

Software Development for Web and Mobile

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Plan for today

Today we will:

- Learn how to communicate with http services
- Do some exercises in class

Fetch

fetch is the way of calling HTTP services from Javascript.

```
fetch("url"); //done!
```

Fetch

We can customize our request using the second parameter:

```
fetch(  
  "url",  
  {  
    method: "POST",  
    headers: {},  
    body: "this is the body"  
  }  
);
```

but, how do we use the data returned from the server?

let's open the console and see what does the following snippet return.

```
let a = fetch("http://google.com");
```

Promises

Promises are the solution used in JS for when we don't want to **block the program** while a long running task is made.

By using promises, we create **asynchronous** code.

Promises

fetch uses **Promises** to work asynchronously.

Promises can be **pending**, **fulfilled** or **rejected**.

- **pending**: the promise hasn't finished yet.
- **fulfilled**: the promise finished correctly.
- **rejected**: there was an error in the promise

Promises

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We use the methods **then** and **catch** to handle the different outcomes of the promise (**fulfilled** and **rejected** respectively)

```
let a = fetch("https://google.com")
```

```
a.then((result) => console.log("the promise is fulfilled, and returned" + result))
```

```
a.catch((error) => console.log("the promise failed with " + error))
```

Back to fetch

To get the JSON response from fetch we need to use promise's **then** method:

```
fetch("http://api.open-notify.org/iss-now.json")  
  .then(data => data.json())  
  .then(json => console.log(json))
```

Exercises

Exercise 2

Let's review **server.py** together

Exercise 2

Open **exercises.js**