

AJAX

- AJAX stands for Asynchronous JavaScript And XML.
- AJAX just uses a combination of:
 1. A browser built-in XMLHttpRequest object
 2. JavaScript and HTML DOM

Use of AJAX :

- AJAX enables the developer to reload only a few parts of the web page without affecting or reloading other components.

Send Request using AJAX :

- Using AJAX we can send requests on the server to access data in two ways :
 1. By creating an instance of XMLHttpRequest
 2. By fetch() method

XMLHttpRequest Object :

- The XMLHttpRequest object is used to request data from a server.
- To send a request to a server, we use the open() and send() methods of the XMLHttpRequest object.
- Example:

```
xhr.open("GET", "ajax_info.txt", true);  
xhr.send();
```

| Method | Description |
|--|---|
| <code>open(<i>method</i>, <i>URL</i>, <i>async</i>)</code> | Specifies the type of request <i>method</i> : the type of request: GET or POST <i>url</i> : the server (file) location <i>async</i> : true (asynchronous) or false (synchronous) |
| <code>send()</code> | Sends the request to the server (used for GET) |
| <code>send(<i>string</i>)</code> | Sends the request to the server (used for POST) |

Fetch :

- Fetch is an interface for making an AJAX request in JavaScript. It is implemented widely by modern browsers and is used to call an API.

- Example :

```
const promise=fetch(URL,[options])
```

where options can be method type, request header field(s), data, etc.

AJAX methods :

AJAX supports methods like GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE, etc.

GET :

Generally, GET is used to access data from the server.

POST :

Usually, used to send data to server.

PUT :

Used to replace given data with requested data.

PATCH :

Used to update data into server.

JSON data :

- JSON stands for Java Script Object Notation.
- JSON is a lightweight format for storing and transporting data.
- JSON Syntax Rules
 1. Data is in name/value pairs
 2. Data is separated by commas
 3. Curly braces hold objects
 4. Square brackets hold arrays

- Example :

```
{
  "firstName":"Krinsi",
  "details":[
    {"full-name":"Krinsi Kayada","age" : 20},
    {"city":"Rajkot"}
  ]
}
```

Serialization :

- Serialization converts an in-memory data structure to a value that can be stored or transferred.
- we can serialize the JSON object by passing it into the `JSON.stringify()` function.

- Example :
`JSON.stringify(usersObject);`

Deserialization :

- The conversion from serialized string to an in-memory data structure is deserialization. We can accomplish this with the JavaScript `JSON.parse()` function.
- Example :
`const usersObject = JSON.parse(responseFromServer);`