Serving CSV from the Browser Ben Foxall,@benjaminbenben,@pusher



Things I really like about CSV:

- » Accessibility data for everyone
- >> It's the start of something, not the end

The thing I'm going to talk about:

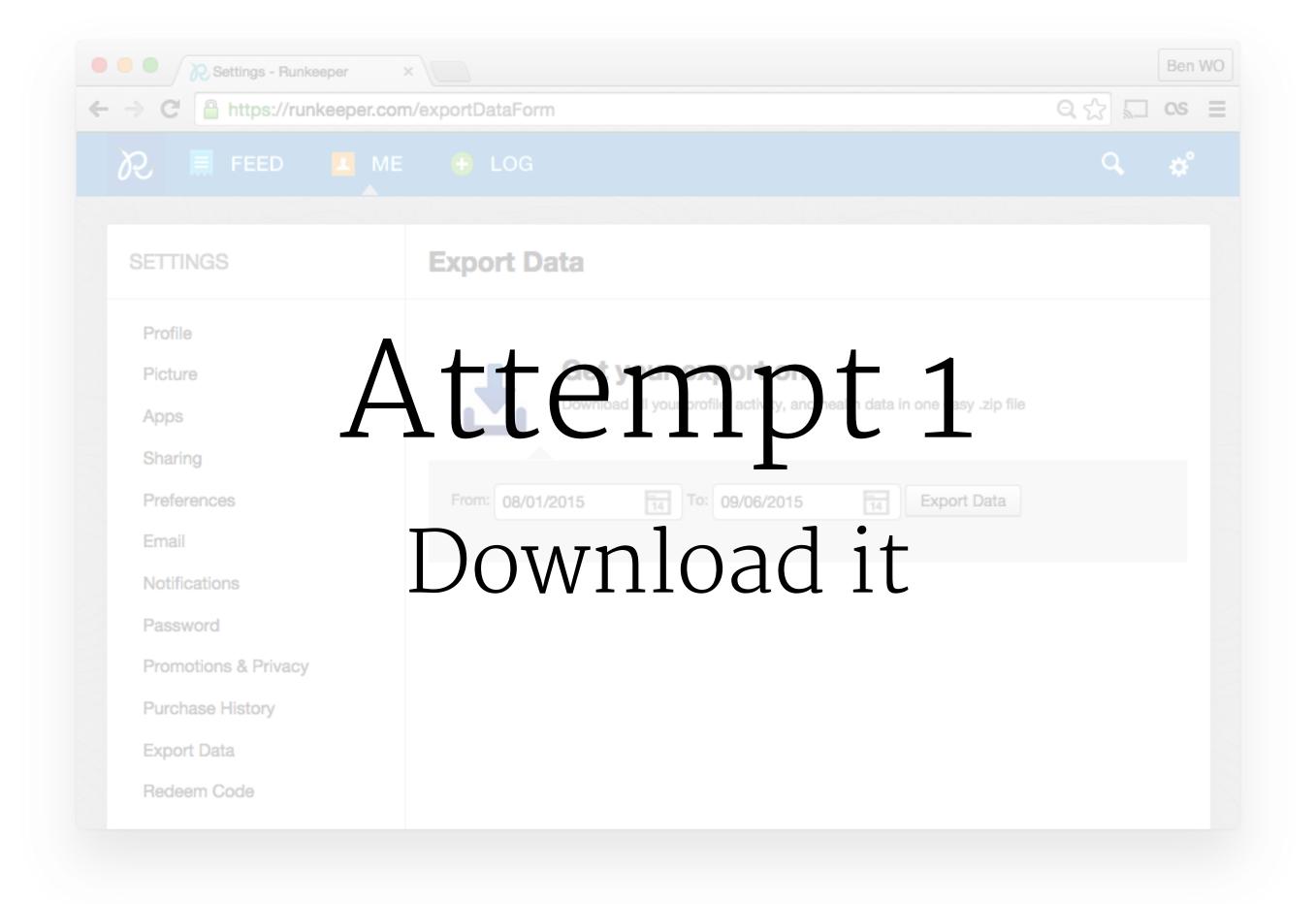
Your data -

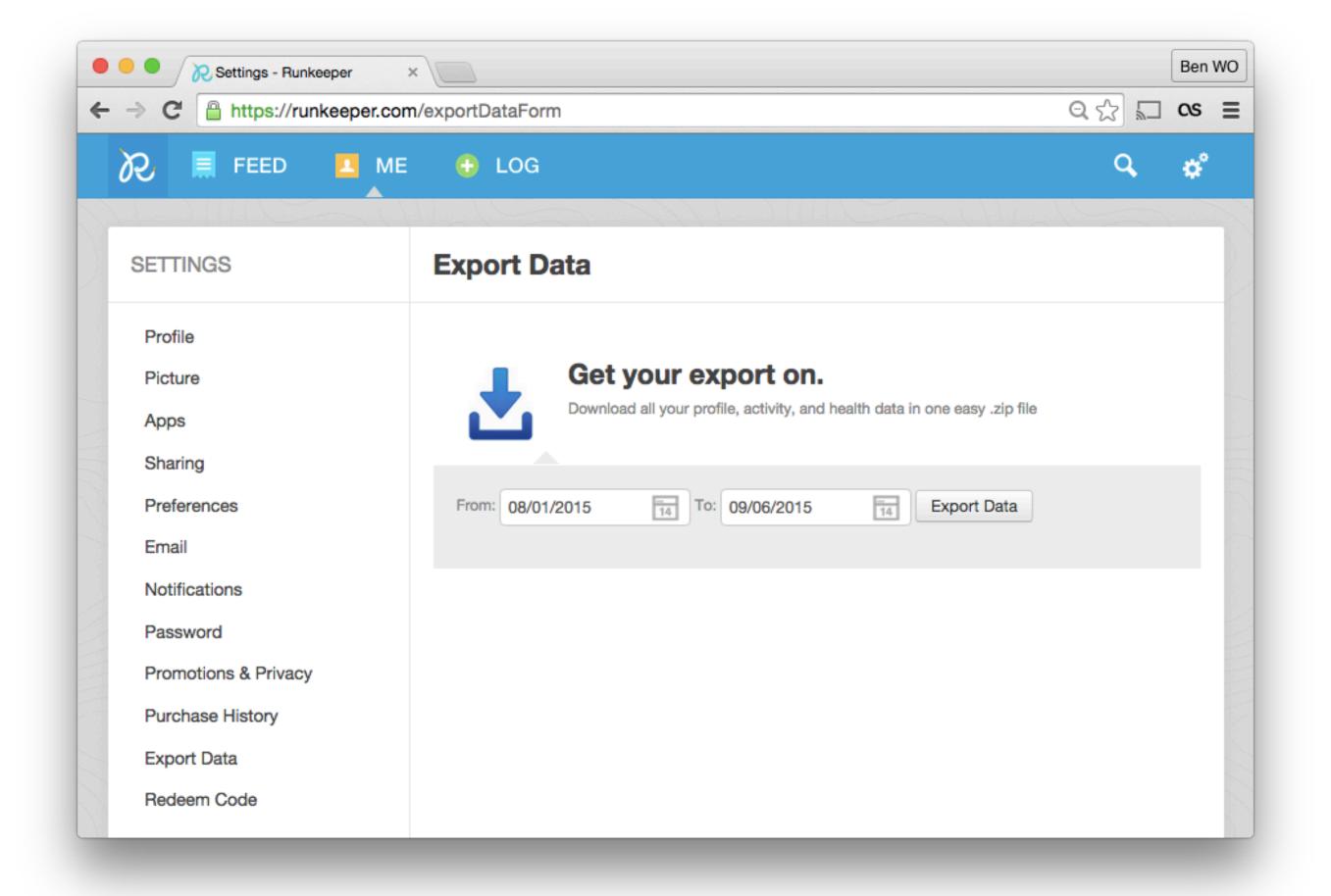
As a Person, I would like my data in a csv file, so that I can do some cool stuff with it

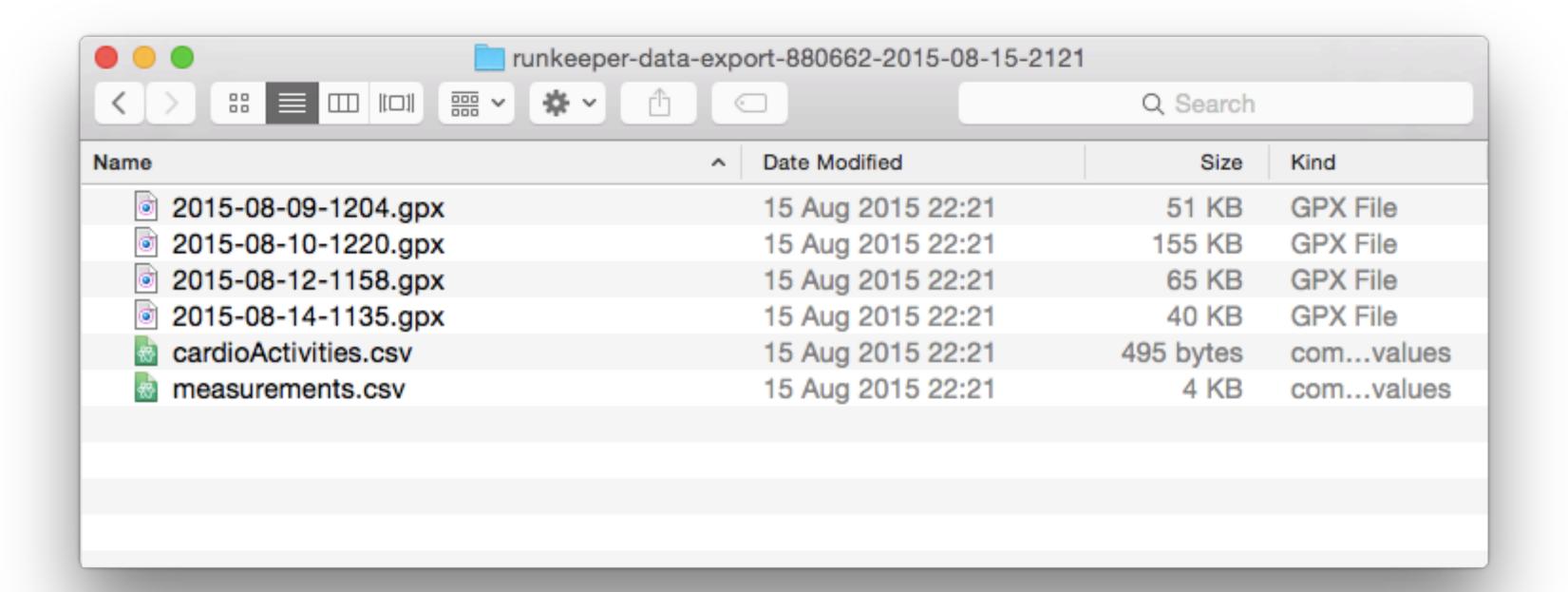


>> Runkeeper – gps routes of running activities

How do we get our data back?









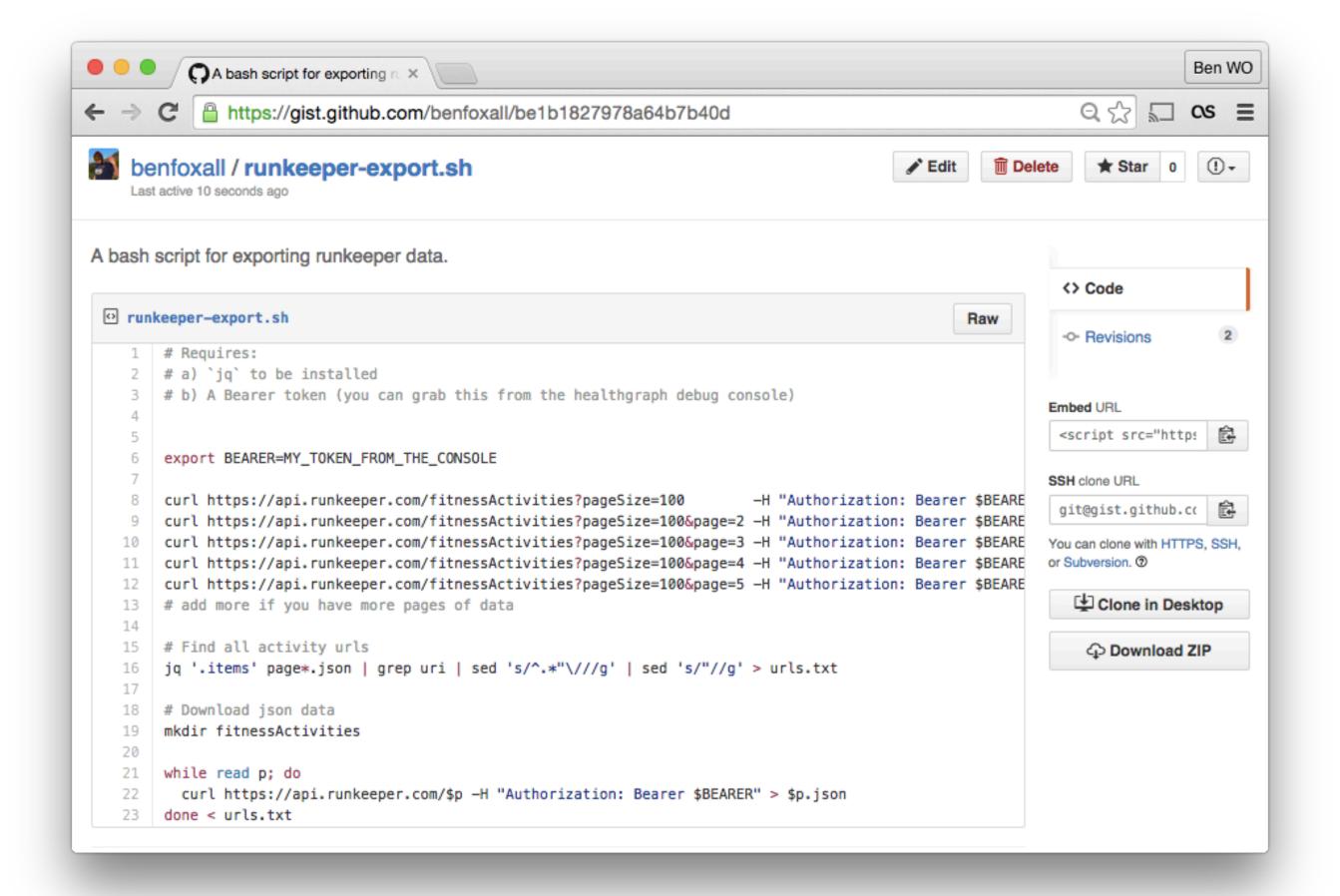
>> Job Done



- >> No format control
- >> Functionality might change/disappear
- >> Need to go online to retrieve different times

Write a script

```
curl https://api.runkeeper.com/fitnessActivities?pageSize=100 -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > page1.json
curl https://api.runkeeper.com/fitnessActivities?pageSize=100&page=2 -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > page2.json
curl https://api.runkeeper.com/fitnessActivities?pageSize=100&page=3 -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > page3.json
curl https://api.runkeeper.com/fitnessActivities?pageSize=100&page=4 -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > page4.json
curl https://api.runkeeper.com/fitnessActivities?pageSize=100&page=5 -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > page5.json
jq '.items' page*.json | grep uri | sed 's/^.*"\///g' | sed 's/"//g' > urls.txt
mkdir fitnessActivities
while read p; do
  curl https://api.runkeeper.com/$p -H "Authorization: Bearer $BEARER" > $p.json
done < urls.txt</pre>
```



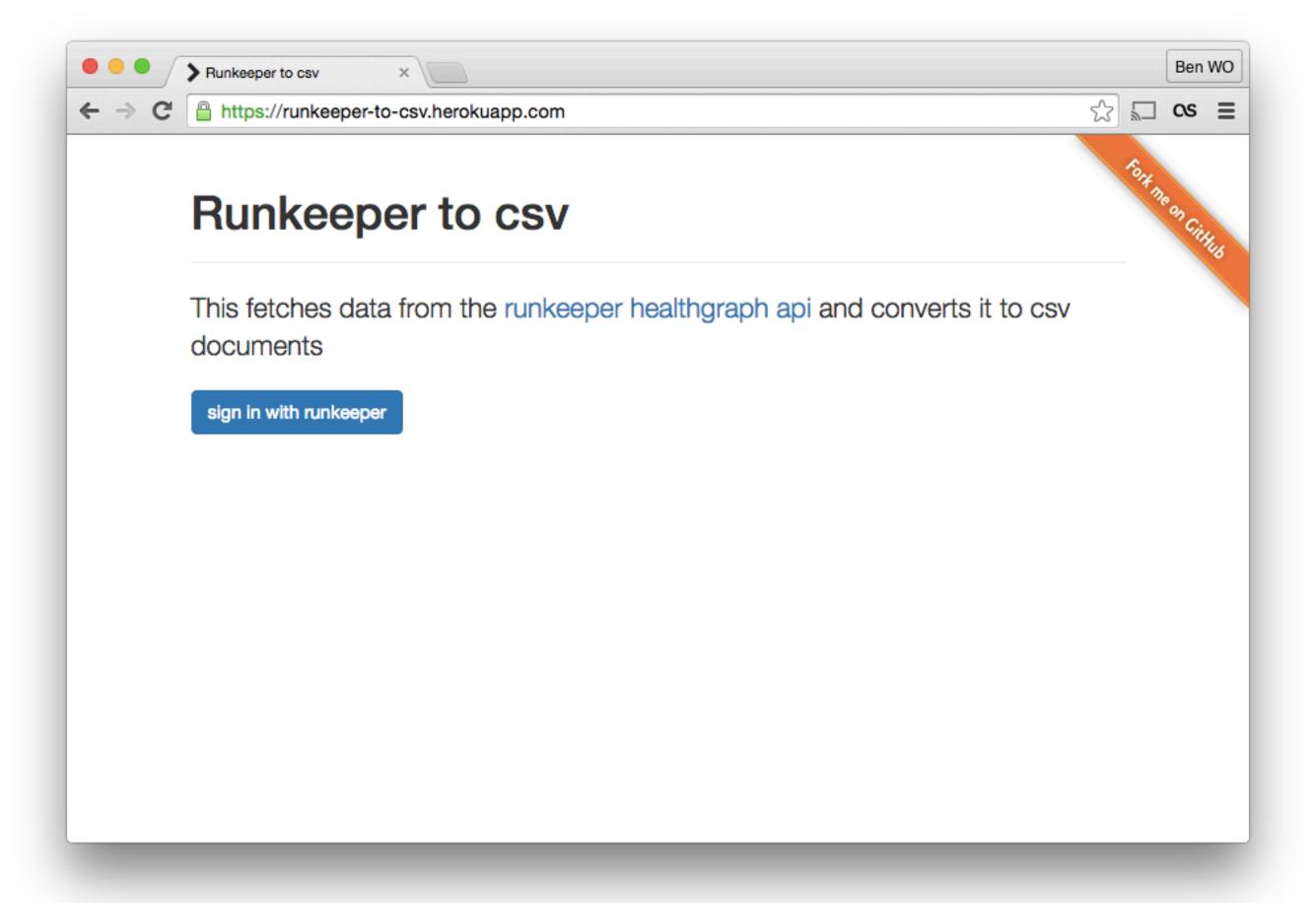


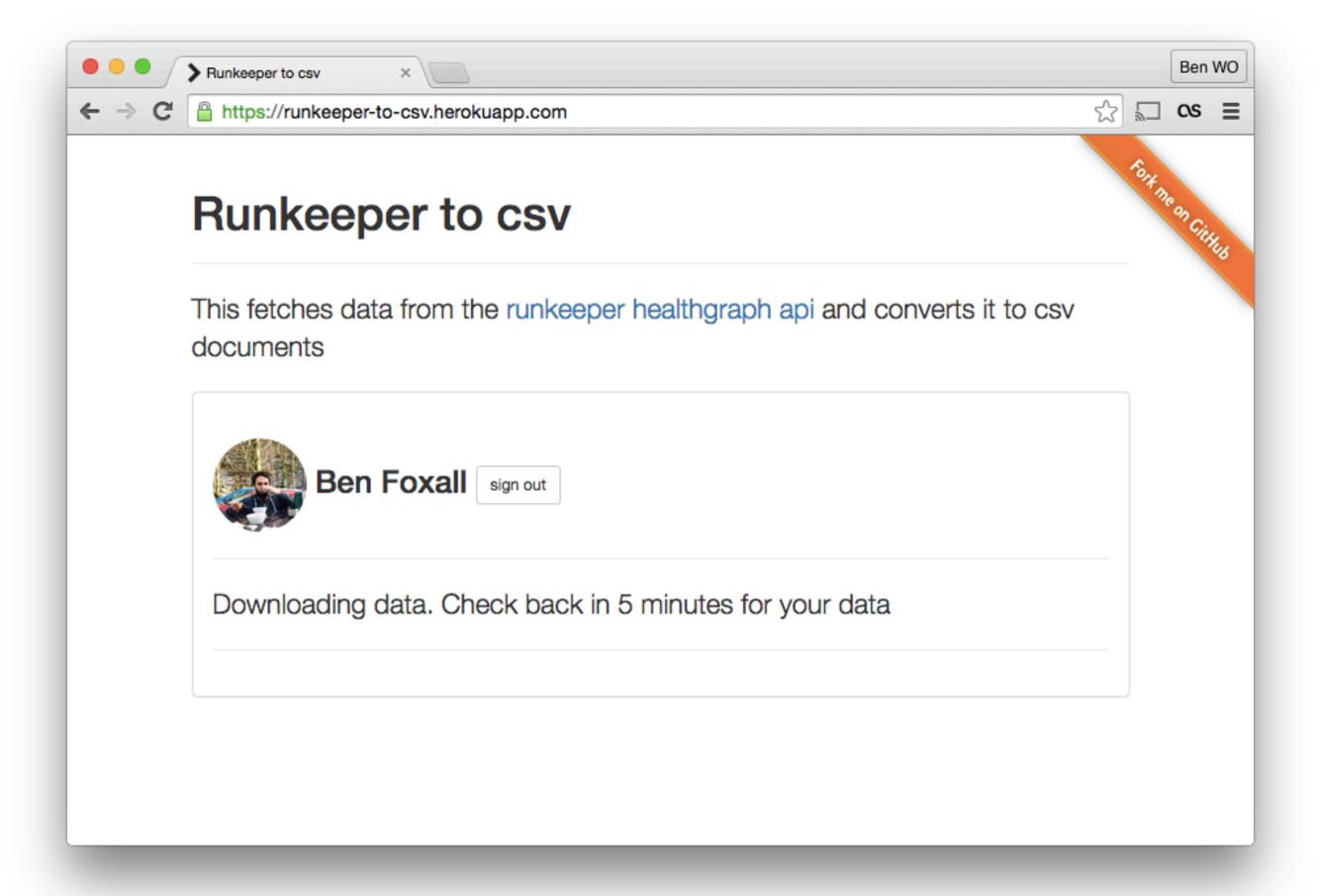
- >> format choices
- >> sharable
- >> offline



>> Inaccessible

Make a web service





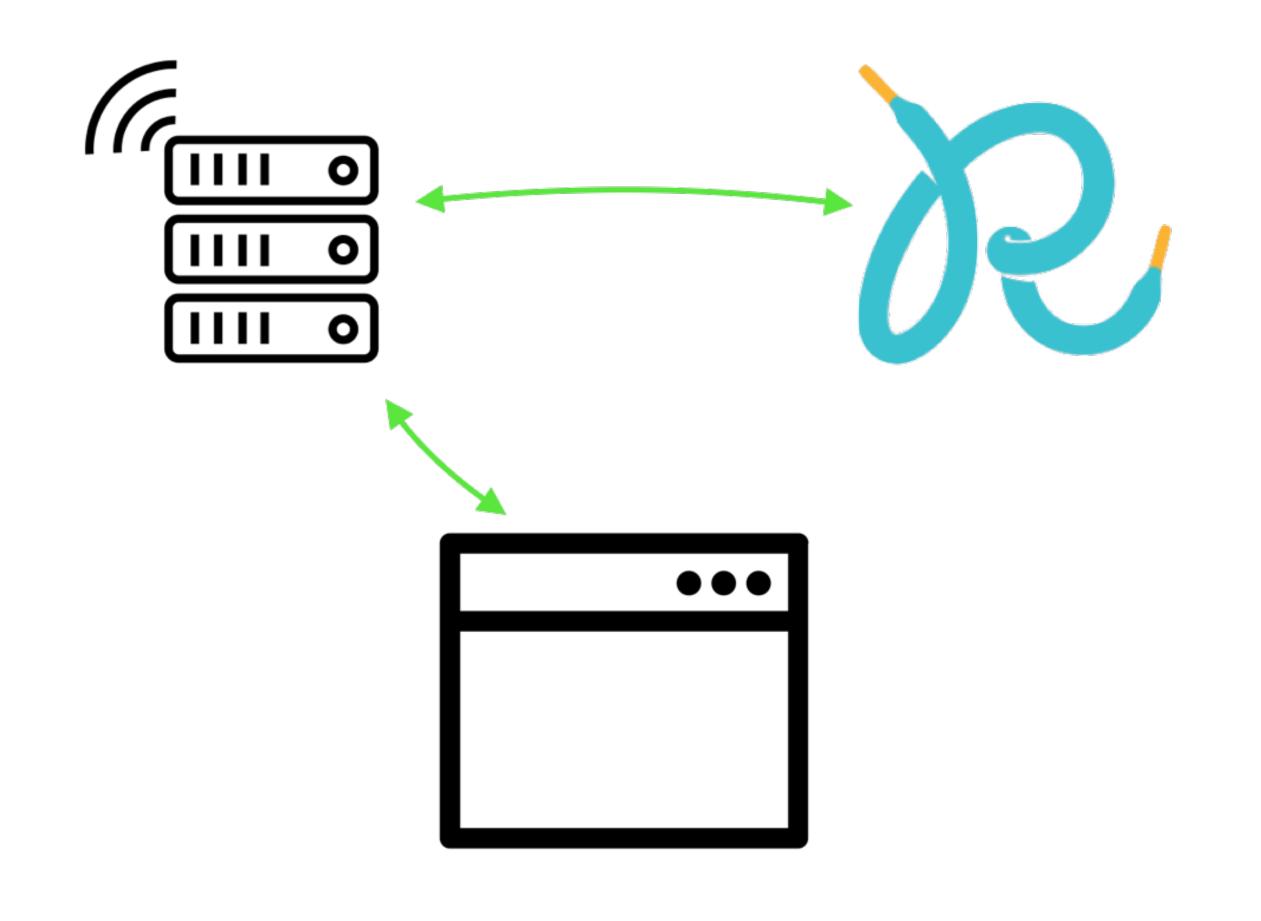


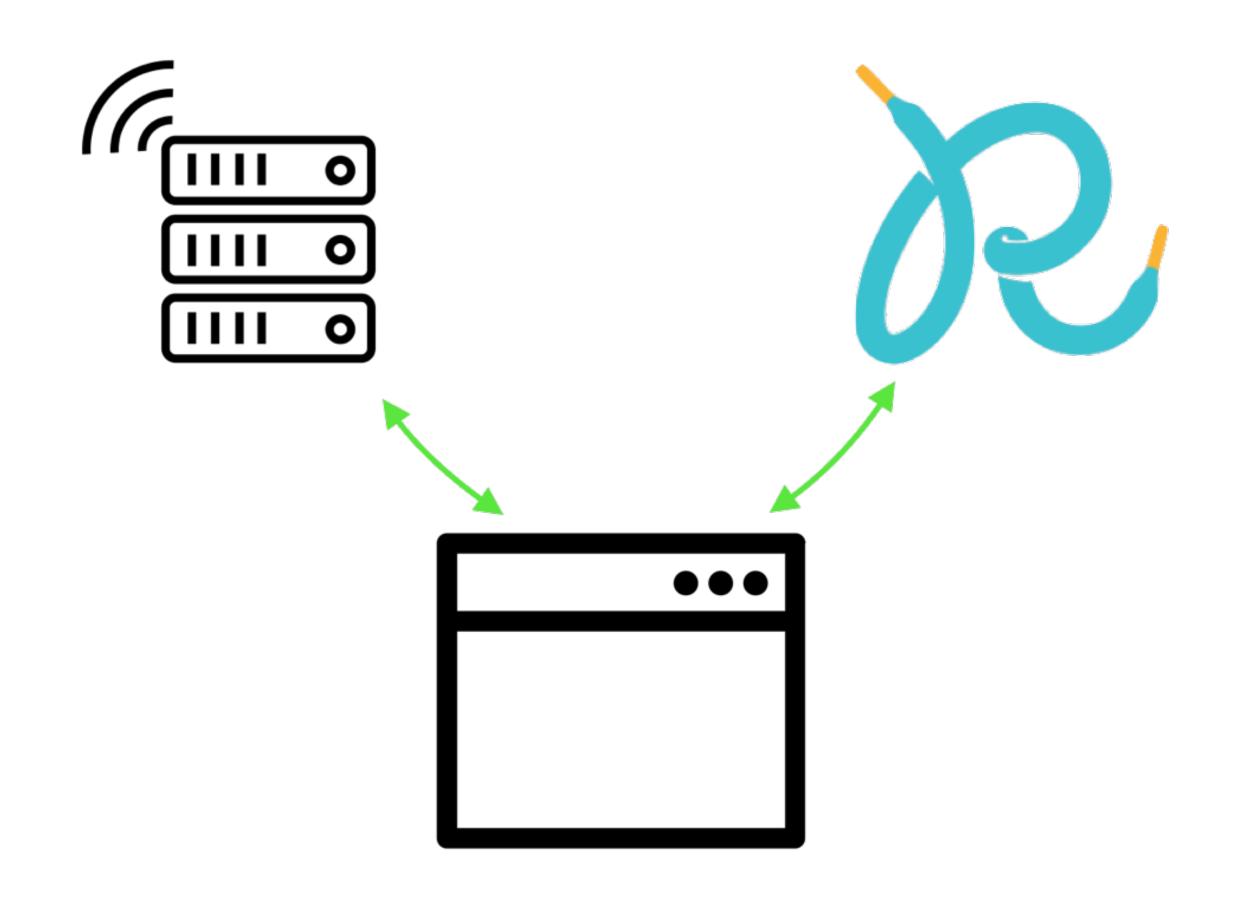
>> Accessible

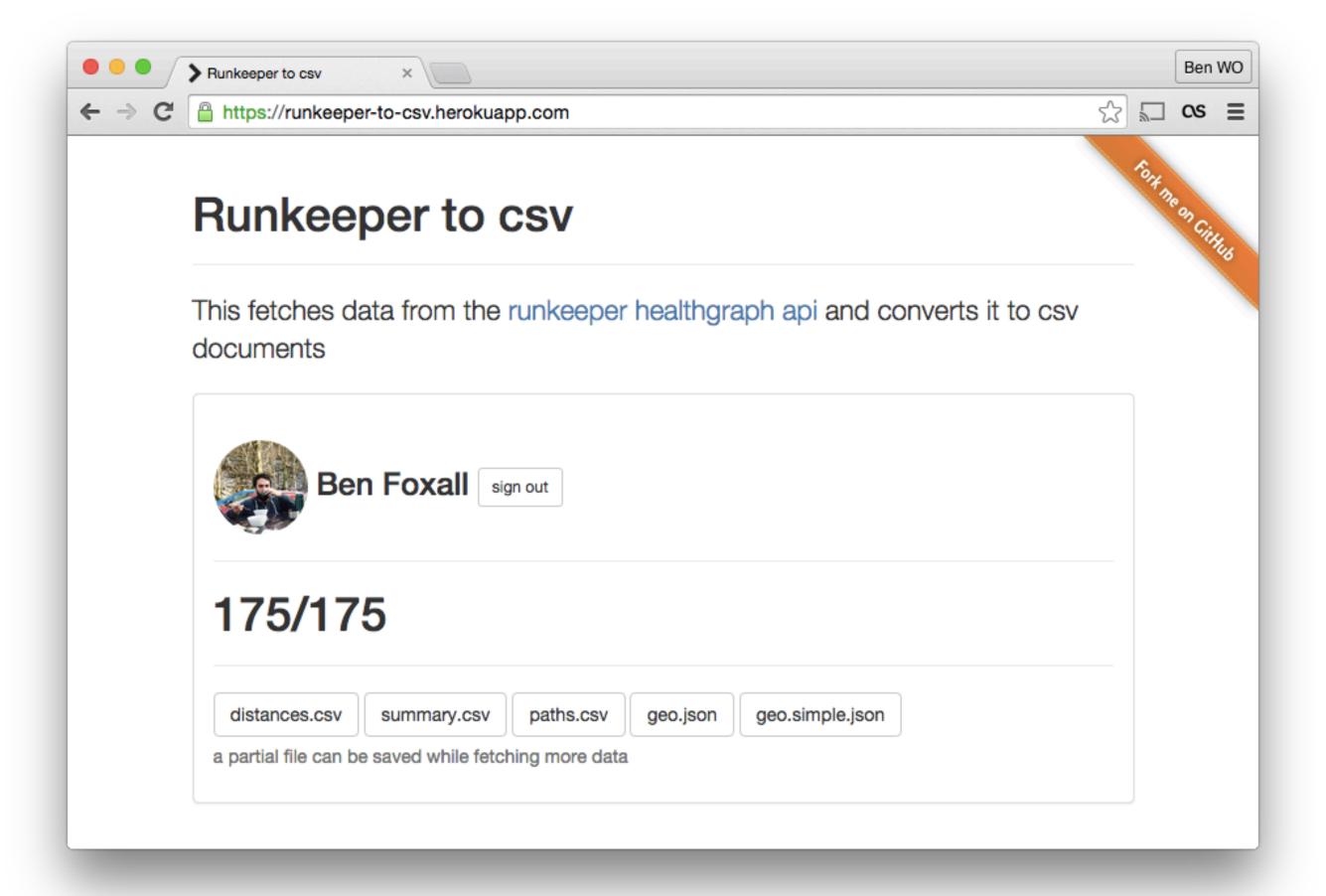


- >> Non-trivial backend
- >> Handling sensitive data
- >> Online only

Serve from the browser









- >> Accessible
- >> Data stored locally



>> ...

What we'll implement in the browser:

Request > Process > Serve

Request

A small Runkeeper API

```
const apiRequest = (path, token) =>
    fetch(`http://runkeeper.com/${path}`, {
        headers: {
            Authorisation: `Bearer: ${token}`
    .then(response => response.json())
```

A small Runkeeper API

```
function apiRequest (path, token) {
    return fetch('http://runkeeper.com/' + path, {
        headers: {
            Authorisation: 'Bearer: ' + token
    .then(function(response) {return response.json()})
```

dataForUser(...)

```
const dataForUser => token =>
    apiRequest('/activityIndex', token)
    .then(extractUrls)
    .then(makeRequests)
```

Process

json → csv

A few ways of doing this...

- >> papaparse.com/docs#json-to-csv
- >> <u>csv-formatter</u>
- >> jwerle/to-csv

...another way

```
// pull out a row of keys
const row = (keys, obj) =>
 keys.map(k => obj[k])
// create a csv row from an array
const csv = array =>
  array.map(item =>
    typeof item === 'string'
        ? item.replace(/[\",]/g,'')
        : item
  ).join(',') + "\n"
```

```
const columns = ['distance', 'climb', '...']
const csvForUser = (token) =>
  dataForUser(token)
    .then(pages =>
      pages.map(page =>
        csv(row(columns , page))
      ).join('\n')
```

Serve

Data URIs

```
data:[<mediatype>][;base64],<data>
```

data:text/html,<h1>Hello World

data:text/csv,a,b,c%0A1,2,3

Put it all together

```
csvForUser(token)
   .then(csv =>
    document.querySelector('#csv-link').href = toDataURI(csv, 'text/csv')
)
```





... supporting bigger files

```
.then(csv =>
... toDataURI(csv, 'text/csv')
)
```

Blob(blobParts[, options])

```
const csvForUser = (token) =>
  dataForUser(token)
    .then(pages =>
      pages.map(page =>
        page.items.map(to_csv).join('')
      ).join('\n')
```

```
const csvForUser = (token) =>
  dataForUser(token)
  .then(pages =>
    pages.map(page =>
    new Blob(page.items.map(to_csv))
  )
```

```
csvForUser(token)
.then(csv =>
   document.querySelector('#csv-link').href = toDataURI(csv, 'text/csv')
)
```

```
csvForUser(token)
  .then(blobs =>
    const csv = new Blob(blobs, {type: 'text/csv'})
    document.querySelector('#csv-link').href = URL.createObjectURL(csv)
    // "blob:https%3A//example.com/8ffbb9df-...-4fffe9160979"
```



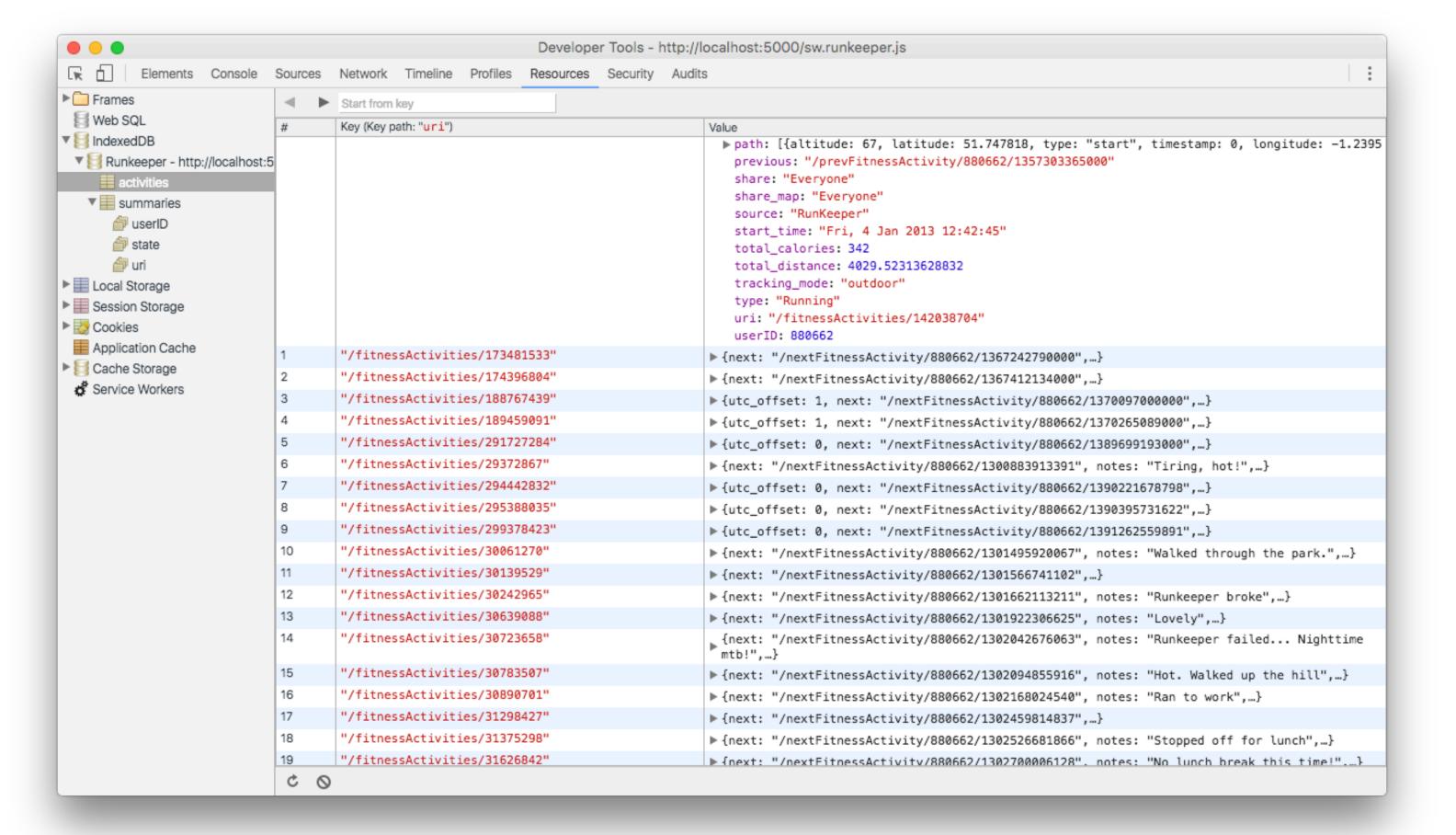


...no persistance

IndexedDB

IndexedDB (+Dexie)

```
const db = new Dexie('Runkeeper')
db.version(1).stores({
  activities: '&uri'
db.open()
fetch(uri)
  .then(res => res.json() )
  .then(data => db.activities.put(data))
```



IndexedDB (+Dexie)

```
db.activities
   .each(activityToCSV)
```

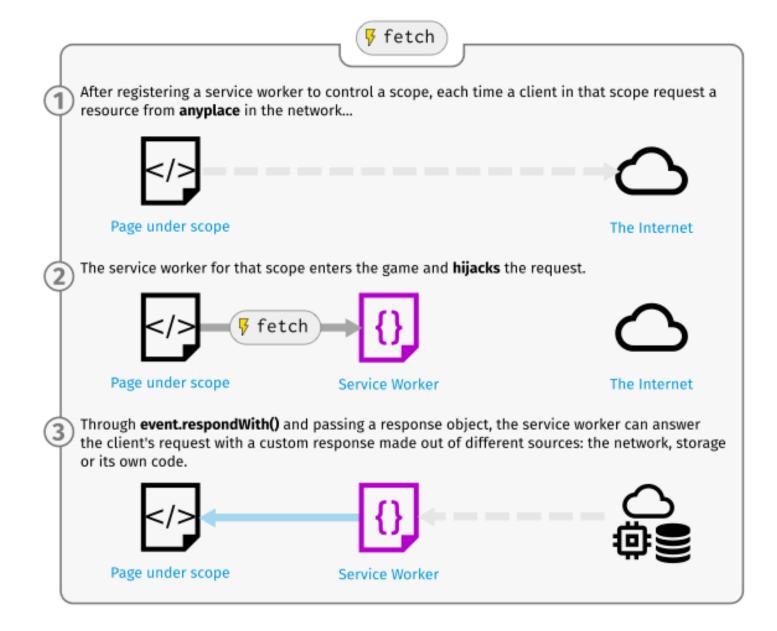




...no urls

The URL.createObjectURL() static method creates a DOMString containing an URL representing the object given in parameter. The URL **lifetime is tied to the document in the window** on which it was created. The new object URL represents the specified File object or Blob object.

Service Workers

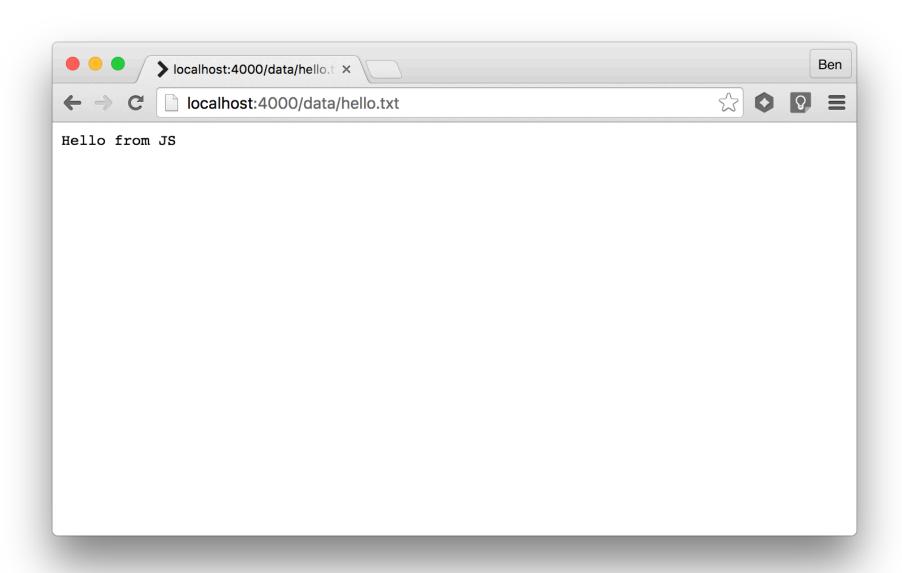


(source: MDN)

Service Workers

```
self.addEventListener('fetch', event =>
  if(event.request.url.match(/data\/hello\.txt$/))
    event.respondWith(
      new Response('Hello from JS',
        {ContentType: 'text/plain'}
```

Service Workers



Put it all together

```
new Response(blob, {ContentType: 'text/csv'})
```



```
event.respondWith(
  cache(responder)
)
```



```
self.addEventListener('fetch', event => {
    if(event.request.url.match(/data\/summary\.csv$/))
     respond(event, summaryResponse)
    if(event.request.url.match(/data\/distances\.csv$/))
     respond(event, distancesResponse)
    if(event.request.url.match(/data\/paths\.csv$/))
     respond(event, pathsResponse)
    if(event.request.url.match(/data\/geo\.json$/))
     respond(event, geoJSONResponse)
    //•••
```

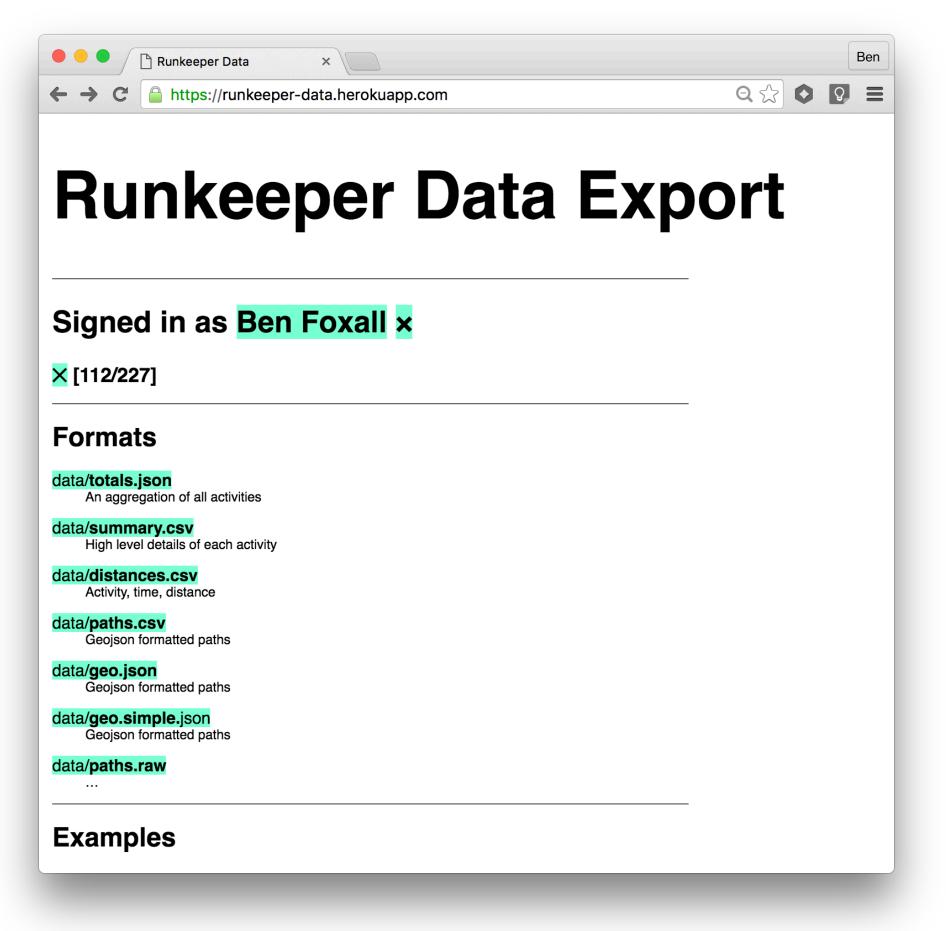


```
fetch('/data/foo.json')
d3.csv('/data/foo.csv')
$.get('/data/foo.html')
```



Offline





Things I really like about this:

- » Accessibility data for everyone
- >> It's the start of something, not the end



github/benfoxall/runkeeper-data runkeeper-data.herokuapp.com

Dankeschön @benjaminbenben

Developer Relations at @pusher

slides: github/benfoxall/csv-browser-talk

Network + Browser icons: YuguDesign & Fritz - Noun Project