

## **Beyond request-response cycle**

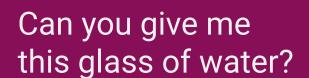


**Understanding request-response cycle** 

#### Part I



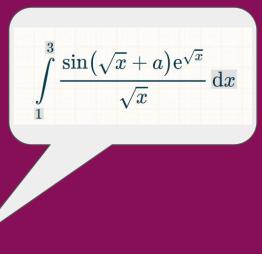




Here you are

But there is always that one guy...

### Part I





#### This site can't be reached

integralsolved.com's server IP address could not be found.

- Did you mean http://integralsolve.com/?
- Search Google for integral solved

ERR\_CONNECTION\_TIMED\_OUT

# Problems connected to background processing

**Growing codebase** 



Overcomplicated, stateful code



**Extra dependencies** 

Segregating responsibilities

**Solutions?** 



















**How Elixir deals with it?** 



- OTP
- Simple codebase
- Support in standard library
- No need for extra dependencies

Simplest and easiest solution



```
defmodule BGJobs.Statistics.Server do
  def start link() do
    Task.start_link(fn -> loop() end)
  end
  defp loop() do
    process()
    Process.sleep(1000)
    loop()
  end
  defp process(), do: Logger.info("processing!")
end
```



- Closed for extension
- Hard to customize
- Basically "cron job"
- Deploy or error can break flow



```
defmodule BGJobs.Statistics.Server do
 use GenServer
 def start_link() do
   GenServer.start_link(__MODULE__, [], name: __MODULE__)
 end
 def init(_) do
   {:ok, Process.send_after(self(), :process, 1000)}
 end
 def handle_info(:process, ) do
   process()
   Process.send_after(self(), :process, 1000)
   {:noreply, nil}
 end
 defp process(), do: Logger.info("processing!")
end
```



- Easily extendable
- Cast, Call, Info separation
- Reliable, reusable and well-known solution



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 end
 def init(), do: {:ok, nil}
 def handle_cast(:process, ) do
   process()
   {:noreply, nil}
 end
 defp process(), do: Logger.info("processing!")
end
```



**But beware** 

**Nothing is perfect** 



```
defmodule BGJobs.Statistics.ServerFlood do
  require Logger
  use GenServer
  def start_link() do
    GenServer.start_link(__MODULE__, [], name: __MODULE__)
  end
  def init(_), do: {:ok, nil}
  def handle_cast(:process, _) do
    process()
    self() |> Process.info(:message_queue_len) |> inspect() |> Logger.info()
    {:noreply, nil}
  end
  defp process(), do: Enum.map(1..100_000, &:rand.uniform/1)
 def flood() do
    GenServer.cast(__MODULE__, :process)
    Process.sleep(10)
    flood()
  end
end
```



```
iex(1)> BGJobs.Statistics.ServerFlood.flood
17:54:15.693 [info] {:message_queue_len, 3}
17:54:15.725 [info] {:message_queue_len, 5}
17:54:15.760 [info] {:message_queue_len, 8}
17:54:15.791 [info] {:message_queue_len, 9}
17:54:15.821 [info] {:message_queue_len, 11}
17:54:15.852 [info] {:message_queue_len, 13}
17:54:15.883 [info] {:message_queue_len, 15}
17:54:15.920 [info] {:message_queue_len, 17}
17:54:15.949 [info] {:message_queue_len, 19}
17:54:15.981 [info] {:message_queue_len, 20}
```



Genstage



Summary

Thank you!