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function createRequest() {
    // First try the XMLHttpRequest
    try {
        request = new XMLHttpRequest();
    } catch (tryMS) {
        // Now try ActiveX (IE)
        try {
            request = new ActiveXObject("Msxml2.XMLHTTP");
        } catch (otherMS) {
            // Finally try the older ActiveX (older versions of IE)
            try {
                request = new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
            } catch (failed) {
                request = null;
            }
        }
    }
    return request;
}
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