




WTF IS CORS

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Lets say you made a website

My website www.mysite.com
displays useful information



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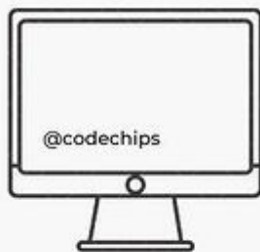
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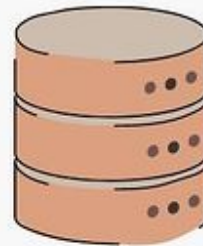
Here it makes calls to the same origin

origin - protocol/domain/port

Same origin policy




<https://www.mysite.com>



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For many years a script from one site could not access the content of another site.



People felt safe

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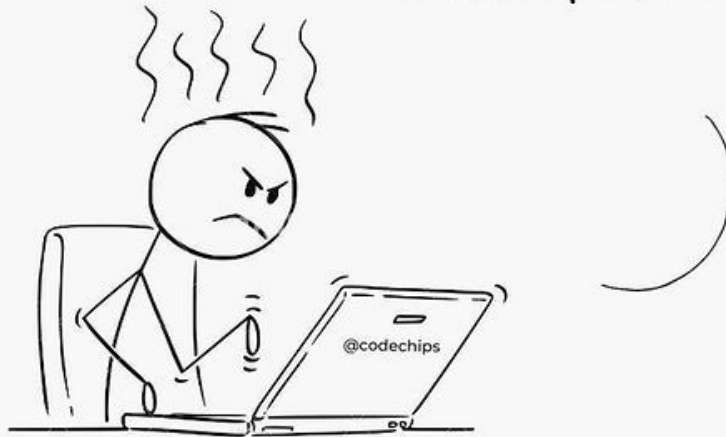
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But what if you want to make requests to other origins ?

To get weather data , Fonts , etc....

Sorry , you can't call other domains for security reasons.



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CORS is the answer.

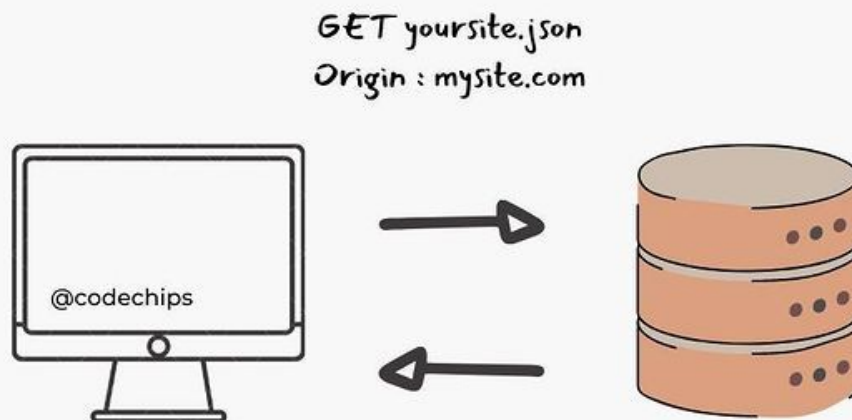
Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS) is a browser mechanism which enables **controlled access** to resources located **outside** of a given domain

```
const cors = require('cors');  
app.use(cors({  
  origin: 'https://www.mysite.com'  
}));
```

express



CORS adds new **HTTP headers**. The new CORS headers allow the local server to keep a list of allowed origins.



Access-Control-Allow-Origin : mysite.com

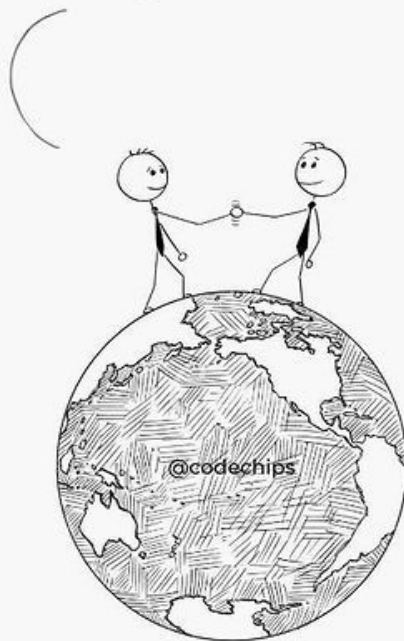
Requests from these origins are permitted to use assets.
The header to add to the acceptable origins list is
Access-Control-Allow-Origin



But what if you want to make it a **public** API ?


Ex : weather data , Fonts , etc....

Asterisk symbol allows any origin to access data



```
app.use(cors({  
  origin: '*'  
}));
```

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