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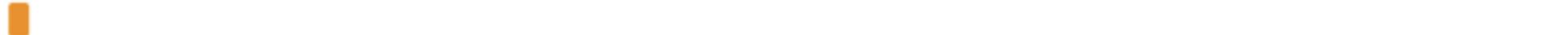
# Detailed activity breakdown

Simple performance breakdown that shows you where your app needs optimizing, like SQL queries, MongoDB queries, http requests to other services, etc.

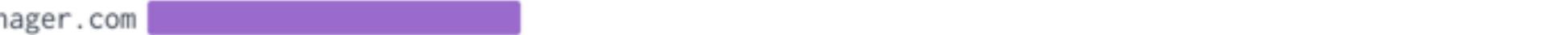
## Breakdown

● App ● DB ● Cache ● Template ● External

...hes/{id}([a-f0-9]{24}) 

...rod.\$cmd.findAndModify 

Redis.GET 

GET api.football-manager.com 

football-data-prod.competitions.find 

59% of endpoint call time

80.7ms per request

## controllers/matches.js in common.step.competition

```
57.     delete this.match.secondHalfStart
58.
59.     if (subscription) this.match.subscription = subscription
60.
61.     competitionModel.findOne(
62.       { _id: this.match.competition._id, 'seasons._id': this.match.competit
63.         { 'seasons.$': 1 },
64.         next.parallel()

```

Committed: Rasmus 061fe58d 15w ago

Released: R#89 15w ago

18 library frames

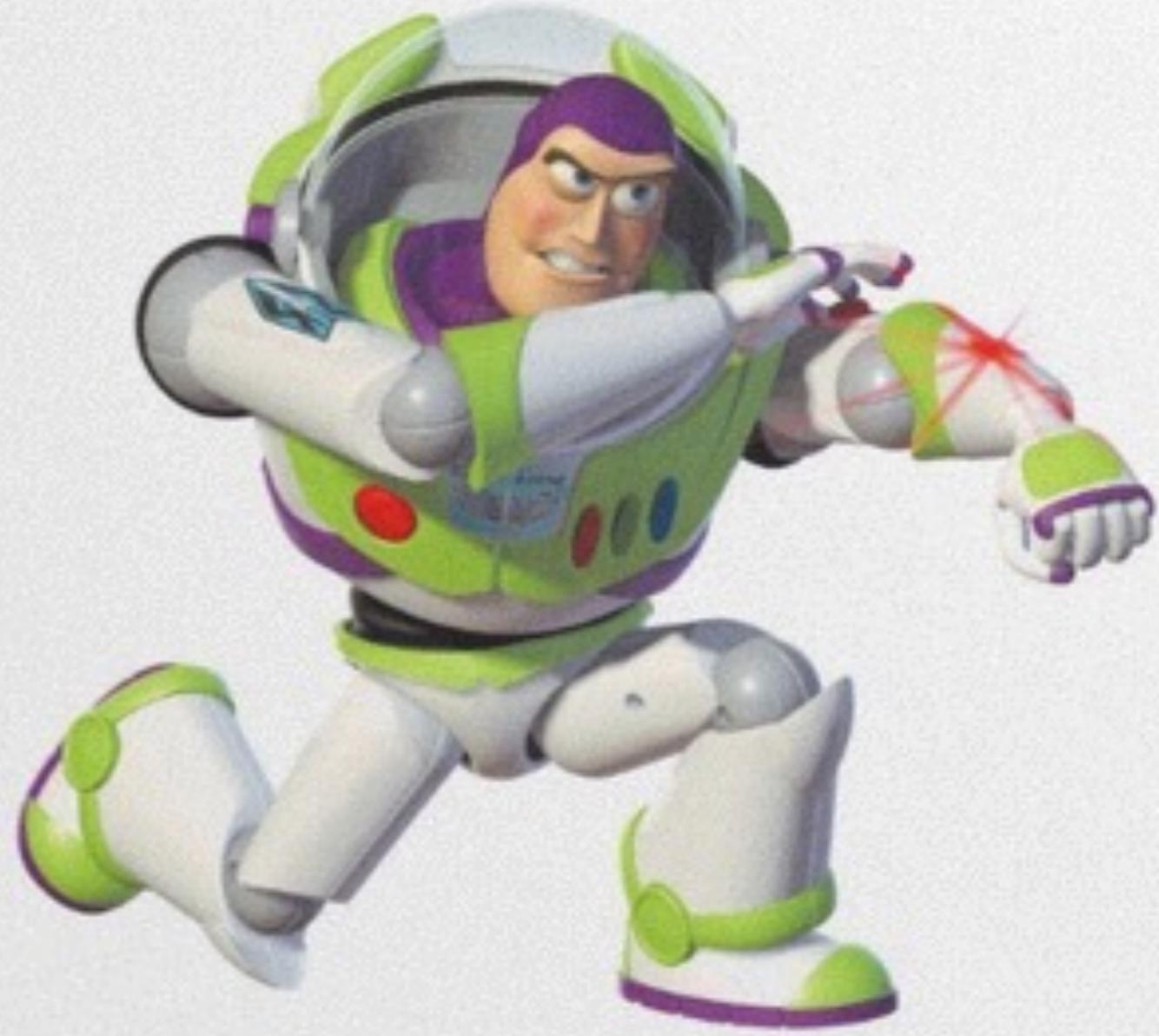




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# Instrumenting Node.js in production

Incoming  
Request

Response

Transaction

HTTP Request lifetime

BOOM!



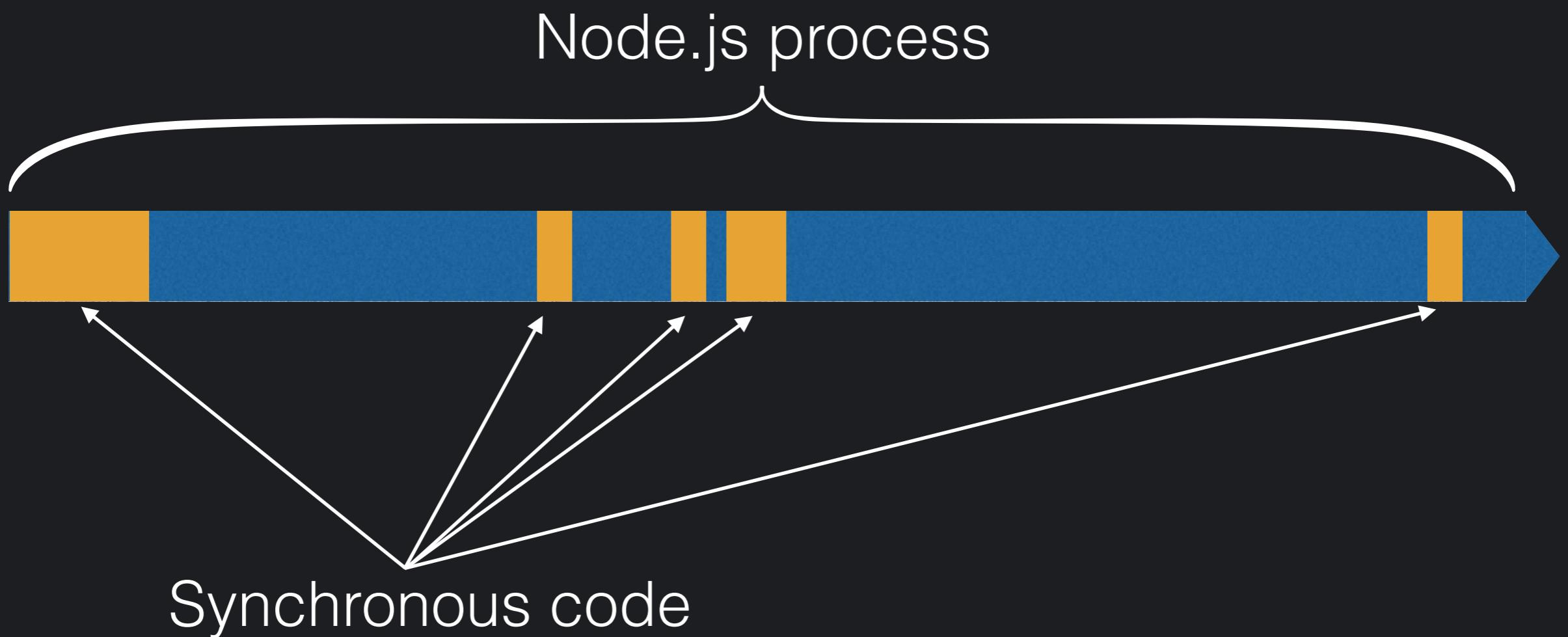
# Normal solutions

- Use a ~~global or singleton object to store context~~
- Pass a ~~context object around between function calls~~
- ???

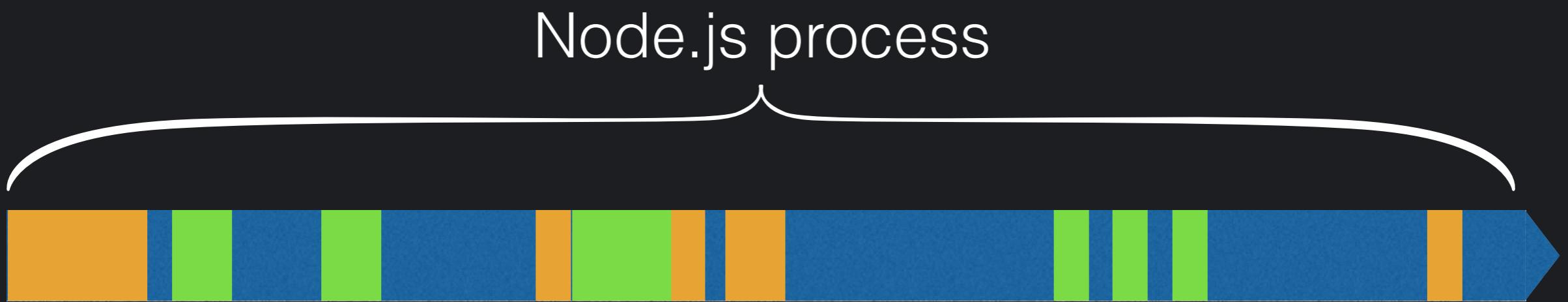
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# Goals

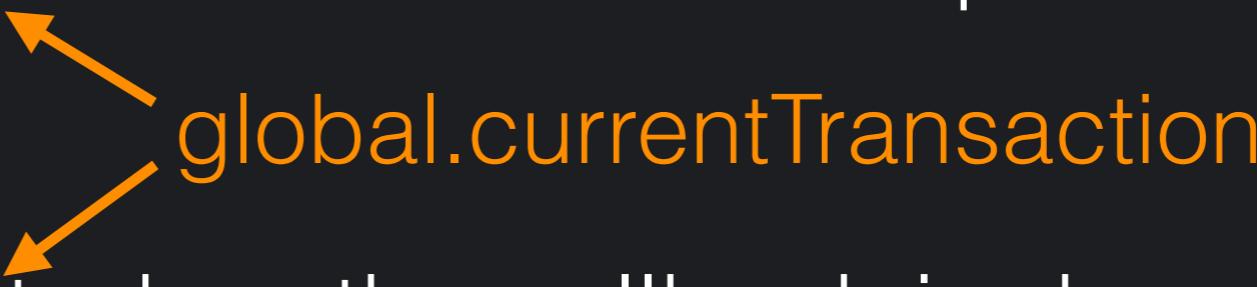
- Track HTTP request as transactions
- Instrument I/O
- Instrument potential CPU expensive operations
- Associate exceptions with transactions
- Don't manually pass context around in the app
- Plug'n'play
- Almost no overhead

# Problems

- Multiple HTTP requests active at the same time
- Not possible to associate exceptions with origin HTTP request
- No API to pass context across the async boundary

# Solution

```
global.currentTransaction = new Transaction(req)
```

1. Record context when a callback is queued on the event loop
  2. Restore context when the callback is dequeued from the event loop
- 
- ```
graph TD; A[global.currentTransaction] --> B[ ]; B --> C[ ]
```



# Patch the core

- Patch Module.\_load
- Patch the HTTP server to access new requests
- Patch **every** async operation
  - timers
  - process.nextTick
  - Promise (native)
  - libuv

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require-in-the-middle

# AsyncWrap

<https://github.com/nodejs/tracing-wg>

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```
fs.writeFileSync(1, util.format('%s\n', msg))
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process._rawDebug(msg)
```

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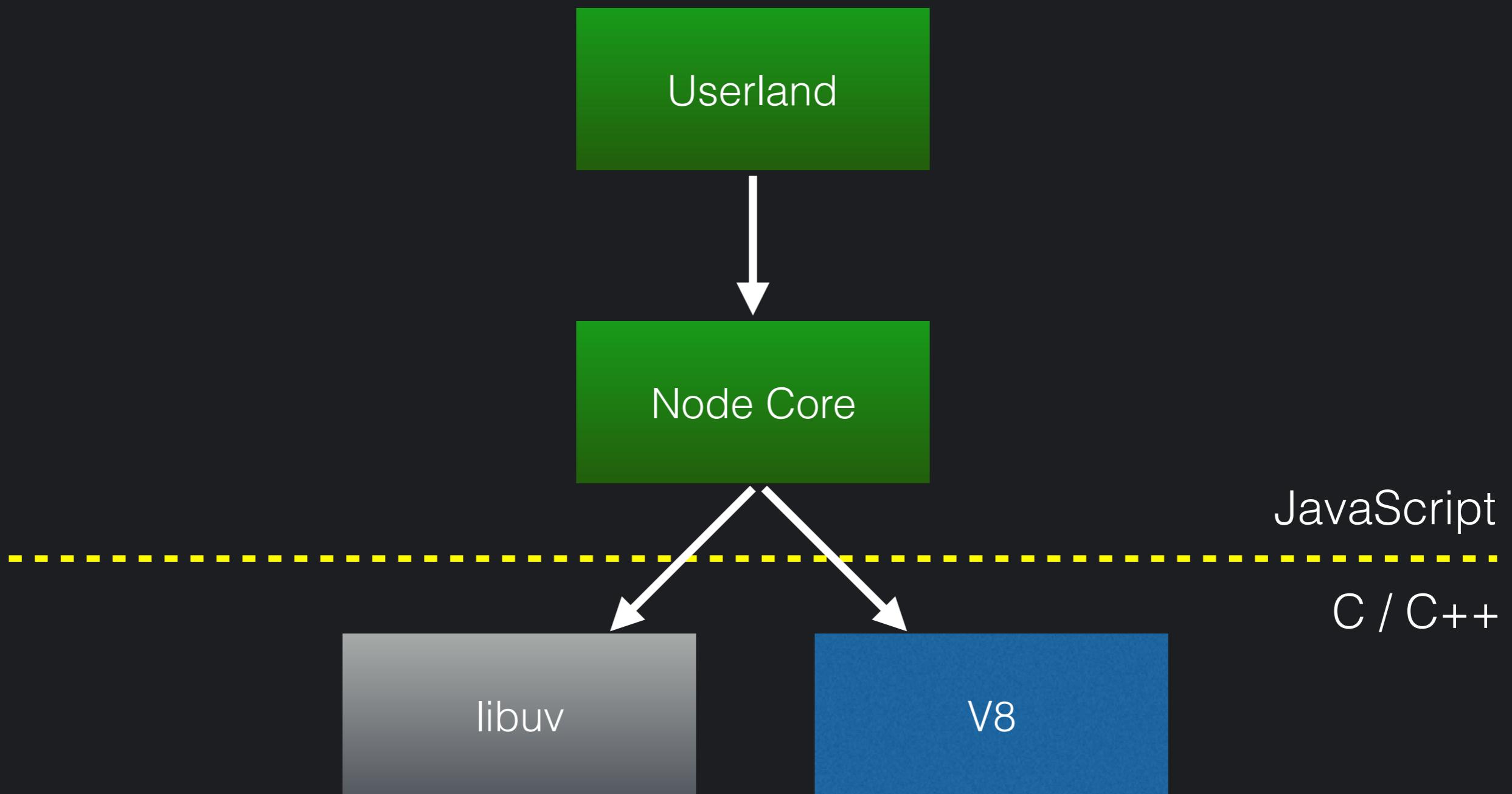
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    // this      => current handle  
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    // provider   => 0 - 23 (asyncWrap.Providers)  
    // parentUid  => 1, 2, 3...  
    // parentHandle => parent `this`  
}
```

```
> var asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')
undefined
> asyncWrap.Providers
{ NONE: 0,
  CRYPTO: 1,
  FSEVENTWRAP: 2,
  FSREQWRAP: 3,
  GETADDRINFOREQWRAP: 4,
  GETNAMEINFOREQWRAP: 5,
  HTTPPARSER: 6,
  JSSTREAM: 7,
  PIPEWRAP: 8,
  PIPECONNECTWRAP: 9,
  PROCESSWRAP: 10,
  QUERYWRAP: 11,
  SHUTDOWNWRAP: 12,
  SIGNALWRAP: 13,
  STATWATCHER: 14,
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  TCPCONNECTWRAP: 16,
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  TLSWRAP: 18,
  TTYWRAP: 19,
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  ZLIB: 23 }
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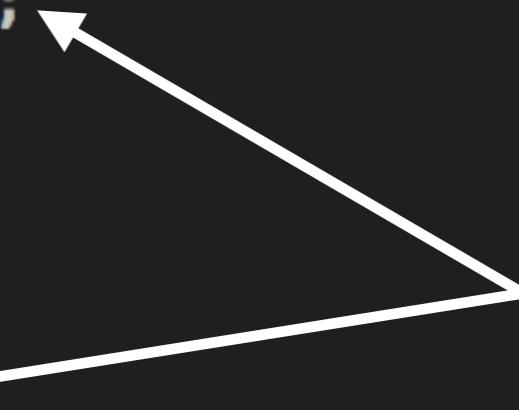
# Handle Objects

```
const TCPConnectWrap = process.binding('tcp_wrap').TCPConnectWrap;  
const TCP = process.binding('tcp_wrap').TCP;
```

```
const req = new TCPConnectWrap();  
req.oncomplete = oncomplete;  
req.address = address;  
req.port = port;
```

```
const socket = new TCP();  
socket.onread = onread;  
socket.connect(req, address, port);
```

```
// later  
socket.destroy();
```



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# Timers

```
log('user: before #1')
setTimeout(function () {
  log('user: done #1')
}, 2000)
log('user: after #1')

log('user: before #2')
setTimeout(function () {
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}, 2000)
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}, 2000)
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```

```
user: before #1
async_wrap: init
user: after #1
user: before #2
user: after #2
```

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# Show some real code

Shows  
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code

# AsyncWrap Gotchas

- Handle creation time
- console.log
- process.nextTick
- Timers
- Promises
- Multiple AsyncWrap's



# Callback queues in user-land

# ES6 Modules



This screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for "nodejs / tracing-wg".

The top navigation bar includes links for "Pull requests", "Issues", and "Gist". On the right side of the header are icons for notifications, adding to a repository, and user profile.

The repository name "nodejs / tracing-wg" is displayed prominently, along with statistics: 47 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 12 contributors.

Below the header, there are tabs for "Code", "Issues 18", "Pull requests 2", "Wiki", "Pulse", and "Graphs".

The main content area displays a list of recent commits:

- watson committed with AndreasMadsen Update asyncWrap.Providers list (#55) ... Latest commit d3a41e9 a day ago
- docs Update asyncWrap.Providers list (#55) a day ago
- wg-meetings updated YouTube link to video owned by node.js 2 days ago
- README.md jeffo request to join 6 months ago

A large section titled "tracing-wg" contains the text "Tracing Working Group" and "Members".

The URL of the repository is <https://github.com/nodejs/tracing-wg>.

This repository

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# Node.js tracing - AsyncWrap

AsyncWrap is two things. One is a [class abstraction](#) that provides an internal mechanism for handling asynchronous tasks, such as calling a callback. The other part is an API for setting up hooks and allows one to get structural tracing information about the life of handle objects. In the context of tracing the latter is usually what is meant.

*The reasoning for the current naming confusion is that the API part implements the hooks through the AsyncWrap class, but this is not inherently necessary. For example if v8 provided those facilities the AsyncWrap class would not need be involved in the AsyncWrap API.*

For the remaining description the API part is what is meant by AsyncWrap.

This screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for `nodejs/tracing-wg`. The page displays an overview of issues related to AsyncWrap. At the top, there are tabs for Code, Issues (18), Pull requests (2), Wiki, Pulse, and Graphs. The Issues tab is selected. On the right side, there are buttons for Unwatch (60), Unstar (75), Fork (14), Edit, and New issue.

## AsyncWrap issues - overview #29

**Open** AndreasMadsen opened this issue on Oct 7, 2015 · 8 comments

**Missing Handle context**

- TCPwrap created from server (issue: [nodejs/node#2986](#)) - solved by [nodejs/node#3216](#)
- HTTP sockets parserOnBody
  - issues: [nodejs/node#3241](#), [nodejs/node#4416](#)
  - PR: [nodejs/node#5419](#) and [nodejs/node#5591](#), depends on: [nodejs/node#4507](#)
- Promises or Microtask in general
  - node issue: [nodejs/promises#9](#)
  - v8 issue: <https://bugs.chromium.org/p/v8/issues/detail?id=4643>
- nextTick (issue: [nodejs/node#666](#)) - should get a new issue
- setTimeout, setInterval, setImmediate (issue: [nodejs/node#666](#)) - should get a new issue
- addon modules integration with AsyncWrap (PR: [nodejs/node#3504](#)) - needs further discussion.

**More events**

- onready (issue: [#11](#)) - unlikely to be solved
- onerror (issue: [nodejs/node#669](#), [#7](#)) - awaiting use cases
- ondestructor (PR: [nodejs/node#3461](#))

**Labels**  
None yet

**Milestone**  
No milestone

**Assignees**  
No one—assign yourself

**Notifications**

**4 participants**

**Lock conversation**

The background image shows a grand, ornate theater interior. The walls are painted red with intricate gold-colored decorative patterns, including floral motifs and geometric shapes. A balcony level is visible above, featuring a railing with small, golden statues. The ceiling is high and decorated with large, circular, gold-colored light fixtures and more intricate patterns. In the foreground, rows of red theater seats are visible, facing a stage area. The stage has a red curtain and is illuminated by several hanging lights.

Slides & Code

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