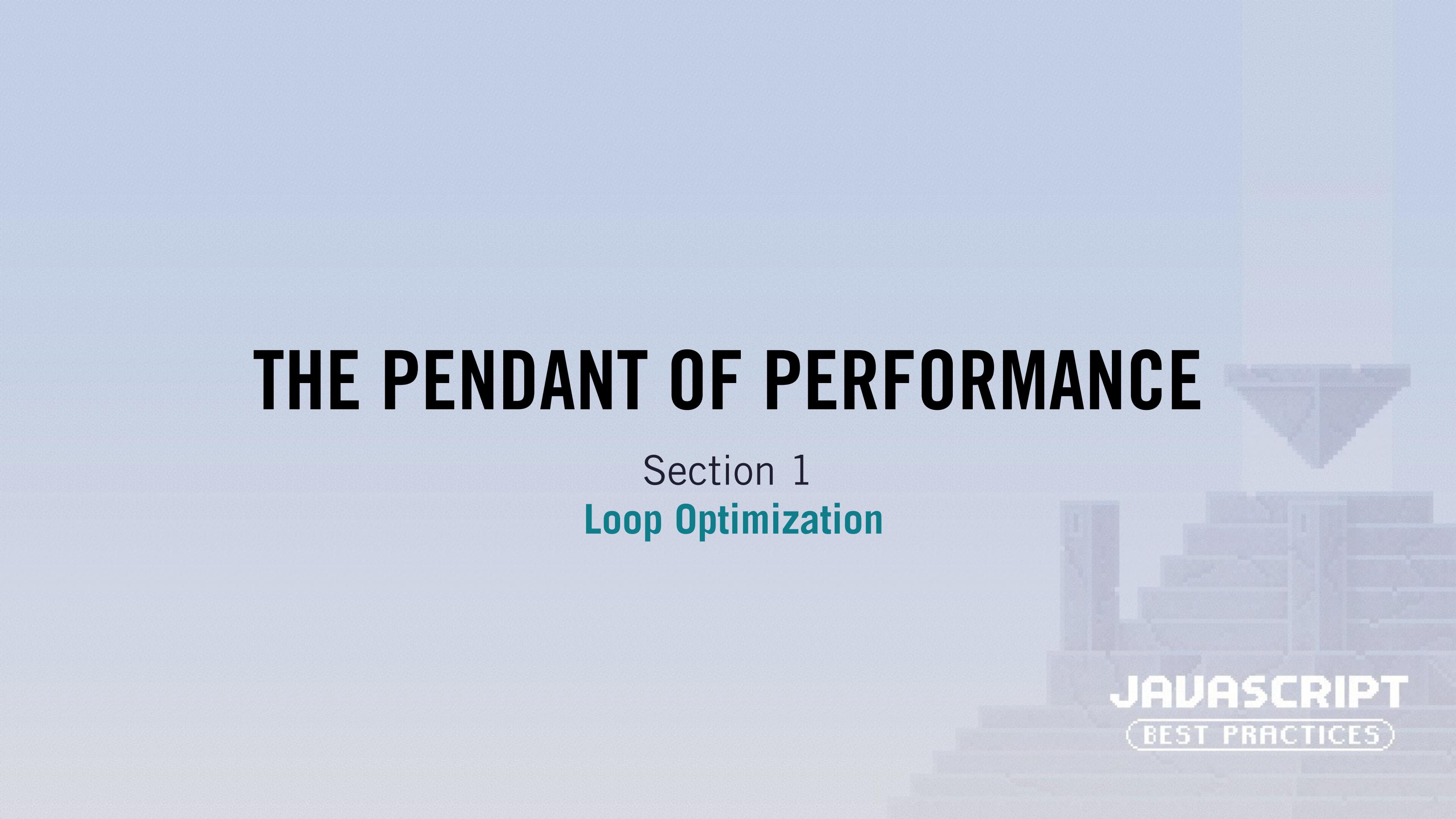


# THE PENDANT OF PERFORMANCE

Section 1  
**Loop Optimization**

A faint, pixelated graphic of a city skyline with various buildings of different heights and colors, including shades of grey, blue, and red, serves as the background for the title.

JAVASCRIPT  
BEST PRACTICES

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At the start of each potential loop cycle,  
the program will need to find and retrieve:

1. the value of `i`
2. the `treasureChest` object
3. the `necklaces` property
4. the array pointed to by the property
5. the `length` property of the array



# WHAT STEPS CAN WE ELIMINATE?

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A hand-drawn style diagram on the right side of the slide. It shows a treasure chest icon at the top. Below it is a dark rectangular box containing code. A pink arrow points from the word 'treasureChest' in the code to the variable 'treasureChest' in the code. Another pink arrow points from 'goldCoins' to its value. A third pink arrow points from 'necklaces' to its value. A fourth pink arrow points from 'length' to its value, which is circled in yellow. A blue arrow points from the text "...so we don't really need all these other steps." to the circled 'length' value.

All we are interested in during loop control  
is this single value and the loop counter.

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The diagram illustrates the concept of local variables providing speed by caching values. On the left, a snippet of JavaScript code uses a local variable `treasureChest` to reference an object. On the right, the contents of the `treasureChest` object are shown. Arrows point from the code to the corresponding properties and methods in the object. The `necklaces` array is explicitly expanded to show its four elements: "ruby", "pearl", "sapphire", and "diamond". The `length` property is also indicated. The `openLid` method is shown as a function that alerts the string "Creeeeak!". A pixelated illustration of a treasure chest is positioned above the object definition.

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First, we assign the `length`'s value to a new variable. This will use all of the accesses as before, but we'll only do it once.



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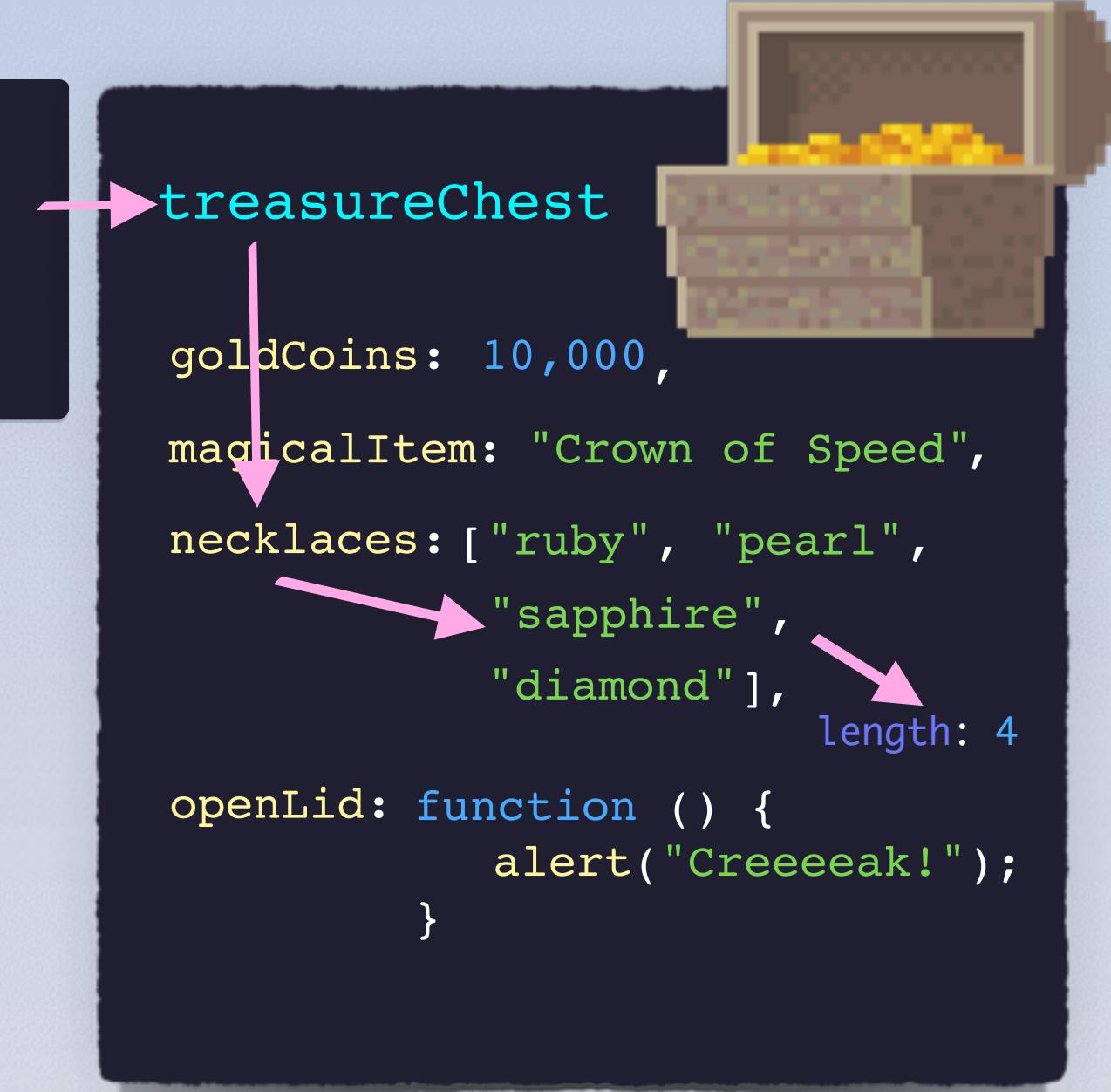
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Now we'll let our loop use the local `x` during control. The majority of extraneous steps have now been eliminated.



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Memory access during loop control now only needs to:

1. retrieve the value of `i`
2. retrieve the value of `x`

Then, add in our one-time cost in creating `x`:

1. creating the variable `x` in memory.
- 2-5. the 4 steps finding the value of `length`

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- 2** steps x (**4** executed loops + **1** check to stop )
- = **10** steps for the processor, just in memory access.
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**25** steps in our previous version

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**10** steps of savings

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+ 5 extra steps for x

20,007 memory access steps

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Surprise! A comma will allow us to execute multiple statements within the first parameter of the loop.

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This `var` is now unnecessary, because the comma tells the compiler that more variables will be declared ... and maybe even assigned.

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By creating both variables in the loop parameters, we signal they're only intended for use inside the loop.



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console.log(x);
```



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**Beware!** JavaScript does not scope to blocks, so any variables declared in loops will be available after the loop, and may overwrite pre-existing globals!

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Here's another access of a property within an object.



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Now we've avoided the extra step of accessing the `treasureChest` in each cycle.

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This function would now be available to all Arrays in our program.

```
Array.prototype.countType = function (type) {
  var count = 0;
  for(var i = 0, x = this.length; i < x; i++) {
    if(this[i] === type) {
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  }
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      this.splice(i, 1);
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```

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- diamond
- removeAll
- countType

Using a property approach to access indices will also add in ALL methods that have been added to the Array prototype.

Methods we add to the prototype become "enumerable" just like indices.

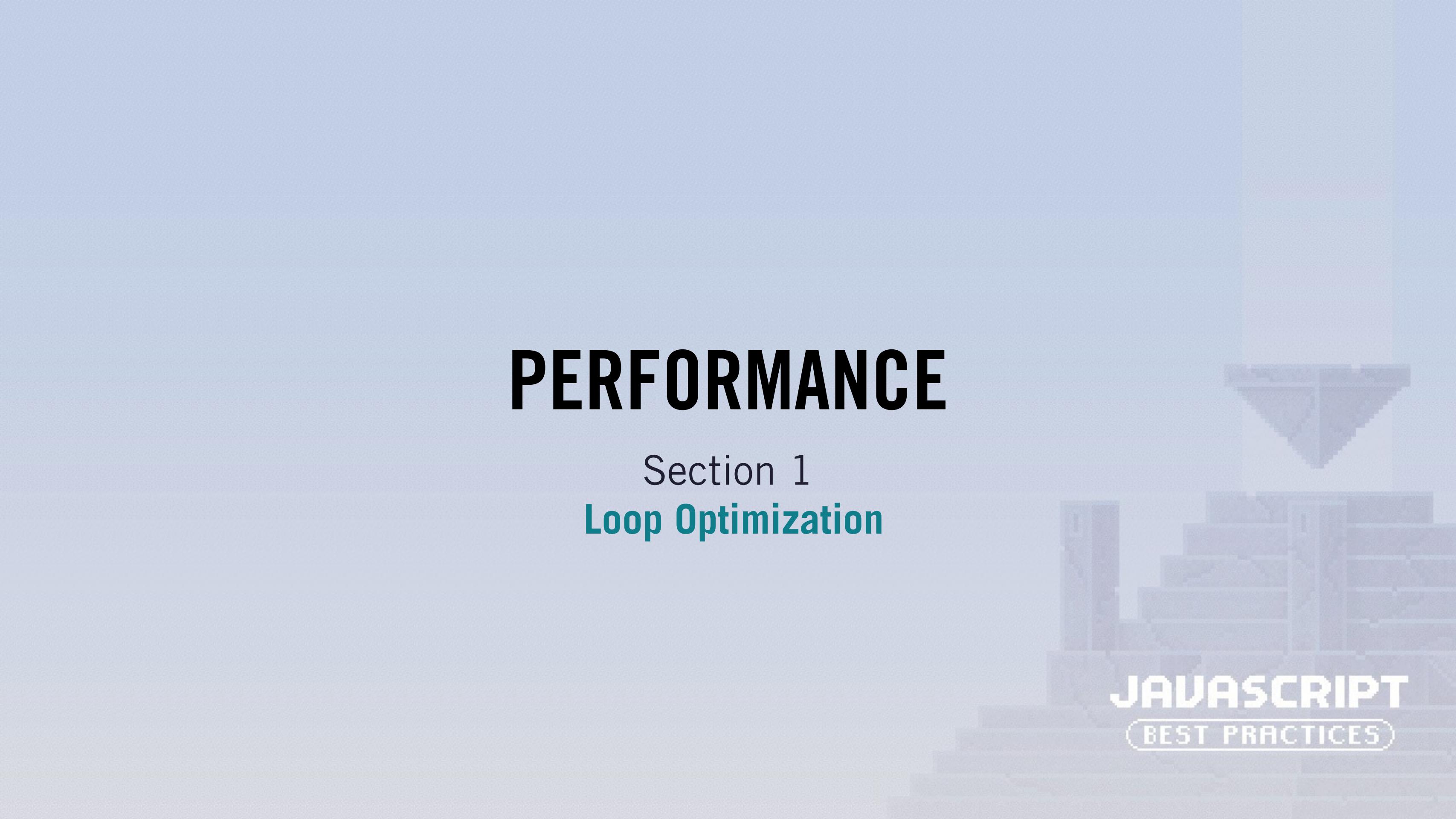
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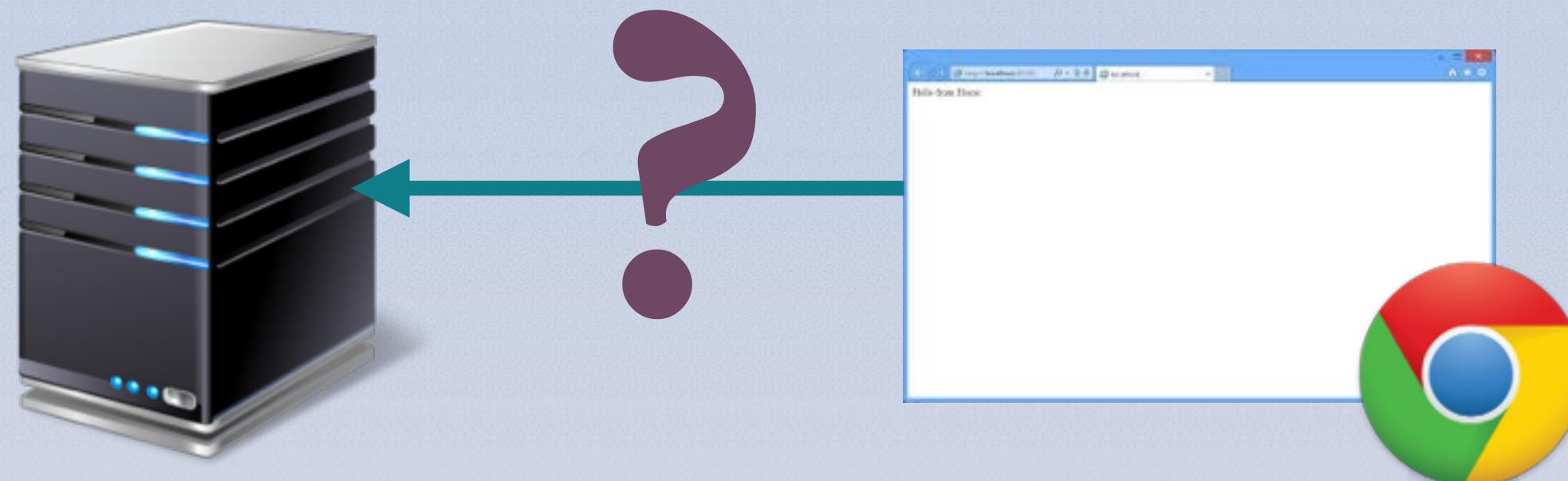
# THE PENDANT OF PERFORMANCE

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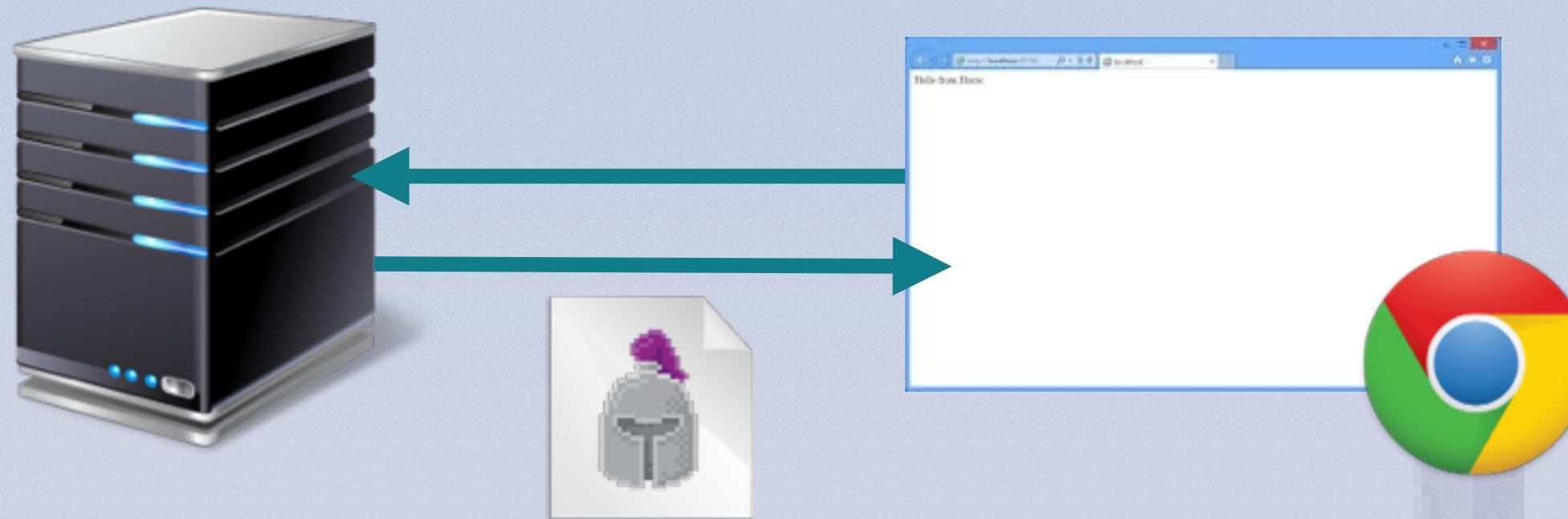
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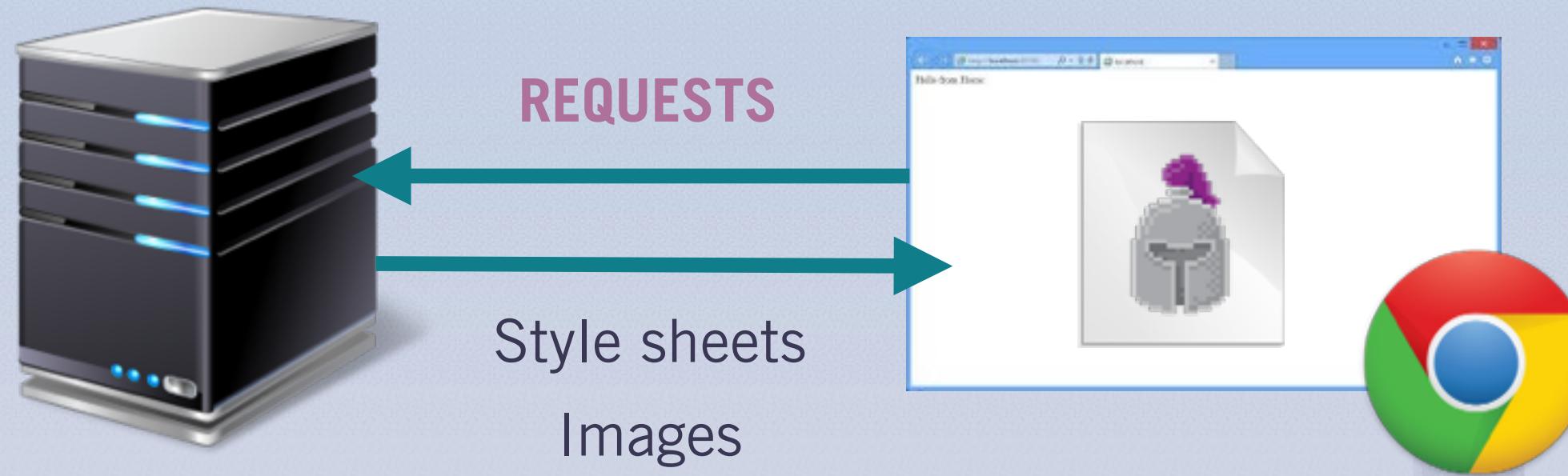
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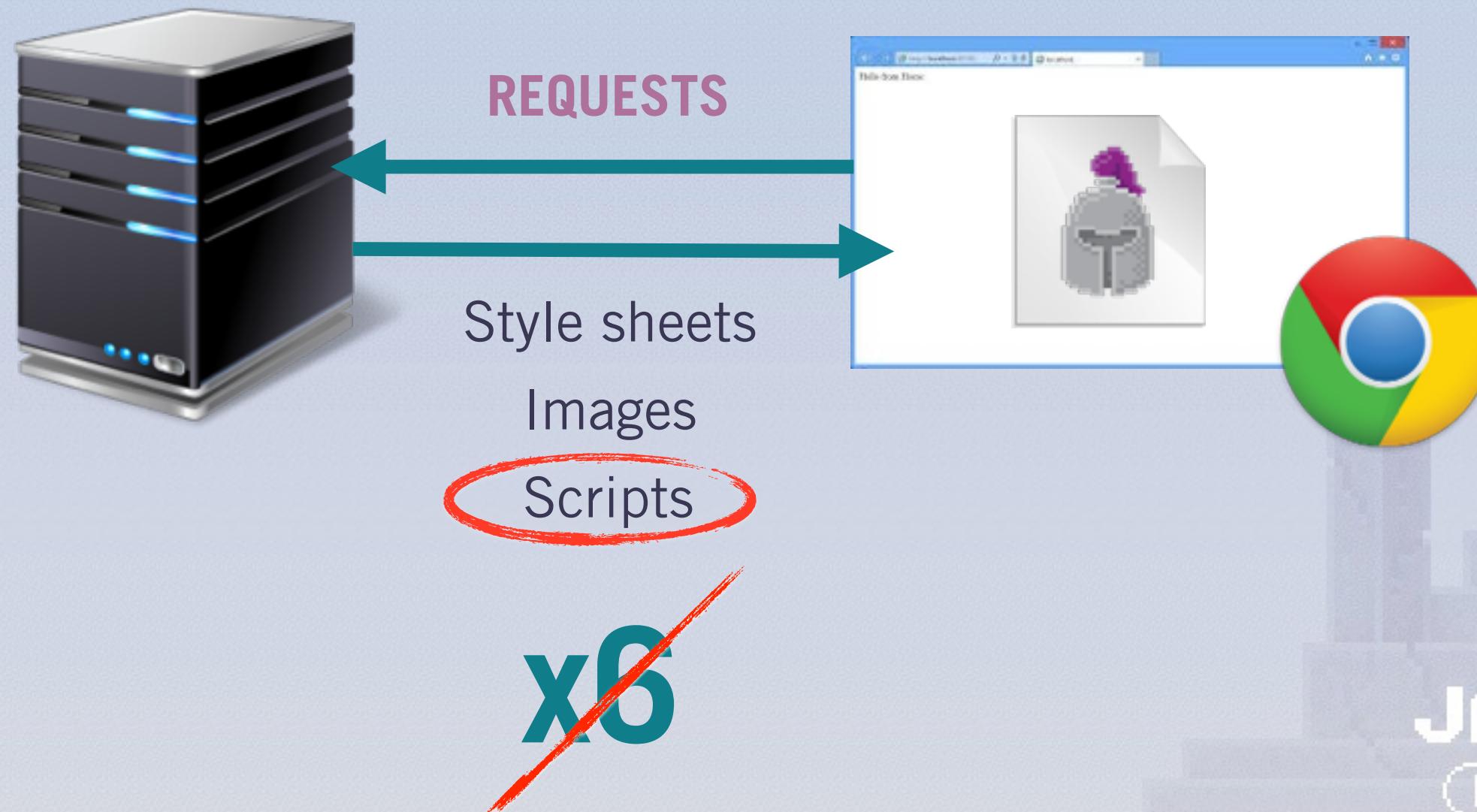
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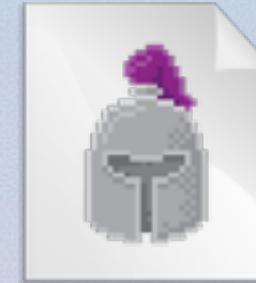
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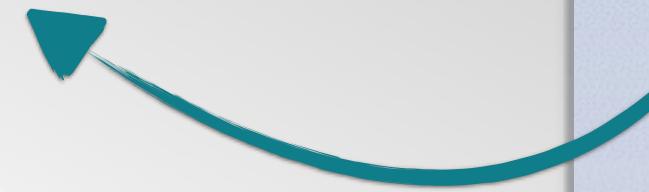
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    <p>
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    (...and perhaps a bunch of other important HTML...)
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This script tag seems harmless enough, right? Just a quick download of a file, and then we'll get on with our lives ...

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Now, most of the visual and informational components of the site will become available to the user before the script is loaded and processed.

# ANOTHER SOLUTION: RUNNING SCRIPTS ASYNCHRONOUSLY

With external files, the HTML5 `async` attribute will allow the rest of the page to load before the script runs.

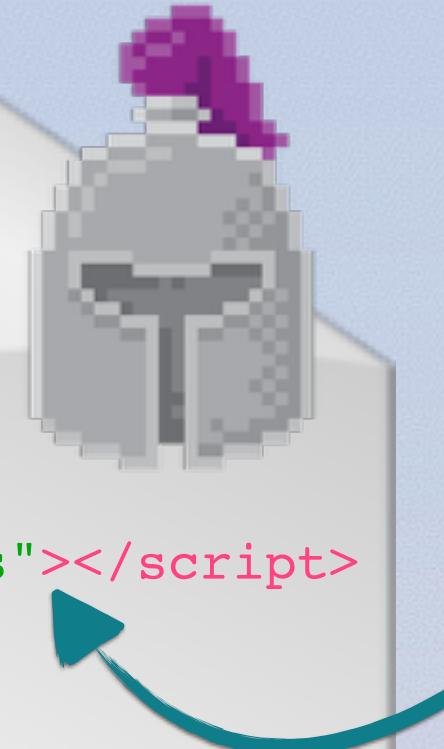
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If we add an `async` attribute inside our script tag, we'll prevent the script from blocking the page's load.

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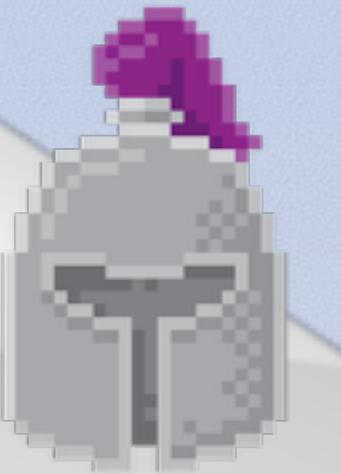
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Though we've got it in the back here, the `async` attribute could be added anywhere inside our tag.

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The browser will now fetch the script resource, but will continue parsing and rendering HTML, without waiting for the script to complete!

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Section 3  
**Short Performance Tips**

A faint, pixelated graphic of a city skyline with various buildings of different heights and colors, including shades of grey, blue, and red, serves as the background for the entire slide.

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# LET INHERITANCE HELP WITH MEMORY EFFICIENCY

Beware of loading up individual objects with code that easily could be held and sourced elsewhere.

```
function SignalFire( ID, startingLogs ){  
    this.fireID = ID;  
    this.logsLeft = startingLogs;  
  
    this.addLogs = function ( numLogs ){  
        this.logsLeft += numLogs;  
    }  
    this.lightFire = function () {  
        alert( "woooosh!" );  
    }  
}  
  
this.smokeSignal = function () {  
    if (this.logStatus < this.message.length / 10){  
        alert("Not enough fuel to send " +  
              "the current message!");  
    }  
    else {  
        this.lightFire();  
        var x = this.message.length;  
        for(var i = 0; i<x; i++){  
            alert( "(((( " + this.message[i] + " ))))");  
            if (i % 10 == 0 && i != 0){  
                this.logsLeft--;  
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        }  
    }  
}
```

We don't need to build all of these methods within every single `SignalFire` object, which would use extra memory AND take longer to create.

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```
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var fireTwo = new SignalFire(2, 15);  
var fireThree = new SignalFire(3, 24);
```

```
fireOne.addLogs(8);  
fireTwo.addLogs(10);  
fireThree.addLogs(4);
```

Now, the `addLogs` method is found in one useful place, instead of being replicated across all `signalFires`.

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```
fireThree.smokeSignal("Goblins!");
```

```
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        this.logsLeft += numLogs;  
    }  
    lightFire: function () {  
        alert("Whoo-hoo!");  
    }  
    smokeSignal:  
        if (this.logsLeft <= 0){  
            alert("(((!)))");  
        }  
        else {  
            this.lightFire();  
            var x = this.message.length;  
            for(var i = 0; i < x; i++){  
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The page at <https://www.codeschool.com>  
says:  
(((!)))

OK



# ADDING INDIVIDUAL DOM ELEMENTS AIN'T ALWAYS SPEEDY

Each new addition to the DOM causes document “reflow”, which can really hinder user experience.

## KOTW.JS

```
var list = document.getElementById("kotwList");
var kotw = ["Jenna Rangespike",
            "Neric Farthing",
            "Darkin Stonefield"];

for (var i = 0, x = kotw.length; i < x; i++) {
    var element = document.createElement("li");
    element.appendChild( document.createTextNode( kotw[i] ) );
    list.appendChild(element);
}
```



Each time the list is appended, we access the DOM and cause an entire document reflow. Not as speedy as we'd like, especially if our list was huge...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>Knights of the Week!</h1>
<ul id="kotwList"></ul>

**some more HTML here**

<script type="text/javascript"
       src="http://www.ThirdReg.com/kotw.js">
</script>

</body>
</html>
```



# USE A DOCUMENT FRAGMENT TO INSERT ADDITIONS ALL AT ONCE

Fragments are invisible containers that hold multiple DOM elements without being a node itself.

## KOTW.JS

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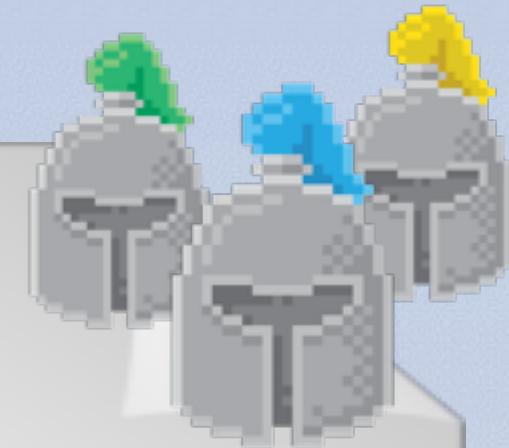
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First we create a fragment, which will function as a staging area to hold all of our new `li` elements.

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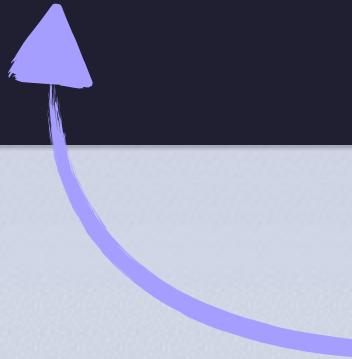


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Now we add each new `li` element to the staging fragment, instead of to the document itself.

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Finally, we append all of our new text nodes in one fell swoop, using only one DOM touch!

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Commas used after an initial declaration can signal that you'll be declaring further variables. It's also arguably more legible for those reading your code.

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This variable will be declared  
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In the tradeoff, we've opted to avoid processor burden instead of having `element` declared where it is used.

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# EFFICIENT CHOICES FOR STRING CONCATENATION

In building strings, different methods will yield different results in terms of execution speed.

```
var knight = "Jenna Rangespike";
var action = " strikes the dragon with a ";
var weapon = "Halberd";
```

```
var turn = "";
turn += knight;
turn += action;
turn += weapon;
```



The standard concatenation operator has been optimized in most modern browser versions, and is an ideal choice for a small number of string concatenations.

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```



While concatenation does get the job done, another method enjoys a performance boost when your strings are present in a array.

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For concatenations over an array's contents, use the **join()** method inherited from the Array prototype.

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```
page = newPageBuild.join("\n");
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The **join** method concatenates each index of the array, “joined” by any string parameter you pass in. In addition to being faster in tests than many String methods, it is also easier to read.

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```

```
page = newPageBuild.join("\n");
console.log(page);
```

→ <!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>  
<h1>  
...  
</script>  
</body>  
</html>

# PERFORMANCE

Section 3  
**Short Performance Tips**



JAVASCRIPT  
BEST PRACTICES

# THE PENDANT OF PERFORMANCE

Section 4  
**Measuring Performance I:**

`Console.time`

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        default:  
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We'll steadily add each newbie Knight to the regiment's list of members.

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console.timeEnd("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
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To unite timer boundaries into one timer, their parameter labels must match.

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}
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```

→ Time to add 3 Knights: 0.036ms

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console.time automatically  
prefaces the time measurement  
with the label we passed in as a  
parameter, plus a colon.

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→ Time to add 4 Knights: 0.040ms

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```

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      break;
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      break;
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      this.weapon = "War Hammer";
      break;
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      this.weapon = "Battle Axe";
      break;
    case 4:
    case 7:
    case 8:
      this.weapon = "Morning Star";
      break;
    case "King":
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This timing feature can help determine the code that creates the best experience.

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        default:
            alert(name + " has an incorrect " +
                "regiment, Master Armourer!" +
                "\n\nNo weapon assigned!");
    }
}
```

→ Time to add 4 Knights: 0.029ms



Times will vary by browser, but ours was slightly better when not using the extra variable declaration and assignment inside the loop (a best practice!)

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var firstRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
var secondRegimentNewbs = ["Jenner Pond", "Tar Backstrand", "Cromer Treen", "Stim Lancetip",
                           "Vorn Sharpeye", "Rack Leaflets", "Bruck Valleyhome", "Arden Follower"];
var secondRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];

console.time("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = firstRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  firstRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
```



First, we'll add a set of new guys that need to be added to the Second Regiment of Knights.

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                           "Vorn Sharpeye", "Rack Leaflets", "Bruck Valleyhome", "Arden Follower"];
var secondRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
console.time("Total completion time");
console.time("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = firstRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  firstRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
```

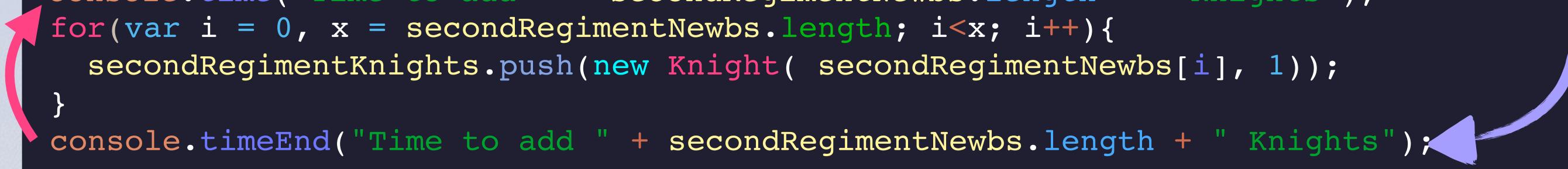
Next we'll start a timer for the total time of operation.

Both parts of our existing timer for the First Regiment additions stay in place.

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var secondRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
console.time("Total completion time");
console.time("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = firstRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  firstRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
console.time("Time to add " + secondRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = secondRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  secondRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( secondRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + secondRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
```



Once these new additions are done, we'll stop the second regiment timer.

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                           "Vorn Sharpeye", "Rack Leaflets", "Bruck Valleyhome", "Arden Follower"];
var secondRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
console.time("Total completion time");
console.time("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = firstRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  firstRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + firstRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
console.time("Time to add " + secondRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
for(var i = 0, x = secondRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  secondRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( secondRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + secondRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
console.timeEnd("Total completion time");
```

Finally, we'll wrap up the timing of the entire operation.

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for(var i = 0, x = secondRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  secondRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( secondRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Time to add " + secondRegimentNewbs.length + " Knights");
console.timeEnd("Total completion time");
```

→ Time to add 4 Knights: 0.031ms  
→ Time to add 8 Knights: 0.063ms  
→ Total completion time: 0.324ms

Remember,  
setting up the  
timers takes  
time, too!



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for(var i = 0, x = firstRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
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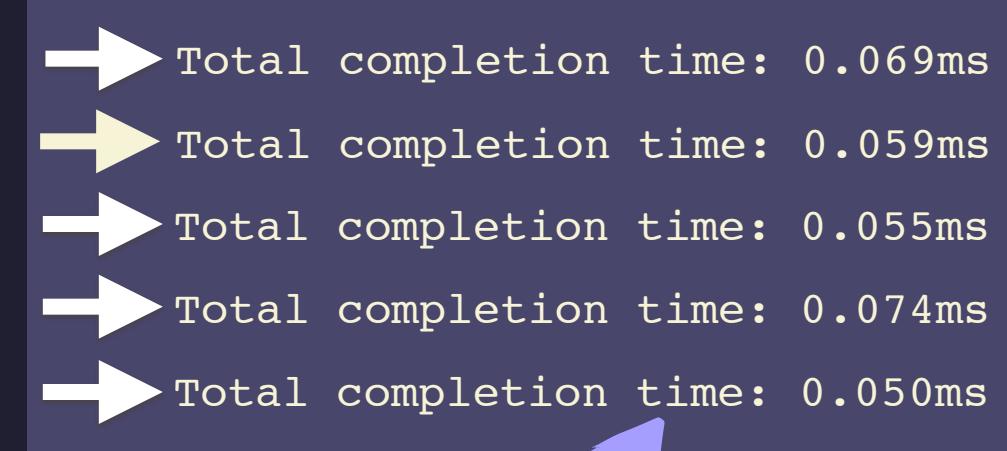
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}
for(var i = 0, x = secondRegimentNewbs.length; i<x; i++){
  secondRegimentKnights.push(new Knight( secondRegimentNewbs[i], 1));
}
console.timeEnd("Total completion time");
```



→ Total completion time: 0.069ms  
→ Total completion time: 0.059ms  
→ Total completion time: 0.055ms  
→ Total completion time: 0.074ms  
→ Total completion time: 0.050ms



If we want more accuracy in our estimate, we need to use the average of multiple tests.

# PERFORMANCE

Section 4  
**Measuring Performance I:**

`Console.time`

JAVASCRIPT  
BEST PRACTICES

# THE PENDANT OF PERFORMANCE

Section 5  
**Measuring Performance II:**  
Speed Averaging

JAVASCRIPT  
BEST PRACTICES

# RETRIEVING AND USING NUMERICAL TIME DATA

To accurately generate numerical data we can manipulate, we'll first examine the JavaScript `Date` object.

```
var rightNow = new Date();
console.log(rightNow);
```

→ Mon Apr 10 2014 17:50:38 GMT-0500 (EST)



A new `Date` object immediately captures the current date and time, measured in milliseconds since 12:00 am, January 1st, 1970!

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```
var rightNow = new Date();
console.log(+rightNow);
```

...same thing as...

```
console.log(new Number(rightNow));
```

Placing a `+` unary operator in front of our `Date` object variable asks for the specific value in milliseconds.

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console.log(+rightNow); → console.log(new Number(rightNow));
```

→ 1392072557874



So, you know...a few.

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```



Since we know we want an actual number, we can go ahead and assign the variable to be the numerical version of our new `Date` Object.

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```

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```
var rightNow = +new Date();  
var endTime = +new Date();
```



We can do this for a later moment  
and also get a millisecond value.  
You probably see what's coming...

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```

# RETRIEVING AND USING NUMERICAL TIME DATA

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```
var rightNow = +new Date();
var endTime = +new Date();
var elapsedTime = endTime - rightNow;
console.log(elapsedTime);
```

→ 87874



The difference between the two values will be the amount of time that passed between the creation of both variables.

# ONWARD! NOW TO CREATE A SPEED TEST CLASS

We'll use our Date object approach to calculate a more accurate performance over many code repetitions.

```
function SpeedTest(testImplement, testParams, repetitions){  
    ↑  
    This will be the specific code we  
    want to test for performance  
    speed. We'll encapsulate it all  
    within its own function later.  
}
```

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```
function SpeedTest(testImplement, testParams, repetitions){  
    This represents whatever parameters  
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    correctly. Might be an array of values,  
    or it might be a single value.  
}
```

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```
function SpeedTest(testImplement, testParams, repetitions){  
    ↑  
    The higher the repetitions, the  
    more reliable our average speed.  
}
```

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```
function SpeedTest(testImplement, testParams, repetitions){  
    this.testImplement = testImplement;  
    this.testParams = testParams;  
    this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;  
    this.average = 0;  
}
```



We make our `repetitions` parameter optional by defaulting to 10,000 executions, using our Logical Assignment best practice. We'll look at this optional nature in a bit.

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}
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```
SpeedTest.prototype = {
```



To use our best practice of adding commonly used methods to prototypes, we'll need to build the prototype itself.

```
}
```

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
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}
```

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```
SpeedTest.prototype = {  
  startTest: function(){
```



We'll call this inherited method to begin calculating an average speed for some test implementation.

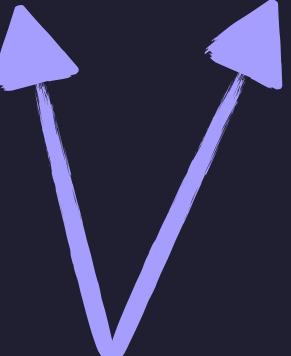
```
}
```

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# ONWARD! NOW TO CREATE A SPEED TEST CLASS

We'll use our Date object approach to calculate a more accurate performance over many code repetitions.

```
SpeedTest.prototype = {  
  startTest: function(){  
    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;  
  }  
}
```



This variable will sum up all the times for all the repetitions.

These two variables will get our numerical Date objects. Notice the legibility best practice of using a comma with no extra typed var's.

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
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}
```

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```
SpeedTest.prototype = {  
  startTest: function(){  
    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;  
    for (var i = 0, x = this.repetitions; i < x; i++){  
    }  
  }  
}
```



We'll loop over the full amount  
of requested repetitions.  
Another best practice: no  
repetitive property access!

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
  this.testParams = testParams;  
  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;  
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}
```

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  startTest: function(){  
    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;  
    for (var i = 0, x = this.repetitions; i < x; i++){  
      beginTime = +new Date();  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Start the clock for this individual repetition!

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
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    for (var i = 0, x = this.repetitions; i < x; i++){  
      beginTime = +new Date();  
      this.testImplement( this.testParams );  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Here's where we run the  
code for this repetition!

```
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      this.testImplement( this.testParams );  
      endTime = +new Date();  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Stop the clock!

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
  this.testParams = testParams;  
  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;  
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      beginTime = +new Date();  
      this.testImplement( this.testParams );  
      endTime = +new Date();  
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Here we add in the individual time spent on this particular test.

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
  this.testParams = testParams;  
  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;  
  this.average = 0;  
}
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      this.testImplement( this.testParams );  
      endTime = +new Date();  
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;  
    }  
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;  
  }  
}
```



Average is sum of all times,  
divided by repetitions.

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    }  
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;  
    return console.log("Average execution across " +  
                      this.repetitions + ":" +  
                      this.average);  
  }  
}
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function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
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```

We return a message  
with the average time.

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      endTime = +new Date();  
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;  
    }  
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;  
    return console.log("Average execution across " +  
                      this.repetitions + ":" +  
                      this.average);  
  }  
}
```

```
function SpeedTest(...){  
  this.testImplement = testImplement;  
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}
```

# LET'S TEST AN IMPLEMENTATION WITH OUR CLASS

We'll first build some code that lacks some Best Practices and test its speed.

```
var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
var firstRegimentKnights = [ *....tons of Knight objects...* ];

for(var i = 0; i < firstRegimentNewbs.length; i++){
  var newGuy = new Knight(firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1);
  firstRegimentKnights.push(newGuy);
}
```



To test this block, we need to be able to pass all of it into the SpeedTest constructor as its own function.



```
var noBPTest = new SpeedTest( );
```



```
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  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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      endTime = +new Date();
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    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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```
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                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
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for(var i = 0; i < firstRegimentNewbs.length; i++){
  var newGuy = new Knight(firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1);
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}

var noBPtest = new SpeedTest( );
```



```
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  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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  startTest: function(){
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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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```
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                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
var firstRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];

var noBP = function () {
  for(var i = ; i < firstRegimentNewbs.length; i++){
    var newGuy = new Knight(firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1);
    firstRegimentKnights.push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

If we wrap the code in its own function expression and assign it to a variable, we can easily pass it around as a "set" of code to be tested.

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, );
```



```
function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;
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}

SpeedTest.prototype = {
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    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;
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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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```
var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
var firstRegimentKnights = [ *....tons of Knight objects...* ];

var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for(var i = 0; i < firstRegimentNewbs.length; i++){
    var newGuy = new Knight(firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1);
    firstRegimentKnights.push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

Since our `SpeedTest` lumps all the test code's important parameters into one `testParams` property, we'll need to modify our function expression and important data to use just one ARRAY of important stuff.

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, );
```



```
function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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      beginTime = +new Date();
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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
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var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, );
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    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
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}
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var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
var firstRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
var listsForTests = [ firstRegimentNewbs, firstRegimentKnights ];

var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < firstRegimentNewbs.length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight(firstRegimentNewbs[i], 1);
    firstRegimentKnights.push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

Now that we have an array of the parameters that `noBP` will need, we have to replace the existing names in the function with references to our single parameter array.

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
```



```
function SpeedTest(...){
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  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;
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}

SpeedTest.prototype = {
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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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var listsForTests = [ firstRegimentNewbs, firstRegimentKnights ];
```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight( listOfParams[0][i], 1 );
    .push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

Since `firstRegimentNewbs` is in the zeroth index of our new parameter array, we'll use that index to access its contents.

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
```



```
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    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight( listOfParams[0][i], 1 );
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```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
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    var newGuy = new Knight(listOfParams[0][i], 1);
    listOfParams[1].push(newGuy);
  }
};
```



Similarly, we'll use the next index for `firstRegimentKnights`.

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
```



```
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    }
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  }
};

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```



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    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

# LET'S TEST AN IMPLEMENTATION WITH OUR CLASS

Now we're ready to test the speed of our prepared code sample!

```
var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
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```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
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  }
};
```

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
```



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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

In creating our new `SpeedTest` object, we're first opting to NOT pass in a `repetitions` amount, and thus receive our logical assignment default of 10,000.



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var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight(listOfParams[0][i], 1);
    listOfParams[1].push(newGuy);
  }
};

var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
```



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function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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      beginTime = +new Date();
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      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

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var firstRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
var listsForTests = [ firstRegimentNewbs, firstRegimentKnights ];
```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight(listOfParams[0][i], 1);
    listOfParams[1].push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
noBPtest.startTest();
```



→ Average execution across 10000: 0.0041

Notice that we have about 10 times  
a speed improvement over the  
estimations from `console.time`.



```
function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
  this.testParams = testParams;
  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;
  this.average = 0;
}

SpeedTest.prototype = {
  startTest: function(){
    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;
    for ( var i = 0, x = this.repetitions; i < x; i++ ){
      beginTime = +new Date();
      this.testImplement( this.testParams );
      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

# LET'S TEST AN IMPLEMENTATION WITH OUR CLASS

Now we're ready to test the speed of our prepared code sample!

```
var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
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var listsForTests = [ firstRegimentNewbs, firstRegimentKnights ];
```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight(listOfParams[0][i], 1);
    listOfParams[1].push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests);
noBPtest.startTest();
```



```
function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
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  this.average = 0;
}

SpeedTest.prototype = {
  startTest: function(){
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      beginTime = +new Date();
      this.testImplement( this.testParams );
      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
                      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

# LET'S TEST AN IMPLEMENTATION WITH OUR CLASS

Now we're ready to test the speed of our prepared code sample!

```
var firstRegimentNewbs = ["Grimble Horsehead", "Jark Winterborn",
                           "Bunder Ropefist", "Ernst Breadbaker"];
var firstRegimentKnights = [ *...tons of Knight objects...* ];
var listsForTests = [ firstRegimentNewbs, firstRegimentKnights ];
```

```
var noBP = function ( listOfParams ) {
  for( var i = 0; i < listOfParams[0].length; i++ ){
    var newGuy = new Knight(listOfParams[0][i], 1);
    listOfParams[1].push(newGuy);
  }
};
```

```
var noBPtest = new SpeedTest(noBP, listsForTests, 100000);
noBPtest.startTest();
```



→ Average execution across 100000: 0.00478



Our newer estimate brings us ever closer to the truth.

```
function SpeedTest(...){
  this.testImplement = testImplement;
  this.testParams = testParams;
  this.repetitions = repetitions || 10000;
  this.average = 0;
}

SpeedTest.prototype = {
  startTest: function(){
    var beginTime, endTime, sumTimes = 0;
    for ( var i = 0, x = this.repetitions; i < x; i++ ){
      beginTime = +new Date();
      this.testImplement( this.testParams );
      endTime = +new Date();
      sumTimes += endTime - beginTime;
    }
    this.average = sumTimes / this.repetitions;
    return console.log("Average execution across " +
      this.repetitions + ":" + this.average);
  }
}
```

# LET'S TEST AN IMPLEMENTATION WITH OUR CLASS

Now let's add some Best Practices to see if we can shorten the time.

```
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