Ajax

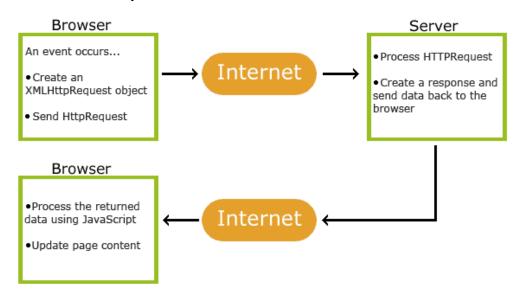
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Work Principle



• XMLHttpRequest Object

- All Modern browsers (IE7+, Firefox, Chrome, Safari and Opera) support XMLHttpRequest Object (IE5 and IE6 use ActiveXObject)
- XMLHttpRequest is used to transfer data between backstage and server, which means it can update some part of the web pages without reloading the whole website.
 - To create an XMLHttpRequest Object, you should use:

variable=nenw XMLHttpRequest(); //Old version Internet Explorer should use
ActiveX object: variable=new ActiveXObject ("Microsoft.XMLHTTP")

```
var xmlhttp;
if (window.XMLHttpRequest)
{
    xmlhttp=new XMLHttpRequest();
}
else
{
    xmlhttp=new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
}
```

Send Request to servers

- we use the methods **open()** and **send()** of XMLHttpRequest Object to send request to servers.

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

mlhttp.send();		
method	describe	
open(method, url, async)	set the type of the request, URL and whether it is a asynchronous processing of requests. method: the type of the request: GET or POST url: the directory of the file async: true (asynchronous) or false (synchronous)	
send(string)	send the request to servers string: only used in POST request	

GET or POST

- Compared with POST, GET is simpler and faster, and can be used in most cases.
- However, use POST request in the following cases:
 - unable to use cache files (update the files or databases in servers)
 - send a flood of data to servers (POST has no data limit)
- when sending user input which includes unknown chars, POST is more stable and reliable than GET

- GET Request

```
xmlhttp.open("GET","/try/ajax/demo_get2.php?
fname=Henry&lname=Ford",true);
xmlhttp.send();
```

- POST Request

```
xmlhttp.open("POST","/try/ajax/demo_post2.php",true);
xmlhttp.setRequestHeader("Content-type","application/x-www-form-
urlencoded");
xmlhttp.send("fname=Henry&lname=Ford");
```

• Async=true

```
xmlhttp.onreadystatechange=function()
{
    if(xmlhttp.readyState==4 && xmlhttp.status==200)
    {
        document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML=xmlhttp.responseText;
    }
}
xmlhttp.open("GET", "/try/ajax/ajax_info.text", true);
xmlhttp.send();
```

Onreadystatechage Event

attribute	descibe
onreadystatechange	store function (or function name). The function will be called once the attribute readyState changes.
readyState	store XMLHttpRequest status. changes from 0 to 4:
	0: didn't initialize request1: server connection established

	2: request is received3: request is processing4: request is finished, and response is ready	
status	200: "OK" 404: cannot find the page	

- When readyState equals to 4 and status is 200, the response is ready:

```
xmlhttp.onreadystatechange=function()
{
    if(xmlhttp.readyState==4 && xmlhttp.status==200)
    {
        document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML=xmlhttp.responseText;
    }
}
```

• Server Response

- use attributes responseText or responseXML to get XML HttpRequest Object

attribute	describe	example
responseText	get response data in string form	document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML=xmIhttp.responseText;
responseXML	get response data in XML form	<pre>xmlDoc=xmlhttp.responseXML; txt=""; x=xmlDoc.getElementsByTagName("ARTIST"); for (i=0; i<x.length; "<br="" +="" i++)="" txt="txt" x[i].childnodes[0].nodevalue="" {="">"; } document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML=txt;</x.length;></pre>