JS Ajax

**Introduction to AJAX**

* **Definition**: AJAX is a technique for creating asynchronous web applications. It allows web pages to be updated asynchronously by exchanging small amounts of data with the server in the background without reloading the entire page.
* **Purpose**: Improves user experience by reducing page load times and making web applications more responsive.

**2. Key Components of AJAX**

* **JavaScript**: For making requests to the server.
* **XMLHttpRequest (XHR)**: The core object in AJAX that sends and retrieves data from a server asynchronously.
* **Server (Backend)**: Receives requests, processes them, and sends responses.
* **Data Format**: Common data formats include JSON, XML, and HTML, though JSON is the most popular for AJAX responses.

**3. XMLHttpRequest Object**

* **Creating an XMLHttpRequest Object**: let xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
* **Properties**:
  + xhr.readyState: Represents the state of the request (0 to 4).
  + xhr.status: HTTP status code of the request (e.g., 200 for success).
  + xhr.responseText / xhr.responseXML: Contains the response data as a string or XML.
* **Methods**:
  + xhr.open(method, URL, async): Prepares the request. Common methods are GET and POST.
  + xhr.send(data): Sends the request to the server.
  + xhr.setRequestHeader(header, value): Sets HTTP headers (e.g., Content-Type).

**4. AJAX Request States**

* **readyState Values**:
  + 0: UNSENT – Initial state.
  + 1: OPENED – open() called.
  + 2: HEADERS\_RECEIVED – send() called, headers received.
  + 3: LOADING – Response is loading.
  + 4: DONE – Request completed.

**5. Handling AJAX Responses**

* **onreadystatechange Event**: Triggered every time the readyState changes.
* **Example**:

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xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {

if (xhr.readyState == 4 && xhr.status == 200) {

console.log(xhr.responseText); // Process response

}

};

* **Error Handling**: Check xhr.status to handle errors (e.g., 404 for "Not Found").

**6. Using JSON with AJAX**

* **Sending JSON Data**:
  + Set content type header: xhr.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/json");
  + Convert JavaScript object to JSON string with JSON.stringify().

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let data = JSON.stringify({ key: "value" });

xhr.send(data);

* **Receiving JSON Data**:
  + Parse the response using JSON.parse():

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let responseObject = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);

**7. Common AJAX Methods**

* **GET Request**: Requests data from a server.

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xhr.open("GET", "server-url", true);

xhr.send();

* **POST Request**: Sends data to a server.

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xhr.open("POST", "server-url", true);

xhr.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/x-www-form-urlencoded");

xhr.send("key1=value1&key2=value2");

**8. AJAX with Promises**

* **Using Promises with AJAX**:
  + Wrapping XMLHttpRequest in a promise simplifies handling asynchronous responses.

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function ajaxPromise(url) {

return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {

let xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();

xhr.open("GET", url, true);

xhr.onload = () => {

if (xhr.status === 200) {

resolve(JSON.parse(xhr.responseText));

} else {

reject(xhr.statusText);

}

};

xhr.onerror = () => reject(xhr.statusText);

xhr.send();

});

}

**9. AJAX with Fetch API (Modern Approach)**

* **Fetch API**: A simpler, modern way to make asynchronous requests.

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fetch("server-url")

.then(response => response.json())

.then(data => console.log(data))

.catch(error => console.error("Error:", error));

**10. Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) in AJAX**

* **Definition**: CORS is a security feature that restricts web pages from making requests to a different domain than the one that served the web page.
* **Implementation**: The server must include specific headers (e.g., Access-Control-Allow-Origin) to allow cross-origin requests.

**11. AJAX Libraries and Frameworks**

* **jQuery AJAX**: Simplifies AJAX requests with methods like $.ajax(), $.get(), and $.post().
* **Axios**: A promise-based HTTP client that is popular for handling AJAX requests in modern JavaScript applications.

**12. Advantages and Disadvantages of AJAX**

* **Advantages**:
  + Faster interactions and better user experience.
  + Allows for partial page updates.
* **Disadvantages**:
  + Complexity in managing asynchronous code.
  + Security concerns like CORS and XSS (Cross-Site Scripting).

**JS graphics**

**HTML5 Canvas**

* **Overview: A graphics API within HTML5, <canvas> provides a space for drawing shapes, text, images, and other graphics with JavaScript.**
* **Methods:**
  + **Drawing Shapes: rect(), arc(), moveTo(), lineTo()**
  + **Path Drawing: Begin and define paths using beginPath(), closePath().**
  + **Colors & Styles: Set fill colors (fillStyle), stroke colors (strokeStyle), gradients, and patterns.**
  + **Text: fillText() and strokeText() to display text.**
* **Use Cases: Ideal for 2D games, animations, and data visualization.**

**2. SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics)**

* **Overview: XML-based format for vector graphics. SVG images can be scaled without losing quality.**
* **Attributes:**
  + **Shapes: <rect>, <circle>, <ellipse>, <line>, <polygon>, and <polyline>.**
  + **Paths: Use <path> to draw complex shapes.**
  + **Styling: fill, stroke, stroke-width, CSS for animations.**
* **Advantages: Resolution independence, accessibility, and easy styling with CSS.**
* **Use Cases: Responsive icons, logos, charts, and diagrams.**

**3. WebGL (Web Graphics Library)**

* **Overview: JavaScript API for rendering 2D and 3D graphics, leveraging GPU acceleration.**
* **Shaders: Uses GLSL (OpenGL Shading Language) for vertex and fragment shaders.**
* **Libraries: Popular libraries like Three.js simplify complex 3D scenes with lighting, textures, and animations.**
* **Use Cases: 3D modeling, immersive web experiences, virtual reality, and complex animations.**

**4. Three.js**

* **Overview: A popular library for 3D graphics built on WebGL.**
* **Core Components:**
  + **Scene: Defines the area where all objects are placed.**
  + **Camera: Specifies the perspective (e.g., PerspectiveCamera).**
  + **Renderer: Renders the scene with WebGL, often using WebGLRenderer.**
  + **Geometry and Materials: Basic shapes like cubes (BoxGeometry) and materials like MeshBasicMaterial.**
* **Use Cases: 3D product showcases, interactive models, VR/AR.**

**5. D3.js (Data-Driven Documents)**

* **Overview: A JavaScript library for creating dynamic, interactive data visualizations.**
* **Selections: Bind data to DOM elements and update them interactively.**
* **Scales & Axes: Easily map data values to visual dimensions.**
* **Transitions & Animations: Smoothly animate changes in data or view.**
* **Use Cases: Data dashboards, animated charts, and visual data storytelling.**

**6. Animation Libraries**

* **Anime.js: A flexible library that supports animations for CSS properties, SVG, DOM attributes, and JavaScript objects.**
* **GSAP (GreenSock Animation Platform): Powerful animation platform with smooth transitions and timelines, compatible with CSS, SVG, and Canvas elements.**
* **Use Cases: Interactive UI elements, animations on scroll, storytelling graphics.**

**7. Chart Libraries**

* **Chart.js: Easy-to-use library for responsive charts and graphs (line, bar, pie, etc.).**
* **Plotly.js: Provides interactive charts with high-quality visualizations and support for 3D, scientific, and statistical graphs.**
* **Use Cases: Data visualization, dashboards, and real-time analytics.**

**8. Canvas vs. SVG**

* **Canvas: Pixel-based, better for high-performance, dynamic graphics where lots of objects need to be updated or manipulated often.**
* **SVG: Vector-based, better for static or small graphics that need to be scalable and accessible.**