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# **WebRTC**

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**Connections Lab**

**Spring 2022**

# Project 3

# Key Items

- Client-side + Server-side
- Ability to “connect” with other users (database or real-time)
- Client-side library (at least 1)
- Can continue on Project #1 or Project #2 or Something New
- Can collaborate with a partner



**WebRTC**

A **web** api that gives access to  
real-time communication (**RTC**)  
in a browser

# Key Details

- 3 channels of communication - video, audio, & data
- A "low level" api
- Once a peer connection is established, clients do NOT need a server to be an intermediary (i.e. peer to peer)

# **MediaStream**

Another web api that represents  
the actual media stream

# Key Methods

**getUserMedia( )**

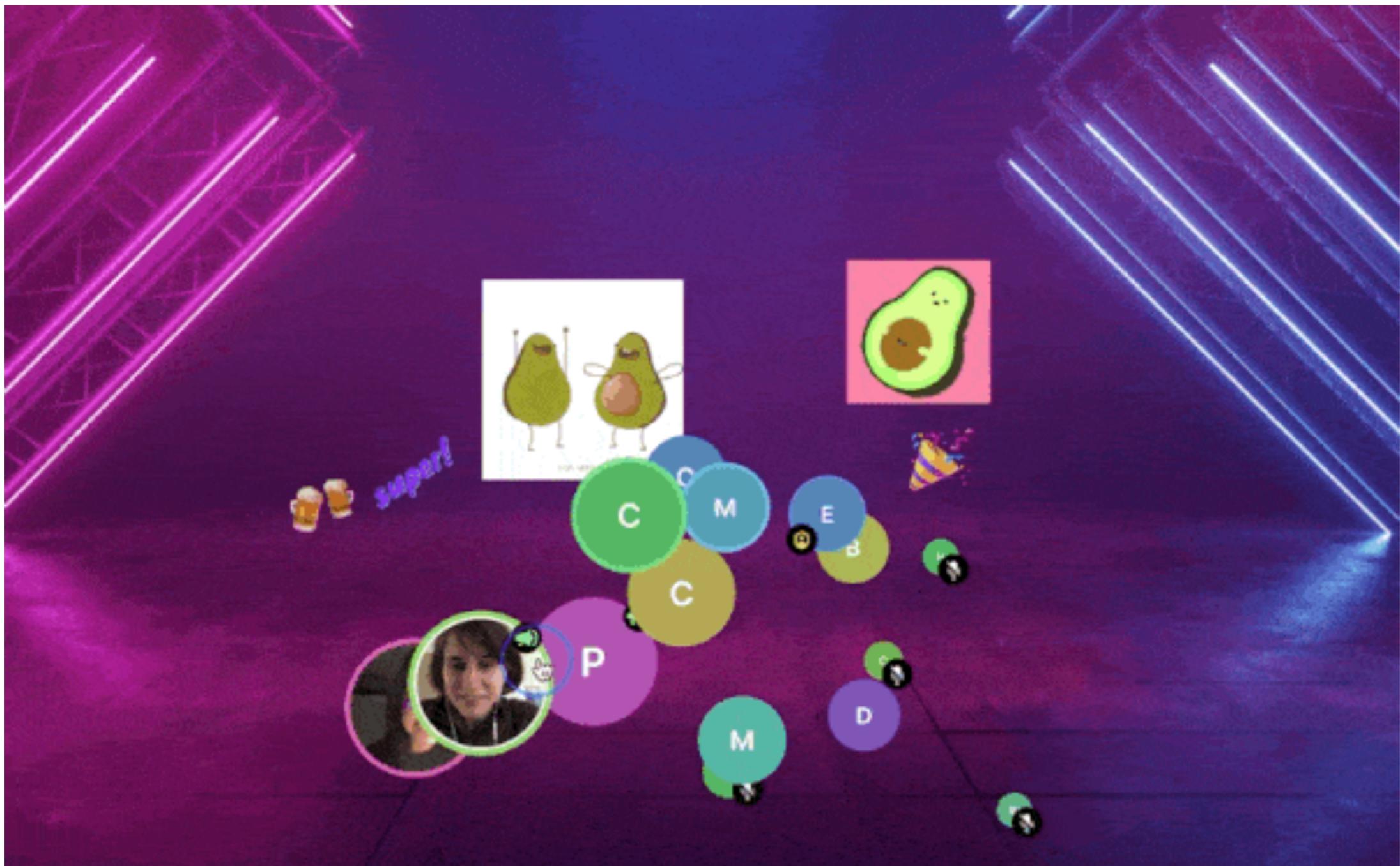
prompts for user permission to access webcam or mic

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navigator.mediaDevices.getUserMedia()
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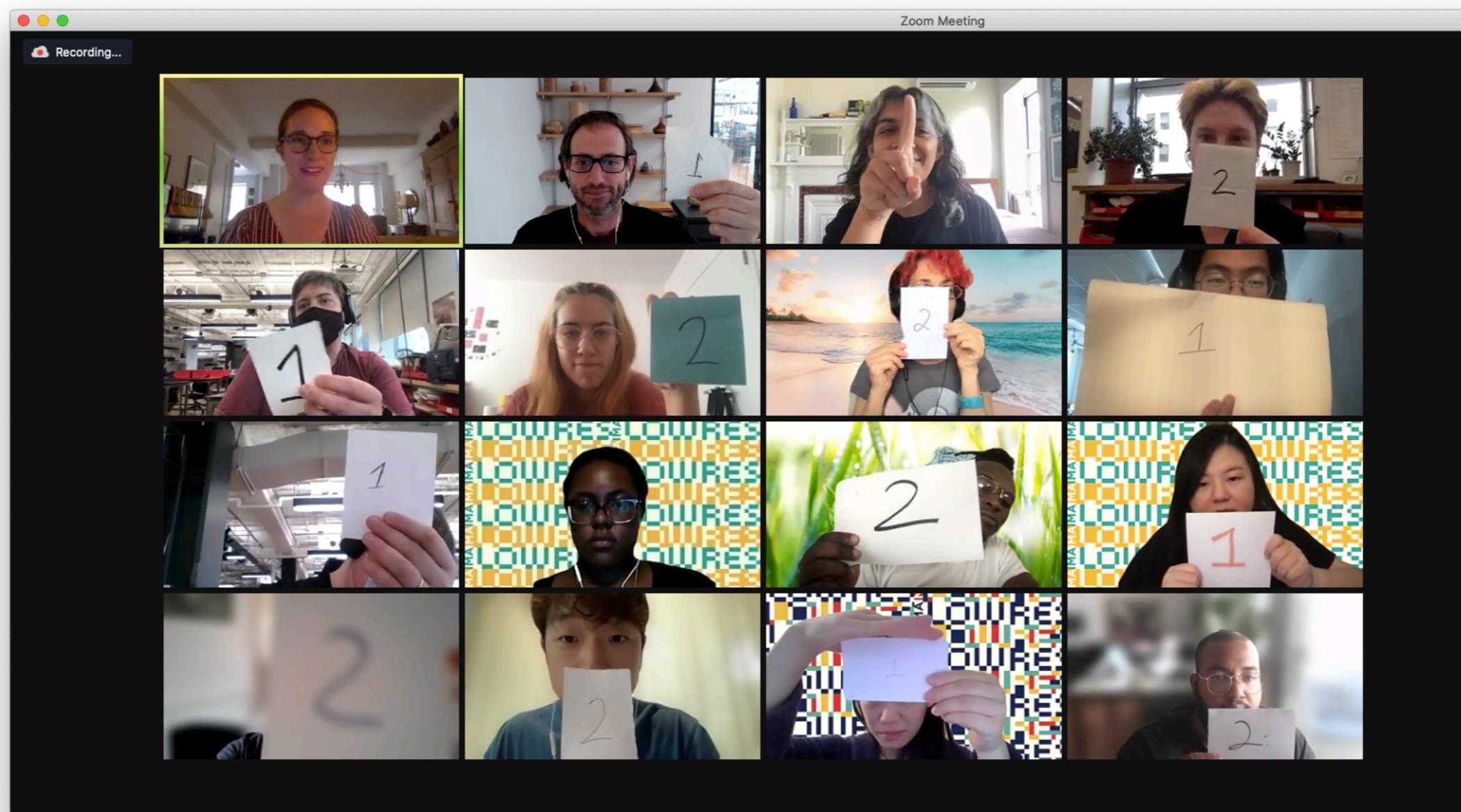
**captureStream( )**

real-time capture of the canvas (p5)

# **Examples**



 SpatialChat





# YORB



digital stage

# More WebRTC examples

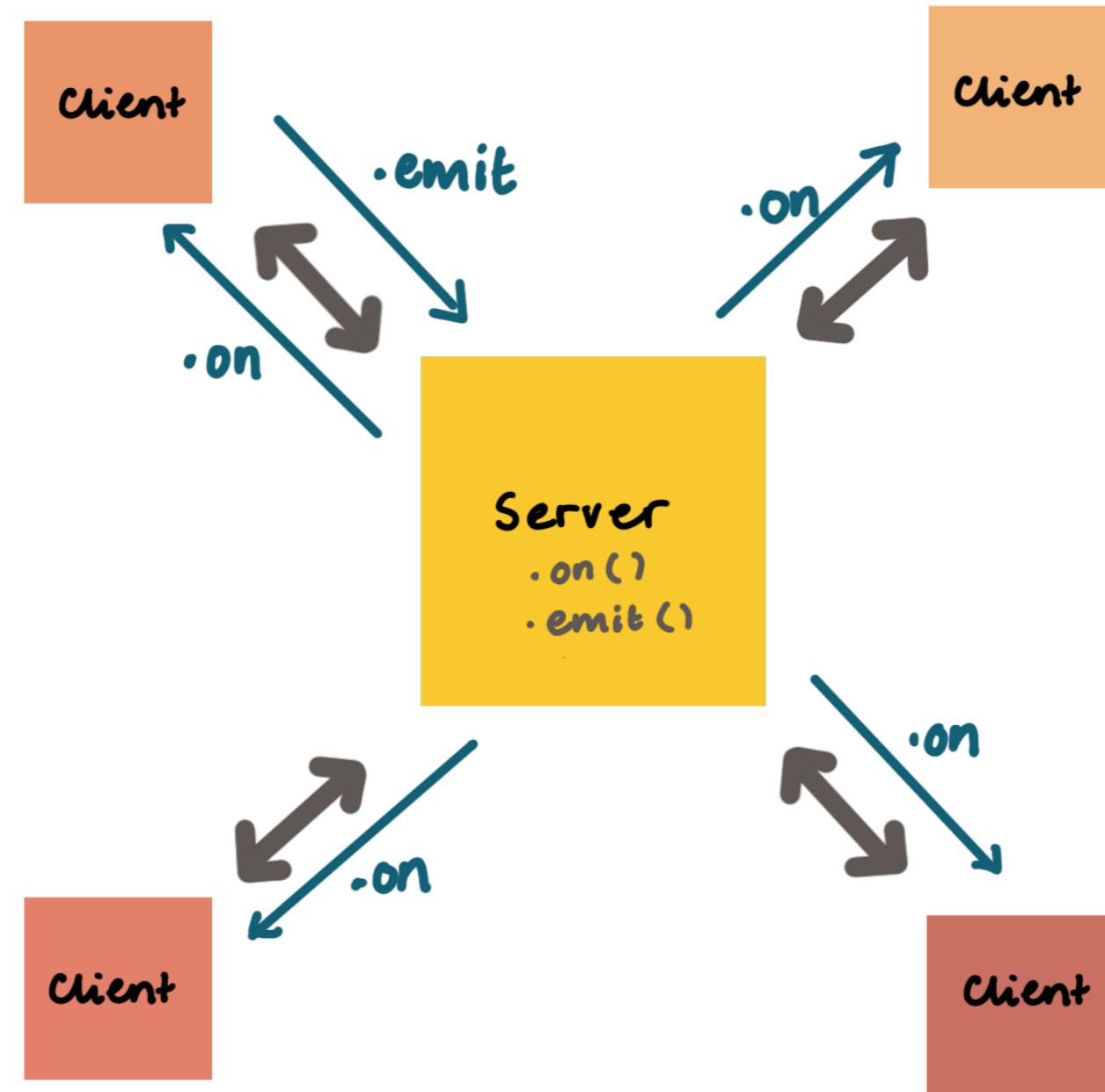
# **websockets vs webRTC**

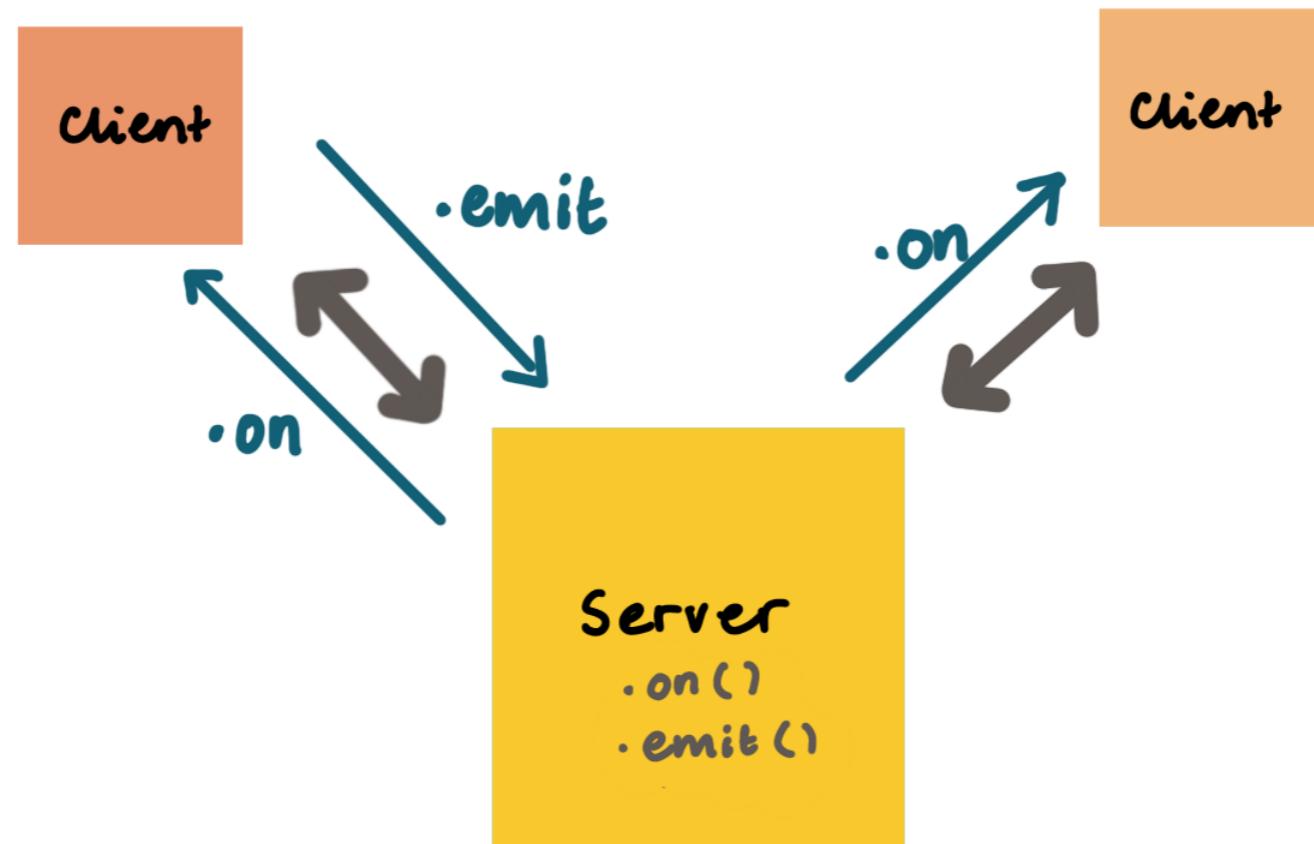
# websockets vs webRTC

ideal for two-way “text” exchanges  
data passes through centralized server  
example - social feed

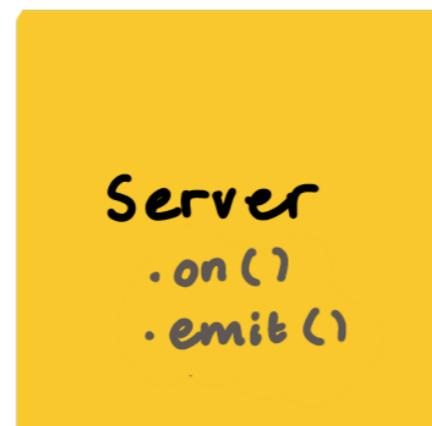
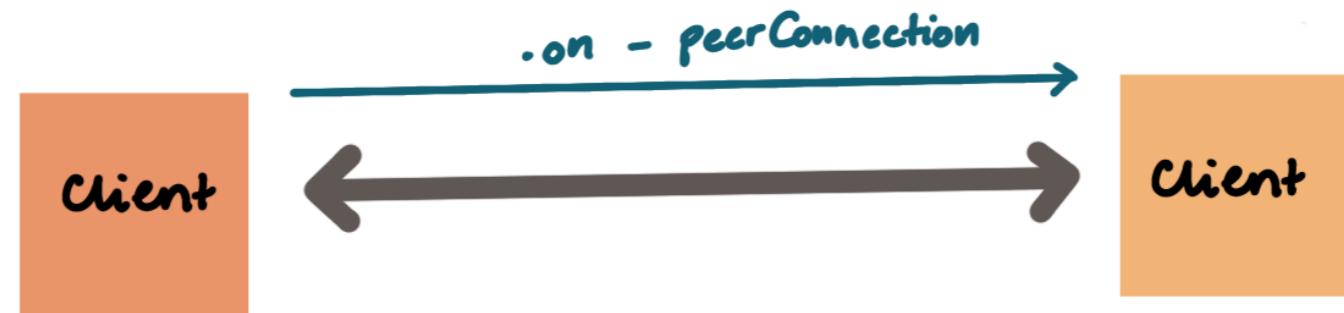
ideal for streaming audio and video  
data sent from peer to peer  
example - multi-media video chat

<b>Websockets</b>	<b>WebRTC</b>
Communication protocol	Communication protocol
Client-server-client	Peer-to-peer
Triggers	Real-time
Data	Video, audio, data





server uses `socket.io`  
to connect clients



server is no  
longer part of  
the communication

# Libraries

PeerJS

SimplePeer

p5LiveMedia

# Questions?