



A thorough introduction to:
Node.js

“Node.js® is a platform built on Chrome's JavaScript runtime for easily building fast, scalable network applications. Node.js uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model that makes it lightweight and efficient, perfect for data-intensive real-time applications that run across distributed devices.”

[-NODEJS.ORG](https://nodejs.org)

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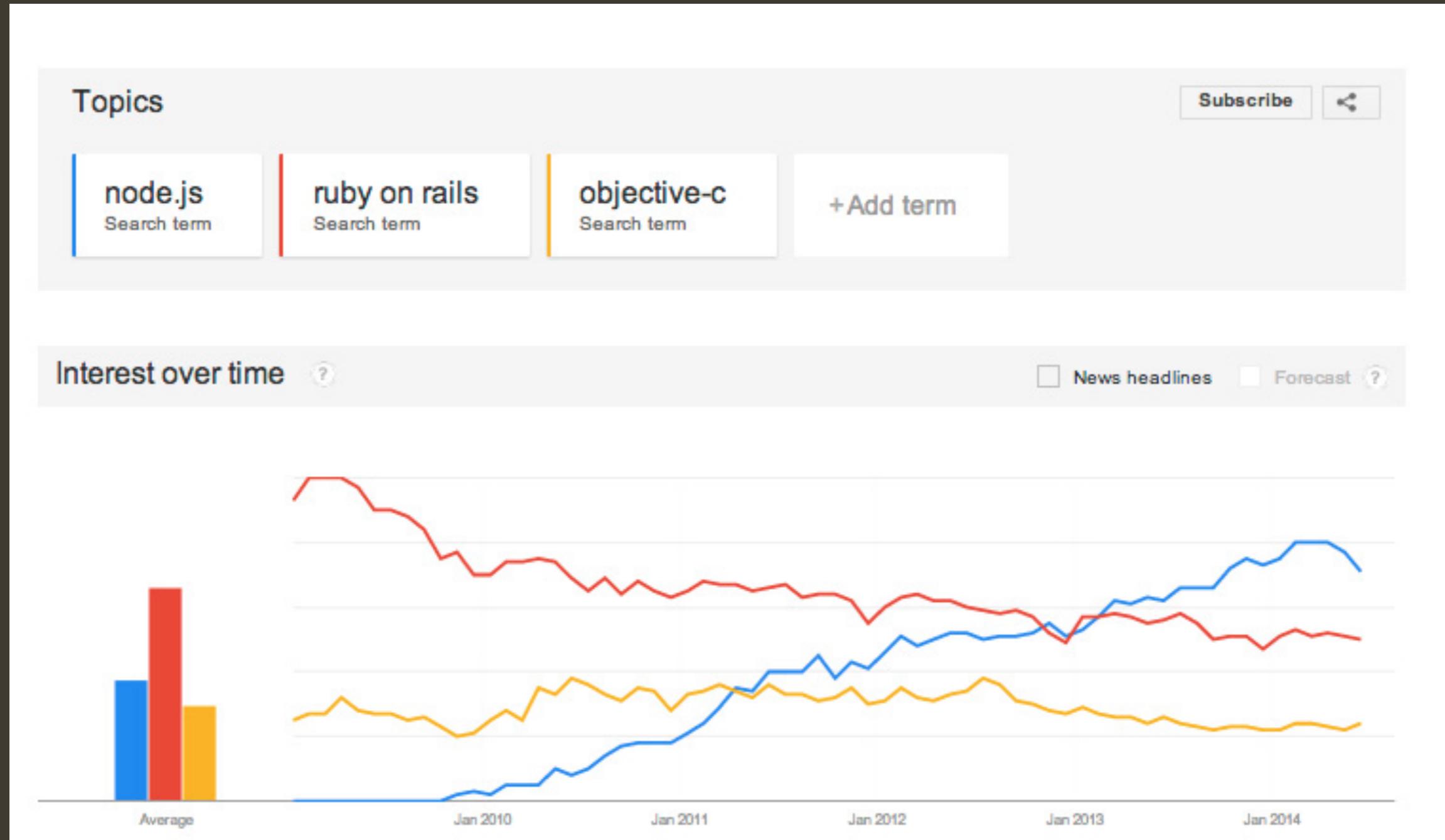
V8 IS GOOGLE'S OPEN-SOURCE, HIGH-PERFORMANCE JAVASCRIPT ENGINE.

V8 IS WRITTEN IN C++ AND IS USED IN GOOGLE CHROME, THE OPEN SOURCE BROWSER FROM GOOGLE.

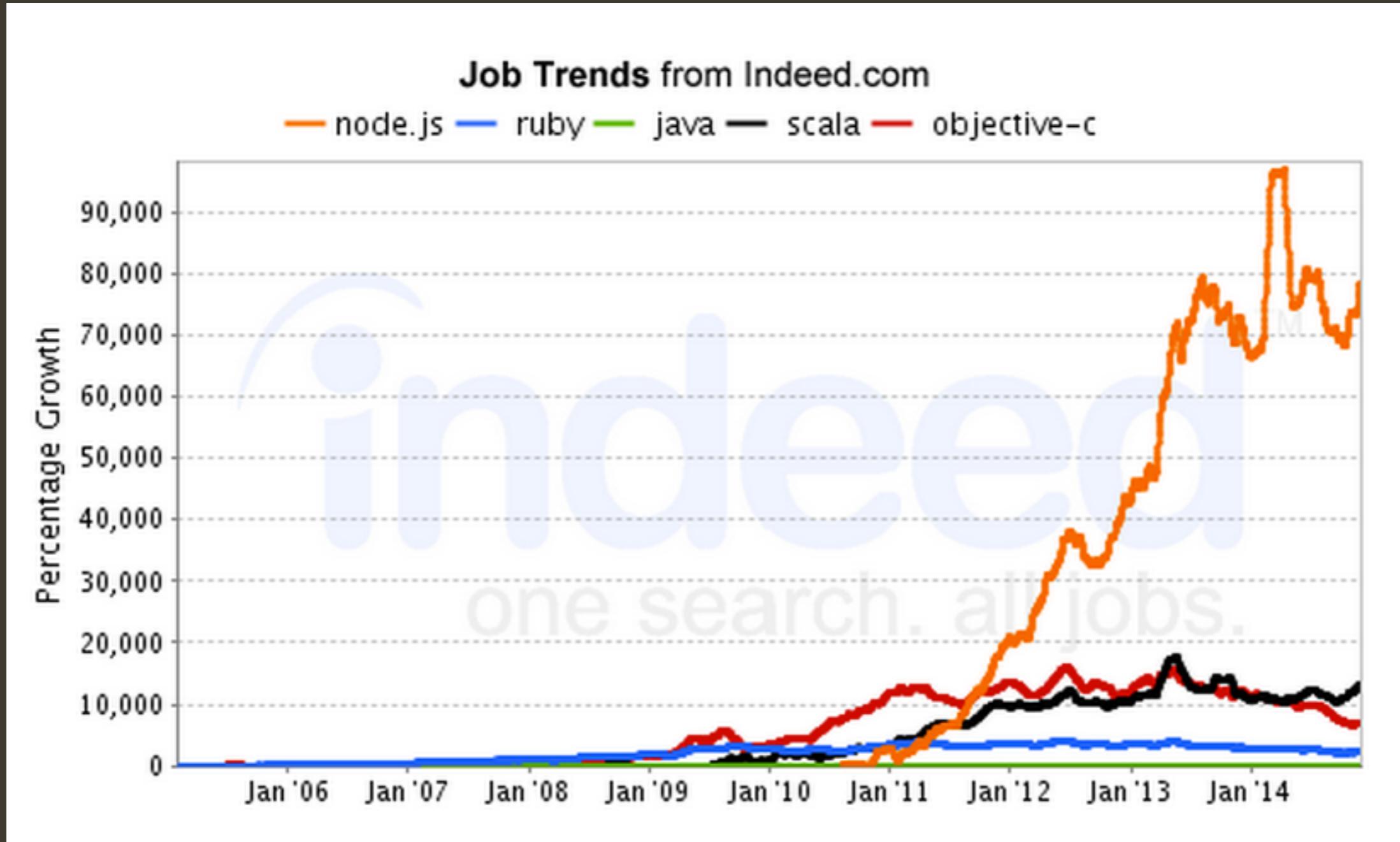
V8 IMPLEMENTS ECMASCRIPT AS SPECIFIED IN ECMA-262, 5TH EDITION, AND RUNS ON WINDOWS (XP OR NEWER), MAC OS X (10.5 OR NEWER), AND LINUX SYSTEMS THAT USE IA-32, X64, OR ARM PROCESSORS.

V8 CAN RUN STANDALONE, OR CAN BE EMBEDDED INTO ANY C++ APPLICATION.

Interest in Node.js over time



Also great for getting a job



Node.js in the Wild

Companies that use node.js right now



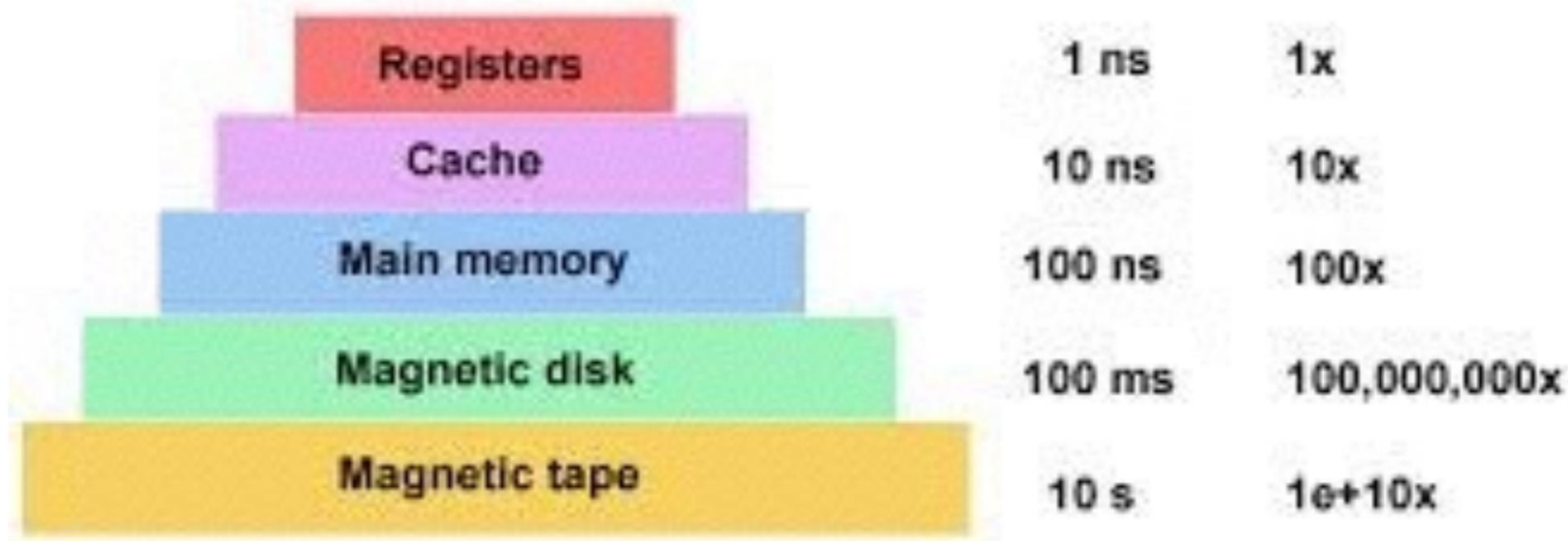
**non-blocking, evented I/O makes node
event-driven**

**non-blocking, evented I/O makes node
asynchronous**

**non-blocking, evented I/O makes node
fast**

UNDERSTANDING I/O

Memory Hierarchy



I/O Latency

Source: Ryan Dahl's 2008.11.08 node.js presentation

L1	3 cycles
L2	14 cycles
RAM	250 cycles
Disk	41,000,000
Network	240,000,000

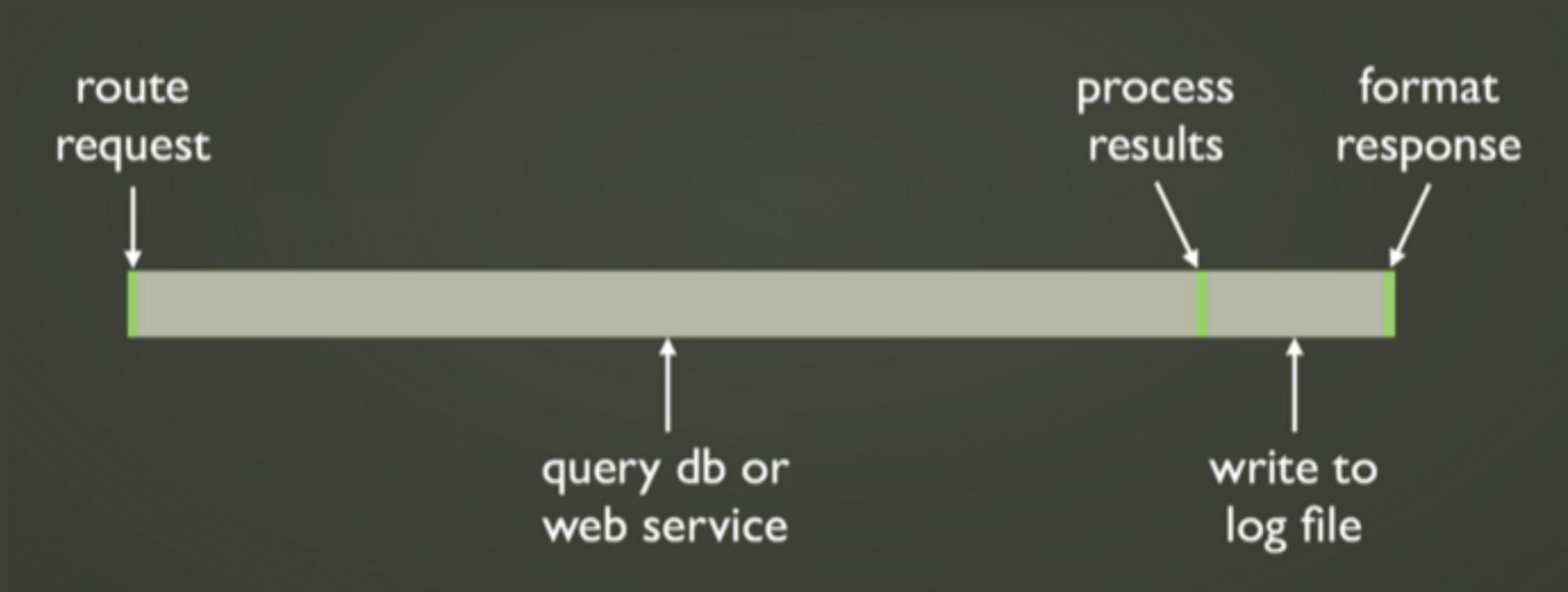


I/O Latency

	L2	RAM	Disk	Network
L1	5	83	13,666,666	80,000,000
L2		18	2,928,571	17,142,857
RAM			164,000	960,000
Disk				6

SERVING REQUESTS

lots of waiting time
lots of processing time



but on the web, response time is

What actually matters

a scalable server

handles requests fast

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handles lots of requests

Scale with Threads

Handles up to 4 concurrent requests

thread 1

thread 2

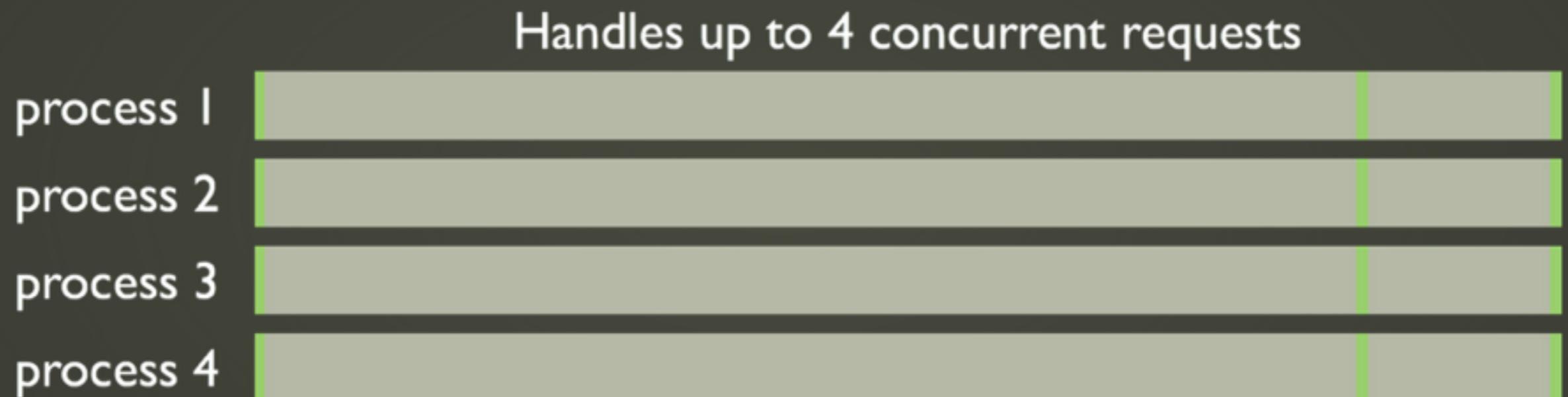
thread 3

thread 4



Context switching overhead
Execution stacks take up memory
Complicates concurrency

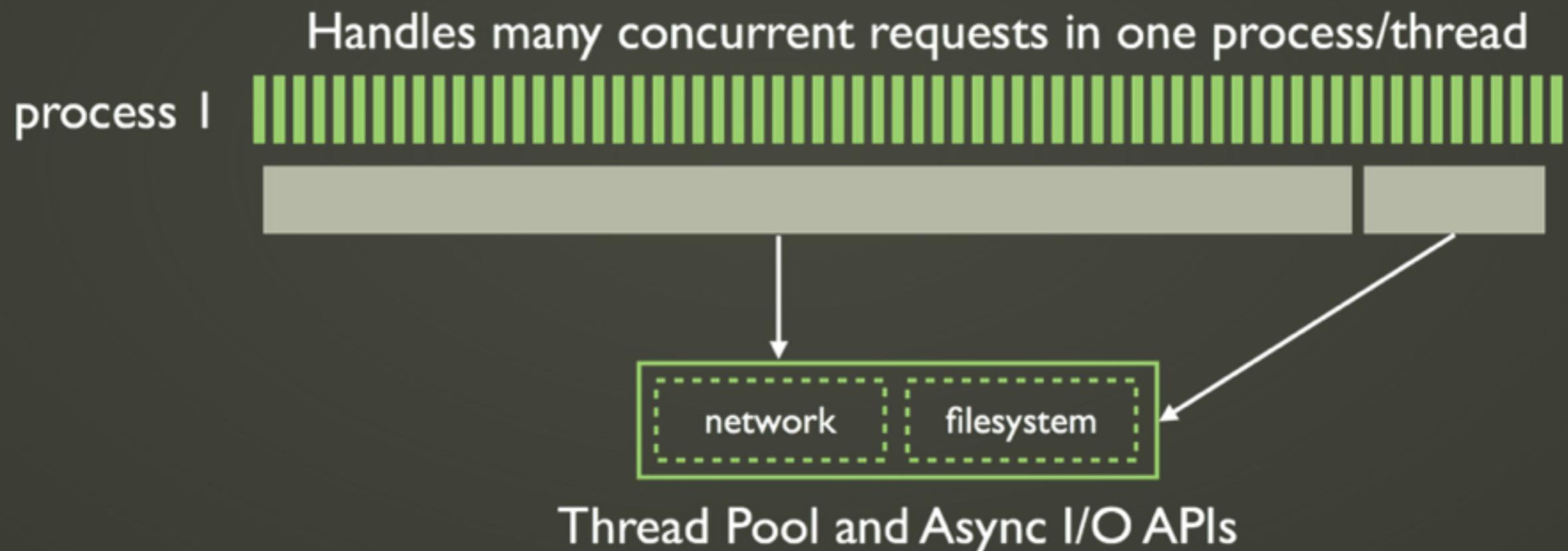
Scale with Processes



High memory usage
Process scheduling overhead

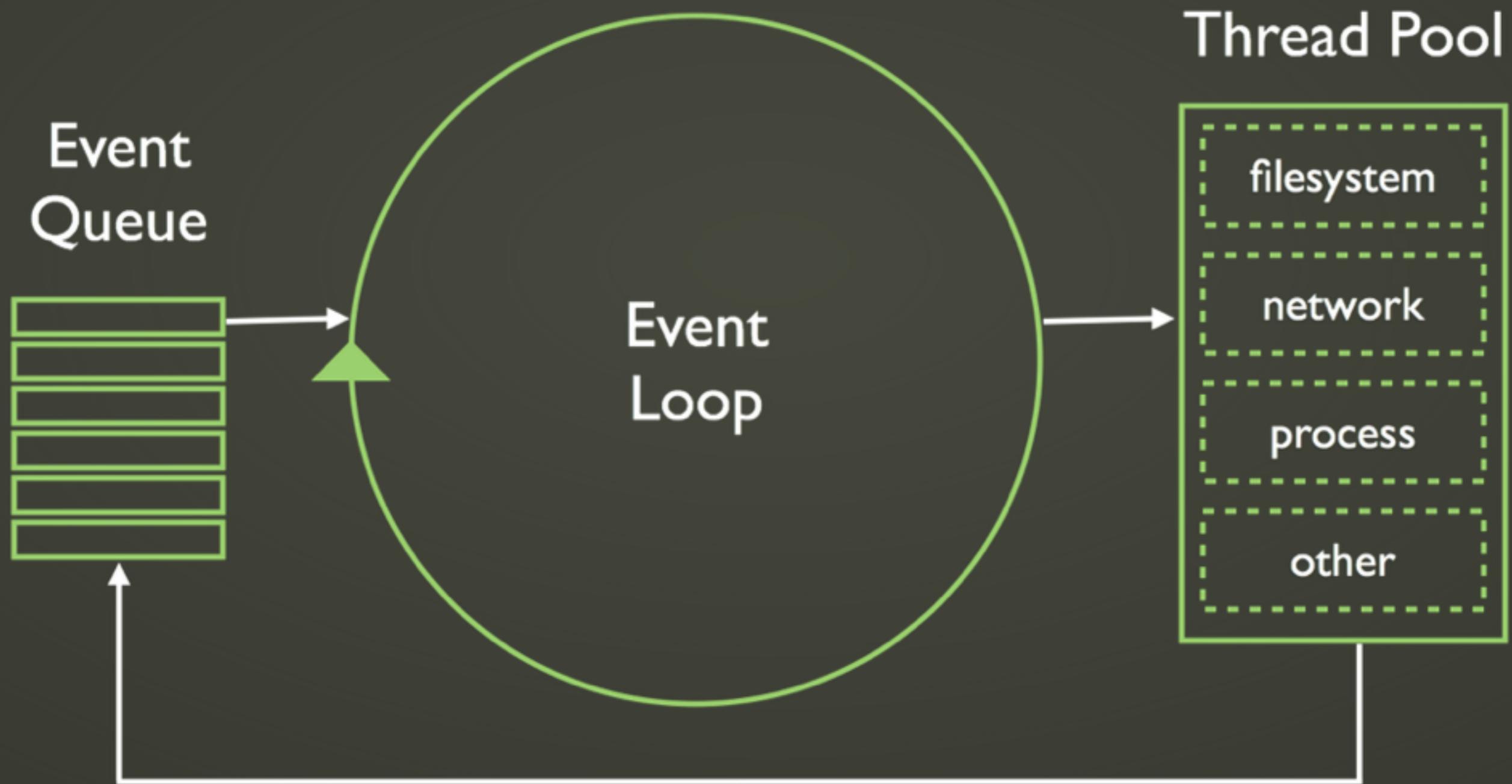
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Scale with Event Loop



THE EVENT LOOP

THIS IS THE EVENT LOOP



NODE IS SINGLE-THREADED

single thread



many threads



A photograph showing a massive traffic jam on a multi-lane highway. The road is completely filled with cars, stretching far into the distance. The perspective is from the back of a vehicle, looking down the line of traffic. The cars are of various colors and models, creating a dense, dark grey mass.

BLOCKING I/O

From the longest traffic jam in history:

<http://www.autoevolution.com/news/the-longest-traffic-jam-in-history-12-days-62-mile-long-47237.html>

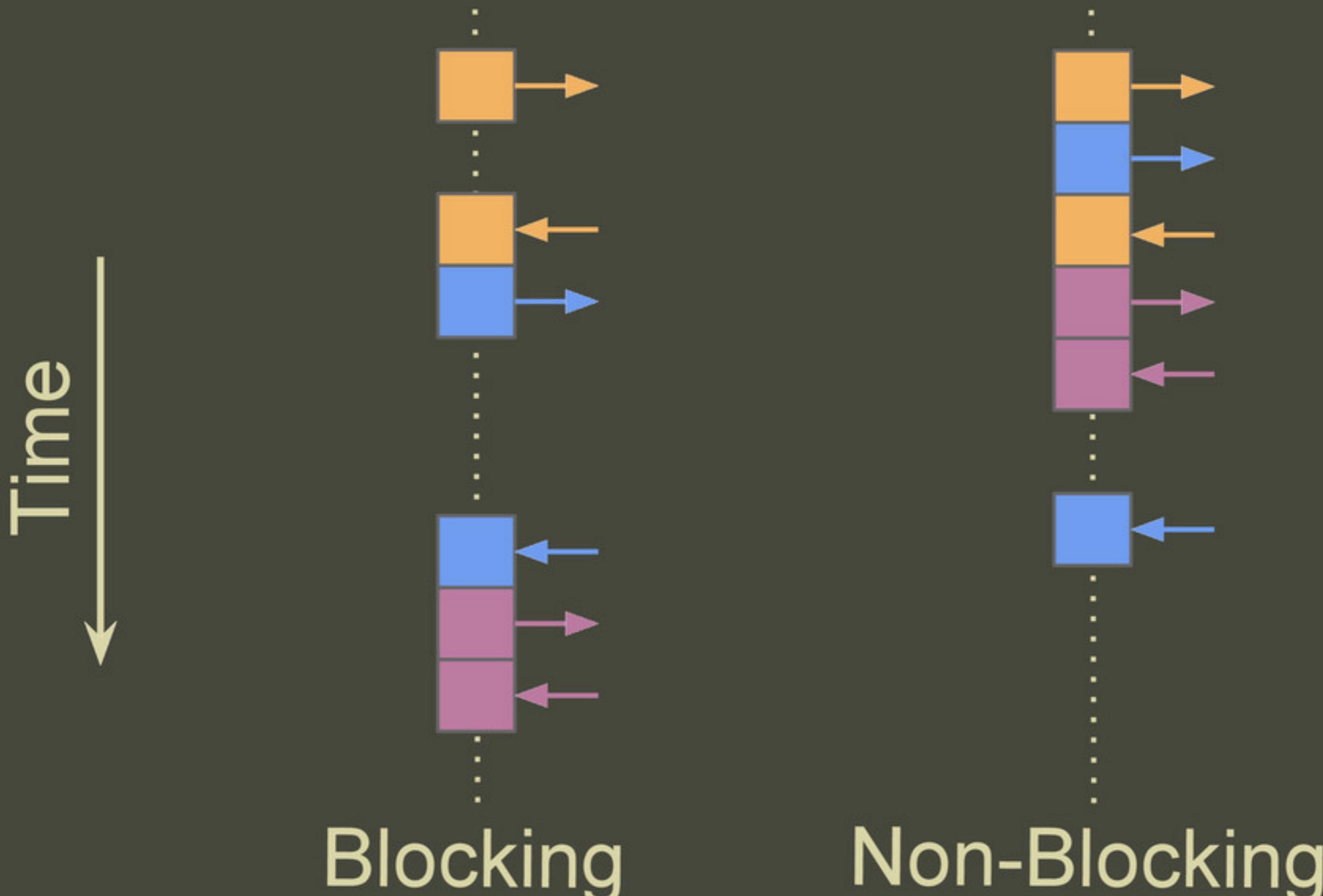
A man in a dark suit and tie is standing in a hallway, looking down at his smartphone. He has a serious expression. In the background, several other people are walking or standing, some carrying backpacks. The scene is set in what appears to be a school or office building.

BLOCKING I/O

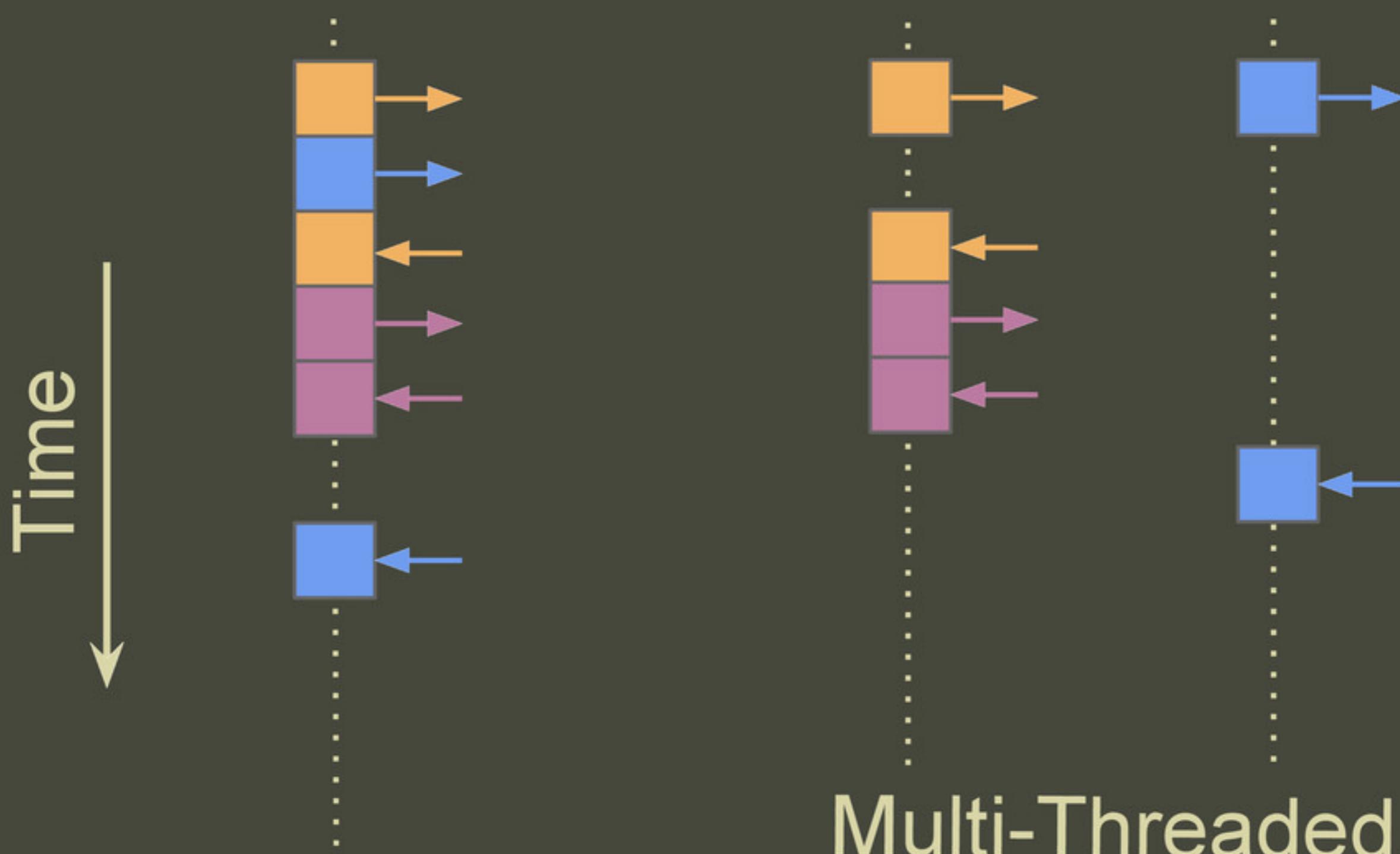


**BLOCKING I/O
IS BAD**

Single Thread, Non-Blocking



Single Thread, Non-Blocking



Non-Blocking

Multi-Threaded,
Blocking

Doing I/O:

```
1 $contents = file_get_contents("file.txt");
```

PHP

```
1 contents = File.read "file.txt"
```

Ruby

```
1 var contents = File.ReadAllText("file.txt");
```

C#

```
1 fs.readFile('file.txt', function (err, contents) {  
2   //do something useful with contents  
3 });
```

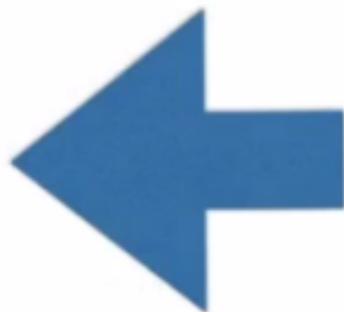
Node.JS

What's different about Node?

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“Do One Thing, and Do It Well”



Ken Thompson.
He's the one who said this.

UNIX®

Celebrating 40 years uptime

The UNIX Philosophy

- (i) Make each program do one thing well. To do a new job, build afresh rather than complicate old programs by adding new features.
- (ii) Expect the output of every program to become the input to another, as yet unknown, program. Don't clutter output with extraneous information. Avoid stringently columnar or binary input formats. Don't insist on interactive input.
- (iii) Design and build software, even operating systems, to be tried early, ideally within weeks. Don't hesitate to throw away the clumsy parts and rebuild them.
- (iv) Use tools in preference to unskilled help to lighten a programming task, even if you have to detour to build the tools and expect to throw some of them out after you've finished using them.

- Doug McIlroy

The Node Philosophy

- 1. Write modules that do one thing well. Write a new module rather than complicate an old one.**
- 2. Write modules that encourage composition rather than extension.**
- 3. Write modules that handle data Streams, because that is the universal interface.**
- 4. Write modules that are agnostic about the source of their input or the destination of their output.**
- 5. Write modules that solve a problem you know, so you can learn about the ones you don't.**
- 6. Write modules that are small. Iterate quickly. Refactor ruthlessly. Rewrite bravely.**
- 7. Write modules quickly, to meet your needs, with just a few tests for compliance. Avoid extensive specifications. Add a test for each bug you fix.**
- 8. Write modules for publication, even if you only use them privately. You will appreciate documentation in the future.**

DEPENDÊNCIAS



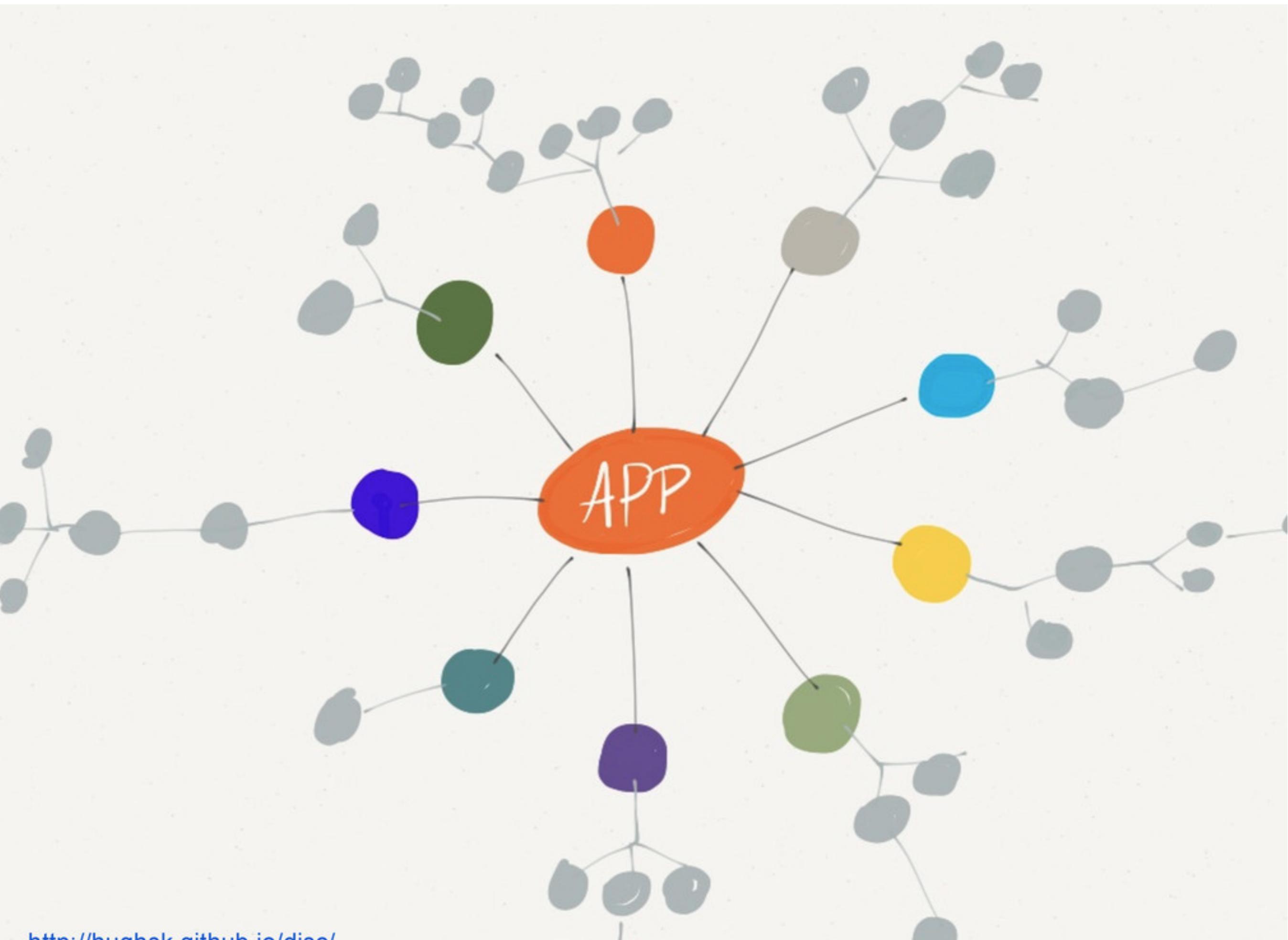
Party with npm



The screenshot shows the npm homepage. At the top left is the red npm logo. To its right is a search bar with the placeholder "Search Packages". Below the logo, the text "Node Packaged Modules" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Underneath this, "Total Packages: 24 298" is shown in a smaller, grey font. Below that, three download statistics are listed: "134 339 downloads in the last day", "6 209 201 downloads in the last week", and "23 576 003 downloads in the last month".

modules : node :: gems : ruby

lots of small, modular packages that
can be added to programs via require



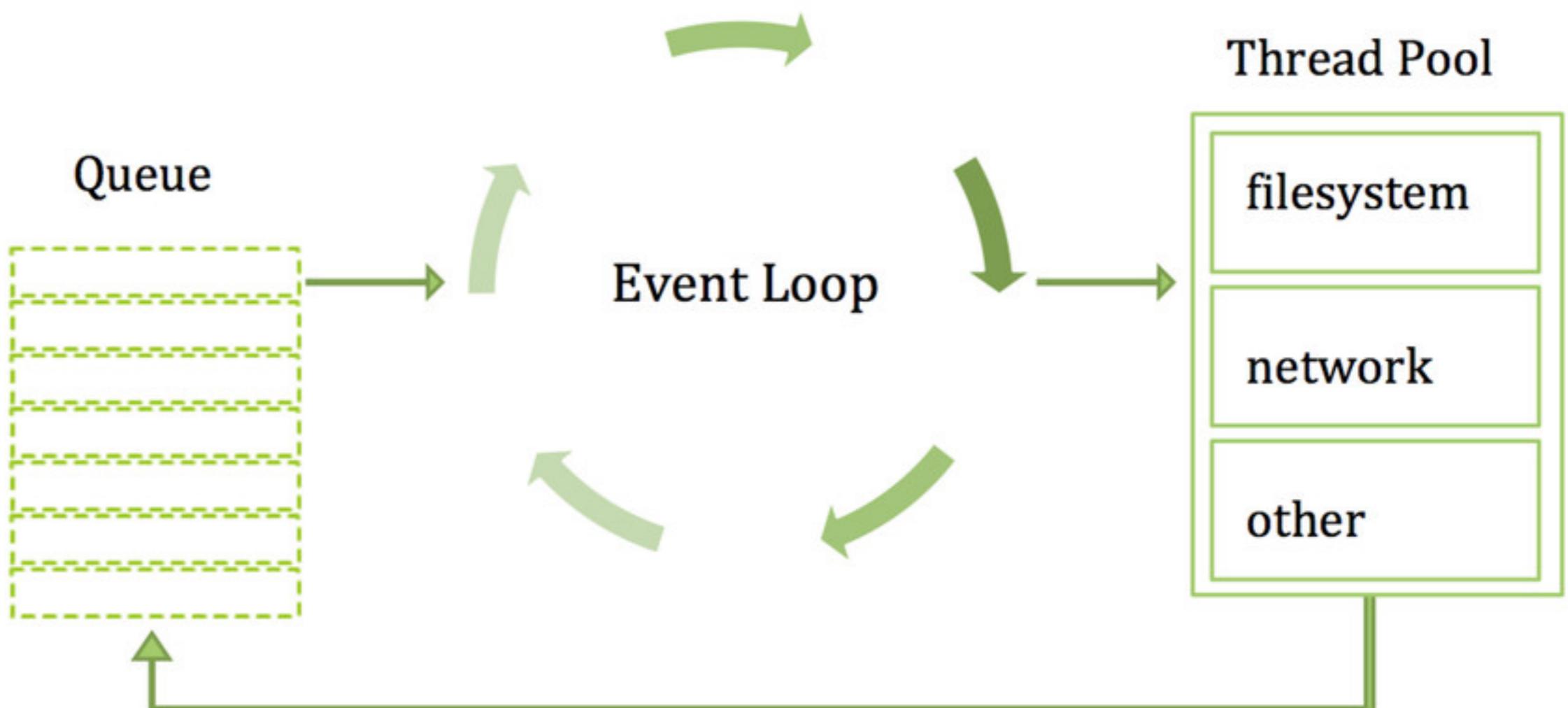
package management



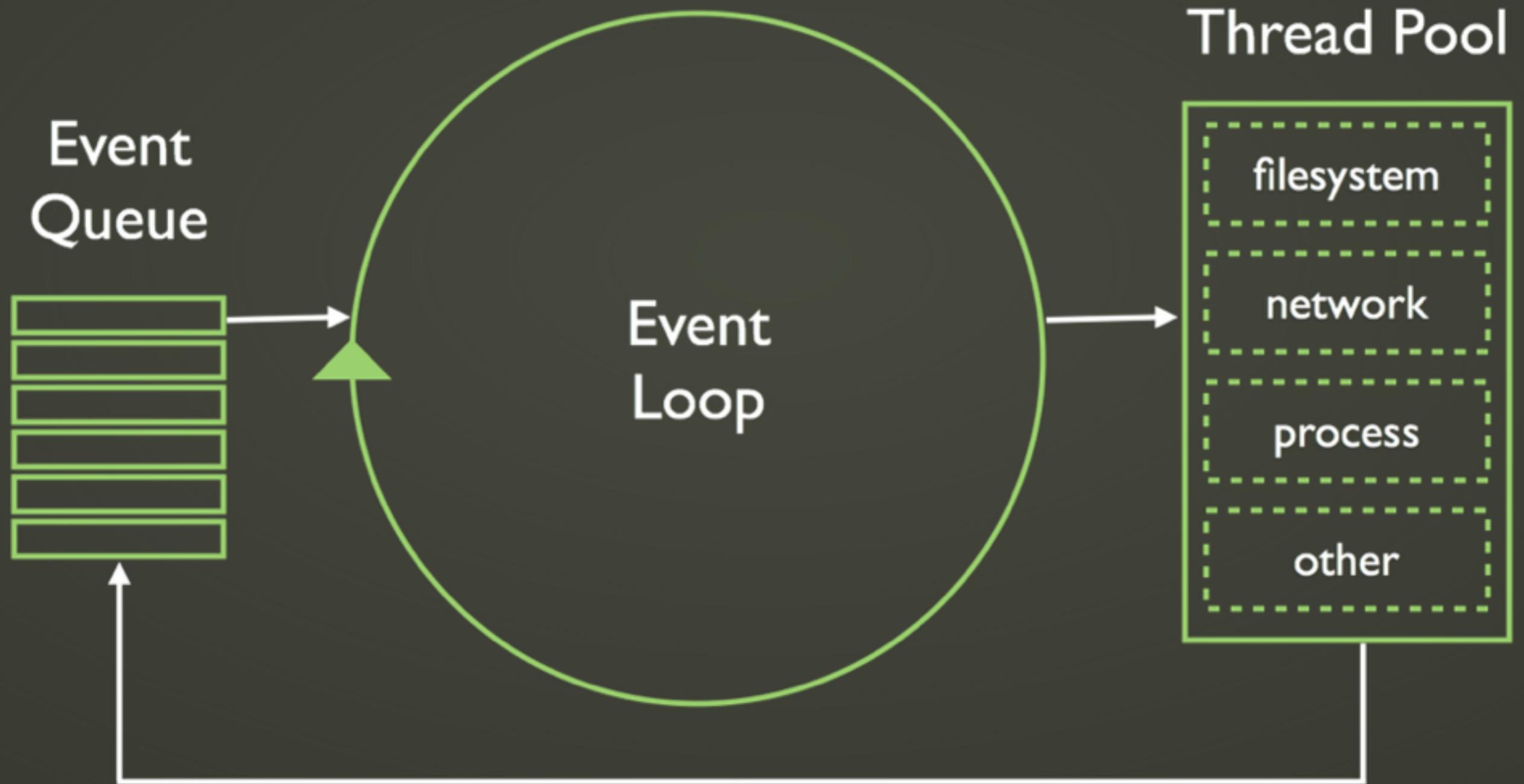
npmjs.org

package.json

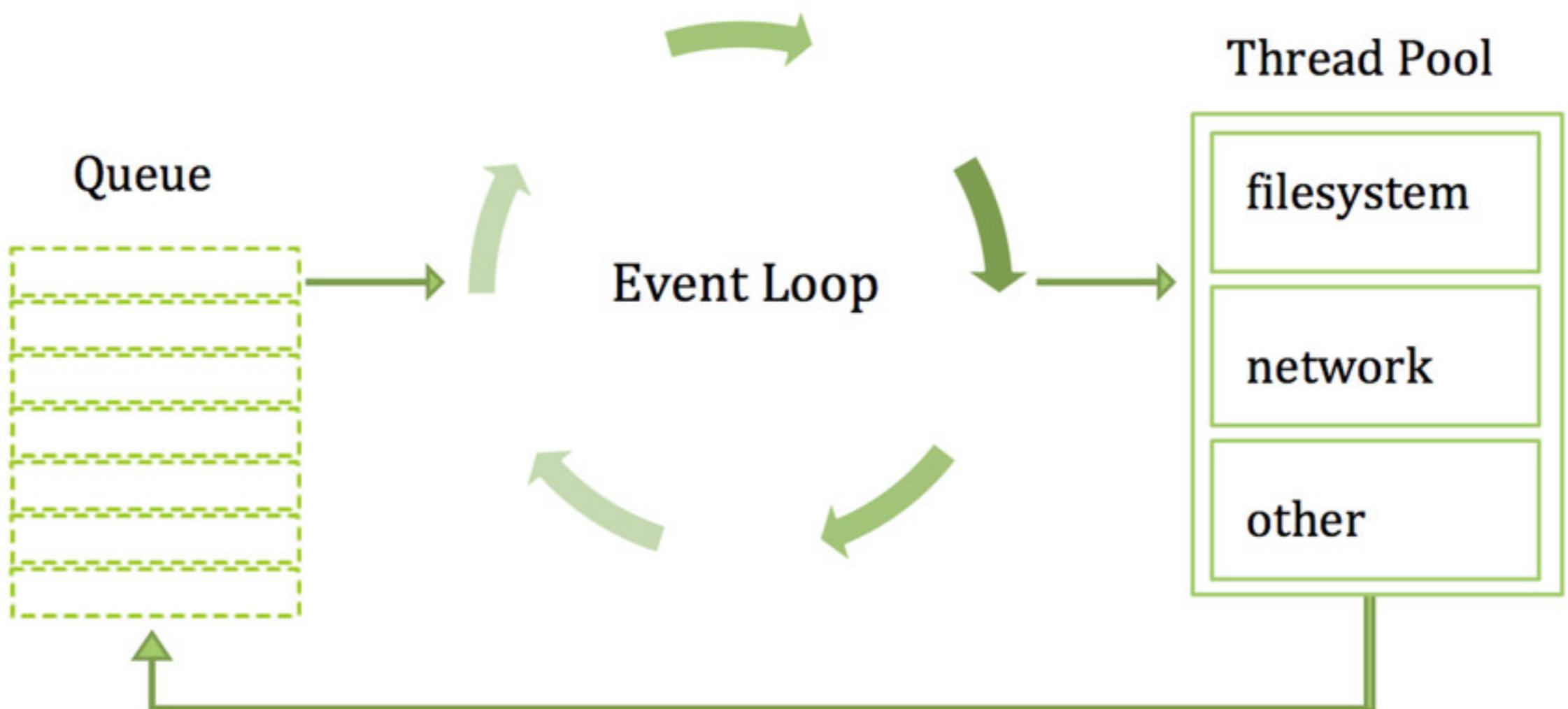
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