

# Writing Web Apps in C++?

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# Agenda

- Overview of Native Client
- SDK
- Calculator tutorial
- Demos



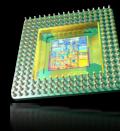
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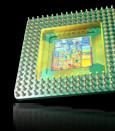
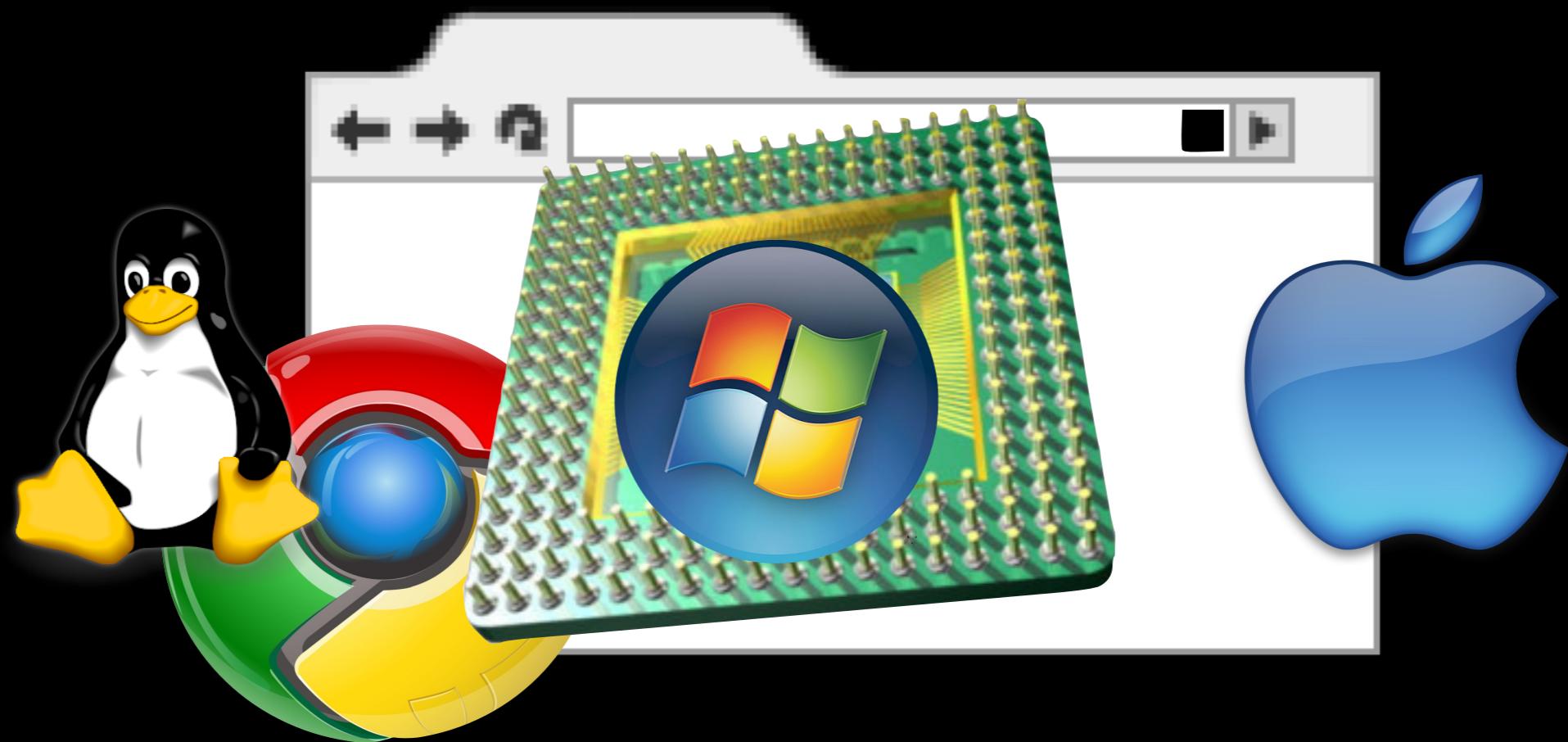
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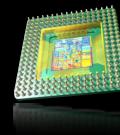


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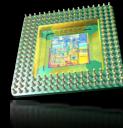


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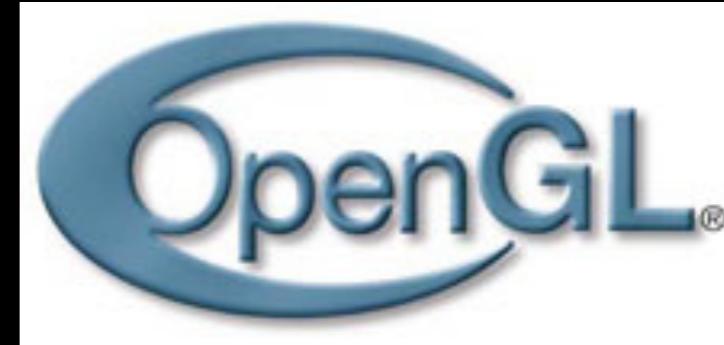


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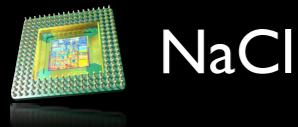
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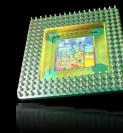


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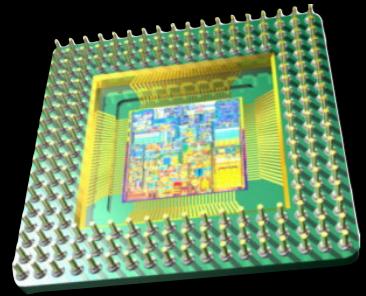
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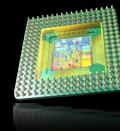
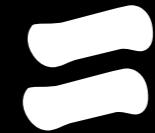
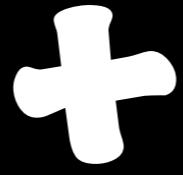
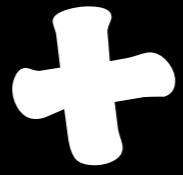


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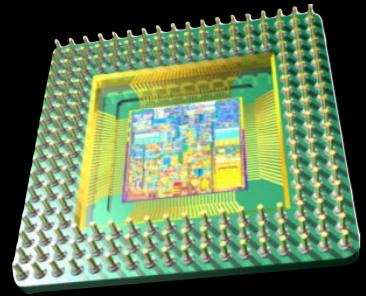
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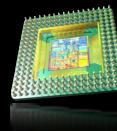
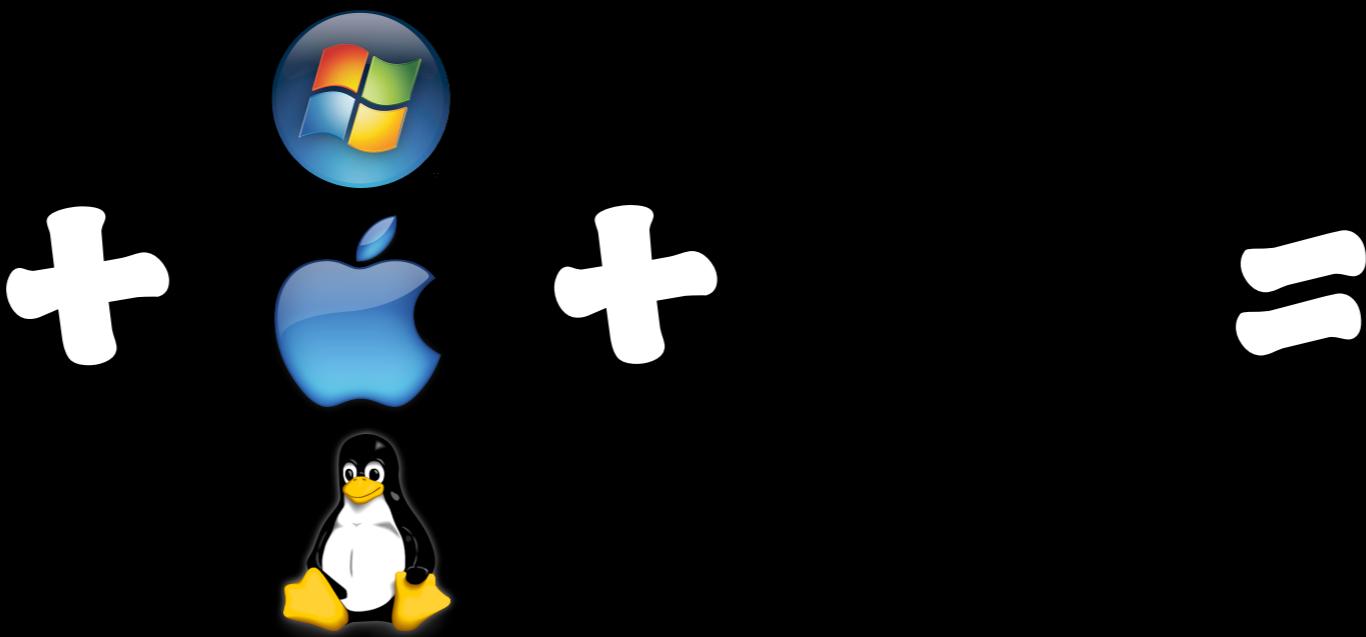
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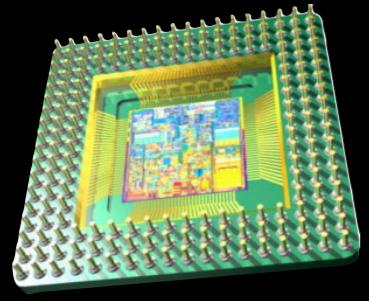
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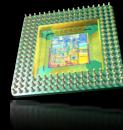
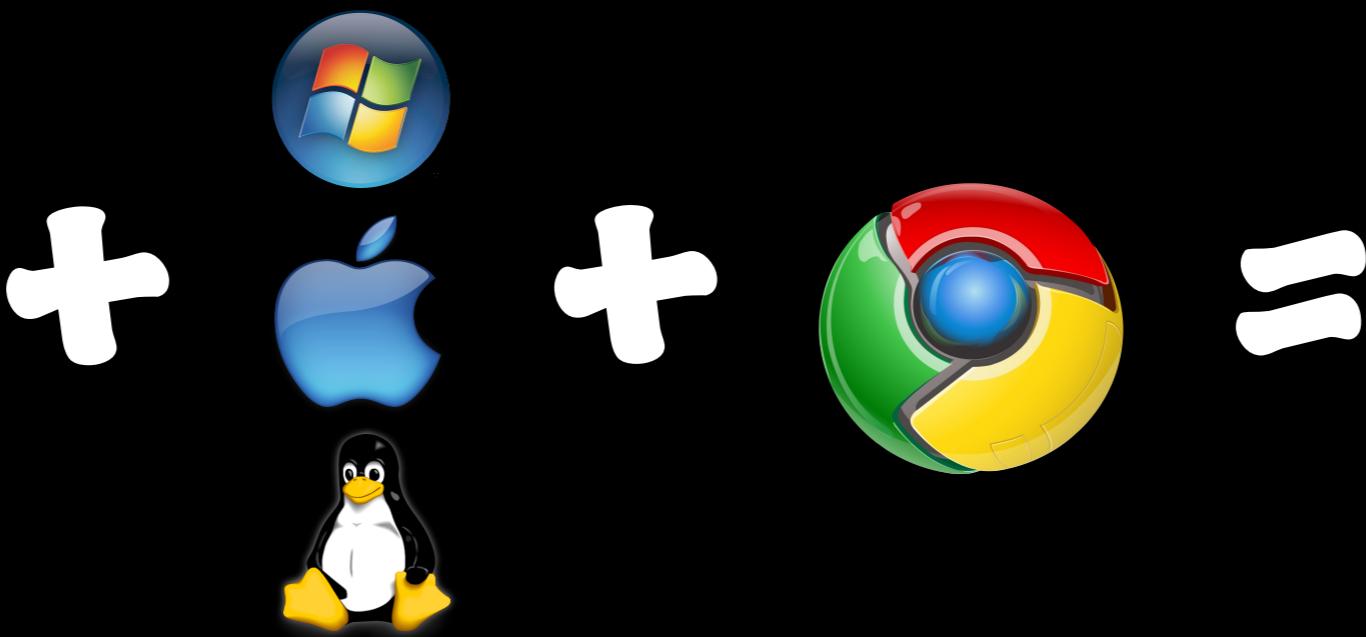
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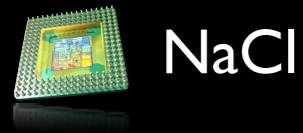
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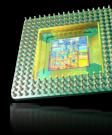


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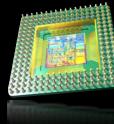




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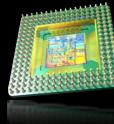
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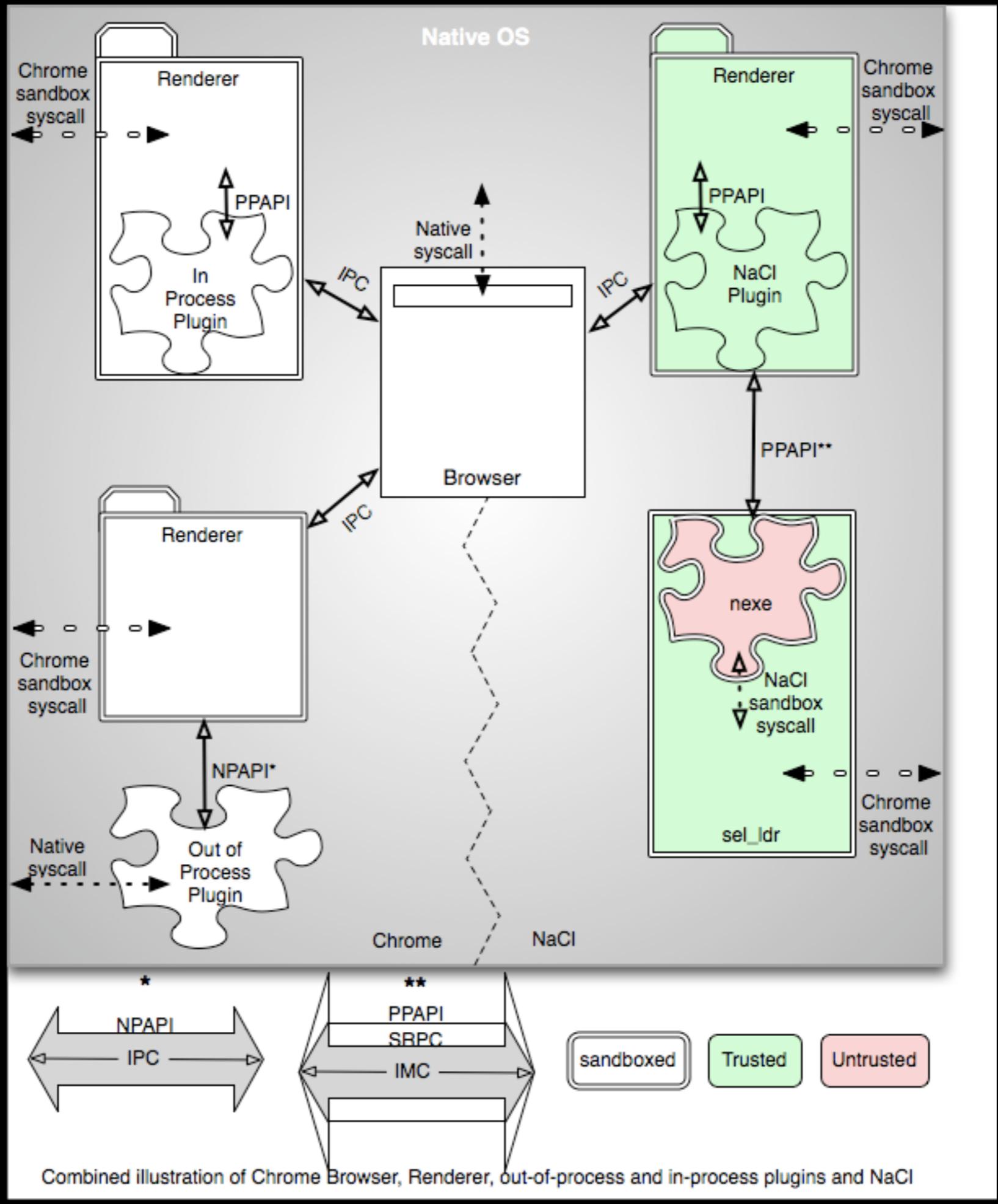
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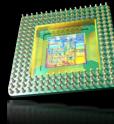


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# What is it good for?

- Porting desktop applications to the web
  - No install
  - Native performance
  - e.g. games, media, large data analysis, visualizations
- Enhance web apps with...
  - Existing C/C++ libraries (libcrypt, CGAL, etc)
  - New high-performance compiled code
- Sandbox existing plugin code
  - Stop asking users to trust your code



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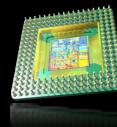
## Confirm Installation

This webpage wants to install software from  [MightNotBeEvil, Inc.](#)

I know what you're thinking. Is this software safe? Well, to tell you the truth, we're not really sure ourselves. But being as this is a native plugin, most dangerous kind of code in the world, and could root your system without you even knowing it, you've got to ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya, punk?

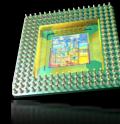
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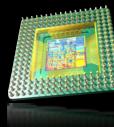
# The NaCl SDK



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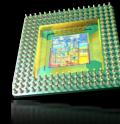
# SDK Goodies

- C/C++ toolchain for creating NaCl executables (.nexe)
- Standard GNU libraries
- Customized versions of gcc, gdb, binutils
- “Pepper”
  - NPAPI-like interface
  - Audio / video
  - OpenGL ES 2.0
- Javascript interop layer (MVC): c\_salt
- Sample code + build scripts



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# Calculator Tutorial



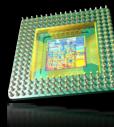
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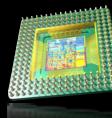
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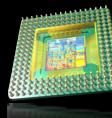
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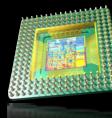
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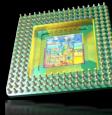
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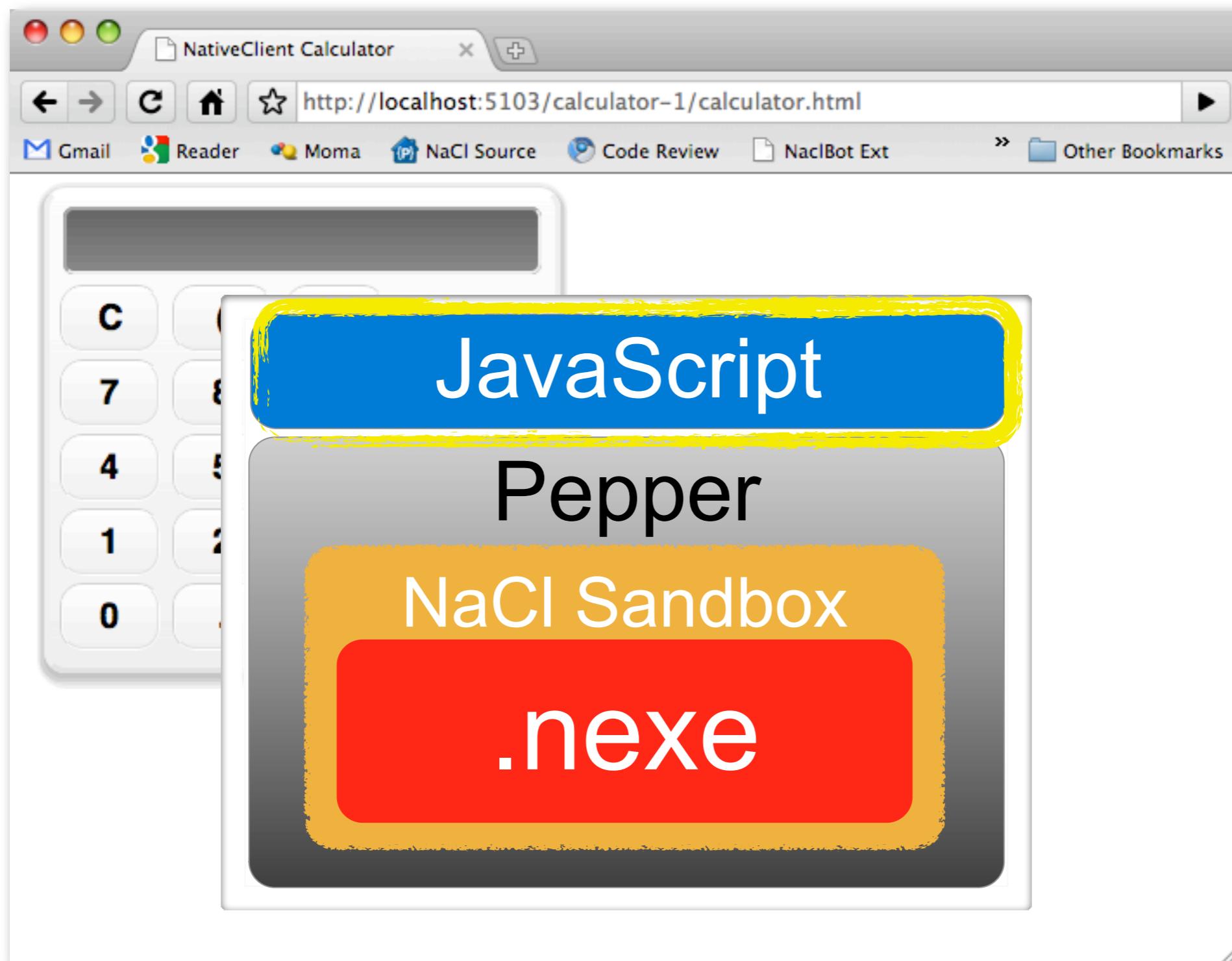
    // Next 2 lines are temporary due to:
    // http://code.google.com/p/nativeclient/issues/detail?id=500
    var nexes = 'x86-32: ../x86_32/myModule.nexe\n' +
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    document.getElementById('myModule').nexes = nexes;
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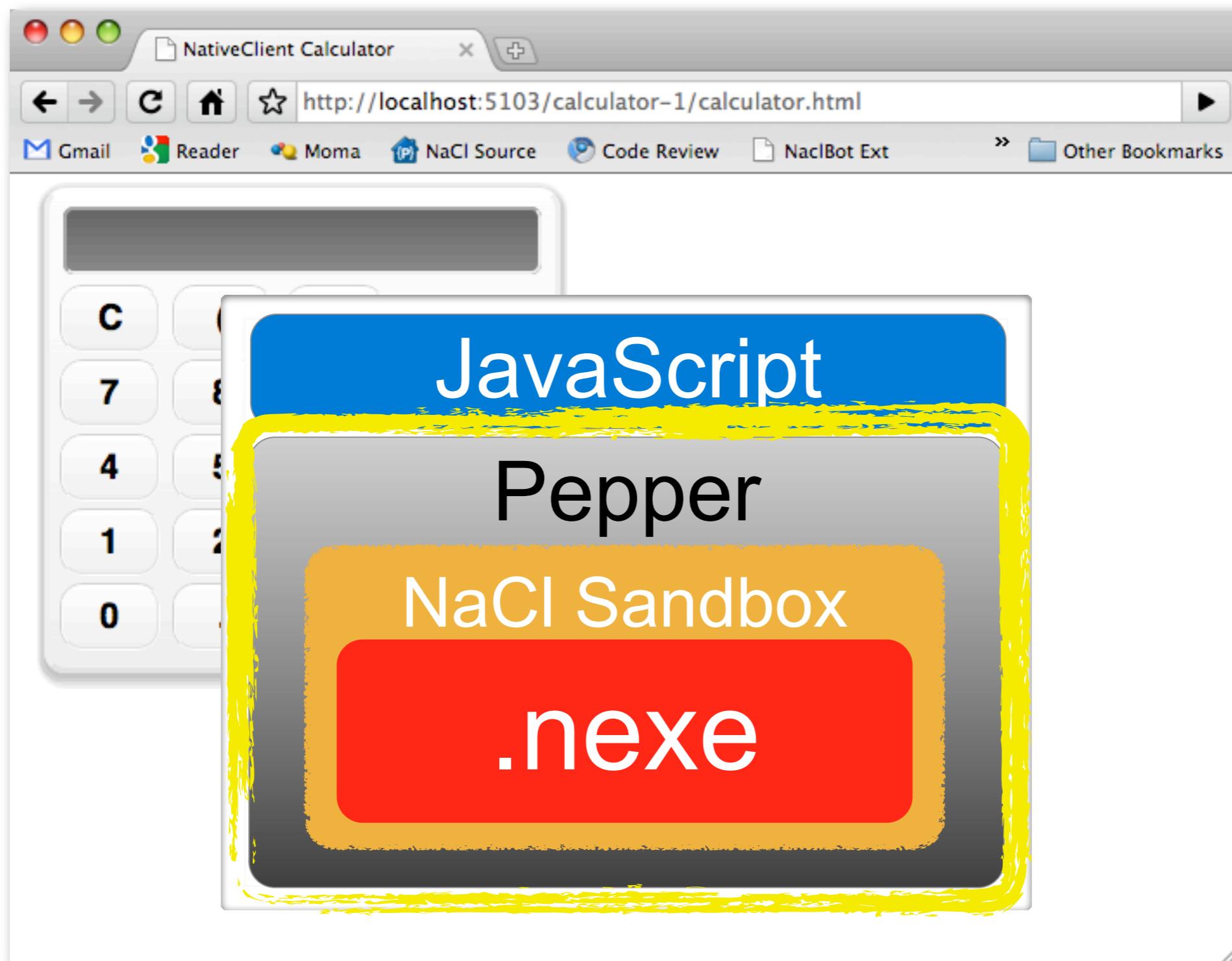


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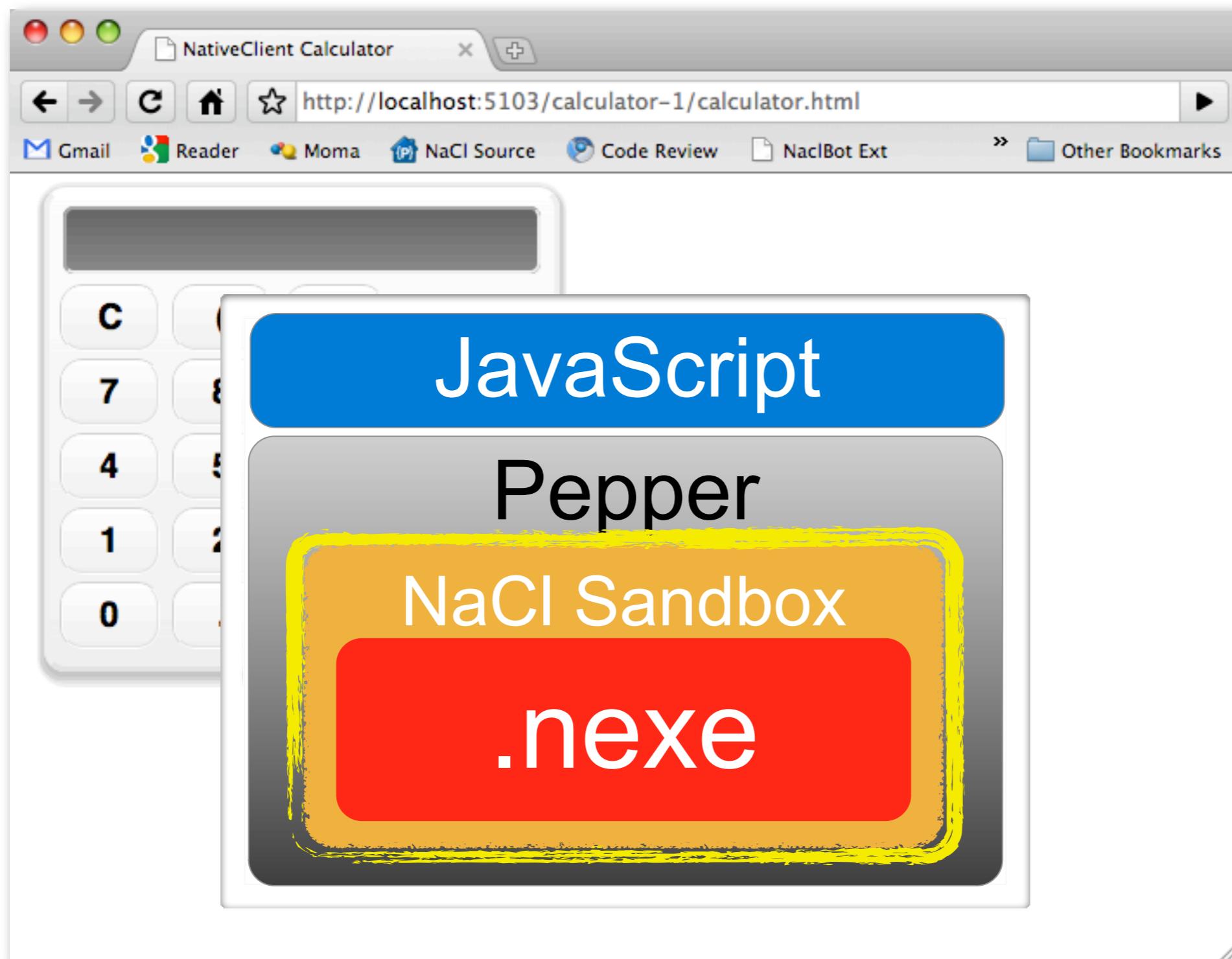
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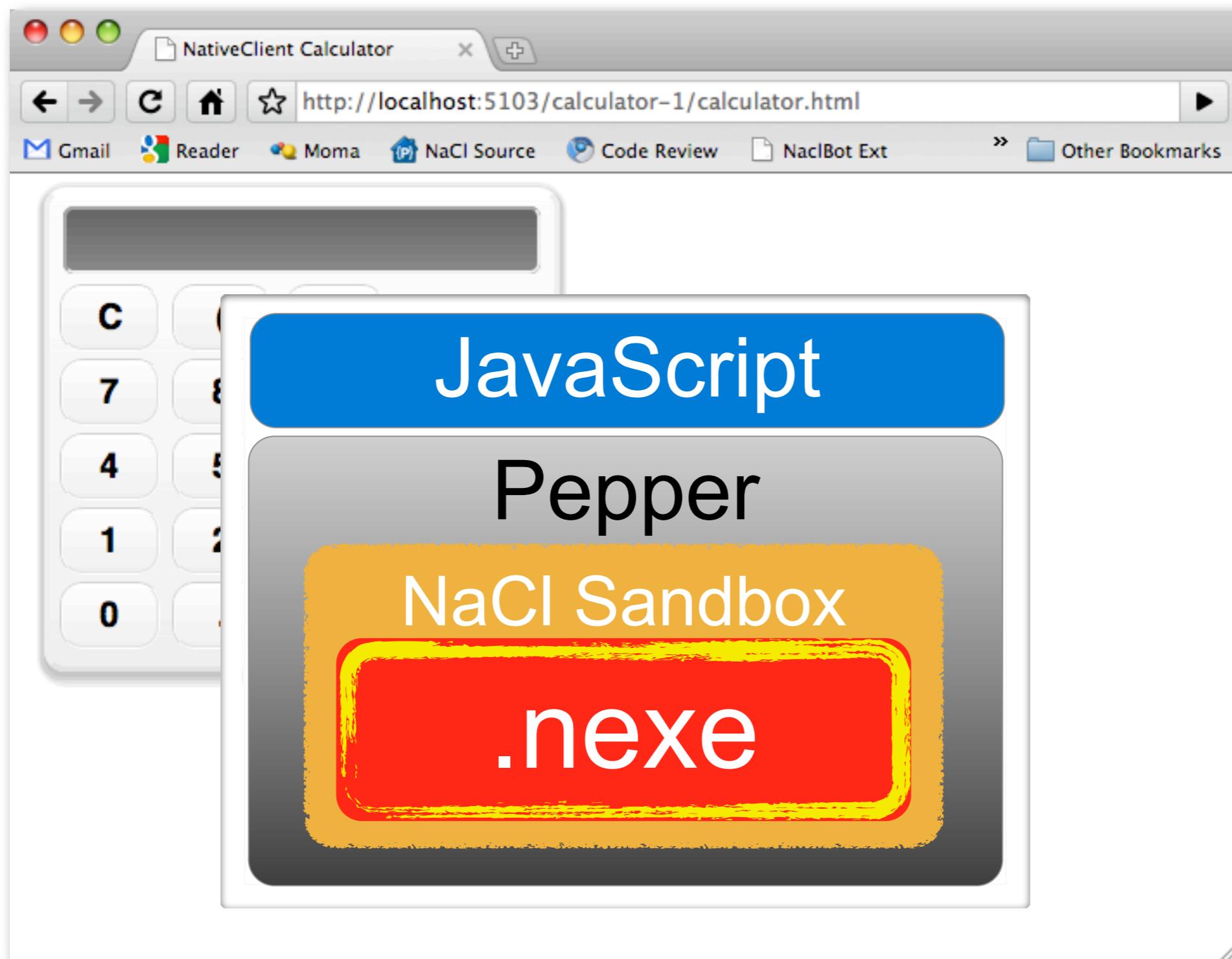
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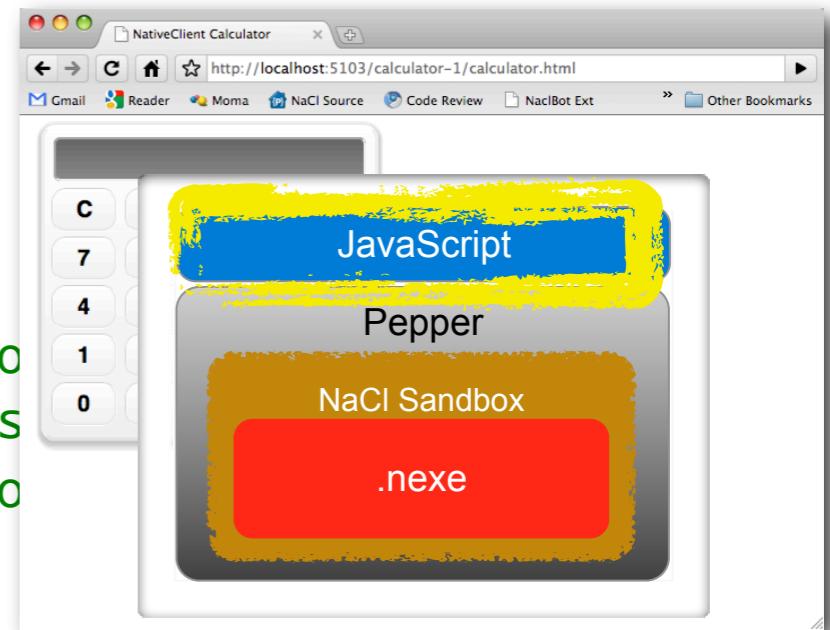
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while (infix.offset < infix.string.length) {
  // Consume tokens until the end of the input string is reached.
  var token = google.expr.nextToken_(infix);
  if (!token || token.type == google.expr.TokenType.NOTYPE) {
    throw new SyntaxError("Unrecognized token.");
  }
  switch (token.type) {
    case google.expr.TokenType.NUMBER:
      rpn_out.push(token.token);
      break;
    case google.expr.TokenType.OPERATOR:
      while (operator_stack.length > 0) {
        // Only handle left-associative operators. Pop off all the operators
        // that have less or equal precedence to |token|.
        var operator = operator_stack.pop();
        if (operator.type == google.expr.TokenType.OPERATOR &&
            operator.precedence <= token.precedence) {
          rpn_out.push(operator.token);
        } else {
          // The top-of-stack operator has a higher precedence than the current
          // token, or it's a parenthesis. Push it back on the stack and stop.
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}

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    if (arg_count < 1 || !NPVARIANT_IS_OBJECT(args[0]))
        return false;

    c_salt::Type::TypeArray* expression_array =
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    double expr_value = EvaluateExpression(expression_array);

    // If there was a second argument, assume it's the oncalculate callback.
    if (arg_count > 1 && NPVARIANT_IS_OBJECT(args[1])) {
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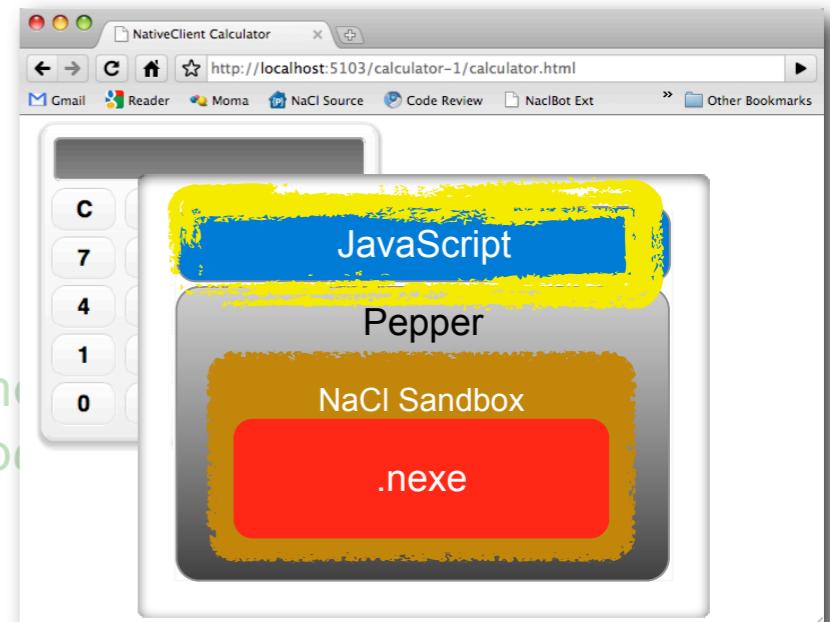
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# Tutorial: Adding Methods

C++

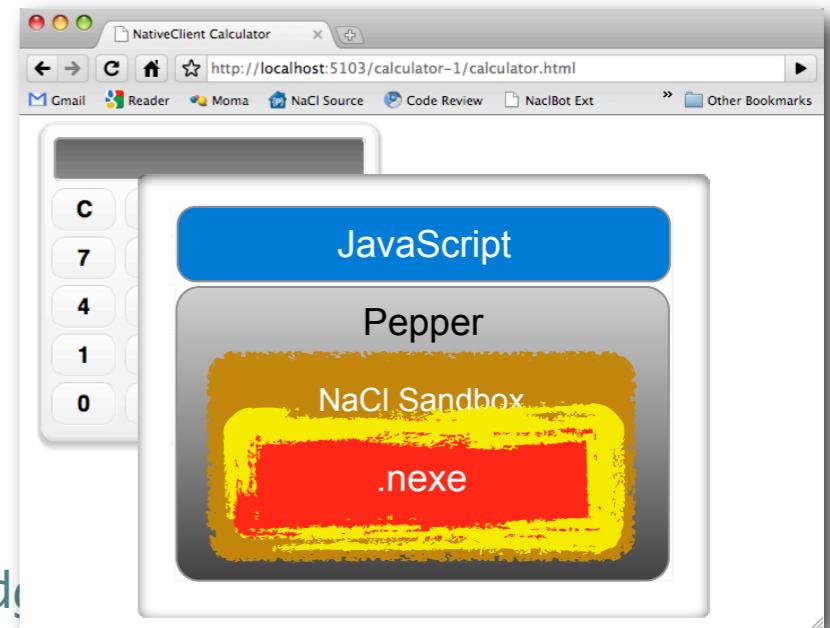
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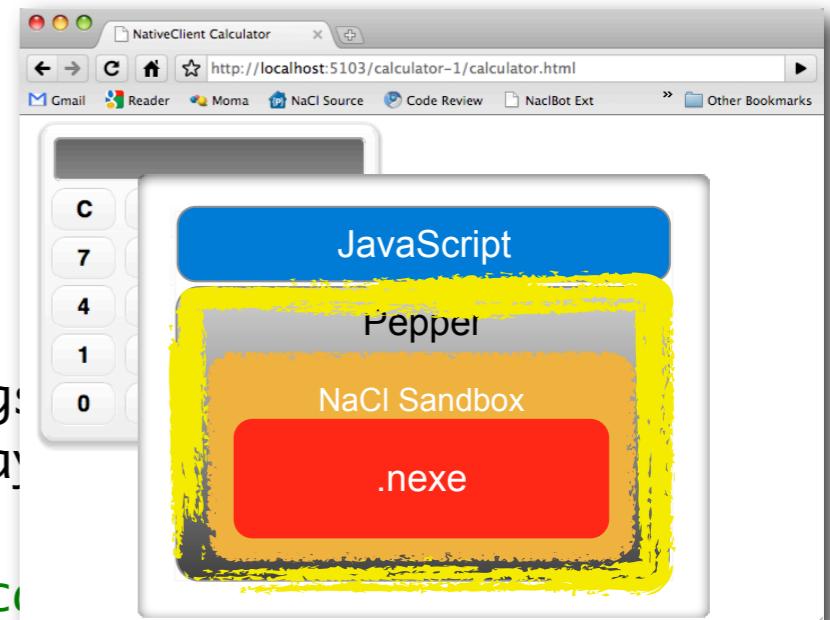
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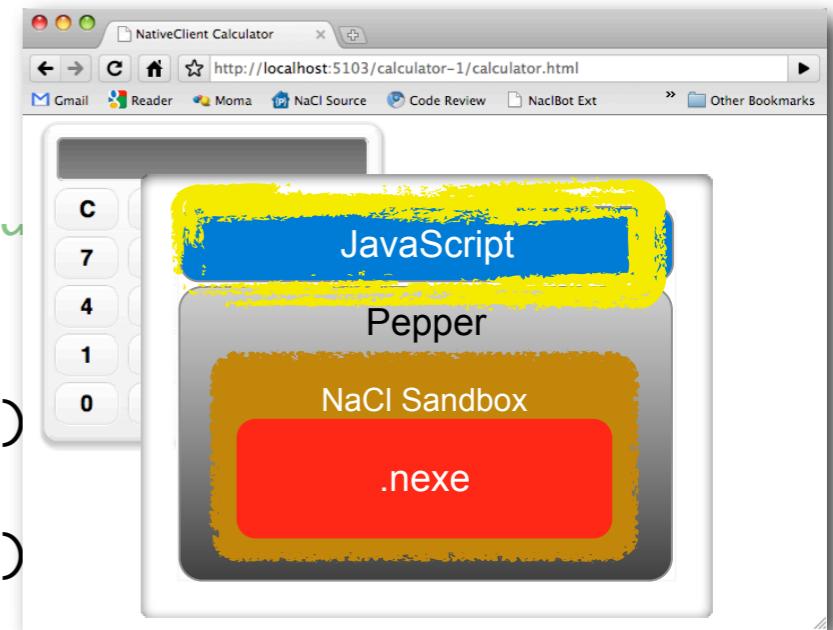
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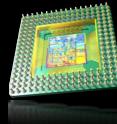
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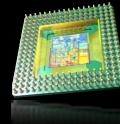
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# Calculator Demo



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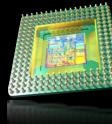
# Other Demos



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# Coming Attractions

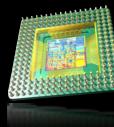
- Full debugger support
  - GDB
  - Visual Studio
- IDE plugins
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NaCl

# Summary

- Choice of language!
  - C/C++, ASM, Objective-C, Python, ...
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  - ...while maintaining browser neutrality
  - ...allowing OS portability
  - ...providing safety that people expect from web applications



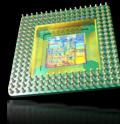
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# Resources

<http://code.google.com/p/nativeclient/>

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