

Agenda

- jQuery
- AJAX

jQuery

- jQuery is a fast, small, and feature-rich JavaScript library.
- It makes things like HTML document traversal and manipulation, event handling, animation, and Ajax much simpler with an easy-to-use API that works across a multitude of browsers.
- It is a lightweight, "write less, do more", JavaScript library.
- With a combination of versatility and extensibility, jQuery has changed the way that millions of people write JavaScript.
- The jQuery library contains the following features:
 1. HTML/DOM manipulation
 2. CSS manipulation
 3. HTML event methods
 4. Effects and animations
 5. AJAX

Adding jQuery

- The jQuery library is a single JavaScript file, and you reference it with the HTML `<script>` tag
- make sure that the script tag should be inside the head section ``HTML

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Basic Syntax

- `$(selector).action()`
 - \$ sign to define/access jQuery
 - (selector) to "query (or find)" HTML elements
 - action() to be performed on the element(s)
- Example
 - `$(this).hide()` - hides the current element.
 - `$("p").hide()` - hides all
elements.
 - `$(".testclass").hide()` - hides all elements with class="testclass".
 - `$("#testId").hide()` - hides the element with id="testId".

AJAX

- AJAX stands for Asynchronous JavaScript and XML. - It is a technique used in web development to update parts of a web page without reloading the entire page.
- By using AJAX, web applications can send and retrieve data asynchronously from a server in the background, improving the user experience by making the app feel faster and more interactive.
- The basic flow of an AJAX request:

1. User Interaction:

- A user performs an action (e.g., clicking a button).

2. JavaScript Sends a Request:

- JavaScript sends an HTTP request to the server using the XMLHttpRequest object or the newer fetch API.

3. Server Processes the Request:

- The server processes the request (e.g., fetches data from a database) and sends back a response.

4. JavaScript Updates the Web Page:

- JavaScript processes the server's response and updates the web page dynamically, without requiring a page reload.

XHR (XMLHttpRequest)

- It is a JavaScript API that allows developers to make HTTP requests (to fetch data, send data, etc.) from a web server without reloading the page.
- It is commonly used for building AJAX functionality.

Steps to Use XHR

1. Create an XHR Object:

- Use `let helper = new XMLHttpRequest();`

2. Configure the Request:

- Specify the request method (GET, POST, etc.) and the URL
- `helper.open(method, url, async)`.
- `async: Boolean`, true (asynchronous, default) or false (synchronous).

3. Send the Request:

- `helper.send()` to send the request.

4. Handle the Response:

- `helper.onreadystatechange` or `helper.onload` to process the server's response.

using jQuery Ajax method

Promise

- A Promise in JavaScript is an object that represents the eventual completion (or failure) of an asynchronous operation and its resulting value.
- Promises were introduced to solve the lot of callback problem, which occurs when multiple asynchronous operations are nested, leading to messy, hard-to-read, and error-prone code.
- A Promise has three possible states:
 1. Pending: The initial state when the Promise is neither fulfilled nor rejected.
 2. Fulfilled: The operation completed successfully, and the Promise has a resolved value.
 3. Rejected: The operation failed, and the Promise has a reason (error).
- Once a Promise is either fulfilled or rejected, it becomes settled, and its state will not change again.

Fetch API

- It is a modern alternative to XHR.
- Fetch uses Promises, making the code cleaner and easier to manage.
- Easier to read and manage with `.then()` and `.catch()` or `async/await`.
- No need for `xhr.open()`, `xhr.send()`, or `xhr.onload`.
- All configurations are included in the `fetch()` function.
- Use `.catch()` to handle errors, such as network issues or HTTP errors.
- Built-in JSON Support: Use `.json()` to parse JSON responses easily.

```
//using then() and catch()
function btn1Clicked() {
  fetch("http://127.0.0.1:5500/data.json", { "method": "GET" })
  .then((response) => {
    if (response.ok)
      return response.json()
    else
      throw new Error("Something went wrong")
  })
  .then((data) => {
    console.log(data)
  })
  .catch((error) => {
    console.log("error = " + error)
  })
}

//using async/await
async function btn2Clicked() {
  try {
    let result = await fetch("http://127.0.0.1:5500/data.json", { "method": "GET" })
  }
  if (result.ok) {
    const data = await result.json()
    console.log(data)
  }
  else
    throw new Error("Something went wrong")
  } catch (error) {
```

```
    console.log("error -" + error)
  }
}
```

- Both `async/await` and `.then()` are ways to handle Promises in JavaScript, but they differ in syntax, readability, and how they handle asynchronous code.
- Which One to Use?

1. Use Async/Await:

- When you have multiple asynchronous tasks that need to be executed in sequence.
- When you want better readability and maintainability.
- When you want to handle errors more cleanly with `try/catch`.

2. Use `.then()`:

- When you're working with simpler tasks (single or few Promises).
- When you need backward compatibility (older browsers without `async/await`).