

# Populating Data Using Server-Side Code

You can use server-side code to acquire data to populate your chart. Your server-side code can load a local file, query a database, or get the data in some other way. The following PHP example demonstrates reading chart data from a local text file when a page is requested. You can copy these files to your own server, if it supports PHP.

**Note:** This sample requires [jQuery version 1.6.2](http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading_jQuery) ([http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading\\_jQuery](http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading_jQuery)) or later.

## exampleUsingPHP.html file

This is the file that the user browses to. The `drawChart()` function calls the [jQuery `ajax\(\)` function](http://api.jquery.com/jquery.ajax/) (<http://api.jquery.com/jquery.ajax/>) to send a query to a URL and get back a JSON string. The URL here is of the local `getData.php` file. The returned data is actually a `DataTable` defined in the local `sampleData.json` file. This `DataTable` is used to populate a pie chart, which is then rendered on the page.

```
<html>
  <head>
    <!--Load the AJAX API-->
    <script type="text/javascript" src="https://www.gstatic.com/charts/loader.js">
    <script type="text/javascript" src="//ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.6.2/jquery.min.js">
    <script type="text/javascript">

    // Load the Visualization API and the piechart package.
    google.charts.load('current', {'packages':['corechart']});

    // Set a callback to run when the Google Visualization API is loaded.
    google.charts.setOnLoadCallback(drawChart);

    function drawChart() {
      var jsonData = $.ajax({
        url: "getData.php",
        dataType: "json",
        async: false
      }).responseText;

      // Create our data table out of JSON data loaded from server.
      var data = new google.visualization.DataTable(jsonData);

      // Instantiate and draw our chart, passing in some options.
      var chart = new google.visualization.PieChart(document.getElementById('chart'));
      chart.draw(data, {width: 400, height: 240});
    }
  }
</html>
```

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    }

    </script>
</head>

<body>
    <!--Div that will hold the pie chart-->
    <div id="chart_div"></div>
</body>
</html>

```

## getData.php File

When this file receives a request, it returns a copy of the local sampleData.json file.

```

<?php

// This is just an example of reading server side data and sending it to the client
// It reads a json formatted text file and outputs it.

$string = file_get_contents("sampleData.json");
echo $string;

// Instead you can query your database and parse into JSON etc etc

?>

```

## sampleData.json File

### A JSON version of a small DataTable

(<https://google-developers.appspot.com/chart/interactive/docs/reference#dataparam>).

```

{
  "cols": [
    {"id": "", "label": "Topping", "pattern": "", "type": "string"},
    {"id": "", "label": "Slices", "pattern": "", "type": "number"}
  ],
  "rows": [
    {"c": [{"v": "Mushrooms", "f": null}, {"v": 3, "f": null}]},
    {"c": [{"v": "Onions", "f": null}, {"v": 1, "f": null}]},
    {"c": [{"v": "Olives", "f": null}, {"v": 1, "f": null}]},
    {"c": [{"v": "Zucchini", "f": null}, {"v": 1, "f": null}]},
    {"c": [{"v": "Pepperoni", "f": null}, {"v": 2, "f": null}]}
  ]
}

```

```
}    ]
```

## More Information:

- [Downloading jQuery](http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading_jQuery) ([http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading\\_jQuery](http://docs.jquery.com/Downloading_jQuery))
- [DataTable JSON format](https://google-developers.appspot.com/chart/interactive/docs/reference#dataparam)  
(<https://google-developers.appspot.com/chart/interactive/docs/reference#dataparam>)

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