APIs

Useful APIs

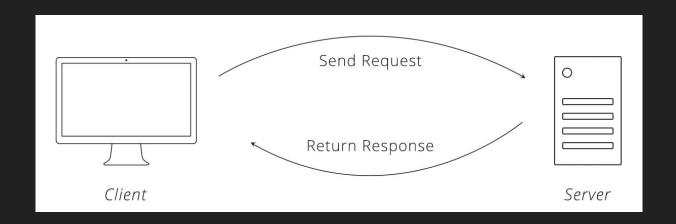
- Google APIs (for everything).
- Google Analytics.
- Twitter API.
- Facebook API.
- eBay API.

Introduction to HTTP

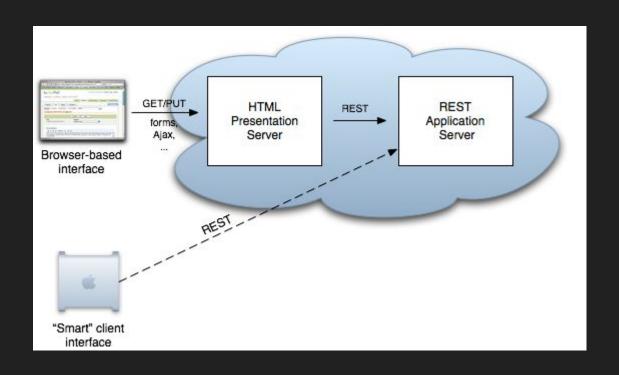
Server

Request

Response



REST - Representational State Transfer



API - Application Program Interface

How a program can interact with an application.

Specifications for authentication and more.

Principles of RESTful APIs.



Sending HTTP Request

```
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.open("GET", "https://www.codecademy.com/", false);
xhr.send();
console.log(xhr.status);
console.log(xhr.statusText);
```

Sending an HTTP Request

```
var theUrl = "https://www.codecademy.com";
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {
    console.log(xhr.status);
}
xhr.open("GET", theUrl, true);
xhr.send();
```

Sending an HTTP Request

```
function httpGetAsync(theUrl)
    var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {
        console.log(xmlHttp.status);
    xmlHttp.open("GET", theUrl, true);
    xmlHttp.send(null);
httpGetAsync('https://www.codecademy.com');
```

Sending an HTTP Request

```
function httpGetAsync(theUrl, callback)
    var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {
        callback(xhr.status);
    }
    xhr.open("GET", theUrl, true);
    xhr.send(null);
httpGetAsync('https://www.codecademy.com/doesntexist', function(status){
    console.log(status);
});
```

HTTP Methods

GET - Retrieves information from server

POST - Sends information to specified source

PUT - Updates existing information to specified source

DELETE

HTTP Request

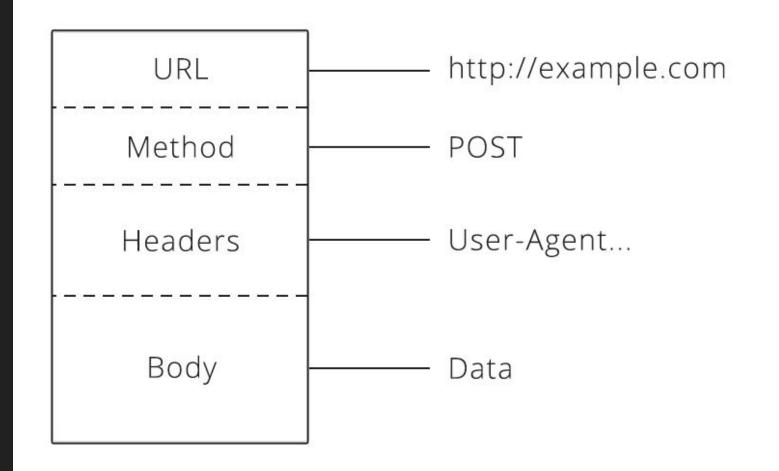
Request: what kind of request it is

Header: additional information like which client makes the request.

Body

```
POST /google/blog HTTP/1.1
Host: www.google.com
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

Name=0mar&Age=19



Request

API Authentication

API keys are normally needed

https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/javascript/get-api-key



HTTP Response

1xx

2xx

Зхх

4xx

5xx

404 web error

Not Found

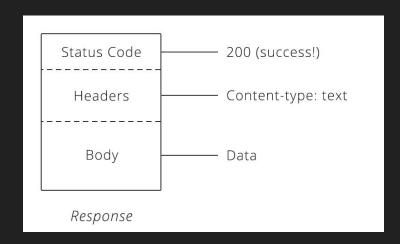
The requested URL / was not found on this server.

Apache/2.2.9 (Ubuntu) PHP/5.2.6-2ubuntu4 with Suhosin-Patch Server

HTTP Response

Response: HTTP Status code

Header: Further info



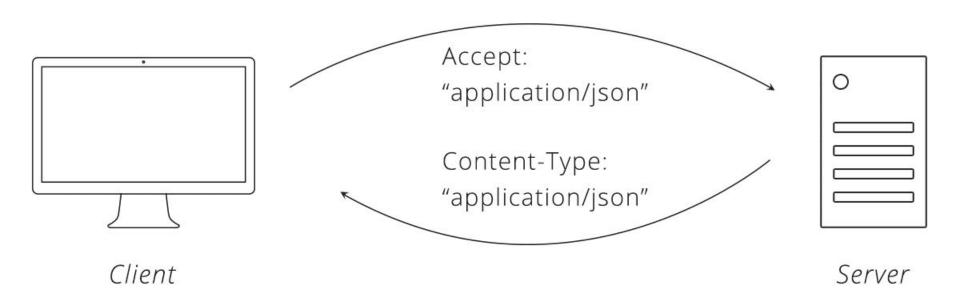
```
Body
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<string xmlns="https://www.codecademy.com/">Accepted</string>
```

XML

Content-type



Parsing XML

```
xhr.setRequestHeader('Content-Type', 'text/xml');
xhr.send();

xmlDocument = xhr.responseXML;
console.log(xmlDocument.childNodes['0'].textContent);
```

JSON

```
{ "courses" : [
            "name" : "Web Development",
            "hours" : 300
            "name" : "Cooking",
            "hours" : 3023
```

String to JSON

```
var demo = '{"pets": { "name": "Jeffrey", "species": "Giraffe"}}';

var json = JSON.parse(demo);
console.log(json);
```

XML vs JSON

Read documentation

Each one has its own advantages

OAuth 2

User

Client

Server

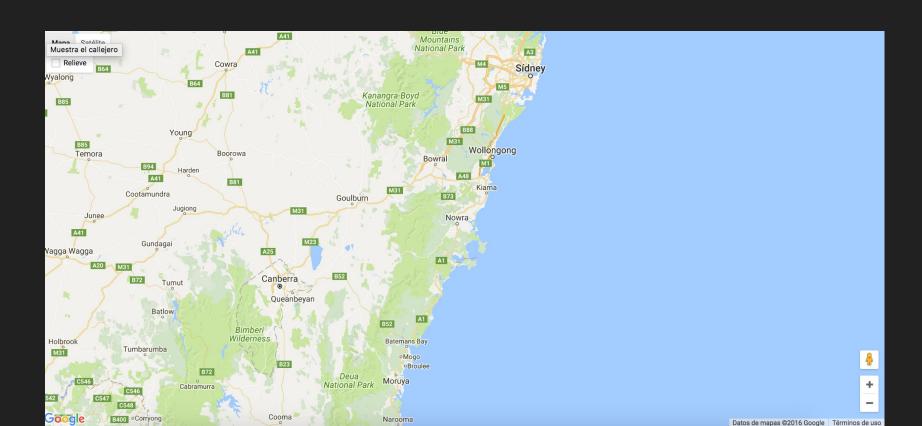
Geolocation

```
navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(showPosition);
function showPosition(position) {
    console.log(position.coords.latitude);
    console.log(position.coords.longitude);
}
```

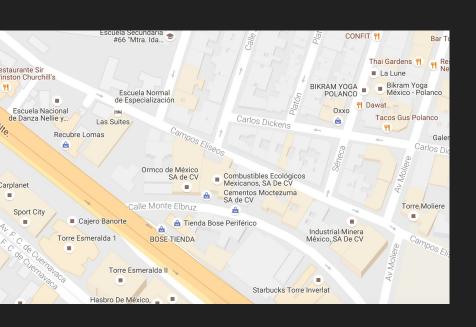
Static Maps



Maps (hardcoded locations)



Finally! Maps





Reverse geocoding

```
function getReverseGeocodingData(lat, lng) {
   var latlng = new google.maps.LatLng(lat, lng);
   var geocoder = new google.maps.Geocoder();
   geocoder.geocode({ 'latLng': latlng }, function (results, status) {
      console.log(results);
      var address = (results[0].formatted_address);
   });
}
```

Weather API

