

HTTP METHODS

Clients communicate with servers using HTTP methods. POST, PUT, GET, DELETE, HEAD, CONNECT, OPTIONS, and TRACE are the eight HTTP methods.

POST sends data from the client to the server. POST could be used to submit a form on a website, for example.

PUT is used to update server data. PUT could be used to update your profile information on a website, for example.

The GET method is used to retrieve data from a server. You could, for example, use GET to load a web page.

The DELETE command is used to delete data from the server. DELETE, for example, could be used to delete a file from a server.

HEAD is used to retrieve a request's status line and header information. For example, you could use HEAD to see if a file on a server exists.

CONNECT is used to connect the client and the server over a network. CONNECT, for example, could be used to establish a VPN connection.

OPTIONS is used to determine which HTTP methods and other options the server supports. For instance, you could use OPTIONS to determine which methods a web server supports.

TRACE is used to return the request's content to the client. TRACE, for example, could be used to debug a request.