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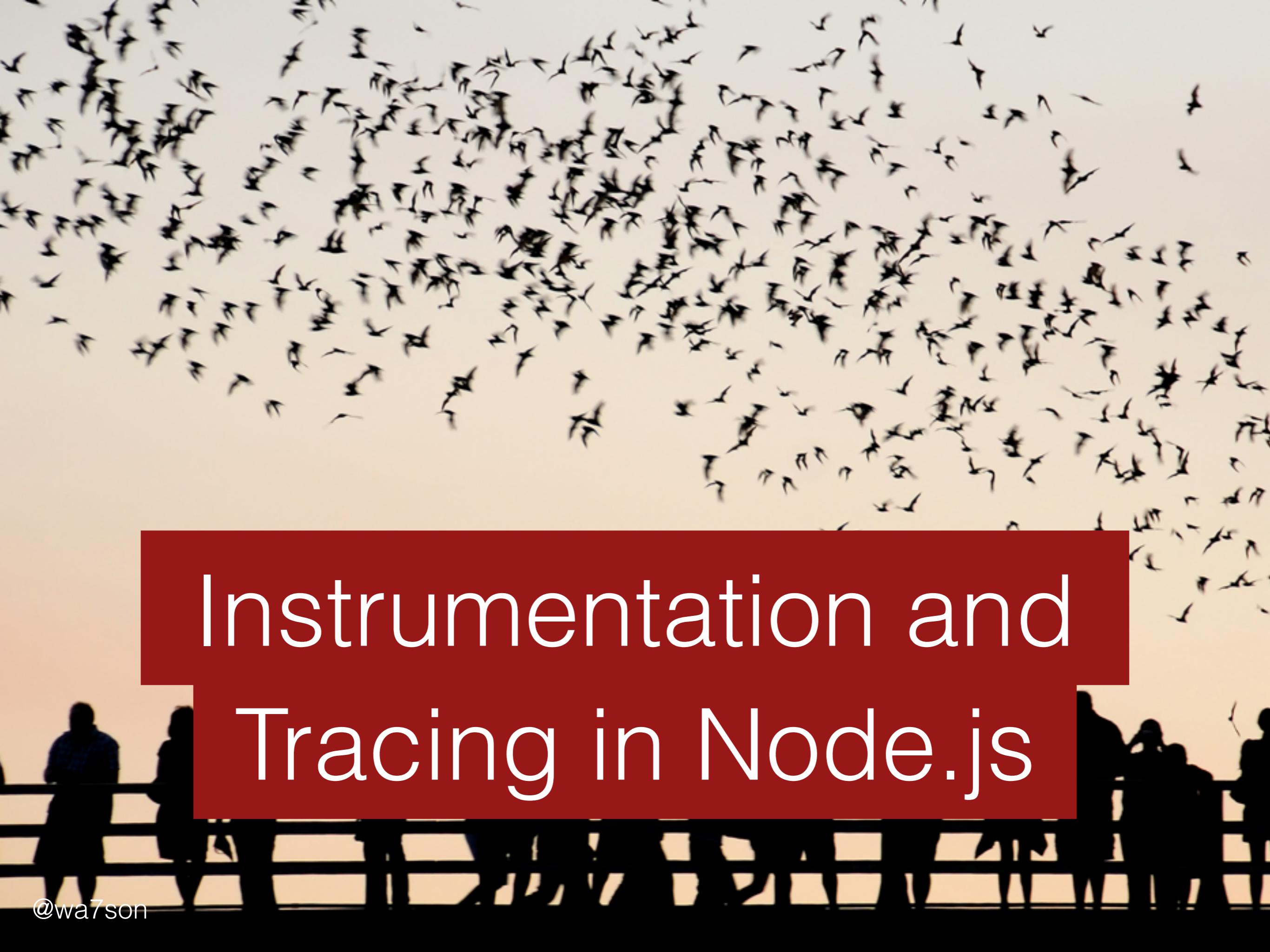
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Instrumentation and Tracing in Node.js

Incoming
Request

Response

Transaction

HTTP Request lifetime



Incoming
Request

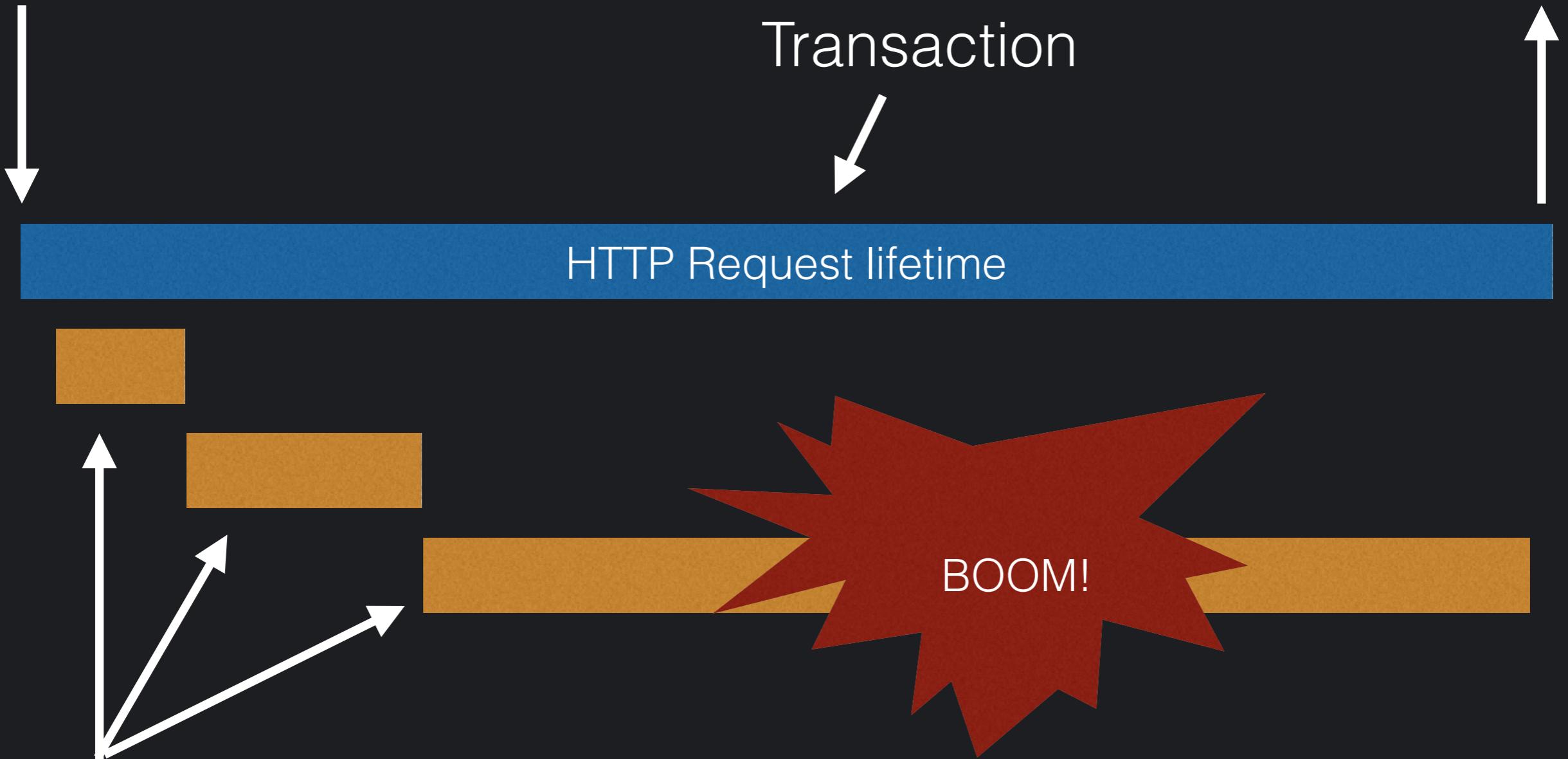
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HTTP Request lifetime

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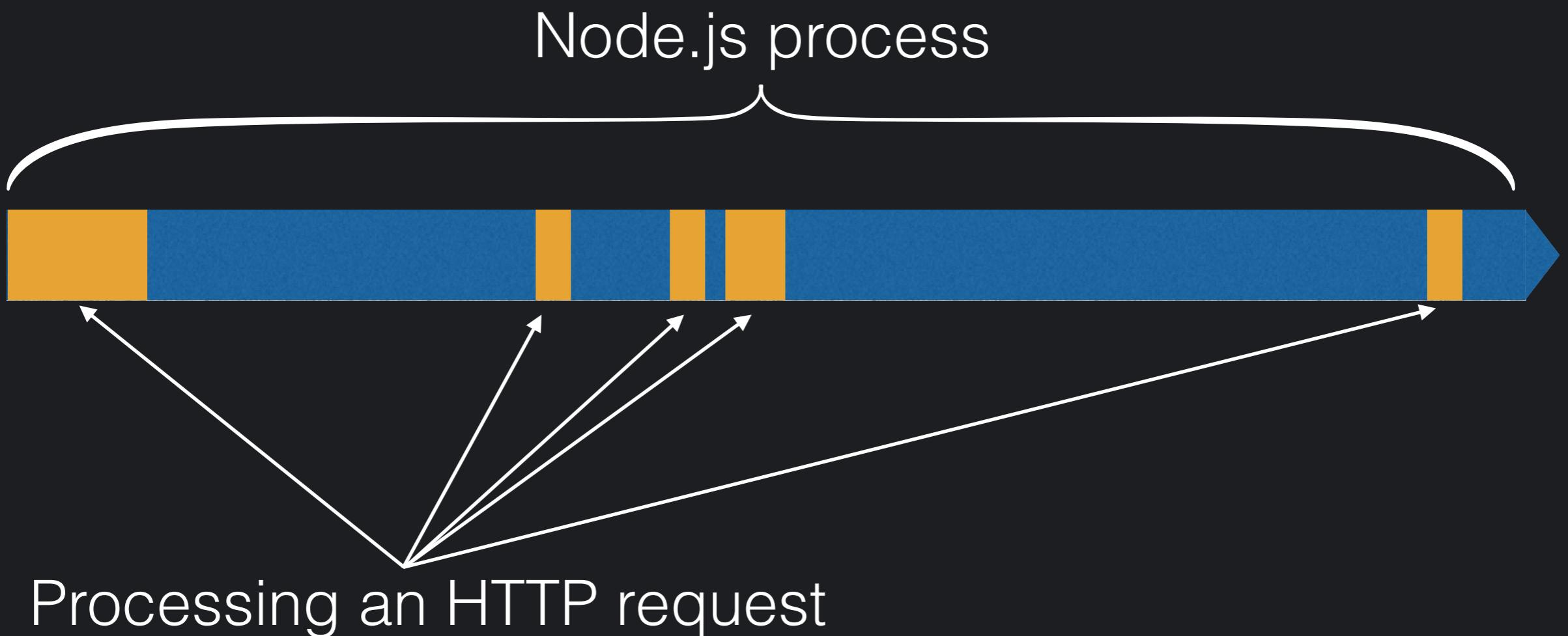
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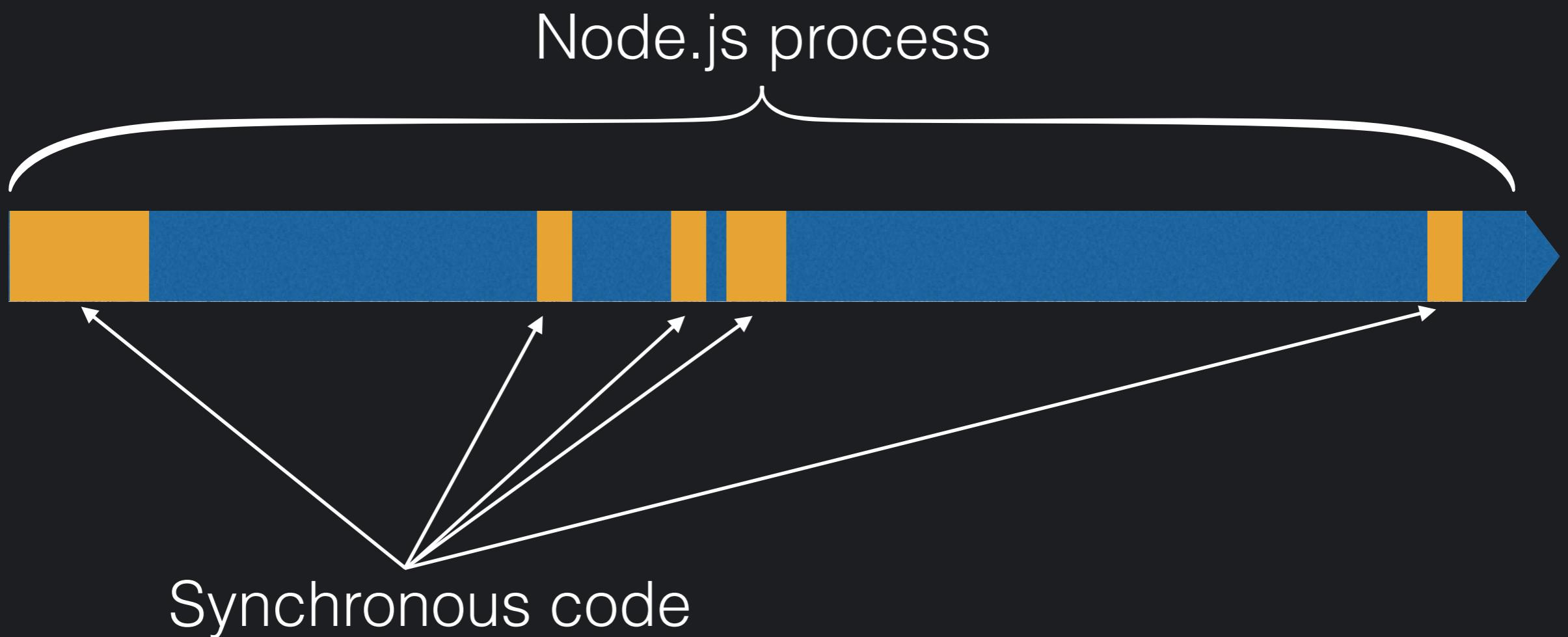
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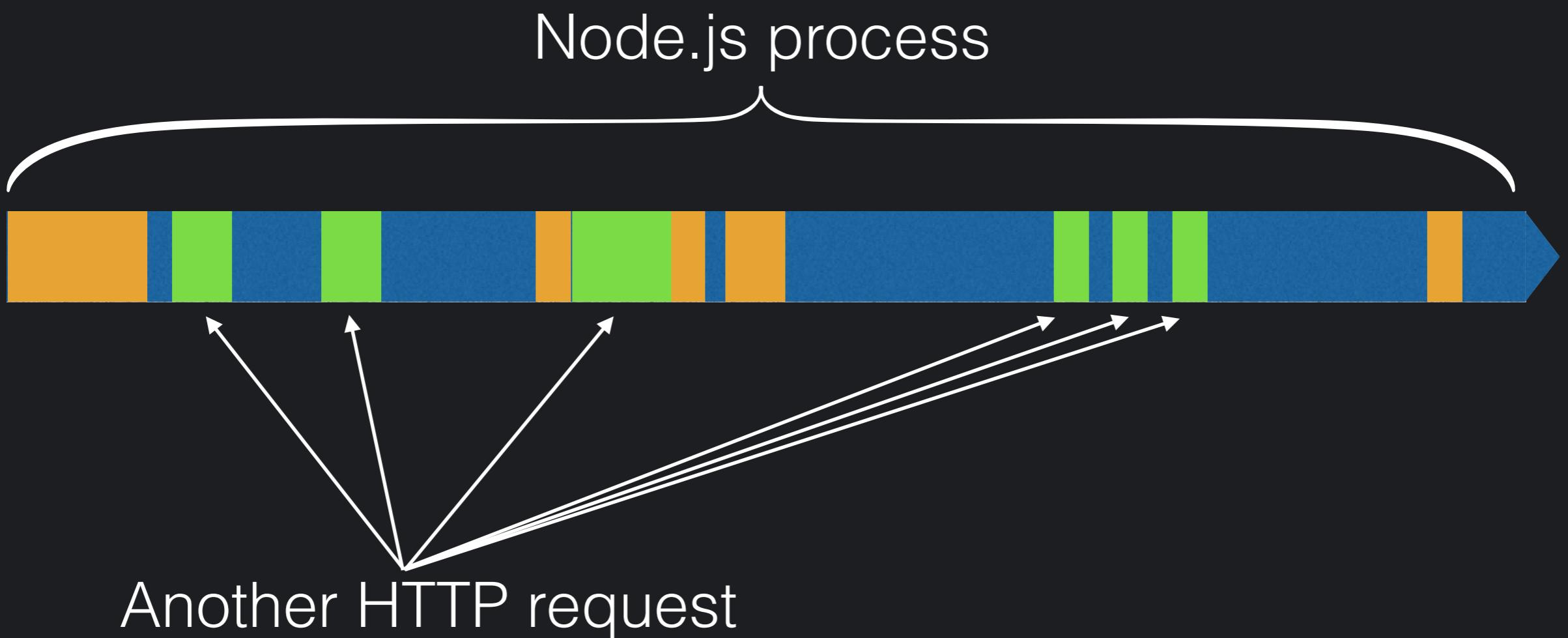
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The Event Loop



```
http.createServer(function (req, res) {  
    global.currentRequest = req  
    // ... continue as normal  
})
```

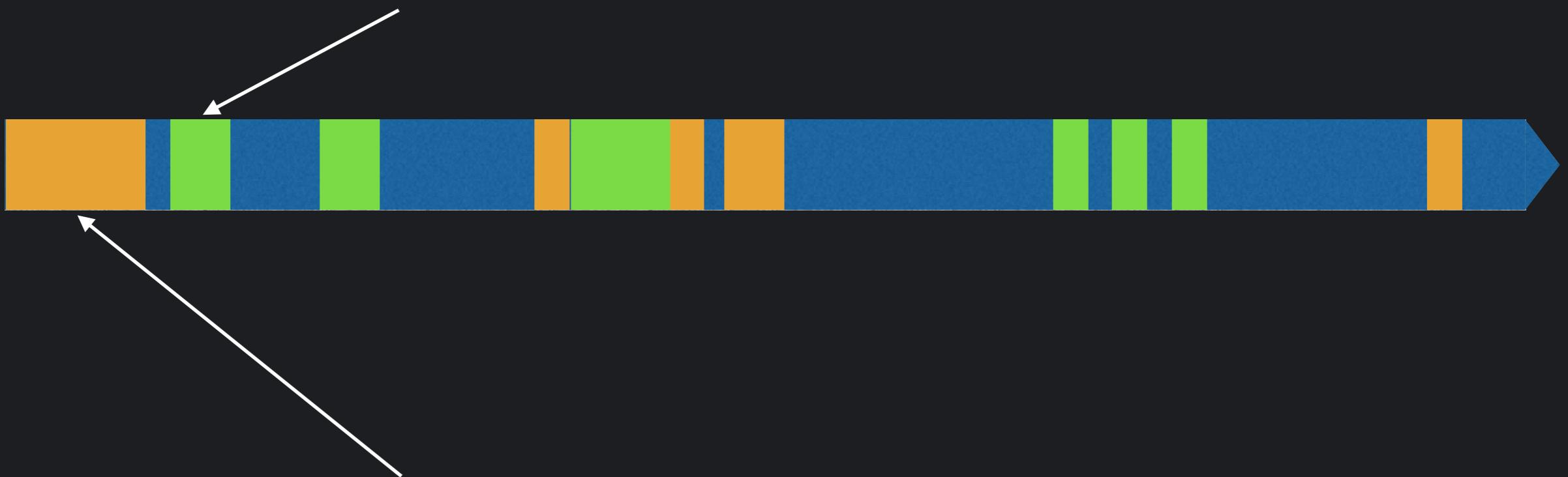
Request Lifecycle



global.currentRequest == Req #1

Request Lifecycle

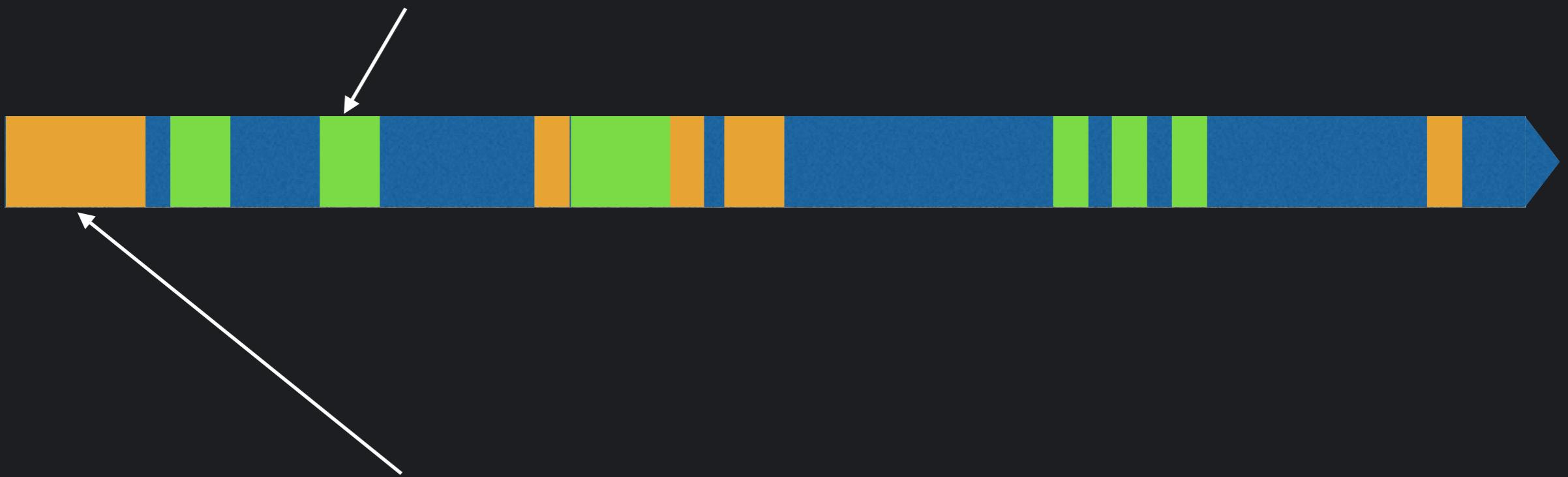
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Request Lifecycle

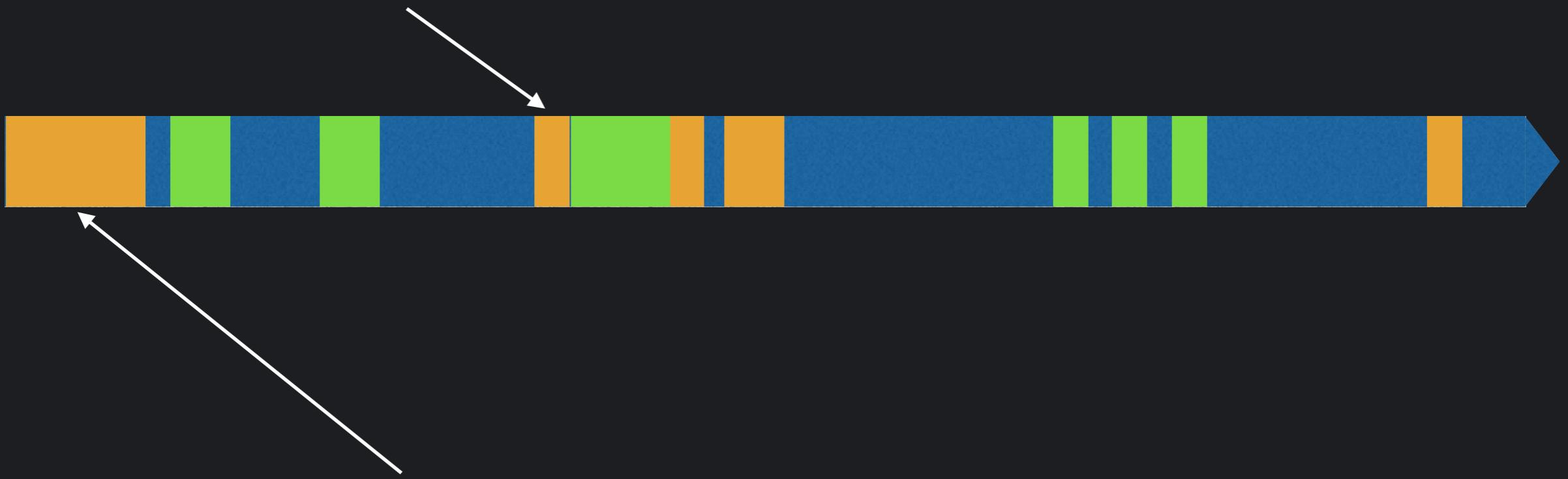
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Request Lifecycle

global.currentRequest == Req #2



global.currentRequest == Req #1

Request Lifecycle

global.currentRequest == Req #2



global.currentRequest == Req #1



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```
var origSetTimeout = global.setTimeout

global.setTimeout = function (callback) {
    var origReq = global.currentRequest
    return origSetTimeout(function () {
        var prevReq = global.currentRequest
        global.currentRequest = origReq
        callback.apply(this, arguments)
        global.currentRequest = prevReq
    })
}
```



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Patch the world

- Patch **every** async operation in core
 - timers
 - Promise (native)
 - (process.nextTick)
 - libuv
- Patch certain 3rd party modules

AsyncHooks

<https://github.com/nodejs/diagnostics>



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 Follow

async_wrap is dead. now called async_hooks, and will come with an embedder API so modules can trigger async hook callbacks.

12:20 AM - 8 Sep 2016



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```
var asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')

asyncWrap.setupHooks({init, pre, post, destroy})
asyncWrap.enable()

function init (uid, provider, parentUid, parentHandle) {
  log('async_wrap: init')
}

function pre (uid) {
  log('async_wrap: pre')
}

function post (uid) {
  log('async_wrap: post')
}

function destroy (uid) {
  log('async_wrap: destroy')
}

var fs = require('fs')

log('user: before')
fs.open(__filename, 'r', function (err, fd) {
  log('user: done')
})
log('user: after')
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}

function pre (uid) {
  console.log('async_wrap: pre')
}

function post (uid, status) {
  console.log('async_wrap: post', status)
}

function destroy (uid) {
  console.log('async_wrap: destroy')
}

var fs = require('fs')

console.log('user: before')
fs.open(__filename, 'r', function (err, fd) {
  console.log('user: done')
})
console.log('user: after')
```

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

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

```
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asyncWrap.setupHooks({init, pre, post, destroy})
asyncWrap.enable()

function init (uid, provider, parentUid, parentHandle) {
  process._rawDebug('async_wrap: init')
}

function pre (uid) {
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  process._rawDebug('async_wrap: post')
}

function destroy (uid) {
  process._rawDebug('async_wrap: destroy')
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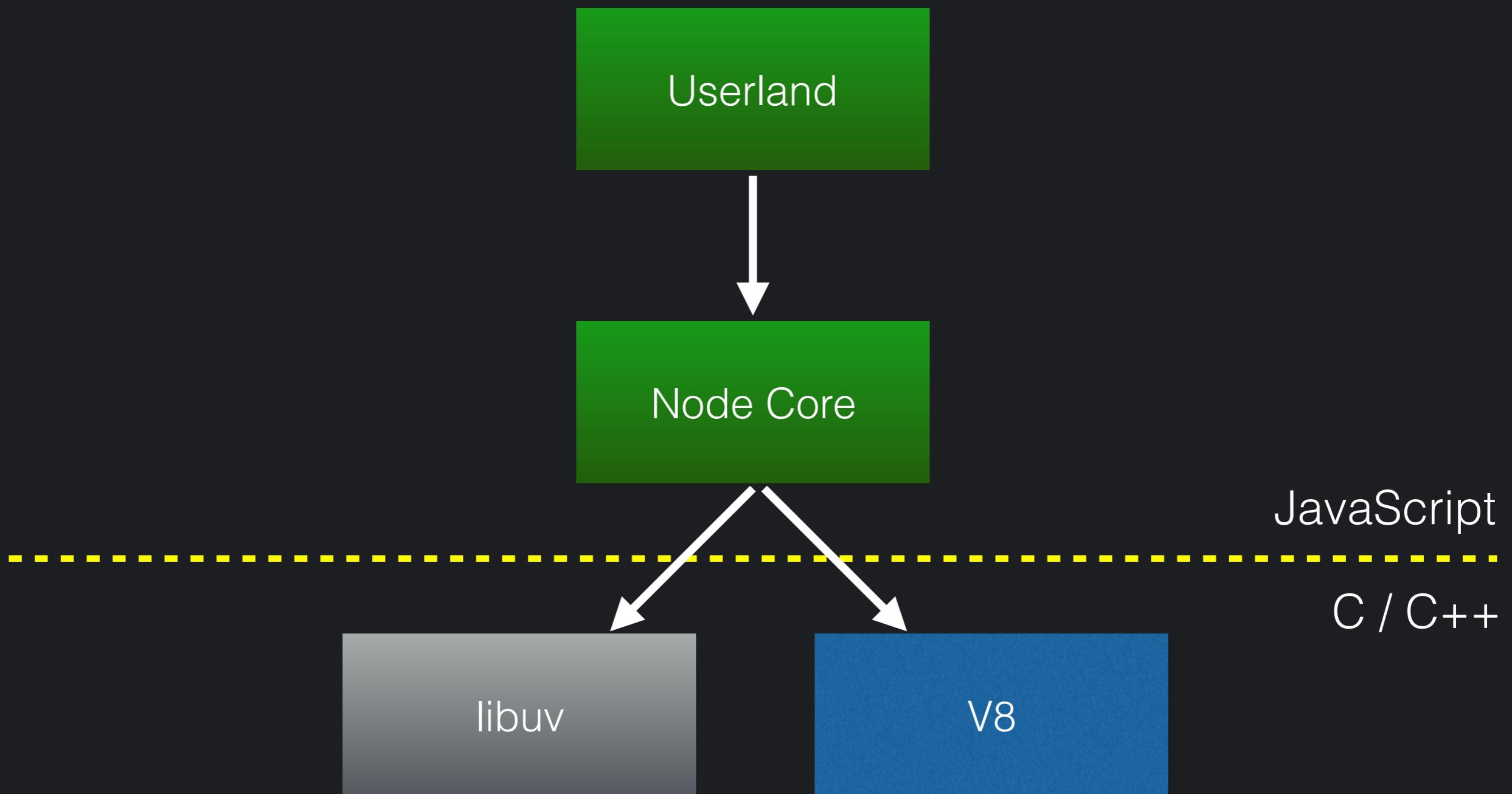
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async_wrap: init
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async_wrap: pre
user: done
async_wrap: post
async_wrap: destroy

```
function init (uid, provider, parentUid, parentHandle) {  
    // this      => current handle  
    // uid       => 1, 2, 3...  
    // 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,
  TCPWRAP: 15,
  TCPCONNECTWRAP: 16,
  TIMERWRAP: 17,
  TLSWRAP: 18,
  TTYWRAP: 19,
  UDPWRAP: 20,
  UDPSENDWRAP: 21,
  WRITEWRAP: 22,
  ZLIB: 23 }
```

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}
```

Handle Objects



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();
```

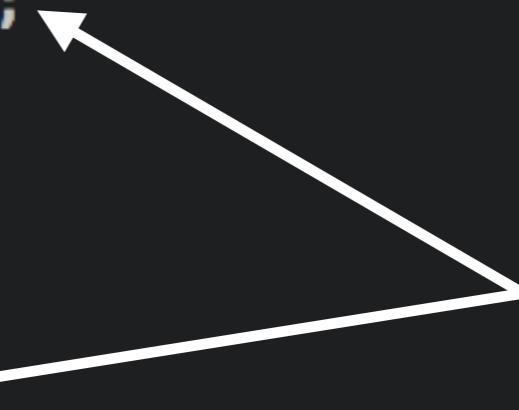
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req.address = address;
req.port = port;                                req === this

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

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

Timers

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

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

Timers

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

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

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

Timers

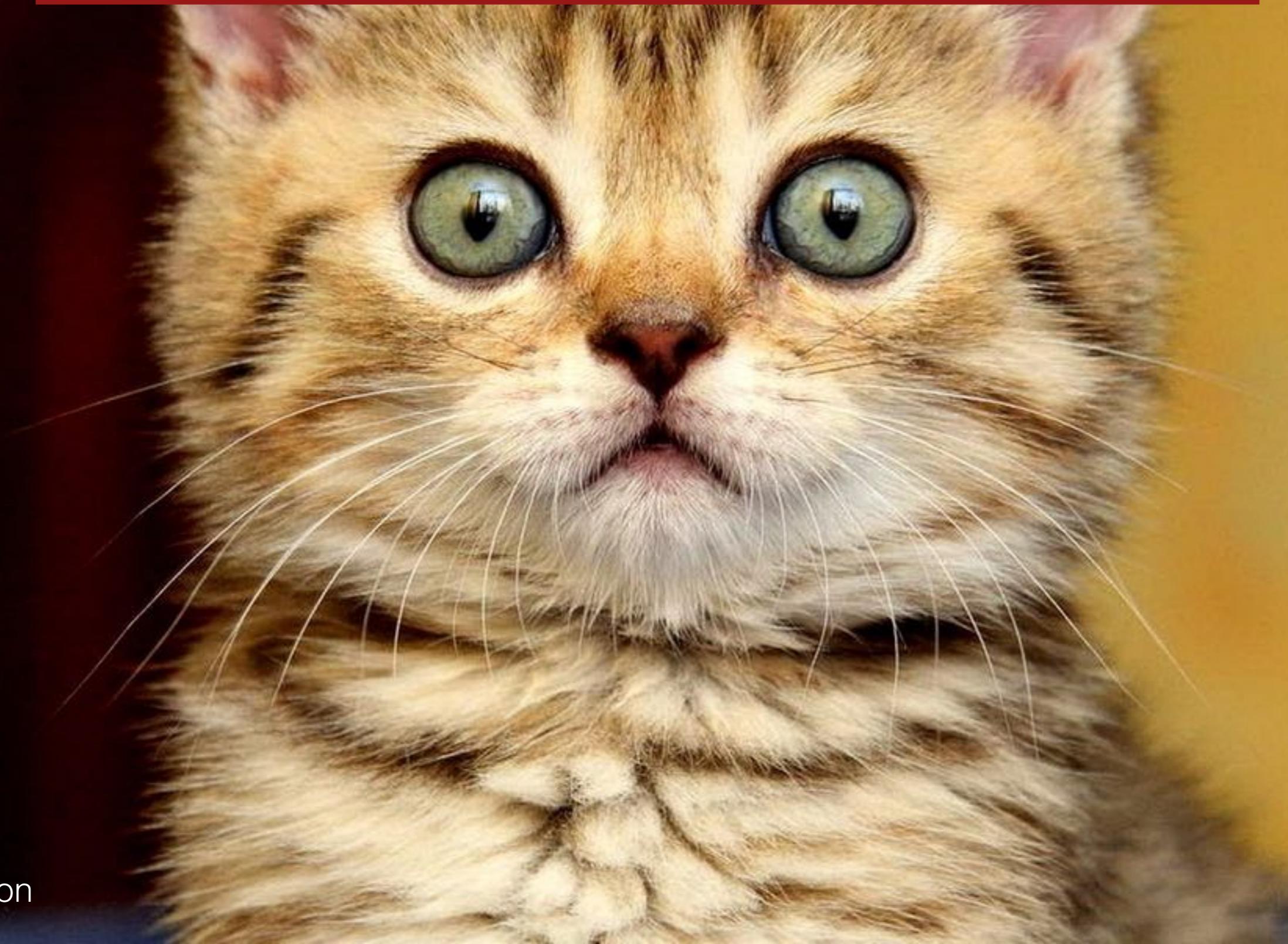
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log('user: before #2')
setTimeout(function () {
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}, 2000)
log('user: after #2')
```

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

async_wrap: pre
user: done #1
user: done #2
async_wrap: post
async_wrap: destroy

Real World Example



```
const asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')
```

```
const asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')
const TIMER = asyncWrap.Providers.TIMERWRAP
```

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asyncWrap.setupWrap({init, before, after, destroy})
asyncWrap.enable()
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const initState = new Map()
const prevState = new Map()
```

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const asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')
const TIMER = asyncWrap.Providers.TIMERWRAP

asyncWrap.setupWrap({init, before, after, destroy})
asyncWrap.enable()

const initState = new Map()
const prevState = new Map()

function init (uid, provider, parentUid, parentHandle) {
  if (provider === TIMER) return // timers share handles, manage manually
  initState.set(uid, global.currentRequest)
}


```

```
const asyncWrap = process.binding('async_wrap')
const TIMER = asyncWrap.Providers.TIMERWRAP

asyncWrap.setupWrap({init, before, after, destroy})
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const initState = new Map()
const prevState = new Map()

function init (uid, provider, parentUid, parentHandle) {
  if (provider === TIMER) return // timers share handles, manage manually
  initState.set(uid, global.currentRequest)
}

function before (uid) {
  if (!initState.has(uid)) return // in case provider === TIMER
  prevState.set(uid, global.currentRequest)
  global.currentRequest = initState.get(uid)
}
```

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  prevState.set(uid, global.currentRequest)
  global.currentRequest = initState.get(uid)
}

function after (uid) {
  if (!initState.has(uid)) return // in case provider === TIMER
  global.currentRequest = prevState.get(uid)
}

function destroy (uid) {
  if (!initState.has(uid)) return // in case provider === TIMER
  initState.delete(uid)
  prevState.delete(uid)
}
```

AsyncHooks Gotchas

- Handle creation time
- console.log
- (process.nextTick)
- Timers
- Promises
- Multiple AsyncHooks

New AsyncHooks API

<https://github.com/nodejs/node-eps/pull/18>



I/O in user-land

Embedder API

- Native API - for native modules
- JavaScript API - for JavaScript modules

JavaScript Embedder API

async_hooks.newUid()

async_hooks.emitInit(id, handle, type[, triggerId])

async_hooks.emitBefore(id)

async_hooks.emitAfter(id)

async_hooks.emitDestroy(id)

ES Modules



This screenshot shows a GitHub pull request page for the Node.js repository, specifically for pull request #18. The title of the PR is "AsyncWrap public API proposal".

The GitHub interface includes standard navigation buttons (back, forward, search) at the top left, and a header with the repository name "nodejs / node-eps", the URL "github.com/nodejs/node-eps/pull/18/files", and various GitHub-specific icons like a bell, a plus sign, and a user profile.

The main navigation bar below the header includes links for "Code", "Issues 8", "Pull requests 12" (which is the active tab), "Projects 0", "Wiki", "Pulse", and "Graphs".

The pull request summary indicates it is "Open" and authored by "trevnorris", merging 12 commits into the "master" branch from the "async-wrap-ep" branch. It has 293 conversations and 12 commits.

The "Files changed" section shows one file, "XXX-asyncwrap-api.md", with 554 changes (554 additions, 0 deletions). The file content is a Markdown document describing the AsyncWrap API proposal.

```
554 XXX-asyncwrap-api.md
...
@@ -0,0 +1,554 @@
1 +| Title | AsyncHook API |
2 +|-----|-----|
3 +| Author | @trevnorris |
4 +| Status | DRAFT |
5 +| Date | 2016-09-14 |
6 +
7 +## Description
8 +
9 +Since its initial introduction along side the `AsyncListener` API, the internal
10 +class `AsyncWrap` has slowly evolved to ensure a generalized API that would
11 +serve as a solid base for module authors who wished to add listeners to the
12 +event loop's life cycle. Some of the use cases `AsyncWrap` has covered are long
13 +stack traces, continuation local storage, profiling of asynchronous requests
14 +and resource tracking. The public API is now exposed as `async_hooks`.
15 +
```

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, there are buttons for "Unwatch" (with 60 notifications), "Unstar" (with 75 stars), and "Fork" (with 14 forks).

The repository name "nodejs / tracing-wg" is displayed prominently, along with a "Code" tab and other navigation links for "Issues 18", "Pull requests 2", "Wiki", "Pulse", and "Graphs".

Key statistics for the repository are shown: 47 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 12 contributors.

The "Branch: master" dropdown shows the current branch. There is also a "New pull request" button.

A list of recent commits is displayed:

- 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 jofla request to join 6 months ago

The repository's README file content is partially visible, showing the title "tracing-wg" and the subtitle "Tracing Working Group".

The "Members" section is also visible at the bottom of the page.

This screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for `nodejs/tracing-wg`. The repository has 60 stars and 14 forks. Recent commits include updates to `example-trace` and `README.md`. The page features a large heading about `AsyncWrap`, a detailed description of its purpose, and a note about naming confusion.

nodejs / tracing-wg

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example-trace docs: update after nodejs/node#5756 a month ago

README.md Update asyncWrap.Providers list (#55) a day ago

README.md

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.

GitHub, Inc. github.com/nodejs/tracing-wg/issues/29

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AsyncWrap issues - overview #29

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

AndreasMadsen commented on Oct 7, 2015 · edited Node.js Foundation member +

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#4597](#)
- 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

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4 participants

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A photograph of the Austin, Texas skyline at night. The city is reflected in the water in the foreground. The most prominent building is the Frost Bank Tower, which features a large illuminated 'A' on its side. Other buildings are lit up with various colors, including blue, yellow, and red. The sky is a mix of orange and grey.

Thank you

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