

# TensorFlow.js

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# Intro

**JavaScript™**

**belongs to Oracle**

**asyncio is faster  
than Node.js**

**Python is slower  
than Node.js**

**JavaScript sucks at  
linear**

**JavaScript no more**

**sucks at linalg**

**JavaScript even  
has autodiff now**



# TensorFlow.js

# Quick facts

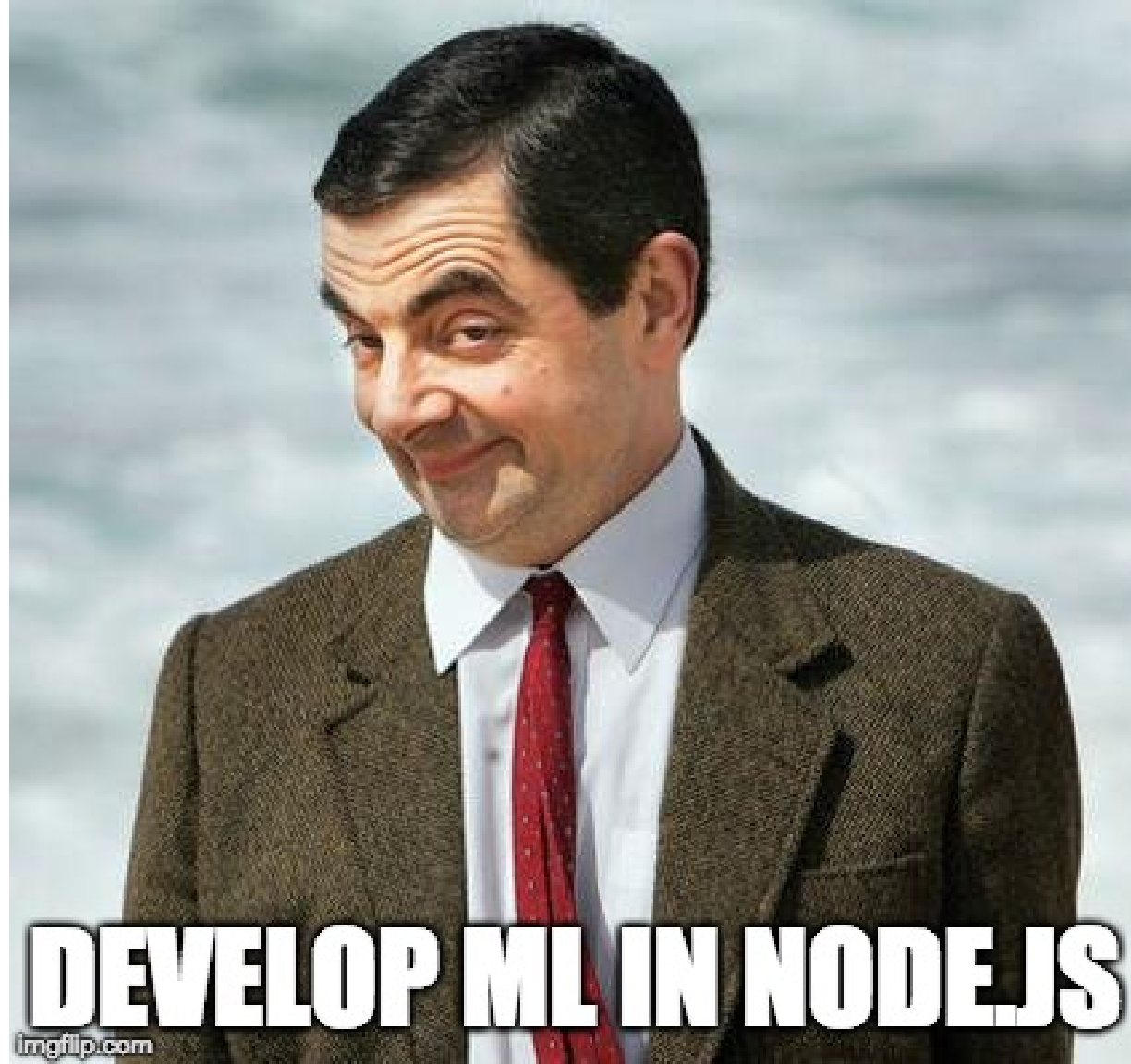
- Started in 2017 as deeplearn.js
- Rebranded in 2018
- Written in TypeScript
- ~10 developers from Google (Brain)

# Official features

- Develop ML in the Browser
- Run Existing models
- Retrain Existing models



**DEVELOP ML  
IN THE BROWSER**





**RUN EXISTING MODELS**

API levels { Core  
Keras

# Core API



# Core API

- Copied from Python; naming convention changed
- Eager-only
- A few quirks
  - There are API differences
  - No `tf.nn`
  - Semi-manual memory management
  - Models must be converted to a "web friendly" format

# Tensorflow model formats zoo

1. GraphDef = graph + [variable values - 2GB limit]
2. Checkpoint = variable values
3. Summary (aka Tensorboard) = GraphDef + key-value
4. MetaGraph = GraphDef + tags + i/o + Checkpoint
5. SavedModel = one or more MetaGraph-s
6. ModuleDef (aka Hub) = special SavedModel
7. Keras = hdf5 with arch and weights
8. 🌀 TensorFlow.js = GraphDef + JSON + sharded weights

# Execution modes

- Browser: WebGL backend
- Node.js: libtensorflow backend
- No device pinning/selection

# Semi-manual memory management

- There are various JS engines
- There are various GC implementations
- We allocate memory like 🐺 wolves

# Semi-manual memory management

```
01. const y = tf.tidy(() => {  
02.   const one = tf.scalar(1);  
03.   const a = tf.scalar(2);  
04.   const b = a.square();  
05.   console.log('numTensors (in tidy): ' + tf.memory().numTensors);  
06.   return b.add(one);  
07. });  
08. console.log('numTensors (outside tidy): ' + tf.memory().numTensors);  
09. y.print(); // y = 2 ^ 2 + 1
```

# TensorBuffer

- `tf.Tensor` is immutable
- `tf.TensorBuffer` is mutable
- No efficient `set()`

# Keras API

Keras is **not**

tf.keras



# Keras API

- `tf.layers` - do not confuse with Python's
- No CuDNN
- [RNN leaks](#)

**Live demo 1**

# Mobilenet v2

Load tfjs

# Examples

[github.com/tensorflow/tfjs-examples](https://github.com/tensorflow/tfjs-examples)

**Live demo 2**

# ijavascript

```
npm install ijavascript-await
```

- Node.js driver for Jupyter
- Deals with async/await
- Good integration into the notebook

# Summary

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- Much fun and easy
- Very early days
- PoCs work
- TensorFlow is getting even more complex inside



**BRACE YOURSELF ML PEOPLE**

**TFJS KIDDIES ARE COMING**

# Thank you

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