1 WebAssembly for Web Developers

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⇒ Emscripten → initially meant for asm.js
↳ quickly accomodated webassembly

Also does POSIX emulations

① Compiling the library.
↳ No support for threads and SIMD.

② Write "Bridge code" ⇒ construction a function to call from Javascript.

WASM-PACK → Turns RUST code to WebAssembly modules
↳ has smaller glue code as compared to C++.

JS vs WASM

Both have same PEAK PERFORMANCE
↳ will increase for WebAssembly after threads and SIMD support.

JS → IGNITION ⇄ TURBOFAN
DEOPTIMISATION

WASM → LIFTOFF → TURBOFAN
↳ More predictable performance.

✯ WebAssembly threads :-

- → Porting multithreaded applications
- → SHARED LINEAR MEMORY as Shared Array Buffers
- → Atomic operations.

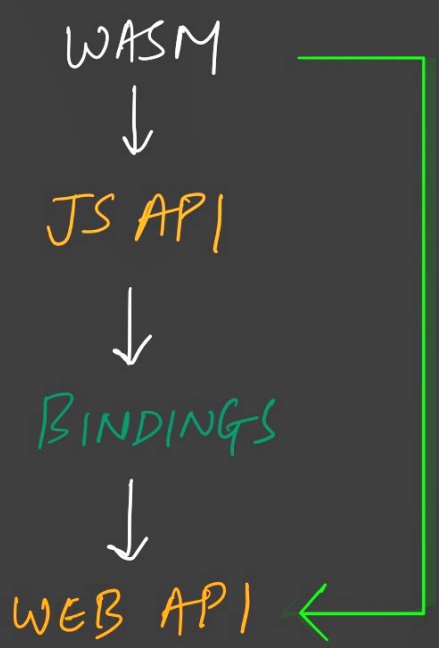
Disabled in some browsers

→ For Webworkers

✯ SIMD Extension

✯ REFERENCE TYPES → Any ref type so that it can access arbitrary Javascript values

✯ WebIDL BINDINGS → Optimise calls from WASM to existing Web APIs in the browser.



✯ OTHER FEATURES

- GARBAGE COLLECTION — High level languages
- TAIL CALL OPTIMIZATION — Functional languages
- EXCEPTION HANDLING — C++ style exceptions.