

Definition of a fluxionnal execution model

How to abstract parallelisation constraints from the developer

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ABSTRACT

The audience's growth a web application needs to adapt to, often leads its development team to quickly adopt disruptive and continuity-threatening shifts of technology. To avoid these shifts, we propose an approach that abstracts web applications into an high-level language, which authorizes code mobility to cope with audience dynamic growth and decrease.

We think a web application can be depicted as a network of small autonomous parts moving from one machine to another and communicating by message streams. The high-level language we propose aims at expressing these parts and their streams. We named these parts fluxions, by contraction between a stream¹ and a function. Fluxions are distributed over a network of machines according to their interdependencies to minimize overall data transfers. We expect that this dynamic reorganization can allow an application to cope with its load.

Our high-level language proposal consists of an execution model which dynamically adapts itself to the execution environment, and a tool to automate the technological shift between the classical model and the proposed one.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The growth of web platforms is partially caused by Internet's capacity to stimulate services development, allowing very quick release of minimal viable products. In a matter of hours, it is possible to upload a first product and start gathering a user community around. “*Release early, release often*” is commonly heard as an advice to quickly gather a user community, as the size of the community is a factor of success.

If the service complies successfully with users requirements, the community will grow gradually as the service gain popularity. To cope with this growth, the resources quantity taken up by the service shall grow exponentially. This continues until the amount of data to process requires the development team to use a more efficient processing model to make better use of the resources. Many of the most efficient models split the system into parts to reduce their coupling and migrate them to more resourceful environment. MapReduce [5] is an example of this trend. Once split, the different service's parts are connected by a messaging system, often asynchronous, using communication paradigms like *three-tiers* architecture, events, messages or streams. Many tools have been developed to express and manage these different service's parts and their communications. We can cite Spark [18], MillWheel [1], Timestream [17] and Storm [12]. However these tools use specific interfaces and languages. Thus, it requires the development team to be trained, to hire experts and to start over the initial code base, while this new architecture is not as flexible and adaptable for quick modifications, as the initial code base was. Thus, these modifications implies the development team to take risks without adding concrete value to the service.

We propose a tool able to automate this technical shift without the need of an architecture shift. Such a tool might lift

the risks described above. We aim at providing this tool to Web applications for which load comes from users requests streams. Applications for which initial development uses a simple web paradigm consisting of a web server, data processing logic, and a database. We think that it is possible to analyze this type of application to express it using autonomous, movable functions communicating by data streams. And to shift architecture as soon as the first public release, without wiping off the initial code base.

We assume these applications are developed in a dynamic language like Javascript using *Node.js* execution environment, and we propose a tool able to identify internal streams and stream processing units, and to dynamically manage these units. The tool aims not to modify the existing code, but proposes a layer of meta information over the initial code. This layer uses the paradigm of fluxion which we define in section 2, and will be at the core of our proposition of automation, described section 3. Section 5, we link our work with related works. Finally, we conclude this paper in section 6.

2. FLUXIONNAL EXECUTION MODEL

2.1 Fluxions

The fluxionnal execution model role is to manage and invoke autonomous execution units. An execution unit accepts only streams as input and output, that is a continuous and infinite sequence of data contained in messages. We named this execution unit a fluxion. That is a function, as in functional programming, only dependent from data streams. It is composed of a unique name, a processing function, and a persisted memory context.

Messages are composed of the name of the recipient fluxion, a body, and are carried by a messaging system. While processing a message, the fluxion modifies its context, and sends back messages on its output streams. The fluxion's execution context is defined as the set of state variables whose the fluxion depends on, between two rounds of execution.

The fluxions make up a chain of processing binded by data streams. All these chains make up a directed graph, managed by the messaging system.

2.2 Messaging system

The messaging system is the core of our fluxionnal execution model. It carries messages along stream, and invokes fluxion at a message reception.

It is built around a message queue. Each message is processed one after another by invocation of the recipient fluxion. Using a message queue allows to execute multiple processing chain fairly and concurrently, without difference in scheduling local messages, or network messages. The life cycle of a fluxionnal application is pictured on figure 1.

The messaging system needs every fluxion to be registered. This registration matches a processing function with a unique name and an initial execution context. The messaging system carries messages streams based on the names of the recipients fluxions. That's why two fluxions with the same name would lead the system in a conflicting situation. The regis-

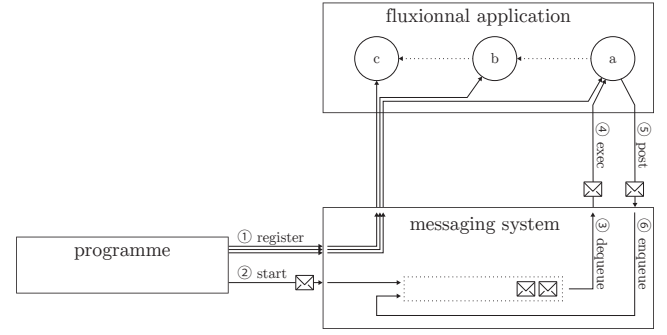


Figure 1: Messaging system details

tration is done using the function `register(<nom>, <fn>, <context>)`, step ① on figure 1.

To trigger a fluxions chain, a message is sent using `start(<msg>)`, step ②. This function pushes a first message in the queue. Immediately, the system dequeues this message to invoke the recipient processing function, step ③ and ④. The recipient function sends back messages using `post(<msg>)`, step ⑤, to be enqueued in the system, ⑥. The system loops through steps ③ and ④ until the queue is empty.

The algorithms 1 and 2 precisely describe the behavior of the messaging system after the function `start` invocation.

Algorithm 1 Message processing algorithm

```

function PROCESSMSG(msg)
  for dest in msg.dest do
    fluxion ← lookup(dest)
    message ← EXEC(fluxion, msg.body)    ▷ ④ & ⑤
    ENQUEUE(message)                      ▷ ⑥
  end for
end function

```

Algorithm 2 Message queue walking algorithm

```

function LOOPMESSAGE()
  while msg presents in msgQueue do
    msg ← DEQUEUE()                      ▷ ③
    PROCESSMSG(msg)
  end while
end function

```

2.3 External interfaces

In order to interact with other systems, we define external border interfaces. As a first approach, our goal is to interface Web architectures, so we need to communicate with a REST[8] client. We define two components in this interface :

In receives client connections. For every incoming connection, it relays a connection identifier to the **Out** component for the reply. It then relays the connection identifier and the request to the first fluxion by calling the `start` function.

Out replies the result of the processing chain to the client. To receive messages from the processing chain, the component **Out** is registered in the messaging system under the name `out`.

Figure 2 pictures the specific elements of the web interface inside the fluxionnal system.

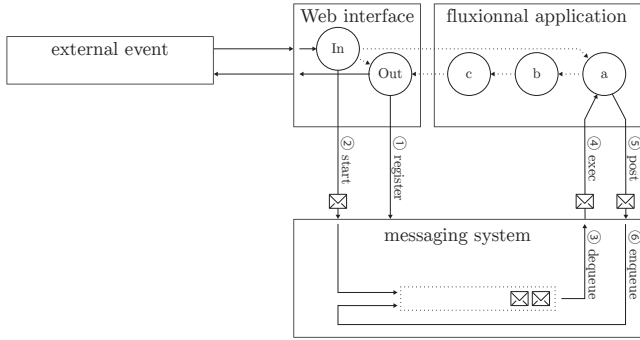


Figure 2: Fluxionnal application with web interface

2.4 Service example

In order to picture the fluxionnal execution model, we present an example of a simple visit counting service. This service counts the number of HTTP connections for each user, and sends him back this number in the HTTP reply.

The initial version of this service could look like listing 1.

```
1 var app = require('express')();
2
3 var count = {};
4
5 app.get('/:id', function reply(req, res){
6   count[req.params.id] = count[req.params.id] || 1;
7   ++count[req.params.id];
8   var visits = count[req.params.id];
9   var reply = req.params.id + ' connected ' + visits
10     + ' times.';
11   res.send(reply);
12 });
13 port = 8080;
14 app.listen(port);
15 console.log("Listening port: "+port);
```

Listing 1: Initial service

In listing 1, three elements are worth noticing.

- The **count** object at line 3 is a persistent memory that stores each user visit count. This object is mapped to a fluxion *execution context* in the fluxionnal system.
- The **reply** function, line 5 to 11, contains the logic we want to express in the fluxionnal processing chain.
- The two methods **get** and **send**, respectively line 5 and 10, interface the logic with the external interface. The hidden processing chain is : **get** → **reply** → **send**

This minimal service is transformed with our automatic tool into the Figure 3 fluxions chain.

Figure 3, circles represent registered fluxions. Envelope symbols represent exchanged messages between fluxions with the data transmitted from one fluxion to the other. Finally squares stored in the messaging system hold the *execution context* for the logic and **Out** fluxions. When a new **get** REST message is received at the **In** end point, a **start** message triggers the flow. Concurrently the **In** fluxion set a **cid** parameter to the **Out** fluxion execution context. This **cid** is

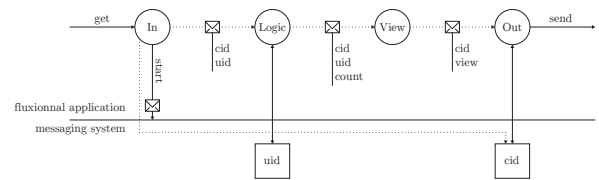


Figure 3: Count service fluxions chain

associated to the client connexion the last fluxion redirects the answer to. The **cid** tags the request and is transmitted all the way long through the flow. Each fluxion propagates the necessary values from one fluxion to the other exclusively within messages. Horizontal dashed lines show message virtual transmission between fluxion although they all go through the messaging system.

Listing 2 describes this counting service in our fluxionnal language. This new language brings a stricter segmentation than the initial code by allowing the developer only to define and register fluxions. And so, it allows an additional system to optimize how the system is organized on different physical machines according to the cost of fluxions' streams and processing. A fluxion is defined by a name, and a list of destination preceded by the operator **>>**. Fluxions can access and manipulate only two objects : **msg** and **this**. The first is the received message, the second is the persisted object linked to the fluxion. Fluxions use the Javascript language syntax inside their definition.

```
1 use web
2
3 fluxion logic >> view
4   this.uid[msg.uid] = this.uid[msg.uid] + 1 || 1
5   msg.count = this.uid[msg.uid]
6   post msg
7
8 fluxion view >> output
9   msg.view = msg.uid + " connected " + msg.count + "
10     times."
11   msg.uid = undefined
12   msg.count = undefined
13   post msg
14
15 register logic, {uid: {}}
16 register view
17 web.listen
```

Listing 2: Fluxionnal sample

Except from the two interface components, the service is split as follow :

- The **logic** fluxion is the first to receive the client message. It contains the whole logic of this simple service. A real service would need a more complex chain with logic distributed across multiple fluxions, instead of a single fluxion. It increments the count for the received user identifier, push this count inside the message, and relay it the next fluxion.
- The **view** fluxion receives this message, formats it as the user will view it, and relay it to the output fluxion.

We use this interface to develop web services using the fluxionnal execution model. But our goal, as described in the introduction, is to automate this architecture shift, not to impose a new programming paradigm onto the developer.

3. COMPILER

The first section of this paper describe the fluxionnal execution model, a framework to run web application in a distributed environment. This section explains a method we developed to transform a subset of classic web application to be compliant with the execution model previously described. This transformation unveils two problems. A distributed system is defined in the first section by the parallel execution of its parts, and the independence of this parts from common memory. While a classic web application is not composed of many independent parts, and relies on a central memory. The problems are, firstly to parallelize the execution of a mono-thread application into many parts, and secondly to distribute the central memory among these independent parts.

TODO does it need a definition of the classic web application ? if so, should be in the introduction, not here We describe a compiler as a solution to this problems, hence capable to turn a classic web application into a scaling distributed system. **TODO** scaling is a bold claim, need some background

The parallelization of a mono threaded program is a trending problem since the multiplication of the number of cores available on a machine. **TODO** references Asynchronism is different than parallelism, but in certain cases, one allow the other. Promises[11] and Futures[?] are abstractions from an imperative, synchronous programming style, to an asynchronous execution model. They transform synchronous, long waiting operations - like RPC or I/O - into asynchronous operations. In a synchronous execution, the requested operation block the main thread until computation completes. While in an asynchronous execution, the requested operation run along the main thread until the value is needed, releasing the main thread from waiting the operation to complete. This asynchronism make the two execution paths independent, thus they can run in parallel until they are not independent enough - when one needs results from another. We call rupture points, points where the execution flow forks in two independent and parallel paths. These points mark out the limits between independent parts.

TODO next paragraph is a draft, needs rewrite Javascript is a functional and dynamically typed language initially introduced to handle user interactions within Web pages. While Javascript isn't natively event-based, the DOM used in Web pages is. The latter uses an event-loop to handle events happening on the Web page, and then triggers associated functions the developer provides. **TODO** libevent, nginx : papers please ? **TODO** référence to interruptions More recently, *Node.js* used the same event-loop based structure, to propose a non-blocking, event-based Javascript execution environment, specifically adapted for real-time I/O intensive applications like Web services. Because of this event-loop based architecture, the I/O API *Node.js* provides is non-blocking and asynchronous. The developer provide a handler function as argument for this asynchronous function to invoke when the operation completes. This handler function is commonly named a callback. The *Node.js* event-loop receives and gathers every I/O event, waiting its turn in the loop to invoke the associated callback. *Node.js* imposes natively both synchronous and

asynchronous paradigms. The asynchronous functions provided by *Node.js* split the execution along two execution paths. We defined rupture points in *Node.js* as an asynchronous function call using a callback mechanism. The two distinct execution paths are the synchronous instructions following the asynchronous function call, and the callback. A rupture point marks out two independent parts of a web application. One of the compiler step, the mapper, spot the rupture points, and split the application along them.

TODO References of solutions to split memory into distributed parts? Parallelism is not sufficient for an application to be distributed, because of the central memory. Promises and Futures don't transform a central memory into a distributed memory. *Node.js* provide a central memory, while the execution model expect it to be distributed into the application parts. The compiler needs to split the shared memory into the application parts for the application to be compliant with the execution model previously described.

In Javascript, scopes are nested and only defined by functions. Each function create a new scope containing variables local to itself. This scope is chained to the scope of the parent function, so that the child function can access variables in the scope of the parent function, up to the global scope. Callbacks defined inside a scope can access the same scope as the calling function, allowing them to share variables. This feature is named closure.

Rupture points are always situated along scopes limits. A scope is never shared between two application parts. However, a child scopes separated in another application parts than its parent can't access the scopes it expects. If the two scopes don't share the same memory, variables from the parent are unavailable for the child. Another compiler step, the linker, understand and resolve dependencies conflicts between the distributed functions scopes.

In the next subsections, we describe the compilation steps. The compiler uses program from the community, they are described in the first subsection along with the trivial compilation step. Then, we describe two important compilation steps corresponding to the two previously described problems. The *mapper* breaks a program into many independent parts and the *linker* resolves inconsistencies in the shattered memory scopes.

3.1 Common tools : parser and code generation

The first compilation step is to parse the source code taken as input. The last compilation step is to output Javascript code either as a Javascript source code to run on the fluxionnal execution model, or as code in another high-level langage describing the fluxions and their content. Parsing code and generating code back are common tasks. There exist community projects to fulfill these tasks, like *Esprima* and *Acorn*, two Javascript parser. For this compiler we use a serie of tool written by Ariya Hidayat and Yusuke Suzuki for the projects *Esprima* and *Esmangle*. These tools follow the specification for an intermediate representation of the Javascript source code from the Mozilla Javascript Parser

API : the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)². This structured representation breaks the source into a tree of nodes, each representing a construct from the source, like an operation or an identifier. It can be traversed and allow easy modification of its structure, without the risk of errors involved by direct source manipulation.

An example node in the AST is :

```
1 CallExpression {
2   type: "CallExpression";
3   callee: <Expression>;
4   arguments: [ <Expression> ];
5 }
```

Listing 3: Example of an AST node

The compiler uses *Esprima* to parse the source and generate the AST. It is the first compilation step. The AST can be traversed and explore with the use of *Estraverse*. *Es-scope* detects function scopes and variables declaration using the previously generated AST, and output an object to represent the organization of these scopes inside the source code. One of the last compilation step is to produce a Javascript executable which uses the fluxionnal execution model. To generate this Javascript code, the compiler use *Escodegen*, to transform back the AST into Javascript source code.

3.2 Analyzer : spotting the rupture points

The analyzer detects rupture points. Rupture points are an asynchronous continuity in the execution flow, indicated by calls of asynchronous function with a callback in the parameters.

We distinguish specials rupture points indicated by asynchronous functions handling series of external requests. We distinguish these two types of rupture points to simplify later the dynamic analysis of system load. Each new incoming request represent an additional load for the system, and is the main unpredictable factor. While the incoming request load is taken into account, the load of every application part following in the continuity of the execution flow can be inferred before run-time. The system load is only dependent at run time of the input in the system, everything else can be inferred before run-time. We explain this point in details in the next section of this paper.

These two types of rupture points correspond to different asynchronous functions in the *Node.js* I/O API : the functions handling only one I/O event, or a bounded serie of I/O events, and the functions handling an unbounded serie of I/O events.

3.2.1 One-time event

Basic rupture points are indicated by asynchronous functions providing immediate I/O operation. Callbacks of these functions are invoked only once, and continue the execution after the completion of the I/O operation. Because of their asynchronism, these function calls mark the frontier between the current fluxion and the next one, inside a chain of fluxion. The compiler break the program before the call to

the asynchronous function, but after the resolution of the arguments. The javascript middleware printer replaces the asynchronous function call by a call to a placeholder function.

3.2.2 Series of events

Special rupture points are indicated by asynchronous functions providing a callback for a series of future event. The handler of a network socket is called once for each incoming request. The callbacks of these functions indicate the input of a data stream in the program, and the beginning of a fluxions chain. As the callbacks mark the frontier between the current fluxion and the beginning fluxions chain, the compiler replaces the callback by a placeholder function starting the chain.

The compiler uses a dictionary of asynchronous functions to detect rupture points during the static analysis. The compiler build this dictionary when finding in the source, modules providing asynchronous function. Such modules are *Express* and *fs*. To find possible rupture points, the compiler tests the callee expression against this dictionary for each *callExpression* node in the AST.

The compiler detects one rupture point for the following hello world web application.

```
1 var app = require('express');
2 app.get('/', function(req, res) {
3   res.send("Hello World :)");
4 });
```

Listing 4: Hello World

There is in this program only two scopes, the global scope, and the scope of the anonymous function. These two scopes don't share any variable.

3.3 Mapper : correspondence between function scope and fluxion

The rupture points placed by the analyzer delimit the application parts along with the contained function scopes. A scope contains identifiers which are used as references to variables. This variable can be in the same scope than the identifier, or in any parent scope. That means an identifier and the refereed variable might be in different application parts, therefor, separated once the application is distributed. The mapper link every scope to its corresponding scope, for the Linker later to be able to resolve these unmet dependencies.

3.4 Linker : resolving dependencies

In this example web application, the two fluxions share a common variable : *rep*.

```
1 var app = require('express'),
2     rep = "Hello World :)";
3 app.get('/', function(req, res) {
4   res.send(rep);
5 });
```

Listing 5: Hello World with a shared variable

According to Brewer's theorem, formalized by Seth Gilbert and Nancy Lynch [Gilbert2002], a web application can

2. https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Mozilla/Projects/SpiderMonkey/Parser_API

only have two among the three options, Consistency, Availability, Partition tolerance. As Coda Hale explained in one of his blog post³, network and node failures are unavoidable, a distributed system can't avoid to have failure. Mike Stonebraker explain in another blog post⁴ that the trends is to make big data applications run on larger cluster of unreliable commodity machines. Partition tolerance can't be avoided, so the only possible trade off is between consistency and availability. These two tradeoff are defined in the literature as ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) for consistency over availability, and BASE (Basically Available, Soft state, Eventual consistency) for availability over consistency.

If this trends is verified, transactional systems trading off availability for consistency, will become slower and slower, until they are considered unavailable because of the response time. It is hard to assure the atomicity of a transaction on a large cluster of machines, because it implies to block it [bullshit alert]. Choosing to sacrifice consistency might improve performance, without durable inconsistency in the data. It let design a more flexible solution, which have a better chance to cope with this kind of highly distributed architecture.

Dynamo system⁵ already provides techniques to avoid complete chaos in a distributed system favoring availability.

While walking the AST, the compiler register every use of variables in a scope to determine what type of access is needed. There is two type of access : read-only and modification. To resolve the dependencies in a fluxion's signature, the compiler uses different techniques.

The variable is modified by one fluxion : Scope
The variable is modified by at least two fluxion : Sync
The variable is needed read-only by a downstream fluxion : signature
The variable is needed read-only by an upstream fluxion : ???
(lacking, and probably impossible)

TODO : The two types of rupture points - corresponding to one-time event, and series of events - are broken differently by the mapper.

3.4.1 Signature

The variables needed for read-only access by one of the scope of a fluxion and modified by another fluxion represent its signature. The signature of a fluxion is added in the message body between two fluxions.

Every reference of this variable is replaced by a reference pointing in the signature part of the message. (basically reference -> msg.sign.reference)

As a fluxion is only called on a message reception, the variable should never be lacking. If there is a problem in this

3. <http://codahale.com/you-cant-sacrifice-partition-tolerance/>

4. <http://voltdb.com/blog/voltdb-products/clarifications-cap-theorem-and-data-related-errors/>

5. <http://s3.amazonaws.com/AllThingsDistributed/sosp/amazon-dynamo-sosp2007.pdf>

situation, it is most likely a compilation error : the reference has not been replaced correctly, or the code is a corner case the compiler can't resolve yet.

3.4.2 Scope

The scope of a fluxion holds the variables needed for modification, and never modified in another fluxion. Every reference of this variable is replaced by a reference pointing in the signature part of the message. (basically reference -> this.reference) If a variable in scope is read by another fluxion downstream, this variable is part of the signature of the downstream fluxion.

3.4.3 Sync

If

If a variable is needed for modification by more than one fluxion, this variable needs to be synchronised between the fluxions. Here we want to apply some BASIC and Dynamo magic.

, the parent function sends the signature of the next fluxion in the same message together with the result of the asynchronous operation. As the placeholder function call have the same scope than the asynchronous function call or callback it replaces, it is responsible for gathering the variables from the signature in a message along with the result of the operation and send it to the next fluxion. The placeholder function call replacing `asyncFn` after compilation of listing ?? is described in listing ??, line ??.

3.5 Fluxionnal high level language printer

3.6 Fluxionnal execution model printer

As fluxions are chained one after another, a fluxion must provide every dependency for the next one, even if some of this dependencies miss from its own scope or signature. These dependencies must be passed fluxion after fluxion from the producing fluxion, to the consuming fluxion. So, the message stream linking one fluxion to another includes the signature of the next fluxion as well as dependencies targeting downstream fluxions. The compiler has to resolve the content of these message streams beginning by the last fluxions and going upstream to the first ones. Figure 4 illustrate this principle : since fluxion C needs the variable z, fluxion B needs the variable z as well to pass it along to fluxion C.

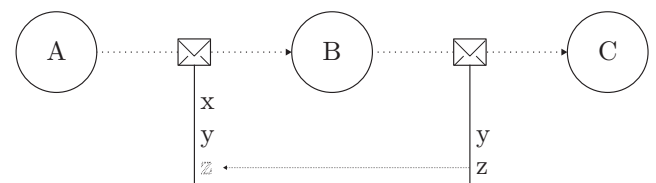


Figure 4: Fluxion C needs the variable z, so does fluxion B

3.7 Limitations

Leaving an asynchronous function call as is doesn't introduce bugs, however breaking a synchronous function by replacing its callback leads to bugs. To avoid introducing new

bugs, it is important for the compiler to be able to distinguish between these synchronous and asynchronous functions.

Javascript is dynamically typed, if the index to access an array can't be resolved statically, then so do the type of the result. Some callbacks can't be resolved statically. For example, in listing 6, the function `myAsyncFn` is asynchronous and ask for a callback as parameter. The compiler would break the program along its call, however `event.type` is unresolvable statically, the compiler is unable to include the callback in the next fluxion. This structure might already be encapsulated inside a fluxion, and the callback might need variables from the scope of an upstream fluxion, but as the callback is unresolved, it is impossible for the compiler to track them, and add these dependencies in the signature of the current fluxion. Even if the compiler leaves this structure as is, it introduce dependency bugs as the compiler is unable to resolve dependencies and generate accurate signatures. The compiler is currently unable to compile a program containing structures involving dynamic resolution like in listing 6.

```

1 myHandlers = [];
2 // ... definition of myHandlers
3 onEvent(function(event) {
4   myAsyncFn(myHandlers[event.type])
5 })

```

Listing 6: Example of an unresolvable callback

3.8 Futur Works

Even synchronous, the use of a callback by the `map` function indicate an independence between the callback and the main execution thread. For future improvements, we focus on studying these independences to allow the compiler to spot and break into fluxions these patterns of synchronous function call using callbacks.

For future improvements, we focus on a solution to dynamically compile fluxions and resolve dependencies, allowing to compile programs containing dynamic structures described in the last paragraph.

4. DYNAMIC ANALYSIS OF A PROGRAM

We distinguish between start and post to be able to analyze the total charge of the system, only by analyzing the flow of incoming requests.

Using fluid mechanics analogies.

5. RELATED WORKS

The first part of this work, the execution model, is partly inspired by some works on scalability for very large system, like MapReduce[5]. It also took inspiration from more recent work, like the Data Stream Management System (DSMS). Among the most known, we cited in the introduction Spark [18], MillWheel [1], Timestream [17] and Storm [12].

The idea to split a task into independent parts go back to the Actor's model[9] in 1973, and the first Functional programming Language Lucid[3] in 1977 and all the following works on DataFlow leading up to Flow-Based programming

(FBP)[13] and Functional Reactive Programming (FRP)[6]. Both FBP and FRP, recently got some attention in the Javascript community with respectively the projects *NoFlo*[14] and *Bacon.js*[15].

The first part of our work stands upon these thorough studies, however, we are taking a new approach on the second part of our work, to transform the sequential programming paradigm into a network of communicating parts known to have scalability advantages. There is some work on the transformation of a program into distributed parts[2], [16]. But our approach using callbacks in Javascript seems unexplored yet.

Our approach uses AST modification, as described in[10].

Obviously, our implementation is based on the work by Ryan Dahl : *Node.js*[4], as well as on one of the most known web framework available for *Node.js* : *Express*[7].

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented our work to enable a Javascript application to be dynamically and automatically scalable. The emerging design for an application to be scalable is to split it into parts to reduce coupling. From this insight, we designed an execution model for applications structured as a network of independent parts communicating by stream of messages. In a second part, we presented a compiler to transform a Javascript application into a network of independent parts. To identify these parts, we spot the asynchronous function calls and their callbacks, as indicators for a possible parallelism. This compilation tool allow to make use of the distributed architecture previously described to enable scalability, with a minimum change on the imperative programming style mastered by most developers.

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