

Implementing Async HTTP with AioHTTP



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AioHTTP Use Cases

Web applications

REST APIs

Real-time applications

Web scrapers



Overview of AioHTTP

Async by design

Powerful features

High performance



Key Features

Integrated HTTP server and client

WebSocket support



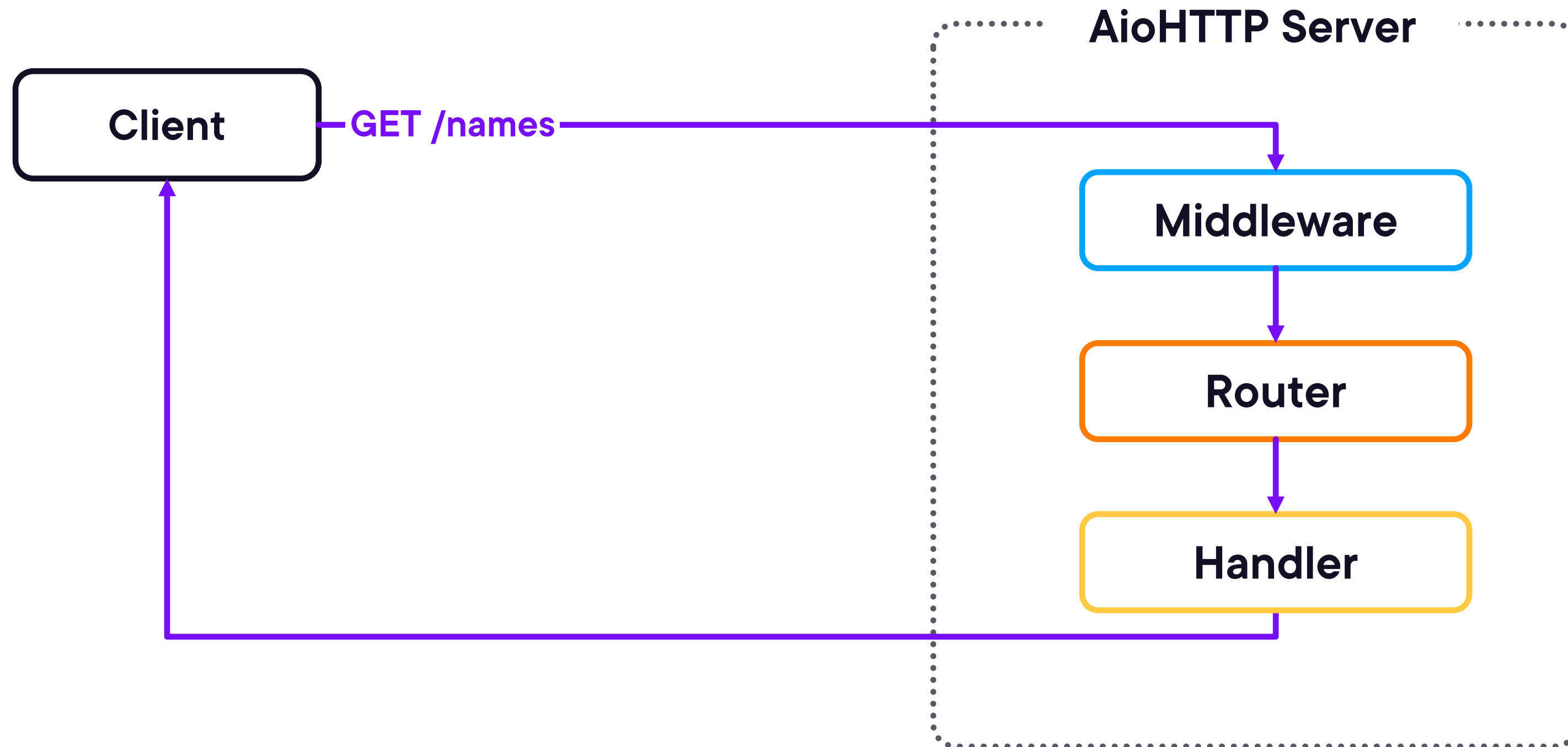
AioHTTP Components

HTTP server

HTTP client



AioHTTP Request Flow



```
# pip install aiohttp

from aiohttp import web

async def get_names(request):
    return web.Response(text='hi all')

app = web.Application()

app.router.add_get('/names', get_names)

web.run_app(app)
```

◀ **Install AioHTTP**

◀ **Import the web module of AioHTTP**

◀ **Coroutine with request handler**

◀ **HTTP response is 'hi all'**

◀ **Main container for server**

◀ **Register GET route and link to handler**

◀ **Start server**



Demo: Building an API with AioHTTP

Read all names: GET /names
Read name by id: GET /names/{id}
Add new name: POST /names



Simple HTTP Request Using the Requests Library

```
# pip install requests
```

```
import requests
```

```
response = requests.get(URL)
```

```
data = response.json()
```

```
print(data)
```



```
import aiohttp
import asyncio
```

```
URL = "http://localhost"
```

```
async def fetch_url():
    async with aiohttp.ClientSession() as s:
        async with s.get(URL) as r:
            data = await r.json()
            print(data)
```

```
asyncio.run(fetch_url())
```

◀ **Import prerequisites**

◀ **Assuming local URL**

◀ **Define new coroutine**

◀ **Create new client session**

◀ **Make a GET request**

◀ **Parse JSON response**

◀ **Print result**

◀ **Start the event loop**



Demo: Fetching Data Concurrently



HTTP Clients

AioHTTP client

- Asynchronous (non-blocking)**
- Requires async knowledge**
- High performance**
- API clients of fast, scalable apps**

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Requests client

- Synchronous (blocking)**
- Very intuitive**
- Low performance**
- Scripts, basic apps**

