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AJAX

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Announcements

- Translator Part 2
- Chatty
- Final Project

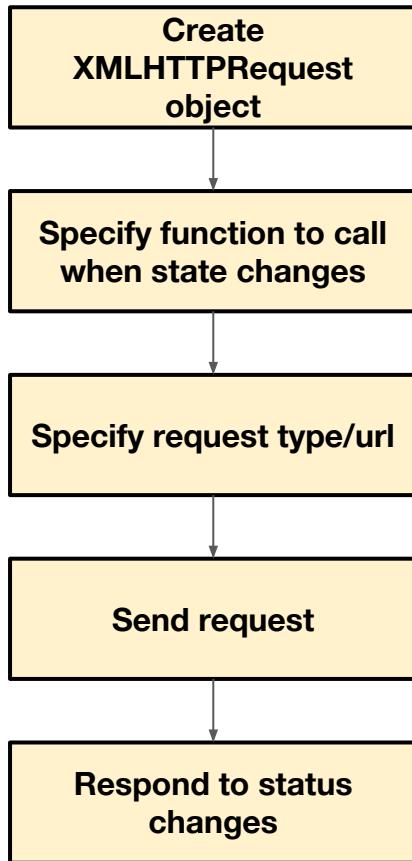
AJAX

- **Asynchronous Javascript And Xml**
- Use for making asynchronous requests from the client
- Can fetch content from a server without needing to reload entire page, change URL or page, etc
- (Not just for XML)

XMLHttpRequest (XHR)

- **XMLHttpRequest** object has the core functionality to make these requests
- Use this object to make request, and specify how to respond to it
- Supported by most modern browsers

AJAX / XHR



5 different statuses to check:

- 0 / uninitialized
- 1 / loading
- 2 / loaded
- 3 / interactive
- 4 / complete

Also need to check status code (200 is OK)

```
function setupRequest() {
  var httpRequest = new XMLHttpRequest();
  if (!httpRequest) {
    alert('Error!');
    return false;
  }

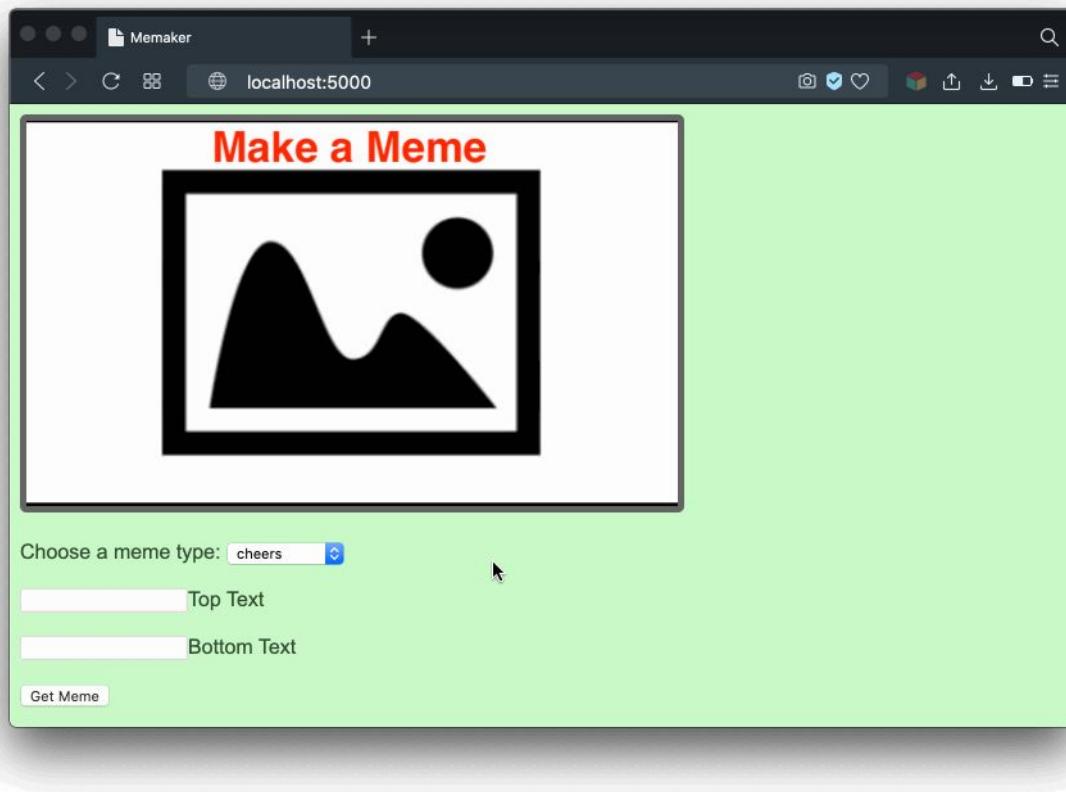
  httpRequest.onreadystatechange = () => {
    if (httpRequest.readyState === XMLHttpRequest.DONE) {
      if (httpRequest.status === 200) {
        alert(httpRequest.responseText);
      } else { alert('ERROR'); }
    }
  }
}

let url = 'http://localhost:3000/some/path/';
httpRequest.open('GET', url);
httpRequest.send();
}
```

A Simple Example

random number generation website

Use AJAX to change the meme on the page



Promises

- An object representing a task that may or may not yet be complete
- Can Provide a function that will get called when task is finished
 - .**then()**
- Can Provide a function that will get called if task fails
 - .**catch()**

```
var type = document.getElementById('memeType').value;
var topText = document.getElementById('top').value;
var bottomText = document.getElementById('bottom').value;
let url = 'http://localhost:5000/' + type + '/' + topText + '/' + bottomText;
```

```
fetch(url)
  .then((response) => {
    return response.text();
})
  .then((text) => {
    document.getElementById('image').src = text;
})
  .catch( (error) => {
    console.log('THERE WAS A PROBLEM');
    console.log(error);
});
```

fetch API

<https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-fetch-api/>

Update Memeker

Use the fetch API instead of XHR for the
AJAX request

Callback Hell

```
jimp.read(inputFileName,
  function(err, loadedImage){
    if (err) { return console.log(err); }
    jimp.loadFont(jimp.FONT_SANS_64_WHITE,
      function(err, font){
        if (err) { return console.log(err); }
        loadedImage
          .print(font, 10, 10, topText)
          .print(font, 10, 326, bottomText)
          .write('./public_html/' + outputFileName ,
        function (err, data) {
          if (err) { return console.log(err); }
          fs.readFile('./public_html/index.html', 'utf8',
            function (err, data) {
              if (err) { return console.log(err); }
              var result = data.replace(/.\|default.png/g, '/' + outputFileName);
              res.send(result);
            });
        });
      });
});
```

Promises

```
jimp.read(inputFileName)
  .then(function (image) {
    loadedImage = image;
    return jimp.loadFont(jimp.FONT_SANS_64_WHITE);
  })
  .then(function (font) {
    loadedImage
      .print(font, 10, 10, topText)
      .print(font, 10, 326, bottomText)
      .write('./public_html/' + outputFileName);
  })
  .then(function (font) {
    fs.readFile('./public_html/index.html', 'utf8', function (err,data) {
      if (err) { return console.log(err); }
      var result = data.replace(/\.\\/default.png/g, '/' + outputFileName);
      res.send(result);
    });
  })
  .catch(function (err) {
    console.error(err);
  });
});
```