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