

Let's talk about browser rendering

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Why this subject?

USER EXPERIENCE

- Most display now run on 60fps devices
- For a smoother experience, display code (animation, processing) should be executed within
 10ms

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

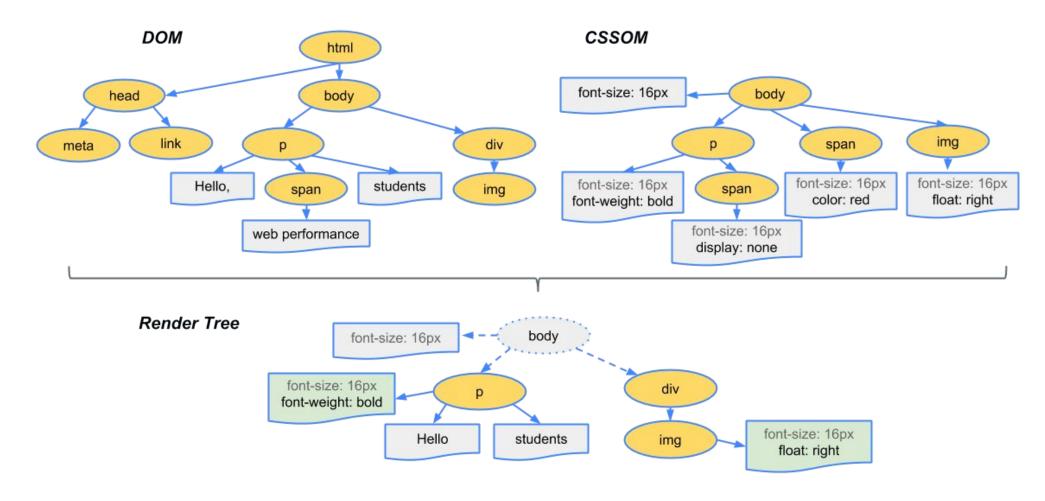
- Most users quit websites/apps whose displays take longer than 3s to update
- Browsers are so fast nowadays that developers forget to optimize their UI code

LET'S GET GREEN

- High RAM / Network usage comes with a cost
- Efficiency is our responsibility

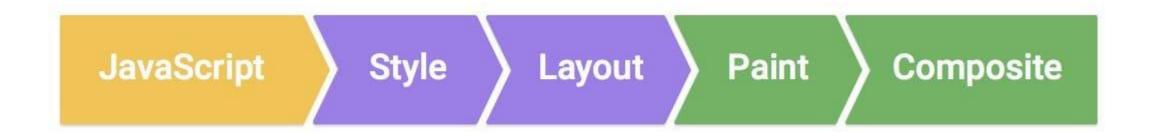


Basics - initial rendering





Basics - Pixels-to-screen pipeline





Basics - Threads

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function logBoxHeight() {
    box.classList.add('super-big');
    console.log(box.offsetHeight);
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Learn and use display:flex!

(play froggy)



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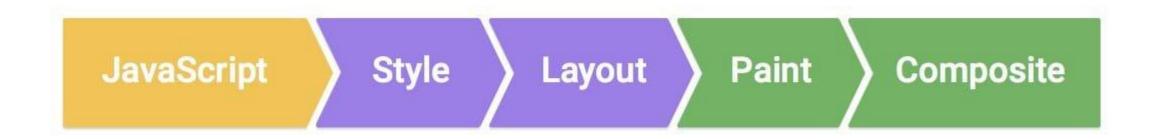
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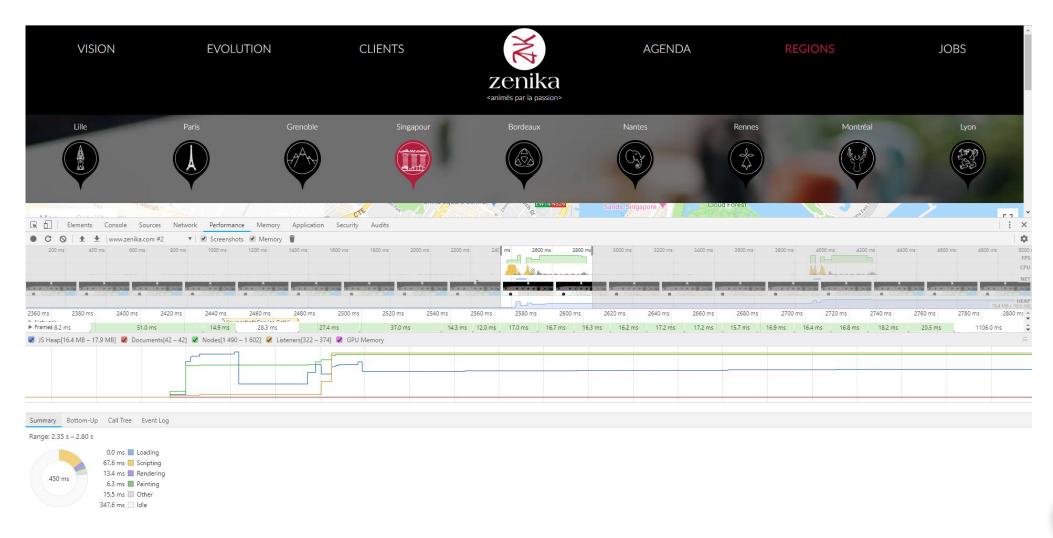
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```
.moving-element {
    will-change: transform;
}
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Tools - Chrome is fine





Tools - Lighthouse for quick overview

