

**HELLO.  
MY NAME IS JOE.  
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.**

# EVENTS AND SOCKET.IO

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*Building real-time software*

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JSFiddle

RunSaveTidyUpJSHintCollaboration

Login/Sign up

Frameworks & Extensions

jQuery 2.1.3

onLoad

Fiddle Options

External Resources

Languages

Ajax Requests

Legal, Credits and Links

1 <div>

2 </div>

HTML

1 div {

2 width: 400px;

3 height: 400px;

4 background: red;

5 }

CSS

1 \$('div').on('click', function () {

2 alert('Hello from the event listener!');

3 });

Result

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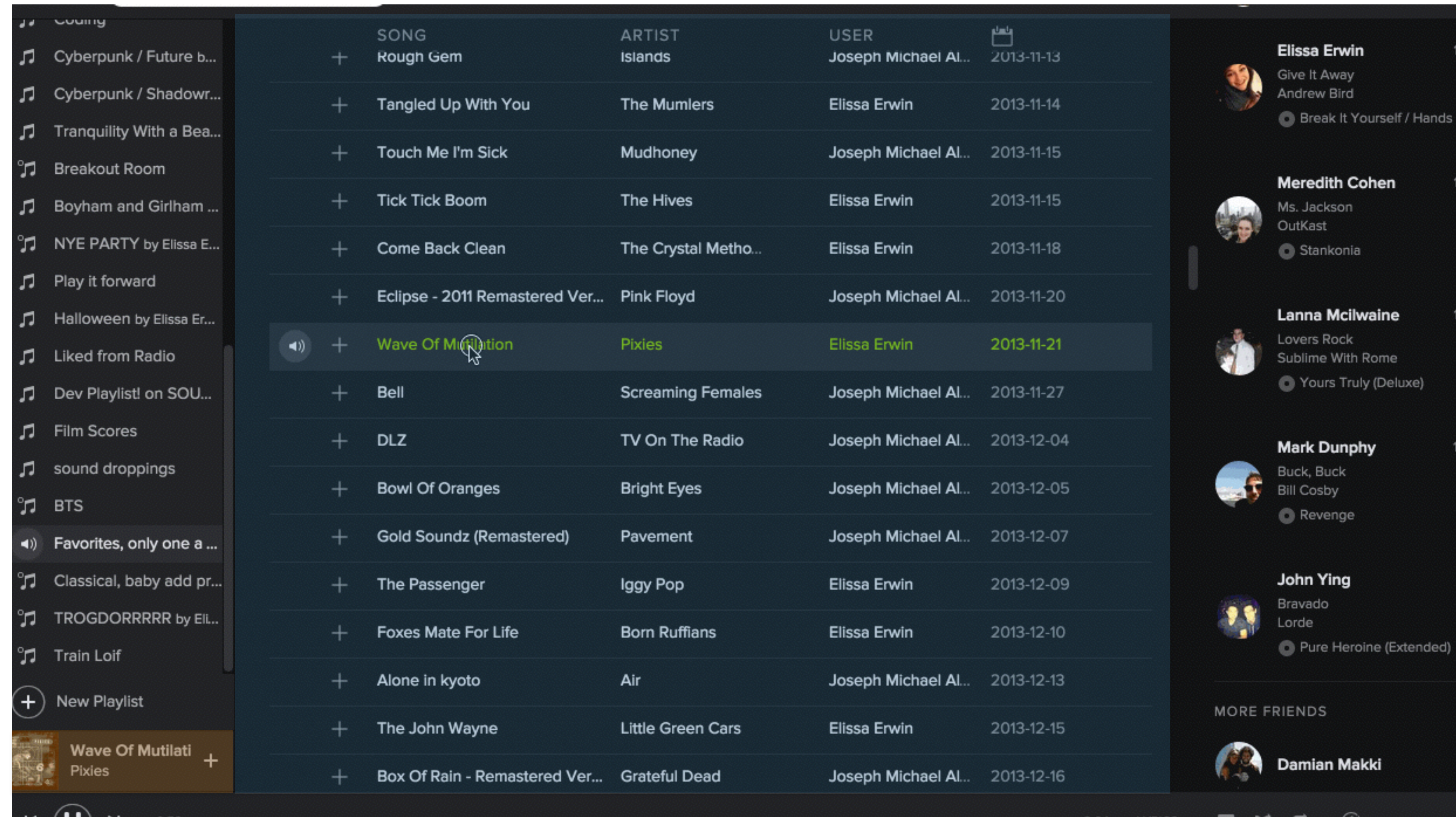
# PRACTICAL USES

- Connect two decoupled parts of an application

```
var currentTrack = new EventEmitter();
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```
currentTrack.emit('changeTrack', newTrack);
```

```
currentTrack.on('changeTrack', function (newTrack) {  
  // Display new track!  
});
```





# PRACTICAL USES

- Represent multiple asynchronous events on a single entity.

```
var upload = uploadFile();
```

```
upload.on('error', function (e) {  
  e.message; // World exploded!  
});
```

```
upload.on('progress', function (percentage) {  
  setProgressOnBar(percentage);  
});
```

```
upload.on('complete', function (fileUrl, totalUploadTime) {  
  
});
```

# ALL OVER NODE

- **server.on('request')**
- **request.on('data') / request.on('end')**
- **process.stdin.on('data')**
- **mongoose.on('connection')**
- **Streams**

# HTTP, PART 2

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*Sequels are always worse than the original*

# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT HTTP

- ◉ A client makes a “request” to a server
- ◉ Server can receive this “request” and generate a “response”
- ◉ Only **\*\*ONE\*\*** response can (and must) be generated for a HTTP request
- ◉ A response can include a body or “payload” (HTML, JSON)



# The New York Times



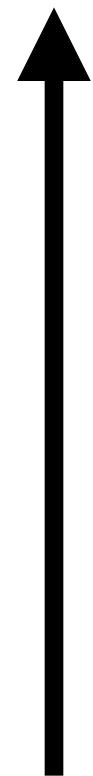
**FIFA WORLD CUP**  
**Brasil**

# LIVE WORLD CUP COVERAGE

- A user visits a web page
- This web page has a live updating list of game coverage (“events”) provided by New York Times commentator (“Brazil receives yellow card”/“Germany scores goal”)
- When the event line is submitted by the commentator, it should immediately display to the user

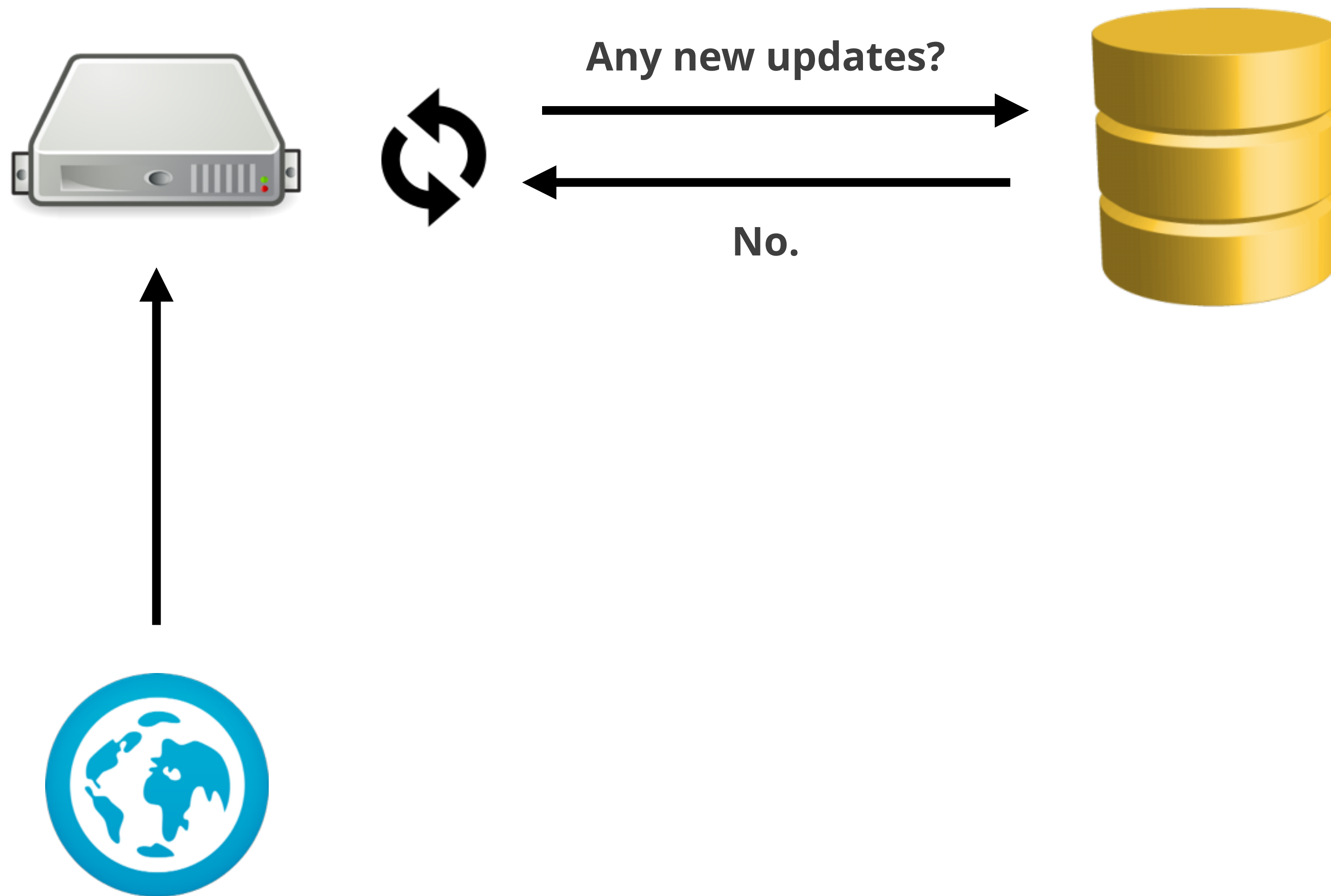


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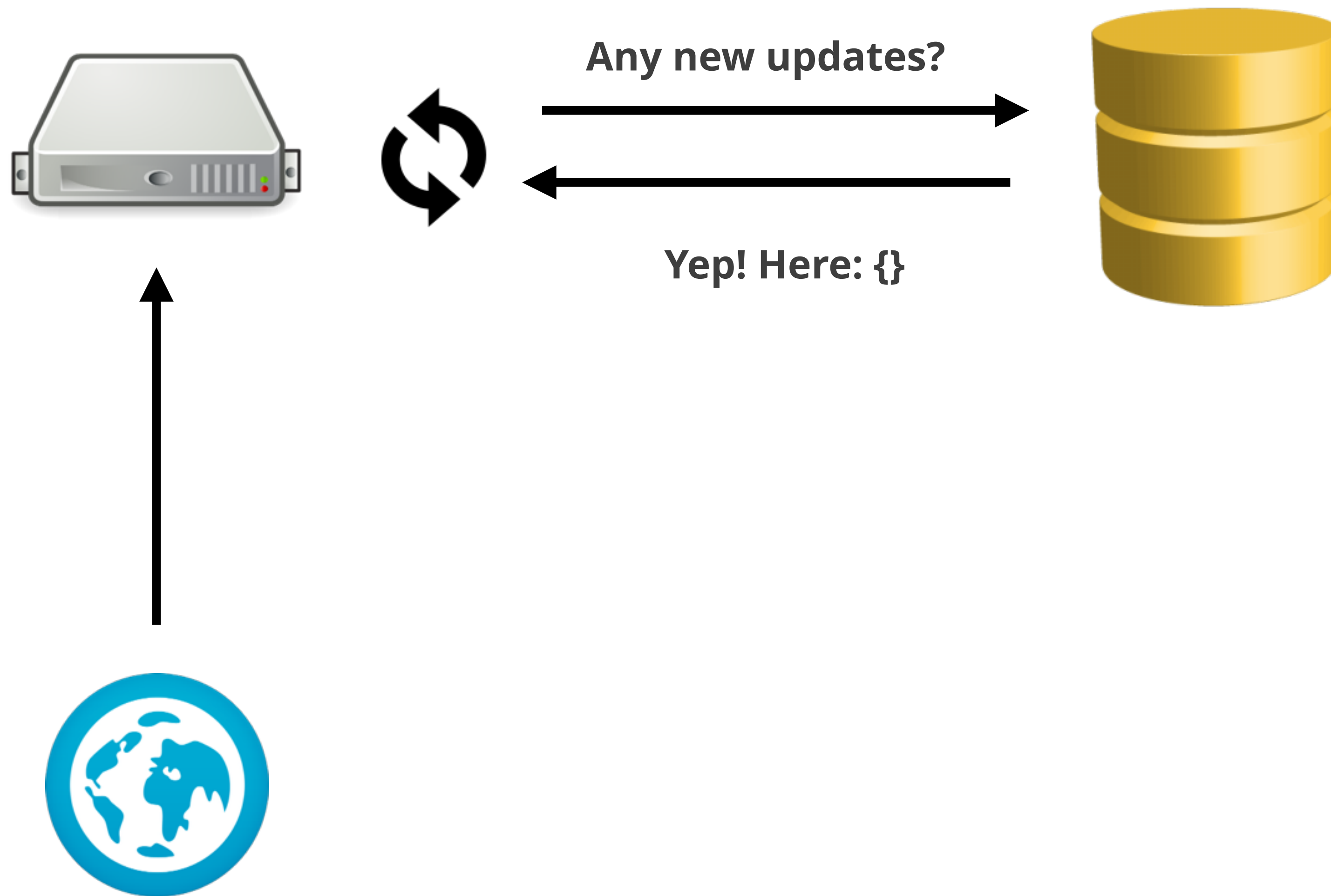
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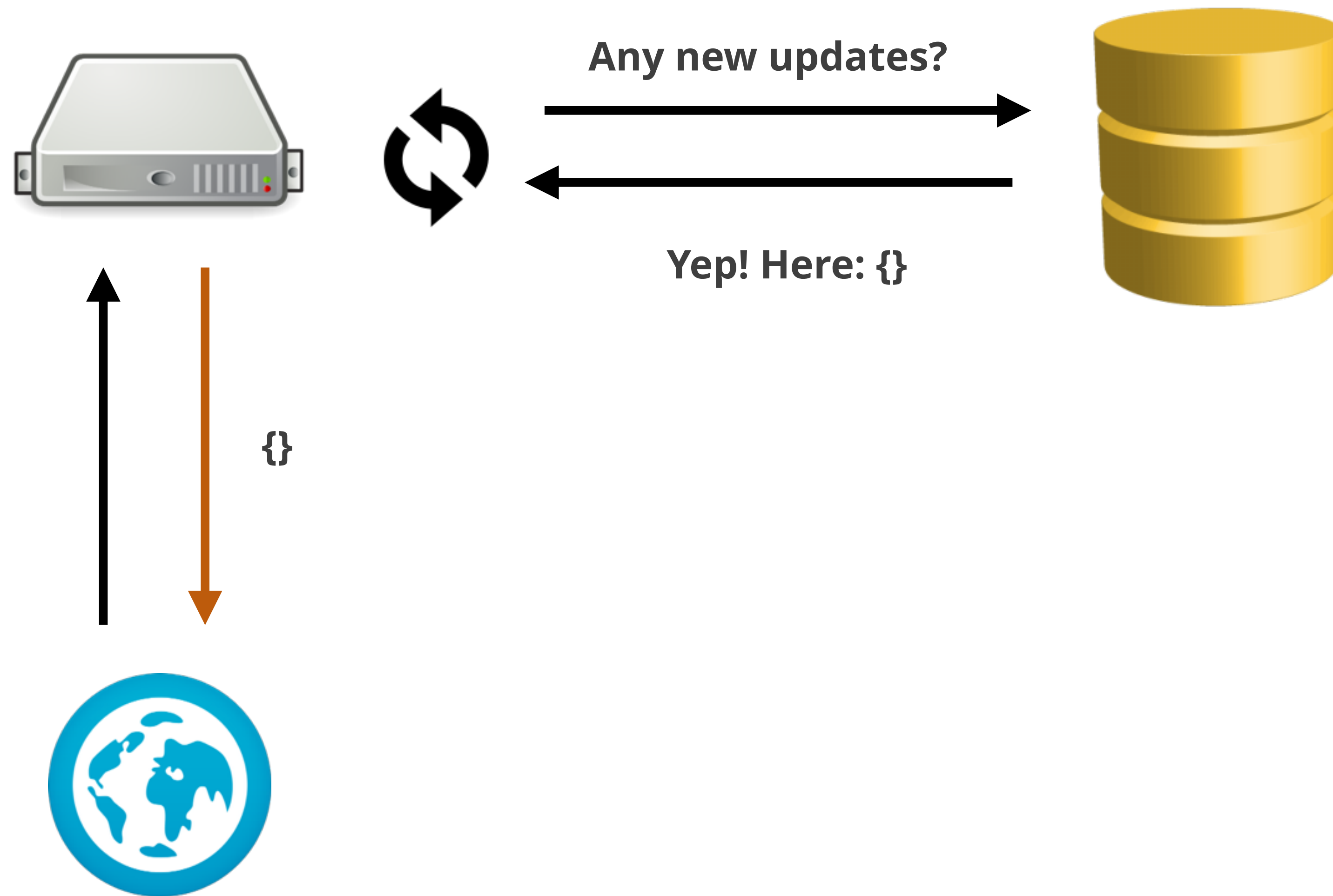


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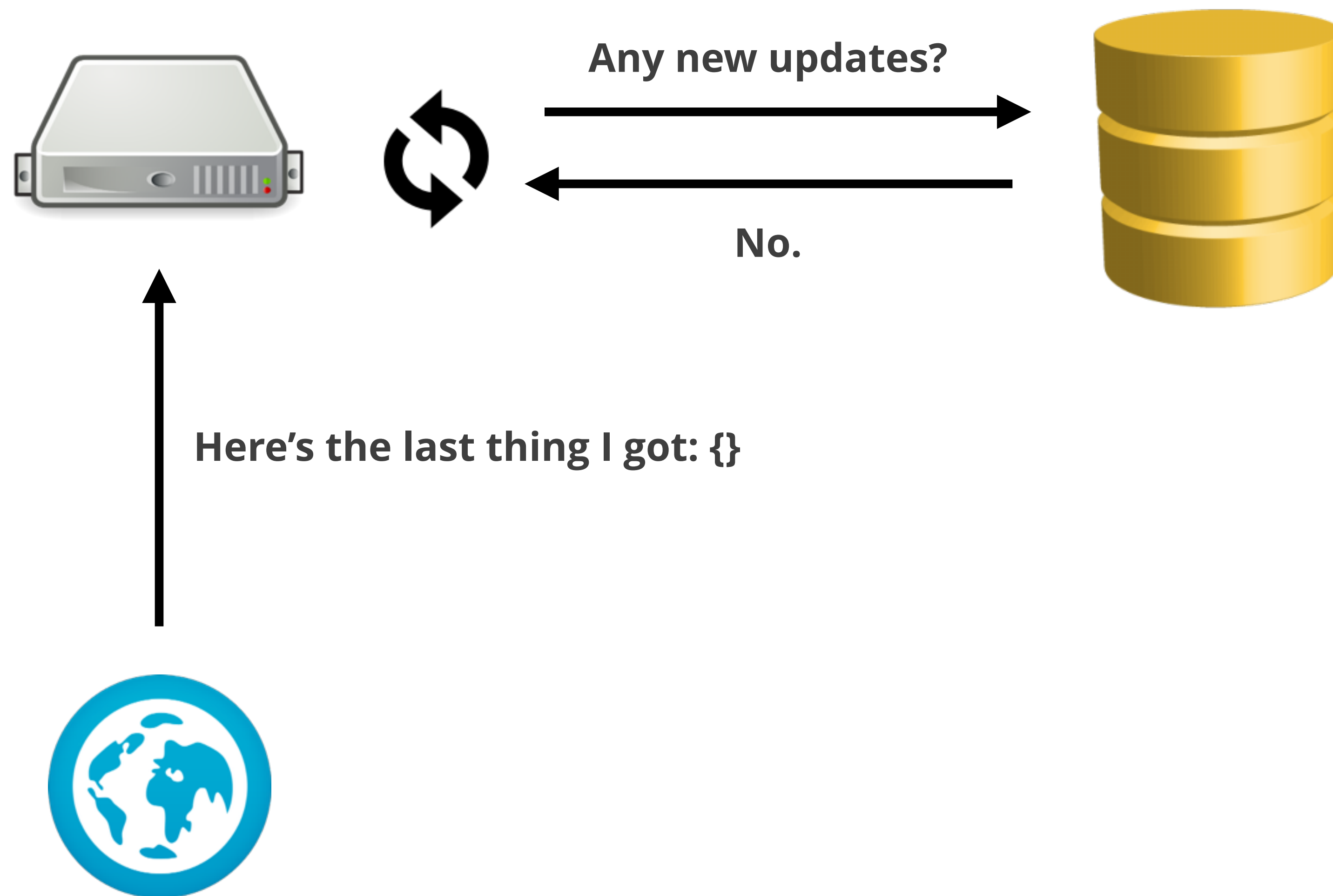


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# TCP

*Transmission Control Protocol*

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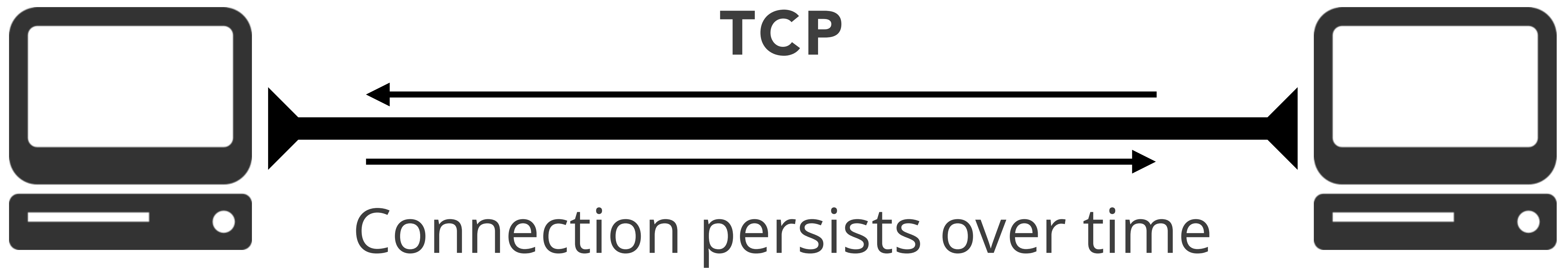
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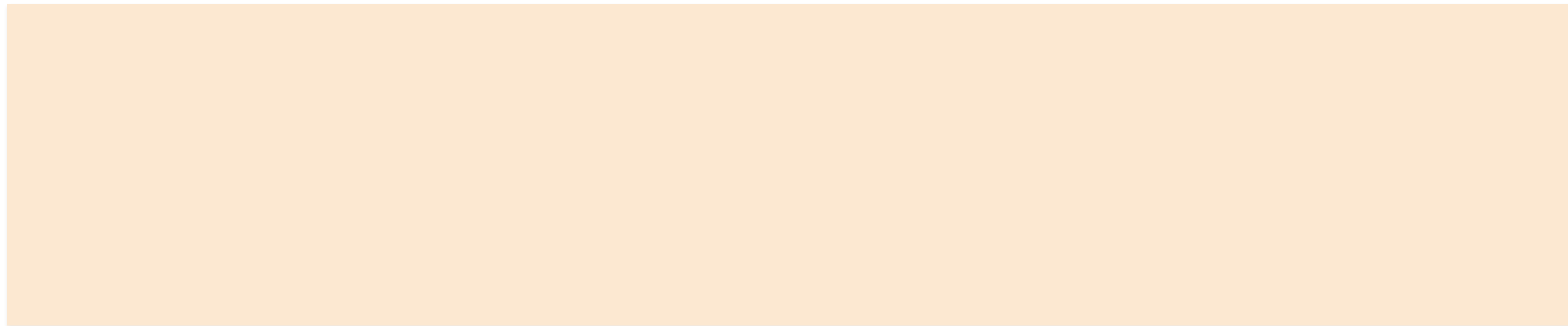
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- **Implements the idea of a “session”, which establishes a TCP socket for the client/server communication and data transport.**

# HTTP: CLIENT SOLICITS CONNECTION



# TCP CONNECTION IS ESTABLISHED FOR DATA TRANSPORT



# HTTP USES THIS TCP CONNECTION TO SEND REQUEST FROM CLIENT





# HTTP USES THIS TCP CONNECTION TO SEND RESPONSE FROM SERVER



# HTTP TERMINATES TCP CONNECTION



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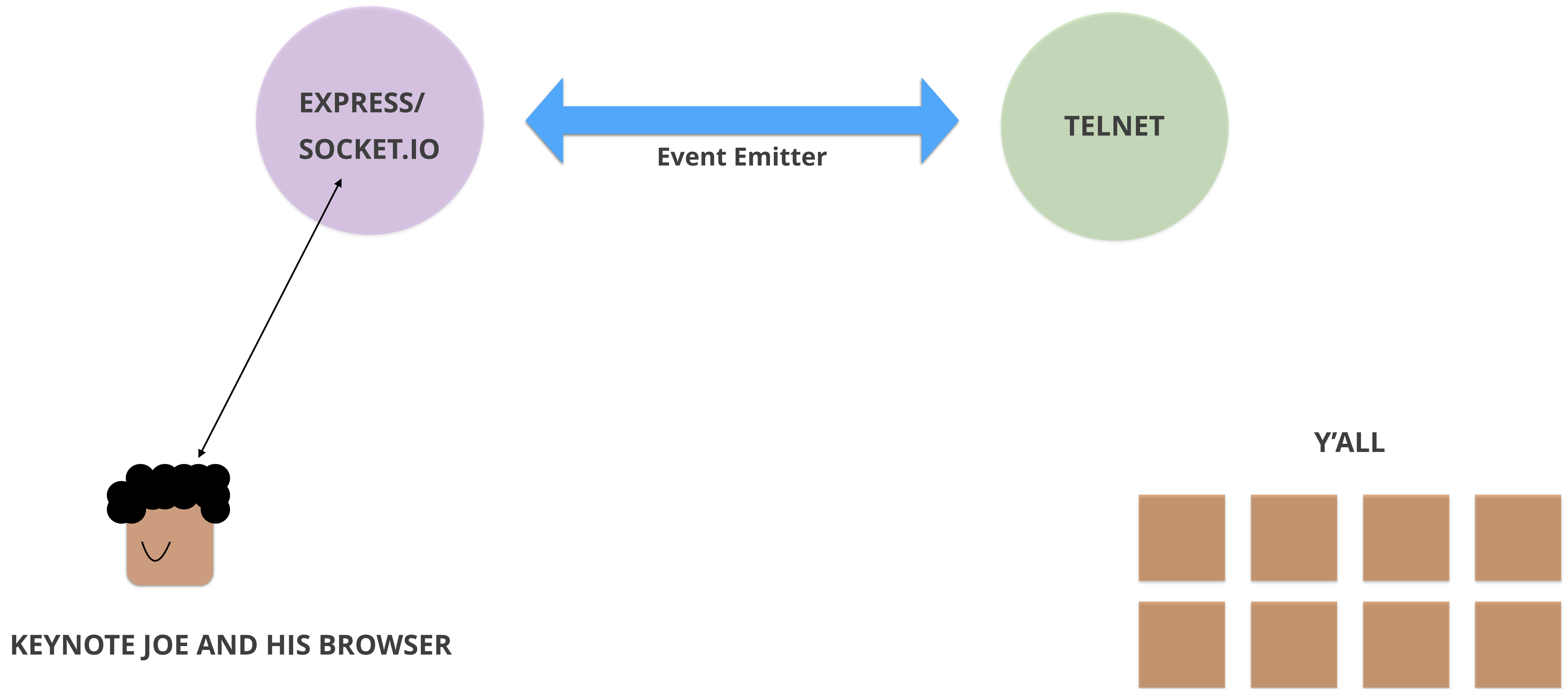
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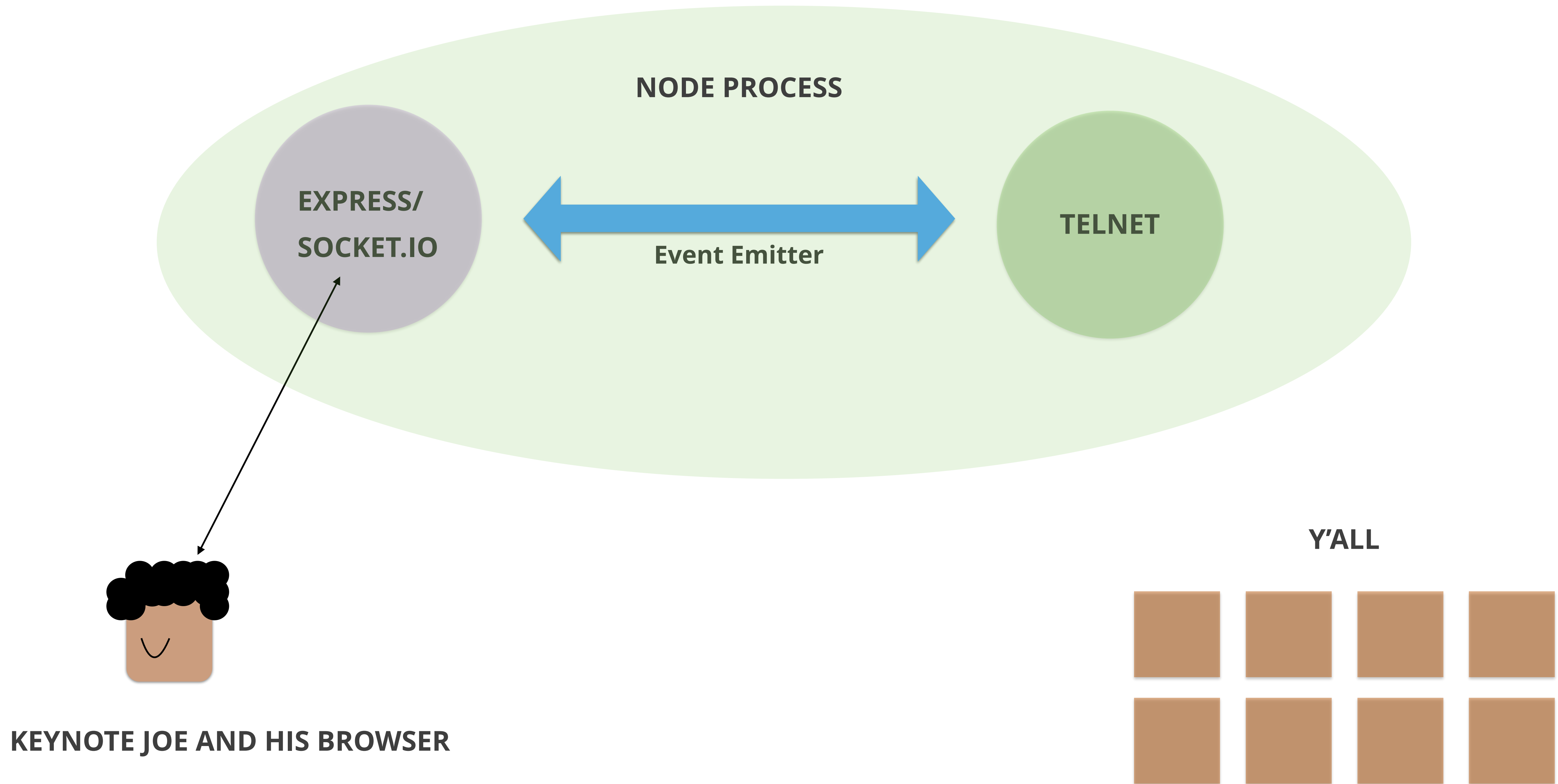
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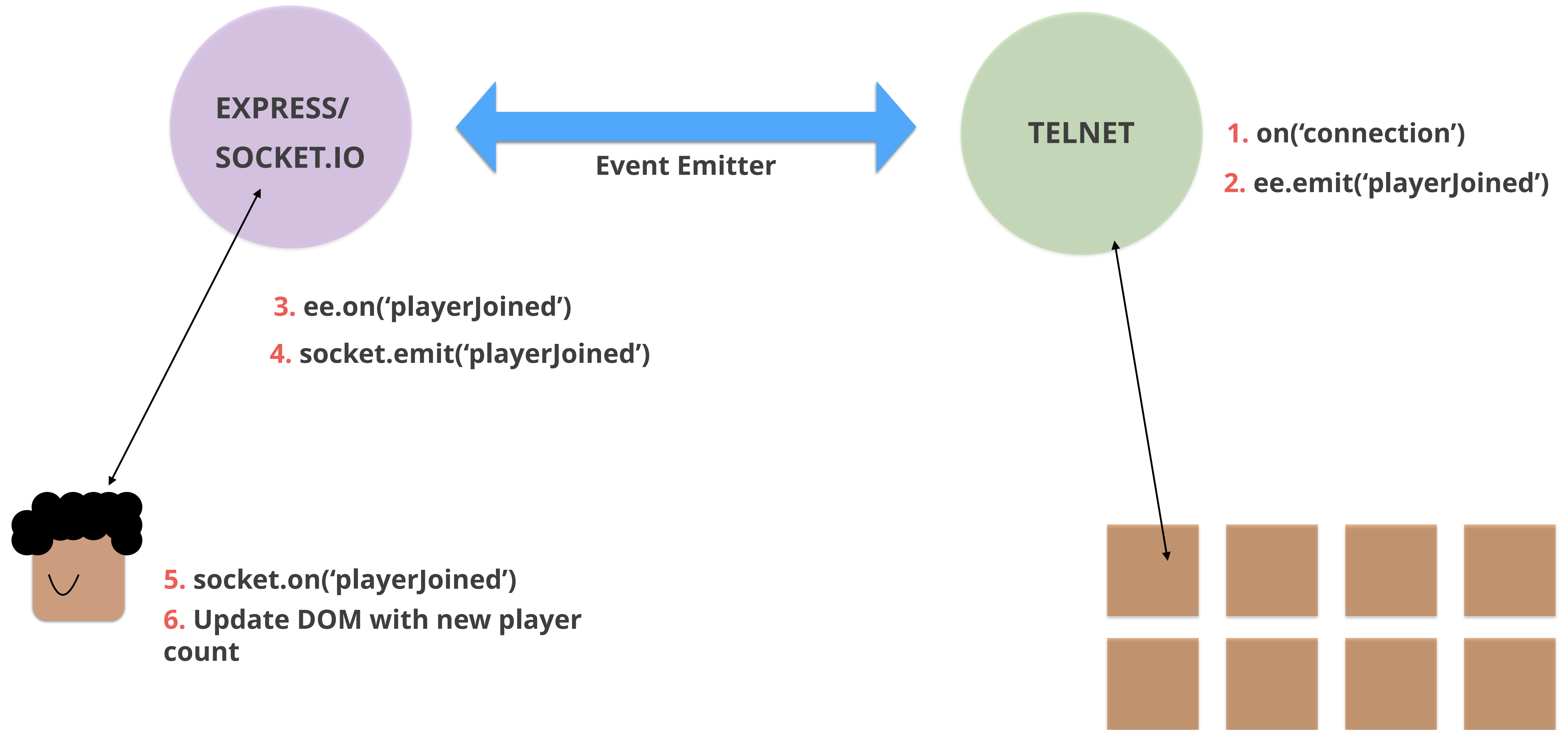
# SOCKET.IO

- **A duet of libraries (one for server-side [node.js] and one for client-side [the browser])**
- **Abstracts the complex implementation of websockets for easy use**
- **Is used primarily via Event Emitters**





# PLAYER JOINS



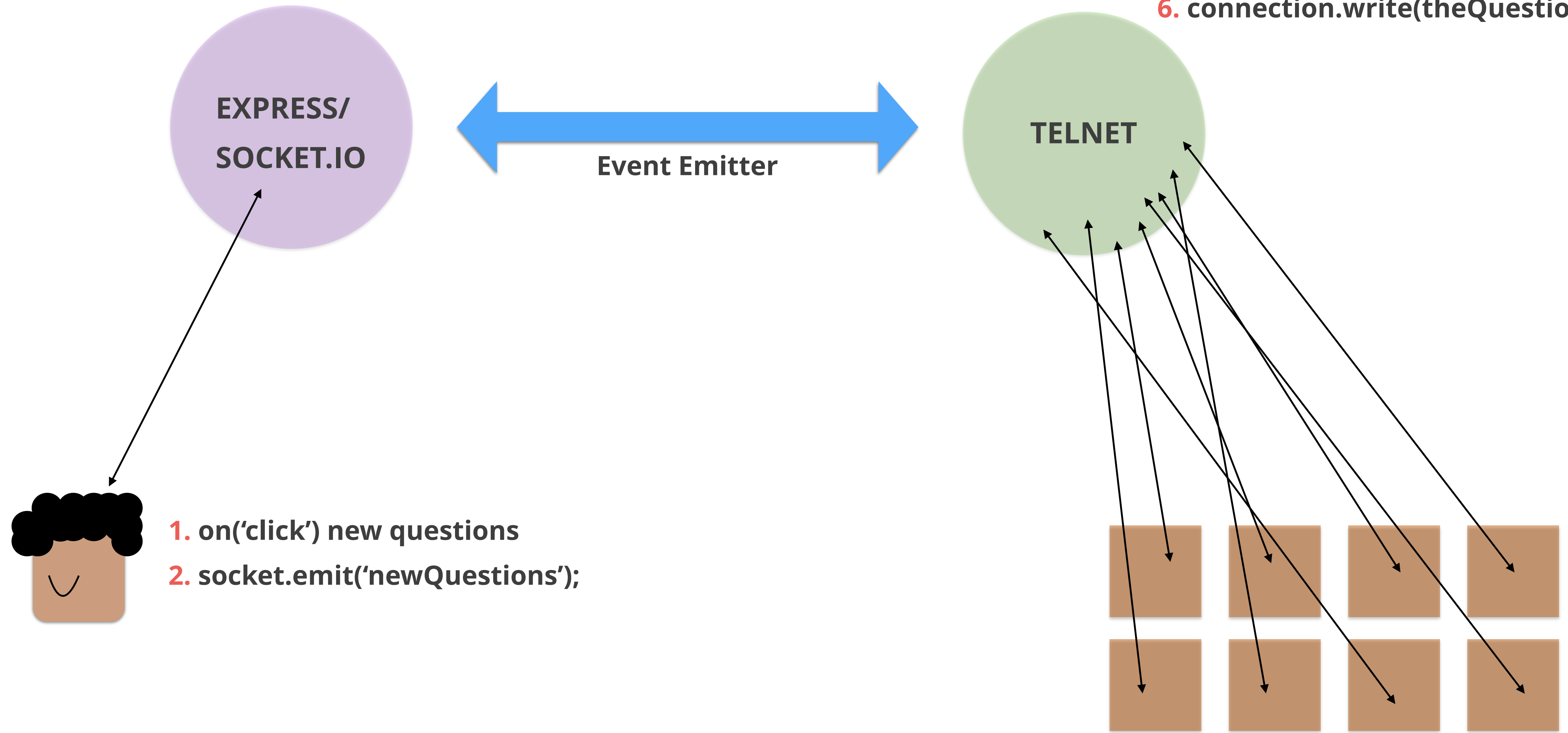
# NEW QUESTIONS

3. `socket.on('newQuestions');`

4. `ee.emit('sendNewQuestions');`

5. `ee.on('sendNewQuestions');`

6. `connection.write(theQuestion)`

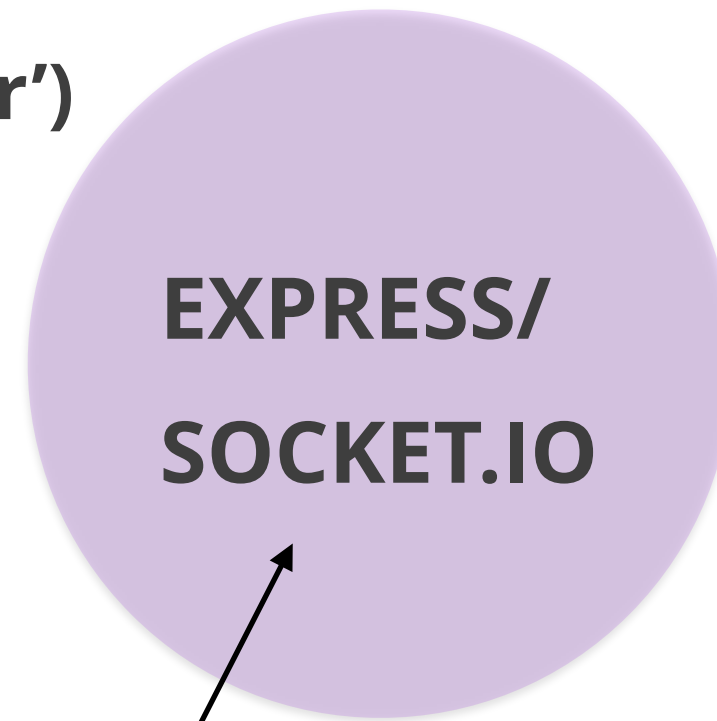




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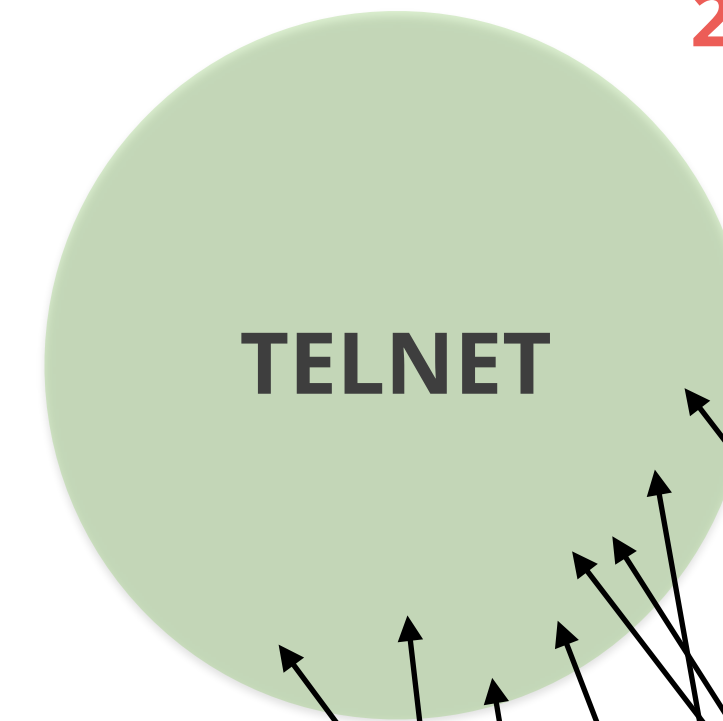
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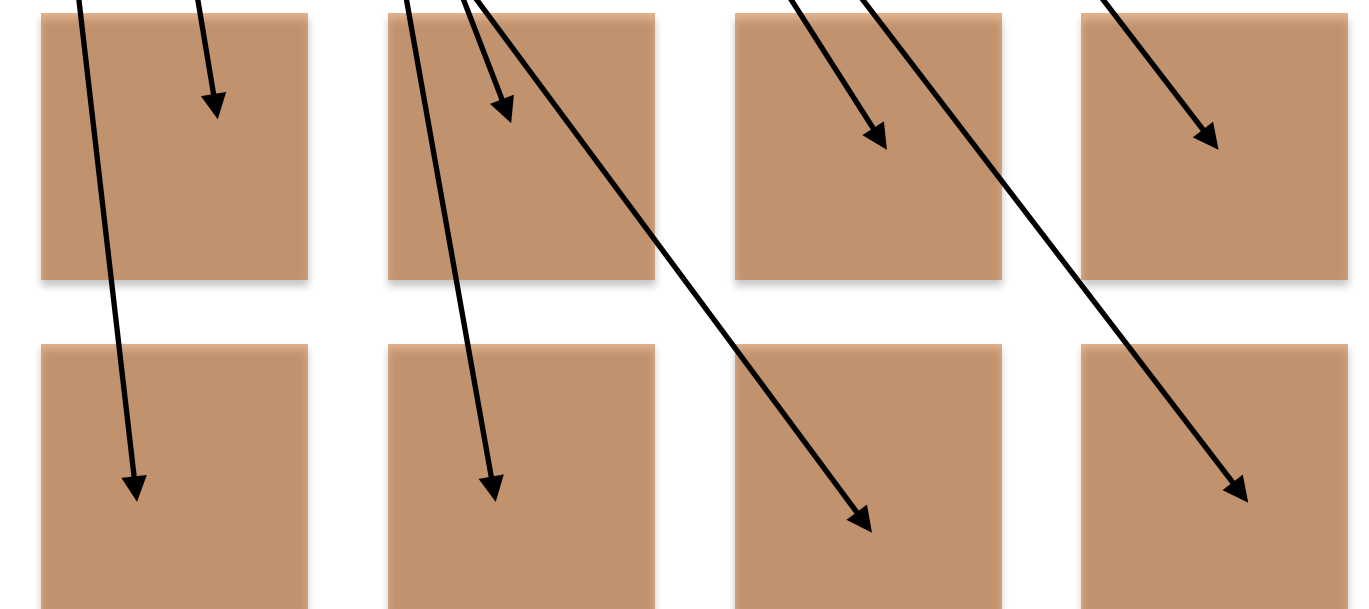
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5. `socket.on('answer')`

6. Add to DOM



# USE CASES

- **Networked enabled games**
- **Chat applications**
- **Collaborative applications**
- **Any “real-time” software**

# DRAWBACKS

- **Servers have to maintain persisted state of connections**
- **Significantly more overhead**
- **Not as efficient or on-demand as HTTP — could have a socket sit dormant for a long time**

# OTHER NOTES

- **Documentation leaves a lot to be desired**
- **Automatically uses fallbacks for different capabilities and environments (long polling, Flash)**
- **Has “rooms” and “namespaces” for socket organization**

