

Ajax revolutionized the Web

✓ Started with Gmail and Google Maps

- Advantages
 - Low latency
 - Rich interactions
- Consequences
 - Webapp center of gravity moved to the client side
 - Javascript engine performance race

Standard Ajax

```
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.onload = function() {
    if (xhr.status !== 200)
        console.error("[ " + xhr.status + " ]" + xhr.responseText);
    else
        console.log(xhr.responseText);
};
xhr.setRequestHeader(key, value);
xhr.open(method, url, true);
xhr.send(body);
```

(always) asynchronous