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GraphQL in 3ms

If you like
slow websites
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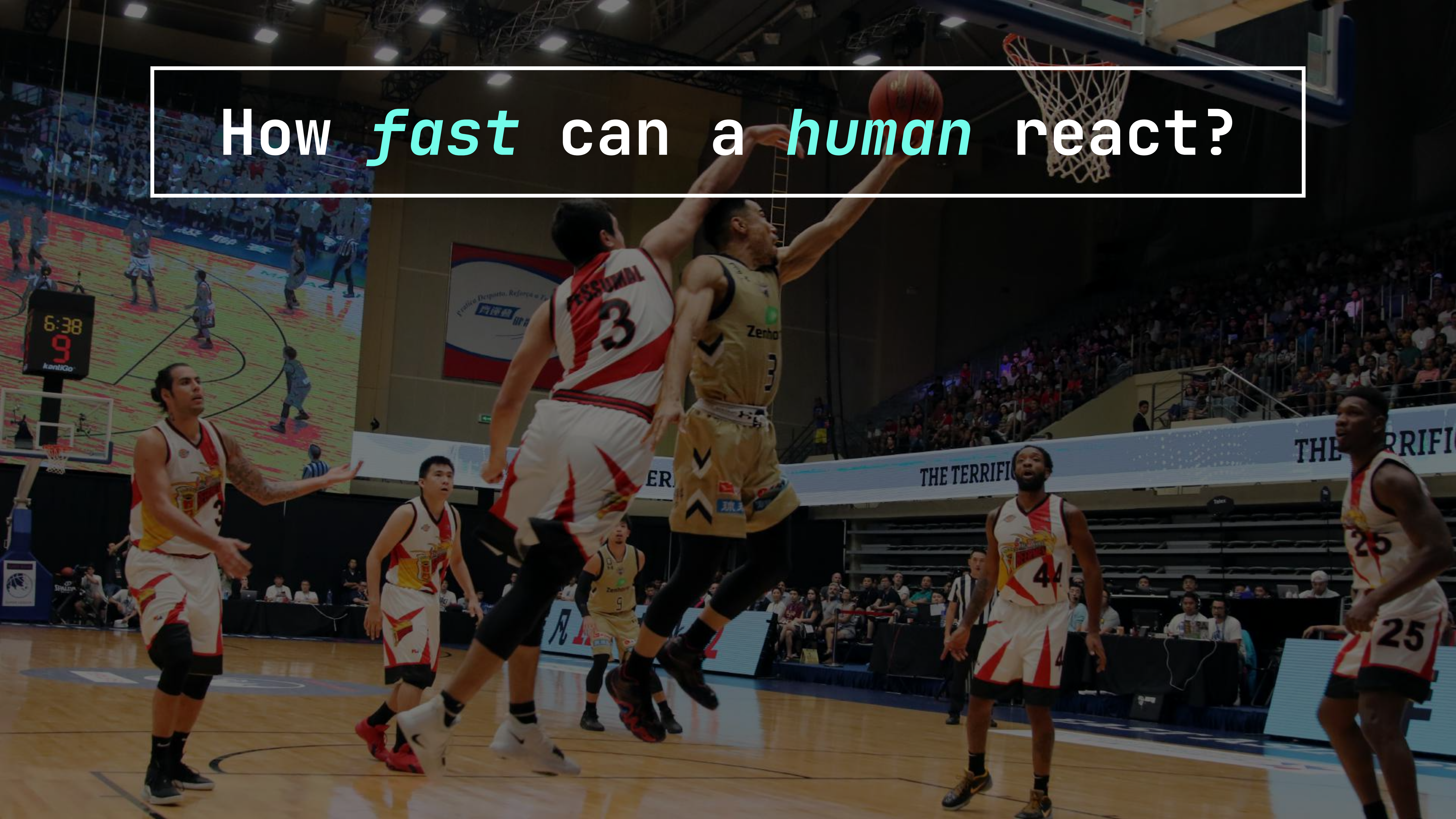
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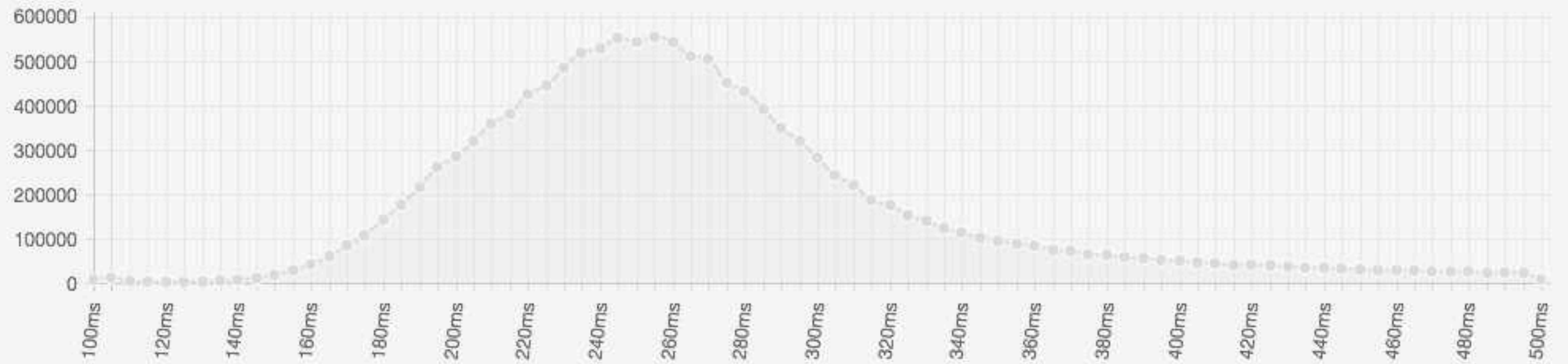




How *fast* can a *human* react?



All-time



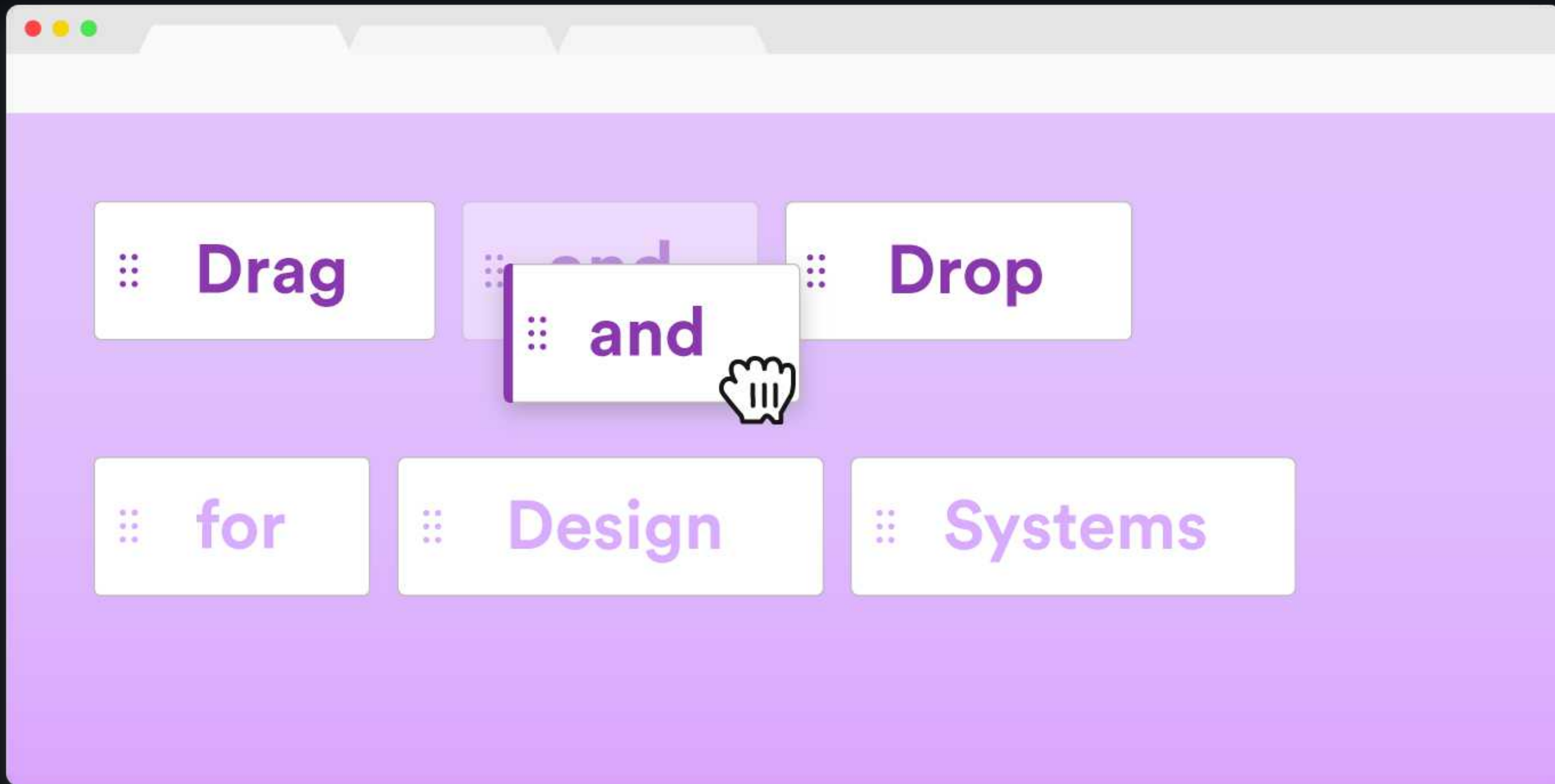
ref: The Human Benchmark Project

In the blink of an eye

MIT neuroscientists find the brain can identify images seen for as little as 13 milliseconds.

1. The fastest rate at which humans appear to be able to process incoming visual stimuli is about 13 ms. Receiving a stream of data faster than this will only underscore the limits of our perception.

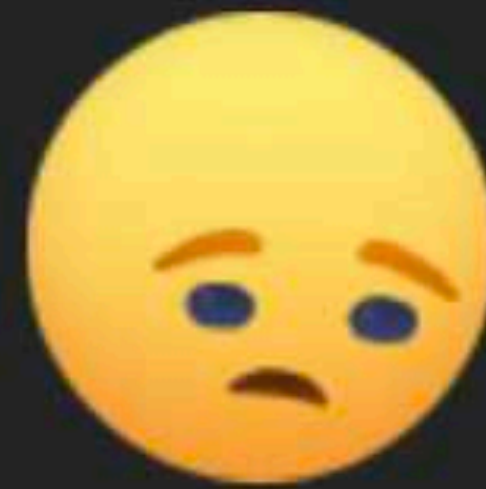
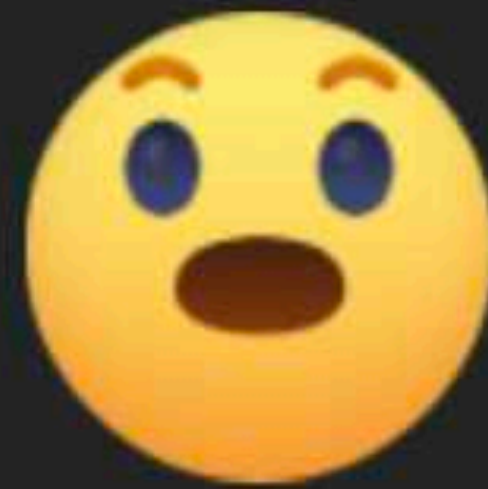
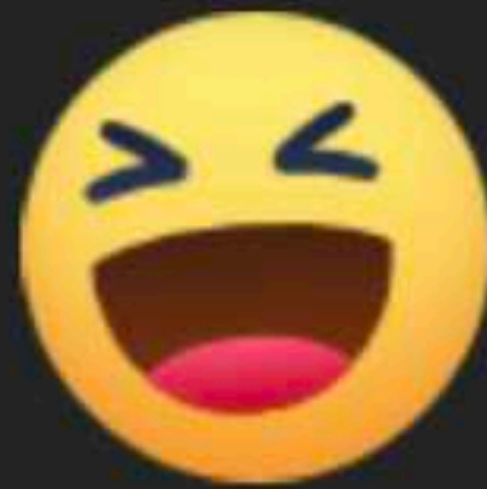
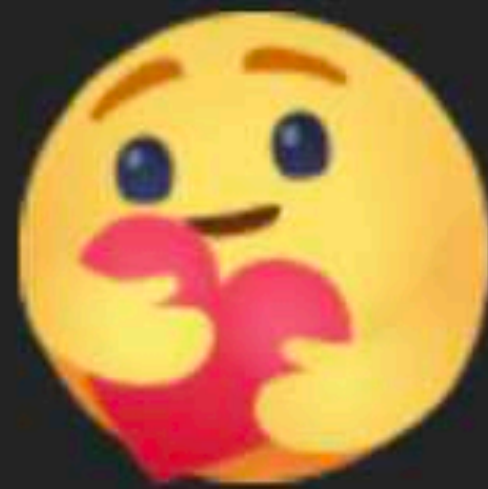
2. Increasing latency above 13 ms has an increasingly negative impact on human performance for a given task. While imperceptible at first, added latency continues to degrade a human's processing ability until approaching 75 to 100 ms. Here we become very conscious that input has become too slow and we must rely on adapting to conditions by anticipating input rather than simply reacting to input.



FRAME BUDGET

If you're targeting 60 FPS, which is generally the optimal number of frames to target these days, then to match the refresh rate of the devices we commonly use, you'll have a 16.7-millisecond budget in which to complete everything — JavaScript, layout, image decoding and resizing, painting, compositing — everything.

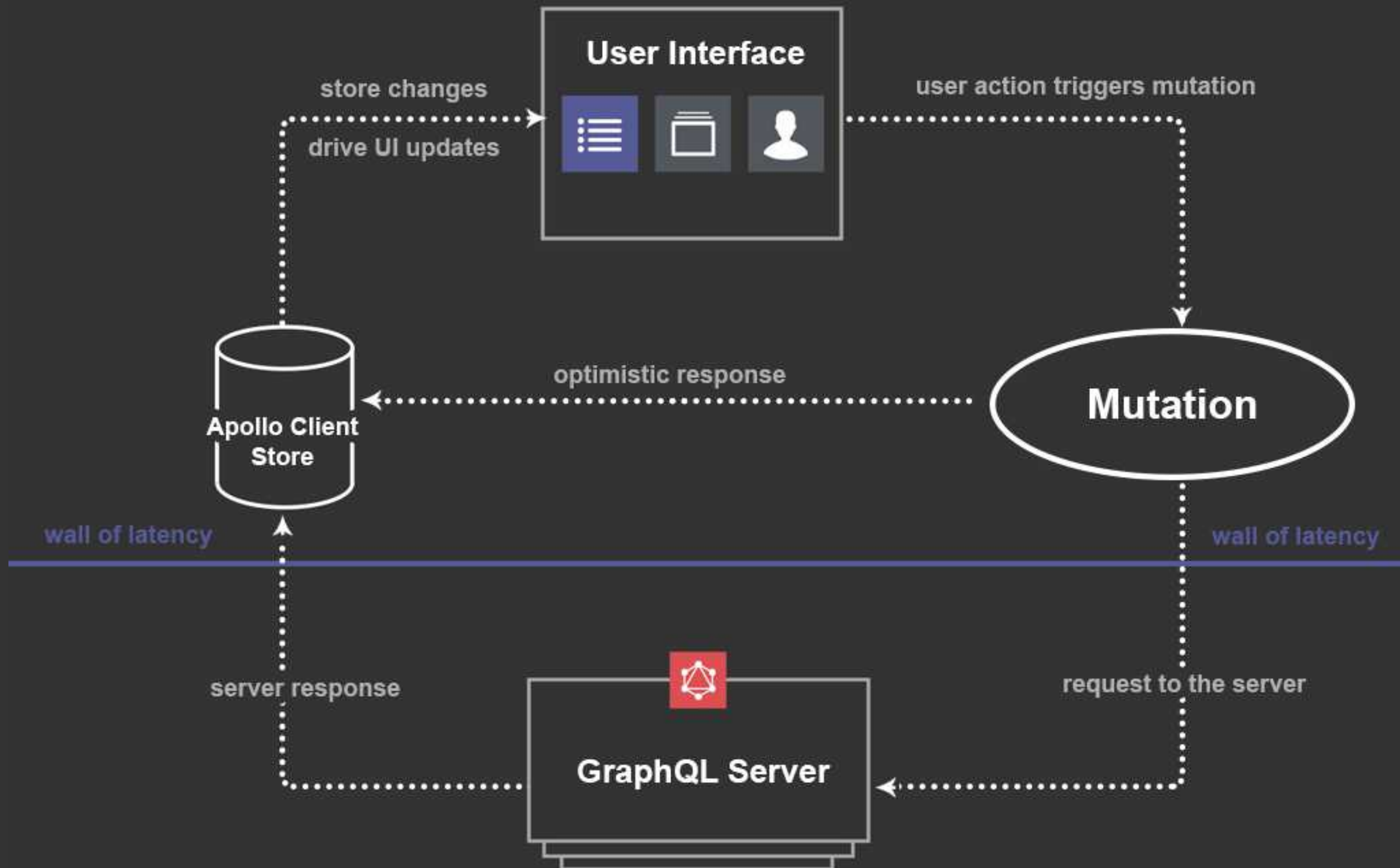
Optimistic Updates



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WHAT IF

you need the *response quickly*
or *rollback on error* is *tricky*?

When you can't rely on
optimistic updates, your *API must be fast*.



If *UI* must be *fast*,
What about the *API*?

Performance-Critical Apps

Multiplayer Games 

Stock Trading 

Control Systems 

Mission-Critical Apps 



THE BIG QUESTION

Can we use *GraphQL* for
Performance-Critical Apps?



Let's find out!



Use Case ✨

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Crusty Clicker

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per second : 0



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DISCLAIMER

*I'm a beginner
at Rust.*

Learn In Public

The fastest way to learn

The fastest way to learn, grow your career, and build your network.

Advice

LearnInPublic

Posted: Jun 19 2018

swyx.io/learn-in-public

You already know that you will never be done learning. But most people "learn in private", and lurk. They consume content without creating any themselves. Again, that's fine, but we're here to talk about being in the top quintile. What you do here is to have **a habit of creating learning exhaust:**

- Write blogs and tutorials and cheatsheets.
- Speak at meetups and conferences.
- Ask and answer things on Stackoverflow or Reddit. **Avoid** the walled gardens like Slack and Discord, they're not public.
- Make Youtube videos or Twitch streams.
- Start a newsletter.
- Draw cartoons (people loooove cartoons!).



Our *Metrics*

Request Duration 

Throughput 

WebSockets? 

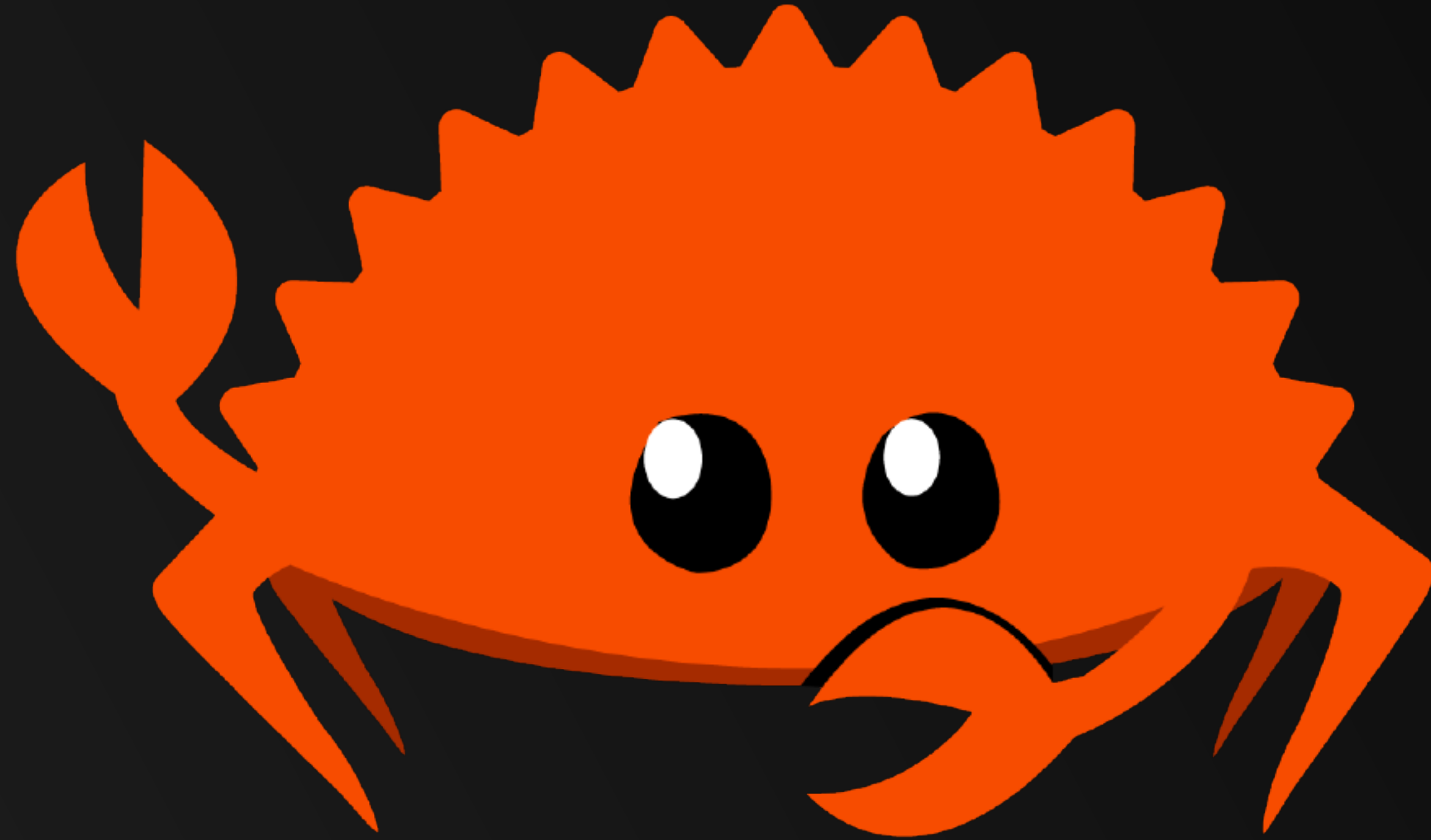


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Hello, Rust!

*Why Rust is a viable
option for GraphQL*

What is Rust?



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Rust

A language empowering everyone
to build reliable and efficient software.

GET STARTED

[Version 1.48.0](#)

Why Rust?

Performance

Rust is blazingly fast and memory-efficient: with no runtime or garbage collector, it can power performance-critical services, run on embedded devices, and easily integrate with other languages.

Reliability

Rust's rich type system and ownership model guarantee memory-safety and thread-safety — enabling you to eliminate many classes of bugs at compile-time.

Productivity

Rust has great documentation, a friendly compiler with useful error messages, and top-notch tooling — an integrated package manager and build tool, smart multi-editor support with auto-completion and type inspections, an auto-formatter, and more.

TL;DR: fast as C but modern as TS

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*TL;DR: build stuff with **performance***

Build it in Rust

In 2018, the Rust community decided to improve programming experience for a few distinct domains (see [the 2018 roadmap](#)). For these, you can find many high-quality crates and some awesome guides on how to get started.



Command Line

Whip up a CLI tool quickly with Rust's robust ecosystem. Rust helps you maintain your app with confidence and distribute it with ease.



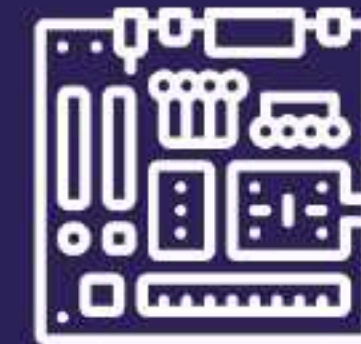
WebAssembly

Use Rust to supercharge your JavaScript, one module at a time. Publish to npm, bundle with webpack, and you're off to the races.



Networking

Predictable performance. Tiny resource footprint. Rock-solid reliability. Rust is great for network services.



Embedded

Targeting low-resource devices? Need low-level control without giving up high-level conveniences? Rust has you covered.

*TL;DR: used in **production** by cool people*

Rust in production

Hundreds of companies around the world are using Rust in production today for fast, low-resource, cross-platform solutions. Software you know and love, like [Firefox](#), [Dropbox](#), and [Cloudflare](#), uses Rust. **From startups to large corporations, from embedded devices to scalable web services, Rust is a great fit.**

“ My biggest compliment to Rust is that it's boring, and this is an amazing compliment.

– Chris Dickinson, Engineer at npm, Inc





II. *Hey, Juniper!*

*Introduction to
GraphQL on Rust*

★ Unstar

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Juniper

GraphQL server library for Rust



Azure Pipelines

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v0.14.2

chat

on gitter

Commits on Dec 13, 2020

Release juniper_actix 0.2.1

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*Juniper 0.15.1
is awesome!*

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*Asynchronous
Non-Blocking IO*

*Built-in
WebSocket
Subscriptions*

Choose your own *web server*

Juniper does not include a web server - instead it provides building blocks to make integration with existing servers straightforward. It optionally provides a pre-built integration for the [Actix](#), [Hyper](#), [Iron](#), [Rocket](#), and [Warp](#) frameworks, including embedded [Graphiql](#) and [GraphQL Playground](#) for easy debugging.

Let's begin!

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III. *Code-First* vs *Schema-First*

The Problems with ~~Schema-First~~ ^{SDL} GraphQL Server Development



Problem 1: Inconsistencies between schema definition and resolvers

With SDL-first, the schema definition *must* match the exact structure of the resolver implementation. This means developers need to ensure that the schema definition is in sync with the resolvers at all times!

While this is already a challenge even for small schemas, it becomes practically impossible as schemas grow to hundreds or thousands of lines (for reference, the [GitHub GraphQL schema](#) has more than 10k lines).

*Code-First in JS can be **very verbose*** 😓

```
const { GraphQLSchema, GraphQLObjectType, GraphQLString } = require('graphql')

const schema = new GraphQLSchema({
  query: new GraphQLObjectType({
    name: 'Query',
    fields: {
      hello: {
        type: GraphQLString,
        args: {
          name: { type: GraphQLString },
        },
        resolve: (_, args) => `Hello ${args.name || 'World!'}`,
      },
    },
  }),
})
```




Surprisingly,
*Not with **Rust!***



IV.

Building a GraphQL API with Rust



*3 Steps for **Code-First** GraphQL*

***TODO** Data Model*

***TODO** Query Resolver*

***TODO** Root Schema*

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*Our
directory
structure*

fish > fish > fish



***TODO** Data Model*

TODO Query Resolver

TODO Root Schema

Bearded Baker's bakery

12 cookies

per second : 0



Options

Stats

Your first batch goes to the trash. The neighborhood raccoon barely touches it.

Let's define a data model.



```
use juniper::GraphQLObject;  
use serde::Serialize;  
  
#[derive(Serialize, GraphQLObject)]  
pub struct Crustacean {  
    pub amount: i32,  
    pub level: i32,  
}
```

src/models/game.rs



DONE ~~*Data Model*~~

TODO ***Query Resolver***

TODO Root Schema

```
pub struct Query;
```

src/services/query.rs


```
#[graphql_object]
impl Query {
    pub async fn crabs() -> Crustacean {
        Crustacean {
            level: 50,
            amount: 50,
        }
    }
}
```

```
use juniper::graphql_object;  
use crate::models::game::Crustacean;  
  
pub struct Query;  
  
#[graphql_object]  
impl Query {  
    pub async fn crabs() -> Crustacean {  
        Crustacean {  
            level: 50,  
            amount: 50,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

src/services/query.rs


```
pub async fn lobsters() -> Crustacean {  
    Crustacean {  
        level: 30,  
        amount: 30,  
    }  
}
```





DONE ~~*Data Model*~~

DONE ~~*Query Resolver*~~

TODO *Root Schema*


```
use crate::services::query::Query;
```

```
pub type Schema = RootNode<
```

```
    'static,
```

```
    Query,
```

```
    EmptyMutation,
```

```
    EmptySubscription<()>
```

```
>;
```

src/services/schema.rs

```
use juniper::graphql_object;  
use crate::models::game::Crustacean;  
  
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#[graphql_object]  
impl Query {  
    pub async fn crabs() -> Crustacean {  
        Crustacean {  
            level: 50,  
            amount: 50,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
pub fn create_schema() -> Schema {  
    Schema::new(query: Query {},  
                mutation: EmptyMutation::new(),  
                subscription: EmptySubscription::new())  
}
```

```
pub type Schema = RootNode<  
    'static,  
    Query,  
    EmptyMutation,  
    EmptySubscription<()>  
>;
```

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            level: 50,  
            amount: 50,  
        }  
    }  
}
```

src/services/schema.rs


```
use juniper::{EmptyMutation, EmptySubscription, RootNode};
use crate::services::query::Query;

pub type Schema = RootNode<
    'static,
    Query,
    EmptyMutation,
    EmptySubscription<()>
>;

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```

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~~*DONE Data Model*~~

~~*DONE Query Resolver*~~

~~*DONE Root Schema*~~

TODO *Add GraphQL route*

TODO *Setup Actix*


```
#[post("/graphql")]
pub async fn graphql(
    data: web::Data<Arc<Schema>>,
    request: web::Json<GraphQLRequest>
) -> Result<HttpResponse, Error> {
    let res: GraphQLResponse = request.execute(
        root_node: &data,
        context: &()
    ).await;

    Ok(HttpResponse::Ok().json(value: res))
}
```

*Register a
/graphql
endpoint*

*Setup our /graphql endpoint,
as well as GraphQL*

```
pub fn graphql_route(config: &mut ServiceConfig) {  
    config  
        .service(factory: graphiql) : &mut ServiceConfig  
        .service(factory: graphql);  
}
```




DONE ~~Add GraphQL route~~

TODO Setup Actix



Import our schema and endpoint

```
use services::schema::create_schema;  
use routes::graphql::controller::graphql_route;
```



```
#[actix_web::main]
async fn main() → std::io::Result<()> {
    let schema = Arc::new(create_schema());

    HttpServer::new(move || {
        let cors = Cors::default()
            .allow_any_origin()
            .send_wildcard()
            .allowed_methods(vec!["GET", "POST"])
            .allowed_headers(vec![
                http::header::CONTENT_TYPE,
                http::header::ACCEPT
            ])
            .max_age(86400);

        App::new()
            .wrap(cors)
            .wrap(Compress::default())
            .data(schema.clone())
            .configure(landing_route)
            .configure(graphql_route)
    })
    .bind("0.0.0.0:8080")?
    .run()
    .await
}
```

Create the Schema
Setup CORS
Setup Compression
Create an Actix App
Configure Routes

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GraphQL

localhost:8080/graphiql

GraphiQL

Prettify

Merge

Copy

History

Docs

1 query Crustaceans {
2 crabs {
3 level
4 amount
5 }
6
7 lobsters {
8 level
9 amount
10 }
11 }
12

QUERY VARIABLES

But is it fast?

THE **FLASH** THE cw





V.

Load Testing GraphQL with K6



Our *Metrics*

Request Duration 

Throughput 

~~WebSockets?~~ 


```
import {check, sleep} from "k6"
import http from "k6/http"

const query = `
query Crustacean {
  crabs {
    level
    amount
  }

  lobsters {
    level
    amount
  }
}`

export default function loadTest() {
  const url = "http://localhost:8080/graphql"
  const body = JSON.stringify({query})
  const headers = {"Content-Type": "application/json"}

  const res = http.post(url, body, {headers})
  console.log("Response Time =", res.timings.duration, "ms")

  check(res, {"is status 200": (r) => r.status === 200})
  sleep(0.3)
}
```




TAKE A GUESS

*What will be the
response time be for
10 Concurrent Users?*

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fish

fish

fish

running (10.3s), 00/10 VUs, 331 complete and 0 interrupted iterations
default ✓ [=====] 10 VUs 10s



✓ is status 200

checks.....	: 100.00%	✓ 331	x 0					
data_received.....	: 62 kB	6.0 kB/s						
data_sent.....	: 86 kB	8.3 kB/s						
http_req_blocked.....	: avg=113.24µs	min=2µs	med=4µs	max=4.22ms	p(90)=9µs	p(95)=23.5µs		
http_req_connecting.....	: avg=34.82µs	min=0s	med=0s	max=1.64ms	p			
	(90)=0s	p(95)=0s						
http_req_duration.....	: avg=1.18ms	min=400µs	med=1.04ms	max=4.53ms	p(90)=1.83ms	p(95)=2.5ms		
http_req_receiving.....	: avg=51.47µs	min=15µs	med=33µs	max=715µs	p(90)=81µs	p(95)=131.5µs		
http_req_sending.....	: avg=74.34µs	min=10µs	med=28µs	max=861µs	p(90)=189µs	p(95)=336.5µs		
http_req_tls_handshaking...	: avg=0s	min=0s	med=0s	max=0s	p(90)=0s	p(95)=0s		
http_req_waiting.....	: avg=1.05ms	min=227µs	med=918µs	max=4.49ms	p(90)=1.64ms	p(95)=2.36ms		
http_reqs.....	: 331	32.006387/s						
iteration_duration.....	: avg=303.05ms	min=300.83ms	med=302.49ms	max=309.81ms	p(90)=305.57ms	p(95)=306.38ms		
iterations.....	: 331	32.006387/s						
vus.....	: 10	min=10	max=10					
vus_max.....	: 10	min=10	max=10					



TAKE A GUESS

What about

***200** Concurrent Users?*

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*Pretty much the same
response time!*

(and there's 200 ways to optimize it)



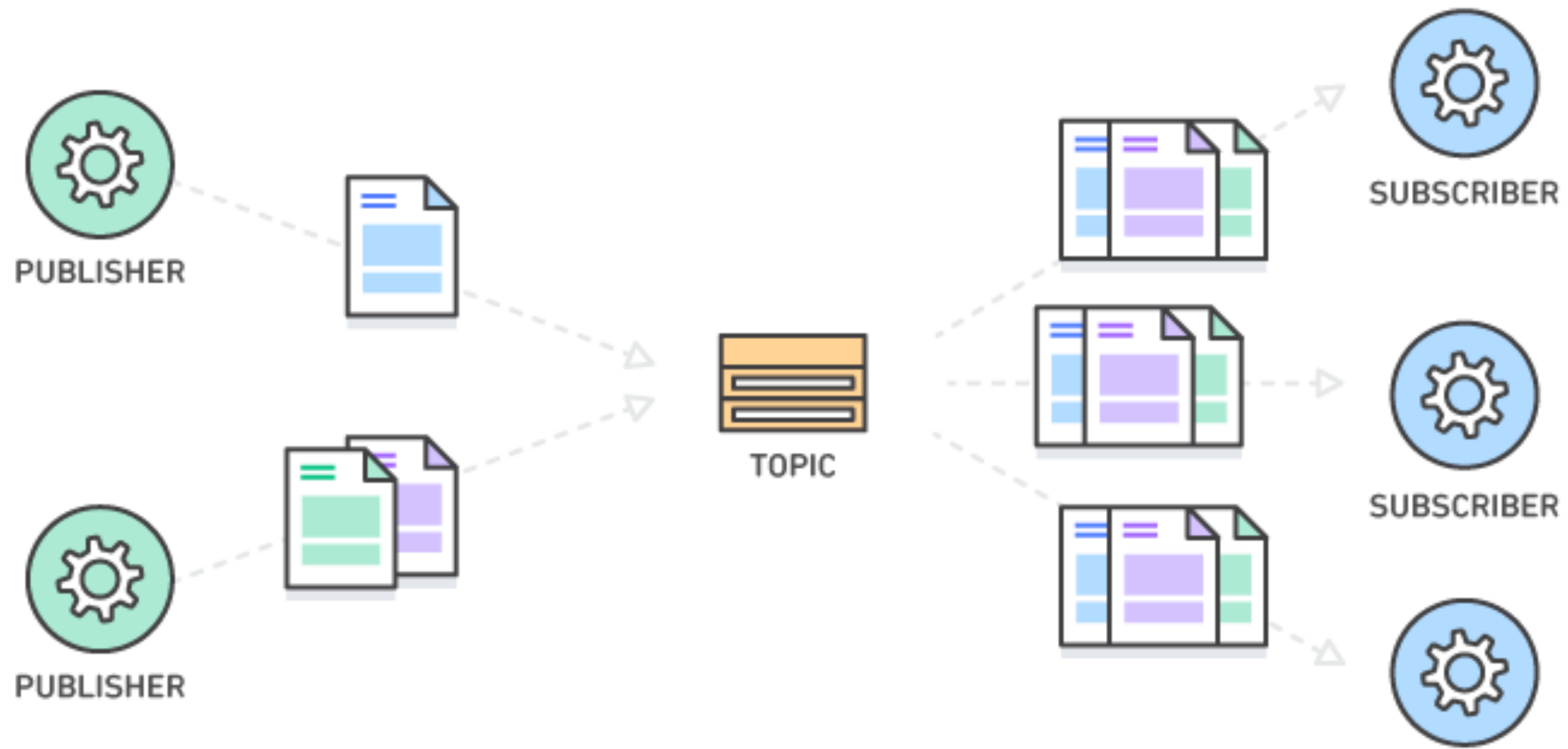
VI.

*Adding
Subscriptions
to Juniper*



Who here have used
subscriptions *in*
GraphQL before?

Server **Publish** new events.
Client **Subscribe** to events



Pro..

game.rs ×

main.rs ×

services/mod.rs ×

query.rs ×

schema.rs ×

controller.rs ×

routes/mod.rs ×

crusty-api ~/Projects/grap

.idea

src

models

mod.rs

game.rs

routes

graphql

mod.rs

controller.rs

landing

mod.rs

controller.rs

mod.rs

services

mod.rs

query.rs

schema.rs

main.rs

target

.gitignore

Cargo.lock

Cargo.toml

load-test.js

External Libraries

Scratches and Consoles

1 pub mod query;

2 pub mod schema;

3

```
type CrustaceanStream =  
  Pin<Box<dyn futures::Stream<  
    Item = Result<Crustacean, FieldError>  
  > + Send>>;
```



```
pub struct Subscription;
```

```
impl Subscription {  
    async fn crabs() -> CrustaceanStream {  
        let mut level:i32 = 0;  
        let mut amount:i32 = 0;  
  
        let delay:Duration = Duration::from_secs(secs: 3);  
  
        let stream:Map<Interval, fn(...) -> ...> = tokio::time::interval(period: delay)  
            .map(move |_| {  
                level += 1;  
                amount += 100;  
  
                Ok(Crustacean { level, amount })  
            });  
  
        Box::Pin(stream)  
    }  
}
```



```

#[get("/subscriptions")]
async fn subscriptions(
    schema: web::Data<Arc<Schema>>,
    request: HttpRequest,
    stream: web::Payload,
) -> Result<HttpResponse, Error> {
    let config: ConnectionConfig<()> = ConnectionConfig::new(context: ());

    // set the keep alive interval to 15 secs so that it doesn't timeout in playground
    // playground has a hard-coded timeout set to 20 secs
    let config: ConnectionConfig<()> = config.with_keep_alive_interval(interval: Duration::from_secs(secs: 15));

    let rootNode: Arc<Schema> = (*schema.into_inner()).clone();

    subscriptions_handler(req: request, stream, root_node: rootNode, init: config).await
}

pub fn graphql_route(config: &mut ServiceConfig) {
    config
        .service(factory: graphiql) : &mut ServiceConfig
        .service(factory: graphql) : &mut ServiceConfig
        .service(factory: subscriptions);
}

```


Setup *subscriptions* URL in GraphQL

```
#[get("/graphql")]
pub async fn graphql() -> HttpResponse {
    let source : String = graphql_source(
        graphql_endpoint_url: "/graphql",
        subscriptions_endpoint_url: Some("/subscriptions"));

    HttpResponse::Ok()
        .content_type(value: "text/html; charset=utf-8")
        .body(source)
}
```




Our *Metrics*

Request Duration 

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WebSockets? 

```
subscription {  
  crabs {  
    level  
    amount  
  }  
}
```


{

"crabs": {

"level": 92,

"amount": 9200

}

}



*How fast do you expect
this will be?*

Let's see the demo.

THE **FLASH** THE cw



KEY POINTS 🤪

Rust has great *performance* like C 🚀
with *modern facilities* like TypeScript 🍣

Code-first GraphQL is clean with Rust *Macros* 🎲

React to real-time events with *Subscriptions* 🚢

Use *K6* to write JS to do load testing 😵

THINGS TO TRY NEXT 🤪

Run Serverless Rust on **Google Cloud Run** ☁️

Build our code to **WebAssembly** target ⚡

Run it on the Edge with **Cloudflare Workers**

Persist WebSocket with Durable Objects

Store data on Workers KV



one last thing.



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Let's go *AFTER PARTY*
@ ADMIRAL PUB
(Sukhumvit)



Senior Software Engineer

Frontend || Backend



Site Reliability Engineer

QA Engineer

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That's it.
Thank you!

Any Questions?

