

Node Program

Introduction



Node.js version: 5.1
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Before We Start...

You'll need:

- Node.js and npm
- Code editor
- Command line
- Internet connection
- Slides & sample code

You may also want/need a local data store!

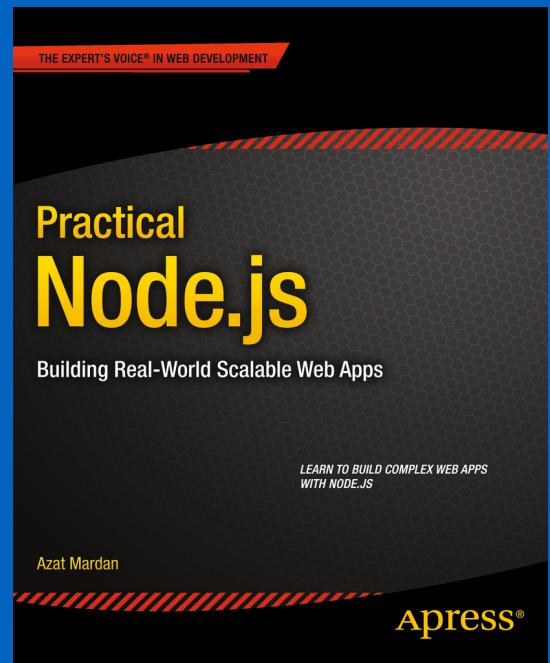
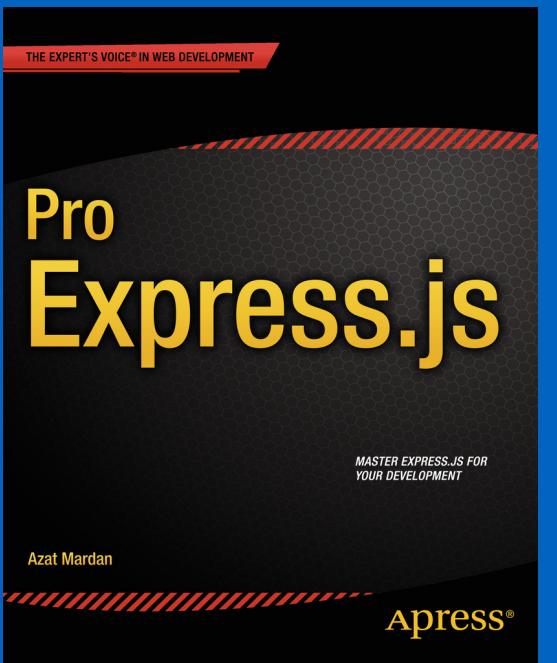
- MongoDB
- MySQL
- Postgresql

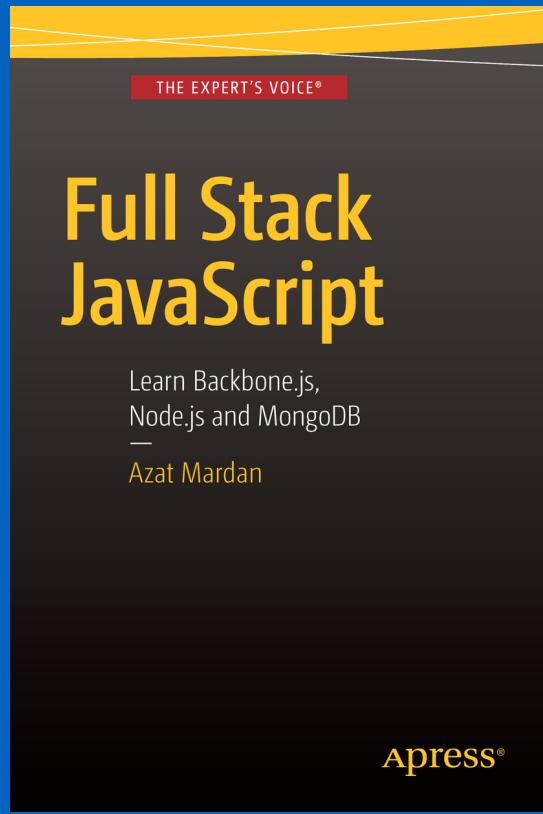
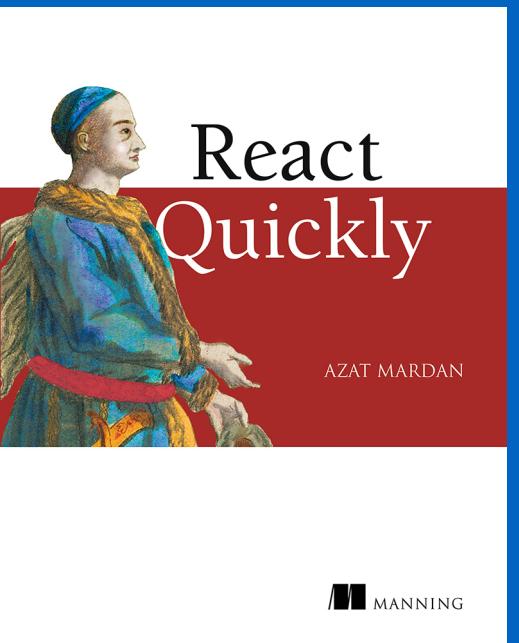
Introductions



Instructor: Azat Mardan

- Work: Capital One, Storify, FDIC, NIH, DocuSign
- Books: ReactQuickly, Full Stack JavaScript, Practical Node.js, Pro Express.js, Mongoose Course





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Why Server-Side JavaScript?

Node was originally born out of this problem – how can you handle two things at the same time

– Ryan Dahl, The Creator of Node.js

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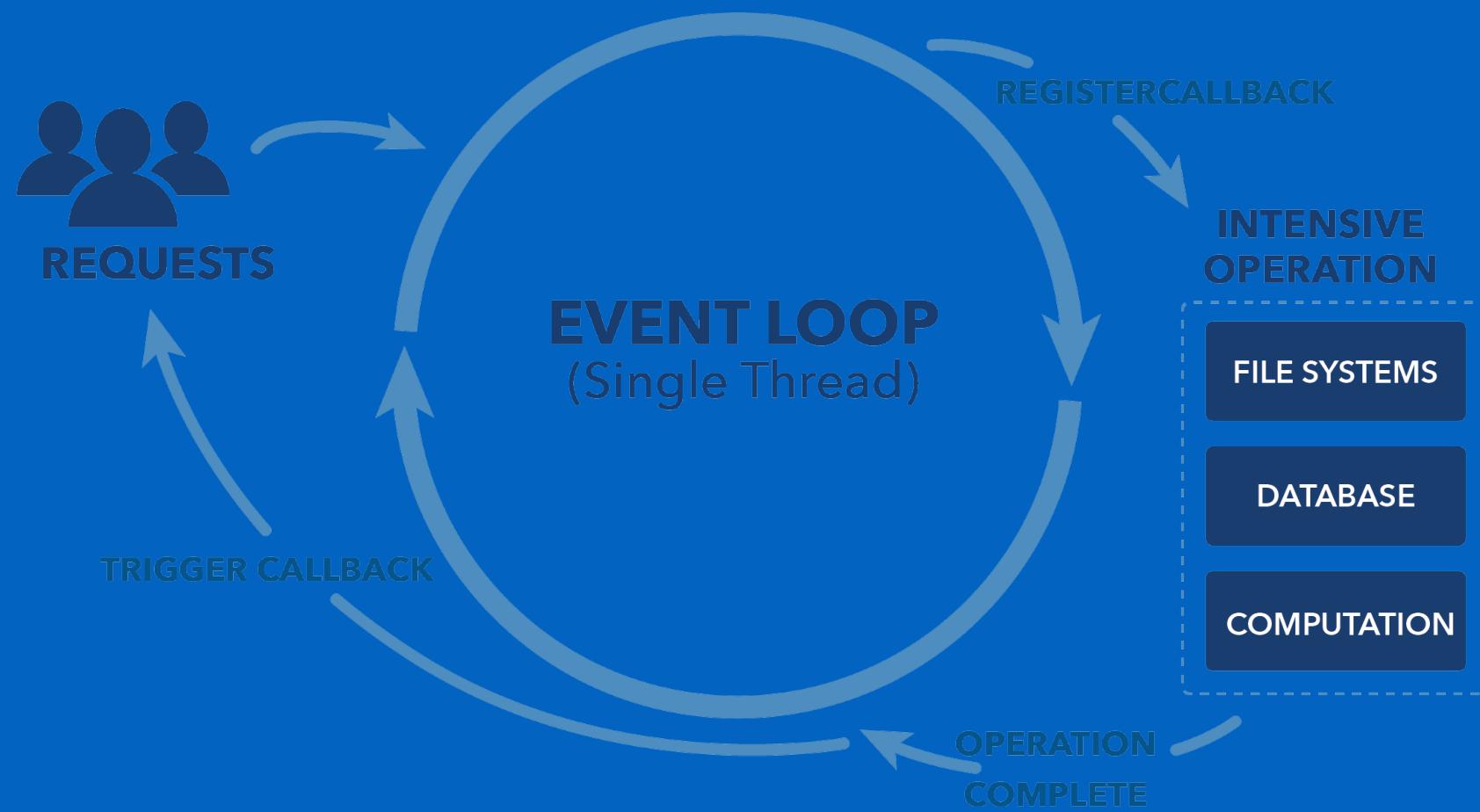
- Non-blocking I/O: performant
- Fast: browser arms race (V8)
- **One language across the stack**
- Expressive: don't waste time on setup
- Solid standard (ECMA)

Advantages of Node.js

- Non-blocking I/O
- Super fast (V8)
- Vibrant ecosystem (npm)
- Ability to re-use code on browser and server
- Ability to use front-end devs for back-end and vice versa

Non-blocking I/O

It's kind of a big deal



Disadvantages of Node.js

- Devs have to think in async and functional+prototypal
- Frameworks and tools are not as mature as in Ruby, Java, Python (yet)
- JavaScript "quirks" (mostly fixed in ES6!)

Node Gotcha

Don't use Node.js for CPU-intensive tasks. Hand them over to other workers.

Downsides of JavaScript (Not only Node)

- Callback Hell
- Prototypal inheritance

JavaScript is Optional in Node.js

It's **possible** to use other languages for Node.js that compile into JavaScript, e.g., CoffeeScript, TypeScript, and ClosureScript.

Nodies are not just Silicon Valley hipsters !

NODE IS DEPLOYED BY BIG BRANDS

Big brands are using Node to power their business

Manufacturing



General Motors

Johnson Controls

SIEMENS

Financial



citigroup

Goldman Sachs

PayPal



eCommerce

amazon.com



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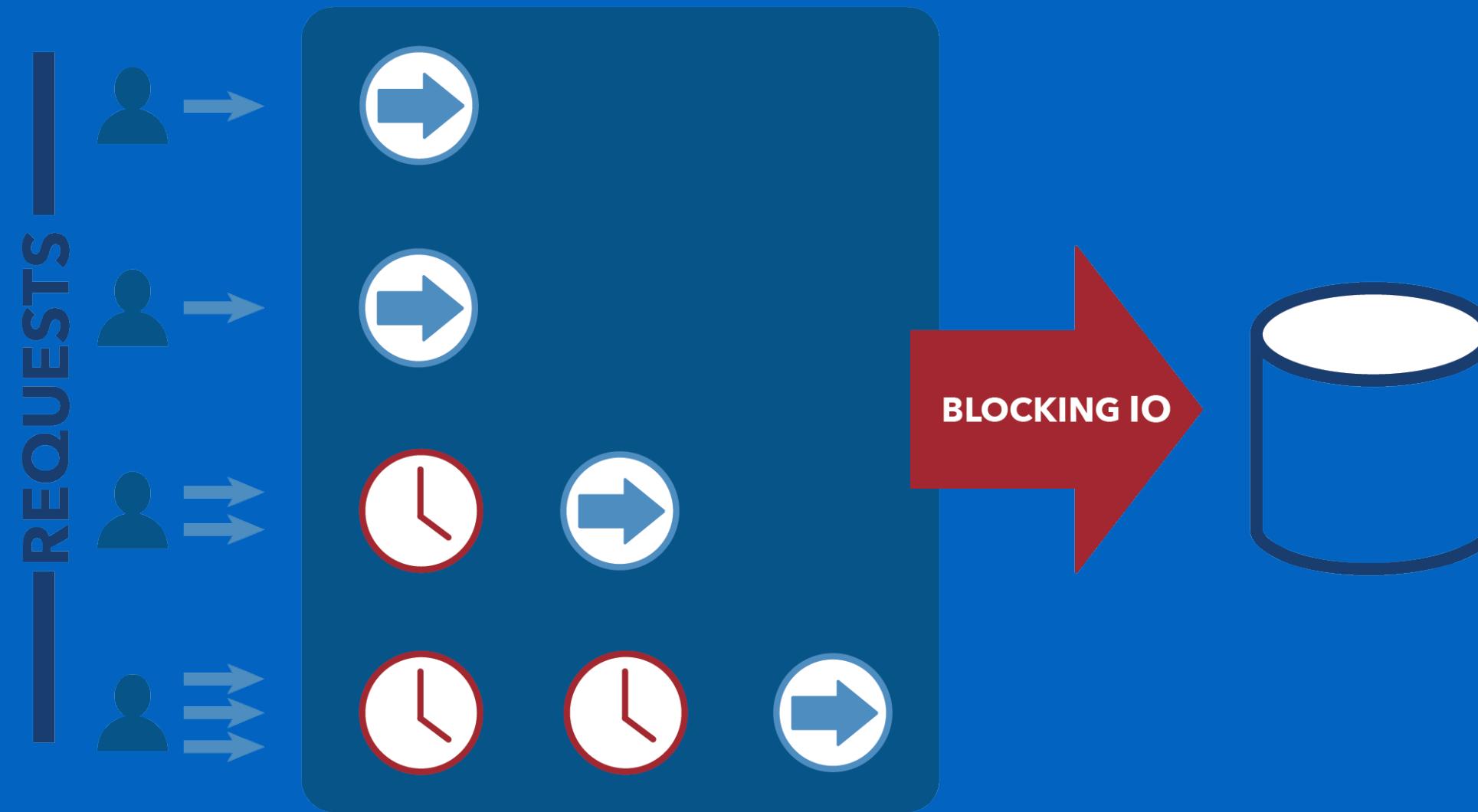
StrongLoop[®]

Node is Single-Threaded

Node.js is single-threaded by design to make asynchronous processing simpler. Multi-threading can be very complex: racing condition, deadlocks, priority inversions...

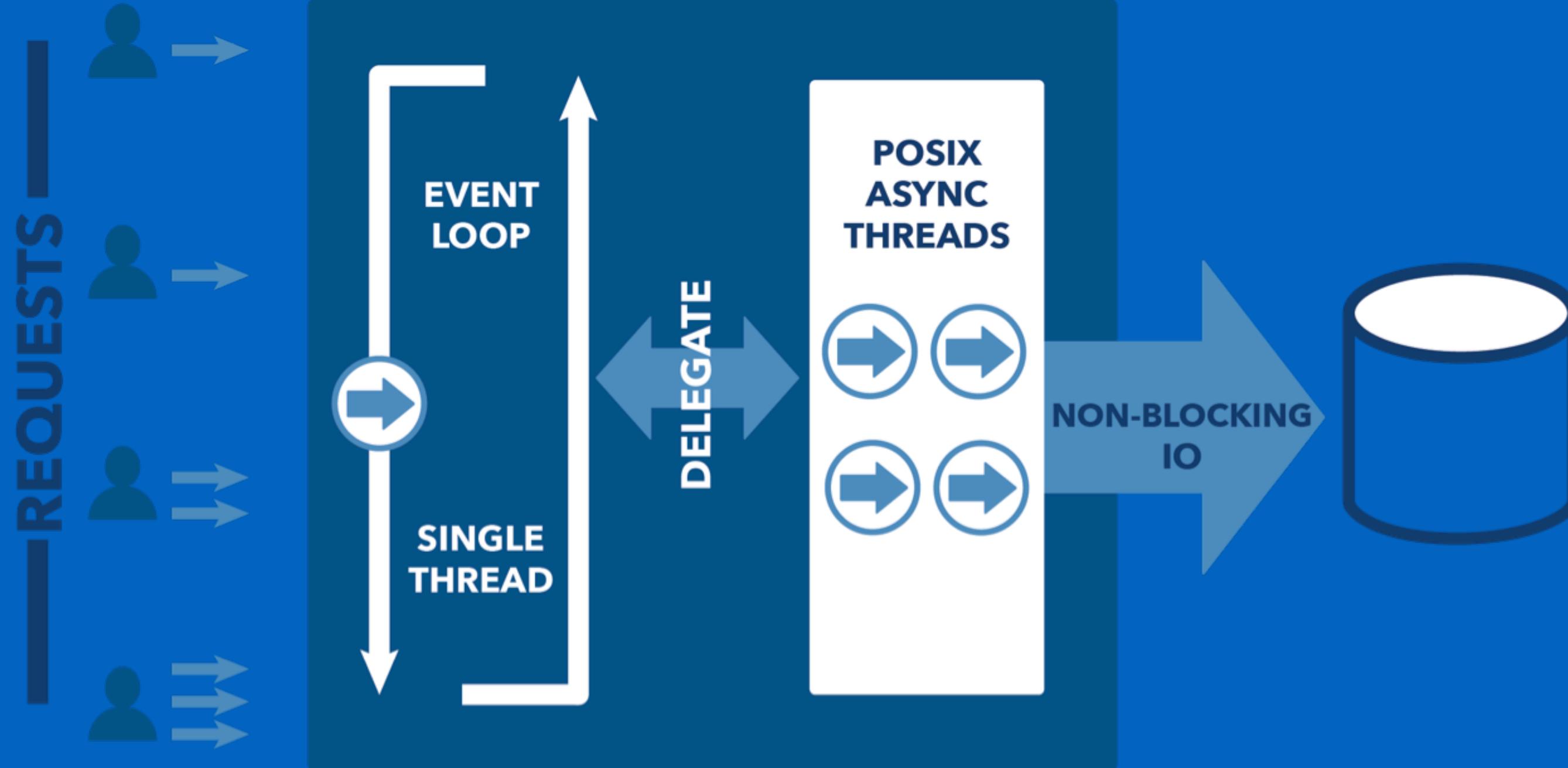
It turned out for web-based application, single-threaded asynchronous event-loop based non-blocking I/O is very performant!

MULTI THREADED SERVER



THREAD
PROCESSING

THREAD
WAITING







Scaling Node Vertically

To scale Node vertically, you can take advantage of multiple CPUs cores or compute units (multi-threading) with clustering (e.g., StrongLoop's PM).

The idea is to have multiple processes from the same code base to listen on the same port for requests.

Integration

- noSQL
- SQL
- OAuth 1.0/2.0
- REST
- SOAP

Databases

- mySQL
- Postgresql
- Oracle
- MS SQL
- MongoDB
- Cassandra

Node + Client MVC Architecture

Single-Page Applications a.k.a. BYOC: REST API in Node + SPA

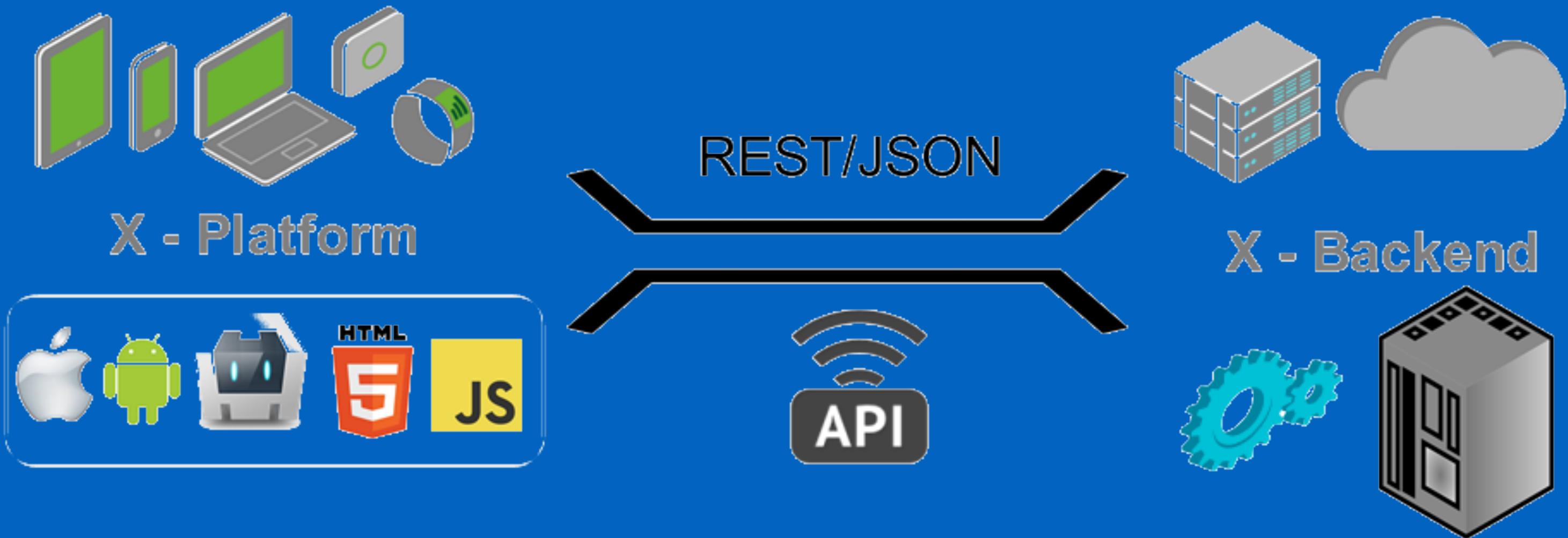
- Backbone
- Angular (e.g., M.E.A.N)
- Ember
- React
- MV*

Server-side Rendering

- Jade
- Handlebars
- EJS
- Hogan

Many more: <http://garann.github.io/template-chooser>

Node for SOA / REST



So what is ECMAScript?

ES as a Language Specification

- Browser implementations (like Chrome's V8)
- Node builds on V8 with C++

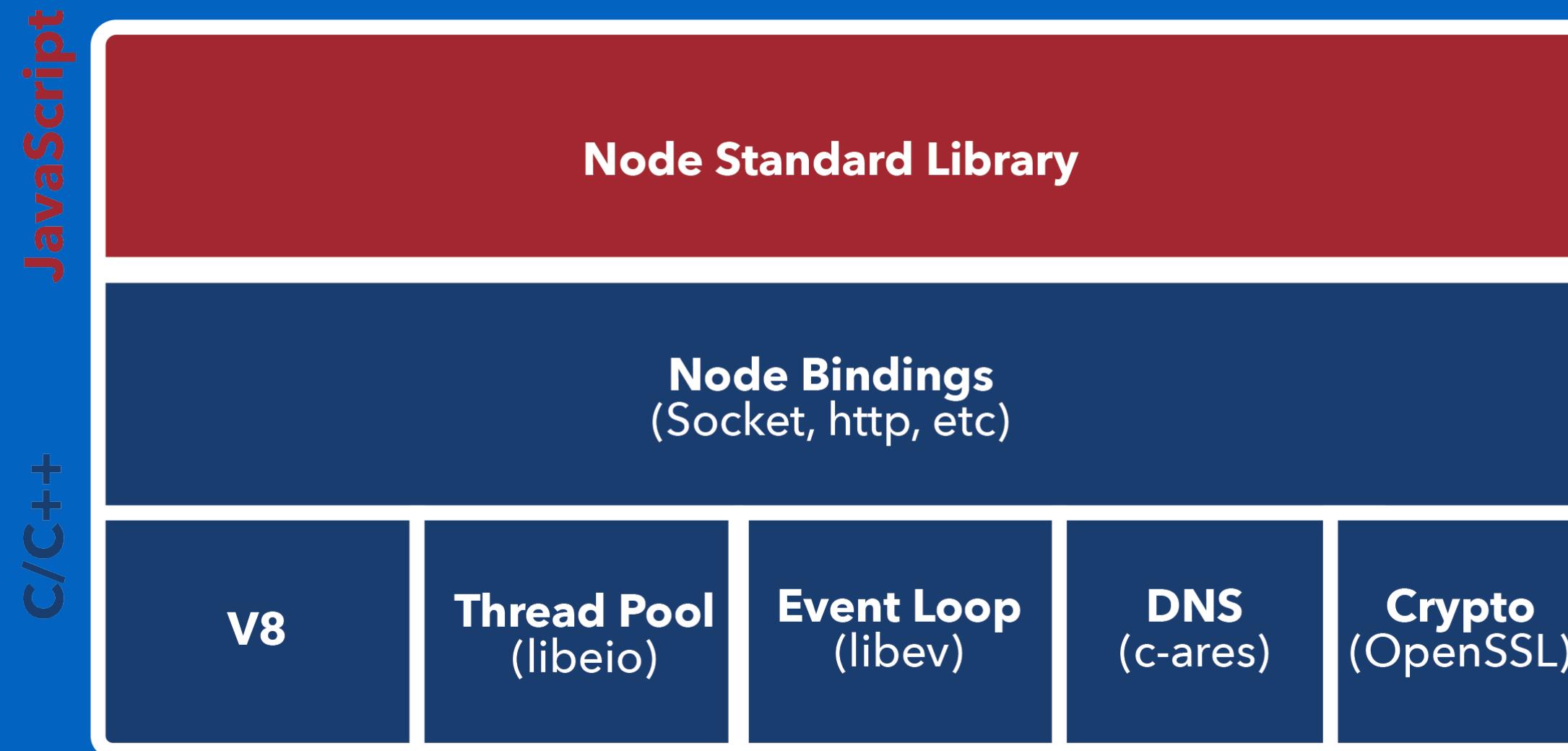
Browser JS != Node

- Modules
- Scopes
- window vs. global and process
- fs and other modules

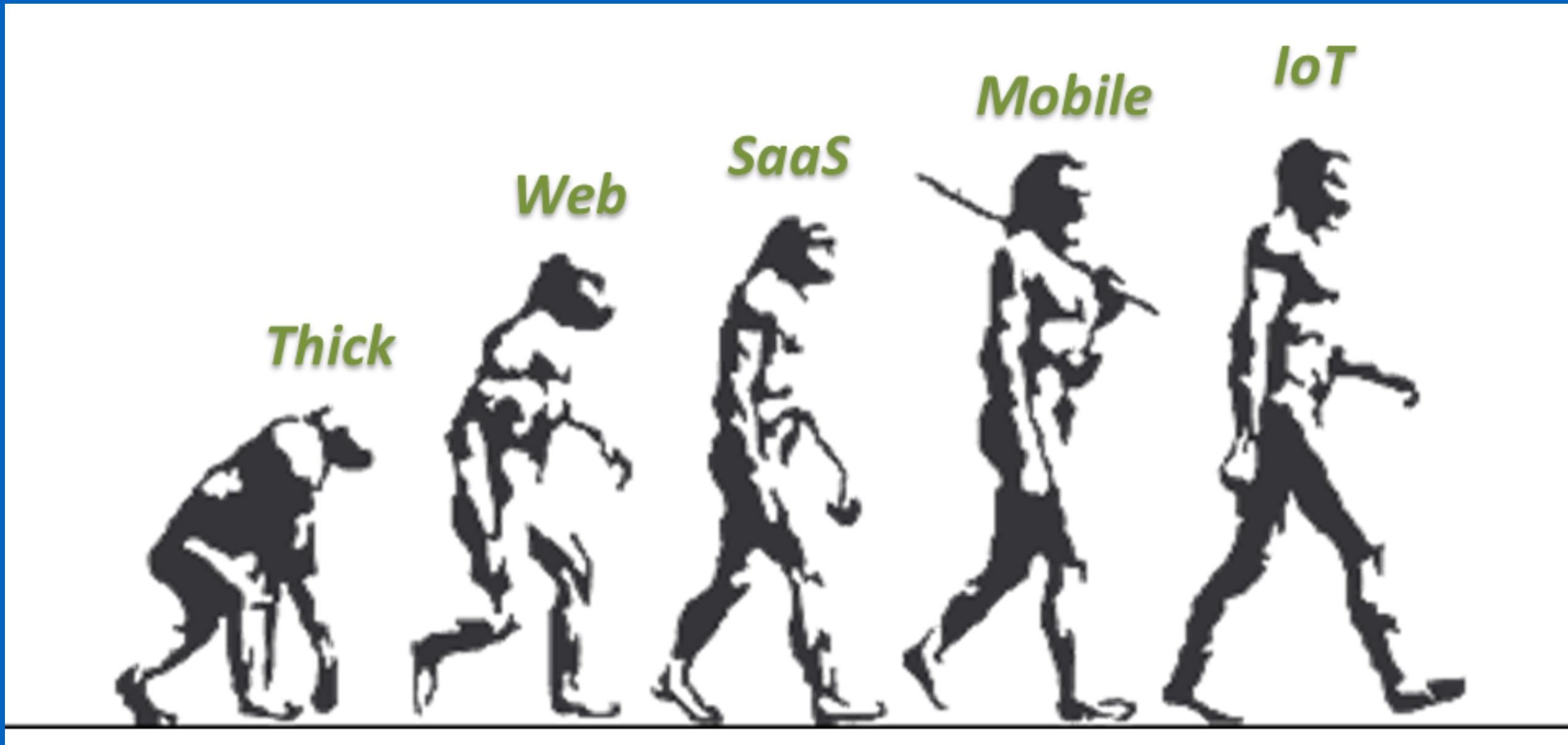
Node Core: V8, libev, and libeio

- Libev: The event loop
- LibEio: Async I/O
- LibUv: Abstraction on libEio, libev, c-ares (for DNS) & ioCP (for Windows)

Node Core Architecture



Patterns Evolve to Serve Market Needs



Framework Categories

- KISS Servers: small core, small modules
- Convention: follow the leader, steep learning curve
- Configuration: open path, manual effort for advanced
- ORM & Isomorphic: model-driven, shared code, steep learning

Framework Examples

- KISS Servers: Node core
- Convention: Restify, Total.js
- Configuration: Express, Hapi, Kraken
- ORM & Isomorphic: LoopBack, Sails, Meteor*

Node Program

Effective Learning

50% workshops +

50% lectures +

50% discussions

(yes, we deliver 150%)

workshops = coding + collaboration + pair programming
+ solo programming + discussions + reading + solving
problems

Questions and Exercises

Discussion forum

 if stuck



No workshop for this lesson. 😬