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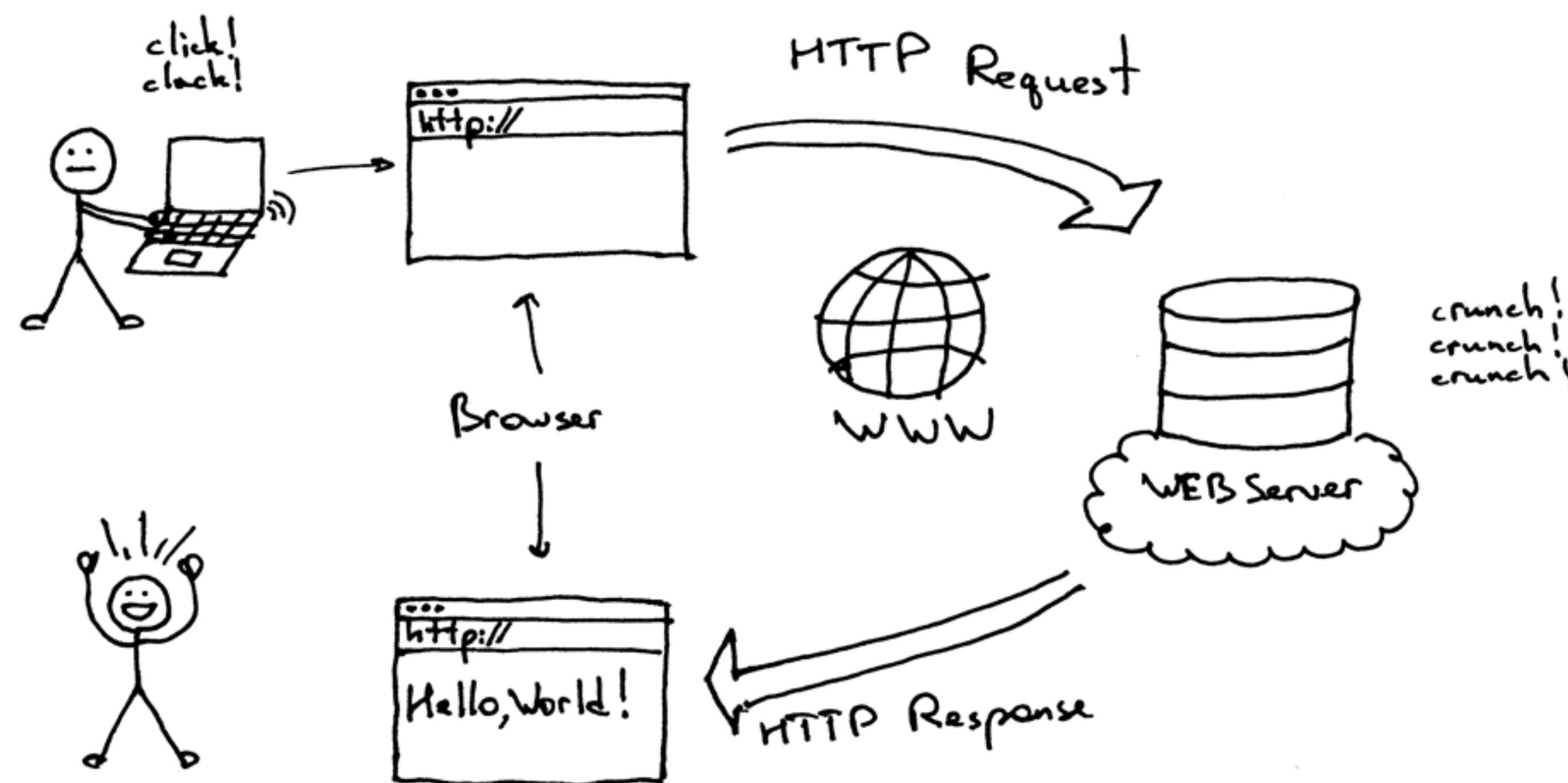
# BACKGROUND JOBS

(in Rails)

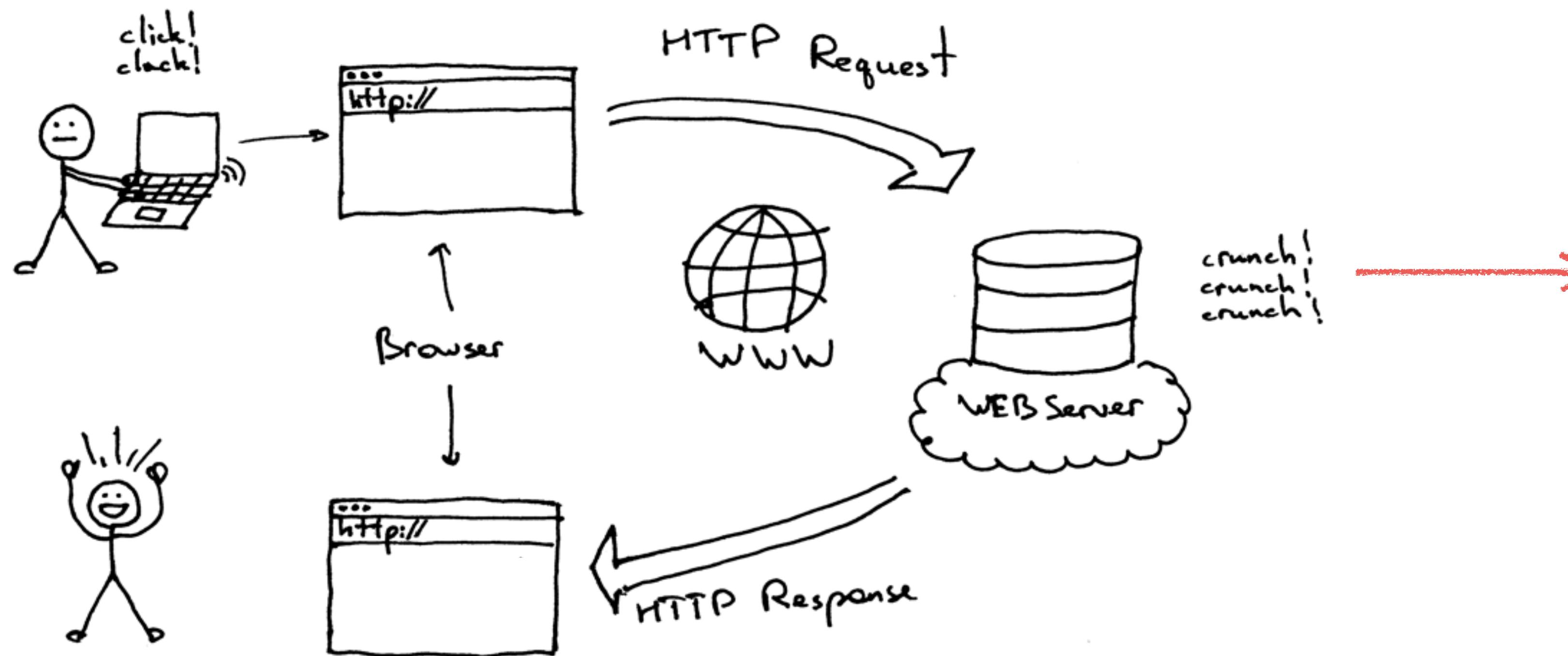
# Agenda

- What's a background job?
- Getting started with ActionMailer & ActiveJob
- Stepping up your game with Sidekiq

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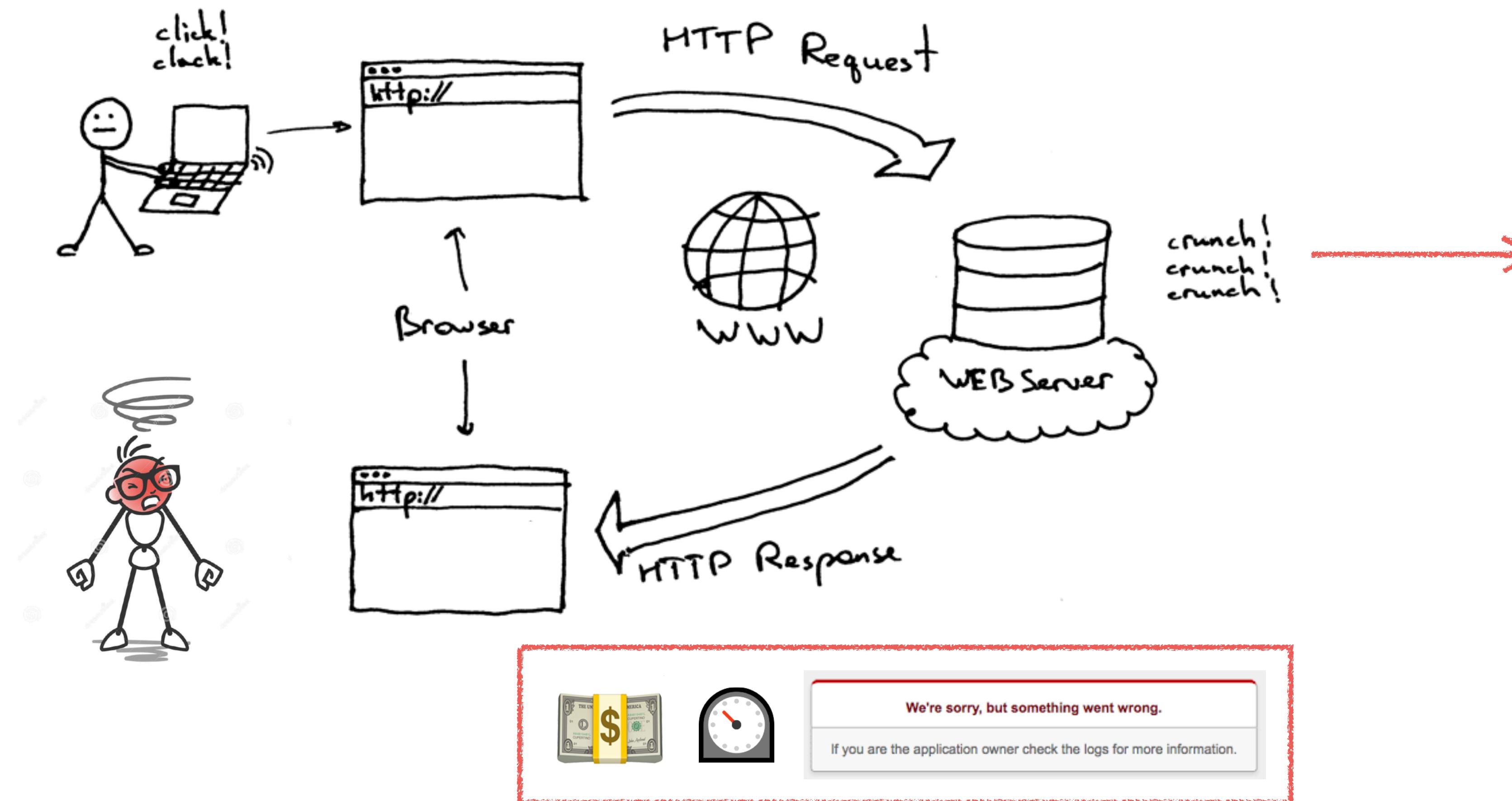


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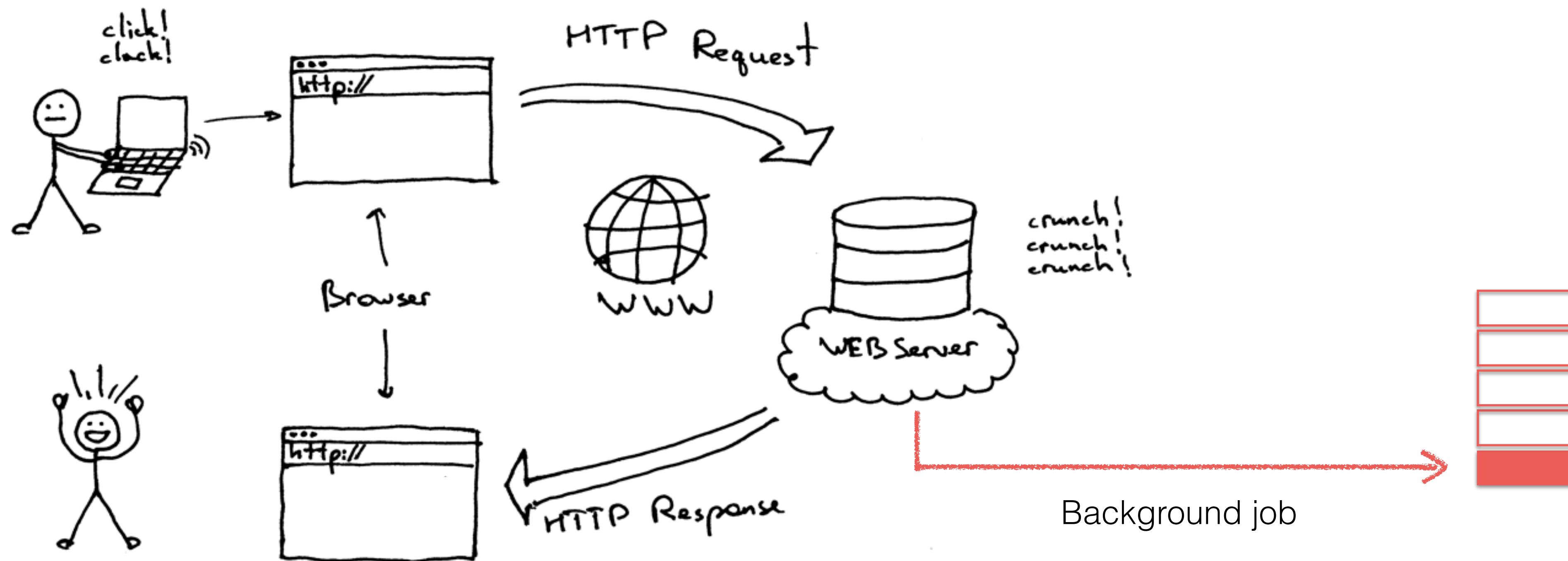
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# Getting Started with **ActionMailer and ActiveJob**

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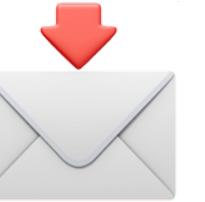
Cindy  
(Leanne's Mom)

From: Cindy Shapton <[cshapton@sympatico.ca](mailto:cshapton@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, Jul 7, 2013 at 7:56 AM  
Subject: sun

Good morning Leanne Jonathan Pauline Nick Marie Jonathon Philip and  
Mathew

Looks like you have beautiful weather in Vancouver John  
Hope you are enjoying your weekend Leanne, Hot and humid in Toronto.  
Pauline I hope it doesn't rain for your party.  
Have a good day! Love yas! Take good care!!

# Goals:

1. Create an email 
2. With the day's temperature 
3. Sent 1/day 

# ActionMailer

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create  app/mailers/weather_report_mailer.rb
create  app/mailers/application_mailer.rb
invoke  erb
create    app/views/weather_report_mailer
create    app/views/layouts/mailer.text.erb
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# ActionMailer

*mailers/weather\_report\_mailer.rb*

```
class WeatherReportMailer < ApplicationMailer

  def greet
    @greeting = "Hi"

    mail to: "to@example.org"
  end
end
```

*views/weather\_report\_mailer/greet.html.erb*

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```
class WeatherFetcher

  def get_weather(city)
    latlng = Geocoder.coordinates(city)
    api_key = ENV.fetch("DARK_SKY_API_KEY")

    url = HTTParty.get(
      "https://api.forecast.io/forecast/#{api_key}/#{latlng.first},#{latlng.last}",
      headers: { 'ContentType' => 'application/json' }
    )

    response = JSON.parse(url.body)

    in_celcius(response['currently']['temperature'])
  end

  private

  def in_celcius(temperature_in_f)
    ((temperature_in_f - 32) * 5.0 / 9.0).round
  end

end
```

*mailers/weather\_report\_mailer.rb*

```
class WeatherReportMailer < ApplicationMailer
  default from: 'mom@gmail.com'

  def greet(family_member)
    @family_member = family_member
    @weather_info =
    WeatherFetcher.new.get_weather(family_member.city)

    mail to: family_member.email, subject: "#{Date.today.strftime("%A")} Morning Weather
Report"
  end
end
```

*views/weather\_report\_mailer/greet.html.erb*

```
<h1>Good morning <%= @family_member.name %></h1>

<p>Today will be <%= @weather_info %> °C</p>
```

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class WeatherReportJob < ApplicationJob  
  queue_as :default  
  
  def perform(*args)  
    # Do something later  
  end  
end
```

```
class SendWeatherReportJob < ApplicationJob

  def perform(family_member_id)
    family_member = FamilyMember.find(family_member_id)
    WeatherReportMailer.greet(family_member).deliver_now
  end

end
```

# Queuing the Job

Heroku Scheduler

```
$ rake scheduled_tasks:emails
```

DYNO SIZE	FREQUENCY	LAST RUN	NEXT DUE
Free	Daily	May 12 23:02 UTC	May 12 09:00 UTC

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

Add new job



# Rake

Allows you to define and execute “tasks” from the command line

*lib/tasks/scheduled\_tasks.rake*

```
namespace :scheduled_tasks do

  desc "Runs scheduled tasks"
  task :emails do
    FamilyMember.all.each do |family_member|
      SendWeatherReportJob.perform_now(family_member.id)
      puts "Executing SendWeatherReportJob for #{family_member.name}"
    end
  end

end
```



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rake scheduled\_tasks:emails

# Pause & Recap

1. Created a mailer
2. Fetched a `family_member` and some `weather_info`
3. Created a job that tells the mailer to send the email
4. Created a rake task that executes the job
5. We used **heroku scheduler** to schedule the rake task in production

# Sidekiq

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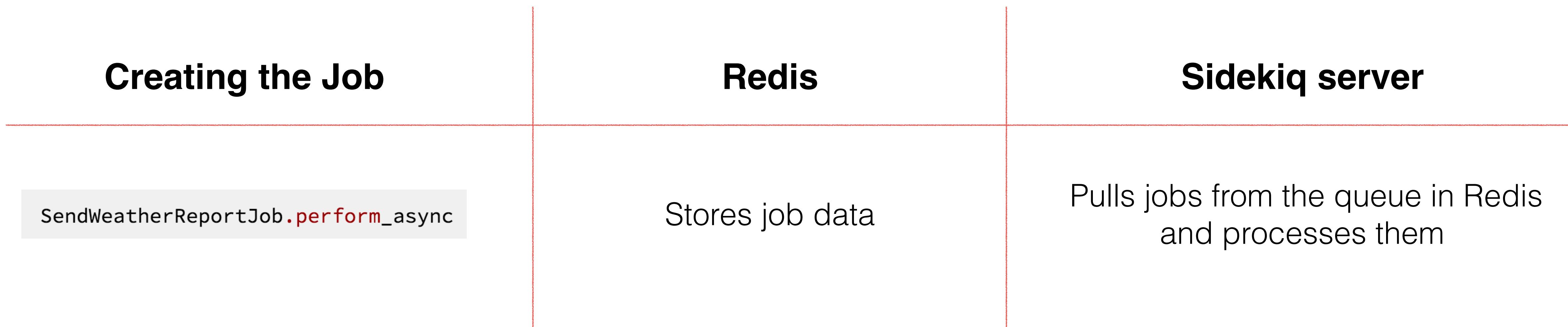
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- Rails by default comes with an “immediate runner” queuing system
- Only keeps the jobs in RAM
- Process ends —> 🙌 job
- Rake processes end as soon as they’re over!
- Job queues, never executes

# Sidekiq

- Background processing framework for Ruby



# Sidekiq

*Gemfile*

```
gem 'sidekiq'
```

*config/application.rb*

```
class Application < Rails::Application
  # ...
  config.active_job.queue_adapter = :sidekiq
end
```

*config/routes.rb*

```
require 'sidekiq/web'

Rails.application.routes.draw do
  mount Sidekiq::Web => '/sidekiq'
end
```

# Sidekiq

*jobs/send\_weather\_report\_job.rb*

```
class WeatherReportJob
  include Sidekiq::Worker

  def perform(params = {})
    family_member = FamilyMember.find(params['family_member_id'])
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  end

end
```

# Sidekiq

*lib/tasks/scheduled\_tasks.rake*

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desc "Runs scheduled tasks"
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  end
end
```

```
gem 'clockwork'
```

*clock.rb*

```
every(1.day, 'send_weather_report_job', at: '08:00') {
  `rake scheduled_tasks:emails`}
```



Heroku Scheduler

# Sidekiq

```
gem 'foreman'
```

*Procfile*

```
web: bundle exec puma -C config/puma.rb      # command to start your server
worker: bundle exec sidekiq -c 3              # start sidekiq
clock:  bundle exec clockwork clock.rb        # start clockwork
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## Add-ons

[Find more add-ons](#)[Heroku Redis](#)[Redis Cloud](#)[RedisGreen](#)[RedisMonitor](#)[Redis To Go](#)

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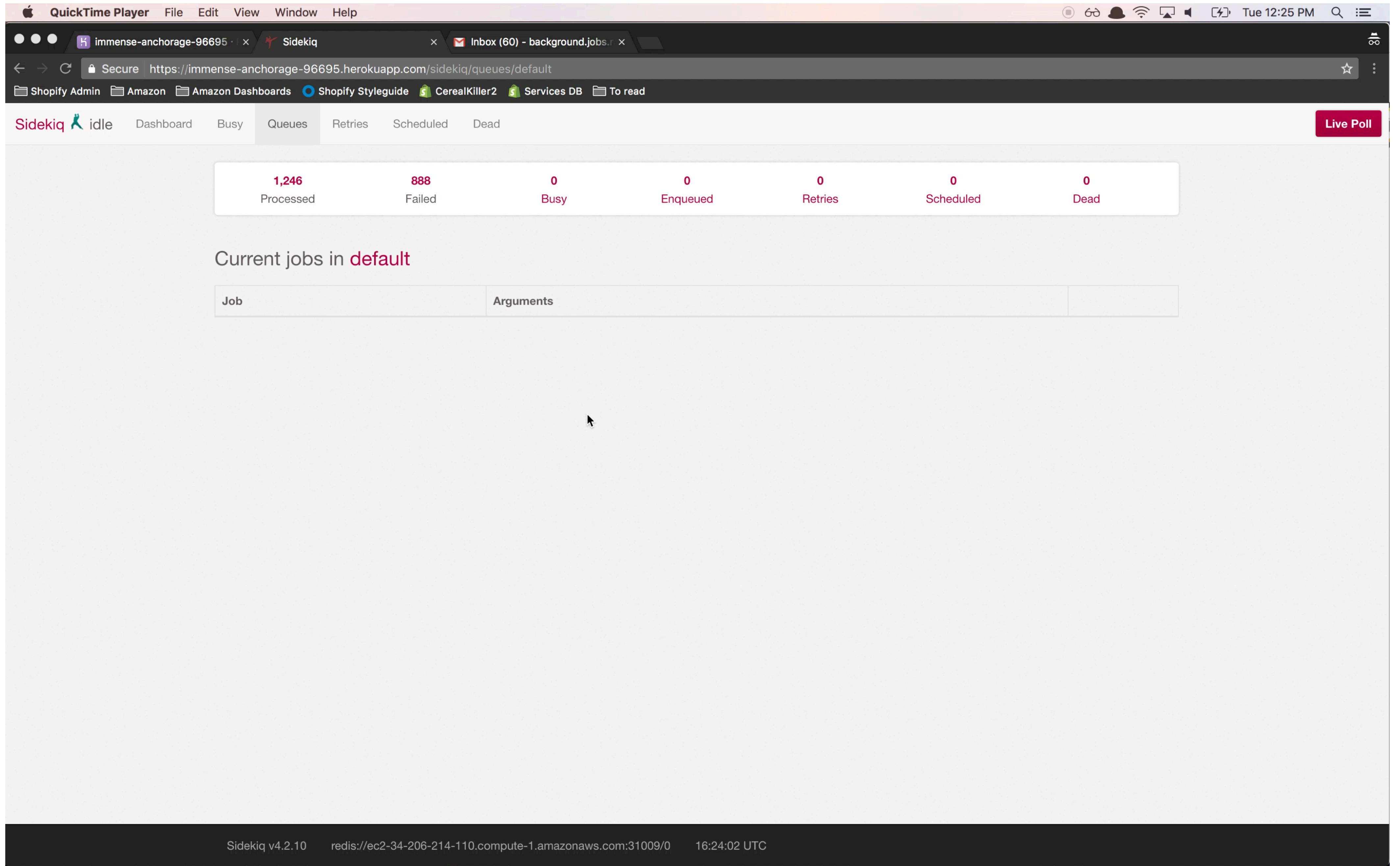
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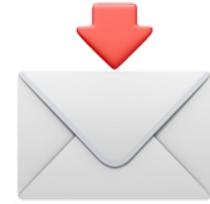
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Current jobs in default

Job	Arguments

Sidekiq v4.2.10 redis://ec2-34-206-214-110.compute-1.amazonaws.com:31009/0 16:24:02 UTC





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