

LESSON 11: LOADING DATA WITH AJAX

OVERVIEW

AJAX used to stand for _____ JavaScript and _____ but now is just the term for loading _____ scripts or _____ in a _____-_____ way.

Non-blocking, or _____, means...

» that a request can be sent and other scripts can be processed while we _____ from the request.

» when the response is received it then obtains the processing focus and is processed.

AJAX allows us to...

» run complex applications from a _____ page by loading additional data on _____.

» improve the _____ of our scripts and page load by loading what the user needs as they _____ it.

» the data can come in a variety of forms from plain text to HTML, JSON, or other formats.

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A LITTLE XML

XML stands for _____ markup language

» Extensible meaning it is simply a framework or set of rules for markup;
the tags and content are up to the _____.

» HTML is actually one _____ of markup based on the rules of
XML. HTML : XML :: Square : _____

» Four rules:

- Same three from Web 1: element rule; nesting rule; attribute rule.
- New one that also applies:

XML USES

» Treat HTML as XML

» Create your own tags

» Mix and match

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JSON

JavaScript _____ — a syntax for coding data independent from a JavaScript script.

- » Used for storing and sharing data between pages, scripts, servers, and even applications.
- » Truly just plain text that follows rules for formatting similar to JavaScript objects.
- » JavaScript and jQuery have functions that help parse and convert JSON to native objects such as `$.getJSON()`

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{
  "books": [
    {
      "id": "book-001",
      "title": "The Hobbit",
      "author": "J.R.R. Tolkien",
      "yearPublished": 1937
    },
    {
      "id": "book-002",
      "title": "Monster",
      "author": "Frank Peretti",
      "yearPublished": 2006
    }
  ]
}
```

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  </book>
  <book id="book-002">
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  </book>
</books>
```

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AJAX SHORTHANDS THANKS TO JQUERY

`.load()` – Loads an HTML _____ into an element.

`$(__1__).load("__2__ __3__");`

1. _____ for the element into which the content will be loaded
 - » Loads content “as-is”
 - » Assumes you have content in separate HTML pages that you want to load into certain elements.
2. (Inside the string) the _____ to the desired HTML file.
 - » Filter to a selected element provides some additional flexibility.
3. (Inside the same string) optionally, the selector for an element _____ the target HTML file to filter to and load.

`$.get()` – Shorthand AJAX method for _____ content.

`$.get(__1__, __2__);`

1. The _____ for the content to load.
 - » Assumes some URL endpoint is set up that will deliver relevant content.
2. _____ to be called when the response is _____. Accepts a parameter that represents the _____.
 - » Format of the content is broader than with `.load()`
 - » What you do with the content when it is loaded is up to you.