified value, optionally including only certain properties or replacing property values in a user-defined manner. By default, all instances of `undefined` are replaced with `null`, and other unsupported native data types are censored.  
The *replacer* option allows for specifying other behavior.

# JSON.parse

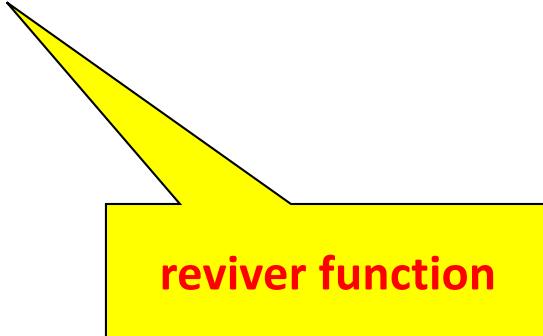
JSON string => JS data

```
const json = '{"result":true, "count":42}';  
const obj = JSON.parse(json);  
  
console.log(obj.count); // expected output: 42  
  
console.log(obj.result); // expected output: true
```

# JSON.parse with reviver function

JSON string => JS data

```
var text = '{ "name": "Dorothea Wierer",  
            "birthDate": "1990-04-03",  
            "city": "Brunico"}';  
  
var obj = JSON.parse(text, function (key, value) {  
    if (key == "birthDate") {  
        return new Date(value);  
    } else {  
        return value;  
    }  
});
```



reviver function

# JSON.stringify

JS data => JSON string

JS\_Object

```
console.log(JSON.stringify({ x: 5, y: 6 }));  
// expected output: '{"x":5,"y":6}'
```

JS\_Array

```
console.log(JSON.stringify([new Number(3), new String('false'),  
new Boolean(false)]));  
// expected output: "[3, "false", false]"
```

JS\_special types

```
console.log(JSON.stringify({ x: [10, undefined, function() {},  
Symbol('')]}));  
// expected output: {"x": [10,null,null,null]}
```

```
console.log(JSON.stringify(new Date(2006, 0, 2, 15, 4, 5)));  
// expected output: "2006-01-02T15:04:05.000Z"
```

JS\_date

The `JSON.stringify()` function will remove any functions from a JavaScript object, both the key and the value



# Json Tutorial and reference

JS JSON

JSON Intro

JSON Syntax

JSON vs XML

JSON Data Types

JSON Parse

JSON Stringify

JSON Objects

JSON Arrays

JSON PHP

JSON HTML

JSON JSONP

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_intro.asp)

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Objects/JSON>

