

AJAX and JSON with jQuery

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http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/ajax-json-jquery-examples.zip



The goal of this lecture

- Understand and know how to use AJAX
- Understand JSON
- Understand and know how to use jQuery
- Understand the usage of AJAX and JSON with jQuery

jQuery

JSON

AJAX





Outline

- AJAX
- JSON
- jQuery



Prerequisites

- MIT SIPB Web Script Service
 - http://scripts.mit.edu/web/
 - Instructions:
 - Using any terminal to connect to Athena
 - athena% add scripts athena% signup-web
 - Your web space will be at http://username.scripts.mit.edu/
 - You can use any FTP client to upload your files and scripts
- FTP client:
 - Filezilla (Windows/Linux/Mac)
 - o http://filezilla-project.org/download.php
 - Alternative: OpenAFS http://www.openafs.org/



AJAX





- It stands for "Asynchronous JavaScript and XML"
- It was first mentioned by Jesse James Garrett in 2005. [1]
- It is not a new technology. It is several technologies. [1]
 - standards-based presentation: XHTML and CSS
 - dynamic display and interaction: DOM
 - data interchange and manipulation: XML and XSLT
 - asynchronous data retrieval: XMLHttpRequest
 - binding everything together: JavaScript



- Intuition: Static web site vs. AJAX site
- AJAX engine: XMLHttpRequest object
 - It allows for asynchronous communication
 - Instead of freezing up until the completeness, the browser can communicate with server and continue as normal.

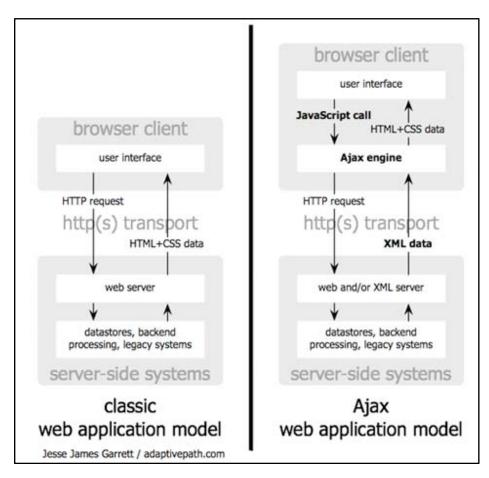


Figure: Traditional model vs. AJAX model [1]

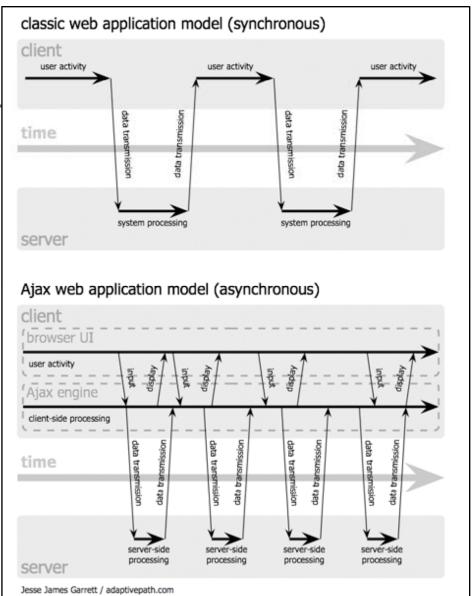


Figure: Synchronous interaction vs. Asynchronous interaction [1]



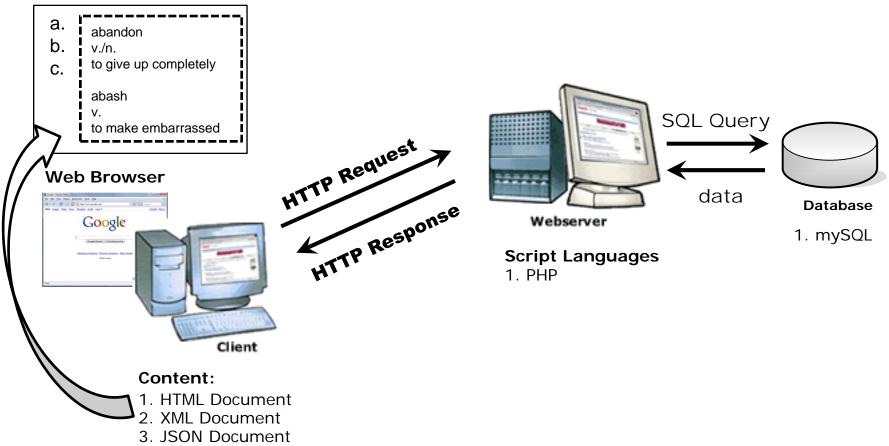


Figure: The process of AJAX call

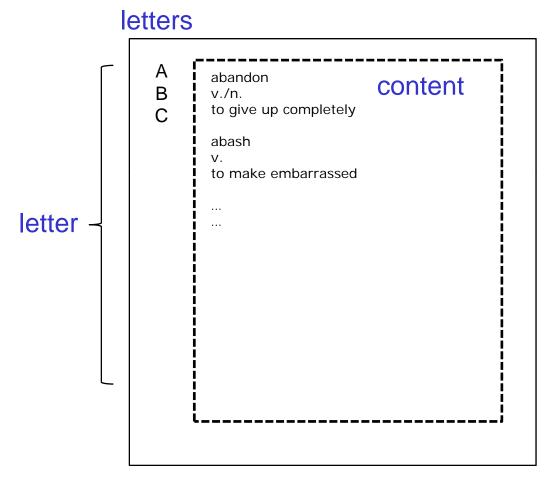


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- POST and GET calls in AJAX [2]
 - GET places arguments in the query string, but POST doesn't.
 - No noticeable difference in AJAX AJAX request does not appear in the address bar.
 - GET call in AJAX still has the size limitation on the amount of data that can be passed.
 - General principle:
 - GET method: it is used to retrieve data to display in the page and the data is not expected to be changed on the server.
 - POST method: it is used to update information on the server.



Exercise: Example 1



GRE Word List

```
<?php
print '<div class="entry">
       <h3 class="term">ABANDON</h3>
       <div class="part">v./n.</div>
       <div class="definition">
        to give up completely
       </div>
      </div>
      <div class="entry">
       <h3 class="term">ABASH</h3>
       <div class="part">v.</div>
        <div class="definition">
         to make embarrassed
        </div>
       </div>
      </div>
?>
                                           example1.php
                      http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example1.php
```

```
<html>
<head>
                                                                 ajax = ajaxCreate();
k rel="stylesheet" href="example1.css" type="text/css"/>
<script type="text/javascript">
                                                                 if(!ajax){
var ajax;
                                                                  return 0;
function ajaxCreate(){
  if(window.XMLHttpRequest){
   //For IE7+, Firefox, Chrome, Opera, Safari
   return new XMLHttpRequest();
                                                                 ajax.send(null);
  } else {
   //For IE6, IE5
   return new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
                                                               </script>
                                                               </head>
                                                               <body>
function receiveData(){
                                                                <div class="letters">
  if(ajax.readyState == 4){
   if(ajax.status == 200){
                                                                  <h3>
    var content = document.getElementByld('content');
    content.innerHTML = ajax.responseText;
                                                                  </h3>
   }else{
                                                                 </div>
    alert("Server process error");
                                                                </div>
                                                               </body>
                                                               </html>
```

```
function sendRequest(url){
  alert("Browser is not compatable with XMLHttpRequest");
 ajax.onreadystatechange = receiveData;
ajax.open("GET", url, true);
 <div class="letter" id="letter-a">
   <a href="javascript:sendRequest('example1.php')">A</a>
<div id="content"></div>
```

example1.html

http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example1.html



Properties	Description [3]			
onreadystatechange	A JavaScript function object that is called whenever the readyState attribute changes. The callback is called from the user interface thread.			
readyState	Returns values that indicate the current state of the object.			
	Value	State	Description	
	0	UNINITIALIZED	open() has not been called yet.	
	1	LOADING	send() has not been called yet.	
	2	LOADED	send() has been called, and headers and status are available.	
	3	INTERACTIVE	Downloading; responseText holds partial data.	
	4	COMPLETED	The operation is complete.	
responseText	The response to the request as text, or null if the request was unsucessful or has not yet been sent.			
responseXML	The response to the request as a DOM Document object, or null if the request was unsuccessful, has not yet been sent, or cannot be parsed as XML. The response is parsed as if it were a text/xml stream.			
status	The status of the response to the request. This is the HTTP result code (for example, status is 200 for a successful request).			
statusText	The response string returned by the HTTP server. Unlike status, this includes the entire text of the response message ("200 OK", for example).			



Methods	Description [3]		
Abort()	Aborts the request if it has already been sent.		
getAllResponseHeaders()	Returns all the response headers as a string		
getResponseHeader("headerLabel")	Returns the text of a specified header.		
open(" <i>method</i> ", " <i>URL</i> "[, asyncFlag[, "userName"[, "password"]]])	Initializes a request. This method is to be used from JavaScript code; to initialize a request from native code, use openRequest() instead.		
send(content)	Sends the request. If the request is asynchronous (which is the default), this method returns as soon as the request is sent. If the request is synchronous, this method doesn't return until the response has arrived.		
setRequestHeader("label", "value")	Sets the value of an HTTP request header.		

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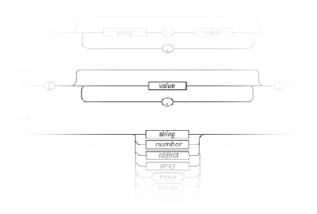
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JSON



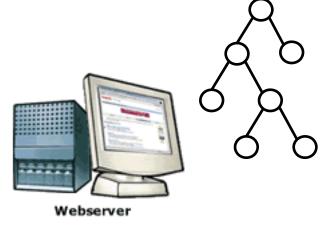


JSON - 1

- Text is a data transmission format on the Internet
- A need to transmit complicated (structured) data
 - Book info, movie info, etc.
- Idea:
 - Encode data
 - Transmit in text format
 - Decode data



Client





JSON - 2

- It stands for "JavaScript Object Notation" and it is a textbased data interchange format. [4]
- JSON is built on two structures:
 - Object: A collection of name and value pairs
 - Array: An ordered list of values

Figure: The diagrams of the syntax of JSON [3]

```
Explanation
                                                                Examples
object with one member
                                   "course-name": "6.470"
object with two members
                                   "course-name": "6.470",
(separated by a comma)
                                   "units": 6
array with 3 elements
                                  ["foo", "bar", 12345]
                                   "course-name": "6.470",
object with an array as a value
                                   "times": ["12-4","12-4", "12-4"]
                                   "John":
                                       "label": "John",
                                       "data": [[1880,0.081536],[1881,0.08098],[1882,0.078308]]
                                     },
objects with objects and arrays
                                   "James":
                                       "label": "James",
                                       "data": [[1880,0.050053],[1881,0.05025],[1882,0.048278]]
```

Concrete Examples [5]



JSON - 3

• Examples:

```
{
    "course-name" : "6.470"
}

["foo", "bar", 12345]

["times": ["12-4","12-4","12-4"]
}
```

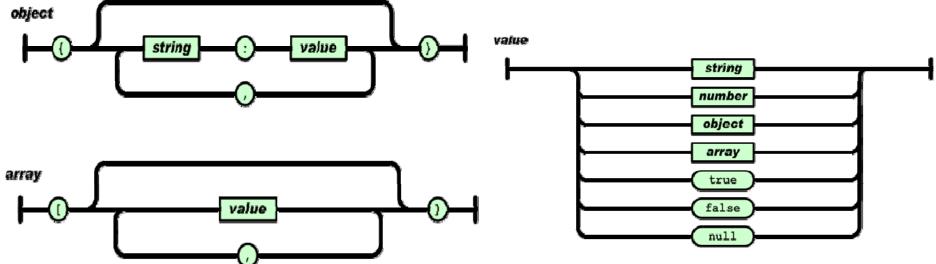


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"data": [[1880,0.081536],[1881,0.08098],[1882,0.078308]]

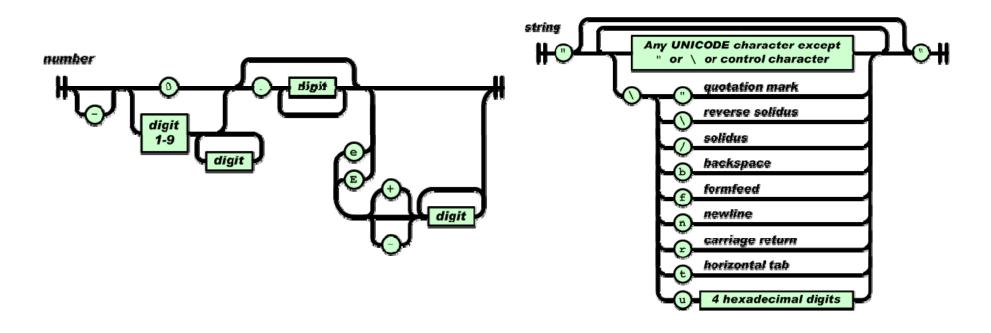


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JSON - 5

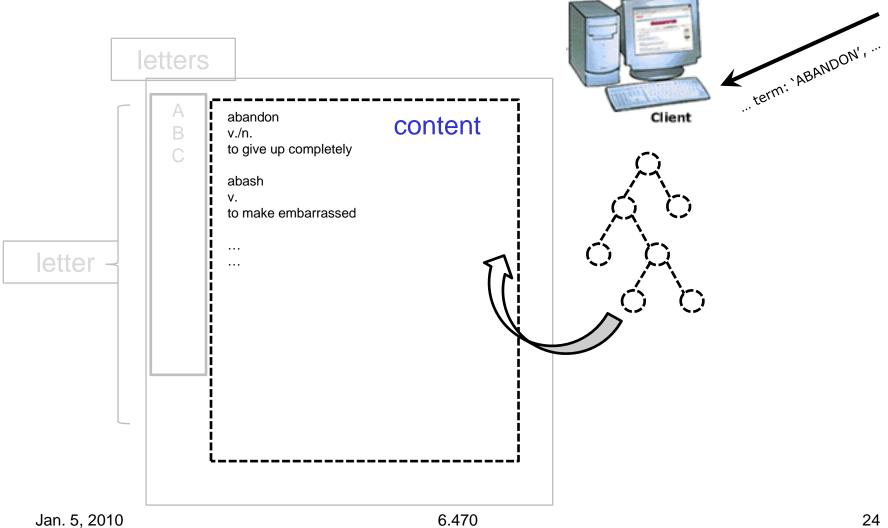
Why JSON format is easier to be evaluated?

```
var a = {
    "John":
        {
             "label":"John",
             "data":[[1880,0.081536],[1881,0.08098],[1882,0.078308]]
        },
        "James":
        {
             "label":"James",
             "data":[[1880,0.050053],[1881,0.05025],[1882,0.048278]]
        }
    }
}
```

- To get the value 1880 marked with red color:
 - We can use a.John.data[0][0]



Exercise: Example 2

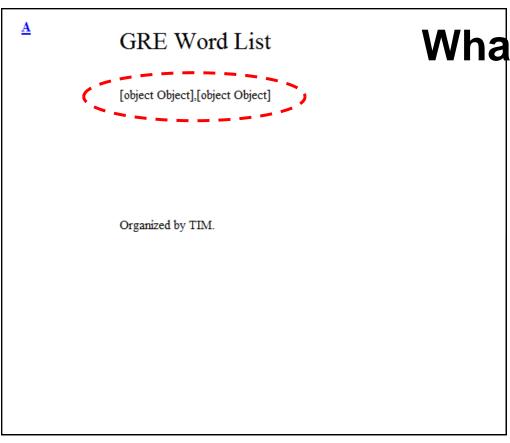




Example 2: Extending Example 1

```
<script type="text/javascript">
function receiveData(){
                                              What is the problem?
  if(ajax.readyState == 4){
   if(ajax.status == 200)
    var data = [
                { "word": "ABANDON",
                 "function":"v./n.",
                 "definition": "to give up completely"},
                { "word": "ABASH",
                  "function":"v.",
                  "definition": "to make embarrassed"}
              ];
     var content = document.getElementById('content');
     content.innerHTML = data;
   }else{
    alert("Server process error");
                                                                              example2.html
                                                          http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example2.html
</script>
```





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<script type="text/javascript">
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                   "definition": "to make embarrassed"}
                ];
     var output = "";
     for(each in data){
       output += '<div class="entry">';
       output += '<h3 class="word">' + data[each].word + '</h3>';
       output += '<div class="function">' + data[each].function + '</div>';
       output += '<div class="definition">' + data[each].definition + '</div>';
       output += '</div>';
     var content = document.getElementById('content');
     content.innerHTML = output;
   }else{
     alert("Server process error");
                                                                                           example2-sol.html
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</script>
```

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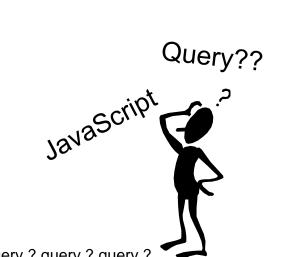
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jQuery



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jQuery - 1

- JavaScript libraries and frameworks
 - Prototype, jQuery, Dojo, Echo, GWT, MooTools, Rico, YUI, etc.
- Advantages
 - Providing common utilities
 - Handling cross-platform issues
 - (Might) provide extendibility plugins
 - Faster Web development



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- jQuery: A JavaScript library was released by John Resig in 2006
- Idea: Putting together a set of functions
 - Navigate a document
 - Event handling
 - Select DOM elements
 - Create animations
 - Ajax development
 - Extendibility: plugins
- It is used at 21% of the 10000 most popular websites. [6]



- Usage:
 - Step 1: Download the latest jQuery from jQuery.com
 - Step 2: Link the downloaded .js file
 - <script type="text/javascript" src="jquery-1.3.2.js"></script>
 - Note: It adds jQuery() function in the global namespace and the function is also aliased as \$().
 - Step 3: Write your code



• APIs:

- jQuery core
- Selectors
- Attributes
- Traversing
- Manipulation
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- Core:
 - jQuery functions:
 - o \$(expression, [context])
 - □ \$('input:radio', document.form[0])
 - o \$(html)
 - □ \$('<div id="loading">Loading...</div>')
 - o \$(elements)
 - □ \$(document.body).css('background', 'red');
 - \$(callback)The same as \$(document).ready()
 - \$(function(){alert("test");})



- Selectors:
 - No matter which type of selectors, we start with \$().
 - jQuery supports nearly all selectors in CSS 1 through 3.
 - Types:
 - o Basic:
 - ☐ element, #id, class, .classA.classB
 - □ Ex: \$('p'), \$('#id'), \$('.class'), \$('.classA.classB')
 - o Hierarchy:
 - ancestor decendent, parent > child, prev + next
 - Ex: \$('form input'), \$('#main > *'), \$('label + input')



o Form:

Selectors	Matched Elements
:input	input, select, textarea and button elements
:text, :radio, :checkbox, :image, :submit, :reset, :password, :file	input element with attribute that is equal to the specified selectors
: button	button element, input element with type is "button"

Basic filters:

:first , :last , :not(selector) , :even , :odd , :eq(index) ,
:gt(index) , :lt(index) , :header , :animated

o Attribute filters:

☐ [attribute], [attribute!=value], [attribute^=value], [attribute\$=value], [attribute*=value], [filter1][filter2]



Attributes:

- Attr:
 - attr(name), attr(properties) attr(key,value), removeAttr(name)
- Class:
 - addClass(class), removeClass(class), toggleClass(class)
- HTML:
 - o html(), html(value)
- Text:
 - o text(), text(value)
- Value:
 - o val(), val(value)



Events:

- Page load:
 - o ready(fn)
- Event handling:
 - bind(type, fn), unbind(type, fn), trigger(event)
- Event helpers:
 - o click(), click(fn), mousedown(fn), mouseout(fn), ...

Effects:

- Basics:
 - o show(), show(speed), hide(), toggle(), toggle(speed)
- Fading:
 - fadeIn(speed), fadeOut(speed), fadeTo(speed, opacity)



content

A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA

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- Please use example3.html
- Requirement:
- Using jQuery selectors, attributes, events
- When clicking font symbols (small, medium, large), the content of paragraphs can change properly.
- Set default font size of the content of paragraphs as "medium".

example3.html

http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example3.html



Exercise: Example 3 - reference solution

```
<script type="text/javascript">
 $(document).ready(function(){
    $('#large').bind('click', function(){
      $('p').removeClass().addClass('large');
    });
    $('#medium').bind('click', function(){
      $('p').removeClass().addClass('medium');
    });
    $('#small').bind('click', function(){
      $('p').removeClass().addClass('small');
    });
   // Set default font size as medium
    $('#medium').trigger('click');
 });
                                                     example3-sol.html
</script>
                                  http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example3-sol.html
```



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The content was from [7].

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Ajax:

- Ajax Request:
 - o \$.ajax(options) => options: a set of key/value pairs
 - o \$.get(url, [data], [callback], [type])
 - \$.post(url, [data], [callback], [type])
 - \$.getJSON(url, [data], [callback], [type])
 - o \$.getScript(url, [callback])

```
$.post(
    "test.php",
    {
       func: "getNameAndTime"
    },
    function(data){
       alert(data.name);
       alert(data.time);
    },
    "json"
);
```



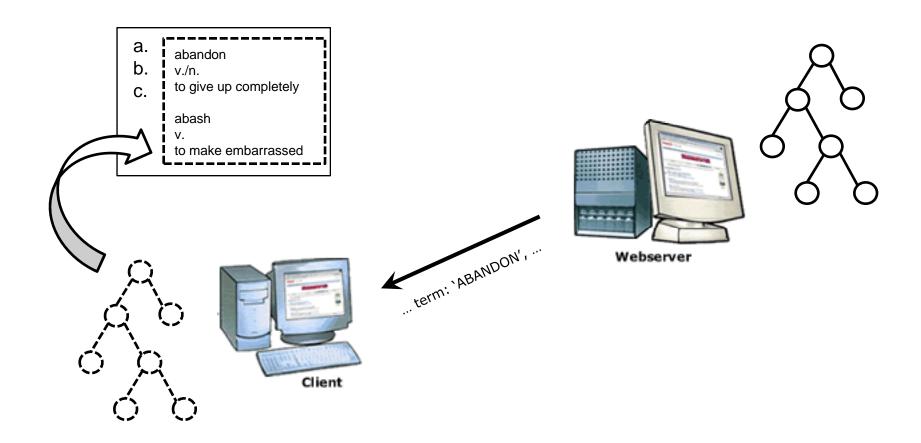
```
$.getJSON(
   "http://api.flickr.com/services/feeds/photos_public.gne?tags=doggy&format=json&jsoncallback=?",
   function(data){
        $.each(data.items, function(i,item){
            $("<img/>").attr("src", item.media.m).appendTo("#images");
            if ( i == 2 ) return false;
        }
        );
    }
   );
}
```



- Ajax Events:
 - ajaxComplete(callback), ajaxStart(callback), ajaxStop(callback), ajaxSend(callback), ajaxError(callback), ajaxSuccess(callback)
 - o Ex:

```
$('<div id="loading">Loading...</div>')
.insertBefore("#images")
.ajaxStart(
   function(){
     $(this).show();
   }
).ajaxStop(
   function(){
     $(this).hide();
   }
);
```







```
<?php
data = '
  "word": "ABANDON",
  "function": "v./n.",
  "definition": "to give up completely"
  "word": "ABASH",
  "function": "v.",
  "definition": "to make embarrassed"
 },
  "word": "ABATE",
  "function": "v.",
  "definition": "to make less in amount; wane"
  "word": "ABBREVIATE",
  "function": "v.",
  "definition": "to make shorter; to shorten a word or phrase"
                                                                   example4.php
                                            http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example4.php
print($_GET['callback'].'('.$data.')');
?>
                                                                                47
```

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Example 4: Using jQuery for example 1

```
Part 1
               <script type="text/javascript">
                 $(document).ready(function(){
                  var url="example4.php";
                  $('#letter-a').click(function(){
                      $.getJSON(
1<sup>st</sup> parameter
                       url + '?callback=?',
                       function(data){
                          $('#content').empty();
                          $.each(data, function(index, entry){
                            var html = '<div class="entry">';
                             html += '<h3 class="word">' + entry['word'] + '</h3>';
                             html += '<div class="function">' + entry['function'] + '</div>';
2<sup>nd</sup> parameter
                             html += '<div class="definition">' + entry['definition'] + '</div>';
                             html += '</div>';
                             $('#content').fadeIn().append(html);
                      return false;
                  });
                                                                                            example4.html
                </script>
                                                                      http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example4.html
```

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Example 4: Using jQuery for example 1

```
Part 2
<script type="text/javascript">
 $(document).ready(function(){
   // Slide up or down the function and definition of the word
  $('.word').live('click', function(){
    $(this).siblings('.function').slideToggle().siblings('.definition').slideToggle();
  });
  $('#showDetails').click(function(){
    $('.word').siblings('.function').show('slow').siblings('.definition').show('slow');
  });
  $('#hideDetails').click(function(){
    $('.word').siblings('.function').hide('slow').siblings('.definition').hide('slow');
  });
 });
                                Chaining the effects
</script>
```

example4.html

http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example4.html



Example 4: Using jQuery for example 1

```
Complete Version
<script type="text/javascript">
 $(document).ready(function(){
  var url="example4.php";
  $('#letter-a').click(function(){
   $.getJSON(url + '?callback=?', function(data){
     $('#content').empty();
     $.each(data, function(index, entry){
      var html = '<div class="entry">';
      html += '<h3 class="word">' + entry['word'] + '</h3>';
      html += '<div class="function">' + entry['function'] + '</div>';
      html += '<div class="definition">' + entry['definition'] + '</div>';
      html += '</div>';
      $('#content').fadeIn().append(html);
     });
   });
   return false;
  });
  // Slide up or down the function and definition of the word
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                                                                                   example4.html
  });
 });
                                                        http://chyu.scripts.mit.edu/example4.html
</script>
```

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