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what if i have a webpage that displays the text "please wait, this may take a few seconds..." and it now waits until some event on the server happens. whatever this is, this can be quick, but it could also be slow, or it can even fail. but once this event has happened, i want the webpage to reload and display a different message, like "the process completed successfully".

my question now is, how would i achieve this without constant visible reloads? (which would probably be the simplest solution). is there a way to do invisible polling via maybe a javascript (somewhere i picked up that "ajax can do that")? what i want to achieve is that only if the event i was waiting for actually occurred, i want the webpage to actually visibly reload, and displaying the new message.

what approach do for instance professional payment systems take, while the client is waiting if the credit-card number is valid?

can someone push me in the right direction?

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