

DATA COLUMN 01.A

COURSE:
ADVANCED BACKEND
SYSTEMS

INSTRUCTOR:
PROFESSOR SOLO

OBJECTIVE:
CLIENT-SIDE SCRIPTING
>> SERVER-SIDE
ARCHITECTURE

STATUS:
INITIALIZING... ⚡
[FLASHING INDICATOR]



PROGRESS: 10% // LOADING CORE MODULES...



PROTOCOL: NODE.JS // DAY 01

NODE.JS FOUNDATIONS

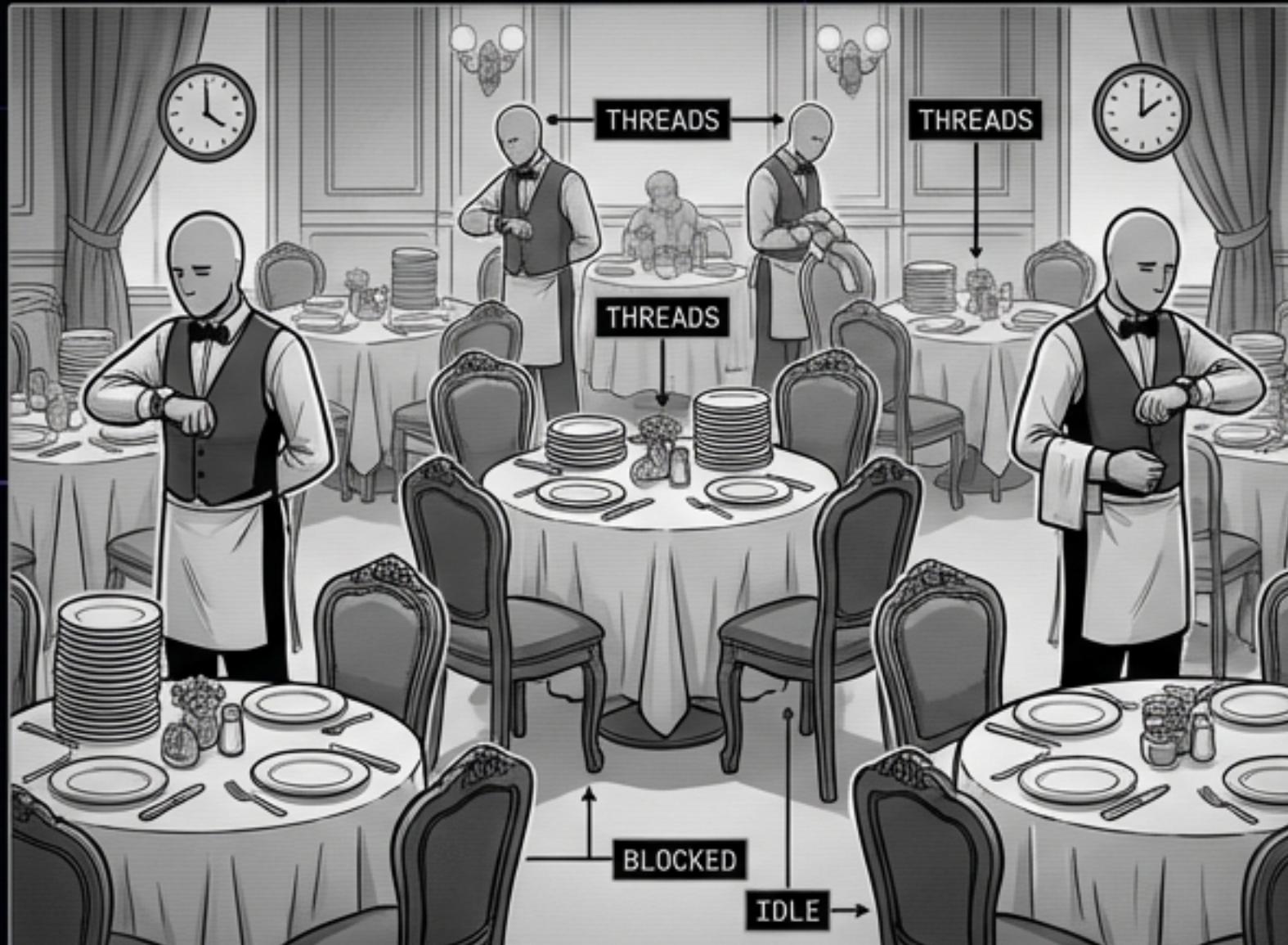
FIG 02.B // INSTRUCTOR AVATAR

Buckle up. We're leaving the browser sandbox. **No lifeguards** where we're going.



THE PROBLEM WITH THREADS (OR: WHY APACHE IS A SNOOZE)

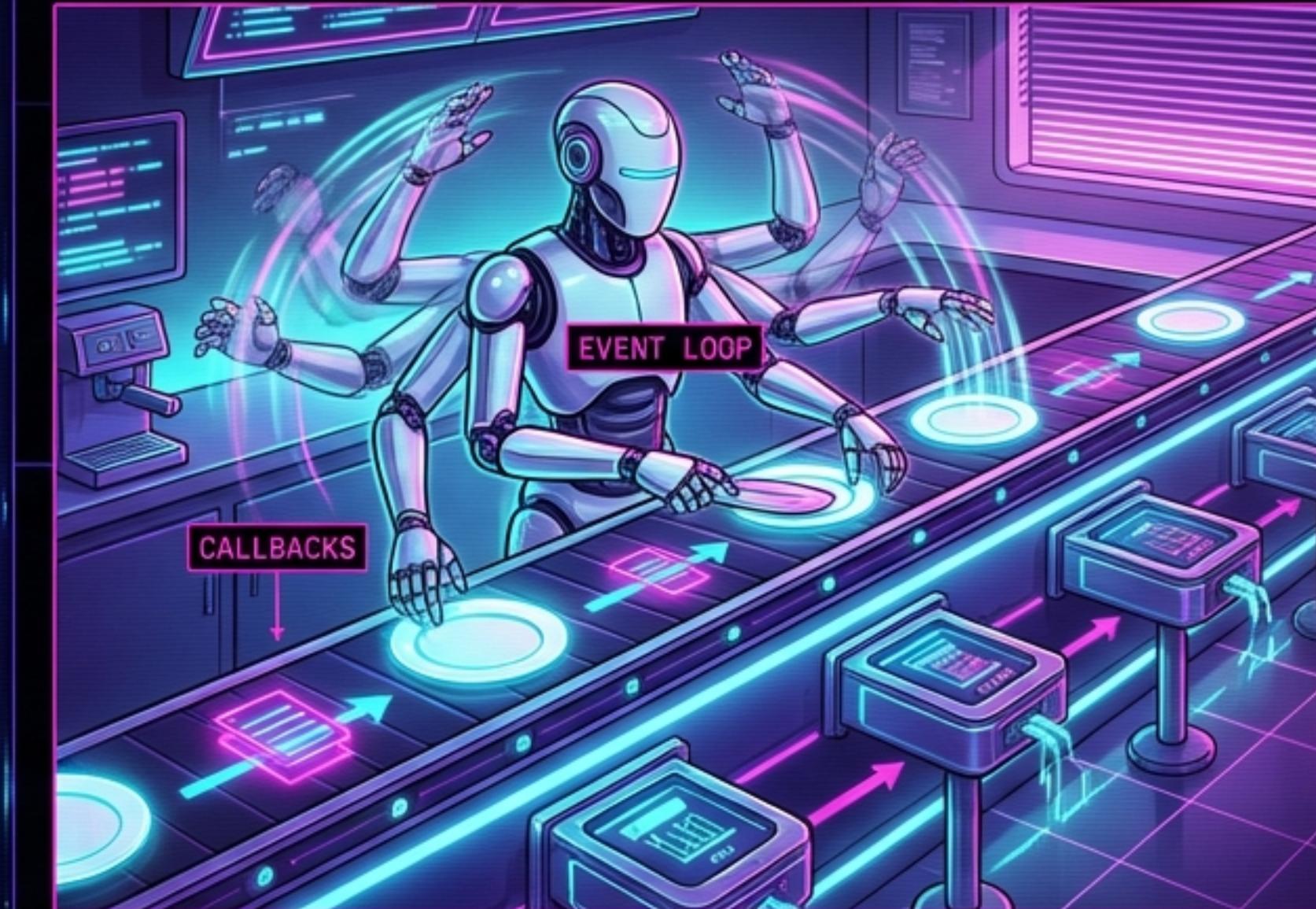
TRADITIONAL SERVERS: 1 REQUEST = 1 THREAD. BLOCKING I/O.



Waiters (Threads) are allocated one per customer (request). When a request waits for data (I/O), the entire thread halts, consuming resources without work. Inefficient at scale.

FIG 01.B // LEGACY ARCHITECTURE (DESATURATED)

NODE.JS: SINGLE THREAD. NON-BLOCKING I/O.



The single Event Loop handles all requests asynchronously. It delegates I/O tasks, then moves to the next request, processing callbacks only when data is ready. Maximizes throughput.

FIG 01.C // MODERN ASYNC FLOW (ACTIVE)

**ONE FAST COOK BEATS A THOUSAND IDLE WAITERS.
THROUGHPUT > RAW CALCULATION.**

The power of Node.js lies in handling concurrency efficiently, not in raw computational speed.

THE ENGINE ROOM: V8 & LIBUV

FIG 02.A // CORE ARCHITECTURE

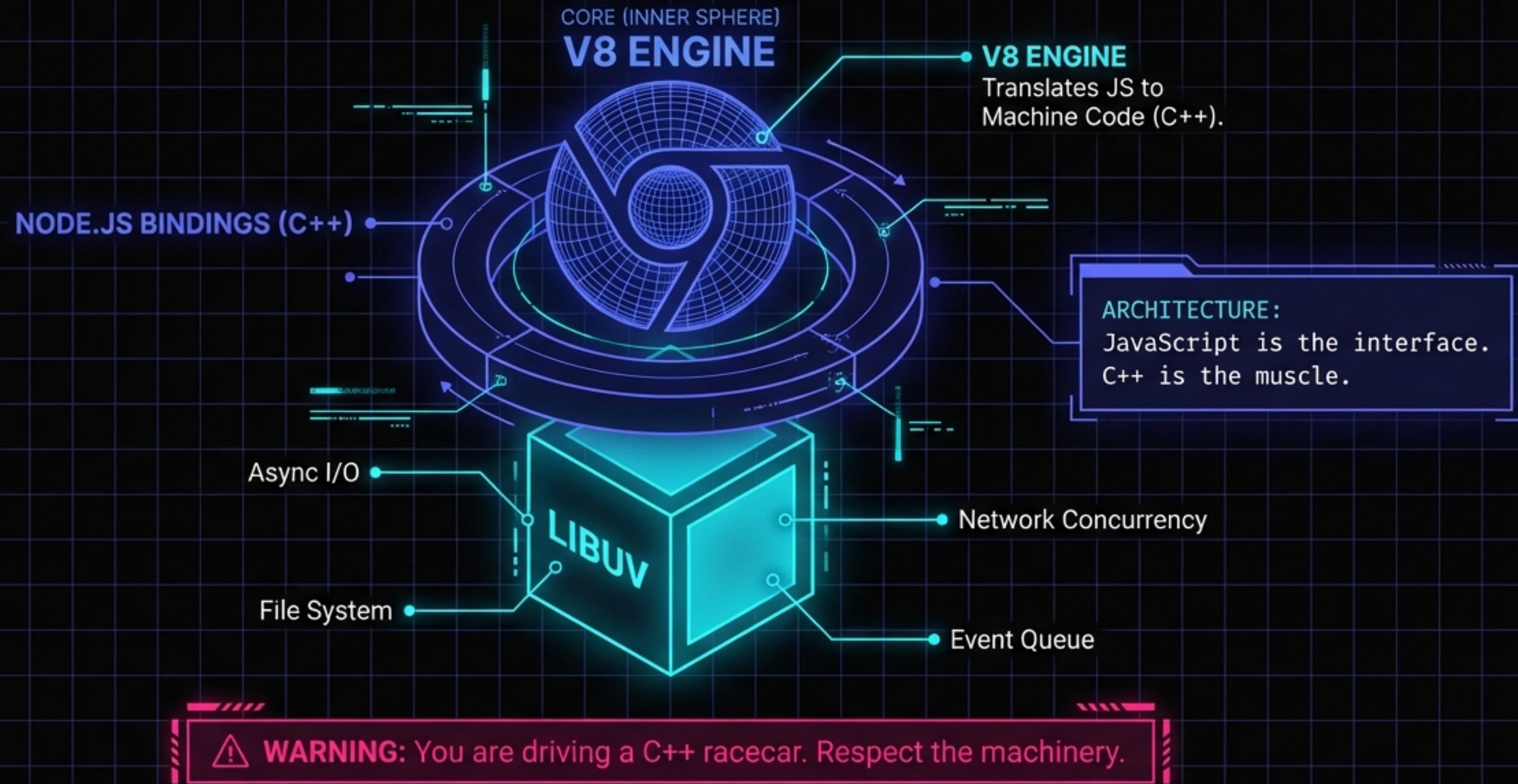


FIG 02.B // SYSTEM DIAGNOSTIC (ACTIVE)

STATUS: OPTIMIZED

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YOU ARE NOT IN KANSAS (THE BROWSER) ANYMORE

FIG 03.A // CHARACTER PROFILE: BROWSER

THE BROWSER
AKA: THE SANDBOX

STRENGTH: DOM Manipulation

WEAKNESS: No File Access

GLOBAL: window

STATUS: **LOCKED / SAFE**

FIG 03.B // CHARACTER PROFILE: NODE.JS

NODE.JS
AKA: THE CONSTRUCTION SITE

STRENGTH: Full System Access (FS, Network)

WEAKNESS: No DOM (No HTML)

GLOBAL: global

STATUS: **UNLOCKED / DANGEROUS**

⚠ STOP TRYING TO `document.getElementById`. THERE IS NO DOCUMENT. ONLY STREAMS. ⚠

FIG 03.C // SYSTEM ADVISORY (CRITICAL)

SITE VITALS & THE GLOBAL OBJECT

FIG 04.A // CENTRAL COMMAND

LOCATION DATA

```
__dirname: /usr/local/bin/project  
__filename: /usr/local/bin/project/app.js
```

IDENTITY

```
process.pid: 1024  
process.env: [SECRET KEYS HIDDEN]
```

CENTRAL COMMAND

```
global: [Object]  
setTimeout  
console  
Buffer  
process  
}
```



SECURITY ALERT

Use `process.env` for secrets. Never hardcode API keys.

FIG 04.A // SYSTEM REGULAR

STATUS: MONITORING

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IGNITION SEQUENCE: REPL VS. SCRIPT

REPL // SANDBOX MODE

```
> 124 * 8  
< 992  
> const x = 'temp'  
> // Session lost on exit
```

Like Snapchat. Once you close it, it's gone.

FIG 05.A

SCRIPT // PRODUCTION MODE

```
$ node --watch app.js  
[INFO] Restarting...  
[SUCCESS] App running.
```

Permanent Record.
Auto-restarts on save.

FIG 05.B

FIG 05.C // SYSTEM INITIALIZATION (READY)

STANDARD ISSUE GEAR (CORE MODULES)



File System
R/W

Create
Servers

System
Diagnostics

Normalize Paths
(Win/Mac)

FACTORY SETTINGS: Baked into the binary.
No download required.

Usage: `const fs = require('fs');`

THE CIVIL WAR: COMMONJS VS. ES MODULES

CJS (COMMONJS)

```
const data = require('./data');
```

- > Synchronous
- > Legacy Standard
- > Dynamic Loading

SYSTEM CLASH DETECTED



FIG 07.A

ESM (ES MODULES)

```
import data from './data.js';
```

- > Asynchronous
- > Modern Standard
- > Static Analysis

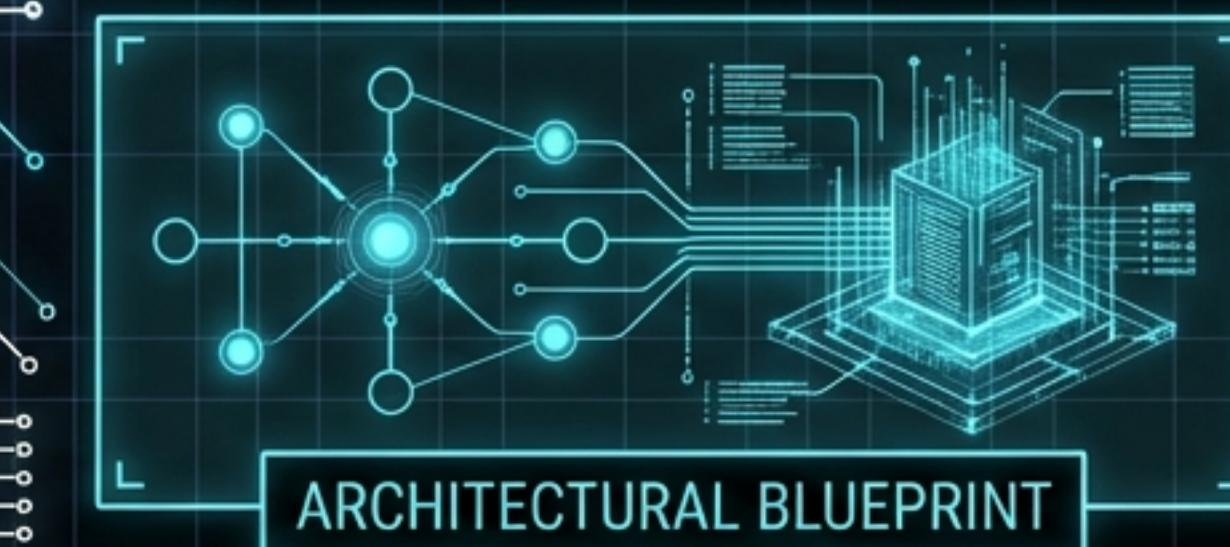


FIG 07.B

SYSTEM: CLASH DETECTED

RULE: New projects use ESM ("type": 'module'). Don't mix `require()` into ESM.



STATUS: CRITICAL PATH ANALYSIS

SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS (NPM)

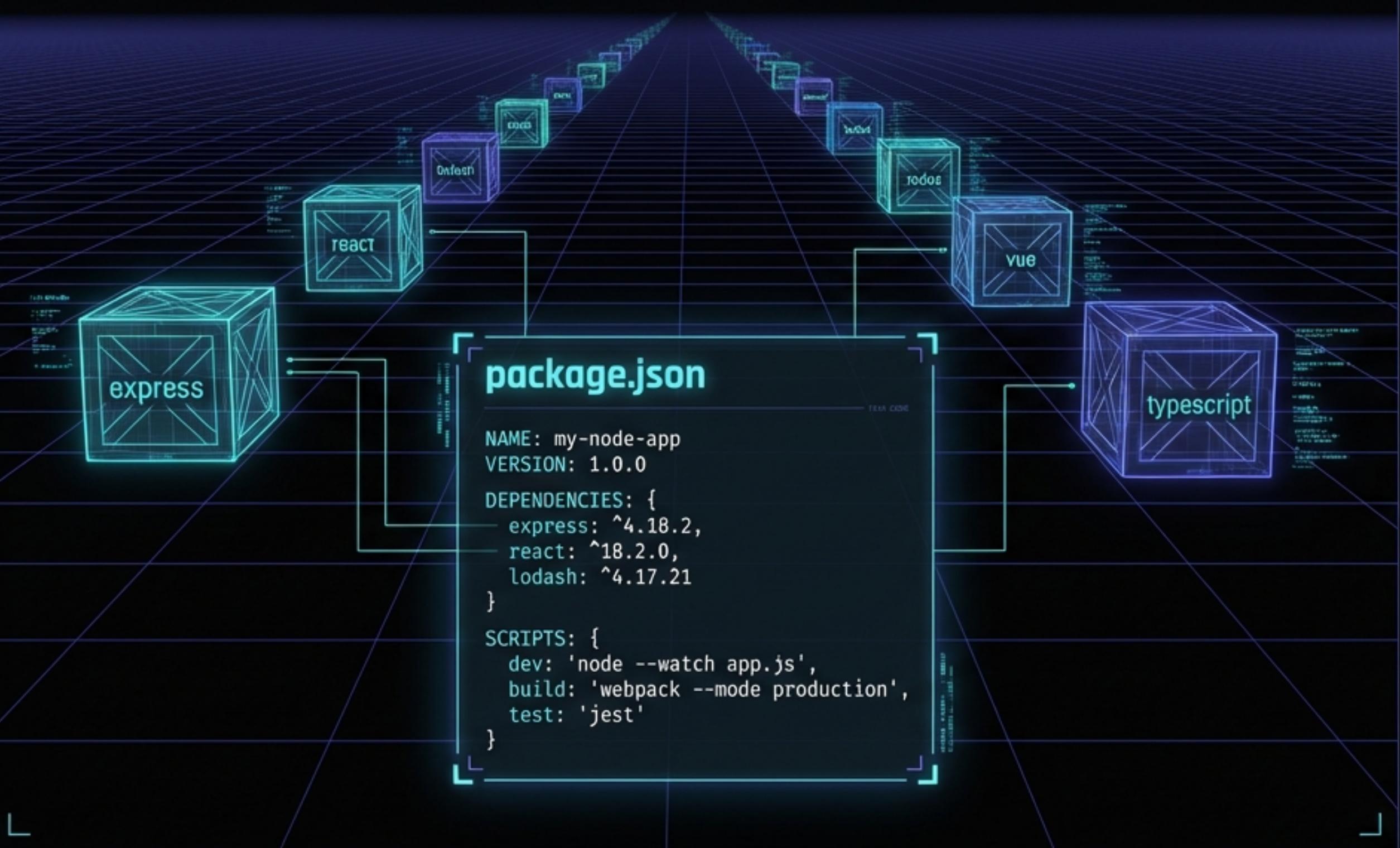


FIG 08.B

NPM INIT

The interview to create the manifest. Generates package.json through interactive prompts or default settings.

```
npm init -y
```

FIG 08.C

NPM INSTALL

The command to fill the warehouse. Downloads dependencies from the registry and stores them in node_modules.

```
npm install express
```

FIG 08.D

NPM RUN

The automation trigger. Executes scripts defined in the manifest, such as development servers, build processes, or tests.

```
npm run dev
```

BREAKING THE GLASS: THE FILE SYSTEM

HIGH-FIDELITY TECHNICAL NOTES

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Use **.promises** to
avoid **Callback Hell**.

```
const fs = require('fs').promises;

async function readManifest() {
  try {
    const data = await fs.readFile('./secret.txt', 'utf-8');
    console.log('Manifest Decoded:', data);
  } catch (err) {
    console.error('Access Denied:', err);
  }
}

readManifest();
```

Async/Await handles
the non-blocking I/O.

Always handle errors.
Don't crash silently.

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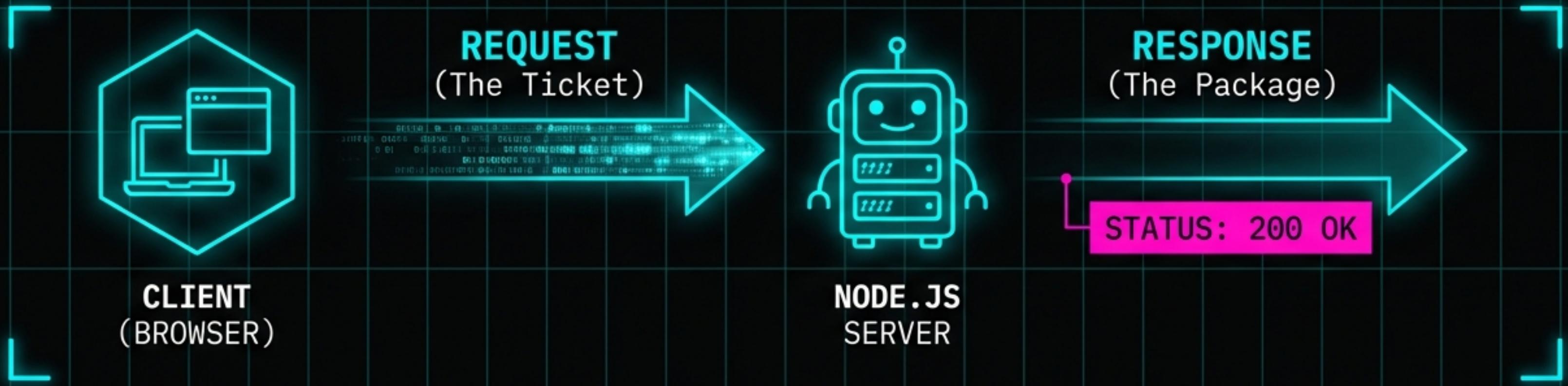
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FIG 10.A // REQUEST/RESPONSE CYCLE

HELLO WORLD? NO. HELLO SERVER.



REQ (Request)

Incoming URL,
Headers.

RES (Response)

Outgoing Body,
Status Code.

RULE

Always call `res.end()`
or the browser spins forever.

SYSTEM: NODE.JS SERVER ONLINE

STATUS: CYCLE OPERATIONAL

THE BLUEPRINT: YOUR FIRST API

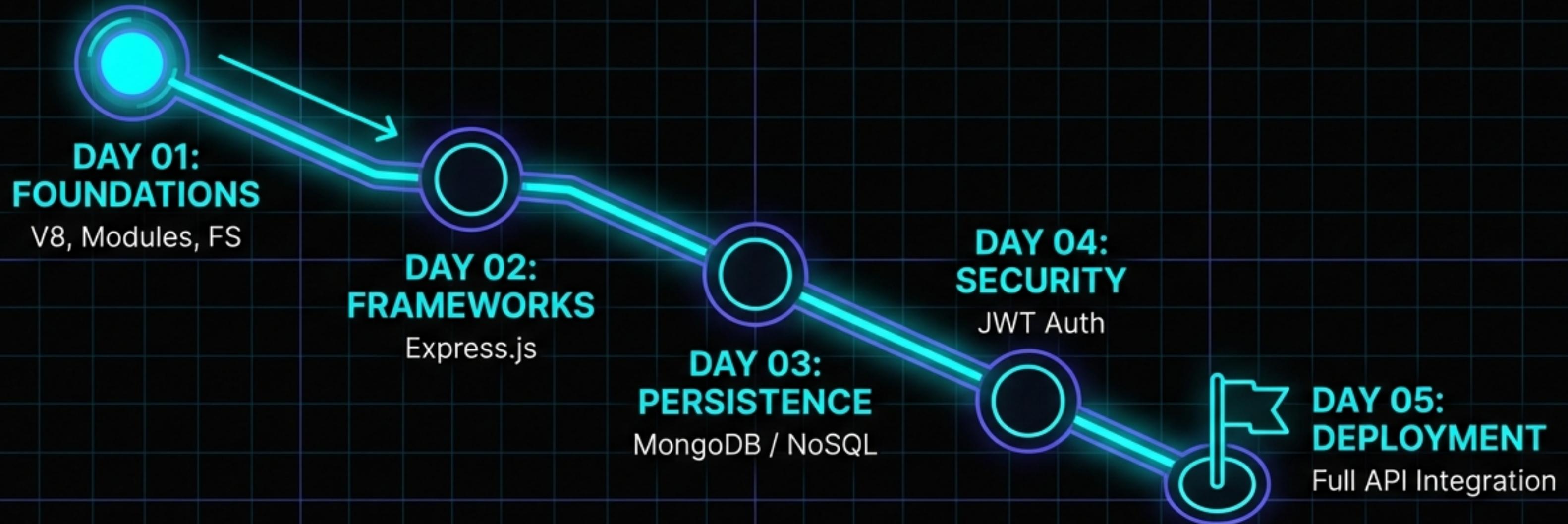
```
import http from 'node:http';

const server = http.createServer((req, res) => {
  if (req.url === '/') {
    res.writeHead(200, { 'Content-Type': 'text/plain' });
    res.end('System Online: Node.js is active.');
  } else {
    res.writeHead(404);
    res.end('404: Sector Not Found');
  }
});

server.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log('Server listening on port 3000...');
});
```

CORE PATTERN:
Every framework
(Express, Nest)
is just a wrapper
around this raw
HTTP module.

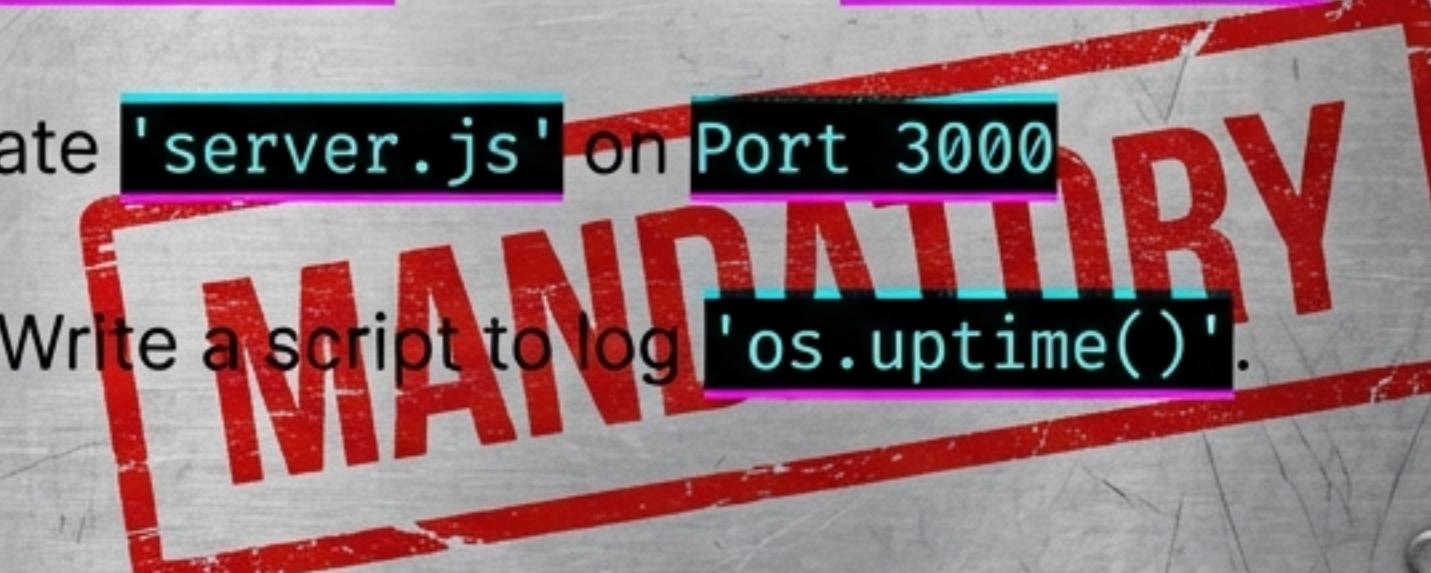
THE MISSION TRAJECTORY



It gets harder before it gets easier. Trust the process.

SHOW WHAT YOU NODE: AUDIT PHASE

- VERIFY ENGINE:** Run '`node -v`' in terminal.
- CREATE DNA:** Run '`npm init -y`' to generate `package.json`.
- LAUNCH SERVER:** Create '`server.js`' on Port 3000
- ACCESS HARDWARE:** Write a script to log '`os.uptime()`'.



PROFESSOR SOLO: "I don't grade on effort. I grade on exit code 0."

SYSTEM STANDBY...



NEXT CLASS: EXPRESS.JS

REQUIRED READING: NODE.JS DOCS (FS & HTTP)

RESOURCE LINK: GITHUB.COM/SOLO/NODE-DAY-01

Go break something. Then fix it. Solo out.