

Q. What is V8?

A- V8 is Google's open source high performance "JavaScript" and "WebAssembly" engine, written in "C++".

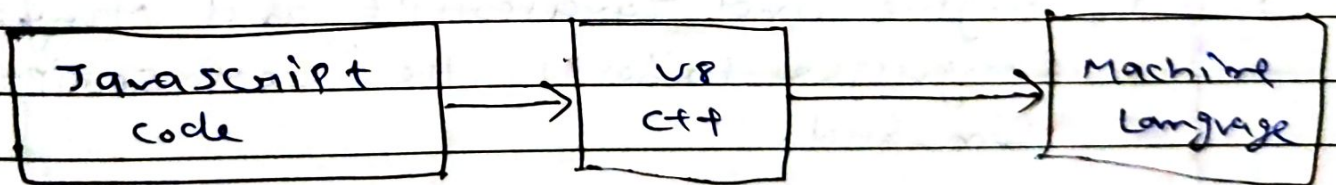
It is used in "Chrome" and in "Node.js", among others.

It implements "ECMAScript" and "WebAssembly" and runs on windows, MacOS and Linux system. that use x64, IA-32 or ARM processors.



V8 can be embedded into any C++ application

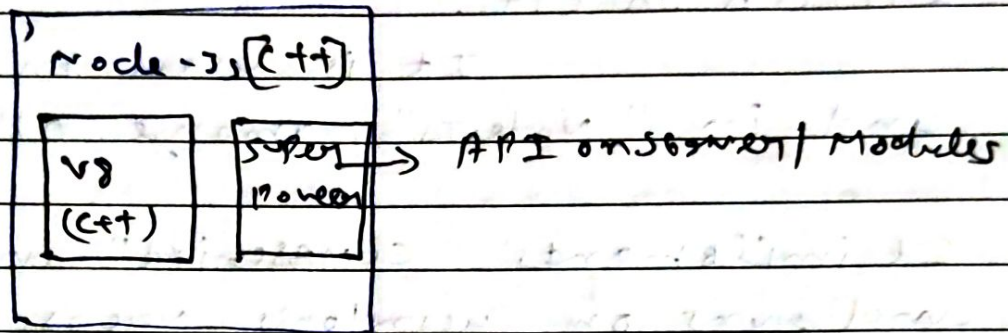
behind the scenes



V8 converts JavaScript code into machine level code and then machine understands the code and execute it.

V8 → execute JavaScript code

* Node.js → It is a C++ application with V8 embedded into it.



Node.js is written in C++, V8 embedded into it and some super powers upon V8 engine like API on server or Modules.

* V8 engine and Javascript and many other languages follow the "ECMAScript" standard.

ECMAScript → It is a standard for scripting language.

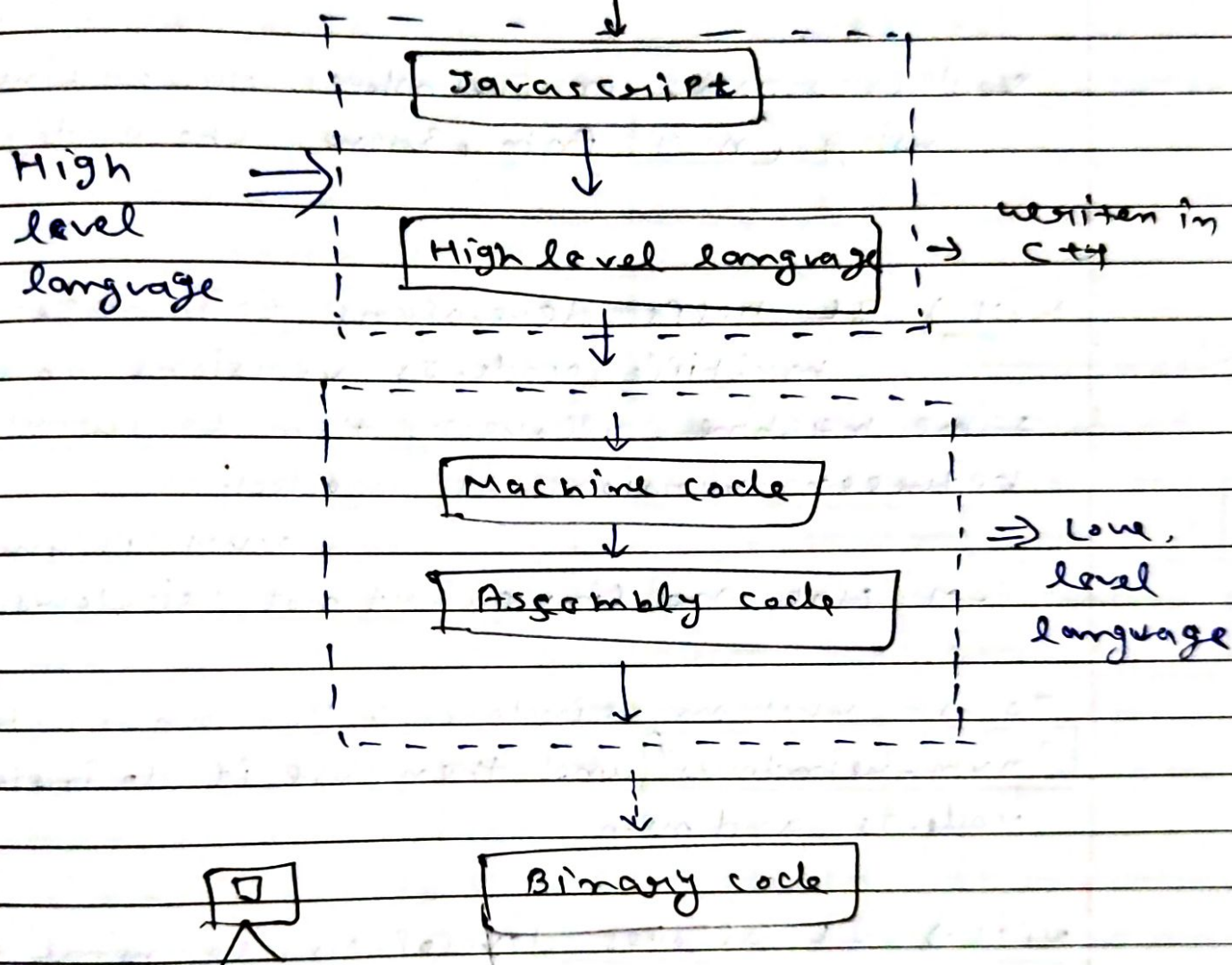
All the JS engines follow these standards.

Some JS Engines →

- (i) V8 → Google
- (ii) SpiderMonkey → Firefox
- (iii) Chakra → Microsoft
- (iv) JavaScriptCore → Safari

* Why v8 is a c++ code?

(user) \Rightarrow write code in



As a user, we write the code in JavaScript because it is easy and to understand.

then v8 on any ^{other} JavaScript engine which is a another high level language and written in c++, it executes the JavaScript code into Machine code, then Assembly code which both are low level language, then it converts into Binary code.

which Browser system understands