Single Page Applications & AJAX

Wow. Such buzzwords. Much JavaScript

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All of the above make the browser navigate and retrieve new documents.

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User clicks on link . . .

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- Each page, since it is a new page, retrieves stylesheets, script files, etc.

What is
SPA?

*"A **single-page application (SPA)** is a web application or web site that interacts with the user by dynamically rewriting the current page rather than loading entire new pages from a server."*

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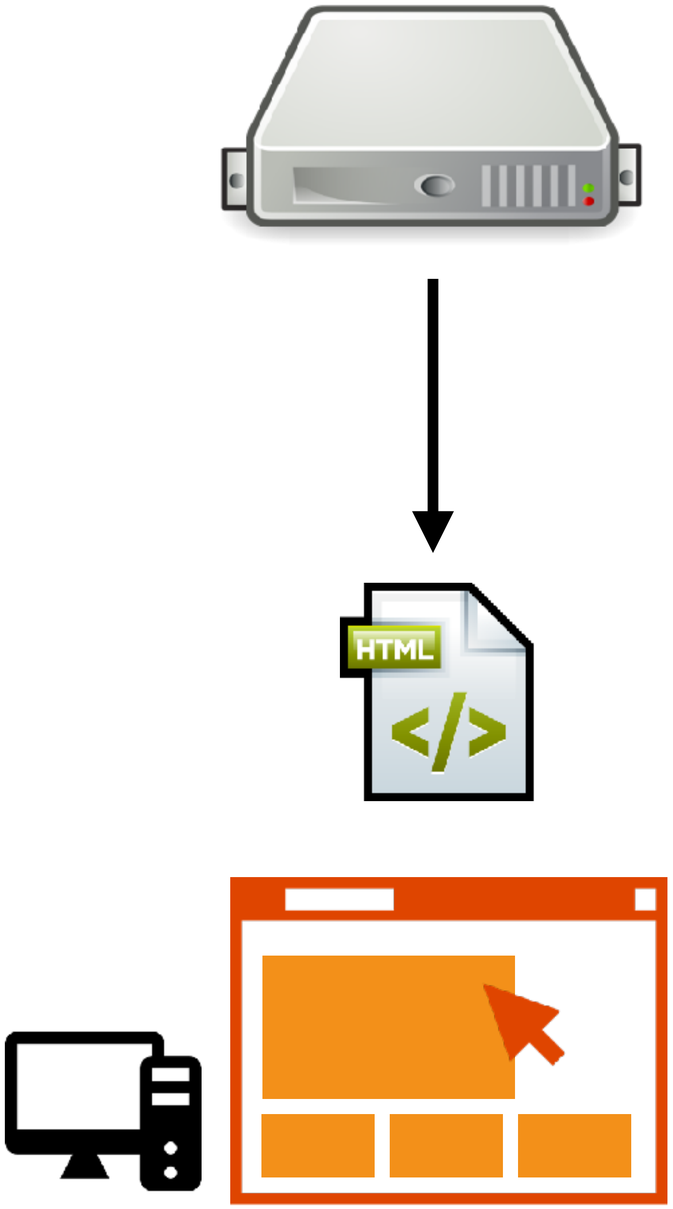
Single Page Applications

- **No reload or "refresh" within the user interface**
  - JavaScript manipulates the DOM as the user interacts
- **User experience similar to a native application**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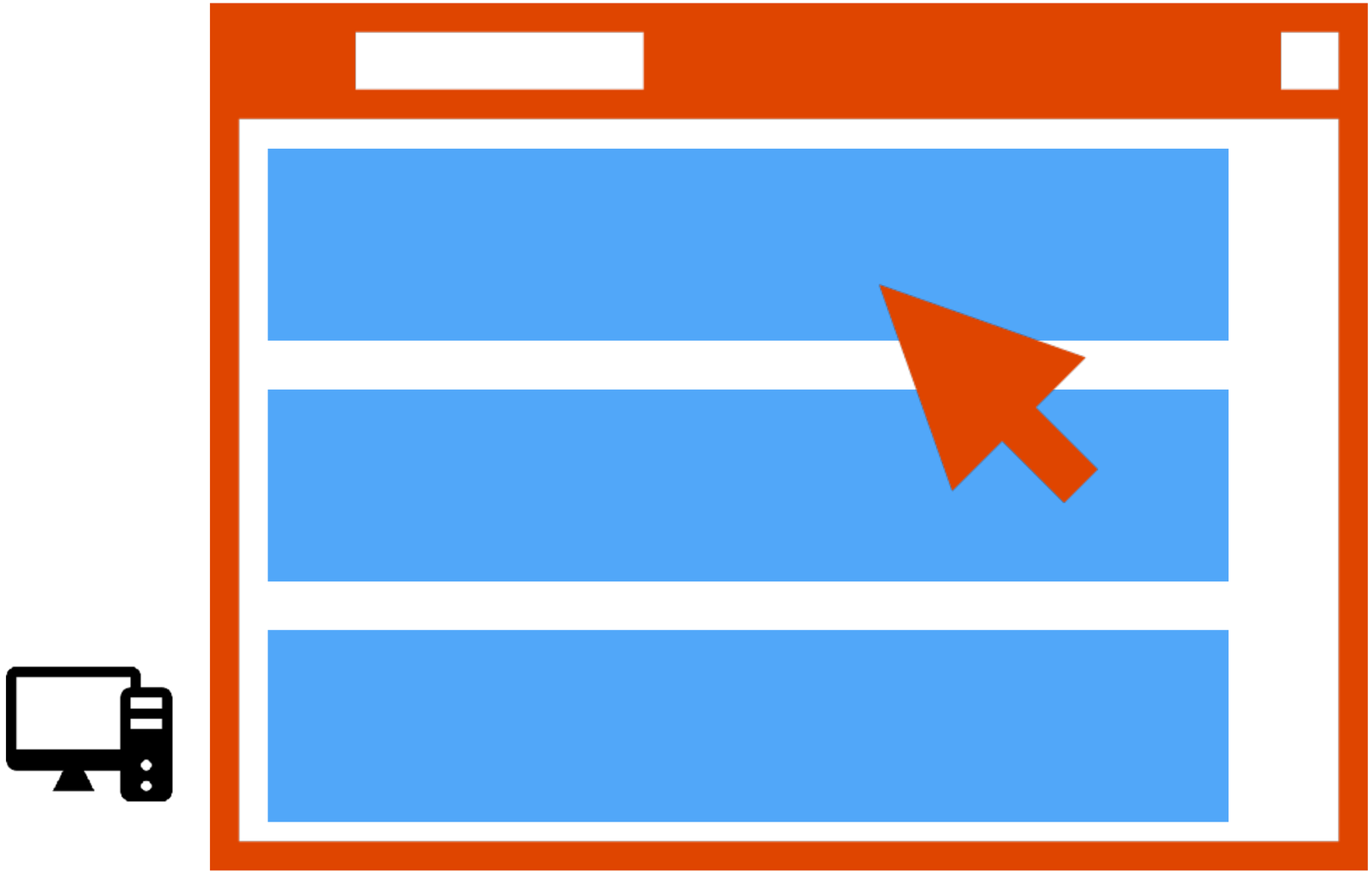

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What is AJAX?

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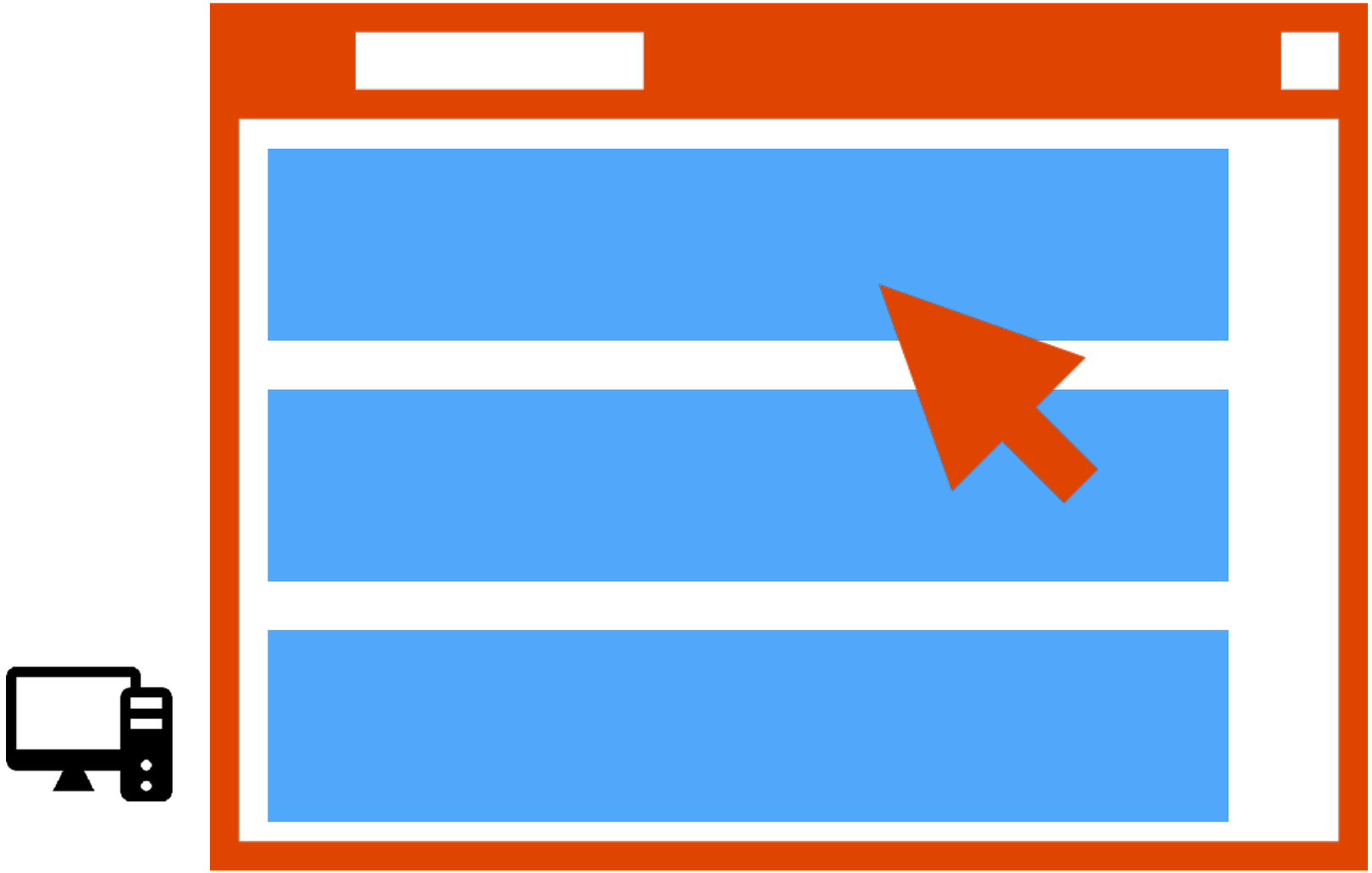
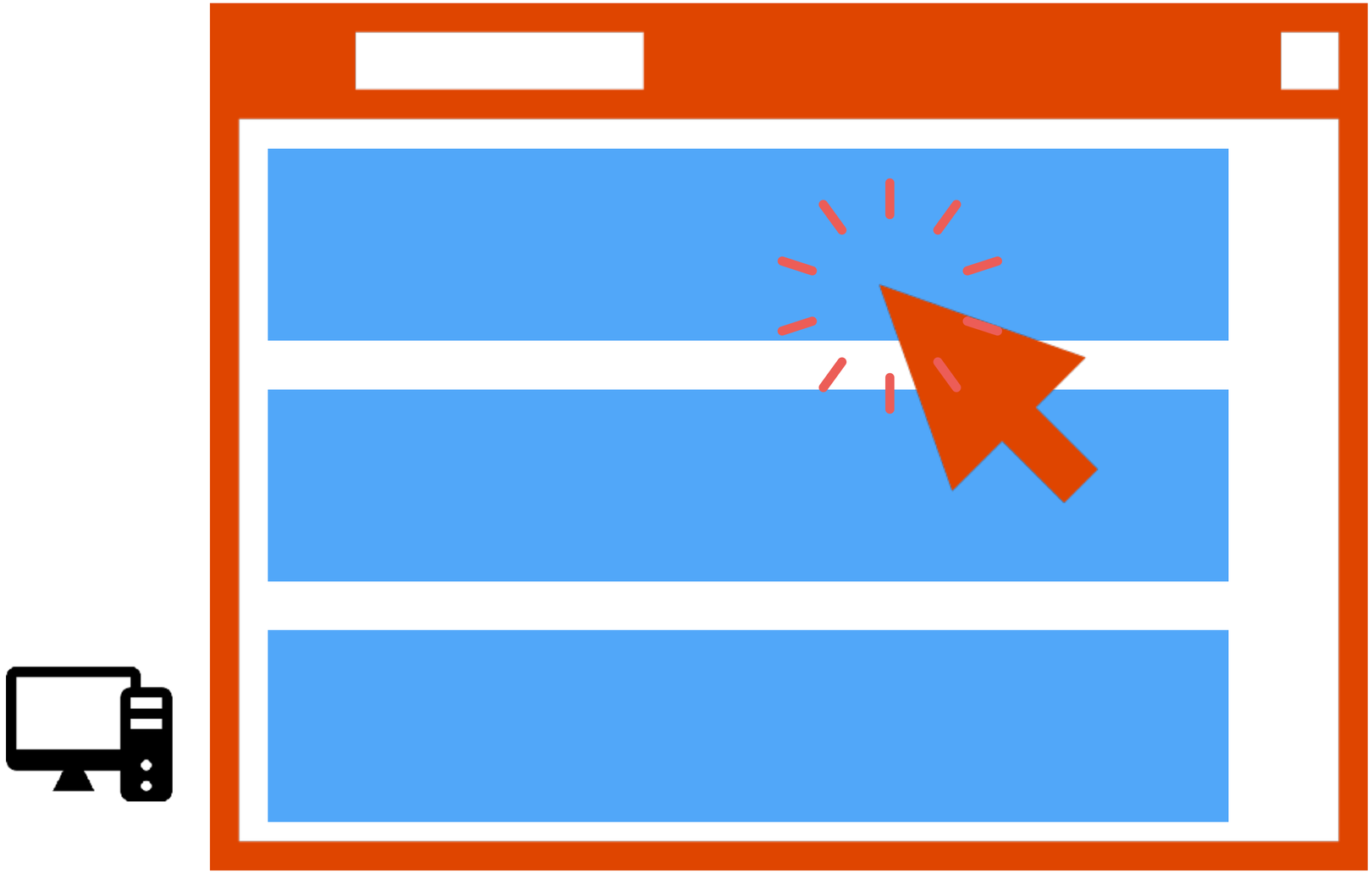
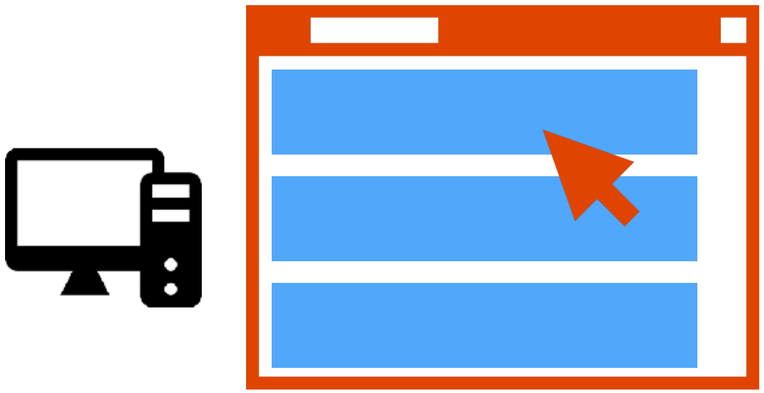
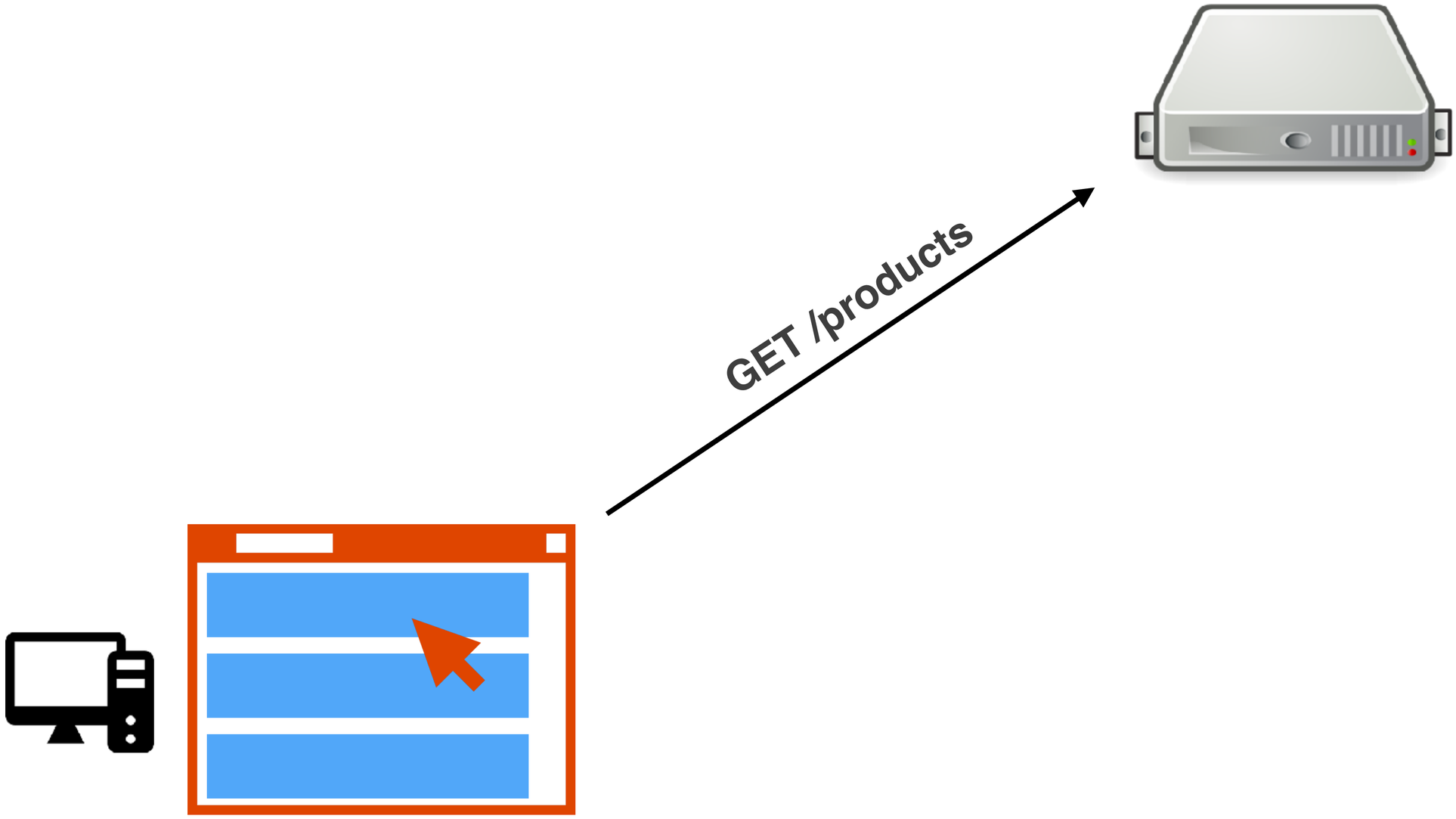
- “Asynchronous JavaScript And XML”
- Making background HTTP requests using JavaScript
- Handling the response of those HTTP requests with JavaScript
- No page refresh necessary





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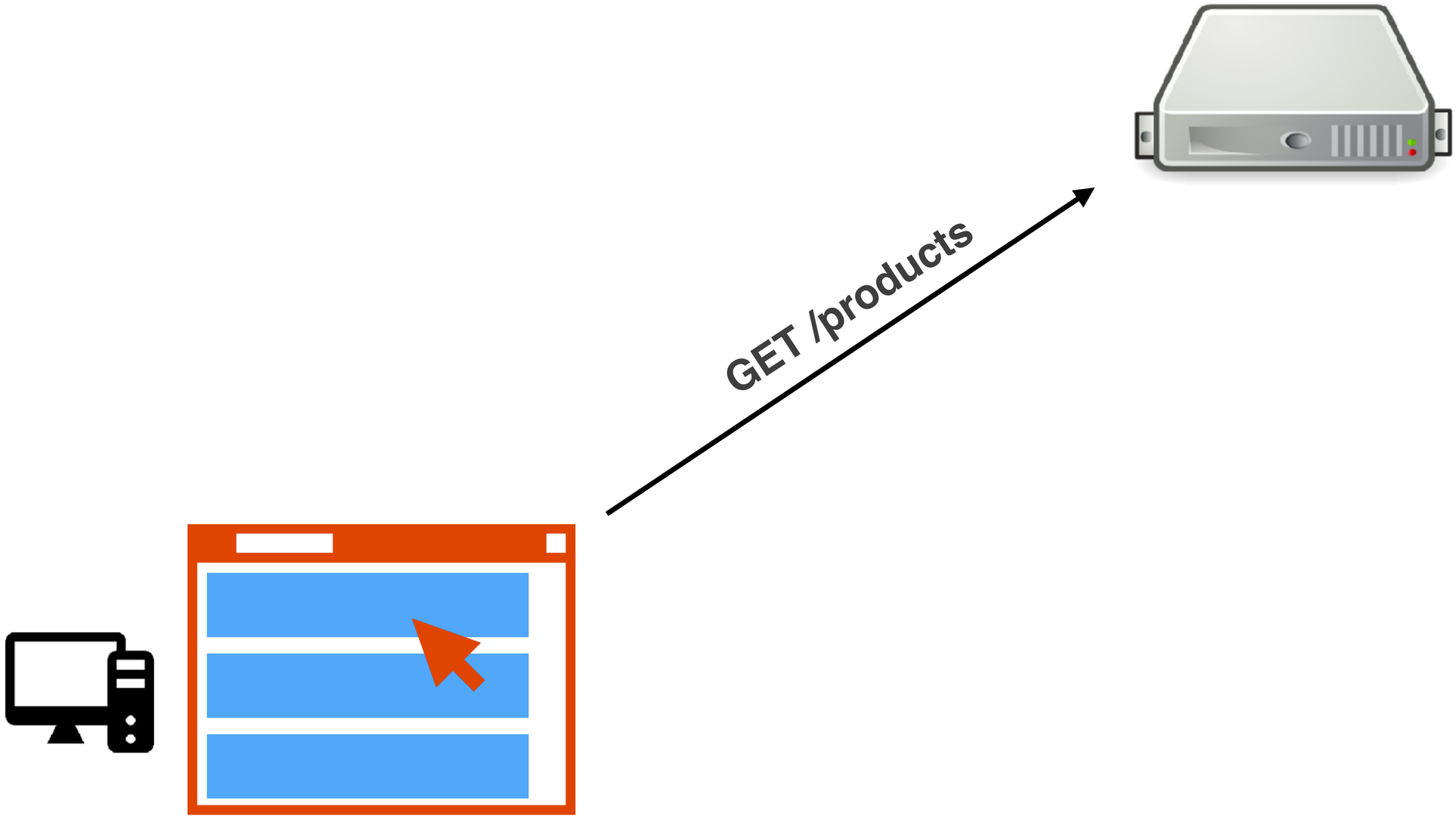
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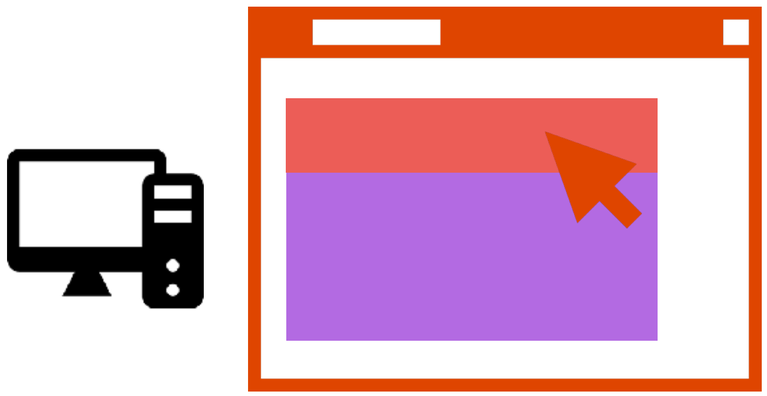

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- Examples: JSON, XML, YAML

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RECAP

- **AJAX is the method of sending background HTTP requests with JavaScript**

- **Single Page Applications load a single HTML page and dynamically update the DOM as the user interacts with the app or data gets fetched from the server (using AJAX).**

- **The** Network **tab in Developer Tools is your friend**

window.fetch()