



# Advanced and Performant Web Apps

Taking advantage of multiple threads with Web Workers, executing binary modules on the web with Web Assembly and Rust as a systems programming language



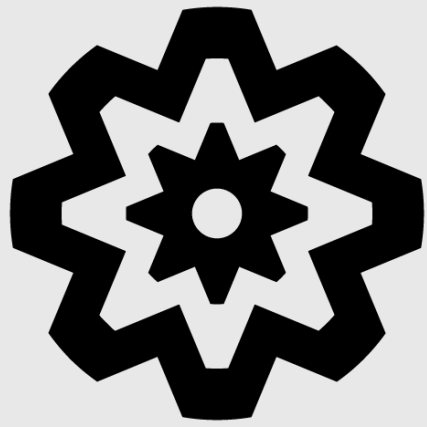
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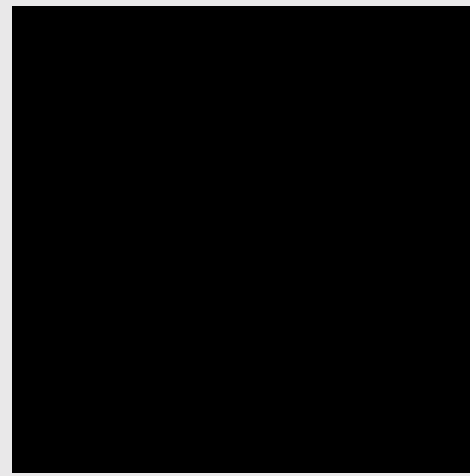
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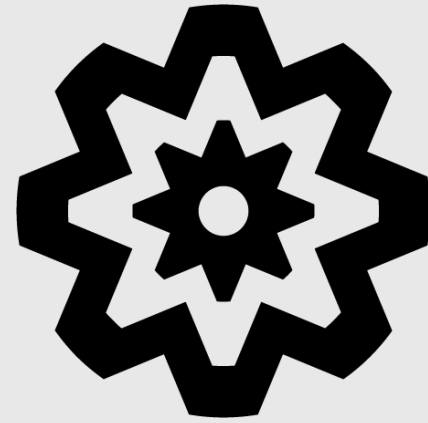
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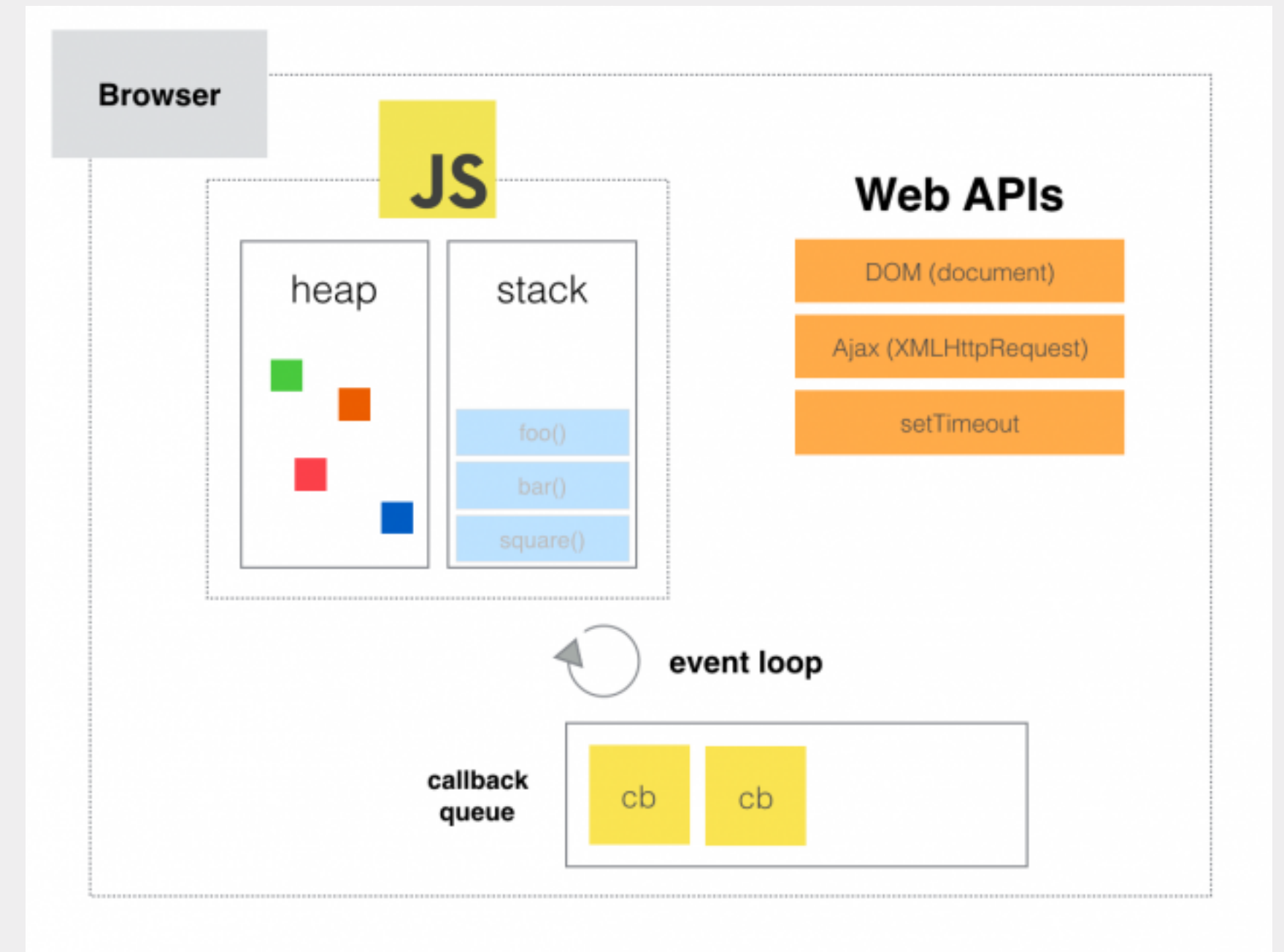
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# Armstrong Numbers

Find all numbers whose digits cubed and summed equals the digit itself

```
18 v const armstrongNumberWorker = createWorker(() => {  
19   let currentNumber = 1;  
20  
21 v   while (true) {  
22     // Convert a number to a list of digits  
23     const digitArray = currentNumber  
24       .toString()  
25       .split('')  
26       .map(digitChar => Number(digitChar));  
27  
28     // Cube each digit and add them up  
29     const cubedAddResult = digitArray  
30       .map(digit => Math.pow(digit, 3))  
31       .reduce((acc, current) => acc + current, 0);  
32  
33 v     if (cubedAddResult === currentNumber) {  
34       // Send a message back to the main thread  
35       self.postMessage(currentNumber);  
36     }  
37  
38     currentNumber += 1;  
39   }  
40 }));
```

$$1 = 1^3$$

$$153 = 1^3 + 5^3 + 3^3$$

$$370 = 3^3 + 7^3 + 0^3$$

# Fibonacci Numbers

The nth Fibonacci number is the sum of the n-1 and the n-2 Fibonacci number

```
19 v let nthFibonacciNumber = (nthTerm) => {  
20 v   if (nthTerm == 1) {  
21     return 1;  
22   }  
23 v   else if (nthTerm == 2) {  
24     return 1;  
25   }  
26  
27   return nthFibonacciNumber(nthTerm - 1) +  
28     nthFibonacciNumber(nthTerm - 2);  
29 };  
30
```

**1st** Fibonacci Number: 0

**2nd** Fibonacci Number: 1

**3rd** Fibonacci Number: 0 + 1 = 1

**4th** Fibonacci Number: 1 + 1 = 2

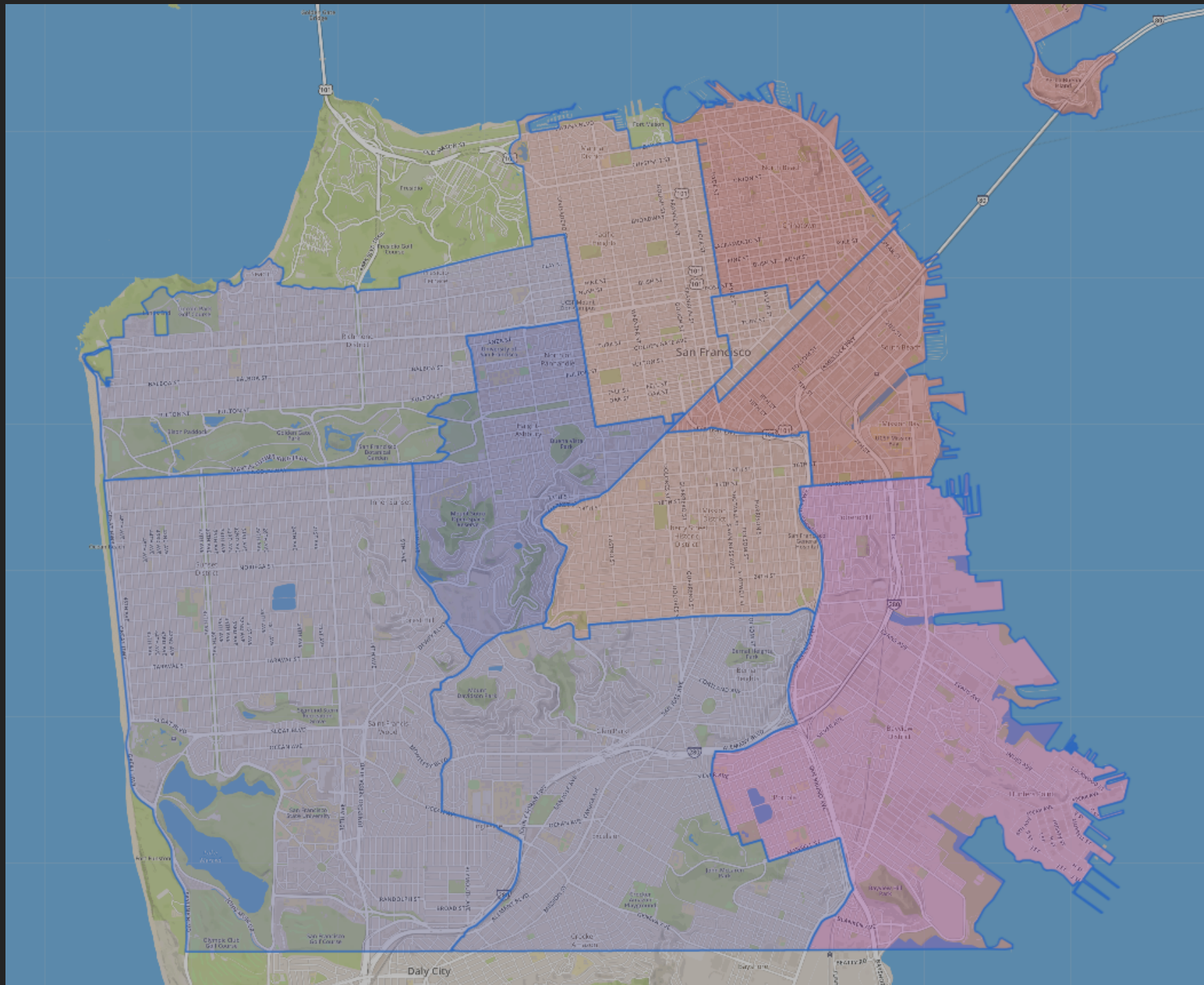


# Real World Application

Ranking San Francisco Police Districts  
by crime frequency since May 2018 and  
clustering them into 5 cluster labels

**Deep Blue** - Least frequent areas

**Deep Red** - Most frequent areas





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C++	Binary	Text
<pre>int factorial(int n) {     if (n == 0)         return 1;     else         return n * factorial(n-1); }</pre>	<pre>20 00 42 00 51 04 7e 42 01 05 20 00 20 00 42 01 7d 10 00 7e 0b</pre>	<pre>get_local 0 i64.const 0 i64.eq if i64     i64.const 1 else     get_local 0     get_local 0     i64.const 1     i64.sub     call 0     i64.mul end</pre>



```

1 (module
2   (func additionOperation
3     (param firstOperand i32)
4     (param secondOperand i32)
5     (result i32)
6     get_local firstOperand
7     get_local secondOperand
8     i32.add)
9   (export "add" (func additionOperation))
10 )
11

```

# 32-bit Addition

Add two 32-bit integers together

vs

Adding two 32-bit floats together

```

1 (module
2   (func $additionOperation
3     (param $firstOperand f32)
4     (param $secondOperand f32)
5     (result f32)
6     get_local $firstOperand
7     get_local $secondOperand
8     f32.add)
9   (export "add" (func $additionOperation))
10 )
11

```

## Integer Addition:

**1st** and **2nd** parameters can

be any values between

**-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647**

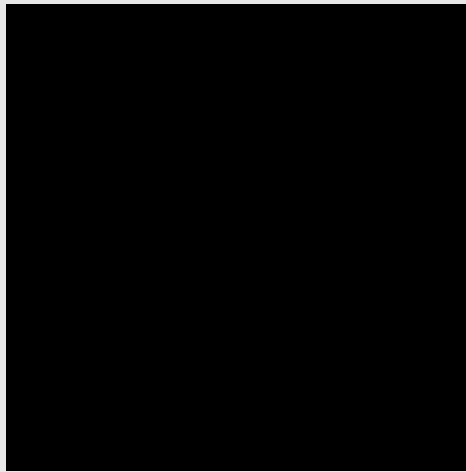
```

1 (module
2   (export "fib" (func $fib))
3   (func $fib (param $n i32) (result i32)
4     (if
5       (i32.lt_s
6         (get_local $n)
7         (i32.const 2)
8       )
9       (return
10        (i32.const 1)
11      )
12    )
13    (return
14      (i32.add
15        (call $fib
16          (i32.sub
17            (get_local $n)
18            (i32.const 2)
19          )
20        )
21        (call $fib
22          (i32.sub
23            (get_local $n)
24            (i32.const 1)
25          )
26        )
27      )
28    )
29  )
30 )
31
32

```

# Fibonacci Sequence

The nth Fibonacci number is the sum of  
the n-1th Fibonacci number and  
n-2th Fibonacci number



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```
let afghan_cities_incidents: HashMap<String, Vec<HashMap<&str, &str>>> = match row_titles.len() {
    0 => HashMap::new(),
    _ => file_contents_iterator
        .map(|line|
            row_titles
                .iter()
                .zip(line.split(','))
                .map(|(x, y)| (*x, y))
                .collect::<HashMap<&str, &str>>()
        )
        .filter(|incident_record| match incident_record.get("country") {
            Some(country) => *country == "4",
            None => false
        })
        .fold(HashMap::new(), |mut city_incidents, incident_record| match incident_record.get("city") {
            Some(city) => {
                let normalized_city = normalized_city_regex.replace_all(city, "").into_owned().to_lowercase();
                city_incidents
                    .entry(normalized_city)
                    .or_insert(vec![])
                    .push(incident_record.clone());
                return city_incidents;
            },
            None => {
                city_incidents.insert(String::from("unclassified"), vec![]);
                return city_incidents;
            }
        })
};
```

```
1  extern crate wasm_bindgen;
2
3  use wasm_bindgen::prelude::*;
4
5  #[wasm_bindgen]
6  v pub fn fibonacci(nth_term: u32) -> u32 {
7
8  v    if nth_term == 1 {
9        return 1;
10     }
11  v    if nth_term == 2 {
12        return 2;
13     }
14
15     return fibonacci(nth_term - 1) + fibonacci(nth_term - 2);
16 }
17
```



# Real World Application

Ranking cities in Afghanistan into clusters  
based on their levels of insurgency since  
2008

1 - Safest areas

5 - Most dangerous areas

