

Perl:

Perl is a general-purpose programming language originally developed for text manipulation and now used for a wide range of tasks including system administration, web development, network programming, GUI development, and more.

What is Perl?

- Perl is a stable, cross platform programming language.
- Though Perl is not officially an acronym but few people used it as Practical Extraction and Report Language.
- It is used for mission critical projects in the public and private sectors.
- Perl is an Open Source software, licensed under its Artistic License, or the GNU General Public License (GPL).
- Perl was created by Larry Wall.

Perl Features

- Perl takes the best features from other languages, such as C, awk, sed, sh, and BASIC, among others.
- Perl's database integration interface DBI supports third-party databases including Oracle, Sybase, Postgres, MySQL and others.
- Perl works with HTML, XML, and other mark-up languages.
- Perl supports Unicode.

PHP

The PHP Hypertext Preprocessor (PHP) is a programming language that allows web developers to create dynamic content that interacts with databases.

PHP is basically used for developing web based software applications. This tutorial helps you to build your base with PHP.

- PHP is a server side scripting language that is embedded in HTML. It is used to manage dynamic content, databases, session tracking, even build entire e-commerce sites.
- It is integrated with a number of popular databases, including MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, Sybase, Informix, and Microsoft SQL Server.

Common uses of PHP

- PHP performs system functions, i.e. from files on a system it can create, open, read, write, and close them.
- PHP can handle forms, i.e. gather data from files, save data to a file, through email you can send data, return data to the user.
- You add, delete, modify elements within your database through PHP.
- Access cookies variables and set cookies.
- Using PHP, you can restrict users to access some pages of your website.
- It can encrypt data.

Characteristics of PHP

Five important characteristics make PHP's practical nature possible –

- Simplicity
- Efficiency
- Security
- Flexibility
- Familiarity

Java

Java is a high-level programming language originally developed by Sun Microsystems and released in 1995. **Java runs on a variety of platforms**, such as Windows, Mac OS, and the various versions of UNIX. This tutorial gives a complete understanding of Java.

```
public class MyFirstJavaProgram {

    public static void main(String []args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World");
    }
}
```

Java is guaranteed to be **Write Once, Run Anywhere.**

Java is –

- **Object Oriented** – In Java, everything is an Object. Java can be easily extended since it is based on the Object model.
- **Platform Independent** – Unlike many other programming languages including C and C++, when Java is compiled, it is not compiled into platform specific machine, rather into platform independent byte code. This byte code is distributed over the web and interpreted by the Virtual Machine (JVM) on whichever platform it is being run on.
- **Secure** – With Java's secure feature it enables to develop virus-free, tamper-free systems. Authentication techniques are based on public-key encryption.
- **Architecture-neutral** – Java compiler generates an architecture-neutral object file format, which makes the compiled code executable on many processors, with the presence of Java runtime system.
- **Portable** – Being architecture-neutral and having no implementation dependent aspects of the specification makes Java portable. Compiler in Java is written in ANSI C with a clean portability boundary, which is a POSIX subset.
- **Robust** – Java makes an effort to eliminate error prone situations by emphasizing mainly on compile time error checking and runtime checking.
- **Multithreaded** – With Java's multithreaded feature it is possible to write programs that can perform many tasks simultaneously. This design feature allows the developers to construct interactive applications that can run smoothly.
- **Interpreted** – Java byte code is translated on the fly to native machine instructions and is not stored anywhere. The development process is more rapid and analytical since the linking is an incremental and light-weight process.
- **High Performance** – With the use of Just-In-Time compilers, Java enables high performance.
- **Distributed** – Java is designed for the distributed environment of the internet.
- **Dynamic** – Java is considered to be more dynamic than C or C++ since it is designed to adapt to an evolving environment. Java programs can carry extensive amount of run-time information that can be used to verify and resolve accesses to objects on run-time.

Introduction to AJAX

AJAX stands for **A**synchronous **J**avaScript and **X**ML. AJAX is a new technique for creating better, faster, and more interactive web applications with the help of XML, HTML, CSS, and Java Script.

AJAX is a developer's dream, because you can:

- Update a web page without reloading the page
- Request data from a server after the page has loaded
- Receive data from a server after the page has loaded
- Send data to a server in the background

What is AJAX?

AJAX = **A**synchronous **J**avaScript **A**nd **X**ML.

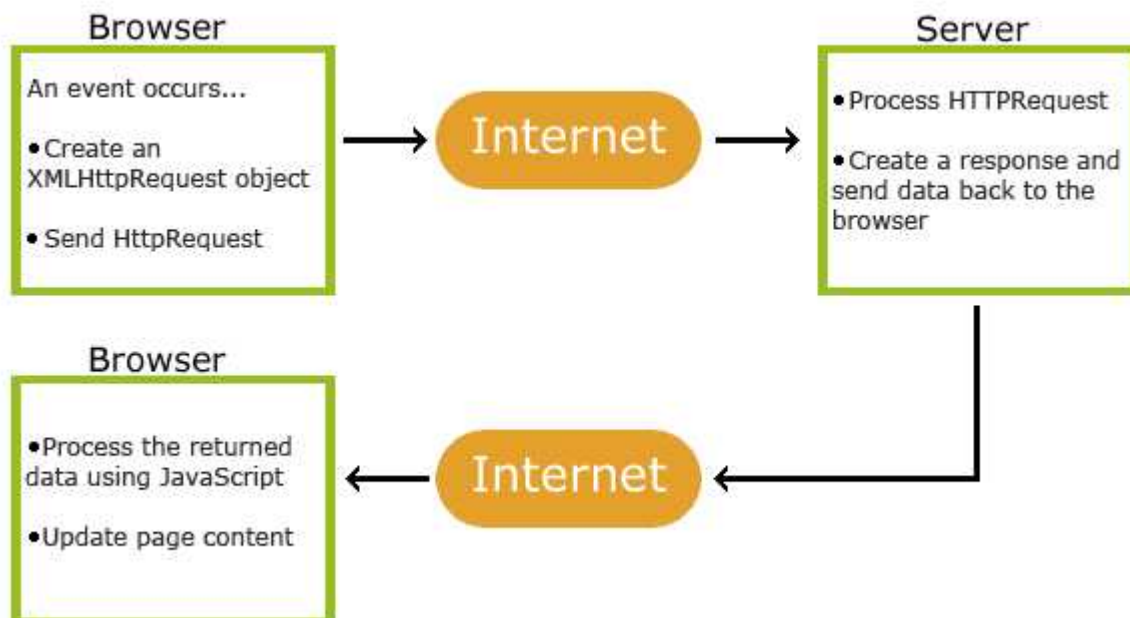
AJAX is not a programming language.

AJAX just uses a combination of:

- A browser built-in XMLHttpRequest object (to request data from a web server)
- JavaScript and HTML DOM (to display or use the data)

AJAX allows web pages to be updated asynchronously by exchanging data with a web server behind the scenes. This means that it is possible to update parts of a web page, without reloading the whole page.

How AJAX Works



- An event occurs in a web page (the page is loaded, a button is clicked)
- An XMLHttpRequest object is created by JavaScript
- The XMLHttpRequest object sends a request to a web server
- The server processes the request
- The server sends a response back to the web page
- The response is read by JavaScript
- Proper action (like page update) is performed by JavaScript