# **FetchRemote**

This function allows you to post and receive data from HTTP servers. The calls are asynchronous so you do not get an immediate result from the call, instead a callback function you specify is called when the download completes.

In the case when the call fails, a string containing "ERROR" followed by an integer containing the error reason will be passed to the callback function. The reason for failure will be similar to errors found with websites - file not found, server not found and timeouts.

If you are using fetchRemote to connect to a PHP script, you can use  $file\_get\_contents("php://input")$  to read the **postData** sent from this function.

**Note:** Client side function only works with the server the player is connected to unless the domain has been accepted with requestBrowserDomains

**Warning:** function won't trigger inside another fetchRemote function

# **Syntax**

bool fetchRemote ( string URL, [ string queueName = "default" ], [ int connectionAttempts = 10, int connectTimeout = 10000 ],
function callbackFunction, [ string postData = "", bool postIsBinary = false ], [ arguments... ] )

## **Required Arguments**

- **URL:** A full URL in the format *http://hostname/path/file.ext*. A port can be specified with a colon followed by a port number appended to the hostname.
- callbackFunction: This is the function that should receive the data returned from the remote server. The callback argument list should be:
  - responseData A string containing the remote response or "ERROR" if there was a problem
  - $\circ$  *error* A number containing the error number or zero if there was no error. A list of possible error values are:
  - 1-89: See cURL website or its mirror at cURL errors
  - 400-599: See HTTP status codes
  - **1002**: Download aborted
  - 1003: Failed to initialize
  - 1004: Unable to parse url
  - 1005: Unable to resolve host name
  - 1006: Destination IP not allowed
  - 1007: File error
  - arguments... The arguments that were passed into fetchRemote

## **Optional Arguments**

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- **queueName:** Name of the queue to use. Any name can be used. If not set, the queue name is "default". Requests in the same queue are processed in order, one at a time.
- connectionAttempts: Number of times to retry if the remote host does not respond. In the case of a non-responding remote server, each connection attempt will timeout after 10 seconds. Therefore, the default setting of 10 connection attempts means it will be 100 seconds before your script gets a callback about the error. Reducing this value to 2 for example, will decrease that period to 20 seconds
- connectTimeout: Number of milliseconds each connection attempt will take before timing out
- postData: A string specifying any data you want to send to the remote HTTP server.
- **postIsBinary**: A boolean specifying if the data is text, or binary.
- arguments: Any arguments you may want to pass to the callback.

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# **Syntax**

bool fetchRemote ( string URL[, table options ], callback callbackFunction[, table callbackArguments ] )

### **Required Arguments**

- **URL:** A full URL in the format *http://hostname/path/file.ext*. A port can be specified with a colon followed by a port number appended to the hostname.
- callbackFunction: This is the function that should receive the data returned from the remote server. The callback argument list should be:
  - responseData A string containing the remote response
  - responseInfo A table containing:
    - *success* A boolean indicating if the request was successful.
    - **statusCode** An integer status/error code
    - *headers* A table containing the HTTP response headers
  - o arguments... The arguments that were passed into fetchRemote

## **Optional Arguments**

- **options:** A table containing any request options:
  - **queueName:** Name of the queue to use. Any name can be used. If not set, the queue name is "default". Requests in the same queue are processed in order, one at a time.
  - connectionAttempts: Number of times to retry if the remote host does not respond. (Defaults to 10)
  - connectTimeout: Number of milliseconds each connection attempt will take before timing out. (Defaults to 10000)
  - postData: A string specifying any data you want to send to the remote HTTP server.
  - postIsBinary: A boolean specifying if the data is text, or binary. (Defaults to false)
  - **method:** A string specifying the request method. (Defaults to GET or POST)
  - **headers:** A table containing HTTP request headers. *e.g.* { *Pragma="no-cache"* }
  - maxRedirects: An integer limiting the number of HTTP redirections to automatically follow. (Defaults to 8)
  - **username:** A string specifying the username for protected pages.
  - password: A string specifying the password for protected pages.

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formFields: A table containing form items to submit. (for POST method only) e.g. { name="bob", email=" [email protected]" }

• arguments: A table containing arguments you may want to pass to the callback.

#### Returns

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Returns a *request* value which can be used with getRemoteRequestInfo or abortRemoteRequest