Calling an API with JavaScript

This lesson teaches how to call an API with JavaScript.

Now that we know the address and data format of our example API, let's try to show its result on a web page. To do so, we'll leverage our AJAX knowledge from the previous chapter. Check out the following example, which shows how to access the article list from the API.

Here's the HTML code for the page and the associated JavaScript code.

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Output
                                         JavaScript
                                           HTML
// Fetch data from the API
fetch("https://thejsway-server.herokuapp.com/api/articles")
  .then(response => response.json()) // Translate JSON into JavaScript
  .then(articles => {
   articles.forEach(article => {
      // Create title element
      const titleElement = document.createElement("h3");
      titleElement.textContent = article.title;
      // Create content element
      const contentElement = document.createElement("p");
      contentElement.textContent = article.content;
      // Add title and content to the page
      const articlesElement = document.getElementById("articles");
      articlesElement.appendChild(titleElement);
      articlesElement.appendChild(contentElement);
   });
  })
  .catch(err => {
    console.error(err.message);
  });
```

Using a web API works just like querying a web server: fetching the API URL, translating the JSON response into a JavaScript array and iterating on it.