we need Node.js *mainly* because **Puppeteer is a Node.js library**, and **browsers are not allowed to do what we want: silently save files, launch other apps, or run headless automations.**

🔍 Why Puppeteer Needs Node.js

Puppeteer is a Node.js-based automation tool that:

- **Launches a real browser (Chromium)**
- **Controls it like a robot: clicks buttons, types text, records video/audio, etc.**
- **Acts like a human but runs in code.**

It cannot run in the browser itself for 3 reasons:

1. Security Restrictions in Browser

Browsers are sandboxed:

- **❌ Can't access file system**
- **❌ Can't launch or control Chrome/Firefox**
- **❌ Can't automate user actions (click, scroll, record) without interaction**

2. Puppeteer Talks to Chrome DevTools Protocol

Puppeteer uses Chrome DevTools Protocol (CDP) to:

- **Tell Chrome what to do (open URL, record audio, take screenshot, etc.)**
- **This is low-level and powerful, and only available in Node.js, not from within the browser.**

🔹 1. `'--use-fake-ui-for-media-stream'`

✅ What it does:

Automatically bypasses the webcam/microphone permission dialog in the browser.

🧠 Why?

Normally, when a site asks for audio or video:

> **🔔 "This site wants to use your microphone. Allow / Block?"**

This flag fakes that UI interaction, so Chrome automatically assumes you clicked "Allow".

📦 Usage:

Perfect for bots or headless automations like:

- **Auto-joining video calls**
- **Auto-recording sessions**
- **Testing video/audio apps without user clicks**

🔹 2. `'--no-sandbox'`

✅ What it does:

Disables Chrome's security sandbox.

🧠 Why?

The sandbox isolates Chrome processes to prevent them from accessing sensitive system resources.

BUT in containerized or headless environments, the sandbox often causes permission issues, so we disable it.

⚠️ Warning:

- **Only use this in controlled/test environments (like your bot).**
- **Avoid in production unless you're running inside a Docker container or similar isolation.**

🔹 3. `'--disable-setuid-sandbox'`

✅ What it does:

Also disables a part of Chrome's sandbox system, specifically the setuid binary that would normally drop browser privileges for security.

🧠 Why?

This is usually paired with `--no-sandbox` to fully disable all sandboxing, especially in:

- Docker
- CI/CD
- Rootless environments

Yes, `waitUntil` is a Puppeteer option used in methods like `page.goto()` and `page.waitForNavigation()` to control when Puppeteer considers navigation or loading complete.

Value	Meaning
`'load'`	Waits for the `load` event (all resources like images/styles are loaded)
`'domcontentloaded'`	Waits for the `DOMContentLoaded` event (DOM is ready)
`'networkidle0'`	Waits until there are 0 network connections for at least 500 ms
`'networkidle2'`	Waits until there are 2 or fewer network connections for 500 ms

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In Puppeteer, `page.exposeFunction()` is used to expose a Node.js function to the browser context (i.e., the page's JavaScript), so that JavaScript running in the page can call that Node function directly.

await page.exposeFunction(name, puppeteerFunction)

`name`: The name you'll use inside the browser (in the page context).

`puppeteerFunction`: The actual Node.js function.

```
recorder.onstop = async () => {
  const blob = new Blob(chunks, { type: 'audio/webm' });
  const reader = new FileReader();
  reader.onloadend = () => {
    const base64data = reader.result.split(',')[1];
    window.saveAudio(base64data);
  };
  reader.readAsDataURL(blob);
};
```

🧩 Step-by-step Explanation:

1. `recorder.onstop = async () => { ... }`

- This sets a callback for when the recording stops.
- `MediaRecorder` calls this when you call `recorder.stop()`.

2. `const blob = new Blob(chunks, { type: 'audio/webm' });`

- Combines all recorded `chunks` into a single `Blob` (binary large object).
- The MIME type is specified as `'audio/webm'`.

3. `const reader = new FileReader();`

- Creates a `FileReader` instance to read binary data from the Blob.

4. `reader.onloadend = () => { ... }`

- Sets a function to run once the file reading is complete.
- Inside it:

`reader.result` is a data URL, like:

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data:audio/webm;base64,UklGRiQAAABXQVZFZm...
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  - `reader.result.split(',')[1]` extracts just the base64-encoded part.

5. `window.saveAudio(base64data);`

- Calls the Node.js function exposed via `page.exposeFunction('saveAudio', ...)`.
- Sends the audio in base64 format to the Puppeteer/Node side to save it (typically using `fs.writeFileSync()`).

6. `reader.readAsDataURL(blob);`

- Starts reading the blob as a base64-encoded data URL.

🧠 Visualization:

1. 🎙️ Record audio → chunks
2. 📦 Convert to Blob
3. 📄 Read Blob → Base64
4. 📡 Call `window.saveAudio(base64data)` → Triggers Node.js function via Puppeteer