

## TOPIC: Fetch API

(HTTP • Promises • `async/await` • Errors • Internals • Interview Traps)

### NOTE 1: What `fetch` really is

- `fetch` is NOT JavaScript language
- It is a Web API (Browser + modern Node)
- Returns a Promise
- Designed for network requests (HTTP)

👉 `fetch` does not reject on HTTP errors (4xx / 5xx)

### NOTE 2: Basic fetch lifecycle (internal flow)

1. JS calls `fetch()`
2. Request delegated to runtime (browser / Node)
3. Network happens outside JS engine
4. Response comes back
5. Promise is resolved
6. Microtask queue schedules `.then` / `await`

### CODE 1: Basic fetch request

js

```
fetch("https://api.example.com/data")
  .then(res => res.text())
  .then(data => console.log(data));
```

### NOTE 3: Fetch always returns a Promise

- Promise resolves to a Response object
- Response contains:
  - status
  - headers
  - body (stream)

### CODE 2: Response object inspection

js

```
fetch(url).then(response => {
  console.log(response.status);
```

```
    console.log(response.ok);  
});
```

## ■ NOTE 4: response.ok (IMPORTANT)

- true → status 200–299
- false → 4xx / 5xx
- Promise is STILL resolved even if ok === false

## ■ CODE 3: HTTP error trap

```
js  
  
fetch("/404")  
.then(res => {  
  console.log(res.ok); // false  
});
```

## ■ NOTE 5: Parsing response body

Body can be read **only once**.

Common methods:

- .json()
- .text()
- .blob()
- .arrayBuffer()

## ■ CODE 4: Parsing JSON

```
js  
  
fetch("/api/user")  
.then(res => res.json())  
.then(data => console.log(data));
```

## ■ NOTE 6: Why .json() is async

- Body is a **stream**
- Parsing happens asynchronously
- .json() returns a Promise

## ■ CODE 5: Body used once

```
js
```

```
fetch(url).then(res => {
  res.json();
  // res.text(); ✗ error: body already used
});
```

## ■ NOTE 7: Using `async/await` with `fetch` (recommended)

- Cleaner
- Easier error handling
- Linear flow

## ■ CODE 6: Fetch with `async/await`

js

```
async function loadData() {
  const res = await fetch("/api/data");
  const data = await res.json();
  console.log(data);
}

loadData();
```

## ■ NOTE 8: Handling HTTP errors correctly

You must **manually check** `response.ok`.

## ■ CODE 7: Proper error handling

js

```
async function load() {
  const res = await fetch("/api/data");

  if (!res.ok) {
    throw new Error(`HTTP Error ${res.status}`);
  }

  const data = await res.json();
  return data;
}
```

## ■ NOTE 9: Network errors vs HTTP errors

Type	Promise
Network error	 rejected
404 / 500	 resolved

## CODE 8: Network error example

js

```
fetch("https://invalid.domain")
  .catch(err => console.log("Network error"));
```

## NOTE 10: Sending data (POST request)

- Use `method`
- Set `headers`
- Send `body`

## CODE 9: POST request

js

```
fetch("/api/user", {
  method: "POST",
  headers: {
    "Content-Type": "application/json"
  },
  body: JSON.stringify({ name: "Anoop" })
});
```

## NOTE 11: Fetch options object

Common options:

- `method`
- `headers`
- `body`
- `mode`
- `credentials`
- `cache`

## CODE 10: Fetch options

js

```
fetch(url, {  
  method: "GET",  
  headers: { "Accept": "application/json" }  
});
```

## ■ NOTE 12: CORS (very important)

- Browser security feature
- Server decides access
- Node.js does NOT enforce CORS

## ■ CODE 11: CORS error (browser)

js

```
fetch("https://other-site.com/api");  
// ✗ blocked by browser if CORS headers missing
```

## ■ NOTE 13: AbortController (cancel fetch)

- Used to cancel in-flight requests
- Important for performance (React, SPA)

## ■ CODE 12: Abort fetch

js

```
const controller = new AbortController();  
  
fetch(url, { signal: controller.signal });  
  
controller.abort();
```

## ■ NOTE 14: Parallel fetch requests

- Use `Promise.all`
- Improves performance

## ■ CODE 13: Parallel fetch

js

```
const [a, b] = await Promise.all([  
  fetch("/api/a").then(r => r.json()),  
  fetch("/api/b").then(r => r.json())  
]);
```

## ■ NOTE 15: Common interview traps

- Fetch doesn't reject on 404
- `.json()` returns a Promise
- Body can be consumed once
- CORS is browser-only
- Fetch is async even for local files

## FINAL MENTAL MODEL

- `fetch` = Web API
- Returns Promise → Response
- HTTP errors ≠ Promise rejection
- Must check `response.ok`
- Body is a stream
- Use `async/await` + try/catch
- Handle CORS and cancellation

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Next **recommended continuation**:

- 1 Error Handling (sync vs async, try/catch pitfalls)
- 2 Memory Management & Garbage Collection
- 3 Browser Storage (localStorage, sessionStorage)

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